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The President's Page

By Michael Spohn

SCCA President

I want to thank John McCrary for another splendid job directing the South Carolina Championships.

Congratulations are due to the winners. Dr. Miles Ardaman is our new State Champion. James Collins claimed first place in the Ama-

teur section, while Doug Florian won the Reserve section. Justin Pickett is our first Junior State champion.

Several changes have been made for next year's SC Championships. The top section will no longer be closed. However, the title will still go to the top South Carolinian. In the

near future I will announce changes to the time controls as discussed at the annual meeting.

I am pleased to say that

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we have made great strides in providing more tournaments for you in the upcoming months. Basically, we will have a significant

tournament every other month. If all goes well, Pete Danker will have a new December tournament for us in the Rock Hill area. If not this year, it will be ready by next year. Keep your eyes open for the tournaments listed on page 51 of this issue.

I want to thank John

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The View From “C” Level

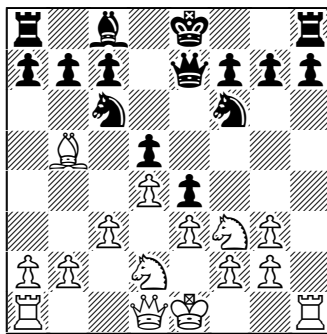
By Pete Danker

One thing I've noticed in my chess career is that a chess player will play at whatever level of competence his opponent will allow. In the following game, despite a rating gap of nearly 500 points, it is the higher rated player who makes the last mistake. What makes this game extraordinary is not overcoming the huge rating deficit, but the number of times White practically forces Black to make a good move. Play along with that in mind, and note how many times Black is really left with no choice other than the best move.

Spurrier,R (1948) – Danker,P (1457) [D02]

Annotated by Pete Danker

1. d4 d5 2. ♘f3 ♘c6 3. ♗f4 e6 4. e3 ♗d6 5. ♗g3 ♗xg3 Probably not the best choice, since that is my castling side, but I liked the freedom of choice allowed by my queen on the dark squares. **6. hxg3 ♘f6 7. ♘bd2 ♖e7** In order to push e5 later. **8. c3 e5 9. ♗b5 e4** (*diagram*) I consider this the first occasion when White forced a good move for Black. To me, there was no other good way to defend the e-pawn, and the pawn exchange was not attractive. **10. ♘e5 ♗d7 11. ♘xd7 ♖xd7** Notice that he made me place the queen on a va-



Spurrier v. Danker after 9. . .e4

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cant diagonal. I avoided Nxd7 because I do not enjoy stacking my knights along a king's diagonal, and the pony is more active

where he is. **12. ♔a4 a6**

This move would have been more effective if I had already castled. **13. ♖b3 0-0 14. ♕xc6 bxc6**

(diagram) Maybe taking with the queen was better, but I thought she looked prettier at f5 or g4. **15. 0-0-0** Never a good idea when the b-file is open.

Now my 14th move looks good. **15. ... ♗g4 16. ♖df1 ♖fb8** Intending Rb6 at some point. **17. ♘c5 ♗d6 18. ♖h4** I was hoping for Nxa6, when c5 would have ruined his day. **18. ... ♘f6** I wish my knight had a little room to run. **19. ♖fh1** Now I'm getting a little concerend about the pressure in the h-file, but I don't panic.

19. ... h6 20. g4 ♘h7 21.

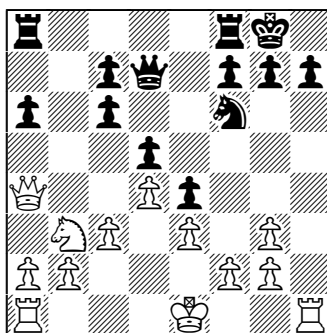
f3 exf3 22. gxf3 ♘g5

(diagram) Thanks, and hi-yo Silver! **23. f4 ♘e4** So long, Old Paint, but Nf3 loses to R(4)h3. By forcing this move, he helps me get rid of his pesky c5 knight. **24. ♘xe4 dxe4**

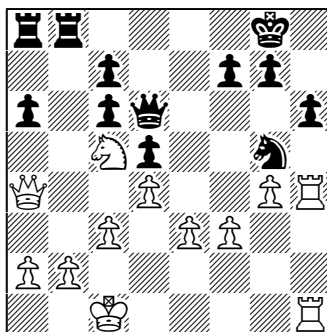
Now that the dangerous knight is gone from c5, my

queen can finally enter the game. **25. g5 c5** A waiting move, getting this pawn out of harm's way, and trying to open the d-file. Rb6 was also considered.

26. gxf6 g6 Sure I'm down a pawn, but now his



Spurrier v. Danker after 14... bxc6



Spurrier v. Danker after 22... ♗g5

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The Waslien Study: Aggression in Chess Players

A review by Henry J. White

"What is good? To crush your enemies!" Conan the Barbarian

Bobby Fischer liked to feel his opponent's ego crack. Frank Marshall saw himself as the Jack Dempsey of the chess board. Like Dempsey, he would come out swinging at the opening bell and never give his opponent a chance to get started. The highly competitive nature of tournament chess does seem to have a brutal, violent side to it. Tournament players often talk of crushing or destroying their opponents. Given the very warlike atmosphere of the tournament arena, one would expect those who excel in it would have aggressive personalities.

**"Chess is the
most violent of
sports. You
whip him or he
whips you."**

Garry Kasparov

At this year's Snowstorm tournament in Charleston, Leigh Ann Waslien, a psychology student at Coastal Carolina University, conducted a study about aggression levels in chess players. She was kind enough to send me a copy of her work entitled "Aggression Levels of Chess Players as a Function of Elo Rating." Her study is well-written and contains some very interesting information.

Ms. Waslien hypothesized that high rated players would have aggressive personalities. To test her hypothesis, she surveyed 34 chess players, 20 of whom played in the Snowstorm. She gave each player a one page questionnaire designed to measure aggression. Along with the questionnaire, each player completed a

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survey that sought information about rating, age, occupation, education, length of time playing chess, and chess club affiliation.

Her subjects were rated from 927 to 2300, with an average age of 44. Contrary to her hypothesis, the questionnaire results revealed no significant relationship between aggression and player rating. Ms. Waslien noted that some of the respondents may have answered the questionnaire in a more socially acceptable than honest manner, which could have skewed her results. She also noted that her sample size was not as representative as she would have preferred.

In the introductory part of her report, Ms. Waslien does an excellent job summarizing some of the academic literature about the psychology of chess players. Some of the highlights include research that has established the following: chess skill is comprised of three main factors of experience, memory, and imagination; grandmasters typically spend thousands of hours studying and playing chess before reaching high performance levels; chess players in general are significantly more introverted, intuitive and deliberative than the general population.

The most interesting data in her background section was the research related to the biological factors that can affect chess competition. She cited one study in which researchers investigated testosterone levels of chess players during city and regional tournaments. Testosterone is a hormone that functions as a support for sex drive, muscle growth, bone maintenance, and mental function. The researchers found that the winner's testosterone levels were higher than those of the losers. Since I'm always looking for a way to pick up

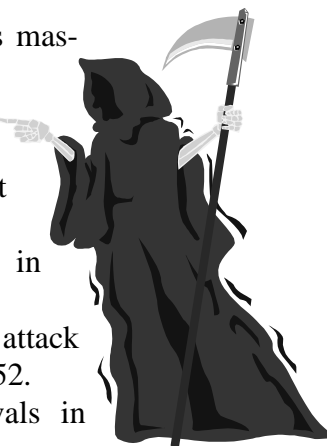
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THE DEATHS OF FAMOUS CHESS PLAYERS

By BILL WALL

Here are some of the ways chess masters have died.

- Alekhine - choked to death on a piece of meat in 1946.
- Bardeleben -threw himself out the window in 1924.
- Boden - died of typhoid fever in 1882.
- Bogoljubov - suffered a heart attack after a simultaneous display in 1952.
- Boi - poisoned by jealous rivals in 1598.
- Botvinnik - cancer
- Capablanca - died of a stroke after watching a skittles game at the Manhattan Chess Club in 1942.
- Colle - died after an operation for a gastric ulcer in 1932.
- Edmundson - died of a heart attack while playing chess on a beach in Hawaii in 1982.
- Flesch - died in a car wreck in 1983.
- Grigoriev - died from appendicitis in 1938.
- Ilyin-Genevsky - died in the siege of Leningrad in 1941.
- Junge - killed in action by a German army officer in 1945.
- Keres - died of a heart attack returning home from a tournament in 1975.
- Krylenko - executed in Stalin's purges in 1938.
- Kubbel - died in the siege of Leningrad in 1942.
- Landau - killed by Nazis at Auschwitz in 1943.
- Leonhardt - died of a heart attack while playing chess



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at a chess club in 1934.

- Mackenzie, G. - suicide: took an overdose of morphine in 1891.
- Marshall - died of a heart attack after leaving a chess tournament in 1944.
- McDonnell - died of Bright's disease in 1835.
- Menchik - died in the German bombing of London in 1944.
- Minckwitz - suicide: threw himself under a train in 1901.
- Morphy - died of a stroke while taking a cold bath in 1884.
- Nimzovich - died of pneumonia in 1935.
- Paulsen - died of diabetes in 1891.
- Perlis - died in a mountain climb in the Alps in 1913.
- Petrosian - cancer
- Petrov, V. - died in a prison camp in Russia in 1945.
- Pillsbury - died of syphilis in 1906.
- Przepiorka - died in a concentration camp in 1940.
- Reti - died of scarlet fever in 1929.
- Rossolimo - fell from flight of stairs; died of head injuries in 1975. (Murdered?)
- Saint-Amant - died after a fall from his carriage in 1872.
- Schlechter - died from pneumonia and starvation in 1918.
- Simagin - died of a heart attack while playing in a tournament in 1968.
- Stahlberg - died during the 1967 Leningrad International tournament.
- Staunton - died of a heart attack while writing a chess book in 1874.
- Steiner, H. - died after a California State Champion-

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HAWAII! THE 1998 USCF DELEGATES' MEETING

By R. John McCrary
USCF Delegate from South Carolina

Six days in Hawaii can be the vacation of a lifetime, and indeed it was for my family. My wife and daughters (Kay, Mary, and Diana) snorkeled, rafted, swam, boated, and did some sightseeing while there. Our hotel was on the west side of the big island of Hawaii, in a remote spot right on the Pacific.

Your Delegate, however, was so faithfully engaged in his duties that he saw little more than the lava-fields by the hotel. Even the majority of my meals were working ones with USCF authorities, as I rarely had time to leave the meeting area.

Following is a summary of a couple of the major areas in which USCF policy was formulated this year.

The Tournament: All right, before I get to business, let me mention

I have been a Polgar "groupie" for years, so you can imagine my excitement when Judit Polgar, the strongest woman player in history, walked right by me several times.

the US Open, which was held at the same site and time as the Delegates' meeting. My biggest thrill was seeing the two younger Polgar sisters in action. I have been a Polgar "groupie" for years, so you can imagine my excitement when Judit Polgar, the strongest woman player in history, walked right by me several times. Or, when I was watching Judit play, only to realize suddenly that Sofia Polgar was standing next to me watching the same game. And last but not least, I was elated when I was introduced to the Polgar parents, with

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whom I made an acquaintance. Of course, there were other great players there too. I frequently encountered GM Boris Gulko walking the same lava-fields by the hotel that I did several times daily between meetings.

One humorous aside: I commented to Mary that I was surprised at the number of Hawaii tags in the parking lot: I didn't know that there would be such good local support. "Duh, Dad" she replied; " They're all rental cars. Did anyone drive to Hawaii?!" (I stood corrected-it was that jet-lag.)

The Olympiad: When I arrived at the hotel, I found an invitation awaiting me for a special breakfast meeting on FIDE affairs the next day. It proved to be an elite meeting indeed, as only eight people were invited. With me were current and past USCF Presidents Don Schultz and Tim Redman respectively. Also there was Carol Jarecki, the arbiter of the Kasparov-Deep Blue and Kasparov-Anand matches. Add Arnold Denker, our Zonal President to FIDE, and the USCF Executive Director and Executive Assistant, and it was obvious that the only one who did not belong in that picture was me! (But there I was!) The only missing invitee was our FIDE Delegate and FIDE Vice-President Steve Doyle.

