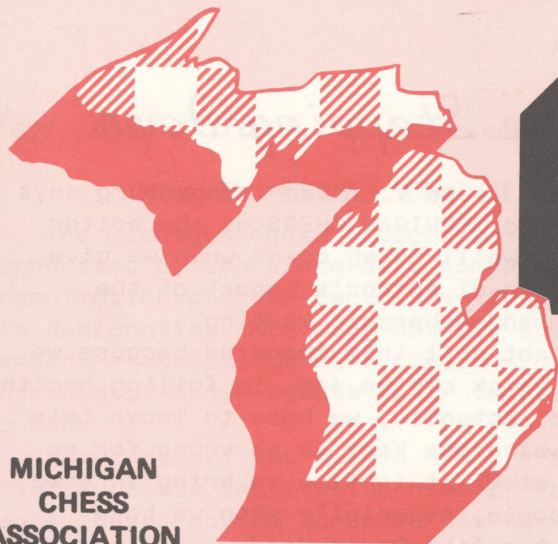


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# We're Stepping Down

With this issue V.E. "Van" Vandenburg says "Farewell" to MICHIGAN CHESS as the editor. Officially, we'll "step down" when we give our final annual editor's report at the Michigan Open membership meeting.

We did not quit this magazine because we are tired, sick of the job, in failing health or too old. Actually, we hate to leave this activity which has kept us so young for so long. But at 85 it is time to bring in some younger people, especially when we have available two like David Moody, your new editor, and Vincent Brattin, his assistant. Both are well qualified, very interested and each is willing to work for our salary of five figures, all zeros.

These past 13 years we have enjoyed the work as editor and mailer of the magazine-- just as we did our earlier stretch as MCA editor and president 23 years, 1948-1971

## Also Member Secretary

This time we also served as membership secretary since 1980, another fun job. We set up an expanded record system which enabled filing something on each member besides his expiration date. Now we have birth dates, ratings, address changes and dates, phones, occupations, etc. We devised a 3-part carbon-less tourney entry slip to provide the info, with copies to MC, the director and to the players for receipts.

Since becoming editor in 1976, we have increased news about all members, not merely high rated ones. And we began a policy of publishing tournament cross-tables and news for every tournament, along with other features. We hoped to improve on the fine magazine published by editor Don Thackrey in the early 1970s.

Memberships had sunk to under 500 when we became editor. We persuaded the MCA board to require memberships in all tournies we list in our calendar and cover with news. Memberships started growing again. Today they are about 1,000 and still growing. But there should be more--a lot more.

During the Fischer boom in 1972 we heard MCA membership hit 1200, but we've never seen any records on it. Like all over the U.S., when Bobby quit, so did many members of many chess organizations. Why? Continued on next page

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**Non-Profit? Right!**

The Michigan Chess Association, Inc., is authorized by the state as a non-profit organization and has certainly lived up to its designation. MCA does not pay Board members --except for directing tournaments, and some of those donate their tourney fees to MCA.

Your editor has been a non-profit, non-salaried chess institution himself for 45 years, never having accepted pay for any editing, organizing, directing Michigan Opens or any other tournaments or any other chess work. But since the Board pays its tournament directors \$60 per day, we suggest they consider compensating their new editor with at least some kind of token stipend. He will be putting in many, many days at highly skilled, very demanding work. So will the assistant editor.

**Chess Life Began at 40**

We have many big memories of chess activity. We founded the Lansing Chess Club in 1944 and was president 28 years (it's hard to get rid of these jobs). The club's annual city championships peaked at over 60 entries. We resigned all club and MCA chess activity in 1971 due to our growing printing business, but a few years ago we were again elected club president.

We are proud to have started the Michigan Opens for MCA in 1949, replacing the limited access round-robins for our annual state championships. We began the Michigan Women's and the Michigan Junior championships with awards for those finishing highest in the Michigan Opens. Both grew into the separate tournies we have for each today. Later we invented the Michigan Amateur, Central Michigan Open (now dormant), and others.

Soon the MCA computer system, copier, etc., will move to Moody's hide-away in his Dearborn home. After he and Brattin return from Chicago with their loot from the U.S. Open they will plunge into work on the October MICHIGAN CHESS, their first issue ever, of anything. A tremendous thrill awaits them with completion of that first issue.

**From This to What?**

So what will your unemployed editor do? Go fishing? Go traveling? Go to more tournaments? Fishing is out! We've been a fish in too many chess games. Now that we'll have a bit more spare time (we hope), we may use some of it to learn how to play chess. And

we'll continue organizing the monthly Lansing \$50/\$25 Mini-Swiss 1-day tournies, sponsored by the Lansing Chess Club. The next one is Aug.13. And we will continue as the club president for now.

Thanks to all for everything these past lucky 13 years--especially to my wife, Fjola, who tolerated neglect of her, neglect of home maintenance, lack of travel to visit the wonders of the world, etc. And she helped with proofreading, mailing and other things. She has an article in this issue--telling all!

We thank all who gave us columns, articles and photos over the years--and we got some mighty good ones. Still do. We'll submit a piece for a future issue of MICHIGAN CHESS about those writers, also one about those who sent checks to us for the MCA continuing Fund Drive year after year since 1981.

Now your ex-editor says farewell to the best bunch of chess magazine readers in the world. We'll be seeing many of you at the Michigan Open--and at other tournaments, if we can improve that darn game of ours.

-- Van

**THANKS TO OUR DONORS**

Our sincere thanks for contributions to the continuing MCA Fund Drive from the following, received since our last report:

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# KITTS REPORTS GAINS IN MEMBERSHIP, TOURNAMENTS, FINANCES

## A Report by Gary Kitts, MCA President

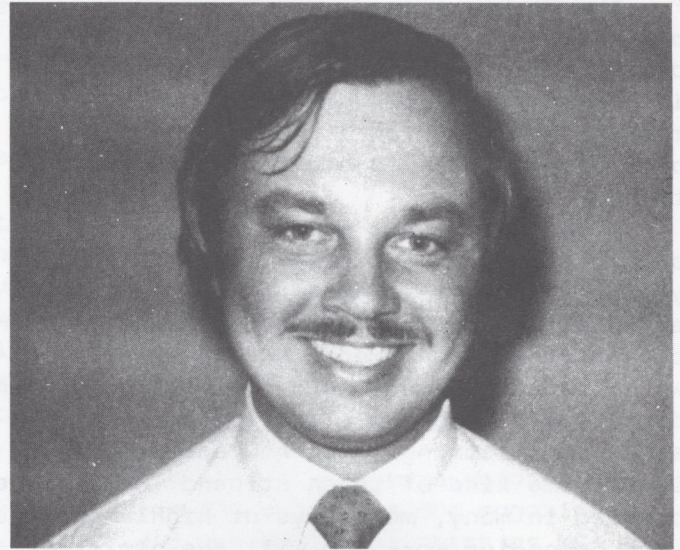
As you probably are aware, the Michigan Chess Association will be holding election of officers during its annual membership meeting at the Michigan Open over Labor Day weekend in Lansing. The current MCA Board has been fairly stable for the last four years. This year a significant turnover is expected, since only one incumbent is running for re-election and as many as six members of the thirteen member board may be leaving. With this "changing of the guard" it seems to be an appropriate time to review the accomplishments of the current MCA Board.

When I assumed the post of MCA President in 1985, my primary concern was with the financial health of the association. There was nothing unusual in this, as the MCA's financial problems had been the center of attention for a decade. We had become used to an association with no tangible assets, no money in the bank and which was faced with a new crisis as each bill came due. The organization had not balanced its budget since the years of the Fischer boom. Some suggested that it never would.

Today the MCA's financial condition is much improved. The association expects to end this fiscal year with approximately \$2500 in its bank account. In years past the normal expectation was zero. In the last four years, the association has also completed the purchase of a copier, and purchased a computer, a laser printer and related software. These represent needed capital improvements of approximately \$7,000. Finally, at its last meeting, the MCA Board voted to put this year's State Affiliate Support Program money into a fund to be used to bring a future U.S. Open tournament to Michigan. This brings the total in that fund to approximately \$1,500 and it will someday provide all Michigan chess players with an opportunity to play in this major event which has not been held here for almost 40 years.

In summary, the MCA has improved its financial condition by approximately \$11,000 in four years. It is fair to say that the association is healthier today than it has ever been. This financial improvement has been achieved WITHOUT A DUES INCREASE. Instead, the Board has concentrated its efforts on increasing the amount of tournament activity in the state. In this it has been successful. Tournament attendance has increased 49% over the level of four years ago, while MCA membership is up 16%. More and better chess events have provided Michigan players with more pleasure in our game while also helping the association out of its financial difficulties.

The credit for this success must go to the MCA Board. They have been responsible for planning and organizing the activities which have enabled the organization to grow. As with any organization, it is the people in the organization who make it work. The MCA Board works without pay and often without the credit they deserve. I would like to close by



Gary Kitts in 1985, when he was elected MCA president and won the Michigan Open Championship-- both in the same month. In the past 14 years he has held every MCA office. He also was elected president in 1975. He is now leaving the Board to pursue a degree at MSU.

thanking the following for all they have done for the association:

Jeffrey Boes - Jeff has been MCA Vice-President for two years and has recently taken over as editor of the tournament calendar. He has organized several MCA tournaments and has been primarily responsible for rebirth of chess activity in western Michigan.

Jackie Branscum - Jackie is new to the MCA Board and, being the only junior member, she brings a unique and valuable perspective to it. She is an active player and has made a habit of winning the Michigan Women's Championship.

Dan Burg - Dan has served as MCA Treasurer for two years and had also been Secretary and Vice-President before that. He is certainly the most active tournament director the state has had and recently achieved his goal of National Tournament Director.

Mike Duweck - As a two-term MCA President, Mike brought the voice of experience to the Board. He was valuable in building a consensus which enabled the Board to work effectively together. He has also been an active tournament director and for many years has been the printer for the association.

Bill Groeller - Possibly the strongest player on the Board, Bill has been an advocate for improving the quality of chess play in Michigan. He has become a fixture in chess circles, being active as both a player and tournament director.

Ron Grzegorzcyk - Ron has been responsible for implementation of the programs needed to make effective use of our computer. This has

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been a major activity since it requires the complete changeover of the association's membership list from paper to electronic records, as well as using the computer to aid in publishing and distributing Michigan Chess.

Vicki Kitts - Vicki surprised me. I had not filled a vacancy on the all-male Board because I was seeking to fill it with a female to add some balance. When I announced at the membership meeting that I had not had any success, Vicki volunteered. Since then she has been valuable behind the scenes, helping to organize tournaments and assisting with the administration of the organization.

James Mikus - Jim is quiet and his contributions sometimes go unnoticed, but he has been active in all phases of chess in Michigan. He is the defending Michigan Open Reserve Champion, and is an effective coach and organizer of scholastic chess.

David Moody - Dave is the newest Board member, but certainly not new to Michigan chess players. He has been the primary author of articles in Michigan Chess and the high quality of his work is well known and widely respected. He is now taking over as editor and I believe that everyone is confident that he will bring the same level of quality to this responsibility. Dave is also a very active and strong player and is probably better known to chess players around the state than anyone else.

Peter Nixon - Pete has been MCA's Director of Scholastic Chess for the last year. He has always been a major advocate for a strong scholastic chess program. He brought the National Elementary Championship to Michigan and has organized many scholastic events as well as a highly successful series of quads.

Tim Sawmiller - Tim has been MCA Secretary for five years and no one seems to have noticed. Secretary is one of those jobs which gets attention only if it is done wrong. To Tim's credit, everything has been done well during his tenure. He has also directed several MCA tournaments, such as the 1988 Womens.

Paul Simmons - Paul served as Vice-President from 1985-1987, and I was inspired by his confidence and dedication to chess. He served as MCA's Director of Scholastic Chess until last year, and Paul's greatest achievement is in building the association's scholastic program into the national model program it has become.

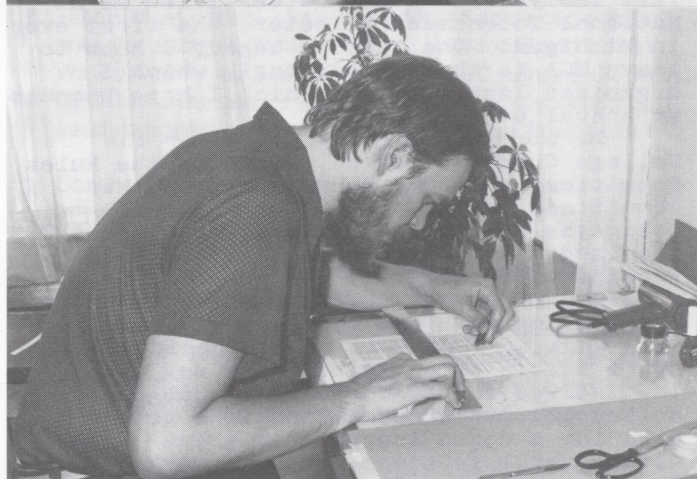
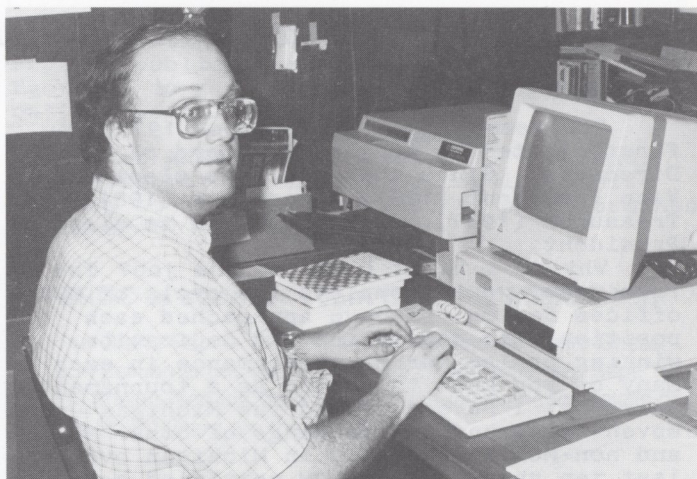
Mike Skidmore - Mike is one of the finest tournament organizers the state has seen. He demonstrated that a Michigan Junior Championship with 200 or more players can be done, and in 1988 he brought the Michigan Amateur back to life with over 100 entries. As a scholastic coach, Mike's teams have made a habit of winning state titles and he is also a fine player, being a former Michigan Amateur Champion.

Jeff Teismann - Jeff took over as MCA Treasurer at a time when the association's finances were in a disastrous state. He developed the concept of working from a balanced budget and was responsible for developing an accurate accounting system for

the MCA. Jeff also was in charge of the successful fund drive which enabled us to raise money needed to purchase the computer system.

V.E. Vandenburg - It is hard to say enough about Van. Thirteen years ago, the MCA was badly in need of a permanent editor, having had three editors in less than a year. When Van indicated that he was interested, I thought that he would do just fine as an

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**New Michigan Chess Publishing Team**

David Moody, new MICHIGAN CHESS editor, tries out MCA's hard disk computer in den office of V.E.Vandenburg, retiring editor. At left is the laser printer, which can silently print a sheet full of type in eight seconds after getting message from the computer. Moody is fast, too.

Vincent Brattin, assistant editor, is shown practicing page paste-up for the magazine. He, too, is a very fast typist and can operate the computer. Both men have made a number of trips to Van's home to become acquainted with the equipment, which includes a zoom copier to change sizes and density of type, diagrams, etc. Later this month they will move the items to Moody's home in Dearborn.

---Photos by Van

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## ELECTION OF MCA OFFICERS SUNDAY, SEPT. 3

Candidates for each MCA office were asked to submit statements detailing their qualifications for and interest in the various positions. Their responses are reprinted here. Please consider them and come to the membership meeting during the Michigan Open prepared to exercise your franchise. Thanks to all candidates for being interested enough to seek these positions and provide us with the information. At the meeting there may be others nominated from the floor. The meeting will also hear annual reports and act on proposed by-laws changes and other important business.

### MEMBERSHIP MEETING AT MICHIGAN OPEN 9:30 A.M. SUNDAY, SEPT. 3

#### DAN BURG For President

Ten years ago, in September 1979, you first elected me to the MCA Board of Directors. Since then you have elected me Vice President (1981), Secretary (1984), and Treasurer (1987). Now I ask you to elect me President.

Why do I think I can do the job? The Presidency would complete the cycle of MCA offices for me. I have approached each position with discipline and dedication, winning praise for my performance in each. Many of you know me better as a tournament director: I have directed the Michigan Open seven times and a wide range of other MCA and non-MCA tournaments in Michigan over the last ten years. I am now certified as a National Tournament Director, the first ever in Michigan. One lasting legacy I hope to leave MCA is the Invitational, which I organized last year and which I hope becomes an annual event.

On the National level I chair the College Chess Committee, serve on the Rules Committee, and have served on two other committees in the past. The national Delegates Meeting has passed legislation I proposed. Finally, I was Regional Vice President for Region V (MI-OH-IN-KY) from 1985-1988; national rules prohibited me from running for re-election.

What do I want to do as President? I don't initially envision major new initiatives for MCA. We have enough work to do keeping our current functions going: planning a dozen tournaments a year, some with several sections; publishing Michigan Chess, one of the finest state publications in the country; and providing a variety of other services to our members and state.

Though the functions remain constant, I think we can perform some of them better than we have. From time to time non-Board members have suggested various courses of action to the Board. I want to tap into this idea pool. For instance, who better than the Masters themselves to organize the Invitational? Corporate sponsorship is a worthy goal with little success; we should form a Marketing Committee to explore the corporate jungle. Do you have a specific interest? This is your chance to get involved! Initially, I would like to see Scholastic, Masters, College, Women's, Seniors, Finance, Publications, Marketing, Regional/National, and Rules/By-laws Committees. This list might grow or shrink based on interest and need.

In conclusion, I think I am the best person for the Presidency at this time. I can't do it alone, though; I ask for your comments, suggestions, constructive

criticisms, and service on committees. And at the membership meeting in September, I ask for your vote.

#### PETER C. NIXON For Vice-President

I am seeking the office of Vice-President of the Michigan Chess Association. I am seeking this position at the suggestion of Presidential candidate Dan Burg. We are striving to put together the best board possible for the success of our association.

I have been involved in organized chess for the last ten years. I am an instrumental music teacher in the Detroit Schools and coach a very active club at the Clippert Middle School. I have been on the Board of Directors of the MCA the past five years. I am currently the MCA Scholastic Director.

I am also involved on the national level having been a delegate to the USCF convention since 1985. At the moment I am a member of the USCF Scholastic and Women's Committees.

I was the organizer of the largest chess tournament held in Michigan, the 1988 National Elementary and have just submitted a bit for the 1991 National Jr. High. We hope to bring a U.S. Open to Michigan in the near future.

My interests are not just with scholastic chess. I am a tournament director and am the organizer of many tournaments for adults as well as kids. We have been hosting monthly tournaments at Clippert for the last two years and plan to continue them this year.

#### TIM SAWMILLER For Secretary

Tim Sawmiller has been an active chess player since 1970. He first joined the Troy Chess Club in 1972 joined USCF in 1974 and is now a life member. In 1978, he moved to Lincoln Park and joined the Trenton Chess Club. In 1981 he was elected treasurer of the Trenton club. In the years since he was also elected vice-president, treasurer again, and then president. In that period he also became a tournament director, actively promoting and directing Trenton club tournaments. In 1985, Tim was appointed to fill a vacancy on the MCA board. He was subsequently elected secretary that year and re-elected in 1987.

In the past year, he has directed the Michigan Women's Tournament, and has been assistant director at the Michigan Junior Championship and Michigan Open.

Tim is currently the Manager of Systems

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Development at Woodland Medical Center in Novi, and has been there a little over eight years. He is married, has two children, and can't wait until they start playing chess so he can get out to more tournaments! He is hoping to start a chess club in the Novi area and is looking into promoting some tournaments as well. He also intends to approach the Novi school system about starting a chess program there.

**V.J. BRATTIN** For Secretary.

Hello! My name is V.J.Brattin, and I am running for MCA secretary.

I first joined the MCA in 1974 at the age of 10. Since then I have participated in nearly every kind of Michigan Chess championship: Junior, Amateur, High School Team, Speed, Upper Peninsula, Postal and Open I am 24 now, a visible Class A player and still improving.

I have made marks in other fields of chess endeavor, too: tournament director, ratings statistician, annotator and writer. I have contributed to MICHIGAN CHESS since 1983, and was recently named assistant editor to David Moody.

I attended my first of many MCA membership meetings when 15. Though never an MCA board member, I have kept up with chess politics on my own.

I've had practical work experience in journalism and as a secretary (I am well organized when I want to be, and can type 55 words a minute for 8 hours at a stretch).

MICHIGAN CHESS is the greatest link between MCA and its members. As secretary I would be a visible and reliable link between the MCA Board and MICHIGAN CHESS.

Thank you all. I'll see you at the membership meeting.

**DON RUARK** For Treasurer

Don is a self-employed Certified Public Accountant, and has served as Treasurer of the Trenton Chess Club, the Wayne Rotary Club, and various investment clubs. He is currently President of the Trenton Chess Club, and is a Local TD working toward Senior level certification.

In miscellaneous notes, Don writes that he has a 1670 OTB rating and 2157 Postal, prefers to play White, and prefers to win, though draws with higher-rated players are acceptable.

**DAVID W. CALTON** For Treasurer

No information received.

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interim editor until we could find a permanent one. I guess that Van had a hard time spelling interim. Since that time he has not only developed Michigan Chess into one of the finest chess magazines in the nation, but also taken on the duties of Membership Secretary as well. It is fair to say that without Van, the Michigan Chess Association would not be the quality organization that it is today. I guess that I should have expected it from the man who for 40 years has been the Champion of Michigan Chess.

Thank You One and All. You have done well.

## BY-LAWS CHANGES PROPOSED

Dan Burg submitted two by-laws amendments for the annual meeting. Both were endorsed by the MCA Board at its May meeting:

### ELECTION COMMITTEES

Don't allow members of an election committee to run for office; this would be a conflict of interest.

### PROPOSED AMENDMENT

In Article V, section 1, Paragraph D, add a second sentence: "No member may run for office while serving on the Election Committee."

### MAILING PUBLICATIONS

Revise the requirement that MCA send its regular publications to all paid members. In fact, we do not send ALL our regular publications to ALL paid members.

### PROPOSED AMENDMENT

Revise ARTICLE III, section 3 to read: "The Association shall send regular publications to all paid members, to be determined by category of membership."

