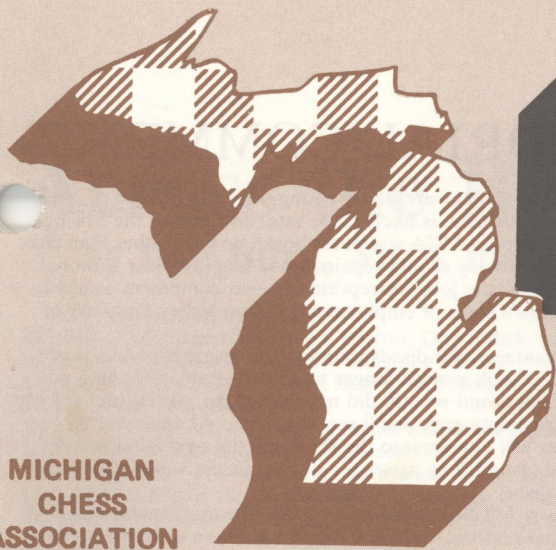
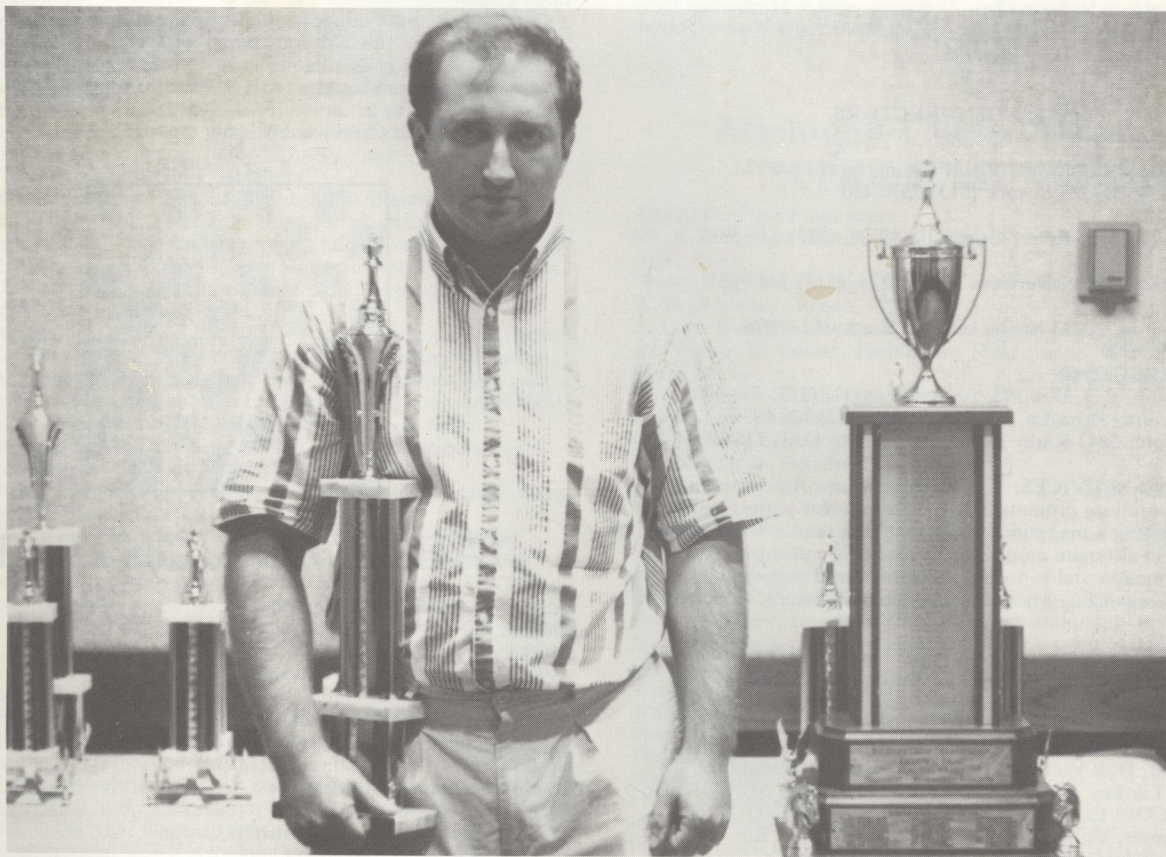


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The formidable IM Leonid Basin dominated the 1990 Michigan Open, never leaving first board and scoring 6.5/7.0 for an undisputed first-place finish. Dexter Thompson and Vadim Tsemekhman tied for second with 6.0 each. The Reserve Section was annexed by Dr. Henry Thomas of Ypsilanti with a perfect score. This was the second-largest Michigan Open ever with 225 players (96 in the Open, 129 in the Reserve). [photo: Mike Skidmore]

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A few words of apology are due the long-suffering readers of *Michigan Chess*, since this issue is likely to be late. Just before the Michigan Open, alas, the faithful MCA computer broke down. Rather than risking an even longer delay should repairs prove lengthy, your Editorial Team decided to do the job—surreptitiously—on equipment available at Vincent Brattin's place of employment, Huron Valley Graphics in Ann Arbor.

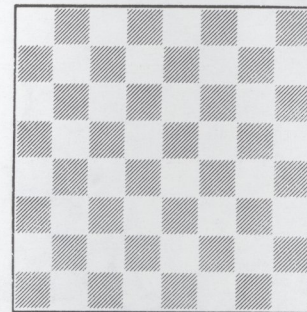
This had advantages and disadvantages. The magazine looks really nice. However, it took a much longer time to assemble the thing on the HVG machines, and we still did not master the possibilities (please forgive the huge empty gaps you'll see in places). At any rate, the MCA computer will now go into the shop and the next issue will be back to normal, as much as passes for normal in the wonderful world of chess journalism.

Other changes: Jeff Boes has had to resign the tournament bulletin spot for personal reasons, and Don Ruark has taken over. We want to emphasize something very heavily: recent problems with the bulletin were not Jeff's fault, and had nothing to do with his having to give up the job. He did his work flawlessly and promptly; the problems were in mailing and distribution, things over which he had no control. Thanks a lot, Jeff, for your work!

Bill Groeller also had to give up his Games Department Column, so we're looking for someone else in this department. Or are we? This doesn't seem a very popular feature: Bill tells me that he received exactly *two* games for publication from MCA members in a year. Unless there is a crying demand for it, we may just stick to the occasional contribution (as Robin Cunningham has done), and go with unannotated games.

In the crush to get things together, we seem to have somewhat misplaced the name of the writer of the fine UP Championship report. Sorry! Can you drop us a line to receive formal thanks in the future?

Much recognition should go to V.J. Brattin, who worked about twice as long on this issue as on a normal one. Thank you, V.J. (By the way, he did the Table of Contents this issue; don't blame it on me!!)



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# Across the Board

by Dan Burg, MCA President

## MCA Membership Meeting.

**Elections:** Congratulations to V.J. Brattin, Don Ruark, and Mike Skidmore, our new Elected Directors. Outgoing Elected Directors are Jim Mikus (seven years on the MCA Board) and Jackie Branscum (two years). Thank you one and all.

**Bylaws:** Two minor Bylaws amendments were passed to support the Life Membership program we introduced this year.

**Hall of Fame:** Dr. Howard Gaba, the founder of the Motor City Chess Club and the Motor City Open, was inducted into the MCA Hall of Fame. Dr. Gaba is the seventh member of the Hall. (See story on page 14.)

## USCF annual meetings.

**Election results:** President: GM Maxim Dlugy. Vice President: Frank Camaratta. Secretary: Randy Hough. Treasurer: Gary Sperling. Member-at-Large: IM John Donaldson. Region V RVP: Steve Dillard (KY).

**Membership categories:** Participating Youth, Tournament, and Computer memberships are eliminated, effective 1/1/91. (Special rules regarding computers remain in effect.) Family memberships now cost \$8, so they are now more expensive than Scholastic memberships; this means that Family memberships are now cost-effective only for adults. Blind memberships will still be offered, but not listed on the membership form. Regular members will now be known as Full Adult members. A new membership category was introduced: three months, including *Chess Life*, for \$15. (This was part of the package that eliminated the Tournament membership; it is designed for first-timers and will be accompanied by multiple mailings from the office.) The office may add mailing surcharges for members and affiliates living outside the U.S. "House men" (players filling in for one game to avoid giving byes) need not be current USCF members.

**Rules:** 1. A new section was added, I.12.L.3: "A player who does not have mating material may not claim a time-forfeit win. That player may, however, claim a draw if his opponent fails to make the required number of moves in the allotted time. "Mating material" requires that a position is possible in which mate-in-one is forced (opponent, to move, cannot avoid mate next move)."

2. A new section was added, I.12.L.2.b: "A player may call attention to the fall of his own flag. This initiates the time-forfeiture procedure, the same as if his opponent had made the claim. After this point, no additions or corrections are allowed to either player's score sheet until the resolution of the claim in accordance with L.4.d, e, and f."

3. The sentence stating that it is customary to add one minute to the time control period at the start of the game is eliminated.

**Code of Ethics:** a new Code was adopted, substantially the same as the old code but in clearer language.

**Rating system mean:** Since the elimination of bonus and feedback points, the mean rating has dropped from about 1730 to about 1700.

**Action Chess:** An agreement has been worked out between USCF and ICE (Yasser Seirawan's World Rapid Chess group). WRC events shall require USCF membership; in return, they may be listed in the Tournament Life section of *Chess Life*. As part of this agreement, USCF is authorized to create a new, separate rating system for Game/10 through Game/15.

**Norms:** USCF will soon have a system of norms, similar to FIDE norms. (This is in addition to the regular rating system.) The exact system hasn't been established yet.

**U.S. Open time controls:** As of 1991, sudden death time controls are no longer permitted in the U.S. Open. (We weren't planning to use sudden death in out U.S. Open anyway.)

**USCF/local advertising:** USCF is looking into a plan to allow local organizers to send in an additional fee with a TLA; the office would then send out news releases to the local area.

**Rating reports via computer:** The program to allow rating reports to be submitted via floppy disc is almost ready. When the program is implemented, the rating fee will be 25¢ per game (a 50% discount) for most rating reports submitted on floppy; the rating fee will be waived entirely for rating reports on floppy for Rated Beginner Opens and Scholastic tournaments requiring membership (no JTP's allowed) and announced in *Chess Life*.

**World Championship:** USCF has exclusive vending rights at the New York portion of the 1990 World Championship match. The USCF toll-free phone number will be displayed on all match publicity.

**National Scholastics:** Membership will be required (no JTP's allowed)

at all future National Scholastics (Elementary, Junior High, High School). The only exception is the 1991 National Elementary, which has already sent out advertising stating the contrary.

**1992 U.S. Open:** We started promoting the 1992 Open at this year's Open. (In fact, we are ahead of the 1991 Open organizers!) We distributed flyers and copies of the August 1990 *Michigan Chess*, sold T-shirts, and made announcements at both the Open and the Delegates Meeting. Many people came up to me and praised the magazine, including judges from the Chess Journalists of America. Good job, David and Vincent!

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**Rudolf Franke**, Washington, and **Richard Meek**, Battle Creek, are both long-time Patron Members of MCA. Thank you for your continued support!

**John Smalec**, Ann Arbor, sent a donation following the Michigan Open. Thanks, John, and keep bringing Joey—Vincent loves playing with him!

Finally, we again acknowledge the generosity of Ms/Mr. **Anonymous**.

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1 Leonid Basin, Oak Park	2451 W 36 W 72 W 28 W 6 W 2 D 3 W 5 6.5
2 Dexter Thompson, Detroit	2318 W 12 W 51 W 30 W 10 L 1 W 4 W 6 6.0
3 Vadim Tsemekhman, Southfield	2350 W 62 W 76 D 4 W 16 W 8 D 1 W 9 6.0
4 Tom Mazuchowski, Sterling Heights	2187 W 88 W 71 D 3 W 41 W 48 L 2 W 16 5.5
5 Hermes Maya Solis, Laredo, TX	2283 W 82 W 33 W 24 D 8 D 7 W 28 L 1 5.0
6 Steve Andrews, Livonia	2189 W 61 W 79 W 25 L 1 W 32 W 7 L 2 5.0
7 Stanley Jarosz, Grand Rapids	2054 D 65 W 52 W 11 W 13 D 5 L 6 W 30 5.0
8 Mark Knecht, Detroit	2119 W 64 W 50 W 9 D 5 L 3 D 15 W 26 5.0
9 David Hahn, Saginaw	2265 W 37 W 26 L 8 W 25 W 24 W 30 L 3 5.0
10 Morgan Everett, Detroit	2080 W 83 W 89 W 17 L 2 D 15 W 27 D 11 5.0
11 Guillermo Ruiz Gonzalez, Mexico	2405 D 70 W 35 L 7 W 78 W 50 W 20 D 10 5.0
12 Jim Owens, Orchard Lake	1958 L 2 W 83 W 59 L 28 W 78 W 32 W 24 5.0
13 Robert Avery, Ann Arbor	2207 D 44 W 70 W 40 L 7 D 41 W 43 W 25 5.0
14 Jason Wysocki, Grand Rapids	2111 L 68 W 94 D 45 D 52 W 79 W 62 W 31 5.0
15 Robin Cunningham, Ann Arbor	2231 W 31 W 22 D 16 D 32 D 10 D 8 D 20 4.5
16 Faris Jirjis, Romulus	2094 W 80 W 78 D 15 L 3 W 71 W 18 L 4 4.5
17 Ronald Finegold, Oak Park	2203 W 86 W 39 L 10 W 33 L 20 D 49 W 46 4.5
18 Bradley Rogers, Fraser	2162 W 58 D 69 W 47 L 48 W 40 L 16 W 49 4.5
19 Kevin Noren, Lansing	2309 W 75 L 25 W 29 D 42 L 43 W 50 W 41 4.5
20 Tom Ward, Midland	2103 L 50 W 86 W 79 W 68 W 17 L 11 D 15 4.5
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22 Mark Stefanski, Flushing	1902 W 95 L 15 L 27 W 84 W 72 D 46 W 53 4.5
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29 Brian Profit, Windsor ON	1844 D 40 W 46 L 19 W 47 D 21 D 41 D 27 4.0
30 Andrew Beider, West Bloomfield	2151 W 94 W 68 L 2 W 82 W 31 L 9 L 7 4.0
31 Toni El-murr, Detroit	1943 L 15 W 90 W 35 W 53 L 30 W 56 L 14 4.0
32 Attila Lehotzky, Davison	2079 D 87 W 73 W 69 D 15 L 6 L 12 W 57 4.0
33 Steve Conley, Newport	1979 W 55 L 5 W 81 L 17 W 52 L 24 W 50 4.0
34 Darrell Turner, Detroit	1867 L 24 L 42 W 93 W 38 L 66 W 70 W 51 4.0
35 Michael Kosanovich, Detroit	1620 BYE L 11 L 31 W 60 L 23 W 79 W 58 4.0
36 Steve Sherbel, Birmingham	1989 L 1 W 64 L 50 W 57 W 73 5.0
37 Edward Ball, West Bloomfield	1885 L 9 L 53 L 55 W 93 W 85 W 78 W 56 4.0
38 Joseph Forte, Armada	1971 L 54 W 80 L 78 L 34 W 89 W 86 W 55 4.0
39 Tom Manion, Royal Oak	1915 W 90 L 17 L 53 L 74 W 81 W 80 W 54 4.0
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41 Jim Kulbacki, Lame Orion	2028 D 52 W 81 W 58 L 4 D 13 D 29 L 19 3.5
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43 Greg Bailey, Cheboygan	2071 D 81 W 87 L 48 W 69 W 19 L 13 L 21 3.5
44 Lindell Brady, Grand Blanc	1933 D 13 D 56 W 92 L 24 D 76 L 21 W 68 3.5
45 David W. Calton, Southfield	1905 L 28 W 91 D 14 L 40 D 54 D 59 W 72 3.5
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50 Todd Pirochta, Lansing	1849 W 20 L 8 W 36 W 72 L 11 L 19 L 33 3.0
51 Alex Yahkind, Southfield	2065 W 93 L 2 W 60 W 21 L 28 L 26 L 34 3.0
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57 Brian June, Flint	1869 W 27 L 28 L 72 L 36 W 92 W 82 L 32 3.0
58 Casimir Ramas, Livonia	1899 L 18 W 85 L 41 W 63 L 25 W 74 L 35 3.0
59 Don Lubben, Grand Rapids	1816 L 72 W 49 L 12 W 88 L 62 D 45 D 61 3.0
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91 Gerald Vaughn, Taylor	1542 L 76 L 45 L 86 L 64 L 83 BYE D 90 1.5

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93 Kenneth Roberts, Dearborn Heights	1794 L 51 L 88 L 34 L 37 L 65 0.0
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96 Ronald Wheeler, Belleville	1559 0.0 L 85 0.0



(top) TD Dan Burg congratulates 2nd-place finisher Dexter Thompson; (bottom) Vadim Tsemekhman, who took 3rd—the smile that wins [photos: Toshio Imai]

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1 Henry Thomas, Ypsilanti	1601	W106	W111	W 79	W 11	W 2	W 5	W 6	7.0
2 Fred Robbins, Lansing	1781	W 61	W 94	W 46	W 3	L 1	W 42	W 11	6.0
3 Alroy Boyce, Detroit	1692	W108	W 64	W 18	L 2	W 27	W 39	W 9	6.0
4 James Lewis, Southgate	1724	W 85	W 68	W 29	D 9	W 7	L 6	W 16	5.5
5 Charles Collins, Harper Woods	1794	W 69	D 25	W 99	W 12	W 10	L 1	W 17	5.5
6 Steve Rosenberg, Canton	1784	W 67	W 38	D 48	W 40	W 17	W 4	L 1	5.5
7 Mike Sobocinski, Okemos	1784	W 41	W 74	W 24	D 10	L 4	W 49	W 33	5.5
8 William Joiner, Detroit	1739	W 56	L 58	D 54	+67	W 46	W 47	W 21	5.5
9 Kevin Gregory, Vassar	1798	W 34	W 43	W 49	D 4	D 22	W 20	L 3	5.0
10 Scott Shaler, Saginaw	1680	W 75	W 50	W 19	D 7	L 5	W 30	D 13	5.0
11 John McDonough, Livonia	1732	W 59	W112	W 31	L 1	W 58	W 19	L 2	5.0
12 Mike Nikitin, Redford	1528	D 30	W119	W 25	L 5	D 82	W 51	W 38	5.0
13 Robert Moore, Battle Creek	1736	D 54	L 21	W113	W 57	W 68	W 55	D 10	5.0
14 Robert McCarter, Ann Arbor	1746	L 36	W100	D 57	D 63	W 60	W 44	W 18	5.0
15 David A. Calton, Southfield	1559	L 99	W 75	W118	L 16	W 50	W 37	W 41	5.0
16 Tommie McGee, Detroit	1753	L 23	W108	W 86	W 15	W 24	D 18	L 4	4.5
17 Larry Munger, Rochester Hills	1731	+124	W 91	W 58	D 22	L 6	W 28	L 5	4.5
18 Ted Stanulis, Allen Park	1424	W 42	W 66	L 3	W104	W 51	D 16	L 14	4.5
19 Nick Pope, Lapeer	1378	W109	W 62	L 10	W 32	W 48	L 11	D 30	4.5
20 Ron Grzegorzczak, Gr. Rapids	1708	W100	L 27	W 61	W 44	W 26	L 9	D 29	4.5
21 Russell Conlon, Grand Rapids	1510	D119	W 13	W117	D 51	W 45	D 22	L 8	4.5
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31 Flamur Vaka, Detroit	1573	W129	W 96	L 11	L 53	W 98	W 17	D 26	4.5
32 Manfred McGinnis, Westland	1589	W101	W122	L 22	L 19	W107	D 59	W 55	4.5
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34 Keita Turner, Detroit	1545	L 9	W 77	L 39	D100	W 90	W 89	W 48	4.5
35 Chris Rosenfield, Anaheim CA	1629	D125	L 26	L 73	W119	W 80	W 67	W 59	4.5
36 Gary Fletcher, Flint	1436	W 14	L 49	W 43	D 46	L 33	W 91	D 40	4.0
37 Tim Harger, Flint	1797	W 57	L 24	L 23	W 73	W 63	L 15	W 53	4.0
38 Peter Nixon, Grosse Ile	1606	W113	L 6	L 28	W 83	W 54	W 61	L 12	4.0
39 Helio Rincon, Adrian	1768	W 65	L 46	W 34	W 23	W 74	L 3	_____	4.0
40 John Griffin, Battle Creek	1625	D 72	W125	W 60	L 6	D 23	D 56	D 36	4.0
41 Gordon Rosebrook, Warren	1487	L 7	L101	W 77	W118	W109	W 74	L 15	4.0
42 Scott Saulmon, Davison	1644	L 18	W127	W 87	W107	W 79	L 2	_____	4.0
43 Jack Choyke, Dearborn Heights	1642	W114	L 9	L 36	W 95	L 56	W100	W 71	4.0
44 James Rubel, Flint	1549	W105	L 45	W102	L 20	W 99	L 14	W 84	4.0
45 Greg Mose, Saginaw	1711	W 76	W 44	D 27	D 26	L 21	L 29	D 63	3.5
46 James Group, Union Lake	1617	W127	W 39	L 2	D 36	L 8	W 92	L 28	3.5
47 Juan Rodriguez, Flint	1566	W 53	L 22	W103	D 28	W 52	L 8	L 23	3.5
48 Azziem Mohammed, Detroit	1676	W 98	W 71	D 6	D 27	L 19	D 65	L 34	3.5
49 Jennifer Skidmore, Flint	1670	W 80	W 36	L 9	W 92	D 53	L 7	L 27	3.5
50 A.J. Winkelspecht, Monroe	1437	W 33	L 10	W 62	L 74	L 15	W 78	D 58	3.5
51 Tom Boldrick, Riverview	1683	W 83	D 60	W 63	D 21	L 18	L 12	D 54	3.5
52 C. Richard Rostrom, Bay City	1763	D 26	D 54	W123	D 68	L 47	D 23	D 64	3.5
53 Gregory Cannon, Detroit	1201	L 47	W 70	W112	W 31	D 49	L 33	L 37	3.5
54 Daniel Miller, Dearborn	1494	D 13	D 52	D 8	D 94	L 38	W 99	D 51	3.5
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69 Michael Venia, Union Lake	1530	L 5	L 28	W127	D 88	L 72	W113	W 83	3.5
70 Ray Brewer, Detroit	1425	L 79	L 53	W 97	L 62	D114	W 88	W 93	3.5
71 Arthur Stinson, Sterling Heights	1440	W 93	L 48	W 66	L 24	W112	L 31	L 43	3.0
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79 Steve Zubatch, Plymouth	1746	W 70	W104	L 1	W 29	L 42	_____	_____	3.0
80 David Burke, Detroit	1425	L 49	D116	W115	L 33	L 35	D103	W106	3.0
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87 Chris Borhani-Azar, Monroe	1397	L 25	W 78	L 42	W 66	L 29	D 94	L 67	2.5
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100 Harvey Moore, Oak Park	1370	L 20	L 14	W110	D 34	D 64	L 43	L 73	2.0
101 Lester Smith, Flint	1256	L 32	W 41	L 91	L 65	L 84	W105	L 85	2.0
102 Scott Warren, Flint	1171	L 64	W 84	L 44	L 61	W121	L 63	L 81	2.0

103 William Todd Dyer, Monroe	1244	L 91	W 59	L 47	L 56	D 85	D 80	L 75	2.0
104 Michael Duweck, Lansing	1590	W 73	L 79	W 88	L 18	L 59	L 83	_____	2.0
105 Brad Ashman, Union Lake	1135	L 44	W 85	L 68	L 98	L 81	L101	BYE	2.0
106 Randy Mech, Farmington Hills	1284	L 1	L 56	L 84	W127	L 95	W110	L 80	2.0
107 Henry Royster, Flint	1446	L111	W110	W 93	L 42	L 32	_____	_____	2.0
108 Sara Shields, Maple City	1367	L 3	L 16	L 78	L114	L113	W120	W118	2.0
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121 Paul Johnson, Farmington Hills	1380	L 82	W120	L 74	L112	L102	_____	_____	1.0
122 Raymond Burwell, Detroit	1741	W 84	L 32	L 92	_____	_____	_____	_____	1.0
123 Tim Sawmiller, Novi	1543	1/2	D 72	L 52	_____	_____	_____	_____	1.0
124 John Carvell, Roseville	1465	_____	_____	_____	W128	_____	_____	_____	1.0
125 James Cunningham, Lansing	1378	D 35	L 40	L 30	L116	_____	_____	_____	0.5
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127 Richard Shelters, Ypsilanti	1336	L 46	L 42	L 69	L106	_____	_____	_____	0.0
128 Ernie Travis, Ann Arbor	1216	L112	L 76	_____	L124	L 97	_____	_____	0.0
129 Wayne Vangilder, Flint	1247	L 31	L 61	L 85	_____	_____	_____	_____	0.0



(top) Henry Thomas in suspended animation; (middle) Fred Robbins shakes hands with his 2nd place trophy; (bottom) TD's Don Ruark and Dan Burg . . . hard at work as usual [photos: Toshio Imai]

# 1990 MICHIGAN OPEN: BASIN HAMMERS THE OPPOSITION

Moving the Michigan Open to the Detroit area after three years in Lansing was hardly a calculated risk on the part of MCA, as a good turnout was all but guaranteed. In fact, the previous record of 253 players in 1979 was thought to be in jeopardy, and many rooted for a larger turnout than the Jacksonville U.S. Open. Dream on. Still, 225 was the largest two-section Michigan Open ever, and both 96 in the Open and 129 in the Reserve set records.

Some quick acknowledgments: Thanks to the Holiday Inn/Fairlane for putting up with us, having no idea what they were getting into. Dan Burg arranged the site and directed the Open, while Don Ruark governed the masses in the Reserve Section. Toshio Imai and Mike Skidmore took photos, and a good time was had by . . . well, at least those lucky people whose pictures you'll see in this issue!

## OPEN SECTION, ROUND 1

There was an outstanding turnout of Michigan's top players this year. Leading the way was IM Leonid Basin, quickly established as an early favorite. Windsorite Ray Stone, who had finished first the two previous years, was relegated to second place, while third was occupied by another distinguished visitor in Mexican Guillermo Ruiz Gonzalez (paired at 2405, revised from his 2275 FIDE). Number 4 was merely Invitational and Junior Champion Vadim Tsemekhman. Then, the "native-born" Masters began to kick in: Dexter Thompson, Paul Poschel, David Hahn, Robert Avery, 1989 Michigan Champion Robin Cunningham, Mark Finegold, Ron Finegold, and Kevin Noren. Add in one more distinguished visitor in Texan Hermes Maya Solis plus 25 Experts, and you've got possibly the strongest Michigan Open ever.

The first round cut came in at 1989, quite high, and indicative of relatively competitive games. Basin and Stone had little trouble converting, but Gonzalez fell afoul of giant-drawer Stan Golonka:

**STAN GOLONKA (1959)--GUILLERMO RUIZ GONZALEZ (2405)** [English, A36]: 1 c4 Nf6 2 Nc3 c5 3 e4 d6 4 Nge2 g6 5 g3 Nc6 6 Bg2 Bg7 7 OO OO 8 d3 Nd4 9 Nxd4 cxd4 10 Ne2 Nd7 11 f4 a5 12 Rb1 Nc5 13 b3 f5 14 Kh1 e5 15 Ba3 fxe4 16 dxe4 Bg4 17 h3 Bd7 18 Bxc5 dxc5 19 Nc1 exf4 20 gxf4 Qh4 21 Qf3 Rf7 22 Qf2 Qh5 23 Qf3 Qxf3 24 Rxf3 Bc6 [That d-pawn looks nasty, but Stan finds a way to hang on.] 25 Rf2 Re8 26 Nd3 Bxe4 27 Bxe4 Rxe4 28 Nxc5 Re3 29 Kg2 Bf8 30 Na4 d3 31 Nb6 Bb4 32 Nd5 Re1 33 Rxe1 Bxe1 34 Rf3 d2 35 Rd3 Kg7 36 Kf3 [1/2]

Tsemekhman got stuck playing against one of his favorite openings:

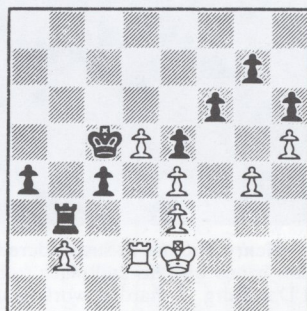
**VADIM TSEMEKHMAN (2350)--ALAN BALKANY (1958)** [Benko Gambit, A57]: 1 d4 Nf6 2 c4 c5 3 d5 b5 4 cxb5 a6 5 b6 g6 6 Nc3 d6 7 e4 Nbd7 8 a4 Nxb6 9 Be2 Bg7 10 a5 Nbd7 11 Nf3 OO 12 OO Bb7 13 Nd2 e6 14 Ne4 exd5 15 exd5 Qc7 16 Bf4 Ne5 17 Nb6 Rad8 18 Bg3 Ned7 19 Ne4 Ne5 20 f4 Nxc4 21 Bxc4 Rfe8 22 f5 Ne4 23 f6 Nxc3 24 hxg3 Bb6 25 g4 Re5 26 Rf3 Bg5 [After the game, Balkany and Steve Andrews proclaimed that 26...Rde8, stopping White's Ne4 and threatening ...Qc8, would have won for Black.] 27 Qd3 Ra8 28 Ne4 Qd8 29 Nxc5 Rxc5 30 Re1 Re5 31 Rxe5 dxe5 32 Qe3 Qd6 33 Qh6 Qf8 34 Qg5 Re8 35 Rh3 Kh8 36 d6 e4 [Total desperation.] 37 Qxc5 Rd8 38 Qc7 Be8 39 Qe7 Kg8 40 Bxf7+ [1-0]

The first major upset hit on board 7, as Benson Selitsky took an exchange from Mark Finegold in a tactical melee:

**BENSON SELITSKY (1945)--MARK FINEGOLD (2242)** [Sicilian, B25]: 1 e4 c5 2 Nc3 Nc6 3 g3 g6 4 Bg2 Bg7 5 d3 d6 6 f4 e6 7 Nf3 Nge7 8 OO OO 9 Be3 Nd4 10 Rb1 Rb8 11 Ne2 Nxf3+ 12 Bxf3 b6 13 d4 Qc7 14 c3 Bb7 15 b4 f5 [Hoo, boy. Time for tactical lift-off.] 16 dxc5 dxc5 17 bxc5 fxe4 18 exb6 axb6 19 Bxb6 Qc4 20 Rb4 Qxa2 21 Bg4 Nf5 22 Bxf5 exf5 23 Be7 Ba6 24 Rxb8 Bxe2 25 Rxf8+ Bxf8 26 Rf2 Bxd1 27 Rxa2 [Clear the smoke, boys! Let's see: that's the exchange for one not very threatening pawn.] Bc5+ 28 Kf1 Bg4 29 Be5 Be3 30 Bd4 Bc1 31 c4 e3 32 Be3 Kf7 33 Be1 Ke6 34 c5 Kd7 35 c6+ Kc8 36 Bb4 Bf3 37 Rc2 [1-0]

## BLACK TO PLAY

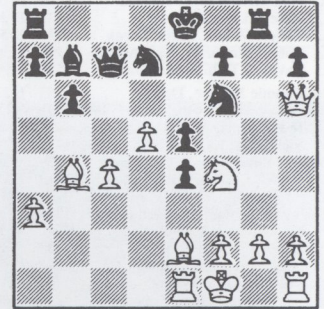
One more Master fell off the pace this evening. After much careful play, Robert Avery (Black) reached this position against Lindell Brady. He started correctly with 45...a3!, but after 46 bxa3 blundered with the immediate recapture 46...Rxa3? The game finished: 47 d6 Ra8 48 d7 Rd8 49 Rd5+ Kb4 50 Kd2 Kb3 51 Rb5+ Ka4 52 Rd5 Kb3 53



Rb5+ Ka4 54 Rd5 [1/2] Instead, 46...c3! would have won, as the Black king penetrates decisively via c4.

To close off an eventful night, one more big upset:

**WARREN RAFTSHOL (1870)--CARLTON THOMAS (2149)** [French, C15]: 1 e4 e6 2 d4 d5 3 Nc3 Bb4 4 a3 Bxc3+ 5 bxc3 dxe4 6 Qg4 Nf6 7 Qxg7 Rg8 8 Qh6 Rg6 9 Qh4 c5 10 Bg5 Qa5 11 Ne2 Nbd7 12 Bd2 Qa4 13 Nf4 Rg4 14 Qh6 cxd4 15 Be2 Rg8 16 cxd4 b6 17 c4 Bb7 18 Bb4 Qc6 19 Rd1 Qc7 20 d5 e5



## WHITE TO PLAY

[After this, the deluge.] 21 Ne6 fxe6 22 dxe6 OO 23 exd7+ Nxd7 24 Bd6 Qc6 25 Qh3 [A nasty pin, which Black is never quite able to release.] e3 26 f3 [No counterplay!] Qa4 27 OO Qc2 28 Rfe1 e4 28 f4 [No counterplay! That is the most frustrated set of doubled pawns I've ever seen.] Rg6 29 Rc1 Qd2 30 e5 Bc6 31 Ba6+ [1-0] [After 31...Bb7 32 cxb6+ leads to a double pin mate.]

Every year, it seems, we wonder whether the Friday or Saturday bunch will be larger or smaller, stronger or weaker. Well, let it be known that the 1990 crowd had 56 on Friday versus 39 on Saturday, and 9 Masters on Friday to 4 on Saturday, with the cut dipping nearly 100 points. The biggest upset saw Jason Wysocki lose to Olaf Haakonstad in a very sloppy game; the following, from board 7, was a much nicer performance by the winner:

**TOM WARD (2103)--TODD PIROCHTA (1849)** [Caro-Kann, B12] 1 e4 c6 2 d4 d5 3 e5 g6 4 Bd3 Bg7 5 Ne2 Nh6 6 Bf4 Qb6 7 Qc1 Bf5 8 Bxf5 Nxf5 9 c3 Nd7 10 OO e6 11 Nd2 h5 12 Nf3 OO 13 Ng3 Nxc3 14 fxg3 ["Capture toward the center!" Here, a slight tactical weakness is created that Pirochta quickly exposes.] c5 15 Bh6 cxd4 16 cxd4 Nxe5 [Aha! There's a fork with check on d4, thanks to the displaced f-pawn.] 17 Bxg7 Nxf3+ 18 Rxf3 Kxg7 19 Qd2 e5 20 Kh1 e4 21 Rb3 Qc6 22 Rc1 Qd7 23 h3 Rac8 24 Rbc3 Rxc3 25 Qxc3 Re8 26 Qa5 b6 27 Qc3 Re7 28 Qe3 Qd6 29 Qg5 e3 30 Re1 Qe6 31 Re2 Qe4 32 Kh2 Re6 33 Qf4 Qd3 34 Re1 Re4 35 Qe7 e2 [Yeah, there's a pawn sitting there—but Black is intent on the quick win.] 36 Qc3 Qd1 37 Kg1 Re3 38 Qxe3 Qxe1+ 39 Kh1 Qf1 40 Qe5+ Kh7 [0-1]

Finally, here's one to grow on, though play like this might actually stunt your growth!

**TAMAS PROSZKOW (1790)--MARK STEFANSKI (1902)** [Torre, D03] 1 d4 Nf6 2 Nf3 d5 3 Bg5 Nbd7 4 e3 e6 5 Bd3 h6 6 Bh4 c5 7 c3 Bd6 8 Nbd2 b6 9 OO Bb7 10 Rc1 g5 11 Bg3 Bxc3 12 hxg3 Ng4 13 e4 c4 14 Bb1 h5 15 exd5 Bxd5 16 Ne4 f6 17 Qa4 a6 18 Nd6+ Kf8 19 Nxc4 [19...b5 would be answered by a check with the queen.] Kg7 20 Ne3 Nxc3 21 fxe3 h4 22 gxf4 g4 23 e4 b5 [Now cut that out!] 24 Qc2 Be4 25 e5 [I really think that Black could probably take something here or in the next few moves and live to tell the tale, but he gets so hyped up with his own attack that he totally ignores what White is trying to do.] f5 26 Ng5 Rxh4 27 Nxe6+ Bxe6 28 Rxf5 g3 29 Rf4 Nf8 30 Rxf8 Rh1+ [Enough already—it's my turn!] 31 Kxh1 Qh4+ 32 Kg1 Qh2+ 33 Kf1 Rxf8+ [0-1] [Mate must follow, thanks in large part to the stinky little pawn on b5!]