The principal item of discussion was the Olympiad and whether the US team should be permitted to attend. Of concern was the lack of construction in Elista, Kalmykia (Russia) including the fact that there was not yet a runway for planes there! Another concern were the allegations that the FIDE President had been covertly involved in the murder of a rival journalist. One suggestion was to prevent our team from going, with financial compensation being paid to the players. An-

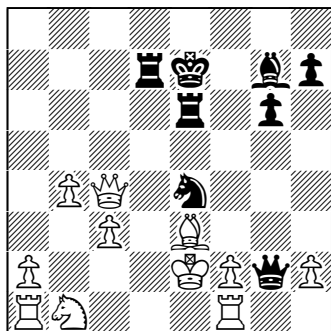
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Champion's Corner

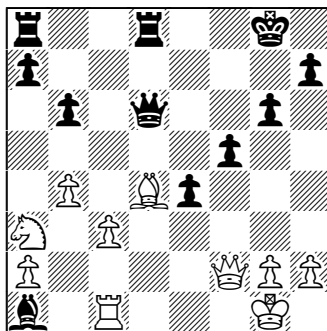


By Dr. Miles Ardaman
1998 South Carolina Chess Champion
USCF Senior ChessMaster

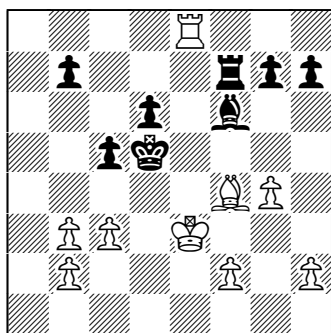
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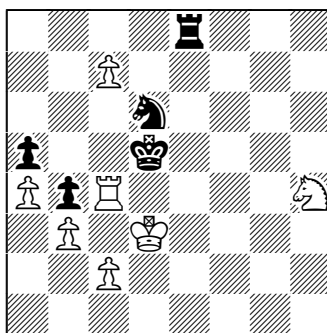
Kaufman v. Ardaman
Black to move



Wolff v. Ardaman
Black to move



Dozerets v. Ardaman
Black to move



Ardaman v. Tew
White to move

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Classically Yours

By Patrick Hart

Years ago, and for several years thereafter in Charleston, I added a twist to our biyearly open swiss tournaments called "class pairings." It did produce the desired result -- many same-class pairings during the last rounds for players only in contention for class prizes. It caused some dissatisfaction for some when the pairings produced tougher matches than expected, even though they now had a much greater chance to win a large class prize outright. The continual misunderstandings and explanations of how it worked eventually made it a nuisance to continue and so it disappeared.

As many already know, the state championship each year had been the only open tournament divided into sections until the recently revived SC Open held this past June. There have been discussions about whether or not to allow players to play up in these type of events. In our tournaments, we would also hear a desire by some to not have to play against players that were well above or below them. However, these tournaments require sizeable turnouts in each section, or they cause nightmares for the director and headaches for the organizers.

We decided to fill this need by changing the format of our annual Classic tournament beginning last year. It is now a 6-player round-robin sectional. It has many plusses including: no dependency on a large turnout to be successful or profitable; only 5 opponents (of your strength) to compete against for the guaranteed \$125

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Outside Chess

By Lee Hyder

Yes, it was Yasser's magazine *Inside Chess* that made me think of the title. But Outside Chess is not a bad idea; in fact, it can be a lot of fun. I'm talking about chess al fresco: perhaps on a veranda, or under a picnic shelter, perhaps really out under the open sky.

I got into this kind of chess early. My Scoutmaster taught many of us in his troop to play, and pocket sets went along on camping trips. Chess is a dandy diversion for campers. We played a little tournament at the old Moore Spring trail shelter in the Smokies once, and a lot of other games in the Smoky Mountain National Park. Later on, I even gave a brief blindfold exhibition against some scouts from another troop at a group encampment.

Double blindfold can be a good way for two hikers to take their minds off the rigors of the trail, if they don't get so involved that they forget to watch where their feet are going!

California summers are pretty much free of rain, and there used to be some nice festivals played there outdoors. George Koltanowski ran one for a while at Sonoma, with bottles of wine and other merchandise prizes. Tables were set up around the town square. The format was a quickplay quad; one of the keys to success was bringing a nice wide hat to keep off the sun. Another key, I found, was avoiding unsound gambits;

If you play chess outdoors, remember Ruy Lopez's advice: arrange the board so the sun is in your opponent's eyes!

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SOUTH CAROLINA'S CHESS CHAMPIONS

1926:Dr. W.H. Morton	Lee Hyder
1927:James Henry Rice, Jr.	James Addison
1928:Col. Oliver J. Bond	1976:Fred Alsbrook
1929:B.O. Johnson	1977:Paul Tinkler
1930:E.B. Hallman	1978:Lee Hyder
1931:Edward L. Dashiell	1979:Edward McCauley
1932:P.J. Walker	Richard Cohen
1933:Edward L. Dashiell	Patrick Hart
1948:Harold A. Mouzon, Jr.	1980:Klaus Pohl
1949:Paul L. Cromelin	1981:Jeff Smeltzer
1950:Harold A. Mouzon, Jr.	1982:Klaus Pohl
1951:Paul L. Cromelin	1983:Klaus Pohl
1952:Alex Edelsburg	David Erb
1953:Rea B. Hayes	Joseph Zeimetz
1954:Rea B. Hayes	1984:Wayne Williams
1955:Ernest E. Hoenck	1985:Thomas Krause
1956:Lanneau L. Foster	Klaus Pohl
Alex Edelsburg	Wayne Williams
1957:R. Grady Brown	1986:Klaus Pohl
1958:R. Grady Brown	1987:Dennis Fish
1959:Harold A. Mouzon, Jr.	Randal Ferguson
1960:Peter Grant	Wayne Williams
Lanneau Foster	1988:Klaus Pohl
Alex Edelsburg	1989:Wayne Williams
1961:John G. Wallenburg	Lee Hyder
1962:Lanneau L. Foster	Doug Holmes
1963:Dr. Steven Shaw	1990:Charles Walter
1964:Lee Hyder	Dennis Fish
1965:John A. Chalmers	Mark Brodie
Alex Edelsburg	Jimmy Hill
1966:Lee Hyder	1991:Klaus Pohl
1967:Lee Hyder	1992:Klaus Pohl
Alex Edelsburg	Lindsay Blanks
1968:Lee Hyder	1993:Philip Laren
1969:Spencer Matthews	Klaus Pohl
1970:Charles Walter	1994:Lindsay Blanks
1971:Otto Estenger	1995:Wayne Williams
1972:Otto Estenger	Pat Hart
Charles Walter	1996:Randal Ferguson
1973:Jeff Smeltzer	1997:Randal Ferguson
Charles Walter	1998:Dr. Miles F. Ardaman
1974:Charles Walter	
1975:Jeff Smeltzer	

LOCAL CHESS CLUBS

AIKEN

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(hyder@groupz.net)
33 Longwood Drive
Aiken, SC 29801
(803) 648-8924

ANDERSON

The Blue Ridge Chess Club.
Contact: Bill Willard
(bwillard@carol.net)
(864) 882-7841 after 6:00 PM

CHARLESTON

The Charleston Chess Club meets every Wednesday from 7:00 PM until closing in the McDonald's restaurant at 1201 Sam Rittenberg Boulevard (Highway 7) and Orange Grove Road. (I-26 Exit #216).

Contact: Patrick Hart
(path@awod.com)
1558 Periwinkle Drive
Mount Pleasant, SC 29464
(843) 849-0177

COLUMBIA

The City of Columbia Chess Club meets at Lorick Park, 1751 Lorick Avenue (off North Main) each Thursday evening from 7:00 PM.

Contact: Larry Thompson
(803) 691-9339

Some chess players have been meeting informally at the Barnes

& Noble Bookstore on Harbison Boulevard, across from the Columbian Centre Mall. The gatherings usually occur on Saturday and Sunday afternoon.
278-A Harbison Blvd
Columbia, SC 29212
(803) 749-9009

GREENVILLE

The Greenville Chess Club meets at the Bobby Pearce Center, 820 Townes Street Extension, each Thursday evening from 7:30 PM.

Contact: Wayne Williams
402 Berea Forest Circle
Greenville, SC 29611
(864) 246-6363

GREER

The BMW Chess Club meets in the Employee Club of the BMW Manufacturing Corporation at 1400 Highway 101 South.

Contact: Horace Mays
(864) 989-6000, Ext. 7334 or Fax:
989-5861

HARTSVILLE

The Hartsville Chess Club meets 2120 Ousleydale Road, each Thursday evening from 7:30 PM.
Contact: Billy Walters
(843) 383-1089

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MURRELLS INLET

The Murrells Inlet Chess Club meets at 341 Rum Gully Circle each Tuesday from 7:00 PM.

Contact: Ray Lewis
(843) 651-8924

MYRTLE BEACH

The South Strand Chess Club meets in the Surfside Civic Center each Tuesday from 7:00 PM

Contact: William Smith
(843) 238-0853

The Grand Strand Chess Club meets in the Barnes & Noble bookstore (in cafe) each Tuesday from 1:00 PM.

Contact: Frank Abbott
(843) 293-2723

NORTH AUGUSTA

The North Augusta Chess Club meets in the Riverview Park recreation center basement each Wednesday evening from 7:00 PM.

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ROCK HILL

The Rock Hill Chess Club meets in the student center at York

Technical College on Tuesday evening from 6:00 PM.

Contact: Pete Danker
(803) 548-0955

SPARTANBURG

The Spartanburg Chess Club meets in Mimi's Uptown Deli, 180 East Main Street, each Tuesday evening from 7:30 PM.

Contact: David Williams (864) 573-9861; Spencer Matthews (864) 582-2551; club phone (864) 585-8332

SUMTER

The Sumter County Chess Club meets at the Kroger next to Wal-mart each Monday evening from 7:00.

Contact: Michael Spohn

WOODRUFF

The Woodruff Chess Club meets in the First Citizens Bank, corner of Pine Street & Main Street, each Tuesday evening from 7:00 PM.

Contact: Lloyd Angell
(864) 476-7860

From the Editor's Desk

The New Man

Thirteen time world wrestling champion Ric Flair likes to say, "To be the Man, you must beat the Man." For the past two years, Randal Ferguson has been the Man of South Carolina chess, winning one open and two closed championships. His magnificent rein was finally brought to an end this year. Dr. Miles Ardaman, a senior master, dominated this year's state championship, winning the championship section with a perfect score. Ferguson finished second. Dr. Ardaman has agreed to contribute materials to Palmetto Chess. We are fortunate that the chess gods have sent us such an accomplished player.

More Rather than Less

SCCA President Michael Spohn promised us more tournaments rather than less, sooner rather than later, and boy has he delivered! The high point of the year was his revival of the South Carolina Open, which was held in June with the support of Pete Danker and the Rock Hill Chess Club. Mr. Spohn is dedicated to giving us even more tournaments in 1999. He spends an inordinate amount of time planning and directing adult and scholastic tournaments. This time expenditure comes on top of his teaching and family obligations. His work for this association is a real labor of love. Take the time to send him an e-mail or other note of thanks.

The Web Site

I have many new features planned for the SCCA web site (<http://members.aol.com/sccaissa>). I'm almost finished working on a news applet that has some powerful features for displaying news about our organization.

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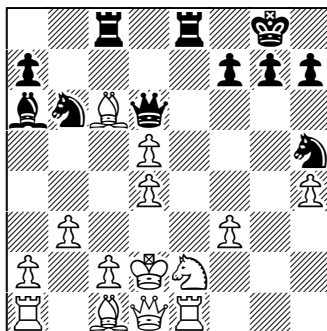
I'm also working on a champions page that will contain biographical information about each of our four state champions.

Many Thanks

I must say a word of thanks to the many contributors who made this issue possible. Pete Danker continues to support this newsletter with his regular column. His efforts are greatly appreciated. Fred Olmsted and James Collins sent well annotated games. Lee Hyder, Patrick Hart, Michael Spohn, John McCrary and Bill Wall all contributed excellent materials. Finally, I thank Leigh Ann Waslien for sending me a copy of her outstanding research on chess players.

The View From Expert Level

In the last View from "C" Level, Pete Danker gave the following position as a loss for White. Bill Wall sent me the following analysis in which he maintains he could beat any C player with White: "After **1...Rxc6 2. dxc6 Bxe2 3.Rxe2??** is the only thing analyzed. Of course that loses. But an expert or master will play **3. Qxe2!** and if **3...Qxd4?? 4.**



Qd3 wins for White since **4...Qxd3+ 5.cxd3** leaves White much material up and no threats. White is threatening **5.Rxe8** mate. If **4...Qf2+ 5.Re2 Rxe2+ 6. Qxe2 Qd4+ 7.Qe3 Qxh4 8.Bb2** and White should have no problem winning. So Black can't play **3...Qxd4+**. Best for Black is **3...Rxe2+ 4.Kxe2!** (not **4. Rxe2 Qxd4+ 5.Ke1 Qxh4+** and **6...f5**, winning for

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Computer Buying Guide for the Chess Player

By Henry J. White

Ever heard of Nezhmetdinov? Some consider him the greatest attacking chess player of all time. Without my personal computer, I would never have heard of him. With my computer, not only did I find out about him, I was able to download over 200 of his games. This is but one example of the benefits of owning a computer. With the holiday shopping season approaching, I have prepared a computer hardware shopping guide for the tournament chess player.