## GRCC to sponsor Team Chess at Mich. Open

The Grand Rapids Chess Club will sponsor a "Team Chess" competition at this year's Michigan Open, to be held Sept. 1-4 in Lansing (see the back cover of the magazine for details of the Open). Here are the specifics:

- 1 Teams must consist of players from the same geographic area (for example, Flint, Ann Arbor, Holland/Grand Haven, Wayne County, etc.) or chess club (GRCC, Lansing CC, etc.). GRCC officials reserve the right to reject any spurious or fraudulent team claims (e.g., no Team Lower Peninsula!).
- 1 Scoring for the competition will be based on the top 3 scores in each section (Open and Reserve). Thus, it doesn't help your team to have 6 masters if it also has no one in the Reserve section. Teams may list more than three players in each section, but only the top three scores will be counted. Ties will be broken by standard MCA procedures. Players may not play (have their scores listed) for more than one team. Once a player's score has been listed with a team, he or she cannot change teams.
- 1 A representative of each team must register the team by contacting a GRCC official at the tournament. (Representatives must have each team member's permission to list them as part of the team!) Registration of all teams must be completed before round 4. We hope to have sign-up sheets at tournament registration, but you can contact any player on Team GR for help.
- 1 Prizes will be awarded to the top three scores for the winning team in each section. (Tentatively, the prizes will be gift certificates to one of the booksellers at the tournament.)

There's no entry fee for the competition, so get some of your chess-playing friends and fellow club members to enter the Michigan Open today!

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# BEN FINEGOLD TOPS THE MICHIGAN M/E TOURNAMENT

123 in Masters/Experts/Class Championships in Lansing May 27-28

Report by David Moody

The annual Michigan Masters/Experts and Class Championships Extravaganza drew 123 players to the Midway Motor Lodge in Lansing, another good turnout for this site. As usual, Gary Kitts handled most of the site preparation, and managed to get us away from the band this time. Directing was Bill Groeller, with assistance from Don Ruark and Vincent Brattin. It won't be one of Bill's favorite memories, though: there were some pairing problems and most of the rounds started late (though that last is endemic to such a hard-fought and closely contested event).

But enough of that; herewith a chronicle of another Memorial Day weekend of chess in Michigan. Many thanks to Vincent Brattin for selecting games from the various Class Championships; he'll never eat meat loaf again.

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2 Mike Splane, Santa Cruz, CA	2237	W10	D 1	D 3	W 9	3.0
3 Robert O'Donnell, Ann Arbor	2300	W14	D 5	D 2	W 8	3.0
4 Brad Rogers, Flint	2190	W16	W14	W 6	L 1	3.0
5 David Hahn, Saginaw	2273	W17	D 3	D 8	D 6	2.5
6 Kevin Noren, Lansing	2290	W11	W13	L 4	D 5	2.5
7 Kevin Czuhai, Grand Rapids	2284	D 8	W 9	L 1	W10	2.5
8 Gordon Morrell, Okemos	2063	D 7	W17	D 5	L 3	2.0
9 Gina Finegold, Brussels, Belgium	2002	W15	L 7	W12	L 2	2.0
10 Faris Jirjis, Garden City	2049	L 2	W15	W13	L 7	2.0
11 Thomas Ward, Midland	2073	L 6	L12	W16	W13	2.0
12 Philip Laren, Whitmore Lake	2191	L13	W11	L 9	W15	2.0
13 Greg Bailey, Cheboygan	2040	W12	L 6	L10	L11	1.0
14 Steve Mitchell, Northville	2073	L 3	L 4	D17	D18	1.0
15 Stan Jarosz, Grand Rapids	2102	L 9	L10	W18	L12	1.0
16 Attila Lehotzky, Davison	2014	L 4	D18	L11	D17	1.0
17 Gene Hickey, Clio	2056	L 5	L 8	D14	D16	1.0
18 Gary Kitts, East Lansing	2094	L 1	D16	L15	D14	1.0

PRIZES

1st: Ben Finegold (\$360)  
 2nd: Mike Splane, Robert O'Donnell (\$78.50; O'Donnell receives Michigan Champion trophy)  
 Under 2200: Brad Rogers (\$157 + trophy)

The Masters/Experts drew 18 players this year, a respectable total. The list was literally Finegolded from top to bottom; Ben Finegold, visiting from Belgium, topped the list, while his wife, Gina, was the lowest-rated in the section (and, incidentally, the first woman to play in this event in its nine-year history). 5 Masters (Robert O'Donnell, Kevin Noren, Kevin Czuhai, defending champ David Hahn, and another returning visitor in Mike Splane helped fill out the top of the wallcharts.

ROUND 1			
1 Kitts	0 Finegold, B.	6 Splane	1 Jirjis
2 O'Donnell	1 Mitchell	7 Bailey	1 Laren
3 Ward	0 Noren	8 Rogers	1 Lehotzky
4 Czuhai	1/2 Morrell	9 Finegold, G.	1 Jarosz
5 Hickey	0 Hahn		

Kitts tried a drawish opening against Ben Finegold, but Black calmly exploited his chances and won sufficient material. Mitchell survived pressure from O'Donnell, but blew a bad rook and pawn ending just before the time control.

Ward had a big chance for the first upset, but his defense faltered against a Noren swindle. Czuhai and Morrell played your basic weird game, with Morrell at one point having rook and three pieces for a queen. He ended up holding a queen vs. rook ending via a blockade.

Hickey--Hahn was a battle of center pawns vs. flank pawns; Hahn grabbed space, constricted, and finished with a nice combination to win a piece. Splane built up a nice, typical attack until Jirjis blundered material.

The first full upset was board 7, as Bailey outplayed Laren, won two pawns, then sacked the exchange to get things rolling. Brad Rogers held his ground, sacking a rook and winning quickly when Lehotzky produced a suicidal attack. Gina Finegold provided the second big upset with a quick crush, as a better opening quickly produced a mating attack against Jarosz.

1.0: B. Finegold, O'Donnell, Noren, Hahn, Splane, Rogers, Bailey, G. Finegold  
 0.5: Czuhai, Morrell  
 0.0: Laren, Jarosz, Kitts, Mitchell, Ward, Hickey, Jirjis, Lehotzky

ROUND 2			
1 Finegold, B.	1 Splane	6 Laren	1 Ward
2 Hahn	1/2 O'Donnell	7 Mitchell	0 Rogers
3 Noren	1 Bailey	8 Jarosz	0 Jirjis
4 Finegold, G.	0 Czuhai	9 Lehotzky	1/2 Kitts
5 Morrell	1 Hickey		

Nobody as yet has made a perfect score in the Masters/Experts. Ben Finegold's chances were quickly doused; he totally hung the exchange by castling, offered a draw, and was probably happy that it was taken. Hahn and O'Donnell sparred carefully for forty moves, but could not make any impact on each other.

That left two perfect scores. Kevin Noren attacked the old-fashioned way: he earned it with fine positional play before blowing Bailey to kingdom come. The second two-pointer was Brad Rogers, who played a zero-pointer due to a pairing error and won easily when Mitchell's sacrifices went nowhere.

Dropping down was Gina Finegold, as Czuhai won with some dubious-looking kitchen sinks. Morrell also used positional pressure to set up a decisive attack, finishing with a cute queen offer.

Laren--Ward was one of those weird Benoni/Benko type games where pieces move about confusedly on the queenside. Laren won the exchange, and found a nice mate after the time control. Jarosz and Jirjis melted down to an interesting pawn ending (analyzed by Bill Groeller in the Games Dept.); apparently, it was drawn, but White found about the worst defense. Board 9 saw Kitts' initiative to be insufficient.

2.0: Noren, Rogers  
 1.5: B. Finegold, O'Donnell, Czuhai, Hahn, Splane, Morrell  
 1.0: Laren, Jirjis, Bailey, G. Finegold  
 0.5: Kitts, Lehotzky  
 0.0: Jarosz, Mitchell, Ward, Hickey

ROUND 3			
1 Rogers	1 Noren	6 Jirjis	1 Bailey
2 Czuhai	0 Finegold, B.	7 Kitts	0 Jarosz
3 O'Donnell	1/2 Splane	8 Ward	1 Lehotzky
4 Morrell	1/2 Hahn	9 Hickey	1/2 Mitchell
5 Laren	0 Finegold, G.		

The surprise leader: Brad Rogers. He moved back to Flint from California several months ago, where he had built up a Master rating over the years. Now he looked to be regaining that stature, as he grabbed a hanging pawn, simplified smoothly, and cruised the ending.

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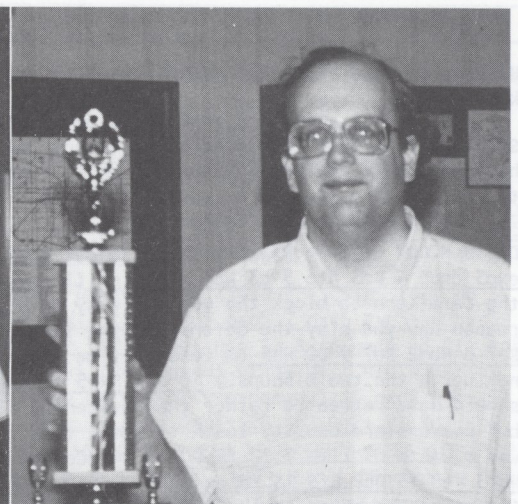




**ROBERT O'DONNELL**  
Masters/Experts Champ



**BRADLEY ROGERS**  
Top Expert



**DAVID MOODY**  
Class A Champ

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M/E/Class . . . From preceding page

Hanging over him, however, was the shadow of Ben Finegold, who won an extremely confusing game from Czuhai, who dared play the Polish and got fairly well shredded.

The rest of the 1 1/2's fell off the pace. In a cramped position, Splane sacked the exchange and was able to set up a blockade that O'Donnell could not safely breach. Hahn played an unusual setting, transposing from a King's Indian into a Nimzo-Indian. The players eventually reached the rare ending of K+7 pawns apiece, eventually queening and agreeing a draw.

Gina Finegold got her second upset win, but, in all fairness, Laren was not in any sort of form. Jirjis won the funniest game of the tournament with the help of a hyperactive queen and two wonder-working knights.

Stan Jarosz picked up his first point, also rather humorously. First, he and Kitts snatched three hanging rook pawns within 3 moves. Then, they traded off all four rooks on the opened h-file--whereupon Stan forced mate in two!

Lehotzky found the worst move of the tournament against Ward. Mitchell won a pawn, but couldn't hold it.

- 3.0: Rogers
- 2.5: B. Finegold
- 2.0: O'Donnell, Noren, Hahn, Splane, Morrell, Jirjis, G. Finegold
- 1.5: Czuhai
- 1.0: Laren, Jarosz, Ward, Bailey
- 0.5: Kitts, Mitchell, Hickey, Lehotzky

ROUND 4

1 Finegold, B.	1 Rogers	6 Jarosz	0 Laren
2 Hahn	1/2 Noren	7 Bailey	0 Ward
3 O'Donnell	1 Morrell	8 Mitchell	1/2 Kitts
4 Splane	1 Finegold, G.	9 Lehotzky	1/2 Hickey
5 Jirjis	0 Czuhai		

A lot of possibilities! A clear winner will emerge from board 1, Rogers having draw odds. Should Ben Finegold win, however, he can't take the title (though the cash would surely console him). Also, board 4 cannot decide the title, both players being out of state.

Well, Ben set up the battle of the 3's pretty quickly; Rogers failed to play the crucial move in a sharp opening line, and hung the exchange to a very cute win. So Ben Finegold wins the tournament--but who will win the war?

Hahn and Noren battled to the last pawn, but the draw

turned out to be inevitable. O'Donnell joined Rogers with a fine positional crush of Morrell's Dutch Defense.

The battle of the foreigners saw Splane try to give back the exchange he won from Ben. Gina refused it, taking two pawns instead. This gave Splane some initiative, which he exploited to win a piece and the game. That completed the three's, as Jirjis was beaten soundly by Czuhai.

Mike Splane, ineligible, finished second. The tiebreaks cleared up in favor of Robert O'Donnell, as the 1984 Michigan Champion adds another trophy to an already stuffed case. In consolation, Brad Rogers got the Expert money and trophy.

Completing the tournament: Jarosz mounted a lofty kingside attack, while Laren fiddled around with his queen. Somehow, the attack got nowhere, and the queen hit White's soft underbelly as he lost on time. Ward somehow snuck a couple of passers through Bailey's pawns. Boards 8 and 9 were hard fought, but everything fizzled out. A pleasant oddity: everyone finished with at least one point, and without byes! That's the kind of tournament you like to see.

**CLASS A CHAMPIONSHIP**

The Class Championships are traditionally hard-fought and full of upsets. Having the fourth-ranked player out of a good-sized turnout of 23 winning the section may not be surprising, but Swiss System connoisseurs among you should savor this fact: my highest rated opponent was in Round 1!

At first, things didn't start out funny, as the top four players won in round one. But those next seven boards were killers, with the lower-rated players grabbing 5.5 points. Leading the way was Olaf Haakonstad, who defeated the 1988 Class A Champion Steve Scott.

Olaf kept going, though, defeating #1 Lawrence Brenton in round 2. Other assorted draws and upsets left only #3 Stan Golonka, Haakonstad (#16), and Ray Garrison (#22) perfect after two rounds. In keeping with the tradition of Class play, Golonka and Haakonstad drew in round three, leaving next-to-last Garrison alone at the top when he beat #2 Zacks. Following with 2.5 were Golonka, #4 David Moody,

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*EDITOR: Congrats to Ray Garrison, bottom rated player in Class A. He tied for 2nd; and to William Wright, Toledo, near the bottom. He also tied for 2nd.*

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**CLASS A . . . . From preceding page**

Haakonstad, and #21 Dragan Vukotic (watch out for this kid!),

In round 4, Garrison took on Golonka and triumphed when Stan missed a shot that cost him a queen. I continued to have good luck against Haakonstad, while Vukotic dropped off the pace with a tough draw against Brenton.

Which sets up this encounter:

DAVID MOODY (1980)--RAY GARRISON (1810): 1 e4 c6 2 d4 d5 3 exd5 cxd5 4 Bd3 Nf6 5 c3 Nc6 6 Bf4 e6 (It's often a sin in the Caro-Kann to block the QB; its easy development is one reason why you play the defense in the first place!) 7 Nf3 Be7 8 Nbd2 Bd7 9 O0 Nh5 (A loss of time which is probably not worth the two bishops.) 10 Be5 Nxe5 11 Nxe5 g6? (He should have retreated rather than weakening his kingside, but players are usually loath to admit that the knight move was a waste of time.) 12 f4 00 13 g4 (Cowabunga!) Nf6 14 Ndf3 Ne8 15 Qc2 Bf6 16 f5 exf5 17 gxf5 Bxe5 18 Nxe5 Qg5? (Exposing the queen to indignity.) 19 Kh1 Nf6 20 Rg1 Oh5 21 Be2? (21 Raf1!, and Black looks helpless.) Oxf5 22 Bd3 Oh5? (...Qe6 was the only hope.) 23 Raf1! (Winning a piece by force; the rest is desperation in time pressure.) Qh4 24 Qf2 Qxf2 25 Rxf2 Ne4 26 Bxe4 dxe4 27 Nxd7 f5 28 Nxf8 Rxf8 29 Rg3 Kf7 30 Kg2 Ke6 31 Kf1 Kd5 32 Ke2 Kc4 33 Ke3 Kd5 34 Kf4 Rf6 35 h4 h6 36 Rfg2 g5+ 37 hxg5 hxg5+ 38 Rxc5 [1-0, time]

Which puts ye new editor, David Moody, Esquire, on top of all the A-players in Michigan three years after becoming the Masters/Experts champion. B-players, be ready in 1992!

Three more games are presented for your pleasure: one each from second-place finishers Ray Garrison and William Wright, and one just for fun.

RAY GARRISON (1810)--STAN GOLONKA (1994): 1 f4 Nf6 2 Nf3 c5 g3 g6 4 Bg2 Bg7 5 00 d6 6 d3 00 7 c3 Nc6 8 Na3 Bg4 9 h3 Be6 10 e4 Qc8 11 g4 (Garrison does not have one of your subtle positional styles; Captain Caveman comes more to mind.) Rb8 12 Nc2 b5 13 Qe2 b4 14 d4 bxc3 15 bxc3 cxd4 16 cxd4 Nb4 17 Nxb4 Rxb4 (Black seems to be making progress, but he's attacking air while White goes for the king.) 18 Qe1 Rc4 19 f5 Bd7 20 Bg5 Bc6 21 e5 dxe5 22 dxe5 Nd5 23 Bxe7 Nxe7 24 f6 Qe6 25 fxg7 Kxg7 26 Ng5 Qd7 27 Rd1 Qc7?? (27...Qb7! seems defensible.) 28 Rxf7+! Kg8 29 Rxf8+ Kxf8 30 Ne6+ Kg8 31 Nxc7 [1-0, 47]

DRAGAN VUKOTIC (1811)--WILLIAM WRIGHT (1834): 1 e4 e6 2 d4 d5 3 Nc3 Bb4 4 e5 c5 5 a3 Bxc3+ 6 bxc3 Ne7 7 Qg4 Qc7 8 Qxg7 Rg8 9 Qxh7 cxd4 10 Ne2 Nbc6 11 f4 Bd7 12 Qd3 dxc3 13 Nxc3 Nf5 14 Kd1 000 15 Rb1 Na5 16 Ne2 d4 17 Rb4 Bc6 18 Ng3 Ne3+ 19 Ke1 Bxg2 20 Bxg2 Nxc2+ 21 Kf2 Ne3 22 Bxe3 dxe3+ 23 Qxe3 Qxc2+ 24 Ne2 Kb8 25 Rc1 Qd3 26 Qc5? (Black seems a bit better after a queen trade, but now he shoots off some Memorial Day fireworks.) Rg2+! 27 Kxg2 Qxe2+ 28 Kh3 Rh8+ 29 Kg3 Rg8+ [0-1]

DAN BURG (1903)--DAVID W. CALTON (1905): 1 e4 d6 2 d4 Nf6 3 Nd2 g6 4 f4 Bg7 5 Ngf3 c5 6 c3 Bg4 7 e5 Nfd7 8 Bc4 dxe5 9 fxe5 cxd4 10 cxd4 e6 11 00 Nb6 12 Bb5+ N6d7 13 Ne4 00 14 Qe1 a6 15 Bd3 Nc6 16 Be3 Ne7 17 Rd1 Nd5 18 Bc1 Qb6 19 Qf2 f6 20 Bb1 fxe5 21 Qh4 Bxf3 22 Ng5 N7f6 23 Rxf3 Nh5 24 Rh3 Bf6 25 g4 Bxg5 26 Qxg5 Nh4 27 Rh6 exd4 28 Bxf4 Nxf4 29 Bxg6!? (An exciting moment. The correct move for Black is the seeming irrelevant 29...d3+! If then 30 Kf1 Nxc6+! [not 30...Nh3+?? 31 Bf7 double check Kxf7 32 Rxf7+ and mates] 31 Kg2 Qf2+ 32 Kh1 Qf3+, and Black quickly mates. And if 30 Kh1? Just follow the game.) Nxc6? 30 Rxc6+! hxg6 31 Qxc6+ Kh8 32 Rd3 (The point: in the 29...d3+ 30 Kh1 line, Black would now have 33...Qc6+! 34 Kg1 Qc1+ 35 Kg2 Qc2+! 36 Kg3 [36 Kh3 Rf3+! wins] Qf2+ 37 Kh3 Rf7!, and White has no good defense to ...Rh7+. Hence, White has no time to bring his rook over, and would have to take the perpetual check.) Rf1+ 33 Kxf1 Qb5 34 Kg1 Qxd3 35 Qxd3 e5 36 Qg6 Rc8 37 Qf6+ Kh7 38 Qf5+ [1-0]

**Class A Championship**

1 David Moody, Dearborn	1980 W 8 D 7 W 6 W 9 W 2 4.5
2 Ray Garrison, Lansing	1810 W 5 W20 W17 W11 L 1 4.0
3 William Wright, Toledo, OH	1834 D10 D19 W20 W17 W 7 4.0
4 Lawrence Brenton, Detroit	1997 W18 L 9 W 8 D 7 W10 3.5
5 Edward Duckles, Carson City	1924 L 2 D23 W12 W19 W 9 3.5
6 Joseph Cummings, Jackson	1858 W19 D17 L 1 W18 W11 3.5
7 Dragan Vukotic, Ann Arbor	1811 W21 D 1 W10 D 4 L 3 3.0
8 Mike Skidmore, Flint	1891 L 1 BYE L 4 W15 W16 3.0
9 Olaf Haakonstad, Ann Arbor	1879 W15 W 4 D11 L 1 L 5 2.5
10 Michael R. Smith, Linden	1937 D 3 W16 L 7 W13 L 4 2.5
11 Stan Golonka, Livonia	1994 W12 W22 D 9 L 2 L 6 2.5
12 Bill Calton, Southfield	1892 L11 D14 L 5 BYE W17 2.5
13 Dan Burg, Ypsilanti	1903 L17 W21 D15 L10 W18 2.5
14 David Arganian, East Lansing	1928 L22 D12 L18 W23 W20 2.5
15 Steve Scott, Lansing	1952 L 9 D18 D13 L 8 W23 2.0
16 Robert McCarter, Ann Arbor	1805 BYE L10 L19 W20 L 8 2.0
17 Naum Zacks, East Lansing	1996 W13 D 6 L 2 L 3 L12 1.5
18 David W. Calton, Southfield	1905 L 4 D15 W14 L 6 L13 1.5
19 Jeff Boes, Hudsonville	1947 L 6 D 3 W16 L 5 --- 1.5
20 Walter Almqvist, Redford	1945 W23 L 2 L 3 L16 L14 1.0
21 Dave Smith, Ann Arbor	1926 L 7 L13 W23 --- --- 1.0
22 Gary Schweikert, Jackson	1833 W14 L11 --- --- --- 1.0
23 Marvin Kornhauser, Franklin	1851 L20 D 5 L21 L14 L15 0.5

**PRIZES**

1st: David Moody (\$192)  
2nd-3rd: Ray Garrison, William Wright (\$96)

**CLASS B CHAMPIONSHIP**

1 Max Ruhlmann, Grand Rapids	1690 W22 W 8 W19 W 4 D 5 4.5
2 Ron Grzegorzczuk, Grand Rapids	1678 W20 L11 W 8 W14 W 7 4.
3 Allan Foord, Garden City	1680 D12 W20 D14 W11 W10 4.
4 Mike Kosanovich, Westland	1677 W31 W21 W11 L 1 W12 4.0
5 Christopher Morrow, Detroit	1788 D 7 W18 W 9 D19 D 1 3.5
6 Rex Settle, Okemos	1787 D28 L 7 W30 W25 W15 3.5
7 Brian Brattin, Coldwater	1709 D 5 W 6 W13 D12 L 2 3.0
8 Dennis Ridella, Warren	1789 W30 L 1 L 2 W13 W17 3.0
9 Douglas Moore, Detroit	1612 W15 W32 L 5 L10 W23 3.0
10 Duane Williams, Detroit	1602 L25 W23 W27 W 9 L 3 3.0
11 John Blake, Farmington Hills	1734 W29 W 2 L 4 L 3 D13 2.5
12 Harold Steen, Detroit	1755 D 3 D28 W25 D 7 L 4 2.5
13 Helio Rincon, Adrian	1699 W19 W17 L 7 L 8 D11 2.5
14 H. Jay Carr, Grand Rapids	1773 W26 D25 D 3 L 2 D16 2.5
15 Brion Brooks, Hudsonville	1734 L 9 D16 W26 W21 L 6 2.5
16 Jim Anderson, Tecumseh	1664 L32 D15 D20 W26 D14 2.5
17 Jeff Aldrich, Burton	1602 W23 L13 D21 W22 L 8 2.5
18 Glenn Barnette, Detroit	1731 D24 L 5 L22 W27 W25 2.5
19 Ray Burwell, Detroit	1782 L13 W24 L 1 D 5 D21 2.0
20 Brian June, Flint	1750 L 2 L 3 D16 D30 W31 2.0
21 David Sundein, Lansing	1704 W27 L 4 D17 L15 D19 2.0
22 Charles Collins, Harper Woods	1755 L 1 D30 W18 L17 D24 2.0
23 Steve Rosenberg, Canton	1727 L17 L10 BYE W31 L 9 2.0
24 Ronald Gore, Battle Creek	1604 D18 L19 L31 BYE D22 2.0
25 B. Michael Williams, Lansing	1678 W10 D14 L12 L 6 L18 1.5
26 John Griffin, Battle Creek	1694 L14 D27 L15 L16 BYE 1.5
27 H. Fred Lahr, Ferndale	1785 L21 D26 L10 L18 W30 1.5
28 Eric Choksi, Allen Park	1704 D 6 D12 D29 --- --- 1.5
29 Conrad Chu, Lake Orion	1637 L11 W31 D28 --- --- 1.5
30 James Starr, Muskegon	1722 L 8 D22 L 6 D20 L27 1.0
31 Helmut Laumer, Williamston	1743 L 4 L29 W24 L23 L20 1.0
32 Jonathan January, Detroit	1741 W16 L 9 --- --- --- 1.0

**PRIZES**

1st: Max Ruhlmann (\$250)  
2nd-3rd: Ron Grzegorzczuk, Allan Foord, Mike Kosanovich (\$83.66)

## CLASS C CHAMPIONSHIP

Perfect scores are a rarity in the world of class play, due to the close ratings of the players. Occasionally, though, lightning strikes, and here it hit Joe Feldman.

