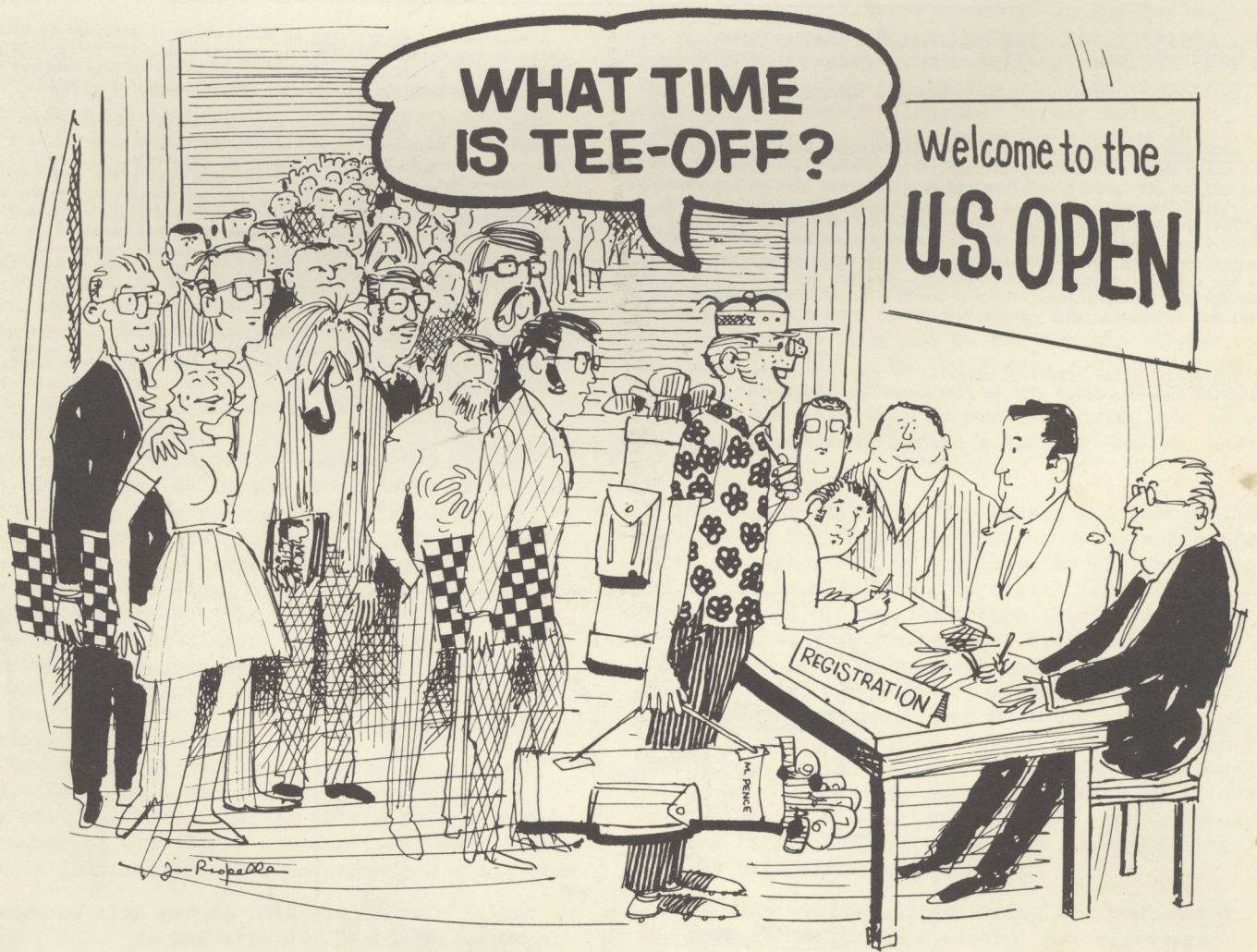


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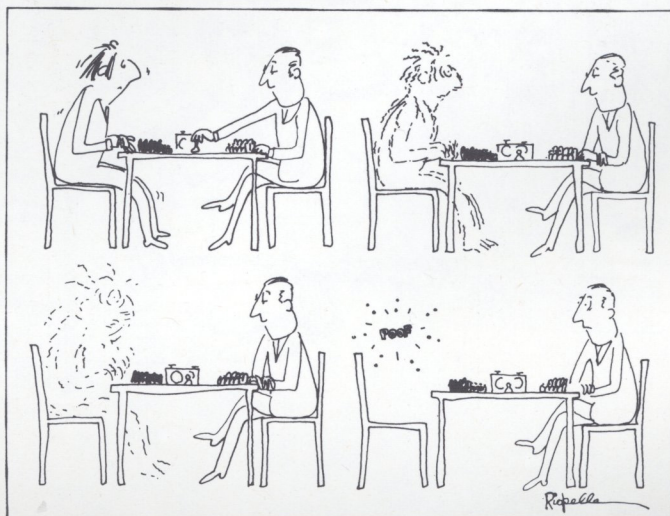
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MICHIGAN AT THE U.S. OPEN

By Don Thackrey

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AUGUST 12 (SUNDAY): ROUND 1

Doris and I decided not to trust our car to Chicago parking lots and took the train, arriving in Chicago about 2 p.m. After checking in at the LaSalle Hotel, we wandered up to the mezzanine to look over the playing site and the chess crowd. Registration was proceeding very smoothly, with a staff of six persons, including the co-directors Pearle Mann of Milwaukee and Tim Redman of Chicago, working behind the registration table. George Martin, the Continental Chess Association director who has directed most of the recent CCA tournaments in Michigan, was also working there as an assistant. He was very pale and weak, recovering as he was from gall bladder surgery two weeks before, but said he was doing fine, thanks to Darvon.

The pairings were already up for the pre-registered players. The break was in the middle 1600's, so five Class B players had the honor of playing Walter Browne, William Lombardy, Arthur Bisguier, Craig Chellstorp, and Duncan Suttles.

The top boards were located in a fairly large room on the mezzanine, with the first five roped off on a dais with demonstration boards behind them. This room also had rows of chairs facing the demonstration boards for over 200 spectators. The middle part of the tournament was to play on the 19th floor in a huge ballroom and a large neighboring auditorium, and the boondocks were in some side rooms on the mezzanine. The skittles room was on the 18th floor.

During the afternoon, we visited the Chicago Chess Club, which is in the lower lobby of the LaSalle in quite elegant quarters. The walls are adorned with portrait photographs of Fischer, Petrosian, Spassky, Larsen, Reshevsky, Evans, and other celebrities along with a number of paintings and chess artifacts. The room was filled to the brim with skittles players and spectators. A man at a desk by the door spent his time answering the constantly ringing phone--"U.S. Open, may I help you?"

Before the first round started, we had dinner with Tom and Catherine Jenkins from Huntington Woods. Tom, the long-time treasurer of MCA in years past, believes that he is the record-holder for number of U.S. Opens attended. He went to his first in 1948 and has attended nineteen since then.

Later we also got to talk with Marvin Palmer Royal Oak. He had attended his first national open tournament, called then the Western Open (the predecessor of the U.S. Open) in August of 1913, exactly sixty years ago, in Chicago. Palmer was then fifteen. Thus this Chicago U.S. Open held a special significance for him.

A players' meeting was held at 6 p.m. Richard Verber, president of the Chicago Chess Club and the genial host for the U.S. Open, made a graceful welcoming speech. He announced that there were 753 entrants so far and that in order to fulfill George Koltanowski's suggested slogan for Chicago to "double Ventura plus one" (i.e., 801 players) late registration would stay open until Wednesday ("Which week?" Pearle Mann asked!).

Verber introduced some of the top players: Walter Browne, he said, was still downstairs in the Chicago Chess Club playing poker with one hand and speed chess with the other, raking in the cash. Father William Lombardy he introduced as the USCF's brilliant strategic weapon against the Russians as Fischer's second in Reykjavik. In arguments with Father Lombardy the Russians couldn't be completely recalcitrant because they knew they'd be labeled by the world as atheistic communists. Arthur Bisguier, Verber said, was trying to upstage Robert Byrne by winning every tournament in sight, including the recent Stat-ham and Reston events, and had confided that he was going to win another one in about twelve days. Craig Chellstorp, now with an international rating of over 2400, was introduced as the Illinois state champion and one of America's top young masters. Duncan Suttles was introduced as the recent winner of the Canadian Open and as the man who needed no introduction in the United States. Gligoric and Larsen, who had been expected to come, did not. Gligoric had said that he was too tired, and Larsen had been hired to make a tour of Danish hospitals.

Tournament directors Tim Redman and Pearle Mann each gave a brief statement about rules and procedures, and then Verber concluded by (1) announcing the latest results from the Brazil interzonal (Portisch and Mecking were then leading), (2) making a plea that players not tear down the LaSalle (the hotel management had become very skittish about chessplayers as a result of the high school tournament last December, and one of the hotel guards had told Verber matter-of-factly that he was going to shoot forty kids at the next one), and (3) inviting any players with questions or complaints to come up separately and "examine the new little USCF green booklet line for line with my team of metaphysicians."

The only problem in beginning the tournament was getting to the 19th floor. Six elevators could not accommodate 700 people all at once. Verber facetiously suggested that everybody under 25 years run up the stairs to ease the elevator crowding. Anyway, everybody had made it and all clocks had been started before 7:30. During the

first round, officials passed out players' badges and checked USCF cards, and the 1973 U.S. Open was under way.

The final number of entries was 778, with 39 states, the District of Columbia, and 4 foreign countries (Canada, Italy, the Philippines, and Finland) represented. About 60% of the players were from Illinois. The breakdown by classes was: 10 grandmasters and senior masters, 30 masters, 86 experts, 140 Class As, 171 Class Bs, 141 Class Cs, 84 Class Ds, 36 Class Es (with 6 of them under 1000), and 80 unrateds. There were sixteen women, the highest rated of whom was Eva Aronson (1857), the current U.S. women's co-champion. Michigan had 24 players. The other Region V states had 25 (Ohio) and 27 (Indiana). Two blind players entered: Albert Sandrin from Chicago, a former master whose rating has now slipped to expert, and James Slagle from Maryland, a former expert whose rating has now slipped to Class A.

Spectators were charged \$3 per session or \$15 for the whole tournament. This fee caused a great uproar among the wives of players from out of town. They got together and delivered a petition to the tournament committee, saying in part that their husbands wouldn't be playing if the wives weren't here also. They finally prevailed and were given badges and their money back. Mr. Aronson, Eva's non-playing husband, struck a blow for men's lib when he asked and got the same treatment as the wives.

In the first round, I made a young man from Massachusetts very happy by first winning the exchange and then later letting him queen a pawn, not a profitable bargain. He was so happy, in fact, that he submitted the game to the tournament committee and it was duly printed in the first bulletin.

After Doris lost to an expert from Florida, we wandered down to the mezzanine to see if any of the top boards were still there. Only Walter Browne, among the top five, was still playing. He had two minutes on his clock and had just sacrificed a piece to force a pawn through. His opponent, who had apparently given him a hard battle, resigned, and Browne lurched over to turn his scoresheet in, jerked his head at an attractive girl who seemed to be waiting for him, and went bounding out.

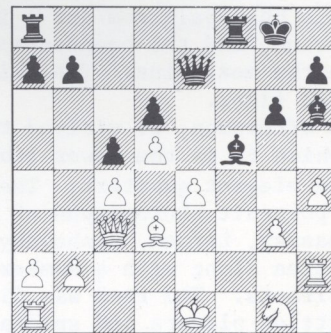
No player on the top several boards was upset, although there were some high players held to a draw: John Grefe, Ruben Rodriguez (a senior master from the Philippines), Arnold Denker, and Paul Brandts.

The interesting and well-played draw by Dwayne Johnson (1642) against Rodriguez is given below. All Class B players can imagine the thrill it must have been for Johnson to start this prestigious tournament by holding his own against a player rated about 760 points above him.

RODRIGUEZ - JOHNSON: 1 PK4 PQB4 2 NKB3 PQ3
3 PQ4 PxP 4 NxP NKB3 5 NQB3 PKN3 6 BK3 BN2
7 PB3 OO 8 QQ2 NB3 9 BQB4 PQR3 10 OO0 BQ2
11 PKR4 RB1 12 BN3 NQR4 13 KN1 NxB 14 BPxN QR4
15 PR5 NxRP 16 PKN4 NB3 17 BR6 RB4 18 BxB KxB

19 QR6+ KN1 20 NB5 BxN 21 KPxB RxN 22 PxR QxP6
23 QR3 RB1 24 QN2 RB4 25 PxP BPxP 26 QK2 RK4
27 QQ3 NQ4 28 RR2 PQN4 29 PR3 PN5 30 PxP O
31 RQB1 KN2 32 KN2 QN3 33 R1KR1 NB3 34 RK2 O+
35 QxR QQ5+ 36 KN1 NQ4 37 QQN2 QxQ+ 38 KxQ PN4
39 RR1 NB2 40 RQB1 NQ4 41 RB6 NN5 42 RN6 NQ6+
43 KR3 NK4 44 RxRP NxBP 45 PN4 PR4 46 PxP PN5
47 RR7 PN6 48 RxP+ KR3 49 RK2 KxP 50 PN5 NQ5
51 RQN2 NxP+ 52 RxN+ KR5 Drawn

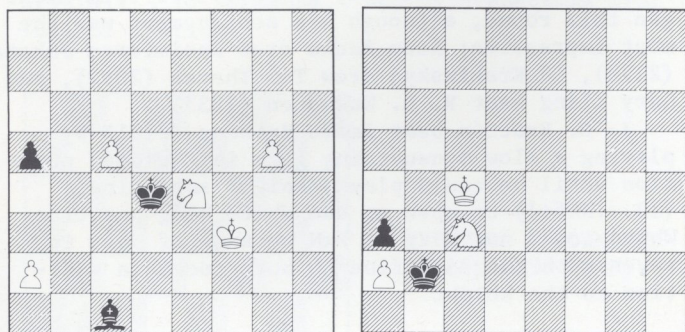
Duncan Suttles, sporting an elegant jet-black beard, accompanied by his striking wife, and carrying with him the mystique of the unpredictable creative artist, was the focus of much attention. Of all the young masters today, he has probably made the most original and pronounced impact on chess theory and style. His influence especially on young Canadian players has been profound. Someone remarked that they all put their knights on KR3 even when it means losing a piece. Ben Crane and other frequent U.S. Open participants have said that they hate to play the young Canadians; one never can anticipate their next move. Anyway, the source of all this unorthodoxy was paired in the first round with another interesting young man, Yasser Seirawan, a 12-year-old Class B player from the state of Washington. Seirawan had been the object of extensive news coverage on the west coast, for he had recently beaten the Seattle champion, a middle-aged expert, in a match with a purse of \$400 by the score of 4-2. Seirawan, not caring much for orthodoxy himself, had reached the following bizarre position against Suttles.



SEIRAWAN - SUTTLES
(After 19 RR2)

The white KP is pinned, but if Suttles takes it with his B, the bishop in turn will be pinned against the queen after 20 RK2. Suttles, however, had seen one other little point. He played 19...BxB! 20 RK2 BxB and now Seirawan saw that the enemy queen can be taken only at the cost of mate, so he played 21 QxB and rapidly succumbed after 21...QB3 22 KQ1 QB8+.

Of the Michigan players in the bottom half, John Brouwer from Three Rivers gave a good account of himself. In a long tough game against Chicago's James Warren (rated 1965), Brouwer had won two pawns and had nursed his advantage along to reach the diagrammed position on the left below.



BROUWER - WARREN
(After 47 PB5)

BROUWER - WARREN
(Final Position)

Warren alertly took advantage of his best practical chance by sacrificing his bishop for two pawns and heading for the corner with stalemate in mind:

..BxP 48 NxB KxP 49 KK3 KN5 50 NK4 KR6
NB3 KN7 52 KQ4 PR5 53 KB4 PR6 Draw Agreed.

Not many players would question Brouwer's acceptance of the draw here. If 54 KN4, ...KR8 and how can White do anything more? Well, our famous EEP (eagle-eyed proofreader) pointed out that Brouwer has a straightforward win in the final position. Can you find it? Answer next issue.

AUGUST 13 (MONDAY): ROUND 2

The wall charts were put up during this round, and I was able to record the names of the twenty-four Michigan players (and five ex-Michiganders: Eugene Martinovsky, Steven Tennant, Stephan Popel, George Tessaro, and Bill Devin) to follow their round-by-round progress. (See the chart at the end of this article.)

This round it was Lombardy among the top boards who had the long game. When I got down to the mezzanine, Chellstorp was just polishing off his opponent, leaving Lombardy and his opponent alone on the dais. Lombardy spent nearly all of his remaining time deliberating about putting his knight on the rim, which he finally did, with his clock showing less than three minutes for about a dozen moves. His opponent had almost an hour and continued to move slowly and deliberately while Lombardy had now to move almost instantly. Lombardy's expressionsless demeanor never changed. He moved calmly, pressed the clock deliberately, and wrote his move on the scoresheet neatly. After about ten moves, the players had just entered a complicated series of exchanges with

zwischenzugs in which Lombardy was winning a second pawn when--Lombardy's flag fell! The crowd surged forward despite Redman's and Verber's authoritative "Sit down, gentlemen!" Lombardy claimed that the flag had fallen prematurely, and Redman decided that indeed there was a space between the right side of the hand and the 12 o'clock mark. He therefore gave Lombardy a few more seconds on another clock and started the opponent's clock. The opponent continued putting his own rejected and disgraced clock in its box while his time ticked away. By the time he got around to making a move he had only seconds left, and he overstepped on the next move.

Naum Zacks, paired with a Class D player this round, opened with the King's Gambit, and was suddenly struck with excruciating pain. He went to his room and said that he rolled around on the floor with the pain; he thought he was dying. A doctor was called, and the diagnosis...? Those who have been following the recent fortunes of the Michigan officers may be able to guess--probable gallstones. Zacks makes the fourth with that malady in our local chess community in the past few months, and the fifth if we can count our CCA director George Martin. Anyway, Zacks returned to his board after the pain eased a bit. His opponent, with more than an hour ahead on his clock, had time to find a blunder, and Zacks blitzed through the rest of the game.

J. D. Brattin won his game when his unrated and completely inexperienced opponent overstepped the time limit. Brattin was reluctant to accept that kind of victory, and one of the assistant directors, thinking from Brattin's hesitation and discomfort that he had two greenhorns on his hands, explained the time-forfeit rules at some length. Brattin looked a little strange being on the other end of one of these lectures!

Some chessplaying entrepreneurs from Maryland opened up a checkroom as a bookstore and did a booming business. They had a good selection of current chess books. I held out as long as I could, but after wandering into the checkroom a dozen times I finally bought a few high-priced items, just like everybody else. Another group of persons was selling T-shirts saying "Chicago U.S. Open," "Bobby Who?" "It's Your Move," and other little bon mots. One man was selling enormous chess pieces. Emboldened by all this enterprise, I set up a sign hawking MICHIGAN CHESS and proceeded to sell a number of out-of-state memberships. A little later, a Massachusetts man began hawking the Massachusetts magazine Chess Horizons. No one could see the wall charts for all the merchandise!

Mark Pence dropped a point to a lower-rated player in Round 2. All the other Michigan experts and Class A players won this round.

AUGUST 14 (TUESDAY): ROUND 3

One of the Chicago TV stations interviewed Walter Browne and Eva Aronson as part of the 12:00 news on Tuesday. The interviewer began by quoting a news wire release that said Grandmaster Father Lombardy was "leading the match." Browne lost no time setting her straight that he, not Lombardy, was leading the tournament. (No one was there to speak for the hundred or so others who were also leading the tournament with 2-0.) Browne was introduced as "the man who holds the fourth highest rating in the U.S. but who says he is actually the second best player." The interviewer mentioned that Browne claims to play chess not for the fun of it but for the money. Browne reaffirmed this and said that it was necessary to win 80% of the tournaments one enters to make a reasonable living. He has been winning 88%. How much money per year? Between \$15,000 and \$20,000, he said, plus some for writing, appearances, etc.

