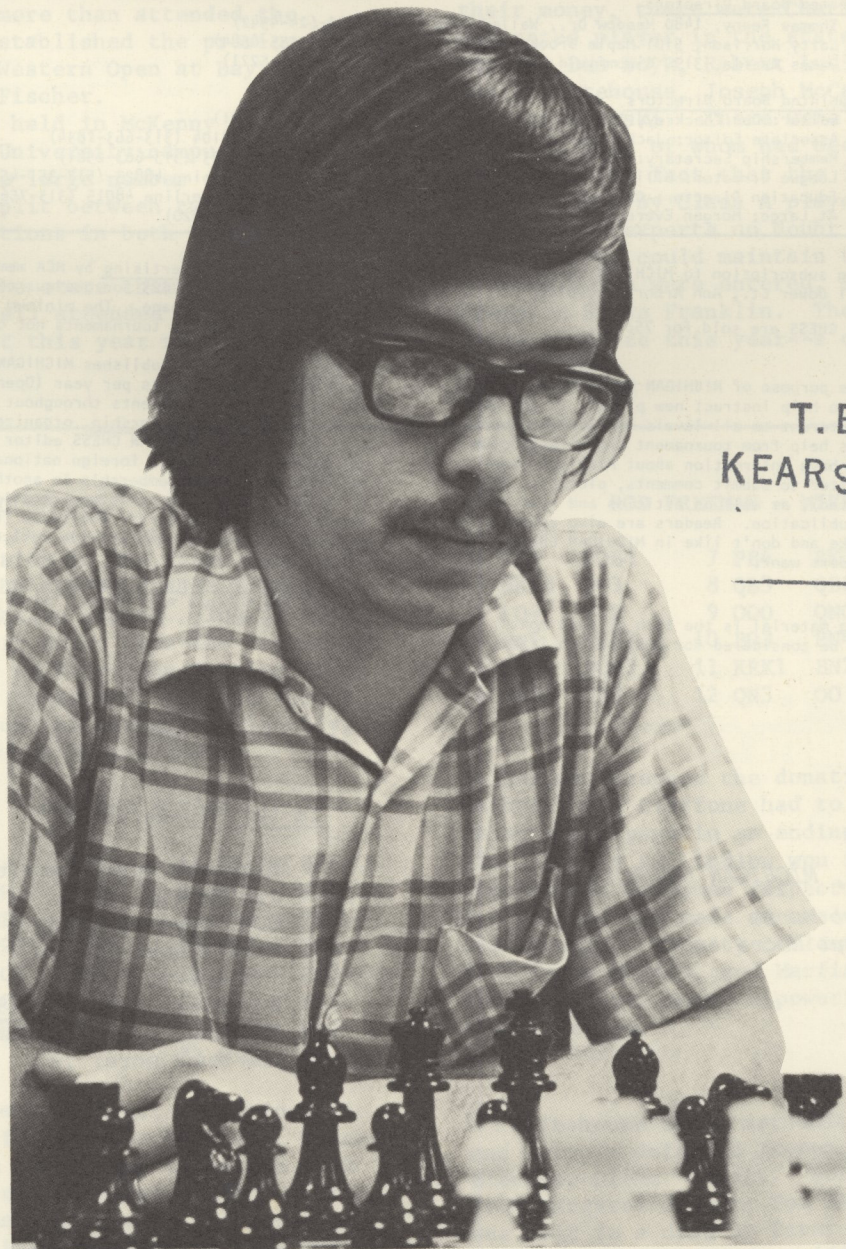


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MICHIGAN OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP



COMMENTARY BY JACK O'KEEFE



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The Michigan Open Championship began with an optional Friday night first round on August 31. Nearly 100 players showed up for this option, and it was clear that the tournament was going to break attendance records. After the alternative first round on Saturday morning, the total number was 165, four more than attended the tournament that had established the previous Michigan record, the Western Open at Bay City in 1963 won by Bobby Fischer.

The tournament was held in McKenny Union on the Eastern Michigan University campus in Ypsilanti. Because of the large number of players, the games had to be split between two areas, but the playing conditions in both areas were good.

In recent years, the state championship tournament had not been well attended by the state's strongest players, but this year nearly every

Michigan master and expert was entered. Former Michigan champions Paul Poschel, Wes Bugar, Robert Ciaffone, J. D. Brattin, and Tom Crispin were there, as was the Region V champion David Presser and the Michigan Amateur champion Roger Underhill. To give these titlists a run for their money, there were Charles Bassin (the highest rated player in the state), Rod Freeman, Paul Dupuis, Dan Boyk, Robert Ludlow, Richard Borgen, David Whitehouse, Joseph McCarty, Jim Marfia, and Tom Mazuchowski. There were also 23 Class A players, many of whom had been experts at one time, and the fact that the last two championships had been won by Class A players over a field of masters and experts no doubt gave each of them hope that he could maintain that tradition.

Five women were entered, including the state champion Susan Franklin. There was no women's title or prize this year--a casualty of women's liberation.

ROUND ONE

The perennial question in the first round of a Swiss is "Will there be any upsets?" This year the answer was not long in coming. The players had barely settled in their seats when the news swept the tournament room: on board one Charles Bassin had made an oversight on move 6, and was forced to lose a piece! Though he struggled mightily, he soon had to surrender to Doug Dekker.

DOUG DEKKER - CHARLES BASSIN

1 PQN3	PK4	8 KxB	NPxN	15 NB3	QK6+
2 BN2	PKB3	9 QR5+	NB2	16 KQ1	PxP
3 PK4	NB3	10 BB4	OO	17 BQ4	QB5
4 NKB3	BB4	11 RKB1	QK2	18 NK5	QN4
5 PQ4	PxP	12 NQ2	PQ4	19 QxQ	PxQ
6 NxP	NR3	13 BQ3	QB4+	20 BB4	BK1
7 NxN	BxP+	14 KK1	BQ2	21 BB5	KR1
				22 NxN+	Resigns

Apart from this game, however, sensations in the first round were few and far between. Poschel won a pawn early from Weber, and technique took care of the rest. Presser defeated Ryan's Caro-Kann by solid positional pressure, and Freeman got a quick win when Borders diverged from Spassky-Fischer, 1972 Match, Game 15, by 12...00 13 PB5 NR4?:

ROD FREEMAN - MIKE BORDERS

1 PK4	PQB4	7 PB4	BK2	13 PB5	NR4
2 NKB3	PQ3	8 QB3	QB2	14 QR4	BxB+
3 PQ4	PxP	9 OOO	QNQ2	15 QxB	N4B3
4 NxP	NKB3	10 BQ3	PN4	16 PxP	NK4
5 NQB3	PQR3	11 KRK1	BN2	17 PK7	NxB+
6 BKN5	PK3	12 QN3	OO	18 RxN	QxP
				19 NB5	Resigns

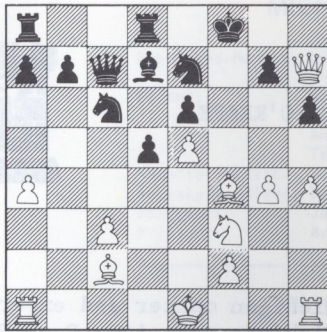
Bugar accepted the donation of a piece from Guthrie, but Ciaffone had to work hard to capitalize on an extra pawn in an ending against Susan Franklin. Dupuis and Ludlow won in good style against Brouwer and Glassman respectively, while Boyk defeated Hood who made an unsound pawn-sacrifice in the opening. McCarty collected too much material from Frank Martin, and Marfia won quickly when Robert Jochum, under a powerful attack, overlooked a mate in one.

Whitehouse won a methodical French from Little, and Crispin defeated Jensen with a speculative Blackmar-Diemer Gambit. Borgen won a miniature from Margaret Jochum; Tom Mazuchowski, however, was held to a draw by Peter Grossinger's solid play. Wilfred Brown sacrificed against Michael Hill's French for a forced mate after 20 QxP+.

WILFRED BROWN - MICHAEL HILL

DANIEL PATTERSON - DAVE MILLER
(After 29 PB4)

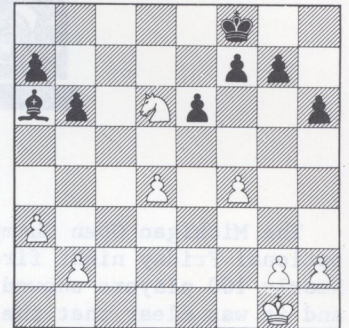
- 1 PK4 PK3
- 2 PQ4 PQ4
- 3 NQB3 BN5
- 4 PK5 PQB4
- 5 PQR3 BxN+
- 6 PxP NK2
- 7 PQR4 OO
- 8 PR4 PxP
- 9 PxP QNB3
- 10 NB3 BQ2
- 11 BQ3 NB4
- 12 PB3 PKR3
- 13 BB2 PB3
- 14 QQ3 PxP
- 15 PxP QB2
- 16 BB4 KRQ1
- 17 PN4 N4K2
- 18 QR7+ KB1
- 19 BxP PxP
- 20 QxP+ KK1
- 21 QR8+ NN1



BROWN - HILL
(After 18...KB1)

- 22 QxN+ KK2
- 23 QN7+ KK1
- 24 BN6 mate

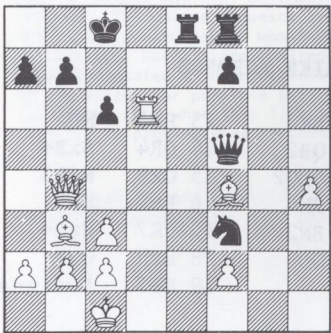
Dave Miller forced a winning K+P ending by threatening to trap White's errant knight: 29...PB4! 30 PQN3 (If 30 PQR4 KK2 31 NN5 BxN 32 PxP KQ3 33 KB2 KQ4 34 KK3 KB5 wins a pawn and the game) PQN4! 31 PQR4 PxP 32 PxP KK2 33 NN5 BxN 34 PxP KQ3 35 KB2 KB2 36 KK3 KN3 37 PN4 KxP, and Black won with his outside passed pawn.



ROUND TWO

From the other boards, here are two bright finishes and a neat ending:

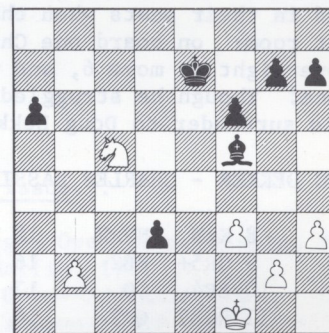
The masters and experts all won this round, though they didn't always have an easy time of it. For example, Christopher Smith got a very satisfactory position against Poschel's Najdorf Variation, but his game fell apart when he lost a pawn and then sacrificed a rook unsoundly. Presser won a pawn against Jenkins, but White had good drawing chances in the ending until he traded rooks to regain the pawn.



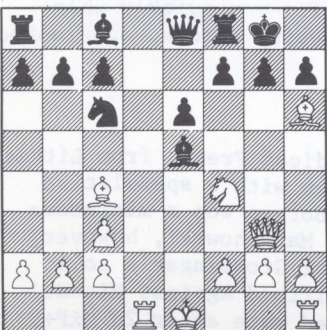
TOM SLOAN - GERALD BURK
(After 20...NxP)

Tom Sloan gives Black a choice of mate in one, two, or three after 21 RxP+!

TOM JENKINS - DAVID PRESSER
(After 36...BB4)



After 37 NxRP? PQ7, White had to resign in view of 38 KK2 BQ6+!



RON DeLUCA - CLAUDIA LUCAS
(After 11...BK4)

Ron DeLuca concluded matters by 12 BxNP! BxN (12...BxB 13 NR5) 13 QxB KxB 14 QN5+ KR1 15 QB6+ KN1 16 RQ3 PKR4? 17 RN3+ Resigns.

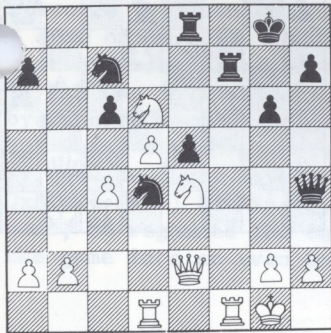
Freeman won a well-played B-of-opposite-color ending from Dave Miller by forcing two connected passed pawns in the center. Burgar utilized some

neat tactics to defeat DeLuca--note his refutation of 18...PQ4 (by 21 NxP!) and 28...RxNP (by 29 RR2 and 30 RN2).

WES BURGAR - RON DeLUCA

1 PK4	PQB4	13 NQR4	QxQ	25 PKN4	PxQNP
2 NQB3	NQB3	14 QRxQ	BxB	26 RPxP	PxP
3 PB4	PQ3	15 NxB	PR4	27 PxP	RR7
4 NB3	PKN3	16 NN5	BQ2	28 RB2	RxNP
5 BN5	BN2	17 PK5	OO	29 RR2	NxP
6 BxN+	PxB	18 NB4	PQ4	30 RN2	NB7+
7 OO	NR3	19 NN6	RR2	31 RxN	RxQP
8 PQ3	QN3	20 NxB	RxN	32 RN2	RKB6
9 KR1	NN5	21 NxP	RR2	33 RxP+	KB2
10 QK1	BK3	22 NN5	PQR5	34 RR6	RB7
11 PQN3	PKR4	23 NK6	RN1	35 RKN1	QRxP
12 BN2	QR4	24 PKR3	NR3	36 RN7+	KK1
				37 RN8+	Resigns

Ciaffone won early after heavy material losses by Chad Hill, but Dupuis had to thread his way through fascinating complications before he simplified into a winning ending against Moore:

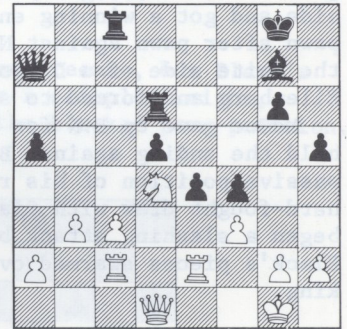
PAUL DUPUIS - ROBERT MOORE
(After 22...NQ5)

23 RxN RxR+ 24 QxR
RKB1 (Not 24...PxR
25 NB6+) 25 NB6+ QxN
(Forced, but doesn't
Black win a piece now?)
26 QxQ RxQ 27 NK4 RB5
28 PKN3! PxR 29 PxR
PxP 30 NB6+, and White
won the ending.