Rated #7 of 29, Feldman was certainly not an outsider. In this event, he was paired down his first three rounds, and was joined in the lead by #4 Mike Welford and #12 Kim Burnham, a full point ahead of the field.

Round 4 saw Joe quickly squelch Welford, while Burnham fell to #6 Juan Rodriguez, who was given a chance to complete the daily double against Feldman in round 5. Though Joe needed only a draw to clinch matters, he quickly blew Rodriguez away to clinch matters for good.

Welford and Burnham won their last round games to tie for second, and were joined by #15 Pat Kezele, recovering from a second round loss. All three were paired down in the last round, but Goliath recovered in time.

Herewith, Feldman's powerful last round game, and some fine play by a real youngster.

**JUAN RODRIGUEZ (1579)--JOE FELDMAN (1572):** 1 d4 e5 2 e3 (Too timid; you won't refute a dubious gambit this way.) exd4 3 Qxd4 Nc6 4 Od1 Nf6 5 Nf3 d5 6 b3 Bg4 7 Bb2 Bb4+ 8 c3 Be7 9 Nbd2 00 10 h3 Bh5 11 g4 Bg6 12 Qe2 Ne4 13 000 Bh4 14 Nxb4 Qxh4 15 Nxe4 dxe4 16 Rg1? (A journey of a thousand errors begins with a single misstep.) Ne5 17 Rg3? Nd3+ 18 Kb1 h5 19 Bg2? f5! (Shattering.) 20 Rxd3 exd3 21 Qd2 Rad8 22 gxf5 Rxf5 23 c4 Rxf2! 24 Bd5+ Rxd5! (Outa my way!) 25 Qxf2 d2+ [0-1]

**JEFF PRISNER (1420)--DAVID SIVAK (1472):** 1 d4 d5 2 c4 e6 3 Nc3 Nf6 4 Bg5 Bb4 5 Nf3 c5 6 cxd5 exd5 7 dxc5 Bxc3+ 8 bxc3 Be6 9 Rb1 Qe7 10 Qa4+ Kf8 11 Qd4 Nc6 12 Bxf6 gxf6 13 Qf4 Rg8 14 g3 Qxc5 15 Qxf6 d4! (Very good! Black will win material and keep White's king permanently exposed.) 16 cxd4 Qc3+ 17 Kd1 Bxa2 18 Rxb7 Bb3+ 19 Rxb3 Qxb3+ 20 Kd2 Qb2+ 21 Kd1 Nb4 22 Qd6+ Kq7 23 Qe5+ f6 24 Qe7+ Kh8 25 Qxf6+ Rg7 26 Qf5 a5 27 Ne5 a4 28 Nf7+ Kq8 29 Nh6+ Kh8 30 Nf7+ Rxf7! (Enough of this foolishness!) 31 Qxf7 Qxd4+ 31 Ke1 (31 Kc1 Qc3+ and quick mate.) Nc2# [0-1]

## CLASS B CHAMPIONSHIP

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As usual, Class B was the largest of the sections. Also as usual, it had the most surprising results. Look at it this way: of 32 players, the four prizewinners started off #22, 23, 24, and 26!

Or think of it this way: Max Ruhlmann, who won the thing, started off #22. In the first three rounds, he defeated players #7 (Charles Collins), #1 (Dennis Ridella), and #5 (Ray Burwell). For his fourth labor, he was paired down to the only other perfect scorer, #26 Mike Kosanovich! Ruhlmann took a long win, then a short last round draw to clinch first place and complete a fantastic run which sent his rating soaring well over 1800.

Kosanovich had no reason to be upset; he did enough of that to four opponents, as did #24 Ron Gregorczyk (who also defeated #1 Ridella). They tied with #23 Allan Foord, who shared with Ruhlmann the distinction of being undefeated.

I see that the top ten players scored 23.5 points, less than 50%! Maybe I won't be able to win this class in 1992...

For games, we have some admittedly lucky defense from the winner, and a strong attack from a 4-pointer.

**RAY BURWELL (1782)--MAX RUHLMANN (1690):** 1 e4 c5 2 Nf3 Nc6 3 Bc4 a6 4 Nc3 e6 5 00 b5 6 Be2 g6 7 d4 cxd4 8 Nxd4 Nge7 9 Bg5 Bb7 10 Bf6 Rg8 11 Qd2 Qb6 12 Rad1 Rd8 13 Ndx5!? axb5 14 Nxb5 d5 15 exd5 Rxd5 16 Nd6+ Kd7 17 Qf4 Rxd1 18 Rxd1 Nd5 19 Rxd5! (So if 19...exd5 20 Bg4+ Kc7 21 Ne8#) g5 20 Nxb7+? (20 Qg3! looks simple enough, and 20 Nc4+ Ke8 21 Nxb6 gxf4 22 Rd7 Bc8 23 Rd8+! Nxd8 24 Bb5+ complicated enough.) exd5 21

Bg4+ Ke8 22 Nd6+ Bxd6 23 Qxd6 Qb7 (White is still probably better, but time is passing.) 24 Qxd5 Rg6 25 Bxg5 h6 26 Qe4+ Kf8 27 Be3 Qxb2 28 h3 Qxa2 29 Bc5+ Kq7 30 Qe8 Qd5 31 Qf8+ Kh7 32 Be3 h5! 33 Bf3 Qxf3 34 g3 Rxq3+! (Introducing a neat finish to what has become Burwell's Tragedy.) 35 fxg3 Qxe3+ 36 Kh1 Qe1+ 37 Kh2 Qf2+ 38 Kh1 Qf1+ 39 Kh2 Ne5! 40 g4 h4 [0-1]

**MIKE KOSANOVICH (1677)--HAROLD STEEN (1734):** 1 c4 Nf6 2 Nc3 g6 3 d4 Bg7 4 e4 d6 5 f4 00 6 e5 Ne8 7 Nf3 dxe5 8 fxe5 Nc6 9 Bf4 f6 10 e6 (Not a cheesy wedge. Black has four pieces essentially out of play.) f5 11 d5 Nb8 12 Ng5 Nd6 13 Qd2 h6 14 Nf3 g5 15 Be5 Qe8 16 Bd3 Na6 17 000 Nc5 18 Bxg7 Kxg7 19 h4 g4 20 Ne5 Qh5 21 Bc2 b6 22 Nc6 Qe8 23 Qd4+ Kq8 24 Rhf1 Qb7 25 Ne5 Rd8 26 b4 Na6 27 b5 Nc5 28 Rf4 Qh5 29 Nxb4! (The explosion at last; 29...fxg4 30 Rxb4+ would be murder.) Nde4 30 Nxe4 Nxe6 (30...Nxe4 31 Rxe4! fxe4 32 Qxe4 and ouch!) 31 Ngf6+! exf6 32 Nxf6+ Rxf6 33 Qxf6 Re8 34 dxe6 Rf8 35 Qe5 [1-0]

## CLASS C CHAMPIONSHIP

1 Joe Feldman, Southfield	1572	W11	W13	W 7	W 2	W 9	5.0
2 Mike Welford, Holt	1581	W20	W 5	W10	L 1	W 8	4.0
3 Kim Burnham, Eagle	1517	W21	W 8	W 4	L 9	W 7	4.0
4 Pat Kezele, Farmington Hills	1479	W 6	W27	L 3	W19	W11	4.0
5 Steve Deerfield, Grand Rapids	1444	W 9	L 2	W12	D15	W18	3.5
6 Azziem Mohammed, Detroit	1588	L 4	D14	W23	W16	W15	3.5
7 David Sivak, Ann Arbor	1479	W19	W18	L 1	W10	L 3	3.0
8 David W. Troupe, St. Louis	1414	W24	L 3	W13	W14	L 2	3.0
9 Juan Rodriguez, Flint	1579	L 5	W26	W27	W 3	L 1	3.0
10 Jeff Prisner, Fowlerville	1420	W25	W12	L 2	L 7	W20	3.0
11 James Edson, Flint	1432	L 1	W29	W22	W18	L 4	3.0
12 Hermann Bloch, Kalamazoo	1505	W29	L10	L 5	W26	W19	3.0
13 Gary Fletcher, Flint	1448	W17	L 1	L 8	D22	W26	2.5
14 David Brotherton, Ypsilanti	1502	L27	D 6	W17	L 8	W25	2.5
15 Richard Neely, Three Rivers	1519	D26	D22	W21	D 5	L 6	2.5
16 Peter Nixon, Grosse Ile	1586	D22	W28	L18	L 6	W23	2.5
17 Bob Repas, Bath	1579	L13	D23	L14	W24	W22	2.5
18 Jennifer Skidmore, Flint	1582	W23	L 7	W16	L11	L 5	2.0
19 Michael D. Smith, Gr. Rapids	1432	L 7	W24	W20	L 4	L12	2.0
20 Felix Serwatowski, Taylor	1451	L 2	W25	L19	W21	L10	2.0
21 Gordon Rosebrook, Warren	1406	L 3	BYE	L15	L20	W27	2.0
22 Michael Lloyd, Flint	1463	D16	D15	L11	D13	L17	1.5
23 Sara Shields, Maple City	1459	L18	D17	L 6	BYE	L16	1.5
24 John Endres, Marine City	1539	L 8	L19	D29	L17	BYE	1.5
25 Michael Venia, Union Lake	1556	L10	L20	D26	W27	L14	1.5
26 Flamur Vaka, Detroit	1408	D15	L 9	D25	L12	L13	1.0
27 David A. Calton, Southfield	1403	W14	L 4	L 9	L25	L21	1.0
28 Buck Allen, Berrien Springs	1400	BYE	L16	---	---	---	1.0
29 David Watkins, Detroit	1554	L12	L11	D24	---	---	0.5

### PRIZES

1st: Joe Feldman (\$240)  
2nd-3rd: Mike Welford, Kim Burnham, Pat Kezele (\$80)

## CLASSES D/E/Unrated

It's traditional to mix the unrated players in with the DE section, since, as a rule of thumb, unrated players average about 1300. The problem is that, very often, the unrated players in this section are already experienced players, often of Class B strength, who naturally dominate matters. There's no good solution to the problem that I know of, so we just have to live with it.

Such was the case in the 1989 event. Jerard Williams and Reginald Zears, the only two unrated players, cruised to 3-0 scores, then drew in round 4. This enabled a single Class D player in John Dakins to catch up with them.

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# TRENTON MINI JUNE 17

By David Moody

knights.) Ke7 40 g4 Kd8 41 Kg3 Ke7 42 Kh4 Kf6  
43 gxf5 gxf5 44 Kh5 Kg7 45 d6 Kf6 46 e7 Kf7 48  
Bd5+ Ke8 49 Kg6 [1-0]

## SECTION 1

1 David Moody, Dearborn	1980	W6	D3	W2	2.5
2 Faris Jirjis, Garden City	2049	W4	W5	L1	2.0
3 V.J. Brattin, Belleville	1953	W7	D1	D5	2.0
4 John Smalec, Ann Arbor	1854	L2	W8	W6	2.0
5 Henry Johnson, Detroit	1866	W8	L2	D3	1.5
6 Marvin Kornhauser, Franklin	1851	L1	W7	L4	1.0
7 Stan Frasier, Princeton NJ	1849	L3	L6	W8	1.0
8 Robert McCarter, Ann Arbor	1805	L5	L4	L7	0.0

## SECTION 2

1 Ken Roberts, Dearborn Hts.	1754	W6	W5	W2	3.0
2 Jim Towsley, Windsor, ON	1782	W8	W3	L1	2.0
3 Max Ruhlmann, Grand Rapids	1690	W4	L2	+7	2.0
4 Brian June, Flint	1750	L3	D7	BY	1.5
5 Mike Kosanovich, Westland	1677	W7	L1	--	1.0
6 Aal Vark, Detroit	1723	L1	BY	--	1.0
7 Jeff Schmoldt, Oregon, OH	1738	L5	D4	-3	0.5
8 Steve Rosenberg, Canton	1727	L2	--	--	0.0

## SECTION 3

1 Walter Wright, Detroit	1609	D4	W6	W2	2.5
2 Bruce Novak, Charlotte	1635	W6	W5	L1	2.0
3 Tim Sawmiller, Novi	1514	L5	W4	D6	1.5
4 Joseph Pavlovich, Ypsi	1512	D1	L3	BY	1.5
5 Rich Wisokol, Walled Lake	1625	W3	L2	--	1.0
6 Dan Tarjeft, Wyandotte	1591	L2	L1	D3	0.5

## SECTION 4

1 David Stockman, Plymouth	1512	W5	W2	D3	2.5
2 Tim McCormack, Ypsilanti	1433	W6	L1	W5	2.0
3 Andrew Needleman, AnnArbor	1450	D4	D6	D1	1.5
4 Sante Rosati, Monroe	1433	D3	L5	W6	1.5
5 Arthur Stinson, SterlingHts	1446	L1	W4	L2	1.0
6 Felix Serwatowski, Taylor	1451	L2	D3	L4	0.5

## SECTION 5

1 Kelly McMullin, Windsor, ON	1267	W6	W2	W3	3.0
2 Gordon Rosebrook, Warren	1406	W7	L1	W5	2.0
3 John Frantz, Taylor	1344	W5	W4	L1	2.0
4 William Kent, Detroit	1206	BY	L3	W7	2.0
5 Patrick Cargill, Otisville	UNR	L3	W6	L2	1.0
6 Mike Dubsy, Southgate	1354	L1	L5	BY	1.0
7 John Suess, Toledo, OH	1343	L2	BY	L4	1.0

Winners received choice of \$20 or trophy.  
Organizer: Trenton Chess Club  
Director and Crosstable: Don Ruark

The awkward number of 35 players showed up for the monthly event in Trenton, and were herded into five sections of various sizes. Section 1 saw a fluky result. The second group was marred by withdrawals, including one after the final pairings were made. Presented here are the deciding games from sections 2 and 3.

JIM TOWSLEY--KEN ROBERTS: 1 Nf3 Nf6 2 g3 g6 3 b4 d5 4 Bb2 Bg7 5 Bg2 00 6 00 Bf5 7 d3 Qd7 8 Nbd2 Nc6 9 a3 Rfe8 10 c4 d4 11 Nb3 e5 12 Nc5 Qc8 13 Nh4 Bh3 14 e4 dxe3 15 fxe3 Bxg2 16 Kxg2 Ng4 17 Qf3 f5 18 h3 e4 19 dxe4 Nxe3+ 20 Qxe3 Bxb2 21 Rad1 b6 22 Nd7? Rxe4 23 Qd2 Bd4 (Trapping the knight; White gets desperate.) 24 Nxf5 Qxd7 25 Nh6+ Kh8 26 Nf7+ Kg7 27 Qh6+ Kg8 (So who gets mated here anyways?) 28 Ng5 Re2+ 29 Kh1 Qg7 30 Qh4 Rf8 31 Rxf8+ Kxf8 32 Rf1+ Ke8 33 Qg4 Qe7 34 Nf3 Qe4 35 Qc8+ Nd8 36 Qxc7 Rh2+! (It's White!) [0-1]

WALTER WRIGHT--BRUCE NOYAK: 1 e4 c5 2 Nc3 e6 3 g3 Nc6 4 Bg2 a6 5 d3 g6 6 Be3 Qc7 7 Nge2 d6 8 Qd2 Bg7 9 a3 Nf6 10 f3 00 11 Bh6 b5 12 Bxg7 Kxg7 13 f4 Bb7 14 h3 Nd4 15 Nxd4 cxd4 16 Ne2 Rac8 17 c3 dxc3 18 Nxc3 Nd7 19 00 f5 20 Kh2 Qc5 21 Rac1 Qb6 22 d4 Rc4 23 Rfd1 b4 24 Na4 Qb5 25 Rxc4 Qxc4 26 Rc1 Qb5 27 Qxb4 Qxb4 28 axb4 Rf7 29 e5 d5 30 Rc7 Nb8 31 Nc5! Rxc7 (Cute would be 31...Ba8 32 Nxe6+, mating or winning the rook.) 32 Nxe6+ Kf7 33 Nxc7 Ke7 34 Nxd5+ Bxd5 35 Bxd5 h6 36 Bb7 Kd8 37 d5 Kc7 38 Ba8 Kd8 39 e6 (Not one of your stellar

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## CLASS D/E/Unr . . . From preceding page

Williams disposed of his last round opponent to reach 4.5. That's where the scenario ended, though as Dakins pulled off a victory to tie Williams, and take the Class DE crown.

Zears, of course, took second unrated. Second DE went to Philip Sells, the only player to draw Dakins. His four points also included a remarkable draw against Bart Shields. Why is that remarkable? Read Gary Kitts' story on the Michigan Open.

At any rate, one big win from Dakins and we'll adjourn.

JOHN DAKINS (1349)--REGINALD ZEARS (UNR): 1 d4 Nf6 2 Bg5 Ne4 3 Nf3 Nxd5 4 Nxd5 e5 5 Nf3 exd4 6 Qxd4 Nc6 7 Qd5 Nb4 8 Qb3 c6 9 a3 Nd5 10 e3 d6 11 Bc4 Be7 12 Bxd5 Qa5+ 13 Nc3! cxd5 14 Qxd5 Qxd5 15 Nxd5 Bd8 16 00 00 17 Rfe1 Be6 18 c4 b5 19 b3 Rc8 20 Rac1 bxc4 21 bxc4 Rc5 22 Nd4 Bxd5 23 cxd5 Ba5 24 Red1 Rfc8 25 Rxc5 Rxc5 26 Nc6 Bb6 27 Rb1 Rc3 28 a4 g6 29 a5 Bc5 30 Kf1 Rd3 31 Ke2 Ra3 32 e4 Ra2+ 33 Kd3 Rxf2 34 Rb8+ Kg7 35 Ra8 Rxd2 36 Nxa7 Rxd2 37 Nb5 Rh3+ 38 Kc4 Re3 39 Nc3 f5 40 Re8 fxe4 41 Rxe4 Rxe4 42 Nxe4 Be3 43 Nxd6 Kf6 44 a6 Ke7 45 Ne4 h5 45 Nc5 [1-0]

## CLASSES D, E, AND UNRATED

1 Jerard Williams, Ypsilanti	UNR	W12	W5	W6	D4	W7	4.5
2 John Dakins, Haslett	1349	W13	W11	D3	W6	W4	4.5
3 Philip Sells, Kalamazoo	1346	W20	W15	D2	D10	W5	4.0
4 Reginald Zears, Wheaton, IL	UNR	W16	W10	W15	D1	L2	3.5
5 Anthony Witkowski, Novi	1385	W7	L1	W9	W8	L3	3.0
6 Brian Miller, Burton	1399	W9	W8	L1	L2	W10	3.0
7 Keith Letourneau, Davison	1387	L5	W13	W12	W14	L1	3.0
8 John Mihelich, Kalamazoo	1338	W17	L6	W11	L5	W13	3.0
9 David Burke, Detroit	1237	L6	W17	L5	W19	W14	3.0
10 Bart Shields, Maple City	1383	W18	L4	W19	D3	L6	2.5
11 Darrell Collins, Ann Arbor	1198	W14	L2	L8	D12	W18	2.5
12 Sam Poppel, Kalamazoo	1376	L1	W19	L7	D11	W17	2.5
13 Terry Redding, Lansing	1186	L2	L7	W20	W15	L8	2.0
14 James Stuart, Grand Rapids	1350	L11	W20	W18	L7	L9	2.0
15 H. Robert Cain, Toledo, OH	1388	+21	L3	L4	L13	W20	2.0
16 Harvey Moore, Oak Park	1374	L4	L18	L17	W20	W19	2.0
17 Brad Ashman, Union Lake	1056	L8	L9	W16	D18	L12	1.5
18 E. Louis Caron, Kalamazoo	1200	L10	W16	L14	D17	L11	1.5
19 Vicki Kitts, East Lansing	977	BYE	L12	L10	L9	L16	1.0
20 Matt Venia, Union Lake	1184	L3	L14	L13	L16	L15	0.0
21 Glen Shelton, Findlay, OH	1300	-15	---	---	---	---	---

## PRIZES

- 1st DE: John Dakins (\$125)
- 2nd DE: Philip Sells (\$90)
- 1st Unrated: Jerard Williams (\$50)
- 2nd Unrated: Reginald Zears (\$25)

# ADAMS TO WYGRECKI: MICHIGAN CHAMPIONS 1931-1988

by GARY KITTS, former North Dakota champion\*

The high point of the chess year in Michigan comes with the crowning of a new State Champion at the Michigan Open over the Labor Day weekend. This year the Michigan Chess Association will be conducting its 59th annual State Championship, which predates the founding of the U.S. Chess Federation by nine years. The tournament will be held at the popular Midway Motor Lodge in Lansing, where 200+ players have participated in the event in each of the last two years.