The interviewer asked Mrs. Aronson why women chessplayers are not ballyhooed like the men. The reason, Aronson said, is that the top women are not nearly as good as the top men, even in Russia where women have been subsidized by the state for many years. She didn't know why women weren't better players. Browne broke in at this point. He knew why. Women don't have a killer instinct. Mrs. Aronson disagreed. Women don't produce the great games, she said, but they want to win just as much as men, and certainly have their share of killer instinct.

Bobby Fischer is thought to be a bit peculiar, the interviewer said. Is it necessary to be peculiar to be a good chessplayer? Browne answered that to be good, one must lead a fairly lonely, dedicated existence and that this life can tend to make you "peculiar."

How much time do you spend at chess? Both Browne and Mrs. Aronson said that they study about three or four hours a day. Browne said he studies his rivals' games; Mrs. Aronson said she studies Browne's games.--"You're really very good, Walter." --"Well, I'm glad to hear that!"

Mrs. Aronson said she learned chess at 8 by watching her brother play, but didn't start studying until she was 35. Browne also learned at 8, beat his father two months later, but didn't discover chess books until he was 12. Then he became a master at 14, the youngest master at the time.

In the third-round games, none of the top boards had any difficulty, although many of the masters just below the top began biting the dust. For example, Eugene Meyer (2369) turned his king over to the fine play of East Detroit's Tom Sloan.

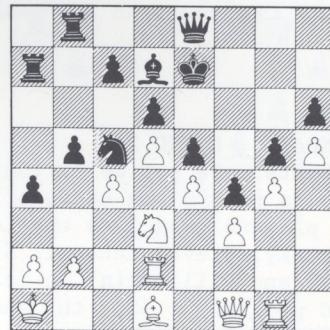
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31 PQN4 NK5 32 NQ3 RQ7 33 KB3 NxBP 34 RR4 NxN 35 KK3 NK4 36 RxP RQ6+ 37 KK2 RxP 38 RxP RxP 39 RR6+ KB2 40 PN5 RR6 41 RR7+ KN1 42 RK7 RP7+ 43 KB1 NB5 44 PR6 NQ3 45 RK6 NxP 46 RQN6+ K 47 RxN RxP 48 RxP RQ3 49 RR5 KQ2 50 KB2 KK3 51 KB3 RQ6+ 52 KB4 RQ5+ 53 KN5 RN5+ 54 KR6 PB5 55 Resigns

Sloan was not the only giant-killer from Michigan this round, although his achievement was the most impressive; Naum Zacks drew Kazimieras Jakstas (2118), Ed Krakowskyj drew Tom Thrush (2067), and Gary Kling beat R. L. Washburn (1833).

J. D. Brattin beat James Harkins (2101) by playing a slow maneuvering game in a closed position until he could play a knight sacrifice (33...NN6+!) to open up the White king position. White could not play 34 PxN because of mate in seven with the sacrifice of both rooks in addition to the knight.

HARKINS - BRATTIN: 1 PQ4 PKN3 2 PK4 BN2 3 PQB3 PQ3 4 BK3 NQ2 5 QQ2 PK4 6 NQR3 NK2 7 OO OO 8 BKR6 NQB3 9 PQ5 NK2 10 PR4 PKB4 11 BxB KxB 12 PR5 PB5 13 PKN4 PKN4 14 PB3 PKR3 15 PB4 PR4 16 KN1 NQB4 17 NR3 NN1 18 NKB2 NB3 19 BQ3 BQ2 20 KR1 QK2 21 KRN1 KRQN1 22 QK2 RR3 23 BB2 BK1 24 NQ3 N3Q2 25 NxN NxN 26 RQ2 BQ2 27 BQ1 QK1 28 QB1 KB3 29 BK2 KK2 30 NB2 RR2 31 NK1 PR5 32 BQ1 PN4 33 NQ3 NN6+ 34 BxN PxB 35 NB1 RxP+ 36 KN1 RR5 37 PB5 PxP 38 NxP R1R1 39 QB2 PB5 40 QB5+ K 41 NB1 QQB1 42 NK2 QR3 43 NB3 RR8+ 44 KB2 RxN 45 QxR PN5 46 NN1 BR5+ 47 KB1 QQ3 48 RK2 BN6 49 KQ2 RR7 50 KK1 RR8 51 KQ2 QN3 52 QxQ+ PxQ 53 RK1 BR7 54 KB2 PN6+ 55 KB3 RxN 56 RxR BxR 57 KxP BB7 58 Resigns



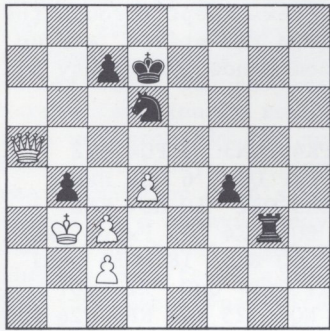
HARKINS - BRATTIN
(After 33 NQ3)

Larry Burke upset a Class A player by sacrificing two knights in the course of a violent attack on the uncastled king.

BURKE - CLARKE: 1 PK4 PQB4 2 NKB3 PQ3 3 PQ4 PxP 4 NxP NKB3 5 NQB3 PQR3 6 BKN5 PK3 7 PB4 BK2 8 QB3 QB2 9 OO QNQ2 10 BQ3 PN4 11 KRK1 BN2 12 QN3 PN3 13 PK5 PxP 14 PxP NR4 15 QR4 BxB+ 16 QxB PR3 17 QK3 PN5 18 NxP PxN3 19 BxP+ KK2 20 QQ4 PxN 21 QR4+ KB1 22 RB1+ KN1 23 QK7 Resigns.

Eugene Martinovsky, Michigan's recent master export to Chicago, was paired with Gordon Dunham, low expert. In his usual style with lower-rated players, Martinovsky maneuvered and waited and maneuvered. But Dunham matched maneuver with maneuver and the expected mistake never came, so the just result was a draw.

Late in the round I watched the finish of Dan Krystall - Ed Formanek. Who said endgames aren't full of tactics?



KRYSTALL - FORMANEK
(After 58 QxRP)

58...PB6 59 QK5 PB7 60 QK2 RxP+ 61 KxP RxP
62 QN4+ KB3 63 QB3+ KN3 64 KN3 RQ7 (64...NB5
was suggested by Krystall as a winning try, e.g.,
65 KxR PB8Q 66 QxQ NK6+) 65 KB3 RR7 66 KN3 RQ7
67 KB3 RR7 Drawn.

Krystall, incidentally, had joined three Michigan players (Andrew Beider, Tom Sloan, and Steve Feldman) in camping at a campground about thirty miles away from the LaSalle Hotel. J. D. Brattin also joined them for part of the time. The \$20 per night at the LaSalle (for two in a room) was a bit steep all right, but five chessplayers in Beider's two-man camper...!?

Round 3 was apparently Benko Gambit Day in Chicago. Browne and Greg Defotis, both ardent devotees of this line, polished off their opponents with the greatest of ease. Robert Burns, Jr., a strong master from Ohio, was another user of this line on the high boards, and he too won rather handily.

HOLZINGER - BROWNE: 1 PQ4 PQB4 2 PQ5 NKB3
3 PQB4 PQN4 4 PxP PQR3 5 PxP BxP 6 NQB3 PQ3
7 NB3 QNQ2 8 NQ2 QR4 9 PKN3 PN3 10 BN2 BKN2
11 OO OO 12 QB2 KRN1 13 RK1 NN5 14 BR3 PR4
15 NN3 QN5 16 BQ2 PB5 17 NB1 QxP and Black,
with an overwhelming position, went on to win.

VANO - DeFOTIS: 1 PQ4 NKB3 2 PQB4 PB4 3 PQ5
PQN4 4 PxP PQR3 5 PxP PN3 6 NQB3 BxP 7 NB3
PQ3 8 NQ2 BKN2 9 PK4 BxB 10 NxB QR4 11 BQ2
QR3 12 NK3 OO 13 QK2 KNQ2 14 NB4 NK4 15 NxN
BxN 16 QxQ NxQ 17 OO NN5 18 PQR3 NB7 19 RR2
10Q5 20 PQN4 PxP 21 PxP NK7+ and wins.

BUERGER - BURNS: 1 PQ4 NKB3 2 PQB4 PB4 3 PQ5
PQN4 4 PxP PQR3 5 PK3 PQ3 6 NQB3 PN3 7 BB4
BKN 8 KNK2 OO 9 OO PxP 10 BxP BQR3 11 BxB
NxB 12 RN1 OR4 13 PQN3 KRN1 14 PQR3 RN2 15 QB2

R1N1 16 PK4 NB2 17 RQ1 QR2 18 PR3 KNK1 19 RQ3
QR3 20 RB3 QR4 21 PKR4 NB3 22 NB4 NN4 23 NxN
QK8+ 24 KR2 RxN 25 NK2 NN5+ 26 KN3 QR8 27 BN2
QR7+ 28 KxN QxNP+ 29 RN3 PR4+ 30 KN5 QxBP
31 R1N1 KR2 32 Resigns

AUGUST 15 (WEDNESDAY): ROUND 4

Michigan's top players continued to give a good account of themselves, although their pairings were getting very tough by the fourth round. Rod Freeman lost a long endgame to John Grefe.

FREEMAN - GREFE: 1 PK4 PQB4 2 NKB3 PK3 3 PQ4
PxP 4 NxP NQB3 5 NN5 PQ3 6 PQB4 NB3 7 QNB3
PQR3 8 NR3 BK2 9 BK2 OO 10 OO PQN3 11 BK3
BN2 12 PB3 RB1 13 RB1 NQ2 14 QQ2 NB4 15 KRQ1
PB4 16 PxP RxP 17 NB2 NK4 18 NQ4 RKB3 19 PQN4
NBQ2 20 NK4 BxN 21 PxP PR3 22 NN3 QK1 23 PB5
QPxP 24 PxP PxP 25 KBxP QN3 26 KR1 R1B1 27 BQN5
PB5 28 BxBP BR6 29 RB2 NxB 30 RxN NK4 31 RB2
QxKP 32 BN1 RB8 33 RxR RxR 34 QK2 QxQ 35 RxQ
NQ6 36 PN3 PK4 37 KN2 RN8 38 BN6 KB2 39 KB3
KK3 40 KK4 NB8 41 NxN RxB 42 NQ3 BQ3 43 PQR4
RB3 44 RR2 RB5+ 45 KK3 PK5 46 NB4+ KK4 47 NK2
BB4+ 48 KQ2 BN5+ 49 KK3 BR4 50 PR4 RN5 51 RR3
RN7 52 KB2 BN3+ 53 KB1 RN8+ 54 KN2 RN7 55 KB1
BR4 56 KB2 KB4 57 RR1 KN5 58 RQB1 BN3+ 59 KB1
KB6 60 Resigns

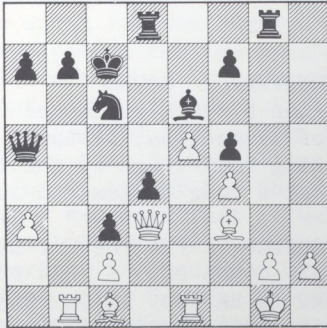
Steve Feldman lost a R+P ending to the 15-year-old star from Maryland Mark Diesen (2216), and J. D. Brattin lost pawn after pawn and then the game playing the Zot against the Ohio champion Tom Wozney.

BRATTIN - WOZNEY: 1 PQ4 NKB3 2 BN5 NK5 3 PKR4
NxB 4 PxN PK4 5 PN6 BPxP 6 PxP NB3 7 PKB4 PQ3
8 PxP BxP 9 PK3 QK2 10 KB2 BKB4 11 BQ3 OO
12 PKN4 BxB 13 PxP PKN4 14 PB5 BB4 15 RR3 KRK1
16 QK2 QQ3 17 NQB3 QB5+ 18 QB3 RxKP 19 QxQ PxQ
20 RxR BxR+ 21 KB3 NK4+ 22 KK2 NxNP 23 NB3 RB1
24 NQ5 PB3 25 NxB NxN 26 RKN1 NxP 27 NN5 PKR3
28 NK4 PKN4 29 KB3 KB2 30 NxP PxN 31 RxP NQ5+
32 KB2 RB2 33 PN4 PR3 34 PR3 NB7 35 RQR5 RQ2
36 KB3 RQ4 37 KxP RxR 38 PxR NxP and wins.

All was not sackcloth and ashes in the Michigan camp, however. Richard Borgen brilliantly beat Ed Celorio (2231) to notch up a big four points. If Celorio had known how many times Borgen has played this and similar lines against Dave Whitehouse, I'm sure he would have chosen some other opening.

BORGEN - CELORIO: 1 PK4 PK3 2 PQ4 PQ4 3 NQB3
BN5 4 PK5 PQB4 5 PQR3 BxN+ 6 PxP NK2 7 QN4 QB2
8 QxNP RN1 9 QxRP PxP 10 NK2 QNB3 11 PKB4 BQ2
12 QQ3 PxP 13 NN3 OO 14 BK2 NB4 15 OO PQ5

16 NxN PxN 17 BB3 BK3 18 RN1 QR4 19 RK1 KB2
 20 PQR4 QxRP 21 BR3 PN3 (Borgen points out that
 if 21...QxB 22 RxP+ KxR 23 QN5+ mates) 22 BQ6+
 KQ2 23 KRQ1 RQR1 24 RN4 QR7 (Borgen's note here
 says if 24...NxR 24 QxQP with decisive threats)
 25 QN5 QRQB1 26 R4xP Resigns



BORGEN - CELORIO
 (After 19...KB2)

Tom Sloan kept his good record intact by accepting a short draw with Stephan Popel. John Brouwer defeated the same Florida Class A player (Washburn) that Kling had beaten the night before. Washburn, I expect, was rapidly developing some respect for Michigan's Class C players. Mike Reynolds and Doris Thackrey broke into the scoring column in this round, leaving only James Wineman and Claudia Lucas with zero. (Wineman, we found out later, had withdrawn earlier.) Ex-Michigander George Tessaro, now living in New York, achieved a fine result this round, drawing with master Paul Brandts.

BRANDTS - TESSARO: 1 PQ4 PKN3 2 PQB4 BN2
 3 NQB3 PQ3 4 PK4 PK4 5 BK3 NQB3 6 PQ5 QNK2
 7 PB4 PKB4 8 BPxP BxP 9 NB3 BN2 10 BQ4 NKB3
 11 PK5 PxP 12 BxKP OO 13 BQ3 NN5 14 BxB KxB
 15 QQ2 PB3 16 PKR3 NB3 17 PxP NxP 18 OOO BK3
 19 KRK1 BN1 20 PKN4 NN5 21 PxP NxB+ 22 QxN
 QxQ 23 RxQ BxP 24 RK7+ RB2 25 R3K3 PxP 26 RxR+
 BxR 27 RK7 NN1 28 RxP KB3 29 KQ2 NK2 30 R4
 RQN1 31 PN3 RN3 32 RxP RQ3+ 33 KK3 BR4 34 QN5
 RK3+ 35 KB2 BxN 36 KxB PR4 37 RQ7 KN4 38 PQR4
 NN3 39 RQ4 PB5 40 RQ5+ KR5 41 NQ4 RK6+ 42 KB2
 KxP 43 RxP+ KN5 44 RR7 NK4 45 RR4+ KxR 46 NB5+
 KN4 47 NxR PxN+ 48 KxP KB4 49 KQ4 KK3 50 KB5
 KQ2 51 KN6 NQ6 52 PR5 KB1 53 KN5 KN2 54 KB4
 NK4+ 55 QK5 NB3 Drawn

Ed Krakiwskyj was involved in an interminable struggle with John Nowak (a 1938 player from Illinois). Nowak was unhappy about his 1 1/2 points and was not about to concede another draw. There wasn't much he could do, however, with a single pawn ahead of his king blocked by Krakiwskyj's king. Nowak tried every permutation of moves on the chess board during the morning adjournment starting at 9 a.m., and when Krakiwskyj didn't oblige him by moving his king out of the path of the pawn, Nowak went to lunch(!) reportedly

saying something to the effect that anybody who played such a dull game deserved to sit there and stew a while. At noon, after making over 100 moves, Krakiwskyj in a rage went to get Pearle Mann, who duly spoke to Nowak about good sportsmanship--but of course there was nothing she could do. Just before Krakiwskyj was able to claim a draw by the 50-move rule, Nowak pushed the pawn to the seventh and stalemated his totally speechless opponent.

Two of the top boards lost this round. Arthur Bisguier lost to Irving Kandel (2111), and Duncan Suttles lost to Bruce Diesen (2091), Mark Diesen's cousin. This electrifying news swept through the room, out into the hall, down the stairs, and up the elevator to the ballroom: how the mighty had fallen! --Here's how:

BISGUIER - KANDEL: 1 PK4 PKN3 2 PQ4 BN2
 3 NQB3 PQ3 4 BN5 PQB4 5 PxP QR4 6 QQ2 BxN
 7 PxB QxP4 8 NK2 NQ2 9 BK3 QB2 10 NB4 KNB3
 11 NQ5 NxN 12 PxN OO 13 BQ4 PK4 14 PxPep PxP
 15 BK2 PK4 16 BK3 NB3 17 OO BK3 18 PQB4 QRB1
 19 KRQ1 NK5 20 QQ3 BxP 21 QxB+ QxQ 22 BxQ+
 RxB 23 BxP RxQBP 24 PB3 NQ7 25 BK3 NB5 26 BR6
 RR1 27 PQR4 KB2 28 KRN1 PN3 29 RN4 KK3 30 RQB1
 RxR+ 31 BxR KQ4 32 KB2 KB4 33 RN5+ KQ5 34 BN2+
 KQ6 35 RN4 PQ4 36 KK1 PQ5 37 KQ1 NK6+ 38 KB1
 NQ4 39 RN3+ KK7 40 RN5 RB1+ 41 KN1 RB4 42 RN3
 PQ6 43 BxP PQ7 44 RN2 NB6+ 45 BxN RxB Resigns

SUTTLES - DIESEN: 1 PKN3 PKB4 2 BN2 PKN3
 3 PQ3 PQ3 4 NKR3 BN2 5 OO NKB3 6 PQB4 OO
 7 NB3 PB3 8 BQ2 BQ2 9 RN1 PKR3 10 PQN4 PK4
 11 PB4 RK1 12 NB2 NR3 13 QB1 KR2 14 PQR4 QK2
 15 PK4 QRB1 16 RK1 QB2 17 BK3 PxBP 18 BxBP BB1
 19 RB1 PQ4 20 PN5 NQN5 21 KPxQP PxQP 22 RxN BxR
 23 NxP BB4 24 QN2 NxN 25 BxN BK3 26 BB3 QRQ1
 27 QB2 PN4 28 BB1 QN2 29 KN2 PN5 30 BQ1 PN3
 31 NxP PxN 32 PQ4+ QN3 33 PxP PxP 34 RB6 QxQ
 35 BxQ+ KN2 36 RN6+ KB2 37 RxRP BQ4+ 38 KB2
 BK5 39 BxB RxB 40 PR3 RxP 41 BB4 PxP 42 PR5
 RQ6 43 KK2 RN6 44 RxP RxB 45 RR7+ KN3 46 RxP
 RQR5 47 KQ2 RR7+ 48 KB1 RxKNP 49 Resigns

Whatever other chess Goliaths might do, Walter Browne was not inclined to be felled by the slingshots of any Davids. He made the defeat of Povilas Tautvaisas look like child's play.

BROWNE - TAUTVAISAS: 1 PK4 PK4 2 NKB3 NQB3
 3 BN5 PQR3 4 BxN QPxP 5 OO PB3 6 PQ4 BKN5
 7 PxP QxQ 8 RxQ PxP 9 RQ3 BQ3 10 QNQ2 NB3
 11 NB4 NxP 12 KNxP BK3 13 PKB3 BxN4 14 NxB NB4
 15 RK3 OOO 16 PQN4 RQ8+ 17 KB2 NR5 18 NxP BB5
 19 NR5 NN3 20 NxB NxN 21 RK1 RQ5 22 RQN1 PQN4
 23 BK3 RQ4 24 PB3 KRQ1 25 BQ4 R1Q2 26 RK8+ KN2
 27 RKR8 PN3 28 PN4 RB2 29 RK1 PQR4 30 PxP PB4
 31 PR6+ KR2 32 BK3 NK4 33 KK2 KxP 34 RK8 KN3
 35 RK6+ NB3 36 RQN1 RR2 37 PQB4 RxP+ 38 KB1
 RK4 39 RxP+ KR2 40 RxR NxR 41 RxP NxNP 42 PxN
 RQB7 43 PR4 KN2 44 BB2 RB6 45 KN2 RB7 46 RK5 KB3
 47 RK7 RxP 48 KB3 RB6+ 49 BK3 PR4 50 RK6+ KQ4
 51 RxP Resigns

There was a party on Wednesday night in the Chicago Chess Club for the wives of chessplayers.