## OPEN SECTION, ROUND 2

The field continued the process of thinning, as only 16 players emerged with perfect scores, and two more Masters fell off the pace. Basin kept cruising, but the scuttlebutt floating around said that Black could have forced a perpetual check somewhere in this game. Where, you tell me:

**LEONID BASIN (2451)--WILLIAM FULLER (2067)** [Sicilian, B21] 1 e4 c5 2 d4 [What, ho!] cxd4 3 c3 dxc3 4 Nxc3 e6 5 Nf3 Nc6 6 Be4 a6 7 a4 Qc7 8 OO Nf6 9 Qe2 d6 10 Bf4 Be7 11 Rfd1 e5 12 Be3 OO 13 Rac1 Bg4 14 h3 Bh5 15 Bb3 Qd7 16 Bb6 Bd8 17 Be5 Nd4 18 Bxd4 exd4 19 Rxd4 Bb5 20 Rd3 Qe7 21 Re1 Rfe8 22 Qd2 Bg6 23 Nd5 Nxd5 24 Bxd5 Rac8 25 a5 Ba7 26 Rb3 Rc7 27 Rc1 Be5 28 Rc4 Re8 29 Qe2 Kf8 30 Rbc3 b5 31 axb6 Bxb6 32 Rxc7 Rxc7 33 Qxa6 Rxc3 34 bxc3 Qc7 35 Nd4 Bxd4 36 cxd4 Qc1+ 37 Qf1 Qd2 38 Qb1 Qxd4 39 Qb8+ Ke7 40 Qc7+ Kf6 41 Qxd6+ Kg5 42 Qg3+ Kf6 43 Qf4+ Ke7 44 h4 Kd7 45 g4

**h5 g6 f5 g5 47 Qc1 Qa4 48 Qc3 Be8 49 Qxg7+ Kd6 50 Qf8+ Kc7 51 Qxf5 Qd1+ 52 Kh2 Bd7 53 Qe5+ Kd8 54 g6 Qf3 55 Qg3 [1-0]**

The real shocker was board 2, as Rey Santiago (nice initials) held Ray Stone to a draw. Black always seemed a bit better in this game, but it never turned out to be enough. The ending is another of those weird things that Black can't win because he has an extra pawn!

**REY SANTIAGO (2002)--RAY STONE (2438)** [Sicilian, B40] 1 e4 e5 2 Nf3 e6 3 d4 cxd4 4 Nxd4 Nf6 5 Bd3 Nc6 6 Nxc6 bxc6 7 Oo d5 8 e5 Nd7 9 Bf4 g6 10 Re1 Bg7 11 Nd2 Oo 12 Nf3 Qb6 13 b3 Ba6 14 Qd2 Bxd3 15 cxd3 c5 16 Rac1 Rfc8 17 Bh6 a5 18 Bxg7 Kxg7 19 Qf4 Qd8 20 Rc2 a4 21 bxa4 Rcb8 22 h3 Rb4 23 Qd2 Rbxa4 24 Re2 Qa5 25 Qg5 h6 26 Qe7 Qd8 27 Qxd8 Rxd8 28 Rb2 Ra7 29 Rec2 g5 30 g4 Ra3 31 Rb3 Rxb3 32 axb3 Rb8 33 Rb2 Rb4 34 Kf1 Nb6 35 Nd2 c4 36 dxc4 Nxc4 37 Nxc4 dxc4 38 Ke2 h5 39 Kd2 hxg4 40 Kc3 Rxb3+ 41 Rxb3 cxb3 42 hxg4 f6 43 Kxb3 fxe5 44 Kc4 Kf6 45 Kc5 Ke7 45 Kc6 Kf6 46 Kc5 [1/2] [Note that if Black didn't have the pawn on e5, he could have won!]

Tsemekhman showed what he can do when playing the right side of the Benko:

**MARCUS HENDRICKS (2016)--VADIM TSEMEKHMAN (2350)** [Benko Gambit, A58]: 1 d4 e5 2 d5 Nf6 3 c4 b5 4 cxb5 a6 5 e3 g6 6 Nc3 Bg7 7 Nf3 Oo 8 bxa6 d6 9 Bd3 Bxa6 10 Bxa6 Nxa6 11 Oo Qb6 12 e4 [That's two tempi lost. Boy, is White gonna get Benked.] Nd7 13 Qe2 Rf8 14 a3 Nc7 15 g3 Nb5 16 Nxb5 Qxb5 17 Qxb5 Rxb5 18 Ra2 Ra4 19 Re1 c4 20 Re2 Nc5 21 Be3 Nd3 22 Bd4 [A horrible blunder, but consistent with the rest of his position.] Ne1 23 Rc2 Nxa2 24 b3 Rxb3 25 Bxg7 Kxg7 26 Nd2 Rbxa3 27 Nxc4 Rc3 28 Rxc3 Nxc3 [0-1]

Next, Alex Yahkind looks five moves ahead. Dexter looks six:

**DEXTER THOMPSON (2318)--ALEX YAHKIND (2068)** [Sicilian, B21]: 1 e4 e5 2 d4 [Is this a trend or something?] cxd4 3 c3 dxc3 4 Nxc3 e6 5 Be4 Nc6 6 Nf3 a6 7 Oo Qc7 8 Qe2 d6 9 Rd1 Nf6 10 Bf4 b5 11 Bb3 b4 12 Na4 e5 13 Bg5 Bg4 14 Rac1 Rc8 [Don't worry; everything's under control.] 15 Qxa6 Nxe4 16 Bd5 Nc5 17 Nxe5 dxe5 18 Bxc6+ Qxc6 19 Qxc6+ [Page the Duke of Brunswick!] [1-0]

Finally, the second Master to fall off the pace, and in bloody fashion that:

**TONY PALMER (1993)--KEVIN NOREN (2309)** [French, C06]: 1 e4 e6 2 d4 d5 3 Nd2 Nf6 4 e5 Nfd7 5 Bd3 c5 6 c3 Nc6 7 Ne2 cxd4 8 cxd4 Qb6 9 Nf3 f6 10 Nf4 fxe5 11 dxe5 Bb4+ 12 Kf1 Ndx5 13 Nxe5 Nxe5 14 Qh5+ Nf7 15 h4 g6 16 Qe2 Oo 17 h5 g5 [Can this be good? Palmer doesn't think so, and perpetrates about the third oldest trick in the book.]

#### WHITE TO PLAY

**18 Bxh7+ Kxh7 19 Qd3+ Kg8** [19...Kh8, keeping the queen back, may be a better defensive try.] **20 Qg6+ Kh8 21 Qf6+ Kh7 22 Qg6+ Kh8 23 Qf6+ Kh7 24 h6 Rg8 25 Qxf7+ Kh8 26 h7 [1-0]** [Ugh!]

Setting the stage for round 3, we have these players at 2.0: Basin, Tsemekhman, Thompson, Solis, Hahn, Cunningham, Ron Finegold, Steve Andrews, Tom Mazuchowski, Phil Laren, Andrew Beider, Victor Repkin, Mark Knecht, Faris Jirjis, Morgan Everett, Tony Palmer.

#### OPEN SECTION, ROUND 3

- 1 Laren 0 Basin
- 2 Tsemekhman 1/2 Mazuchowski
- 3 Beider 0 Thompson
- 4 Solis 1 Repkin
- 5 Hahn 0 Knecht
- 6 Cunningham 1/2 Jirjis
- 7 Everett 1 Finegold, R.
- 8 Andrews 1 Palmer

Laren gave it a great shot, surviving an undignified position, only to crash in time pressure:

**PHIL LAREN (2177)--LEONID BASIN (2451)** [King's Indian, E90]: 1 d4 Nf6 2 e4 c5 3 d5 g6 4 Nc3 Bg7 5 Nf3 Oo 6 Bg5 d6 7 Qd2 Re8 8 e4 e6 9 Bd3 exd5 10 Nxd5 Na6 11 Oo Nc7 12 h3 Nxd5 13 exd5 Bd7 14 Qf4 Nh5 15 Qxd6 f6 16 Bd2 Bf8 17 Qh2 Qb6 18 Bc3 Bd6 19 g3 [Is this any way to treat a lady?] Qc7 20 Rae1 a6 21 Nd2 f5 22 Nf3 b5 23 b3 b4 24

**Bb2 h6 25 Qg2 a5 26 Rxe8+ Rxe8 27 Re1 Rxe1+ 28 Nxe1 Be5 29 Be1 Bc3 30 Nf3 g5 31 Nh2 Qe5 32 Be3 f4 33 Bxc5 f3g3 34 Nf3 Qc7 35 Be3 gxf2+ 36 Kxf2 Nf4 37 Bxf4 Qxf4 38 Qg3 Qf7 39 Qb8+ Kg7 40 Qc7 Bxh3 41 Qxf7+ Kxf7 42 c5 g4 43 Ng1 Bd4+ 44 Kg3 Bxg1 45 c6 Bd4 [0-1]**

Mazuchowski slowed the Vadim express, claiming a triple repetition in a touchy position. Thompson scored with a pair of nasty non-Harrwitz bishops:

**ANDREW BEIDER (2151)--DEXTER THOMPSON (2318)** [Queen Pawn, D02]: 1 Nf3 d5 2 d4 c6 3 c3 Nf6 4 g3 Bf5 5 Bg2 e6 6 Oo h6 7 Na3 Nbd7 8 Nc2 Bd6 9 Ne3 Bh7 10 c4 a5 11 b3 Oo 12 Bb2 Qe7 13 a3 b6 14 Ra2 Ne4 15 Re1 f5 16 Ne5 Nxe5 17 dxe5 Bc5 18 Bxe4 dxe4 19 Ng2 Rad8 20 Qc1 g5 21 e3 Rd3 22 Qc2 f4 [Slicing through the gunk.] 23 gxf4 gxf4 24 Nxf4 Rxf4 25 exf4 e3 [Wilkinson sword bishops!] 26 Rd1 exf2+ 27 Kf1 Qg7 28 Raa1 Qg1+ 29 Ke2 Re3+ 30 Kd2 f1n+! [So Dexter does have a sense of humor!] 31 Rxf1 Qg2+ [0-1]

Solis won a piece amidst complications. Knecht and Hahn created a position that looked for all the world like a game of pre-chess. Hahn won a pawn, Knecht the game:

**DAVID HAHN (2265)--MARK KNECHT (2119)** [English, A14]: 1 e4 e6 2 g3 d5 3 Bg2 Nf6 4 Nf3 c6 5 b3 Be7 6 Bb2 Nbd7 7 Oo Oo 8 Nc3 b6 9 Nd4 Bb7 10 cxd5 cxd5 11 Rc1 Rc8 12 Ncb5 a6 13 Rxc8 Qxc8 14 Na3 Qa8 15 Qa1 [To quote the late, great, imaginary A.J. Dirp: "Keep your pieces out of the center: they could get hurt there!"] Rc8 16 Rc1 Bf8 17 Nac2 e5 18 Nf3 d4 19 Nce1 Bd6 20 e3 dxe3 21 dxe3 Rxe1 22 Qxc1 Qc8 23 Qa1 [He see a ghost or something?] Qc7 24 Nxe5 [Cheapo! 24...Nxe5 25 Bxb7, drawing the queen away. Tactical slop now begins.] Bxg2 25 Nxd7 Qxd7 26 Nxe2 Be7 27 Nf4 Ng4 28 Qc1 g5 29 Ng2 Qf5 30 Qf1 Qc2 31 Bd4 Qxa2 32 h3 Nf6 33 Qc4 Ne4 34 Qc8+ Bf8 35 Qf5 Qb1+ 36 Kh2 Nd2 37 Qxg5+ Qg6 38 Qxg6+ hxg6 39 Bxb6 Nxb3 [White's a pawn ahead, OK, but that a-pawn is going to prove a booger!] 40 Nf4 a5 41 Nd5 a4 42 Nc3 a3 43 Na2 Bg7 44 Bd4 Nxd4 45 exd4 Bxd4 46 f4 Kg7 47 Kg2 Kf6 48 Kf3 Ke6 49 Ke4 Bf2 50 g4 Be1 51 f5+ gxf5+ 52 gxf5+ Kf6 53 Kf4 Bd2+ 54 Ke4 Kg5 55 Ke5 Bf4+ 56 Ke4 f6 57 Nc3 Be5 58 Na2 [Is this any way to live?] Kh4 59 Kf3 Kxh3 60 Ne1 Kh4 61 Na2 Kg5 62 Ke4 Kg4 63 Nb4 Kg3 64 Ke3 Bf4+ 65 Ke4 Bd6 66 Na2 Kf2 67 Nc1 Be5 68 Na2 Ke2 69 Nc1+ Kd1 70 Na2 Kc2 71 Nb4+ Kb1 72 Nd5 a2 [0-1]

Cunningham--Jirjis was a quick and quiet draw. Everett--Ron Finegold was not:

**MORGAN EVERETT (2080)--RON FINEGOLD (2203)** [Nimzovich Defense, B00]: 1 e4 Nc6 2 d4 e5 3 dxe5 Nxe5 4 f4 Nc6 5 Be3 Nge7 6 Be4 Na5 7 Be2 d6 8 Nf3 f5 9 exf5 Bxf5 10 Oo Qd7 11 Nc3 Nac6 12 a3 Bg4 13 Qe1 Oo 14 Qf2 d5 15 Nd4 Nxd4 16 Bxg4 Qxg4 17 Bxd4 b6 18 Kh1 Nc6 19 Rae1 Qd7 20 b4 Kb7 21 Rd1 Rf7 22 Qf3 Ne7 23 Be5 c6 24 f5 Rg8 25 b5 [Hurricane Morgan unbattens the hatches.] cxb5 26 Nxb5 Nc6 27 Bg3 Rd7 28 c4 [The second wave strikes the doomed vessel.] dxc4 29 Nxa7 [Women and children first!] Kxa7 30 Qxc6 Rxd1 31 Rxd1 [1-0]

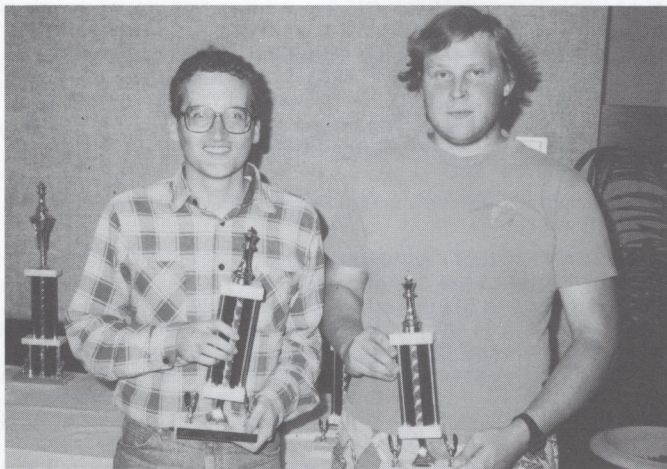
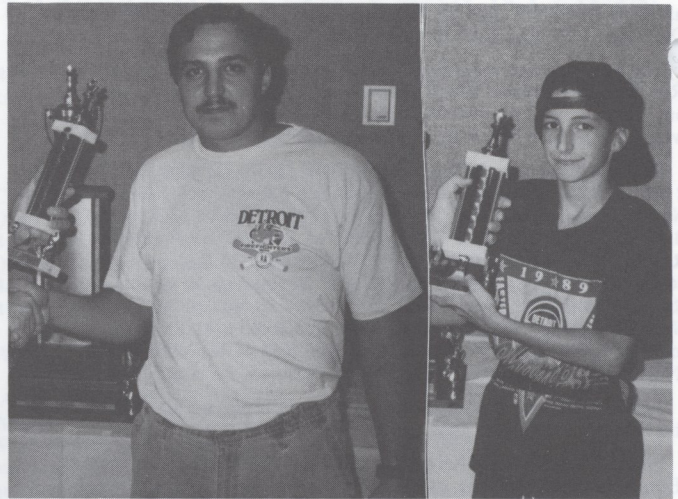
Steve Andrews shivered Tony Palmer's timbers to become the sixth perfect score. We'll close the round, though, with the board 10 game. Stan Jarosz drew his game in round 1; when pairing him for this round, TD Burg jokingly apologized for spoiling Stan's "Swiss Gambit". He who laughs last . . .

**STAN JAROSZ (2054)--GUILLERMO RUIZ GONZALEZ (2405)** [London System, A48]: 1 d4 Nf6 2 Nf3 g6 3 Bf4 Bg7 4 c3 Oo 5 Nbd2 d5 6 h3 Nbd7 7 e3 c5 8 Be2 b6 9 Oo Bb7 10 Ne5 Ne4 11 Nxd7 Qxd7 12 Nxe4 dxe4 13 dxc5 Qxd1 14 Rfxd1 e5 15 Bg5 bxc5 16 Be7 Rfc8 17 Bc4 Kh8 18 Rd2 f5 19 Rad1 h6 20 Rd6 Rc7 21 Rd8+ Rxd8 22 Rxd8+ Kh7 23 Bd6 Rc8 24 Rxc8 Bxc8 25 Bxc5 a6 26 Bd5 g5 27 b4 Kg6 28 a4 Bd7 29 a5 Bf6 30 c4 [1-0] [One of those mysterious Jarosz games that looks so easy.]

In the non-mysterious department we have:  
3.0: Basin, Thompson, Solis, Andrews, Knecht, Everett  
2.5: Stone, Tsemekhman, Cunningham, Avery, Mazuchowski, Brad Rogers, Faris Jirjis, Attila Lehoczky, Jarosz, Jim Kulbacki

#### OPEN SECTION, ROUND 4

- 1 Basin 1 Andrews
- 2 Thompson 1 Everett
- 3 Knecht 1/2 Solis
- 4 Rogers 0 Stone
- 5 Jirjis 0 Tsemekhman
- 6 Lehotzky 1/2 Cunningham
- 7 Avery 0 Jarosz
- 8 Mazuchowski 1 Kulbacki



#### Open Section:

(top) Tom Mazuchowski and Steve Andrews—re-mastering the game;  
 (middle) Jim Owens and Mark Stefanski take the under-2000 prizes;  
 (bottom) Mike Kosanovich (left) towers over the rest of the under-1800's

#### Reserve Section:

(top) Mike Nikitin and Lil' David Calton treasure the moment; (middle) Nick Pope and Jay Grossman show their class; (bottom) Ken Franzen (left) and Ken Workman (far right)—moving on up



Basin disposed of Andrews in short order. Thompson also had a quickie:

**DEXTER THOMPSON (2318)--MORGAN EVERETT (2080)** [Göring Gambit, C44]: 1 e4 e5 2 Nf3 Nc6 3 d4 exd4 4 c3 dxc3 5 Bc4 Bb4 6 Nxc3 d6 7 OO Bxc3 8 bxc3 Bg4 9 Qb3 Na5 [9...Bxf3 10 Bxf7+ Kf8 11 gxf3 Ne5! is the line. You can't afford the slightest inaccuracy against Dexter in this opening] 10 Bxf7+ Kf8 11 Qa4 Bxf3 12 Bxg8 Kxg8 13 gxf3 Nc6 14 Qb3+ Kf8 15 Qxb7 Ne5 16 f4 Qh4 17 f3 [1-0]

That set up uno big showdown for round 5, as Solis and Knecht played a solid, symmetrical draw. Four players joined the latter two in 3.5 land; first, Stone pokes and pokes till the dike opens up:

**BRAD ROGERS (2162)--RAY STONE (2438)** [Nimzo-Indian, E46]: 1 d4 Nf6 2 c4 e6 3 Nc3 Bb4 4 e3 OO 5 Nge2 d5 6 a3 Be7 7 Nf4 c6 8 Be2 Bd6 9 OO Nbd7 10 cxd5 exd5 11 Nd3 a5 12 f4 Nb6 13 Ne5 Re8 14 Bd3 Qe7 15 Qe2 Nfd7 16 Bd2 Nf8 17 Qf2 f6 18 Nf3 Be6 19 Rael Qd7 20 Nh4 Bc7 21 e4 dxe4 22 Nxe4 Bc4 23 Bxc4+ Nxc4 24 Bc3 Qd5 25 Ng3 Nd6 26 Qc2 Kh8 27 Nhf5 Nxf5 28 Nxf5 Ng6 29 g3 Bb6 30 Rxe8+ Rxe8 31 Rd1 e5 32 Qd3 Nf8 33 Kf2 cxd4 34 Bxd4 Rd8 35 Ke3 g6 36 Bxb6 Qe6+ [0-1]

Jirjis mounted an attack full of sound and fury. It signified nothing:

**FARIS JIRJIS (2094)--VADIM TSEMEKHMEN (2350)** [French, C06]: 1 e4 e6 2 d4 d5 3 Nd2 Nf6 4 e5 Nfd7 5 Bd3 c5 6 c3 Nc6 7 Ne2 cxd4 8 exd4 f6 9 exf6 Nxf6 10 Nf3 Bd6 11 OO Qc7 12 Nc3 a6 13 Bg5 OO 14 Rcl Nh5 15 Ne5 g6 16 Bh6 Rf6 17 Ng4 Rf7 18 Bg5 Kh8 19 g3 Ng7 20 Nh6 Rf8 21 Qg4 Nh5 22 Qh4 Qg7 23 Ne2 e5 24 g4 Nf4 25 Nxf4 exf4 26 Rce1 Bd7 27 f3 Qxd4+ 28 Kh1 Qg7 29 Rf2 Ne5 30 Bc2 Bc6 31 Kg2 d4 32 Bb3 Rae8 33 Bc2 d3 34 Bb3 d2 35 Rxe5 Bxe5 36 Rxd2 Bf6 37 Nf7 Rxf7 [0-1]

Cunningham had another short, quiet draw. Jarosz, his Swiss Gambit ruined, went ahead and knocked off another Master.

**ROBERT AVERY (2207)--STAN JAROSZ (2054)** [Queen's Gambit, D59]: 1 d4 d5 2 c4 e6 3 Nc3 Bc7 4 Nf3 Nf6 5 Bg5 h6 6 Bh4 OO 7 e3 b6 8 cxd5 Nxd5 9 Nxd5 exd5 10 Bxe7 Qxe7 11 Rcl Be6 12 Qa4 c5 13 dxc5 bxc5 14 Be2 Qb7 15 Qa3 Nd7 16 OO Rfb8 17 Rc2 Qb4 18 Qxb4 Rxb4 19 Rfcl Rab8 20 b3 a5 21 Nd2 a4 22 Kfl axb3 23 Nxb3 c4 24 Nd4 Rb2 25 f4 Rxc2 26 Rxc2 Rb1+ 27 Kf2 Nc5 28 f5 [Avery preferred 28 Nxe6 later. The spared bishop quickly departs on a world tour.] Ne4+ 29 Kf3 Bd7 30 Kf4 Ba4 31 Rxc4 dxc4 32 Kxe4 Rcl 33 Bf3 Bd1 34 h4 Bxf3+ 35 Nxf3 Rd1 36 Nd4 c3 37 a4 Rxd4+ [0-1]

The top scorers concluded with a book trap:

**TOM MAZUCHOWSKI (2187)--JIM KULBACKI (2028)** [Max Lange, C55]: 1 e4 e5 2 Nf3 Nc6 3 d4 exd4 4 Bc4 Bc5 5 OO Nf6 6 e5 d5 7 exf6 dxc4 7 fxf7 Rg8 9 Bg5 Qd6 [In case there's a next time, try 9...Be7] 10 Nbd2 Qg6 11 Ne4 Be7 12 Bxe7 Nxe7 13 Qxd4 [1-0]

A bit further down, Kevin Noren's resurgence was slowed in this exciting game:

**DRAGAN VUKOTIC (1989)--KEVIN NOREN (2309)** [French, C19] 1 e4 e6 2 d4 d5 3 Nc3 Bb4 4 e5 c5 5 a3 Bxc3+ 6 bxc3 Ne7 7 a4 Nbc6 8 Nf3 Qa5 9 Bd2 Bd7 10 Bd3 c4 11 Bf1 f6 12 Qe2 OO 13 g3 Ng6 14 Bg2 Qc7 15 OO fxe5 16 Nxe5 Nxe5 17 dxe5 Qxe5 [Never fear: I have only begun to attack!] 18 Be3 a6 19 Qd2 Qd6 20 Rfb1 Bc6 21 Rb6 Nf8 22 Qd4 Nd7 23 Rb4 e5 24 Qg4 Qg6 25 Qe2 Rde8 26 Qd1 Nf6 27 Rab1 Ne4 28 Bh3+ Kb8

**WHITE TO PLAY**

29 Rxb7+ Bxb7 30 Qxd5 Nd6 31 Qc5 Nb5 32 axb5 Qe4 33 Qa7+ Kc7 34 Bb6+ Kd6 35 Bc5+ Kc7 36 b6+ Kc6 37 Bg2 [The crowning touch to the attack, which . . . ] Qxg2+ 38 Kxg2 Ra8 [ . . . doesn't win!] 39 Be3 [1/2]

Whew! Let's take a couple of quickies, and get back to serious chess in the morning:

**HENRY JOHNSON (1953)--ANDREW BEIDER (2151)** [King's Indian Attack, A08]: 1 Nf3 d5 2 g3 c5 3 Bg2 Nc6 4 OO e5 5 d3 Nf6 6 c4 d4 7 Bg5 Be7 8 Nbd2 OO 9 h3 Be6 10 a3 Qd7 11 Kh2 a5 12 Qc2 h6 13 Bxf6 Bxf6 14 Ne4 Be7 15 g4 f5 16 gxf5 Bxf5 17 Nfd2 Nd8 18 Ng3 Ne6 19 Bd5 Kh8 20 Nxf5 Rxf5 21 Bf3 Raf8 22 Ne4 Rxf3 23 exf3 Nf4 24 Kg1 Qxh3 [0-1]

**ALAN BALKANY (1958)--FRED KÜNG (1870)** [Blackmar-Diemer Gambit, D00]: 1 Nc3 d5 2 d4 Nf6 3 e4 dxe4 4 f3 exf3 5 Nxf3 Bg4 6 h3 Bh5 7 g4 Bg6 8 Ne5 Nbd7 9 Qf3 c6 10 Bg5 Nxe5 11 dxe5 Nd5 12 Nxd5 cxd5 13 OO Qc7 14 Bb5+ Kd8 15 Rxd5+ Kc8 16 Qf2 Be4 17 Rc5 Bxh1 18 Rxc7+ Kxc7 19 Qc5+ Bc6 20 e6 fxe6 [Someone telephone the kinside: "Don't bother getting out of bed!"] 21 Bc4 Kd7 22 Bf4 Rd8 23 Bxe6+ Kxe6 24 Qf5# [1-0]

Meanwhile, back in the real world:

- 5.0: Basin, Thompson
- 4.5: Stone, Tsemekhman, Solis, Mazuchowski, Knecht, Jarosz

**OPEN SECTION, ROUND 5**

- 1 Thompson 0 Basin
- 2 Stone 0 Mazuchowski
- 3 Tsemekhman 1 Knecht
- 4 Solis 1/2 Jarosz

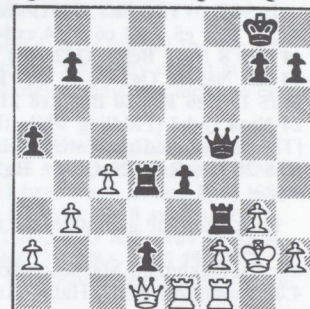
It turned out to be Basin who finessed his way to the only 5-0 score. Thompson employed the Alapin Sicilian (2 c3), the queens came off early, and Black scored a delicate endgame win. Unfortunately, no legible scoresheet of this important game was received.

We were spared atrocious puns about stone basins, however, with the surprise on board 2:

**RAY STONE (2438)--TOM MAZUCHOWSKI (2187)** [Dutch, A92]: 1 d4 e6 2 c4 f5 3 g3 Nf6 4 Bg2 Be7 5 Nf3 OO 6 OO Ne4 7 b3 Bf6 8 Bb2 e5 9 Qc2 Ne6 10 dxc5 Nb4 11 Qcl Nxc5 12 Qd2 a5 13 Nc3 Ne4 14 Nxe4 fxe4 15 Ne5 d5 16 Ng4 Bxb2 17 Qxb2 Qg5 18 Ne3 Nc6 19 Rad1 d4 20 Nc2 e5 21 Bxe4 Bh3 22 Bg2 Bxg2 23 Kxg2 Rad8 24 Ne1 e4 25 Nc2 Qc5 26 e3 d3 27 Nd4 Nxd4 28 exd4 Rxd4 29 Qd2 Rf3 30 Rde1 Qf5 31 Qd1 d2 [0-1]

**WHITE TO PLAY**

**WHITE RESIGNS** [Truly a grand-master resignation! Still, White does appear busted; for example, 32 Re3 Rd3 33 Rxd3 Rxd3, and there seems no way for White to stop a rook from eventually planting itself on c1 with dire results.]



Tsemekhman set up a showdown with Basin by beating back an interesting piece sacrifice from Knecht:

**VADIM TSEMEKHMEN (2350)--MARK KNECHT (2119)** [Queen's Gambit, D35]: 1 d4 d5 2 c4 e6 3 Nc3 c6 4 cxd5 exd5 5 Qc2 Bd6 6 Nf3 Bg4 7 e3 Nd7 8 Bd2 Ngf6 9 Bd3 Bh5 10 Nh4 g6 11 h3 Ne4 12 Bxe4 Qxh4 13 Bd3 f5 14 Qb3 Rb8 15 OO Nf6 16 Be1 Bf3 [Beginning a course of forceful generosity.] 17 Be2 Bxg2 18 Kxg2 Qg5+ 19 Kh1 Qh4 20 f4 Qxh3+ 21 Kg1 Qxe3+ 22 Kg2 Nh5 23 Bxh5 gxh5 24 Rf3 Rg8+ 25 Bg3 Qd2+ 26 Kh1 Qxd4 [Four pawns for the piece, and an exposed White king; this is too good to be true!] 27 Rd1 Qb6 28 Nxd5 Qxb3 29 Nf6+ Kf7 30 Rxb3 Kxf6 31 Rxd6+ Ke7 32 Rh6 Rg7 33 Bh4+ Kd7 34 Rxb5 ["If it's too good to be true, it probably is!"] Rf7 35 Re3 Re8 36 Rxe8 Kxe8 37 Kg2 Kd7 38 Rh6 Kc7 39 Bf6 a6 40 Be5+ Kb6 41 Rf6 Rxf6 42 Bxe6 Kc5 43 Kg3 Kd5 44 Be5 c5 45 Kh4 b5 46 Kg5 Ke4 47 Kh6 c4 48 Kxh7 b4 49 Kg6 a5 50 Rg5 Kd3 51 Kxf5 c3 52 bxc3 bxc3 53 Bxc3 Kxc3 54 Ke4 a4 55 f5 a3 56 f6 Kb2 57 f7 Kxa2 58 f8Q Kb2 69 Qb4+ Ka2 60 Kd3 [1-0]

Solis managed to hold the rampaging Jarosz to a draw after wholesale simplifications out of an interesting position, leaving them both a half-point out of second with 4.0 points. Joining them were seven players; we shall study the efforts of David Hahn and Tom Ward:

**DAVID HAHN (2265)--VICTOR REPKIN (2126)** [Dutch, A94]: 1 e4 e6 2 g3 f5 3 Bg2 Nf6 4 Nf3 Be7 5 OO OO 6 d4 c6 7 b3 d5 8 Ba3 Ne4 9 Qc1 Bd7 10 Bxe7 Qxe7 11 Ne5 Be8 12 Nd2 Nd7 13 Nxd7 Qxd7 14 Nf3 Bh5 15 Ne5 Qd6 16 e5 Qe7 17 c5 Ng5 18 f4 Nf7 19 Nxf7 Qxf7 20 Rf2 Qe7 21 b4 Qc7 22 Rc2 h6 23 a4 Kh7 24 Rb1 Rab8 25 b5 Qd7 26 Rcb2 Be8 27 Bf1 Qc8 28 a5 cxb5 29 Bxb5 Bxb5 30 Rxb5 a6 31 Rb6 Rf7 32 Qb2 Qc7 33 c6 Qd8 34 cxb7 Rc7 35 Rxa6 Rxb7 36 Rb6 Qc7 37 Rxb7 [1-0] [Clockwork!]

**TOM WARD (2103)--RON FINEGOLD (2203)** [Petroff, C43]: 1 e4 e5 2 Bc4 Nf6 3 d4 exd4 4 Nf3 d5 5 exd5 Bb4+ 6 Bd2 Qe7+ 7 Qe2 Qxe2+ 8 Kxe2 Bc5 9 Re1 OO 10 Kf1 Bf5 11 c3 Be4 12 Nxd4 Bxd5 13 Bxd5 Nxd5 14 Nb3 Na6 15 e4 Nb6 16 Nxc5 Nxc5 17 b3 Rfd8 18 Bc3 Ne6 19 Na3 Rd7 20 Rad1 Rad8 21 Rxd7 Rxd7 22 Nb5 a6 [Now, some quick desperado tactics gain a pawn for White.] 23 Nxc7 Nxc4 24 Nxe6

Nxe3+ 25 Rxe3 fxe6 26 Rxe6 Rd2 27 a4 Kf7 28 Rb6 Rd7 29 f4 Ke7 30 Ke2 Kd8 31 g4 Kc7 32 a5 Rd5 33 b4 Rd4 34 Ke3 Rc4 35 Kf3 Kc8 36 f5 Rc7 37 g5 Kd8 38 f6 gxf6 39 gxf6 Ke8 40 Kf4 Kf7 41 Kf5 Rd7 42 Ke5 Kg6 43 Rd6 Rc7 44 Rd8 Rc4 45 Rd7 Rxb4 46 Rg7+ Kh6 47 Rg8 [1-0]

If there was a killer opening this year, it had to be the French; it seemed like most everybody was winning with it. Herewith, two more examples:

KEVIN NOREN (2309)--GREG BAILEY (2071) [French, C18]: 1 d4 e6 2 e4 d5 3 Nc3 Bb4 4 e5 e5 5 a3 Bxc3+ 6 bxc3 Qc7 7 Nf3 Bd7 8 a4 Nc6 9 Bd3 f6 10 exf6 Nxf6 11 OO OO 12 Ba3 b6 13 dxc5 Rfe8 14 cxb6 axb6 15 c4 d4 16 c5 e5 17 cxb6 Qxb6 18 Ng5 Rxa4 19 c3 Nd8 20 cxd4 Rxd4 21 Qc2 e4 22 Bc5 exd3 23 Bxb6 dxc2 [Noren reports that he was confident that the little demon on c2 could be controlled. It doesn't work out that way.] 24 Bxd4 Nc6 25 Nf3 Bg4 26 Bxf6 gxf6 27 Ra4 Bxf3 28 gxf3 Ne5 29 Rc1 Re8 30 Kf1 Nd3 31 Raa1 Kg7 32 Ke2 Nxc1+ 33 Rxc1 Kg6 34 f4 Kf5 35 Kf3 Rc3+ 36 Ke2 Kxf4 37 Kd2 Rc5 38 Ke2 Kg4 39 Ke3 Kh3 40 Kd4 Rc8 41 Kd5 Kxh2 [Who let Pac-Man into this game?] 42 Ke6 Kg2 43 f4 h5 44 Kxf6 h4 45 Ke7 h3 46 f5 h2 47 Kd7 Rc3 48 f6 h1Q [0-1]

DON VANDIVIER (2012)--BRAD ROGERS (2162) [French, C15]: 1 e4 e6 2 d4 d5 3 Nc3 Bb4 4 a3 Bxc3+ 5 bxc3 dxe4 6 a4 Nf6 7 Ba3 Bd7 8 f3 Bc6 9 Bb5 Qd7 10 Qe2 a6 11 Bc4 Bd5 12 Bb3 b5 13 a5 Qc6 14 Bb4 Nbd7 15 fxe4 Nxe4 16 Qg4 Nef6 17 Bxd5 Qxd5 18 Qg3 OO 19 Ne2 Ne4 20 Qxg7 e5 21 OO Nxc3 22 Nxc3 Qxd4+ 23 Kh1 Qxb4 24 Nd5 Qc5 25 Rad1 e4 26 Qg5 f6 27 Qf5 Rhe8 28 Qxh7 e3 29 Rfe1 e2 30 Rd2 Qf2 31 Rg1 Qxg1+ [0-1]

An after-dinner mint, before we move on:

JASON WYSOCKI (2111)--WALTER ALMQUIST (1871) [English, A23]: 1 c4 e5 2 g3 c6 3 d4 exd4 4 Qxd4 Nf6 5 Nc3 Be7 6 Bg2 OO 7 e4 Na6 8 Nge2 Bc5 9 Qd2 Ng4 10 OO Qb6 11 Nd1 f5 12 exf5 Rxf5 13 Nf4 Ne5 14 Qe2 d6 15 Be4 Rf8 16 Qh5 g6 17 Qh6 Bf5 18 Bxf5 Rxf5 19 Ne6 Rf7 20 Bf4 Re8 21 Ng5 Rfe7 22 Bxe5 dxe5 23 Nc3 Rf8 24 Nce4 Qxb2 [Fiddling while the kingside burns.] 25 Rad1 Qxa2 [The condemned man ate a hearty meal.] 26 Nxb7 Rxb7 27 Qxg6+ Kh8 28 Nf6 Rxf6 29 Qxf6+ Rg7 30 Rd8+ Kh7 31 Qf5+ Kh6 32 Rh8+ [1-0]

Back from the guillotine, we find these survivors:

5.0: Basin

4.5: Tsemekhman, Mazuchowski

4.0: Thompson, Solis, Hahn, Andrews, Laren, Beider, Jarosz, Ward

#### OPEN SECTION, ROUND 6

1 Basin 1/2 Tsemekhman  
2 Mazuchowski 0 Thompson  
3 Laren 0 Solis  
4 Beider 0 Hahn  
5 Jarosz 0 Andrews  
6 Ward 0 Ruiz

Quite a holiday for the Black pieces! The battle on board 1 came as a surprise to some who anticipated a short draw, but when you consider that Basin could wrap things up with a win and had White, his efforts became understandable. In the event, Basin took a substantial space advantage and seemed to have Vadim running in circles, but Tsemekhman liquidated carefully and seized the opportunity for a perpetual check.