Boyk and Ludlow won short crushes from Les Smith and Lehotsky, while Joe McCarty's edge in space was decisive in his ending against Cooper. Marfia got good pressure from a Sicilian against Van Cleve, and went into a superior ending where his passed KP was decisive.

Despite (or because of) losing a pawn on move 3, Sveen got active piece play against Whitehouse, but after some complications lost further material and succumbed to a mating attack. Crispin won a pawn early from McCormick, but had his work cut out for him. The K+P ending turned into a Q+P ending where Crispin's extra material finally prevailed. Borgen had a much easier time of it when P-fork won a piece from Seizinger on move 8.

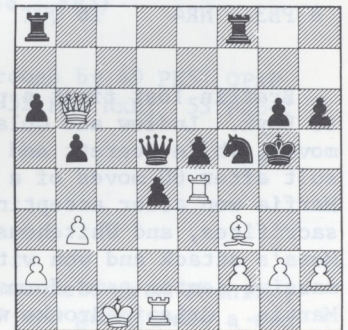
Werhnyak held Wilfred Brown to a draw with a Morra Gambit, while Dekker collected another scalp (or half-scalp) by drawing against LaForge after withstanding a vicious attack.

DOUG MAURER - MARK McCUE
(After 33 R1B2)

Mark McCue finished off a strongly played game with 33...RxP!, leaving White defenseless.

PHIL ANDERSON - J. D. BRATTIN
(After 30 BB3)

Brattin got a typically wild position against Phil Anderson. The threat of 31 RN4+ looks unanswerable, but Brattin found 30...QRB1+ 31 KN1 QRB3 32 RN4+ KR4. Now 33 QR5 would be very strong, but White lost immediately by 33 RxQP+ QxB!



Opportunity knocked but once for White here--
6 BN5+ PB3 7 NxP.

ED MOLENDIA - MORGAN EVERETT

1 PK4	PK4	4 PxP	QR5+	7 KxQ	PxP
2 PKB4	PxP	5 KB1	PB6	8 Resigns	
3 BB4	PQ4	6 QK1+	QxQ+		

Black can survive the "Fried Liver" Attack only by cheerfully returning material. 9...NxP+, instead of 9...PB3, was a bit of avarice that brought swift retribution from Balkany.

ALAN BALKANY - JOHN LONGUSKI

1 PK4	PK4	5 PxP	NxP	9 PQ4	NxP+
2 NKB3	NQB3	6 NxBP	KxN	10 QK1	NxR
3 BB4	NB3	7 QB3+	KK3	11 BxN+	KQ3
4 NN5	PQ4	8 NB3	NN5	12 NN5+	KQ2
				13 QB5+	Resigns

ROUND THREE

Competition on the top boards was much stiffer this round. Poschel, in a long maneuvering struggle with Wendt, finally broke through on the K-side and got a winning ending. Presser picked up pawn after pawn against Nunn, while Freeman, on the White side of a Dragon, was well held by Abe Ellenberg and forced to split the point.

McCue gave up B+N for R+2Ps, but could not hold the ending against Burgar because of the passive position of his rooks. Phenizy had a hard-fought draw with Ciaffone, while Dupuis began a slashing attack by 12...NB5! in which Black's pieces swarmed over White's beleaguered king.

DON DUBOIS - PAUL DUPUIS

1 PQ4	PKN3	9 NR3	PKB4	17 KB2	QB3
2 PQB4	BN2	10 NKN5	NB4	18 QK1	KRK1
3 NQB3	PQ3	11 PxP	PxP	19 NxP	RK6
4 PK4	NKB3	12 QB2	NB5	20 NQ1	BR5+
5 BK2	OO	13 BxN4	PxB	21 PN3	NxP
6 BK3	PK4	14 NR3	QR5+	22 QN3+	KR1
7 PQ5	QNQ2	15 KQ2	BQ5	23 PxN	BxP+
8 PB3	NR4	16 QQ1	BQ2	24 KQ2	BB6+
				25 Resigns	

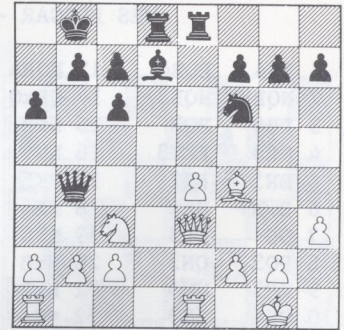
Brattin lost first a pawn, then the exchange, to Boyk. Ludlow and Golab had a quiet draw in 16 moves, while Everett and McCarty got the same result after 60 moves of a well-contested Najdorf. Marfia won after accepting Trout's unsound piece-sacrifices, and Whitehouse successfully beat back Meza's attack and won with an extra piece. Borgen's massive center pawn-formation was decisive against Martin. Crispin-Brooks was one of the great battles of the tournament, equally fascinating for the middlegame complications after 16...BxP and the ending, where Brooks's sharp 49...RxR! is neatly matched by Crispin's 55 RN2+!

TOM CRISPIN - JOHN BROOKS

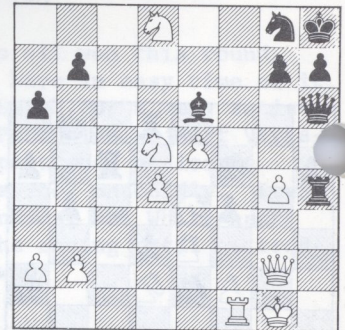
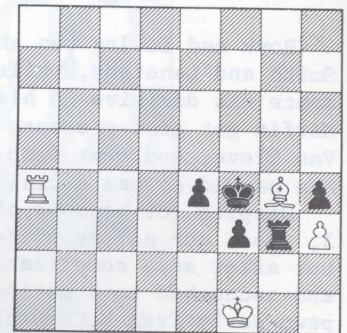
1 PKB4	PQB4	21 QN5+	QQ2	41 RB2	KK4
2 NKB3	PQ4	22 QK5	RR2	42 BB7	PR5
3 PKN3	NQB3	23 BB4	NB3	43 BN6	PB5
4 BN2	BN5	24 QB6	QKB2	44 PxpP+	PxpP
5 OO	PKN3	25 QxQ+	RxQ	45 BR5	RN6
6 PQ3	BN2	26 KRB1	RQ1	46 BN4	RN6+
7 PB3	PK3	27 PR6	NxP	47 KB1	PB6
8 QB2	QN3	28 RB7	PxP	48 RQR2	KB5
9 QNQ2	PKR4	29 RxB	KxR	49 RR4	RxB
10 PK4	KNK2	30 RxB	RQ2	50 PxB	PR6
11 PQR4	BB3	31 BK5	PK6	51 RR2	PK6
12 PR3	BxN	32 BxN	RxB	52 PN5	KxB
13 NxN	PB5+	33 RxB+	KB3	53 KN1	KB5
14 PQ4	PxP	34 RR1	PK7	54 RQN2	KN6
15 NK5	NxN	35 BB3	RQ7	55 RN2+	KB5
16 PxN	BxP	36 RK1	RxB	56 RN2	KN5
17 PR5	BxP+	37 RxB	RN8+	57 RQR2	KB5
18 KR1	QQ3	38 KN2	PK4	58 RQN2	
19 PxB	PB4	39 BQ5	PN4		Drawn
20 QxBP	RQB1	40 RQB2	PK5		

GARY KITTS - MICHAEL SMITH
(After 16...QN5)

Gary Kitts set a nice trap here by 18 PR3 QxNP? 19 QRN1 QxRP 20 QN6!, and it was time to sign the scoresheet.

JOHN GIPSON - TOM LaFORGE
(After 38...BK3)

Gipson, against LaForge, had achieved a winning position which he could have clinched here by 39 NB4! BxRP (39... BB5 40 PN3 or 39...RxP 40 QxR!) 40 PQ5, and Black cannot defend his KB2. But after 39 NQB7 Black was able to draw by 39... QK6+ 40 RB2 QB8+.

CRISPIN - BROOKS
(After 49 RR4)

There were now twelve players in the lead with 3-0: Poschel, Presser, Burgar, Dupuis, Boyk, Marfia, Whitehouse, Borgen, Foote, Sloan, Underhill, and Kitts.

ROUND FOUR

The pairings on the top boards were: Whitehouse-Poschel, Borgen-Presser, Bugar-Sloan, Dupuis-Underhill, Boyk-Kitts, and Foote-Marfia.

Poschel secured the initiative by the vigorous pawn-sacrifice 13...PQ4! He succeeded in winning a pawn, but Whitehouse found sufficient counter-play to draw the heavy-pieces ending.

DAVID WHITEHOUSE - PAUL POSCHEL

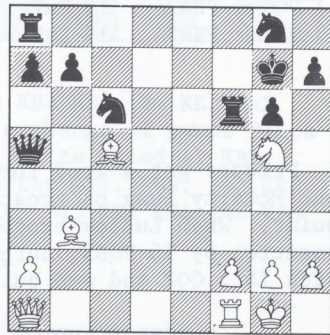
1 PQB4	PK4	12 QQ3	PB4	23 RN1	QN7
2 NQB3	NKB3	13 NB2	PQ4	24 RQ1	RK1
3 NB3	NB3	14 PXP	BB4	25 RQ2	QN5
4 PQ4	PXP	15 QQ2	BK5	26 PB5	PQN3
5 NXP	BN5	16 RKN1	QRQ1	27 QB6	QXR
6 BN5	PKR3	17 NK3	NK2	28 QXR+	KR2
7 BR4	BxN+	18 BN2	BxB	29 QXP	QQ5+
8 PxB	NK4	19 RxB	NxP	30 KK1	QN8+
9 PB4	NN3	20 NxN	RxN	31 KQ2	QQ5+
10 BxN	QxB	21 QxR	QxP+	32 KK1	QR8+
11 PN3	OO	22 KB2	QxR	33 KB2	QK4

Drawn

Bugar got pressure against the Sicilian and could have won a pawn, but overlooked a tactical resource by Sloan which held equality; they agreed draw on move 19. Borgen-Presser was one of the most exciting games of the tournament. Borgen's 11 PxP was an imaginative exchange-sacrifice; the bystanders were skeptical about its soundness, but White's bishops were soon posted very strongly, and he could have won by 20 BxN RxB (Not 20... QxB 21 NK6+) 21 NK4 QQ1 22 RQ1! As the game went, he regained the exchange, but Presser forced the game into an even ending.

RICHARD BORGEN - DAVID PRESSER

1 PK4	PQB4
2 NKB3	PQ3
3 BQ3	NQB3
4 PB3	PKN3
5 OO	BN2
6 BB2	PK4
7 PQ3	KNK2
8 BK3	OO
9 PQ4	KPxP
10 PxP	BN5
11 PxP	BxP
12 QNQ2	BxR
13 QxB	PxP
14 BxP	PB3
15 BN3+	KN2
16 PK5	BxN
17 PxP+	RxP
18 NxB	QR4
19 NN5	NKN1
20 NK4	RK1
21 NxR	NxN
22 BK3	QK4



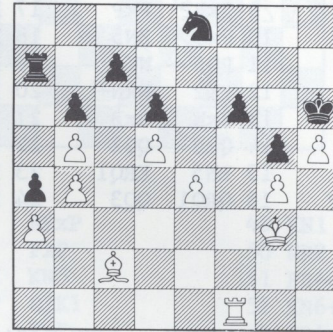
(After 19...NKN1)

23 QB1	NQ5
24 QB4	NxB
25 PxN	PN3
26 PR3	QK3
27 QQ4	

Drawn

Boyk and Kitts played a solid, tedious draw. Underhill lost the exchange to Dupuis on an oversight, while Marfia won a piece when Foote miscalculated a series of exchanges.

Brooks won a pawn from Freeman, but Black's drawing chances, despite a crippled knight, looked good because of the blocked pawn-position.

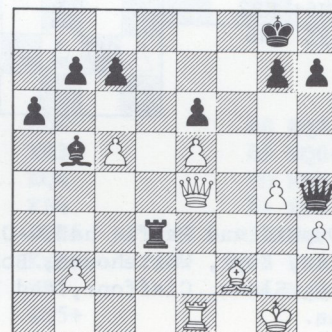


JOHN BROOKS - ROD FREEMAN
(After 48...KR3)

However, Brooks broke through by 49 PK5! QPxP 50 BN6! NQ3 51 RxP KN2 52 RK6 NxP? 53 PR6+! and Black resigned.

Ludlow won a smooth Gruenfeld from Phenizy, picking up an isolated QP and going into a won ending. McCarty had a quick win after Golab misplayed the Sicilian and lost the exchange. Crispin had another hard fight, this time against Naum Zacks. Crispin had two Ns and six Ps vs. R, B, and four Ps, but in time-pressure could find only a draw. Ciaffone won the exchange from Ellenberg, then returned it to prey on the weakness of White's kingside. Here 34...RN6+! brought immediate resignation.

ABE ELLENBERG - ROBERT CIAFFONE
(After 34 BB2)



ROUND FIVE

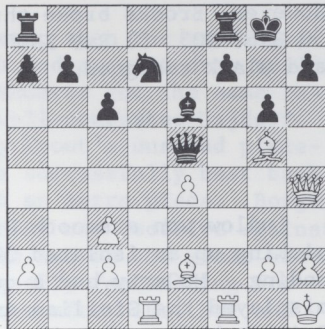
Lowell Boileau won a fine positional game, utilizing the edge in space that his advanced isolated QP gave him. After 19 NR4! NxB would lose the exchange to 20 NB5 R2Q1 21 BxP, but in the game Black fared no better after 19...R1Q1 20 BB4!