Windows PC v. Mac

The computer world is divided between personal computers that use Microsoft's Windows operating system and Macintosh machines made by Apple. Windows PCs dominate about ninety percent of the world market, and as a result, software developers have written far more software for PCs than for Macs. The Mac may well be a better machine that's easier to operate, although the user-friendliness gap has closed considerably with Windows 98, but it's still very difficult to get software for Macs. Don't believe me? Go to your local Best Buy and look at the number of software titles written for PCs vs. Macs. You will find at least ten PC titles for every one Mac program. Remember, it's the software that determines how useful your computer is. So, hands down, I would not consider buying a Mac.

Processor

The central processing unit (CPU) is what does the computing inside your computer. These processors are

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smaller than a deck of cards. Think of the processor as the engine that makes the computer work. Like your car's engine, the more powerful your computer's processor, the faster your machine does what you want it to do. With chess software, speed is very important. The faster your computer can run, the more chess positions your computer can analyze in a given period of time.

Processor power and speed are determined by the type of processor and the amount of megahertz it uses. There are now several companies that make processors, but Intel still sets the standard with its Pentium II processors. You should not buy less than a 300 MHz Pentium II; anything less will not serve you well in the future. The other processor makers like AMD and Cyrix have closed the gap and are making excellent processors. However, I've seen PC owners with these processors complaining about software compatibility problems with some of the high-end chess software. So, for a first time buyer I would stay away from these new processors and buy only Intel.

Hard Drive

You permanently store your data on the computer's hard drive. The brilliant games you play against your computer, the e-mail you send your friends, the family

Minimum Specs

- ⚡ 300 MHz Pentium II
- ⚡ 4 GIG Hard Drive
- ⚡ 64 MB Memory
- ⚡ 56K Modem
- ⚡ 20-24X CD ROM
- ⚡ SoundBlaster
Sound Card
- ⚡ Expansion slots

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South Carolina Games

Olmsted,F - Hastings,B [A31]

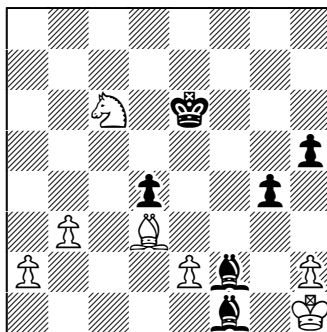
SC Championship (3), 03.10.1998

Annotated by Fred Olmsted

1. d4 ♘f6 2. ♘f3 c5 3. c4 cxd4 4. ♘xd4 ♘c6 5. ♘xc6 bxc6 6. g3 g6 7. ♙g2 ♙b7 8. ♙g5 ♙g7 9. ♖d2 h6 10. ♙f4 ♖b6 11. 0-0 ♘h5 12. ♘c3 ♘xf4 13. gxf4 0-0 14. ♙e4 d6 15. f5 g5 16. ♖h1 ♖ad8 17. ♙c2 ♖d4 If 17...Qxb2, then 18. f6 threatening 19. Bh7+ wins a piece. 18. ♖xd4 ♙xd4 19. ♘e4 ♙c8 If 19...Bxb2 then 20. Rab1. 20. ♖ab1 ♖g7 20...Bxf5 is stronger. 21. ♘d2 d5 22. ♙d3 e6 23. fxe6 ♙xe6 24. b3 ♙h3 25. ♖fc1 ♙xf2 26. cxd5 cxd5 27. ♖c6 ♖c8 28. ♖bc1 ♖xc6 29. ♖xc6 ♙e6 30. ♘b1 d4

31. ♘a3 ♙d7 32. ♖c7 ♙h3 33. ♖xa7 ♖c8 34. ♘c4 ♖c6 35. ♖xf7+ ♖xf7 36. ♘e5+ ♖e6 37. ♘xc6 g4 38. ♙e4 ♙f1! 39. ♙d3 h5 (diagram)

Black is threatening 40...h4 followed by 41...h3 with mate to follow. If 40. h4 then 40...g3 and the pawn queens. So, my next



Olmsted v. Hastings after 39...h5

move was the only one that seems to secure the draw. 40. ♙g6! h4 41. ♙h5 ♙xe2 42. ♘xd4+ ♙xd4 43. h3 ♖f5?? 43...Bf3+ 44. Kh2 g3++. Both of us missed this. 44. ♙xg4+ ♙xg4 45. hxg4+ ♖xg4 The "wrong-color" bishop secures the draw. 46. b4 ♖f5 47. ♖g2 ♖e6 48. ♖h2 ♖d6 49. ♖g2 ♖c6 50. ♖h2 ♖b5 51. ♖g2 ♖xb4 52. ♖h2 ♖a3 53. ♖g2 ♖xa2 54. ♖h2 ♖b2 55. ♖g2 ♖c2

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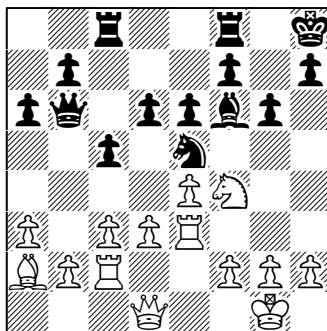
56. ♖h2 ♖d2 57. ♖g2 ♖e2 58. ♖h2 ♖f2 59. ♖h1 ♖f3 60. ♖h2 ♖e5+ 61. ♖g1 h3 62. ♖h1 ♖g3 63. ♖g1 h2+ 64. ♖h1 ♖d4 Stalemate. 1/2-1/2.

Baker,B (1499) – Collins,J (1788) [B30]

SC Championship (1), 03.10.1998

Annotated by James Collins

1. e4 c5 2. ♖f3 d6 3. ♖c3 ♖c6 4. ♖c4 g6 5. 0-0 ♖g7 6. a3 a6 7. d3 ♖f6 8. ♖g5 ♖g4 9. ♖xf6 ♖xf3 10. ♖xf3 ♖xf6 11. ♖a2 0-0 12. ♖ab1 ♖d4 13. ♖d1 e6 14. ♖e2 ♖b5 15. ♖f4 ♖b6 16. ♖g4 ♖h8 17. ♖fe1 ♖d4 18. c3 ♖c6 19. ♖e2 ♖ac8 20. ♖be1 ♖a5 21. ♖c2 ♖c6 22. ♖e3 ♖e5 23. ♖d1 (diagram) ♖c6



Better was 23...Bg5 24. g3 c4 24. dxc4 Nxc4 25. Bxc4 Rxc4 26. Rd2 Bxf4 27. gxf4 with advantage for Black.

24. ♖h3 ♖e5 25. d4 cxd4 26. cxd4 ♖xc2 27. ♖xc2 ♖xd4 28. ♖xe6 ♖c6

Baker v. Collins after 23. ♖d1

29. ♖b3 ♖e8 I missed the KO here with 29... Qe5!, where White does not get enough compensation for the lost piece. 30. ♖d5 ♖a4 31. ♖d3 ♖e5 32. ♖e2 b5 33. ♖b4 ♖a5 34. h3 ♖c8 35. ♖e3 ♖c2 36. ♖a7 ♖c7 37. ♖xa6?? A blunder. Now White cannot prevent mate without heavy losses. 37. ... ♖c5 38. ♖a8+ ♖g7 39. ♖e6+ fxe6 40. ♖b7+ ♖h6 41. ♖xb5 ♖xf2+ 0-1.

Collins,J (1788) – Roberts,J (1473) [A10]

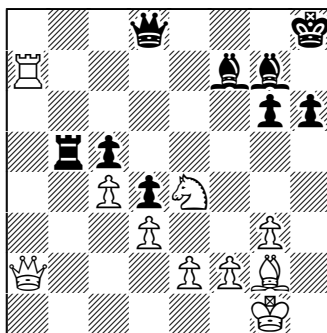
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Annotated by James Collins

1. c4 g6 2. ♖f3 ♙g7 3. ♘c3 d6 4. g3 e5 5. d3
 ♘e7 6. ♙g2 a6 7. ♖b1 0-0 8. 0-0 f5 9. ♙d2
 ♘d7 10. a4 ♘c5 11. b4 ♘e6 12. ♖b3 ♖h8 13.
 ♖fc1 f4 14. ♘e4 ♘f5 15. ♙c3 ♖b8 16. b5 axb5
 17. axb5 b6 18. ♖a1 fxg3 19. hxg3 ♘c5 20.
 ♘xc5 bxc5 21. ♖a7 ♙e6 22. ♖ca1 ♖f6? Allow-
 ing White control of the seventh rank with a strong
 attack. 23. ♖xc7 ♘d4 24.
 ♙xd4 exd4 25. ♖aa7
 ♖f7 26. ♖xf7 ♙xf7 27.
 ♖a2 h6 28. ♘d2 ♖xb5?
 29. ♘e4 Also effective
 was 29. Rx7 Qxf7 30.
 Qa8+ Bb8 31. Qxb8+ Qf8
 32. Qxf8 Bxf8 33. Ne4
 Be7. 29. ... ♖d8
 (diagram) 30. ♖xf7 ♖a5
 31. ♖b2 ♖g8 32. ♖b7
 ♖a1+ 33. ♖h2 ♙e5 34.
 ♖d7 ♖h4+ 35. ♙h3 ♖a8 36. ♖g7+ ♙xg7 37.
 gxh4 ♙e5+ 38. ♖g2 1-0.



Collins v. Roberts after 29. . . ♖d8

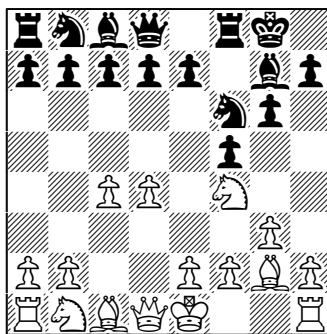
Bovay,B (1955) – Ferguson,R (2256) [A86]

SC Championship,

03.10.1998

Annotated by Fritz 5

1. d4 f5 2. g3 ♘f6 3.
 ♙g2 g6 4. c4 ♙g7 5.
 ♘h3 0-0 6. ♘f4N [6. ♘c3
 A) 6. ... d6 7. d5 ♙a6 (7. ...
 c5 8. ♘f4 ♙a6 9. 0-0 ♘c7
 10. ♖b1 ♖b8 11. a4 a6 12.
 b4 ♘d7 13. ♙d2 ♘e5 14.
 ♖b3 cxb4 15. ♖xb4 a5 16.