Today the MCA conducts a dozen different state championship events and there are many other tournaments for interested players. It is easy to forget that at one time there was only one state championship. Even now, the Michigan Open remains the most prestigious and normally the biggest tournament of the year. If you are interested in the history of chess in Michigan, you can learn a lot by simply looking at the results of this tournament. The best place to start is with a listing of the players who have had the good fortune to hold the title of Michigan Chess Champion:

1931 William T. Adams	1957 Stephan Popel
1932 William T. Adams	1958 Stephan Popel
1933 George Eastman	1959 Stephan Popel
Leon Stolzenberg	1960 Paul Poschel
1934 Marvin Palmer	1961 Kazys Skema
Leon Stolzenberg	1962 Leon Stolzenberg
1935 Leon Stolzenberg	1963 Morrie Weidenbaum
1936 Leon Stolzenberg	1964 Jack Witczak
1937 Leon Stolzenberg	1965 Paul Poschel
Marvin Palmer	1966 Wes Burgar
1938 George Eastman	1967 Jack O'Keefe
1939 George Eastman	1968 Shane O'Neill
1940 Marvin Palmer	1969 Bob Ciaffone
1941 George Eastman	1970 Shane O'Neill
1942 Marvin Palmer	1971 J.D. Brattin
Leon Stolzenberg	1972 Tom Crispin
1943 Marvin Palmer	1973 Jim Marfia
1944 Leon Stolzenberg	1974 Charles Bassin
1945 Leon Stolzenberg	1975 Paul Poschel
1946 George Eastman	1976 Chad Hill
Bruno Schmidt	1977 Paul Poschel
1947 Leon Stolzenberg	Fereidon Geula
1948 George Eastman	1978 Paul Poschel
Bruno Schmidt	1979 Steve Feldman
1949 George Eastman	1980 David Whitehouse
1950 Leon Stolzenberg	1981 Steve Feldman
Phil LeCornu	1982 Zoran Gajic
1951 Leon Stolzenberg	1983 David Wolfrom
1952 George Eastman	1984 Robert O'Donnell
1953 Leon Stolzenberg	1985 Gary Kitts
1954 Leonids Dreibergs	1986 Dexter Thompson
1955 Leonids Dreibergs	1987 Lineas Baze
1956 Donald Byrne	1988 John Wygrecki

A list this size is pretty overwhelming, and the first idea that comes to mind is to

\* *Editor:* On the next page in this story Kitts makes reference to "a young Air Force officer from Michigan," not identified. Our investigation reveals him to be Gary Kitts himself. He won the North Dakota chess championship in 1971. He has also won the Michigan championship--and has served in every office of the Michigan Chess Association. It all ends this month as he completes his final term as president and goes for a degree at MSU while working his full-time job. Good luck, Gary--and thanks for everything.

count the number of State Championships that each player has won. In some years there were co-champions, so each player gets one-half of a title (shown as a + on my typewriter). Using this convention, we derive the following list of players who have won multiple State Championships:

10+ Leon Stolzenberg
6+ George Eastman
4+ Paul Poschel
3+ Marvin Palmer
3 Stephan Popel
2 Walter Adams
2 Leonids Dreibergs
2 Shane O'Neill
2 Steve Feldman

In looking at this list, the thing that stands out most in my mind is that the names at the top are mostly players from the first 30 years of the MCA's history. Four of the five players with the most titles played prior to 1960. Were the old time stars really that much better than today's players? Maybe, but probably not. What we need to remember is that for the first two decades, the State Championship was not open to all players as it is today. In order to compete, you had to be sent as a representative of your chess club. This drastically limited the amount of competition and resulted in the same players winning over and over again. It was not until V.E. Vandenburg sold the association on the concept of the Michigan Open that chess began to increase in popularity and the competition began to improve. In order to win the State Championship today, a player must rise to the top of 200 or more competitors in a grueling four day event. This competition tests the player's character as well his chessplay and it is rare for a player to repeat as Champion. If John Wygrecki wins again this year, he will be the first player in 30 years to win outright State Championships back-to-back.

Given this change in competition in the tournament, it seems reasonable to divide the list up into various groups, which would represent more consistent playing conditions.

One good way is to count titles by decade, as follows:

1930's
3+ Leon Stolzenberg
2+ George Eastman
2 Walter T. Adams
1 Marvin Palmer
1940's
3+ Leon Stolzenberg
3 George Eastman
2+ Marvin Palmer
1 Bruno Schmidt

These represent the "Good Old Days". The tournament had not been open to competition and it was dominated by three players (Stolzenberg, Eastman and Palmer), who won or shared every title from 1933 through 1949. Walter Adams is a rather shadowy figure who won the first two State Championships and then seems to have disappeared from the scene.

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**MICHIGAN CHAMPIONS**

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## 1950's

- 3 Stephan Popel
- 2+ Leon Stolzenberg
- 2 Leonids Dreiberghs
- 1 George Eastman
- 1 Donald Byrne
- + Phil LeCornu

This decade represents the transition period. The tournament had been opened up to all competitors, but the number of players was only about one-fourth of today's turnout. Stephan Popel is an interesting character who won three straight in the late 1950's, and then moved to North Dakota where he won 12 consecutive state titles. His string finally came to an end in 1971 and 1972, when a young Air Force officer from Michigan became North Dakota Champion.

## 1960's

- 2 Paul Poschel
- 1 Kazys Skema
- 1 Leon Stolzenberg
- 1 Morrie Weidenbaum
- 1 Jack Witczak
- 1 Wes Burgar
- 1 Jack O'Keefe
- 1 Shane O'Neill
- 1 Bob Ciaffone

This is the beginning of the "Poschel Era". In each of the three prior decades, three players had been able to win two or more titles. In the 1960's only Paul Poschel could.

## 1970's

- 2+ Paul Poschel
- 1 Shane O'Neill
- 1 J.D. Brattin
- 1 Tom Crispin
- 1 Jim Marfia
- 1 Charles Bassin
- 1 Chad Hill
- 1 Steve Feldman
- + Fereidon Geula

For chess in Michigan, the 1970's look like a repeat of the prior decade. Paul Poschel wins half a title more than he had in the 1960's, and no one else is able to break through for that elusive second title to challenge Poschel's dominance.

## 1980's

- 1 David Whitehouse
- 1 Steve Feldman
- 1 Zoran Gajic
- 1 David Wolfrom
- 1 Robert O'Donnell
- 1 Gary Kitts
- 1 Dexter Thompson
- 1 Lineas Baze
- 1 John Wygrecki

Equality comes to Michigan chess! For the first time ever, no dominant player has emerged to take charge. In the prior five decades, there was a clear leader for the honor of "Player of the Decade". Depending on the outcome of the 1989 Michigan Open, we could have a ten way tie for that honor.

Since it is rather boring looking at a list of nine players with one title each, I have provided you with some other lists for the Michigan Open in the 1980's. Below you will find the top ten for most Michigan Opens played in the decade, the most total points

scored, the most points scored in the Open Section, the most points in the Reserve Section and the most games won:

## Most Michigan Opens:

- 9 John Griffin
- 7 David Hahn
- 9 Jim Kulbacki
- 9 David Moody
- 9 Dexter Thompson
- 8 Greg Bailey
- 8 Stanley Jarosz
- 8 Robert Moore
- 8 Paul Simmons
- 8 John Thurman
- 8 V.E. Vandenburg

## Most Total Points:

- 45+ David Hahn
- 43 Dexter Thompson
- 36+ Jim Kulbacki
- 34+ Kevin Noren
- 33 Greg Bailey
- 33 Kevin Czuhai
- 32 David Moody
- 32 Paul Poschel
- 29+ Lineas Baze
- 29+ John Griffin

## Most Points in Open Section:

- 40+ David Hahn
- 37 Dexter Thompson
- 34+ Kevin Noren
- 33 Greg Bailey
- 33 Kevin Czuhai
- 32 David Moody
- 32 Paul Poschel
- 31 Jim Kulbacki
- 28+ Gary Kitts
- 28+ John Wygrecki

## Most Points in Reserve Section:

- 27+ John Griffin
- 27+ Ron Grzegorzczuk
- 26+ Larry Munger
- 26+ V.E. Vandenburg
- 23+ James Mikus
- 22+ David Sundeen
- 20+ George Carpenter
- 18+ Ray Garrison
- 18+ Richard Neely
- 18 Brian Brattin
- 18 Tom Shaler

## Most Games Won:

- 38 David Hahn
- 36 Dexter Thompson
- 30 Kevin Noren
- 29 Kevin Czuhai
- 26 Greg Bailey
- 26 David Moody
- 26 John Wygrecki
- 25 Gary Kitts
- 25 Jim Kulbacki
- 25 James Mikus
- 25 Paul Poschel
- 25 V.E. Vandenburg

Finally, I would like to provide you with a very short list: Fewest Draws. Bart Shields has played in 7 Michigan Opens this decade, a total of 48 games played, and has yet to have a draw. Now that's fighting chess!

I hope you've enjoyed this little excursion into the history of Michigan chess as much as I have. Each year we come to compete for the State Championship and add one more chapter to that history. I hope that you will join us at this year's Michigan Open. See you there.

# LINDSAY, FISCHVOGT TOP GRAND RAPIDS OPEN

By David Moody

Grand Rapids Open June 25-25

The Grand Rapids Open went high-class this year, offering special inducements to several of Michigan's top players to secure their attendance. Accepting the lure were two out-of-town Masters in Fred Lindsay and Kevin Noren; they joined home favorites Eric Fischvogt and Kevin Czuhai at the top of the 40 player event.

Once again, the Grand Rapids Chess Club and director Jeff Boes organized a fine event, featuring a good prize fund, rounds running on time and the few disputes settled amiably. The Kentwood Rec Center had its usual erratic air conditioning, which may explain why the four Masters all wore shorts throughout the tournament. I await anxiously the publication of "Dress Like a Grandmaster".

This was an extremely hard-fought event with only seven draws in 98 games, and five of those were in the last round! A draw was the only slight glitch in round 1, as B-player Gilbert Pointer slowed Richard Lang, a visiting expert from Illinois. One of the highlights was Fischvogt's 21 move brilliancy.

Round two saw no draws and only 9 perfect scores: Masters Lindsay, Noren, Fischvogt (a fifteen move winner), Experts Jason Wysocki, Bill Fuller, Ed Bennett, and Gary Kitts, plus a couple of upset-minded A-players in Paul Bauerle (who knocked off Czuhai) and Mike Skidmore (from defeating Expert Stan Jarosz).

Lindsay kept going in round 3, grabbing a pawn early from Wysocki and never giving it back. Noren kept pace with a long, behind-the-scenes maneuvering battle against Fuller. Fischvogt brought his total number of moves played on the day to 45 with a nine-move win over Bennett, who resigned a bit early in sheer disgust after a Bxh7+ shot. Bauerle managed to fight for the only draw of the round after losing a pawn to Kitts. They were joined by Lang, who used a couple of passed pawns to do Skidmore in.

With three players sporting perfect scores, #1 Lindsay and #2 Noren got paired in round 4. Lindsay was able to grab a pawn early, plus take the two bishops vs. two knights advantage. The outcome was still a bit in doubt when Noren hung a rook.

Fischvogt took 65 moves to beat Lang, 20 moves longer than all his Saturday games combined. Kitts and Bauerle had to be paired down to two-pointers; Kitts lost in a time scramble to Czuhai, but Bauerle prevailed nicely over Bill Fuller to become the only player on 3.5. At three points, hoping for no more than a tie for second or third, were Noren, Czuhai, Wysocki, Greg Bailey, David Moody, Bauerle, Mike Skidmore, Donald Lubben, and a lone B-player in David Durkee, fresh from an upset of Ed Bennett.

It took ten minutes for Fischvogt and Lindsay to agree to an eight-move draw. It took almost four hours for Bauerle and Noren to draw their game, much to the relief of the co-winners: Bauerle may have been winning in the final position!

Joining Bauerle in a tie for third and fourth places were David Moody (who upset Czuhai when Kevin's quadruple pawn sacrifice proved unsound), Jason Wysocki (who won a piece on a shot from Mike Skidmore), and Greg Bailey (who came back from the edge of

1 Fred Lindsay, Ann Arbor	2419	W35	W 5	W 6	W 7	D 2	4.5
2 Eric Fischvogt, Kentwood	2220	W23	W13	W18	W 8	D 1	4.5
3 David Moody, Dearborn	1980	W40	L 7	W19	W16	W10	4.0
4 Paul Bauerle, DeWitt	1970	W27	W10	D 9	W20	D 7	4.0
5 Greg Bailey, Cheboygan	2040	W32	L 1	W15	W22	W11	4.0
6 Jason Wysocki, Grand Rapids	2074	W26	W22	L 1	W25	W14	4.0
7 Kevin Noren, Lansing	2290	W15	W 3	W20	L 1	D 4	3.5
8 Richard Lang, Evanston, IL	2098	D21	W16	W14	L 2	W17	3.5
9 Gary Kitts, E. Lansing	2094	W12	W11	D 4	L10	D20	3.0
10 Kevin Czuhai, Grand Rapids	2284	W24	L 4	W35	W 9	L 3	3.0
11 Donald Lubben, Grand Rapids	1828	W31	L 9	W23	W12	L 5	3.0
12 Jenny Skidmore, Flint	1582	L 9	W31	W13	L11	W25	3.0
13 Les LeRoy Smith, Kalamazoo	1947	W29	L 2	L12	W21	W23	3.0
14 Mike Skidmore, Flint	1891	W30	W38	L 8	W24	L 6	3.0
15 Ron Grzegorzczuk, Grand Rapids	1678	L 7	W29	L 5	W31	W27	3.0
16 John Stoughton, Holland	1736	W36	L 8	W28	L 3	W26	3.0
17 David Durkee, Lowell	1783	W39	L20	W26	W18	L 8	3.0
18 Ed Bennett, Wyoming	2045	W37	W25	L 2	L17	W24	3.0
19 Duane Croel, Mesick	1634	L38	W37	L 3	W33	W22	3.0
20 William Fuller, Grand Rapids	2057	W34	W17	L 7	L 4	D 9	2.5
21 Gilbert Pointer, Grand Rapids	1609	D 8	L35	W32	L13	W28	2.5
22 Larry Munger, Byron Center	1786	W33	L 6	W34	L 5	L19	2.0
23 Paul Turner, Battle Creek	1650	L 2	W30	L11	W29	L13	2.0
24 Kevin Russell, Grand Rapids	1660	L10	W27	W38	L14	L18	2.0
25 H. Jay Carr, Grand Rapids	1773	W28	L18	W36	L 6	L12	2.0
26 Luke Schemenauer, Bangor	1552	L 6	W33	L17	W36	L16	2.0
27 David Troupe, St. Louis	1414	L 4	L24	W30	W35	L15	2.0
28 Joseph Demers, Citrus Spr. FL	UNR	L25	W32	L16	W34	L21	2.0
29 James Carr, Glen Arbor	1319	L13	L15	W39	L23	W36	2.0
30 Randall Given, Grand Rapids	1258	L14	L23	L27	W39	W35	2.0
31 Joe Krzyston, Kalamazoo	1235	L11	L12	W40	L15	D34	1.5
32 Michael R. Martin, Warren	1531	L 5	L28	L21	W37	D33	1.5
33 Alan Jones, Caledonia	1217	L22	L26	W37	L19	D32	1.5
34 W.R.J. Bishop, Wales	1540	L20	W39	L22	L28	D31	1.5
35 Max Ruhlmann, Grand Rapids	1690	L 1	W21	L10	L27	L30	1.0
36 Michael J. Martin, Kentwood	UNR	L16	W40	L25	L26	L29	1.0
37 Mervin Draper, Ionia	1262	L18	L19	L33	L32	W39	1.0
38 Stan Jarosz, Grand Rapids	2102	W19	L14	L24	---	---	1.0
39 Martin R. Martin II, Warren	1031	L17	L34	L29	L30	L37	0.0
40 Matthew Anderson, E. Gr. Rps	1482	L 3	L36	L31	---	---	0.0

## PRIZES

1st, 2nd: Fred Lindsay, Eric Fischvogt (\$140)  
 3rd, 4th, Under 2100: David Moody, Paul Bauerle, Greg Bailey (\$53.33)  
 Under 1800: Jenny Skidmore, Ron Grzegorzczuk, John Stoughton, David Durkee, Duane Croel (\$10)  
 Under 1500: David Troupe, James Carr, Randall Given  
 Under 1200 & Unrated: Joseph Demers  
 Organizer: Grand Rapids Chess Club  
 Director: Jeff Boes

resignation against Lubben). (In case you're wondering why Wysocki isn't on the prize list, it's because he paid a special junior entry fee and was not eligible for place prizes.)

One last performance of note: Jenny Skidmore (1582) defeated 2 A-players and finished ahead of her father in the crosstable! Has Mike created a monster?

## GAMES FROM THE G.R. OPEN

ERIC FISCHVOGT (2220)--PAUL TURNER (1634):  
 (Wherein Fischvogt throws everything, including a kitchen sink or two, into the attack.) 1 e4 c6 2 Nc3 d5 3 d4 dxe4 4 Nxe4 Nbd7 5 Nf3 Ngf6 6 Ng3 e6 7 Bd3 Be7 8 00 Nb6 9 Re1 Qc7 10 Ne5 Bd7 11 Nh5 00 12 Re3 Nbd5 13 Rg3 Nxb5 14 Bxb7+! Kh8 15 Qxb5 Nf6 16 Nxf7+ Rxf7 18 Qxf7 Bf8 18 Bh6! Kxb7 19 Rxb7+! Kh8 20 Qxf6 Qd8 21 Re7+ [1-0]

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## VANDIVIER, FORMER GAMES EDITOR, MAKES COMEBACK IN LANSING MINI-SWISS

By Vincent Brattin

Another month, another Lansing Mini. 31 people made the trek this time, which is just about average.

Lansing master Kevin Noren took first prize in section 1, which is also just about average for him. Kevin was in great form, downing the eventual second, third, and fourth-place finishers.

Of some interest was his first-round victory over Don Vandivier:

Vandivier (1981)—Noren (2290) 1 e4 g6 2 d4 Bg7 3 Nc3 c6 4 Bc3 d5 5 e5 h5 6 Bd3 Nh6 7 f3 Nf5 8 Bxf5 Bxf5 9 Qd2 Nd7 10 0-0-0 (Perhaps Don should have kept his king in the center, as Noren proves capable of stretching out on both wings, like giant black bat) 10...b5 11 g3 Nb6 12 Bg5 Nc4 13 Qe1 Qa5 14 Kb1 Qb4 15 b3 Na3+ 0-1. This is not premature: if 16 Kc1 Nxc2 17 Qd2 Qa3+ 18 Kb1 Nxd4+ 19 Ka1 Nxb3+ reels it in.

## MICH.SPEED CHAMP TOPS JACKSON ACTION; NEW MICHIGAN CHESS EDITOR WINS 2nd

Michigan speed champ Dan Boyk picked up a fast \$50 for 1st in the Jackson Action 30 minute SD June 3 with five straight wins in the field of 14 entries, mostly rated over 1800. Easy money---for him.

David Moody, ye next MICHIGAN CHESS editor after he returns from the U.S. Open this month and counts his winnings there; won 2nd and \$30 in Jackson and has been winning green stuff other events, too. He'll be back into his expert rating by now. He slaps pieces around a chessboard fast and he's a fast typist, too--so maybe he could set up a typewriter near his chessboard at the next tournament and type copy for the next MC while winning another \$30 or \$50 or whatever.

But back to Jackson: Moody reports that Boyk pushed his rating to 2330 with another perfect score, while Experts Frank Helle and Tony Palmer, in contrast, could not do better than an even score, thus letting A-players in for some cash. Moody confesses he fluked away fewer points and won 2nd, but chose the larger 1st place A-prize instead. David Sundeen recovered from early losses to take top B and under.

Moody submitted the crosstable. --V.E.V.

### JACKSON ACTION IV June 3

1 Dan Boyk, Ann Arbor	2294	W12	W11	W7	W2	W5	5.0
2 David Moody, Dearborn	1980	D13	W9	W3	L1	W10	3.5
3 David W. Calton, Southfield	1905	D9	W8	L2	W12	D7	3.0
4 Olaf Haakonstad, Ann Arbor	1892	W6	L7	L11	W8	W12	3.0
5 Bill Calton, Southfield	1892	L11	W14	W13	W7	L1	3.0
6 David Sundeen, Lansing	1704	L4	L12	W14	W13	W11	3.0
7 Frank Helle, Mt. Pleasant	2119	W14	W4	L1	L5	D3	2.5
8 Joseph Cummings, Jackson	1830	D10	L3	W9	L4	W14	2.5
9 Steve Rosenberg, Canton	1707	D3	L2	L8	W14	W13	2.5
10 Tony Palmer, Utica	2093	D8	D13	D12	W11	L2	2.5
11 Kevin Gregory, Vassar	1566	W5	L1	W4	L10	L6	2.0
12 Don Ifill, Ypsilanti	1841	L1	W6	D10	L3	L4	1.5
13 James Stockham, Jackson	1715	D2	D10	L5	L6	L9	1.0
14 Gary Schweikert, Jackson	1833	L7	L5	L6	L9	L8	0.0

1st: Dan Boyk (\$50)  
 2nd + 2nd A: David W. Calton, Olaf Haakonstad, Bill Calton (\$13.33). 1st A: David Moody (\$30).  
 1st B and below: David Sundeen (\$30).  
 Director and organizer: Lineas Baze

Don Vandivier, who used to edit the Games Department for *Michigan Chess*, was making his first tournament appearance after a lengthy layoff. He shrugged off this first game, though, and scored impressively in his others to tie for second with Howard Levine.