LEONID BASIN (2451)--VADIM TSEMEKHMEN (2350) [King's Indian, E91]: 1 d4 c5 2 d5 Nf6 3 c4 g6 4 Nc3 d6 5 e4 Bg7 6 Be2 OO 7 Bg5 e6 8 Qd2 exd5 9 exd5 Re8 10 Nf3 Bg4 11 OO Bxf3 12 Bxf3 Nbd7 13 Rfe1 Qb6 14 Qc2 a6 15 Bd2 Qc7 16 a4 Rxe1+ 17 Rxe1 Re8 18 Rd1 Nf8 19 a5 N6d7 20 Be2 f5 21 Bf1 Nf6 22 h3 N8d7 23 Qa4 Kf7 24 Re1 Rxe1 25 Bxe1 Qd8 26 Qb3 Qc7 27 Ne2 Bh6 28 f3 Nh5 29 g3 Ne5 30 f4 Nd7 31 Qf3 Nhf6 32 g4 fxd4 33 hxd4 Bf8 34 Bc3 Qd8 35 Ng3 Kg8 36 g5 Ne8 37 Bh3 Bg7 38 Bxg7 Nxd7 39 Ne4 Nf8 40 Nf6+ Kf7 41 f5 gxf5 42 Bxf5 Nxf5 43 Qxf5 Kg7 44 Ne4 Qxa5 45 Qf6+ Kg8 46 Nxd6 Qe1+ 47 Kg2 Qe2+ 48 Kg3 Qe3+ 49 Kg4 h5+ 50 gxf6 Qg1+ 51 Kh5 Qh2+ 52 Kg5 Qg3+ 53 Kh5 [1/2]

Mazuchowski thus had a chance to pull even with the leader, but Thompson found a neat back-door maneuver:

TOM MAZUCHOWSKI (2187)--DEXTER THOMPSON (2318) [King's Indian Attack, A07]: 1 Nf3 d5 2 g3 Nf6 3 Bg2 c6 4 OO Bf5 5 d3 h6 6 Nbd2 e6 7 h3 Nbd7 8 Bb2 Bc5 9 Qe1 OO 10 e4 dxe4 11 dxe4 Bh7 12 h3 Bb6 13 Kh2 a5 14 e4 Nc5 15 Ba3 Re8 16 Bxc5 Bxc5 17 e5 Nd7 18 Ne4 Bb4 19 Qe2 Qc7 20 a3 Bxe4 21 Qxe4 Bc3 [The ambush! White prefers to lose an exchange rather than the e-pawn, but can't stem the tide.] 22 Rae1 Bxe1 23 Rxe1 Red8 24 b4 axb4 25 axb4 Ra2 26

Kg1 Qb6 27 c5 Qc7 28 Bf1 Nf8 29 Bc4 Bb2 30 Bd3 Qd7 31 Re3 Rb3 32 Ne1 Ng6 33 Qc4 Qd5 34 Qc2 Rxb4 35 Bxg6 fxd6 36 Qxg6 Rf8 37 g4 Rcf3 38 Nd3 Rf3 39 g5 hxd5 40 Qxg5 Rxe3 41 Qxg7+! [The grand-daddy of all spite checks!] Kxg7 [0-1]

Laren was back in the hunt, and tried one of those King's Indians where White attacks the queenside, Black the kingside. This time, Black took the checkered flag:

PHIL LAREN (2177)--HERMES MAYA SOLIS (2283) [King's Indian, E98]: 1 d4 Nf6 2 c4 g6 3 Nc3 Bg7 4 e4 d6 5 Be2 OO 6 Nf3 e5 7 OO Nc6 8 d5 Ne7 9 Ne1 Ne8 10 b4 f5 11 f3 f4 12 c5 g5 13 Ba3 h5 14 Re1 Ng6 15 Nd3 Rf7 16 Nf2 Bf8 17 Qb3 Nh4 18 Rc2 Rg7 19 g4 Qf6 20 h3 Rh7 21 Ncd1 Qh6 22 Nb2 Nf6 23 Nc4 Rf7 24 b5 Ne8 25 b6 hxd4 26 Nxd4 Bxd4 27 fxd4 axb6 28 dxc6 Bxd6 29 Bxd6 cxd6 30 Nxb6 Rd8 [The dust settles somewhat; all's clear on the queenside, but storm warnings persist around the White king.] 31 Nc8 Nf6 32 Qb6 Qf6 33 Rfc1 Nxe4 34 Bd3 Nc5 35 Nxd6 Rxd6 36 Qxc5 Nf3+ 37 Kg2 Nd4 3 Rf2 f3+ 39 Kf1 Qh6 40 Rh2 Qf6 41 Qa3 Kg7 42 Rc8 e4 43 Bxe4 Qf4 44 Rb2 Qxe4 [0-1]

Board 4 got into one of those rook endings that Masters argue about for hours, while lesser players either ignore it or wait until they get home and can look it up in BCE.

ANDREW BEIDER (2151)--DAVID HAHN (2265) [Ultra-Modern, B06]: 1 d4 g6 2 e4 Bg7 3 Nf3 d6 4 Nc3 a6 5 Bc4 b5 6 Bb3 Nc6 7 Be3 Na5 8 OO Nxb3 9 axb3 c6 10 Qd2 Nf6 11 b4 OO 12 Bh6 Bg4 13 Bxg7 Kxg7 14 Ne1 a5 15 Nd3 axb4 16 Nxb4 Qb6 17 h3 Be6 18 d5 Bd7 19 dxc6 Bxc6 20 Nxc6 Qxc6 21 Qd4 Rfc8 22 Rxa8 Qxa8 23 Qb4 Rc5 24 f4 Qc6 25 Rb1 e5 26 fxe5 Rxe5 27 Rd1 Nxe4 28 Nxe4 Rxe4 29 Qxd6 Qxc2 30 Rd2 Re1+ 31 Kh2 Qe4 32 Qd4+ Qxd4 33 Rxd4 Re2 34 Rb4 Nxe4 35 Kg3 h5 36 Kf4 Kf6 37 g3 g5+ 38 Kf3 Kg6 39 Rd4 Rc5 40 Rb4 Kf5 41 g4+ hxg4+ 42 hxg4+ Kg6 [It's said, only half-jokingly, that rook endings a pawn up are always drawn, while rook endings a pawn down are always lost! Whether this is the former or latter gave the assembled Masters much food for thought.] 43 Kg3 f5 44 gxf5+ Kxf5 45 Kf3 Rd5 46 Kg3 Ke5 47 Kf3 Kd6 48 Ke4 g4 49 Kf4 Ke5 50 Rb3 Rd4+ 51 Ke5 Rd2 52 Rc3+ Kb4 53 Rg3 Rxb2 54 Rxd4+ Ka3 55 Kd5 Rc2 56 Rg8 b4 57 Ra8+ Kb2 58 Kd4 b3 59 Kd3 Rc7 60 Rb8 Rd7+ 61 Kc4 Kc2 62 Kb4 b2 63 Rc8+ Kd2 [0-1]

Jarosz's magic streak ground to a halt, as he blundered badly near the advent of time pressure. Ward hung a piece in the early going against Ruiz.

In other action, look how far one of the early heroes has fallen!

DARRELL TURNER (1867)--STAN GOLONKA (1959) [Benoni, A56]: 1 d4 c5 2 d5 d6 3 c4 e5 4 Nc3 Nf6 5 e4 Be7 6 Be2 OO 7 Nf3 Na6 8 OO Rb8 9 Nd2 Nd7 10 a3 Nc7 11 Bd3 a6 12 a4 b6 13 Ra3 [The charging rhino scents blood far away.] Ne8 14 Ne2 Bg5 15 Ng3 g6 16 Nf3 Be7 17 Ne1 Ng7 18 f4 exf4 19 Bxf4 Ne5 20 Be2 h5 21 Bxe5 dxe5 22 Bxh5 gxf5 23 Nxf5 f5 24 Nxd7 Kxg7 25 Rg3+ [Outta my way, dudes!] Kf6 26 Qh5 Rg8 27 Rxf5+ [1-0] [A quick death in a closed opening—or is that an oxymoron?]

And if you thought that was quick, get ready for *Murder on the Diagonals*:

WALTER ALMQUIST (1871)--MIKE KOSANOVICH (1620) [Sicilian, B32]: 1 e4 c5 2 Nf3 Nc6 3 d4 cxd4 4 Nxd4 e5 5 Nb5 d6 6 N1c3 a6 7 Na3 b5 8 Nd5 Nf6 9 Bg5 Qa5+ 10 Bd2 Qd8 11 Nxf6+ Qxf6 12 e4 Qg6 13 cxb5 Qxe4+ 14 Be2 Nd4 15 f3 Nxf3+ 16 gxf3 [16 Kf1 is depressing—but it's not instant mate!] Qh4+ 17 Kf1 Bh3+ 18 Kg1 Qd4+ [0-1]

Returning to our usual slant on matters, we find that the following are certainly not morons:

5.5: Basin

5.0: Tsemekhman, Thompson, Solis, Hahn, Andrews

4.5: Ruiz, Mazuchowski, Everett, Jirjis

#### OPEN SECTION, ROUND 7

1 Solis 0 Basin  
2 Tsemekhman 1 Hahn  
3 Thompson 1 Andrews  
4 Ruiz 1/2 Everett  
5 Jirjis 0 Mazuchowski

Would Basin be held to a draw, and have to survive the tender mercies of tiebreaks? It wasn't long before his pursuers were taking no solace from the game:

HERMES MAYA SOLIS (2283)--LEONID BASIN (2451) [Catalan, E06]: 1 Nf3 Nf6 2 c4 e6 3 g3 d5 4 Bg2 Be7 5 OO OO 6 d4 c6 7 Qc2 b6 8 Nbd2 Bb7 9 e4 Na6 10 Rd1 Rc8 11 Qb1 c5 12 cxd5 exd5 13 e5

Ne4 14 Nf1 Nb4 15 a3 Nc6 16 dxc5 Bxc5 17 Be3 Re8 18 Bxc5 bxc5 19 Bh3 Rb8 20 Bf5 Nd4 21 Nxd4 cxd4 22 Qd3 Re5 23 Bh3 Ng5 24 Bg2 Ne6 25 Bh3 Qa5 26 b4 Qa4 27 Bxe6 fxe6 28 Nd2 Rf5 29 h4 Qd7 30 f4 e5 31 fxe5 Rxe5 32 Re1 Re3 33 Rxe3 dxe3 34 Qxe3 d4 35 Qb3 Bd5 36 Qd3 Qh3 37 Ne4 Bxe4 38 Qxe4 Qxg3+ 39 Kh1 d3 40 Rf1 d2 41 Qc4+ Kh8 [0-1]

Thus, **Leonid Basin** wins the Michigan Open on his first try, answering any questions which might have been lingering. Hopefully, he'll continue to play regularly in Michigan and set a high standard for everyone to shoot at.

Which brings us to the battle for second. Board 2 was a rematch, with the same colors, of the decisive game from the 1990 Michigan Invitational. Revenge?

**VADIM TSEMEKHMAN (2350)--DAVID HAHN (2265)** [King's Indian, E94]: 1 d4 Nf6 2 c4 g6 3 Nc3 Bg7 4 e4 d6 5 Nf3 OO 6 Be2 Nbd7 7 OO e5 8 Be3 Ng4 9 Bg5 f6 10 Bh4 Nh6 11 dxe5 dxe5 12 b4 Nf7 13 Qc2 e6 14 Rfd1 Qe7 15 a3 a5 16 Qb2 axb4 17 axb4 Rxa1 18 Rxa1 Rd8 19 Na4 Nf8 20 Ne1 Ne6 21 Nb6 Nd4 22 Bf1 Bh6 23 c5 Be6 24 Ra3 Nb5 25 Bxb5 Rd2 26 Qb1 cxb5 27 Rd3 Re2 28 Nd5 Bxd5 29 Rxd5 Bd2 30 f3 Be3+ 31 Kf1 Rd2 32 Nd3 Qf8 33 Be1 Qh6 34 Bxd2 Bxd2 35 Qd1 Be3 36 h3 Bd4 37 Qe2 Qg5 38 Rd7 Qg3 39 Qa2 [My goodness, he's coming from every conceivable angle and the fourth dimension as well!] Kg7 40 Qxf7+ Kh6 41 Qxh7+ Kg5 42 h4+ [1-0]

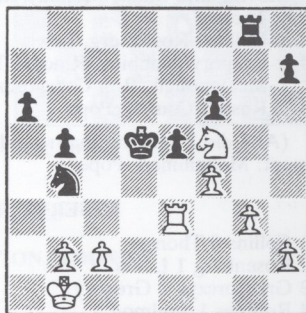
One player at six; can a "home-grown" player from board 3 join him?

**DEXTER THOMPSON (2318)--STEVE ANDREWS (2189)** [Sicilian, B21]: 1 e4 e5 2 c3 Nf6 3 e5 Nd5 4 d4 cxd4 5 cxd4 d6 6 Be4 Nb6 7 Bb5+ Bd7 8 e6 [Typical Thompson stuff; Black finds an interesting countermeasure.] Bxb5 9 Qh5 Qc7 [Hitting c1 right back at White.] 10 Qxb5+ Kd8 11 Nc3 fxe6 [And Black's a pawn up—if he can get the kingside developed. Andrews was positive later he missed a win, but in the game . . .] 12 Nf3 Qe4 13 Qxc4 Nxc4 14 OO Nc6 15 b3 Nb6 16 Re1 Kd7 17 Bb2 Nd5 18 Ng5 Nd8 19 Nxe6 Nxc3 20 Nxd8 Nxa2 21 Nf7 Nb4 22 Nxb8 Nd3 23 Re2 Nxb2 24 Rxb2 e6 25 Rc2 Be7 26 Rac1 Rxb8 27 Rc7+ Ke8 28 Re8+ Bd8 29 R1c7 a5 30 Rxb7 Rf8 31 Rxb7 h6 32 g3 [1-0]

And Dexter Thompson concludes his typically fine Michigan Open, actually beating out Vadim Tsemekhman for second place after tiebreaks.

Next, the battle for fourth place on 5.5 points. Ruiz and Everett had a tough draw, so it's on to board 5:

**FARIS JIRJIS (2094)--TOM MAZUCHOWSKI (2189)** [Sicilian, B33]: 1 e4 c5 2 Nf3 Nc6 3 Nc3 e6 4 d4 cxd4 5 Nxd4 Nf6 6 Ndb5 d6 7 Bf4 e5 8 Bg5 a6 9 Na3 b5 10 Nd5 Be7 11 Bxf6 Bxf6 12 Nxf6+ gxf6 13 Qd5 Bb7 14 OO Na5 15 Qxd6 Qxd6 16 Rxd6 Ke7 17 Rd2 Bxe4 18 f3 Bf5 19 Bd3 Bxd3 20 Rxd3 Rh8 21 Rhd1 Rxd3 22 Rxd3 Rg8 23 g3 f5 24 Nb1 Nc6 25 Nc3 Nb4 26 Re3 Ke7 27 f4 f6 28 Ne2 Nxa2+ 29 Kb1 Nb4 30 Nd4+ Kd5 31 Nxf5



**BLACK TO PLAY**

[Nicely calculated by Faris, but Black finds a hole.] exf4 32 Ne7+ Kd6 33 Re4 Rg5 34 g4 Rxb4 35 b3 Nd5 36 Nf5+ Kc5 37 Kb2 Rg2 38 h4 f3 39 Re1 b4 40 Rf1 f2 41 h5 Rg1 42 Ng3 Rxf1 43 Nxf1 Kd4 44 Kc1 Ne3 45 c3+ bxc3 46 Ng3 f1Q+ [0-1]

That leaves Maz alone with 5.5, top Expert prize, and undoubtedly his Master rating back. Congratulations to all the top finishers!

There were plenty of interesting games the last round, but this report is growing to enormous size. There should be room, however, for another miniature from Under 1800 winner Mike Kosanovich—it's even shorter than his quickie from round 6, and it features one heck of a devastating move:

**CASIMIR RAMAS (1899)--MIKE KOSANOVICH (1620)** [Grunfeld, D94]: 1 d4 Nf6 2 Nf3 g6 3 c4 Bg7 4 Nc3 d5 5 e3 OO 6 b3 Na6 7 Bb2 c5 8 dxc5 Ne4 9 Qc2 Qa5 10 Rc1 Nb4 11 Qb1 Nxa2 [SPLAT! This hits the rook, and institutes a quadruple attack on the knight. With 12 Qxa2 allowing 12...Bxc3+ winning the queen, it's time to go on home!] [0-1]

If that's the sort of play we can expect from under-1800 players, Tally-Ho for the Reserve Section!

**RESERVE SECTION, ROUND 1**

The Reserve is always the least predictable of tournaments; remember last year when Mike Smith, #30 on the wall charts, took the crown? Such a surprise would be a bit tougher this year with 24 players rated above 1700 participating, but nothing could really be ruled out.

Round 1 always sees a few surprises worth looking at:

**KEN FALKOWSKI (1790)--MIKE NIKITIN (1528)** [Owen's, B00]: 1 d4 e6 2 c4 Nf6 2 Nc3 b6 4 e4 Bb7 5 e5 Ne4 6 Nf3 Be7 7 Qc2 Nxc3 8 Qxc3 Nc6 9 a3 d5 10 cxd5 Qxd5 11 Bd3 OO 12 Be3 b5 13 OO a6 14 Rac1 Kb8 15 Rfd1 Rc8 16 Nd2 Nxd4 17 f3 Rhd8 18 Kf1 Qxe5 19 Bf2 Bf6 20 Bg3 Qh5 21 Bxc7+ Ka8 22 Qa5 Nc6 23 Rxc6 Rxc7 24 Rxc7 Rxd3 25 Rdc1 Qxh2 26 Qb6 [Somebody's gotta be mated here—but who?] Qh1+ 27 Ke2 Rxd2+ 28 Kxd2 Qxg2+ 29 Kd3 Qxf3+ 30 Qe3 Qf5+ [As Vester Wilson pointed out, 30...Be4+!, followed by unleashing the bishops, mates or wins the queen. Instead, an uneasy truce reigns.] 31 Ke2 Qg4+ 32 Kd3 Qf5+ 33 Ke2 [1/2]

**ROBERT McCARTER (1746)--GARY FLETCHER (1436)** [Queen's Gambit, D38]: 1 d4 d5 2 Nf3 Nc6 3 e3 Nf6 4 c4 e6 5 Nc3 Bb4 6 a3 Bxc3+ 7 bxc3 OO 8 cxd5 exd5 9 c4 Bg4 10 h3 Bh5 11 cxd5 Qxd5 12 Be2 Rfe8 13 OO Re6 14 Rb1 b6 15 Bd2 a6 16 Qa4 Rd6 17 Rfc1 Ra7 18 Be4 Qf5 19 Be2 Ne4 20 Bb4 b5 21 Qc2 Rg6 22 Kh2 Nxd4 23 Nxd4 [I'm not sure what happens if 23 exd4, though 23...Qf4+ 24 Kh1 Nxf2+ looks pretty interesting.] Qxf2 24 Bf1 Qg3+ 25 Kh1 Nf2+ 26 Kg1 Nxb3+ 27 Kh1 Qxe3 28 Bd3 Nf2+ 29 Qxf2 [29 Kh2 is mate in two, and 29 Kg1 Nxd3+ doesn't seem worth investigating.] Qxf2 30 Bxg6 Bxg6 31 Re1 Ra8 32 Rbd1 f6 33 Nc6 Re8 34 Rxe8+ Bxe8 35 Rd8 Kf7 36 Ra8 Bxc6 37 Rxa6 Qxg2# [0-1]

**RESERVE SECTION, ROUND 2**

25 players survived this round unscathed, with four of the top ten dropping behind. Tim Harger (#2) suffered a lengthy defeat at the hands of Kevin Wanshon, while #3 Charles Collins was lucky to escape with his life:

**CHARLES COLLINS (1794)--STEVE BROWN (1632)** [Grunfeld, D73]: 1 d4 Nf6 2 c4 g6 3 g3 Bg7 4 Bg2 d5 5 Nf3 c6 6 Nc3 dxc4 7 Ne5 Be6 8 OO Nbd7 9 f4 Nd5 10 e4 Nxc3 11 bxc3 Nxe5 12 fxe5 Qd7 13 Qf3 OO 14 Be3 Bh3 15 Qe2 b5 16 a4 Bxg2 17 Kxg2 a6 18 axb5 axb5 19 Rxa8 Rxa8 20 Qf3 e6 21 Bg5 c5 22 Rd1 Ra2+ 23 Kgl cxd4 24 Rxd4 Qa7 25 Bf6 Bf8 26 Kh1 Qa3 27 Rd8 Qb2 28 Rxf8+ Kxf8 29 Bg7+ Kxg7 [NO! NO! NO!! The casual 29...Kg8 leaves White helpless.] 30 Qf6+ [1/2]

A King's Gambit from Jim Group disposed of #8 Helio Rincon, while Henry Thomas quickly annexed two pawns from #9 Matt Bolada. Ready for a really sneaky trap?

**SCOTT SHALER (1680)--A.J. WINKELSPECHT (1437)** [English, A25]: 1 c4 e5 2 Nc3 Nf6 3 e3 Nc6 4 d4 exd4 5 exd4 d5 6 Bg5 Bb4 7 a3 Bxc3+ 8 bxc3 dxc4 9 Bxc4 OO 10 Ne2 h6 11 Bh4 g5 12 Bg3 Ne4 13 Qd3 [The trap. Would you believe that White will win with 18 RxbB+?] Nxb3 [Black now learns the meaning of zwischenzug.] 14 Qg6+ Kh8 15 Qxh6+ Kh8 16 Qg6+ Kh8 17 hxg3+ Bh3 18 Rxb3# [1-0]

**RESERVE SECTION, ROUND 3**

- 1 Kevin Gregory (1798) 1 Jennifer Skidmore (1670)
- 2 Azziem Mohammed (1676) 1/2 Steve Rosenberg (1784)
- 3 Mike Sobocinski (1784) 1 Kevin Wanshon (1642)
- 4 James Group (1617) 0 Fred Robbins (1781)
- 5 Henry Thomas (1601) 1 Steve Zubatch (1746)
- 6 Manfred McGinniss (1589) 0 Bunnard Stevenson (1739)
- 7 Flamur Vaka (1573) 0 John McDonough (1732)
- 8 Larry Munger (1731) 1 George Carpenter (1583)
- 9 Anita Sujarit (1558) 0 James Lewis (1724)
- 10 Paul Mocerri (1527) 1/2 Greg Mose (1711)
- 11 Al Boyce (1692) 1 Ted Stanulis (1424)
- 12 Nick Pope (1378) 0 Scott Shaler (1680)
- 13 Charles Collins (1794) 1 Kenneth Workman (1175)

So much for miracle C-players: we're down to 10 leaders, with the lowest rated 1601. Gregory's and Sobocinski's wins were not too exciting; let's try board 4:

**JAMES GROUP (1617)--FRED ROBBINS (1781)** [Alekhine's, B03]: 1 e4 Nf6 2 e5 Nd5 3 c4 Nb6 4 d4 d6 5 f4 dxe5 6 fxe5 Nc6 7 Be3 Bf5 8 a3 e6 9 Nf3 Be7 10 Bd3 Bg4 11 OO OO 12 Nbd2 f5 13 Qe1 Nd7 14 Qg3 h5 15 h3 h4 16 Qh2 Bh5 17 d5 Nc5 18 Bxf5 exd5 19 Nd4 Nxd4 20 Bxd4 dxc4 21 Be3 Be2 22 Rf2 Bd3 23 Bxd3 Nxd3 24 Rxf8+ Qxf8 25 Ne4 Be5+ 26 Nxe5 Qxc5+ 27 Kh1 Nf2+ [0-1]

Board 5 saw the only full-point upset, as Henry Thomas (the other chess-playing doctor from Ypsilanti) wreaked several varieties of havoc:

**HENRY THOMAS (1601)--STEVE ZUBATCH (1746)** [Pirc, B09]: 1 e4 g6 2 f4 Bg7 3 Nf3 d6 4 Bc4 e6 5 OO Nf6 6 Nc3 b6 7 d4 Bb7 8 e5 Nfd7 9 g4 Bxf3 10 Qxf3 d5 11 f5 [Here a pawn, there a pawn, everywhere a pawn/pawn.] gxf5 12 gxf5 Bxe5 13 dxe5 Rg8+ 14 Kh1 Nxe5 15 Bb5+ c6 16 Qf4 Nbd7 17 fxe6 fxe6 18 Bxc6 Rf8 [Dying with his boots on.] 19 Qxf8# [1-0]

Board 11 saw what might be the "Immortal Double-Take Game" (no, not Double-Speed):

**AL BOYCE (1692)--TED STANULIS (1424)** [Sicilian, B44]: 1 e4 c5 2 Nf3 Nc6 3 d4 cxd4 4 Nxd4 e6 5 Nb5 a6 6 Nd6+ Bxd6 7 Qxd6 Qe7 8 Qg3 Qf6 9 Nc3 h6 10 Bd3 Nge7 11 Be3 d5 12 exd5 exd5 13 OO Be6 14 f4 b5 15 Rhe1 b4 16 Ne2 OO 17 Nd4 Nxd4 18 Bxd4 [Whoa, Nellie—the queen's trapped!] Nf5 19 Bxf5 [Double-take again—19...Qxf5 allows mate. Bummer!] [0-1]

There were several draw maniacs in this tournament. Robin Cunningham, in the Open Section, started with two wins and finished with five straight draws. Dan Miller duplicated the draw number in the Reserve, but split his other two games. Even your humble (and getting humbler by the minute) reporter started with four draws in five rounds—plus a win when his opponent overstepped as I was about to force a perpetual check! In contrast to this peacefulness, here is the only win by yet another five-draw general:

**TIM SAWMILLER (1543)--DICK ROSTROM (1763)** [Queen Pawn, A48]: 1 d4 Nf6 2 Nf3 g6 3 e3 Bg7 4 Bd3 OO 5 OO d6 6 Nbd2 Nbd7 7 c3 c5 8 Re1 b6 9 a3 Bb7 10 b4 Qc7 11 Bb2 e5 12 e4 d5 13 dxc5 [I have seen positions like this where players will now notate: 13 PxP. You wanna play through these scoresheets?] bxc5 14 exd5 Nxd5 15 Qc2 Rfe8 16 Rac1 Rac8 17 c4 Nf4 18 Be4 Ne6 19 Bxb7 Qxb7 20 Nxe5 Nxe5 21 Bxe5 Bxe5 22 Rxe5 Nd4 [Suddenly threatening most of the known world.] 23 Rxe8+ Rxe8 24 Qb2 Ne2+ 25 Kf1 Nxc1 26 Qxc1 cxb4 27 axb4 Qxb4 28 c5 Qb5+ 29 Kgl Qe2 30 g3 Rd8 31 Nf1 Rd1 32 Qxd1 Qxd1 33 c6 Qc1 [0-1]

Let's check out the draw at the top:  
3.0: Gregory, Sobocinski, Robbins, Steverson, McDonough, Munger, Lewis, Boyce, Shaler, Thomas

#### RESERVE SECTION, ROUND 4

- 1 Lewis 1/2 Gregory
- 2 Shaler 1/2 Sobocinski
- 3 Robbins 1 Boyce
- 4 Steverson 1/2 Munger
- 5 McDonough 0 Thomas

The three draws were relatively undistinguished affairs. The two wins, however . . .

**FRED ROBBINS (1781)--AL BOYCE (1692)** [Bird, A02]: 1 f4 Nf6 2 Nf3 d6 3 b3 c5 4 Bb2 e6 5 e3 Ng7 6 Na3 a6 7 Bd3 OO 8 OO Nbd7 9 c4 Re8 10 h3 e5 11 fxe5 dxe5 12 Bg5 h6 13 Ne4 Nxe4 14 Bxe4 Nf6 15 Bc2 e4 16 Qe2 Bd7 17 Rf4 Bc6 18 Rf1 Qd7 19 Nb1 Rad8 20 Qf2 Qe6 21 Bd1 Rd6 22 Rf5 Qd7 23 Bg4 Qd8 24 Qg3 Bd7

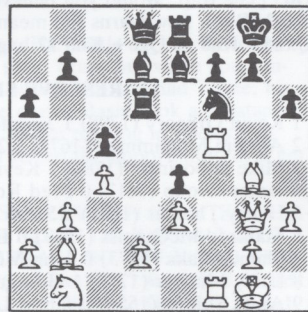
#### WHITE TO PLAY

25 Rxf6 [Very nice! White seems to win two pieces for a rook in most variations, e.g. 25...Bxf6 26 Rxf6 Rxf6 27 Bxf6 Qxf6 28 Bxd7.] Rxf6 26 Bxf6 Bxf6 27 Bxd7 Be5 28 Qg4 h5 29 Qf5 Re7 30 Ba4 f6 31 Qxh5 Qd6 32 Be8 Bh2+ 33 Kh1 Re5 34 Rf5 Rxf5 35 Qxf5 Be5 36 Qd7 Qb6 37 Bg6 [1-0]

Henry Thomas had yet another enjoyable smush; none of his four wins had exceeded 30 moves!

**JOHN McDONOUGH (1732)--HENRY THOMAS (1601)** [Vienna, C26]: 1 e4 e5 2 Nc3 Nf6 3 g3 Bc5 4 Bg2 OO 5 d3 d6 6 h3 Ne6 7 Bg5 h6 8 Bd2 Nd4 9 Nfe2 Bd7 10 f4 exf4 11 gxf4 Nh5 12 h4 Nxe2 13 Nxe2 Bg4 14 Bc3 Nxf4 15 Rh2 Nxe2+ 16 Rxe2 Qxh4+ 17 Kd2 Qh3 18 Qf1 Be3+ 19 Kd1 Qh5 20 Ke1 f5 21 Rg3 fxe4 22 Qg2 Bf2+ 23 Kd2 Qg5+ 24 Kd1 Bxe2+ 25 Kxe2 Qxg3 26 Rg1 exd3+ 27 cxd3 Rae8+ [0-1]

Which makes it two at the top, with plenty in pursuit:  
4.0: Robbins, Thomas  
3.5: Gregory, C. Collins, Rosenberg, Sobocinski, Steverson, Munger, Lewis, Shaler



#### RESERVE SECTION, ROUND 5

- 1 Thomas 1 Robbins
- 2 Gregory 1/2 Steverson
- 3 Collins 1 Shaler
- 4 Munger 0 Rosenberg
- 5 Sobocinski 0 Lewis

Well, at least someone held on longer than thirty moves against Thomas!

**HENRY THOMAS (1601)--FRED ROBBINS (1781)** [Modern, B06]: 1 e4 d6 2 d4 g6 3 f4 Bg7 4 Nf3 Nd7 5 Bc4 e5 6 dxe5 dxe5 7 fxe5 Bxe5 8 Bxf7+ [Inherent in such positions. Black never gets a moment's rest after this.] Kxf7 9 Nxe5+ Ke8 10 OO Qe7 11 Nxd7 Bxd7 12 Qd4 Bb5 13 c4 Rd8 14 Qxh8 Qc5+ 15 Kh1 Bxc4 16 Nc3 Rd7 17 Nd5 Bxd5 18 exd5 Qxd5 19 Bg5 Rd6 20 Rae1+ Kd7 21 Qxh7+ Kc6 22 Rc1+ Kb5 23 Qx7 Rd7 24 a4+ Ka6 25 Qc4+ Qxc4 26 Rxc4 b5 27 Rc6+ Ka5 28 axb5 Kxb5 29 Rxc6 Kb4 30 Rxc6 Kb3 [Made it! But not for long.] 31 Rb8+ Kc2 32 Rc1+ [1-0]

Gregory, inspired by certain parties in the Open Section, inflicted a Smith-Morra Gambit upon Steverson. Kevin won a piece, but a kingside pawn roller induced discretion rather than valor. Collins--Shaler was fun: first Shaler won three pawns, then Collins won them back plus two pieces for a rook—and finally Shaler lost by avoiding a repetition and playing for a win! Board 4 was a mild case of queen hang, suitable only as a Worst Move of the Year candidate.

Checking out board 5, we find Lewis winning two pieces for a rook midst complications, and taking it from there:

**MIKE SOBOCINSKI (1784)--JAMES LEWIS (1724)** [Pirc, B08]: 1 d4 Nf6 2 Nc3 g6 3 e4 d6 4 Nf3 Bg7 5 Bc4 OO 6 OO Nbd7 7 a3 a6 8 b4 b5 9 Bb3 Bb7 10 Re1 Rc8 11 e5 dxe5 12 dxe5 Ng4 13 Bb2 Ngxe5 14 Nxe5 Bxe5 15 Qe2 c5 16 Bd5 Bxc3 17 Bxb7 Bxb2 18 Bxc8 Qxc8 19 Ra2 Bf6 20 c4 Bc3 21 Rc1 cxb4 22 cxb5 a5 23 axb4 axb4 24 Qxe7 Re8 25 Qg5 Nc5 26 h4 Re5 27 Qf4 Nd3 28 Qf3 Nxc1 29 Ra8 Re1+ 30 Kh2 Be5+ 31 g3 Bb8 32 Qf4 Re8 33 Rxb8 Qxb8 34 Qxb4 Nd3 35 Qb1 Nxf2 36 Qf1 Ng4+ 37 Kh3 h5 38 b6 Qxb6 39 Qa1 Qe6 40 Qa2 Nf2+ 41 Kg2 Qxa2 42 g4 Nd1+ 43 Kf3 Qf2# [0-1]

Dipping for a moment into the pursuit group, we find John McDonough recovering from "Henry Thomas Shock":

**GEORGE CARPENTER (1583)--JOHN McDONOUGH (1732)** [Kings Indian Attack, A07]: 1 Nf3 d5 2 g3 Nc6 3 Bg2 e5 4 d3 f5 5 OO Nf6 6 Nbd2 Be6 7 c3 Qd7 8 Ng5 Bg8 9 Ngf3 Bd6 10 Re1 OO 11 Bh3 h6 12 Nb3 Bh7 13 Nfd2 g5 14 f3 h5 15 e4 g4 16 Bg2 Ne7 17 exd5 f4 18 d4 exd4 19 Nxd4 fxe3 20 hxe3 Bxe3 21 Re3 Nfd5 22 Ne4 Nxe3 23 Bxe3 Nf5 24 Qe2 Nxe3 25 Qxe3 Rhe8 26 fxe4 Qxe4 27 Nd6+ Bxd6 28 Ne6 Qxe6 29 Qxa7 Qe3+ [0-1]

Moving into Manic Monday, here are the contenders:  
5.0: Thomas

- 4.5: Collins, Rosenberg, Lewis
- 4.0: Gregory, Robbins, Rincon, Tommie McGee, Steverson, McDonough, Ron Grzegorzczuk, Scott Saulmon, Boyce, Stanulis, Russell Conlon, Pope

(And did I mention that round 5 saw the best pairing of the tournament: Mohammed--Pope?)