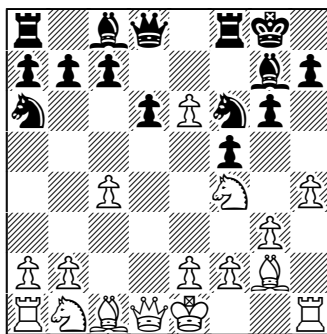


Bovay v. Ferguson after 6. ♘f4

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♖b3 ♘a6 17. ♘d3 ♙d7 18. ♘b5 b6 19. ♖fc1 ♖e8 20. ♖a2 ♖f7 21. h3 ♗h8 22. f4 Raupp,T-Jahr,U/BL8182 1982/BL 80/1-0 (42)) 8. ♘f4 ♘c5 9. 0-0 e5 10. dxe6 c6 11. ♖d2 g5 12. ♘h3 h6 13. ♙d1 ♙xe6 14. ♖xd6 ♖xd6 15. ♙xd6 ♙xc4 16. ♙e3 ♘ce4 17. ♘xe4 ♘xe4 18. ♙d7 ♖f7 19. ♙ad1 ♙xa2 20. ♙xf7 ♙xf7 21. ♙d7 Siegel,G-Fleck,J/BL8788 1988/BL 80/0-1 (31); **B**) 6. ... ♘c6 7. d5 (7. 0-0 d6 8. ♘f4 e5 9. dxe5 dxe5 10. ♘fd5 ♘e8 11. b4 e4 12. b5 ♘d4 13. ♙e3 ♘e6 14. ♙c1 c6 15. ♘b4 ♙d7 16. f3 ♖e7 17. fxe4 ♙xc3 18. ♙xc3 ♖xb4 19. ♙d3 ♘c5 20. ♙xd7 ♘xd7 21. ♖xd7 ♖xc4 Tukmakov,V-Malaniuk,V/URS-FL Sverdlovsk 1987/TD 87\01/1-0 (48)) 7. ... ♘e5 8. b3 ♘f7 9. ♙b2 e5 10. 0-0 d6 11. f3 g5 12. ♘f2 h5 13. h3 ♘h6 14. ♙c1 g4 15. fxg4 hxg4 16. ♙xh6 ♙xh6 17. hxg4 ♙e3 18. ♙h3 fxg4 19. ♖d3 ♙d4 20. ♙g2 ♘h5 Heinbuch,D-Polster,W/BL8283 1983/BL 80/0-1 (56)] 6. ... **d6** 7. **d5** This push gains space 7. ... ♘a6 8. **h4 e5** 9. **dxe6** (diagram) He broke from his leash 9. ... **c6** Covers d5 10. **h5 g5** 11. **h6 ♙h8** 12. ♘h3 ♙xe6 13. ♘xg5 White is behind in development. 13. ... ♖e7± [13. ... ♙xc4 14. ♘a3 ♙f7 15. ♖d2=] 14. ♘xe6 [14. ♘a3 d5±] 14. ... ♖xe6 15. ♘c3 ♙ad8 16. 0-0 ♖xc4 17. e4 fxe4 18. ♘xe4 ♘c5± [18. ... d5!? looks like a viable alternative 19. b3 ♖b4=] 19. **b3=** Consolidates a4 [⊃ 19. ♘xd6!? deserves consideration 19. ... ♖e6 20. ♙f4±] 19. ... ♖e6 20. ♘g5 ♖g4± [20. ... ♖f5 21. ♙e3 ♘fe4 22. ♘xe4 ♘xe4 23. ♙xe4 ♖xe4 24. ♙c1±] 21. ♙f3± [⊃ 21. ♙e3!?± must definitely be

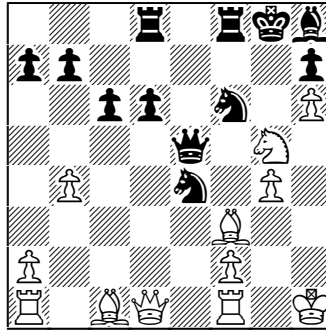


Bovay v. Ferguson after 9. dxe6

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considered] 21. ... ♖f5
22. b4 ♜ce4 23. g4 ♜ [23.
♜d3 d5 24. ♙e3 ♜g4 25.
♙xg4 ♜xg4 26. ♜xe4
♙xa1 ♜ (=26. ... dxe4 27.
♜b3+ ♜d5 28. ♜ad1=;
26. ... ♜xe4?! 27. ♜xe4
dxe4 28. ♜ac1=)] 23. ...
♜e5 (diagram) 24.



Bovay v. Ferguson after 23. ... ♜e5

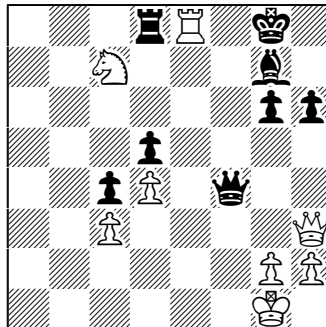
♜c2??-+ the final mistake, not that it matters anymore [♞24. ♜xe4 ♜xe4 25. ♜b1] 24. ... ♜xg5 [24. ... ♜xa1 is a weaker possibility 25. ♙xe4 ♜xe4 26. ♜xe4±] 25. ♙xg5 ♜xg5 [25. ... ♜xg5 26. ♜ae1 ♜d7 27. ♜b3+ d5-+] 0-1.

Jones,C (1373) – Sandifer,R (1330) [B00]

SC Championship (2), 03.10.1998

Fritz 5 Blundercheck

1. e4 b6 2. d4 ♙b7 3. ♜c3 g6 4. f4 ♙g7 5. ♜f3
♜f6 6. e5 ♜d5 7. ♙c4 ♜xc3 8. bxc3 e6 out of
book 9. ♙a3 d6 10. 0-0 0-0 11. ♜e1 ♜e8 12.
♙d3 d5 13. ♜d1 ♜d7 14. ♙c1 c5 15. ♜g3 c4
16. ♙e2 b5 17. ♜h4 f5
18. exf6 ♜xf6 19. ♙g4
♜f8 20. ♜de1 ♙c6 21.
♜f3 a5 22. ♙a3 b4 23.
cxb4 axb4 24. ♙xb4
♜xa2 25. ♙xf8 ♙xf8
26. c3 ♙g7 27. ♜g5
♙d7 28. ♜h3 h6 29.
♙xe6+ ♙xe6 30. ♜xe6
♜aa8 31. ♜c7 ♜xe1 32.
♜xe1 ♜d8 33. ♜e6 0.00
33. ♜e6 1.31 33. ... ♜xf4



Jones v. sandifer after 34. ♜e8+

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34. ♖e8+ (diagram) -3.47 34. ♖g3 ♖xg3 35. hxc3
 ♖d7 36. ♖e8 ♖f7 37. ♖xg7 ♖xg7 38. ♖e5 ♖d8 -0.16
34. ... ♖xe8 35. ♖xe8 ♖c1+ -0.09 35... ♖e4 36. ♖
 f2 ♖xe8 37. ♖f3 ♖e6 38. h4 ♖f6 39. h5 gxh5 40.
 ♖xh5 -3.22 **36. ♖f2 ♖d2+** 37. ♖f3 -4.25 37. ♖f1
 ♖d1+ 38. ♖f2 ♖c2+ 39. ♖f1 ♖h8 40. ♖e6+ ♖f8 41.
 ♖d6 ♖d3+ -0.13 **37. ... ♖xc3+** 38. ♖e2 ♖xd4 -
 1.34 38... ♖c2+ -4.94 **39. ♖e6+ ♖h7 40. ♖xg7**
♖xg7 41. ♖xd5 ♖b2+ 42. ♖f3 ♖c3+ 43. ♖e2
 h5 44. ♖f7+ ½-½.

Rothstein, J – Sheaf, D [B50]

SC Championship (5), 04.10.1998

Fritz 5 Blundercheck

1. e4 c5 2. ♖f3 d6 3. ♖c4 ♖f6 4. c3 e6 5. d3
 ♖e7 6. 0-0 0-0 out of book 7. ♖c2 d5 8. exd5
 exd5 9. ♖b3 b5 10. a3

♖f5 11. ♖e2 ♖e8 12.

♖c2 ♖d6 13. ♖d1

♖bd7 14. ♖h4 ♖g4 15.

♖f3 ♖c7 16. g3 -1.78

16. h3 ♖h5 17. ♖e3 ♖h2+

18. ♖h1 ♖f4 19. ♖e1 ♖xe3

20. ♖xe3 ♖xe3 -0.72

16. ... h6 17. ♖e3 ♖e7

18. ♖e1 (diagram) -2.72

18. d4 c4 19. ♖e1 ♖ae8 20.

♖bd2 ♖e4 21. ♖c1 ♖df6

22. ♖e5 ♖xe5 -1.06 **18. ... ♖ae8**

19. ♖bd2 -3.53

19. ♖f1 ♖xg3 20. fxg3 ♖xe3 21. ♖bd2 ♖e5

22. a4 bxa4

23. ♖xa4 ♖xf3 -2.50 **19. ... d4 20. cxd4 cxd4**

21. ♖f1 -5.88 21. ♖xd4 ♖xe1+

22. ♖xe1 ♖xe1+

23. ♖xe1 ♖e5 24. ♖xe5 ♖xe5

25. ♖b1 ♖d4 -3.88 **21. ...**

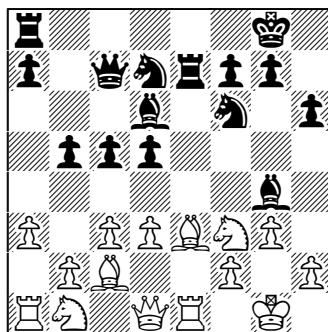
♖e5 22. ♖1d2 ♖xf3+

23. ♖xf3 dxe3 24. ♖e2

♖xf3 25. ♖xf3 exf2+

26. ♖xf2 ♖xe1+

27.



Rothstein v. Sheaf after 18. ♖e1

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♠xe1 ♠xe1+ 28. ♜xe1 ♜xc2 0-1.

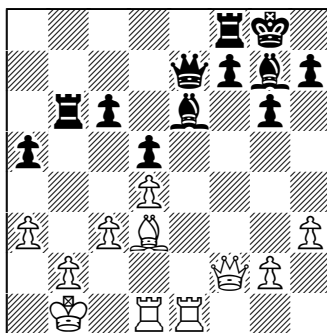
Farmer,R (1108) – Shull,B (1325) [A48]

SC Championship (1), 03.10.1998

Fritz 5 Blundercheck

1. d4 g6 2. ♘f3 ♙g7 3. c3 ♘f6 4. ♙g5 d6 5. ♙xf6 out of book 5. ... ♙xf6 6. ♘bd2 ♘d7 7. e3 c6 8. ♙d3 ♙g7 9. ♜b3 ♘f6 10. ♘g5 0-0 11. h3 e5 12. 0-0-0 exd4 13.

exd4 ♜a5 14. ♘ge4 ♙e6 15. ♘xf6+ ♙xf6 16. ♘c4 -2.34 16. ♙c4 d5 17. ♙d3 c5 18. dxc5 ♜xc5 19. ♠he1 d4 20. c4 b5 - 0.31 16. ... ♜g5+ 17. ♜b1 b5 18. ♜b4 bxc4 19. ♙xc4 ♠ab8 20. ♜a4 ♜f5+ 21. ♙d3 ♜xf2 22. ♜c2 ♜h4 23. ♠hf1 ♙g7 24. ♜f2 ♜e7 25. ♠fe1 ♠b6 26. ♙c4 d5 27. ♙d3 a5 28. a3 (diagram) -



Farmer v. Shull after 28. a3

5.59 28.h4 ♠c8 29.h5 gxh5 30.♠h1 ♠cb8 31.b3 a4 32.♠xh5 -3.19 28. ... ♜xa3 29. ♠d2 ♜xc3 30. ♠c1 ♜b3 31. ♠c3 -13.81 31.♠cc2 ♜b4 32.h4 ♙xd4 33.♜f4 ♙c3 34.♠f2 ♜xf4 35.♠xf4 ♙g7 -6.66 0-1.

Spohn,M (1231) – Biggs,D (1371) [D00]

SC Championship, 03.10.1998

Fritz 5 Blundercheck

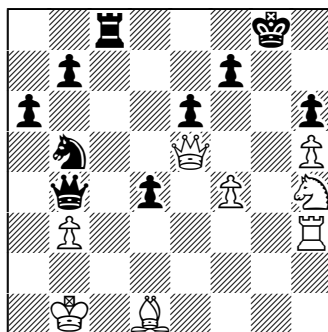
1. d4 d5 2. f3 e6 3. e4 ♘f6 4. ♙g5 ♙e7 out of book 5. e5 ♘fd7 6. ♙xe7 ♜xe7 7. ♘c3 0-0 8. ♜d2 c5 9. 0-0-0 cxd4 10. ♜xd4 ♘c6 11. ♜f2

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♟dxe5 12. ♖e2 ♖d7 13. f4 ♟g6 14. g3 ♞ac8
15. ♟f3 a6 16. h4 ♜d6 17. h5 ♟ge7 18. ♟h4
♟b4 19. ♜d4 h6 20. g4 ♞xc3 0.00 20...♖a4 21.
g5 ♟ec6 22.♜f2 ♖xc2 23.♞d2 -2.00 21. **♜xc3**
♟xa2+ 22. ♜b1 -1.81 22.♜b2 ♟xc3 23.♜xc3
♜xf4 24.♟g2 ♜g5 25.♜e3 ♜f6+ 26.♜b1 e5 -0.16
22. ... ♜a3 23. ♞d3 ♖a4

24. ♖d1 ♟c6 25. ♜e3
♟xc3+ 26. ♞xc3 ♜b4+
27. ♞b3 ♖xb3 28. cxb3
♞c8 29. g5 ♟d4 30. ♞h3
♟b5 31. ♜e5 -9.13 31.
gxh6 ♟c3+ 32.♜c1 ♜a3+
33.♜d2 ♟xd1 34.h7+ ♜
xh7 35.♜xd1 ♜a1+ -1.53
31. ... **d4** 1.03 31...♜d2
32.♜b2 ♜xd1+ 33.♜a2



Spohn v. Biggs after 32. ... gxh6

xb2 ♜d4+ 36.♜a2 -9.13 32. **gxh6 gxh6** (diagram)
3.19 32...♜f8 33.♜xg7+ ♜xg7 34.hxg7 ♟c3+ 35.♜c1
♟d5+ 36.♜b2 ♞c3 37.♖f3 0.88 33. ♞g3+ ♜f8 34.
♜h8+ ♜e7 35. ♜xc8 ♟c3+ 4.66 35...♜d2 36.♜c1
♜e1 37.♞h3 ♟c3+ 38.♞xc3 dxc3 39.♟f3 ♜f1 40.♜c2
2.94 36. ♜c2 ♟xd1 #8 36...♟d5 37.♟g2 ♟f6 38.
♜c7+ ♟d7 39.♞d3 f6 40.♖f3 b6 41.♜b1 4.88 37.
♜c7+ ♜f6 38. ♜xd1 d3 39. ♞xd3 ♜e4 40.
♜d8+ 1-0.