The players, in general, seemed satisfied with the playing conditions and arrangements. I overheard only scattered grouching. One guy was mad because he had had three blacks in four rounds, and some players were upset because the pairings were not posted before 6:00 p.m. (They wanted more time to bone up on particular opening lines after they knew their opponents.) I also heard one or two players complaining in general terms about the Chicago organizers ("the worst in the world" etc.). As far as I could see, however, the tournament was being extremely well run. An army of officials and helpers had assigned tasks; George Martin facetiously remarked that the Chicago U.S. Open was probably the most over-directed tournament in history. In any case, the event so far was running on wheels. Boards, sets, and score-sheets were always ready at the numbered tables, and although the organizers did not provide clocks, there seemed to be a great number of extra ones. Pairings were typed with the players' ratings beside the names. Xerox copies of the pairing sheets were posted simultaneously in about seven different locations.

Master Walter Cunningham from California today distributed notices headlined, "Always Wondered How Smart You Are? Here's Your Chance To Find Out!" He was conducting an intelligence testing session on Thursday morning as part of his Ph.D. thesis in psychology at UCLA. My fourth-round game had already told me how smart I was, so I felt no need for a test to confirm the depressing truth.

AUGUST 16 (THURSDAY): ROUND 5

This was the day Doris and I changed hotel rooms. If Fischer does it, maybe it's the way to improve one's score. The construction crew starting at 7:00 a.m. outside our window at the LaSalle would have dictated this move, even without Fischer's example, however.

The big news this round was Bisguier's second loss in a row to an expert, this time to David Taylor (2098). Taylor had the effrontery to play the Goring Gambit against his redoubtable foe, who took every last pawn offered and lived--for a while--to regret it.

TAYLOR - BISGUIER: 1 PK4 PK4 2 NKB3 NQB3
3 PQ4 PxP 4 PB3 PxP 5 QB4 PxP 6 BxNP BN5+
7 NB3 PQ3 8 QN3 NR3 9 OOO BxN 10 QxB PB3
11 KRK1 BN5 12 PK5 BPxP 13 BQ5 BxN 14 PxP QQ2
15 QN3 RQ1 16 QxP NK2 17 PB4 NxN 18 QxN PB3
19 QN3 PQ4 20 RxP+ KB2 21 QQB3 KRN1 22 R1K1
23 QKR3 NQ3 24 QxP RN1 25 RK7+ QxR
26 RxQ+ KxR 27 BxP NB2 28 QN6 RxN 29 QxR RKR1
30 QN3 RR4 31 PKR4 PQ5 32 QR3+ PB4 33 QxRP+
KK3 34 PR4 NQ3 35 PR5 PQ6 36 PR6 PB5 37 QK3+
KQ2 38 PR7 RR4 39 QQ4 RR6 40 PR5 KB3 41 PR6

PB6 42 PR8Q+ RxQ 43 QxP+ KQ2 44 QxP RR1 45 PR7
KK2 46 QN6 NB2 47 PB5 RB1+ 48 KQ1 RQ1+ 49 KK1
RQ3 50 QxN+ Resigns

Richard Borgen's perfect score was blemished this round with a defeat at the hands of the Canadian master Lawrence Day.

DAY - BORGEN: 1 PK4 PQ3 2 NQB3 PKN3 3 PKN3
BN2 4 BN2 PQB4 5 PQ3 NQB3 6 NR3 PK3 7 OO
KNK2 8 BK3 OO 9 QQ2 NQ5 10 BR6 RN1 11 BxB
KxB 12 PB4 PB4 13 QRK1 PQN4 14 NQ1 PN5 15 NK3
QQ2 16 PN4 BN2 17 PB3 NPxP 18 QNPxP NN4 19 QKB2
KRK1 20 NPxP KPxP 21 NB4 BR1 22 QB2 NB3 23 RK3
NB2 24 R1K1 PQ4 25 PxQP NxP 26 R3K2 RxR 27 RxR
RK1 28 RxR QxR 29 QQ2 NQ1 30 NK5 NKB2 31 PQ4
NB3 32 NN5 NxNN 33 PxN NK5 34 QB1 QR5 35 BxN
BxB 36 QQ2 BQ4 37 PB4 BxP 38 PxP QN4 39 QQ6
QN8+ 40 KB2 QB8+ 41 KK3 QK7+ 42 KQ4 QK5+
43 KB3 BB2 44 QB6+ Resigns

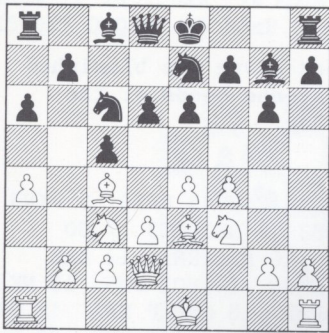
Mark Pence was paired with another Michigan player this round, Marvin Seawood.

SEAWOOD - PENCE: 1 PK4 PQ3 2 PQ4 NKB3 3 NQB3
PKN3 4 PB4 BN2 5 NB3 OO 6 BK2 PB4 7 PxP QR4
8 OO QxP+ 9 KR1 NB3 10 NQ2 PQR3 11 NB4 NKN5
12 QK1 PQN4 13 PKR3 PxN 14 PxN PK3 15 BB3 RN1
16 PB5 NN5 17 PxNP BPxP 18 BK3 QB2 19 QQ2 BN2
20 PR3 NB3 21 QRQ1 BK4 22 BR6 RB2 23 BK2 NQ1
24 BB4 RxN 25 RxR NB2 26 R4B1 RQB1 27 BB3 QK2
28 QB2 NN4 29 RQ2 RB1 30 QR4 KN2 31 R2Q1 PKR4
32 BK2 BKB3 33 QK1 PxP 34 BxBP RR1+ 35 KN1
BK4 36 KB2 RR7 37 RKR1 NR6+ 38 KK2 RxP+
39 QK3 NB7+ 40 KK3 QN4+ 41 Resigns

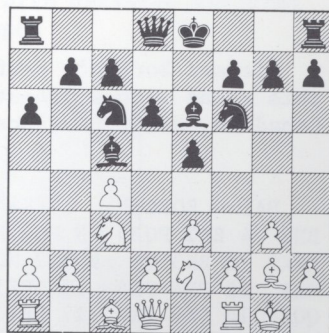
Doris Thackrey won her game on a disputed time-forfeiture ruling that had the tournament directors scratching their heads. Her opponent's clock showed that the time control had clearly been exceeded--but the flag, stuck in a horizontal position, refused to fall. Dennis Keen, an assistant tournament director, ruled that the game was lost by time forfeit. The opponent appealed the decision to Tim Redman, who had a difficult time finding unambiguous guidance in the Handbook. He ultimately upheld the assistant director's decision, and the disgruntled opponent promised to appeal further. (The appeals committee for the tournament was Edmund Edmondson, George Koltanowski, and Frank Skoff.) We found out later that he had submitted an appeal in writing and that it had been rejected.

Andrew Beider had the pleasure this round of playing with the white pieces the same trap that he had perpetrated with the black pieces the previous round. The two positions are shown

below. In each case, Beider wins a piece with PQ4.



Rd. 4
ROBINSON - BEIDER
(After 9 NKB3)

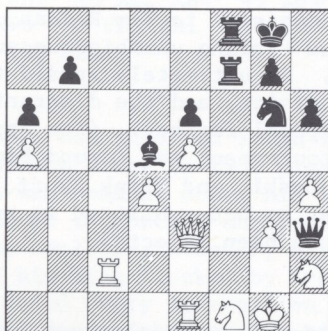


Rd. 5
BEIDER - SHELTON
(After 7...BK3)

Another of our ex-Michiganders is Bill Devin, formerly of East Lansing and now living in Oklahoma. He played Hugh Myers, author of several works on strange out-of-the-way opening lines. Devin finds himself facing the Polish Opening, an opening that has always been a favorite of many of the Lansing players, thanks to V. E. Vandenburg. The game rapidly turns into an unusual slugfest, with Myers having the final slugs.

MYERS - DEVIN: 1 PQN4 PQB3 2 BN2 QN3 3 PQR3 PQR4 4 PQB4 PxP 5 PB5 QB2 6 PxP RxR 7 BxR PQ4 8 NKB3 PB3 9 PK3 PK4 10 BK2 PQN3 11 OO PxP 12 PxP BxP 13 PQ4 BQ3 14 PK4 NK2 15 NB3 KPxP 16 QxP PQB4 17 QR4+ BQ2 18 NQN5 BxN 19 BxB+ KB1 20 PxP NxP 21 RK1 BK2 22 QK4 NB5 23 NN5 PN3 24 QxN Resigns

The tale of woe continues for ex-Michiganders: former Michigan champion Stephan Popel, now living in North Dakota, reached the diagrammed position against J. White and fell victim to a winning combination: 35...RxN+ 36 RxR RxR+ 37 NxR QR8+ 38 KB2 QN7+.



POPEL - WHITE
(After 35 QK3)

AUGUST 17 (FRIDAY): ROUND 6

The open committee meetings began today. Doris and I attended the tournament direction committee meeting conducted by Martin Morrison. Only a very few other persons were there, to our surprise.

We learned that there are at present nine national tournament directors and that three persons applying had been rejected by secret ballot of the other national tournament directors. There are 112 intermediate, 248 local, and 75 provisional local tournament directors now certified. Most of the meeting concerned various recommendations that the committee would make to the USCF directors at the meeting next week.

The first and second installments of the tournament bulletins became available today for 50¢ each. Each bulletin had several games, mostly from the top boards, from two rounds. They were printed by Al Kalnajs, a well-known Chicago chess printer-distributor.

The Michigan newsmaker in Round 6 was Naum Zacks, who launched a violent attack against Illinois master Harry Ploss's Sicilian Defense to score the point. Ploss generously praised Zacks's play.

ZACKS - PLOSS: 1 PK4 PQB4 2 NKB3 PQ3 3 PB3 NKB3 4 BB4 NB3 5 PQ3 PK3 6 OO BK2 7 BN3 OO 8 QN2 PQN3 9 RK1 BN2 10 NB1 RB1 11 NN3 NK4 12 NN5 PB5 13 PxP PKR3 14 PB4 NxBP 15 NB3 PQN4 16 NQ4 QN3 17 KR1 KRQ1 18 QK2 PQ4 19 PK5 NK5 20 PB5 BR5 21 NxN BxR 22 NB6+ PxN 23 QN4+ KB 24 PxBP NK4 25 QN7+ KK1 26 PxP QQ3 27 QN8+ QB1 28 QxQ+ KxQ 29 PK7+ KN1 30 PxRQ+ RxQ 31 BxRP BR5 32 BN7 NQ6 33 NB5 RK1 34 NxB RK7 35 KN1 PR4 36 NB3 PR5 37 NQ4 RxQNP 38 BQ1 PR6 39 BK2 NB5 40 BxP BB1 41 BB1 BN5 42 PR3 BxP 43 PxB NQ6 44 BR6 Resigns

Mark Pence played the Zot against Mark Diesen. Taking great liberties with a loose pawn position and an uncastled king, Pence paid the customary penalty.

PENCE - DIESEN: 1 PQ4 NKB3 2 BN5 NK5 3 BR4 PQ4 4 PKB3 NKB3 5 PK3 PB4 6 PB3 NB3 7 BQ3 PQR3 8 PR4 PK4 9 NK2 BK2 10 PQN3 OO 11 NQ2 QN3 12 BKB2 KPxP 13 KPxP PxP 14 PR5 NxP 15 NxP QB2 16 PQN4 QxBP 17 BxP+ NxB 18 PxN BQN5 19 NK2 RK1 20 RR2 QQ6 21 BN6 RxN+ 22 QxR QN8+ 23 Resigns

Rod Freeman played a wild and weird Ruy Lopez with Rogan.

FREEMAN - ROGAN: 1 PK4 PK4 2 NKB3 NQB3 3 BN5 PB4 4 NB3 NQ5 5 PxP NKB3 6 OO BB4 7 NxN BxN 8 NK2 OO 9 PB3 BN3 10 PQ4 PxP 11 NxP PB4 12 NB3 PQ4 13 BQ3 NK5 14 PKN4 PKR 15 PKR3 PxP 16 PxP NB3 17 BKN5 QQ3 18 BQB4 NxP 19 QxP+ QxQ 20 BxQ+ KR2 21 NR4 NR3 22 BxN KxB 23 BK6 KN4 24 NN2 BxB 25 PxP PB5 26 QRK1 QRK1 27 RK4 RB3 28 NK3 Drawn

On the top boards, Lombardy lost on the clock to Norman Weinstein, after trying to make 20 moves in his final three minutes.

WEINSTEIN - LOMBARDY: 1 PK4 PK3 2 PQ4 PQ4
3 NQ2 PQB4 4 KPxP KPxP 5 BN5+ NB3 6 QK2+ BK2
7 PxP NB3 8 NN3 OO 9 BK3 PQR3 10 BR4 NKN5
11 OOO NxP 12 QxN BN4 13 PKB4 BB3 14 NB3 RK1
15 QQ2 RK5 16 BxN PxP 17 KRK1 RR5 18 KN1 BN5
19 QK3 QN1 20 RQ4 RxR 21 NBxR BQ2 22 PB3 PQR4
23 NB1 PR3 24 NQ3 QR2 25 QB2 RN1 26 QN3 BxN
27 PxP BB4 28 KR1 QN2 29 RK2 QN4 30 NB1 QB5
31 QK3 KR2 32 PQN3 QN5 33 QQ2 QN4 34 RK7 PB3
35 NK2 PR5 36 RK3 RQR1 37 KN2 PxP 38 RxP QR4
39 NB3 and Black forfeits on time.

Craig Chellstorp lost to the Canadian master Bruce Amos, who showed the interested spectators that there is at least one way to beat the Benko Gambit.

AMOS - CHELLSTORP: 1 PQ4 PQB4 2 PQ5 NKB3
3 PQB4 PQN4 4 PxP PQR3 5 PxP PN3 6 NQB3 BxP
7 NB3 PQ3 8 PK4 BxB 9 KxB BN2 10 PKR3 OO
11 KN1 QN2 12 KR2 QR4 13 RK1 KRN1 14 RK2 RR2
15 RB2 RN5 16 QK1 QR3 17 BB4 R2N2 18 RN1 NR4
19 PR3 R5N3 20 BN5 NK4 21 NxN BxN+ 22 KN1 RN6
23 QK2 QxQ 24 NxQ NB3 25 RB4 RxQRP 26 PQN4 NK1
27 KB1 RR5 28 BQ2 PB4 29 PB4 BB3 30 PK5 BN2
31 R1B1 PxNP 32 RB8 KB2 33 PK6+ KB1 34 RxN+
Resigns

These two losses left only four players with a perfect 6 at the halfway point: Browne, Martz, Weinstein, and Amos. Browne had beaten William Goichberg in 29 moves, and Martz had beaten Elliott Winslow in 50 moves. Five players had 5 1/2: masters Kim Commons, Lawrence Day, Eric Bone, Leroy Dubeck, and expert David Taylor.

As for the Michigan contingent at halfway, Freeman, Feldman, and Zacks had 4 1/2; Borgen, Pence, and Palmer had 4; Sloan, Van Meter, Thackrey, and Burke had 3 1/2; Brattin, Seawood, Beider, Jenkins, Rubenstein, Krakivskyj, Dlugas, and Brouwer had 3; Reynolds had 2 1/2; Smith, Doris Thackrey, and Kling had 2; and Claudia Lucas had 0.

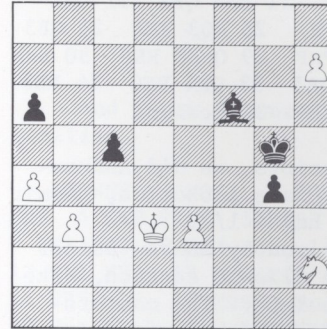
The ex-Michiganders stood as follows: Martinovsky, Tennant, and Popel 4 1/2; Tessaro and Devin 4.

AUGUST 18 (SATURDAY): FREE DAY

This was the free day, except for those players with boundless energy, who could choose to play in the so-called "U.S. Open Weekend Class Championship," a five-round tournament in class sections. The entry fees were \$20 for masters-experts and \$15 for all the other classes; this was too much for most of the already impoverished players. Only five players entered the masters-experts section; 26 entered the A section; 18 the B section; and 44 the C section. The organizers advertised

that Walter Browne would play, but when Browne saw the low number of entries and the consequent reduction of the prize money he withdrew.

Tom Sloan, who is restricted by his parents to one tournament per month, entered the weekend Class A tournament to get in as much chess as possible for August. In his first-round game, he finished with a neat piece sacrifice to win with widely separated advanced pawns.



SLOAN - KEITH ESSES
(After 47...BB3)

48 NxP KxN 49 KB4 KN4
50 KxP KN3 51 KN6 KxP
52 KxP KN1 53 PR5 BN4
54 PK4 KB1 55 KN7 KK2
56 PR6 BK6 57 PR7 BxP
58 KxB KK3 59 PN4
Resigns

In the third round, Sloan was paired with Randal Andrzejewski from Ohio, and these two fine tacticians produced a tense and action-packed struggle.

SLOAN - ANDRZEJEWSKI: 1 PK4 PK3 2 PQ3 PQB4
3 PKN3 NQB3 4 BN2 PKN3 5 NK2 BN2 6 OO KNK2
7 PQB4 OO 8 QNB3 PQR3 9 BK3 NQ5 10 RN1 N2B3
11 PQR3 PQ3 12 PQN4 PQR4 13 PxBP PxP 14 NR4
QK2 15 NN6 RR3 16 NxN PxN 17 BB1 QB2 18 QN3
RR2 19 PQR4 NN5 20 NxR RxN 21 BQR3 BB1 22 PB4
RR3 23 BN2 QQ1 24 KR1 RN3 25 QQ1 NR3 26 BR1
R1B3 27 RN5 NB4 28 RxP RR3 29 RN5 RxP 30 RxN
RxB 31 QxR BxR 32 RQN1 RR3 33 QN2 QR1 34 PR3
PN3 35 PK5 QR2 36 QN5 RR7 37 QK8+ KN2 38 QQ8
RxB 39 QB6+ KN1 40 QQ8+ BB1 41 KxR QR7+ 42 KB3
QxR 43 QxQP QB8+ 44 KK4 QN7+ 45 KK3 BB4
46 Resigns

Doris and I spent most of Saturday afternoon in Old Town, one of Chicago's more interesting tourist traps.

AUGUST 19 (SUNDAY): ROUND 7

Walter Browne, apparently disgruntled that the weekend experts-masters section had not been the bonanza that he had expected, posted a sign-up sheet in the mezzanine: "Play cards with Walter Browne. Play starts at 1 p.m. Sign up here."

Other Michiganders arrived today. I saw Bob Ludlow and Wilfred Brown from Kalamazoo and J. Kenneth George from Dearborn who set up beside all the other merchandise his chess candles, Walter Browne chess lessons on tape cassettes, and other "House of George" paraphernalia.

Tom Sloan continued his steady play in the weekend Class A tournament. Probably his best game was his fourth-round win over Adam Robinson (1930) in which his fianchettoed KB charges out from its lair twice during the game, once (14...BxP) merely to win a pawn but the second time (36...BxP+) to win the house.

