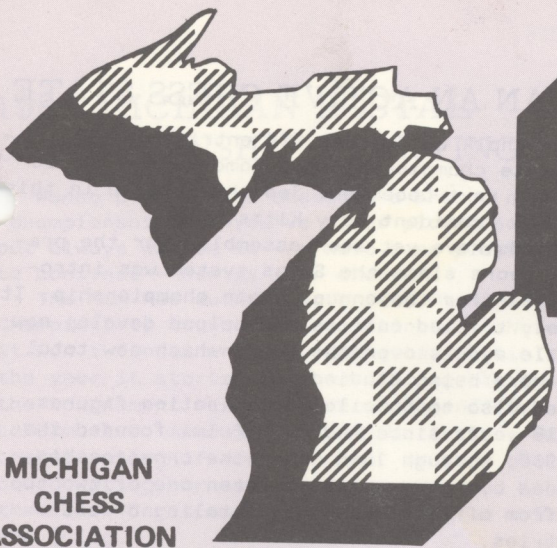


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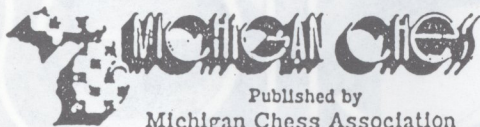
Recognize him? He migrated to America from Europe in 1917, came to Michigan three years later (the above photo was made then) and spent his long life here with outstanding achievements in chess, including almost winning the North American Correspondence Chess Championship. He was Andrew H. Palmi. He and five others will be inducted into the MCA Hall of Fame at the Michigan Open. Stories on pages 5 and 13.

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MAYBE IN OCTOBER, WE HOPE

All reports and photos for the Michigan Elementary Championship, Michigan Junior Championships and the National Elementary Championship in Southfield were not received in time for this issue. We hope they can be published in the October MICHIGAN CHESS.

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MICHIGAN AN ACTIVE CHESS STATE

MCA can chalk up over 11,000 entries in its various state championship tournaments for the 16 years ending next December. See the article in this issue by MCA President Gary Kitts.

No records have yet been assembled for the preceding 24 years since the Swiss system was introduced in 1949 for the annual state championship. It immediately tripled entries and helped develop new state title events over the years which now total 11--with more being studied.

We need also to compile participation figures for the 18 years since Andrew H. Palmi founded the MCA in 1930, through 1948, when the championship was decided by round robins between one or two top players from affiliated clubs, totaling around a dozen entries.

Before his death in 1962 Palmi saw amazing growth, more than 10 fold, in Michigan tournament chess over the early years and was very pleased. He would be thrilled today at the tremendous increase reported by Kitts for the current 16 years.

OUR THANKS TO DONORS

We acknowledge with thanks six more contributions to our Fund Drive, received since our last report, despite the worst batch of rainless hot weather since we've had since becoming MCA editor (for the 2nd time) almost 12 years ago. We've been happy to donate this service (and some money, too) to help establish MICHIGAN CHESS as a permanent function of MCA.

All contributions, any amount (none too small--or too large) are welcome and needed.

Our apology for misspelling the name of Fred Cramer last time. Sorry about that, Fred. Don't know how it got past the proofreaders, since you are one of the prominent chess personalities in the U.S.--a former USCF president, manager of Bobby Fischer's world championship trip, life member of USCF and MCA, etc.

Here are the current donors:

DANIEL T. LIBBY, Dearborn, hasn't played many rated tournaments lately but we are glad he retains an interest in MCA. Thanks for the help.

WILLIAM J. McFADDEN, Battle Creek. Hope he can get back into some tournaments again. Meanwhile, our thanks for the help to MCA.

DAVID R. SUNDEEN, Lansing, has been winning some tournament prizes--and donating 'em to MCA. Thanks, Dave. We hope you hit the big jackpot at the Michigan Open!

MARVIN ROGAN, Chicago has been an annual donor ever since our Fund Drive started back in 1982. Without such help from him and others over the years, this magazine probably would not be here now--at least not in its present form. Thanks for it all, Marvin--and also the many kind words about us.

Jason Wysocki, Grand Rapids. is moving on up and is an expert in his last year as a junior! Being a master is not far away, Jason--less than 200 points. Thanks for the contribution.

THE VANDENBURGS, Eaton Rapids. That's us. We try to give some cash each year because we know it is needed. Wonder if the next U.S. president would donate some mailing postage for MC? Just a thought. Forget it.

1988 MICHIGAN POSTAL CHAMPIONSHIP STARTING

Wanna play postal chess in a brand new Michigan championship? If you've never played postal chess, but always wanted to--or have been playing and want to continue-- now is your chance!

The MCA has authorized a 1988 Michigan Postal Championship tournament, starting now. Naturally, it won't finish in 1988, but gets its title from the year it starts. To enter it, merely send \$7 to the tournament director, Chris Rosenfield, 2520 W. LaPalma Ave, Anaheim Cal. 92801. Include your postal rating if you have one, or your over-the-board rating, or state you are unrated, if that's the case. Chris will send you complete info and get you going.

Read her article on page 12 discussing how many games one should have going at once. Read her Postal Chess column on page 20 for more info.

She is a highly qualified postal player herself, is a USCF Postal Master and was the top rated woman player in the U.S. She'll be a good director.

Obviously, she is also a top chess columnist. MICHIGAN CHESS has been fortunate in having her these recent years. She left Michigan last year for a temporary stay in California, but will return. Meanwhile, she will continue our Postal Chess column and will take care of the new tournament.

Helen Warren, founder and director of APCT, prominent national postal chess organization that organizes and directs postal tournaments and publishes a magazine, donated services to help organize Michigan postal championships many years ago and direct them. She has been doing a great job on it, but had to decline directing another one because of increased other activities and too little free time. She deserves special recognition by MCA for years of help.

THANKS FOR EVERYTHING, PETE!

Our thanks to Pete Nixon, MCA Scholastics Director, for his photos on pages 12, 13 and 16 of the June MC. Thanks again for rushing us photos, I.D.s and other data late in July, which we frantically tried to get into this issue in time--but couldn't quite swing it. Anyway, Pete, we both tried.

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HELP! We Need Club Info!

We urge officials of all Michigan chess clubs to check the list of clubs and data in the June issue of MICHIGAN CHESS. Some are no longer meeting, some have new officers or meeting places, etc.

Please send a postcard (don't phone) immediately to this magazine letting us know whether your listing was accurate or needs changing. If we do not hear from you, the club may not be listed at all.

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We urge all who can do it to contribute to our Fund Drive. Merely mail check marked "Donation" to MCA, 2177 Michigan, Eaton Rapids MI 48827. It's tax deductible.

SIX AWARDS AT MICHIGAN OPEN WILL INNAUGURATE NEW MCA HALL OF FAME

By Gary Kitts

President of Michigan Chess Association

If you have followed the chess scene in Michigan, you are probably aware that the Michigan Chess Association is celebrating its Founders Centennial Year.

Had he lived, Andrew H. Palmi would have been 100 last January 28. In 1930 he founded the MCA in Jackson, where he owned a photo studio. To commemorate his anniversary this year we are sponsoring a variety of special events, and MICHIGAN CHESS is running articles of historic interest. MCA members have responded favorably, and it appears that, for the first time in our history, we'll total over 1,000 entries in our state championship tournaments this year.

The highlight of the year will be the 1988 Michigan Open over the Labor day weekend with over \$3,000 in cash prizes and trophies, plus something new--the Founders Breakfast and innauguration of our new MCA Hall of Fame to honor some who have made significant contributions to the growth, development and prestige of chess in Michigan in by-gone years.

FREE BREAKFAST SUNDAY

Six awards will be made at the Founders Breakfast 9:30 a.m. Sunday, Sept.4, in the Midway Motor Lodge, 7711 W. Saginaw, site of the Michigan Open last year and this year. The program will be unique, another "first" for MCA. Don't miss it.

The breakfast will be free to the first 100 advance entries in the tournament. After that, the breakfast tickets will be \$6 on a space available basis. The initial inductees to the MCA Hall of Fame will be the following:

ANDREW H. PALMI, founder of the MCA in 1930 in Jackson, where he owned a photo studio. Even during the hard years of the great depression, he organized an annual state championship, now in its 58th year and one of the oldest continuous state title chess events in the U.S. Illness cut short his chess activities in the late 1940's. He died in 1962.

FJOLA S. PALMI, his wife 33 years, is the only living charter member of MCA. She served as secretary-treasurer and president in the early years, and was the first Michigan women's champion. The Palmis had many prominent house guests, including George Koltanoski, now known as the Dean of American Chess; Reuben Fine, a U.S. champion and chess author; Herman Steiner and many others. In 1963 Fjola married V.E.Vandenburg, becoming the only woman in the country to have wedded two state chess association presidents.

LEON STOLZENBERG, one of Michigan's best players for some years 20 years and state champion more times than anyone else; also a strong postal player, he was national champion five times in CCLA and Golden Knights events and tied for first two other times. A Detroit pharmacist, he died at 79 in 1974.

GEORGE EASTMAN was another Detroiter, and he too won the state championship many times, always giving Stolzenburg and others terrific battles for the crown. He died many years ago.

V.E.VANDEBURG, editor of MICHIGAN CHESS since 1976, was president of MCA 1948-1971 and founder and president of the Lansing chess club 1944-1971 and now Lansing club president again. He switched to the

Swiss system for MCA events in 1949, founded the Michigan Chess bulletin (our first publication) and developed additional state title tournaments during his 23 years as MCA president. Now 84, he says chess work keeps him young.

J.D.BRATTIN, a youngster in the Lansing club in the 1950's later became an outstanding director, player, organizer and one of the most popular chess personalities in the state. In 1971 he directed the Michigan Open, played in it--and won the championship! He was MCA president 1971-1975. He was well into a brilliant chess career when he died at 42 in a tragic auto accident in 1981.

DON'T WAIT--ACT NOW!

I cannot stress too strongly that NOW IS THE RIGHT TIME to make your reservation for the Michigan Open to get some big benefits: a \$5 discount on the entry fee and a free ticket to the first ever Founders Breakfast and program. There will never be another "first" one. But space is limited, so we can offer it only to the first 100 advance entries. After that, tickets will be \$6 on a space available basis.

Also, by acting soon (before Aug.19) you can get a bargain room rate of only \$40 (for 1 to 4 in room) at the impressive Midway Motor Lodge, the tourney site. That's \$32 below their regular rate. Phone them at (517) 627-8471, and say you are in the chess tournament, or write Midway Motor Lodge, 7711 W. Saginaw, Lansing MI 48917.

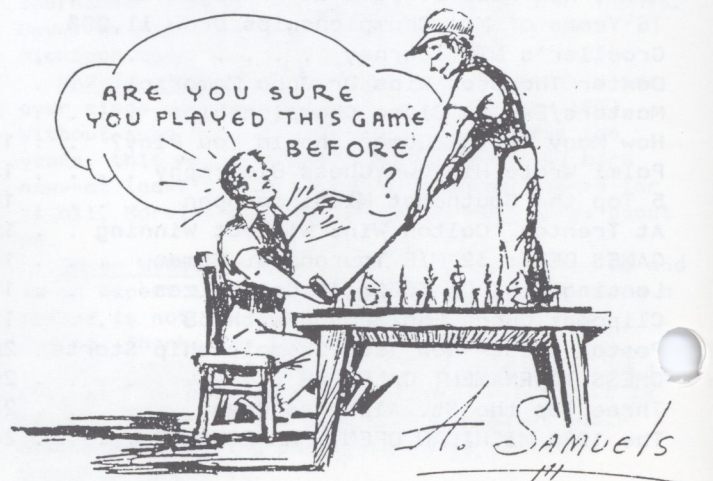
For your advance entry in the tournament, simply send the fee (plus MCA & USCF if needed) to me: Gary Kitts, 1840 Boxwood Lane, East Lansing MI 48823.

THE ANNUAL MEETING

The annual MCA business meeting will follow the Founders Breakfast, open to all. Three Board members will be elected; there will be a vote on a proposed amendment to protect Board members from possible civil actions; and other business, but the meeting will be short and adjourn before 1:00 p.m. for the 4th round.

Don't forget. Make your reservations now for the Michigan Open, the Founders Breakfast--and your room, if you need one.

See you there.



KOLTANOSKI IMPRESSIVE AT NATIONAL ELEMENTARY

George Koltanowski, Dean of American Chess, gave lectures and demonstrations two days at the National Elementary Championship in Southfield April 22 to 24.

A highlight was his famous knight's tour in which, without seeing the easel-mounted large demonstration chess board with a single piece, a knight, he calls out moves to a volunteer at the board until every square has been touched by the lonesome knight and none touched twice. Each square touched was crossed off. But there is more.

Before starting, names of famous players suggested by the audience were chalked onto the squares. When calling out the knight moves, Kolty also called the names of the players on those squares. He can also use audience names, phones numbers, etc., in this amazing memory feat.

In 1981 at the U.S. Open he performed the knight's tour on three boards simultaneously, with different names on each--and starting from a different square on each board. He never missed.

He broke the world record twice for simultaneous blindfold games, and has appeared in almost every country for lectures and exhibitions.

Kolty enjoys children and sent MICHIGAN CHESS the following story about his encounter with one at the National Elementary here in April.

The Challenger By George Koltanowski

There were close to 800 youngsters in the Elementary Championship of the United States in Southfield, Michigan--almost as many as at the Senior High School Championship the week before in Albuquerque, New Mexico.

I was seated at the directors' table in the lobby of the Michigan Inn, many children were playing with each other on boards strewn out on the floor all over the place, and the noise of chattering girls, boys, parents, and spectators was decibel high.

I sat facing the multitude of chessers, dreamily watching some of the boards, when suddenly I was awakened out of my reverie by a squeaky voice loudly saying "Kolt-ta-now-ski?"

Wide awake, I looked at the youngster facing me

across the table and said "Yes." "I challenge you to a game of chess", was his ruthless reply.

I stared at the youngster and looked around. He seemed to be alone. No one else was looking my way, so I assumed he thought it up by himself. "O.K.," I said. "Where is the board and men?"

No sooner said than done. He ran over to a bunch of youngsters, grabbed a chess set and board and had it set up in front of me before I could count 10, then held out a piece concealed in each hand for me to choose my color. I pointed to his tiny right fist. I got white.

"Ho," he exclaimed. "I win mostly with black anyway!" After the pieces were set up I asked his name. He said Craig. To my next question, "Where you from?" he said Elgin, Illinois. "And how old are you?" He said six. I couldn't believe my ears. Here was this young, blond-haired youngster of six challenging me, maybe the oldest person in the whole of Southfield, to a game of chess!

I moved 1. d4. Craig did not hesitate. He kept on moving as soon as I did and made remarks about his moves. Some were real sensible, too. He had me spellbound!

We hadn't made more than about four moves when a throng of parents, children and coaches moved in to see the battle of Waterloo at close range. At the sixth move I stopped the game for a few moments.

"Look, Craig," I admonished. "When you touch a piece you have to move it."

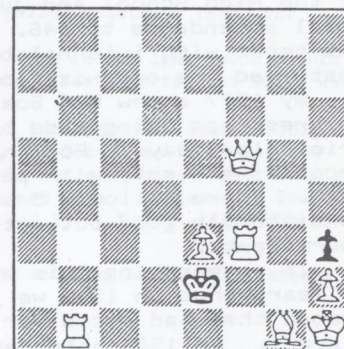
He looked at me with his big, grey eyes and surprised me by saying nothing. So I said "And you cannot resign at any stage. We play though until ONE of us is mated."

Craig smiled. "I never resign. I usually win," was his cool reply!

At the 15th move I was two pieces up. Craig continued to prattle. Five moves later his queen was gone. I moved a pawn to a8. He turned a rook over to designate the pawn promoted to a queen. I said "No, I want a rook." He said "But a queen is worth more." "I know," I replied, "But I like rooks."

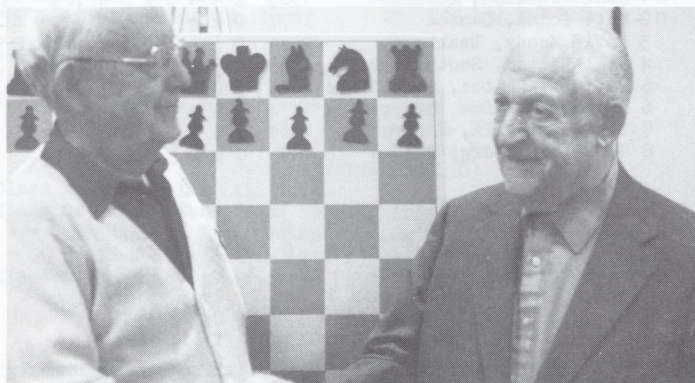
The impromptu audience was enjoying it, but did not yet realize what I was up to, for I appeared to have missed mating young Craig a number of times. A roar went up when in the following position I announced mate in two:

A MATE IN 2
-- for BLACK?



I played 1. Q-c2ch. Black has to play Kxf3. 2. Q-g2ch and black has to play hxg2+ AND WHITE IS MATED! I made as if I were going to fall off my chair. The crowd roared, and young Craig stood there with a bewildered look. He didn't realize what had happened. Thank you for the game, Craig L. Cochrane!!

The chess world will be hearing plenty from and about Craig in the near future.



One of the world's oldest active and most famous chess personalities, George Koltanowski, and V.E. Vandenburg, oldest chess editor in the U.S., met again at the National Elementary Championship in Southfield in April. Both are 84. Van edits MICHIGAN CHESS. Kolty does almost everything in chess--gives lectures and blindfold exhibitions, writes books, articles, has been USCF president, etc.

16 YEARS OF MCA TITLE TOURNAMENTS DRAW 11,000

YEAR	MICH. OPEN	AMATEUR	JUNIOR	SPEED	HI. SCHOOL	JR. H.S.	CLASSES	MAST/EXP	WOMEN	ELEMENTARY	OTHER	TOTALS
73	165	70	199	63	-	-	-	6	-	-	-	503
74	152	62	177	59	32	64	-	-	-	-	-	546
75	132	80	164	45	-	-	-	8	-	-	36	465
76	95	44	124	46	64	60	-	-	-	-	-	433
77	204	52	112	24	72	80	83	4	8	-	-	639
78	187	110	116	40	80	80	88	-	5	-	-	706
79	253	83	107	41	100	76	110	-	-	-	-	770
80	212	104	134	35	124	68	59	-	7	-	-	743
81	164	72	134	23	72	104	35	26	-	-	-	630
82	155	52	97	30	64	132	107	20	7	-	-	664
83	174	58	120	27	48	100	74	15	14	72	-	702
84	181	49	142	27	96	92	65	12	8	72	-	744
85	159	39	160	29	112	88	77	20	24	76	-	784
86	146	43	204	27	112	88	103	24	24	76	7	854
87	200	39	206	19	112	112	83	16	22	160	26	995
88	?	101	218	?	100	112	105	16	?	156	12	???

1988 total estimate over 1,000 Grand total over 11,000

By Gary Kitts, MCA President

Recently I was gathering information on the history of various tournaments for the MCA Founders Centennial. In looking at the data, I discovered that I had an almost complete record of State Championship events. By filling in the missing pieces of the puzzle, I was able to answer an interesting question: what is the largest total attendance at State Championship tournaments in a year? The attached chart tells the tale.

Our story begins in 1973, because in that year the MCA shattered all previous records. It was the peak of the Fischer boom, and the Michigan Open drew 165 players destroying the old record of 98. Even more amazing was the Junior Championship which had 199 players, setting a record which would stand for 13 years. The Michigan Amateur and Speed championships also set attendance records to push total attendance for the year to 503. It was the Association's finest hour, but short lived.

In 1974 attendance at each of these tournaments declined slightly, but the addition of the High School and Junior High events pushed total attendance to 546. In 1975 and 76, the MCA was beset with internal bickering which nearly destroyed the organization.

By 1977 a new MCA Board was formed and progress was being made to return the MCA to its prior glory days. For three straight years new records were set, with peak attendance of 770 in 1979. There followed 5 straight years of consistently good but not record setting tournaments.

In researching this article, I was surprised to learn that in 1985 we just barely broke a record that had stood for 6 years, by drawing 784 players. In 1986 attendance increased to 854, and 1987 smashed all records by drawing 995 to State Championship events.

It seems quite certain that 1988 will be yet another record year. So far attendance is 80 above our record 1987 pace, and I expect the Michigan Open to easily push total attendance over the 1000 mark.

The attached chart should be pretty self-explanatory. It includes only State Championship events which were sponsored by MCA and does not include other events occasionally organized by the Association, such as USCF tournaments or the Motor City Open. There were some gray areas, such as do you count the Jun Sponsors tournament (I said no) or how do you count players in a team event (I said by number of boards per team). I hope you find this information as interesting as I did. Incidentally, I look forward to seeing you at the Michigan Open as we set a new record.