LOWELL BOILEAU - RON WERHNYAK

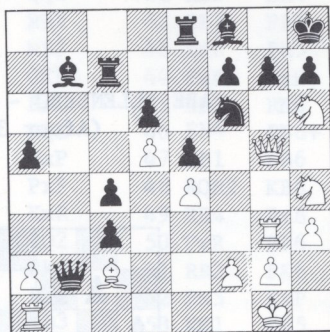
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2 PQB4	PKN3	10 PxB	BN5	18 PQN4	PQR3
3 NQB3	PQ4	11 PQ5	NK4	19 NR4	R1Q1
4 PK3	BN2	12 BK2	NxN+	20 BB4	PK4
5 NB3	OO	13 BxN	BxB	21 BxP	QK2
6 BQ3	PB4	14 QxB	QQ2	22 BQ4	QQ3
7 OO	NB3	15 BN5	KRQ1	23 BK5	QK2
8 PQR3	PxBP	16 QRQ1	QQ3	24 BB7	and won

STEVE KREVINKO - JOHN VASAS
(After 18...QK4)

Krevinko finished his game with a neat shot: 19 RxN BxR 20 BB6, and there was no defense to 21 QR6.

DOUG MAURER - DENNIS RYNES
(After 27...QxP)

A powerful finish by Doug Maurer: 28 QxN! QxR+ 29 KR2 BB1 30 NxP+ RxN 31 QxR RQ1 32 RB3! PR3 (32...PN3 33 QB6+) 33 NN6+ KR2 34 NxB+ KR1 35 QN6 Resigns.



Now only Dupuis and Marfia had 4-0, with Poschel, Presser, Burgar, Boyk, Whitehouse, Borgen, Brooks, Kitts, McCarty, Sloan, Ciaffone, and Ludlow close on their heels.

Besides Marfia-Dupuis, the other top pairings were Poschel-Borgen, Presser-McCarty, Ludlow-Burgar, Ciaffone-Brooks, Kitts-Whitehouse, and Sloan-Boyk.

Marfia got some pressure against Black's Q-side, but Dupuis defended carefully, and by the time-control the weaknesses on both sides had balanced out.

JIM MARFIA - PAUL DUPUIS

1 PK4	PKN3	15 NB5	PR4	29 RxR+	RxR
2 PQ4	BN2	16 PQR4	PxP	30 QQ1	NxB
3 NQB3	PQ3	17 NxBP	NQ2	31 PxB	QB3
4 NB3	PQB3	18 NB4	NK2	32 NB5	BxN
5 BK2	PQN4	19 NQ3	NKB4	33 RB1	QN4
6 OO	QB2	20 KRB1	OO	34 QB2	RB2
7 PQR3	PQR3	21 PQB4	QN1	35 PxB	RB3
8 BK3	NQ2	22 N3B5	NxN	36 KB2	QN5
9 QQ2	NN3	23 NxN	RQ1	37 QB3	QR5+
10 PK5	PQ4	24 BN5	RQB1	38 KN1	QK5
11 PQN3	BN5	25 PxB	BPxB	39 QQ4	QB4
12 NK1	BxB	26 BK3	QN4	40 RR1	QQB7
13 NxB	PKR4	27 RB3	BB1	41 RxP	
14 NQ3	PK3	28 NR4	BN5		Drawn

Now any of the 3½-pointers who won could tie for the lead; several took advantage of the opportunity. Poschel, for example, won a pawn after 12 NQ2!, gave it back by 18 PB5! and Black was soon forced to resign.

PAUL POSCHEL - RICHARD BORGEN

1 PQB4	NKB3	9 BQ3	NB3	17 QN3	RN1
2 NQB3	PK3	10 OO	BQ3	18 PB5	PxB
3 PK4	PQ4	11 BK3	PQN3	19 QR3	NK4
4 PK5	PQ5	12 NQ2	QK2	20 BK2	PB5
5 PxB	PxB	13 NK4	OO	21 KRQ1	BN2
6 NPxB	QxBP	14 NxB	QxN	22 QB5	QxQ
7 PQ4	PB4	15 PxB	QB2	23 BxQ	KRQ1
8 NB3	PKR3	16 PxB	PxB	24 BQ6	Resigns

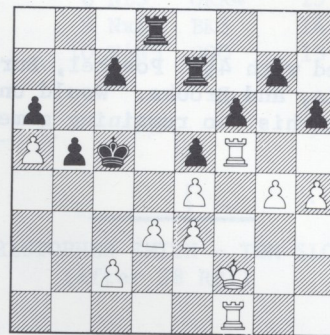
Presser got a good form of the Maroczy Bind, but McCarty hung on tenaciously to split the point. When Ludlow broke out of a restricted position by 16 PQB3, Burgar kept an extra pawn with 18...QQ2 and won quickly.

ROBERT LUDLOW - WES BURGAR

1 PK4	PK3	8 RK1	PxB	15 KRQB1	BQN5
2 PQ3	PQB4	9 PxB	PK4	16 PQB3	PxB
3 NKB3	NQB3	10 PN3	BN5	17 BxB	BxB
4 PKN3	PQ4	11 BN2	QB2	18 NN1	QQ2
5 QNQ2	NB3	12 PKR3	BK3	19 NxB	BxB
6 BN2	BK2	13 QK2	NQ5	20 BxB	QxB
7 OO	OO	14 NxN	BPxB	21 QN5	NN5
				22 Resigns	

CHARLES BASSIN - MARCUS TROUT
(After 35...KxP)

Whitehouse had his second heavy-pieces ending in a row, but this time their drawishness worked against him. Despite Black's protected passed pawn and domination of the only open file, Kitts was able to sacrifice a pawn, trade queens and one pair of rooks, and reach a drawn R+P ending. In a French where the kings were castled on opposite sides, Brooks suddenly switched to the K-side by 25...QN1! and launched a decisive attack with 26...NxP.



ROBERT CIAFFONE - JOHN BROOKS

1 PK4	PK3	12 BR3	BQ2	23 NK2	QxP
2 PQ4	PQ4	13 OO	PB3	24 BN2	BQ3
3 NQ2	NKB3	14 NB3	OOO	25 NB3	QN1
4 PK5	KNQ2	15 KR2	KN1	26 RQR1	NxP
5 PKB4	PQB4	16 RQN1	RB1	27 NK5	NxB
6 PB3	NQB3	17 PB5	KPxP	28 NR4	RB3
7 QNB3	PxP	18 PxP	PxP	29 QB3	PxN
8 PxP	QN3	19 BB4+	KR1	30 QxN	PB5
9 PKN3	BK2	20 NxP	QR4	31 NPxP	QxQ+
10 NK2	PKR4	21 NB3	NN3	32 KxQ	PxBP
11 PKR4	NB1	22 BQ2	NN1	33 Resigns	

36 PN5	RPxP	49 KN1	RR8+
37 PxP	PxP	50 KR2	RQB8
38 RKN1	KN5	51 PB4+	KB3
39 R1xP	R1K1	52 RN6+	KQ2
40 RN6	KxP	53 PQ4	RB7+
41 R5N5	PN5	54 KN1	PR7+
42 KK2	KN4	55 KR1	PN6
43 RxP7	RxR	56 RN1	BPxP
44 RxR	PB4	57 PxP	PxP
45 RN5	PR4	58 RQ1	RxP
46 KQ2	PR5	59 KN2	RR5
47 KB1	PR6		and Black
48 RN7	RKR1		overstepped.

TOM SLOAN - DAN BOYK
(After 40 KN1)

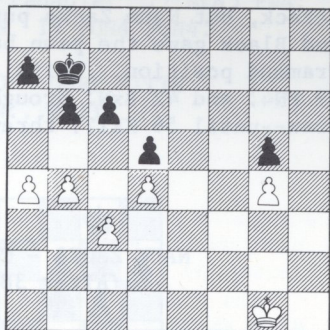
Everyone wondered why Boyk was trying to win this clearly drawn position.

There seemed to be no hope of a breakthrough by 40...

PR4 41 PxP PxP, or 40...PN4 41 PR5, or 40...PB4 41 PN5.

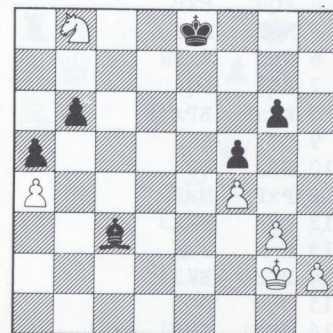
But after 40...PR4! Sloan (and the on-lookers) realized that 41 PxP PN4!

would win: 42 PxP PxP 43 KB2 KR3 44 KK2 KxP 45 KQ2 PN5, and after the exchange of pawns Black wins the QP and the game. White tried 41 KB2, but was forced to resign after 41...PN4! 42 KK3 PxRP 43 KQ2 PxP 44 PxP KN3 45 KB2 KN4 46 KB3 PR6 47 KN3 PR7.



MARK McCUE - SUSAN FRANKLIN
(After 39...BxR)

Susan Franklin won a nice minor-piece ending by cutting White's knight off from Black's passed QRP. Note that 50 KB2 loses to 50...PR6 51 KN1 KN6 and 52...PR7+.



40 NB6	KQ2	48 KQ2	PR5
41 NR7	KK3	49 NQ6+	KN5
42 KB3	KQ4	50 KQ3	KN6
43 NB8	KB4	51 KxB	PR6
44 NK7	PQN4	52 NxP	PxN
45 PxP	KxP	53 KK5	PR7
46 KK3	KB5	54 KxP	PR8Q
47 NB8	BQ5+		and won.

Bassin (remember him?) and Marcus Trout contested a difficult four-rook ending. Black's QRP should have been decisive, but on the 59th move Black, misjudging the amount of time left, overstepped the time-limit. A pity for Trout, since White's position was resignable.

Mazuchowski and Foote won when Bailey and Seizinger each lost a piece on an oversight. Christopher Smith won a pawn, but Crispin was able to hold the draw--his third in a row.

After a quiet positional Sicilian, Burgar and Marfia reached a heavy-pieces ending (still another one!). When the rooks disappeared, White's QP looked dangerous, but Marfia found a perpetual.

Six now led with 4½: Poschel, Burgar, Boyk, Dupuis, Marfia, and Brooks. Would one of them be able to win his two remaining games?

WES BURGAR - JAMES MARFIA

1	PK4	PQB4	15	BB2	PK3	29	RxR	RK1
2	NQB3	NQB3	16	BR4	RK1	30	PQ5	RxR
3	PB4	PQ3	17	BxN	BxB	31	QxR	QN5
4	NB3	PKN3	18	KR1	BxN	32	PQ6	QxRP+
5	BN5	BQ2	19	PxB	PB5	33	KN1	QN5
6	OO	BN2	20	PQ4	RQ1	34	QK8+	KN2
7	PQ3	NB3	21	QN4	RQ3	35	PQ7	QQ8+
8	PK5	PxP	22	RK5	RQ4	36	KR2	QQ3+
9	NxP	QRB1	23	PKR4	PKR4	37	KN1	QQ8+
10	BxN	BxB	24	QN3	KR2	38	KB2	QxP+
11	BK3	PN3	25	QN5	KN2	39	KK3	QxP+
12	NxB	RxN	26	PB5	PxP	40	KK4	QQ6+
13	QB3	QQ2	27	RlxP	RxR	41	KK5	QB4+
14	QRK1	OO	28	QB6+	KN1	42	KQ4	

Drawn

ROUND SIX

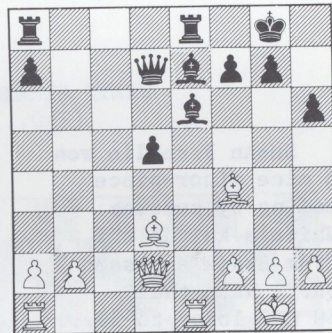
The pairings among the leaders were Brooks-Poschel, Burgar-Marfia, and Dupuis-Boyk.

Dupuis and Boyk finished first, agreeing to a draw on move 13 in a quiet line of the French. Poschel got an unpromising position out of the Sicilian, and Brooks could have mounted a strong attack by 17 BxP! (Crispin's suggestion) PxB 18 QxP BKB4 (18...PB4 loses the QB, and on 18...PB3 White mates in five by 19 BR7+) 19 RK3 BxB 20 RxB BQ3 21 PB4. White kept fine prospects by the game continuation also, but after 28 QN6, instead of 28 KB2, Black drew by the skin of his teeth.

Now the 4-pointers had their chance to catch up. Presser accepted a pawn-sacrifice by Mazuchowski, held it by a tactical finesse, and won when White dropped a piece in severe time-pressure. McCarty, by an oversight, lost a piece to Underhill. Bassin won a pawn by a strong K-side attack, but Naum Zacks put up a tough defense and Black gave the pawn back to reach the diagrammed position. White's KP must fall, but 39 PN4! and 42 BxN! brought about a surprising draw--until 56 KRI?? threw it away.

JOHN BROOKS - PAUL POSCHEL

1	PK4	PQB4
2	NKB3	PK3
3	PB4	NQB3
4	PQ4	PxP
5	NxP	NB3
6	NxN	NPxN
7	BQ3	PQ4
8	KPxP	BPxP
9	OO	BK2
10	NB3	OO
11	PxP	NxP
12	QB2	PKR3
13	NxN	PxN
14	BKB4	BK3
15	QQ2	QQ2
16	KRK1	KRK1
17	PQR4	PR3
18	KRQB1	BQ3
19	PQN4	BxB
20	QxB	KRQB1
21	RxR+	QxR
22	RQB1	QK1
23	PR5	BQ2
24	QQ4	RB1
25	RxR	QxR
26	QB5	QN2
27	PB3	PN3

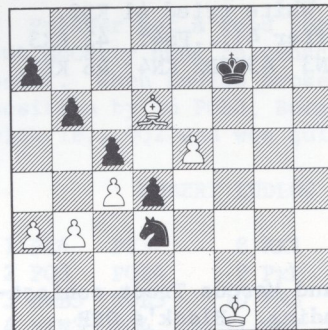


BROOKS - POSCHEL
(After 16...KRK1)

28	QN6	QxQ
29	PxQ	BB1
30	KB2	KB1
31	KK3	KK2
32	KQ4	KQ3
33	PN5	PQR4
34	BB2	BN2
35	PB4	

Drawn

NAUM ZACKS - CHARLES BASSIN
(After 38...KB2)



39	PN4	PxP
40	PxP	KK3
41	KK2	NxKP
42	BxN	KxB
43	KQ3	PN4
44	PB5	KQ4
45	KQ2	PR3
46	KB2	KB3
47	KQ3	PR4
48	PxP	KxP
49	PR6	KN3
50	PR7	KxP
51	KxP	KR3
52	KB3	KR
53	KN3	PN5
54	KR2	KR5
55	KN2	PN6
56	KR1	KR6
57	Resigns	

Whitehouse won a smooth English, demonstrating that his mobile kingside pawns outweighed his queenside weaknesses.