In section two, Joseph Cummings and James Stockham drove up together from Jackson; they both won in round 1, they drew each other in round 2, and they won in round 3 to pocket all the prize money.

The casual observer might notice that section 3 looks a bit bloated. It happened this way: when registration was over, there were 27 entries. "How about eight players in section 1, eight in section 2, and eleven in section three? That okay, Van?" "Sure, that sounds fine." Pairings go up; games start. Four more people walk in, all rated lower than the top player in section three. In they go!

Brian Brattin, who bicycled from Coldwater (about 85 miles one-way) to get there, made it worth his while by sweeping his way to a tie for first and a brand new finally-made-it-into-Class A rating. Brian is now thinking of bicycling to the U.S. Open.

Mike Welford was the other to bat 1,000 in section 3, impressively defeating the top-ranked player in the last round:

Welford (1581)—Rosenberg (1727) 1 e4 Nf6 2 e5 Nd5 3 d4 d6 4 Nf3 Bg4 5 Be2 Nc6 6 exd6 exd6 7 c4 Nb6 8 Nc3 Bxf3 9 Bxf3 Nxc4 10 Bxc6+ bxc6 11 Qa4 Nb6 12 Qxc6+ Nd7 13 Nd5 Rc8 14 0-0 f6 (Black is calling out for oxygen) 15 Re1+ Kf7 16 Qc4! (Wins material in all variations, and king in many) 16...g6 17 Nf4+ Ke7 18 Ne6+ Kg8 19 Nxd8+ 1-0.

Max Ruhlmann has made a habit of winning in Lansing. Witness his \$50 performances in the April and May miniswisses, to say nothing of his win of the Class B Championship (recorded elsewhere in these pages). This time he fell a half-point short, but can console himself with the fact that he won the biggest-ever third prize in a Lansing Mini.

And thus history was made.

### LANSING MINI SWISS JUNE 11

1. Kevin Noren, Lansing	2290	W3	W2	W4	3.0	\$50.00
2. Howard Levine, Swartz Creek	2071	W8	L1	W6	2.0	\$12.50
3. Don Vandivier, Grand Blanc	1981	L1	W8	W5	2.0	\$12.50
4. Lineas Baze, Jackson	2075	D5	W6	L1	1.5	
5. Steve Scott, Lansing	1952	D4	D7	L3	1.0	
6. V.J. Brattin, Belleville	1953	W7	L4	L2	1.0	
7. Tony Palmer, Utica	2093	L6	D5	D8	1.0	
8. William Ford, Lansing	1927	L2	L3	D7	0.5	
1. Joseph Cummings, Jackson	1858	W7	D2	W3	2.5	\$37.50
2. James Stockham, Jackson	1768	W6	D1	W5	2.5	\$37.50
3. Jewell Morris, Mt. Morris	1814	W4	W5	L1	2.0	
4. Bill Calton, Southfield	1892	L3	W8	W6	2.0	
5. Brian June, Flint	1750	W8	L3	L2	1.0	
6. Thomas Triplett, East Lansing	1842	L2	W7	L4	1.0	
7. Robert McCarter, Ann Arbor	1805	L1	L6	W15	1.0	
8. Ed Frawley, Holt	1822	L5	L4	—	0.0	
1. Brian Brattin, Coldwater	1709	W11	W10	W5	3.0	\$37.50
2. Mike Welford, Holt	1581	W12	W8	W7	3.0	\$37.50
3. Max Ruhlmann, Grand Rapids	1690	W4	D7	W9	2.5	\$15.00
4. Mike Sobocinski, Mt. Clemens	1478	L3	W13	W11	2.0	
5. Linston Jones, Flint	1677	W14	W9	L1	2.0	
6. Victor Asbury, Laingsburg	1494	.9	W14	W10	2.0	
7. Steve Rosenberg, Canton	1727	W13	D3	L2	1.5	
8. Erik Robinson, Corunna	1471	1/2	L2	W12	1.5	
9. David Sundeen, Lansing	1704	W6	L5	L3	1.0	
10. V.E. Vandenburg, Eaton Rapids	1626	W15	L1	L6	1.0	
11. Darrell Ingles, Gobles	1509	L1	W15	L4	1.0	
12. Michael Hill, Lansing	1357	L2	BYE	L8	1.0	
13. Bruce Carman, Delton	1514	L7	L4	W14	1.0	
14. Gary Fletcher, Flint	1448	L5	L6	L13	0.0	
15. David Troupe, St. Louis	1414	L10	L11	L7	0.0	

TDs: Vandenburg & V.Brattin



# FLINT 2nd IN NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL TOURNAMENT

by Mike Skidmore

Kearsley's State Championship High School Chess Team traveled to Knoxville, Tennessee on May 4 to compete in the National High School Chess Championship.

504 players and 124 teams from across the country competed in the under 1500 section. When it was over, Kearsley was the national runner-up, scoring 23 of 28 points. Tim Harger's perfect 7-0 record won individual championship honors. Brian Miller was 12th overall with a 6-1 total.

Team members include Joe Laferriere, Keith Letourneau, James Edson, Paul Ellis, Robby Landon, Chris Benjamin, Greg Reynolds, Jennifer Skidmore, Jeff Aldrich, Mike Hanson, Bill Garant, and Chris Helsel.

Armstrong's chess team traveled to the National Championships in Peoria, Illinois on May 12th. Their students were 16 of the 890 players from 184 schools across the country.

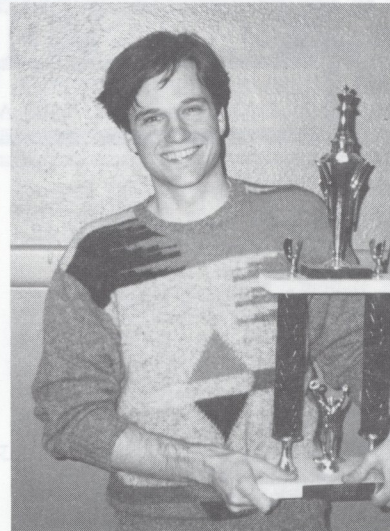
Competing in the over 1300 section were Jennifer Skidmore, Keith Mannor, Eric Mannor, and Matt Ransom. They finished 10th in the nation. Jennifer Skidmore was awarded the top girl's trophy with a 5-2 score.

In the under 1300 section, Scott Barker, Kyle Barker, Mike Robert, Andy Roberts (Dowdall), Jason Landon, Gabe Smith, Jaime Westenbarger, Andy Scott, Mike Boyer, Scott Warren, Jeff Monroe, and Chad Amoss scored 22 points to win the national championship.

Kyle Barker (6-1) took the 9th place individual award. Jason Landon (6-1) finished 19th overall, and Scott Barker's 5.5 points gave him the second place 6th grade trophy.

The team is coached by Bill Benjamin from Armstrong.

# NEW COLLEGIATE CHAMPION



ROBIN CUNNINGHAM  
WON THE 1989  
Mich. Collegiate  
Championship  
He scored 4-0

Dragon Vukotic (1811)--Robin Cunningham (2216): 1 e4 Nf6 2 e5 Nd5 3 d4 d6 4 Nf3 Bg4 5 Be2 c6 6 c4 Nb6 7 exd6 exd6 8 Nc3? Bxf3 9 gxf3 Be7 10 Rg1 g6 11 Be3 N8d7 12 Qd3 Nf6 13 d5 c5 14 000 Nbd7 15 f4 a6 16 f5 b5 17 fxg6 hxg6 18 Bf4 bxc4 19 Qc2 Nb6 20 Bf3 Qd7 21 Bg5 Kd8 22 Rde1 Ng8 23 h4 Kc7 24 a4 Re8 25 a5 Nc8 26 Re4 Nh6 27 Rxc4 Nf5 28 Qd2 Nxh4 29 Bxh4 Rxh4 30 Rxh4 Bxh4 31 Rh1 Qe7 32 Qd3 Bxf2 33 Ne4 Bd4 34 Qxa6 f5 35 Qc6+ Kd8 36 Re1 fxe4 37 Rxe4 Qg5+ 38 Kc2 Rxe4 39 Bxe4 Qe3 40 Bxg6 Qe2+ 41 Kc1 Qf1+ 42 Kc2 Qe2+ 43 Kb3 Qxb2+ 44 Kc4 Qc3 45 Kb5 Na7+ [0-1]

Robert Swiger beat Fleming to take the under 2000 prize. Sabella got his first rated win, beating Sturgis to split the unrated prize with Fleming.

After the tournament, Cunningham donated part of his prize to the Clippert player that scored the most points at the Nationals. We deeply appreciate this generous gesture.

The team portion of this event was captured by the University of Michigan. This group has also agreed to host next year's tournament in Ann Arbor. Please let us know if you have any suggestions for making this tournament bigger and better.

## 1989 MICHIGAN COLLEGIATE

1. Robin Cunningham	UM	2235	W3	W5	W2	W4	4.0
2. Faris Jirjis	WCCC	2044	W6	W4	L1	W5	3.0
3. Robert L. Swiger	WSU	1424	L1	D7	W8	W6	2.5
4. Dragon Vukotic	UM	1811	W9	L2	W7	L1	2.0
5. James Riseman	UM	2018	W8	L1	W6	L2	2.0
6. William Fleming	UM	UNR	L2	W8	L5	L3	1.0
7. Derrick Sturgis	WSU	1338	.5	D3	L4	L8	1.0
8. Matthew Sabella	UM	UNR	L5	L6	L3	W7	1.0
9. John Wygrecki	UM	2246	L4	--	--	--	0.0

Director: Peter C. Nixon

## PRIZE WINNERS

1st Place	Robin Cunningham	\$75.00
2nd Place	Faris Jirjis	47.50
1st under 2000	Robert L. Swiger	45.00
Unrated	Matthew Sabella	22.50
	& William Fleming	22.50

# MICH. COLLEGIATE CHAMPIONSHIP

Reported by Peter Nixon

The 2nd Michigan Collegiate Chess Championship was held April 22-23, 1989 at the Clippert Middle School in Detroit. The tournament had a disappointing nine entries from three colleges and universities. The University of Michigan had the best turnout with six players, led by Masters John Wygrecki and Robin Cunningham. Wayne State University had two entries, and Wayne County Community College one.

In round 1, the excitement was on the top board where highest rated John Wygrecki (2246) was upset by Yugoslavian exchange student Dragon Vukotic (1811). After this defeat, Wygrecki withdrew.

Dragon Vukotic (1811)--John Wygrecki (2246): 1 e4 e6 2 d4 d5 3 Nc3 Bb4 4 e5 Ne7 5 Bg5?! c5 6 a3 cxd4 7 axb4 dxc3 8 bxc3 Qc7 9 Bb5+ Bd7 10 Qd3 Qxe5+ 11 Be3 Bxb5 12 Qxb5+ Nbc6 13 Ne2 00 14 Qxb7 Rfb8? (14...a5!) 15 Qa6 Qe4 16 00 Qxc2 17 Rfc1 Qe4 18 b5 d4 19 Nxd4 (19 Bf4 Qxe2 20 Bxb8 + or 19...e5 20 bxc6 exf4 21 Nxd4 +) Nxd4 20 Bxd4 Nd5 21 Qc6 a5 22 bxa6 Rc8 23 Qb5 Nf4 24 f3 Ne2+ 25 Kh1 Nxd4 26 cxd4 Qxd4 27 Qb7 Rd8 2: a7 g6 29 h3 h5 30 Ra6 Qe3 31 Qc7! Qf2 32 Rb6! Qd2 33 Rb8 Kg7 4 Rcb1 Rd7 35 Qc8 Rd8 36 Qxd8 Qxd8 37 Rxd8 [1-0] (Notes by Vukotic)

In round 2, the games went as expected with Cunningham edging out James Riseman in a long game on board 1.

## "ACTION" Event Added in Trenton

Don Ruark of the Trenton Chess Club announced a change to the format of the Trenton monthly tournaments. Starting with the Sept. 17 event, the format will rotate between three different types of tournaments: (1) Quads (3-RR, EF \$5, 1st \$10); (2) Mini-swiss (3-SS, EF \$7, 1st \$30); and (3) Action Open (5-SS, TL G/30, EF \$10, total prizes \$260 based on 40). The first Action Open will be held Nov. 12. More details will appear in the Tournament Calendar at a later date.

# GAMES DEPARTMENT

Games, Comments, Etc., Welcome. Mail to:  
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As in the past two years, we take the opportunity to present the games played in the 1989 Masters/Experts Championship for this issue's game column. A special feature is the notes written by this month's guest annotator, Detroit Master Bill Groeller.

### ROUND 1

1. (1/1): Kitts--B. Finegold. Petroff (C42): 1 e4 e5 2 Nf3 Nf6 3 Nxe5 d6 4 Nf3 Nxe4 5 Qe2 Qe7 6 d3 Nf6 7 Bg5 Nbd7 8 Nc3 h6 9 Bh4 g5 10 Bg3 Nb6 11 000 Qxe2 12 Bxe2 Bd7 13 h4 g4 14 Nd4 000 15 Bf4 Bg7 16 Nb3 Rde8 17 Rde1 Nh5 18 Bd2 f5 19 Bd1 Bc6 20 f3 Bd7 21 fxg4 fxg4 22 Rxe8+ Rxe8 23 Rf1 Ng3 24 Rf7 Rg8 25 Ne2 Nf5 26 Nf4 Nxf4 27 Nh5 Be5 28 d4 Be8 29 dxe5 Bxf7 30 Nf6 Rg6 31 Bxg4+ Kd8 32 Bh5 Rxx2 33 Bxh6 Bxh5 34 Nxf5 Nf3 35 Be3 Re2 [0-1]

2. (1/2): O'Donnell--Mitchell. Nimzo-Indian (E21): 1 d4 e6 2 c4 Nf6 3 Nf3 b6 4 g3 Bb7 5 Bg2 Bb4+ 6 Nc3 Bxc3+ 7 bxc3 d6 8 00 Nbd7 9 Qc2 00 10 Ne1 Bxg2 11 Nxx2 Qe7 12 e4 e5 13 f3 Qe6 14 Ne3 c6 15 Ba3 g6 16 d5 cxd5 17 cxd5 Qe7 18 Nc4 Ne8 19 Rae1 Rc8 20 Qe2 f5 21 Bc1 Kg7 22 Bd2 Nef6 23 exf5 gxf5 24 Ne3 Nh5 25 f4 Kxg6 26 Ng2 Ng7 27 Nh4+ Kf7 28 fxe5 Nxe5 29 Bh6 Kg8 30 Bxx7 Qxx7 31 Nxf5 Qc7 32 Qc3 Kh8 33 Nxd6 Rxf1+ 34 Kxf1 Qxd6 35 Qxe5+ Qxe5 36 Rxe5 Rxc3 37 Kf2 Ra3 38 d6 Rd3 39 Re6 Rd2+ 40 Ke3 Rxa2 41 d7 [1-0]

3. (1/3): Ward--Noren. French (C11): 1 e4 e6 2 d4 d5 3 Nc3 Nf6 4 Bg5 dxe4 5 Nxe4 Be7 6 Bxf6 gxf6 7 Nf3 b6 8 Bb5+ c6 9 Bd3 Bb7 10 Qe2 Qc7 11 000 Nd7 12 Rhe1 000 13 Ba6 f5 14 Ned2 Bf6 15 Bxb7+ Kxb7 16 Nc4 Rhg8 17 g3 Rg4 18 Qf1 Bg7 19 Nfe5 Nxe5 20 dxe5 Rxd1+ 21 Rxd1 Bxe5 22 Nxe5 Qxe5 23 Rd7+ Kc8 24 Rxa7 Kb8 25 Rxf7 Re4 26 Qd3 Rd4 27 Qe3 Qd5 28 c3 Qh1+ [0-1]

4. (1/4): Czuhai--Morrell. French (C02): 1 e4 e6 2 d4 d5 3 e5 c5 4 c3 Nc6 5 Nf3 Bd7 6 Bd3 Rc8 7 dxc5 Bxc5 8 b4 Bb6 9 00 Nge7 10 a4 Ng6 11 Re1 a5 12 b5 Na7 13 Ng5 Rc7 14 Qh5 Nc8 15 g3 Nce7 16 Nxf7 Bc8 17 Bg5 Nf8 18 h4 Nxf7 19 Bxf7 Qd7 20 c4 g6 21 Qf3 Rxf7 22 Nd2 Bc5 23 Rad1 Bb4 24 Ne4 dxe4 25 Rxd7 Rxd7 26 Rxe4 b6 27 Qe2 Bb7 28 Re3 Bd2 29 Rd3 Bxx5 30 Rxd7 Kxd7 31 f4 Bxh4 32 Qd3+ Kc8 33 gxx4 Nf5 34 c5 bxc5 35 Qc3 Rxh4 36 Qxc5+ Kd7 37 Qa7 Rh1+ 38 Kf2 Rh2+ 39 Ke1 Rh1+ 40 Kd2 Rh2+ 41 Kc3 Kc8 42 Qxa5 Ne7 43 Qa7 Nd5+ 44 Kb3 Rh3+ 45 Kc4 Rc3+ 46 Kd4 Rc7 47 a5 Ne7 48 Qb6 Rd7+ 49 Kc4 Nd5 50 Qf2 Rc7+ 51 Kb3 Rc3+ 52 Kb2 Rc4 53 Qf1 Rxf4 54 Qc1+ Kb8 55 Qc5 Nb4 56 Qd6+ Kc8 57 a6 Nxa6 58 bxa6 Bxa6 59 Qxa6+ Kd7 60 Qb6 Ke7 61 Qe3 Rf5 62 Qc5+ Ke8 63 Kc3 Rf4 64 Qd6 Rh4 65 Kd3 Rf4 66 Ke3 Rh4 67 Qc5 Rh3+ 68 Kf4 Rh5 69 Qd6 Rf5+ 70 Ke4 Rh5 71 Kd4 Rh2 72 Qa3 Rd2+ 73 Kc4 Rd5 74 Qb4 Rd8 75 Kc5 Rc8+ 76 Kd6 Rd8+ 77 Kc7 Rd7+ 78 Kc6 Rd5 79 Qh4 Rd8 [1/2-1/2]

5. (1/5): Hickey--Hahn. Queen Pawn (A45): 1 d4 g6 2 Nc3 Bg7 3 g3 d6 4 Bg2 Nc6 5 e3 Nf6 6 Nge2 Bd7 7 Bd2 e5 8 00 00 9 h3 Ne8 10 d5 Ne7 11 e4 b5 12 Kh2 f5 13 f3 c5 14 Qe1 h5 15 Bg5 Nf6 16 Qd2 Nh7 17 Be3 h4 18 gxx4 f4 19 Bf2 Bf6 20 Rad1 Nc8 21 Qe1 b4 22 Nb1 Bb5 23 Rg1 Kf7 24 Nc1 Rh8 25 Nd3 Bxd3 26 Rxd3 Nf8 27 c3 a5 28 Bf1 Bxh4 29 cxb4 axb4 30 a3 Bxf2 31 Qxf2 bxx3 32 Nxx3 Nb6 33 Rb3 Ra4 34 Qc2 Rd4 35 Nb5 Ra4 36 Nc3 Rd4 37 Nb5 Ra4 38 Nc3 Ra5 39 Rb5 Ra1 40 Nb1 Ndf7 41 Na3 Qh4 42 Qg2 g5 43 Rb3 Ke7 44 Nb5 c4 45 Ra3 Rc1 46 Nc7 Nf6 47 Ne6 Rg8 48 Ra7+ Nbd7 49 Be2 Rc2 50 Rc7 Rxb2 51 Rxc4 Qg3+ 52 Qxx3 fxx3+ 53 Rxx3 Rxe2+ 54 Rg2 Rxx2+ 55 Kxx2 Nh5 56 Rc7 Nf4+ 57 Kg3 Nxe6 58 dxe6 Kxe6 [0-1]

6. (1/6): Splane--Jirjis. Queen's Gambit (D26): 1 e4 c5 2 c3 d5 (Probably better is 2...Nf6 3 e5 Nd5 4 d4 cxd4, and now: (A) 5 Qxd4 e6 6 Nf3 Nc6 7 Qe4 d6=; (B) 5 cxd4 d6 6 Nf3 Nc6 7 Be2 g6=) 3 exd5 Qxd5 4 d4 e6 5 Nf3 cxd4? (Premature, as White now gains a tempo. Why not develop with 5...Nc6?) 6 cxd4 Nc6 7 Nc3 Qd8 8 a3 Nf6 9 Bc4 Be7 10 00 00 (By transposition we have reached a Queen's Gambit Accepted position where White didn't play Qe2 and opted for a3 instead. This way, he has provided shelter for his bishop on c4 but weakened the light squares on the queenside.) 11 Bg5 a6? (Black falls further behind in development; he will have problems from here on. After ...b6, ...Bb7 and ...Rc8, White would have only a small plus.) 12 Ba2 Bd7 13 Qd3 h6 14 Bh4 Rc8 15 Rad1 Qa5 16 Bb1 g6 (Black's aimless play has resulted in a passive position, with weaknesses springing up as well.) 17 Ne5 Be8 18 Rfe1 Kg7 19 Qh3 Rd8 (Preventing 20 d5!) 20 Nf3 b5? (Now the queen is just a by-stander.) 21 Ne4 Nd5 22 Bxe7 Ndx7 23 Nc5 Nxd4? 24 Rxd4 Rxd4 25 Nb3 Qxe1+ (Desperation.) 26 Nxe1 Rd1 27 Qc3+ Kh7 28 Bc2 Rd6 29 h4 Bc6 30 Nd4 Bb7 31 Qc7 Rxd4 [1-0]

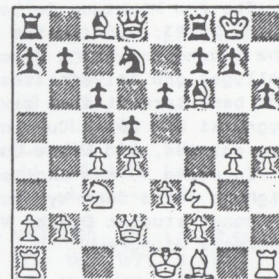
7. (1/7): Bailey--Laren. Bird (A02): 1 f4 c5 2 Nf3 Nc6 3 b3 Nf6 4 g3 b6 5 Bg2 Bb7 6 Bb2 e6 7 00 Be7 8 c4 d6 9 Nc3 Qd7 10 e3 h5 11 d4 Ng4 12 Qd2 000 13 d5 Na5 14 e4 Bf6 15 h3 Nh6 16 Rad1 Kb8 17 e5 dxe5 18 fxe5 Be7 19 Ng5 Qe8 20 Qf4 Bxx5 21 Qxx5 Bc8 22 Qxx5 Nf5 23 Qg5 f6 24 Qf4 g5 25 Qf3 Nd4 26 Qxf6 Qh5 27 g4 Qh4 28 Qf2 Qh6 29 Qg3 b5 30 Rxd4 cxd4 31 Nxb5 d3 32 Qxd3 exd5 33 cxd5 Bxx4 34 Qd4 Rh7 35 Qxx4 Qb6+ 36 Nd4 Rh4 37 Qd1 g4 38 Rf6 Qc5 39 hxx4 Rdh8 40 Qf3 Qb4 41 Nc2 [1-0]