ROBINSON - SLOAN: 1 PK4 PQB4 2 NQB3 PKN3
3 PB4 BN2 4 NB3 NQB3 5 BN5 NQ5 6 NxN PxN
7 NK2 NB3 8 PK5 NQ4 9 PB4 PxPep 10 NPxP O0
11 PQ4 PQ3 12 O0 BN5 13 BQ2 PxP 14 BPxP BxP
15 PKR3 BxN 16 QxB BN2 17 RB3 PQR3 18 BQB4 PK3
19 PQR4 QR4 20 RlKB1 QRK1 21 BN3 QB2 22 QB2
PQN4 23 PxP PxP 24 PR4 PR4 25 RQ3 RR1 26 QB3
KRQ1 27 BN5 RQ2 28 PN4 PxP 29 QxNP RR6 30 BxN
RxB 31 BQ2 PN5 32 RB1 QQB5 33 QK4 PN6 34 RB3
PN7 35 RN1 RR8 36 QB2 BxP+ 37 Resigns

Sloan finished with 4 points, as did Andrzejewski; the winner of the Class A section, Miomir Stefanovic from Illinois, had 4 1/2.

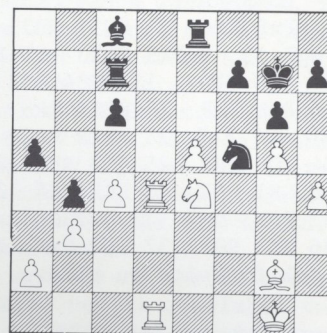
The Class B section was won by Andrew Beider with 4 1/2 points. In the Class C section, Mike Reynolds finished with 3 points. The masters-experts section, which had no Michigan entries, was won by John Farwell of Connecticut.

Round 7 was the drawing round. Browne took a draw with Norman Weinstein; Martz and Amos drew; Jacobs drew with Carlson; and Celorio drew with Kreckler. On Board 6, the remarkable youngster Mark Diesen held Lombardy even throughout 50 moves, much to Lombardy's annoyance. At one point, Diesen, in great time pressure, offered Lombardy a draw. He had apparently made the same offer several times before. Lombardy burst out "Will you kindly stop that!" Diesen offered no more draws but brought about a position in which he could sacrifice his knight for Lombardy's final pawn. Then he concentrated on making his hand work fast enough to achieve 50 moves before his flag fell. When the time control was reached, Lombardy busied himself with his scoresheet, ignoring Diesen's offered hand, and stalked away with measured strides.

LOMBARDY - DIESEN: 1 PQB4 PK4 2 NQB3 PQ3
3 PKN3 NKB3 4 BN2 BK2 5 NB3 O0 6 O0 PB3 7 PB5
RK1 8 PQ3 PKR3 9 PxP BxP 10 NQ2 QNQ2 11 NB4
BB4 12 BQ2 NN3 13 NR5 NNQ4 14 NN3 BN3 15 RB1
BKB4 16 NK4 QK2 17 PQR4 PQR4 18 RB4 KRQ1
19 QK1 BK3 20 N4B5 BxN 21 NxB PQN3 22 NxB QxN
23 PB4 PxP 24 PxP NK6 25 PB5 NxB 26 PxQ NxQ
27 PxP+ KxP 28 RxP NxP 29 PxN QRN1 30 BxKRP
RxP 31 RB7+ KN3 32 BB4 RK1 33 RB6 RQN6 34 RKB2
PN4 35 PxP RxP4 36 RR6 RK8+ 37 KN2 RQN8
38 BQ2 R8xP 39 RxP RxR 40 BxR RxR+ 41 KxR
NN5+ 42 KN3 NxP 43 KxN KB4 and drawn after
the 50th move.

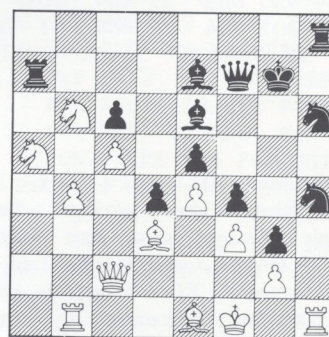
William Goichberg, in severe time-pressure against Robert Holyon (2114), in the diagrammed position played 30 NB6 and Holyon, with lots of time on his clock, played 30...RxP. Goichberg

played 31 RQ8 and after the hasty 31...NK6 (the only way to prolong the game was 31...NR3) found 32 RN8++.



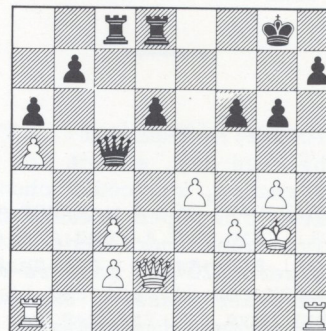
GOICHBURG - HOLYON
(After 29...NB4)

Suttles finished his game against Jova Mihajlovic with a sacrifice in the diagrammed position: 36...NN5 37 PxN PB6 38 RxN BxR and the threats are decisive.



MIHAJLOVIC - SUTTLES
(After 36 NR5)

George Tessaro played an aggressive game against Frank Salkauskas's Sicilian Defense and when given the chance concluded the game with a dashing double rook sacrifice for a mate.



TESSARO - SALKAUSKAS
(After 23 KN3)

TESSARO - SALKAUSKAS: 1 PK4 PQB4 2 NKB3 PQ3
 3 PQ4 PxP 4 NxP NKB3 5 NQB3 PKN3 6 PB3 NB3
 BK3 BN2 8 QQ2 BQ2 9 PKN4 PQR3 10 PQR4 RQB1
 11 NxN BxN 12 PR5 NQ2 13 BK2 OO 14 PR4 BxN
 15 PxP NB3 16 PR5 QQ2 17 BR6 KRQ1 18 PxP BPxP
 19 BKN5 BN4 20 BxB QxB 21 BxN PxP 22 KB2 QB4+
 23 KN3 QxBP 24 QQ5+ KN2 25 RxP+ KxR 26 QB7+
 KR3 27 RR1+ KN4 28 RR5+ PxR 29 QxP++

J. D. Brattin reported that his car had been broken into and that everything in it had been stolen. The thief even took the scoresheet of Brattin's earlier win over James Harkins. (Harkins naturally came under suspicion, but I thought J. D. was going too far when he asked him for his fingerprints.)

Borgen, who had amassed 4 points in the first four rounds, lost for the third straight time, remaining with his 4 and the sinking feeling that he'd never win another game.

Perhaps the major Michigan news was Claudia Lucas, who decided it was time to make her move, and traded her 0 on the wall chart for a 1.

AUGUST 20 (MONDAY): ROUND 8

At 9:30 a.m. Doris and I attended the meeting of the Association of Chess Journalists and met many of the other editors of state publications. Martin Morrison was elected president and Harold Winston secretary. A membership fee of \$2 was adopted and about fifteen or twenty new applications for membership were accepted by unanimous vote. A committee was appointed to draft a statement of "ethics for chess editors," with David Wolford (Ohio) as chairman and Bob Dudley (Pennsylvania) and Don Thackrey as members.

The purpose of the Association of Chess Journalists is to help its members communicate with and assist one another in disseminating chess news and comment, to work toward setting standards and guidelines, and to act as a unified force in influencing other chess organizations.

The USCF general membership meeting lasted from 1 p.m. until about 5 p.m. It consisted of a number of reports from committee chairmen and then a long floor discussion of various issues. There were approximately 200 persons attending at least part of the meeting, which is a much better attendance than usual at these meetings, I am told.

There were reports on bylaws, chess for the blind (Detroit's Clayton Walker was mentioned as the prospective winner of a current postal championship tournament for the blind), college chess (the Intercollegiate Chess League of America now has 297 schools), the USCF guidebook (two new publications will soon be issued: a yearbook-catalogue for all players and a looseleaf guidebook for organizers and directors), international affairs, junior chess, publicity, ratings, and tournament direction (Morrison reported that 1089 persons had applied for certification as directors, that 444 had so far been certified, and that 57--about 13%--had been rejected).

The floor discussion was on sites for the U.S. Open (resort areas vs. metropolitan areas), how to handle late registration, women's prizes (a straw vote on whether there should be women's prizes was about evenly split), and whether smoking should be banned from playing rooms (a straw vote was heavily in favor of banning smoking).

More Michigan visitors appeared today: Dave Whitehouse and Bill Johnson from Lansing and Russell Langham from Adrian.

Round 8 saw Browne crush Bruce Amos's Dragon Sicilian.

BROWNE - AMOS: 1 PK4 PQB4 2 NKB3 NQB3 3 PQ4
 PxP 4 NxP PKN3 5 NQB3 BN2 6 BK3 NB3 7 BQB4 OO
 8 BN3 PQ3 9 PB3 BQ2 10 QQ2 RB1 11 OOO NK4
 12 KN1 NB5 13 BxN RxP 14 PKN4 BK3 15 PKR4 PQR3
 16 PR5 QQ2 17 NxP QxN 18 BR6 R1B1 19 BxB KxB
 20 PxP BPxP 21 QR6+ KB2 22 PN5 NR4 23 QxRP+ KK1
 24 RR2 RxN 25 PxR KQ2 26 R2Q2 KB3 27 PK5 PxP
 28 RQ7 RK1 29 RQ8 RxR 30 RxR KB2 31 QN8 QN3+
 32 KB1 QKN8+ 33 RQ1 QxP+ 34 KN2 QB3 35 QQ8+ KB3
 36 RQ7 QxP (Browne here announced mate in four)
 37 QB7+ KN4 38 PR4+ KxP 39 QB4+ KR4 40 QN4++

Weinstein, with Black, outplayed DeFotis. So now only Browne and Weinstein were left in the lead with 7 1/2. Day beat Martz, Chellstorp beat Dubeck, and Suttles beat Goichberg. The wounded giant, Bisguier, sagged still lower as he lost to his third expert, Dan Krystall.

Tom Jenkins played this solid Sicilian Defense against Bruce Fortado from Illinois.

FORTADO - JENKINS: 1 PK4 PQB4 2 NKB3 PQ3
 3 PQ4 PxP 4 NxP NKB3 5 NQB3 PKN3 6 BK3 BN2
 7 PB3 NB3 8 BQB4 OO 9 QQ2 NQ2 10 NxN PxN
 11 BKR6 BxB 12 QxB QN3 13 OOO RN1 14 BN3 NB4
 15 PKR4 NxP+ 16 RPxN PB3 17 PR5 PN4 18 KN1 BK3
 19 PB4 QK6 20 PxP QxNP 21 QxQ+ PxQ 22 KB1 PKR3
 23 RQ2 KN2 24 NK2 BQ2 25 NN3 RB5 26 R2Q1 R1KB1
 27 QRKB1 RxR+ 28 RxR RxR+ 29 NxR KB3 30 KQ2
 PQ4 31 PxP PxP 32 KK3 PK4 33 NN3 BB3 34 PB3
 PR4 35 KQ3 PN5 36 KK3 KN4 37 KQ3 KR5 38 NB5+
 KxP 39 NN3+ KN4 40 NK2 PR4 41 PN3 PKR5 42 PxP+
 KxP 43 KK3 PN6 44 NN1 KN5 45 KK2 PK5 46 KK3
 BN2 47 PB4 PN7 48 KQ4 KN6 49 PxP KR7 50 NK2
 BR3 51 PQ6 BxN 52 Resigns

Andrew Beider accepted the Morra Gambit several times in this tournament. In this round he took the pawn against an expert and hung on for dear life, and won when the expert embarked on a combination with a giant hole in it.

HANSON - BEIDER: 1 PK4 PQB4 2 PQ4 PxP 3 PQB3
 PxP 4 NxP NQB3 5 QB4 PQ3 6 NB3 PK3 7 00 NB3
 8 QK2 PQR3 9 RQ1 QB2 10 BKN5 BK2 11 QRB1 00
 12 BN3 QN1 13 NQR4 QB2 14 BK3 BQ2 15 NN6 QRK1
 16 NB4 PQ4 17 PxP NxP 18 N4K5 NB3 19 PKR3 RQ1
 20 BKB4 QR4 21 BR2 NxN 22 BxN BB3 23 NQ4 RB1
 24 QK3 BQ4 25 RxR RxR 26 BxN KBxB 27 NxP BxN
 28 BxB RKL and wins.

During this round, a TV crew did its thing, and its thing proved to be quite disruptive. The crew had been warned to cool it in the grandmasters' playing area, but on the 19th floor the cameramen were free to get as many "action shots" as they wanted. They rushed about trying to get as many "interesting" looking people as they could, such as J. D. Brattin in a wide headband, which made him look like a revolutionary, and one young man who had fallen completely asleep at the board with his head on his arms. The crew director seemed to be a foot fetishist; at least he had his crew crawling among the chairs taking lurid pictures of every waggling foot he could spot. Several players protested vehemently, but the officials assured them that it was all in the greater cause--which I suppose it was.

AUGUST 21 (TUESDAY): ROUND 9

This was the first day of the USCF Directors meeting. In the account that follows, in the interests of continuity, I will telescope the events of the entire meeting, which actually took place over two days.

Eighty-five directors were at the meeting, 89 were represented by floor proxies, and 106 were represented by Policy Board proxies. Michigan was represented by J. D. Brattin, Don and Doris Thackrey, Les Smith, and Stan Beckwith. In addition, Doris Thackrey had five proxies from other Michigan directors. Visiting the meeting were Naum Zacks, Tom Sloan, Steve Feldman, and Mike Reynolds.

The results of the mail ballots for regional vice-presidents were announced. In Region V, Doris Thackrey was elected unanimously except for one write-in vote.

The proxy debate was a hot issue. It had been shaping up for several days as directors button-holed each other in the hall to argue the merits of a resolution that would prevent the USCF Policy Board from holding proxies. The problem, as some saw it, was that the Policy Board with their usual great number of proxies could completely dominate any issue regardless of the wishes of the directors present and voting from the floor. The debate on this delicate issue was vigorous but civil. At one point, Edmondson dropped the bomb that if the resolution passed, his proxies would cause no more problem because he would resign on the spot. Amidst the gasps around me, I heard someone whisper, "He threatens to resign every year over some issue." The resolution ultimately was de-

feated heavily by the floor vote, after many directors had expressed confidence in the Policy Board's good judgment in using proxies and had argued for the rights of absent directors to give proxies to whomever they wished.

Other actions of general interest: (1) The affiliation fee was raised from \$10 to \$20 per year as of February 1, 1974, except for bona fide certified high school, college, or prison clubs, for which the fee will remain at \$10. (2) Ray Watson of Bay City had proposed that "junior" be defined as under 18 to coincide with the current legal age of majority; this was defeated. (3) A "local" tournament was defined as under 100 players. (4) An applicant for intermediate tournament director must have directed ten USCF-rated Swiss-system tournaments. (5) Matches may again be rated if the results are validated by a certified tournament director or a notarized affidavit sworn by both players; no match can result in more than 50 rating points of change, no player may go up or down more than one rating class by matches in a five-year period, and match results are not considered in qualifying one for invitational events unless the results are confirmed in a subsequent tournament.

The reinstatement of rated matches under new safeguards seemed to be a popular step, especially for those regions where tournaments are infrequent. The need for safeguards, however, was highlighted by stories related by Edmondson. In one known case, for instance, an enterprising chessplayer with a lust for rating points gave himself six different names, became an affiliate, and conducted a number of matches and even tournaments in which his six selves were the sole participants.

The debate everyone was eagerly awaiting was on the proposed ban on smoking in USCF-rated tournaments. There was much impassioned oratory, including a speech by William Lombardy, a constant smoker of cigars. Two strong anti-smoking resolutions were soundly defeated, but a recommendation to organizers to consider banning smoking lost by only ten votes out of 150. The issue was buried with President Skoff's comment that to satisfy both sides smokers at tournaments should be told that they could inhale but not exhale.

Many other matters were discussed and referred to committees. In this account I have touched only the high points. The full minutes will soon be available at USCF for members that wish to write for them, and a summary of the minutes will be printed in Chess Life and Review.

In Round 9, Browne won a complicated rook and pawn ending in a time scramble against Lawrence Day. Suttles, in beating Weinstein, marched his king through the heavy fire of queen and rook for his own KN1 to QN8. Among the other decisive encounters, Lombardy beat Dubeck, DeFotis beat Amos, Martinovsky beat Tums, Bone beat Martz, Formanek beat Burns, Brandts beat Karklins, and Chellstorp beat Rodriguez.

Marvin Palmer met a Class A player from Illinois and polished him off in a smooth positional game, which earned him the privilege in the next round of playing the all-devouring Bisguier, voracious now after his previous losses.

PALMER - KERST: 1 PQ4 NKB3 2 PQB4 PKN3 3 NQB3
BN2 4 PK4 PQ3 5 BK2 OO 6 NB3 PK4 7 OO NB3
8 PxP PxP 9 BKN5 QxQ 10 QRxQ BK3 11 BxN BxB
12 NQ5 BxN 13 RxB KRQ1 14 R1Q1 KB1 15 PQR3
PQR4 16 R1Q2 KK1 17 BQ1 NK2 18 BR4+ PB3
19 RxR+ RxR 20 RxR+ KxR 21 PB5 KK1 22 NQ2 BN4
23 NB4 BB8 24 KB1 PB4 25 PB3 PB5 26 KK2 NB1
27 KQ1 BK6 28 NxRP KQ2 29 NxNP KB2 30 NR5 BxP
31 NxP NN3 32 BN5 NB5 33 BxN KxN 34 KB2 BQ3
35 PQN4 KN3 36 KN3 BB2 37 BQ5 BQ3 38 KB4 Resigns

AUGUST 22 (WEDNESDAY): ROUND 10

Region V representatives had a meeting in the morning. Region V details will be reported elsewhere in MICHIGAN CHESS.

A huge free simultaneous exhibition was held outdoors in the Chicago Civic Center Plaza. A crew of masters and experts divided up the boards. Only two losses and four draws occurred in 800 games. Dave Whitehouse played against ten boards and a total of about thirty players (as soon as one player lost, another took his place) and won every game. Approximately 10,000 people watched the games, according to news reports.

The USCF Directors meetings were continued today from 1 to 5 p.m.

Browne and Chellstorp played a cautious Ruy Lopez for 26 moves and agreed to a draw.

The most interesting Round 10 pairing was Suttles - Lombardy. Their game was a struggle of the mysterious and unpredictable ideas of Suttles versus the classical orthodoxy of Lombardy. This time orthodoxy prevailed.

SUTTLES - LOMBARDY: 1 PKN3 PK4 2 PQB4 NKB3
3 PQ3 BN5+ 4 NB3 OO 5 BN2 PB3 6 PQR3 BxN+ 7 PxP
RK1 8 NR3 PQ4 9 PxP PxP 10 RQ1 PKR3 11 OO NB3
12 KR1 QB2 13 NN1 PQN3 14 BQ2 BK3 15 QR4 QRB1
16 KRB1 QQ2 17 RQ1 RB2 18 BK1 QB1 19 QRB1 PK5
20 PKR3 NK4 21 PB3 PxQP 22 PxP BB4 23 BB1
(You would know this was a Suttles game even without the names!) N3Q2 24 PN4 BR2 25 BN3
NB4 26 QN5 PR3 27 QN1 RB3 28 BxN RxB 29 RK1
RxR 30 RxR NK3 31 QN4 PKN4 32 PQB4 PQ5 33 QN2
QB2 34 QKB2 RB4 35 NK2 RK4 36 PB4 PxP 37 NN1
RK6 38 NB3 QB4 39 PQR4 NN4 40 NN1 QB3+ 41 BN2
PB6 42 NxP RxN 43 BxR NxB 44 RQ1 BxP 45 PR5
PxP 46 KN2 BK5 47 RQR1 QxBP 48 RxP NN4+ 49 KN3
QB6+ 50 Resigns

On the other top boards, Grefe beat Meyer, DeFotis beat Day, Formanek beat Bone, and Commons beat Frey. Goichberg, a piece up against Marcos Costa, managed to get his king in a mating net. But even after he resigned, he had one final threat: to give up chess forever.

I spent most of the evening watching a fascinating R+P ending between Wozney and Martinovsky. It looked like Martinovsky had the edge after a complex series of combinations in the middlegame, but Wozney soon had his pieces placed more actively and gradually tied Martinovsky down. This was the only game Martinovsky lost in this tournament.