GROELLER MAY BE NTD SOON

One of the qualifications for achieving the status of National Tournament Director (NTD) is direction of a round-robin event of a certain minimum size and strength. Bill Groeller has that ambition, so he organized a little private event at his house on June 11-12. The players quickly dubbed it:

I WANT MY NTD

1 James Jackson, Detroit	1985	x	1	1	0	1/2	1/2	1	1	5
2 Matt Bolda, Canton	1777	0	x	1/2	1/2	1	1	1	1	5
3 David Moody, Dearborn	2071	0	1/2	x	1	0	1	1	1	4 1/2
4 Bill Calton, Southfield	1866	1	1/2	0	x	1/2	1	0	1/2	3 1/2
5 David W. Calton, Southfield	2005	1/2	0	1	1/2	x	0	1/2	1	3 1/2
6 Charles Collins, Harper Wds	1774	1/2	0	0	0	1	x	1	1	3 1/2
7 Dennis Ridella, Warren	1849	0	0	0	1	1/2	0	x	0	1 1/2
8 Steve Rosenberg, Canton	1655	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	x	1 1/2

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
1 Jackson	1/2	1 1/2	2 1/2	2 1/2	3 1/2	4 1/2	5
2 Bolda	1	2	2	2 1/2	3 1/2	4	5
3 Moody	0	0	1	1 1/2	2 1/2	3 1/2	4 1/2
4 B. Calton	1/2	1/2	1	2	2	3 1/2	3 1/2
5 D.W. Calton	1	1	1 1/2	2 1/2	3	3 1/2	3 1/2
6 Collins	1/2	1 1/2	1 1/2	2 1/2	2 1/2	3 1/2	3 1/2
7 Ridella	0	1	1	1 1/2	1 1/2	1 1/2	1 1/2
8 Rosenberg	1/2	1/2	1 1/2	1 1/2	1 1/2	1 1/2	1 1/2

From these two tables you should be able to figure out the round-by-round pairings. A great accomplishment for Matt Bolda, and a fine result for James Jackson as well. I couldn't come all the way back after a disastrous start (look for the story of my game with Jackson in December), and David W. Calton had an awful finish. A decent result for Charles Collins, as well.

---David Moody

'86 State Champ Wins Dr.Gaba Memorial Tourney

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By David Moody

1 Dexter Thompson, Detroit	2241	W21	W 6	W 5	W 4	D 2	4 1/2
2 Ron Finegold, Oak Park	2176	W32	W, 7	W14	D12	D 1	4
3 David Moody, Dearborn	2073	W43	W23	D10	W17	D 8	4
4 Carlton Thomas, Highland Park	2178	W15	W20	W13	L 1	W14	4
5 Frank Helle, Mt. Pleasant	2070	W37	W16	L 1	W26	W20	4
6 Thomas Triplett, E. Lansing	1886	W29	L 1	W36	W15	W12	4
7 Henry Johnson, Detroit	1875	W51	L 2	W33	W19	W18	4
8 Steve Mellen, Troy	1978	W44	W34	D12	W28	D 3	4
9 John Wygrecki, Detroit	2244	- 1/2	D31	W30	W10	W13	4
10 Matt Bolda, Canton	1770	W35	W19	D 3	L 9	W28	3 1/2
11 John Lang, Plymouth	2103	D31	W25	L17	W30	W16	3 1/2
12 Morgan Everett, Detroit	2080	W45	W52	D 8	D 2	L 6	3
13 Ed Williams, Inkster	1995	W48	W24	L 4	W21	L 9	3
14 Rey Santiago, Ann Arbor	1991	W54	W26	L 2	W24	L 4	3
15 Curtis Lewis, Ypsilanti	1623	L 4	W47	W27	L 6	W35	3
16 Charles Collins, Harper Woods	1774	W39	L 5	W34	W22	L11	3
17 Joseph Cummings, Jackson	1914	W46	D30	W11	L 3	D25	3
18 Jim Kulbacki, Lake Alien	2026	W36	- 1/2	D22	W23	L 7	3
19 Paul Bauerle, Dewitt	2035	W40	L10	W32	L 7	W31	3
20 Paul DeRooij, Ann Arbor	1879	W47	L 4	W43	W31	L 5	3
21 Steve Rosenberg, Canton	1655	L 1	W46	W35	L13	W34	3
22 Mark Finegold, Oak Park	2113	D33	W38	D18	L16	W37	3
23 Dennis Ridella, Warren	1849	W41	L 3	W48	L18	W33	3
24 Timothy Powell, Cleveland, OH	1679	W50	L13	W39	L14	W36	3
25 Olaf Haakonstad, Ann Arbor	1862	- 1/2	L11	W44	W38	D17	3
26 Robert McCarter, Ann Arbor	1694	W55	L14	W49	L 5	W32	3
27 Scott Webb, Ann Arbor	UNR	L30	W54	L15	W46	W43	3
28 Fred Kung, Ypsilanti	1907	W38	D33	W37	L 8	L10	2 1/2
29 Mike Davis, Ann Arbor	1311	L 6	L32	W50	D43	W45	2 1/2
30 David Harrison, Ann Arbor	1662	W27	D17	L 9	L11	D42	2
31 Bruce Tobis, Farmington	1538	D11	D 9	W52	L20	L19	2
32 John Endres, Ypsilanti	1573	L 2	W29	L19	W41	L26	2
33 Brian June, Flint	1540	D22	D28	L 7	W47	L23	2
34 Tanapoom Sujarit, Troy	1326	W53	L 8	L16	W40	L21	2
35 Andrew Needleman, Ann Arbor	UNR	L10	W40	L21	W48	L15	2
36 Anita Sujarit, Troy	1471	L18	W55	L 6	W39	L24	2
37 James Falkner, Onaway	1495	L 5	W41	L28	W49	L22	2
38 Mark Fraser, Grosse PointeWds	1645	L28	L22	W53	L25	W49	2
39 Tom Hayes, Ann Arbor	1168	L16	BYE	L24	L36	W46	2
40 Nick Barshay, Cleveland, OH	1473	L19	L35	W51	L34	W47	2
41 Rafai Farjo, Ann Arbor	1224	L23	L37	BYE	L32	W48	2
42 Joseph Pavlovich, Ypsilanti	1509	- 1/2	---	---	W54	D30	2
43 Joe Feldman, Southfield	1505	L 3	W51	L20	D29	L27	1 1/2
44 Sante Rosati, Monroe	1409	L 8	D53	L25	L45	W50	1 1/2
45 Gerald Weinand, Southfield	1519	L12	L49	- 1/2	W44	L29	1 1/2
46 Felix Serwatowski, Taylor	1394	L17	L21	W55	L27	L39	1
47 Tony Kanluen, Troy	1302	L20	L15	W54	L33	L40	1
48 David Sivak, Ann Arbor	1448	L13	W50	L23	L35	L41	1
49 Nate Senlamai, Troy	1244	L52	W45	L26	L37	L38	1
50 Gordon Rosebrook, Warren	UNR	L24	L48	L29	W51	L44	1
51 Ted Kanluen, Troy	1234	L 7	L43	L40	L50	W54	1
52 Frank Dmuchowski, Westland	1850	W49	L12	L31	---	---	1
53 Gary Schweikert, Jackson	1910	L34	D44	L38	---	---	1
54 Andy Lin, Ann Arbor	1435	L14	L27	L47	L42	L51	0
55 Dennis Rickman, Ypsilanti	UNR	L26	L36	L46	---	---	0

PRIZES

- 1st: Dexter Thompson (\$200)
- 2nd, 3rd, Expert, A: Ron Finegold, David Moody, Carlton Thomas, Frank Helle, Thomas Triplett, Henry Johnson, Steve Mellen, John Wygrecki (\$37.50)
- Class B: Matt Bolda (\$75)
- Class C: Bruce Tobis, John Endres, Brian June, Anita Sujarit, James Falkner, Nick Barshay, Joseph Pavlovich (\$7.14)
- Classes DEUnrated: Scott Webb (\$50)

Joe Feldman's first event at Domino Farms in Ann Arbor was a five round Open Swiss, June 25-26, in memory of Dr. Howard Gaba. He got a decent attendance of 55, led by Masters John Wygrecki and Dexter Thompson, plus 9 Experts. Under the excellent direction of Bill Groeller (would you believe that the first round started early!? well, only by a minute, but still...) things went pretty smoothly, except across the chessboard.

(Actually, I'll remember this tournament the most for the air conditioning. Thank goodness, it was on, with the temperature 104 degrees outside. I got in my car to go home Saturday, turned on the radio, and heard the comforting words: "Good news! The temperature has dropped to 100!" I almost went back.)

With a first round cut at 1655, you wouldn't expect too many surprises in the first round. Indeed, only one higher-rated player lost (Gary Schweikert to Tanapoom Sujarit), but two were drawn: Mark Finegold by Brian June, and John Lang by Bruce Tobis. In addition, #1 John Wygrecki took a half-point bye this round.

Things continued fairly normal in round 2 as well. The one Expert to lose was Paul Bauerle, falling to the once again rising Matt Bolda. In addition, Wygrecki was held to a draw by Tobis, who was quickly establishing himself as a miracle C-player.

Ten perfect scores entered round 3, but only three came out. Dexter Thompson disposed of Frank Helle, Carlton Thomas beat Ed Williams, and Ron Finegold disposed of Rey Santiago, a newcomer to Michigan. Board 4 saw a hard draw between Everett and Mellen, while I drew quickly with Matt Bolda. In other news, Mark Finegold drew with Kulbacki in probably the wildest game of the tournament, while Wygrecki finally won a game. And Bruce Tobis, matched with a mere A-player in Frank Dmuchowski, broke his draw string with a victory.

The Laws of The Swiss System pitted Thompson and Thomas on board 1, and Dexter kept on top the whole way to victory. Ron Finegold had a chance to keep up, but drew a tough game with a tough player in Morgan Everett. Ron was joined on 3 1/2 by Moody (a tough, and lucky win over Joseph Cummings) and Steve Mellen (who bagged a Fred Kung piece early). Matt Bolda was fed to a rampaging Wygrecki, and fell off the pace.

So, Ron Finegold--Dexter Thompson in round 5; should Ron win or draw, Moody and Mellen have a chance to tie for first with a win. Moody and Mellen are chicken, and settle for a quick draw and the sure four-points.

Ron was not chicken, though. Disdaining a draw offer, he plowed ahead, gaining the initiative and converting it into material. However, in one of the last games to finish, Thompson held the draw and sole first place at 4 1/2.

A large congregation joined Finegold, Moody and Mellen at 4. Carlton Thomas defeated Santiago, Frank Helle beat an A-player, the rampaging Wygrecki joined the fun, while Tom Triplett and Henry Johnson pulled upsets to reach the charmed circle.

Matt Bolda knocked off Kung in the last round to win the B-prize, everyone won the Class C prize, and Scott Webb was the best in DEU.

And let us not forget Bruce Tobis. Paul DeRooij ended his run in round 4, but Tobis was up to his old tricks against Paul Bauerle in round five. Just when he had a sure win, Bruce queened a pawn instead and lost to a mating combination sparked by ...Kg3+. Augghhhh, to coin a word.

Games from this event will be in the next issue's games department.

HART PLAZA OPEN in DETROIT

The Big October Tournament with Big Prizes. See Page 22.

MASTERS/EXPERTS & CLASS CHAMPIONSHIPS

Grand Rapids May 28-29

Reports by David Moody

David Hahn Is M/E Champ

1 David Hahn, Saginaw	2249	D12	W 5	W10	W 4	3½
2 Kurt Stein, Chicago, IL	2211	W13	D15	W 6	D 3	3
3 Eric Fischvogt, Kentwood	2299	D 5	W 8	D 4	D 2	2½
4 Peter Gilruth, Tucson, AZ	2331	W15	W 7	D 3	L 1	2½
5 Carlton Thomas, Highland Park	2124	D 3	L 1	W12	W10	2½
6 Kevin Czuhai, Grand Rapids	2248	D 9	W12	L 2	W11	2½
7 Thomas Ward, Midland	2076	W16	L 4	W11	D 8	2½
8 Greg Bailey, Cheboygan	2038	W14	L 3	W13	D 7	2½
9 Morgan Everett, Detroit	2080	D 6	L10	W14	W13	2½
10 Robin Cunningham, Ann Arbor	2226	D11	W 9	L 1	L 5	1½
11 David Moody, Dearborn	2071	D10	W16	L 7	L 6	1½
12 Gary Kitts, Lansing	2101	D 1	L 6	L 5	D14	1
13 Jim Kulbacki, Lurk Orion	2046	L 2	W14	L 8	L 9	1
14 George Turner, Detroit	2153	L 8	L13	L 9	D12	1
15 Bill Groeller, Detroit	2142	L 4	D 2	---	---	0
16 Dexter Thompson, Detroit	2241	L 7	L11	---	---	0

PRIZES

- 1st: David Hahn (\$400 + Trophy)
 2nd: Kurt Stein (\$175)
 Expert: Carlton Thomas (+ Trophy), Thomas Ward, Greg Bailey, Morgan Everett (\$44)

Moving the Masters/Experts and Class Championships to Grand Rapids was perceived as a bit of a gamble on MCA's part, since that part of the state draws traditionally fewer players than the Detroit area or Lansing. However, under the leadership of Jeff Boes and Glenn Good, Grand Rapids is reorganizing and bidding to become a force in Michigan chess.

The excellent turnout, then, was good news for both Grand Rapids and for Michigan Chess in general. 106 players in the Class (third-largest in history) and 16 players in the M/EX gave a total of 122, behind only Southfield 1982 (130) and Dearborn 1986 (127).

So, with a standing ovation for directors Boes and Good, who kept matters on track most of the way, it's on to the action.

ROUND 1

1 Peter Gilruth (2331)	1 Bill Groeller (2142)
2 Carlton Thomas (2124)	½ Eric Fischvogt (2299)
3 David Hahn (2249)	½ Gary Kitts (2101)
4 Morgan Everett (2080)	½ Kevin Czuhai (2224)
5 Dexter Thompson (2241)	0 Tom Ward (2076)
6 David Moody (2071)	½ Robin Cunningham (2226)
7 Kurt Stein (2211)	1 Jim Kulbacki (2046)
8 Greg Bailey (2038)	1 George Turner (2153)

Though a smaller than average MEX, this was a good strong crop with an average rating of 2163. The only unfamiliar name is Gilruth; he's actually from Arizona, and was visiting relatives in Chicago when Kurt Stein talked him into playing in the MEX. In his first game, he got into trouble when Groeller was able to survive the mid-dlegame, then win two pieces and a rook for the queen. The game was eventually adjourned with both players claiming to be playing for a win, and paired as such; eventually, Bill blundered a piece in a drawn position.

Almost half of the event's draws were played in this round, but most were interesting. Thomas sacrificed material to force Fischvogt into taking a perpetual check. Hahn and Kitts fought down to opposite colored bishops. Everett and Czuhai agreed to split in a very complicated position which could have gone either way.

Upsets Former Open Champion

The big upset was Thompson--Ward. Dexter played the opening very artificially, and Ward seized the opportunity to sack his queen for a long-running attack which picked up material along the way.

Moody--Cunningham was pretty close to the vest. Stein totally crushed Kulbacki's French Defense; according to Greg Bailey, Black's mistake was castling kingside. Speaking of Greg, he snatched an exchange which grew into a full piece as Turner wriggled. Then Bailey gave back the piece for three pawns, and coasted home.

Standing after one round:

- 1 : Gilruth, Stein, Ward, Bailey
 ½ : Fischvogt, Hahn, Czuhai, Cunningham, Thomas, Kitts, Everett, Moody
 0 : Thompson, Turner, Groeller (paired as 1 point), Kulbacki

ROUND 2

1 Ward	0 Gilruth	5 Czuhai	1 Kitts
2 Groeller	½ Stein	6 Cunningham	1 Everett
3 Fischvogt	1 Bailey	7 Thompson	0 Moody
4 Thomas	0 Hahn	8 Turner	0 Kulbacki

Saturday ended with Gilruth the only perfect scorer. Ward hung a pawn early, and the rest was technique, though sloppy in places.

Board 2 was one of those games which make you wonder why White ever allows the Benko Gambit. Still, Groeller was able to survive Stein's pressure. However, Bill went on to lose the adjournment to Gilruth and become disgusted enough to withdraw.

Bailey castled kingside in a French, and got crushed by Fischvogt. Hahn sprung an early exchange sacrifice that netted him three pawns (Hahn's Pawns?) which grew to monstrous proportions.

Czuhai got a good opening, and just snatched pawns as the game went on. Cunningham eventually ground down Everett.

Dexter and I both miscalculated a combination; fortunately for me, the winner of the game was the one who made the next-to-last miscalculation. Turner tried an exchange sacrifice to denude Kulbacki's king, but it fell short.

- 2 : Gilruth
 1½ : Fischvogt, Hahn, Stein, Czuhai, Cunningham, Moody
 1 : Ward, Kulbacki, Bailey
 ½ : Thomas, Kitts, Everett
 0 : Turner

ROUND 3

1 Gilruth	½ Fischvogt	5 Kulbacki	0 Bailey
2 Hahn	1 Cunningham	6 Kitts	0 Thomas
3 Stein	1 Czuhai	7 Everett	1 Turner
4 Moody	0 Ward		

A trio of leaders emerged this round. Fischvogt seemed to obtain a bit of pressure, but Gilruth held without too much trouble.

Cunningham offered a piece for a pawn roller; Hahn chose to win a pawn instead and won the game after many adventures.

In contrast, Stein did win a piece off Czuhai; rather, Kevin seemed to sack it. Black made a great fight of the game, and possibly should have held, but Stein managed to find a mating net in the ending.

Ward outplayed me after my optimistic piece placement turned out to be an awkward piece placement. Kulbacki and Bailey both castled kingside, but the game was won on the queenside where Bailey's minority attack left Kulbacki with weak pawns which eventually fell.

Kitts and Thomas played a semi-blocked game in which Gary hung the exchange just as he was opening it up. Everett chased Turner's king around the board en route to victory.

The setting as we go into the big round:

- 2½ : Gilruth, Hahn, Stein
 2 : Fischvogt, Ward, Bailey
 1½ : Czuhai, Cunningham, Thomas, Everett, Moody
 1 : Kulbacki
 ½ : Kitts
 0 : Turner

ROUND 4

1 Gilruth	0 Hahn	5 Cunningham	0 Thomas
2 Fischvogt	½ Stein	6 Kulbacki	0 Everett
3 Bailey	½ Ward	7 Turner	½ Kitts
4 Czuhai	1 Moody		

David Hahn has not always had the best luck in the world; twice he's tied for first in the Michigan Open, but

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the title has eluded him. Here, he picked up an initiative against Gilruth, but would have had trouble winning had not White just totally hung a pawn. Given an opening, Hahn finished off Gilruth powerfully and awaited board 2.

Stein needed a win to catch Hahn, and seemed to be getting it most of the game. Fischvogt hung on, grabbing pawns back here and there, then seized an opportunity to sack a piece and grab Stein's last pawn. Kurt had R+B vs. R, and could have played on a hundred moves or so, but had the good sportsmanship to decline the chance, and agree to the draw instead (much to the relief of the TD's, I'm sure).

Bailey and Ward then were playing for a share of second place as well as the \$175 Expert prize. Bailey had the advantage, creating an outside passed pawn for himself. in a rook ending. Greg then found a creative plan to queen the pawn and win Black's rook, but ended up fighting against four pawns with a lone rook. Nobody thought Ward could hold everything, but he fought hard and was able to force stalemate in the last game to finish.

This made several Experts happy. I had long since blown my chance by playing for a draw against Czuhai, then trying to win the drawn endgame I eventually got. Thomas got in with a win, though; Cunningham missed a cheapo which won a piece, and saw his desperate counterattack refuted powerfully.

Everett beat up on Kulbacki, who castled queenside to no avail. As for Turner and Kitts, well, it had been a long tournament and the room was awfully hot. They left early.

So it's David Hahn picking up both 1st place and the Masters/Experts title for 1988, not to mention \$400 to pump into the Saginaw economy. Kurt Stein took \$175 back to Chicago with him, while Expert ended with a four-way tie between Carlton Thomas, Thomas Ward, Greg Bailey and Morgan Everett. For the second year in a row, Carlton took home the top Expert trophy.

Fischer continued to throw doubt as to his real first name by beating #3 Stan Colonka. Keeping pace were #4 Karl Clark, #5 Tom LaForge, #8 Dairen Braak, and Steven Scott again, who upset V.J. Brattin this round.

Round three saw draws on the top two boards, with LaForge jumping ahead after he actually won his first round adjournment. Tom, however, lost to Clark on board one in the fourth round to fall off the pace; joining Karl on 3½ were Scott (who defeated Fischer) and Braak (who beat the luckless Brattin).

Round 5 saw Braak and Clark on board one, were they played a careful draw. This meant that Steven Scott, who merely started #19 of 21, could clinch first with a win over the fading LaForge. In a wild Sicilian Defense he did just that, maintaining the usual outcome of Class tournaments. Since LaForge was the only three-pointer coming in, nobody could catch Braak and Clark, who thus split second and third places.

Here's the clinching game:

TOM LAFORGE--STEVE SCOTT: 1 e4 c5 2 Nf3 e6 3 d4 cxd4 4 Nxd4 Nf6 5 Nc3 d6 6 Be2 Be7 7 g4 h6 8 g5 hxg5 9 Bxg5 a6 10 Qd2 Nc6 11 00 Qc7 12 f4 Bd7 13 Nb3 b5 14 Bxf6 gxf6 15 Rdg1 Bf8 16 Kb1 b4 17 Nd1 a5 18 Ne3 a4 19 Nc1 Bh6 20 Ng4 Ke7 21 Nxb6 Rxb6 22 f5 Rh7 23 fxe6 Bxe6 24 Qf4 b3 25 Rf1 bxc2+ 26 Ka1 Ne5 27 Qxf6+ Kd7 28 Nd3 a3 29 Nxe5+ dxe5 30 Bb5+ Kc8 31 Qf3 axb2+ 32 Kxb2 Rxa2+ 33 Kc1 Rh3 34 Qg2 Ra1+ 35 Kd2 Qc3+ 36 Ke2 Qe3# 0-1

One of the upsets from the first round:

PAUL DEROOIJ--JIM OWENS: 1 d4 Nf6 2 c4 e6 3 Nc3 c5 4 e3 cxd4 5 exd4 Bb4 6 Bd3 Nc6 7 Nf3 d5 8 00 00 9 a3 Bxc3 10 bxc3 Na5 11 cxd5 exd5 12 Ne5 Ne4 13 Qh5 f5 14 f3 Nxc3 15 Bd2 Na4 16 g4 Nb3 17 Bb4 Rf6 18 g5 Rb6 19 Qf7+ Kh8 20 Bf8 Qxg5+ 21 Kh1 Be6 22 Qxe6 Rxe6 23 Nf7+ Kg8 24 Nxe6 Rg6 25 Be7 Nxa1 26 Bxf5 Rh6 27 Rxa1 Re8 28 Bb4 Re2 29 h3 Nb2 30 Re1 Rxe1+ 31 Bxe1 Rh5 32 Be6+ Kf8 33 Bb4+ Ke8 34 Bf7+ Kd7 35 Bxh5 1-0

One more from the Champ; watch the f6 square.