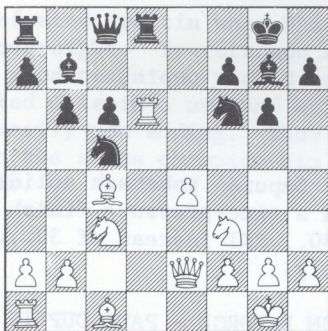
DAVID WHITEHOUSE - WILFRED BROWN

1 PQB4	PK4	10 PN3	OO	19 RK3	RK2
2 NQB3	NKB3	11 BKN2	PQ3	20 R1K1	R1K1
3 NB3	NB3	12 OO	QB2	21 BR4	RB2
4 PQ4	PK5	13 PK4	BQ2	22 RR3	PN3
5 NQ2	NxP	14 PB4	KRK1	23 BB6	BN2
6 N2xP	NxN	15 BK3	BQB3	24 BxB	KxB
7 QxN	NxN	16 BB2	BB1	25 PB5	PQ4
8 PxN	PQB4	17 PN4	PQN3	26 QBPxP	BxP
9 QQ3	BK2	18 QRK1	QN2	27 QQ2	Resigns

Another fine performance was LaForge's win from Foote, in which a strong passed pawn finally cost White a rook. This was actually the last game to finish in the tournament; they played out the ending K+R+N vs. K+N when round seven was over. (Endgame theory was not revolutionized; the extra R won.)

Perhaps the most spectacular move of the tournament was Boileau's 15 NKN5! against Kitts. Since 15...RxR 16 NxBP leaves White with a powerful threat of 17 NQ6+ when the rook moves from Q3, Black meekly gave up a pawn by 15...KB1 but could not hold the ending. However, 15...RxR 16 NxBP RK3! seems to be tenable: 17 NKN5 PN4! or 17 NQ6 QQ2 18 NxB QxN 19 PQN4 PQN4!

LOWELL BOILEAU - GARY KITTS
(After 14...RQ1)



Trout and Everett wasted no time in notching a full point.

MARCUS TROUT - WILLIAM JONES

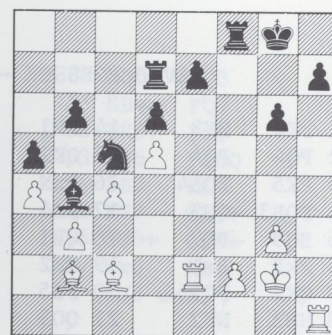
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2 NKB3	NQB3	6 BxN	NPxB	10 PKB4	PN3
3 BN5	PQR3	7 RK1	NB4	11 PB5	PxP
4 BR4	NB3	8 NxP	BK2	12 QR5	RB1
				13 BR6	Resigns

CHAD HILL - MORGAN EVERETT

1 PK4	PK4	6 RK1	PQ4	11 NxB	PxN
2 NKB3	NQB3	7 BxP	QxB	12 RxP	BQ3
3 BB4	NB3	8 NB3	QKR4	13 QK2	PQ6
4 PQ4	PxP	9 NxN	BK3	14 QK3	NQ5
5 OO	NxP	10 N4N5	OOO	15 Resigns	

CHRISTOPHER SMITH - TOM SLOAN
(After 38 RR1)

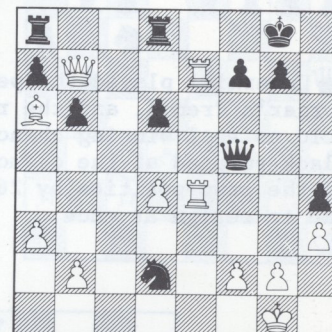
Here Black tried to break his chains by 38...PK4, but Chris Smith reached a winning ending after 39 PxPep RK2 40 BxP! NxKP 41 BK4 NB2 42 BxP+! RxB 43 RxR KxR 44 RK7+.



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DAVID GRINSTEIN - ANDREW BEIDER
(After 27...NQ7)

Grinstein's bishop brought victory almost single-handed: 28 BQ3! NxR 29 BxN QB3 30 BQ5 QxQP 31 RxP KR1 32 RB5 QQ8+ 33 KR2 RKB1 34 BB3 Resigns.



Quite a crowd now led with 5-1: Poschel, Presser, Burgar, Bassin, Dupuis, Marfia, Boyk, Whitehouse, Brooks, Underhill, LaForge, and Boileau.

ROUND SEVEN

The top pairings were Boyk-Poschel, Presser-Brooks, Underhill-Burgar, LaForge-Dupuis, Bassin-Whitehouse, and Marfia-Boileau. Since the masters were generally paired against experts, it was expected that there would be a number of decisive results and a tie for first place.

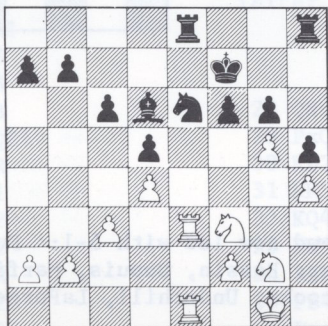
Within half an hour a crowd had formed around Presser-Brooks. White had overlooked the loss of a piece, and though he fought on for 26 more moves the game was for all practical purposes over on move 11.

DAVID PRESSER - JOHN BROOKS

1 PK4	PK3	14 KR1	BK6	27 N5B3	PK4
2 PQ4	PQ4	15 QK2	NB7+	28 PQN5	NxP
3 PK5	PQB4	16 RxN	BxR	29 QB2	NQ6+
4 PQB3	QN3	17 PB4	QK6	30 PN6	QR3
5 BQ3	BQ2	18 QB1	OO	31 RN1	PK5
6 PxP	BxP	19 RN2	QR2	32 NN5	BxN4
7 QK2	PQR4	20 PB5	BK6	33 PxB	NK8
8 NB3	NK2	21 QQ3	BR3	34 QQ1	NB6+
9 QNQ2	PR5	22 PN4	PB3	35 KN2	PK6
10 OO	NN3	23 PR4	PxP	36 NxN	PQ5
11 RN1	NB5	24 NxP	BB5	37 QxQP	RxN
12 QQ1	NxB	25 QQB3	BB3	38 Resigns	
13 PQN4	BxP+	26 KN1	NQ2		

ROGER UNDERHILL - WES BURGAR
(After 26 PN5)

Underhill played the peaceful 3 PxP against Burgar's French, and the resulting middlegame held no real winning chances for either side. Black snapped at the chance to break the symmetry of the pawn-position by 26...PxP, but after 27 RxN! had to resign at once.



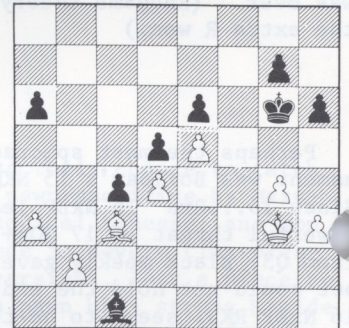
Boileau played a sharp variation inexactly-- usually suicidal against Marfia, and so it turned out here as White quickly whipped up a decisive attack, with 20 RxN! a neat final touch.

JAMES MARFIA - LOWELL BOILEAU

1 PK4	PQB4	8 QQ2	NB3	15 OO	PK3
2 NKB3	PQ3	9 BQB4	PQR3	16 QRN1	QR4
3 PQ4	PxP	10 PKN4	QB2	17 KN1	PQ4
4 NxP	NKB3	11 BN3	NQR4	18 PxP	PxP
5 NQB3	PKN3	12 PKR4	NxB	19 RN5	BR3
6 BK3	BN2	13 RPxN	PKR4	20 RxN	BxB
7 PB3	OO	14 PxP	NxRP	21 QxB	Resigns

DAN BOYK - PAUL POSCHEL
(After 36 PKR3)

In Boyk-Poschel a quiet middlegame led to a difficult B-ending for White. From the diagram the game continued 36...KN4 37 PR4+ KN3 38 PR5+ and, since 38...KN4 loses to 39 BR4!, Black tried 38...KB2, but there was no way to break through on the queenside. After the game, all the end-game experts gathered around to see if there was a win; the consensus was that 36...PKR4! gave Black good chances of infiltrating the kingside by zugzwang.



LaForge met Dupuis' Robatsch solidly and forcefully; in a time-pressure finish Black slipped with 30...RK1 instead of 30...RB2 and lost immediately.

TOM LaFORGE - PAUL DUPUIS

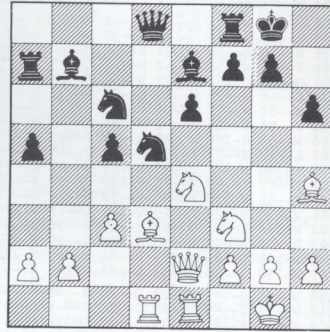
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2 PQ4	BN2	13 PxP	KPxP	24 PN4	PxP
3 NQB3	PQ3	14 QQ3	OOO	25 BxNP	KN2
4 PB4	PQB3	15 NR4	QN5	26 BN3	QRKB1
5 NB3	BN5	16 PQN3	NK2	27 RR1	QR2
6 BK3	QN3	17 PB3	QQ3	28 QRK1	QN4
7 QRN1	PK3	18 PQN4	NKB4	29 BxN	PxB
8 BK2	PQ4	19 BB2	PQN4	30 QK2	RK1
9 OO	BxN	20 NB5	NxN	31 QxR	RxQ
10 BxB	PKR4	21 NPxN	QQ2	32 RxR	BR3
11 PB5	NQ2	22 PQR4	PR3	33 R1K1	PN5
				34 RN8+	Resigns

Bassin-Whitehouse featured lively complications after 16 NxP. After Whitehouse's 26...NK4! the white king was left shivering in the breeze.

PINHAS ZACKS - FRED FOOTE
(After 41 KxB)

CHARLES BASSIN - DAVID WHITEHOUSE

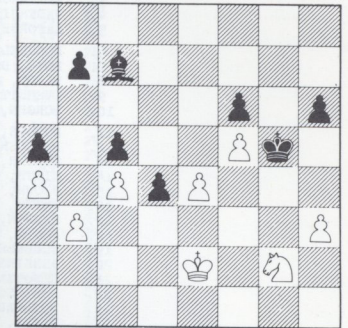
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- 2 NKB3 PQ4
- 3 BN5 PK3
- 4 QNQ2 PB4
- 5 PK3 NB3
- 6 BQ3 BK2
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- 8 BR4 OO
- 9 PB3 PQN3
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- 11 QRQ1 PQR4
- 12 KRK1 RR2
- 13 PxP PxP
- 14 PK4 PxP
- 15 NxP NQ4
- 16 NxP BxB
- 17 QK4 BxP+
- 18 KxB NB3
- 19 QQB4 QN3
- 20 KB1 BR1
- 21 NK4 NKN5
- 22 QB5 QN1
- 23 QR5 QB5



BASSIN - WHITEHOUSE
(After 15...NQ4)

- 24 QQB5 NxP+
- 25 KB2 NxN
- 26 PxN NK4
- 27 QxR QxP+
- 28 KN1 NxB
- 29 Resigns

Foote won a good B vs. N ending when White went far afield with his king instead of defending quietly by 43 NK1 and NQ3. A key variation is 50 NQ1 BQ5 51 KR5 KQ3 52 KxP KK4 53 KN4 KxP 54 PR4 PQ7 55 PR5 BK6 56 NN2 BR3 57 NQ1 QK6 58 KB3 KB7 59 KK2 KxP and wins.



- 41 ... PR4
- 42 KB3 PR5
- 43 KK2 BN6
- 44 KB3 KR3
- 45 KN4 KN2
- 46 KR5 KB2
- 47 KR6 KK2
- 48 KN6 PQ6
- 49 NK3 BB7

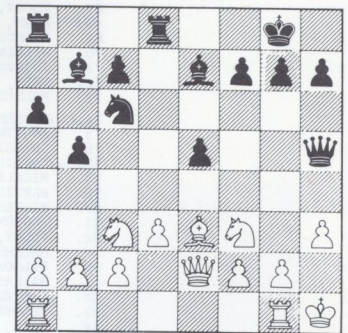
- 50 NQ5+ KQ3
- 51 NB4 PQ7
- 52 PK5+ PxP
- 53 PB6 PQ8Q
- 54 PB7 KK2
- 55 KN7 QN8+
- 56 NN6+ QxN+
- 57 KxQ KB1
- and won.

So five of the top six games did end decisively, and four of them were won by the lower-rated player!

Borgen defeated Brattin when White dropped a rook on an oversight. Everett won a pawn from Cooper, and good technique racked up the point. Wendt repelled Crispin's unsound attack and reached an easily won ending. Thus Wendt made 5½ points in the state championship for the second straight year.

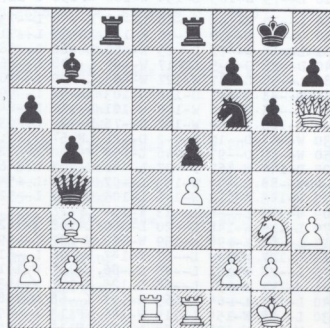
PETER GROSSINGER - RON GENO
(After 17...QR4)

When White offered the trade of Qs here by 18 NQ4, Ron Geno agreed--but on his own terms: 18...QxP+! 19 PxQ NxN+ winning a pawn.



TOM SLOAN - DAVID MILLER
(After 23...QN5)

Sloan concluded neatly by 24 NB5! PxN 25 QN5+! KB1 26 QxN RB2 27 QR8+ Resigns, for the rook is lost.



The tournament was over, except for the Long Wait (until about midnight) for Foote-LaForge to end. When Black finally won, there was a five-way tie for first at 6-1: Marfia, Brooks, Whitehouse, Underhill, and LaForge. The tie was broken in favor of Marfia, and Michigan had a new champion.