#### RESERVE SECTION, ROUND 6

- 1 Collins 0 Thomas
- 2 Rosenberg 1 Lewis
- 3 Grzegorzczuk 0 Gregory
- 4 Robbins 1 Saulmon
- 5 Boyce 1 Rincon
- 6 Stanulis 1/2 McGee
- 7 Steverson 1/2 Conlon
- 8 McDonough 1 Pope

Was Thomas confident? Well, he took the precaution of showing up for the last day in dress shirt, tie, and suspenders, then just kept rolling along:

**CHARLES COLLINS (1794)--HENRY THOMAS (1601)** [Dutch, A95]: 1 d4 f5 2 e4 Nf6 3 g3 e6 4 Bg2 Be7 5 Nc3 OO 6 Nf3 d5 7 OO c6 8 Qc2 Ne4 9 Rd1 g5 10 Ne5 Nd7 11 Nxd7 Bxd7 12 b3 h6 13 f3 Nf6 14 Bb2 Bd6 15 e4 fxe4 16 fxe4 Ng4 17 e5 Bxe5 [What is this man, a witch doctor? On 19 dxe5 Qb6+ causes much devastation in the White camp. When the tactics are breaking your way, it's an unbelievable feeling.] 18 Qg6+ Bg7 19 Rf1 Rf6 20 Rxf6 Qxf6 21 Qxf6 Bxf6 22 Nd1 Bg7 22 Bh3 Nf6 24 Ne3 Rf8 25 Rf1 e5 26 Bxd7 Nxd7 27 Rxf8+ Kxf8 28 Nf5 e4 29 g4 Kf7 30 Nxe7 Kxe7 31 Kf2 Kf7 32 Ke3 Ke6 33 h3 Nf6 34 Ba3 h5 35 cxd5+ cxd5 36 gxe5 Nxe5 37 Bf8 Ng3 [0-1] [The d-pawn will fall to ...Nf5+, and 38 Bc5 b6 doesn't help matters in the least.]

Steve Rosenberg was the only person to keep within cellular phone distance of Thomas with the following effort:

**STEVE ROSENBERG (1784)--JAMES LEWIS (1724)** [Italian, C50]: 1 e4 e5 2 Nf3 Nc6 3 Nc3 Nf6 4 Bc4 Bc5 5 a3 a6 6 d3 b5 7 Bb3 OO 8 OO h6 9 Nd5 Rb8 10 Be3 Bxe3 11 fxe3 d6 12 Nxf6+ gxf6 13 Nh4 Kh7 14 Qh5 Be6 15 Bxe6 fxe6 16 Qg6+ Kh8 17 Qxh6+ Kg8 18 Ng6 f5 [Most discouraging: rook moves allow mate in one or two respectively.] 19 Qh8+ Kf7 20 Qh7+ Kf6 21 Nxf8 Qxf8 22 exf5 Qg8 23 fxe6+ Kxe6 24 Qxg8+ Rxg8 [And the rest lacks even historical significance.] [1-0, 44]

Four players set themselves up for a shot at second place by reaching the 5.0 level. Kevin Gregory won around three pawns, and put Grzegorzcyk away systematically. Fred Robbins won two pieces for a rook, and glided through the ending. John McDonough grabbed an early piece. And Al Boyce had fun:

**AL BOYCE (1692)--HELIO RINCON (1768)** [Scotch Gambit, C44]: 1 e4 e5 2 Nf3 Nc6 3 d4 exd4 4 Bc4 Be7 5 OO d6 6 Re1 Ne5 7 Nxe5 dxe5 8 Qh5 g6 9 Qxe5 f6 10 Qb5+ Kf8 11 Qb3 h5 12 Bxg8 Rxg8 13 Bh6+ Rg7 14 Bxg7+ Kxg7 15 Nd2 c6 16 Nf3 Qc7 17 Rad1 e5 18 Qc4 b5 19 Qd3 Be6 20 b3 Rd8 21 Qxb5 Rb8 22 Qe2 Rf8 23 h3 g5 24 e5 f5 25 Nd2 g4 26 hxg4 hxg4 27 Nc4 Bg5 28 Qd3 Rh8 29 c3 Kg6 30 Nd2 Qh7 31 Kf1 Qh1+ 32 Ke2 Qxg2 33 Rg1 Qc6 34 exd4 Rd8 35 Rxg4 Rxd4 36 Rxg5+ Kxg5 37 Nf3+ Kg6 34 Nxd4 cxd4 39 Qg3+ Kf7 40 Rxd4 Qa6+ 41 Qd3 Qxa2+ 42 Kf3 Qa5 43 Kf4 Qc7 34 Qd1 Kf8 45 Rd6 Qf7 46 Rd8+ Kg7 47 Qg1+ Qg6 48 Qxg6 Kxg6 49 Rd6 Kf7 50 b4 [1-0]

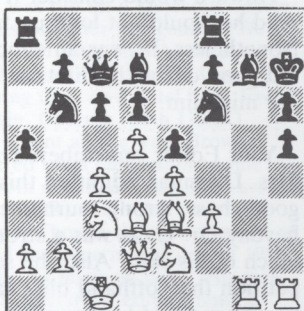
Before those epic round 7 battles, a couples of trifles from the WOOF! school of chess, with the ladies scoring 50%:

**JENNIFER SKIDMORE (1670)--MIKE SOBOCINSKI (1784)** [Caro-Kann, B12]: 1 e4 c6 2 d4 d5 3 e5 Bf5 4 Nd2 e6 5 Be2 Nbd7 6 g4 Bg6 7 h4 h6 8 f4 [The dreaded Five-Pawns-Smush-Him-Or-Her-Off-The-Board Attack. Black ignores it.] Be7 9 Ndf3 Be4 10 Be3 Qb6 11 Qc1 OO 12 Rh3 f6 13 c4 Bb4+ 14 Kf2 Be7 15 Nd2 fxe5 16 dxe5 d4 17 Nxe4 dxe3+ 18 Kg2 Rf8 19 Kf3 Nxe5+ 20 Kg3 [My king likes to stagger around!] Ng6 21 Kh2 Rxf4 22 Rxe3 Rxe4 23 Rxe4 Qf2+ 24 Kh3 Bb6 [Too many threats!] 25 Qe3 Qh2# [0-1]

**CHRISTINE ROSENFELD (1629)--WILLIE THOMAS (1498)** [King's Indian, E81]: 1 d4 Nf6 2 c4 g6 3 Nc3 Bg7 4 e4 d6 5 f3 OO 6 Be3 Nbd7 7 Bd3 e5 8 d5 Nb6 [Uh-oh. Play this variation wrong with Black, and you are quickly made into a, er, Sämisch.] 9 h4 Bd7 10 g4 c6 11 h5 gxh5 12 gxh5 h6 13 Qd2 Kh7 14 OO a5 15 Nge2 Qc8 16 Rgd1 Qc7

**WHITE TO PLAY**

17 Rxg7+ [One Thomas on rye, please!] Kxg7 18 Bxh6+ Kh7 19 Qg5 Rg8 20 Qxf6 Rxf8 21 Bxf8 Rxf8 22 Rg1 [1-0]



It's crunch time, with these guys playing for the chips:  
6.0: Thomas  
5.5: Rosenberg  
5.0: Gregory, Robbins, McDonough, Boyce

**RESERVE SECTION, ROUND 7**

- 1 Thomas--Rosenberg
- 2 Gregory--Boyce
- 3 McDonough--Robbins

There has not been a perfect 7-0 in a Michigan Open since Dr. Paul Poschel, Ypsilanti, in 1975. There has never been a 7-0 in a Reserve Section, but Dr. Henry Thomas, Ypsilanti, has a shot. Are the omens favorable, or what?

**HENRY THOMAS (1601)--STEVE ROSENBERG (1784)** [Alekhine, B03]: 1 e4 Nf6 2 e5 Nd5 3 c4 Nb6 4 d4 d6 5 f4 [Not playing it safe! Thomas wants another crush.] dxe5 6 fxe5 c5 7 d5 e6 8 Nf3 exd5 9 exd5 Qxd5 10 Bd3 Bg4 11 Nc3 Qd7 12 OO Be7 13 Qc2 Bxf3 [Threatening to chase a pawn.] 14 Rxf3 Qd4+ 15 Kh1 a6 [A sudden attack of discretion; 15...Qxe5 16 Bf4 and 17 Re1 grants White all sorts of open lines for his pawns, but the text gets demolished, Thomas style.] 16 Bf4 Nc6 17 e6 [Opening him up like a can-opener.] fxe6 18 Bg6+ hxg6 19 Qxg6+ Kd7 20 Rd1 Qxd1+ 21 Nxd1 Nd5 22 Nc3 Nxf4 23 Rxf4 Bd6 24 Rf7+ Ne7 25 Ne4 Rxf8 26 Nxd6 Kxd6 27 Qg3+ Kc6 [Rapidly introducing historical significance. There's only one question left: Can Black become Thomas' only opponent to last until the time control?] 28 Qf3+ Kd7 29 Rxf8 Rxf8 30 Qxf8 b5 31 Qxg7 c4 32 Qd4+ Kc8 33 h4 e5

34 Qxe5 Kf7 35 h5 c3 36 bxc3 b4 37 exb4 a5 38 h6 Ng6 39 Qg7+ Ke6 40 Qxg6+ Ke7 [Made it! Alas, moral victories do not count.] 41 h7 a4 42 h8Q a3 43 Qhh7+ Kd8 44 Qgg8# [1-0, and you'd better believe it!]

Make no mistake about it: Henry Thomas was the class of the Reserve Section this year. Coming in at 1601, #46 in the field, he pulled six straight upsets in a crushing, attacking style to become the first perfect Reservist ever and picked up somewhere in the neighborhood of 140 rating points. Congratulations!

On to the battle for second place; as in the Open, we can have two players on 6.0. First #1 tries to make it against another prime upsetter:

**KEVIN GREGORY (1794)--AL BOYCE (1692)** [Sicilian, B21]: 1 e4 e5 2 d4 e6 3 Nf3 cxd4 4 c3 dxc3 5 Nxc3 Bb4 6 Bc4 Nf6 7 Qe2 OO 8 Bd2 Re8 9 OO d5 10 Bb5 Nc6 11 e5 Bxc5 12 Bxc3 Ne4 13 Rac1 Bd7 14 Bd3 f5 15 exf6 Nxf6 16 Rfe1 Rac8 17 Ne5 d4 18 Bd2 Nxe5 19 Qxe5 Bc6 20 Bc4 Bd5 21 Bxd5 Qxd5 22 Rxc8 Rxc8 23 Qxd5 Nxd5 24 Rc1 Rxc1+ 25 Bxc1 Kf7 26 f4 Kf6 27 Kf2 Nb4 28 Bd2 Nd3+ 29 Kf3 Nxb2 30 Ke4 Nc4 [Looks like no Smith-Morra magic this time around; went to the well once too often.] 31 Bc1 Ne3 32 Kxd4 Nxd2 33 a4 Kf5 34 a5 Nxf4 35 Ba3 e5+ 36 Ke3 g5 37 Bd6 h5 38 Bc5 b6 39 Bxb6 axb6 40 a6 Nd5+ [0-1]

As for board 3, well, I do not pretend to understand this game. Good luck.

**JOHN MCDONOUGH (1732)--FRED ROBBINS (1781)** [Alekhine, B02]: 1 e4 Nf6 2 Nc3 d5 3 e5 Ne4 4 d4 Nxc3 5 bxc3 Bf5 6 f4 e6 7 Nf3 Nd8 8 c4 c6 9 c3 h6 10 Be2 Be7 11 OO OO 12 h3 Nb6 13 c5 Nc4 14 Qa4 Qa5 15 Qb3 Qb5 16 Ne1 a5 17 Nc2 a4 18 Qxb5 exb5 19 Ne3 Bh7 20 f5 Bg5 21 Nxe4 Bxc1 22 Nd6 Bd2 23 Nxb5 Bxf5 24 Rad1 Bg5 25 Bd3 Bxd3 26 Rxd3 Bd8 27 Rdf3 b6 28 c6 Rc8 29 Nd6 Rc7 30 g3 Bg5 31 Nxf7 Be7 32 Nd6 Rxf3 33 Rxf3 Bxd6 34 exd6 Rxc6 35 d7 Rd6 36 Re3 Kf7 37 Kf2 Rxd7 38 Ke2 Ke7 39 Kd3 b5 40 a3 Kd6 [This really oughta be a draw, but there's not much money in 5.5. Go for it!] 41 Ke2 Rf7 42 Ke1 h5 43 Ke2 Rf5 44 g4 hxg4 45 hxg4 Rf4 46 Rg3 g5 47 Kd3 e5 48 dxe5+ Kxe5 49 Re3+ Re4 [0-1] [Frightfully premature. Black may be winning the g-pawn (50 Rg3 Kf4 51 Rg1 Kf3, etc.), but it seems awfully early to give up! But, like I said, I don't understand this game at all.]

Whatever the circumstances, Fred Robbins got the point and second place on tiebreaks over Al Boyce. Well done, gentlemen; you will probably be depressing me in the Open Section next year.

Let's not leave it there; surely, we can't have a Michigan Open report without at least one Latvian Gambit!

**ALLAN FOORD (1680)--RAY BREWER (1425)** [Latvian Gambit, C40]: 1 e4 e5 2 Nf3 f5! 3 Nxe5 Qf6 4 d4 d6 5 Nf3 fxe4 6 Qe2 d5 7 c3 Bd6 8 Bg5 Qg6 9 a4 Nbd7 10 Bh4 Ngf6 11 Na3 c6 12 c4 OO 13 Nd2 Bb4 14 Nc2 Ba5 15 OO Bc7 16 h3 Kh8 17 Qe3 Nb6 18 b3 Be6 19 g4 Qf7 20 c5 Nbd7 21 Bg3 Bd8 22 f4 exf3 23 Nxf3 Ne4 24 Bg2 Nxd3 25 Rhe1 Ne4 26 Kb2 a5 27 Rf1 Qf4 28 Qe1 Bf6 29 Ne5 Qg3 30 Qxg3 Nxd3 31 Nxd7 Bxd7 32 Rf3 Ne4 33 Re1 Nxc5 34 Rxf6 Nd3+ 35 Kc3 Nxe1 36 Rxf8+ Rxf8 37 Nxe1 Rf2 38 Bf3 Rf1 39 Kd2 Rf2+ 40 Ke3 Rb2 41 Bd1 Rh2 [0-1]

See you at Wherever 1991!

**PRIZEWINNERS**

**OPEN SECTION**

- 1st: Leonid Basin (6.5) \$500 + trophy
- 2nd: Dexter Thompson (6.0) \$250 + trophy
- 3rd: Vadim Tsemekhman (6.0) \$250 + trophy
- 1st Expert: Tom Mazuchowski (5.5) \$150 + trophy
- 2nd Expert: Steve Andrews (5.0) \$20 + trophy
- Stan Jarosz, Morgan Everrett, Mark Knecht, Jason Wysocki (all 5.0, \$20)
- 1st A: James Owens (5.0) \$150 + trophy
- 2nd A: Mark Stefanski (4.5) \$100 + trophy
- Under 1800: Mike Kosanovich (4.0) \$100 + trophy

**RESERVE SECTION**

- 1st: Henry Thomas (7.0) \$300 + trophy
- 2nd: Fred Robbins (6.0) \$75 + trophy
- 3rd: Alroy Boyce (6.0) \$75 + trophy
- Under 1600:
  - 1st: Mike Nikitin (5.0) \$125 + trophy
  - 2nd: David A. Calton (5.0) \$125 + trophy
- Under 1400:
  - 1st: Nick Pope (4.5) \$84 + trophy
  - 2nd: Jay Grossman (4.5) \$83 + trophy; William Ladomer (4.5) \$83
- Under 1200, Unrated:
  - 1st: Ken Franzen (3.0) \$150 + trophy 2nd: Ken Workman (2.0) \$34 + trophy; Scott Warren (2.0) \$33; Brad Ashman (2.0) \$33

# MCA HALL OF FAME WELCOMES DR. HOWARD GABA

In a ceremony during the membership meeting at the Michigan Open, the late Dr. Howard Gaba was inducted into the MCA Hall of Fame. Dr. Gaba was a long-time player, director, and organizer in Michigan, whose Motor City Open will celebrate its 32nd Anniversary this year.

At the induction ceremony, Ron Finegold gave a humorous yet moving speech. He mentioned Dr. Gaba's great interest in kids, and how he often had young chessplayers over to his house. This proved to be a great help in the development of players like Steve Feldman, later twice Michigan Champion.

In his professional life Dr. Gaba was both physician and pharmacist. Ron's closest contact with him undoubtedly came when Dr. Gaba delivered Ron's sons Mark and Ben.

Dr. Gaba was a loving husband to his wife, Tillie, and they had a long, happy marriage. Ron did reveal a long-kept secret, though: when Sammy Reshevsky was growing up in Detroit back in the late 1920s, he had several dates with Tillie! Ron wondered aloud what their children would have turned out to be like.

In closing, Finegold summed up Gaba as a chessaholic who had a very full life both inside and outside the game.

After the Finegold speech, MCA Secretary Tim Sawmiller made the following remarks:

## Dr. Howard Gaba: A Short Biography

Howard Gaba was born in Chicago and moved to the Detroit area with his family when he was in his teens. Along the way to his graduation from Northern High School, he became the boy champion of checkers for the city of Detroit. He attended the Wayne College of Pharmacy and made his way through medical school while working in his brother's pharmacy. He was a General Practitioner, which is known today as an Internist. He took up serious chess during his recuperation from a head wound he suffered in the Philippines during World War II. His wife Tillie later credited chess with contributing to his rehabilitation while in an Armed Forces hospital in Colorado. During the war years, he participated in three front line invasions and received a Bronze Medal.

Dr. Gaba's three priorities in life were his family, his practice, and chess. He started his practice after the war way out on Dequindre when it was still a dirt road. He was a physician for 50 years, 40 at that Dequindre location. During the times he had no patients scheduled, he would always have a board and set to occupy his time. His daughter, Harriet Drissman made the observation that "He must have hated idle time, as I never saw him doing nothing."

He met his wife Tillie at a party in Cass Lake. As the story goes, he was seated at a table playing cards when someone stated that he had played a card wrong. Of course, he turned around to see who had the audacity to make such a statement, and it was Tillie. After coming home from the party he announced to his family that he had found his future wife.

Mrs. Drissman recalled that every Friday night her father would have a bunch of kids come to the house to play chess. The Motor City Open began at the University of Detroit, and was an opportunity for kids to play tournament chess. In time, Dr. Gaba became the sole organizer and sponsor of the Open. On Thanksgiving Day, he always looked forward to the next day for the start of the Tournament. The Open was generally not profitable. All the financial support came from Dr. Gaba. In 1982, he added a prize for out-of-state players, in an attempt to lure them to Detroit for the weekend. He made sev-

eral donations to MCA over the years, and was also a fixture at the Detroit Metro Chess League.

After his death, Mrs. Drissman faced the daunting task of sorting through all of his chess memorabilia. He saved all his post cards from postal chess games over the years as well as all of his scoresheets. He had a tremendous library of chess books, many in different languages, and several dozen chess sets. On weekends, he loved to roam bookstores looking for old chess books, or scout garage sales where he would purchase chess sets that caught his eye. Mrs. Drissman is of the opinion that his library is the largest in the State of Michigan.

Following Sawmiller's presentation, MCA President Dan Burg officially inducted Dr. Gaba into the MCA Hall of Fame and presented Mrs. Harriet Gaba Drissman with a memorial plaque in his honor.

Dr. Norman Zemke contributed the following portrait of Dr. Gaba to *Michigan Chess*:

Howard Gaba, M.D. Complex, brilliant, contentious, artistic, generous and considerate. His patients loved him. His friends tolerated and enjoyed him. His house and wallet were always open for chess. Our friend Tom Jenkins of Huntington Woods says Howard was the "first and best" contributor of funds.

I once observed him playing endless skittles waiting for a tournament to start. As the start approached Howard pushed the pieces aside and said, "I'm tired of playing. Let's argue."

A visit to his home was memorable. Good chess, effervescent family, artistic and intellectual activity, barking dog. All were welcome.

Howard would consider it irrelevant for us to praise him. And he would not look up from the board if he heard us. Nonetheless, he was an educated rational human being who did good during his lifetime and left good behind as his legacy. We miss him.

Your Editor remembers Dr. Gaba as a curmudgeon (even Mrs. Drissman admitted this), but a curmudgeon who loved good chess, strong tournaments, and constant blitz play. In his heyday Dr. Gaba was a strong Expert, but time robbed him of much of his skill. Also, he seemed to care less for formal competition than offhand blitz games; in his later years, he seemed to play most of his games at a blitz rate!

When in the mood, however, Gaba was a most dangerous opponent with a high level of tactical skill. In the 1980 U.S. Amateur in Ann Arbor, he entered the Open Section despite having a Class B rating, and finished fourth ahead of a sea of Experts and A-players.

Unfortunately, few of his game scores seemed to have been published. The only one I could dredge up was from the 1984 Motor City Open. Perhaps it is not indicative of his true skill, but it does show his ability to slice through a tricky position to find the quick win:

**DR. HOWARD GABA--BRUNO NOWICKI** [Queen Pawn, D05]: 1 d4 d5 2 Nf3 Nf6 3 Nbd2 Nc6 4 e3 e6 5 Be2 b6 6 Bb5 Bb7 7 OO a6 8 Be2 Bd6 9 h3 h6 10 c4 dxc4 11 Nxc4 Be7 12 a3 OO 13 Qc2 b5 14 Ncd2 Rc8 15 b4 Na7 16 Bb2 Nd5 17 Rac1 c6 18 Ne4 f5 19 Ne5 Bxc5 20 Qxc5 Ra8 21 Ne5 Qc7 22 Bf3 Rfd8 23 Ng6 Nc8 24 Rfd1 Nd6 25 Ne5 Rac8 26 Rc2 Qb6 [White dominates the dark squares and the c-file, and now tops things with a quick winning stroke.] 27 Bxd5! Qxc5 28 Bxe6+ Kh8 29 Rxc5 [1-0]

Once again, thank you Dr. Howard Gaba; we honor you as you honored chess in Michigan.

# UNLUCKY US OPEN DRAWS 13 FROM MICHIGAN

Jacksonville, 1990, will long stand as a dreadful reminder of what can happen when things go wrong at the US Open. The people there gave it their best shot, but circumstances combined to produce an event that will lose thousands of dollars for USCF.

Some blamed the weather, but, really, the US Open always seems to end up in these August hotspots. Others thought the sudden-death time control kept everyone away, but that doesn't seem likely to me. No, the problem was local support. You usually see 200-300 local players at the Open; Jacksonville got barely 100 from Florida and only 318 overall. It seems that most of the chess-playing population of Florida resides in the southern half of the state, and didn't want to spend two weeks cooped up in the two-star Jacksonville Hotel. It would sort of be like having the US Open in the Upper Peninsula, then wondering at the poor turnout from the Detroit area.

Still, it was an interesting two weeks, particularly with the US Championship running concurrently—which means you're getting another report anyways! Enjoy.

## THE ATMOSPHERE

Jacksonville has a marvelous climate. Our first night there, they hit a record low temperature of 69 degrees Fahrenheit. Considering that the average low is 72°, you can see that it didn't vary much: 90-95° during the day, 72-74° at night, humid, and a thunderstorm at precisely 4:07 PM everyday. Marvelous stuff.

The Jacksonville Hotel (formerly a Hilton) is a smack-dab-downtown facility, which means that there are plenty of nice things to do during the day (especially if you have a car), nothing at night. There used to be a mall underneath the hotel, but it had died save for a lonely barbershop. Fortunately for those of us who object to paying more for a hamburger than for a gallon of gas, there was the Gulf Life Insurance building just across the way with an fine cafeteria in the basement (open till 2:00 PM) and a wonderful yogurt place where you could buy great sandwiches to stash until after the round. (Personally, I favored roast beef on white.) As usual, chess players find a way to survive.

## MASTERS AND MONSTERS

Despite the low turnout overall, there was a goodly group of top players. They especially started to pour as the U.S. Championship progressed. You see, this prestigious event was run on a knockout system this year, with most matches being best score after two games! (We haven't progressed much from London, 1851 after all!) As players were eliminated, they were given the choice of entering the Open, going home, or staying around and paying their own hotel bills. Eventually, the Open hosted 11 GMs: Yudasin, Chernin (both USSR), Byrne, Denker, Bisguier and Reshevsky went all the way; Browne, Gurevich, Seirawan and Benjamin entered upon elimination; while Dzindzhashvili (who else?) played in both simultaneously. Add around 9 IMs (including Timoshenko from the USSR) and it was certainly comparable to most US Opens at the top. Though the total number of Masters was less than 60, the first round cut came in at a decent 1950.

Chief TD this year was Ira Lee Riddle, of Portland fame. His crew (Alan Benjamin, Harold Stenzel, Bob Singletary, George Cunningham, Ralph Whitford, Steve Miller) proved very energetic and reasonably competent: pairings were up by 3:00 PM normally, wallcharts updated, and most things pretty accurate. It was a good, friendly crew for the most part: thank you gentlemen!

## TEAM MICHIGAN

No fewer than 13 Michiganders made the trip this year, the fourth most of any state (only Florida, New York and California beat us out). Vincent Brattin (1974) and your aging reporter (2105) drove down together, passing many wonderful sights (especially when Vincent was driving). Just north of Cincinnati, we passed a van that looked an awful lot like Pete Nixon's—lo and behold, it was! Pete (1606) was carting Vadim Tsemekhman (2340) and Bill Gorham (the Ohio Junior Champion) down to the Open and the Denker Tournament of High School Champions.

The families that stayed and played together included the Caltons (Bill at 2076, David W. at 1905, David A. at 1505, spectators Judy and Kesha) and the Skidmores (Mike at 1912, Jennifer at 1653, spectators Debbie and Emily). Taking the jet plane route were Lindell Brady (1946), John Thurman (1710), and Margaret Clark (1182). Finally, appearing out of nowhere, was Kalamazoo Master John Pike (2233), popping in after a ten-year absence from the wars.

As for possible Renegades, well, Bill Gorham actually learned his chess under Richard Sanborn in Monroe, Richard Lees (PA, 1979) is familiar to some of you, and I'm sure that Jim Kulbacki wants me to count Reshevsky. That was about it, though, and I don't think I'll mention them again. About the only other familiar face was Joe Cummings, who now lives in Orlando and dropped in a few times.

## SUNDAY, AUGUST 5 (Round 1)

Things started off with a hollow thud. Your USCF At Work forgot to send some random supplies—chess sets. And boards. And pairing sheets, wall charts, and scoresheets. A quick call to Thad Rogers in Georgia produced equipment, and local clubs managed to scare up enough scoresheets and TD supplies to tide things over, but the tournament was off to a wonderful start.

The Denker started at 10:00 AM, to run five rounds through Thursday. Vadim and Gorham naturally got to play each other, Vadim winning handily.

The US Championship began at 1:00 PM, with seven of the eight matches (deFirmian--Sherzer started a day late). The format was arousing questions even up to the last minute. Sitting down in the lobby, I became an innocent spectator to Walter Browne suggesting last-minute adjustments. When Dzindzhashvili came by with a thought, Walter came out with something like: "We don't have to follow one man's opinions!"

The Open itself had an interesting opening ceremony. First, the local Naval Station presented the colors; next Polly Riddle (Ira's wife) sang the National Anthem, very beautifully. (We should have expected this upon seeing the words printed in the tournament booklet.) Chief Organizer Ed Butler (my kind of guy: he doesn't seem to own a tie) had a proclamation from the Mayor read, which welcomed the 1000 (!?) players and delegates to Jacksonville. Ira Riddle then read his announcements, amid total silence—whether this was the result of politeness, apathy, or boredom, I never found out.

Finally, on to the real tournament. Michigan expected about 4.25 this round, so our 5-7 score was actually pretty good. The odd results showed Tsemekhman beating Brattin, and Nixon winning on forfeit, wherein lies a tale:

This Open, as do all these days, had a Busy Person's Special option, whereby you could skip the first week and come in at a set score in round 7. Somehow, BPSers were not indicated on what pairing cards were around, and Tsemekhman, Brattin and Nixon each got paired with one! Hasty repairing gave us the first all-Michigan pairing, while Nixon scored when his new opponent refused to play.

The stars were Jennifer Skidmore and D.A. Calton, both of whom drew Experts. Otherwise, things went according to Elo—especially for poor Bill Gorham, who got his second Michigan Master in one day and lost to Pike. Michigan also got a goodly number of celebrities: Lindell Brady found his way to board 1 versus Yudasin, while Mike Skidmore battled IM David Strauss.

## MONDAY, AUGUST 6 (Round 2)

People started getting bounced from the Championship today. Results included Christiansen 2, Browne 0; Benjamin 1.5, I. Ivanov 0.5; Albur 2, Seirawan 0 (!), Gulko 1.5, Kudrin 0.5; Rachels 1.5, Brooks 0.5; Dzindzhashvili 2, Gurevich 0. Dlugy and A. Ivanov tied at 1-1, which necessitated a two-game match at game/30, while deFirmian led Sherzer 1-0.

The bulletins appeared today, published by a group called Chess Scribe out of Tennessee. Quite frankly, they may be the best US Open bulletins I've seen yet. They made full use of special software to eliminate errors, and the computer-produced diagrams were excellent. Plus, the things were usually ready by early afternoon, and included all available top games plus a (maybe overly) generous sample of upsets. They were a bit pricey at \$30, but worth it in my opinion.

The bookstore, however, was a major disappointment. It was run by USCF, which meant that there was little available outside of the catalog. Plus, they had this one horrid computer named CHESSTER, which definitely earned the title Most Annoying Thing About The US Open. You see, the things talks to you, making snide comments like "Are you a salesman? Only a salesman would play a stupid move like that!" The thing makes Ernest P. Worrell and Joe Isuzu look like Nobel Peace Prize winners.

Once, Dzindzhashvili amused himself by wiping the thing out in 20 moves or so, and it responded with "You took a long time to do that!"

Yes, there were computers in the Open as well: 10 manifestations of three different programs. About 125 players signed the no computer list, despite bounties of \$50 for a win and \$25 for a draw placed on one set of machines. Good ol' Dzindzi wanted to sign a 'No Humans' list.

Round two saw an adequate result for Michigan, as our 6.5 just exceeded expectations. Pike and Brattin drew paired down, but Nixon's draw with a near-Master put things over the top. Bill Calton and I had celebrity status this round: he fell to Reshevsky, while I made the bulletins for the first time losing to Illinois Master Greg DeFotis.

Touchy situation this round, as Seirawan entered after the pairings

were made, which should have had him on board 1. Remember Board 'S' from Somerset, which kept Spassky out of the reach of the masses? It was resurrected, and Seirawan got to play in the relative safety of the isolated boards.

### TUESDAY, AUGUST 7 (Round 3)

Vadim was off to a good start in the Denker with three straight wins. He also found time to participate in the afternoon Action Quads (held daily at 11:00 AM and 2:00 PM), scoring 2.5 points including a win over IM Jay Bonin. He won several other quads as well; in fact, most of Team Michigan garnered some glory in the daytime: all three Caltons, both Skidmores, Brattin and myself included. D.A. Calton and Jennifer Skidmore really cleaned up with multiple perfect scores; they will have frightening ratings come November.

In the Championship, deFirmian concluded a win over Sherzer, while Dlugy took out Alexander Ivanov. Second round matches were set as Alburtt-Dlugy, deFirmian-Rachels, Gulko-Dzindzhashvili, and Benjamin-Christiansen.

Round 3 of the Open saw things still pretty normal up top. The biggest upset was probably Jerry Hanken's win over Igor Ivanov, while Robert Byrne was drawn by a local Master named David Tew (well, what did you expect on Tewsdays?).

Michigan exceeded expectation for the third straight round with a 7-6 score; for the whole tournament, we had scored +15 -16 =7 (.487) and were up 1.125 points. Pike's loss to an A-player was disheartening, but Brady drew an Expert and Thurman beat one to lead us over the top. Michigan pairing number 2 saw Brattin sit on D.A. Calton.

Leading the team was Tsemekhman with 3.0. Nixon had 2.5, thanks to a strange round 3 pairing with pitted him against an E-player. Moody and Thurman had 2.0, Pike, Bill Calton, Brattin, Brady and Jennifer Skidmore 1.5, Mike Skidmore and D.W. Calton 1.0, D.A. Calton 0.5, and Margaret Clark 0.0.

### WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 8 (Round 4)

The ballot count was the feature of this morning. The winners were Max Dlugy (President), Frank Camaratta (Vice-President), Randy Hough (Secretary), and, alas, Gary Sperling for Treasurer over Dan Burg in what was actually the closest race. John Donaldson took the Member-at-Large job.

Vadim drew Alexander Feldman from Minnesota (2340) in the Denker, but was still tied for first overall at 3.5 and in good position to top the event.

There was music before the round. A piano sat in a corner of the main playing room, and several people treated us to impromptu concerts. Today it was Igor Ivanov, who I'm sure surprised a few people with his skill.

The top players in the Open were getting 2390 players this round, and some surprises ensued. Yudasin was drawn by Rolletschek (2388), and Timoshenko could only halve it with Masculo (2373). Overall, six players made it out with perfect scores: Seirawan, Dzindzhashvili, Browne, Donaldson, Garcia, and Danny Edelman, while 13 players trailed on 3.5.

Dzindzhashvili complained to the TDs this round: "How come I get two Blacks in a row?" He was reminded that one was in the Championship, the other in the Open!

Michigan had one of those crashes: 3 wins and 10 losses was nearly 3 points below expectation. Only Bill Calton, Mike Skidmore and D.W. Calton could win. Vadim fell to the at-Large Donaldson, Pike lost to another A-player and withdrew, while I hung a rook to a one-move skewer against a B-player—and the thing promptly got published in the bulletins. Nixon was rewarded for his good score by being fed to Louis Baquero (2387) who had defeated Jennifer Skidmore in round 2. For a Senior Master to play two Michigan B-players is somewhat unusual, to say the least.

### THURSDAY, AUGUST 9 (Round 5)

Tragedy in the Denker! With the other 3.5s drawing, Vadim had the chance to win the thing outright, facing Michael Lamon (2244). In a hard game, Tsemekhman missed a one-move shot that Lamon admitted would have forced resignation, and went on to lose the game! A giant bummer, but still an impressive performance. I think he went out and won another quad, just to console himself.

Two more Championship matches were decided, as Christiansen and deFirmian exiled Benjamin and Rachels to the Open. The other two matches went to a playoff.

The top three games saw Browne defeat Garcia to become the only player at a perfect five points; Seirawan and Donaldson drew in 17 moves, Dzindzhashvili and Edelman in 98. The latter must have been a fun time scramble to watch, though I was informed by Assistant TD Harold Stenzel that there were no real problems with the sudden-death finish in the tournament.

Michigan fell about one-quarter point below the spread tonight. Bill Calton lost to his second GM, falling to Joel Benjamin. How did Bill

get him? Well, players eliminated from the Championship who entered the Open were assigned a plus-one score. Benjamin, entering after 4 rounds, started at 2.5-1.5, and Bill was the lucky opponent.

Other action saw the third Michigan pairing, as Jennifer Skidmore upset Lindell Brady. Everything else was pretty much to form.

The Hotel, also losing money on the tournament, took back about half of the main playing room to hold meetings in. This meant that many boards moved down to the 'fish tank' in the basement, which was a better site in many ways with better lighting and less noise! This was apparent this round, when some group in the other half of the main ballroom went well past 7:00 PM, with much chatter and applause to irritate the chess players.

For all that, I still want to emphasize that the local organizers did do a reasonable job of setting things up; for example, coverage in the local newspapers was excellent, with a full article daily and many special features. In addition, Huntley-Jiffy, a local convenience store chain, donated large insulated drinking mugs to all the players. (Vincet and I used ours heavily while putting this story together.) However, we did learn the lesson that local player support is necessary for success; help us out in '92, folks!

By the way, we took several hundred extra copies of the August issue of *Michigan Chess* to distribute in Jacksonvile, plus fliers and T-shirts. We got many favorable comments from people on our enthusiasm, making the whole thing well worth the effort and expense.

### FRIDAY, AUGUST 10 (Round 6)

Dzindzhashvili and Alburtt won their matches. Both remained tied after the two game SD/30 match, so both went to single game matches played at G/15. Pairings now were Alburtt-deFirmian, Dzindzhashvili-Christiansen.