STEVE SCOTT--GREG FISCHER: 1 e4 c5 2 Nf3 Nc6 3 c3 Nf6 4 d3 e5 5 Be2 Be7 6 Nbd2 d6 7 Nf1 c4 8 Ng3 cxd3 9 Bxd3 Bg4 10 h3 Bd7 11 Qe2 Rc8 12 00 h6 13 Be3 Nh7 14 Bc4 00 15 Rfd1 Qc7 16 Bb3 Be6 17 Nf5 Bxf5 18 exf5 Bf6 19 Nd2 a6 20 Ne4 Rcd8 21 Rd3 Ne7 22 Qg4 Kh8 23 Rad1 Nc8 24 Qh5 Qe7 25 Kh1 Bg5 26 Bxg5 hxg5 27 f6 gxf6 28 Rf3 Kg7 29 Nxf6 Nxf6 30 Qxg5+ Kh8 31 Rxf6 1-0

CLASS CHAMPIONSHIPS

Steve Scott Is Class A Champ

1 Steven Scott, Lansing	1825	W 7	W14	D 3	W 4	W 6	4 ½
2 Karl Clark, Detroit	1963	W19	W11	D 4	W 6	D 3	4
3 Dairen Braak, Dearborn	1908	W 8	W18	D 1	W14	D 2	4
4 Greg Fischer, Des Plaines IL	1884	W10	W 5	D 2	L 1	W11	3 ½
5 Stan Colonka, Livonia	1982	W20	L 4	D 9	W18	W10	3 ½
6 Tom LaForge, Warren	1944	W 9	W21	W15	L 2	L 1	3
7 Jeff Boes, Hudsonville	1902	L 1	W17	W 8	L10	W 9	3
8 Henry Johnson, Detroit	1831	L 3	BYE	L 7	W16	W14	3
9 Walter Almquist, Redford	1857	L 6	W13	D 5	W15	L 7	2 ½
10 Stan Jarosz, Grand Rapids	1998	L 4	D20	W21	W 7	L 5	2 ½
11 Paul DeRooij, Ann Arbor	1871	W16	L 2	D18	+13	L 4	2 ½
12 Michael Koteles, Flint	1814	D13	L15	L16	W20	W18	2 ½
13 Thomas Triplett, E. Lansing	1886	D12	L 9	W20	-11	W19	2 ½
14 V. J. Brattin, Belleville	1919	W17	L 1	W19	L 3	L 8	2
15 Mark Stefanski, Flushing	1909	D21	W12	L 6	L 9	D17	2
16 James Owens, W. Bloomfield	1998	L11	L19	W12	L 8	W20	2
17 Frank Muchowski, Westland	1850	L14	L 7	BYE	D19	D15	2
18 Ken Roberts, Dearborn Heights	1805	BYE	L 3	D11	L 5	L12	1 ½
19 Edward Ball, W. Bloomfield	1867	L 2	W16	L14	D17	L13	1 ½
20 Warren Raftshol, Suttons Bay	1871	L 5	D10	L13	L12	L16	1 ½
21 Alvin Harrold, Pontiac	1842	D15	L 6	L10	---	---	1 ½

PRIZES

1st: Steven Scott (\$164 + Trophy)
2nd-3rd: Karl Clark, Dairen Braak (\$82)

With a turnout of 21 players, the Class A event continued its upswing of recent years. The upsets, as seem inherent in a tournament of this sort, came fast and furious, with three losses by higher rated players in the first round, plus two draws. Even better, both #1 and #2 went down: Stan Jarosz dropped three pawns or so to Illinois Invader Greg Fischer, while Jim Owens lost an interesting game to Paul DeRooij. The other upset came when distracted organizer/director/chief cook and bottle washer Jeff Boes OOPSed one against #19 Steven Scott.

The fun and games continued in round 2, as Greg

Matt Bolda Tops Class B

1 Matt Bolda, Canton	1777	W 7	W17	W16	W 4	D 3	4 ½
2 Delander Johnson, Muskegon	1774	W11	W 6	D 3	D 5	W 9	4
3 James Starr, Muskegon	1624	W18	W13	D 2	W16	D 1	4
4 Mickey Maloy, Detroit	1762	W20	W27	W 5	L 1	W 7	4
5 Raymond Garrison, E. Lansing	1776	W24	W23	L 4	D 2	W 6	3 ½
6 Robert McCarter, Ann Arbor	1694	W 8	L 2	W21	W10	L 5	3
7 Brian Brattin, Coldwater	1676	L 1	W14	W25	W19	L 4	3
8 Alex McNeilly, Lincoln Park	1780	L 6	W15	D10	W12	D13	3
9 Henry Rankin, Alto	1639	W19	L16	W17	W13	L 2	3
10 James Tracz, Farmington Hills	1606	W28	D25	D 8	L 6	W17	3
11 Shawn McIntosh, Erie, PA	1660	L 2	W26	L13	W25	W18	3
12 Ronald Gore, Battle Creek	1637	L13	W28	W23	L 8	+16	3
13 Fred Lahr, Ferndale	1748	W12	L 3	W11	L 9	D 8	2 ½
14 Robert Smith, Davison	1622	L17	L 7	W28	W23	D15	2 ½
15 Ron Grzegorzcyk, Grand Rapids	1694	D25	L 8	D18	W26	D14	2 ½
16 Willie Jordan, Detroit	1759	W22	W 9	L 1	L 3	-12	2
17 Glen Barnette, Detroit	1724	W14	L 1	L 9	W21	L10	2
18 Timothy Ignasiac, Lansing Twp	1734	L 3	D22	D15	W20	L11	2
19 Helio Rincon, Adrian	1759	L 9	W20	W27	L 7	---	2
20 John Griffin, Battle Creek	1658	L 4	L19	W24	L18	W26	2
21 Larry Munger, Byron Center	1615	L23	W24	L 6	L17	W28	2
22 Steve Rosenberg, Canton	1655	L16	D18	L26	D28	W25	2
23 James Ruhlman, Kentwood	1704	W21	L 5	L12	L14	D24	1 ½
24 Daniel Croel, Mesick	1671	L 5	L21	L20	BYE	D23	1 ½
25 John Metzelaar, Ypsilanti	1778	D15	D10	L 7	L11	L22	1
26 Scott Shaler, Saginaw	1775	L27	L11	W22	L15	L20	1
27 Gilbert Pointer, Davison	1666	W26	L 4	L19	---	---	1
28 Henry Thomas, Ypsilanti	1698	L10	L12	L14	D22	L21	1 ½

PRIZES

1st: Matt Bolda (\$200 + Trophy)
2nd-3rd: Delander Johnson, James Starr, Mickey Maloy (\$67)

CLASS CHAMPIONSHIPS

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With 28 players, the Class B Championship takes honors as the largest section this year; indeed, it seems to have been the largest B ever.

Just as in Class A, the top two players had trouble; #1 Alex McNeilly lost to Robert McCarter, while #2 John Metzelaar was held to an uneventful draw by Ron Grzegorzczuk. #3, Matt Bolda, put a stop to that (albeit with a little help from his opponent), but there were still four full first-round upsets. (Included was the runaway winner for Best Pairing of the Tournament: Board 9, Rincon-Rankin.)

Round 2 saw fewer upsets, plus the winner for best comment on a game when Gary Kitts commented about Ronald Grzegorzczuk's game: "Ron's position is hopeless at best."

Only Bolda and #7 Mickey Maloy could survive with perfect scores after three rounds. Their fourth round showdown saw Maloy butcher an ending, leaving Matt a half-point up on #25 (!?) James Starr going into the last round. Further behind, with three points, lurked #6 Delander Johnson, Maloy, #15 McCarter (?!), #17 Brian Brattin (!!), and #23 Henry Rankin (whatever happened to Arpad Elo anyways?).

Well, normalcy reigned in round 5: Johnson beat Rankin, Maloy disposed of Brattin, and Garrison (2½) defeated McCarter. And Matt Bolda, needing only a draw to clinch matters, played the following quiet, normal game to secure his prize:

MATT BOLDA--JAMES STARR: 1 c4 Nf6 2 Nc3 c5 *3 g3 g6 4 Bg2 Bg7 5 e3 Nc6 6 Nge2 b6 7 d4 cxd4 8 exd4 Bb7 9 Bg5 Rc8 10 Rc1 Na5 11 Bxb7 Nxb7 12 b3 00 13 Qd2 Nd6 14 f3 Re8 15 Bh6 Bh8 16 h3 Nf5 17 g4 Nxh6 18 Qxh6 d5 19 h4 dxc4 20 bxc4 Rxc4 21 h5 Bg7 22 Qd2 e5 23 hxg6 hxg6 24 Qd3 Qc7 25 Kf2 Qc6 26 d5 Qc5+ 27 Kg2 Rc8 28 d6 (A calm, quiet scene.) Nxc4 29 fxc4 Rxc4+ 30 Kf3 e4+ 31 Nxe4 Qf5+ 32 Ke3 Re8 33 d7 Rxe4+ 34 Kd2 Qa5+ 35 Kd1 Qa4+ 36 Kd2 (36 Rc2 seems to win, but why take chances?) Rxe2+ 37 Kxe2 Re4+ 38 Kd2 Qxa2+ 39 Rc2 Qa5+ 40 Kd1 Qa1+ (Black can't pin the queen, since 40...Rd4 41 d8Q+ wins. Likewise, White can't vary: on 41 Kd2 Bh6+! 42 Rxh6 Qe1#!) 41 Rc1 Qa4+ 42 Rc2+ ½-½ (Hardly just another draw!)

So that makes Bolda the champ, followed by Delander Johnson, James Starr and Mickey Maloy with 4 points each. Welcome back to Class A, Matt.

Herewith, a few "B" games:

MAX RUHLMANN--LARRY MUNGER: 1 c4 Nf6 2 Nc3 g6 3 Nf3 Bg7 4 e4 d6 5 h3 e5 6 d4 exd4 7 Nxd4 00 8 Be3 Nbd7 9 Bd3 Ne5 10 00 a6 11 b3 Bd7 12 Bc2 Qc8 13 f4 Nc6 14 Qf3 Nh5 15 Rad1 f5 16 Nd5 Kh8 17 exf5 Nxd4 18 Bxd4 Bxf5 19 Bxf5 Rxf5 20 Ne7 Qe8 21 Nxf5 gxf5 22 Bxg7+ Nxc7 23 Rde1 Qc8 24 Qc3 Qd7 25 Qf6 Rg8 26 Re7 Qc6 27 Rfe1 a5 28 Rf7 (Yes, it would have worked here too.) Qc5+ 29 Kh1 Qa3 30 Rxc7 (There it is!) Rc8 31 Rxc7+ Kg8 32 Qg7# 1-0

BRIAN BRATTIN--JOHN METZELAAR: 1 e4 d5 2 exd5 Nf6 3 Bb5+ Bd7 4 Bc4 Bg4 5 f3 Bf5 6 Nc3 Nbd7 7 Nge2 Nb6 8 Bb3 Nbx5 9 Nxd5 Nxd5 10 d4 g6 11 Ng3 Qd7 12 00 Bg7 13 c3 00 14 Qe2 c6 15 Nxf5 gxf5 16 Re1 e6 17 Bd2 Kh8 18 Rad1 Rg8 19 f4 Bh6 20 Qf2 Rg6 21 Kh1 Rag8 22 g3 Nf6 23 Bc4 Ne4 24 Qf3 Nxc3+ (Initiating fireworks; there will be a little point at the end.) 25 hxg3 Rxc3 26 Qf1 R8g4 27 Re2 Rh4+ 28 Rh2 Qd8 29 Qf2 Rgh3 30 Rxc3 Rxc3+ 31 Kg2 Rh4 32 Be2 Qg8+ 33 Qg3 Bxf4 34 Qxc8+ Kxc8 35 Bxf4 Rxf4 (Well, Black got three pawns for the piece finally, but...) 36 Kg3 Re4 37 Bf3 (And the rook is trapped!) Re3 38 Kf4 Rxf3+ 39 Kxf3 Kg7 40 Kf4 f6 41 c4 Kg6 42 Rg1+ Kf7 43 d5 cxd5 44 cxd5 exd5 45 Kxf5 d4 46 Rd1 b6 47 Rxd4 Ke7 48 Ra4 a5 49 b4 h5 50 bxa5 bxa5 51 Rxa5 1-0

JAMES STARR--WILLIE JORDAN: 1 c4 Nf6 2 Nc3 e6 3 e4 d5 4 e5 Nfd7 5 d4 Bb4 6 cxd5 exd5 7 Nge2 00 8 a3 Bxc3+ 9 bxc3 Nb6 10 Ng3 Nc6 11 Bd3 f5 12 f4 Qh4 13 Qh5 Qxh5 14 Nxh5 Nd8 15 h3 g6 16 Nf6+ Kg7 17 g4 fxc4 18 hxg4 h6 19 f5 g5 20 Bxg5! (SPLAT!) Rxf6 21 Bxf6+ 1-0

Fernando Peak Wins Class C

1	Fernando Peak, Highland Park	1562	W15	W13	D	9	W12	W	2	4½		
2	Paul Turner, Battle Creek	1435	W	6	W	4	W22	W	3	L	1	4
3	Gary Fletcher, Flint	1414	W19	W	7	W12	L	2	W	9	4	
4	Richard Neely, Three Rivers	1585	W16	L	2	W10	W	9	D	5	3½	
5	Mark Fraser, Grosse Pte Woods	1521	L13	W16	W	7	W	8	D	4	3½	
6	Michael Venia, Union Lake	1520	L	2	W11	D18	W14	W10	3½			
7	Herman Bloch, Kalamazoo	1465	W23	L	3	L	5	W17	W15	3		
8	Anita Sujarit, Troy	1471	L12	W20	W13	L	5	W14	3			
9	Gerald Batchelor, Grand Haven	1524	W18	W14	D	1	L	4	L	3	2½	
10	Bob Repas, Bath	1483	D11	W23	L	4	W18	L	6	2½		
11	John Haley, Warren	1412	D10	L	6	D23	D20	W19	2½			
12	Gary Keeley, Sterling Hts	1538	W	8	W21	L	3	L	1	---	2	
13	Erik Robinson, Mt. Pleasant	1446	W	5	L	1	L	8	L15	BYE	2	
14	Ray Brewer, Detroit	1426	W20	L	9	W15	L	6	L	8	2	
15	Pramote Sujarit, Troy	1475	L	1	W17	L14	W13	L	7	2		
16	Pat Kezele, Farmington Hills	1476	L	4	L	5	L17	BYE	W20	2		
17	Theodore Gregg, Corunna	1499	L21	L15	W16	L	7	W18	2			
18	Mike Lloyd, Flint	1454	L	9	W19	D	6	L10	L17	1½		
19	Azziem Mohammed, Detroit	1489	L	3	L18	D20	W23	L11	1½			
20	Robert McAdams, Flushing	1490	L14	L	8	D19	D11	L16	1			
21	Randy Underhill, Lansing	1426	W17	L12	---	---	---	---	1			
22	Kevin Russell, Grand Rapids	1562	½-½	---	L	2	---	---	1			
23	Brad White, Detroit	1536	L	7	L10	D11	L19	---	½			

PRIZES

1st: Fernando Peak (\$184 + Trophy)
2nd-3rd: Paul Turner, Gary Fletcher (\$92)

With 23 players, the Class C Championship was running about normal. For the first three rounds, at least, the unpredictable nature of these events came through: the only perfect survivors of the first three rounds were #18 Paul Turner (who beat #1 Richard Neely in round 2) and #21 Gary Fletcher. Following with 2½ were two slightly more favored players: #2 Fernando Peak and #5 Gerald Batchelor, who had drawn in round 3.

The fourth round saw Fletcher lose two pawns and resign quite early to Turner. Batchelor lost a long one to Richard Neely, while Peak pocketed a quick piece to emerge as Turner's sole competition in the final round.

This was a very close, careful game for the first 20 moves, when suddenly Turner planted a knight on Peak's QN3 square. Two moves later, the knight was in Peak's pocket, and the game followed around 35 moves later.

Turner did get the consolation of a tie for second with Fletcher, who capped a good tournament with an upset of Batchelor in the last round. Both took home \$92 and around 65 rating points for a profitable weekend.

The interesting part of the decisive game:

FERNANDO PEAK--PAUL TURNER: 1 c4 Nf6 2 Nc3 g6 3 g3 Bg7 4 Bg2 00 5 Nf3 d6 6 d4 Nbd7 7 e4 e5 8 d5 Nc5 9 Qc2 a5 10 Be3 Nfd7 11 Qd2 Na6 12 Bh6 Ndc5 13 Bxg7 Kxg7 14 00 Nb4 (Holiday for knights.) 15 Ne1 Bd7 16 f4 f6 17 f5 Be8 18 Qd1 c6 19 a3 Nba6 20 Rb1 Qb6 21 Kh1 Nb3?? (Plop, right into the quicksand.) 22 Na4! Qe3 23 Rf3 (and 1-0, 58)

ANITA SUJARIT--ROBERT MCADAMS: 1 e4 c5 2 Nf3 Nc6 3 d4 cxd4 4 Nxd4 g6 5 Nc3 Bg7 6 Be3 e6 7 Be2 Nge7 8 00 00 9 Qd2 Re8 10 Nf3 d5 11 exd5 Nxd5 12 Nxd5 Qxd5 13 Bd3 e5 14 c4 Qd6 15 Ng5 f6 16 Ne4 Qd8 17 Rad1 f5 18 Bg5 Qd7 19 Nf6+ Bxf6 20 Bxf6 Re6 21 Qg5 Kf7 22 Bxf5 (Textbook double attack. Forget the queen, by the way: 22...gxf5 is mate in two for White.) Qc7 23 Bxe6+ Bxe6 24 Qh4 h6 25 Rfe1 Rg8 26 f4 Qb6+ 27 Kh1 exf4 28 Qxf4 Qa6 29 Eh4+ 1-0 (Various disgusting things will happen, like 29...Bf5 30 Rd7+ Kf8 31 Qd6+ and mate next from about four angles at once.)

BOB REPAS--MIKE VENIA: 1 e4 c5 2 b4 d6 3 Be4 e6 4 Nf3 Nf6 5 d3 b6 6 a3 Bb7 7 Bb2 Be7 8 00 00 9 Bb3 cxb4 10 axb4 d5 11 e5 Nfd7 12 c3 f6 13 exf6 Bxf6 14 Nbd2 e5 15 Re1 Na6 16 Bxd5+ Bxd5 17 Rxa6 Qc8 18 Ra3 Re8 19 Ne4 Be7 20 Raal a5 21 bxa5 bxa5 22 Qa4 Nc5 23 Nxc5 Bxc5 24 Rxe5 Rxe5 25 Nxe5 Qf5 26 d4 Rf8 27 f3? Qxe5 28 dxc5 Qe3+ 29 Kh1 Bxf3! 30 Qc2?! (Taking the bishop gives Black at least a draw, but not a win!) Be4 31 Qb3+ Kh8 32 Qd1 Bxg2+ 33 Kxg2 Rf2+ 34 Kh1 Qe4+ 0-1

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CLASS CHAMPIONSHIPS

(From preceding page)

Sam Peppel Is Class D Champ

1 Sam Peppel, Kalamazoo	1300	W12	W10	W7	W6	D4	4 1/2
2 John Mihelich, Kalamazoo	1253	W3	W4	L6	W7	W9	4
3 Buck Allen, Berrien Springs	1342	L2	W14	W20	W8	W6	4
4 Felix Serwatowski, Taylor	1394	W19	L2	W18	W5	D1	3 1/2
5 David Troupe, St. Louis	1380	D14	W12	W11	L4	W10	3 1/2
6 Harvey Venia, Union Lake	1221	BYE	W18	W2	L1	L3	3
7 Allen Rex Allen, Midland	1353	W15	W20	L1	L2	W16	3
8 Jeffrey Prisner, Fowlerville	1232	W17	D11	D10	L3	W14	3
9 Tanapoom Sujarit, Troy	1326	L20	W15	W17	W16	L2	3
10 James Stuart, Grand Rapids	1396	W21	L1	D8	W11	L5	2 1/2
11 Bradley Coontz, Holt	1323	W13	D8	L5	L10	W17	2 1/2
12 Homer Smith, Wyoming	1380	L1	L5	D19	D14	W18	2 1/2
13 Nate Senlamai, Troy	1294	L11	D21	L14	W15	W19	2 1/2
14 Harvey Moore, Royal Oak	1274	D5	L3	W13	D12	L8	2
15 Hassan Mohammed, Detroit	1272	L7	L9	BYE	L13	W21	2
16 Ten Kanluen, Troy	1234	L18	BYE	W21	L9	L7	2
17 Tim Krason, Flushing	1308	L8	W19	L9	D18	L11	1 1/2
18 Chris Jacques, Flushing	1309	W16	L6	L4	D12	L12	1 1/2
19 E. Louis Caron, Kalamazoo	1300	L4	L17	L12	W21	L13	1
20 Richard Meads, Grand Haven	1251	W9	L7	L3	---	---	1
21 Tony Kanluen, Troy	1302	L10	D13	L16	L19	L15	1 1/2

PRIZES

1st: Sam Peppel (\$150 + Trophy)
2nd-3rd: John Mihelich, Buck Allen (\$75)

Usually, you'll see Class D combined with E and Unrated; this year they split away into their own section. The turnout of 21 appears to be good.