WOZNEY - MARTINOVSKY: 1 PK4 PK4 2 NKB3 NQB3
3 BN5 PQ3 4 PQ4 BQ2 5 NB3 PxP 6 NxP PKN3
7 BK3 BN2 8 QQ2 NB3 9 OOO OO 10 PB3 NxN 11 BxN
NxP 12 PxN BxB5 13 QxB BxB 14 NQ5 PKB3 15 NxQBP
QxN 16 QQ5+ QB2 17 QxB QxP 18 QxP KR1 19 QN3
QxQ 20 PxQ KRB1+ 21 KN1 RB3 22 RQ5 RK1 23 R1Q1
RK3 24 PQN4 KN2 25 PN5 RN3 26 R1Q4 KB2 27 KB2
KK2 28 KB3 RK4 29 RR4 RN2 30 KQ4 RxR+ 31 PxR
PB4 32 PQN4 PKR3 33 RR2 KQ2 34 RR6 KB2 35 KB4
KQ2 36 PN6 PxP 37 KN5 PB5 38 PR4 PN4 (Martinov-
sky here offered a draw) 39 PxP PxP 40 RR8 RB2
41 RKN8 RB7 42 RN7+ KK1 43 RxP RN7 44 RN4 RQ7
45 KB6 RQ5 46 PN5 KK2 47 PN3 RB5+ 48 KxP RB4
49 RxP RxQP 50 KR6 RQ6 51 PN6 RR6+ 52 KN5 RxP
53 PN7 RN1 54 RQR4 RQN1 55 KB6 PQ4 56 RR8 RxP
57 KxR KQ3 58 KN6 PQ5 and Black resigns.

Steve Tennant beat Lewis Cohen of New York on the black side of a closed Sicilian.

COHEN - TENNANT: 1 PK4 PQB4 2 NQB3 NQB3
3 PKN3 PKN3 4 BN2 BN2 5 PQ3 PK3 6 BK3 PQ3
7 NR3 RN1 8 OO PQN4 9 QQ2 PN5 10 NQ1 NQ5
11 PQB3 PxP 12 PxP NQB3 13 PKB4 KNK2 14 PK5 PxP
15 BxP BQR3 16 N3B2 QR4 17 BQ6 RQ1 18 PxP NxP
19 BxN5 BxB 20 RK1 OO 21 PQ4 BxQP 22 QR6 BKN2
23 QK3 NQ4 24 BxN QxB 25 QxRP BN2 26 NK3 QB6
27 QRN1 RQ7 28 RKB1 BQR1 29 Resigns

At the end of Round 10, Browne remained in the lead with 9 points. Six players had 8 1/2: Lombardy, Chellstorp, Grefe, DeFotis, Commons, and Weinstein.

The girl that often appeared to be with Browne, I learned tonight, had announced that she was a reporter doing a story on Browne for a magazine. Thus she had always been admitted free into the playing area. The two ladies in charge of spectators' tickets, however, finally became sufficiently suspicious to demand payment when she showed up for Round 10. She said she didn't have the money but would get it from Walter--which didn't much allay the gatekeepers' suspicions. Just then, however, Browne came hurtling through the door, having finished his drawn game with Chellstorp, and they left, averting a crisis.

One man who came to watch was happy to pay the spectator fee for himself but objected to paying for his girlfriend. "She don't know nothin about chess. Why should she have to pay?" He had a point perhaps, but the gatekeepers were inexorable, so the girl read a book outside while the man watched the games inside.

AUGUST 23 (THURSDAY): ROUND 11

We got up early this morning to attend the second Region V meeting.

A belated speed tournament (5-minute games) was held this morning. None had been scheduled, but so many inquiries and complaints were made that Verber decided to hold one after all. Only 29 players entered, mostly masters. Dave Whitehouse was Michigan's only entry. He was in a preliminary section with Steve Tennant and John Peters (Massachusetts) and didn't quite finish in the top two to qualify for the finals. An expert from Illinois, Jova Mihajlovic, won the tournament, with master John Jacobs from Texas second.

At 1 p.m. Ed Edmondson conducted a roundtable discussion to air membership and financial questions and problems. I learned that Michigan had a total USCF mailing list of 426 in 1969; four years later, in 1973, the total mailing list is 1910. Still, this 4.5-fold increase is not as impressive as the increase in a number of other states.

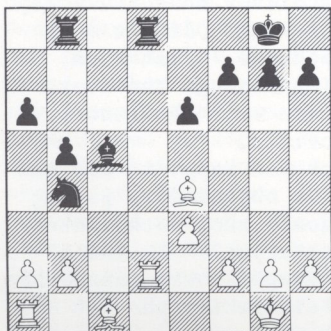
I learned also that USCF now employs 27 persons at the Newburgh office and will soon increase that to 32, which will exceed the capacity of the present building. A new metal one-story building with 12,000 square feet of space is planned for the USCF headquarters.

One other item of general interest came out of this meeting. The current rating of each member will probably be printed on his Chess Life and Review mailing label as soon as USCF finishes computerizing that whole operation.

Other Michiganders arrived today to visit: Wes Burgar from Ann Arbor, Tom Feeny from Walled Lake, Greg Sheridan from Kalamazoo, and Billy Hubbell from Ann Arbor.

Tom Sloan continued his fine play by drawing for the second round in a row with a near-master. Mark Pence, who was having perhaps his worst tournament ever, won two pawns, reached a position he "absolutely couldn't lose," and lost. Mike Reynolds showed an excellent grasp of tactics in his game with Helen Warren, a Class B player from Chicago.

WARREN - REYNOLDS: 1 PQ4 PQ4 2 PQB4 PxP
3 NKB3 NKB3 4 NB3 PQR3 5 PK3 PK3 6 BxP PB4
7 OO PQN4 8 BQ3 BN2 9 PxP BxP 10 BB2 QxQ
11 RxQ OO 12 NK5 NB3 13 NQ7 NxN 14 RxN QRN1
15 NK4 NN5 16 BN1 BxN 17 BxB KRQ1 18 RQ2 NxP
19 RxN RxR 20 BxR RQ1 21 RxP RxP 22 RR8+ BB1
23 PKN3 RxNP 24 BxP+ KxB 25 RxB KN3 26 PR4
Drawn



WARREN - REYNOLDS
(After 18 RQ2)

Rod Freeman, with the excellent score of $7\frac{1}{2}$ going into the 11th round, was paired with the New York master Eugene Meyer (2369). Once again, Freeman played excellently in a losing cause. The game was a long complicated struggle, with Freeman narrowly losing in the endgame.

FREEMAN - MEYER: 1 PK4 PQB4 2 NKB3 PK3 3 PQ4
PxP 4 NxP PQR3 5 BK3 NKB3 6 NQ2 QB2 7 PQB4
BB4 8 BK2 PQ3 9 OO NB3 10 NB2 OO 11 BB3 NK4
12 PQN4 BxB 13 NxN BQ2 14 NN3 KRQ1 15 RB1 BB3
16 NQ5 PxN 17 BPxP QRB1 18 PxN PxP 19 PQR3 QK2
20 RK1 PB4 21 BK2 PxP 22 RxR RxR 23 PxP RN1
24 BxP RxP 25 QB2 PN3 26 PR3 NR4 27 QB3 RN3
28 NQ4 NKB5 29 BB1 QN4 30 PN3 NR4 31 BN2 QB3
32 RQB1 NQ2 33 NB3 QxQ 34 RxQ N4B3 35 RB7 RN8+
36 KR2 RN7 37 KN1 KN2 38 RB4 RK7 39 RQ4 NxP
40 NK5 N2B4 41 NQ3 PB4 42 NxN RK8+ 43 KR2 PxN
44 RQ7+ KB3 45 BxN PxN 46 RxP PB5 47 RQB7 RQB8
48 KN2 KK4 49 RB6 PN4 50 RB5+ KQ5 51 RxNP PB6
52 RN8 RQN8 53 RQ8+ KB5 54 PN4 PB7 55 RB8+ KQ6
56 PN5 PB8Q 57 RxQ RxR 58 PR4 PK6 59 Resigns

Steve Tennant produced another nice game.

TENNANT - WILLBERT: 1 PK4 PQB4 2 NKB3 PQR3
3 PB3 PQ3 4 PQ4 NQ2 5 BK3 QB2 6 QN2 KNB3
7 PKR3 PKN3 8 BQ3 BN2 9 OO OO 10 PQR4 PN3
11 QK2 BN2 12 NR2 PK4 13 PQ5 KR1 14 KRB1 NKN1
15 PQN4 BR3 16 PR5 BxB 17 QxB NPxP 18 PxRP RN1
19 NB4 KN2 20 KRN1 BB1 21 QB1 RxR 22 RxR RN1
23 RN2 N1B3 24 QN1 RxR 25 QxR NK1 26 NB3 BN2
27 N3Q2 PB4 28 PB3 N1B3 29 BB2 PB5 30 BR4 KB2
31 QxB Resigns

On the board next to me in Round 11, a young Class A player arrived breathless a few minutes late. His opponent made his first move, 1 PK4. The flustered young man, scarcely looking at the board, grabbed his king knight, held it suspended in mid air, and groaned, "Oh, I thought you played PQ4!" Like it or not, he was in an Alekhine's Defense. The whole incident may have been inspired by the new book Underhanded Chess, because the young man seemed to know the standard book lines of Alekhine's Defense quite well. On many of his moves, however, he would hold a piece uncertainly over some irrelevant square, as if he were going to put it there, and then at the last moment drop it onto the "right" square. The young man was also a j'adouber. On his own time he reached out to adjust one of the opponent's pieces, and the opponent, a middle-aged expert who was surly to begin with and whose disposition hadn't improved during this game, barked "Don't touch my pieces." He then continued to mutter under his breath about being disturbed, so the young man now had his turn: "SHSSSSSS!" I'm not sure who was the more disturbed by all these tactics, but I noticed later that the young Class A player had beaten the expert.

As I was walking around, I saw New York expert Tom Thrush reach a position with a whole queen and some other material ahead. When his opponent

continued to push his king around, Thrush jumped up and brought over two queens from adjoining boards. The opponent cast one more look at Thrush's pawns that were apparently both heirs apparent, and resigned.

On Board 1 Lombardy - Browne was adjourned with Browne a pawn up but with bishops of opposite color and rooks in a position that most masters seemed to think would be drawn. Chellstorp and Formanek drew quickly. Weinstein beat Grefe. Commons and DeFotis adjourned in a drawish position, and Suttles beat Celorio.

AUGUST 24 (FRIDAY): ROUND 12

This was the morning of THE INCIDENT. Browne had arrived at 9 a.m. to play the adjourned game with Lombardy. Lombardy, who had sealed the night before, was not there, so Browne told the tournament official, Garrett Scott, to start Lombardy's clock. Scott, who was under the impression that Browne had sealed, started Lombardy's clock, leaving the envelope unopened. When Lombardy finally arrived, he protested that his clock should not have been started. Scott agreed that he had made an error and was in the process of correcting it when Browne erupted. While Browne told Scott what he thought of him and all his ancestors, Lombardy picked up the clock and turned it back to the original position, adding fuel to Browne's fire. Scott took Browne out of the playing room to continue their "discussion" so that the other adjourned games could proceed, but no closed door could seal off the sounds of Browne's indignation. Then Lombardy himself started shouting about being disturbed. Browne came back into the playing room, and Lombardy snarled that Browne was nothing but an animal. At this point, Scott told all the other players in the room to stop their clocks, and they all served as audience for the U.S. Open shouting and vituperation championship match for 1973. (By all reports it was a draw.)

The tournament committee had been assembled by this time, and the shouters were ushered into the committee room, three rooms away, from which the sounds of the argument continued to drift back to the playing area. By 10:30, the officials had restored order and had got the grandmasters back to the board.

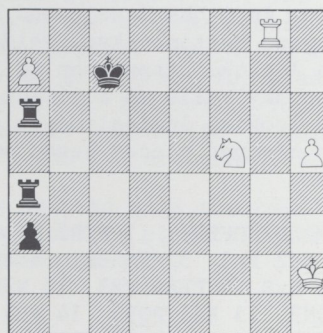
Browne shortly was able to sacrifice the exchange to force a pawn through, and Lombardy was soon looking at his own bare king surrounded by Browne's king and new queen. He made four more moves. One move away from mate, he sat contemplating the position for more than a half hour until his flag fell.

Going into the last round, Browne had 10, and Weinstein had 9 1/2. Seven players followed with 9: Chellstorp, Suttles, DeFotis, Rodriguez, Formanek, Commons, and Mallett. Sixteen had 8 1/2:

Lombardy, Grefe, Meyer, Denker, Matera, Boskovic, Brandts, Bone, Burns, Dubeck, Wozney, Weber, Holyon, Costa, Englebretson, and Krystall.

By the middle of the day the top players were furiously agitating over who was going to play whom. To keep the peace, the officials posted the pairings early for the top five boards: 1. Browne-Suttles, 2. Weinstein-Chellstorp, 3. DeFotis-Formanek, 3. Rodriguez-Commons, and 4. Mallett-Lombardy. Suttles immediately lodged an official protest that he should not automatically be given black because he and Browne had had the same number of whites. --Objection overruled.

Before the round started, Wes Burgar was having fun stumping one and all with a problem U.S. Open Postal Champion Gary Abram had just sent him from New York. Burgar himself hadn't solved it; he named it the world's hardest problem. Here it is:



White to move and draw

Yasser Seirawan, who looks even younger than his 12 years, walked by and plunked down the crazy-looking key move. When the realization finally came over the group that Seirawan had indeed solved it, Wes was thunderstruck. "Look what this little kid found," he told everybody. (The little kid admitted that he had seen the solution somewhere, but Wes was still impressed!)

Can you solve it? Answer next month.

Browne and Lombardy were not the only players whose nerves were edgy by the end of the tournament. In one of the playing rooms I noticed that a semicircle of chairs had been placed behind one of the players near the door as if to wall him off from spectators. Come to find out, that was exactly their purpose. In an earlier round I had seen this player, a short middle-aged man, leap to his feet and chase a young spectator down the aisle to warn him in loud angry tones not to brush his chair again! Well, in the present round somebody else had brushed against the back of his chair, and Mr. Touch-Me-Not had leaped to his feet again. The tournament official quickly put his own body between Mr. TMN and the guy twice his size that he seemed about to attack, and order was restored. The official then built a wall of chairs around Mr. TMN to protect any unwary spectator that might carelessly wander too close.

Les Smith played an exciting game in this final round. Sacrificing a knight for three center pawns, he seemed to be gaining an excellent game. His opponent returned the compliment by making the standard bishop sacrifice on KR7 and developed dangerous threats. In the final position, with lots of play left, the players agreed to a draw probably out of nervous exhaustion.

SIPRUT - SMITH: 1 PQ4 NKB3 2 NKB3 PK3 3 PK3 PB4 4 PB3 NB3 5 BQ3 PQ4 6 QN2 BQ2 7 OO RB1 8 NK5 PB5 9 BB2 BQ3 10 PB4 OO 11 PKN4 NK1 12 PN5 BxN 13 QPxN NxP 14 PxN QxP+ 15 KR1 QxP4 16 NB3 QB2 17 BxP+ KxB 18 NN5+ KN3 19 QN4 PB4 20 QN2 KB3 21 NR7+ KB2 22 NxR KxN 23 BQ2 BB3 24 PK4 PxP 25 BK3 NB3 26 KN1 NQ4 27 BB5+ KB2 28 QR3 RKN1 29 QR5+ PN3 30 QR7+ RN2 31 QR8 RN1 Drawn

Steven Feldman reaped the reward of his excellent score going into the last round by being paired with Eugene Martinovsky. Feldman played the Nimzovitch Attack, often seen in Larsen's games. Martinovsky built up a slight positional edge by simple-looking logical moves and won when Feldman's cramped pieces began stumbling into each other.

FELDMAN - MARTINOVSKY: 1 NKB3 PQB4 2 PQN3 PQ4 3 PK3 NKB3 4 BN2 PK3 5 NK5 BK2 6 BN5+ QN2 7 OO OO 8 BxN NxN 9 PKB4 PB3 10 NxN BxN 11 PQ3 PQN4 12 NQ2 QN3 13 RB3 PQR4 14 RN3 PR5 15 QN4 RB2 16 PB4 NPxP 17 QPxP PR6 18 BB1 PB4 19 QK2 BKB3 20 RN1 BB3 21 PxP PxP 22 QQ3 BQN4 23 QB2 QR3 24 QxQBP BQ6 25 QxQP RQ1 26 QB3 BxR 27 NxN QQ6 28 NQ2 QB7 29 QB1 BN7 30 Resigns

Marvin Seawood concluded the tournament with a vigorous kingside attack culminating in a decisive knight sacrifice against Joseph Crump. Seawood thus finished with 7½ points, and can now kiss his Class B rating goodbye.

SEAWOOD - CRUMP: 1 PK4 PQB4 2 NKB3 PK3 3 PQ4 PxP 4 NxP PQR3 5 BQ3 QB2 6 OO NKB3 7 QK2 PQ3 8 NQB3 BK2 9 BK3 OO 10 PB4 QN2 11 PKN4 NB4 12 PN5 N3Q2 13 QR5 NxN 14 PxN PKN3 15 QR4 PN4 16 PB5 KPxP 17 PxP RK1 18 RB3 PKR4 19 RR3 BN2 20 N3K2 NK4 21 NB4 BQ1 22 NxRP PxN 23 QxP KB1 24 PB6 NN3 25 QR8+ Resigns

Stephan Popel finished the tournament riding roughshod over Class A players that had been doing very well before meeting the experienced old pro. His opponent in Round 12, Dennis Littrell of California, faced with Popel's characteristic Center-Counter, embarked on a premature kingside attack, and Popel swallowed him without a trace. Popel thus finished with 9 points and a share of the runnerup experts' money.

LITTRELL - POPEL: 1 PK4 PQ4 2 PxP QxP 3 NQB3 QQR4 4 PQ4 PQB3 5 NB3 NB3 6 BQ2 QB2 7 BK2 BB4 8 OO PK3 9 NK5 QN2 10 BKB4 BQ3 11 PKN4 BN3

12 NxN RPxN 13 BxB QxB 14 PB4 OO 15 RB2 NN3 16 PN5 NR4 17 BxN RxB 18 NK2 NQ4 19 QQ3 RR5 20 QK4 R1R1 21 PB4 NK2 22 NN3 RN5 23 QB3 R1R5 24 R1KB1 QxQP 25 RQ1 QxQBP 26 PN3 QB4 27 KB1 QxR+ 28 QxQ RxBP 29 RQ2 RxQ+ and won.

Lombardy with Black against Roy Mallett played the seldom seen Rubinstein Variation of the French Defense and wore him down in a long positional game.

MALLETT - LOMBARDY: 1 PK4 PK3 2 PQ4 PQ4 3 NQB3 PxP 4 NxP NQ2 5 NKB3 BK2 6 BQ3 KNB3 7 NN3 PB4 8 OO OO 9 PB3 QB2 10 QK2 PQN3 11 BQ2 BN2 12 QRB1 QRB1 13 KRK1 KRQ1 14 BN1 BQ3 15 PxP PxP 16 QRQ1 PKR3 17 NK4 BK2 18 NxN+ BxN 19 PQN3 NN1 20 NK5 BxN 21 QxB QxQ 22 RxQ RQ3 23 RK2 R1Q1 24 KB1 NB3 25 KK1 BR3 26 RK3 PB4 27 PKB4 NK2 28 BB2 BN2 29 RK2 NQ4 30 PB4 NN5 31 BxN PxB 32 RxR RxR 33 PN3 KB2 34 RK5 PR3 35 RB5 RQ2 36 KK2 KB3 37 RK5 PN4 38 RK3 RN2 39 PxP+ PxP 40 KQ2 RQ2+ 41 RQ3 RR2 42 KB1 RxP 43 RQ7 BB6 44 RQ6 PN5 45 PB5 KK2 46 RxRP PB5 47 PB6 PxP 48 RR7+ KQ3 49 PB7 RR1 50 RR6+ KxP 51 Resigns

The Browne-Suttles game was of course the center of attention in this final round. The room was crowded with approximately 350 spectators, but the wall boards were still easily visible most of the time. Browne won a pawn and appeared to have the tournament sewn up. Weinstein and Chellstorp had agreed a draw by this time, so Browne, needing only a draw to win the tournament outright, offered Suttles a draw, which Suttles declined, despite his shaky position on the board. Both players, especially Browne, then got into extreme time-pressure. In order to keep the wall board current and accurate, a task that the regular wall-board boys had serious problems with when the moves were made rapidly, expert Kenneth Frey was pressed into service, but even he couldn't keep up with the flying pieces and pawns. It didn't matter much at this point anyway, because Lombardy and Bisguier were then standing shoulder to shoulder between the board and the audience, blocking the view for some hundred spectators. The tournament officials were busily shooing away several youngsters who had been sitting on the floor in front of the first row of chairs out of everyone's line of sight. The youngsters had to go, it seemed, but the grandmasters could do as they pleased.