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114.	LAUTENBACH, Don	Wyoming, Mich.	1273	W--23	L--25	L--56	W-152	L--58	D-129	L--74	2½
115.	PRUITT, Carvin	Detroit	1432	W--63	L--72	L--35	W-112	L--42	L--87	D-133	2½
116.	SMALEC, John	Spring Arbor	....	D-164	L--37	W-144	L-124	W-131	L--42	L--81	2½
117.	RYNES, Dennis	Grand Rapids	1526	L--58	D--66	W-155	L--83	W-152	L--62	L--91	2½
118.	BELL, Robert	Ann Arbor	1347	L--22	D--80	L--61	W-155	L--67	W-150	L--82	2½
119.	PHENIZY, W.V.	Detroit	1824	W-123	W-106	D--32	L--90	L--30	L--76	....	2½
120.	SPEIR, Ibrahim	Detroit	1076	L--16	W-146	L--65	L--59	W-161	L-103	D-127	2½
121.	JOHNSON, DeWolf	Detroit	1211	L--83	D-130	W-125	L--76	L--88	L--84	W-154	2½
122.	KELL, Matthew	Birmingham	....	L--57	W-162	L--48	W-148	L--53	D--82	L--78	2½
123.	VASAS, John	Flint	1488	W-119	D-137	W-132	L--27	W-130	D--79	L--86	2½
124.	BRASS, Edward	Sylvania, Ohio	1593	D--67	W-125	L--24	W-116	L--26	L--85	....	2½
125.	JONES, Phillip	Grand Rapids	1425	D--37	L-124	L-121	D-144	W-110	L--49	D-131	2½
126.	WAGNER, Alan	LaGrange, Indiana	1432	D-157	L--24	L--66	L-149	W-163	W-132	L--84	2½
127.	HALE, Mark	Ypsilanti	1287	L--43	W-108	L--39	L--96	L-111	W-158	D-120	2½
128.	SPIRE, Glenn	Stryker, Ohio	1306	L--21	L-152	W-138	L--64	W-137	L--73	D-135	2½
129.	HARPER, Richard	East Lansing	1268	L--99	W-159	L--57	L--70	W-148	D-114	L--88	2½
130.	BORDERS, Michael	Roseville	1453	L-100	D-121	D--88	D-150	L-123	W-139	L--77	2½
131.	KRAUSE, Darlene	Dearborn Heights	1238	L--53	W-158	D--83	L--78	L-116	D-135	D-125	2½
132.	HELLE, Frank	Ypsilanti	1255	D--22	L--76	L-123	L--87	W-159	L-126	W-155	2½
133.	ROSENBERGER, Rick	Pinckney	1266	W--27	L--41	L--75	L--73	D-135	D-152	D-115	2½
134.	PRATTO, Ralph	Detroit	1322	L--88	L--47	L--68	D-162	D-151	D-154	W-150	2½
135.	PATERSON, Daniel	Napoleon, Ohio	1004	L--44	L--71	L-161	W-138	D-133	D-131	D-128	2½
136.	GUTHRIE, Burton	Berrien Center	1489	L--13	W-151	D--27	L--66	W-149	LF-80	....	2½
137.	JONES, Charles	Victoria, Texas	1316	L--36	D-123	L--77	L--88	L-128	W-162	W-158	2½
138.	JENSEN, Robert	Portage	1381	L--29	L--63	L-128	L-135	BYE	WF160	D-140	2½
139.	LITTLE, Don	Whitmore Lake	1385	L--3	L-113	L-143	D-151	W-155	L-130	W-152	2½
140.	DUWECK, Michael	Sterling Heights	1240	L--95	L--70	LF108	W-158	W-154	L-101	D-138	2½
141.	COLON, Mark	Bryan, Ohio	986	L--42	W-111	W--73	L--37	L--51	L--59	L-109	2
142.	LONGUSKI, Jim	Dearborn Heights.	1179	L--89	W-161	L--53	D--85	D--87	L-104	L-106	2
143.	WHITE, Bradford	Detroit	1233	L--35	L-104	W-139	W-160	L--65	L--69	L-110	2
144.	GROELLER, Bill	Detroit	1236	L--39	D-102	L-116	D-125	W-160	L--70	L-113	2
145.	MARTIN, Marvin	Toledo, Ohio	1792	W-155	W--78	L--10	L--56	L--41	LF-71	....	2
146.	RICE, John	Ypsilanti	....	L--48	L-120	W-162	L-104	L-112	W-153	L-102	2
147.	BRASS, Kevin	Sylvania, Ohio	1105	L--28	L-160	W-159	L--99	L-108	L-109	W-162	2
148.	SCHMIDT, Louis	Pinckney	798	L--50	BYE	L-106	L-122	L-129	WF161	L-111	2
149.	GLASSMAN, Bob	Ann Arbor	1413	L--90	L-110	D--87	W-126	L-136	L--81	....	1½
150.	BURKE, Rex	Southfield	1053	W-101	L--28	L--54	D-130	L--65	L-118	D-134	1½
151.	ANDERSON, Richard	East Lansing	1324	L--38	L-136	L-109	D-139	D-134	L-110	D-153	1½
152.	KRAUSE, John	Dearborn Heights	1465	L--72	W-128	L--52	L-114	L-117	D-133	L-139	1½
153.	HUGHES, James	Battle Creek	1170	L--54	WF154	L--23	L-103	L-107	L-146	D-151	1½
154.	SCHLIEF, Brad	Belleville	....	L--65	LF153	L-112	W--91	L-140	D-134	L-121	1½
155.	GUIDOT, Charles	Pinckney	1176	L-145	D-156	L-117	L-118	L-139	W-159	L-132	1½
156.	MITKOSKI, Branko	Detroit	....	L--56	D-155	L--80	W-163	L--62	LF-91	....	1½
157.	GOOD, Glenn	Trenton	1736	D-126	WF164	L--34	LF-61	....	....	....	1½
158.	LEWIS, Deborah	Jerome	....	L--49	L-131	L--86	L-140	WF165	L-127	L-137	1
159.	LEWIS, David	Jerome	....	L--55	L-129	L-147	L-107	L-132	L-155	BYE	1
160.	STONE, Scott	Westland	....	L--73	W-147	L--40	L-143	L-144	LF138	....	1
161.	McGRATH, Paul	River Rouge	....	L--94	L-142	W-135	L--69	L-120	LF148	....	1
162.	VASHER, Jack	Hamburg	941	L--20	L-122	L-146	D-134	L--91	L-137	L-147	¾
163.	COVERT, Richard	Eau Claire	1276	L--60	L--82	D--91	L-156	L-126	....	....	¾
164.	FOSDICK, T.D.	Ann Arbor	1519	D-116	LF157	¾
165.	LUCAS, Claudia	Ann Arbor	1049	L--45	L--99	L--81	L-111	LF158	0

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Cash Prizes

First Prize (\$ 200)		
1. Marfia	\$40	and trophy
2. Brooks	\$40	
3. Whitehouse	\$40	
4. Underhill	\$40	
5. LaForge	\$40	
Second Prize (\$ 125)		
1. Marfia	\$25	
2. Brooks	\$25	
3. Whitehouse	\$25	
4. Underhill	\$25	
5. LaForge	\$25	
Third Prize (\$ 75)		
1. Marfia	\$15	
2. Brooks	\$15	
3. Whitehouse	\$15	
4. Underhill	\$15	
5. LaForge	\$15	
First Prize, Experts (\$ 40)		
1. Marfia	\$20	
3. Whitehouse	\$20	
Second Prize, Experts (\$ 20)		
1. Marfia	\$10	
3. Whitehouse	\$10	and trophy
First Prize, Class A (\$ 40)		
2. Brooks	\$13.34	and trophy
4. Underhill	\$13.33	
5. LaForge	\$13.33	
Second Prize, Class A (\$ 20)		
2. Brooks	\$ 6.66	
4. Underhill	\$ 6.67	and trophy
5. LaForge	\$ 6.67	
First Prize, Class B (\$ 40)		
16. Smith, C.	\$ 6.67	and trophy
20. Jenkins	\$ 6.67	
21. Lehotzky	\$ 6.67	
23. Boileau	\$ 6.67	
25. Trout	\$ 6.66	
28. Bailey	\$ 6.66	

Second Prize, Class B (\$ 20)

16. Smith, C.	\$ 3.33	
20. Jenkins	\$ 3.33	and trophy
21. Lehotzky	\$ 3.33	
23. Boileau	\$ 3.33	
25. Trout	\$ 3.34	
28. Bailey	\$ 3.34	
First Prize, Class C (\$ 40)		
39. Lindsay	\$40	and trophy
Second Prize, Class C (\$ 20)		
47. Franklin	\$ 2.00	and trophy
48. Grinbergs	\$ 2.00	
51. Grinstein	\$ 2.00	
54. Edie	\$ 2.00	
56. Kuhn	\$ 2.00	
57. Briggs	\$ 2.00	
62. Weber	\$ 2.00	
64. Burk	\$ 2.00	
65. Anderson, P.	\$ 2.00	
68. Ryan	\$ 2.00	
70. Mailing	\$ 2.00	
71. Jochum, R.	\$ 2.00	
73. Molenda	\$ 2.00	
First Prize, Class D-E (\$ 40)		
59. Ragsdale	\$20.00	and trophy
66. Spears	\$20.00	
Second Prize, Class D-E (\$ 20)		
59. Ragsdale	\$10.00	
66. Spears	\$10.00	and trophy
First Prize, Unrated (\$ 40)		
58. Smith, M.	\$10.00	and trophy
61. Wineman	\$10.00	
67. Moody, D.	\$10.00	
69. Zuercher	\$10.00	
Second Prize, Unrated (\$ 20)		
58. Smith, M.	\$ 5.00	
61. Wineman	\$ 5.00	and trophy
67. Moody, D.	\$ 5.00	
69. Zuercher	\$ 5.00	
Special Fish Trophy awarded to		
74. Dekker		



John Brooks, whose second-place finish included a draw with Poschel and wins from Freeman, Ciaffone, and Presser.

David Presser and John Brooks



Dan Boyk and Paul Poschel

Wes Burgar and Roger Underhill



Charles Bassin and David Whitehouse

David Presser and John Brooks



JIM MARFIA

Michigan Champion



EDITOR'S NOTE: On request, the new champion furnished a few pertinent details about his chess background--in the style of THIS IS YOUR LIFE.

You've been a Michigan resident most of your chess life, with over 350 rated games under your belt. You learned the game in sixth grade in order to beat your older brother, who didn't know the moves, but being 30 pounds heavier, knew perfectly well how to get a crushing position.

High school was a period of assimilation, during which you pored over and generally copied out every chess book in the Grand Rapids Library into four fat notebooks--none of which you ever opened again. (Such are the rewards of industry.) To ease your frustrations, you began playing postal chess, sneaking out of boarding school after hours to watch Joe Wasserman play--oh rapture!--and organizing an abortive Seminary Championship, which had to be canceled because of one player's habit of yelling, "Looka there!" and snatching a rook when his opponent looked away.

Graduation meant freedom. Bill Adams introduced you to tournament play--among other things. You scored 50%, and the hook was in. Since then, 59 tournaments, and a steady if slow rise, from 1730 to 2180 (estimated); from a tie for Michigan Junior to a tie for state champion; from a bookish idealist who saw each game as a battle of titans to another Michigan fish-swallower who'd take his titles from "dead-lost" games and the stray cheapo as readily as from brilliancies.

Tally sheets and scoresheets, however, do not disclose the greatest thing chess has ever done for you. At the 1970 Maple City Open, in Adrian, you scored a miserable 50%, but met a girl who fell in love with you, and one year later you were married. Gale doesn't play too much these days, but Niki already knows the names of half the pieces and where they go: oculo juventuti, Susan Franklin!

Other memorable tournaments include the 1970 MOTCF, where you lost only one game, but your opponent had a heart attack; the resulting George Kellner Memorial, where you collected top A; the '71 U.S. Open and your fifth straight loss to Ron Finegold; and the Flint Open, whose 1st-place money paid off your debt to WMU for your education.

"Most memorable game" has to be a tie between the Burstow scramble (see Annotator's Column), which almost gave you a nervous breakdown, and the following effort against John Tums of Chicago, from the 1969 Wamsley series, in which you learned that it is possible, after all, to wipe out a master:

JIM MARFIA - JOHN TUMS: 1 e4 c5 2 Nf3 Nc6
3 d4 cd 4 Nxd4 Nf6 5 Nc3 d6 6 Bc4 e6 7 Be3
a6 8 Qe2 Be7?! 9 OOO OO 10 f4 Nxd4 11 Bxd4
e5? 12 fe Bg4 13 ef! Bxe2 14 fe Qxe7 15 Nxe2
Qxe4 16 Ng3 Qg4 17 Rhf1 g6 18 Rf3 h5 19 Nxb5
Qg5+ 20 Nf4 Rad8 21 Rh3 Qxf4+ 22 Kbl Qxd4
23 Rxd4 Resigns. Yippee!

OCTOBER CAVENDISH

The Cavendish 30-minute tournament on October 21, with 26 players, was won by Shane O'Neill of Lansing with 5½-½. Wes Burgar of Ann Arbor was second with 5. Steven Feldman of Oak Park was third with 4½. Mary Smith directed.



EAST DETROIT OPEN

The East Detroit Open on October 6-7 was won by Charles Bassin 5-0. Seven players had 4-1, with Peter Linn best on tiebreak and winning the Class A prize. The other class winners were David Murray (B), Robert Jochum (C), John Menke (D), R. Prochaska (E), and T. Beszczynski (unrated). Margaret Jochum was top woman and R. Richardson was top junior. Thomas J. Sloan directed the 60-player event.



Readers' Forum

To the Editor:

I think smoking should be banned from all tournaments, especially a 1-day tornado tournament. A person may be in the last round, tired, and the smoke blowing in front of his face is too much. I say that anybody who smokes should be fined \$5.00.

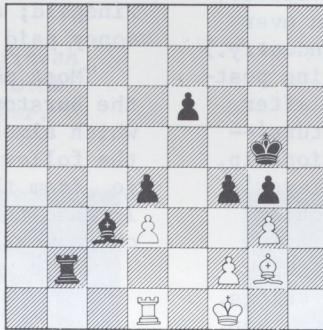
Dave G. Arganian
East Lansing

U. S. OPEN — ADDENDUM

The following games were not available in time to be included in the account of the U.S. Open last issue. The first is the ending that Walter Browne won from William Lombardy in the adjournment session of Round 11 after their furious and protracted argument. Most onlookers thought that the adjourned position (see diagram) could be drawn by Lombardy, but Browne brilliantly gained the point by sacrificing the exchange on the 56th move and his last piece on the 69th move.