There were probably more surprises here than in any other section. Let's show you: after two rounds, there were four perfect scores: #5 Rex Allen, #13 Sam Peppel (who had already knocked off numbers 3 and 1), #16 John Mihelich (defeated #6 and #2), and #21 Harvey Venia, who had gotten a bye in round 1. If that weren't enough, Peppel then defeated Allen while Venia beat up on Mihelich. This meant Sam Peppel, #13 out of 21, winning his first three games against top 5 opposition, actually got paired down to the bottom rated player in round 4.

Rating finally held for once, Peppel gaining a piece early and executing sufficient technique. This put Sam a full point up on the field at three points, consisting of Felix Serwatowski, Buck Allen, Tanapoom Sujarit, Mihelich and Venia.

Round 5 saw Peppel get his needed draw, but only after a long fight in which he was down the exchange most of the way. Considering he faced four of the top five players in the event, we can consider his victory well earned. Mihelich pulled another upset over Sujarit (4 out of 4 against the top seven players!), while Buck Allen joined him in second spot with a win over Venia.

TIM KRASON--TANAPOOM SUJARIT: 1 e4 e5 2 c4 Nf6 3 d3 c6 4 Ne2 Be7 5 Nbc3 d5 6 g3 d4 7 Nb1 00 8 Bg2 c5 9 00 Nc6 10 a3 a6 11 f4 exf4 12 Nxf4 Bg4 13 Qe1 Re8 14 Bd2 Bd6 (White's deployment seems rather awkward, so he opens up the game.) 15 b4 b5 16 Nd5 bxc4 17 dxc4 Be5 18 Nxf6+ Bxf6 19 b5 axb5 20 cxb5 Na5 21 e5 Rxe5 22 Qc1 Nb3 23 Qb2 Nxa1 24 Bxa8 Qxa8 25 Qxa1 (Both queens on QR!!) Bh3 26 Rf2 d3 27 Bc3 Re1+! 28 Bxe1 Bxa1 29 Bc3 Bxc3 30 Nxc3 Qxa3 0-1 (Well, at least he got the QN developed.)

JEFF PRISNER--BUCK ALLEN: 1 d4 g6 2 c4 Bg7 3 e4 d6 4 Nc3 Nd7 5 Nf3 c5 6 Be3 b6 7 Qc2 Ngf6 8 Bd3 Ng4 9 d5 Nxe3+ 10 fxe3 Ne5 11 Nxe5 Bxe5 12 000 00 13 h3 Bd7 14 g4 Qc8 15 Rdf1 Bf6 16 Ne2 a6 17 Nf4 Bg5 18 Qg2 e5 19 h4 Bxf4 20 exf4 Bxg4 21 f5 Bh5 22 f6 Qd7 23 Qg5 Kh8 24 Qh6 Rg8 (Black wins this?!) 25 Rf2 Qa4 26 Kb1 b5 27 cxb5 axb5 28 a3 b4 29 Bc2 Qa7 30 Bd1 Bxd1 31 Rxd1 bxa3 32 bxa3 Qxa3 33 Qc1. (The Retreat of the Light Brigade.) Qb4+ 34 Qb2 Qxe4+ 35 Kc1 Rgb8 36 Qe2 Ra1+ 37 Kd2 Rb2+ 0-1 (It's mate in two: 38 Ke1 Rxd1+ 39 Kxd1 Qb1#)

CHRIS JACQUES--HOMER SMITH: 1 d4 e5 2 dxe5 Nc6 3 Nf3 d6 4 e4 Nxe5 5 Nxe5 dxe5 6 Qxd8+ Kxd8 7 Bc4 Be6 8 Bxe6 fxe6 9 00 Nf6 10 Bg5 c6 11 Rd1+ Kc7 12 b3 Nxe4 13 Bh4 Bc5 14 c3 Raf8 15 Rf1 Nxf2! 16 Bxf2 Rxf2 17 Rxf2 Rf8 18 Na3 Rxf2 19 Nc4 Rxa2+ 0-1

Steve Deerfield Tops E/Unr.

1 Steve Deerfield, Grand Rapids	UNR	W11	W8	W9	D2	W10	4 1/2
2 Kaz Viskantas, Grand Blanc	UNR	D3	W13	W4	D1	W8	4
3 Kevin Gregory, Vassar	UNR	D2	L11	W12	W9	W4	3 1/2
4 Phillip Sella, Kalamazoo	UNR	W6	W10	L2	W8	D3	3
5 David Brayton, Muskegon	UNR	W13	L9	W10	L6	W12	3
6 Glen Shelton, Findlay, OH	1298	L4	BYE	W11	W5	---	3
7 Michael Smith, Grand Rapids	UNR	L10	W12	L8	+13	W9	3
8 Timothy Gilmore, Muskegon	1137	W12	L1	W7	L4	L2	2
9 Tom Shea, Claire	1051	BYE	W5	L1	L3	L7	2
10 Joseph Krzyston, Kalamazoo	1162	W7	L4	L5	W11	L1	2
11 Matthew Venia, Union Lake	1192	L1	W3	L6	L10	BYE	2
12 Robert Knowles, Battle Creek	UNR	L8	L7	L3	BYE	L5	1
13 Matthew Beuche, Grand Rapids	UNR	L5	L2	---	---	---	1

PRIZES

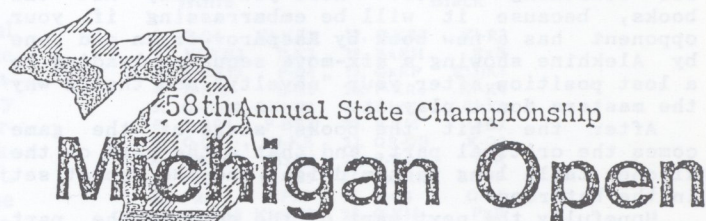
Class E, 1st-3rd: Timothy Gilmore (+Trophy), Tom Shea, Joseph Krzyston, Matthew Venia (\$19)
Unrated, 1st: Steve Deerfield (\$80 + trophy)
2nd: Kaz Viskantas (\$40)

This section did not work out as well as planned, in contrast to most of the others. Only 4 or 5 Class E players (we'll get to that in a moment) and 8 Unrateds, most of whom dominated the section. The average unrated player ends up in Class D, so it probably makes sense to have them all in there: a DEUnrated competitive section, with prizes for each class.

There was a bit of a scandal this year, too. Going into the last round, Glen Shelton, a blind player from Findlay, Ohio, had clinched at least a share of first in Class E. Only now was it discovered that his rating was actually 1298, well into Class D: he had been paired as a 1090, which was his expiration date! Inexperienced hands at the registration desk were suspected rather than real criminal intent on Shelton's part, but he still had to be ejected from the tournament. In consideration of the probability that it wasn't his fault, and that his handicap may have prevented his knowing what was going on, he did get his entry fee refunded.

With Shelton's absence, the Class E race battled down to four players, all of whom ended up at 2 points! Timothy Gilmore of Muskegon copped the trophy. The Unrateds, who dominated the event, were topped by Steve Deerfield and Kaz Viskantas.

STEVE DEERFIELD--TOM SHEA: 1 e4 e5 2 Nf3 d6 3 d4 Nc6 4 Bb5 Nf6 5 Bg5 Bd7 6 Bxc6 Bxc6 7 d5 Bd7 8 c4 g6 9 h3 Bg7 10 Nh2 Qb8 11 Qf3 Nh5 12 Qe3 h6 13 f4 exf4 14 Bxf4 Bxb2 15 00 Bxa1 16 Nc3 Bb2 17 e5 00 18 Bxh6 Re8 19 Qf2 f5 20 exf6 Kf7 21 Qxb2 Re5 22 g4 Ng3 23 Rf4 Qh8 24 g5 Bxh3 25 Rh4 Qc8 26 Nb5 Qf5 27 Nxd6+ cxd6 28 Qxb7+ Qd7 29 Qxa8 Re8 30 Qc6 Re1+ 31 Nf1 Rxf1+ 32 Kh2 (A very exciting game, even though somewhat erratically played. If you're still with me, check out this beautiful win: 32... 32...Rf2+! 33 Kxg3 (33 Kg1 Rg2#) Rg2+ 34 Kf3 Qf5+ 35 Ke3 (35 Rf4 Qd3#) Qf2+ 36 Kd3 Bf5+ 37 Kc3 Qb2#) Ne4?? 33 Qxd7+ Bxd7 34 Rxe4 Ba4 35 Re7+ Kg8 36 Rxa7 Bc2 37 Ra8+ 1-0



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HOW MANY GAMES OF POSTAL CHESS SHOULD YOU PLAY?

By Chris Rosenfield
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So you have decided to play postal chess! You have paid dues to an organization that runs a postal tournament, and started your section. This is fun! Every day the mailman delivers a card or two, you get out your set, play through the game to the current position, study it, mail your reply and in a few days you have an answer. Is this all there is?

A commonly asked question is, "How many games shall I play?" Logically the answer is, "It depends." Depends on how much time you want to spend on your postal games and how much time you want to spend on each move. Divide the available time by how much time you expect to spend on each move and you have a rough answer. If you are playing all U.S. opponents, on the average about 30-40% of your games will move each week. Overseas games go slower. So, if you want to spend about 10 hours a week on your postal games and figure about three hours per move, one section will be just right.

Not all moves take the same amount of time. There is a point in a game where tension is high, the game is critical, you must calculate exactly and if you misjudge, you lose. At this point you may need to spend a whole week on one move, playing with a pocket set while you are in the bathroom, the bus, between classes. You set the position up at night, moving pieces about on the kitchen table, and sometime in the peace of the hours long past midnight, you find what you are looking for! You make out the postcard, perhaps with a few lines of idle chit-chat, and send it on its way to your opponent. You hope the opponent will think the move was something you thought obvious and sent off immediately with little study, and that he won't study the position even harder than you did.

There are also moves that don't take much time. In the early opening you can move almost immediately. The world is divided into people who play 1.e4, others who play 1.d4, and a third group who plays something else. It doesn't take you much time to send off your first move. About move 4 or 5 the game may have reached a decision point, where you have to decide whether to continue with the same opening you have always played after those moves, or go to something else. You hit the books here and play through a bunch of games in opening books, old copies of Chess Life and hopefully a game or two from one of your issues of Michigan Chess. A few moves later you are searching Informants or other collections of games to try to find out whether the move your opponent made is in "book" and if not, does it have merit? Or maybe you are the innovator, and the "book" move seems to lead to a position you don't like and you think you see something better. Here you really hit the books, because it will be embarrassing if your opponent has a new book by Kasparov or an old one by Alekhine showing a six-move sequence leading to a lost position after your "novelty" and that's why the masters don't play it.

After the "hit the books" stage of the game comes the critical part, and that's the part on the kitchen table long past midnight and the pocket set in the bathroom.

Hopefully the next part of the game is the part where you have an advantage and have only to grind out the win. Now you may be able to decide on your move with perfect confidence, and in a few minutes. You still have to be alert to ways you could lose, and be sure it doesn't happen, but the most time-consuming part of the game is behind you. Study is focused on ways your opponent might salvage something. You look for perpetuals and nasty surprises, and try to prevent them. You wait for your opponent to resign. It may happen quickly or you may have to mate him. Nobody likes resigning lost games very much. If you really want it over

with so you can start something else, cut the conversation. You may not want your opponent to hang on just because he hates losing the correspondence more than losing the game! The other side of this coin, and less frequent, is the opponent who gives up too soon. Bobby Fischer liked to watch his opponent squirm. Many postal players also like to savor the victory, and turn their poor opponent on the spit for months. One of the hallmarks of a good postal player is the stability to put up with an inferior position for month after month, then suddenly to find a breakthrough, and with a series of !! moves suddenly have a winning position.

If the game goes into endgame, you are back to the books and studying again. Endgame books are even more valuable for postal chess than opening manuals. There are a lot of good ones with a wealth of information.

Do actual checkmates occur in postal chess? You bet. Usually the mate is part of a forced sequence. Having found it, the winner may give the whole sequence in the form of "if" moves--no point in waiting now. The other thing that happens, although not commonly, is that the loser blunders, and the winner mates on the move when there was no mate in sight before.

The above discussion leads to the point that you can have more games going if you don't start them all at once. Most postal games finish after move 30 but before move 50. If you start a new section when your current games are just past critical, you keep a steady stream of interesting positions. By the time the new section is taking lots of time, the old games should be either over or past the point where each move takes hours.

A section like MCA, where most of your moves are delivered to your opponent the next day, takes more time per week for a shorter period than a Golden Knights section, where your opponents are all over the country, and a lot more time per week than an ICCF section where your games move about once a month, and the games may take several years to complete. You'll find some opponents send next-day moves no matter how complex or critical the position, and others save time in the opening and use it later when the going gets tough. The newer time controls allow this, and if you have a week to spend on the move, and take it, your opponent shouldn't object. If he wants more moves per day, he can enter another section. Use your clock--er, calendar. Trying to play postal at blitz speed is how top otb players get creamed.

Most players start with one section. After you have decided postal chess is for you, you can add more games until you find the most comfortable number. You need enough to maintain interest--so you aren't tempted to take up bridge or something--but not so many as to absolutely panic when all your moves come in at once. There is truth in the saying that "a postcard a day keeps the chess bug alive".

The standard amount of "time out" allowed for a player is four weeks per year. You let the TD and your opponents know ahead of time, and no thinking time is charged to you during that period. This covers your vacation, business trip, whatever. In most groups no thinking time is charged to your opponent, either, so while you are lying on the beach in Hawaii, your opponent has an extra week or two to come up with a lulu. You get back and every opponent has a move waiting for you, most of them mailed two or three days before you were due back, and half or more have !! moves. ICCF uses a different rule: your opponent's time continues to run despite your time out. If you are playing a lot of games, it takes weeks to catch up after a time out! This is a good reason to take games with you on vacation, if you know the dates and the address soon enough.

A couple of years ago I played a man who on

ANDREW HANSEN PALMI



In 1959 Chess Life asked Andrew H. Palmi to write a short chess biography and ran his story, reprinted below, in December with a photo like the one above. He died in 1962. This year MCA is observing the 100th anniversary of his birth.

I was born in Iceland, land of the Midnight Sun, in 1888, not with the traditional silver spoon, but with a chess Knight on which I proceeded to cut my teeth, including the Wisdoms. Icelanders are considered the most literary people on earth, and every home has, besides, a well-filled book shelf, chess sets. Hence, my love for the Royal Game started early in life.

Since coming to this country in 1917, I have devoted a great deal of money and time to the promotion of chess. In 1920, I started the Jackson Chess Club, and during its 39 years existence, I held the championship for 36 years. In 1949, the club honored me with an Honorary Life Presidency! In 1929, I made the first attempt to form a state organization of the chess clubs and groups in Michigan. This undertaking was most difficult and discouraging, but perseverance won out. L. T. Maener, President of the Western Chess Association sent the following telegram, in 1931, quote, "Western Chess Association sanctions the Michigan State Chess Association and their Tournament." This telegram put the stamp of approval on the First Michigan State Championship Tournament, which was held in Jackson, July, 1931.

I have served on the Board of Directors for the Western Chess Association, the American Chess Federation and the U.S.C.F. During 'depression' years, with the aid of Mrs. Palmi, we taught chess in the various schools around Jackson. In 1933 under the U. S. Recreation Program, we taught chess in the Vocational School and our number grew to 128 with ages from 7 to 70. The chess sets were furnished by

the government. I firmly believe, that with teaching the Youth chess, delinquency would be a thing of the past.

I think it was in 1935, that I lost the North American Correspondence Championship Tournament only by 1/2 point. In counting up my score on chess, I rate myself, first: as a Chess Philanthropist for the time, money and efforts spent in the promotion of chess, which has not been in vain. Second: for being a "fair" wood-pusher.

At the present time, I am the Founder, a Past-President and Hon. Vice-Pres. of the Michigan Chess Association, and a life member of the U.S.C.F.

Besides chess, I write poetry and short stories in the Icelandic lan-

guage. This winter, I hope to put the final touches on my MS, and see my poetry in book form.

Due to ill-health, I have taken a back seat and am retired on our farms in Springport, Michigan. Let me point out to you the well-beaten path made by old and new chess friends, who always find the latch-string and the welcome mat out at our home.

I feel that the happiest years of my life were spent promoting chess, and probably the saddest one, when, on account of my health, I retired. While I am not in the "Master's Chess" class, I leave behind me "Foot Prints on the Sands of Time".

NORTH AMERICAN CHAMPIONSHIP (Correspondence)

A. H. Palmi White		Ted Wescott Black	
1. P-K4	P-K3	12. Q-N5ch	K-B
2. P-Q4	P-Q4	13. Q-B6	R-KN
3. N-QB3	N-KB3	14. N-KN5	R-N2
4. B-N5	B-K2	15. N-QN5!	N-K2
5. P-K5	KN-Q2	16. P-R5!	N-N
6. P-KR4	P-QB4	17. P-R6	NxQ
7. BxB	KxB	18. PXRch	KxP
8. P-KB4	N-QB3	19. PXRch	KxP
9. PxP	NxBP	20. RxP	K-B4
10. Q-N4	P-KN3	21. P-KN3	K-N5
11. N-B3	Q-N3	22. N-QB3, and	

This game appears as No. 888 in the book "1000 Best Short Games of Chess" by Irving Chernev.

MICHIGAN STATE CHAMPIONSHIP

Palmi White		Baum Black	
1. P-K4	P-K4	13. P-B4	Kt-K
2. Kt-KB3	Kt-QB3	14. B-Kt2	P-Q3
3. B-B4	B-B4	15. Q-B2	B-Kt5
4. P-B3	P-KR3	16. R-K3	B-R4
5. P-Q4	PxP	17. QR-K	Kt-Kt3
6. PxP	B-Kt5ch.	18. Q-B3	Kt-B3
7. Kt-QB3	Kt-KB3	19. BxKt.	BxB
8. O-O	BxKt	20. R-K7	Q-B
9. PxB	KtXP	21. Kt-Q4	R-K
10. P-Q5	Kt-K2	22. RxR	KtXR
11. R-K	Kt-Q3	23. Kt-B5!	Resigns
12. B-Q3	O-O		

MICHIGAN STATE CHAMPIONSHIP

Hallway White		Palmi Black	
1. Kt-KB3	P-K3	29. P-Kt3	PxP
2. P-QB4	P-KB4	30. PxP	Kt-Kt3
3. P-Q4	Kt-KB3	31. R-K	KR-K
4. Kt-QB3	B-Kt5	32. R(3)K3	RxR
5. B-B4	Kt QB3	33. RxR	P-B5
6. P-K3	P-QKt3	34. R-R3	Kt-K4!
7. R-QB	B-Kt2	35. B-K2	PxP
8. B-Q3	Kt-K2	36. BxP	KtxPch
9. O-O	BxQKt	37. BxKt	BxB
10. Q-RxB	O-O	38. RxB	QxR
11. Q-K2	P-KR3	39. Q-Kt ch	K-B
12. R-Q	P-KKt4	40. B-Q6ch	RxB
13. B-Kt3	P-Q3	41. QxRch	K-B2
14. Kt-Q2	Q-K	42. Q-Q7ch	K-B3
15. P-B3	Kt-R4	43. QxP	Q-Q8ch
16. B-B2	Q-B2	44. K-Kt2	Q-B7ch
17. Kt-B	QR-K	45. K-Kt3	QxKtP
18. Kt-Kt3	Kt-Kt2	46. Q-R4	Q-K4ch
19. Q-B2	P-KR4	47. K-R3	Q-K6ch
20. P-K4	P-KR5	48. K-Kt2	P-Kt5
21. Kt-K2	P-QB4	49. Q-B6ch	Q-K3
22. R-Kt3	Kt-Kt3	50. Q-Kt5	K-B4
23. KXP	KXP	51. Q-Kt3	Q-K5ch
24. PxP	QXP	52. K-Kt	P-Kt6
25. Kt-B3	R-Q	53. QxP	Q-Kt5
26. Kt-Q5	Kt-K3	54. QxQ	KxQ
27. B-B1	Kt(K3)B5	55. Resigns	
28. KtxKt	KtxKt		

MICHIGAN STATE CHAMPIONSHIP

Palmi White		W. T. Adams* Black	
1. P-Q4	Kt-KB3	17. P-KR3	Kt-R3
2. Kt-KB3	P-K3	18. BxKt!	RxB
3. P-KKt3	P-Q4	19. QxRP	R(3)R!
4. B-Kt2	B-Q3	20. P-KR4	Kt-K4
5. QKt-Q2	QKt-Q2	21. KtxKt	QxKt
6. P-QB4	P-QB3	22. P-Kt5	Q-B2
7. O-O	Kt-KB	23. QR-QB	K-Q2
8. Kt-K5	BxKt	24. P-K4	R-R
9. PxP	Kt-Kt5	25. PxPch	QxP
10. PxP	KXP	26. Q-Q4	Q-R5
11. Kt-KB3	KtxKt3	27. Q-Kt6	PxP
12. Q-Q4	Q-B2	28. R-B7ch	K-K
13. P-K6	BxB	29. Q-Q6	Q-R6
14. QxKtP	O-O-O	30. R-K7ch	K-B
15. P-QKt4	QR-Kt!	31. RxB ch	K-Kt2
16. Q-Q4	P-KR4	32. Q-K5ch	Resigns

*Mr. W. T. Adams was twice Michigan state Chess Champ.