At the end of the scramble, they each had made their 50th move, but Browne had dropped a rook somewhere. Suttles stood up, clearly showing relief and triumph. Browne sat there despondently for a few minutes and then knocked over his king and some other pieces with a sweep of his hand. The room exploded with applause; Suttles' victory was very popular. Even the sober Lombardy sported a big grin. "You sure hate to see a nice guy like that lose," he said.

After the wall chart was completed, I counted 130 persons who had either withdrawn earlier or who had forfeited their last round. Naum Zacks and Doris Thackrey each were paired with opponents who didn't show for the last round. Michigan players who had withdrawn earlier were James Wineman and Gary Kling.

Friday night after the round, the tournament committee, the national officers, and a few others had a party in the Chicago Chess Club, with champagne and other drinks, fried chicken, pizza, and hors d'oeuvres. Doris and I were invited. The pleasant conversation and champagne made all the chess blunders of the previous two weeks fade into painless oblivion.

AUGUST 25 (SATURDAY): AWARDS DAY

The prizes were awarded in the auditorium on the 19th floor. Verber called on George Koltanowski to regale the assemblage with some chess stories while the newspaper photographers took pictures of the prizewinners--"to fill in like a buffoon," as Koltanowski himself characterized it. The famous old storyteller told a few shopworn stories, and one new one--about the girl in this tournament who castled kingside and then got her king back to K1 where it was getting into trouble so she castled queenside.

The U.S. Champion is Norman Weinstein, a 22-year-old from Allston, Massachusetts. He tied with four others with 10-2, but his tiebreak was considerably better than any others since he had played six of the top seven finishers. Weinstein has a master's degree in mathematics from Brandeis University, but is now a full-time chessplayer.

Also finishing with 10 points were Walter Browne, Duncan Suttles, Greg DeFotis, and Ruben Rodriguez. All of these prizewinners are under 30, proving once again, as USCF president Frank Skoff pointed out, that chess is a young man's game.

Finishing in 6th through 13th, each with 9 1/2, were Sal Matera, William Lombardy, John Grefe, Leroy Dubeck, Craig Chellstorp, Paul Brandts, Milorad Boskovic, and Eric Bone.

Top expert, with 9 1/2, was Tom Wozney. (Stephan Popel was in a four-way tie for runnerup.) Top Class A, with 8 1/2, was Danny Shapiro from New York. Top Class B, with 8 1/2, was "the little kid" that solved our endgame problem, Yasser Seirawan of Washington. Top Class C, with 7, was Andrew Rosner of New York. Top Class D, with 7, was Ron Feinstein of Illinois. Top Unrated, with 7 1/2, was Bernard Rabinowitz of Chicago. Top woman, with 7, was Eva Aronson of Florida.

It remains only to give the round-by-round chart for the Michigan players. The asterisked names are ex-Michiganders.

2378	*Martinovsky, Eugene (Ill.)	1	2	2½	3½	4	4½	5½	6	7	7	7½	8½
2287	*Tennant, Steven (Ill.)	1	2	2½	3½	4	4½	5½	6	6	7	8	8½
2180	*Popel, Stephan (N.D.)	1	2	3	3½	3½	4½	5	6	6½	7	8	9
2136	Freeman, Rod (Detroit)	1	2	3	3	4	4½	5	6	6½	7½	7½	8½
2049	Borgen, Richard (E. Lansing)	1	2	3	4	4	4	4	4½	5	6	7	8
2041	Feldman, Steven (Oak Park)	1	2	3	3	3½	4½	5	6	6	6½	7½	7½
2016	Pence, Mark (Livonia)	1	1	2	3	4	4	4½	4½	4½	5½	5½	6½
2004	Sloan, Thomas (E. Detroit)	1	2	3	3½	3½	3½	4½	5½	6½	7	7½	7½
1987	Palmer, Marvin (Royal Oak)	1	2	2	2	3	4	5	5	6	6	6½	6½
1966	*Tessaro, George (N.Y.)	1	2	2½	3	4	4	5	5	5½	6½	6½	7
1903	Zacks, Naum (E. Lansing)	1	2	2½	2½	3½	4½	4½	5½	5½	6½	6½	7½
1898	Van Meter, Lester (Niles)	1	2	2½	2½	3½	3½	4½	5½	5½	5½	6½	7½
1893	Brattin, J. D. (Battle Creek)	1	2	3	3	3	3	4	5	5½	6½	6½	6½
1860	Thackrey, Don (Ann Arbor)	0	1	1	1½	2½	3½	3½	4½	5	6	6	7
1845	*Devin, Bill (Oklahoma)	1	1	2	3	3	4	5	5	6	6	6½	7½
1783	Seawood, Marvin (Niles)	1	1	2	3	3	3	4	4	5	6	6½	7½
1768	Beider, Andrew (Oak Park)	1	1	1	2	3	3	4	5	5	6	6	6
1717	Jenkins, Thomas (Huntington Woods)	1	1	2	2	3	3	3½	4½	5½	5½	6½	6½
1707	Rubenstein, Robert (Ann Arbor)	1	2	2	2	3	3	4	4	4½	4½	5	6
1691	Smith, Les LeRoy (Kalamazoo)	½	½	½	1	2	2	3	4	5	5	5	5½
1639	Krakiwskyj, Ed (Grand Rapids)	0	1	1½	2	2	3	4	4	5	5½	6	7
1588	Dlugas, Daniel (Temperance)	0	½	1½	2	3	3	3½	3½	4½	4½	5	5½
1547	Burke, Larry (Kalamazoo)	0	1	2	2	2½	3½	3½	4	4	4½	4½	5
1500	Thackrey, Doris (Ann Arbor)	0	0	0	1	2	2	2½	3½	3½	4	4	5
1478	Kling, Gary H. (Niles)	0	½	1	1	2	2	2½	3	-	-	-	-
1475	Brouwer, John (Three Rivers)	½	½	1	2	2	3	3	3½	3½	4½	5½	5½
1402	Reynolds, Mike (Grosse Pnte Pk)	0	0	0	1	1½	2½	3	3	4	4	4½	5½
Unr.	Wineman, James (Detroit)	0	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1096	Lucas, Claudia (Ann Arbor)	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	2	2	3	4

ABRAHAM CROLL: IN MEMORIAM

By Louis Kellner

Abraham Croll died on August 20 of acute leukemia. He was one of the original members of the Detroit Chess & Checker Club, when it was the premier chess club of Michigan from 1921 through 1950. He was active in Detroit chess in its development stage in the early 1920's when such well-known players as Stolzenberg, Banks, Palmer, Van Norden, Winter, and Olds were the major chess figures of the state, and when a number of younger stars, including Croll, were beginning to show their ability. Croll demonstrated his talent as early as 1922 when he defeated Stolzenberg in a tournament, and in 1926 when he took part in an exhibition in Detroit given by that chess giant Capablanca and drew his game in 40 moves. He abhorred drawn games in tournaments and specialized in gambits, which he claimed brought out the best in a player.

Before World War II, Abe Croll was a lawyer. During the war, he served in the army in China and Burma, mainly as a radio operator on bombers. His stories about the flights over the Himalayas were very interesting. When he was discharged from war service, his background of legal training led to his employment with the U.S. Veterans Administration as a member of the adjudication board assessing the degree of injury to returning veterans and their eligibility for compensation under the constantly changing applicable laws. The necessity to consider all aspects of injuries and their future implications carried with it an emotional burden which went home with him after office hours. When he left army service, his own physical condition resulted in a rating which entitled him to compensation, but he refused it.

Because of his deep involvement in his work, he had little time for chess, but when he was able to take vacation time he did visit several U.S. Open tournaments and actually played in New Orleans and Long Beach in 1954 and 1955. Although his work made him somewhat of a loner, he found time to associate with a limited number of chess friends. For several years he was part of a weekend group that met in various homes. The group usually included Lou Kellner, Leon Stolzenberg, Irving and Sol Bloom, and several others, all former associates at the defunct Detroit Chess & Checker Club. While playing bridge into the wee hours, we discussed chess people and activities everywhere.

When Abe retired in June 1972, he had intended to take a greater interest in chess. He had planned to play in some upcoming Detroit tournaments and was thinking of making the trip to the



Abraham Croll

U.S. Open in Chicago. During weekly luncheons with Stolzenberg, Kellner, and Jenkins, he talked about these plans. It was during the last such luncheon that he suddenly became ill. A few days later he had to enter the hospital. During his seven-week stay at the hospital, I visited his room every night, and during his more normal nights we discussed the interzonal tournaments in Russia and Brazil. About one week before his death, when he had shown marked improvement, we talked of making the trip to Chicago for the final days of the U.S. Open. A sudden change in his condition brought an end to this hope.

Checking through his books and records, Abe's sister found the scoresheet of his drawn game with Capablanca in 1926.

Simultaneous Exhibition Detroit, December 10, 1926 CAPABLANCA - CROLL

1 PQ4	PQ3	15 QN5+	QB3	29 RXP	RXP
2 PK4	PK4	16 PXP	NXP	30 RB5	PQ5
3 NKB3	PXP	17 NXN	PxN	31 KB2	RR7
4 NxP	BK2	18 QxQ+	PxQ	32 KB3	PR5
5 NQB3	NKB3	19 QRQN1	OO	33 PN4	PR6
6 BQ3	BK3	20 RN7	BB3	34 PN5	RN7
7 OO	QNQ2	21 BB5	KRN1	35 RB7+	KB1
8 PB4	NB4	22 KRN1	RxR	36 KK4	PR7
9 PQN4	NxB	23 RxR	PQR4	37 RR7	RXP
10 QxN	PB4	24 PQR4	RK1	38 PR4	RR7
11 NxB	PxN	25 RQB7	RK5	39 KxP	RxP+
12 QB4	PxP	26 RB8+	KB2	40 KK5	RR7
13 QxP4	QB2	27 PB5	BQ5+		Drawn
14 BK3	PQ4	28 BxB	RxB		

ENDGAME



By David Whitehouse



In my last article (June issue of MICHIGAN CHESS) I discussed several general features of endgame play and endgame literature. This month I wish to explore in more depth the oft-asked question "What good is all this endgame stuff anyway?"

Well, there are many answers to this. Janowski, a grandmaster of the early 1900's, insisted that any game that got as far as the endgame had been misplayed. This seems a bit extreme, especially since all of the recent world champions--Botvinnik, Smyslov, Petrosian, Spassky, and Fischer--are great endgame virtuosi. This is worth noting.

But, you say, "What good is all this to me, Fred Fish?" Let me try to answer this. First, endgames eliminate most of the extraneous elements from a position. They tend to highlight the powers of the pieces and the weakness of such things as isolated and doubled pawns. If you wish to understand the difference between bishops and knights in an open position, go through K+B+B s. K, K+B+N vs. K, and K+N+N vs. K. The first mate is easy, the second difficult, the third impossible. To me, a well-played rook and pawn ending is almost breathtaking. To see how a great player like Rubinstein could make his rooks do whatever he wanted is a beautiful thing. He understood this particular piece so well he could create art from it and a handful of pawns. Endgames teach the power of the pieces, how to appreciate and best use them, and how to coordinate them. All of this is very useful in the middle-game.

A second point in learning endgames is that this knowledge makes middlegame positions easier. Suppose I am a pawn up with some attacking chances. This is all very pleasant, but perhaps I have something even better. There is a chance to exchange off all the remaining pieces and go into a pawn ending a pawn up. How nice! But fear gnaws at me. Can I win this endgame or not? If I can't, I prefer to attack, but if I can, things will be very simple with only kings and pawns. Perhaps I could figure out all of this over the board, but a lot of time, that most precious commodity, is consumed. How much easier life is when one studies the ending! Then the question of simplification becomes much easier to answer.

You see, it's not so important whether a specific endgame ever comes up in your games. It's the possibility of transposing your way into it that counts. If you know an end position, you also know whether to strive for it or avoid it. Remember, what happens in your games is only a small part of what you consider. For every move

made on the board, several others are usually considered. Endgame knowledge is very useful, even if you never play a single endgame in your life. Perhaps you never play endings because you recognize that complications are your only chance to win (or draw!). At least you have the good sense and knowledge to avoid bad endings!

Thus, endgame study is a long-range proposition. It is a necessary element in improving your play, but not always an immediately useful one. This seems to me to be the reason why you can buy a hundred books on openings and only a half-dozen or so on endings. It is easy to say "I want to learn how to defend against the Ruy Lopez, since everyone plays it." So you buy a book, learn something about the Ruy Lopez, and you can apply this that very night at the club. How nice, but you haven't learned very much more about chess. Openings are too complicated and too cluttered with esoteric grandmaster theory to help you improve your game. OK, so you don't lose in ten moves anymore, but is it any better to lose in twenty? I would rather win, thank you. Endgames improve your overall skills. Eventually you will see that you are finding more nice moves in your games (you have learned how to use the pieces more skillfully) and that you have better plans (endgames are strategic by and large: not so many cheapos, but hundreds of ideas). So you see how endgame study will improve your overall chess strength.

There is another point about studying openings that makes them so appealing. It is easy to apply what you study, to learn by trial and error at the club every week. You messed up move eleven of a Grunfeld? Learn it better! This approach is appealing, but misleading. All you do is memorize variations. Endings call for memory too, but since they occur less frequently, you are forced to study them yourself to make progress. People who learn opening lines are always stymied by things like 1 e4 c5 2 Nf3 d6 3 Bd3. So much for everything you ever learned about the Najdorf! On the other hand, endgames are relatively free from the curse of reams of analysis on every legal move. Plans and ideas count for more, and you must find them! The study of endings forces one to think, which seems like a useful habit in most chess games.

Well, you are probably either completely convinced that endgames are the essence of chess, or else you never want to see one again, or that I talk too much. 'Nough said. In my next article I will try to discuss some specifics of endgames and get down to hard analysis.

Games from Bronstein's ZURICH 1953



Translator: Jim Marfia



This is our 5th installment of David Bronstein's Zurich 1953.

Round 23, Game 156
Queen's Indian Defense
KOTOV - RESHEVSKY

1 d4	Nf6
2 c4	e6
3 Nf3	b6
4 e3	Bb7
5 Bd3	Be7
6 O-O	O-O
7 Nc3	d5
8 Qe2	Nbd7
9 b3	a6

Too quiet. With White preparing to open the center with e4, one would expect Reshevsky to play 9...Bb4 10 Bb2 Bxc3 11 Bxc3 dc 12 bc c5.

10 Bb2	Bd6
11 e4	de
12 Nxe4	Nxe4
13 Bxe4	Bxe4
14 Qxe4	...

White has the freer game. He has noticeably more lines at his disposal for various regroupings. With the black-square bishop on the long diagonal, one is awfully tempted to whip a rook out to g3, but one must also counter Black's attempts to gain more scope for his pieces, either with ...c5 or with ...e5.

14 ...	Qe7
15 Rael	Rfe8
16 Re2	a5
17 Rfe1	Bb4
18 Rd1	Rad8
19 Rd3	f6
20 R3e3	Qf7
21 g3	Bd6
22 Qc6	Nb8
23 Qb5	Nd7
24 Kg2	Bf8
25 a3	Rc8
26 Qc6	Nb8
27 Qb7	Qd7
28 Qe4	Qf7

Lengthy maneuvers on interior lines with no meaningful alteration in the position; but White's next careless move allows Reshevsky to seize the initiative.

29 Qg4	h5!
30 Qe4	c5!

Well played. By knocking out this center pawn, Black gets fully equal play.

31 Rd3	Nc6
32 R2d2?	...

White absent-mindedly drops the rook on a bad square. He should take the c-pawn first.

32 ...	cd
33 Nxd4	Ne5
34 Rc3	Rcd8
35 f4	...

A very risky decision. The plan to gain the d-file should have been continued with, let us say, 35 Rc1 and 36 Rcd1. This foolhardy pawn push might have cost White the game. It decisively weakens the fatal diagonals c5-g1 and a8-h1.

35 ...	Ng4
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Of course. Black immediately obtains a number of tactical possibilities--...e5, for example, which forces the knight from d4.

36 Nf3	Rxd2+
37 Nxd2	Rd8

Returning the favor. Reshevsky figures that it will be harder for White to defend his queenside pawns with the rooks gone, but Kotov manages to hold the balance. I would have played the more obvious 37...f5, especially with the rook on the e-file. After 38 Qf3 e5 39 h3 e4 or 39 fe Nxe5 40 Qd5 Bc5 Black's pieces would have been excellently placed, while White would have no useful moves. 38 Qc6 is best.

38 Rd3	Rxd3
39 Qxd3	Qb7+
40 Qe4	Qd7
41 Nf3	Bc5
42 Bd4	Bxd4
43 Nxd4	Kf7
44 h3	f5
45 Qd3	Nf6
46 Nf3	Qxd3

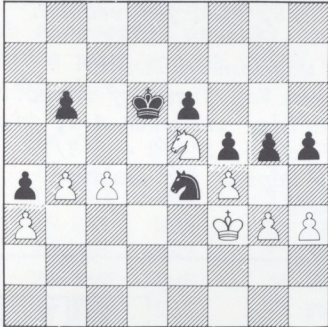
46...Qe7, keeping pressure on the a-pawn, left greater winning chances. It becomes clear from the further course of the game that Reshevsky overrated his chances in home analysis. On the other hand, there is no need for us to regret this, since the knight ending is very interesting.

47 Ne5+	Ke7
48 Nxd3	Ne4
49 b4	Kd6
50 Ne5	a4

The draw was assured with 50...ab. However, Black wants to keep his a-pawn and get White's. One cannot fault Reshevsky's logic, but Kotov finds a stunning defense.

51 Kf3 g5

Black's doing his damndest: now he threatens 52...Nd2+ 53 Ke3 Nb1 54 Kd3 h4 or 52...g4+ 53 hg hg+ 54 Nxg4 Nd2+ 55 Ke2 Nxc4, etc., and Kotov's position appears critical. However, his king avoids the danger zone by a sharp left turn.



52 Ke3 ...

A very pretty move. Here are the supporting variations--the first one reads like a novella:

(1) 52...Nc3--desire, for the a-pawn--53 Kd3 Nb1 54 Kc2 Nxa3+ 55 Kb2. The knight perishes, but the breakthrough is on the opposite flank: 55...h4 56 Kxa3 hg, and if the knight rushes to the rescue--57 Nf3?, then 57...gf and the pawns' serried array--e6-f5-f4-g3--marches unhindered to the first rank. But the knight may gallop by roundabout routes: 57 Nf7+!, and after 58 Nxg5 and 59 Nf3, the g-pawn is stayed at the very threshold.

(2) 52...Nxg3 53 Nf7+ Ke7 54 Nxg5, and again the black knight is stuck.

Reshevsky finds a way to get the a-pawn anyhow.

52 ...	g4
53 hg	hg
54 Nxg4	Nc3
55 Ne5	Nb1
56 Kd3	Nxa3
57 b5	...

This allows Black to give up the knight for two pawns and good drawing chances. Wouldn't 57 Kc3 have been simpler? As it turns out, no: Black would have drawn at once by 57...b5 58 c5+ Kd5 59 c6 Kd6 60 Kb2 Nc4+.

57 ...	Nxb5
58 cb	Kc5
59 Nf3	Kxb5
60 Nd4+	Kb4
61 Kc2	e5
62 fe	Kc5
63 e6	Kd6
64 Kc3	b5
65 Kb4	Ke7
66 Kc5	a3
67 Kd5	Resigns

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U.P. CHAMPS

The Upper Peninsula Championship is shared by Robert Blair of K.I. Sawyer AFB and Louis Owen of L'Anse by virtue of their tie for first in the Second Lake Superior Chess Club Summer Open on July 14-15 in Marquette. Forty players participated, making this tournament probably the largest rated chess event ever held in the Upper Peninsula. Blair and Owen mowed down the opposition for four rounds before they met in the final round and drew.