8. (1/8): Rogers--Lehotzky. Queen's Gambit (D53): 1 d4 Nf6 2 c4 e6 3 Nc3 d5 4 Bg5 Be7 5 e3 h6 6 Bxf6 Bxf6 7 Nf3 c6 8 Bd3 dxc4 9 Bxc4 Nd7 10 00 00 11 Qe2 Nb6 12 Bb3 Nd5 13 Ne4 Be7 14 Rac1 a5 15 Ne5 a4 16 Bc4 Nb6 17 Bd3 Nd7 18 f4 Qe8 19 Nc3 f5 20 e4 Bh4 21 Rf3 Nf6 22 exf5 Bxx3 23 Rxx3 Nh5 24 Rg6 Nxf4 25 Rxx7+ Kxx7 26 Qg4+ Kh7 27 f6+ [1-0]

9. (1/9): G. Finegold--Jarosz. Queen's Gambit (D55): 1 d4 d5 2 Nf3 Nf6 3 c4 e6 4 Bg5 Be7 5 e3 h6 6 Bxf6 Bxf6 7 Nc3 00 8 Qd2 c6 9 h4 Nd7 10 g4

### BLACK TO PLAY

dxc4? (A) 10...Be7 11 000 g6 12 cxd5 cxd5 13 Bd3 Kg7 14 Kb1 b6 15 e4 ±; (B) 10...g6 11 g5 hxx5 12 hxx5 Bg7 [12...Bxxg5 13 Nxx5 Qxx5 14 000 followed by f4 ±] 13 000 ±, as in Psakis-Bonsch, Lvov 1984 (0-1, 34). The text move just opens up more lines for White's eventual attack.) 11 g5 hxx5 12 hxx5 Bxx5 13 Nxx5 Qxx5 14 Bxc4 e5? (Losing by force, but it's hard to find much improvement, e.g., 14...Nf6 15 000 Rd8 16 f4 Qa5 17 Qh2 Kf8 18 Qh8+ Ke7 19 Qxx7) 15 000 exd4? (There was still some hope with 15...Nf6 16 Rdg1 Qf5 17 dxe5 Qxe5 18 e4 [threatening 19 f4], though if 18...Nxe4 19 Nxe4 Qxe4 20 Rxx7+ Kxx7 21 Qg5+ Kh8 22 Qf6#) 16 Qc2 Nf6 17 Rdg1 Qe5 18 Qg6! [1-0]

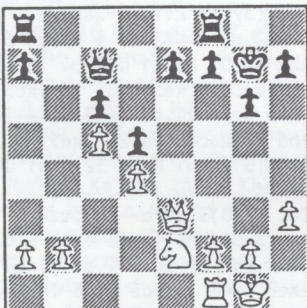


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## ROUND 2

10. (2/1): B. Finegold--Splane. Caro-Kann (B14): 1 d4 Nf6 2 c4 g6 3 Nc3 Bg7 4 Nf3 00 5 Bf4 c5 6 e3 cxd4 7 exd4 d5 8 c5 (By transposition, a Panov Attack in the Caro-Kann Defense.) Nc6 9 Bb5 Bg4 10 Bxc6 bxc6 11 Be5 Ne4 12 Bxg7 Kxg7 13 h3 Bxf3 14 Qxf3 Qa5 15 00 Nd2 16 Qe3 Nxf1 17 Rxf1 Qc7 18 Ne2 [1/2-1/2]



BLACK TO PLAY

(A lucky outcome for Finegold, as Black is up material and has good prospects with ideas like ...Rab8, ...a5, ...a4, ...Rb4, ...Rfb8, etc.)

11. (2/2): Hahn--O'Donnell. English (A28): 1 c4 e5 2 Nc3 Nf6 3 Nf3 Nc6 4 d3 Bb4 5 Bd2 00 6 g3 a5 7 Bg2 Re8 8 00 d6 9 a3 Bxc3 (9...Bc5 10 Na4 Ba7 11 b4 gives White a spatial edge on the queenside. Black gets good central play in the text.) 10 Bxc3 e4 11 Ng5 exd3 12 Qxd3 Ne5 13 Bxe5 Rxe5 14 Nf3 Re8 15 Nd4 Nd7 (White has a more active position thanks to his better central position and long range bishop. Black's plan is ...Nc5 and ...a4, cripple the queenside.) 16 b4! axb4 17 axb4 Rxa1 18 Rxa1 Ne5 19 Qc2 Qf6 20 Ra8 c6 21 Qf5!? (21 Bh3!? Bd7 (21...Nd7 22 Rxc8 Rxc8 23 Bxd7 Rd8 24 Qe4) 22 Qa2 [Threatening 23 Bxd7] Qe7 23 Bxd7 Qxd7 24 Qa7 Kf8=) Qd8 22 Qc2 Qc7 (Black has equalized.) 23 Nf5 Bd7 24 Rxe8+ Bxe8 25 Qc3 Bd7 26 Nxf7 Kxf7 27 f4 f6 28 fxe5 fxe5 29 Qe3 Qd8 30 c5 Qf6 31 cxd6 Qxd6 32 Qg5+ Kf8 33 Bf3 Bh3 34 Kf2 Bd7 (34...Qxb4? 35 Qh6+) 35 Kg2 Qe6 36 Bh5 h6 37 Qh4 Kg7 38 Bf3 Qf6 39 Qe4 Bf5 40 Qc4 Qg6 41 Qc3 (41 b5? e4) Qd6 [1/2-1/2]

12. (2/3): Moren--Bailey. Queen Pawn (D05): 1 Nf3 e6 2 b3 Nf6 3 Bb2 c5 4 e3 Nc6 5 d4 d5 6 Bd3 b6!? (Normal is 6...Bd6 preparing to castle kingside. Bailey wants to go the other way.) 7 00 Be7 8 Nbd2 Qc7 (8...Bb7 9 Ne5 00 10 Ndf3 Nb4 11 Be2 Ne4 was equal in Nikolic-Vaiser, 1984. Why move the queen to c7 so quickly, when her best spot may be somewhere else?) 9 Ne5 Nxe5 10 dxe5 Nd7 11 f4 Bb7 12 Qg4 g6 13 a3 000 14 Qe2 Nb8 (In order to prevent Ba6.) 15 c4 dxc4 16 Nxc4 Rhg8 (White was threatening 17 Nd6+ winning the exchange. Now he will try to open some queenside lines.) 17 b4 Qc6 18 Rfd1 Nd7 19 b5! Qc7 20 e4 f5?! (Black was getting squeezed in, but this allows the QB to join in the fray.) 21 exf6 Nxf6 22 Be5 Qd7 23 a4 Qe8 24 a5 Nd7 25 axb6 axb6 26 Bd6 Qf8 27 e5 Bd5 (Black is lost. White can, at his leisure, double on the a-file, and bring bishop and queen onto the long h1-a8 diagonal for a mating attack.) 28 Be4! Qxf4



WHITE TO PLAY

29 Rxd5!! exd5 30 Ra8+ Nb8 31 Rxb8+ Kd7 32 Rb7+ Ke8 33 Rxe7+ Kf8 34 Bxd5 Rd7 35 Rf7+ [1-0]

13. (2/4): G. Finegold--Czuhai. Grunfeld (D90): 1 d4 Nf6 2 Nf3 g6 3 c4 Bg7 4 Nc3 d5 5 cxd5 Nxd5 6 Bd2 00 7 Rc1 Bg4 8 Nxd5 Qxd5 9 Rxc7 Nc6 10 Qb3 Bxf3 11 gxf3 Qd6 12 Qxb7 Nxd4 13

Bb4 Qe6 14 Bxe7 Rfe8 15 e3 Qxa2 16 exd4 Rab8 17 Qe4 Qa1+ 18 Kd2 Qa5+ 19 Rc3 Rxb2+ 20 Kd3 Bh6 21 f4 Rxf2 22 Bh3 Qb5+ 23 Rc4 Bxf4 24 Re1 Rd2+ [0-1]

14. (2/5): Morrell--Hickey. Catalan (E08): 1 d4 d5 2 Nf3 Nf6 3 c4 e6 4 g3 c6 5 Qc2 Be7 6 Bg2 Nbd7 7 00 00 8 b3 b5 9 c5 a5 10 a3 Re8 11 Bb2 Nf8 12 Nbd2 Ba6 13 b4 Qc7 14 Ne5 N6d7 15 Nd3 Bf6 16 e4 dxe4 17 Nxe4 Be7 18 Ne5 Bb7 19 Bc3 axb4 20 axb4 Nf6 21 Nxf6+ Bxf6 22 Qe4 Bxe5 23 dxe5 Ng6 24 Rfd1 Ne7 25 Rxa8 Rxa8 26 Qc2 Nd5 27 Be4 h6 28 Qb2 Qe7 29 h4 Bc8 30 Bb1 Qa7 31 Qc2 g6 32 h5 Qa4 33 Qd3 Qb3 34 hxg6 f5 35 exf6 Qxc3 36 Qxc3 [1-0]

15. (2/6): Laren--Ward. Benoni (A61): 1 d4 Nf6 2 c4 e6 3 Nf3 c5 4 d5 exd5 5 cxd5 d6 6 Nc3 g6 7 Nd2 Bg7 8 Nc4 00 9 Bg5 a6 10 a4 Qc7 11 Bf4 Rd8 12 e4 Nh5 13 Be3 Nd7 14 Be2 Nhf6 15 00 Re8 16 Qc2 Rb8 17 a5 b5 18 axb6 Nxb6 19 Nd2 Nbd7 20 Bxa6 Ne5 21 Be2 Rb4 22 h3 Qb8 23 Rfb1 Re7 24 Ra2 Reb7 25 f4 Ned7 26 Nc4 Nh5 27 Na5 Ng3 28 Bf3 R7b6 29 Nc6 Qc7 30 Rba1 Rb3 31 Bd1 Nb8 32 Qf2 Bxc3 33 bxc3 Nxe4 34 Qh4 Nxc3 35 Ra7 Rb7 36 Bxb3 Nxc6 37 Rxb7 Qxb7 38 dxc6 Qxb3 39 Bd2 Bf5 40 Ra8+ Kg7 41 Qe1 Nd5 42 Qa1+ Kh6 43 Rg8 f6 44 Qa7 Ne7 45 Qxe7 Qxg8 46 g4 Qc8 47 g5+ [1-0]

16. (2/7): Mitchell--Rogers. Benoni (A68): 1 d4 e6 2 c4 Nf6 3 Nc3 c5 4 d5 g6 5 e4 d6 6 f4 Bg7 7 Nf3 00 8 Be2 Na6 9 00 Nc7 10 e5 Ne8 11 Kh1 Rb8 12 Ne4 exd5 13 cxd5 Bf5 14 exd6 Bxe4 15 dxc7 Qxc7 16 Ng5 Bf5 17 g4 Bd7 18 f5 Be5 19 fxg6 hxg6 20 Qb3 Nf6 21 Rxf6 Bxf6 22 Qh3 Bxg5 23 Bxg5 Qe5 24 Be3 Rfe8 25 Bd2 Qxd5+ [0-1]

17. (2/8): Jarosz--Jirjis. Slav (D15): 1 d4 d5 2 Nf3 c6 3 Bf4 Bf5 4 e3 Nf6 5 c4 e6 6 Nc3 Nbd7 7 Qb3 Qb6 8 c5 Qxb3 9 axb3 Be7 10 b4 00 11 h3 a6 12 Nd2 b5 13 Nb3 Bd8 14 Be2 Re8 15 00 e5 16 dxe5 Nxe5 17 Bxe5 Rxe5 18 Na5 Bd7 19 Bf3 Bc7 20 Ne2 Bxa5 21 Rxa5 Ne8 22 Rd1 f5 23 Nc3 Nc7 24 e4 fxe4 25 Bxe4 Rae8 26 Bf3 Re1+ 27 Kh2 Rxd1 28 Nxd1 Kf7 29 Ra3 Kf6 30 Re3 Rxe3 31 fxe3 Ke5 32 Nf2 Bf5 33 Kg3 Ne6 34 Ng4+ Bxg4 35 Bxg4 d4 36 Kf3 d3 37 Kf2 Ng5 38 Ke1 Ne4 39 Bf3 h6 40 Bxe4 Kxe4 41 Kd2 g6

WHITE TO PLAY

(An interesting endgame; what should the result be?)

(A) 42 g3?

(A1) 42...g5? 43 g4! (Not 43...h4? g4! and wins.) Kd5

44 Kxd3 Ke5 45 e4 Kf6 46 Kd4 Ke6 47 e5 Ke7 48 Ke4 Ke6 49 b3!,

gaining the opposition and winning.

(A2) 42...h5!

(A21) 43 g4 hxg4

44 hxg4 g5 45 b3 Kf3 46 Kxd3 Kxg4

winning with the outside passed pawn, or by means of 47 e4 Kf4 47 Kd4 g4 and queening with check.

(A22) 43 h4 Kf3 44 Kxd3 Kxg3 45 Ke4 Kxh4, and again the outside passed pawn wins.

(B) 42 g4!

(B1) 42...Kf3 43 Kxd3 Kg3 44 Ke4 Kxh3 45 Kf3 h5 [45...Kh4 46 Kf4] 46 gxh5 gxh5 47 e4 Kh2 48 e5 h4 49 Kf2!, and wins.

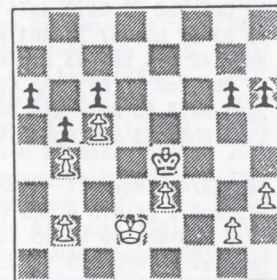
(B2) 42...h5 43 gxh5 gxh5 44 h4 Kf3 45 Kxd3 Kg4 46 Ke4 Kxh4 47 Kf4 Kh3 48 e4 h4 49 Kf3 Kh2 50 e5 h3 51 Kf2! +

(B3) 42...g5! 43 b3 [The mysterious tempo]

(B31) 43...Kf3 44 Kxd3 Kg3 45 e4, and wins.

(B32) 43...Kd5! 44 Kxd3 Ke5 45 e4 Kf6 [not

45...Kf4 46 Kd4 and queens] 46 Kd4 Ke6 47 e5 Ke7! and draws; White can never get the opposition as in A1 because he had to expend the b3 tempo. Therefore, the position seems to be a draw; however, White finds another way to lose.) 42 h4?? g5 43 h5 g4 44 g3 Kf3 45 Kxd3 Kxg3 46 e4 Kf4 [0-1]





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30. (4/3): O'Donnell--Morrell. Dutch (A90): 1 d4 e6 2 c4 f5 3 g3 Nf6 4 Bg2 c6 5 Nc3 d5 6 Nf3 Bd6 7 00 00 8 Bf4! Bxf4 9 gxf4 Ne4 10 Rc1 Qe7 11 Ne5 Nd7 12 f3 (White has an edge, due to the alleged bishop on c8.) Nxc3 13 Rxc3 Qh4 14 e3 Nf6 15 Qe1! (White makes a sound decision; Black's weaknesses can best be exploited in an endgame.) Qxe1 16 Rxe1 Bd7 17 c5 Rad8? (Allowing White to expand on the queenside. Perhaps 17...a5 trying to prevent b4 and keep lines closed is more appropriate.) 18 Bf1 Bc8 19 b4 a6 20 a4 Nd7 21 Nd3! (Patience is required in these "trench warfare" positions. Exchanging knights would allow a better chance of defense.) Rf7 22 Kf2 Nb8 23 Rb1 Rc7 24 Ra3 Re8 25 Ke1 h6 26 h4 Kh7 27 Kf2 Rg8 28 b5 g5 (The storm breaks on both sides of the board. Compare the kingside and queenside. On the queenside, White is ready to launch an attack down the open b-file with two rooks, knight, and maybe bishop. Black must always defend the b-pawn and the weak b6 square. On the kingside, Black wants to open files for his rooks to penetrate, but this is strategically impossible because the bishop on c8 is locked in by the e-pawn, and co-ordinating his pieces is too slow here.) 29 hxg5 hxg5 30 fxg5 Rxg5 31 Nf4 (Now White threatens to take over the h-file with Bg2 and Rh1+, while keeping his queenside threats alive.) Rgg7 32 bxa6 Nxa6 33 Bxa6 bxa6 34 Rb6 (With the idea of Nd3-e5.) Rge7 35 Nd3 a5 36 Rab3 Bb7 37 Nf4 Bc8 38 Rb8 Bb7? (Better is 38...Bd7 39 Ra8 +.) 39 Nxe6 Rxe6 40 R3xb7 Ree7 41 Rxc7 Rxc7 42 Ra8 [1-0]

31. (4/4): Splane--G. Finegold. Petroff (C42): 1 e4 e5 2 Nf3 Nf6 3 Nxe5 d6 4 Nf3 Nxe4 5 c4 Be7 6 Nc3 Nxc3 7 bxc3 00 8 d4 Bf5 9 Bd3 Bxd3 10 Qxd3 Nc6 11 Rb1 b6 12 Rb5 g6 13 h4 a6 14 Rd5 Bf6 15 h5 Re8+ 16 Kd1 Ne7 17 hxg6 hxg6 18 Rg5 Qd7 18 Rg3 Qa4+ 20 Qc2 Qxc2+ 21 Kxc2 Nf5 22 Rgh3 Re2+ 23 Kd3 Rxf2 24 g4 Ne7 25 Be3 Rxa2 26 Bg5 Bxg5 27 Nng5 Kg7 28 Rh7+ Kf6 29 Ne4+ Ke6 30 d5+ Nxd5 31 cxd5+ Kxd5 32 Rxf7 Ra4 33 Rxc7 Rf8 34 c4+ Rxc4 35 Rxc4 Rf3+ 36 Ke2 Rf4 37 Ke3 Kxc4 38 Rc1+ Kd5 39 Kxf4 [1-0]

32. (4/5): Jirjis--Czuhai. King's Indian (E70): 1 d4 Nf6 2 c4 g6 3 Nc3 Bg7 4 e4 00 5 e5 Ne8 6 f4 d6 7 Nf3 dxe5 8 fxe5 c5 9 d5 Bg4 10 Bf4 Nd7 11 Qe2 f6 12 e6 Ne5 13 h3 Bxf3 14 gxf3 Nd6 15 Qe3 Ndx4 16 Bxc4 Nxc4 17 Qxc5 Nxb2 18 Qb5 Qb6 19 Qxb6 axb6 20 Ke2 Rfc8 21 Rhc1 f5 22 Bd2 Nc2 23 Bg5 Kf8 24 a4 h6 25 Bd2 Rc5 26 Be1 Be5 27 Ra2 Nd6 28 Bd2 Kg7 29 Rcc2 g5 30 Rab2 Nc4 31 Rb5 Nxd2 32 Kxd2 Rac8 33 Rxc5 Rxc5 34 Kd3 Bxc3 35 Rxc3 Rxd5+ 36 Kc4 Rc5+ 37 Kb4 Rxc3 38 Kxc3 Kf6 39 Kb4 h5 40 Kb5 g4 41 fxg4 hxg4 42 hxg4 fxg4 [0-1]

33. (4/6): Jarosz--Laren. Queen Pawn (D02): 1 d4 d5 2 Nf3 e6 3 Bf4 c5 4 e3 Nf6 5 c3 Nc6 6 Nbd2 Be7 7 Bd3 00 8 00 b6 9 Ne5 Bb7 10 Bg3 Rc8 11 f4 g6 12 Bh4 Rc7 13 Bg5 Ne8 14 Bh6 Ng7 15 g4 f6 16 Nxc6 Bxc6 17 f5 exf5 18 gxf5 g5 19 h4 Kh8 20 hxg5 fxg5 21 Nf3 Qd6 22 Bxg7+ Kxg7 23 Rf2 Bf6 24 Rg2 Kh8 25 Nh2 Be8 26 Ng4 Bh5 27 Qf3 Re7 28 Kf2 Bxg4 29 Qxg4 Rfe8 30 Rg3 cxd4 31 exd4 b5 32 Rh1 b4 33 Rgh3 bxc3 34 bxc3 Qc7 35 Rh6 Qxc3 36 Rxf6 Qd2+ [0-1, time]

34. (4/7): Bailey--Ward. Bird (A03): 1 f4 Nf6 2 Nf3 d5 3 g3 e6 4 b3 c5 5 Bg2 Be7 6 00 00 7 Bb2 Nbd7 8 c4 Re8 9 cxd5 exd5 10 e3 b6 11 Ne5 Bb7 12 Nc3 Rb8 13 d4 Ne4 14 Nxe4 dxe4 15 Qh5 g6 16 Qg4 f5 17 Qe2 Nxe5 18 fxe5 cxd4 19 exd4 Qd5 20 Rac1 Rbc8 21 g4 Rxc1 22 Rxc1 f4 23 Qc4 f3 24 Bf1 e3 25 Qxd5+ Bxd5 26 Bc4 Bxc4 27 bxc4 e2 28 Bc3 Bg5 29 Rb1 Be3+ 30 Kh1 f2 31 Kg2 Rf8 [0-1]

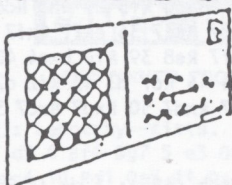
35. (4/8): Mitchell--Kitts. Grunfeld (D87): 1 d4 Nf6 2 c4 d6 3 Nc3 d5 4 cxd5 Nxd5 5 e4 Nxc3 6 bxc3 c5 7 Bc4 Bg7 8 Ne2 00 9 00 Nc6 10 Be3 Qc7 11 Rc1 Na5 12 Bd3 b6 13 Qd2 Bb7 14 Bh6 Rac8 15 Bxg7 Kxg7 16 Qg5 Qd6 17 Ng3 Kh8 18 d5 f6 19 Qh6 Rg8 20 c4 Ba6 21 f4 Nc6 22 e5 Qd8 23 Ne4 Nd4 24 g4 Qf8 25