TRENTON CLUB'S SOUTHEAST MICHIGAN OPEN

Report by David Moody

July 2-4, 1988

1 David Hahn, Saginaw	2249	W37	W15	W12	W11	D 5	D 3	5
2 Dexter Thompson, Detroit	2228	W28	W10	W 7	L 5	W26	W12	5
3 Steve Wygle, Columbus OH	2300	W23	D18	W21	W29	W17	D 1	5
4 Kevin Noren, Lansing	2233	L24	W59	W48	W27	W11	W 5	5
5 Paul Poschel, Ann Arbor	2258	W33	W32	W42	W 2	D 1	L 4	4½
6 Nasser Abbasi, Troy	2232	W13	W14	L11	W36	W 8	D 7	4½
7 Peter Linn, Columbus, OH	2089	W39	W25	L 2	W19	W16	D 6	4½
8 Stan Jarosz, Grand Rapids	1960	W38	W16	D17	W40	L 6	W20	4½
9 Jason Morris, Brighton	2006	W47	D40	W20	L17	+42	W18	4½
10 Rey Santiago, Ann Arbor	1973	W60	L 2	W44	D42	W29	W17	4½
11 Mark Finegold, Oak Park	2113	W59	W24	W 6	L 1	L 4	W31	4
12 Nick Adams, Ft. Wayne, IN	2156	W46	W41	L 1	W30	W25	L 2	4
13 Kirk Johnson, Gibraltar	1785	L 6	D39	W51	W57	W27	D16	4
14 Steve Mellen, Troy	1978	W50	L 6	D28	D49	W24	W26	4
15 David W. Calton, Southfie	1984	W52	L 1	L24	W46	W44	W25	4
16 Carlton Thomas, Detroit	2178	W22	L 8	W23	W31	L 7	D13	3½
17 Thomas Harris, Ft.WayneIN	2174	W54	W36	D 8	W 9	L 3	L10	3½
18 Bruce Robison, Lansing	2059	W35	D 3	L40	W28	W33	L 9	3½
19 Eric Choksi, Allen Park	1251	W31	L26	W55	L 7	D23	W44	3½
20 Ron Finegold, Oak Park	2176	W44	D56	L 9	W53	W21	L 8	3½
21 Jim Kulbacki, Lurk Orion	2027	-½	W53	L 3	W22	L20	W34	3½
22 Matt Bolda, Plymouth	1770	L16	D62	W39	L21	W43	W41	3½
23 Raul Selgado, Westland	1904	L 3	W61	L16	W59	D19	W39	3½
24 David Levadi, W Bloomfiel	1811	W 4	L11	W15	L26	L14	W48	3
25 John McDonough, Livonia	1440	W27	L 7	W41	W32	L12	L15	3
26 John Lang, Plymouth	2109	D51	W19	D30	W24	L 2	L14	3
27 David Moody, Dearborn	2037	L25	W52	W34	L 4	L13	W30	3
28 Harold Steen, Detroit	1783	L 2	W38	D14	L18	D45	W50	3
29 Tom Mazuchowski, Ster Hts	2143	D53	W49	W56	L 3	L10	D33	3
30 Tom LaForge, Warren	1944	D64	W51	D26	L12	W35	L27	3
31 Clay Wrocklage, Akron OH	1957	L19	W35	W54	L16	W49	L11	3
32 Richard Lees, Melvindale	2039	W61	L 5	W37	L25	L34	W36	3
33 Lindell Brady, GrandBlanc	1884	L 5	W47	D57	W56	L18	D29	3
34 Thomas Triplett, Lansing	1844	L40	W50	L27	W61	W32	L21	3
35 Manfred McGinnis, Westlan	1488	L18	L31	W63	W37	L30	W49	3
36 Stan Golonka, Livonia	1945	W62	L17	W45	L 6	W48	L32	3
37 Henry Johnson, Detroit	1875	L 1	W60	L32	L35	W47	W46	3
38 Harvey Moore, Royal Oak	1304	L 8	L28	L47	W60	W59	W45	3
39 Duane Williams, Detroit	1508	L 7	D13	L22	W51	W54	L23	2½
40 John Wygrecki, Detroit	2244	W34	D 9	W18	L 8	---	---	2½
41 Bill Calton, Southfield	1917	W63	L12	L25	D45	W53	L22	2½
42 Robert Polk, Taylor	2160	W45	W55	L 5	D10	- 9	---	2½
43 Paul Mocerri, Westland	UNR	L55	L45	W60	D54	L22	W59	2½
44 Charles Collins, HarperWd	1769	L20	W65	L10	W47	L15	L19	2
45 Mark Fraser, Gr Pte Woods	1645	L42	W43	L36	D41	D28	L38	2
46 Richard Neely, Three Rive	1585	L12	L57	W50	L15	W52	L37	2
47 Ray Brewer, Detroit	1416	L 9	L33	W38	L44	L37	W62	2
48 Pete Nixon, Grosse Ile	1577	W57	-½	L 4	D55	L36	L24	2
49 John Griffin, BattleCreek	1655	-½	L29	W62	D14	L31	L35	2
50 John Suess, Toledo OH	1396	L14	L34	L46	W62	W61	L28	2
51 John Andres, Ypsilanti	1516	D26	L30	L13	L39	D62	W60	2
52 Derreck Sturgis, Hamtramc	1338	L15	L27	L59	BYE	L46	W61	2
53 James Group, Union Lake	1580	D29	L21	W58	L20	L41	---	1½
54 Steve Rosenberg, Canton	1722	L17	W63	L31	D43	L39	---	1½
55 Steve Conley, Newport	1916	W43	L42	L19	D48	---	---	1½
56 Lary Rust, Cleveland OH	1942	W65	D20	L29	L33	---	---	1½
57 John Dupree, Monroe	2119	L48	W46	D33	L13	---	---	1½
58 Ken Roberts, Dbn Heights	1797	-½	---	L53	---	---	W63	1½
59 Joseph Pavlovich, Ypsi	1552	L11	L 4	W52	L23	L38	L43	1
60 David A. Calton, Southfie	1410	L10	L37	L43	L38	W63	L51	1
61 Felix Serwatowski, Taylor	1459	L32	L23	W65	L34	L50	L52	1
62 Anthony Witkowski, Westlan	UNR	L36	D22	L49	L50	D51	L47	1
63 Ted Stanulis, Allen Park	UNR	L41	L54	L35	-½	L60	L58	1
64 Ed Koster, Ypsilanti	2141	D30	---	---	---	---	---	1
65 Donald Robinson, Romulus	UNR	L56	L44	L61	---	---	---	0

Organized by: Trenton Chess Club, Ken Roberts, Don Ruark
 Director: Bill Groeller, assisted by Roberts and Ruark

PRIZES

1st-4th: David Hahn, Dexter Thompson, Steve Wygle, Kevin Noren (\$275)
 5th-8th, 1st-2nd A: Paul Poschel, Nassar Abbasi, Peter Linn, Stan Jarosz, Jason Morris, Rey Santiago, (\$95)

It's been several years since a Southeast Michigan Open was held, and the Trenton Chess Club was anxious to restart the tradition. Led by Ken Roberts and Donald Ruark, they located an excellent site in the Wayne Recreation Center (airconditioned!!). They put up a large, guaranteed prize fund, and arranged to have the event well publicized with flyers and magazine ads.

Everything was beautifully set up, with room for over 125 people easily, with plenty of space to move around. And then, only 65 people (including a couple of fill-ins) showed up to play, when 80-100 were expected. Bummer; it'll take a bunch of Trenton Quads to pay this one off.

The perils of organizing. Well, at least the planning paid off, and the event went on without too many hassles. Director Bill Groeller again got the first round started on time, and only a couple of nasty adjournments and inconvenient withdrawals delayed things later. Seven Masters showed up, along with 16 Experts, top-heavying the tournament to a first round cut of 1904. This will not be easy.

ROUND 1

Things started quickly. Board 5 saw a huge upset, Kevin Noren playing just an awful game and eventually hanging a piece to David Levadi (1811). The other six Masters (Steve Wygle from Columbus, OH, Paul Poschel, new Masters/Experts champion David Hahn, John Wygrecki, Nasser Abbasi and Dexter Thompson) all came away with wins.

Several Experts bit the dust. Leading the group was John Dupree (2119, but provisional) losing to Pete Nixon. I also manage to hang it to a C-player, losing to John McDonough (1440). A herald of things to come was Eric Choksi (1251) beating up on Akron A-player Clay Wrocklage in a game which won the upset prize.

ROUND 2

With the Masters getting Experts this round, more stinging was expected. Wygle was drawn by Bruce Robison, and Wygrecki by Jason Morris. The biggest full upset was Stan Jarosz beating Carlton Thomas, while other news saw Ron Finegold drawing with Cleveland A-player Lary Rust.

When the dust cleared, only 10 perfect scores remained: Paul Poschel (2258), David Hahn (2249), Nasser Abbasi (2232), Dexter Thompson (2228), Thomas Harris (2174; Ft. Wayne, IN), Robert Polk (2160), Nick Adams (2156; Ft. Wayne IN), Mark Finegold (2113), Peter Linn (2089; Columbus OH), and Stan Jarosz (1960). An ecumenical bunch!

ROUND 3

1 Polk	0 Poschel
2 Hahn	1 Adams
3 M. Finegold	1 Abbasi
4 Thompson	1 Linn
5 Jarosz	½ Harris

It's easy to tell a Poschel opponent: they usually come into the skittles room with a puzzled, how-did-that-happen-I-didn't-make-any-mistakes look. That's what happened to Polk; one minute, his game looks fine; the next, his king has gone up in flames. I'm going to save that game, and others from the SEMO for the next games column; one week is not enough to digest them (I'm writing this just 5 days after the end of SEMO).

Hahn dislocated Adams' king early, and used the resulting confusion to pick up a pawn and win a long ending. Mark

3rd Class A: Steve Mellen, David W. Calton (\$25)
1st Class B: Kirk Johnson (\$100)
2nd Class B: Matt Bolda (\$70)
3rd Class B: Harold Steen (\$50)
1st-2nd Class C: John McDonough, Manfred McGinnis (\$85)
3rd Class C: Duane Williams (\$50)
1st Class D: Eric Choksi (\$100)
2nd Class D: Harvey Moore (\$70)
3rd Class D: John Suess, Derreck Sturgis (\$25)
1st Unrated: Paul Mocerri (\$80)
2nd Unrated: Anthony Witkowski (\$40)
Upset Prize: Eric Choksi (\$30 gift certificate from Adventures in Chess)

SOUTHEAST MICHIGAN OPEN

(From preceding page)

Finegold exploited a faulty exchange sacrifice by Abbasi. Unfamiliar name? Abbasi moved here fairly recently, and was beating everyone at Metro League this year; this seems to be his first weekend tournament in Michigan.)

Linn snatched a poisoned pawn in a queenless middle-game, and got mated somehow. Board 5 was a quiet draw.

Four players joined Jarosz and Harris on 4½: Wygle defeated Kulbacki, Wygrecki's bishops did a job on Bruce Robison, Ron Finegold perpetrated what may have been the worst move of the year against Jason Morris, and Tom Mazuchowski triumphed in a wild game against Lary Rust. John Lang looked like he'd join them, but had to adjourn his game with Thomas LaForge in a weird position: 3 pieces vs. rook and pawn. Easy win for the pieces, right? Stay tuned...

ROUND 4

1 Poschel	1 Thompson
2 M. Finegold	0 Hahn
3 Wygle	1 Mazuchowski
4 Wygrecki	0 Jarosz
5 Morris	0 Harris

Two players jumped out in front. Dexter overlooked a little check that cost him two bishops for a rook, and Poschel just had to apply technique to win it. David Hahn played steadily, annexed a pawn or two to win his fourth straight long endgame.

Wygle stayed hot on their trail by exploiting Black's general lack of development. Wygrecki, trying to break the game open and play for a win, instead created a fatal weakness which Jarosz exploited beautifully. Morris--Harris reminded one of Spinks--Tyson.

Meanwhile, no fewer than nine players lurked in 3 point land. Among them was the incredible McDonough, who claimed his third 450+ point upset in four rounds.

4 :	Poschel, Hahn
3½ :	Wygle, Harris, Jarosz
3 :	Noren (remember him?) Abbasi, Thompson, Thomas, Adams, Mark Finegold, John Lang, Peter Linn, John McDonough

ROUND 5

1 Hahn	½ Poschel
2 Harris	0 Wygle
3 Jarosz	0 Abbasi
4 Noren	1 M. Finegold
5 Thompson	1 Lang
6 Linn	1 Thomas
7 Adams	1 McDonough

This round was pretty much a matter of showing who was boss. Hahn and Poschel played 40 close to the vest moves, before moving back toward the pack. Wygle caught up; Jarosz couldn't, though he had his chance. Up the exchange, Stan fiddled around and allowed decisive penetration by Abbasi's king.

Only one upset further down, and that's not much of one since Linn has held a Master's rating at times. He beat Thomas in 69 rook-and-pawn ending moves, while Noren took 72 of the same brand to beat Mark Finegold. Adams destroyed McDonough, but that was nothing compared to what Dexter was doing to poor Lang (which game I think I'll go ahead and show you: it needs few notes!):

THOMPSON--LANG: 1 e4 e5 2 Nf3 Nc6 3 d4 exd4 4 c3 dxc3 5 Nxc3 d6 6 Bc4 h6 (Oh, no--you can't do this and live against Thompson.) 7 O0 Bg4 8 Qb3 Qd7 9 Bxf7+ Kd8 10 Bxg8 Bxf3 11 Be6 Qe8 (Throne switch, but an unhappy one.) 12 gxf3 Nd4 13 Qxb7 Qg6+ 14 Kh1 Nxf3 15 Qxa8+ Ke7 16 Nd5+ 1-0 (As 16...Kxe6 17 Nf4+ ends the argument. Note, by the way, that 13...Nxf3+ 14 Kh1 Qh5 is no better--17 Nf4+ is still a fork!)

To recap:

4½ :	Wygle, Poschel, Hahn
4 :	Noren, Abbasi, Thompson, Adams, Linn

ROUND 6

1 Wygle	½ Hahn
2 Poschel	0 Noren
3 Thompson	1 Adams
4 Abbasi	½ Linn

Board 1 did have an interesting time sequence. After 10 moves, White had used 17 minutes, Black two. White then thought for 26 minutes, played a move and offered a draw which was quickly accepted.

That gave Poschel a chance to win it all, and with White! There were days when that might have been a sure thing, but not these days. Noren transposed the English into the Tarrasch QGD, one of his favorites. Poschel played for a win, and Noren was able to exploit the position, eventually winning the next-to-last game of the round and tying Wygle and Hahn for first--not bad after losing Rd.1.

Dexter had disposed of Adams decisively. Abbasi and Linn, with first on the line, played a wacky and wild game, going all out all the way, but eventually had to settle for a draw.

The prize fund was large enough that 4½ was worth a good chunk of money. Poschel, Abbasi and Linn all got in there, plus three big upsets: Stan Jarosz, who capped an excellent tournament with an upset of Ron Finegold; Jason Morris, who celebrated his return with a win over Thomas Harris, and and Rey Santiago, win a win over Bruce Robison.

Having a bad Monday with only ½/3 was John Lang. 3 games, you ask? Well, first he got smeared by Dexter. Then, he finally played the 3 pieces vs. rook adjournment against LaForge, and drew after some acrimony. (It's not as easy as it sounds: try it sometime!) Then, he had to face Steve Mellen, who is a bit of a nemesis for him. The jinx continued, Mellen wiping out Lang almost as quickly as Dexter did (and with Black, no less). Why do I have the feeling Lang will stick to 2 day events in the future?

CALTON WINS A QUAD BUT WINS NO GAME!

TRENTON QUADS
May 22, 1988

SECTION 1

1 Bill Groeller, Detroit	2142	x	1	1	1	3
2 David Moody, Dearborn	2071	0	x	1	1	2
3 Steve Conley, Newport	1916	0	0	x	1	1
4 Dairen Braak, Dearborn	1932	0	0	0	x	0

SECTION 2

1 Bill Calton, Southfield	1866	x	½	½	+	2
2 Robert McCarter, Ann Arbor	1694	½	x	½	½	1½
3 Kirk Johnson, Gibraltar	1785	½	½	x	½	1½
4 Allan Foord, Garden City	1779	-	½	½	x	1

SECTION 3

1 Azziem Mohammed, Detroit	1530	x	1	1	1	3
2 Jacob Swartz, Detroit	1526	0	x	1	1	2
3 Steve Rosenberg, Canton	1655	0	0	x	1	1
4 Tom Boldrick, Grosse Ile	1650	0	0	0	x	0

SECTION 4

1 Eric Choksi, Allen Park	1251	x	1	1	1	3
2 Felix Serwatowski, Taylor	1394	0	x	1	1	2
3 Ray Brewer, Detroit	1426	0	0	x	1	1
4 Mike Tanner, Taylor	855	0	0	0	x	0

Section winners received choice of trophy or \$10.
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Directors: Ed Williams, Ken Roberts

Naturally, 16 players is a disappointing turnout. But what interesting results!

I once wrote a little doggerel about players in the UM--Dearborn Club Championship, with these lines:

He'll try to bend mathematical laws,
By winning the tourney while playing all draws.

I never thought I would see it happen until this event came along, and Bill Calton won section two with two draws and a forfeit. In fact, all five played games were drawn.

Even worse, those were the only draws in the entire tournament--all the other sections had six decisive games, points distributed 3-2-1-0. Perfect--that really simplifies making up the crosstables!

By David Moody



GAMES DEPARTMENT

Games, Comments, Etc., Welcome. Mail to:
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Once again I will be using the games column to present all the games from the Masters/Experts Championship. Just a reminder: the first number represents the total number of games, the next two the round and board number.

ROUND 1

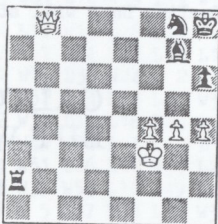
1. (1/1): Peter Gilruth (2331)--Bill Groeller (2142)
English (A13)

1 c4 e6 2 Nf3 d5 3 b3 Nf6 4 Bb2 Be7 5 e3 00 6 d4 b6
7 Be2 Bb7 8 00 dxc4 9 bxc4 c5 10 Qb3 Nbd7 11 Rd1 cxd4
12 exd4 Rc8 13 Nc3 Qc7 14 Nb5 Qb8 15 d5 exd5 16 cxd5 Bc5
17 Nc3 Bb6 18 Qa4 Nc5 19 Qh4 a6 20 Nd4 Rfe8 21 Nf5 Bf8
22 Qg5 Kh8 23 d6 Rcd8 24 Bc4 Ne6 25 Qg3 b5 26 Bb3 Qc8
27 Nd5 Nxd5 28 Bxd5 Bxd5 29 Rxd5 Qc2 30 Be5 Qxf5 31 Bxg7+
Nxc7 32 Rxf5 Nxf5 33 Qf4 Nxd6 34 Rd1 Bg7 35 g3 Be5
36 Qg5 Bg7 37 h4 h6 38 Qf4 Nc4 39 Rxd8 Rxd8 40 Qxf7 Rf8
41 Qd5 Ne5 42 f4 Ng4 43 Qe6 Nf6 44 Qxa6 Rd8 45 Qxb5 Rd1+
46 Kg2 Rd2+ 47 Kf3 Rxa2 48 Qb8+ Ng8 49 g4

BLACK TO PLAY

The game was adjourned here, with both players declaring they were playing for a win! Hence, both were paired as 1-pointers. In truth this is probably a draw, but...

49...Ra3+ 50 Ke4 Ra4+ 51 Kf5 Ra5+
52 Kg6 Ra6+ 53 Kh5 Ra5+ 54 g5 hxg5
55 hxg5 Rf5 56 Kg6 Rc5 57 Qa8 Rc6+
58 Kh5 Rb6 59 Qd8 Ra6 60 Qc7 Bf8 61 Qc8 1-0



2. (1/2): Carlton Thomas (2124)--Eric Fischvogt (2299)
Sicilian (B51)

1 e4 c5 2 Nf3 e6 3 Nc3 d6 4 Bb5+ Nd7 5 d3 a6 6 Bxd7+
Bxd7 7 00 Ne7 8 Re1 Nc6 9 d4 cxd4 10 Nxd4 Be7 11 Nxc6
Bxc6 12 Qg4 00 13 Bh6 Bf6 14 h4 Kh8 15 Bg5 h6 16 Bxf6
Qxf6 17 Rad1 Rad8 18 Rd3 b5 19 Rg3 b4 20 Nd1 g6 21 Qe2
Qxh4 22 Qe3 Kg7 23 Qd4+ e5 24 Qxb4 f5 25 Rc3 Bxe4
26 Rc7+ Kh8 27 Re3 Qg4 28 Rxe4 fxe4 29 Qb7 Qxd1+ 30 Kh2
Qh5+ 1-1/2

3. (1/3): David Hahn (2249)--Gary Kitts (2101)
Grunfeld (D85)

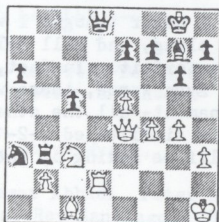
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b6 17 Rhd1 Na5 18 Bb5 exd5 19 Ke2 Bb7 20 exd5 Bxd5
21 Rbc1 Bxf3+ 22 Kxf3 Nb3 23 Rxd8+ Rxd8 24 Rc7 Nd4+
25 Bxd4 Bxd4 26 Rxa7 Rc8 27 Rd7 Rc3+ 28 Ke2 Bc5 29 Rd2
Kg7 30 g3 Kf6 31 Kf1 Ke6 32 Kg2 Rc1 33 Bd7+ Ke7 34 Bb5
Rc3 35 Re2+ Kf6 36 Be8 Rd3 37 Re4 Bd6 38 Re2 Bc5 39 Re4
Bd6 40 Re2 1-1/2

4. (1/4): Morgan Everett (2080)--Kevin Czuhai (2224)
Sicilian (B51)

1 e4 c5 2 Nf3 d6 3 Bb5+ Nc6 4 c3 a6 5 Bxc6+ bxc6 6 d4
cxd4 7 cxd4 g6 8 00 Bg7 9 Nc3 Nf6 10 Bf4 00 11 Re1 Bg4
12 h3 Bxf3 13 Qxf3 Rb8 14 Re2 Nh5 15 Be3 Qa5 16 Rd1 Rfd8
17 Bc1 Rb4 18 g4 Nf6 19 a3 Rb3 20 Qg2 Nd7 21 f4 c5
22 Be3 Rdb8 23 Kh1 Nb6 24 dxc5 dxc5
25 e5 Nc4 26 Bc1 Rd8 27 Qe4 Nxa3
28 Rxd8+ Qxd8 29 Rd2 1-1/2

Final Position

An interesting moment to agree to a draw! Black has to watch out for his back rank, and threats like Qa4; White's down a pawn, and has a drafty kingside. I dunno...