Browne was drawn by Seirawan this round; however, all the players with 4.5 also drew (a four-mover being the quickest), so Browne still held the sole lead with 5.5. The contingent on 5.0 included Seirawan, Yudasin, Chernin, Dzindzhashvili, Timoshenko, Gurevich, Donaldson, Garcia, Bonin, Strauss, Edelman, Vucic, DeFotis, Reshevsky, Sanders, Weeramantry, and Rolletschek.

Michigan staged a slight recovery this round, a 6-5 result being a half-point above expectation. Tsemekhman lost to IM Gildardo Garcia, but everyone else filled the bill and Margaret Clark set in with her first win. D.A. Calton got a celebrity forfeit when Christine Hanken was unable to play.

At the end of the first week, Tsemekhman and Moody led the squad with 4-2 scores. Bill Calton and Brattin followed with 3.5, while Mike Skidmore and D.W. Calton had 3.0. Brady, Jennifer Skidmore and Nixon checked in with 2.5 each, while Thurman continued stuck on 2.0. D.A. Calton with 1.5 and Margaret Clark with 1.0 finished off the active contingent.

Overall, the team was at +29 -38 =7 (.439), about 1.5 points below expectation. Jennifer Skidmore was the big rating gainer at +32, with everyone else between +20 and -20.

Chessplayers seem to start worrying about prizes early these days. I caught a couple of players already studying the wallcharts carefully, whereupon one said "Let's see how the rest of the one-and-a-halves are doing!" It's only round six, for goodness sakes! Personally, I like the attitude of some guy I ran into, who was sighing heavily in deep distress. "It's like pulling your eyelashes out one-by-one!" Yeah, but ain't we having fun?

### SATURDAY, AUGUST 11 (Day of Relative Repose)

Well, of course, there are the Delegates meetings. I'll let others tell that tale, as usual, but will share my favorite moment as reported by Brattin. Seems there was a big dispute over whether SD/15 games should be rated. It pretty much ended when Ralph Bowman (KS) pointed out that not rating them meant that some of the decisive games in the US Championship would not be rated!

The Championship itself continued, with Alburtt winning game one over deFirmian while Dzindzhashvili drew Christiansen. The big chess-playing news, however, was the annual US Open Blitz in the evening, run this year by Walter Browne and his travelling chess association. New USCF President Maxim Dlugy pulled a Gary Kitts by winning the 100-player event. Vadim Tsemekhman picked up some place money, while D.A. Calton took home a Class C prize.

### SUNDAY, AUGUST 12 (Round 7)

The Championship saw the final match set up for Alburtt and Christiansen, to start on Tuesday. This would be a marathon affair—best of four games.

In the Open, Browne drew Yudasin, and was caught by Seirawan, Dzindzhashvili, Garcia, Bonin, and Vucic. Half a point down, on 5.5, were Yudasin, Chernin, Benjamin, Gurevich, Donaldson, Edelman, Reshevsky, Bisguier, Burnett, Sanders, Shipman, Burger, and a token miracle Expert named Rohwer.

Michigan started the second week on a slight bummer, a 4-8 result



being about a half-point down. Mike Skidmore and I both drew Masters, but I should have beaten mine (a piece up is normally a win!). Vadim was up to 5-2, and probably due for a big pairing in the next round.

#### MONDAY, AUGUST 13 (Round 8)

Fireworks at the top of the Open, as all three games were decisive: Seirawan clobbered Garcia, Browne beat Vucic, and Bonin pulled off an upset of Dzindzhashvili. They were thus one-half point up on Yudasin, Gurevich and Ron Burnett (who was co-editor of the Tournament bulletin; why didn't I ever play like that?). At six points, certainly in the hunt with four rounds to go, were Benjamin, Dzindzhashvili, Rachels, Ivanov, Byrne, Garcia, Edelman, Vucic, DeFotis, Bisguier, Sanders, Weeramantry, Colias, and this round's token Expert, Clark Harmon.

Team Michigan had another bad crash, nearly 1.5 points down. Vadim had a good result, drawing a protracted battle with IM Timoshenko, and Pete Nixon beat an A-player, but there was little cheery elsewhere. I got another Master in David Tew (it being Monday notwithstanding) and reached an utterly drawn opposite-colored bishop ending. He had one cheapo left—and I missed it. That really hurt.

#### TUESDAY, AUGUST 14 (Round 9)

The Championship final saw an exciting game, with Alburt eventually winning with the Black pieces. Everyone from his opponent on down thought Christiansen had a won game, being up material with an attack, but Alburt triumphed when the dust of time pressure cleared.

There was a mild pairings controversy this round. The pairings went Bonin--Seirawan, Browne--Burnett and Gurevich--Yudasin, necessitated largely by the fact that Seirawan and Browne had already played. Gurevich protested, and came up with a set of pairings that would have pitted Seirawan and Yudasin, despite the fact that both had already had two Whites in a row! Gurevich's pairings made sense under FIDE rules, but not USCF—and you can be sure that Riddle didn't want another three-in-a-row controversy if he could avoid it!

Then there was the A-player from Scotland who complained about his pairings. Seems that in Scotland, he never beat 2100 players, but he had already knocked off several here. He was quite nice about it, not overbearing, and just seemed to be wondering what was wrong with the rating system. The TDs assured him that things would work in the end, and he accepted it gallantly. Nicely enough, I note he managed to tie for top A.

In any event, Seirawan and Browne won their games, taking a half-point lead on Yudasin. Back at 7.0, one point out, were Benjamin, Dzindzhashvili, Ivanov, Byrne, Garcia, Bonin, and Edelman.

For Michigan, our 7-4 result was our best of the tournament for any round percentage-wise, and beat expectation by nearly 1/2 point. Overall, we had +42 -56 =11 (.436), and were running about three points under expectation.

Vadim made it to 6.5 this round by routing an Unrated player. Well, not too Unrated; Isidoro Cherem is actually an experienced player from Venezuela who simply hasn't played in tournaments. I had a chance to talk with him in the lobby; seems he's a good friend of IM Julio Bolbochan, and plays casual games with him. It must work: Cherem won the Unrated prize by two full points, amassing a performance rating near 2200.

I lost horribly by hanging another rook to an A-player—and it got published. Otherwise, a creditable performance by the team, helped out by Jennifer Skidmore's win over an A-player and Thurman's finally breaking a five-game losing skid. D.A. Calton got his second forfeit win, over USCF Executive Director Al Lawrence who mistakenly thought he hadn't been paired for the round!

Scores after 9 rounds: Tsemekhman 6.5 (+17), Moody 4.5 (-34), B. Calton 4.5 (-39), Brattin 4.5 (-20), Brady 4.5 (-20), M. Skidmore 4.5 (+10), D.W. Calton 4.5 (+46), J. Skidmore 4.5 (+64), Nixon 3.5 (+26), D.A. Calton 3.5 (-22), Thurman 3.0 (-11), Margaret Clark 1.0 (-29).

#### WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 15 (Round 10)

One bad thing about the US Open is the possibility of getting into a rut. Once things start going bad, they just keep on getting worse. Jesse Kraai, a 2300 Denkerite from New Mexico, was in such a rut—he had drawn five consecutive Experts! Jesse came up with a unique strategy to break the string: he wrote out, longhand, the following message 87 times: "I, Jesse Kraai, hereby swear that I will never draw a low-life Expert."

Ira Riddle came up with an interesting idea today, based on the houseman principle. A houseman, you see, is a nice guy who volunteers to play a rated game with the poor fellow who is due for the bye. This morning, Riddle staged The First Houseman's Open, where the participants all played as housemen. Pairings were relatively random, with anywhere from one to four games apiece at a SD/30 time limit. Being in a bit of a rut myself, I played and went 3-1, but don't know

where I finished. At any rate, I did play the following game, inserted via the magic of EDITOR'S DISCRETION. My opponent, by the way, is President of the American Chess Foundation. Michigan may never see any ACF money again, but what the heck:

**DAVID MOODY (2112)--ALLEN KAUFMAN (2232)** [King's Indian Attack, A08]: 1 e4 c5 2 Nf3 e6 3 d3 d5 4 Nbd2 Nc6 5 g3 g6 6 Bg2 Bg7 7 Oo Nge7 8 Re1 Oo 9 Nf1 Nd4 10 c3 Nxf3+ 11 Bxf3 Bd7 12 h4 Bc6 13 Qe2 Qd7 14 Be3 d4 15 Bd2 Rfd8 16 c4 Rab8 17 b3 b5 18 Rab1 Rb7 19 Nh2 Rdb8 20 Ng4 [Rather inconsistent. All along I've been trying to avoid having to recapture with the d-pawn if Black played ...bxc4, and now I forgot about it. 20 Qf1 was probably the move.] bxc4 21 dxc4 Rf8 22 Nh6+ Kh8 23 h5 f5 [Things now start to get a bit complicated.] 24 hxg6 Nxb6 25 Kg2 d3 26 Qe3 Bd4 27 Qg5 fxe4 28 Bxe4 Rxf2+ 29 Kh3 Bxe4 30 Rxe4 Bf6 31 Qe3 Re2 32 Qf3 e5+ 33 g4 Bg7 [Maybe 33...Rxd2 is better. The text lets White dispose of the Godzilla on d3.] 34 Rxe2 dxe2 35 Qxe2 Qd8 36 g5 Rd7 37 Qf3 Nf4+ 38 Bxf4 exf4 39 Qxf4 Rd3+ 40 Kg2 Qa8+ 41 Kh2 Qe8 42 Re1 [I was still feeling busted here, but these shots were fun.] Qh5+ 43 Kg2 Qh3+ 44 Kf2 Bd4+ [I had been fearing this move for all of 30 seconds or so, but then noticed . . . ] 45 Qxd4+! [1-0] [As a pure mate in two follows.]

I played fairly badly in Jacksonville, but that made up for a lot.

Alburt took a 2-0 lead in the Championship as Christiansen pressed too hard with Black. Don't forget—Lev tied for last in 1989!

Up top, Seirawan got a big win, with Black, over Yudasin to reach 9.0 points. Browne's draw with Benjamin left Walter alone with 8.5. Dzindzhashvili and Ivanov had 8.0, while Yudasin, Benjamin, Rachels, Byrne, Edelman, Baquero, Shapiro and Norman Rogers checked in at 7.5.

Michigan dropped another point, scoring 4-8 this time. With all those players on 4.5 after the last round, a Michigan pairing was all but inevitable. It turned out to be Brady--Moody, and Lindell prevailed.

Vadim drew very quickly with Reshevsky, and D.A. Calton with a B-player. (Actually, after the quads, we should say another B-player!) Margaret Clark also picked up her second win, beating Christine Hanken.

At least I had some company in rutland—Jesse Kraai drew another low-life Expert.

#### THURSDAY, AUGUST 16 (Round 11)

The Championship ground to a halt. Many expected a short draw, salvaging some pride for Christiansen, but he went for the gusto and Alburt made short work of matters, sweeping the Final 3-0.

What to make of the Championship format? Well, it was exciting for the fans, but few of the players seemed to care for it. Still, with the commercialization of big-time chess these days, such a format may be the wave of the future.

Seirawan and Browne both drew this round (10 and 17 moves respectively), but no one was able to catch them at the top. Closest, with 8.5, were Yudasin, Dzindzhashvili, Ivanov, Byrne, and Rachels. Never fear—there will be a Round 12 Pairing Controversy!

Michigan's 5.5 this round was another point below the expected score. I managed to set what is probably an all-time record by getting my fifth loss published in the bulletins. Tsemekhman lost to IM David Strauss, blowing his chance for really big money; our best chances in that category were D.A. Calton (upended a B-player) and Margaret Clark, who reached 3.0 with her second straight win. Also, Jennifer Skidmore was up there, drawing some Class A guy named of D.W. Calton.

With one round to go, the Team was 5.311 points below expectation. Anyone for honor and glory?

Start the celebration! Jesse Kraai defeated a low-life Expert!!

#### FRIDAY, AUGUST 17 (Round 12) PART 1: THE SETTING

I'll give the top players, their color distributions, and relevant opponents so far:

**Seirawan** 9.5; 5W,5B, due for B; played Browne, Yudasin, Dzindzhashvili

**Browne** 9.0; 5W,5B, 2 straight B; played Seirawan, Yudasin, Ivanov

**Yudasin** 8.5; 6B,5W; played Seirawan, Browne

**Dzindzhashvili** 8.5; 6B,5W, 2 straight B; played Seirawan

**Rachels** 8.5; 4W,2B, 2 straight W

**Ivanov** 8.5; 6W,5B, 2 straight W; played Browne

**Byrne** 8.5; 6W,5B

First thing: Byrne drops unless we can't work anything else out. So, it looks like Seirawan--Rachels (can't give Rachels three straight Whites), Browne--Dzindzhashvili—whoops, they've each had two straight Blacks! Can't do that one! Well, Browne can't play Ivanov, so either he plays the odd man (Byrne) or we try again.

OK, Let's try Seirawan--Ivanov (can't give Ivanov three Whites). Now we can pair Browne--Rachels and Dzindzhashvili--Yudasin; sloppy colors, but it works.

Here are the pairings, out at 9:00 AM—and it's the first set with Seirawan--Rachels, Dzindzhashvili--Browne, and Yudasin--Ivanov. Everyone was suprised and, I must admit, filled with ghoulish glee—surely Browne would not that the third straight Black lying down!

**PART II: THE REACTION**

Turns out, though, that's just what he did—when Greg DeFotis called his room about 1:15 PM, Browne was still in bed! About twenty minutes later he appeared in the lobby and calmly inquired, "Is Ira around?"

Folks, it's time to get off Walter's case; he was really quite gentlemanly about the whole affair. He inquired about the pairing, Ira explained it, and Browne asked what was wrong with the second set I've shown you. And that's when it came out—the entire TD staff had had a blind spot, and thought that Yudasin had already played Dzindzhashvili, invalidating the second set of pairings! A quick thank you for Walter Browne, and things were changed.

Scuttlebutt has it that Yudasin, of all people, complained about the new pairings based on FIDE pairing rules. That was quickly settled, so it was really rather quiet in the final round this year.

**PART III: THE ACTION**

As it seems to happen so often, the actual play was kind of anticlimatic. Seirawan stuck around just long enough to get his picture taken, and agreed a draw to reach 10.0 points. Browne did not make much of an effort to catch him, and waited for company on 9.5. This consisted of Yudasin, who conquered Dzindzhashvili, while Byrne could only draw with Benjamin. Your 9.0 pointers include Byrne, Ivanov, Rachels, Timoshenko, and Strauss.

This was also the round of the great class pairings experiment. Instead of normal Swiss pairings, each Class was paired as an Open section in itself. This is supposed to eliminated the possibility of some lucky class player sneaking into the prize money by playing a higher-rated player who doesn't care anymore or might be bribable. As the Expert with the lowest score, I was sort of hoping for a bye, but it didn't happen that way.

Michigan showed its class this round with a 7-5 result, beating expectation by over one-half point. Vadim closed with a win for 8.0, no money, but a lot of good impressions; Joel Benjamin, for one, was impressed with Vadim's play.

Tied for second on the team were Vincent Brattin and Lindell Brady, both at 6.5. Bill Calton and I both came into the round floundering against A-players the previous few rounds—so we both beat Expert opponents to finish with 6.0 and 5.5 respectively. (I had the dubious distinction of defending the crown of Putz Losing The Most Rating Points For Team Michigan.)

Others at 5.5 included Mike and Jennifer Skidmore, plus David A. Calton. Jenny missed out on money by 1/2 point, but picked up the most rating points on the team; with her quad results, she's knocking on Class A. David A. did cash in for 3rd/4th Class C; he'll have to get used to not winning those in the near future.

David W. Calton ended at 5.0, Pete Nixon at 4.5, and John Thurman at 4.0. While Margaret Clark lost her last game to finish at 3.0, she did become Michigan's second prizewinner with 4th Class E. And John Pike, you'll remember dropped back out with 1.5/4.0.

What else? Well, there was the personalized Michigan license plate we saw in Florida reading "BRRRRR". Then, there was the radio station in Kentucky with the Million Dollar Guarantee: "Send us a million dollars, and we'll play any song you want—GUARANTEED!" Then, there was the person who asked on the last day, "Has anything not gone wrong with this tournament?", to which Brattin cheerfully replied, "The hotel hasn't caught fire!" (Thankfully, that did not come to pass, though something nearly as bad happened: some lout stole Ed Butler's private parking place.) Finally, we were passed by the Skidmores on the way home in just about the same spot where we passed Nixon on the way down. And, of course,

**THE LAST GAME**

The sudden-death time control took away much of the romance this year; we knew that the game wouldn't go past 2:00 AM. At least, we thought not.

One competitor was Bonin--Baquero on Board 7. At about 1:00 PM, we suddenly noticed that there was a total of two hours remaining on the clocks! However, Baquero won relatively quickly, leaving board 6, Strauss--Garcia.

Only sudden death could explain Garcia playing on: Strauss had rook+a+b pawns versus rook, and you expect an IM to know how to win such endings. Still, Garcia played on, and the death watch began.

At first, it's just a few hardened spectators. Then, all the TDs join in (just in case there's a dispute). Finally, stragglers congregate around this, the only game in town. Eventually, there were 25 people staring at this elementary endgame.

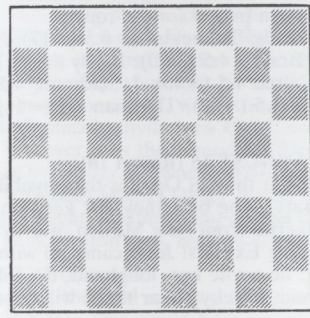
Garcia's position was faltering fast, his time and hope slowly running

out. Finally, as his clock ticked off the last five seconds, he resigned. Strauss smiled, and heaved a sigh of relief.

And, as we filed out, Igor Ivanov sat down and tapped out a tune on the piano to send us on our way.

	Team Michigan	1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12												
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Vadim Tsemekhman	2340	1	2	3	3	4	4	5	5½	6½	7	7	8	8
John Pike	2233	1	1½	1½	1½	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1½
David Moody	2112	1	1	2	2	3	4	4½	4½	4½	4½	4½	5½	5½
Bill Calton	2076	1	1	1½	2½	2½	3½	3½	3½	4½	4½	5	6	6
Vincent Brattin	1974	0	1½	1½	1½	2½	3½	3½	4½	4½	5½	5½	6½	6½
Lindell Brady	1946	0	1	1½	1½	1½	2½	3½	3½	4½	5½	5½	6½	6½
Mike Skidmore	1912	0	1	1	2	2	3	3½	3½	4½	4½	4½	5½	5½
David W. Calton	1905	0	1	1	2	3	3	3	3½	4½	4½	5	5	5
John Thurman	1710	0	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	3	3	4	4	4
Jennifer Skidmore	1653	½	½	1½	1½	2½	2½	2½	3½	4½	4½	5	5½	5½
Pete Nixon	1606	1	1½	2½	2½	2½	2½	2½	3½	3½	3½	4½	4½	4½
David A. Calton	1559	½	½	½	½	½	1	1½	2½	2½	3½	4	5	5½
Margaret Clark	1182	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	1	2	3	3	3

	Score	Rating	Rating	New	Performance
			Change	Rating	Rating
Vadim Tsemekhman	8	2340	+30	2370	2401
Vincent Brattin	6½	1974	- 3	1971	1958
Lindell Brady	6½	1946	+14	1960	1982
Bill Calton	6	2076	-59	2017	1969
David Moody	5½	2112	-62	2052	1916
Mike Skidmore	5½	1912	-10	1902	1909
Jennifer Skidmore	5½	1653	+82	1735	1878
David A. Calton	5½	1559	-11	1548	1501
David W. Calton	5	1905	-17	1888	1875
Pete Nixon	4½	1606	+14	1620	1693
John Thurman	4	1710	-46	1664	1629
Margaret Clark	3	1182	- 9	1173	1205
John Pike	1½	2233	-47	2186	1801
		1862	-10	1853	1829



## MICHIGAN OPEN PARADE OF ALL-STARS

At the beginning of this year's Michigan Open, your Editor asked the players to put a star on their scoresheet if they felt their game was interesting enough to be published (the same thing is done at US Opens). Here they are, because *you* asked for 'em. Play through them and have a ball:

**DAVID HAHN (2265)--ED BALL (1885)** [English, A18]: 1 e4 Nf6 2 Nc3 e6 3 e4 d5 4 cxd5 exd5 5 e5 Ne4 6 d4 Bb4 7 Qa4+ Nc6 8 Bb5 Bd7 9 Bxc6 Bxc3+ 10 bxc3 Bxc6 11 Qc2 OO 12 Ne2 Ng5 13 OO Ne6 14 Ba3 Re8 15 f4 Qd7 16 f5 Nf8 17 Qd2 Bb5 18 Bxf8 Rxf8 19 f6 Qg4 20 Rf3 Rae8 21 fxf7 [1-0]

**MARK FINEGOLD (2242)--VINCENT BRATTIN (1932)** [Caro-Kann, B14]: 1 e4 c6 2 e4 d5 3 exd5 exd5 4 d4 Nf6 5 Nc3 g6 6 Qb3 Bg7 7 cxd5 OO 8 Be2 Nbd7 9 Bf3 Nb6 10 Nge2 Bf5 11 OO Bd3 12 Qd1 Bxe2 13 Qxe2 Nfxd5 14 Bg5 Qd7 15 Rfd1 e6 16 Ne4 Qa4 17 Nc5 Qe4 18 Qe4 Na4 19 Nxe6 Nac3 20 bxc3 Nxc3 21 Qd3 Qxd3 22 Rxd3 fxe6 23 Rxc3 Bxd4 24 Rac1 Bxc3 25 Rxc3 Rac8 26 Ra3 Rc5 27 h4 Rff5 28 Rxa7 Ra5 29 Rxb7 Rxa2 30 Bh6 Ra6 31 Rg7+ Kh8 32 Re7 Kg8 33 Bg4 Re5 34 Re8+ Kf7 35 Rh8 Re1+ 36 Kh2 Rf1 37 f3 Ra2 38 Rxb7+ Kf6 39 f4 g5 40 hxg5+ [1-0]

**TOM WARD (2103)--WALTER ALMQUIST (1871)** [Sicilian, B86]: 1 e4 c5 2 Nf3 d6 3 d4 exd4 4 Nxd4 Nf6 5 Nc3 a6 6 Be4 e6 7 Bb3 Be7 8 f4 Nc6 9 Be3 Qc7 10 Qf3 Na5 11 Qg3 Nxb3 12 axb3 OO 13 OO Kh8 14 Rae1 b5 15 e5 Nd5 16 Nxd5 exd5 17 c3 dxe5 18 fxe5 Bc5 19 Nf3 f6 20 Bxc5 Qxc5+ 21 Kh1 fxe5 22 Qxe5 h6 23 Nh4 Rxf1+ 24 Rxf1 Qa7 25 Rf8+ Kh7 26 Qe8 [1-0]

**BRIAN PROFIT (1844)--REY SANTIAGO (2002)** [Benoni, A66]: 1 d4 Nf6 2 e4 c5 3 d5 e6 4 Nc3 exd5 5 cxd5 d6 6 e4 g6 7 f4 Bg7 8 e5 Nfd7 9 Ne4 dxe5 10 Nd6+ Ke7 11 Nxc8 Qxc8 12 Nf3 Re8 13 fxe5 Nxe5 14 Bb5 Nbd7 15 OO a6 16 Nxe5 Bxe5 17 d6+ Kf8 18 Qd5 Nf6 19 Bh6+ Kg8 20 Rxf6 Bxf6 21 d7 axb5 22 dxc8Q Raxc8 23 Qxb7 Rb8 24 Qc6 Bxb2 25 Rd1 Bd4+ 26 Rxd4 [1-0]

**STEVE SCOTT (1920)--RAY GARRISON (1818)** [Caro-Kann, B13]: 1 e4 c6 2 d4 d5 3 exd5 exd5 4 Bd3 Nc6 5 c3 Qc7 6 Nf3 f6 7 OO Bg4 8 Nbd2 OO 9 Bb5 e5 10 Qa4 e4 11 Ne1 Bd6 12 h3 h5 13 hxg4 Bh2+ 14 Kh1 hxg4 15 g3 Bxg3+ 16 Kg1 g5 17 Nb3 Qh7 [0-1]

**ROBERT AVERY (2207)--TONY PALMER (1993)** [Nimzo-Indian, E33]: 1 e4 Nf6 2 Nc3 e6 3 d4 Bb4 4 Qc2 Nc6 5 Nf3 d6 6 a3 Bxc3+ 7 Qxc3 a5 8 b3 Qe7 9 Bb2 Ne4 10 Qc2 f5 11 e3 OO 12 Be2 e5 13 OO b6 14 Bd3 exd4 15 exd4 Ng5 16 Nxc5 Qxg5 17 d5 Ne7 18 f4 Qh6 19 Rf3 Rf7 20 Qf2 b5 21 Rh3 Qg6 22 Re1 bxc4 23 Bxc4 Ba6 24 Re6 Qg4 25 Rh4 Qd1+ 26 Re1 Qxe1+ 27 Qxe1 Ng6 28 Bxa6 Nxb4 29 Bb7 Rb8 30 Qxh4 Rxb7 31 Qd8+ Rf8 32 Qd7 [1-0]

**STAN JAROSZ (2054)--ANDREW BEIDER (2151)** [Queen Pawn, D02]: 1 d4 d5 2 Nf3 Nf6 3 Bf4 e6 4 Nbd2 b6 5 e3 Be7 6 c3 Bb7 7 Bd3 Nbd7 8 OO c5 9 Ne5 c4 10 Bc2 b5 11 Qe2 Nxe5 12 dxe5 Nd7 13 e4 Nf8 14 Bg3 Qb6 15 exd5 exd5 16 Nf3 Ne6 17 Rad1 h5 18 Nd4 h4 19 Nxe6 Qxe6 20 Bf4 g5 21 Bc1 OO 22 b3 g4 23 bxc4 bxc4 24 Bf4 Bc5 25 Bg5 Rdg8 26 Bf6 Rh6 27 Qd2 Rxf6 28 exf6 g3 29 Qf4 Rg4 30 Qf5 gxf2+ 31 Rxf2 Kc7 32 Qxe6 fxe6 33 Rd4 Bxd4 34 exd4 Rg8 35 f7 Rf8 36 g4 hxg3 37 hxg3 Kd8 38 Ba4 Ke7 39 Bb8 Be8 40 g4 e5 41 g5 exd4 42 g6 Be6 43 g7 Rxe8 44 f8Q+ Kd7 45 Rf7+ Bxf7 46 Qxf7+ Re7 [1-0]

**JIM OWENS (1958)--VICTOR REPKIN (2126)** [French, C10]: 1 e4 e6 2 d4 d5 3 Nd2 dxe4 4 Nxe4 Bd7 5 Nf3 Bc6 6 Bd3 Nd7 7 OO Ngf8 8 Nxf6+ Nxf6 9 Bf4 Be7 10 c3 OO 11 Re1 b6 12 Ba6 Be4 13 Ne5 Rb8 14 Rxe4 Nxe4 15 Nc6 Qd7 16 Nxb8 Rxb8 17 Qe2 Nf6 18 Bb5 Qd8 19 Bd3 Bd6 20 Bg5 Be7 21 Rd1 h6 22 Bc1 Bd6 23 f4 Qe7 24 Re1 Re8 25 Bb5 Re8 26 f5 c6 27 Be4 Qc7 28 fxe6 Bxb2+ 29 Kh1 Nd5 30 exf7+ Kf8 31 Qe8+ [1-0]

**KEVIN NOREN (2309)--JIM KULBACKI (2028)** [King's Indian, E97]: 1 d4 Nf6 2 Nf3 g6 3 c4 Bg7 4 Nc3 d6 5 e4 OO 6 Be2 e5 7 OO Nc6 8 d5 Ne7 9 Nd2 Ne8 10 b4 a5 11 bxa5 f5 12 f3 f4 13 a4 Nf6 14 c5 Rxa5 15 Nc4 Ra8 16 exd6 exd6 17 Ba3 Ne8 18 Qb3 g5 19 Qb6 Qxb6+ 20 Nxb6 Rb8 21 Bb5 g4 22 Bxe8 [1-0]

**MIKE SKIDMORE (1958)--BRAD ROGERS (2162)** [French, C01]: 1 e4 e6 2 Nf3 d5 3 exd5 exd5 4 c3 Bd6 5 d4 Ne7 6 Bd3 Bf5 7 Bg5 f6 8 Be3 OO 9 Bxf5 Nxf5 10 Qb3 Ne7 11 Qxb7 Nbc6 12 Qa6 Rb8 13 b3 Qd7 14 OO f5 15 Bg5 Ng6 16 Qd3 h6 17 Bd2 Rf6 18 c4 Nce7 19 g3 c6 20 Re1 f4 21 Ne5 Bxe5 22 dxe5 Rf5 23 g4 Rxe5 24 f3 Rxe1+ 25 Bxe1 Qe6 26 Bf2 Ne5 27 Qe2 Qf6 28 Nc3 Nxc4 29 fxc4 Qxc3 30 Re1 Rb7 31 Qe6+ Kh7 32 Bc5 Qc2 33 Bxe7 Rxe7 34 Qxe7 f3 35 Re2 fxe2 36 Kf2 Qxa2 37 exd5 exd5 38 Qc3 Qc2 39 b4 Qd1 40 Qxe2 Qxe2+ 41 Kxe2 Kg6 42 Kd3 Kf6 43 Kd4 Ke6 44 b5 g5 45 Kc5 Ke5 [0-1]

**JAMES ANDERSON (1845)--STEVE SHERBEL (1989)** [French, C02]: 1 e4 e6 2 d4 d5 3 e5 e5 4 Nf3 exd4 5 Nxd4 Nc6 6 Bb5 Bd7 7 Bxc6 bxc6 8 OO Ne7 9 Nd2 Ng6 10 Nf3 Be7 11 b3 OO 12 Bb2 f6 13 Ne2

Qc7 14 exf6 Bxf6 15 Bxf6 Rxf6 16 Ng3 Raf8 17 c4 Rxf3 18 gxf3 Nh4 19 Rc1 Qf4 20 Rc3 d4 21 Rd3 e5 22 Qc1 Nxf3+ 23 Kg2 Bh3+ 24 Kh1 Qg4 25 Re1 Nh4 26 Qd2 e4 27 Rxe4 Bg2+ 28 Kg1 Bxe4 [0-1]

**WILLIAM FULLER (2067)--DAVID W. CALTON (1905)** [Caro-Kann, B10]: 1 e4 c6 2 d3 d5 3 Nd2 dxe4 4 dxe4 e5 5 Ngf3 Bg4 6 g3 Nf6 7 Bg2 Qc7 8 h3 Bh5 9 OO Nbd7 10 a4 OO 11 Qe1 h6 12 c3 g5 13 a5 Nc5 14 b4 Nd3 15 Qe3 Kb8 16 Nc4 g4 17 Nh2 gxh3 18 Bxb3 Rg8 19 Ba3 Nf4 20 Bf5 Be2 21 Nb6 Rd3 22 Qc1 axb6 23 axb6 Qxb6 24 Kh1 Bxf1 25 Qxf1 Rd2 26 gxf4 Rxf2 27 Qd3 Rxb2+ 28 Kxb2 Qf2+ 29 Kh3 Qg2+ 30 Kh4 Qh2+ 31 Qh3 Qxf4+ [0-1]

**MICHAEL DAVIS (1439)--RONALD WHEELER (1559)** [Pirc, B08]: 1 d4 d6 2 e4 g6 3 Nf3 Bg7 4 Nc3 Nf6 5 Be2 OO 6 OO Bg4 7 h3 Bxf3 8 Bxf3 Nbd7 9 h4 e5 10 d5 c6 11 h5 Ne8 12 Be3 h6 13 hxg6 fxc6 14 Bg4 Qe7 15 f4 Nef6 16 Be6+ Kh7 17 f5 g5 18 g4 a6 19 Rf2 Ng8 20 Ne2 c5 21 Ng3 Ndf6 22 Rh2 Ne8 23 Qd2 Bf6 24 Nh5 Nc7 25 Nxf6+ Qxf6 26 Bxg5 Qg7 27 f6 Rxf6 28 Bxg8+ Kxg8 29 Bxf6 Qxf6 30 Rxb6 Rf8 [1-0]

**KEVIN WANSHON (1642)--TIM HARGER (1797)** [Alekhine, B03]: 1 e4 Nf6 2 e5 Nd5 3 d4 d6 4 exd6 exd6 5 Nf3 Be7 6 Be2 OO 7 OO Bf5 8 a3 Nc6 9 c4 Nb6 10 Be3 Bf6 11 Nbd2 h6 12 d5 Ne5 13 Bd4 Re8 14 Nxe5 Bxe5 15 Bxe5 dxe5 16 Bg4 Qg5 17 Bxf5 Qxf5 18 Rc1 Rad8 19 Qf3 Qg6 20 Ne4 Nd7 21 Rfd1 f5 22 Ng3 Rf8 23 b4 b6 24 Re1 Rde8 25 Re2 Qg5 26 Rce1 e4 27 Qe3 h5 28 Qc1 Qc6 29 Qf4 Ne5 30 Qh4 Nd3 31 Rf1 f4 32 Qxh5 Qxh5 33 Nxb5 g6 34 Nxf4 Rxf4 35 f3 Ref8 36 Rxe4 Rxe4 37 fxe4 Rxf1+ 38 Kxf1 Ne5 39 e5 Kf8 40 Ke2 b5 41 Ke3 Nc4+ 42 Kd4 Nxa3 43 c6 Nc4 44 h4 Nd6 45 g4 Ke7 46 e5 Nf7 47 Ke4 a6 48 h5 gxh5 49 gxh5 Nh6 50 Kf4 Nf7 51 Kf5 a5 52 bxa5 b4 53 Kd4 b3 54 Kd3 Nxe5+ 55 Kc3 b2 56 Kxb2 Nc4+ 57 Kc3 Nxa5 58 Kb4 [1-0]

**JIM GROUP (1617)--HELIO RINCON (1768)** [King's Gambit, C34]: 1 e4 e5 2 f4 exf4 3 Nf3 d6 4 Be4 Be6 5 Bxe6 fxe6 6 d4 Nd7 7 Bxf4 Qf6 8 Qd2 Be7 9 Nc3 Qg6 10 OO a6 11 h4 h5 12 Ng5 Nh6 13 Rhf1 OO 14 Be3 Bxg5 15 Bxg5 Rdf8 16 Rf4 Nf7 17 Rf3 Nxc5 18 hxg5 Rxf3 19 gxf3 Qf7 20 f4 Rf8 21 Rf1 g6 22 Ne2 e5 23 d5 Qh7 24 Qc3 Kb8 25 Qh3 Nc5 26 fxe5 Rxf1+ 27 Qxf1 Nxe4 28 Qf8+ Ka7 29 e6 Ne5 30 e7 Nd7 31 Qf2+ [1-0]

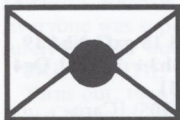
**KEN WORKMAN (1175)--KEN FALKOWSKI (1790)** [Slightly off-beat, A00]: 1 a3 Nf6 2 b4 e6 3 Bb2 b5 4 Nc3 Bb7 5 Nxb5 a5 6 Bxf6 gxf6 7 c3 e5 8 c4 axb4 9 axb4 Bxb4 10 f3 c6 11 Nc3 Bxc3 12 dxc3 Qb6 13 e4 Qe3+ 14 Ne2 Na6 15 Qd6 OO 16 Rd1 Nc5 17 Qd2 Qxd2+ 18 Rxd2 Kc7 19 Ng3 Ra8 20 Be2 Nb3 21 Rd1 Ra2 22 OO Rha8 23 Bd3 Ba6 24 Nh5 Rg8 25 Rf2 Rxf2 26 Kxf2 Rg6 27 f4 Rh6 28 Be2 Nc5 29 Ke3 Ne6 30 f5 Nc5 31 g4 d6 32 h4 d5 33 exd5 Bb7 34 g5 fxc5 35 hxg5 Rd6 36 Nf6 Rd8 37 Bf3 Nd7 38 Nxb7 Rh8 39 g6 fxc6 40 fxc6 Rg8 41 Be4 e5 42 Ng5 Be8 43 Ne6+ Kd6 44 Rf1 Nb6 45 Bd3 Bd7 46 Rf6 Bxe6 47 Rxe6+ Kc7 48 d6+ Kd7 49 Rf6 Kd8 50 Rf7 Ke8 51 Rb7 Nd7 52 Bf5 Rh8 53 Bxd7+ Kd8 54 Rb8+ [1-0]