Florian,D (1347) – Johnson,J (1371) [B06]

SC Championship (4), 04.10.1998

Fritz 5 Blundercheck

1. e4 g6 2. d4 ♖g7 3. ♖c4 h6 out of book 4. ♜f3
e6 5. ♟e2 ♟c6 6. c3 a6 7. ♖e3 b6 8. ♟d2 ♖b7
9. ♟g3 ♟ge7 10. ♜e2 d5 11. ♖d3 dxe4 12.

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Qxe4 **Wd7** 13. **f4** **Qd5** 14. **0-0-0** **Qxe3** 15. **Wxe3** **0-0-0** 16. **Qc4** **Wf8** 17. **Qe2** **b5** 18. **Qe5** **g5** 19. **Qxc6** **Qxc6** 20. **Wf3** **Qd5** 21. **Wb1** **f5** 22.

Qxd5 **Qxd5** 23. **h3** **Wd7**

24. **Qhe1** **Wb8** 25. **Qc1**

Qd8 26. **Qb3** **Qf8** 27. **W**

c2 **Wc6** 28. **Qa5** **Wb6**

29. **Qb3** **a5** 30. **Wf3** **a4**

31. **Qc5** (diagram) -1.19

31. **Qc1** **gxf4** 32. **Wxe6**

Wxe6 33. **Qxe6** **Q5d6** 34.

Qe5 **Qd5** 35. **Qd3** **Qxe5**

0.16 31. ... **Qxc5** 32.

Qxc5 **gxf4** 33. **Qxd5**

Qxd5 34. **Wxf4** **Wxc5**

35. **Qxe6** **Wg1** 36. **Wf3** **Wc5** 37. **Qxh6** **b4** 2.31

37... **Wc4** 1.25 38. **Wf2** 0.81 38. **Qh8+** **Wb7** 39. **Qd8**

c6 40. **Qxd5** **Qxd5** 41. **Wxf5** **Qxc3** 42. **Wf7+** **Qa8** 2.31

38. ... **Qe5** 39. **Wf3** **Qe4** 40. **Qh5** **b3+** 1.81 40...

Qd5 41. **b3** **Qxb3+** 42. **Qxb3** **Qa5** 43. **Qh8+** **Qa7** 44.

Wf2+ **Wb7** 45. **Wb1** 0.06 41. **Qxb3** **Qxb3+** 42. **Qxb3**

Wb5+ 0.00 42... **Wc4+**

43. **Wc2** **Qe2+** 44. **Wc1** **Qe1+**

45. **Qd2** **Qe8** 46. **Qxf5** **Wb3**

47. **Qf7** 1.63 43. **Wc2**

Qa4+ 44. **Qd3** **Wb5+** 45.

Wc2 **Qe2+** 2.28 45...

Qa4+ 0.00 46. **Qd1** **Qe8**

47. **Wxf5** 0.00 47. **Qh4**

Wb3+ 48. **Wc1** **Qe1+** 49. **W**

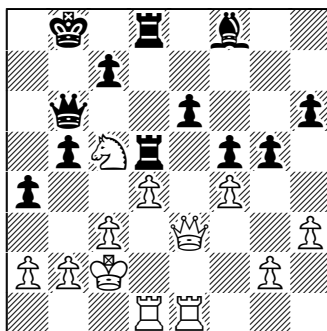
d2 **Qe4** 50. **Qh8+** **Qa7** 51.

Wf2+ **Wb7** 2.38 47. ...

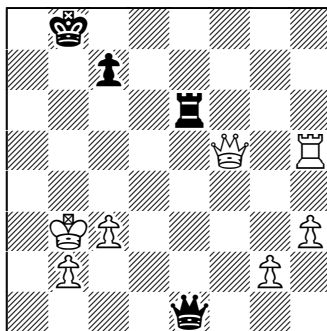
Wf2+ 1.91 47... **Wb3+**

48. **Qd2** **Wxb2+** 49. **Qd3** **Qd8+** 50. **Wc4** **Qa2+** 51. **Wb4**

Wb2+ 52. **Wc4** 0.00 48. **Wc1** **Qe1+** 49. **Wc2** **Qe2+**



Florian v. Johnson after 31. **Qc5**



Florian v. Johnson after 50. ... **Qe6**

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50. ♖b3 ♜e6 (*diagram*) 7.81 50...♜d1+ 51.♞c4 ♜a4+ 52.b4 ♜a2+ 53.♞b5 ♜xg2 54.♜h8+ ♜g8 55. ♜xg8+ 2.06 **51.** ♜h8+ ♞b7 **52.** ♜d5+ c6 #4 52... ♜c6 53.♜h6 ♜d1+ 54.♜xd1 ♜xh6 55.♜f3+ c6 56. ♜f7+ ♞b6 57.♜g8 7.94 **53.** ♜d7+ ♞a6 **54.** ♜a8+ ♞b6 0.00 54...♞b5 55.♜b7+ ♞c5 56.♜b4+ ♞d5 57. ♜d4# #3 **55.** ♜a7+ ♞b5 **56.** c4# 1-0.

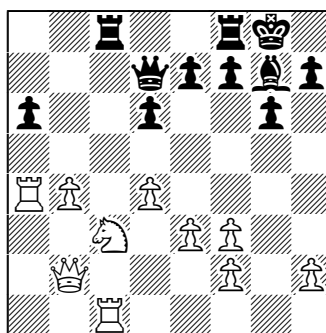
Gass,J (1274) – Jones,C (1373) [A48]

SC Championship (5),

04.10.1998

Fritz 5 Blundercheck

1. d4 ♘f6 **2.** ♘f3 g6 **3.** ♘g5 ♘g7 **4.** e3 0-0 **5.** ♘bd2 d6 **6.** ♘e2 ♘bd7 **7.** 0-0 c5 **8.** c3 a6 out of book **9.** b4 cxb4 **10.** cxb4 b5 **11.** ♜c2 ♘b7 **12.** ♜fc1 ♜c8 **13.** ♜b1 ♘b6 **14.** ♘xf6 ♘xf6 **15.**



Gass v. Jones after 22. ♜xa4

♘d1 ♜d7 16. ♘e4 ♘g7 **17.** ♘c3 ♘c4 **18.** a4 ♘xf3 **19.** ♘xf3 ♘d2 **20.** ♜b2 ♘xf3+ **21.** gxf3 bxa4 **22.** ♜xa4 (*diagram*) -3.34 22.♜d2 ♜c7 **23.** ♘xa4 ♜xc1+ **24.** ♜xc1 ♜b7 **25.** ♘b2 ♜a8 -1.31 **22. ...** ♜xc3 **23.** ♜xa6 ♜xc1+ **24.** ♜xc1 ♜b7 **25.** ♜c6 ♜xc6 **26.** ♜xc6 ♜b8 **27.** f4 ♜xb4 **28.** ♜c8+ ♘f8 **29.** ♜g2 f5 **30.** h4 e5 **31.** fxe5 dxe5 **32.** d5 ♜b6 **33.** ♜c6 ♜xc6 **34.** dxc6 ♘d6 **35.** f3 ♜f7 **36.** e4 h5 **37.** ♜g3 ♜e7 **38.** ♜h3 ♜d8 **39.** ♜g3 ♜c7 **40.** ♜h3 ♜xc6 **41.** ♜g3 ♜c5 **42.** ♜h3 ♜d4 – 12.22 **42...** fxe4 **43.** fxe4 ♘e7 **44.** ♜g3 ♘xh4+ **45.** ♜h2 ♜d4 **46.** ♜g2 g5 **47.** ♜g1 -6.63 0-1.

Jones,C (1373) – Evans,T (2500) [C41]

SC Championship (4), 04.10.1998

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Fritz 5 Blundercheck

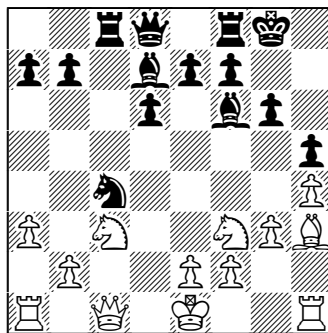
1. e4 e5 2. ♖f3 d6 3. d4 ♖c6 4. dxe5 ♖xe5 5. ♖xe5 dxe5 6. ♗xd8+ ♗xd8 7. ♕c4 ♖f6 8. ♖c3 ♖b4 out of book 9. ♕d2 b6 10. ♕xf7 ♖f8 11. ♕c4 ♖g4 12. f3 ♕xc3 13. bxc3 ♖h6 14. 0-0-0 ♖f7 #2 14...♗e8 15. ♕xh6 gxf6 16. ♖d5 ♗f7 17. ♖xe5+ ♗f6 18. f4 ♖b7 19. ♖d1 2.09 15. ♕g5+ ♗e8 16. ♖b5+ 1-0.

Willard,B (1152) - Jones,C (1373) [A56]

SC Championship (3), 03.10.1998

Fritz 5 Blundercheck

1. d4 ♖f6 2. c4 c5 3. ♖c3 cxd4 4. ♗xd4 ♖c6 5. ♗d3 out of book 5. ... g6 6. ♕g5 ♕g7 7. ♖f3 d6 8. h3 0-0 9. ♕xf6 ♕xf6 10. h4 h5 11. a3 ♕d7 12. ♗e3 ♖c8 13. g3 ♖a5 14. ♕h3 -2.53 14. ♖d5 e6 15. ♖xf6+ ♗xf6 16. ♖b1 ♖xc4 17. ♗xa7 ♕c6



Willard v. Jones after 15. ♗c1

18. ♕g2 ♖xb2 -1.31 14. ... ♖xc4 15. ♗c1 (diagram) -5.53 15. ♗e4 ♕xh3 16. ♖xh3 ♗a5 17. ♗f1 ♕xc3 18. bxc3 -2.72 15. ... ♖xb2 16. ♕xd7 ♗xd7 17. 0-0 ♕xc3 18. ♗h6 ♕g7 19. ♗g5 ♖c4 20. ♖ac1 ♖xa3 21. ♖xc8 ♖xc8 22. g4 ♗xg4+ 23. ♗xg4 hxf4 24. ♖h2 f5 25. f3 gxf3 26. ♖xf3 ♖c4 27. ♖f1 e6 28. ♖g3 ♗f7 29. ♖e3 -11.84 29. ♖b3 b6 30. ♖h2 a5 31. ♖f3 ♕f6 32. ♗f2 ♖h8 33. ♗e1 ♕xh4+ -8.47 29. ... ♖xe3 30. ♖xe3 ♕d4 31. ♗f2 ♕xe3+ 32. ♗xe3 e5 33. ♗f3 ♖c3+ 34. e3 f4 35. ♗e2 ♖xe3+ 36. ♗f2 ♗f6 37. h5 gxf5 -#5 37...♖e2+ 38. ♗g1 gxf5 39. ♗f1 -15.19 38. ♗g2 ♗

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g5 -#4 38...a5 39.♖f2 a4 40.♖g2 a3 41.♖g1 a2 42.♖f2 -19.53 39. ♖f2 ♖g4 40. ♖g2 ♖e2+ 41. ♖f1 ♖f3 42. ♖g1 ♖a2 43. ♖h1 ♖g3 0-1.