This tournament and other news of chess in the U.P. are carried in "The Upper Peninsula Chess Bulletin," the publication of the Lake Superior Chess Club edited by Lee Larson.

JIM MARFIA IS STATE CHAMP

Jim Marfia of Grand Rapids is the new Michigan champion. He scored 6-1 in the Michigan Open Championship over Labor Day weekend, a tournament with 165 entries, the largest tournament ever held in Michigan. Four others also scored 6-1, and finished in the following tiebreak order: John Brooks of Detroit, David Whitehouse of Lansing, Roger Underhill of Petersburg, and Tom LaForge of Sterling Heights.

A round-by-round full report is being prepared by Jack O'Keefe.



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MARF'S OPEN - 1



Grand Rapids, July 27-29, 1973



The open section of Marf's Open-1, with twelve players, was won by Wes Burgar of Ann Arbor, 4 1/2 - 1/2. Lansing area players David Whitehouse, Richard Borgen, and Randy Donahue, all with 3 1/2 - 1 1/2, tied for second. Donahue was top A, and Ed Krakiwskyj (3-2) top B.

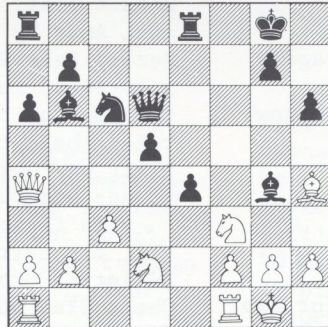
The booster section (below 1700), with 42 players, was won by Dwight Litson of Grand Rapids with a score of 4 1/2 - 1/2. Ken Van Cleve of Detroit, Larry Burke of Kalamazoo, and Kevin Czuhai of Grand Rapids, all with 4-1, tied for second. Van Cleve was top B, Burke top C, Philip Jones (3 1/2 - 1 1/2) of Grand Rapids top D/E, and Dale Doten (3-2) of Grand Rapids top unrated.

Some selected games follow with notes by Jack O'Keefe.

BURGAR - WHITEHOUSE

After Black comes out of the opening with an advantage, Burgar sets a deep and subtle trap with 19 KR1!, preventing a later ...NxN+. Black can keep a fine game by 19...BxN, but who could resist playing 19...BQ2 and 20...NK4, apparently winning a piece? However, after 21 QN3 and 22 NxP White must regain his lost material in all variations because of the inescapable pin on Black's N, e.g., 22...BQ1 (hoping for 23 KRK1 BKB3) 23 NxN RxN 24 BxR QxB 25 QxNP. A beautiful resource by Burgar.

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|---------|------|---------|----------|
| 1 PQ4 | PK3 | 16 QNQ2 | NK5 |
| 2 PK4 | PQ4 | 17 QR4 | PB4 |
| 3 NQ2 | PQB4 | 18 BxN | BPxB |
| 4 KPxP | KPxP | 19 KR1 | BQ2 |
| 5 BN5+ | NB3 | 20 BN3 | NK4 |
| 6 QK2+ | BK2 | 21 QN3 | PxN |
| 7 PxP | NB3 | 22 NxP | BB2 |
| 8 KNB3 | OO | 23 KRK1 | QKB3 |
| 9 OO | BxP | 24 NxN | BB3 |
| 10 NN3 | BN3 | 25 NxB | BxB |
| 11 BN5 | PKR3 | 26 QxP+ | KR1 |
| 12 BKR4 | PR3 | 27 BPxB | PxN |
| 13 BQ3 | BN5 | 28 QB3 | RKB1 |
| 14 PB3 | RK1 | 29 QxQ | and won. |
| 15 QQ1 | QQ3 | | |

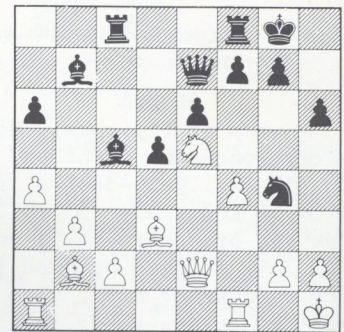


BURGAR - WHITEHOUSE
(After 18...BPxB)

VAN CLEVE - KEVIN CZUHAI

Ken Van Cleve wins an instructive miniature. 10...BxB?, weakening Black's Q3, allows White to sacrifice a piece for three pawns and a strong attack. After 13...QN2 White twice clears the way for a decisive knight-fork by 14 RxP+! and 16 RxB.

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|--------|------|--------|-----|----------|---------|
| 1 PK4 | PQB4 | 6 BKN5 | PK3 | 11 BxP+ | PxB |
| 2 NKB3 | PQ3 | 7 PB4 | BK2 | 12 N4xNP | QB3 |
| 3 PQ4 | PxP | 8 QB3 | QB2 | 13 RxP | QN2 |
| 4 NxP | NKB3 | 9 OOO | PN4 | 14 RxP+ | KQ2 |
| 5 NQB3 | PQR3 | 10 BxN | BxB | 15 RQ6+ | KK1 |
| | | | | 16 RxB | Resigns |



BROWN - GROUP
(After 24 NK5)

When Black sent his N far afield here by 24...NxP 25 NN4 NxR, Ralph Brown struck back with 26 NxP+! KR1 27 QN4. Black's best chance to survive was 27...PB3, though White has at least a draw by 28 NB7+! KN1 (else mate) 29 NR6+. After the actual 27...PQ5, White could win the queen--or king--by 28 QR3, but instead he lost after 28 NxP+ KN1 29 NR6+ KR1 30 QR3? PxN since the Black Q now takes part in defending against mate.

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|---------|--------------|
| 24 ... | NxP |
| 25 NN4 | NxR |
| 26 NxP+ | KR1 |
| 27 QN4 | PQ5 |
| 28 NxP+ | KN1 |
| 29 NR6+ | KR1 |
| 30 QR3 | PxN |
| 31 QxP+ | KN1 and won. |

BORGEN - WHITEHOUSE

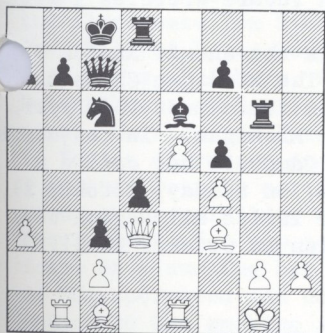
The latest word in the ongoing theoretical discussion of the French by Borgen and Whitehouse. White follows a Keres recommendation through 19 RN1, but 21...QxB leaves Black with great pressure against the enemy K-side. White avoids immediate disaster by 23 RK2 and 24 RKN2 (Not 24 RxQP RxP+! 25 QxR QxR+ with a powerful attack), but finally has to settle for a poor ending which Whitehouse clinches neatly by 40...RxB.

1 PK4	PK3	16 OO	PQ5	31 RxB	BxB
2 PQ4	PQ4	17 BB3	RN3	32 BK7	BN6
3 NQB3	BN5	18 RK1	BK3	33 RQR1	RQB3
4 PK5	NK2	19 RN1	NR4	34 BB6	KQ2
5 PQR3	BxN+	20 RN4	NB3	35 PR4	KK1
6 PxB	PQB4	21 BxN	QxB	36 PR5	KB1
7 QN4	QB2	22 PN3	RR1	37 PN4	PxP
8 QxNP	RN1	23 RK2	QQ4	38 PB5	PB7
9 QxRP	PxP	24 RKN2	RQ1	39 RQB1	BxP
10 NK2	QNB3	25 KB2	QK5	40 PR6	RxB
11 PKB4	BQ2	26 RN1	QxQ	41 PxR	KN1
12 QQ3	PxP	27 PxQ	BR7	42 KN3	PN4
13 NN3	OO	28 PQR4	RQ4	43 KxP	PN5
14 BK2	NB4	29 BR3	PR4	44 PR7+	KxP
15 NxN	PxN	30 RR5	PN3	45 Time forfeit	

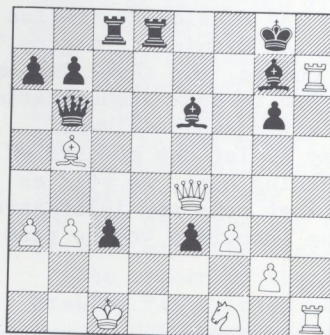
BRATTIN - MARFIA

J. D. Brattin wins this one with strong positional pressure. 14 BN5! pins the N that blocks the B that blocks the R. When Black finally disentangles his pieces, he is faced with a lost ending.

1 PQ4	NKB3	17 N5K4	BQ1	33 KB3	RQ3
2 BN5	NK5	18 NB4	PB3	34 BK3	PN4
3 PKR4	NxB	19 OOO	KK2	35 RN5+	KR3
4 PxN	PKN3	20 PR4	PB4	36 RxP	NR8
5 PK3	BN2	21 NN5	PK5	37 PQN4	NxP
6 PKB4	PQB4	22 NK6	NB3	38 RR5+	KN2
7 PB3	QN3	23 NxB	KxN	39 PB5	RQ1
8 QN3	PQ3	24 NxP	RN1	40 BB6+	KB2
9 NQ2	NQ2	25 RR1	KB2	41 RR7+	KN1
10 KNB3	PK4	26 NxB	RxN	42 RR8+	KB2
11 BPxP	QPxP	27 PB4	NN5	43 PQ6+	KxB
12 QxQ	PxQ	28 RR7+	KN3	44 RxR	PB5
13 PQ5	PR3	29 KQ2	RB1	45 PxP	PxP
14 BN5	PxP	30 PKN3	RB3	46 KB4	PB6
15 RxB+	BxB	31 PR5+	KxP	47 PN5+	KN2
16 NxP	BB3	32 RxP	NB7	48 PB6+	KN3
				49 RN8+	Resigns



BORGEN - WHITEHOUSE
(After 19 RN1)



MARING - BORGEN
(After 27...QK4)

A typical slashing finish by Borgen:
27...RQ8+! 28 KB2
(28 KxR PB7+ 29 KB1
BN7+) BxP+! 29 KxB
QxB+ 30 QN4 RN8+
31 KB2 QK7+! 32 KxR
PB7+ and White re-
signed because of
mate in two.

REGION V CHAMPIONSHIP



Adrian, Michigan -- October 20-21



The Michigan Chess Association is the sponsor this year for the Region V Championship tournament, a 5-round Swiss. We invite you to join us in Adrian, Michigan, for this annual event. The new cafeteria wing of the Drager Middle School will be the playing site, a spacious, well-lighted carpeted area. The school is located in the heart of the city, with eating and sleeping accommodations nearby.

See Tournaments page for details.

REGION V NEWS



By Doris Thackrey



Region V is a "neat" package of three states: Indiana, Ohio, and Michigan. (Some regions have as many as eight states.) Each region has three vice-presidents, elected by the USCF directors from the member-states. Traditionally in our region one vice-president has been elected from each state on a staggered three-year term. Currently holding office are John Campbell of Indiana, Richard Noel of Ohio, and this summer I was elected to fill the office when J. D. Brattin's term expired. John Campbell has been designated First Vice-President by USCF President Frank Skoff.

According to the USCF Bylaws, Article VIII, Section 3, the First Vice-President of each region is the chief executive officer of the region, responsible for all USCF programs within the region. "He shall endeavor to strengthen and develop Federation organization and communication within his Region." Section 4 states that "each Regional Vice-President shall assist the First Vice-President, carry out assignments received from him, and endeavor to strengthen and develop Federation organization and communication within his Region."

In fulfillment of that charge, the three Region V vice-presidents have agreed to open communication in several ways. One is this monthly column, which we hope will be a way to let the members of Region V know what is happening here, as well as a means to pass on to you what news and information we get from USCF. Also, we encourage you to send

us news from your area which is of regional interest, and if you have questions regarding regional or national matters, please let us know and we will try to find information for you. Following are the names and addresses of your vice-presidents:

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OH 44222
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48103

During the U.S. Open in Chicago we were able to schedule two Region V meetings which were attended by all the vice-presidents, the state presidents, the editors, several players and organizers from each state, as well as visitors from other states. A number of interesting discussions were held, and in future articles I will report on those meetings.

Of immediate interest is the annual Region V Championship tournament. The Michigan Chess Association is the host for the tournament this year. It will be held in Adrian, Michigan. In conjunction with the tournament, John Campbell has called a Region V meeting for 9 a.m. on Sunday, October 21, just prior to Round 4. We invite all Region V players to join us in Adrian on October 20-21.



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MCA MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Ypsilanti, September 2, 1973

A total of 36 members was present for some part of the meeting.

The reading of the minutes was waived.

The treasurer reported receipts for the year of \$5,169 and disbursements of \$3,839. The cash balance went from \$1,201 to \$2,766 at the end of the year.

The proposed revised bylaws, as detailed in MICHIGAN CHESS, Aug./Sep., pp. 28-29, were adopted, with the exception that the Standing Rules are to be retained with the following revised wording: "The Michigan Chess Association shall sponsor the following annual events: the Michigan Open Championship, the Michigan Amateur Championship, the Michigan Junior Championship, and the Michigan Speed Championship."

The biannual election was held. The nominating committee's slate of candidates for officers was endorsed unanimously. This slate consisted of: President, J. D. Brattin, Battle Creek; Vice-President, Wes Burgar, Ann Arbor; Secretary, David Whitehouse, Lansing; Treasurer, Ed Molenda, Sr., Lansing.

The nominating committee's slate of candidates for board directors consisted of Larry Harrison of Flint, Jim Marfia of Grand Rapids, and Tom Feeny of Walled Lake. Candidates nominated from the floor were Tom Sloan of East Detroit, Roger Underhill of Petersburg, Bradford White of Detroit, Gary Kitts of Auburn, Paul Dupuis of Detroit, and Robert Moore of Battle Creek. Elected were Harrison, Marfia, and Feeny.

Topics discussed included the desirability of a greater Detroit participation in MCA administration, the possibility of relaxing the MCA dues requirements for new tournament players, and the issue of a smoking ban in tournament playing rooms of MCA-sponsored and co-sponsored tournaments. A motion to ban smoking at all MCA-sponsored and co-sponsored tournaments was tabled and referred to the Executive Board by a vote of 18-16.



SEPTEMBER MCA EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

The newly elected MCA Board met in Ann Arbor on September 4. Attending were elected officers and board directors J. D. Brattin, Wes Burgar, David Whitehouse, Jim Marfia, and Tom Feeny, and appointed board directors Doris Thackrey (Membership Secretary), Don Thackrey (Editor), and Bill Johnson (League Director). Absent were Larry Harrison (who through a misunderstanding was not informed of the meeting) and Ed Molenda. Guests present included Charles Bassin, Dan Boyk, Jim Hughes, and Gale Marfia.

The treasurer reported that MCA's cash balance was increased \$887 by the Michigan Open Championship. Out of this profit, an additional \$42.50 was authorized for reimbursing Gene Hickey for expenses connected with the tournament.

The decision of the Midwest Chess Association to cancel its tournament schedule was discussed. Because of the shortness of time and because of the fact that beginners were involved in one of the sections, the board decided to assume responsibility for the immediately forthcoming tournament (October 13-14). Randall Shepard will direct and will be paid a director's fee if the entries permit.

After a discussion about smoking at tournaments, the board adopted the policy of encouraging tournament directors to exercise their discretionary powers to protect persons who are extremely bothered by smoke from being harassed by smokers.

A discussion of variations used by tournament directors in pairing systems led to the suggestion that directors be encouraged to write down (and have available for sending to prospective organizers and for posting at tournaments) details of their directing methods, especially any details not specifically and unambiguously specified in the USCF Handbook or details likely to raise questions. J. D. Brattin offered to write such a statement about his own methods as an example.

Wes Burgar and Tom Feeny will act for the board in arranging for the Michigan Speed Championship scheduled for Sunday, December 2.

The additional board positions authorized by the revised bylaws were discussed, and the president, with the board's approval, appointed Charles Bassin as education director and Jack O'Keefe as associate editor, each to be a voting board director. One additional board director will be appointed.

The board authorized expenditures for tournament supplies. Tom Feeny will handle tournament supplies for MCA in the future.

The board discussed buying an IBM Selectric typewriter for the use of the MICHIGAN CHESS editor but deferred the final decision pending discussion with the treasurer.

The winner of the 1973 Michigan Chess Quiz, Stanley Perlo, will be granted \$15 in free entries to any MCA-sponsored or co-sponsored event. He was out of the country and could not accept his free entry in the Michigan Open Championship, the original designated prize.

The next meeting of the board is scheduled for Thackrey's residence, 1 Dover Ct., Ann Arbor, at 8 p.m., Tuesday, October 9.

(The summary above is based on minutes distributed by secretary David Whitehouse.)



NEW CENTER OPEN

The New Center Open in Detroit on August 25-26 was won on tiebreak by John Brooks of Detroit. Louis Owen of L'Anse also had 4½ points and took the B prize. Larry Greene (top A) and Lowell Boileau each had 4. Norman Champney, with 3½, was top C; Wesley Clark, with 3, was top D/E; and Veselin Vanov, with 2½, was top unrated. Randall Shepard organized and directed the tournament.

KALAMAZOO TORNADO #1

The first Kalamazoo Tornado, held August 5, was won by David Baker from Jackson, Tennessee, with 4-0. J. D. Brattin, with 3½, was runnerup. Ralph Brown was top B; Robert Post top C; Dave Pulsipher top D/E; and Jeff Maki top unrated--all with 3 points. The tornado was sponsored and organized by the Pawnbrokers' Chess Club and directed by Les LeRoy Smith. Future tornados (see Clearinghouse) are being named in honor of persons who have contributed significantly to the Pawnbrokers' Chess Club.



BIRMINGHAM DOUBLE TORNADO

The first double tornado in this area was held in Birmingham on June 30 and July 1. Tom LaForge won the Saturday tournament with 4-0, and Steven Silver won the Sunday tournament, also with 4-0. The tournaments, organized by Dr. Howard Gaba, drew 26 and 22 players, respectively.



2nd DETROIT OPEN

Four players shared the top three prizes totaling \$550 in the 2nd Detroit Open, held August 4-5. Charles Bassin, Dave Whitehouse, Tom Mazuchowski, and Richard Borgen all scored 4-1. Ronald Andrzejewski from Ohio and Wilfred Brown followed with 3½-1½. Andrzejewski won the A trophy on tiebreak. Twenty-seven players entered.

The booster section (under 1800), with 55 players, was won by Donald David. Tying for second and third were Merton Church, Jeff Von Glahn, Gary Sperling, and Howard Gerenraich. The under-1600 prize was shared by John Gipson, John Marks, and Norbert Bjel (who was also the Class C trophy winner). Top Class D/E was DeWolf Johnson, Jr., and top unrated was Philip McGettigan from Canada.

The novice section (under 1400), with 43 players, was won by Philip Willard. Second was Louis DeBoer. Four players tied for third: Eugene Lowy, Marshall Johnson (who also won the E trophy), Roger Revereza, and Mike Mendelson (who also won the unrated trophy). Robert Marks won the under-1000 trophy.

A total of seven players forfeited a game and withdrew from the tournament without notice to the director. This action not only earned them the annoyance of the players who had to cool their heels waiting for them to show up to play the game but also a \$5 fine before they can play in any other CCA tournaments. These players are: Bryce Bradford, Susan Franklin, Edward Kontos, Tom Reichle, Michael Sickels, Paul Spens, and Craig Wise.

Bill Smythe directed all three sections for the Continental Chess Association. George Martin, who had been scheduled to direct the tournament, suddenly contracted what seems to be a chess official's syndrome in this part of the country--a gall bladder attack.

SOLO'S TORNADO #2

James Hatfield of Portage and Les Smith of Kalamazoo tied for first in Solo's Tornado #2 at Kalamazoo on September 9. Each scored 3½ in the 4-round, one-day tournament. Tied at 3-1 were Ralph Brown, Ken Van Cleve, Robert Post, Bruce Grimes, and Fred Bies. Post, Grimes, and Bies shared top Class C honors; J. Hatfield was top Class D/E; and Joe Branewski was top unrated. The tournament, with 26 entries, was directed by Les Smith with the assistance of Ted DeRose.