**ROEMEL KIRKMANBEY (1496)--RANDY MECH (1284)** [Ruy Lopez, C90]: 1 e4 e5 2 Nf3 Nc6 3 Bb5 a6 4 Ba4 Nf6 5 OO Be7 6 Re1 b5 7 Bb3 d6 8 h3 Na5 9 c3 Nxb3 10 axb3 OO 11 d4 Bb7 12 Nbd2 exd4 13 exd4 Re8 14 Qc2 e5 15 d5 Bf8 16 Nf1 h6 17 Ng3 Qe7 18 Nf5 Qd7 19 Bd2 Be8 20 Rad1 Qb7 21 b4 Bxf5 22 exf5 Rxe1+ 23 Bxe1 cxb4 24 Bxb4 Nxd5 25 Qe4 a5 26 Be1 a4 27 Qxd5 Qxd5 28 Rxd5 a3 29 bxa3 Rxa3 30 Rxb5 Ra1 31 Kh2 g5 32 fxc6 fxc6 33 Rb7 h5 34 Rd7 g5 35 Bb4 g4 36 hxg4 hxg4 37 Nh4 Rd1 38 Nf5 d5 39 Rd8 d4 40 Nxd4 Rxd4 41 Rxd4 Bxb4 42 Rxb4 [1-0]

**TED STANULIS (1424)--MIKE DUWECK (1590)** [Queen Pawn, A45]: 1 d4 Nf6 2 e3 e6 3 Bd3 b6 4 Qf3 Nc6 5 Qe2 Bb7 6 Nd2 Be7 7 c3 OO 8 f4 d5 9 Ngf3 Bd6 10 Ne5 Bxe5 11 fxe5 Ne4 12 OO f5 13 exf6 Nxf6 14 e4 dxe4 15 Nxe4 Qd5 16 Nxf6+ Rxf6 17 Rxf6 gxf6 18 Be4 Qd6 19 Bxe6+ Kh8 20 Qg4 Ne7 21 Bf4 Qc6 22 Re1 Ng6 23 Bh6 Re8 24 Re2 Re7 25 h4 Qe8 26 h5 f5 27 Qxf5 [1-0]

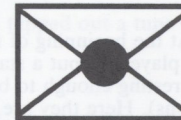
**SCOTT SHALER (1680)--KEN FALKOWSKI (1790)** [English, A17]: 1 e4 Nf6 2 Nc3 e6 3 g3 c6 4 Bg2 Bb4 5 Qe2 d5 6 a3 Be7 7 d3 dxc4 8 dxc4 OO 9 Nf3 b6 10 Bf4 Bb7 11 Rd1 Qe8 12 Ne5 Nh5 13 Bc4 f5 14 Bf3 Nxf4 15 gxf4 Bf6 16 Rd6 Bxe5 17 fxe5 Qf7 18 Qd2 Na6 19 Rd7 Qg6 20 b4 Rab8 21 Kf1 Qe8 22 Rg1 g6 23 Bh5 Rd8 24 Bxg6 hxg6 25 Rxd8 Qxd8 26 Rxc6+ Kf7 27 Qh6 Qe7 28 Rg7+ Ke8 29 Rxe7+ Kxe7 30 Qg7+ Rf7 31 Qg5+ Kf8 32 Qd8+ Kg7 33 Qg5+ Kf8 34 Qh6+ Ke7 35 Qd2 Ne7 36 Qg5+ Kf8 37 Qd8+ Kg7 38 Qg5+ Kf8 39 h4 c5 40 h5 Ne8 41 h5 Rg7 42 Qh6 Kg8 43 Qxe6+ Kf8 44 Qxf5+ Kg8 45 f3 Ne7 46 h6 Rh7 47 Qg5+ Kf7 48 Qf6+ Kg8 [1-0]

**MIKE SOBOCINSKI (1784)--DAVID STOCKMAN (1680)** [Benoni, A45]: 1 d4 Nf6 2 Nc3 e5 3 d5 d6 4 e4 a6 5 Bg5 Nbd7 6 g3 Qa5 7 Bg2 b5 8 a3 g6 9 Nge2 Bg7 10 OO Bb7 11 Qc1 h5 12 Nd1 OO 13 Bd2 Qc7 14 c4 bxc4 15 Qxc4 Nb6 16 Qc2 Nfd7 17 Ba5 Rde8 18 Rc1 e6 19 dxe6 Rxe6 20 Nf4 Re7 21 Nd5 Bxd5 22 exd5 Rhe8 23 Bh3 Qb7 24 Qb3 Nxd5 25 Qxb7+ Kxb7 26 Bh2 Nf6 27 Nc3 Kc6 28 Rfd1 Re5 29 f4 Rf5 30 Bh3 Nxc3 31 Bxc3 Rd5 32 Bg2 [1-0]



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## 1986 MCA Finals

Decker	X	1	0	0	0	0	1	1	=	0	0	3.5
Allen	0	X	0	0	=	0	0	1	1	=	1	4.0
Soper	1	1	X	1	1	0	0	1	1	=	0	7.0
Stefanski	1	1	0	X	=	=	1	1	=	1	1	8.0
Brinks	1	=	0	=	X	=	1	1	=	1	0	6.5
Szczypka	1	1	1	=	=	X	1	1	=	1	1	7.0
Wolfrom	1	1	1	=	=	0	X	1	1	=	0	6.5
DeJongh	0	0	0	0	0	0	X	1	0	0	0	1.0
Mellen	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	X	0	0	0	0.0
Rosenfield	=	=	=	=	=	=	1	1	X	=	=	5.0
Schweikert	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	1	1	=	X	6.5
Jarosz	1	1	0	0	1	1	1	1	1	0	X	6.0

Surprisingly, there have been no new results since the last issue.

Here are crosstables showing a composite of the 1988 MCA preliminary round results to data:

## Section 88MCA-C

Stefanski	X	1	=	1	1	1	1	5.0
Pavlovich	0	X	1	=	1	1	1	4.5
Jones, W.		0	X	0	1	0		1.0
Boes	0	=	1	X	1	=	1	4.0
Jones, A.	0	0	0	0	X	0	0	0.0
Dowling	0	0	1	=	1	X	=	3.0
Good	0	0		0	1	=	X	1.5

## Section 88MCA-1

Smith	X	1	=	1	1	1	1	5.5
Durkee	0	X	1	=	1	1	1	4.5
Raftshol	=	0	X	1	1	1	1	4.5
Carr	0	=	0	X	1	1	1	3.5
Beavers, D.	0	0	0	0	X	=	1	1.5
Fausey	0	0	0	0	=	X	1	1.5
Calton, D.A.	0	0	0	0	0	0	X	0.0

All results in this section are in so this is the final crosstable.

## Section 88MCA-3

Rosenfield	X	1	1	1	=	1	1	5.5
Owens	0	X	1	1	1	1	1	5.0
Bemben	0	0	X	1	1	1	1	4.0
Calton	0	0	0	X	0	0	0	0.0
McCarter	=	0	0	1	X		1	2.5
Boes	0	0	0	1		X	1	2.0
Axeman	0	0	0	1	0	0	X	1.0

In Section 88MCA-2 the finalists are Norm Zemke and Kirk Brinks. The crosstable in the last issue was the final. Norm Zemke continues to lead the tournament with a 6-0 score.

The Section 88MCA-4 final crosstable was in the last issue, with June and Garrison the finalists.

### 1990 MCA Postal Chess Championship

One individual has indicated interest in directing this tournament,

and is being provided with information and a set of rules. He says he'd rather play, but would help out and let the question of whether it is OK for the director to be playing in the tournament become a moot point. We'll start the new tournament as soon as we find out who the finalists are in the 1988 tournament.

### Games

For about the third or fourth time in a few months Dave Wolfrom sends me a game with notes, and again he isn't bragging about a brilliant win but putting effort into reviewing a drawn game. The effort lets him look for a place where he might have found a better move. That's the way you get stronger. Look for Dave to be a top contender in the next MCA postal tournament. His studies for a Ph.D. in anatomy have to cut into time available for chess, but postal games let him choose how the available time will be allotted.

David Wolfrom--Kirk Brinks

1988 MCA Final round

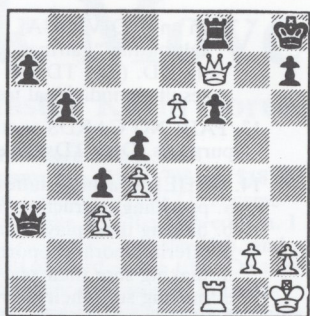
Nimzo-Indian Defense (by transposition) [E49]

Notes by David Wolfrom

**1 d4 Nf6 2 c4 e6 3 e3** [Although there is nothing wrong with this move, it does prematurely limit the scope and development of the white queen's bishop.] **3...d5** [If 3...Bb4+, I was planning on playing 4 Bd2 Be7 5 Nc3 d5 and Black has a good game. Also possible is 3...b6, transposing to a Queen's Indian Defense.] **4 Nc3 Bb4** [Other choices include 4...c5, 4...c6, or 4...Be7. It appears one of the drawbacks of 3 e3 is the many options it gives Black.] **5 a3** [Also good are 5 Bd3 or 5 Nf3.] **5...Bxc3+** [5...Be7 is also playable and probably better. The loss of tempo with Black's king bishop is compensated by the restricted scope of White's queen bishop. By exchanging on c3, Black has allowed White to transpose into a favorable line resembling the Sämisch variation of the King's Indian Defense.] **6 bxc3** [The strategic goals in this position are, for White, to achieve a break in the center by playing such moves as Bd3, Ne2, f3, and eventually e4, and for Black, to restrain White's central break and/or strive for counterplay on the queenside.] **6...OO 7 exd5!** [This move is essential if White is going to follow the strategic plan outlined above. If instead 7 Bd3, Black plays 7...dxc4 8 Bxc4 c5, transposing into a different variation.] **7...exd5 8 Bd3 c5 9 Ne2** [White plays the knight here rather than to f3 in keeping with his plan of achieving a central break by f3 and e4. From e2 the knight is able to go to g3 and help support this central break.] **9...b6** [With the idea of ...Ba6 to trade white-squared bishops.] **10 OO** [Also good is 10 a4 with the idea of Ba3.] **10...Ba6 11 f3** [Also possible is 11 Bxa6 Nxa6 12 Qd3; also 11 Nf4 or 11 Rb1.] **11...Bxd3 12 Qxd3 c4** [With this move, Black announces his intentions of seeking queenside counterplay. Instead, Black could have sought to maintain the central tension by playing 12...Re8 13 Ng3 Nc6. But after 14 Bb2! Black cannot prevent the e4 advance by White.] **13 Qc2 Re8 14 Ng3 Nc6 15 Kh1?!** [The immediate 15 e4 advance is not possible due to 15...dxe4 16 fxe4 Nxd4! However, it seems that 15 Bd2 rather than Kh1 is more accurate.] **15...Na5 16 Bd2 Nb3 17 Rae1 Qd6 18 e4!** [Rather than attempting to protect his a-pawn, White continues with his strategic plan. This is a typical pawn sacrifice in this variation. For further study see the games Botvinnik--Capablanca, AVRO tournament 1938 and Botvinnik--Alexander, Radio Match USSR--Great Britain 1946.] **18...Nxd2** [If 18...Qxa3, then 19 e5 and 20 f4 or 19 Bg5!?] **19 Qxd2 Qxa3 20 e5 Nd7 21 f4** [In return for his pawn, White has achieved his strategic objective and has good kingside attacking possibilities.] **21...Qa4** [I originally thought this was a mistake and that the queen belonged on the black squares, but now I'm not so sure. Also possible is 21...a5.] **22 f5 f6 23 Nh5** [White refrains from 23 Ra1 to avoid driving the black queen to a better square.] **23...Qa3?!** [23...Oc6 looks better, defending d5, e6 and f6. Of course not 23...fxe5 24 Qg5.] **24 Re3!?** [24 Nf4 winning the d-pawn looks strong, but 24...fxe5 25 dxe5 Nxe5 26 Qxd5+ doesn't get White anywhere. I even toyed with the idea of 24 g4!? followed by g5! (Looks great!—CR)] **24...Kh8 25 Rg3** [25 Rfe1!?] **25...Re7 26 e6 Nf8 27 Qf4!** [With the idea of Qg4 followed by a capture at g7 or a sacrifice at f6 with the knight.] **27...Rb7!** [With the idea of ...Qe7 defending both f6 and g7.] **28 Nxc7!?** [White may do better to sac the knight for the OTHER pawn. 28 Nxf6! gxf6 29 Qg4 and to avoid immediate mate Black must return the knight. 29...Nxe6 30 fxe6 29...Nxe6 30 fxe6 and White has a good game.] **28...Rxc7 29 Rxc7 Kxc7 30 Qc7+ Kh8 31 Qf7** [If 31 e7 Re8!] **31...Nxe6 32 fxe6** [32 Qxf6+ Ng7 holds.] **32...Rf8** [If 32...Qf8 33 Qd7 looks best.]

## WHITE TO PLAY

33 Qd7 [White ALMOST has a win here. Seems like there should be a way for White to win this but I can't find one. The try goes 33 e7 Rxf7 34 e8Q+ Qf8 (or 34...Rf8) 35 Qe6 and d5 cannot be defended. White gets a passed d-pawn which rolls. But alas, 34...Kg7 seems to solve the problem. Can you do better? A volume of the "Encyclopedia of



Endgames" for a convincing win!] 33...Rg8! 34 e7? [Better is 34 Qxd5. If then 34...Qb2 35 Qf3! prevents ...Qe2 by Black.] 34...Qb2 35 Qxd5 [If 35 Rg1 Qe2.] 35...Qe2 36 Rg1 Qxe7 37 Qxc4 Qd6 38 Qa6 [1/2]

Here's a game from the prelim round of 88MCA. Dave Durkee will be a finalist, and gives us some insights into his style of play.

David Durkee--Donald Beavers  
1988 MCA Preliminary Round, Section 1  
Nimzo-Indian Defense [E50]  
Notes by David Durkee

1 d4 Nf6 2 c4 e6 3 Nc3 Bb4 4 e3 OO 5 Nf3 Ne4 [Leaving the book early. The move almost universally played here is 5...d5.] 6 Qc2 d5 7 a3 Bxc3+ 8 bxc3 c5 9 cxd5 exd5 10 Bd3 f5 11 c4 Be6 12 Ne5 [Perhaps it is better to simply castle here; c4 is adequately defended.] 12...Nd7 13 Nxd7 Qxd7 14 OO cxd4 15 exd4 Rac8 16 c5 b6 17 f3 Nd6 18 Qf2?! [Better is 18 Be3. The text gives Black a chance to seize the advantage.] 18...bxc5 19 dxc5 Nc4 [19...Ne4! 20 fxe4 fxe4 21 Qe3 (or Qd4) exd3 and c5 is likely to fall when White takes d3.] 20 Rd1 Qe7 21 Bxc4 [Sent "if" move (if 21...dxc4 then 22 Rd6), intending then Bf4, Re1 etc. If 22...Rf6 then 23 Bg5. If 22...Qf6, then 23 Bb2.] dxc4 22 Rd6 Rb8? [Either a positional mistake or a misprint (22...Rd8, perhaps?)] 23 Bf4 [A smokescreen! The threat is Re1 although Qd4-Be5 is good also.] 23...Rb3 24 Ra6 [Still threatening Re1 (which could have been played at once), along with either Bd6 or c6. If 24...Bc8, then Ra6-c6-c7.] 24...Rf7 25 Re1 [Exciting! If 25...Bc8! then 26 Rxe7 Rxe7 27 Qh4 up material with a won game for White.] 25...Rf6 [Loses at least the exchange, but Black has no choice. Now White brings pressure from all over.] 26 Bg5 Qb7 [The least of the evils.] 27 R6xe6 Rxe6 28 Rxe6 Rb2 [28...Rb1+ or 28...Qd7 may be better.] 29 Re2 [If 29 c3 then Qe3 30 Rxe2 Qxe2 31 Qb2 Qc4+, then push the c-pawn.] 29...Rb1 [Expected.] 30 Re1 h6 31 Be7 c3 [The trap is sprung!] 32 Qa2 [Black's 5 possible moves all lose. If 32...Rb3 then 33 Rb1, or if 32...Qb3 or 32...Kh8, then 33 Qxb1] 32 1-0. [In retrospect Black still has a little play with 32...Rb3 33 Rb1 c2! 34 Rc1 Qd5! but 35 Qxc2 should allow White to win easily.]

## I MADE IT!

Just before sending in this column, your postal editor received official notification that she will be a finalist in the 5th Ladies' World Championship Finals. The preliminary round had five sections of 13 players each, with the top two in each section qualifying for the finals. That makes 10 qualifiers. In addition there will be seeded players, including the past Ladies' World Champions. It sounds like about 15 players, mostly Russians. So, after over 5 years of a preliminary round the finals are getting close. Surely the games in the finals will be more difficult than the games in the first round. I am honored that for the first time the U.S. has a representative in the final round of this event, and promise to do my best. I'd expect the finals to last about 7 years, so there won't be any announcements about game results for a long time. I get to dream that by the turn of the century the Ladies' World Correspondence Chess Champion will be an American. Previous champions have been three Russians and a Russian expatriate who played for Israel.

The good wishes received from many people during the preliminary round were much appreciated. I feel your support, and that support helps me keep the discipline to take one more look at the position before mailing that move. Please continue to wish me well!

## ILYA GUREVICH WINS WORLD JUNIOR

## USCF News Release

Eighteen-year-old Ilya Gurevich of Worcester, Mass., has won the 1990 World Junior Championship. This Swiss System event drew 58 of the world's top junior players under age 20 to Santiago, Chile, August 16-31.

Gurevich, a World Chess Federation (FIDE) master and current U.S. Junior Champion, scored 10.5 points out of 13 to tie Soviet Grandmaster Aleksci Shirov for first place, a full point ahead of the rest of the field. Gurevich, pre-tournament ranked at 11th (FIDE rating 2410) not only defeated top-ranked Shirov (2580) in their key 7th-round encounter, but also beat him out on tie-breaks to come away with the title. Most surprising was Gurevich's 3.5 point score against the 4-player Soviet contingent: GM Shirov, International Masters Vladimir Akopian (2535) and Mikhail Ulybin (2460), and untitled Boris Alterman (2400). Gurevich was the only undefeated player in this event, finishing with eight wins and five draws.

By virtue of his excellent result, Gurevich will be awarded the prestigious **International Master** title when the FIDE Congress convenes November 22 in Novi Sad, Yugoslavia.

The United States second representative in this event, IM Alex Sherzer of Fallston, Maryland, tied for 13th place with 7.5 points (6 wins, 4 losses and 3 draws). FIDE allowed Sherzer to participate in this event because he was unable to attend the 1989 event held in Colombia.

The United States also sent Jessica Ambats of New York to participate in the Girl's Junior Championship. Jessica placed 27th with a score of 6-7. The winner of that event was Ketino Kakhiani of the Soviet Union, with 10.5 points.

Saitek Industries proudly sponsored the American representatives to the 1990 World Junior Chess Championship. Saitek, maker of the new Corona and Prisma chess computers, is a strong supporter of junior chess programs in the United States. As Saitek puts it, "The future of American chess lies within its youth."

Following are the top finishers in this event:

1	Ilya Gurevich	FM	2415	USA	10.5
2	Aleksci Shirov	GM	2580	USR	10.5
3	Vladimir Akopian	IM	2535	USR	9.5
4	Mikhail Ulybin	IM	2460	USR	8.5
5	Christopher Lutz	IM	2445	FRG	8.5
6	Yona Kosashvili	FM	2455	ISL	8.5
7	Carlomagno Oblitas	---	---	PER	8.5
8	Dominik Pedzich	---	2415	POL	8.0
9	George Grigore	FM	2380	ROM	8.0
10	Boris Alterman	---	2400	USR	8.0
11	Jacek Gdanski	IM	2420	POL	8.0
12	Gilberto Hernandez	FM	2530	MEX	8.0
13	Konst. Moutousis	FM	2395	GRC	7.5
14	Andres Rodriguez	IM	2365	URU	7.5
15	Alex Sherzer	IM	2440	USA	7.5
16	Martin Borriss	---	2280	DDR	7.5
17	Rune Djurhuus	IM	2405	NOR	7.5

Editor's note: although the news release doesn't mention it, Ilya Gurevich's triumph marks the fifth time that an American has won this important international tournament. Previous winners were William Lombardy, Mark Diesen, Yasser Seirawan, and Maxim Dlugy.

# SCHOLASTICS COLUMN

by Jim Mikus

Over the summer, we made plans for the MCA Scholastics tournaments. All have sites now as Mike Skidmore offered Kearsley High School for the Junior. Thanks to all the hosts!

Only a little scholastic chess was played this summer. Besides Jenny Skidmore's trip to the World Junior Championship, Vadim Tsemekhman, Michigan's Junior Champion, represented MCA in the 1990 Arnold Denker Tournament of High School Champions held in conjunction with the U.S. Open in Jacksonville. We don't have details, (*Yes, we do: see page 16—Editor*) but he scored 3.5 out of 5. Good going, Vadim.

At last year's scholastic tournaments, several coaches asked me about the proprieties of various situations. To help everyone understand the "do's and don'ts" for coaches, observers, and players, MCA has adopted these guidelines. Our intention is to use them starting this winter. Please make copies for your parent-assistants as well as your players. Familiarity with these guidelines will help prevent awkward and embarrassing situations from occurring. I hope you will agree that following these guidelines will place the outcome of a chess game where it belongs—in the hands of the two players.

## A CODE OF CONDUCT FOR MCA SCHOLASTIC CHESS TOURNAMENTS

Coaching Responsibility is extremely limited on the floor (that is, in the tournament room during tournament games).

NOTE: In this discussion, 'COACH' also refers to 'PARENTS' acting as supervisors and observers at a scholastic chess tournament and other 'SPECTATORS' (other than tournament officials).

Here are some of the "do's" and "don'ts" of coaches and players on the floor:

1. Once a game is in progress, a coach can never interrupt it for any reason. Only tournament directors and their assistants may intervene.
2. If a coach notices a player playing the wrong opponent, he should immediately notify the tournament director (TD).
3. If a coach observes an illegal move, he is to say or do absolutely nothing, as it is the responsibility of the players to bring violations to the attention of the TD.
4. If a coach sees a player's hand raised, he should immediately summon a TD. He should NEVER try to directly assist any player.
5. If a coach observes that a player has over-stepped his time limit, he should say or do absolutely nothing, as only the players can make time-violation claims.
6. Once a tournament game has started, a coach should talk to his players ONLY in the presence of the TD.
7. Spectators (and coaches) should
  - a. Stand *behind* their players (or in the aisle) so as to avoid eye contact.
  - b. not touch the table or chairs the players are using.
  - c. remain outside a "radius of distraction".
8. Players may leave their games for short periods. They should inform their opponents if they will be gone for an extended time. While absent from his game, a player must not consult any chess books, diagrams, or analysis. He should not discuss his game (while in progress) with anyone else.
9. Players, coaches, spectators, and TDs may be prohibited from bringing food or drink into the tournament rooms. All MCA tournaments are non-smoking.
10. After the conclusion of a tournament, if a coach notices that a prize was incorrectly awarded, he should bring this to the attention of the TD ONLY.
11. WALLCHARTS show the pre-tournament ranking of the players, their ratings, their round-by-round results and other pertinent information. Only tournament officials can record information on these charts. Coaches or players should NEVER write on them.
12. Coaches should make sure their players' results are reported.
  - a. In TEAM tournaments, this means to record the result on the "Team Card" at the playing table.

b. In an INDIVIDUAL tournament, this means to record the result on the "Pairings Sheet" or report the result of the game to the TD. (The TD will instruct players on how to report their results in individual tournaments.)

13. PAIRING CARDS contain tournament results used for pairing purposes. Only TDs have access to these cards.
14. OTHER coaching duties include:
  - a. providing instruction for their players before and after rounds
  - b. helping their players find their pairings and boards
  - c. offering moral support to their players
  - d. making sure their players stay out of trouble
  - e. making sure their players exhibit good sportsmanship
  - f. helping maintain proper order throughout the tournament site

As many of you know, this ends my stint as MCA Scholastics Director. It was an exciting year for me! I want to thank everyone who pitched in. The scholastics program will now be coordinated by Mike Skidmore.

## CHESS IN THE MACCABI YOUTH GAMES

by Dr. Warren W. Cowan

During the week of August 19-26, the Detroit area was host to the Maccabi Youth Games which were named after the ancient Jewish hero Judas Maccabee who defeated the Romans in Biblical days. The games, held every year in a different part of the world, are for teenagers 13-14 & 15-16, and include mostly physical sports such as basketball, soccer, track, golf, tennis and many others. 2,200 athletes from all over the world competed. This year marked the first time that chess was included.

The chess competition was held at the Jewish Community Center in West Bloomfield. Twenty players participated, including eight from Lithuania, two from Israel, two from Canada, one from Australia, and seven from the United States. Detroiters were William Shutman, Michael Topor, Gregory Khaykin, William Calton, and Vadim Tsemekhman. They were coached by Ron Finegold. Warren Cowan was Tournament Director, ably assisted by Sylvester Robes, William Henkin, David Lipshutz and Jerry Teper.

The biggest winner was Vadim Tsemekhman, 15 years old, now living in Southfield but formerly from the Soviet Union. He won a gold medal for a 6-0 finish in the three day, six game tournament, and also a gold for the one day speed chess tournament. Daniel Benjamin, a cousin of GM Joel Benjamin, walked off with the 13-14 year-old tournament, also 6-0. He came in third in the speed chess tournament for a bronze medal. Other medals in these events went mostly to the Lithuanians.

On the last day, a simultaneous exhibition was held with IM Leonid Basin and NM Fred Lindsay each playing 10 contestants. Youriy Shidlovsky from Lithuania won a gold medal for his win over Lindsay. There were three silver medals for draws by the Lithuanians.

It was an exciting event and successful enough to be included in Maccabi games of the future.

## FAMOUS OCTOBER CHESS BIRTHDAYS

Akiba Rubinstein (12th)  
 Reuben Fine (11th)  
 Jonathan Spelman (2nd)  
 Oldrich Duras (30th)  
 Rafael Vaganian (15th)  
 Ossip Bernstein (2nd)  
 Arthur Bisguier (8th)  
 Victor Palciauskas (3rd)  
 Vadim Tsemekhman (2nd)

# The Book Move

book review by Life Master Kevin Noren

*Modern Chess Openings, 13th ed.* Walter Korn editor, Nick deFirmian, reviser. David McKay Company, Inc., 1990. 708 pp. \$18.95.

I must admit that after *Batsford Chess Openings II* (BCO II) came out, I wondered if good old MCO would make it to the 13th edition. I did not purchase the 12th edition because I did not like the 11th, and many rightly felt that that edition was not as good as the 10th. On top of this it had to compete with BCO, which not only packed in more analysis per page, but in Raymond Keene and Gary Kasparov certainly had more illustrious authors. The number of specialized opening works had also proliferated enormously over the last fifteen years or so.

Happily, the MCO tradition continues with what is probably its best edition since 1939. That was the year of the 6th edition which was revised (actually redone) by Reuben Fine. That edition and the 10th, revised by Larry Evans, were undoubtedly the ones that generated the most praise. With this 13th edition, Walter Korn had the good sense to enlist the the help of U.S. Grandmaster Nick deFirmian (and a number of U.S. Masters making smaller contributions) instead of doing it all by himself. The result is a very substantial increase of material, which is made more concise and simpler by finally switching to algebraic notation.

Before going any further, I would like to raise the question of just what place in chess literature the single-volume opening reference work occupies. The massive amounts of books on openings, continuously expanding, would seem to render such works superfluous.

Paradoxically, this prodigious preponderance of pages makes the single-volume work an even greater necessity. While in past years MCO may have been the tournament player's only source of opening analysis, it can now be used as a guide through the confusing morass of opening theory. I myself use it to find what the main lines of an opening are without having to weed out a lot of other material. This can be a good starting point for learning a new opening by getting some basic ideas before moving on to the more specialized works.

Some other advantages of the single-volume reference: it covers all of the openings; it's cheaper than *Encyclopedia of Chess Openings* (ECO); it's easier to take to the beach, a picnic, or a tournament; and it's easier to find things in. Weigh all this against its one disadvantage, that it obviously cannot provide the most extensive coverage of every opening, and it would appear to be a worthwhile investment.

If you have only one book on openings, it should be MCO . . . or BCO. Which brings us to the next topic: how do they compare? Suffice to say, I did not go through every variation with a fine-toothed comb. But I can make a few observations.

It is very difficult to determine which book really has more analysis. MCO has almost 300 more pages than BCO, but on the other hand BCO packs in quite a bit more analysis per page. In openings that I am particularly familiar with, I would usually find a little bit more in BCO. Sometimes they quote the same games, but more often the case will be that one has just a little something that the other doesn't.

There are some differences in the layouts, but both books appear about equally readable. I am sticking my neck out in saying this and may be proven completely wrong, but I think that BCO may have more typos. The biggest difference in style is that MCO maintains, as Walter Korn puts it, its more "articulate" style, often using words to evaluate a position rather than just symbols. Sometimes these assessments are concise and instructive, but often they will be something like "White has a slight advantage," which says no more than "±". Still, some readers may find it refreshing to see the reams of analysis broken up by a little prose here and there.

Then there is the question of quality of analysis. BCO has the magic name of Kasparov. You can never be sure if it is Keene or Kasparov assessing a position, but Keene is a highly respected theoretician with many opening books to his credit. I am certainly a much weaker player than either Kasparov, Keene, or deFirmian, but I can tell readers this much: evaluations of positions in opening books do not really vary that much. They often quote games and analysis from the same sources, and sometimes it's just not that difficult to see who has the advantage. I don't think that readers should really worry about this too much because it is perhaps most important how you evaluate the position. The books may say "±" or "±", but do you agree? Are you willing to play the position in a tournament game? These are questions to ask yourself when studying openings. You may disagree with an assessment about a position and then get punished for it in a game, but then you will have learned something. Or you may turn out to be right! Grandmasters have been wrong before, and the sands of opening theory are constantly shifting.

In conclusion, whether you prefer MCO or BCO is largely a matter

of taste. If you have only a few or no books on openings, I think MCO might prove less confusing. On the other hand, I find myself picking up the BCO more frequently. Perhaps that is because I subconsciously "trust" it more because of the Kasparov name. Or perhaps it is because it fits into my hand more easily.

*Mastering the King's Indian Defense with the Read and Play Method* by Robert Bellin and Pietro Ponzetto. MacMillan Publishing Company, 1990. 204 pp. \$14.95.

There has lately been a resurgence of interest in the King's Indian Defense, undoubtedly due in no small part to Gary Kasparov's frequent use of it in the last couple years. With this resurgence has also come a resurgence of, well, books on the King's Indian!

A new one which is particularly interesting is *Mastering the King's Indian Defense* by Robert Bellin and Pietro Ponzetto. Books on openings tend to be detailed reference works, practical "repertoire" books, or books that explain opening ideas. Some readers may be familiar with titles like "How to Play the Sicilian Defense" or "How to Play the Nimzo-Indian" which fall into the last category. I think that books of this type can be quite instructive, even for a Master taking up an opening for the first time.

Our subject for review attempts to take this approach a step (or maybe even two) further. In the preface the authors explain their "Read and Play" method by which they hope the reader can follow the greater part of the text without a chessboard.

Instead of taking the usual approach by devoting a chapter to each variation (e.g., the Fianchetto Variation, or the Sämisch Variation), the authors classify the chapters according to the type of central pawn formation. The authors explain, ". . . we have been guided by the principle that once the central pawns have assumed a stable configuration there exists a greater strategic and tactical affinity between diverse variations with the same central pawn structure than between different lines of the same variation which lead to different pawn structures." What they mean by this is that some lines in the Sämisch Variation may have more in common with, say, the Classical Variation than other lines stemming from the Sämisch. Hence, the chapter entitled "The Petrosian Centre" looks at some positions which did not actually arise from the Petrosian Variation.

In each chapter a number of diagrams are discussed with typical strategic and tactical motifs pointed out. At times this may seem too abstract because the reader may not know how the positions (and sometimes skeletal positions, with pieces omitted to delineate the pawn structure) came about. The reader may get a more coherent picture from the one or two illustrative games at the end of each chapter.

The aspect of this book that I find the most valuable is its pithiness: it is far more packed with ideas and themes than any other book of opening instruction I have ever seen. I found themes in here that I had to learn "the hard way" (from White and Black sides), through experience. Books with less attention given to fine points will sometimes take a position like the one arising after the moves **1 d4 Nf6 2 c4 g6 3 Nc3 Bg7 4 e4 d6 5 Nf3 O-O 6 Be2 e5 7 O-O Nc6 8 d5 Ne7** and sum it up by saying something like, "White will advance on the queenside, Black will advance on the kingside", an assessment which reveals far too little.

The authors admit that it would be impossible to examine all types of King's Indian positions, but the variety of positions they do look at is remarkably extensive. The discussions of these positions are minutely detailed, pointing out the most subtle nuances and showing how sometimes very similar-looking positions contain their own idiosyncrasies. This book is so teeming with instruction that even a player without any interest in the King's Indian could gain some valuable insights into chess strategy.

Bent Larsen wrote in his chapter in the modern classic *How to Open a Chess Game*, ". . . if you know only 'the ideas behind the openings' and your opponent knows the ideas and a lot of variations, he is likely to beat you." The King's Indian is an opening in which you can get into trouble quickly if you don't do your homework. The illustrative games in *Mastering the King's Indian Defense* provide a fair amount of opening analysis. The authors suggest in the preface that strong players use this book in conjunction with other books, but I would actually recommend this course to any class of player. An average tournament player could certainly find the moves in a more standard reference work easier to comprehend when used with our review book.

The authors of the excellent *Test Your Positional Play* have produced another refreshingly innovative work in *Mastering the King's Indian Defense*. It is obvious from every page that a considerable amount of thought has gone into this book. The authors have not only displayed great diligence in presenting such a wide variety of ideas, but they have succeeded in expressing these ideas in an unusually lucid fashion as well. It is essential reading for anyone who plays 1 d4 with White, the King's Indian with Black, or is contemplating doing either.

Too many chess books are written that simply repeat games and

analysis from other sources, serving up streams of moves with little or no attempt to explain why they are played. Such books leave readers feeling discouraged and possibly blaming themselves (rather than lazy authors) for their lack of ability to understand. The presence of so many such books makes a sincere effort like *Mastering the King's Indian Defense* stand out all the more vividly.