LOMBARDY - BROWNE
(White sealed his 51st move.)

51 PxP+ KxP
52 BK4 PN6
53 PxP+ KxP
54 RB1 RB7+
55 KN1 RB5
56 RB2 RxB
57 PxR KB5
58 KB2 PK4
59 KK2 KxP
60 KQ1 KQ6
61 RKR2 PK5
62 RR8 PK6



63 RK8 BN5
64 RK6 BB4
65 RK5 KB5
66 KK2 PQ6+
67 KB3 BQ5
68 RK8 KB6
69 RK4 KQ7
70 RxB PK7
71 RxP+ KxR
72 KB2 KQ7
and won.

Going into the last round, Browne had 10 points and was thought to be a cinch to win the title. After Norman Weinstein and Craig Chellstorp agreed to a quick draw, Browne needed only a draw to win the tournament outright. Duncan Suttles, however, courageously declined the draw offer, despite his rather shaky position. Browne was already in severe time-pressure by his 26th move. Suttles also got short of time, and by the 35th move both players had only seconds left to make the additional fifteen moves each. As they banged down their final moves, Browne lost a whole rook.

An interesting last-round game was William Martz's win over the California expert Dan Krystall, who had been leaving a trail of defeated masters behind him. But though Martz was not generally happy with his play in this tournament, he showed his high class in this fine victory.

BROWNE - SUTTLES

1 PK4 PQ3	18 NxQP PxN	35 PN3 NQ6	1 PQB4 PKN3	19 RK1 QQ2	37 BB5 NB3
2 PQ4 PKN3	19 BxQP NK4	36 RK3 NN7	2 PK4 BN2	20 BB2 NQ1	38 PN6 NQ2
3 NQB3 BN2	20 BK2 NQB3	37 RB5 RQ1	3 PQ4 PQB4	21 PN5 BN2	39 PN7 BR4
4 NB3 PQB3	21 BN4 KXK2	38 PR5 RQ8+	4 NKB3 PxP	22 PB5 NPxP	40 BQ6 BN3+
5 BK2 PQN4	22 NxN NxN	39 KN2 RQ7+	5 NxP NQB3	23 NxP+ KR1	41 KB1 BR2
6 PQR3 PQR3	23 BxR BxB	40 KB1 BB5+	6 BK3 NB3	24 BB4 NB2	42 KK2 KN2
7 OO NQ2	24 BxP QB2	41 KN1 RQ8+	7 NQB3 KXN5	25 PB4 BK5	43 KQ3 KB3
8 BN5 BN2	25 PK5 OO	42 KN2 BB8+	8 QxN NxN	26 NQ5 RKN1	44 KB4 KK3
9 RK1 QB2	26 QxQP NB4	43 KB2 KR2	9 QQ1 NK3	27 PN3 KXK1	45 BB7 PR4
10 QQ2 PR3	27 QB3 QxQ	44 PKB4 PN5	10 QQ2 PQ3	28 NB3 BN2	46 PQR4 NN1
11 BR4 PQB4	28 BxQ NR5	45 RB6 BN4	11 BK2 OO	29 BQ5 NR3	47 KN5 NQ2
12 QRQ1 RB1	29 PB3 BB4	46 RQ6 BB1	12 OO BQ2	30 RxB+ RxB	48 KR6 BN8
13 PR4 PN5	30 BN4 RB1	47 RK1 BxR	13 QRB1 NB4	31 BxB QxB	49 PR3 BB7
14 NQ5 QR4	31 PB3 BB7	48 RxB NxR+	14 PB3 QQB3	32 QxP NN5	50 PN8Q NxQ+
15 BB4 PN4	32 RQ6 BxNP	49 KK1 BxB	15 PQN4 NK3	33 QxP RQB1	51 BxN BxP
16 BKN3 PxP	33 RxQRP NN3	50 PxB NK6	16 KRQ1 PN3	34 QxRP QxQ	52 KN7 BK8
17 PN3 PK4	34 RR5 NB5	51 Resigns	17 NQ5 PB4	35 BxQ RxB	53 KB6 Resigns
			18 PxP PxP	36 RxB BxR	



MARF'S OPEN — 2



Grand Rapids, September 28-30

Lansing experts David Whitehouse and Richard Borgen played in the last round-- again. They drew a nine-mover and shared first place in the second of the Marf's Open series in Grand Rapids. Following them were Greg Oldenburger, who lost to Whitehouse in the fourth round, and Jim Marfia, who forfeited the second round to prevent having to give a bye. Kevin Czuhai, with 3 1/2 - 1 1/2, was fifth and won the C prize. The other class prizes went to Oldenburger (A), Posthumus (B), and Lautenbach (D/E). The tournament had been planned for two sections, but when only 31 players entered, they were all placed in one section. Jim Marfia organized and directed the tournament and selected the games that appear below with his comments.

DAVID WHITEHOUSE - RICHARD BORGEN

This fifth-round game must be the best: it is absolutely indistinguishable from hundreds of grandmaster games. In fairness to both, it must be noted that, as fellow students at MSU, they have been to more tournaments in the past year together than some of us have seen in our lives, have played each other (usually in the last round, for all the marbles) nearly every time, and in fact had played a six-hour draw in Detroit the previous week.

1 c4	Nf6	4 e5	d4	7 Qxd2	Qxd2+
2 Nc3	e6	5 ef	dc	8 Bxd2	Bxg7
3 e4	d5	6 fg	cd+	9 000	

Drawn

Besides, at \$125 for nine moves, that's nearly fourteen dollars a move! Who says it wasn't a valuable game?

JIM MARFIA - PHIL JONES

An example of the marf's new player-director cheapshot style is the following:

1 e4	e5
2 d4!?	ed
3 c3?!	d3
4 Bxd3	Nc6
5 Nf3	d6

...Bc5 is better.

6 Bb5	...
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This may not be best, but it looked like fun.

6 ...	Bd7
7 00	Nf6
8 Re1	Be7
9 c4	...

9 Bg5 certainly looks sounder, followed by Nbd2-f1-e3. Pieces, not pawns, should overprotect.

9 ...	00
10 Nc3	Re8
11 h3	Ne5

12 Bxd7	Qxd7
13 b3	Rad8
14 Nd4	c6
15 Bg5	Ng6!
16 Nf5	h6!

Black has equalized. Unruffled, I take the endgame and play for mobility--cheapos.

17 Nxe7+	Qxe7
18 Be3	Nxe4
19 Bxa7?!	Nxc3
20 Rxe7	Nxd1
21 Rxe8+	Rxe8
22 Rxd1	Ra8

Wups. I had expected ...Re2, maybe.

23 Be3	Rxa2
24 Rxd6	Rb2

Here 25 Rd3 is safe and sound.

25 Rd8+	...
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But this is fun!

25 ...	Kh7
26 Rd7	Rxb3
27 Rxf7	...

The thrill of it: will he play ...Ne5, or ...

27 ...	b5??
28 Bd4!	h5
29 Rxg7+	Kh6
30 Rc7	b4

Sink or swim...

31 Be3+	Rxe3
32 fe	Ne5
33 Kf2	b3
34 Ke2	b2
35 Rb7	Nxc4
36 Kd3	Resigns.

GREG OLDENBURGER - NEIL JOHNSTON

The tournament's second-quickest game was played in Round 2. It is certainly the slowest Boden-Kieseritsky on record, but Greg makes it work.

1 e4	e5	5 Bb3	f6	9 Qh5+	g6
2 Bc4	Nf6	6 00	Nc6	10 Nxg6	Nxb3
3 Nf3	Nxe4	7 Re1	Na5	11 Nxe7+	
4 d3	Nd6	8 Nxe5	Be7		and mate next with Bh6.

REGION V CHAMPIONSHIP

The Region V Championship in Adrian, Michigan, October 20-21, attracted 73 players from Michigan, Ohio, and Indiana. Tom Crispin from Ann Arbor, last year's Michigan champion, won the title on tiebreak over Randall Andrzejewski of Ohio and Thomas J. Sloan of Detroit. All three had $4\frac{1}{2}-\frac{1}{2}$.

Crispin was top expert; the runnerup expert prize was shared by Dan Boyk of Ann Arbor and Richard Noel of Ohio. Andrzejewski was top A and top junior. Sloan was runnerup A. Gene Hickey of Ypsilanti, with 4, was top B. Tied for runnerup were James Dodge of Kalamazoo, Larry Paxton of Ohio, and Jahil Zamora of Ohio. Class C had an eight-way tie with Kevin Clark of Indiana winning the trophy on tiebreak over Bruce Suchanko of Lansing, Cleo Mooday of Indiana, Tom Feeny of Walled Lake, Frank Fenwick of Ann Arbor, Floyd Furgason of Lansing, Michael Griffis of East Lansing, and Ed Molenda, Sr., of Lansing.

The Class D winner, Mark Hale of Ypsilanti, scored higher ($3\frac{1}{2}$) than any of the Class C players. Second D was Daniel Patterson of Ohio. Michael Smith of Fenton was first unrated; Richard Bolling of Hudson, James Wineman of Detroit, and Michael Fletcher of Indiana shared the runnerup prize.

A full crosstable and a games report will appear later.



OCTOBER EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

Everett New Board Director

Morgan Everett of Detroit was appointed to the remaining position as Executive Board director, bringing the total board to thirteen.

Other business at the October board meeting included authorizing the purchase of an IBM Selectric typewriter for the use of the MICHIGAN CHESS editor, discussion of the League (which will not be held this season owing to lack of interest), planning for the Michigan Speed Championship, a consideration of MCA's relationship with the Continental Chess Association (President Brattin was directed by the board to write a letter to Mr. Goichberg expressing concern over some conditions at recent CCA tournaments), and consideration of Don Thackrey's draft of the MCA Tournament Guide.

Jim Riopelle of Livonia presented to the board a design of a chess decal that he wishes to market if he can secure the authorization of USCF. The board responded favorably to the idea and suggested that President Brattin and Regional Vice-President Doris Thackrey write letters of recommendation to USCF on Riopelle's behalf.

The next board meeting is scheduled for November 13, 7:30 p.m., at Ed Molenda's residence in Lansing.

This brief summary was based on the meeting minutes distributed by Secretary David Whitehouse.

LANSING DOUBLE TORNAO

The first Lansing double tornado was held on the weekend of September 22-23. There were prizes for the separate Saturday and Sunday tornadoes and for the best cumulative results for the weekend.

There was a six-way tie for first on Saturday with $3\frac{1}{2} - 1\frac{1}{2}$: Tom Crispin, Dan Boyk, J. D. Brattin, Peter Linn, David Whitehouse, and Gary Fladmoe. The A prize went to Brattin and Linn; B to Fladmoe; C to Ronald Dodge; D/E to Nick Schmitt; and Unrated to Ed Bennett.

On Sunday, Dan Boyk and Whitehouse tied for first with 4-0. The A prize went to John Robinson, Brattin, and John Brooks; B to Fladmoe, Les Smith, and Michael Nolan; C to Ed Molenda, Sr.; D/E to Joe Branewski; and Unrated to Bennett.

The cumulative winners were: 1st, Boyk and Whitehouse; A, Brattin; B, Fladmoe; C, Dodge and Molenda; D/E, Ken Stickel, Jeffrey Peters, and Schmitt.

The double tornado was well attended: 54 on Saturday, 44 on Sunday, and 36 playing in both tornadoes. Many family combinations played; there were two Arganians, four Zackses, three Brattins, and two Amirantes.



ARBOR AUTUMN OPEN

The Arbor Autumn Open in Ann Arbor October 13-14 was won by Richard Borgen of East Lansing and Dan Boyk of Ann Arbor, each scoring $4\frac{1}{2}-\frac{1}{2}$. Borgen drew in the last round with Michael Kubacki of Ann Arbor; Boyk had drawn a game in an early round with Morgan Everett of Detroit. Sharing the 3rd-place prize money were Kubacki, Tom Crispin (also of Ann Arbor), and Ken Van Cleve of Detroit, all of whom scored 4-1. Marcus Trout of Garden City and Dallas Hull of Ann Arbor tied for the prize for the highest finishing player rated under 1800.

The Beginners' Open, which was held on Saturday concurrently with the other tournament, also had a tie for the top place. Paul Crosby, a 15-year-old from Pinckney, and Steven Sherman of Ann Arbor each won all four games. Crosby won the 1st-place trophy on tiebreak. Trophies for 3rd through 5th went to Alan Balkany of Livonia, Bill Haney of Dexter, and Noel Bedy of Plymouth.

Randall Shepard directed both sections, which had a total of 66 players.



LEAGUE DIES

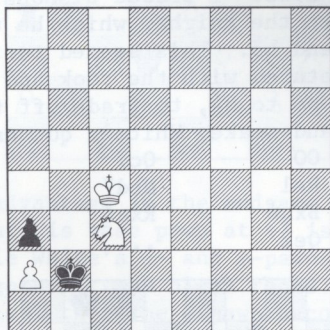
League Director Bill Johnson reports that the Michigan Chess League is canceled for this year owing to lack of interest. Deposits are being returned. Johnson reports that a team tournament is being planned for March 2-3 to replace league play.

THE ANSWERS!

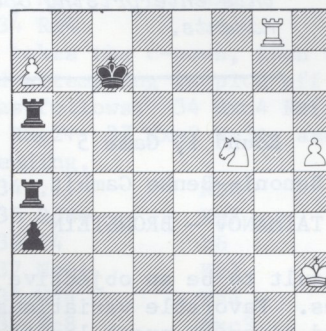
Last month, we discussed the final position (see diagram) in the game between John Brouwer and James Warren in the first round of the U.S. Open. As most players would, Brouwer here agreed to a draw. Our eagle-eyed proofreader noticed, however, that White can win as follows: 1 KQ3 KB8 2 NK2+ KN7 3 KQ2 KN8 4 KB3 KxP (Now or never) 5 KB2 KR8 6 NB1 PR7 7 NN3 mate.

This is the only tournament game that I know in which this very rare mate comes up, and here, unfortunately, it's only in the notes.

Incidentally, two eagle-eyed readers, Jim Cornish of Kalamazoo and John Menke of Detroit, pointed out that the diagrammed position is given in Chernev's Practical Chess Endings, No. 105, page 117 (analysis by Berger).