Cameron,C (1269) – Jones,C (1373) [E62]

SC Championship, 03.10.1998

Fritz 5 Blundercheck

1. c4 ♖f6 2. ♖c3 g6 3. d4 ♖g7 4. g3 0-0 5. ♖g2 d6 6. ♖f3 ♖g4 7. 0-0 c6 8. ♖d2 out of book 8. ... ♖bd7 9. ♖b1 ♖b8 10. b4 c5 11. e3 ♖c7 12. b5 -1.00 12.bxc5 0.09 12. ... cxd4 13. exd4 ♖xc4 14. ♖a4 ♖xa4 15. ♖xa4 ♖d5 16. ♖b2 ♖7b6 17. a4 ♖xf3 18. ♖xf3 ♖xd4 0.22 18...e6 19.a5 ♖d7 20.♖xd5 exd5 21.♖e3 f5 22.♖fc1 f4 23. gxf4 -0.97 19. a5 ♖fc8 20. axb6 ♖xb6 21. ♖fd1 ♖c2 22. ♖d3 ♖c4 23. ♖h6 f6 2.53 23...♖e5 24. ♖xe5 ♖xf2+ 25.♖f1 dxe5 26.♖dc1 ♖bc8 0.59 24. ♖b4 0.41 24.♖b4 ♖xf2+ 25.♖f1 ♖c3 26.♖d5+ ♖h8 27.♖xf2 ♖a3 28.♖bc1 ♖xb5 2.53 24. ... ♖e5 1.81 24...e6 25.♖c1 ♖xc1+ 26.♖xc1 d5 27.♖f4 ♖e5 28. ♖h1 ♖c8 29.♖xd4 0.41 25. ♖d5+ 1-0.

Rankin,T (1405) – Hyatt,C (1642) [B71]

SC Championship, 03.10.1998

1. e4 c5 2. ♖f3 d6 3. d4 cxd4 4. ♖xd4 ♖f6 5. ♖c3 g6 6. f4 ♖g7 7. e5 dxe5 8. fxe5 ♖d5 9. ♖b5+ ♖f8 10. 0-0 ♖xc3?? 11. ♖e6+ 1-0.

Horters,D – Brown,J (1367) [C02]

SC Championship, 03.10.1998

Fritz 5 Blundercheck

1. e4 e6 2. d4 d5 3. e5 c5 4. c3 ♖c6 5. ♖f3 ♖b6 6. ♖e2 ♖ge7 7. 0-0 out of book 7. ... ♖f5 8. ♖a3 cxd4 9. cxd4 ♖xa3 10. bxa3 ♖fxd4 11.

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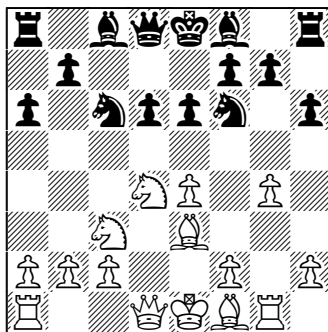
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Hardin (2004) – Schrorer (2456) [B81]

Moore Greenlee, 1998

Annotated by Fritz 5.00 (180s)

1. e4 c5 2. ♟f3 d6 3. d4 cxd4 4. ♟xd4 ♟f6 5. ♟c3 a6 6. ♞e3 e6 7. g4 h6 [7. ... e5 8. ♟f5 g6 9. g5 gxf5 10. exf5 d5 11. ♜f3 ♞d7 12. 0-0-0 ♞c6 13. ♜e2 ♞b4 14. ♞d4 ♟e4 15. ♞xe5 ♞xc3 16. ♞xc3 ♜xg5+ 17. ♜b1 ♞g8 18. f3 ♟d7 19. fxe4 dxe4 20. h4 ♜f4 21. ♞d2 ♜e5 22. ♞g5



Hardin v. Schrorer after 8... ♞c6

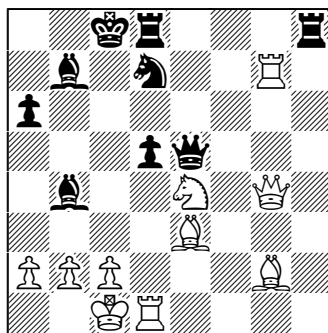
Timman, J-Portisch, L/ Reykjavik 1987/1-0 (39)] 8. ♞g1 ♟c6 (diagram) 8. ... b5 9. a3 ♞b7 10. ♞d3 ♟bd7 11. h4 h5 12. g5 ♟g4 13. ♜e2 ♟xe3 14. ♜xe3 g6 15. f4 ♜b6 16. ♞g3 ♞g7 17. ♟de2 ♞c8 18. 0-0-0 ♟c5 19. f5 ♞e5 20. fxg6 fxg6 21. ♞f1 ♞f8 22. ♞xf8+ ♜xf8 23. ♞f3+

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Thorsteins,K-Bjarnason,S/Reykjavik op 1988/TD 88 \05/0-1 (33)] **9. h4N** [9. ♖f3 g5 10. 0-0-0 ♖e5 11. ♖e2 b5 12. f4 gxf4 13. ♙xf4 ♙d7 14. a3 ♖c8 15. h3 ♙e7 16. ♖e1 ♖c5 17. ♖g3 ♖g6 18. ♙d2 ♖b8 19. ♖b3 ♖c8 20. ♙d3 ♖e5 21. ♖f2 ♖h7 22. ♖f1 ♖f8 23. ♖b1 ♖fg6 24. ♖e2 ♖c4 25. ♙c3 e5 26. ♙xc4 bxc4 27. ♖d2 ♙e6 28. ♖f3 h5 29. gxf5 ♖xh5 30. ♖g3 ♖xh3 31. ♖f5 ♖xf3 32. ♖g7+ ♖d7 33. ♖xf3 ♖b7 34. ♖xe6 fxe6 35. ♖g2 ♖f8 36. ♖xe5+ ♖xe5 37. ♙xe5 c3 38. ♙xc3 ♖f4 39. ♙b4 ♖xe4 40. ♖g7 ♖e8 41. ♖h8+ ½-½ Kotronias,V-Suba,M/Dubai olm 1986/TD 86\02] **9. ... d5 10. ♖xc6** White gets in control **10. ... bxc6** Consolidates b5 **11. g5** This push gains space **11. ... hxg5** [Worse is 11. ... ♖xe4 12. ♖xe4 dxe4 13. ♖xd8+ ♖xd8 14. gxf6±] **12. hxg5 ♖d7** The black knight on d7 is not without poison **13. g6 fxg6 14. exd5 cxd5 15. ♖e2** [15. ♖xd5 exd5 16. ♖xd5 ♖b8=] **15. ... ♙b4=** [15. ... ♖f6 16. ♖d1 ♖e5 17. ♖g3=] **16. ♙d4 ♖e7 17. 0-0-0 ♙b7 18. ♖xg6** The backward pawn on e6 becomes a target **18. ... e5 19. f4** Increasing

the pressure on the isolated pawn on a6 **19. ... ♖f7** [19. ... exd4? may look interesting but causes some serious problems 20. ♖e6! takes home the point 20. ... dxc3 21. ♖xe7+ ♙xe7 22. ♖e1 cxb2+ 23. ♖xb2+] **20. ♖g4 e4** Opening the g-file gets White a lot of play **21. ♖xg7 ♖xf4+ 22. ♙e3 ♖f6 23. ♖g4 0-0-0** [23. ... ♖e5 24. ♖g2 ♙e7 25. ♖xd5 ♙xd5 26. ♖xd5+] **24. ♖xe4 ♖e5 25. ♙g2** (diagram) ♙c6??+- terrible, but what else could Black do to save the game?



Hardin v. Schrorer, after 25. ♙g2

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[\triangle 25. ... $\text{Bh}2\pm$] **26.** $\text{Qf}4$ $\text{Wh}5$ [26. ... $\text{Bh}4$ cannot change destiny 27. $\text{Wxd}7+!!$ sacrificing for victory (27. $\text{Qxe}5?! \text{Bxg}4$ 28. $\text{Bxg}4 \text{Qxe}5+-$; 27. $\text{Wxh}4?! \text{Wxg}7$ 28. $\text{Qf}1 \text{Qb}7$ 29. $\text{Qd}6+ \text{Qxd}6$ 30. $\text{Qxd}6 \text{Bg}8+-$) 27. ... $\text{Qxd}7$ 28. $\text{Qxe}5 \text{dxe}4$ 29. $\text{Qf}6+-$] **27.** $\text{We}6$ Do you see the mate threat? **27.** ... $\text{Wb}7$ **28.** $\text{Qf}6 \text{Wh}4$ **29.** $\text{Qxd}5$ [\triangle 29. $\text{Qg}5$ nails it down 29. ... $\text{Wxg}5+$ 30. $\text{Bxg}5 \text{Qxf}6$ 31. $\text{Wxf}6 \text{Bhe}8+-$] **29.** ... $\text{Bhe}8$ **30.** $\text{Wg}4$ [\triangle 30. $\text{Bxd}7+$ secures the win 30. ... $\text{Bxd}7$ 31. $\text{Wxe}8+-$] **30.** ... $\text{Wxg}4$ Threatening mate: $\text{Wxd}1$ **31.** $\text{Bxg}4 \text{Qc}5$ **32.** $\text{Bg}7$ [32. $\text{Bg}6$ might be the shorter path 32. ... $\text{Qe}5$ 33. $\text{Bg}7+ \text{Bd}7$ 34. $\text{Bxd}7+ \text{Qxd}7+-$] **32.** ... $\text{Bg}8$ **33.** $\text{Bxg}8$ [33. $\text{Bg}5 \text{Qd}6$ 34. $\text{Qe}3 \text{Qc}5+-$] **33.** ... $\text{Bxg}8$ **34.** $\text{Qh}1 \text{Bg}1$ [34. ... $\text{Bh}8$ 35. $\text{c}4+-$] **35.** $\text{Bxg}1 \text{Qxg}1$ **36.** $\text{c}4 \text{Qc}5$ **37.** $\text{Wc}2 \text{Qe}6$ **38.** $\text{Qe}5 \text{Qd}4$ [38. ... $\text{a}5$ 39. $\text{b}3+-$] **39.** $\text{Qxd}4 \text{Qxd}4+$ **40.** $\text{Wd}3 \text{Qe}6$ **41.** $\text{Qe}4$ [41. $\text{b}4$ seems even better 41. ... $\text{Wb}8+-$] **41.** ... $\text{Qc}5+$ [41. ... $\text{a}5$ 42. $\text{b}3+-$] **42.** $\text{Wd}4 \text{Qxe}4$ **43.** $\text{Wxe}4$ [43. $\text{Wxe}4 \text{Qd}7$ 44. $\text{b}4+-$] **1-0.**

Williams,W (2170) – Dusky,J (1833) [C26]

Summer Knights #2 (2), 06.08.1998

1. $\text{e}4 \text{e}5$ **2.** $\text{Qc}4 \text{Qf}6$ **3.** $\text{Qc}3 \text{Qc}5$ **4.** $\text{d}3 \text{d}6$ **5.** $\text{Qa}4 \text{Qb}6$ **6.** $\text{Qxb}6 \text{axb}6$ **7.** $\text{f}4 \text{exf}4$ **8.** $\text{Qxf}4$ **0-0** **9.** $\text{Qg}5 \text{h}6$ **10.** $\text{Qxf}6 \text{Wxf}6$ **11.** $\text{c}3 \text{Qc}6$ **12.** $\text{Qf}3 \text{Wg}6$ **13.** **0-0** $\text{Qa}5$ **14.** $\text{Qd}5 \text{c}6$ **15.** $\text{Qb}3 \text{Qxb}3$ **16.** $\text{Wxb}3 \text{b}5$ **17.** $\text{e}5 \text{Wxd}3$ **18.** $\text{B}a1 \text{We}3+$ **19.** $\text{Wh}1 \text{dxe}5$ **20.** $\text{Bde}1 \text{Wa}7$ **21.** $\text{Qxe}5 \text{Qe}6$ **22.** $\text{Wb}4 \text{Wxa}2$ **23.** $\text{We}7 \text{Wxb}2$ **24.** $\text{Wxb}7 \text{Qd}5$ **25.** $\text{Qf}3 \text{B}a2$ **0-1.**

Conrey,J – Hyatt,C [D05]

99th North American Postal, 1997

1. $\text{d}4 \text{Qf}6$ **2.** $\text{Qf}3 \text{e}6$ **3.** $\text{e}3 \text{d}5$ **4.** $\text{Qd}3 \text{c}5$ **5.** $\text{c}3$

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♠bd7 6. ♠bd2 ♠d6 7. 0-0 0-0 8. ♠e1 ♠c7 9. e4 cxd4 10. cxd4 dxe4 11. ♠xe4 ♠d5 12. ♠d2 ♠f4 13. ♠c1 ♠b6 14. ♠c2 ♠xd2 15. ♠xd2 ♠7f6 16. ♠ec1 ♠d7 17. ♠xf6+ ♠xf6 18. ♠e5 ♠b5 19. ♠xb5 ♠xb5 20. ♠c7 ♠ad8 21. b3 ♠xe5 22. dxe5 ♠xd2 23. exf6 ♠fd8 24. ♠f1 gxf6 25. g3 ♠xa2 26. h4 b6 27. h5 h6 28. ♠g2

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Black) **4...Qxd4 5.Kf1!** and if 5...Qxa1?? or 5...Qxh4?? 6.Re8 mate. White is now even in material, though Black does have a better position. Still, White may be able to draw or win if Black is not careful. Now if Black plays 5...Kf8??, then 6.Ba3+! Will lead to mate. If 5...g6 6.Bh6 and not 6...Qxh4?? 7.Re8 mate. If 5...Nf6 6.Bg5 h6 7.Rad1 may be possible.”