## TWO TIE FOR TOP IN TRENTON Trenton Action Swiss

August 18, 1990

TD: Don Ruark

1 Paul Poschel, Ypsilanti	2308/2317	W16	W11	W 6	W 4	D 2	4.5
2 Steve Andrews, Livonia	2168/2190	W24	W26	W13	W 5	D 1	4.5
3 Robin Cunningham, Ann Arbor	2281/2278	W18	L13	W 8	W 7	W10	4.0
4 Salah Chehayeb, Troy	2153/2158	W28	W12	W15	L 1	W11	4.0
5 Faris Jirjis, Romulus	2106/2107	W30	W22	W14	L 2	W13	4.0
6 Reynaldo Santiago, Ann Arbor	2002/2020	W36	W27	L 1	W21	W12	4.0
7 Dexter Thompson, Detroit	2305/2295	W17	D 8	W23	L 3	W14	3.5
8 Gary Schweikert, Jackson	1891/1923	W33	D 7	L 3	W29	W20	3.5
9 Gene Hickey, Clio	2005/1967	W19	L15	L18	W31	W22	3.0
10 Dragan Vukotic, Ann Arbor	1989/1971	W31	L14	W28	W15	L 3	3.0
11 Don Darbro, St. Clair Shores	1944/1942	W37	L 1	W19	W27	L 4	3.0
12 Ray Garrison, Lansing	1843/1842	W38	L 4	W25	W23	L 6	3.0
13 James Stockham, Jackson	1800/1833	W42	W 3	L 2	W18	L 5	3.0
14 James Lewis, Southgate	1797/1840	W29	W10	L 5	W26	L 7	3.0
15 Mike Sobocinski, Okemos	1761/1783	W34	W 9	L 4	L10	W30	3.0
16 Allan Foord, Garden City	1680/1684	L 1	L21	W35	W32	W29	3.0
17 Vasik Rajlich, Ann Arbor	1677/1663	L 7	W35	L29	W36	W34	3.0
18 Connie Anderson, Clio	1672/1717	L 3	W33	W 9	L13	W26	3.0
19 Thomas Hayes	1441/1477	L 9	W34	L11	W41	W27	3.0
20 William Wright, Toledo OH	1930/1930	W32	L23	W30	D22	L 8	2.5
21 Toshio Imai, East Lansing	1812/1792	D35	W16	1/2	L 6	D24	2.5
22 Mike A. Smith, Monroe	1794/1790	W39	L 5	W41	D20	L 9	2.5
23 William Fleming, Toledo OH	1702/1706	W41	W20	L 7	L12	D25	2.5
24 Scott Saulmon, Davison	1632/1620	L 2	L25	W33	W39	D21	2.5
25 William Ladomer, Trenton	1378/1437	L26	W24	L12	W28	D23	2.5
26 Olaf Haakonstad, Ann Arbor	1906/1857	W25	L 2	W31	L14	L18	2.0
27 Robert McCarter, Ann Arbor	1705/1705	W40	L 6	W39	L11	L19	2.0
28 David Randel, Farmington Hills	1649/1618	L 4	W42	L10	L25	W37	2.0
29 V. Ponomaronko, Ann Arbor	1507/1521	L14	W37	W17	L 8	L16	2.0
30 Harvey Venia, Union Lake	1464/1466	L 5	W38	L20	W40	L15	2.0
31 Chris Borhani-Azar, Monroe	1397/1408	L10	W40	L26	L 9	W39	2.0
32 Byron Berger	1385/1360	L20	L41	W38	L16	W40	2.0
33 Neil Sanborn, Monroe	1322/1332	L 8	L18	L24	W38	W41	2.0
34 Jason A. Clark, Monroe	1218/1244	L15	L19	W37	W35	L17	2.0
35 William Todd Dyer, Monroe	1223/1231	D21	L17	L16	L34	W42	1.5
36 Dennis Smekert, Ann Arbor	1406/1383	L 6	L39	W42	L17	---	1.0
37 Nicolas Salomon, Rochester Hls	1356/1306	L11	L29	L34	W42	L28	1.0
38 Jeremy Cooper	1248/1173	L12	L30	L32	L33	BYE	1.0
39 Matthew Venia, Union Lake	1228/1236	L22	W36	L27	L24	L31	1.0
40 Glenn Overby, Detroit	1212/1154	L27	L31	BYE	L30	L32	1.0
41 Benjamin Salomon, Rochstr Hls	1082/1183	L23	W32	L22	L19	L33	1.0
42 Brian Blaser	1260/1182	L13	L28	L36	L37	L35	0.0

There have been debates all over about the suitability of action chess, and whether it should be rated in the same way as "normal" chess. Personally, your Editor feels that there should be different rating systems for *all* different time controls—I just might be the state champion at 36/87 followed by SD/33. If one speed makes such a difference, so does any speed.

I also feel that action chess actually makes knowledge of the endgame *more* important, as you don't have the time to figure out endings at the board. Twice this year, I've seen Masters unable to mate with king, bishop and knight against king in action chess. Having knowledge of the endgames is quite an advantage, provided, of course, that the game gets that far.

So what does all this have to do with the August Trenton Action Swiss? Little, maybe, except to point out that Dr. Paul Poschel has been doing very well in these fast events, where you might think that youth would dominate. Seems that experience means a great deal after all in action chess!

In this event, a last round draw with Steve Andrews left Poschel in a tie for the first and second prizes. Following, with 4.0, were one Master (Robin Cunningham) and three Experts (Salah Chehayeb, Faris Jirjis, and Rey Santiago). Dexter Thompson, who had long terrorized these events, continued a bad spell with only 3.5 points, drawing A-player Gary Schweikert and losing to Cunningham.

As we had only the USCF crosstable to judge from, we can't give you all the prizewinners. The big gainer for the day seems to have been William Ladomer, who picked up 59 points by going 2.5/3.0 versus B-players.

Not much of a story. I'll just close by saying that I would expect action chess to be a better barometer of a player's strength. Psychological studies have shown that one difference between stronger and weaker players is the speed at which they find the best move; hence, faster chess would seem to favor the stronger players. Then again, I publicly predicted that Cecil Fielder wouldn't hit 30 home runs.

## MARKETING COMMITTEE WANTS YOU!

by Mark Pontoni, Chair

Building the membership of MCA will be the top priority of the Marketing Committee over the next several months. We're looking for your help in promoting the organization and in gaining new members. Each MCA member has a stake in adding to our size, as more members means more tournaments, more players and higher purses.

The Committee has begun establishing contacts with newspapers throughout Michigan in an attempt to publicize upcoming tournaments and their outcomes. We expect to have regular listings in every market in the state. We are also planning our campaign for the US Open which will include electronic media in addition to newspapers.

In September we will be using a direct mail campaign to contact former members of MCA and USCF and ask them to rejoin the organization. Over 3000 people in Michigan have dropped USCF and/or MCA membership in the last five years. We aim to get those folks back.

Here is how you can help. In each issue of *Michigan Chess*, the Committee will update the membership on our marketing activities. There will be an opportunity for you to participate either by supplying information, contributing ideas or making contacts in your community.

This month we have three challenges for the membership. First, in cooperation with the direct mail campaign, if you know a former MCA or USCF member, ask them in October if they received our letter. Urge them to rejoin us and let us know if they didn't get our letter. If they've moved, we may have had trouble reaching them.

Second, we're looking for contacts in the newspaper industry. One of our long-range goals is to have a weekly chess column and we'll need help from within the industry to get a project like that started. If you work on a newspaper or know of someone we can talk to, please call or write to let us know.

Finally, we're asking all MCA members to find one friend to join us. A co-worker, brother, sister, mother, father, son, daughter, fellow church member, neighbor, etc., makes an excellent prospective MCA member. Don Ruark suggests getting your worst enemy to join MCA and then taking your aggression out against him/her over the chess board. What's your ex-wife up to anyway?

MCA can grow if enough people make the effort to bring in new members. Suggestions and comments on marketing ideas should be directed to:

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## OH, BY THE WAY...

While you're recruiting all those new MCA members, don't forget about yourself. Check your mailing label, and renew by sending proper monetary values to:

Tim Sawmiller  
MCA Membership Secretary  
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# CHESS SOUTH OF THE BORDER

## Toledo Action

June 9

TD: Gary Gaiffe

1	<b>Dexter Thompson</b>	2383/2386	W25	W23	W 4	W 2	W 3	W 5	6.0
2	<b>Lineas Baze</b>	2089/2098	W 8	W20	W 5	L 1	W 6	W 4	5.0
3	<b>Gregg Stark</b>	2024/2032	W14	W28	W12	D13	L 1	W11	4.5
4	<b>David Moody</b>	2043/2045	W21	W 6	L 1	W 8	W13	L 2	4.0
5	Gary Sikon	2014/2017	W16	W24	L 2	W10	W 7	L 1	4.0
6	Timothy Powell	1811/1824	W11	L 4	W24	W12	L 2	W19	4.0
7	Tom Harris	2138/2136	W11	L 4	W24	W12	L 2	W19	4.0
8	William Gorham	1794/1802	L 2	W16	W26	L 4	W23	W12	4.0
9	William Wright	2030/2026	W19	D13	L 7	D11	D10	W14	3.5
10	Jeff Flynn	1783/1788	L12	W22	W28	L 5	D 9	W20	3.5
11	Thomas Britt	2229/2217	L 6	D 7	W17	D 9	W14	L 3	3.0
12	Gary Gaiffe	2089/2075	W10	W18	L 3	L 6	W25	L 8	3.0
13	<b>Gary Schweikert</b>	1837/1842	W29	D 9	W15	D 3	L 4	L 7	3.0
14	Nick Barshay	1584/1602	L 3	W25	W18	W23	L11	L 9	3.0
15	Tom Lucero	1852/1840	L24	W17	L13	W16	L19	W21	3.0
16	Joseph Kramer	0/1706	L 5	L 8	W29	L15	W22	W23	3.0
17	<b>Helio Rincon</b>	1809/1808	D 7	L15	L11	W29	D18	W26	3.0
18	<b>Jim Anderson</b>	1846/1834	W26	L12	L14	D22	D17	W24	3.0
19	Tony Torio	1630/1631	L 9	W29	L20	W28	W15	L 6	3.0
20	Tom Broyles	1841/1834	W27	L 2	W19	L 7	D21	L10	2.5
21	Jeff Schmoltd	1776/1769	L 4	W27	L23	W26	D20	L15	2.5
22	Douglas Weaver	1420/1422	L23	L10	BYE	D18	L16	W28	2.5
23	<b>James Stockham</b>	1854/1846	W22	L 1	W21	L14	L 8	L16	2.0
24	William Briggs	1297/1303	W15	L 5	L 6	L25	W27	L18	2.0
25	<b>Don Ifill</b>	1834/1826	L 1	L14	W27	W24	L12	---	2.0
26	Jim Roberts	1183/1184	L18	BYE	L 8	L21	W28	L17	2.0
27	Armond Hamburg	0/1287	L20	L21	L25	BYE	L24	W29	2.0
28	Dave Roberts	1053/1049	BYE	L 3	L10	L19	L26	L22	1.0
29	Ryan Mininger	0/1358	L13	L19	L16	L17	BYE	L27	1.0

[Michigan players in bold type]

## Toledo Swiss

August 11

TD: Gary Gaiffe

1	<b>Mark Finegold</b>	2242/2244	W 4	W 3	D 2	W 5	3.5	\$17.50
2	<b>Victor Repkin</b>	2126/2141	W 6	W 8	D 1	W 3	3.5	\$17.50
3	William Wright	1958/1953	W13	L 1	W 9	L 2	2.0	
4	<b>David Stockman</b>	1680/1701	L 1	W 9	W 8	L 6	2.0	\$ 4.40
5	<b>Helio Rincon</b>	1768/1772	W11	L 7	W 6	L 1	2.0	\$ 4.40
6	Brad Tanner	1585/1604	L 2	W14	L 5	W 4	2.0	\$ 4.40
7	Gary Gaiffe	2075/2081	W10	W 5	---	---	2.0	
8	Nick Santus	1870/1846	W14	L 2	L 4	W13	2.0	
9	Jeff Flynn	1746/1723	W15	L 4	L 3	W14	2.0	\$ 4.40
10	Clifford Corley	1532/1522	L 7	L11	W13	W15	2.0	\$ 4.40
11	Bill Briggs	1350/1371	L 5	W10	1/2	---	1.5	\$ 9.00
12	Alfred Carr	1356/1356	---	1/2	L15	W16	1.5	\$ 4.50
13	Dan Moyer	1521/1499	L 3	W15	L10	L 8	1.0	
14	Jeff Elliott	1414/1399	L 8	L 6	W16	L 9	1.0	
15	Martin Chong	0/1338	L 9	L13	W12	L10	1.0	
16	Terri Hoffman	0/ 985	---	1/2	L14	L12	0.5	

## Glass City Sectionals

August 25

TD: Al Carr

Octagon 1									
1	<b>Mark Finegold</b>	2240/2252	D5	W6	W3	2.5	\$40.00		
2	<b>Faris Jirjis</b>	2094/2110	W4	L3	W5	2.0	\$ 6.67		
3	<b>Dexter Thompson</b>	2318/2312	W8	W2	L1	2.0	\$ 6.67		
4	John Pokrzywa	1997/2028	L2	W8	W7	2.0	\$ 6.67		
5	<b>Frank LaMar</b>	2010/2031	D1	W7	L2	1.5			
6	<b>Dragan Vukotic</b>	1989/1991	D7	L1	BYE	1.5			
7	Randy Andrews	2201/2158	D6	L5	L4	0.5			
8	<b>Paul Bauerle</b>	2057/2032	L3	L4	---	0.0			
Octagon 2									
1	<b>Jim Owens</b>	1958/1991	W6	W7	W4	3.0	\$40.00		
2	Nick Santus	1870/1878	W3	L4	W6	2.0	\$10.00		
3	<b>Tom Boldrick</b>	1683/1708	L2	W8	W7	2.0	\$10.00		
4	William Wright	1958/1945	D5	W2	L1	1.5			
5	Jeff Flynn	1746/1750	D4	L6	W8	1.5			
6	John Brandeberry	1784/1777	L1	W5	L2	1.0			
7	<b>Mike A. Smith</b>	1797/1774	W8	L1	L3	1.0			
8	<b>David Randel</b>	1604/1573	L7	L3	L5	0.0			
Octagon 3									
1	<b>Jack Choyke</b>	1583/1595	D2	W4	W3	2.5	\$30.00		
2	William Briggs	1350/1408	D1	W7	W6	2.5	\$30.00		
3	<b>Michael Venia</b>	1530/1539	W8	W6	L1	2.0			
4	David LeGates	1389/1402	W7	L1	D5	1.5			
5	Armond Hamburg	1323/1334	L6	W8	D4	1.5			
6	Daniel N. Moyer	1521/1489	W5	L3	L2	1.0			
7	Bradford J. Tanner	1585/1509	L4	L2	L8	0.0			
8	<b>Ryan Houston</b>	1327/1297	L3	L5	L7	0.0			
Section 4—Hexagon									
1	<b>William Ladomer</b>	1315/1356	W4	W2	W5	3.0	\$25.00		
2	John Suess	1296/1300	W3	L1	W6	2.0	\$ 7.50		
3	Jay Babka	1182/1202	L2	W6	W4	2.0	\$ 7.50		
4	<b>Matthew Venia</b>	1226/1213	L1	W5	L3	1.0			
5	Mike Pokrzywa	1269/1247	W6	L4	L1	1.0			
6	<b>Brad Ashman</b>	1135/1101	L5	L3	L2	0.0			



Michigan newcomer Victor Repkin (left) is one of several Michiganders who have done well recently in the Glass City; he tied for first in the August 11 Swiss. [photo: Eric Butler]

# LANSING MINIS HEAT UP IN SUMMER

## Lansing Mini Swiss

July 8, 1990

TD: David Moody

1	Lineas Baze, Jackson	2072/2101	D 8	W 2	W 3	2.5	1st \$50
2	Vincent J. Brattin, Belleville	1932/1967	W 4	L 1	W 5	2.0	=2nd \$8.33
3	Kevin Czuhai, Grand Rapids	2294/2284	W 6	W 5	L 1	2.0	=2nd \$8.33
4	Faris Jirjis, Romulus	2094/2092	L 2	W 8	W 6	2.0	=2nd \$8.33
5	Frank Helle, Fowlerville	2089/2067	W 7	L 2	L 4	1.0	
6	John Schoonmaker, Haslett	1974/1972	L 3	W 7	L 4	1.0	
7	Steve Mellen, Troy	1901/1901	L 5	L 6	W 8	1.0	
8	James Owens, Orchard Lake	1958/1934	D 1	L 3	L 7	0.5	

1	William Ford, Lansing	1897/1922	W 9	D 3	W 6	2.5	1st \$50
2	Steve Scott, Lansing	1920/1926	W 4	D 6	D 3	2.0	=2nd \$6.25
3	Gary Schweikert, Jackson	1874/1891	W 7	D 1	D 2	2.0	=2nd \$6.25
4	Timothy Ward, Royal Oak	1829/1843	L 2	W 5	W 8	2.0	=2nd \$6.25
5	Todd Hawley, Hartland	1770/1794	W10	L 4	W 7	2.0	=2nd \$6.25
6	Thomas Triplett, East Lansing	1851/1852	W 8	D 2	L 1	1.5	
7	Marvin Kornhauser, Franklin	1829/1813	L 3	W10	L 5	1.0	
8	Edward Smith, Southfield	1758/1753	L 6	W 9	L 4	1.0	
9	Dale Decker, Burton	1829/1829	L 1	L 8	D10	0.5	
10	James Stockham, Jackson	1836/1800	L 5	L 7	D 9	0.5	

1	Richard Wisckol, Walled Lake	1701/1741	W 5	W 6	W 3	3.0	1st \$50
2	Kevin Gregory, Vassar	1798/1811	D 9	W 5	W 7	2.5	2nd \$25
3	Mike Sobocinski, Okemos	1784/1782	W 7	W 4	L 1	2.0	
4	Victor Asbury, Laingsburg	1603/1632	W 9	L 3	W 7	2.0	
5	Greg Hummel, Charlotte	1510/1514	L 1	W10	D 8	1.5	
6	V.E. Vandenburg, Eaton Rapids	1626/1626	W10	L 1	L 2	1.0	
7	Scott Saulman, Davison	1644/1632	L 3	W 9	L 4	1.0	
8	David Randel, Farmington Hills	1672/1649	D 2	L 7	D 5	1.0	
9	Kevin Russell, Grand Rapids	1695/1669	L 4	L 2	W10	1.0	
10	Ray Brewer, Detroit	1425/1400	L 6	L 5	L 9	0.0	

1	Kenton Weber, East Lansing	1393/1431	W 9	W 7	W 2	3.0	1st \$50
2	Michael Hill, Lansing	1379/1389	W 8	W 4	L 1	2.0	=2nd \$6.25
3	Mark Pontoni, Ann Arbor	1217/1274	W 4	W 7	L 2	2.0	=2nd \$6.25
4	Jonathan Eck, Lansing	1452/1462	W 6	L 2	W 3	2.0	=2nd \$6.25
5	James Cunningham, Lansing	1378/1390	L 3	W 8	W 7	2.0	=2nd \$6.25
6	Joseph Krzyston, Kalamazoo	1329/1322	L 4	L 3	W 9	1.0	
7	Harvey Moore, Oak Park	1370/1341	W10	L 1	L 5	1.0	
8	Ben Bohnhorst, East Lansing	1150/1141	L 2	L 5	W10	1.0	
9	E. Louis Caron, Kalamazoo	1219/1203	L 1	W10	L 6	1.0	
10	David Hunt, Eaton Rapids	0/846	L 7	L 9	L 8	0.0	

## Lansing Mini Swiss

August 12, 1990

TD: Max Ruhlmann

Section 1							
1	Robin Cunningham, Ann Arbor	2246/2281	W 4	W 6	W 2	3.0	1st \$50
2	Kevin Noren, Lansing	2303/2301	W 5	W 3	L 1	2.0	=2nd \$8.33
3	Lineas Baze, Jackson	2101/2126	W 7	L 2	W 6	2.0	=2nd \$8.33
4	William Fuller, Grand Rapids	2086/2098	L 1	W 8	W 5	2.0	=2nd \$8.33
5	Faris Jirjis, Romulus	2113/2106	L 2	W 7	L 4	1.0	
6	Dexter Thompson, Detroit	2338/2305	W 8	L 1	L 3	1.0	
7	Jason Wysocki, Grand Rapids	2111/2087	L 3	L 5	W 8	1.0	
8	Leszek Gawarecki, E. Lansing	0/1778	L 6	L 4	L 7	0.0	

Section 2							
1	Olaf Haakonstad, Ann Arbor	1854/1906	W 3	W 5	W 2	3.0	1st \$50
2	Ray Garrison, Lansing	1818/1843	W 8	W 4	L 1	2.0	=2nd \$8.33
3	John Schoonmaker, Haslett	1972/1972	L 1	W 7	W 6	2.0	=2nd \$8.33
4	Jim Owens, Orchard Lake	1966/1966	W 6	L 2	W 5	2.0	=2nd \$8.33
5	Lincoln Njenga, East Lansing	1880/1865	W 7	L 1	L 4	1.0	
6	Thomas Triplett, East Lansing	1852/1846	L 4	W 8	L 3	1.0	
7	Raymond Hobbs, Coldwater	1841/1833	L 5	L 3	W 8	1.0	
8	Brian June, Flint	1854/1804	L 2	L 6	L 7	0.0	

Section 3							
1	Kevin Gregory, Vassar	1811/1829	W 3	D 5	W 2	2.5	1st \$50
2	Richard Rostrom, Bay City	1722/1734	W 4	W 6	L 1	2.0	=2nd \$8.33
3	Jeff Aldrich, Burton	1711/1735	L 1	W 7	W 5	2.0	=2nd \$8.33
4	Donald Winslow, East Lansing	1644/1666	L 2	W 8	W 6	2.0	=2nd \$8.33
5	David Sundeen, Lansing	1699/1709	W 7	D 1	L 3	1.5	
6	V.E. Vandenburg, Etn Rapids	1626/1626	W 8	L 2	L 4	1.0	
7	Mike Sobocinski, Okemos	1805/1761	L 5	L 3	D 8	0.5	
8	Jay Carr, Grand Rapids	1735/1735	L 6	L 4	D 7	0.5	

## Section 4

1	Russell Conlon, Grand Rapids	1542/1582	W 9	W 7	W 4	3.0	1st \$50
2	Victor Asbury, Laingsburg	1632/1650	W 6	D 3	W 7	2.5	2nd \$25
3	Dennis Vangilder, Flint	1499/1525	W 8	D 2	D 6	2.0	
4	Jonathan Eck, East Lansing	1462/1482	W10	W 9	L 1	2.0	
5	Bill Garant, Flint	1495/1512	L 7	W10	W 9	2.0	
6	Joseph Pavlovich, Ypsilanti	1519/1525	L 2	W 8	D 3	1.5	
7	Michael Venia, Union Lake	1564/1547	W 5	L 1	L 2	1.0	
8	Andrew Needleman, Ann Arbor	1578/1553	L 3	L 6	W10	1.0	
9	Thomas Russell, Kalamazoo	1600/1434	L 1	L 4	L 5	0.0	
10	Steve Deerfield, Grand Rapids	1520/1471	L 4	L 5	L 8	0.0	

## Section 5

1	William Ladomer, Trenton	1315/1378	W 7	W 2	W 3	3.0	1st \$50
2	Gary Fletcher, Flint	1438/1443	W 4	L 1	W 5	2.0	=2nd \$8.33
3	Michael D. Smith, Gr. Rapids	1434/1436	W 9	W 6	L 1	2.0	=2nd \$8.33
4	Nick Pope, Lapeer	1378/1394	L 2	W10	W 6	2.0	=2nd \$8.33
5	Michael Hill, Lansing	1389/1390	D10	W 7	L 2	1.5	
6	James Cunningham, Lansing	1390/1371	W 8	L 3	L 4	1.0	
7	Kenton Weber, East Lansing	1431/1403	L 1	L 5	W10	1.0	
8	John Suess, Toledo OH	1296/1296	L 6	L 8	BYE	1.0	
9	Randy Given, Grand Rapids	1303/1308	L 3	W 9	---	1.0	
10	Joseph Krzyston, Kalamazoo	1322/1300	D 5	L 4	L 7	0.5	

## Section 6

1	Edyta Gawarecka, East Lansing	0/1669	W 5	W 3	W 2	3.0	1st \$50
2	Ned Blackhawk, Detroit	0/1486	W 4	W 7	L 1	2.0	=2nd \$8.33
3	Bob Lenning, Coldwater	1273/1286	W 9	L 1	W 8	2.0	=2nd \$8.33
4	Wayne Vangilder, Flint	1247/1261	L 2	W10	W 7	2.0	=2nd \$8.33
5	Matt Venia, Union Lake	1226/1228	L 1	D 8	W 9	1.5	
6	Ben Bohnhorst, East Lansing	1141/1145	L 7	D 9	W10	1.5	
7	Mark Pontoni, Ann Arbor	1274/1246	W 6	L 2	L 4	1.0	
8	Steven Fisk, Grand Rapids	0/1083	D10	D 5	L 3	1.0	
9	Brad Ashman, Union Lake	1135/1113	L 3	D 6	L 5	0.5	
10	Sharon Venia, Union Lake	1231/1148	D 8	L 4	L 6	0.5	

Lansing continues to be the site for good-drawing Mini-Swisses. According to Van's figures, so far in 1990 there have been 372 players in eight tournaments, winning a total of \$3,212 (which is about what Jose Canseco gets for every breath he takes).

In July, thirty-eight players hit the bank. None of the top-rated players could win the \$50 pot for first place. The top section saw Louie Baze go through Kevin Czuhai, the only Master in sight, to win the section outright. Vincent Brattin, Czuhai and Faris Jirjis tied for second. Oddly, the only person to slow Baze down was bottom finisher James Owens!

Bill Ford took the second section, also with 2.5, while Steve Scott, Gary Schweikert, Tim Ward and Todd Hawley all bunched in at 2.0. Section three was more clear-cut, with Richard Wisckol scoring 3.0 and Kevin Gregory 2.5 to take the advertised \$50 and \$25 respectively. Finally, Kenton Weber swept the final section, ahead of Michael Hill, Mark Pontoni and Jonathan Eck.

August saw a remarkable turnout of 54 players, of which 21 won prizes. The top section was a doozy, featuring 3 Masters, four Experts, and an Unrated player from Poland who recently popped into the East Lansing area with his wife. It was a tough day for Leszek Gawarecki, though, as his introduction to Michigan chess was an 0-3 start. Winning the section with a perfect score was Ann Arbor Master Robin Cunningham, who defeated Masters Kevin Noren and Dexter Thompson along the way to boost his rating perilously close to the 2300 range. Noren tied for second with the two lowest rated players in the group, Louie Baze and Bill Fuller.

Section two saw Olaf Haakonstad hit good form with 3 points, followed by John Schoonmaker, James Owens and low-rated man Ray Garrison. Kevin Gregory was the class of Section 3 and the only highest rated player to win a section, his 2.5 edging Dick Rostrom, Jeff Aldrich and Don Winslow.

Section four was the only one with just two prizewinners; Russell Conlon pulled a sweep, Victor Asbury had one draw. Section 5 saw the biggest rating improvement of the day by Bill Ladomer, who pulled three straight upsets; Gary Fletcher, Michael D. (Grand Rapids) Smith and Nick Pope trailed in his wake.

Finally, the bottom section saw a surprise. Remember the outclassed Polish fellow in Section 1? Well, his wife, Edyta Gawarecka, played in the bottom section and swept up, compiling a 1669 rating. (Jenny Skidmore, look out!) Following, in shock, were Bob Lenning, Wayne Vangilder, and newcomer Ned Blackhawk.

## 63 LUMBER OVER TO GRAND RAPIDS

## Grand Rapids Open

June 23-24, 1990

TD: H. Jay Carr

1 Dexter Thompson, Detroit	2318/2342	1/2	W16	W14	W3	W6	4.5
2 Kevin Czuhai, Grand Rapids	2291/2308	W24	W13	D7	W10	W5	4.5
3 Kevin Noren, Lansing	2309/2303	W9	W21	W20	L1	W12	4.0
4 David Moody, Dearborn	2117/2124	W19	W17	L6	W7	W14	4.0
5 Vadim Tsemekhman, Southfield	2350/2344	W18	W11	W10	D6	L2	3.5
6 Eric Fischvogt, Grand Rapids	2294/2294	W23	W12	W4	D5	L1	3.5
7 Stanley Jarosz, Grand Rapids	2054/2056	W26	W22	D2	L4	W15	3.5
8 Steve Mellen, Troy	1901/1901	L28	W36	D18	W23	W17	3.5
9 Larry Munger, Rochester Hills	1731/1736	L3	W30	W19	D17	W18	3.5
10 Ronald Finegold, Oak Park	2203/2189	W32	W15	L5	L2	W23	3.0
11 Jeffery Boes, Hudsonville	1961/1931	W30	L5	L23	W33	W26	3.0
12 Dan Burg, Farmington Hills	1870/1878	W25	L6	W24	W21	L3	3.0
13 John Stoughton, Holland	1769/1759	W37	L2	W32	L14	W25	3.0
14 Brion Brooks, Hudsonville	1711/1731	W16	W31	L1	W13	L4	3.0
15 John Griffin, Battle Creek	1625/1662	W29	L10	W28	W20	L7	3.0
16 Alan Jones, Caledonia	1258/1327	L14	L1	W30	W32	W21	3.0
17 Paul Mocerri, Westland	1527/1558	W27	L4	W34	D9	L8	2.5
18 Darin Scriber, Ionia	1482/1511	L5	W25	D8	W31	L9	2.5
19 Michael D. Smith, Gr Rapids	1418/1434	L4	W27	L9	D28	W31	2.5
20 Tom LaForge, Warren	1944/1922	W36	W28	L3	L15	---	2.0
21 Ron Grzegorzczak, Gr Rapids	1708/1682	W33	L3	W26	L12	L16	2.0
22 Matthew Anderson, Gr Rapids	1617/1619	W34	L7	W27	---	---	2.0
23 Russell Conlon, Grand Rapids	1510/1542	L6	W37	W11	L8	L10	2.0
24 David Troupe, St. Louis	1446/1448	L2	W33	L12	L25	W28	2.0
25 Jeffrey Solski, Ypsilanti	1401/1411	L12	L18	W35	W24	L13	2.0
26 Scott McQueen, Battle Creek	1382/1393	L7	W35	L21	W29	L11	2.0
27 Mark Pontoni, Ann Arbor	1180/1217	L17	L19	L22	W35	W33	2.0
28 Mark Wolkow, Grand Rapids	1429/1433	W8	L20	L15	D19	L24	1.5
29 William Ladomer, Trenton	1365/1329	L15	L32	BYE	L26	D30	1.5
30 Randal Given, Grand Rapids	1325/1306	L11	L9	L16	W34	D29	1.5
31 Joseph Demers, Citrus Spgs FL	1321/1321	1/2	L14	W36	L18	L19	1.5
32 James Carr, Glen Arbor	1435/1420	L10	W29	L13	L16	---	1.0
33 E. Louis Caron, Kalamazoo	1223/1219	L21	L24	W37	L11	L27	1.0
34 Stephen Pontoni, Ann Arbor	650/809	L22	BYE	L17	L30	L35	1.0
35 Sean McGee	0/1016	---	L26	L25	L27	W34	1.0
36 Derrick Baker, Zeeland	1354/1349	L20	L8	L31	---	---	0.0
37 David Brayton, Muskegon	1296/1267	L13	L23	L33	---	---	0.0

## Michigan Open Warm-Up

August 25, 1990

TD: H. Jay Carr

Section 1							
1 Salah Chehayeb, Troy	2144	W8	W5	W2	3.0	1st	\$65
2 David Moody, Dearborn	2112	W6	W3	L1	2.0	=2nd	\$17.50
3 William Fuller, Grand Rapids	2060	W4	L2	W7	2.0	=2nd	\$17.50
4 Kevin Czuhai, Grand Rapids	2258	L3	D6	W5	1.5		
5 Fred Robbins, Lansing	1781	W7	L1	L4	1.0		
6 Ray Garrison, Lansing	1801	L2	D4	D8	1.0		
7 Jason Wysocki, Grand Rapids	2111	L5	W8	L3	1.0		
8 Toshio Imai, East Lansing	1812	L1	L7	D6	0.5		
Section 2							
1 Mike Sobocinski, Okemos	1770	W7	W6	W2	3.0	1st	\$65
2 Gilbert Pointer, Grand Rapids	1719	W4	W3	L1	2.0	=2nd	\$17.50
3 Paul Turner III, Battle Creek	1706	W8	L2	W6	2.0	=2nd	\$17.50
4 John Miller, Muskegon	1666	L2	W8	D7	1.5		
5 John Griffin, Battle Creek	1622	L6	D7	+8	1.5		
6 Ron Grzegorzczak, Grand Rapids	1682	W5	L1	L3	1.0		
7 Gale Anderson, Muskegon	1677	L1	D5	D4	1.0		
8 Steve Krallman, Walker	1649	L3	L4	-5	0.0		
Section 3							
1 Michael D. Smith, Grand Rapids	1418	W4	D2	W8	2.5	=1st	\$50
2 Richard Neely, Three Rivers	1522	W7	D1	W3	2.5	=1st	\$50
3 Russ Conlon, Grand Rapids	1475	W6	W5	L2	2.0		
4 Joe Krzyston, Kalamazoo	1283	L1	W10	W9	2.0		
5 Nick Pope, Lapeer	1379	W10	L3	W7	2.0		
6 Mervin Draper, Ionia	1297	L3	D8	W10	1.5		
7 Dave Mitchell, Kentwood	1342	L2	W9	L5	1.0		
8 Dennis Smeckert, Ann Arbor	1404	D9	D6	L1	1.0		
9 Shirley Dash, Bellevue	UNR	D8	L7	L4	0.5		
10 David Hunt, Grand Rapids	UNR	L5	L4	L6	0.0		

Though not quite as large as some other big opens in Michigan, the Grand Rapids events still furnish top-notch opposition. The 37-player Grand Rapids Open on June 23-24 saw a rather odd combination of players, though: there were as many Masters (6) as Experts (2) and A-players (4) combined!

With such a conglomeration (first round cut was at 1482!), many top struggles were foreshadowed. First to drop slightly behind was Dexter

Thompson, who took a half-point bye in round one. Otherwise, business was as usual: the other 5 Masters (Vadim Tsemekhman, Kevin Noren, Eric Fischvogt, Kevin Czuhai, and Ron Finegold) started 2-0, as did the two Experts (David Moody, Stan Jarosz), along with A-player Tom LaForge and B-player Brion Brooks.

Round three saw the fun begin in earnest. Vadim kayoed Finegold, Noren took out LaForge (in a game that, probably, LaForge should have won), and Fischvogt embarrassed Moody. Jarosz held Czuhai to a draw, while Brooks received Dexter as a prize and was sunk without a trace.

The battle of three-pointers saw Fischvogt and Tsemekhman draw a hard game, while Noren was defeated by Thompson. That left Vadim, Thompson, Fischvogt and Czuhai (a winner over Finegold) on 3.5, while Noren, Moody, Dan Burg (WHO?) and Brooks were on 3.0.

No big ties this time: Thompson beat Fischvogt to reach 4.5, while Czuhai managed to outplay Tsemekhman after a fascinating struggle to join Dexter at the top. The three-pointers were not too upsetting, so Noren and Moody ended up on 4.0 points for consolation pin money.

The becoming-a-tradition Michigan Open Warm-Up was held August 25, with 26 players trying their luck. (Let it be noted: only 12 of them actually made it to the Open!)

With top-rated Kevin Czuhai having a rotten day, the way was open for a surprise winner in the top section. This proved to be Salah Chehayeb, with a perfect 3-0 score. Tied for second were David Moody and Bill Fuller, with 2.0.

Mike Sobocinski took section 2 despite being the highest rated player (this isn't Lansing, you know), with Gil Pointer and Paul Turner tied for second. Section three was a ten-player group, but didn't have a perfect score; instead, Mike D. Smith and Richard Neely settled for a tie on 2.5.

## POINTS TO PONDER

Assistant Editor V.J. Brattin

We don't produce any chess books at my workplace (bummer), but I did recently come across a passage about chess; I found it . . . interesting, so I thought I'd share it with you.

From "The Sixth Book of the *Bihishti Zewar*":

ON CHESS, CARD GAMES AND CHAUSAR

Chess is strictly forbidden in the *hadis*; cards and *chausar* are like chess and therefore also forbidden. Players' hearts get so absorbed in these games that the players are good for nothing else; they neglect both their worldly concerns and their religious concerns. Surely this is very bad!

Some of my favorite quotes about chess are in a similar vein:

"Chess is a foolish expedient for making idle people believe they are doing something very clever, when they are only wasting their time"

—George Bernard Shaw

"Surely chess is a sad waste of brains" —Sir Walter Scott

"Chess is as elaborate a waste of human intelligence as you could find anywhere outside an advertising agency" —Raymond Chandler

"Chess is not so much the sign of a great mind, but that of a great mind gone to waste" —Albert Einstein

Notice how they all use the word 'waste' to describe chess? Sounds like sour grapes to me. But just in case you are easily influenced by the thoughts of others, let me add that which I think is the greatest passage ever written about chess, compliments of Dr. Siegbert Tarrasch:

"Chess is a form of intellectual productiveness, therein lies its peculiar charm. Intellectual productiveness is one of the greatest joys—if not the greatest one—of human existence. It is not everyone who can write a play, or build a bridge, or even make a good joke. But in chess everyone can, everyone must, be intellectually productive and so can share in this select delight. I have always a slight feeling of pity for the man who has no knowledge of chess, just as I would pity the man who has remained ignorant of love. **Chess, like love, like music, has the power to make men happy.**"

Whenever I wonder to myself "Why do I play chess?", or "Why do I want to see other people play chess?", I re-read the quotation of Dr. Tarrasch. Then I understand.