The following diagram shows the other problem that we left for solution this month.



White to move and draw

The key move is 1 NR6!, which permits the rook to check perpetually up and down the N-file. Of course if either of the Black rooks leaves the QR-file, White queens his QRP. Simple, huh?



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Did you miss a recent issue of MICHIGAN CHESS? In October, 32 members failed to get their copy because they moved and did not notify us of their new address. MICHIGAN CHESS is mailed third class and is not forwarded by the post office. The mailman cuts off the label and returns it to us (10¢ due) either giving us the new address or telling us that you have moved and left no forwarding address. If we get a new address, we can correct the label for the next mailing, but you miss the issue that was not delivered.

If you are planning to move, please let us know so that you will not miss an issue.

EXPIRATIONS

About three weeks before the due date, a postcard reminder is mailed to each person whose membership is about to expire. If you intend to renew your membership, it would be extremely helpful if you would send the renewal before the date noted on the card. There is a great deal of bookwork necessary to remove you from the files and mailing lists only to put you back a few days later. While it is convenient to wait until your next tournament to renew, doing that makes life miserable for the membership secretary if that tournament occurs after the due date. Make your own life miserable--please renew before the expiration date noted on your postcard!

Games from Bronstein's ZURICH 1953



Translator: Jim Marfia



EDITOR'S NOTE: This sixth installment of David Bronstein's great tournament book, Zurich 1953, features an early example of the Benko Gambit. Bronstein's comments beautifully illuminate the ideas behind this enterprising opening that has become all the rage in recent tournaments.

Round 1, Game 5

Benoni--Benko Gambit

TAIMANOV - BRONSTEIN

It is difficult to be an objective critic of one's own games. Favorable variations are always interesting and given at great length, while the unfavorable variations are not always clear. One's own blunders can generally be explained, but the other fellow's are so natural that no explanation seems necessary. So, before I begin annotating my first-round game, let me make one thing clear: Black's advantage did not become decisive until very late in the game--just before the end, in fact. The reason White lost was psychological: he missed that critical moment when it became necessary to start playing for the draw. As for the purely chessic reasons, I will attempt to clarify those in my notes.

1 d4	Nf6
2 c4	c5
3 d5	g6
4 Nc3	d6
5 e4	b5

What does Black get for his pawn? First of all, he undermines the head of White's pawn-chain at d5; also, after the inevitable ...a7-a6 and b5xa6, he obtains the good diagonal a6-f1 for his bishop, which had far fewer prospects on the diagonal c8-h3. Another point in favor of the sacrifice is that Black gains two newly opened lines, which will allow him to develop strong pressure on the a- and b-pawns. In this connection also, let us not forget the bishop at g7, whose sphere of activity automatically widens, since Black will leave the e-pawn at home here. There is yet another strategic idea here, which is seen in other variants of the King's Indian too: the queen rook is developed without being moved.

Of course, the sacrifice has its minuses too--mainly the pawn minus. If White can meet all his difficulties, then he will have a clear shot at an endgame win--which explains why the variation wasn't used again in this tournament. I played it partly because I didn't want to start the tournament with the dogged defense Black is condemned to with a "normal" line.

6 cb	Bg7
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7 Nf3	00
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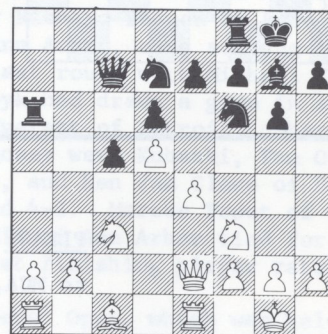
8 Be2	a6
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Up to here there was some hope of regaining the pawn, but now it's definitely a sacrifice.

9 ba	Bxa6
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I had this position with White against Lundin at Stockholm, 1948. I traded bishops, and Black recaptured with the knight, which he then played to d4 via c7 and b5. This seemed too slow to me, so I recaptured with the rook and sent the knight via d7-b6 to a4, to trade off the white knight at c3 and weaken White's queenside.

10 00	Qc7
11 Re1	Nbd7
12 Bxa6	Rxa6
13 Qe2	...



Taimanov is preparing the push e4-e5, to break the back of Black's position, but for tactical reasons it never quite comes off. Instead of Re1 and Qe2, White would have had more prospects after the moves Bf4 and Qd2, then developing the rooks to c1 and b1, with the idea of getting all the pawns and pieces off the long black diagonal. A good plan then would be to prepare b2-b4 and begin working on that plus pawn. This is how I played against Lundin, and I believe it to be the correct plan.

13 ...	Rfa8
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14 h3	...
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Taimanov did not like his intended 14 e5 because of 14...de 15 Nxe5 Nxe5 16 Qxe5 Qxe5 17 Rxe5 Kf8.

14 ...	Nb6
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15 Bg5	Ne8
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16 Bd2	...
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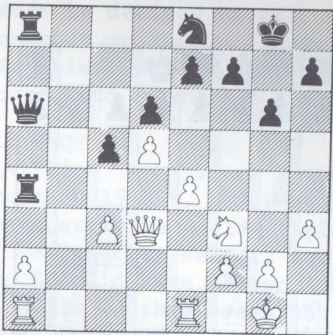
16 e5 was poor because of 16...de 17 Nxe5 f6, but he should not have retreated the bishop.

16 a3 was better, tempting Black to win back his pawn at the cost of his black-square bishop: ...Bxc3 17 bc Rxa3 18 Racl. Black would stand actively on the queen's wing, but there would be some dangerous holes in the dark squares around his king.

- 16 ... Na4
- 17 Nxa4 Rxa4
- 18 Bc3 Bxc3

I did not want the pawn just yet, since White would achieve his goal: 18...Rxa2? 19 Rxa2 Rxa2 20 e5, and Black has nothing left to attack on the queenside, while White is developing some serious threats in the center.

- 19 bc Qa5
- 20 Qd3 Qa6



Black's advantage in the endgame is based on the fact that his base pawn at e7 is easily defended, while White's c- and e-pawns present excellent targets for the black rooks. If the pawn on e4 advances, then the d-pawn becomes weak. This is illustrated in the following approximate continuations: 21 Qxa6 R8xa6 22 Re2 Nf6, or 22 e5 Nc7, or 22 Rab1 Rxa2 23 Rb8 Ra8 24 Rebl Ral. Taimanov correctly avoids the exchange on a6--but he should also have avoided it later.

- 21 Qd2 Rxa2
- 22 Rxa2 Qxa2
- 23 e5 ...

Either White overestimated his chances in this ending, or he simply overlooked Black's strong 24th move.

- 23 ... Qxd2
- 24 Nxd2 de
- 25 Rxe5 Kf8

Black is left with a weak pawn at c5, and now all White need do is trade knights and give his two pawns for the c-pawn for a theoretical draw, since four pawns against three on the same side is usually a draw with rooks; however, that's easier said than done.

- 26 Nb3 ...

Grandmaster Taimanov is a born optimist. Having gotten so lightly out of his major difficulties, he immediately thinks that perhaps he can simply win that pawn. A more "endgame" kind of move here was 26 Kf1, and White would have few, if any, worries about losing.

- 26 ... c4
- 27 Nc5 Ral+
- 28 Kh2 Nf6!

Warding off the threatened Nd7 and threatening, in turn, to threaten the c-pawn. Unexpectedly,

we see that Black may also attack pawns on the kingside. A rook in the enemy's innards is a dangerous thing.

- 29 Ne4 Nd7
- 30 Rg5 Ra2
- 31 Rg4 ...

White nearly lost his knight: if 31 Kg3, then ...f5; or if 31 Kgl, then ...Re2 32 Ng3 Re1+ 33 Kh2 f5.

- 31 ... f5
- 32 Rf4 Nb6
- 33 Ng5 Nxd5
- 34 Rd4 ...

If White takes the c-pawn, then the f-pawn is lost, and attempting to pick off the h-pawn is refuted as follows: 34 Rxc4 Rxf2 35 Nxh7+ Kg7 36 Ng5 Rxc4 37 Kxc4 Ne3+, and Black wins the knight ending.

- 34 ... Nb6
- 35 Rd8+ Kg7
- 36 f4 h6
- 37 Ne6+ Kf7
- 38 Nd4 Na4
- 39 Rc8 Nxc3
- 40 Rxc4 ...

With the knights off, this game would be drawn, but Black's knight gets in a fork.

- 40 ... Nd5
- 41 Nf3 ...
- Defends the f-pawn, but...
- 41 ... Rxc2+
- 42 Kh1 Rf2
- 43 Resigns



SMITTY'S TORNADO #3



Triple-threat Les Smith of Kalamazoo organized, directed, and won the Smitty's Tornado #3 in Kalamazoo on October 7. His score was a perfect 4-0. To top it all, the tournament was named in his honor! (The Pawnbrokers' Chess Club has been naming the tornadoes after Kalamazoo people who have contributed significantly to the club's activities.)

In second place was David Whitehouse with 3 1/2, followed by J. D. Brattin, James Dodge, and Robert Post, all with 3. Smith and Post took the B and C prizes, respectively, and Bill Becker, with 2, took the D/E prize. Nineteen players entered.

MICHIGAN SPEED CHAMPIONSHIP

December 2

See page 27.

THE ANNOTATOR'S COLUMN

EDITOR'S NOTE: Readers are invited to submit interesting annotated games to be considered for this column.

The first game below is an impressive achievement by Bob Avery, Ann Arbor master who plays mostly in tournaments in the East. His opponent in this game, Bernard Zuckerman, is a senior master noted for his encyclopedic knowledge of the openings.

The second game was labeled by state champion Jim Marfia as his most exciting game from the Flint Open last May, which he won 6-0. His opponent, John Burstow, is a strong expert from Winnipeg.

Annotator: Bob Avery

Atlantic Open, 1972

Ruy Lopez: Berlin Defense

BERNARD ZUCKERMAN - BOB AVERY

1 PK4	PK4
2 NKB3	NQB3
3 BN5	NB3

The Berlin Defense is unfashionable nowadays, but it remains one of the best defenses to the Ruy Lopez. It avoids weakening pawn moves, and has the further advantage of making White waste a tempo if he wishes to employ the exchange variation.

4 OO	BK2
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I usually play the customary and good move 4...NxP here, but I was in a mood to experiment a little. All the opening books that look at the move 4...BK2 point out that after 5 NB3 PQ3, the game transposes into a Steinitz Defense. But as we shall see, I had other ideas.

5 NB3	NQ5!?
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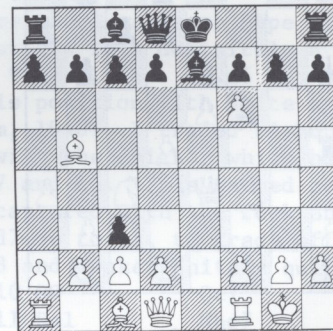
This move is so old and musty that none of the modern opening books even touch it. Louis Paulsen used to play it until it was "refuted" by Zukertort in 1866. My 12th move is an interesting attempt to rehabilitate a line that has lain dormant for over a hundred years. But if White ever becomes worried by this line, he can always play 5 RK1, which forces Black into a normal Steinitz Defense, since he must play 5...PQ3 to guard his KP.

6 NxN	...
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6 NxP NxB 7 NxN NxP 8 QK2 PQ4 9 PQ3 NB3
10 RK1 OO would not have presented any problems. For example, a drawn ending results after 11 NN6 RPxN 12 QxB QxQ 13 RxQ RK1 14 RxR+ NxR 15 BB4 PQB3 16 RK1 BK3.

6 BB4 would have been another possibility.

6 ...	PxN
7 PK5	PxN
8 PxN	...



I could have won the exchange here by 8...PxNP 9 PxB PxRQ 10 PxQQ+ KxQ, but I felt that the awkward position of my queen coupled with my bad development would have given him more than sufficient compensation. As I discovered after the game, I would have been in pretty bad shape here: 11 PQ4 QxRP 12 QN4 KRN1 13 PQB4 PQB3 14 BN5+ KB2 15 QB4+ PQ3 (if 15...KN3, then 16 QxP wins) 16 PB5 QK3 17 BB4 QQ2 18 RK1 PB3 19 BxP PxB 20 BxR PN4 21 QxBP and wins (Bilguer).

8 ...	BxP
9 RK1+	BK2
10 QK2	...

If he wants any opening advantage at all, he must play to keep me from castling. 10 NPxP OO leaves Black with a slight edge.

10 ...	PQB3
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The White pawns are poisoned: 10...PxNP 11 BxNP KB1 12 BxP+ is clearly no good, while 11...KRN1 allows 12 BK5! followed by 13 BxBP. I could also have gotten crushed after 11...PKB3 12 QR5+ PN3 13 QR4 KB2 14 BB4+ KN2 (or 14...PQ4 15 BxP+! QxB 16 RxB+ etc.) 15 RK3 RB1 16 QRK1 BB4 17 RK8! (Bilguer).

Taking the QP is just as bad: 10...PxQP 11 QBxP PQB3 12 BR5! PQN3 13 BN4 is horrible, and after 11...KB1 12 BB3 PKB3 13 QR5 PB3 (13...PQ4 14 RxB! QxR 15 BN4; or 13...QK1 14 QR4 followed by doubling rooks decisively) 14 RxB QxR 15 RK1 QB2 16 BN4+ KN1 17 RK8+, and White mates.

11 BQ3 PQ4

The consequences of taking either pawn are all pretty disagreeable. I was hoping now that Zuckerman would play 12 QPxP and give me the tempo I needed to get castled. Nevertheless, this may be White's best try to send my fifth move back to the graveyard. If anyone wishes to try this variation as Black, he will have to come up with a good antidote to White's promising attack after 12 QPxP BK3 13 PKB4 OO 14 PB5 BB4+ 15 KR1 BQ2 16 QR5.

12 PB4 PxB!

Finally I can take a pawn without getting squashed! This move is a big improvement over an ancient correspondence game, Mailand - Neapel, which continued: 12...PKN3? 13 QPxP BK3 14 BK3 QQ2 15 BQ4 KRN1 16 PQR4, and the Black king is unsafe wherever he decides to go.