5. (1/5): Dexter Thompson (2241)--Tom Ward (2076)
Sicilian (B22)

1 e4 c5 2 d4 cxd4 3 c3 Nf6 4 e5 Nd5 5 cxd4 d6 6 Nf3 Nc6
7 a3 Bg4 8 Bc4 dxe5 9 dxe5 e6 10 Nbd2 Be7 11 Qa4 Nb6
12 Qb3 00 13 Be2 Rc8 14 Qa2 Qc7
15 b4 Nxe5 16 Bb2 Bf6 17 Rc1

BLACK TO PLAY

White now gets blown out by what looks like a typical Thompson attack.



17...Qxc1+ 18 Bxc1 Rxc1+ 19 Bd1 Nd3+
20 Ke2 Nf4+ 21 Ke1 (Pretty would have been 21 Ke3 Nbd5+ 22 Ke4 Bf5#) Nxc2+
22 Kf1 Bh3 23 Ke2 Nbd5 24 Ne4 Bc3 25 Nfg5 Ngf4+ 26 Kf3
Bg2+ 27 Kg3 Bxh1 28 Qb3 Bxe4 29 Nxe4 Be5 30 f3 Rfc8
31 Qa4 Nd3+ 32 Kh3 N5f4+ 33 Kg3 b5 34 Qa6 Rd8 35 Qa5 Bc7
36 Qxa7 Nd5+ 37 Kg2 Rxd1 38 Qa6 Ne3+ 39 Kh3 Rh1 40 Ng3
Nf2+ 41 Kh4 Rxh2+ 0-1

6. (1/6): David Moody (2071)--Robin Cunningham (2226)
Alekhine (B02)

1 e4 Nf6 2 e5 Nd5 3 c4 Nb6 4 c5 Nd5 5 Bc4 e6 6 Bxd5
exd5 7 d4 d6 8 cxd6 cxd6 9 Nf3 Nc6 10 00 Be6 11 Nc3 Ne7
12 Bf4 00 13 exd6 Bxd6 14 Bxd6 Qxd6 15 Qd2 Rac8 16 Rac1
Rfe8 17 Rfe1 a6 18 Na4 Bg4 19 Re3 Rxe3 20 Qxe3 Bxf3
21 gxf3 Kf8 22 Nc5 Re8 1-1/2

7. (1/7): Kurt Stein (2211)--Jim Kulbacki (2046)
French (C02)

1 e4 e6 2 d4 d5 3 e5 c5 4 c3 Qb6 5 Nf3 Bd7 6 Be2 cxd4
7 cxd4 Bb5 8 Nc3 Bb4 9 00 Bxc3 10 Bxb5+ Qxb5 11 bxc3 Ne7
12 g4 Nbc6 13 Be3 Na5 14 Rb1 Qd7 15 Qd3 Rc8 16 Nd2 b6
17 f4 00 18 Nf3 Nc4 19 Rbe1 Rc7 20 Bc1 Kh8 21 Ng5 Ng6
22 f5 exf5 23 gxf5 Ne7 24 e6 Qc8 25 f6 Ng6 26 Qh3 h6
27 e7 1-0

8. (1/8): Greg Bailey (2038)--George Turner (2153)
King's Indian (E72)

1 d4 Nf6 2 Nf3 g6 3 g3 Bg7 4 Bg2 00 5 c4 d6 6 00 c6
7 Nc3 Bg4 8 e4 Nbd7 9 h3 Bxf3 10 Qxf3 e5 11 Be3 Ne8
12 d5 c5 13 Qe2 f5 14 f4 a6 15 exf5 gxf5 16 fxe5 dxe5
17 Qh5 Nd6 18 b3 Qf6 19 Bg5 Qg6 20 Qxg6 hxg6 21 Be7 e4
22 Bxf8 Bxc3 23 Bxd6 Bxa1 24 Rxa1 Kf7 25 Rf1 Re8 26 Kf2
Kf6 27 Ke3 g5 28 g4 f4+ 29 Bxf4 gxf4+ 30 Rxf4+ Kg5
31 Rxe4 Rd8 32 Re7 b5 33 Re6 bxc4 34 bxc4 a5 35 Kf3 Kh4
36 Rh6+ Kg5 37 Rh5+ Kf6 38 Rf5+ Ke7 39 g5 Kd6 40 h4 Ne5+
41 Ke4 Nxc4 42 Rf6+ Ke7 43 h5 Nd6+ 44 Ke5 Nc4+ 45 Ke4
Nd6+ 46 Kd3 c4+ 47 Kc2 Rg8 48 Re6+ Kd7 49 Bh3 Kc7
50 Re7+ Kb6 51 g6 Kc5 52 Be6 Rf8 53 g7 Rf2+ 54 Kd1 c3
55 g8Q c2+ 56 Kc1 Kc4 57 Rc7+ Kd3 58 Qg3+ Ke2 59 Rxc2+
Kf1 60 Qxf2# 1-0

ROUND 2

9. (2/1): Tom Ward--Peter Gilruth. Caro-Kann (B15)

1 e4 c6 2 d4 d5 3 Nc3 dxe4 4 Nxe4 Nf6 5 Nxf6+ exf6
6 Bc4 Qe7+ 7 Qe2 Be6 8 Bd3 Qc7 9 f4 Be7 10 f5 Bxf5
11 Bxf5 Qa5+ 12 Bd2 Qxf5 13 000 Qe6 14 Re1 Qxe2 15 Rxe2
Kd7 16 Nf3 Na6 17 Rd1 Bd6 18 Be3 Rhe8 19 c4 Rxe3
20 Rxe3 Bf4 21 Re1 Re8 22 Kd2 Nb4 23 a3 Rxe3 24 Rxe3 Nc2
25 Kxc2 Bxe3 26 b4 b5 27 Kc3 a6 28 Ne1 Bf4 29 h3 Bd6
30 Nd3 f5 31 Nc5+ Bxc5 32 bxc5 Ke6 33 a4 bxc4 34 Kxc4 g5
35 d5+ cxd5+ 36 Kd4 f6 37 g3 h6 38 h4 h5 39 c6 Kd6
40 c7 Kxc7 41 Kxd5 g4 42 Ke6 f4 43 gxf4 g3 44 Kxf6 g2
45 f5 g1Q 46 Kf7 Kd7 47 f6 Qg3 48 a5 Qg2 49 Kf8 Ke6
50 f7 Qg6 0-1

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10. (2/2): Bill Groeller--Kurt Stein. Benko Gambit (A57)
 d4 Nf6 2 c4 e5 3 d5 b5 4 cxb5 a6 5 e3 axb5 6 Bxb5
 Qa5+ 7 Nc3 Ba6 8 Bxa6 Qxa6 9 Nf3 d6 10 Qe2 g6 11 Qxa6
 Nxa6 12 Ke2 Bg7 13 Bd2 00 14 e4 Rfb8 15 Rab1 Rb4 16 Kd3
 c4+ 17 Kc2 Rb7 18 a3 Nc5 19 Rhe1 Rab8 20 Re2 Nd3 21 b4
 Ra8 22 Ne1 Nd7 23 Nxd3 cxd3+ 24 Kxd3 Rxa3 25 Kc2 Ne5
 26 Rb3 Ra8 27 Re1 Nc4 28 Bf4 Rc7 29 Rc1 h6 30 Kd3 g5
 31 Be3 Rac8 32 Ne2 e6 33 dxe6 fxe6 34 b5 d5 35 exd5 exd5
 36 b6 Rb7 1-1

11. (2/3): Eric Fischvogt--Greg Bailey. French (C15)
 1 e4 e6 2 d4 d5 3 Nc3 Bb4 4 Nge2 dxe4 5 a3 Bxc3+ 6 Nxc3
 f5 7 Bf4 Nf6 8 Qd2 00 9 Bc4 c6 10 f3 exf3 11 gxf3 Nd5
 12 Bxd5 exd5 13 000 Rf7 14 h4 Nd7 15 Rdg1 Qf8 16 h5 b5
 17 h6 g6 18 Qh2 Rf6 19 Bg5 Re6 20 Ne2 Bb7 21 Nf4 Ree8
 22 Nd3 c5 23 Qc7 Bc8 24 dxc5 Nf6 25 Re1 Be6 26 Nf4 Qf7
 27 Qe5 Nd7 28 Qd6 Nf8 29 c6 Rac8 30 Re2 d4 31 Rhe1 Bc4
 32 Re7 Rcd8 33 Qb4 a5 34 Qxa5 Ra8 35 Rxf7 1-0

12. (2/4): Carlton Thomas--David Hahn. Pirc (B08)
 1 e4 g6 2 d4 Bg7 3 Nc3 d6 4 Bc4 Nc6 5 Nf3 Nf6 6 Bg5 00
 7 Qd2 Nxe4 8 Nxe4 d5 9 Ng3 dxc4 10 Bh6 Nxd4 11 Nxd4 Qxd4
 12 Qxd4 Bxd4 13 Bxf8 Bxb2 14 Rd1 Kxf8 15 Rd8+ Kg7 16 Kd2
 b6 17 Re1 Bf6 18 Ne4 Bb7 19 Rxa8 Bxa8 20 f3 e6 21 Nxf6
 Kxf6 22 Kc3 Bd5 23 Kb4 c6 24 Kc3 h5 25 Kd4 c5+ 26 Ke3
 b5 27 c3 b4 28 Kd2 Kf5 29 Re3 a5 30 Re1 h4 31 Ke3 Kf6
 32 Kd2 e5 33 Rd1 h3 34 gxh3 Bxf3 35 Rf1 e4 36 Ke3 Ke5
 37 Rc1 f5 38 Rg1 Bh5 39 Kd2 f4 40 Ng5+ Kd6 41 Rg1 e3+
 42 Kc2 f3 0-1

13. (2/5): Kevin Czuhai--Gary Kitts. Alekhine (B02)
 1 e4 Nf6 2 e5 Nd5 3 c4 Nb6 4 c5 Nd5 5 Nc3 Nxc3 6 dxc3
 e6 7 Qg4 f6 8 exf6 Qxf6 9 Bd3 Nc6 10 Nf3 d6 11 Bg5 Qf7
 12 000 e5 13 Qa4 Be7 14 h4 Bd7 15 Bxe7 Qxe7 16 cxd6 cxd6
 17 Ng5 000 18 Bxh7 Kb8 19 Qc2 Be8 20 g3 Qf6 21 Be4 Ne7
 Rhf1 d5 23 Qb3 Bh5 24 Bxd5 Nxd5 25 Rxd5 Rxd5 26 Qxd5
 27 Re1 Rd8 28 Qe6 Qxf2 29 Qxe5+ Ka8 30 Rxe2 Qf1+
 31 Re1 Qd3 32 Qe3 1-0

14. (2/6): Robin Cunningham--Morgan Everett. Ruy Lopez' (C88)
 1 e4 e5 2 Nf3 Nc6 3 Bb5 a6 4 Ba4 Nf6 5 00 Be7 6 Re1 b5
 7 Bb3 00 8 h3 Bb7 9 d3 Re8 10 Ng5 Rf8 11 Nf3 Re8
 12 Nbd2 Bf8 13 c3 d5 14 Qe2 Qd7 15 Nf1 Rad8 16 Bg5 dxe4
 17 dxe4 Be7 18 a4 Qd3 19 Qxd3 Rxd3 20 Bc2 Rdd8 21 axb5
 axb5 22 Ne3 Nh5 23 Bxe7 Rxe7 24 Nd5 Red7 25 Bb3 Kf8
 26 g4 Nf4 27 Nxf4 exf4 28 Bd5 f6 29 Bxc6 Bxc6 30 Nd4 Rd6
 31 Ra6 Bd7 32 Rxd6 cxd6 33 Ra1 g6 34 Ra7 Ke8 35 Rb7 Ra8
 36 Nxb5 Ra1+ 37 Kg2 Ke7 38 Nc7 f5 39 Nd5+ Kd8 40 Rb8+
 Bc8 41 gxf5 gxf5 42 exf5 Ra5 43 Nb6 Kc7 44 Rxc8+ Kxb6
 45 f6 Rf5 46 Rh8 Rxf6 47 Rxh7 Kc5 48 Kf3 Kd5 49 Rh5+ Ke6
 50 Ke4 f3 51 c4 Rf8 52 b3 Rb8 53 Rb5 Rh8 54 Kxf3 Rxh3+
 55 Kg4 Rh1 56 f4 Rg1+ 57 Kf3 Rf1+ 58 Ke3 Re1+ 59 Kf2 Rb1
 60 f5+ Kf6 61 Ke3 Re1+ 62 Kd4 Rd1+ 63 Ke4 Re1+ 64 Kd5
 Kxf5 65 Kxd6+ Kf6 66 c5 Rd1+ 67 Kc7 Ke7 68 c6 Rc1
 69 Rd5 Rb1 70 Rd3 1-0

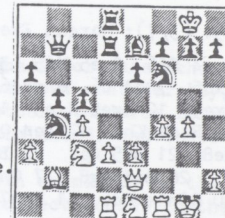
15. (2/7): Dexter Thompson--David Moody. Three Knights (C55)
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 Nxe4 7 Nxb4 Nxb4 8 d4 f6 9 Nh4 d5 10 Qh5+ Kf8 11 Ng6+
 Kg8 12 Nxb8 dxc4 13 dxe5 Kxh8 14 Rd1 Qe7 15 Qe2 Bf5
 16 exf6 Qxf6 17 Qxc4 Nc6 18 Be3 Qg6 19 Qf1-Ne5 20 Bf4
 Ng4 21 Qd3 Re8 22 Qf3 Ngxf2 23 Rf1 Nh3+ 24 Kh1 Bg4
 25 Qe3 Nef2+ 26 Rxf2 Rxe3 27 gxh3 Bf3+ 28 Rxf3 Rxf3
 29 Bg3 Qe4 30 Kg1 h5 31 Re1 Rgx3+ 0-1

16. (2/8): George Turner--Jim Kulbacki. Queen's Indian (E14)
 1 d4 Nf6 2 c4 e6 3 Nf3 b6 4 e3 Bb7 5 Bd3 Be7 6 00 00
 7 Nbd2 d5 8 b3 Nbd7 9 Qc2 c5 10 Bb2 Rc8 11 Ne5 Re8
 12 f4 Qc7 13 f5 Bd6 14 fxe6 fxe6 15 Ndf3 dxc4 16 bxc4
 Bxf3 17 Nxf3 e5 18 Ng5 e4 19 Nxe4 Nxe4 20 Bxe4 Bxh2+
 21 Kh1 Nf6 22 Rxf6 gxf6 23 Rf1 cxd4 24 exd4 Bf4 25 Bd5+
 26 Qf5 Bg5 27 Be4 Qg7 28 Rf3 Rc7 29 Rh3 Rce7 30 Bd3
 Re1+ 31 Bf1 Kg8 32 c5 bxc5 33 dxc5 Qg6 34 Rf3 Qxf5
 35 Rxf5 Rb1 36 Bc3 Rc1 37 Bb2 Rb1 38 Bc3 Re4 39 Kh2 Bf4+
 40 g3 Rxf1 41 gxh4 Rxf4 42 Rd5 Re4 43 Kg2 Rc1 44 Bxf6 Rxc5
 45 Bd4 Rxd5 0-1

ROUND 3

17. (3/1): Peter Gilruth--Eric Fischvogt. English (A29)
 1 c4 e5 2 Nc3 Nf6 3 g3 Nc6 4 Bg2 Bb4 5 Nf3 00 6 00 e4
 7 Ng5 Bxc3 8 bxc3 Re8 9 f3 exf3 10 exf3 d5 11 cxd5 Qxd5
 12 d4 Qc4 13 Qb3 Na5 14 Qa3 b6 15 Bf4 Nd5 16 Rfe1 Bf5
 17 Bd2 Qd3 18 Qc1 Nc4 19 Bf1 Qxd2 20 Rxe8+ Rxe8 21 Bxc4
 Qxc1+ 22 Rxc1 c6 23 g4 Bg6 24 Bxd5 cxd5 25 Kf2 Bd3
 26 He1 Rxe1 27 Kxe1 h6 28 Nh3 g5 29 Nf2 Bb1 30 a3 Kg7
 31 Nd1 Kf6 32 Ne3 Ke6 33 Kf2 Bd3 34 Kg3 f5 35 f4 Be4
 36 h4 fxg4 37 fxg5 h5 38 Kf4 Bd3 39 Nd1 Bg6 40 Ne3 Bd3
 2-2

18. (3/2): David Hahn--Robin Cunningham. English (A14)
 1 c4 e6 2 g3 c5 3 Bg2 Nf6 4 Nf3 Nc6 5 00 Be7 6 b3 d5
 7 e3 00 8 Bb2 b6 9 Qe2 Bb7 10 d3 dxc4 11 bxc4 Qc7
 12 Nc3 Rac8 13 Rab1 Rfd8 14 Ne1 Rd7
 15 f4 Rcd8 16 g4 Nb4 17 Bxb7 Qxb7
 18 Rd1 a6 19 a3 b5



WHITE TO PLAY

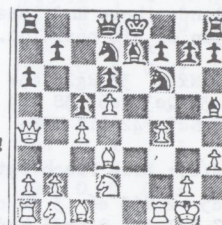
An interesting sacrifice, giving Black a queenside pawn roller if accepted. Hahn prefers a safer course.

20 g5 Ne8 21 cxb5 Nd5 22 Nxd5 Rxd5
 23 e4 R5d7 24 bxa6 Qxa6 25 Rc1 c4
 26 Rxe4 Bxa3 27 Bxa3 Qxa3 28 Qc2
 Qa7+ 29 Kh1 Qe3 30 Qf2 Qh3 31 Qf3 Qxf3+ 32 Rxf3 Ra7
 33 Kg2 f5 34 gxf6 Nxf6 35 Rc6 Ra2+ 36 Rc2 Rxc2+ 37 Nxc2
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 Nh5 43 Rf3 Rf8 44 Ng2 Ra8 45 Ke3 Ra4 46 Rf2 Kd6 47 Rb2
 Ke7 48 Ne1 Ra1 49 Nf3 Rf1 50 Ra2 Kb7 51 Rc2 Rh1 52 Ng5
 h6 53 Nxe6 Rxh3+ 54 Kd4 Rf3 55 Rc7+ Kb6 56 Rh7 Nxf4
 57 Nxf4 Rxf4 58 Rxh6 Rg4 59 Kd5 Ke7 60 Rh7+ Kd8 61 e5 g5
 62 d4 Ke8 63 Ke6 Kf8 64 d5 Ra4 65 d6 Ra6 66 Rf7+ Kg8
 67 Rf5 Kg7 68 Rxxg5+ Kf8 69 Rg1 Ra7 70 Rb1 Ra8 71 Kf6 Ke8
 72 e6 Rd8 73 Rh1 Rd7 74 Rh# 1-0

19. (3/3): Kurt Stein--Kevin Czuhai. Sicilian (B50)
 1 e4 c5 2 Nf3 d6 3 c3 Nc6 4 d4 Nf6 5 d5 Nb8 6 Bd3 Bg4
 7 Qa4+ Nbd7 8 Nfd2 a6 9 c4 e6 10 00 exd5 11 exd5 Be7
 12 h3 Bh5 13 f4

BLACK TO PLAY

There seems no way for Black to save the QB, so he just has to make the best of it. Boy, does he!