“Black's best may be **5...h6** to prevent the mate. Now White can play **6.Rb1** or **6.Be3** or **6.Ba3**, but still has a struggle on his hands. No Brilliancy Prize here.”

Ardaman Solutions From Page 12

Kaufman v. Ardaman, Orlando CC Championship 1979. **1...Qg4+ 2. f3** (2. Ke1 Rd1#) **2...Qg2+ 3. Rf2** (3.Ke1 Nxc3-+) **3...Qxf2+ 4. Bxf2 Ng3# 0-1.**

Wolff v. Ardaman, US Junior Invitational Championship 1983. **1...Qxd4!-+ 0-1.**

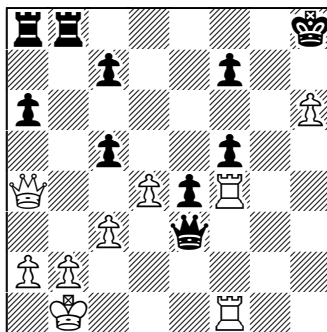
Dozerets v. Ardaman, Miami 1984. **28...Bd4+!! 29. cxd4 cxd4+ 30. Ke2** (30. Kf3 g5 31. Re4 b5 and White will have to move his rook away after his pawn moves are exhausted.) **30...Rxf4 31. Rb8** (31. Re7? Re4+) **31...Rf7 32. f3 g5 33. Rg8 h6 34. Rg6 Re7+ 35. Kd2 Re6 36. Rg7 Rf6 37. Ke2 Kc6 38. Rh7 b6 39. Rh8 Kc5 40. Rc8+ Kd5 41. Rh8 0-1.**

Ardaman v. Tew, Central Florida Chess League 1984 **1. Nf5 Nxc4** (1...Rc8 2. Ne7+; 1...Nc8 2. Rd4+ Kc6 3. Rd8 Re5 4. Rxc8 Rxf5 5. Rb8 Kxc7 6. Rb5) **2. bxc4+ Ke6** (2...Kc5 3. Ne7!; 2...Kc6 c8Q+! Rxc8 4. Ne7+; 2...Ke5 3. N37) **3. Ng7+ 1-0.**

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h6 pawn creates a safe haven for my king by providing interference. **27. f5** One more slight miscalculation on his part. **27. ... gxf5** My pawn structure is a mess, but his rooks are harmless. **28. ♖g1+ ♕h8** Certainly not Kh7 and drop the f-pawn as well with Rg7+. This is the seventh forced move that helped my game. My king is perfectly safe. **29. ♖f1** A serious mistake that should have cost him the game immediately. Read on. **29. ... ♖g3!** Believe it or not, this move deserves an exclamation, and he forced me to play it.

Nothing else saves the f5 pawn. Unfortunately, I didn't follow-up the move as I should have. **30. ♖hf4 ♖xe3+ 31. ♕b1** (diagram) I must have stared at 31...Rxb2+ for a full ten minutes before the text move. Help me out.



Spurrier v. Danker after 31. ♕b1

Is it there? Being quite short on time, I opted for the connected passers. **31. ... ♖xc3 32. ♖c2 ♖xc2+ 33. ♕xc2 cxd4 34. ♖xf5 ♖f8** If he wants to exchange one of his rooks now, it's fine with me. **35. ♖e1 e3 36. ♕d3 ♖ad8 37. ♖c1 ♖d7** Guarding both pawns, and releasing the other rook for more important duties on e8. **38. ♖f4 ♖e8 39. ♖xd4 ♖xd4+ 40. ♕xd4** I'm feeling a little frisky, now, looking for a "Fischeresque" move. Let's try. . . . **40. ... c5+** I know one should not give himself exclams, but I just liked playing this move. The rook exchange sequence was another serious mistake by White. Now if 41. Kxc5, then Rc8+ winning the rook, and if 41. Rxc5, then the e-pawn queens. **41. ♕d3 e2 42. ♖e1 f5 43. ♕d2 ♕h7** I may need

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an escort for the f-princess, if she ever hopes to be Queen someday. **44. a3 ♖xh6 45. b4 cxb4 46. axb4** I didn't understand the reason for these pawn exchanges, but he needed

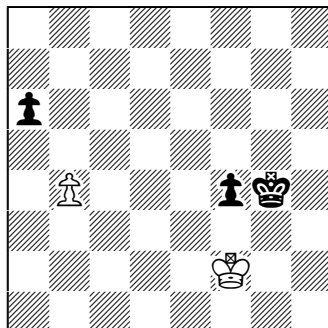
them more than I did, so I was glad to see them go. Just one more example of his contribution to my victory. **46. ... f4 47. ♖xe2**

The final mistake. **47. ... ♖xe2+ 48. ♖xe2 ♖g5 49. ♖f2 ♖g4** (*diagram*)

Pure endgame technique from this point. Many

thanks to Pal Benko for

his great end-game book. **50. ♖g2 f3+ 51. ♖f1 ♖f4 52. ♖f2 ♖e4 0-1.**



Spurrier v. Danker after 49. . . ♖g4

In this game, White practically forced Black to place his material on good squares on at least eleven occasions, and the premature attack on the h-file with insufficient material did not help his cause. Note, also, that the White queen moved only TWICE during the entire game, and then to bad squares each time. This game should prove that, despite a rating deficit of nearly 500 points, there are only so many mistakes which can be tolerated. It has been shown that, where chess is concerned, whoever makes the least number of errors will win. Here, White made the most serious mistakes, but, more importantly, he made the last one.

Incidentally, though it is moot at this point, 31.... Rxb2+! was a killer, but I was short on time, and not about to risk everything on a guess at that point. After that, 32. Kxb2 Rb8+, and a quick mate is unavoidable, in all variations. If, however, if he refuses the rook and plays 32. Ka1, then 32.... Qxb3

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1998 Treasurer's Report

By Patrick Hart

Balance 9/30/97	\$2,135.65		
Income		Expenses	
1998 SC Open	\$2,630.00	1998 SC Open	\$2,087.29
1997 SC Championship	\$1,789.00	1997 SC Championship	\$1,570.12
USCF Dues	\$731.00	USCF Dues	\$701.00
SCCA Dues	\$636.00	1998 SCCA Scholastic	\$400.00
1998 SCCA Scholastic	\$380.00	1997 Fall Scholastic	\$148.25
USCF State Fund	\$265.60	Club Support	\$136.71
1997 Fall Scholastic	\$135.00	Affiliation Renewal	\$40.00
Interest	\$20.47	Scholastic Assistance	\$35.00
Tourney Ads	\$5.00	Postage	\$23.80
		SCCA Mailing	\$16.00
Total Income	\$6,592.07	Total Expenses	\$5,158.17
Net Gain / Loss	\$1,433.90		
Balance 9/30/98	\$3,569.55		

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locks it up. I didn't see 31. Rxb2!!, but I guess that's what separates the great from the mediocre. I'll play that next time.

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McCrary, Clyde Smith, Henry White, Bill Willard, Patrick Hart, Wayne Williams, Pete Danker, and Bill Pattillo for all their assistance in the past year. Thanks to them we have had a good year and whole assortment of new things to come. I also want to thank you for the privilege of serving you for another year. **I'll see you**

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rating points, this research raises the question about whether I should be taking androstenedione, a.k.a. Andro, the substance made famous by baseball slugger Mark McGwire. Andro is a precursor of testosterone, which means it's one of a sequence of substances that make testosterone. Many athletes believe that taking Andro an hour or so before exercise increases testosterone levels, resulting in greater strength and energy. The research cited by Ms. Waslien indicates that perhaps greater chess ratings could result as well.

Ms. Waslien's survey revealed a significant relationship between the number of years a player was affiliated with a chess club and USCF rating. In other words, high rated players tended to be long time chess club members. Although Ms. Waslien noted that her study could not establish a cause and effect relationship, the results did suggest that chess club membership may be a factor in the skill level a player attains. So, get out there and support your local chess club. You'll help your rating in the process.

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ship game in 1955.

- Tal - cancer
- Tchigorin - died of diabetes in 1908.
- Treybal - died a victim of the Nazis in 1941.
- Troitzky - died of starvation during the siege of Leningrad in 1942.
- Yates - died in his sleep from a leak in a faulty gas pipe connection in 1932.
- Zaitsev - died of thrombosis as a consequence of a leg operation in 1971.
- Zukertort - died of a stroke while playing chess at a London coffee-house in 1888.

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other idea was to send someone, at USCF expense, to inspect the site personally. I opposed both ideas, and instead suggested sending the players after they signed a waiver acknowledging that they knew the risks and concerns. Although my idea did not carry the day at the breakfast, it wound up being exactly what was done in the end!

The World Championship: Last year, I authored a general statement of principles regarding the world championship of chess. Those principles were passed by the Delegates and adopted as the USCF position. The theoretical impact of that position would be to withhold recognition of Kasparov's title after the 1998 Delegates' meeting, on the grounds that he is taking the world championship back to the bad old days in which champions controlled their own titles. The intended *practical* effect of our position, however, was to use the USCF's influence to encourage both Kasparov and FIDE to resume negotiating a reunification of the title. I have felt that Kasparov has relied on the USCF's covert recognition of both championships as virtually the only "official" recognition of his self-controlled title.

I ran into opposition from powerful USCF officials, who argued that a firm USCF stance might anger either or both sides. One top-ranking official said that the USCF is a "pauper" that no one would take seriously. In spite of those misgivings, Kasparov himself expressed concern about the USCF position; he also sent his personal representatives to USCF President Don Schultz to try to discourage action in Hawaii that might withdraw Kasparov's recognition. Unfortunately, FIDE in the meantime moved to a format that many, including me, feel over-emphasizes luck in the determination

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of a challenger.

As a result of those developments, I found myself in a predicament at the meetings. One of the conditions of my world championship position in 1997 was that the 1998 Delegates' meeting would make a firmer determination of which title to recognize. However, neither system was ideal. Further complicating the issue was the fact that the number two man in FIDE was present: FIDE Executive Director Emmanuel Omuku.

Well, I spoke to Mr. Omuku privately and struck up an acquaintance. We even sat next to each other at the USCF Awards Banquet. While we disagreed on the problems with the FIDE format, he hopefully came away with the impression that we wanted to work with FIDE, rather than against them, to preserve the integrity of the title. In the end, I came up with a motion (written about 4 a.m.) that reiterated the principles of last years' motion but took away the time-urgency. The motion passed.

The Hall of Fame: As I type this, I have just signed a contract between the US Chess Trust, of which I am President, and Excalibur Electronics to move the Hall-of-Fame museum to Miami next year. Our present location in Washington, DC, is a wonderful place, just five blocks from the White House. So why do we want to move? The answer is simple: our Washington landlords have made it clear that they will not cooperate with reasonable opportunities for growth. In Miami, we will receive from \$30,000 to \$150,000 worth of direct cash sponsorship over the next 15 years, plus free rent and advertising. Thus, the move seemed too logical to pass up!

Perhaps in future issues I can cover more, but enough for now.

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prize; and, it is easy to direct since all pairings and color assignments are already done, prompting many players to start their games before the scheduled round times as well. One minus is that arriving late without being pre-registered may prevent you from entering.

Some of you are probably wondering how we handle any extra entries. The tournament director looks at the ratings and chooses where to create expanded 7 or 8 player sections with an eye to making all sections as equal as possible. Everyone gets to play and the prize is increased to \$150! The format is here to stay and has been received well by the participants. We hope to see

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someone else got the wine. But it was still a nice day of chess.

I've tried Outside Chess a couple of times in South Carolina. We played a match, Aiken/Augusta vs. Charleston, at Barnwell State Park many years ago. It was played in a picnic shelter, but this was not a total success; it's rather dark in under the roof. We would have been reasonably dry, had it rained, but not, I think, very happy. Another match was played, literally, in my back yard on a May afternoon, as I wasn't sure I had room for everyone indoors. The weather cooperated, and it went well.