It is true that my king will now have to undergo some indignities, but my pawn structure is basically sound, and a pawn is a pawn.

13 BxQP KB1
14 PB5 ...

White threatens 15 PB6, which my next move parries. Fortunately he couldn't play 14 BB3 PQ5 15 BxQP QxB check. Were it not for this little check, I could have thrown in the towel right there. This is the reason why 12 PB4 allows 12...PxQP.

14 ... BQ2
15 QR5 PKR3!
16 KR1 ...

He wants to play PB4 to try to bust me up a little, but was probably afraid to play it immediately because of 16...QN3+ 17 KR1 QxP, or 17 BK3 PQ5.

Doubling rooks on the K-file was probably best here to prevent the following exchanges.

16 ... KN1
17 PB4 PQ5
18 PB5 BN4

Of course not 18...KBxP? 19 PB6 BKB1 20 BQB4 BK1 (20...BK3 21 RxB! or 20...QxP 21 RKB1) 21 RxB! QxR 22 RK1 QQ2 23 RK7!., and White wins.

18...BN4 allows me to answer 19 BQB4 with 19...QB3.

19 QRQ1 QB3
20 PKR3 ...

Now he tries to tempt me with the other BP! 20...BxP? allows 21 KRB1 PKN3 (after 21...QN3 or 21...BN3 I would have ended up with tripled weak-ies) 22 QBxB PxB 23 QB3 RR5 24 BxB RB5 25 QQ3, regaining the pawn with better chances than in the game.

Also bad is 20...KR2? 21 BxB QxB 22 QxQ PxQ 23 RK7 seizing the seventh.

20 ... RK1!
21 RxB+ BxR
22 RK1 BQ2

I almost chickened out against my illustrious opponent and played for opposite colored bishops with 22...BxB?. However, after 23 RxB+ KR2 24 QN6+! PxQ 25 PxP+ QxP 26 BxQ+ KxQ 27 RxB BB8 28 PQN3 KB4 29 RK8!, I would have been the one struggling for a draw.

23 BxB PxB
24 QB3 RR5
25 RK4 PKN3

Avoiding the cheapos 25...BxP?? 26 RxR, and 25...QxP?? 26 RK8+.

26 RxR ...

After this he loses a second pawn, but there is nothing better. 26 PxP QxQ leads to a won B+P ending, and 26 PKN4 allows 26...BK3! 27 QN3 PxP 28 PxP RxR 29 QN8+ KN2 30 BxR BxBP, with a position similar to the game.

26 ... PxB
27 QB4 KN2
28 KN1 BxP
29 BxB PxB

Two pawns down, Zuckerman's last hope is to pull off a perpetual check.

30 KB2 KN3
31 KK2 PN3
32 PQN4 PxP
33 PxP QK2+
34 KQ1 QK5!
35 QQ6+ KN2
36 QQ8 QQ6+
37 KK1 QK6+
38 KB1 PQ6
39 Resigns

After 39 QxRP PQ7 he cannot defend against 40...PQ8=Q+, without allowing 40...QK8 mate.

Annotator: Jim Marfia

Flint Open, 1973

Sicilian Defense: Dragon Variation

JOHN BURSTOW - JIM MARFIA

1 e4 c5
2 Nf3 d6
3 d4 cd
4 Nxd4 Nf6
5 Nc3 g6
6 f4 ...

A flash from the past, to which Black's next is supposed to be full and sufficient answer. Of course it's not that simple--it never is.

6 ... Nc6
7 Bb5 ...

A Ruy Lopez?! Chuck Bassin said later that Vukcevic recommended 7...Qc7 here, and if 8 Nd5 Nxd5 9 ed a6. Until I find a better line for Black than 10 Bxc6+ bc 11 Nxc6 Bg7 12 Be3! Bxb2 13 Rb1 Bc3+ 14 Kf2 Bb7 15 Bb6 Qd7 16 Bd4!, etc., I'll stick to the text move.

7... Bd7
8 Bxc6 bc

Botvinnik has enriched theory with the comment "8...Bxc6 9 e5 de 10 fe Ne4, with advantage for Black" (MCO-9), but I thought I could maintain a decent position and both bishops.

9 e5 de
10 fe Nd5

10...Ng4 is all that's mentioned here--and I soon found out why. I was under the impression that, if 10...Ng4, 11 e6 would simply cost me the knight. After 11...Bxe6!, White can carry his speculative pawn sac either in the ending, with 12 Nxe6 Qxd1+ 13 Nxd1 fe 14 Ne3, or in the middlegame, with Nezhmetdinov's continuation 12 Qf3 Qd7 13 Bf4, followed by 14 000.

11 Nxd5 cd
12 00 Bg7
13 Qf3 00

Ouch. I had intended 13...Be6!? 14 Nxe6 Qb6+, but 15 Nd4! wins. So, poker-faced, I "sacrificed"! (Definition of terms: sacrifice--if you win.)

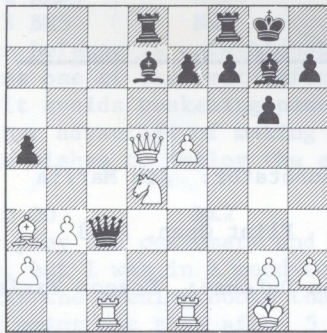
14 Qxd5 Qb6?!

This move reintroduced me to the joys of prayer--after I noticed the crushing rejoinder 15 Rxf7! Somebody must have been on duty in that department, because White missed it.

15 c3 Rad8

The next few moves recall the 'Fifties game of "chicken."

16 Re1 a5
17 b3 Qc7
18 Ba3? Qxc3!
19 Racl ...



19 ... Be6!

I "win"--that is, my pawn comes back, or else I get an endgame I can most likely draw, after 20 Qxd8 Qxel+ 21 Rxe1 Rxd8 22 Nxe6 fe 23 Bxe7 Rd2. So he plays for complications.

20 Rxc3 Rxd5
21 Nc6!? Rd2
22 Bxe7 Re8
23 Bf6 Bf8!?

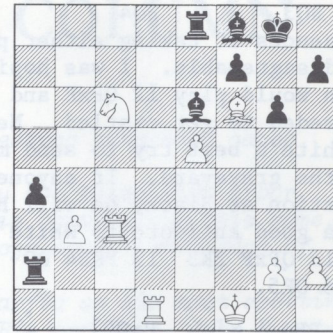
And now, since he's getting short of time, I start playing for complications.

I have no idea whether this move was "objectively best." I believe it may have been wholly unexpected, and thereby have cost him considerable time trying to find the "refutation." However, it does prevent Ne7+, as well as Nxa5 (because of Bb4), and it may do some good at c5.

24 Kf1 ...

Off one hot diagonal and onto another, but the time is getting short.

24 ... Rxa2
25 Rdl a4



If he ignores me, by 26 R3d3, then 26...ab 27 Rd8 Ra8! 28 Ne7+ Bxe7 29 Bxe7 (29 Rxa8? Bc4+, followed by a check with the other bishop) Rxd8 31 Bxd8 b2 should win. If he captures--but no, he's still complicating.

26 b4 ...

His pawns may queen too, no?

26 ... Rb2

27 R3d3 is out, because of 27...Bc4 (see his 24th), so with this I prepare to eliminate his b-pawn, if I have to, to get my other rook back to the first rank.

27 Rd4!?

Stops 27...Bc4, but...

27 ... Rb3!

28 Rcl a3

Say, I'm beginning to like this!

29 Ral a2

30 Kf2 Rc8

It's all over now. There may be a drawing line, but he can't find it with three minutes left.

31 Rxa2? Rxc6

32 Rd8 R3c3

33 b5 Rc8

34 Rb2 Rxd8

35 Bxd8 Rb3

36 Resigns

After this fifth-round game, believe me, Round 6 was an anticlimax.

METRO CHESS LEAGUE STARTS IN DETROIT

The 1973-74 season of Detroit's giant chess league, one of the largest in the nation, got under way Friday, October 19. Seventy-two five-man teams are competing in nine divisions. The league, under the direction of Oscar Abel, meets once a month at St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Detroit.

Ann Arbor's powerhouse team of masters is the favorite to win the top division again, as it has for the past four years. A new Detroit team, however, named the X-Masters, has raided the metropolitan area for chess talent and predicts that it will wrest the crown from the out-of-towners this year.

MCA TOURNAMENTS

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

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

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

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

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

3rd PORT HURON OPEN, Nov. 10-11
5-SS, 40/2. Reg. 8:30-9:40 a.m. 11/10. Rds.
Sat. 10-2:30-7, Sun. 9-1:30.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

MICHIGAN SPEED CHAMPIONSHIP, Detroit, Dec. 2
5-minute games. Preliminary rounds leading to
final and consolation rounds. Sponsored by MCA.
Director: Ben Crane, assisted by Stanley Perlo.

Entry fees: \$8. \$1 discount for bringing set
and board. \$2 discount for bringing working
clock. Discounts cumulative. MCA mem. req.

Prizes: 75% of net entry fees returned in prizes.

Location: Room 514, Veterans Memorial Building,
151 W. Jefferson Ave., Detroit.

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

18th CENTRAL MICHIGAN OPEN, Lansing, Dec. 15-16
5-SS, 50/2. Reg. 9-10 a.m. 12/15. Rds.
10-3-8; 9-2.

Entry fees: \$9 (if received by 12/13), \$10 at
tmt. Lansing CC members deduct \$1; under 18
deduct \$1. Discounts cumulative. USCF and
MCA mem. req.

Prizes: \$100-50. Others as entries permit.

Location: Lansing YMCA, 301 W. Lenawee, Lan-
sing 48933.

Entries: David Whitehouse, 409 S. Francis,
Lansing 48912.

Coming Events Clearinghouse

Asterisk = MCA-sponsored or co-sponsored

The Clearinghouse lists all known Michigan tournaments scheduled or planned for the next several months. The Clearinghouse is concerned only with dates; details on MCA co-sponsored tournaments (indicated below by an asterisk) appear on the MCA Tournaments page of MICHIGAN CHESS.

Organizers should note that more than one MCA-co-sponsored tournament can be held simultaneously in Michigan if they are at least 75 miles apart, with the exception that the state championship events (including the Region V Championship) are to be protected statewide.

Organizers are urged to submit in writing to the editor the dates of all planned tournaments up to one year ahead, including annual repeated tournaments.

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| Nov. 9-11: University Open, East Lansing* | Mar. 29-31: Red Cedar Open, East Lansing* |
| Nov. 10-11: Port Huron Open* | Apr. 6-7: CCA Tourn., Detroit* |
| Nov. 10-11: 2nd Tri-County Team Tourn., Birmingham | Apr. 6-7: Pawnbrokers' Convention, Kalamazoo* |
| Nov. 18: Cavendish 30-min. Tourn., Detroit | Apr. 12-14: Marf's Open-4, Grand Rapids* |
| Nov. 18: George's Tornado #4, Kalamazoo* | Apr. 14: Brother Rice 30-min. Tourn., Birmingham |
| Nov. 23-25: Motor City Open, Detroit* | Apr. 20-21: 3rd Lansing Double Tornado* |
| Dec. 2: Mich. Speed Champ., Detroit* | Apr. 26-28: 6th Southern Mich. Open, Detroit |
| Dec. 9: Brother Rice 30-min. Tourn., Birmingham | May 4-5: Michigan Amateur Champ., Site Not Chosen* |
| Dec. 15-16: 18th Central Michigan Open, Lansing* | May 11-12: CCA Tourn., Ann Arbor* |
| Dec. 16: Cavendish 30-min. Tourn., Detroit | May 18-19: Lansing Open* |
| Dec. 22: Chess-Nuts Quadrangular, Ann Arbor | May 25-27: Flint Open* |
| Dec. 29-30: CCA Tourn., Ann Arbor* | Jun. 8-9: CCA Tourn., Detroit* |
| | Jun. 14-16: Marf's Open-5, Grand Rapids* |
| | Jun. 21-23: 7th Southern Mich. Open, Detroit |
| | Jul. 13-14: CCA Tourn., Ann Arbor* |
| | Aug. 3-4: CCA Tourn., Detroit* |
| | Aug. 16-18: Marf's Open-6, Grand Rapids* |
| | Aug. 30- |
| | Sep. 2: Mich. Open Champ., Site Not Chosen* |
| | Sep. 14-15: CCA Tourn., Ann Arbor* |
| | Sep. 27-29: Marf's Open-7, Grand Rapids* |
| | Oct. 5-6: East Detroit Open |
| | Oct. 12-13: CCA Tourn., Detroit* |
| | Oct. 19-20: Region V Championship, Ohio* |
| | Oct. 26-27: Flint Pumpkin Tourn.* |
| | Nov. 1-3: Kalamazoo Open* |
| | Nov. 9-10: CCA Tourn., Ann Arbor* |
| | Nov. 23-24: Univ. Open, East Lansing* |
| | Nov. 29- |
| | Dec. 1: Motor City Open, Detroit* |
| | Dec. 8: Mich. Speed Champ., Site Not Chosen |
| | Dec. 13-15: Marf's Open-8, Grand Rapids* |
| | Dec. 28-29: CCA Tourn., Detroit* |

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- Jan. 5-6: Ann Arbor Amateur*
- Jan. 12-13: CCA Tourn., Detroit*
- Jan. 13: Brother Rice 30-min. Tourn., Birmingham
- Jan. 18-20: Wolverine Winter Open, Detroit
- Jan. 19-20: MSU Double Tornado, East Lansing*
- Jan. 25-27: Southern Michigan Open, Detroit
- Jan. 26-27: Mich. High School Open, Detroit
- Jan. 26-27: Lansing Hexagonal*
- Feb. 2-3: Mich. Junior Champ., Site Not Chosen*
- Feb. 9-10: CCA Tourn., Ann Arbor*
- Feb. 10: Brother Rice 30-min. Tourn., Birmingham
- Feb. 15-17: Marf's Open-3, Grand Rapids*
- Feb. 23-24: 2nd Lansing Double Tornado*
- Mar. 2-3: Team Tourn., Site Not Chosen*
- Mar. 9-10: Grand Rapids Open*
- Mar. 10: Brother Rice 30-min. Tourn., Birmingham
- Mar. 16-17: CCA Tourn., Detroit*
- Mar. 23-24: 19th Central Michigan Open, Lansing*

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