13...00 14 g4 Bxg4 15 hxg4 Nxxg4
 16 Bf5 b5 17 Qb3 Nh6 18 Qh3 Nb6
 19 Bd3 Bf6 20 Nc3 Bd4+ 21 Kh1 f5
 22 Ne2 Rf6 23 Ng3 Qd7 24 a4 bxc4 25 Bc2 a5 26 Nf3 Nxd5
 27 Qg2 Qc6 28 Nxd4 cxd4 29 Bd1 Nb4 30 Qxc6 Nxc6 31 Bf3
 Rc8 32 Bd5+ Kf8 33 Bxc4 Nb4 34 b3 d5 35 Bb5 Ng4 36 Ba3
 Rc2 37 Rf1 Nf2+ 38 Kg2 Rd2 39 Rc8+ Kf7 40 Bc1 Rc2
 41 Rxc2 Nxc2 42 Ra2 Nd3 43 Bd2 Ndb4 44 Bxb4 Nxb4 45 Rd2
 h6 46 Rxd4 g6 47 Rd1 Re6 48 Kf2 Kf6 49 Ne2 Re4 50 Bd3
 Re7 51 Bb1 g5 52 Rh1 gxf4 53 Rh5 Re3 54 Rxf5+ Ke7
 55 Nd4 Rh3 56 Rxf4 Rh1 57 Bg6 Kd6 58 Nb5+ Kc5 59 Rf8 Na2
 60 Bf7 Rh2+ 61 Kg3 Rd2 62 Kf4 Nb4 63 Re8+ Kb6 64 Ke5 Rg2
 65 Kd6 Rg7 66 Rb8+ Ka6 67 Be6 Rg6 68 Kc7 1-0

20. (3/4): David Moody--Tom Ward. Sicilian (B91)
 1 e4 c5 2 Nf3 d6 3 d4 cxd4 4 Nxd4 Nf6 5 Nc3 a6 6 g3 e5
 7 Nb3 Be7 8 Bg2 00 9 00 Be6 10 Bg5 Nbd7 11 Qd2 Nb6
 12 Rad1 Rc8 13 f4 Ng4 14 Bxe7 Qxe7 15 f5 Bc4 16 Rf3 Rfd8
 17 h3 Nf6 18 Qf2 Qc7 19 g4 d5 20 g5 dxe4 21 Re3 Rxd1+
 22 Nxd1 Nfd5 23 Rxe4 Nf4 24 Nc3 Nbd5 25 Nd2 Nxc3 26 Rxc4
 Nce2+ 27 Kh2 Qd7 28 Rxc8+ Qxc8 29 Be4 g6 30 Qb6 gxf5
 31 Bxb7 Qd7 32 Bxa6 Qd5 33 Qb8+ Kg7 34 Bb7 Qc5 0-1

21. (3/5): Jim Kulbacki--Greg Bailey. London System (D02)
 1 d4 Nf6 2 Nf3 g6 3 Bf4 Bg7 4 e3 00 5 h3 d5 6 Nbd2 c5
 7 c3 cxd4 8 exd4 Nc6 9 Bd3 Be6 10 Qe2 a6 11 00 Qd7
 12 Rfe1 Rfe8 13 Ne5 Nxe5 14 Bxe5 Bf5 15 g4 Bxd3 16 Qxd3
 Rac8 17 Kg2 Rc6 18 Qg3 b5 19 Bxf6 Rxf6 20 Nb3 Rc6
 21 Nc5 Qc8 22 Nd3 e6 23 Re2 a5 24 Rae1 Qb8 25 a3 Qxxg3+
 26 Kxxg3 Rb8 27 Nc5 b4 28 axb4 axb4 29 Ra1 bxc3 30 bxc3
 Bf8 31 Ra6 Rxa6 32 Nxa6 Rb6 33 Nc5 Bxc5 34 dxc5 Rc6
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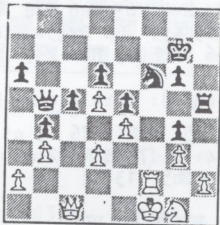
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50 Ke4 Ke6 51 e5 Rh4+ 52 Kd3 Kd5 0-1

22. (3/6): Gary Kitts--Carlton Thomas. Sicilian (B24)
1 e4 c5 2 f4 Nc6 3 Nf3 Nf6 4 Nc3 d5 5 e5 Nh5 6 g3 g6
7 Bg2 Bg4 8 00 e6 9 d3 a6 10 Ne2 Ng7 11 Be3 Nf5 12 Bf2
h5 13 h3 Bxf3 14 Bxf3 h4 15 g4 Ng3 16 Nxg3 hxg3 17 Bxg3
Rxh3 18 Kg2 Rh8 19 Rh1 Rxh1 20 Qxh1 Qa5 21 c3 Qb5
22 Qb1 000 23 Qc2 Bg7 24 a3 g5 25 Re1 gxf4 26 Bxf4 Rh8
27 d4 c4 28 g5 Na5 29 Re2 Qe8 30 Kg3 Nc6 31 b3 cxb3
32 Qxb3 Ne7 33 c4 Nf5+ 34 Kf2 Nxd4 35 Qb6 Nxe2 36 Kxe2
Qc6 37 Qxc6+ bxc6 38 Ke3 Bf8 0-1

23. (3/7): Morgan Everett--George Turner. Alekhine (B02)
1 e4 Nf6 2 e5 Nd5 3 c4 Nb6 4 c5 Nd5 5 Nc3 e6 6 Nxd5
exd5 7 d4 d6 8 cxd6 cxd6 9 Nf3 Nc6 10 Bd3 Be7 11 00
dxe5 12 Nxe5 Nxe5 13 dxe5 00 14 Qc2 h6 15 Be3 d4
16 Rad1 Kh8 17 Be4 Qa5 18 Bxd4 Qxa2 19 Qc7 Bd8 20 Qd6
Re8 21 Bd5 Qa4 22 Bxf7 Be7 23 Qg6 Rd8 24 b3 Qb4 25 Bc4
b5 26 Bd3 Kg8 27 Qh7+ Kf8 28 Qh8+ Kf7 29 e6+ Kxe6
30 Rfe1+ Kd6 31 Qxg7 Be6 32 Qe5+ 1-0

ROUND 4

24. (4/1): Peter Gilruth--David Hahn. English (A36)
1 c4 g6 2 Nc3 Bg7 3 g3 c5 4 Bg2 Nc6 5 e3 e5 6 Nge2 Nge7
7 00 00 8 b3 d6 9 Bb2 a6 10 Nd5 Nxd5 11 cxd5 Ne7 12 Rc1
b5 13 Rc2 Bf5 14 d3 Qd7 15 Rd2 Bh3 16 e4 h5 17 f4 Bg4
18 Bf3 f6 19 Rc2 Bh6 20 Bc1 Kg7 21 Bd2 b4 22 Qc1 Rh8
23 fxe5 fxe5 24 Bxh6+ Rxh6 25 Qg5 Rf8 26 Bxg4 Rxf1+
27 Kxf1 hxg4 28 Ng1 Rh5 29 Qe3 Ng8
30 Rf2 Nf6 31 Qc1 Qb5



WHITE TO PLAY

Critical moment here. Black is better, but winning?! It would be hard to prove it, if White did not blunder here and lose the linchpin of his position.

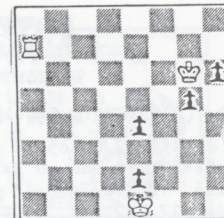
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41 Kb2 Nc5 42 Qf1 Nd3+ 43 Kb1 Qe4 0-1

25. (4/2): Eric Fischvogt--Kurt Stein. Sicilian (B45)
1 e4 c5 2 Nf3 e6 3 d4 cxd4 4 Nxd4 Nf6 5 Nc3 Nc6 6 Be3
Bb4 7 Bd3 d5 8 exd5 Nxd5 9 Nxc6 bxc6 10 Bd2 Nxc3
11 bxc3 Bd6 12 00 00 13 Qh5 f5 14 Rae1 e5 15 Re3 Qe8
16 Qh4 Rf6 17 Rh3 h6 18 f4 e4 19 Be2 Bc5+ 20 Be3 Bxe3+
21 Rxe3 Qe7 22 Kh1 Qc5 23 Qf2 Be6 24 h3 Bxa2 25 g4 Raf8
26 g5 Rd6 27 gxf6 Rxh6 28 Kh2 Kf7 29 Rg1 Rf8h 30 Rxf7+
Kf8 31 Rg2 a5 32 Qg1 Qd6 33 Qf2 Rh4 34 Reg3 c5 35 c4
Rxf4 36 Qe3 Rfh4 37 Kg1 f4 38 Rf2 Qd4 39 Qxd4 cxd4
40 Rg4 f3 41 Bxf3 exf3 42 Rxf3+ Ke8 43 Ra3 Rxf4 44 hxg4
Bxc4 45 Rxa5 Rh4 46 Re5+ Kf7 47 Re4 Rh1+ 48 Kf2 Rf1+
49 Kg3 Rd1 50 Kf4 Bd5 51 Re2 Kf6 52 g5+ Kg6 53 Ke5 Bc6
54 Rf2 Kxg5 55 Rf5+ Kg4 56 Rf4+ Kg3 57 Rxd4 Rxd4
58 Kxd4 1-1

26. (4/3): Greg Bailey--Tom Ward. Catalan (E06)
1 d4 Nf6 2 Nf3 e6 3 g3 c5 4 Bg2 Be7 5 00 00 6 c4 cxd4
7 Nxd4 d5 8 cxd5 Nxd5 9 Qb3 Na6 10 Rd1 Nc5 11 Qf3 Qb6
12 e4 Nf6 13 Nc3 e5 14 Nf5 Bxf5 15 Qxf5 Qe6 16 Nd5 Nxd5
17 Qxe6 Nxe6 18 Rxd5 Rfd8 19 Be3 Rxd5 20 exd5 Nf8 21 d6
Bxd6 22 Bxb7 Rb8 23 Rd1 Bc7 24 Bd5 Rxb2 25 Bxa7 Rb5
26 Bc4 Ra5 27 Be3 Ra8 28 Bc5 Ba5 29 Rd5 Bc3 30 Rd3 Ba1
31 Rf3 Ne6 32 Bxe6 fxe6 33 Ra3 Rc8 34 Be3 Kf7 35 Ra7+
Kf6 36 a4 Bd4 37 Rb7 Rc3 38 Rb8 Bxe3 39 fxe3 Rxe3 40 a5
Re2 41 a6 Ra2 42 Ra8 e4 43 a7 Kg6 44 h3 h6 45 Kf1 Kf7
46 Ke1 e3 47 g4 e5 48 h4 e4 49 h5 e2 50 g5 hxg5 51 h6
gxf6 52 Rh8 Rxa7 53 Rh7+ Kg6 54 Rxa7

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This is the position which kept the kibitzers busy for over an hour. Consensus: White should win, with difficulty.



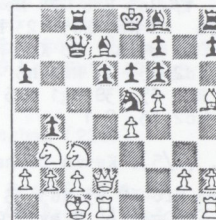
54...h5 55 Kxe2 Kf5 56 Ke3 h4
57 Ra5+ Kg4 58 Ra1 Kh3 59 Rg1 g4
60 Kxe4 g3 61 Kf3 Kh2 62 Rg2+ Kh3 63 Ra2 g2 64 Kf2 Kh2
65 Ra1 h3 66 Rg1 1-1

27. (4/4): Kevin Czuhai--David Moody. Alekhine (B02)
1 e4 Nf6 2 e5 Nd5 3 c4 Nb6 4 c5 Nd5 5 Nc3 Nxc3 6 dxc3
Nc6 7 Nf3 d6 8 Bb5 Bd7 9 cxd6 exd6 10 Bg5 Be7 11 Bxe7
Qxe7 12 00 Nxe5 13 Bxd7+ Qxd7 14 Nxe5 dxe5 15 Qh5 000
16 Qxe5 Qg4 17 h3 Qg6 18 Rad1 Rxd1 19 Rxd1 Rd8 20 Rxd8+
Kxd8 21 Kh2 Qd6 22 Qxd6+ cxd6 23 Kg3 Ke7 24 Kf4 Ke6
25 Ke4 d5+ 26 Kd4 Kd6 27 a4 Kc6 28 Ke5 Kc5 29 f4 b6
30 b3 a6 31 f5 b5 32 axb5 axb5 33 g4 f6+ 34 Ke6 d4
35 b4+ Kc4 36 cxd4 Kxd4 37 Kf7 Kc4 38 Kxg7 Kxb4
39 g5 1-0

28. (4/5): Robin Cunningham--Carlton Thomas. Sicilian (B67)
1 e4 c5 2 Nf3 Nc6 3 d4 cxd4 4 Nxd4 Nf6 5 Nc3 d6 6 Bg5
e6 7 Qd2 Bd7 8 000 a6 9 Be2 Rc8 10 f4 Qc7 11 Nb3 b5
12 Bxf6 gxf6 13 f5 Ne5 14 Bh5 b4

WHITE TO PLAY

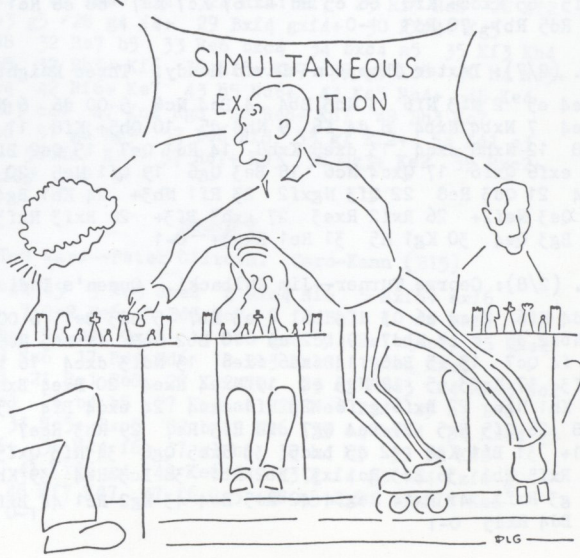
Oops! If the knight moves, ...Bh6 crushes. There's nothing left but desperation, and soon not even that.



15 fxe6 Bxe6 16 Qf4 bxc3 17 Qxf6
cxb2+ 18 Kxb2 Qxc2+ 19 Ka1 Bxb3
20 axb3 Qxb3 21 Rxd6 Qa3+ 22 Kb1 Qxd6
23 Qxh8 Qd3+ 24 Ka1 Qc3+ 25 Ka2 Qc2+ 26 Ka1 Qa4+ 27 Kb1
Rb8+ 28 Kc1 Qa1+ 29 Kc2 Rc8+ 30 Kd2 Nc4+ 0-1

29. (4/6): Jim Kulbacki--Morgan Everett. London System (A48)
1 Nf3 g6 2 d4 Nf6 3 Bf4 Bg7 4 e3 d6 5 h3 00 6 Nbd2 Nfd7
7 Be2 e5 8 Bh2 Nc6 9 c3 Qe7 10 Qc2 f5 11 Bc4+ Kh8
12 000 Rb8 13 Bg3 e4 14 Bh4 Qe8 15 Ng1 b5 16 Bb3 a5
17 a3 Nb6 18 Ne2 b4 19 cxb4 axb4 20 a4 Na5 21 d5 Nxb3+
22 Nxb3 Nxa4 23 Nbd4 Nc5 24 Nf4 Bd7 25 b3 Ra8 26 Qc4 Qe5
27 Bg3 Qf6 28 h4 Ra3 29 Qxb4 Rxb3 30 Qa5 Rfb8 31 Qa2
R3b4 32 Rhe1 Nb3+ 33 Nxb3 Rxb3 34 Re2 Qc3+ 35 Rc2 Rb1+
0-1

30. (4/7): George Turner--Gary Kitts. Grunfeld (D80)
1 d4 Nf6 2 c4 g6 3 Nc3 d5 4 Bg5 Ne4 5 Nxe4 dxe4 6 e3
Bg7 7 Ne2 c5 8 Qd2 Nc6 9 000 Qb6 10 h3 h6 11 Bf4 g5
12 Bg3 Bf5 1-1



LANSING MINI UP 300% FROM JUNE!

14 PLAYERS TAKE HOME PRIZES

After a record low of 11 entries in June, the Lansing Mini-Swiss bounced back with 33 July 9 with 14 players taking home prize money.

THE HIGHLIGHTS: Kevin Czuhai, who frequently wins top prize cash, dropped to a tie for 3rd, with Kevin Noren and Phil Laren tied for the top; Vince Brattin made history with his first \$50 win of a top spot in Lansing; and Jeffrey Prisner, rated 1217 and ranked almost at the bottom of the bottom section, won all three and \$50 for 1st place. Like we always said, players near the bottom can also win. The rules allow it.

Girls can win, too. Jennifer Skidmore was in that 5-way tie for 2nd in the 3rd section. Each got \$9. Will Jenny be state women's champ some day?

Incidentally, Brattin scored his clean sweep while helping direct the event, then sent us the crosstable and the four selected games below with comments. He is good people. ---V.E.V.

1. Kevin Noren	Lansing	2233	W 6	W 5	W 3	3.0	+33
2. Phil Laren	Whitmore Lake	2119	W10	W 9	W 7	3.0	+47
3. Kevin Czuhai	Grand Rapids	2233	W 7	W 4	L 1	2.0	+ 0
4. Nir Cohen	Haslett	2016	W 8	L 3	W 6	2.0	+47
5. Mark Finegold	Oak Park	2113	D 9	L 1	W10	1.5	- 9
6. Paul Bauerle	DeWitt	2052	L 1	W 8	L 4	1.0	- 6
7. Bruce Robison	Lansing	2059	L 3	W10	L 2	1.0	-12
8. Ron Finegold	Oak Park	2176	L 4	L 6	W 9	1.0	-53
9. Caleb Dailey	DeWitt	1948	D 5	L 2	L 8	0.5	-12
10. Jason Wysocki	Grand Rapids	2008	L 2	L 7	L 5	0.0	-51

1. VJ Brattin	Belleville	1863	W 6	W 2	W 4	3.0	+43
2. Ray Garrison	East Lansing	1775	W 9	L 1	W 3	2.0	+15
3. David Sundeen	Lansing	1747	W 7	W 5	L 2	2.0	+41
4. Gary Swathell	Westland	1761	W10	W 7	L 1	2.0	+27
5. Thomas Triplett	East Lansing	1844	W 8	L 3	D 6	1.5	-30
6. Joe Beane, Jr.	Saginaw	1642	L 1	W10	D 5	1.5	+19
7. Mike Skidmore	Flint	1926	L 3	L 4	W 8	1.0	-58
8. Larry Munger	Byron Center	1637	L 5	W 9	L 7	1.0	+ 1
9. Connie Anderson	Clio	1580	L 2	L 8	W10	1.0	- 9
10. Brian June	Flint	1558	L 4	L 6	L 9	0.0	-49

1. Jeffrey Prisner	Lansing	1217	W 9	W 2	W 3	3.0	+113
2. David Sivak	Ann Arbor	1540	W13	L 1	W 4	2.0	-22
3. Darrell Ingles	Gobles	1479	W 8	W12	L 1	2.0	-24
4. Joseph Krzyston	Kalamazoo	1149	W11	W 5	L 2	2.0	+75
5. Bruce Carman	Delton	1518	W10	L 4	W 9	2.0	-11
6. Jenny Skidmore	Flint	1531	W 7	L 9	W10	2.0	- 8
7. E. Louis Caron	Kalamazoo	1300	L 6	D11	W12	1.5	+10
8. Andrew Needleman	Ann Arbor	1237	L 3	BYE	D11	1.5	+ 4
9. David Jensen	Cedar Springs	1477	L 1	W 6	L 5	1.0	-31
10. James R. Carr	Glen Arbor	1291	L 5	W13	L 6	1.0	+10
11. Michael Patterson	Ypsilanti	1460	L 4	D 7	D 8	1.0	-61
12. Ben Bohnhorst	East Lansing	1091	BYE	L 3	L 7	1.0	-14
13. James Stuart	Grand Rapids	1392	L 2	L10	BYE	1.0	-42

Prizewinners:

Section 1: Noren and Laren (\$37.50 each); Czuhai and Cohen (\$5 each)
 Section 2: Brattin (\$50); Garrison, Sundeen, and Swathell (\$11.66 each)
 Section 3: Prisner (\$50); Sivak, Ingles, Krzyston, Carman, and J. Skidmore (\$9 each)

LANSING "TINI-SWISS" June 11

1. Kevin Czuhai	2248	Gr Rapids	W 4	W 3	D 2	2.5
2. David Wolfrom	2163	E Lansing	W 5	W10	D 1	2.5
3. Frank Helle	2070	Mt Pleasant	W 8	L 1	W 6	2.0
4. David Sundeen	1719	Lansing	L 1	W 8	W 9	2.0
5. Joe Beane, Jr.	1575	Saginaw	L 2	W12	W 7	2.0
6. Tom Triplett	1886	E Lansing	-1-	W 7	L 3	1.5
7. VJ Brattin	1919	Belleville	W 9	L 6	L 5	1.0
8. Thomas Tobias	1313	Southfield	L 3	L 4	BYE	1.0
9. Ben Bohnhorst	1151	E Lansing	L 7	BYE	L 4	1.0
10. Lineas Baze	2159	Jackson	W12	L 2	---	1.0
11. Kevin Noren	2244	Lansing	---	---	W12	1.0
12. Brian June	1540	Flint	L10	L 5	L11	0.0

\$37.50 each (Czuhai and Wolfrom)
 \$ 3.33 each (Helle, Sundeen, and Beane)

K. Czuhai -- F. Helle 1. e4 e5 2. Bc4 Nf6
 3. d4 Nxe4 4. de c6 5. Qe2 Qa5+ 6. Nd2 Nc5
 7. Nh3 Be7 8. 0-0 0-0 9. f4 b5 (There already
 isn't much to do for black -- he knows white's
 pawns aren't just decorating the center, they're

going to grow) 10. Bd3 Nxd3 11. ca d5 12. f5 Na6
 13. f6 Bc5+ 14. Kh1 Bxh3 15. gh Qc7 16. d4 (A
 humorous move, as he doesn't really expect Bxd4,
 17. Qg4 and wins, but it holds its practical pur-
 poses, too -- it strengthens the center, keeps
 black on the run, and assumes the distinct psycho-
 logical edge of having those connected pawns, like
 a javelin, aimed right where it hurts black the
 most) 16. ... Bb4 17. Rg1 g6 18. a3 Bxd2
 19. Qxd2 Kh8 20. Qh6 Rg8 21. Rg4 g5 22. Bxg5
 Rg6 23. Qh5 Qd8 24. Bh6 Kg8 25. Rag1 Qe8
 26. Bg7 Qe6 (Can black hold? Would I be showing
 this game if he could?) 27. Qxh7+! Kxh7 28. Rh5+
 Kg8 29. Rh8++

---Vincent Brattin

CLIPPERT QUADS END SEASON

By David Moody

May 21 marked the last Clippert Quads for this school year, at least. Scholastic support was down considerably, but the turnout of 38 is good by any other standards besides Clippert. The sections seemed evenly balanced, and there were no withdrawals this time.