Qh4 fxe5 26 Ng5 Qg7 27 fxe5 Rcf8 28 e6 Nf5 29 Qh3 Nd6 30 Kh1 Bb7 31 Qh4 b5 32 Rf7 Nxf7 33 Nxf7+ Rxf7 34 exf7 Qxf7 35 Rf1 Qg7 36 Qf2 Qd4 37 Qxd4 cxd4 38 Rf7 Re8 39 Rf4 bxc4 40 Bxc4 e5 41 Rf7 Ba8 42 Kg1 Rd8 43 d6 e4 44 Rc7 d3 45 Kf2 d2 46 Bb3 Bd5 47 Bd1 Bxa2 48 d7 Be6 49 Rxa7 Rxd7 50 Rxd7 Bxd7 51 Ke3 Bc6 52 g5 [1/2-1/2]

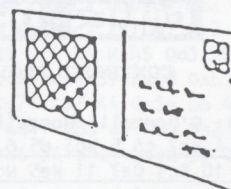
36. (4/9): Lehotzky--Hickey. Dutch (A85): 1 d4 f5 2 Nf3 Nf6 3 c4 g6 4 Nc3 Bg7 5 Bg5 00 6 Qd2 c5 7 d5 Qa5 8 Ne4 Qxd2+ 9 Nxd2 Na6 10 a3 Re8 11 Bf4 e6 12 dxe6 dxe6 13 Be5 Bd7 14 h3 Bc6 15 e3 Rad8 16 Rd1 Nb8 17 Bc3 Nbd7 18 Be2 e5 19 00 e4 20 Ne1 g5 21 b4 b6 22 Nb1 Nf8 23 Rxd8 Rxd8 24 b5 Be8 25 g3 Bf7 26 Ng2 Ng6 27 a4 Ne8 28 Bxg7 Nng7 29 Rc1 Ne5 30 Ne1 Nxc4 31 Rxc4 Bxc4 32 Bxc4+ Kf8 33 Be2 Ne6 34 Nc2 Ke7 35 Nca3 f4 36 gxf4 gxf4 37 Nc3 Ng5 38 gxf4 Nxb3+ 39 Kf1 Nxf4 40 Nxe4 Rcd4 41 Nc3 h5 42 Nc2 Rd2 43 Ne3 Nxe2 44 Nxe2 Ra2 45 Nc3 Ra3 46 Ned1 Ke6 47 Kg2 Kf5 48 Kg3 Ra1 49 Kh4 Kg6 [1/2-1/2]

## MOODY'S TOP 100 Highest Rated Active Michigan Players

1 Fred Lindsay (1)	2419	51 Mark Pence (51)	2090
2 Val Kavnatsky (2)	2379	52 Jason Morris (53)	2087
3 Steve Feldman (3)	2323	53 John Norcorss (48)	2085
4 Robert O'Donnell (5)	2320	54 Glenn Good (54)	2083
5 Kevin Czuhai (8)	2302	55 Edward Bennett (69)	2082
6 Tom Algeo (4)	2300	56 William Accad (68)	2078
7 Dan Boyk (6)	2294	57 Simeon Ivanov (54)	2076
8 Kevin Noren (7)	2278	58 Don Mason (58)	2073
9 David Hahn (9)	2273	59 Tom Ward (60)	2073
10 Paul Poschel (10)	2258	60 Frank Fricko (62)	2065
11 Robin Cunningham (17)	2251	61 Faris Jirjis (67)	2065
12 Larry Quigley (11)	2247	62 Gordon Morrell (63)	2063
13 Issa Youssef (13)	2243	63 Lamarr Small (64)	2063
14 Steve Andrews (15)	2235	64 Gene Hickey (66)	2056
15 John Wygrecki (12)	2226	65 Stan Jarosz (47)	2050
16 John Brooks (23)	2222	66 Greg Bailey (70)	2048
17 John Concini (18)	2215	67 Jerry Haapapuro (71)	2038
18 Dexter Thompson (14)	2212	68 Jack Duncan (75)	2031
19 Eric Fischvogt (16)	2209	69 James Vermilya (72)	2031
20 Carlton Thomas (20)	2208	70 Ed Williams (73)	2029
21 Jim Marfia (20)	2206	71 Chip Kraft (74)	2028
22 Robert Avery (22)	2202	72 Steve Mitchell (59)	2024
23 Phil Laren (24)	2197	73 Jason Wysocki (56)	2022
24 Bill Groeller (22)	2196	74 Bernard Cook (76)	2021
25 Brad Rogers (25)	2195	75 John Lang (77)	2021
26 David Wolfrom (27)	2193	76 Jeff Richburg (78)	2019
27 Ed Koster (26)	2181	77 Marcus Hendricks (80)	2016
28 Deuvoy Carroll (28)	2176	78 Don Bohley (81)	2015
29 Morris Leveson (30)	2154	79 Attila Lehotzky (82)	2014
30 DuWayne Riggins (31)	2154	80 Karl Clark (84)	2010
31 Tom Mazuchowski (35)	2152	81 Chris Hankinson (87)	2009
32 Andrew Beider (32)	2151	82 Geoffrey Wyatt (82)	2008
33 Robert Polk (33)	2151	83 Benson Selitsky (86)	2007
34 Ron Finegold (34)	2149	84 Ed-Mooney (88)	2001
35 William Fuller (65)	2141	85 Jim Kulbacki (104)	2000
36 Mike Kebrdle (36)	2137	86 Casimir Ramas (90)	1999
37 Mark Knecht (38)	2132	87 Leonard Dangremond(91)	1998
38 Mark Finegold (37)	2129	88 James Riseman (79)	1998
39 Lineas Baze (55)	2123	89 Lawrence Brenton (92)	1997
40 Paul Shields (39)	2120	90 Mickey Maloy (83)	1997
41 Vester Wilson (40)	2120	91 David Moody (103)	1996
42 Frank Helle (41)	2119	92 Naum Zacks (93)	1996
43 Peter Linn (42)	2117	93 Stan Golonka (94)	1994
44 Dale Postma (43)	2113	94 Joseph Forte (95)	1992
45 Chris Eagle (44)	2105	95 John Schoonmaker(106)	1988
46 Don Pray (45)	2105	96 Steve Mellen (96)	1987
47 Morgan Everett (46)	2102	97 Brian Garwood (97)	1985
48 George Turner (49)	2102	98 Reginald Perry (98)	1985
49 Gary Kitts (50)	2094	99 Tom LaForge (89)	1984
50 Tony Palmer (51)	2093	100 Tom Szczyпка (100)	1984



# POSTAL CHESS



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## 1986 MCA Finals

Decker	X 1 0 0 0	0 1 = 0 0	2.5
Allen	0 X 0 0 = 0 0	1 1 1 0	3.5
Soper	1 1 X	1 1	4
Stefanski	1 1 X	= 1 1	4.5
Brinks	1 =	X = 1 1	4.5
Szczypka	1	= X 1 1	3.5
Wolfrom	1 1 = =	0 X 1 1 0 0	5
DeJongh	0 0	0 X 1 0 0	1
Mellen	0 0 0 0 0 0	0 0 X 0 0 0	0
Rosenfield	=	= 1 X =	2
Schweikert	1 0	0 0 1 1 1 = X 1	5.5
Jarosz	1 1	1 1 1 0 X	5

There are a couple of surprising results--Gary Schweikert, who had already lost three games and therefore had appeared to be pretty much out of any contention for a major prize, knocked off both Dave Wolfrom and Stan Jarosz, both of whom looked like they had an inside track. This throws the finals into quite a free-for-all. Defending champion Soper is the only player who has not lost even a half point.

## 1988 MCA Preliminary Round

Here are cross tables showing a composite of the results to date:

Section 88MCA-C

Stefanski	X	1	1
Pavlovich	X		
Jones, W.	X 0 1		1
Boes	1 X 1		2
Jones, A.	0 0 0 X 0 0		
Dowling	1 X		1
Good	1 X		1

Section 88MCA-1

Smith	X 1	1	2
Durkee	0 X	1 1	2
Raftsholl	X 1	1 1	3
Carr	0 X	1	1
Beavers, D.		X 1	1
Fausey	0 0	X 1	1
Calton, D.A.	0 0 0 0 0 0	X	0

Section 88MCA-2

Wolfrom	X	1	1
Zemke	X	1	1
Brinks	X	1	1
Beavers, M.	X	1	1
Swathell	0	X	
Sawmiller		X 1	1
Dalimonte	0 0 0	0 X	

Section 88MCA-3

Rosenfield	X	1	1	2
Owens	X	1 1	1	3
Bemben	X	1 1 1	1	3
Calton	0 0 0 X 0 0 0		0	0
McCarter	0 0 1 X		1	1
Boes	0 0 1 X		1	1
Axeman	0	1 X	1	1

Section 88MCA-4

Robison	X 0 0 1 0 0 0		1
June	1 X 1 1 1		4
Brattin	1 X 1		2
Calton, W.	0 0 0 X 0 0 0		0
Jackson	1 0 1 X 0		2
Garrison	1 1 1 X		3
Champion	1 0 1 X		2

we would research both the strength of a computer for postal chess, and the dynamics of No one is yet a mathematical certainty for the finals, but now the results are beginning to come in faster and in the next few months, the 88MCA finals should start to shape up! As in previous tournaments, no tiebreaks are used; if three players are tied for first or second in the section, all will advance. It may make a large final, but so is the current final.

## Are all USSR postal players poor sports?

Recently I met a former postal opponent at a big otb tournament, and the subject of international play came up. From 1982 to 1987 (yes, 5 years on one 30-move game!) I played a Russian opponent in an ICCF tournament. Perhaps there was some special mystique in playing a Russian master, but I spent, it seemed, half my life on that game and obtained a winning position. Instead of graciously resigning, my opponent simply did not reply to my last !! move. I sent a registered repeat (\$4.85) as required by ICCF rules. Still no reply. I wrote to the tournament secretary. ICCF tournament secretaries are volunteers, they are not given funds for correspondence, and this one did not reply. Several months after my USSR opponent stopped playing, another opponent in the section informed me that the Russian had told him of his loss to me. In due course the result was published in Fernschach, the official ICCF bulletin. In the Ladies' World Championships I have two Russian opponents. In November 1988 one of them sent a ?? and I immediately took advantage of the blunder, converting a difficult position into one it would be easy to convince an adjudicator is a win. No reply. Registered repeat sent by me. No reply. Result reported to tournament secretary. Current status: awaiting publication of the result. Meanwhile the game with the other Russian remains critical and difficult. The winner of my game with the other Russian will win the section; a draw would leave me tied for second place, and by my calculations qualified for the finals on tiebreak. If I lose, it was a good show but no qualification. Back to the question of sportsmanship. My former postal opponent recounts the same experience--he won a game from a Russian but his opponent did not resign, just vanished into the woodwork. The U.S. player got the win awarded by the tournament secretary by the same mechanism I did.

I'd like to know whether anyone reading this has had a similar experience; or, on the other hand, have you beaten a Russian and at the end had your opponent write "Nice game. I resign." or the equivalent?

## Games

Robert Bemben has been nice enough to send in notes with his win over Robert McCarter. Bemben clearly intends to be playing in the 1988 finals in another year or so.

Robert McCarter - Robert Bemben  
88MCA-3 Preliminary Round  
Slav Defense D12

1.d4 d5 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.e3 Bf5 To avoid a typical Colle System development by White. 4.c4 c6 5.cxd5 cxd5 6.Nc3 e6 6.Qb3 Qc8 (...Qb6) is the main line. 7.Ne5 Nfd7 8.Bb5 McCarter wrote: "I hadn't

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considered your moving the N on f6. You must have seen the problems with Nbd7, the move I was hoping for. I will try to exploit the absence of your QB with this pin to start with." Actually I was just following the book and was glad to see McCarter depart from it. The book continuations are 8.Qa4? Bd6 and 8.g4 Bg6 9.Nxg6 hxg6 etc. 8...Bd6 9.g4? Bg6 10.Nxd7 Other thoughts: 10.Qa4 Bxe5 11.exd5 with the idea of O-O-h4,5 and f4,5, or 10.Nxg6 and Black's eventual O-O is less secure. I had sent "If 10.Nxg6 then 10...hxg6" and expected McCarter to play that. Apparently he wanted to mix things up a bit. On 10.h4? I noted 10...Bxe5 (or ...f6) 11.dxe5 h6 (or ...h5) 12.f4 Nc6. 10...Nxd7 11.h4 I had sent "If 11.Qa4 then 11...a6". That would have led to some interesting continuations, where White attempts to put a crimp on Black's Q-side with 11.Qa4 a6 12.Bxd7+ Qxd7 13.Qxd7 Kxd7 14.Na4!?

Some fantasy variations:  
(a) 14...Rad8 15.O-O (15.Bd2? Be4! (with the idea of ...Bxh2); 15.Nb6+ Kc6 17.Na4 b5 17.Nc3 Rc8 18.a4 b4), or 15...h5 16.g5 f6 17.f4 fxg5, 18.fxg5 h4! (with the idea of ...Rh5).

(b) 14...Kc6!? 15.Bd2 Kb5 16.Nc3 (16.b3 Ba3!), 16...Kb6 17.Na5+, etc.

(c) 14...Be4!? 15.O-O (Nb6+ Kc6 16.Nxa8 Bxh1-+), 15...Ke7 16.Nb6 Rb8 17.f3 Bd3 18.Rf2 (18.Rd1? Be2), 18...Bc7 19.Na4 h5 (...b6).

(d) 14...Rab8 15.Nc5+?! (15.Nb6+ Kc6 16.Na4 b5; 15.Bd2 Be4 16.O-O h5), 15...Kc6 16.b4 a5 17.Bd2 b6 18.Nb3 (a8.Na6?Ra8 19.b5 Kxb5) 18...a4!

11...h5 12.g5 a6 12...O-O! Qa5 is no longer a possibility. 13.Bd3 Bxd3 14.Qxd3 Rc8 15.Bd2? Better 15.e4 with the idea of g6, or 15.f4. 15...Nb6 16.Ne2 Again, 16.e4 should be considered, after which 16...Nc4 can be answered by 17.Bc1. 16.Ne2 is flexible but non-developing. It prepares a possible transfer of the knight to the K-side, and frees the Bd2, e.g. for the pin with Ba5. 16...Nc4 17.Bc3 b5 The position looks great for Black: more space, more active minor pieces, the threat of advancing b5-b4, etc. White has played rather passively (e.g. 17.Bc3). But Black must consider the eventual threat of b3, possibly driving the knight to a bad square. The knight could be out of play on a3 and is subject to a pin if it retreats to b6. I considered clearing d6, but that costs a tempo. 18.Rc1? Correct here and several times in the next several moves is 18.b3, followed by f4 after the N moves. 18...O-O This took some daring, but it's a way to keep the momentum going (18...g6 is passive), and it "intensifies" the game. The other possibility, which may have been (objectively) stronger, is 18...b4?! 19.Bd2 Nxb2.

(i) 20.Qxa3 Rxc1+ 21.Bxc1!? Nc4 22.Qc6+ Ke7 23.Qb7+ Qd7;

(ii) 20.Qb3 Rxc1+ (or 20...Nc4 21.Bxb4 Rb8 22.Qa4+ Ke7) 21.Nxc1 Nc4 22.Bxb4 Qe7 23.Bxd6 Qxd6.

19. O-O?? Castling into the Black attack ensures White's loss. Consider g6 with the idea of Rg1/Qxg6, or 19.b3 Nb6 or Na3, 20.f4. I was inviting McCarter to play 19.g6?!, e.g. 19...b4, 20.gxf5 Rxf7 21.Bd2 Nxb2 22.Qb3 (Qg6) 22...Nc4 23.Bxb4? Rb7! 19...f6?! (...b4!) 20.Nf4? (20.b3 followed by Qg6!) 20...Bxf4 21.exf4 fxg5 22.fxg5? White must try 22.b3 here. I had sent "if 22.fg Rf4; if 22.hg Rxf4". I shouldn't have given away my plan, but McCarter went for the if-move anyway.

22...Rf4! 23.b3? So many times this move had needed to be made! But now the only hope is 23.Qh3 with the idea of f3/Be1. ...Rg4+ can then be answered with Kh1. (Kh2 Qd6+!) 23...Rg4+! With the if-moves: If 24.Kh1 Rxh4+; if then 25.Kg1 or Kg2 then 25...Qxg5+; but if 24.Kh2 then Rxh4+; if then 25.Kg1 or Kg2 or Kg3 then 25...Qxg5. 24.O-1 A possible continuation: 24.Kh2 Rxh4+ 25.Kg2 Qxg5+ 26.Qg3 Rg4 27.bxc4 Rxc3+ 28.fxg3 Rxc4 winning easily.

The section 88MCA-C is an experiment, in which we are finding out what happens if postal players are allowed to use computers. Thus far, as you can see from the crosstable, there haven't been any big upsets. The results to date don't include anything that would surprise you in an otb or other tournament. Mark Stefanski chose the "computers allowed" section because he thought he would have an easier time of it against the machines than against stronger human opposition, and reports that to date his games look like his judgement was accurate. Jeff Boes chose two sections, one in which he would be allowed to use his Novag and one in which he would be on his own with his library. He reports that while he will be ecstatic if he gets 3-3 in 88MCA-3, he will feel no pride if he goes 6-0 in 88MCA-C. Jeff feels he has better things to do than play secretary to his Novag. I suspect most postal chess players feel the same way, and the amount of using a computer to "cheat" that may go on is minimal. U.S. Postal Champion Robert Reynolds has a standing offer of \$500 to any computer program that can beat him in a standard postal chess game, and thus far there have been no takers. Here is a part of one of the games from the computer section.

W. Jones - Jeff Boes  
88MCA-C Preliminary Round  
Center Counter B01/5\*28

1.e4 d5 2.exd5 Nf6 3.d4 Nxd5 4.Nf3 Bg4 5.Be2 e6 6.O-O Nc6 7.c4 Book is Rel. 7...Nb6 8.Nc3 Why not c5? 8...Bb4 9.Ne4 Again 9.c5 looks better, forcing eventual exchange of B for N. 9...Bxf3 10.Bxf3 Qxd4. Jeff does not give us the rest of the game, but it was 0-1 in 31. Everything was traded off by move 20 to a B vs. N endgame in which Jeff was headed for a 3-pawn advantage.

It would be interesting to know more about whether the moves--especially a lemon like 9.Ne4--were the idea of the human, checked out on the computer and played after the computer did not find a refutation, or were the idea of the computer and the human went along with it not seeing anything better.

If you have a computer and plan to use it, legally or illegally, in a postal game, it seems the better plan is to study the position, decide tentatively on a move, and then use the computer to see a defense your opponent might find, rather than to simply feed the position into the computer and expect it to do your work for you.

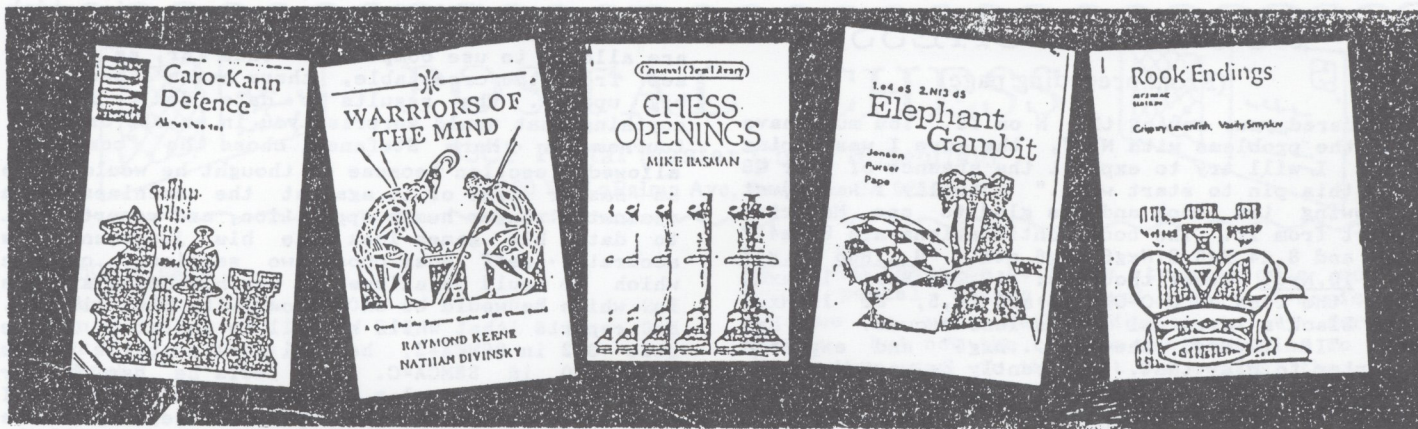
In the game above, Jeff surely used otb acumen in knowing what type of endgame can be won in order to know that swapping lots of pieces was to his advantage, and the opposing computer could not see far enough ahead to realize that this was going to be a losing strategy for White.

The question whether computers should be allowed in the 88MCA final is still open, but should the qualifiers from that section be Stefanski and Boes it appears neither would object to playing without toys.

EDITOR: It was a very bad boo-boo in the June MICHIGAN CHESS on page 17 when, at the end of Chris Rosenfield's Postal Chess column, this line appeared, "Continued on next page." It was not on the next page. It wasn't on any page! Our sincere apologies to Chris and the frustrated readers. The omitted portion had comments on the David Hahn--Louis B.Owen game, and two other items, as follows.

39.Ke3 1-0. A very interesting game with many salient points. One of the morals of the game, if we play it through for instruction, is that in our own games we need not be so fearful against higher rated players. All players make less than the best moves some of the time, and if we stay calm we can sometimes catch the masters leaving an opportunity for an upset.

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**CHESS OPENINGS** by Mike Basman. Crowood Press., 1987. 256 pages. \$17.95

---by DAVID MOODY

At a tournament recently, I saw a young player take the first steps to perdition: he bought a copy of Batsford Chess Openings. There's nothing wrong with that book, but it is not fit for an inexperienced player who doesn't yet know the principles behind opening play. He may memorize the moves, but he won't know what he's doing.

Basman's Chess openings is one of the few books which tries to teach ideas, rather than just moves. Only five openings are covered in detail (Giuoco Piano, Sicilian Dragon, Queen's Gambit, Nimzo-Indian, Morra Gambit), but the emphasis is on the reasoning and principles underlying the moves, not the moves themselves.

The five openings themselves take up only half the book. The rest covers general principles for all openings, with a final chapter on the transition into the middlegame. A study of this book, then, should help the reader play any opening more intelligently.

This book seems to be aimed at the less experienced player who has not yet mastered an opening style, maybe Class B and below. It might be heavy going in spots for a scholastic player, but a coach would find this an excellent text to base teaching upon.