These days, playing sites are often hard to find and expensive. At some times of the year, an outdoor site may be available at little cost, and be reasonably pleasant. It's worth a try. But if you do play this way, remember Ruy Lopez's advice: arrange the board so the sun is in your opponent's eyes!

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budget you prepare are all stored on the hard drive. It's like closet space, you can never have enough. Chess database programs especially need lots of drive space. Drive space is measured in gigabytes (GB or GIG). Get at least a 4 GIG hard drive, 8 GIG or more if your budget allows.

Memory

As you cook a meal, you use your kitchen counter to hold your ingredients and cooking utensils. The larger the meal, the more counter space you need. But your use of counter space is temporary. Upon finishing the meal, you return everything to your cabinets and pantry for permanent storage. Your computer's random access memory (RAM) is like your counter space. The computer temporarily stores the data it needs in RAM, which is designed to allow the processor to access the data quickly. The larger the program you're running, the more RAM you need. When your RAM becomes full, the computer starts using your hard drive as a type of temporary memory, but this slows down your computer much like your cooking would slow down if you had to constantly run to the pantry to get things. Chess programs especially like RAM because the more analysis the program can store in RAM, the less the program has to reanalyze positions it has already evaluated. RAM is currently measured in megabytes (MB). Get at least 64 MB, more if your budget allows. RAM is one of the easiest things to upgrade, so getting less than 64 MB is not too harmful.

Modem

You must have a modem to connect to the internet. Access to the internet is the most important aspect of owning a computer. The information available on the

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internet is mind boggling. For example, I needed some information about testosterone for the article in this issue about aggression in chess players. With a couple of clicks of my mouse in less than two minutes, I had over 1000 articles about testosterone and Andro. The internet is a hotbed of information about chess. So, don't cut any corners here. Modem speed is measured in the amount of kilobytes it can handle per second. Get a 56 K modem, which is the fastest available.

Monitor

When shopping for your computer, always check to see if the price includes the monitor, usually it doesn't. The quality of the monitor's image is measured by its dot pitch, which indicates the amount of phosphor dots on the picture tube. Get at least a 15" .28 non-interlaced monitor. You can save a lot of money by getting a 15" monitor, but if you can afford it, go for a 17". The larger monitor allows you to cram more information on the screen.

Miscellaneous

Almost all new computers have a soundcard that allows you to hear and record music, voice and other sounds. Most chess programs have various features that make use of a sound card. Any SoundBlaster compatible card will do. Most new computers also come equipped with a CD-ROM drive. Almost all software now comes on CD. Just make sure your drive spins in the 20-24X range. Make sure your computer has some expansion slots to add new features. At least one Peripheral Component Interconnect (PCI) slot is a must. PCI is the most versatile kind of expansion slot. Another area to add a second hard drive is also nice to have, but not a necessity.

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Prices

The computer industry changes at a dizzying pace. Processor speeds, for instance, double almost every six to eight months. Prices are always falling, which means waiting a month or two almost always gets you more computer for less. If you cut a few corners you can get an adequate computer, with monitor, for \$1,000.00. For an additional \$300.00, you can get everything I've recommended above.

Where to buy

For the first time buyer, it would be best to buy at one of the major retailers like Best Buy, Office Max, or Circuit City. You can actually use the machine you're going to buy on the showroom floor, and you can also go back to the store for some handholding. If you have an experienced user helping you, consider going to one of the local computer makers like PC Corner, Grand Computers, or Compuzone. There are many major manufacturers that sell direct to consumers like Dell and Gateway, but once again the first time buyer is better served buying direct only if you have a veteran pointing the way.

Get assistance

Find an experienced user to help you. If you don't know anyone at work or elsewhere, contact your local personal computer club. Also read, read, read, and then read some more. *Consumer Reports* does several articles a year for the first time buyer. There are also countless magazines that run articles to help the first time buyer. Stay away from books, the industry changes too fast.

Finally, if you have internet access, tons of information is available about the particular computer brand you're considering.

South Carolina Open

June 6-7, 1998

TD Michael Spohn

Open Section

Player	Rating	1	2	3	4	5	Total
01. Joseph J. Felber	2097	L12	W15	W13	W11	W4	4.0
02. Steve Tisinger	2065	W14	W8	D4	D3	W7	4.0
03. Wayne Williams	2150	L13	W16	W8	D2	W9	3.5
04. Bernard Schmidt	2113	W16	W13	D2	W7	L1	3.5
05. Matthew Noble	2294	L8	L9	W14	W13	W10	3.0
06. Adam Caveney	2195	L11	W14	D12	D9	W15	3.0
07. Gary Hardin	2033	H	W12	W10	L4	L2	2.5
08. Daniel Liu	2014	W5	L2	L3	W16	D14	2.5
09. Ronald Dennis	1877	H	W5	D11	D6	L3	2.5
10. Roger Johnson	2010	W15	D11	L7	D12	L5	2.0
11. Tom Waymouth	1989	W6	D10	D9	L1	U	2.0
12. Fred Wilson	1809	W1	L7	D6	D10	U	2.0
13. Brent Bovay	1954	W3	L4	L1	L5	U	1.0
14. Justin Daniel	1797	L2	L6	L5	D15	D8	1.0
15. Jon Pietras	1790	L10	L1	D16	D14	L6	1.0
16. Bill Corbett	1862	L4	L3	D15	L8	U	0.5

Amateur Section

Player	Rating	1	2	3	4	5	Total
01. Joseph Kuncan	1771	W7	W20	W13	W3	D2	4.5
02. E. Lee Raby	1789	W18	W16	D4	W11	D1	4.0
03. E. Davenport	1780	W16	W19	W11	L1	W4	4.0
04. Justin Brockman	1634	W9	W18	D2	W12	L3	3.5
05. Brian Thurmond	1516	W23	L13	W22	W17	D6	3.5
06. Ervin Jones	1662	W20	L17	W10	D13	D5	3.0
07. John Rogers	1532	L1	W23	L12	W16	W14	3.0
08. Robert Dassing	1400	L13	W24	D15	W19	D10	3.0
09. V. Besirovic	1399	L4	D22	W24	D14	W17	3.0
10. Gil Holmes	1389	W14	D12	L6	W15	D8	3.0
11. Albert Cantrell	1751	W24	W15	L3	L2	D12	2.5
12. P. McCartney	1664	D17	D10	W7	L4	D11	2.5
13. F. Olmsted	1606	W8	W5	L1	D6	U	2.5
14. Joan Schmidt	1600	L10	W21	D19	D9	L7	2.0
15. Gerald Thomas	1560	W21	L11	D8	L10	D20	2.0

Amateur Section Continued

Player	Rating	1	2	3	4	5	Total
16. John M. Loy	1480	L3	L2	W23	L7	W21	2.0
17. John G. Roberts	1475	D12	W6	H	L5	L9	2.0
18. Jason Enochs	1531	L2	L4	L21	D22	B	1.5
19. Roger Collum	1466	W22	L3	D14	L8	U	1.5
20. Joan Schlich	1437	L6	L1	H	D21	D15	1.5
21. William Pilaud	1400	L15	L14	W18	D20	L16	1.5
22. Clubber Hyatt	1642	L19	D9	L5	D18	U	1.0
23. David Biggs	1389	L5	L7	L16	B	U	1.0
24. John Haymond	1549	L11	L8	L9	U	U	0.0

Reserve Section

Player	Rating	1	2	3	4	5	Total
01. Doug Florian	1265	W18	W8	W13	D5	W3	4.5
02. Chuck Cameron	1224	W22	L13	W17	W15	W5	4.0
03. Steven Parson	1295	W14	W12	W10	W8	L1	4.0
04. Pete Danker	1457	D10	W14	L8	W11	W9	3.5
05. Billy Pattillo	1249	W23	W7	W9	D1	L2	3.5
06. Samuel Spencer	1121	W19	L9	D16	W17	W15	3.5
07. David Jenkins	1415	W17	L5	L15	W21	W12	3.0
08. Michael Schruf	1372	W15	L1	W4	L3	W13	3.0
09. Miklos Kiss	1365	W21	W6	L5	W13	L4	3.0
10. S. Spencer	1216	D4	W11	L3	D16	W18	3.0
11. Peter Yeargin	719	D12	L10	W19	L4	W16	2.5
12. James Kellim	1293	D11	L3	H	W22	L7	2.0
13. William Nash	1273	W16	W2	L1	L9	L8	2.0
14. Julie Schmidt	1200	L3	L4	L18	W23	W21	2.0
15. Ronnie Farmer	1104	L8	W18	W7	L2	L6	2.0
16. J. MacDougall	1049	L13	W22	D6	D10	L11	2.0
17. Justin Pickett	1039	L7	W23	L2	L6	W22	2.0
18. Thomas Theilen	859	L1	L15	W14	W19	L10	2.0
19. Paul DeJong	823	L6	W21	L11	L18	W23	2.0
20. Michael Spohn	1239	U	U	W22	U	U	1.0
21. Saul O'Conner	772	L9	L19	W23	L7	L14	1.0
22. B. Willoughby	756	L2	L16	L20	L12	L17	0.0
23. Elliott Shields	724	L5	L17	L21	L14	L19	0.0

Charleston Classic XVIII

August 22-23, 1998

TD Robert J. McCrary

Player	Rating	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	Total
01. Douglas Holmes	1984	X	W	W	W	D	W			4.5
02. J. Vonderlieth	1871	L	X	W	L	W	W			3.0
03. James Collins	1806	L	L	X	W	W	W			3.0
04. Justin Daniel	1796	L	W	L	X	W	W			3.0
05. N. Hammerlord	1765	D	L	L	L	X	W			1.5
06. Albert Errazo	1599	L	L	L	L	F	X			0.0
01. M. Lafer, Jr.	1544	X	-	W	W	L	W	W	-	4.0
02. Ernesto Cabiad	1543	-	X	D	W	L	W	-	W	3.5
03. Donald Wilson	1492	L	D	X	W	W	-	-	W	3.5
04. Tom Brown	1491	L	L	L	X	-	-	D	W	1.5
05. Albert Sun	1485	W	W	L	-	X	L	L	-	2.0
06. Clyde Baker	1473	L	L	-	-	W	X	W	W	3.0
07. William Hart, Jr.	1471	L	-	-	D	W	L	X	L	1.5
08. Robert Osbourne	1468	-	F	L	L	-	L	W	X	1.0
01. E. Chamberlain	1362	X	L	L	L	L	W			1.0
02. William Nash	1349	W	X	L	W	L	W			3.0
03. Steven Parsons	UNR.	W	W	X	W	W	W			5.0
04. Joseph Nauman	1298	W	L	L	X	L	L			1.0
05. Johnny Billman	1223	W	W	L	W	X	L			3.0
06. Richard Legere	1235	L	L	L	W	W	X			2.0
01. Earl McNelty	1197	X	W	W	W	L	W			4.0
02. Alan Walker	1080	L	X	L	W	L	W			2.0
03. David Burnett	980	L	W	X	L	W	W			3.0
04. Brian Neilson	910	L	L	W	X	L	W			2.0
05. Thomas Thielen	859	W	W	L	W	X	W			4.0
06. Donald Thomas	UNR.	L	L	L	L	L	X			0.0

South Carolina Fall Scholastic

November 14, 1998

4 Round Swiss, G45; **EF** \$5.00; Reg 8:00-9:00;
Rounds 9:30, 11:15, 1:30, & 3:15. **Location:** Lorick
 Park and Recreation Center; **Directions:** Follow
 North Main to the 4200 block and 1200 block of Lorick
 Avenue (not far from Zestos). Turn onto Lorick Ave-
 nue, go approximately five tenths of a mile. After
 crossing the railroad tracks, Lorick Park will be on your
 left. Address for **Advance Entry:** SCCA 6855 Peach
 Orchard Rd. Dalzell, SC 29040 (803) 469-9386
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SCCA Tournament Calendar

January	GSSM Winter Classic	Hartsville
February	Snowstorm	Charleston
March	Scholastic Championships	Columbia
April	Gamecock Spring Classic Sumter Quick Chess	Sumter Sumter
May	Sumter County Scholastic	Sumter
June	SC Open Championship	Rock Hill
July	Muzak Madness	Charleston
August	Charleston Classic	Charleston
September	Scott's Branch Fall Claassic	Summerton
October	SC Closed Championship GSSM Tournament	Columbia Hartsville
November	Fall Scholastic	Sumter or Hartsville
December	Gamecock Fall Scholastic	Sumter

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