BROTHER RICE 30-MINUTE TOURNAMENT

A 30-minute-per-game round-robin tournament with eight players was held July 29 at Brother Rice High School in Birmingham. Glenn Good took the \$25 first prize with a score of 6½-½. Chris Weber was second with 5½-1½ and won \$12. Dave Buell, with 4-3, was top unrated.

Other 30-minute Swiss-system open tournaments are planned for Brother Rice on the 2nd Sunday of each month during the fall and winter (see Clearinghouse). Entry fee is \$5, and prizes (based on 20 entries) are \$35, 25, 20 for top junior, and 15 for top unrated. The top under-1600 gets a free entry into the next tournament. Brother Rice High School is located at 7101 Lahser, Birmingham, Michigan. Further information is available from Bill Groeller, 17527 Shaftsbury, Detroit 48219 (tel. 313-532-6663).



ANN ARBOR CLASSIC

The Ann Arbor Classic on September 15-16 was won by Vujadin Popadic from Kentucky with a score of 3½-½. Tom Crispin from Ann Arbor and Richard Borgen from East Lansing tied for second with 3-1. Theodore Pehnec from Indiana was top A and Marcus Trout from Garden City top B. Fifteen players entered the classic section.

In the booster section, with 48 players, Dr. Edgar Calvelo from Jackson was first. Ed Karpuska, Eric Butler, and John Fox tied for second. John Kelly from Kentucky and Joseph McNelis from Ohio shared the top C prize. Top D/E was Roger Shobert, and top unrated was Donald Rosman.

In the novice section, with 30 players, Blair Hysni from Orchard Lake was first. Second through tenth were Geoffrey Larson, Barty Brown, William McKinnon, Jeff Scott, Matt Gates, Roger Blackmar, Danny Jordan, Noel Bedy, and Steve Caswell. Top E was John Bringman, and top under-1000 was Arden Rogers.

George Martin directed all three sections for the Continental Chess Association.

MCA TOURNAMENTS

ANN ARBOR BEGINNERS' OPEN, Oct. 13

4-SS, 40/1. Open to all rated under 1200 or unrated. Reg. ends 8:30 a.m.; rds. 9-12-3-6.

Entry fees: \$5.50 if mailed by 10/6; \$1.50 more if paid at tmt. USCF and MCA mem. req.

Prizes: Trophies to top 5.

Location: Ramada Inn, 100 S. 4th, Ann Arbor 48105.

Entries: (NOTE NEW ADDRESS) Randall Shepard, 513 E. Farnum, Royal Oak, MI 48067. Tel. 313-549-1617.

REGION V CHAMPIONSHIP, Adrian, Oct. 20-21

5-SS, 45/2. Open to all. Highest finishing Region V resident is champ. Reg. 8:30-9:45 a.m. 10/20. Rds. 10-3-8; 10-3. Region V meeting 9 a.m. 10/21. No smoking permitted inside the school.

Entry fees: \$12. OCA (Ohio), ISCA (Indiana), or MCA (Michigan) mem. req.

Prizes: \$100-50. \$40-20 for A, B, C. \$30-15 for D/E, Unr. Trophies to 1st and 1st in each class and jr.

Location: Drager Middle School, Frank St. entrance, Adrian, Michigan.

Entries: MCA, 1 Dover Ct., Ann Arbor, MI 48103.

ARBOR AUTUMN OPEN, Ann Arbor, Oct. 13-14

5-SS, 40/100. Reg. ends 9:30 a.m. 10/13; rds. Sat. 10-3-8, Sun. 10-3:30.

Entry fees: \$9.50 (\$7.50 for HS and pre-HS) if mailed by 10/6; \$3 more if paid at tmt. USCF and MCA mem. req.

Prizes: \$100-50-25; Under 1800 \$50-25; trophies to 1st, A, B, C, D-E, Unrated.

Location: Ramada Inn, 100 S. 4th, Ann Arbor 48105.

Entries: (NOTE NEW ADDRESS) Randall Shepard, 513 E. Farnum, Royal Oak, MI 48067. Tel. 313-549-1617.

GRAND RAPIDS OPEN CITY CHAMPIONSHIP, Oct. 27-28

5-SS, 45/2. Reg. ends 9 a.m. 10/27; rds. Sat. 9:30-2:30-7:30, Sun. 10-3.

Entry fees: \$10. USCF and MCA mem. req. Last year's champion--free entry.

Prizes: Trophies for 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and top three juniors (under 21). Title of GR Champ. and GR Junior Champ. to top GR-area players. All surplus money over cost of room rental and trophies will be awarded as cash prizes.

Location: Downtown YMCA, Grand Rapids

Entries: Mike Platt, 802 College N.E., Grand Rapids, MI 49503.

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LENAWEE CHESS CLUB HAPPENINGS

In connection with arranging for the Region V Championship, Don and Doris Thackrey and J. D. Brattin visited the thriving Lenawee Chess Club in Adrian. The main purpose of the visit was to look over the proposed site for the tournament (Drager Middle School). As long as we were there, however, Brattin gave a simultaneous against 22 of the Lenawee Club. He played the games at a very fast tempo, finishing in less than 2½ hours, winning 17, losing 4 (to Russ Langham, Dianne Huerta, Herb Simpson, and Harry Teets), and drawing with John Mershon.

The Lenawee Club has 44 members. It meets on Wednesday evenings at the Votech School. Club activities include a regular ladder challenge tournament and frequent speed tournaments. It also publishes an attractive bulletin, "Chess Press," edited by Jim and Dianne Huerta.

CAVENDISH TOURNAMENTS

The monthly "30-minute" tournaments at the Cavendish Bridge Club in Detroit take place on the third Sunday of each month. The August tournament, with 35 entries, was won by Wes Bugar with 5½-½. Sharing second place with 5-1 were Paul Poschel and Dan Boyk. All three are from Ann Arbor.

The September tournament, with 33 entries, was won by Stephen Jones, a master from Texas now attending the University of Michigan Law School. He scored 5½-½. Morgan Everett from Detroit was second with 5-1. Four players had 4½-1½: John Brooks, Charles Bassin, Rod Freeman, and Abe Ellenberg.

The Cavendish 30-minute tournaments are organized by Bob Ciaffone and directed by Mary Smith.

Tournaments (continued)

KALAMAZOO OPEN AND BOOSTER, Nov. 2-4

At Kalamazoo Valley Community College, 6767 West "O" Ave. (I-94 Exit 72). In 2 sections. 1st rd. in open section is Fri. night. 1st rd. in booster is either Fri. night or Sat. morning. USCF and MCA mem. req. Sponsored by the Pawnbrokers' Chess Club. Free coffee. Directors: J.D. Brattin and Les LeRoy Smith.

OPEN: Open to all rated 1700 or above (no unrated). 5-SS, 40/2. EF \$15. Prizes: \$400-200-100. \$60-30 for Expert, A, and B. Trophies to top 3 and top 3 in each class. Reg. ends 7:30 p.m. 11/2. 1st rd. 8 p.m. Other rds. to be announced.

BOOSTER: Open to all rated 1699 or lower and unrated. 5-SS, 45/2. EF \$15. Prizes: \$200-100-50. \$50-25 for C, D/E, and unrated. Trophies to top 3 and top 3 in each class. Reg. ends either 7:30 p.m. 11/2 or 9 a.m. 11/3. 1st rd. either 8 p.m. 11/2 or 9:30 a.m. 11/3. Other rds. to be announced.

Special prizes: Top jr. (under 21), woman, high school student, and KVCC student. Players in both sections compete for these prizes (1 additional point added to scores of Open players for purposes of determining these prizes).

Entries: Pawnbrokers' Chess Club, Box 225, Kalamazoo, MI 49005.

6th CONTINENTAL & PAN-AMERICAN INDIVIDUAL INTER-COLLEGIATE, Detroit, Nov. 3-4

At Sheraton Metro Inn, Detroit Metropolitan Airport, 8600 Merriman Rd., Romulus 48174. Open to any current grad. or undergrad. college student. In 2 sections. Intercollegiate Chess League of America affiliation (\$10/yr.) required for schools competing for team prizes. Substitutes after 10/26 must pay late EF. Advance EF without player list or player list without EF not accepted. USCF mem. req. but not MCA. No smoking.

OPEN: 5-SS, 40/100. EF \$10.75 if mailed by 10/26, \$15 if paid at tmt. Prizes: \$200-100-50, top 4-man teams \$200-100. Trophies to 1st, A, B, C, D/E, unrated, woman, top 7 teams. Winner recognized as ICLA Individual Champion. Reg. ends 8:30 a.m. 11/3. Rds. 9:30-2:30-7:30; 10-3:30.

BOOSTER: 5-SS, 40/100. EF \$10.25 if mailed by 10/26, \$15 if paid at tmt. Prizes \$100-60-40, top 4-man teams \$100-50. Trophies to 1st, C, D, E, unrated, woman, top 7 teams. Reg. ends 9:30 a.m. 11/3. Rds. 10:30-3:30-8:30; 11-4:30.

Entries: Continental Chess Association, 450 Prospect Ave., Mt. Vernon, N.Y. 10553.

DETROIT CLASSIC, Nov. 3-4

At Sheraton Metro Inn, Detroit Metropolitan Airport, 8600 Merriman Rd., Romulus 48174. In 2 sections. USCF and MCA (for rated Mich. res.) mem. req. for both sections. No smoking. If staying at Sheraton Metro Inn, deduct \$5 from EF (limit one deduction per sleeping room). Hotel rates \$18-24.

CLASSIC: Open to all rated over 1599 or unrated. 4-SS, 40/2. EF \$11.50 if mailed by 10/26, \$15 if paid at tmt. Prizes: \$120-60-30, under-2000 or unrated \$50, under-1800 \$40. Trophies to 1st, A, B, unrated. Reg. ends 10:30 a.m. 11/3. Rds. 11:30-5:30; 9:30-3.

RESERVE: Open to all rated under 1600 or unrated. 5-SS, 40/80. EF \$10.50 if mailed by 10/26, \$15 if paid at tmt. Prizes: \$80-40-20, under-1400 \$30, unrated \$30. Trophies to 1st, D, E, unrated. Reg. ends 11 a.m. 11/3. Rds. 12-4-8; 10:30-3.

Entries: Continental Chess Association, 450 Prospect Ave., Mt. Vernon, N.Y. 10553.

UNIVERSITY OPEN, Lansing, Nov. 9-11

5-SS, 45/2 (1st rd. 50/2). Reg. 6-7 p.m. 11/9 or 8-9:15 a.m. 11/10. 1st rd. either 7:15 p.m. or 9:30 a.m. 11/10. Other rds. 2-7; 10-3. Tournament director: Bill Johnson.

Entry fees: \$10 base, with cumulative discounts for each of the following (\$1 each): under 21; college student (must show ID); early entry (by 11/1); joining USCF for first time; joining MCA for first time. USCF and MCA mem. req.

Prizes: Contingent on 50 players. \$125-75. A 25, B 25, C 25, D/E 25, unrated 25. Trophies to top junior and student.

Location: Lansing Community College, Student Services Bldg., Lansing.

Entries: MSU Chess Club, c/o Activities Ofc., Union Bldg., MSU, E. Lansing, MI 48824.

Tournaments (continued)

PORT HURON OPEN, Nov. 10-11
5-SS, 40/2. Reg. 8:30-9:40 a.m. 11/10. Rds.
Sat. 10-2:30-7, Sun. 9-1:30.

Entry fees: \$10 (\$8 under 21) if mailed by
11/1. \$2 more if paid at tmt. USCF and MCA
mem. req.

Prizes: \$100-50. Trophies to 1st and runnerup.
\$10 and trophy to top A, B, C, D. Books to
runnerup in each class.

Location: Adult Activities Center, 821 7th St.,
Port Huron.

Entries: Lonnie Rutkofske, 3271 W. Charmwood
Dr. #D, Port Huron, MI 48060.

GEORGE'S TORNADO #4, Kalamazoo, Nov. 18
4-SS, 30/1 and 35/1 thereafter. Reg. ends
9:30 a.m. Sponsored by the Pawnbrokers'
Chess Club. Directed by Les LeRoy Smith.

Entry fees: \$4. USCF and MCA mem. req.

Prizes: Trophy to 1st; cash as entries permit.

Location: Kalamazoo Valley Community College,
6767 West "O" Ave. (I-94 Exit 72).

Entries: Pawnbrokers' Chess Club, Box 225,
Kalamazoo, MI 49005.

15th MOTOR CITY OPEN, Detroit, Nov. 23-25
6-SS, 45/2. Reg. ends 10:30 a.m. 11/23; rds.
Fri. 11-6, Sat. 10-5, Sun. 9-4.

Entry fees: \$20 (\$15 under 18). USCF and MCA
mem. req. Combined EF and USCF dues (if join-
ing USCF for first time) \$20 (\$15 under 18).
MCA mem. \$5 (\$3 under 21). \$2 reduction in EF
for all who complete all rounds in U.S. Open.

Prizes: \$400, others to be announced. Only 1
prize to a player.

Location: Birmingham Motel, Hunter Blvd. and
Maple (Woodward Ave and 15-Mile), Birmingham.

Entries: Howard Gaba, 21721 Dequindre, Hazel
Park, MI 48030 (tel. 313-LI3-1762).

LOST AND FOUND

The following items have been turned in at
recent tournaments: a man's wrist watch, a small
ring, and four chess pieces. Identify and retrieve
from MCA, 1 Dover Ct., Ann Arbor, MI 48103.

CERTIFIED TOURNAMENT DIRECTORS

The response to our request for names and
addresses of Michigan's certified intermediate
and local tournament directors was not overwhelm-
ing; I am sure the following list is not complete.
Still, this partial list will give prospective
organizers an initial shopping list when they are
seeking a director.

INTERMEDIATE

J. D. Brattin, 115 W. Rittenhouse, Battle Creek,
MI 49015

Ben Crane, 555 E. William #7-C, Ann Arbor, MI
48108

Dr. Howard Gaba, 8245 Hendrie, Huntington Woods,
MI 48070

Bill Johnson, 1050 Watersedge Dr. #316, East
Lansing, MI 48823

Thomas J. Sloan, 18120 Toepfer, East Detroit,
MI 48021

LOCAL

Charles Bassin, 7081 E. 10 Mile Rd. #119, Center-
line, MI 48015

Ken Courtney, Box 53, Troy, MI 48084

Ronald Dickerson, 349 Sonia, Madison Heights 48071

Lee Larson, Box 83 Rt. 2, Negaunee, MI 49866

Jim Marfia, 2127 Horton S.E., Grand Rapids 49507

Lonnie W. Rutkofske, 3271 W. Charmwood Dr. #D,
Port Huron 48060

Les LeRoy Smith, Box 225, Kalamazoo 49005

Peter S. Theuerle, 3554 Wayburn, Detroit 48224

Bradford White, 907 E. Grand Blvd., Detroit 48207

David Whitehouse, 409 S. Francis, Lansing 48912

MIDWEST CHESS ASSOCIATION
CANCELS ITS TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

As a result of financial losses, the Midwest
Chess Association (Randall Shepard, formerly of
Ann Arbor, now living in Royal Oak) has canceled
its tournament schedule, with the exception of
the Ann Arbor Beginner's Open on October 13 and
the Arbor Autumn Open on October 13-14. See
Tournaments page for details about these tour-
naments. All other Midwest Chess Association
tournaments have been removed from the Clearing-
house. Organizers who wish to reserve one of
the freed dates should contact the editor.



FLINT PUMPKIN TOURNAMENT CANCELED

The Flint Chess Club has voted to cancel the
Pumpkin Tournament for this year. This tournament,
originally scheduled for October 27-28, has been
removed from the Clearinghouse.

Coming Events Clearinghouse

Asterisk = MCA-sponsored or co-sponsored

- Oct. 6-7: East Detroit Open
 Oct. 7: Smitty's Tornado #3, Kalamazoo*
 Oct. 13: Ann Arbor Beginners' Open*
 Oct. 13-14: Arbor Autumn Open, Ann Arbor*
 Oct. 14: Brother Rice 30-min. Tourn., Birmingham
 Oct. 20-21: Region V Champ., Adrian*
 Oct. 21: Cavendish 30-min. Tourn., Detroit
 Oct. 27-28: Grand Rapids Open City Champ.*
 Oct. 27-28: LSCC Fall Open, Marquette
 Nov. 2-4: Kalamazoo Open*
 Nov. 3-4: Continental Intercollegiate, Detroit*
 Nov. 3-4: Detroit Classic*
 Nov. 9-11: University Open, East Lansing*
 Nov. 10-11: Port Huron Open*
 Nov. 11: Brother Rice 30-min. Tourn., Birmingham
 Nov. 18: Cavendish 30-min. Tourn., Detroit
 Nov. 18: George's Tornado #4, Kalamazoo*
 Nov. 23-25: Motor City Open, Detroit*
 Dec. 2: Mich. Speed Champ., Detroit*
 Dec. 9: Brother Rice 30-min. Tourn., Birmingham
 Dec. 15-16: 18th Central Michigan Open, Lansing*
 Dec. 16: Cavendish 30-min. Tourn., Detroit
 Dec. 22: Chess-Nuts Quadrangular, Ann Arbor
 Dec. 29-30: CCA Tourn., Ann Arbor*
- 1974
- Jan. 5-6: Ann Arbor Tournament*
 Jan. 12-13: CCA Tourn., Detroit*
 Jan. 13: Brother Rice 30-min. Tourn., Birmingham
 Jan. 18-20: Wolverine Winter Open, Detroit
 Jan. 19-20: MSU Tourn., East Lansing*
 Feb. 2-3: Mich. Junior Champ., Site Not Chosen*
 Feb. 9-10: CCA Tourn., Ann Arbor*
 Feb. 15-17: Marf's Open-3, Grand Rapids*
 Feb. 15-17: 5th Southern Mich. Open & Mich. High School Open, Detroit
- Feb. 23-24: 2nd Lansing Double Tornado*
 Mar. 9-10: Grand Rapids Open*
 Mar. 16-17: CCA Tourn., Detroit*
 Mar. 23-24: 19th Central Michigan Open, Lansing*
 Mar. 29-31: Red Cedar Open, East Lansing*
 Apr. 6-7: CCA Tourn., Ann Arbor*
 Apr. 6-7: Pawnbrokers' Convention, Kalamazoo*
 Apr. 12-14: Marf's Open-4, Grand Rapids*
 Apr. 20-21: 3rd Lansing Double Tornado*
 Apr. 26-28: 6th Southern Mich. Open, Detroit
 May 4-5: Michigan Amateur Champ., Site Not Chosen*
 May 11-12: CCA Tourn., Detroit*
 May 18-19: Lansing Open*
 May 31-
 Jun. 2: Flint Open*
 Jun. 8-9: CCA Tourn., Ann Arbor*
 Jun. 14-16: Marf's Open-5, Grand Rapids*
 Jun. 21-23: 7th Southern Mich. Open, Detroit
 Jul. 13-14: CCA Tourn., Detroit*
 Aug. 3-4: CCA Tourn., Ann Arbor*
 Aug. 16-18: Marf's Open-6, Grand Rapids*
 Aug. 30-
 Sep. 2: Mich. Open Champ., Site Not Chosen*
 Sep. 14-15: CCA Tourn., Detroit*
 Sep. 27-29: Marf's Open-7, Grand Rapids*
 Oct. 5-6: East Detroit Open
 Oct. 12-13: CCA Tourn., Ann Arbor*
 Oct. 19-20: Region V Championship, Site Not Chosen*
 Oct. 26-27: Flint Pumpkin Tourn.*
 Nov. 1-3: Kalamazoo Open*
 Nov. 9-10: CCA Tourn., Detroit*
 Nov. 23-24: Univ. Open, East Lansing*
 Nov. 29-
 Dec. 1: Motor City Open, Detroit*
 Dec. 8: Mich. Speed Champ., Site Not Chosen*
 Dec. 13-15: Marf's Open-8, Grand Rapids*
 Dec. 28-29: CCA Tourn., Ann Arbor*

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