Don't be scared off by Basman's reputation as a weird player; he has written a simple work covering the principles of normal opening play. This kind of book should be mastered by a player just starting out before trying a specialized opening work or encyclopedia. For that level, it's recommended.

**ELEPHANT GAMBIT** by Niels Jensen, Purser & Rasmus Pape. Blackmar Press, PO Box 7363, Warner Robins, GA 31095-0023.

-- By V.E.VANDEBURG

You have black. You are an average tournament player and you want a fun opening unknown to your average opponent (and many above average). You've got it--the Elephant Gambit!

Never heard of it? Good. Most others haven't, either. It's a forgotten oldie, too old for today's youngsters, even too old for today's oldsters. Goes back to 1842 (Cochrane vs. Staunton), reached its prime before 1860, then began stalling into oblivion, the authors indicate. Grab it: 1 e4 e5 2 Nf3 d5.

Your opponent never saw it before and decides you are dumb, figuring he can finish

Black soon --and easily. But he can't, and the book tells why in 84 pages with all lines listed for Black and 63 diagrams, plus large, clear type.

Said GM David Bronstein, it is for those "who believe in their own creative strength and have nothing against turning aside from well-trodden paths on the second move."

You'll enjoy the book and you'll trod on some opponents with this elephant.

**WARRIORS OF THE MIND** by Raymond Keene & Nathan Divinsky. A quest for the supreme genius of the chess board. Batsford, 1989. 339 pages. In Figurine algebraic. Hard cover \$29.95.

--- by V.J.BRATTIN

Who is the greatest player of all time? It is a question that Dr. Nathan Divinsky is always trying to answer, first in his book Around the Chess World in 80 Years, then in his article "Lasker versus the Devil" (Lasker and his Contemporaries, Vol. 3), and now in Warriors of the Mind.

Divinsky, who draws on an impressive background of mathematics, history, and chess, started his latest quest by grouping together the top 64 players from history -- roughly those rated 2600 or better. Then he took the games results of these masters against one another, and then after making some final adjustments (to allow for varying career spans, etc.), he presents his list.

For each of the 64 players, there is a short biography, a game or two with quite good notes (GM Keene's contribution, no doubt), and a games-results summary. There are also a handful of tournament crosstables, match scores, and photographs. Because of all these, Warriors of the Mind is an excellent reference book, and a great source of trivia.

Dr. Divinsky deserves much credit for basing his list on mathematics and not on personal opinion -- he himself was surprised by many of the end results! I have some quibbles with his final list, but I accept it as a fresh and valuable view to a largely unanswerable question.

Highly Recommended!

**CARO-KANN DEFENSE** by Alexei Suetin. Batsford, 1988. 159 pages. \$22.50.

**QUEEN'S GAMBIT, Orthodox Defense.** by Lev Polugayevsky. Batsford, 1988, 268 P.\$22.95.

---By DAVID MOODY

It's hard to write about specialized openings books. If you play the opening, you'll buy the book; if you don't; you won't--and nothing I say will make a darn bit of difference most of the time.

But let's try. Both of these books were written by grandmasters, published by Batsford (a firm with a good reputation), and issued in revised editions in 1988. Therefore, they will probably contain good

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**BOOK REVIEWS** From preceding page

content and fairly recent analysis. (You can probably nitpick them to death if you wish, but such close study is one reason you'd buy the book in the first place.)

Suetin and Polugayevsky write more from the viewpoint of the theorist, and their work seems relatively objective.

Both writers, to some extent, replace the use of symbols with actually explaining why one side or the other is better, and showing the plans to be followed in particular variations.

**ROOK ENDINGS** Levenfish & Smyslov (Batsford, \$22.95)

-- By V.J. BRATTIN

"Now I can curl up with my Levenfish & Smyslov to see why White resigned!" is how famed Michigan chess writer Jim Morfio once concluded annotating a master game.

Sure enough, Rook Endings by Grigory Levenfish and Vasily Smyslov is the quintessential book on its topic: endgames with king, one rook and X-pawns versus king, one rook and X-pawns. It has been available in English since 1971, but has been re-released by Batsford this year, for the first time in algebraic notation. This alone makes this book worth having.

I wish I could recommend the new Rook Endings more heartily, though. But I was hit by two typos in the very first endgame, and by unnecessarily dark print and murky diagrams throughout, and I can't help but have mixed feelings. I recommend the book, but I don't like recommending it.

If you can get an older copy, do so. It's no discredit to read descriptive notation, and there is no difference in the actual content. And for the newer player I would first recommend Practical Rook Endings by Mednis (Chess Enterprises, \$4.00).

**LASKER'S CHESS PRIMER** by Emanuel Lasker.

Portman Press, 1988. 110 pages. \$15.95

-- By DAVID MOODY

This work is an unchanged reprint, originally published in 1934. It is a book for beginners, but not for kids. Lasker was World Champion for 27 years, but he was also a professional philosopher. In this introductory text, he incorporates difficult philosophical concepts into explaining the very basics of moving the pieces.

Now, these ideas are useful--but only for an experienced adult player who can learn something about the process of selecting moves and making plans. For beginners, or for younger players, they are confusing and practically useless.

This would have been a much better book with just the philosophy, omitting the primer material. As it stands, it can only be recommended to Lasker lovers, collectors, and the occasional philosophy student just learning to play chess.

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**Book Contest**

In the February issue a copy of The Encyclopedia of Chess Endings was offered for solution to a problem in a game between Dave Wolfrom and Fred Goodell. A solution was offered by there was a cook: Dave points out that he had not thought the obvious move was bad, but that it did not fit his game plan. Quite true. We will continue to run these contests from time to time as particularly

challenging positions come up. You wouldn't believe how much time it takes to check out a solution--about as much as it does to come up with one!

**International News**

As of May 10 the Ladies' Olympiad team is 7-2. No previous U.S. Olympiad team has made the finals. The U.S. teams have gotten better and scrappier, and we have every intent of being in the finals! In the past U.S. players dropped out of international events all too frequently. I am told that is why some players, particularly in Russia, do not resign lost games to Americans but make the U.S. opponent go through the expensive and time consuming procedure of sending a registered repeat (\$4.85 and you have to go to the post office) and then making the time complaint to the Tournament Secretary and waiting more months to see the result published. It appears this has happened in one of my Ladies' World Championship games--a Russian opponent sent a blunder last November and has not been heard from since. I'm down to two games and will make the finals if I win both; a win and a draw may be good enough. One win should happen, but the other game is unpredictable--it might win, lose or draw. Please continue to wish me well!

**CHESS CLUBS**

- BAY COUNTY CHESS CLUB:** 7 pm Mondays, Bay Co. Comm. Center, Bay City. Robert Rosekrans (517) 893-2412, 319 Nebobish, Bay City 48708.
- BOYNE CITY CHESS CLUB:** 7 pm Mondays at Depot Restaurant, 151 Ray St. Truitt, (616) 582-2838.
- DETROIT CHESS CLUB:** 3:30-9:30 pm Mondays-Fridays, Considine Recreational Center, 8904 Woodward Ave. Detroit, MI 48202. Bill Plemster, (313) 876-0130.
- FARMINGTON HILLS CHESS CLUB:** 7:00-10:15 pm Thursdays, North Farmington High School, Room E-2. Sylvester Robes, (313) 661-4913.
- FLINT CHESS CLUB:** 6:00-10:00 pm Tuesdays, Flint Kearsley High School (off Genessee Rd.) Brian June, Pres. (313) 230-1230.
- GRAND HAVEN CHESS CLUB:** 7 pm Thursdays, Loutit Library Rm. 5. Rick Meads (616) 846-4734.
- GRAND RAPIDS CHESS CLUB:** Monday nights in Kentwood Comm. Center, 355 48th SE (between Eastern & Division). Jeff Boes (616) 669-5986.
- GROSSE POINTE CHESS CLUB:** 7:30 pm Tuesdays, 32 Lake Shore Dr., Grosse Pointe Farms. John DeJongh. (313) 579-0604.
- JACKSON CHESS CLUB:** 7 pm Wednesdays in Hardee Restaurant, 950 N. West Ave. (near bus station). James Stockham, Pres. (517) 784-2284.
- LANSING CHESS CLUB:** 7 pm Mondays in Capitol Federal Bldg., 6510 S. Cedar (north of I-96). V.E. Vandenburg, Pres. (517) 646-6142.
- MARQUETTE CHESS CLUB:** 7 pm Mondays, Muggszy's on Washington St. Bring sets & clocks.
- MIDLAND CHESS CLUB:** 7 pm Mondays (Sept-May). Community Center, 2001 George. Howard King, (517) 636-7063.
- MSU CHESS CLUB:** 7:00 pm Wednesdays, A-304 Wells Hall, MSU campus, just east of stadium. Jason Morris (517) 355-5749.
- NEGAUNEE CHESS VFW CHESS CLUB:** 7-10 pm Wednesdays, 208 Gold St. No dues. Sets & clocks provided.
- OAK PARK CHESS CLUB:** 6:30-11 Thursdays, Comm. Center, 1430 Oak Park Blvd. (9 1/2 Mile Rd., W. of Coolidge). Michael Kebrdle (313) 477-9344.
- PORT HURON CHESS CLUB:** 6:30-10:00 Thursdays, (Sept. thru May) Palmer Rec. Center, 2829 Armour, Port Huron; (June thru Aug.) American Legion Post #8, 1026 6th St., Port Huron. Jim Alexander, Pres. (313) 364-4225.
- ROSCOMMON 4-H CHESS CLUB:** 7:30 pm Thursdays, Roscommon County Courthouse basement. Will Jones (517) 275-8658.
- SPRING LAKE YOUTH CHESS CLUB:** 3:30 Wednesdays, Jeffers School, 49429 Leonard Rd. J. Singerling.
- TRAVERSE CITY CHESS CLUB:** 7-10 pm Tuesdays, Big Boy Restaurant, North US-31 South. Alex Moore, (616) 946-7483.
- TRENTON CHESS CLUB:** 7 pm Wednesdays, Haas Park Community Bldg. Don Ruark, (313) 728-9839.
- WINDSOR CHESS CLUB:** 7-11 pm Thursdays in YMCA, 511 Pelissier St. (2 block from Tunnel). 5

# Michigan Chess Tournament Calendar

By JEFFREY L. BOES (616) 669-5986  
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All events require USCF and MCA membership, unless otherwise stated. Other state memberships are acceptable if you are not a MI resident. All events are "No Smoking, No Computers" unless otherwise stated.

## Aug. 13 Lansing: \$50/\$25 Mini-Swiss

Capital Federal Bldg., 6510 S. Cedar (I-96 Exit 104, cross Penn. W. to Cedar then S. 2 blks.). 3-SS, sections of 8-10 by rating. EF: \$12. SS \$50-25 each section. TL: 40/60, then SD/30. Reg.: 8:30-9:15. Rds.: 9:30-1-4:30. V. E. Vandenburg, 2177 Michigan, Eaton Rapids 48827. (517) 646-6142.

## Aug. 19: Trenton Mini-Swiss

Haas Park Comm. Bldg., 72 Washington. 3-SS by rating. EF: \$5. \$6 late. \$\$: \$20 or trophy each section. TL: 40/90, then SD/30. Reg.: 9-9:45. Rds.: 10-1:30-5. Ken Roberts, 5919 McMillan, Dearborn Hts. 48127, (313) 565-2123.

## Aug. 19-20 Negaunee: 19th U. P. Championship

VFW Post on Gold St. 5-SS. EF: \$25 (\$5 more after 8/16). \$\$: \$150-100 guaranteed; class prizes based on entries. TL: 40/105. Reg.: starts 9:00 Rds.: first round at 9:45. 1/2-pt. bye available for round 1 if requested in advance. Gregory S. Rose, 325 W. Peck, Negaunee 49866.

## Aug. 26 Flint: Mich. Open Tune-Up

Kearsley H.S., I-69 to Genesee, N. to Hillcrest. 3-SS in sections of 8-10. EF: \$15 (\$1 more late). \$\$: \$60-30 each section. TL: 40/90, SD/30. Reg.: 9-9:45. Rds.: 10-1:30-5. Brian June, 711 Blanchard, Flint 48503. (313) 767-3879.

## Aug. 26 Grand Rapids: Mich. Open Warm-Up

Kentwood Comm. Ctr., 355-48th, between Eastern and Division. 3-SS in sections of 8-10. EF: \$15 (\$5 more late). \$5 Juniors (under 18; not eligible for cash prizes). \$\$: \$75-\$25 each section based on 8 reg. entries. TL: 50/100 (40/100 Rd. 3). Reg.: 9-9:44. Rds.: 10-3-8. Jeff Boes, 3826 New Holland, Hudsonville 49426, (616) 669-5986.

## ▲ Aug. 26 Monroe: Dave Clark 1st Memorial

Johnson-Phenny Bldg., 22 W. 2nd St. at Cass. 5-SS. EF: \$5 before 8/26; \$7 at site; \$2 more after reg. \$\$: Trophies to top 5; 1st each B, 1500's, 1400's, 1300's, 1200's, U1200, Unr.; top Jr. High team (best 4 scores from same school). More prizes if entries permit. TL: 30/40, then SD/30. Reg.: 8-8:30. Rds.: 8:40-11-12:40-3-5:20. Everyone wins something! Richard Sanborn, 417 E. Elm Ave., Monroe 48161, (313) 243-3676.

## Sept. 1-4 Lansing: Michigan Open

Midway Motor Lodge. \$\$: \$2800 in cash—16 trophies! More details in the big full-page ad on back cover.

### Don't Forget To Vote!

MCA reminds you to attend the annual membership meeting on Sun., Sept. 3 at the Michigan Open in Lansing (see the back page for details). All four MCA officer positions are up for election.

## ▲ Sept. 16: Fast Times In Grand Haven

Community Center, 421 Columbus. 5-RR. EF: \$15. \$\$: \$40-20. TL: G/30. Reg. 9:30-10:15. Rds.: 10:30-12:30-1:45-3-4:15. Rick Meads, (616) 846-4734.

## ▲ Sept. 17 Lansing: \$50/\$25 Mini-Swiss

See Aug. 13 listing for details.

## ▲ Sept. 17: Trenton Quads

Note date change from earlier announcements and USCF Tournament Life! 3-RR by rating. EF: \$5, \$6 late. See Aug. 19 listing for other details.

## ▲ Sept. 24 Ann Arbor: U-M Action Tourney

Michigan Union, 911 N. University. 5-SS in two sections: rated and novice (open to U1500 or Unr.; no memberships required). EF: (Rated) \$15 before 9:24; \$20 at site; \$2 late. (Novice) \$5. \$\$: (Rated: b/40, 4/class; \$150-100-75: 45 to U2000. U1800. U1600. U1400/Unr. (Novice) chess books & sets, USCF & MCA mem. TL: SD/30. Reg.: 8:30-9:30. Rds.: 10-11:15-1:15-2:30-3:45. Raffle after rd. 5 for all who complete their schedule (no withdrawals). James Riseman, 331 Mosher-Jordan, Ann Arbor 48109, (313) 764-0940.

## ▲ Oct. 7-8 Detroit: 3rd Hart Plaza Open

Veteran's Memorial Bldg., 151 W. Jefferson. 5-SS. EF: \$35 by 9/29, \$40 later. \$\$: \$3,000 guaranteed: 20 Grand Prix pts. \$500-300-200; 250-150 each Ex., A, B, C, D/E/Unr. TL: 40/100. Reg.: 8:30-9:30. Rds.: 10-2:30-7 Sat.; 10-2:30 Sun. H. E. Steen, 1520 Strathcona, Detroit 48203, (313) 892-6466.

## ▲ Oct. 14 Grand Rapids: Mich. Action Chess Championship

New state title event! Kentwood Comm. Ctr., 355-48th, between Eastern and Division. 6-SS. EF: \$15 by 10/7. \$20 at site: Jrs. or U1400 \$17 at site (still \$15 advance). \$\$: (b/64, min. 2/class) \$200-100-50: Ex., A, B, C each 50; D, E, Unr., Jr. each 40. Trophy and state Action Chess champion title to top Mich. player. TL: G/30. Reg.: 8:30-9:30. Rds.: 10-11:15-12:30-2-3:15-5. Jeff Boes, 3826 New Holland, Hudsonville 49426, (616) 669-5986.

### Your Event Listed Here Free!

Your chess event will appear here! Just send details to the Tournament Clearinghouse, 3826 New Holland, Hudsonville MI 49426 (not to Michigan Chess Association). Submissions for the September 1989 Tournament Calendar must arrive by 8/10/89. (Later submissions may not appear.) Use these announcements as a guideline, or submit a copy of the USCF Tournament Life form (available to USCF affiliates). Advertising rates appear on the inside cover of Michigan Chess.

### Other Tourney Dates

Details for these events will appear in future issues of Michigan Chess and the Tournament Calendar.

Oct. 21	Trenton Mini-Swiss
Oct. 22	Lansing Mini-Swiss
	Ann Arbor: U-M Action
Nov. 11-12	Ann Arbor: Huron Valley Amateur
Nov. 12	Trenton Action
	Lansing Mini-Swiss
Nov. 18-19	Grand Rapids: Westgate Memorial
	Note date change!
Dec. 3	Lansing Mini-Swiss
Dec. 9	Trenton Quads
Jan. 21	Trenton Mini-Swiss

### ▲ —new listing

## New look for Trenton monthly events

Don Ruark of the Trenton Chess Club announced a change to the format of the Trenton monthly tournaments. Starting with the Sept. 17 event, the format will rotate between three different types of tournaments: (1) Quads (3-RR, EF \$5, 1st \$10); (2) Mini-swiss (3-SS, EF \$7, 1st \$30); and (3) Action Open (5-SS, TL G/30, EF \$10, total prizes \$260 based on 40). The first Action Open will be held Nov. 12. More details will appear in the Tournament Calendar at a later date.

## Is Chess Worth the Bother?

The "First Lady of Michigan chess" and only remaining charter member of MCA looks back over her 60 years of involvement.

By Fjola Palmi Vandenburg

Down through the years I would grumble a little (sometimes a lot) about our sacrifices of time, money and personal plans for chess. 'Tis said "sacrifice" means giving up something of obvious immediate value for something of far greater value to be realized later. It took me a long time to effectively relate that noble philosophy to the Michigan Chess Association.

That learning process began nearly 60 years ago, soon after I married Andrew H. Palmi in 1929. He organized MCA in 1930. He had previously organized a chess club for Jackson, where we lived and where he operated a photo studio. I learned that going to club meetings, chess tournaments and MCA meetings was more important than going to the zoo, to picnics, to family reunions, fishing, etc., in order to build chess in Michigan--the thing of greater value!

And so it has been, through the years. Van and I were married in 1963. We celebrated our 25th wedding anniversary last fall by labeling an issue of MICHIGAN CHESS for mailing and rushing it to the P.O. before closing time. Van always says it's important to get it mailed as soon as possible. We finished our celebration with a hamburger.

The Michigan Chess Association is a vital, living, growing organization--like the tree of life, branching out in all directions. Before he died in 1962 Palmi saw many years of that fantastic chess development and was very proud the annual state championship entries had increased over 600% in the previous dozen years. He knew the MCA was on its way, the future secure.

And I am proud today, too. As the only surviving charter member, I've seen it all--the amazing scholastic enthusiasm, the increase in tournaments from one or two a year to over 50 with MCA itself staging a dozen or so all-state title events, including the granddaddy of them all, the annual Michigan Championship, which has never missed a year since 1931. It has drawn over 200 entries the past few years (252 a few years back, 2,100% over the early years!).

Now, in my 60th year of serving chess, I look back and know my "sacrifices" for MCA were worth it--as were those of its founder, Andrew H. Palmi; V.E. Vandenburg, MCA president and editor 23 years (1948-'71) then editor another 13 years, 1976-'89; and all of the others who worked for and sacrificed for chess in Michigan over the years.

Any sacrifice that is so rewarding is indeed an everlasting and joyous event. For us there are no "Goodbye's", for as long as our hearts and hands are a part of us, so is the Michigan Chess Association. We will always be with you.



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# 59th Annual State Championship

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## 1989 Michigan Open

Sept. 1-4 at the Lansing Midway Motor Lodge

Grand Prix event: prize fund \$1000 guaranteed!

7-SS in two sections: Open (open to all players)  
Reserve (under 1800 or unrated)

Entry fee: \$30 Open (\$35 after 8/21)  
\$25 Reserve (\$30 after 8/21)

### Prizes (Open):

- Title of State Champion to top MI resident
- 1st: \$500 + trophy
- 2nd: \$300 + trophy
- 3rd: \$200 + trophy
- U2200: \$150-100 + trophies
- U2000: \$150-100 + trophies
- U1800: \$100 + trophy

### Prizes (Reserve):

- 1st: \$300 + trophy
- 2nd: \$150 + trophy
- U1600: \$150-100 + trophies
- U1400: \$150-100 + trophies
- U1200/Unr.: \$150-100 + trophies

### Membership Meeting 9:30 a.m. Sunday

- State of MCA--President Kitts
- 1988 minutes --Sec. Sawmiller
- Any money left?--Treasurer Burg
- Final Words of Editor Vandenburg
- Reports of Important committees
- Election of Four MCA Officers
- Other important business items
- Tribute to Vandenburg

Registration: 6-7:30 PM Fri. 9/1 or 8-9:30 AM Sat. 8/2. Rounds: 8 Fri. or 10 Sat., 1-7 Sun., 9:30-4 Mon. Time Control: 50/2 Rds. 1 & 2, 40/2 Rds. 3-7; then 25/1.

No smoking or computers. Wheelchair access. MCA membership required (\$12/year; Juniors, Seniors \$6)—no T-options; other states OK. USCF membership or T-options required.

Send entries to Gary Kitts, 1840 Boxwood Lane, E. Lansing, MI 48823 (517) 337-3831. Include check or money order payable to Michigan Chess Assoc., choice of Fri. or Sat. Rd. 1, Open or Reserve Section, MCA expiration date, USCF ID# and expiration date.

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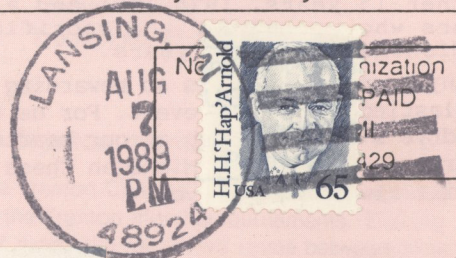
LANSING MINI-SWISS Sun. Aug. 13  
Each Section \$50 1st, \$25 2nd  
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Warm up your moves!  
Aug. 26: Grand Rapids  
\$100 prizes per section!  
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