# NO SURPRISES PRESENT AT EAST DETROIT OPEN

## 1990 East Detroit Open

July 20-22, 1990

TD: Bill Groeller

1 Leonid Basin, Oak Park	2534/2542	W38	W21	W12	W 5	W 6	5.0
2 Vadim Tsemekhman, Southfield	2369/2387	W28	W16	W37	W20	W 7	5.0
3 Salah Chehayeb, Troy	2144/2153	W45	D19	W73	W44	W17	4.5
4 Nachum Salman, OH	2322/2318	W26	W10	W53	L 7	W24	4.0
5 David Hahn, Saginaw	2265/2275	W29	W22	W57	L 1	W23	4.0
6 Eric Schiller, IL/MI	2259/2274	W27	W11	W39	W 9	L 1	4.0
7 Philip Laren, Whitmore Lake	2177/2199	W32	W24	W41	W 4	L 2	4.0
8 Steve Andrews, Livonia	2169/2168	W18	L12	W60	W33	W28	4.0
9 Vester Wilson, Detroit	2141/2163	W33	W51	W64	L 6	W27	4.0
10 Faris Jirjis, Romulus	2102/2113	W35	L 4	W62	W37	W30	4.0
11 Bill Calton, Southfield	2085/2089	W59	L 6	W42	W53	W41	4.0
12 Don Vandivier, Grand Blanc	2012/2069	W47	W 8	L 1	W57	W20	4.0
13 Steve Scott, Lansing	1926/1971	L16	W76	W71	W21	W22	4.0
14 Ron Finegold, Oak Park	2189/2165	D34	L37	W85	W43	W44	3.5
15 Victor Repkin, Adrian	2126/2100	L22	W36	W80	W54	D18	3.5
16 Attila Lehotzky, Davison	2079/2082	W13	L 2	W63	D47	W46	3.5
17 Leonard Dangremond, Southfield	1998/2000	D55	W48	W61	W19	L 3	3.5
18 Don Darbro, St. Clair Shores	1922/1944	L 8	W75	W65	W73	D15	3.5
19 Don Lubben, Grand Rapids	1816/1874	W25	D3	W55	L17	W47	3.5
20 Tom Mazuchowski, Sterling Hts	2172/2172	W31	W23	W56	L 2	L12	3.0
21 Tom Ward, Midland	2103/2095	W30	L 1	W81	L13	W55	3.0
22 Morgan Everett, Detroit	2080/2075	W15	L 5	W40	W35	L13	3.0
23 Lawrence Brenton, Detroit	1992/1995	W46	L20	W69	W39	L 5	3.0
24 Jim Kulkbacki, Lake Obi-Won	1988/1997	W54	L 7	W82	W36	L 4	3.0
25 William Wright, Detroit	1972/1933	L19	L39	W86	W69	W57	3.0
26 Vincent Brattin, Belleville	1967/1958	L 4	D61	W75	D59	W56	3.0
27 Tom LaForge, Warren	1964/1963	L 6	W60	W67	W64	L 9	3.0
28 Henry Johnson, Detroit	1953/1958	L 2	W78	W50	W56	L 8	3.0
29 Fernando Peak, Detroit	1940/1916	L 5	L41	W97	W70	W61	3.0
30 James Jackson, Detroit	1936/1954	L21	W63	W87	W51	L10	3.0
31 Lindell Brady, Grand Blanc	1933/1914	L20	W62	W68	L41	W58	3.0
32 Osman Guner, CA	1928/1921	L 7	D49	W77	D55	W60	3.0
33 Steve Mellen, Troy	1901/1902	L 9	W40	W70	L 8	W62	3.0
34 Tom Manion, Royal Oak	1872/1872	D14	L57	W76	D61	W63	3.0
35 Darrell Turner, Detroit	1867/1861	L10	W50	W89	L22	W64	3.0
36 Christopher Morrow, Detroit	1799/1796	W86	L15	W91	L24	W74	3.0
37 Kenneth Roberts, Dearborn Hts	1794/1834	W87	W14	L 2	L10	W73	3.0
38 Charles Collins, Harper Woods	1779/1779	L 1	W70	L43	W68	W66	3.0
39 Fred Lahr, Ferndale	1737/1788	W42	W25	L 6	L23	W52	3.0
40 Bradley Iverson, Huntington Wds	1593/1622	W94	L33	L22	W87	W54	3.0
41 August Sunts, Sterling Heights	1551/1616	W85	W29	L 7	W31	L11	3.0
42 Michael Venia, Union Lake	1530/1564	L39	W96	L11	W89	W53	3.0
43 Jay Grossman, Madison Heights	1278/1605	W58	L47	W38	L14	W59	3.0
44 Anthony Bee, Royal Oak	1877/1892	D92	W81	W49	L 3	L14	2.5
45 Walter Almqvist, Redford	1871/1845	L 3	L64	D94	W85	W77	2.5
46 Timothy Ward, Royal Oak	1843/1836	L23	D67	W78	W49	L16	2.5
47 Rudolf Franke, Washington	1831/1836	L12	W43	W74	D16	L19	2.5
48 Mike Sobocinski, Okemos	1807/1805	W82	L17	L51	D50	W76	2.5
49 Gary Swathell, KS	1694/1709	W96	D32	L44	L46	W75	2.5
50 Arthur Stinson, Sterling Heights	1451/1483	W97	L35	L28	D48	W82	2.5
51 Dexter Thompson, Detroit	2376/2338	W52	L 9	W48	L30	—	2.0
52 Lonnie Rutkofske, Port Huron	1986/1938	L51	L56	W88	W67	L39	2.0
53 Brian June, Flint	1863/1854	W71	W92	L 4	L11	L42	2.0
54 Paul Grams, Detroit	1854/1817	L24	W68	W84	L15	L40	2.0
55 Dennis Ridella, Warren	1798/1804	D17	W77	L19	D32	L21	2.0
56 James Lewis, Southgate	1789/1797	W69	W52	L20	L28	L26	2.0
57 William Jointer, Detroit	1739/1754	W66	W34	L 5	L12	L25	2.0
58 Larry Munger, Rochester Hills	1736/1714	L43	L73	W96	W65	L31	2.0
59 Peter Sattler, Sterling Heights	1729/1712	L11	D84	W93	D26	L43	2.0
60 Daniel Libby, Dearborn	1699/1694	W83	L27	L 8	W71	L32	2.0
61 John DeJongh, Detroit	1685/1693	+	D26	L17	D34	L29	2.0
62 Jacob Swartz, Detroit	1678/1680	W74	L31	L10	W83	L33	2.0
63 Donald Winslow, East Lansing	1650/1644	W91	L30	L16	W84	L34	2.0
64 David Brotherton, Ypsilanti	1546/1572	W72	W45	L 9	L27	L35	2.0
65 Felix Serwatowski, Taylor	1535/1532	D76	L/2	L18	L58	+	2.0
66 Gary Keeley, Sterling Heights	1523/1493	L57	L89	W72	W91	L38	2.0
67 Roemel Kirkman-Bey, Detroit	1496/1578	D75	D46	L27	L52	+	2.0
68 Gordon Rosebrook, Warren	1492/1511	W95	L54	L31	L38	W89	2.0
69 John Carvell, Roseville	1477/1486	L56	W94	L23	L25	W87	2.0
70 Pramote Sujarit, Troy	1454/1461	W90	L38	L33	L29	W84	2.0
71 Harvey Moore, Oak Park	1341/1353	L53	W90	L13	L60	W91	2.0
72 William Ladomer, Trenton	1309/1315	L64	L87	L66	W86	W83	2.0
73 Brian Bezrutch	0/1783	W80	W58	L 3	L18	L37	2.0
74 Scott Faust	0/1588	L62	W83	L47	W82	L36	2.0
75 John McDonough, Livonia	1732/1708	D67	L18	L26	W78	L49	1.5
76 Robert McCarter, Ann Arbor	1729/1705	D65	L13	L34	W93	L48	1.5
77 Vasik Rajlich, Ann Arbor	1710/1677	D93	L55	L32	W79	L45	1.5
78 Robert Duncan, Port Huron	1658/1658	D84	L28	L46	L75	W85	1.5
79 John Endres, Findlay, OH	1516/1516	—	—	L/2	L77	W93	1.5
80 Robert Fiedler	1720/1707	L73	W93	L15	—	—	1.0
81 Allan Foord, Garden City	1680/1680	W89	L44	L21	—	—	1.0
82 David A. Calton, Southfield	1596/1559	L48	W97	L24	L74	L50	1.0
83 Ray Brewer, Detroit	1438/1399	L60	L74	W90	L62	L72	1.0
84 Eugene Milener	1365/1369	D78	D59	L54	L63	L70	1.0
85 David Sanford	1321/1416	L41	W86	L14	L45	L78	1.0

86 John Suess, Toledo, OH	1296/1296	L36	L85	L25	L72	W97	1.0
87 Derreck Sturgis, Hamtramck	1281/1283	L37	W72	L30	L40	L69	1.0
88 Warren Hartwig, Roseville	1159/1147	—	L91	L52	+	—	1.0
89 Andre Reeves, Detroit	1109/1130	L81	W66	L35	L42	L68	1.0
90 Robert Sutherland	0/1118	L70	L71	L83	W97	—	1.0
91 Douglas Prizer	0/1254	L63	W88	L36	L66	L71	1.0
92 David Moody, Dearborn	2124/2096	D44	L53	—	—	—	0.5
93 Randolph Mech, Farmington Hls	1321/1317	D77	L80	L59	L76	L79	0.5
94 Kirk Watkins, Trenton	1059/1146	L40	L69	D45	—	—	0.5
95 Harold Steen, Detroit	1818/1790	L68	—	—	—	—	0.0
96 Paul Randall, Farmington Hills	1529/1454	L49	L42	L58	—	—	0.0
97 Michael Chaney, Detroit	1038/1015	L50	L82	L29	L90	L86	0.0

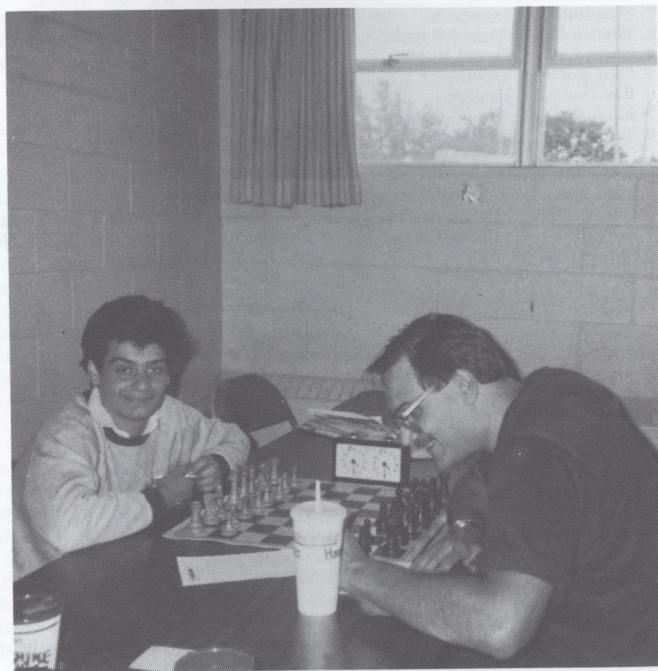
The 1989 East Detroit Open, you may recall, was just chock full of surprises; for instance, it had a B-player tie for second with two Experts ahead of seven Masters. None of the three returned this year (nor did the winner, Kevin Noren), but it might have been just as well—reality would probably have set in.

This year's version, the 26th, drew a near-record crowd of 97 players. Topping the list were 6 Masters: IM Leonid Basin, Dexter Thompson, Vadim Tsemekhman, Nachum Salman (OH), David Hahn and Eric Schiller (an odd case; lives in Michigan and teaches at WSU, but seems to have kept Illinois citizenship). Of those six, only Thompson flopped; the others finished with at least four points apiece, with only one game even resembling an upset.

Dexter fell off the pace with a second round loss at the hands of Vester Wilson. The other five Masters, plus Phil Laren, Wilson, and Tom Mazuchowski stood with perfect scores after the first three rounds. Sunday morning saw Basin, Tsemekhman and Schiller defeat Hahn, Maz and Wilson respectively, while Laren pulled an actual upset by defeating Salman.

That was about all the surprises there were, though: Basin edged Schiller while Vadim took care of Laren in the last round, giving us co-East Detroit Open Champions, accelerated pairings notwithstanding. Sneaking into third place was Troy Expert (late of Alberta) Salah Chehayeb, who had a second round draw and was able to avoid playing the Masters thereafter as they were too busy working on perfect scores.

The tournament was organized by the East Detroit Chess Club, and directed by Bill Groeller.



Phil Laren (right) learns to spell "Tsemekhman".  
[photo: Mark Finegold]

# MAZ TOPS U.P. CHAMPIONSHIP DEMERSE TAKES TITLE

## 18th Annual Upper Peninsula Chess Championship

August 18-19, 1990

TD: Gregory Rose

1 Tom Mazuchowski, Sterling Hts	2181/2192	W20	W16	W 8	W 3	D 4	4.5
2 Mark Finegold, Oak Park	2240/2233	W11	W 9	L 4	W 16	W 7	4.0
3 Gregory Bailey, Cheboygan	2071/2083	W12	W22	W 5	L 1	W 8	4.0
4 Jim Kulbacki, Lake Orion	1997/2043	W23	W14	W 2	D 7	D 1	4.0
5 Irwin DeMerse, Ironwood	1873/1890	W24	W13	L 3	D14	W 9	3.5
6 Warren Raftshol, Suttons Bay	1870/1882	D13	W21	L 7	W22	W14	3.5
7 Jerry Haapapuro, Bessemer	2029/2021	D21	W24	W 6	D 4	L 2	3.0
8 Tom Manion, Royal Oak	1872/1887	W17	W10	L 1	W11	L 3	3.0
9 Randy Peterson, Kingsford	1872/1872	W26	L 2	W23	W17	L 5	3.0
10 John Smalec, Ann Arbor	1754/1759	W19	L 8	L16	W21	W17	3.0
11 Martin Matthews, Marquette	1724/1750	L 2	W15	W19	L 8	W16	3.0
12 Mike Hoffman, Marquette	1699/1700	L 3	W25	L14	W18	W19	3.0
13 Joe LaForest, Negaunee	1616/1661	D 6	L 5	D21	W23	W24	3.0
14 Jim Sawaski, Escanaba	1786/1788	W18	L 4	W12	D 5	L 6	2.5
15 Victor Asbury, Laingsburg	1650/1646	L16	L11	D25	W27	W22	2.5
16 Fred Küng, Ypsilanti	1877/1863	W15	L 1	W10	L 2	L11	2.0
17 Clair Ketchum, Stambaugh	1653/1652	L 8	W27	W22	L 9	L10	2.0
18 Ken Boyer, Ishpeming	1546/1544	L14	L23	W20	L12	W27	2.0
19 William Mitchell, Escanaba	1307/1356	L10	W20	L11	W24	L12	2.0
20 David Sundeen, Lansing	1709/1695	L 1	L19	L18	W25	D21	1.5
21 Robert Cablk, Munising	1690/1678	D 7	L 6	D13	L10	D20	1.5
22 Todd Hawley, Hartland	1763/1709	W25	L 3	L17	L 6	L15	1.0
23 Joe Rubatt, Negaunee	1694/1671	L 4	W18	L 9	L13	---	1.0
24 Bob John, Marquette	1665/1611	L 5	L 7	W27	L19	L13	1.0
25 Brian Beauchamp, Negaunee	1398/1401	L22	L12	D15	L20	D26	1.0
26 Gregory Rose, Negaunee	1560/1549	L 9	---	---	---	D25	0.5
27 Joe Demers, Citrus Springs FL	1321/1321	---	L17	L24	L15	L18	0.0



Jim Kulbacki (left) doesn't compete as much as he used to, but he still likes to play in the Upper Peninsula Championship every summer. Here he's dueling it out with U.P. Expert Jerry Haapapuro. [photo: Mark Finegold]

The 18th annual Upper Peninsula Open, held August 18-19 in Negaunee, drew 26 players from all over the state as well as one from Florida. The competition was spirited, with no player emerging with a perfect score. Tom Mazuchowski scored 4.5 for a clear first, his only blemish coming from Jim Kulbacki who also scored a 214 point upset of Mark Finegold, the only Master playing in the tournament. Kulbacki split the second place money, and the over-2000 money, with Finegold and Greg Bailey.

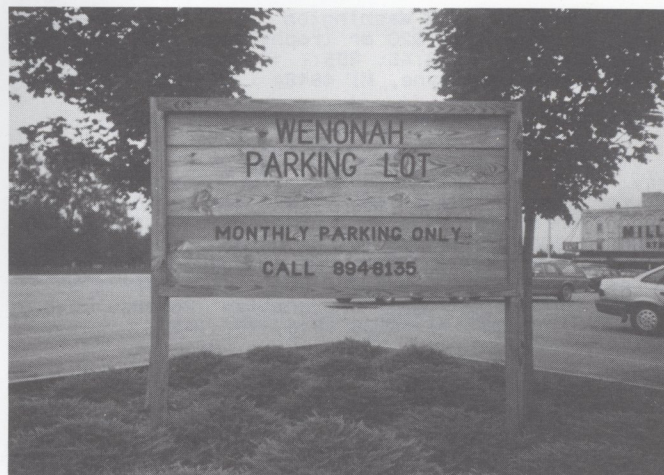
Irwin DeMerse, a teacher at Bessemer High School, took home the UP Championship trophy with a score of 3.5 and shared the class A prize with Warren Raftshol. The class B prize was split by four players with 3.0: Dr. Martin Mathews, Mike Hoffman, Joe LaForest and John Smalec. The Class C and D prize (combined because of the small number of entries) was shared by Ken Boyer and Bill Mitchell. Mitchell also took the Brilliancy prize of a book for his 392 point upset of David Sundeen. Mitchell is not likely to remain a D-player as he also scored a 361 point upset of Bob John. The junior trophy went home with Jim Sawaski, will be attending Northern Michigan University in the fall.

Greg Rose, President of the Lake Superior Chess Association, did his usual fine job of directing, ably supported by Yvonne Beauchamp and Jim Sawaski, The Negaunee VFW, a strong chess supporter, provided the tournament site as well as contributing to the prize fund. The Ladies Auxiliary also helped by providing good, low-cost meals at the tournament site.

Next year, if you're looking for a pleasant place to vacation, and the opportunity for some challenging chess at the same time appeals to you, you might consider setting aside the third weekend of August and trying the UP Open. Our sister organization is a genial host, and always runs a smooth tournament.

Oak Park Master Mark Finegold sends us along an unusual bit of Michigan Chess history. Twenty-seven years ago, U.S. (and later World) Champion Bobby Fischer played in his only tournament in Michigan: the 1963 Western Open, at Bay City's Wenonah Hotel. Fischer was held to a draw by Dr. Paul Poschel, but won every other game (including a difficult win over Ron Finegold) to take clear first.

Below, as Mark has discovered, is what remains of the Wenonah Hotel. . . . Well, we still have memories.



# Michigan Chess Tournament Calendar

All events require USCF and MCA memberships, unless otherwise stated. Memberships can be purchased at any tournament. Other state memberships are acceptable for non-MI residents. All events are "No Smoking, No Computers" unless otherwise stated. Tournament announcements should be sent to Don Ruark, 3018 Flora Ln, Wayne, MI 48184 (313) 728-9839.

## SEP 29 Detroit: Boynton Quads (formerly Clippert)

Boynton Middle School, Fort and Visger between Outer Drive & Schafer. I-75 to Outer Drive exit, east to Fort, north on Fort 1/2 mile. 3-RR by rating: 2 sections (Open & Scholastic). EF: Open \$8 early; \$10 at site; \$5 late. Scholastic \$3 early; \$5 at site. \$\$: Open \$20 or \$10 and trophy; Scholastic trophy. TL: 40/60, SD/30. REG: 8-8:30. RDS: 9-12-3. Scholastic section does not require USCF or MCA membership. ENT: Peter Nixon, 27519 East River Road, Grosse Ile, MI 48138-1946 (313) 676-2985.

## OCT 6-7 Detroit: 4th Hart Plaza Open

Veterans Memorial Building, 151 W Jefferson, Detroit. 5-SS. TL: 40/90, SD/30. EF: \$35; Jrs 14/under, Unr \$15 if rec'd by 10/1; \$5 more at site. \$\$: \$4100, 40 GP pts; 1000-500-300-200; X,A,B,C,D/E each 250-150; Unr 100. REG: 8:30-9:30. RDS: 10-2:30-7, 10-2:30. ENT: Harold Steen, 1520 Strathcona, Detroit, MI 48203 (313) 892-6466.

## OCT 12-14 Columbus OH: US Class

Ramada University Hotel & Conference Center, 3110 Olentangy River Rd, Columbus, OH 43202. 5-SS, 7 Sections. TL: 35/90, SD/1. EF: \$69 by 10/3, \$79 at site. \$\$: \$12000, 40 GP pts. Open, X,A,B,C 2000: 1000-500-300-200 each class; D/E open to under 1400, \$1650: 600-400-200-100, U1200, 200-100-50; UNR \$350: 200-100-50. REG: 3-6:30 pm 10/12, 8-9 am 10/13. RDS: 10-3-8, 10-4 (optional rd. 8 pm 10/12). 1/2 pt bye available any round (3 max) with prior notice, no changes. HR: \$55, 1-4, (614) 267-7461. ENT: USCF, 186 Rte 9W, New Windsor, NY 12553. Attn: US Class. (914) 562-8350.

## OCT 13 Jackson: "First Annual Michigan Closed"

Southern Michigan Prison Match. Must be 18 yrs, male or female. Must register by 9/15 with full name, date of birth, social security # and drivers license #. 12-3:30. John Smalec, PO Box 8061, Ann Arbor, MI 48107 (313) 769-6059.

## OCT 14 Lansing: \$50/\$25 Mini-Swiss

Capitol Federal Bldg., 6510 S Cedar (I-96 Exit 104, cross Penn., W to Cedar then S two blks.). 3-SS, sections of 8-10 by rating. EF: \$12. \$\$: \$50-25 each section. TL: 40/60, SD/30. REG: 8:30-9:15. RDS: 9:30-1-4:30. ENT: V.E. Vandenburg, 2177 Michigan, Eaton Rapids 48827 (517) 646-6142.

## OCT 20: Trenton Mini-Swiss

Haas Park Comm. Bldg., 72 Washington. 3-RR in sections of 8. EF: \$7, \$8 late. \$\$: \$20 or Trophy each section. TL: 40/90, SD/30. REG: 9-9:45. RDS: 10-1:30-5. ENT: Don Ruark, 3018 Flora Ln, Wayne, MI 48184 (313) 728-9839.

## OCT 27 DETROIT: 2nd ANNUAL MICHIGAN ACTION

Wayne State University Student Center, 2nd level, Hillberry A & B, Detroit. 6-SS. Only MI residents eligible for state title & trophy. EF: \$15 by 10/20; \$20 at registration (except Juniors & U1400, \$17). \$\$: (b/64, min 2/class) 200-100-50; 50 to top U2200, U2000, U1800, U1600; 40 to top U1400, U1200, UNR, & JUNIOR. Trophy to top MI resident. REG: 8:30-9:30. RDS: 10-11:15-12:30-2-3:15-5. TL: G/30. ENT & INFO: Bradley Rogers, 34875 Garfield #101, Fraser, MI 48026 (313) 296-1492.

## OCT 28 DETROIT: Boynton Mini-Swiss

3-RR in sections of 6-10. \$\$: Open \$40 or \$20 and trophy; Scholastic trophy. All other details as in Sep. 29 event.

## NOV 3 DETROIT: MICHIGAN WOMEN'S CHAMPIONSHIP

Holiday Inn Detroit/Fairlane, 5801 Southfield Expr. (NW corner of Ford Rd.). 4-SS. EF: \$9 (\$8 if under 18) by 10/27; \$1 more later. \$\$: \$230; 100-50; 20 to top U1800, U1600, U1400, UNR. Trophy to top MI resident for each above prize. REG: 8-9. RDS: 9:30-12-3-6. Holiday Inn features indoor/outdoor pools, whirlpool, tennis courts, nearby Fairlane Mall (largest in MI), Greenfield Village and Henry Ford Museum. HR: \$45 for 1-4 until 10/20, also thereafter if space is available. ENT: Dan Burg, 30290 W 12 Mile Rd. #103, Farmington Hills, MI 48334 (313) 932-0833.

## NOV 3-4 DETROIT: REGION V CHAMPIONSHIP

Holiday Inn Detroit/Fairlane, 5801 Southfield Expr. (NW corner of Ford Rd.). 5-SS. State membership required in a Region V state (IN, KY, MI, OH), other states OK. TL: 35/90; SD/60. EF: \$15 by 10/27; \$25 later. \$\$: \$1400 (top 3 guaranteed, rest based on 100)- 10 GP pts. 250-150-100; 100-50 each U2200, U2000, U1800, U1600, U1400, UNR. Trophy to top Region V resident for top 3, top each class. REG: 8:30-9:30. RDS: 10-3-8, 10-3. HR & ENT: Same as MI Women's Championship.

## NOV 10-11 Ann Arbor: 8th Annual Huron Valley Amateur

North Campus Commons, 2101 Bonisteel, Ann Arbor. 5-SS open to U2000 or Unr. EF: \$18 by 11/5, \$20 later. \$\$: \$125-60-30; 60-30 each U1800, U1600, U1400. Chess board to top 2 Unr. TL: 30/75, SD/30. REG: 8:45-9:45. RDS: 2-6, 10-2:30. ENT: John Smalec, Box 8061, Ann Arbor, MI 48107 (313) 769-6059.

## NOV 17 Grand Rapids: Pizza Open VI

My Brother's Pizza, 1510 Wealthy SE, Grand Rapids (Exit from US-131, between 28th St. and I-196, E. on Wealthy). EF: \$2! \$\$: Trophies to best cumulative score at all 1990 Pizza Opens and to most improved player. REG: 11:30-12. RDS: Rd. 1 at 12:15. Entries limited to first 18 players with paid pre-registration; walk-ups play only if space permits. Must confirm entry at site before 12:00 to play. ENT: Stan Jarosz, 1006 Four Mile Rd. NW, Grand Rapids, 49504.

## NOV 18 Lansing: \$50/\$25 Mini-Swiss

See Oct. 14 event for details.

## NOV 18: Trenton Action

5-SS open to all. EF: \$10, \$11 late. \$\$: (b/40) \$100-40, \$30 each U2000, U1800, U1600, U1400/Unr. TL: G/30. REG: 9-10. RDS: 10:30-11:50-1:30-2:50-4:15. See Oct. 20 event for other details.

## NOV 24 Detroit: Boynton Mini-Swiss

See Oct. 28 event for details.

## Other Tournament Dates

Dec 2	MI Speed
Dec 8	Trenton Quads
Dec 8-9	Grand Rapids: Westgate Memorial
Dec 16	Boynton Action
Jan 5-6	Detroit: Wayne County Open
Jan 20	Trenton Mini-Swiss
Feb 16	Trenton Action
Feb 17	Boynton Quads
Feb 23-24	St Josephs: MI High School Team
Mar 10	Boynton Mini-Swiss
Mar 17	Trenton Quads

Countdown to the U.S. Open only 22 months until Dearborn 1992!

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## CHESS CLUBS

**BAY COUNTY CHESS CLUB:** 7 pm **THU** Bay Co. Comm Ctr, Bay City. Richard Rostrom (517) 893-1712

**COLDWATER CHESS CLUB:** 7:30 pm **THU** at Coldwater High School. Info: Bob Lenning, (517) 279-8700 (Office); (517) 278-2254 (Home)

**DETROIT CHESS CLUB:** 4:00-9:00 pm **MON, WED, FRI**, Joseph Walker Williams Community center, 8431 Rosa Parks Blvd, Detroit 48206. Bill Plemster, (313) 876-0130.

**EAST DETROIT CHESS CLUB:** 7:00-10:30 pm **MON, E**. Detroit Rec. Ctr, 16600 Stephens (9 1/2 Mile near Gratiot). William Groeller, (313) 442-0675.

**FARMINGTON HILLS CHESS CLUB:** 7:00-10:15 pm **THU**, N. Farmington High School, Room E-2. Sylvester Robes, (313) 661-4913.

**FLINT CHESS CLUB:** 6:00-10:00 pm **TUE**, Mott Community College Center basement, 1401 E. Court St. Kevin Gregory (517) 871-2585.

**GRAND HAVEN CHESS CLUB:** 7 pm **THU**, Loutit Library Rm. 5. Rick Meads (616) 846-4734.

**GRAND RAPIDS CHESS CLUB:** **MON** nights, Kentwood Comm Ctr, 355 48th SE (between Eastern & Division). Jeff Boes (616) 669-5986.

**GROSSE POINTE CHESS CLUB:** 7:30 pm **TUE**, 32 Lake Shore Dr., Grosse Pointe Farms. John DeJongh. (313) 579-0604.

**IONIA CHESS CLUB:** 6-10 pm **THU**, St. John's Lutheran Church, 617 N. Jefferson St. Darin Scriber (616) 527-4165.

**JACKSON CHESS CLUB:** 7 pm **WED** in Hardee's Restaurant, 950 N. West Ave. (near bus station). James Stockham, (517) 784-2284.

**LANSING CHESS CLUB:** 7 pm **MON** in Capitol Federal Bank, 6510 S. Cedar (I-96 exit 104). V.E. Vandenburg, (517) 646-6142.

**MACOMB COMMUNITY COLLEGE CHESS CLUB:** 7-9 pm **TUE**, Building K, MCC South Campus, 14500 12 Mile, Warren. Michael Martin (313) 445-7009.

**MARQUETTE CHESS CLUB:** 7 pm **MON**, Muggsyz's on Washington St. Bring sets & clocks.

**MIDLAND CHESS CLUB:** 7 pm **MON** (Sept-May). Community Center, 2001 George. Howard King, (517) 636-7063.

**MSU CHESS CLUB:** 7 pm **TUE**, A-304 Wells Hall, MSU campus just east of stadium. Jason Morris, (517) 355-5749.

**NEGAUNEE VFW CHESS CLUB:** 7-10 pm **WED**, 208 Gold St. No dues; sets, clocks provided.

**OAK PARK CHESS CLUB:** 6:30-11:00 pm **THU** Comm Ctr, 1430 Oak Park Blvd. (9 1/2 Mile Rd. W. of Coolidge). Mike Kebrdle (313) 477-9344.

**PORT HURON CHESS CLUB:** 6:30-10:00 pm **THU** (Sept. thru May) Palmer Rec. Center, 2829 Armour; (June thru Aug.) American Legion Post »8, 1026 6th St. Jim Alexander, (313) 364-4225.

**ROSCOMMON 4-H CHESS CLUB:** 7:30 pm **THU**, Roscommon County Courthouse basement. Will Jones (517) 275-8658.

**SOUTH HAVEN CHESS CLUB:** 7:00-10:00 pm **MON**, Basement of South Haven Tribune, 259 Kalamazoo St. Don Jackson (616) 637-2535.

**SPRING LAKE YOUTH CHESS CLUB:** 3:30 pm **WED**, Jeffers School, 49429 Leonard Rd. J. Singerling.

**TRAVERSE CITY CHESS CLUB:** 7-10 pm **TUE**, Big Boy Restaurant, North US-31 South. Alex Moore, (616) 946-7483.

**TRENTON CHESS CLUB:** 7 pm **WED**, Haas Park Community Bldg. Don Ruark, (313) 728-9839.

**WINDSOR CHESS CLUB:** 7-11 pm **THU** in YMCA, 511 Pelissier (2 blocks from Tunnel). 5 min. event weekly. Al Foord, (313) 425-7106.

## MICHIGAN'S TOP 100

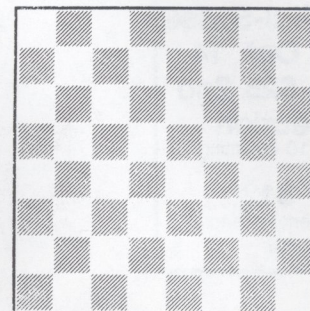
1 Michael Wilder (1)	2671	51 Chris Hankinson (52)	2091
2 Leonid Basin (2)	2541	52 Gordon Morrell (53)	2091
3 Fred Lindsay (3)	2390	53 Frank Helle (55)	2089
4 Valentine Kavnatsky (4)	2379	54 Mark Pence (I)	2088
5 Vadim Tsemekhman (6)	2350	55 Morgan Everett (56)	2080
6 Dan Boyk (7)	2335	56 Attila Lehotzky (57)	2079
7 Dexter Thompson (5)	2318	57 Donald Mason (60)	2073
8 Kevin Noren (22)	2309	58 Lineas Baze (54)	2072
9 Paul Poschel (8)	2308	59 Jack Duncan (51)	2072
10 Eric Fischvogt (9)	2294	60 Greg Bailey (61)	2071
11 Kevin Czuhai (12)	2291	61 Don Pray (44)	2071
12 Rodrigo Atotubo (10)	2273	62 Jason Morris (59)	2070
13 Steve Feldman (11)	2270	63 William Fuller (64)	2067
14 Robert O'Donnell (13)	2269	64 Alexander Yahkind (62)	2065
15 David Hahn (18)	2265	65 Gary Kitts (65)	2064
16 Issa Youssef (14)	2246	66 Lamarr Small (63)	2063
17 Mark Finegold (15)	2242	67 Mickey Maloy (66)	2059
18 Larry Quigley (16)	2235	68 Paul Bauerle (68)	2057
19 John Brooks (17)	2233	69 Stan Jarosz (50)	2054
20 Robin Cunningham (23)	2231	70 Bill Calton (58)	2053
21 John Wygrecki (19)	2226	71 Howard Levine (67)	2041
22 Jim Marfia (21)	2218	72 Jim Kulbacki (71)	2028
23 Robert Avery (25)	2207	73 Steve Mitchell (69)	2026
24 Ron Finegold (24)	2203	74 Gary White (MO)	2024
25 Steve Andrews (31)	2189	75 Jerry Haapapuro (70)	2022
26 Ed Koster (26)	2187	76 Don Vandivier (98)	2012
27 Tom Mazuchowski (20)	2187	77 Karl Clark (72)	2010
28 Edmund Hermelyn (CA)	2182	78 Frank LaMar (73)	2010
29 David Wolfrom (28)	2179	79 John Lang (74)	2009
30 Bill Groeller (29)	2177	80 Gene Hickey (75)	2005
31 Phil Laren (30)	2177	81 Ed Bennett (76)	2002
32 Peter Linn (33)	2167	82 Reynaldo Santiago (77)	2002
33 Brad Rogers (27)	2162	83 Ed Mooney (78)	2001
34 Carlton Thomas (32)	2149	84 Tony Palmer (79)	1993
35 Vester Wilson (34)	2141	85 Lawrence Brenton (85)	1992
36 Glenn Good (35)	2136	86 David Murray (82)	1992
37 Mohammed Bagherabadi (36)	2130	87 Lonnie Rutkofske (87)	1992
38 Morris Leveson (37)	2128	88 Steve Sherbel (I)	1989
39 Victor Repkin (SU)	2126	89 Dragan Vukotic (91)	1989
40 Thomas Sloan (38)	2126	90 William Accad (84)	1988
41 Mark Knecht (39)	2119	91 James Riseman (85)	1988
42 Dale Postma (40)	2113	92 Tom Szczypka (86)	1988
43 Mike Kebrdle (42)	2111	93 William Toikka (88)	1986
44 Jason Wysocki (43)	2111	94 Reginald Perry (89)	1985
45 David Moody (41)	2105	95 Steve Conley (92)	1979
46 John Norcross (45)	2104	96 Don Bohley (94)	1974
47 Tom Ward (46)	2103	97 John Schoonmaker (80)	1974
48 George Turner (47)	2102	98 Joseph Forte (96)	1971
49 Chris Eagle (48)	2101	99 Sam Lafata (97)	1969
50 Faris Jirjis (49)	2094	100 John Gipson (99)	1962

Questions have been asked about the process used to compile the Top 100. Well, first there's bribery ...

Really, all information is taken from USCF rating lists, supplemented by inside information. From each annual rating list, a new top 100 is compiled, all inactive players being dropped. In each of the bimonthly lists, player's ratings are adjusted, while people moving into or out of Michigan are added or dropped.

Consider the case of Michael Wilder. I knew that he was studying at U-M and living in Michigan. However, the annual rating supplement listed him as New Jersey. In addition, I had heard that he would not be playing chess for a while, so it seemed senseless to list an player who would be inactive while in Michigan. (Don't think I didn't fret about it, though!)

Then, the July rating supplement listed him as Michigan. One problem solved!



# REGION V CHAMPIONSHIP

Holiday Inn Detroit/Fairlane  
(site of the 1990 Michigan Open)

NOVEMBER 3-4, 1990  
5-SS, EF: \$15 by 10/27, \$25 later

Region V State (IN,KY,MI,OH) and  
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\$1400 in prizes plus trophies

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**each section**  
Sections of 8-10 by ratings

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