Note section 1, where V. J. Brattin seemed to be the only player with any guts! Only two perfect scores on the day: Henry Johnson in 2, Hassan Sobh in 3. By contrast, three sections ended in three way ties on 2 points.

Clippert Quads May 21

SECTION 1

1 Jim Kulbacki, Lake Ordinary	2046	x	1/2	1/2	1	2
2 David Moody, Dearborn	2071	1/2	x	1/2	1	2
3 Bill Galton, Southfield	1866	1/2	1/2	x	0	1
4 V.J. Brattin, Belleville	1919	0	0	1	x	1

SECTION 2

1 Henry Johnson, Detroit	1831	x	1	1	1	3
2 Dennis Ridella, Warren	1849	0	x	1	1/2	1 1/2
3 Alex McNeilly, Lincoln Park	1780	0	0	x	1	1
4 Charles Collins, Harper Wds	1774	0	1/2	0	x	1/2

SECTION 3

1 Hassan Sobh, Dearborn	1642	x	1	1	1	3
2 Steve Rosenberg, Canton	1655	0	x	1	0	1
3 Mike Venia, Union Lake	1520	0	0	x	1	1
4 Jacob Swartz, Detroit	1526	0	1	0	x	1

SECTION 4

1 David Sivak, Ann Arbor	1448	x	1	1/2	1	2 1/2
2 Darlene Stinson, Detroit	1461	0	x	1	1	2
3 Pramote Sujarit, Troy	1475	1/2	0	x	1	1 1/2
4 Maria Kelly, Detroit	1498	0	0	0	x	0

SECTION 5

1 John Haley, Warren	1412	x	1	0	1	2
2 Ray Brewer, Detroit	1426	0	x	1	1	2
3 Ali el Hajj, Dearborn	1404	1	0	x	1	2
4 Dan Miller, Dearborn	1438	0	0	0	x	0

SECTION 6

1 Derreck Sturgis, Detroit	1336	x	1	0	1	2
2 Elizabeth Barrios, Detroit	1401	0	x	1	1	2
3 Mike Davis, Ann Arbor	1311	1	0	x	1	2
4 Dawn Jones, Detroit	1342	0	0	0	x	0

SECTION 7

1 Harvey Venia, Union Lake	1221	x	1/2	1	1	2 1/2
2 Dawn Miller, Dearborn	1284	1/2	x	0	1	1 1/2
3 Tony Kanluen, Troy	1302	0	1	x	0	1
4 Jeannette Boni, Dearborn	1047	0	0	1	x	1

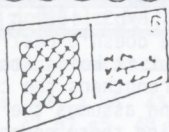
SECTION 8

1 Bobbi L. Spencer, Detroit	UNR	x	1	0	1	2
2 Ted Kanluen, Troy	1234	0	x	1	1	2
3 Ralph Davis, Ann Arbor	UNR	1	0	x	1	2
4 Mikerra Bostic, Detroit	UNR	0	0	0	x	0

SECTION 9

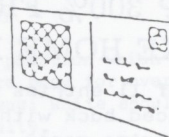
1 Willie G. Thomas, Detroit	1302	W4	W3	D2	2 1/2
2 Johann Aaron, Detroit	UNR	W6	W4	D1	2 1/2
3 Jorge Sanchez, Detroit	1156	W5	L1	W6	2
4 Vanzo Rigsby, Detroit	UNR	L1	L2	W5	1
5 Kevin Warsham, Detroit	UNR	L2	W6	L4	1
6 Toby Lester, Detroit	UNR	L2	L5	L3	0

Section winners received choice of trophy or \$10.
 Director and organizer: Pete Nixon



POSTAL CHESS

USCF Postal Master Chris Rosenfield
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1986 MCA Postal Championship

No new results.

1988 MCA Postal Championship

Eager players call to my attention that the last column gave no entry fee, deadline, or starting date. Right you are! At the July 15 meeting of the MCA board the tournament was approved, however, so now you can get on your mark, get set. The entry fee will be \$7.00 per section as is traditional for this event, and 100% of the entry fees will be returned as prizes. The division will be 50% for first, 30% for second, and 20% for third. It is a two round event. The preliminary round will be in two divisions:

A. Sections in which computers may be used for any purpose at all.

B. Sections in which players are on their honor not to use chess computers for the purpose of generating moves. The bookkeeping functions of a computer are OK.

In both divisions, it is legal as always in postal chess to consult any book you can find. The above division is something which has not been tried in a postal tournament. We don't know how it is going to work out. Our experience in the preliminary round may change your present feelings toward the use of computers. The decision whether computer use will be permitted in the finals will be made later.

The check for your entry fee should be made out to Michigan Chess Association, marked "Postal Chess" and sent to me at the address above. I will forward them to the MCA treasurer, who will pay out the prize money. MCA gets the interest on the money between when we start and when the final winners are determined.

The defending champion, the winner of the 1986 MCA finals, will be seeded into the final round. Unlike the last time we started a postal tournament, this time we do not yet know who this will be. If the 1986 MCA champion enters the 1988 tournament and requalifies, that person gets the \$7 entry fee back and prizes will be calculated on a total \$7 less.

So the 1988 MCA postal tournament entry fee is \$7 per section; the deadline for your entry is September 30, 1988. Assignments will be sent out shortly thereafter.

With your check, please enclose your USCF postal rating if any; postal rating in another organization, if no USCF postal; USCF over-the-board if no postal rating. Also state whether you wish a computers-allowed or a no-computers section, or whether you don't care. Some don't cares will be helpful in getting sections to come out even.

Mail to the column has been heavily in favor of allowing computer use.

A letter was received from Max Zavanelli making it clear that in ICCF play the reason there is no rule against the use of computers is that such a rule would be impossible to enforce.

There is a book, "Computer Chess", published in Great Britain which states that neither the use of computers nor collaboration is prohibited. The reasoning is the same--a rule against it would be unenforceable.

Kudos

Anybody notice the list of the 50 top postal

players in USCF in the April Chess Life? And from what state does the largest number of the 50 come? Michigan! Not New York or California! Highest on that list is Henry Kord, who is one of the players in the 1988 Absolute championships. He promises us some games.

Games

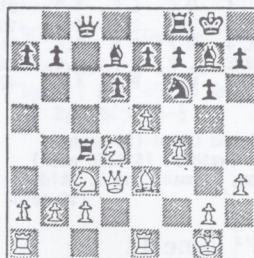
Habitual USCCC finalist Lou Owen sent this game several months ago, and it has taken a long time to get notes written. The subtleties were beyond me. I sent it to a few people hoping to get someone with the time and inclination to tackle the usual Owen masterpiece. Luckily I caught Barry Bartle in a good mood and he said "Give me an assignment!" So I took advantage of the chance, and sent him this one. You see Barry's usual excellent notes and the traditional Owen crush of his opponent.

Louis B. Owen - Helmut Kretschmer
WT/M/GT/168 1984-1987

Sicilian Dragon B72/3-15

Notes by USCF Postal Master Barry Bartle

How to combat the Dragon? This game supports the thesis that a comparatively quiet measure, the Classical Dragon, can still be as effective as the showier, much-analyzed, Yugoslav (Richter) attack. 1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 g6 6.Be3 May as well try it. Even strong players, after a century of praxis with this opening, fall for 6...Ng4? 7.Bb5+ dropping a piece to 7...8.Qxg4. 6...Bg7 7.h3 Attributed to Em. Lasker, adopted by him in the famous and incredibly exciting game, Dr. Emanuel Lasker - William E. Napier, Cambridge Springs, PA, 1904. (Chess players: memorize that entire game! Mandated!) 7...O-O 8.Bc4 Nc6 9.O-O Bd7 10.Bb3 Rc8 11.Re1 Ne5 Geller, editorializing in ECO B suggests 11...a6. The idea of Black maneuvering against c4 is common to many Dragon lines; however, this specific position seems to call for another approach. We see why in a few moves.



Is Black lost?
A satisfactory line wins a book!

12.f4 Nc4 13.Bxc4 Rxc4 14.Qd3 Qc8? 14...Rc8 was given as forced by Pirc in 1975 (Informant 19/336) and repeated as best by Geller in ECO B, 2nd edition, in 1984. Therefore, Kretschmer must be aiming for an exchange sacrifice with the idea of making a contribution to theory. 15.e5 exd5 Ne8 hoping for 16.exd6 fails to 16.Nd5 when e7 can't be defended. Ljubojevic - Garcia-Gonzalez, Portoroz/Ljubljana 1975 (Informant 19/336) continued 15...Nh5 16.Nd5 Re8 17.exd6 exd6 18.Bf2 Kf8 and 1-0 in 36, apparently showing the futility of maintaining the R at c4. 16.fxe5 Rxc3 A thematic sacrifice in the Dragon, especially after White has played O-O-O. Is the broken pawn structure in the present position enough for the exchange? If it can be shown that the compensation is inadequate then justification for 14...Qc8, instead of 14...Rc8, must be found elsewhere. Possibly an improvement can be found in a change move order: e.g. 15...dxe5 fxe5 Nh5 and we have an entirely different position from both Ljubojevic - Garcia-Gonzalez and the text game. After 17.Nd5 Re8 18.b3 Rc5, or 18.g4 Bxg4 19.hxg4 Qxg4+ 20.Kf1 (f2?)

POSTAL CHESS

(From preceding page)

Bxe5, there is much to ponder. Summary: Mr. Otschmer's determination to maintain the R at c4, after all, be vindicated. But to return to the exchange sacrifice in the game: 17.bxc3 Nd5 18.Nf3 To maintain e5. 18...Nxe3 Black's game gradually goes downhill. So following the dictum, "Pieces behind, don't exchange pieces," salvation might be found by energizing the pieces with 18...Nxc3 19.Bxa7 Bb5 and Black hits at a lot of squares and can soon play Qf5. 19.Qxe3 e6 Black is demoralized. There is no chess reason for this move. 19...a6 20.e6 Bxe6 21.Nd4 Bd5 22.Qe7 Qc3 presents a rare case when a7 is more valuable than e7. 20.Qa7 Bc6 21.Qe3 Bd5 22.Nd4 Qc4 23.a4 Rc8 24.Nb5 Qh4 Fleeing Nd6 forking. An alternative is 24.Bf8 25.Nd6 Bd6 26.exd6 Rd8 27.Qe5 Qc5+ and Black may survive because of the passed, center pawn, virtually a pawn for the exchange, counting the useless doubled pawns as one. 25.Nd6 Bh6 26.Qd3 Ra8 27.Qd4 Qg3 28.Ne4 And White is centralized. Sunset. 28...Bxe4 29.Rxe4 Rc8 30.Rf1 Qc3 30...Bf1 is a try. Although 31.Rg4 Qxc3 32.Qxc3 Rxc3 33.Rgf4 Rc7 isn't encouraging. 31.Qxc3 Rxc3 32.Rb4 Be3+ 33.Kh2 Rc7 34.Kg3 Bd2 35.Rb5 h4 36.Kf3 g5 With the idea of exchanging as many pawns as possible: "Pieces behind, exchange pawns not pieces." 37.g3 Kg7 38.Ke4 h4 39.gxh4 gxh4 40.Rfb1 Bh6 Now that White gets a passed pawn, it's time to resign. 41.Rb7 Rc2 42.Rf1 Rc4 43.Kd3 Ra4 44.Rff7+ The passed pawn is traded for 2 Rs on the 7th. 44...Kg8 The friendly card chatter must have been worth 33c. 45.Rfc7 Yes, but this is chess. Set 'em up. 1-0.

The diagrammed position is our fourth book contest. A satisfactory line wins the winner's choice of vol. 1 or vol.3 of the Encyclopedia of Chess Games.

Unfinished business is Dale Decker's solution to the third contest. There was a long mail delay before Barry Bartle saw Dale's solution, and Barry wasn't convinced the problem--to find a win for black--had been solved. We still have to get that straight; this column is long enough anyway...

James Jackson sends in the next game, a rather quick draw from the 1986 MCA tournament. Jackson is not known as a drawing player--he likes gambits and exciting play. Try as I may I can't find a place in which either player has a real chance to go for a win.

Jackson-Carr
The King's Gambit C35/14
1986 MCA section 5

1.e4 e5 2.f4 The King's Gambit! It conjures up visions of Fischer, romantic derring-do and the swashbuckling style of yesteryear. Is it really a good opening for postal chess? The collected games of Correspondence Championships is surprisingly devoid of this opening--there are three in The Games of the World Correspondence Chess Championships 1-X by T.D. Harding, and two in the collection of all the games from the 6th USCCC in Chess International. 2...exf4 Accepting the gambit. 3.Nf3 Be7 4.Bc4 Nf6 Kasparov, in the Botsford Chess Openings gives 4...Bh4+ as his main line. 5.e5 Ng4 6.Nc3 d6 7.d4 exd5 8.dxe5 Qxd1+ 9.Nxd1 Be6 Here's another chance for ...Bh4+. If 10.Ke2 the Ng4 is not in danger because if 11.fxg4?? Bxg4+ pins the K to the Q. But there's no forced advantage. Another idea is 9...O-O 10.Bxf4 Be6 11.Qxd8 Bxd8 12.Bd3, but again it doesn't look like a win for either side. 10.Bxe6 fxe6 11.h3 Ne3 gives 11...Nh6 as the main line, but this sequence occurs in several other lines so is thematic to the opening. 12.Nxe3 fxe3 13.Bxe3 Nc6 14. O-O-O Rd8 15.Rxd8+ Bxd8 16.Rd1 Rf8 17.Bd2 Rf7 18.Bc3 Rd7 19.Rxd7 Kxd7 20.Kd2 Be7 21.a3 a6 22.Kd3 Nd8 23.Ke4 Nf7 24.h4 Kc6 25. 1/2-1/2

It seems that at postal chess this line is just plain drawn. But the excitement of the King's Gambit could live again if one side were a computer. If the machine were doing most anything to try to win material and trying to keep the f-pawn, much fire might erupt. Anybody want to try it in the 1988 MCA tournament?

MCA-New Zealand Match

A six-player team, Jim Kulbacki, Mark Stefanski, James Jackson, myself, Bob Bourne and Alan Jones challenged a New Zealand group to a postal match. We are playing two games on a card. Play started in August of 1987. Team captain Alan Jones reports this has been a particularly easy match for the team captain, with no squabbles to be resolved. My opponent has resigned game B (I'm Black). It boiled down to this position, which arose from a Sicilian Scheveningen:



Took me hours to figure this position out, but I must have done it correctly because he resigned! Actually I think White just loses a piece, but my opponent was a good sport and did not insist we play it to checkmate. My move in the position: ...Bxg5!

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About the second card announced blithely that he had begun playing postal chess two months before and was now playing about 100 games. He was an otb tournament player who wanted to improve his game, and had decided he would set up each position, study it for the time he would in an otb tournament game, invoking the "touch-move" rule on himself, and mail off the move. I replied that I'd murder him. He forfeited out of the section as expected. There are people who keep hundreds of games going all the time and like it that way. We have mentioned APCT's George Fawbush. Another is David Heap, who tried being games editor of the Chess Correspondent while playing about 240 games. It didn't work. There are only 24 hours in a day. The majority of postal players play one section at a time. A person who has once had the experience of getting overloaded and giving up and resigning or forfeiting all of them may never again greet the mailman with excitement and anticipation, pulse racing at the sight of the move they've been waiting for, as we do who love this "thinking sport".

If there is anything to be offered in the way of concrete advice, it is:

- (1) Start one section at a time.
- (2) If your current games are all well into middle game and there is time to spare, you can enter another section.
- (3) With experience you will learn the best number of games for you. Don't make more than one CRITICAL move a day, and preferably not more than one a week. Most games have no more than two or three such critical moves. You are supposed to know which ones.



CHESS TOURNAMENT CALENDAR

Aug 20 Sa LAKE LEEJANAU \$40/\$20 Mini-Swiss
 St. Mary's School, Co.Rd.#643 off #204 (20 mi.N.W.of Traverse City). Sections of 8-10 by ratings; 40 moves 1 hr, 30 min.S.D.Reg. 8:30-9 a.m. Entry \$10 by 8/19, \$12 8/20. Need MCA & USCF or T-opts Rds. 9:30-1-4:30. PRIZES, each section: 1st \$40, 2nd \$20. Info: Bart Shields, Sugar Tree Hill, Maple City 49664. (616) 228-6183.

Aug 20 Sa TRENTON Mini-Swiss

Hass Park Comm Bldg.72 Washington Ave. 3rd.Swiss, sections of 8 by rating. Reg. 9-9:45. Rds. 10-1:30-5. 40/90 min, SD/30. Entry \$5 (\$6 after 9:45). MCA & USCF. PRIZES, Choice: \$20 or trophy to 1st in each section. NS/NC/W. Ken Roberts, 5019 McMillan, Dearborn Heights 48127. (313) 565-2123.

Aug 20-21 ANN ARBOR Super Tornado

EBA Club, Domino Farms, Earhart Rd. 1 mi E of US-23 & Plymouth Rd. 8rd Swiss, 30/30 then 30/SD. Reg, 8:30-9:45. ENTRY \$14 by 7/23, \$17 at site (\$20 after 9:45) Need MCA,USCF. PRIZES \$500, if 50: \$200-\$100; \$50 each A,B,C,D/E/unr. Rds.10-12:30-3-5:30 each day. Joe Feldman 28449 Tapert, Southfield, 48076 313/357-1890.

Aug 20-21 NEGAUNEE: U.P. Championship

VFW Post 3165, 208 Gold St. (906) 475-9183. 5 rd Swiss, 40/105. Reg.9-9:30, entry \$20 by 8/14, \$25 later. 1st rd half pt bye if req. with entry. Rds 9:30-2-7 and 9-2. PRIZES: 1st \$150, 2nd \$100. Classes 6 or more, \$8 1st place. Trophies to top U.P., unrated & Junior. Entry: Philip D.Taskila, PO Box 111, Negaunee 49866.

Aug 20 GR. RAPIDS: Mich. Open Warm-up

Keetwood Comm.Center, 355 48th SE (between Eastern & Division--the ME/Class site; map in Apr. MC). 3 Rd. Swiss, sections of 8-10 by ratings. 50 moves 100 min.(3rd rd 40/100),SD/60. Reg. 9-9:44. ENTRY \$12, \$17 after 9:44. PRIZES, each section: 1st \$50. 2nd \$25 and \$10 bonus for 3-0 score. If 20, free drawing for Mich. Open entry. NS,NC,W ok. Jeff Boes, (616) 669-5986.

NO LANSING MINI-SWISS AUG.& Sept. See Oct,22

Oct 1 & 2 DETROIT: Hart Plaza Open

8th floor Veterans Memorial Bldg.,151 W. Jefferson. 5 Rd Swiss, 40/2. ENTRY \$30 by 9/20, \$40 at site.GMs free (unless prize winners). Reg. 8:30-9:30. MCA & USCF. Rds 10-2:30-7 and 10-2:30. PRIZES, \$2800 guaranteed: \$600, \$500, \$400, \$300, \$200; \$200 each to A-B-C-D/E/unr. Grand Prix. NS, NC,W ok. Harold Steen, 1520 Strathcona, Detroit 48203. (313) 892-6466.

Oct. 9 Su MIDLAND Mini-Swiss

Dow Conference Center, 316 Fcurnie St. 3-Rd Swiss, sections of 6-10 by ratings. 45 moves 90 min., SD 30 min. Rds 10-1-4. ENTRY \$5. Need MCA & USCF. PRIZES, each section: Half of entry fees for 1st place. NC. LS. John Warner, 1005 Scott. Midland 48640. (517) 839-0225.

Oct 22 Sa LANSING \$50-\$25 Mini-Swiss
 Capital Federal Bldg. 6510 S. Cedar (I-96 Exit 104, 2 blks south on Penn.to Cedar, 1 blk N. to site). 3-rd Swiss in sections 8-10 by ratings.PRIZES, EACH SECT. 1st \$50, 2nd \$25. 40 moves 1 hr, SD/30. Reg. 8:30-9:00. Rds 9:30-1-4:30. ENTRY \$12. Need MCA & USCF. NS,NC. V.E.Vandenburg, TD, (517) 646-6142.

MORE TOURNAMENT DATES

Oct 29 ANN ARBOR: Mich. Women's Championship
 Nov. 5-6 ANN ARBOR: Huron Valley Amateur
 Nov 10 LANSING \$50/\$25 Mini-Swiss
 Dec. 10 LANSING \$50/\$25 Mini-Swiss
 Dec. 18 MIDLAND Mini-Swiss

20 MASTERS AND 68 EXPERTS NOW IN MICHIGAN'S TOP 100

By David Moody

This Top 100 list was compiled from the January and July 1987 rating lists. Michigan still has 20 Masters (18 of whom were active since the annual came out), while the number of Experts is up to 68 and the cut comes at the new high of 1978.

Ratings				
1	Fred Lindsay (1)	2387	51 Mark Pence (48)	2090
2	Val Kavnatsky (2)	2362	52 Mark Knecht (47)	2089
3	Steve Feldman (3)	2323	53 William Accad (49)	2081
4	Dan Boyk (5)	2294	54 Morgan Everett (50)	2081
5	Eric Fischvogt (4)	2279	55 Ken Van Cleave (53)	2078
6	Robert O'Donnell (9)	2262	56 Edward Bennett (82)	2077
7	Paul Poschel (7)	2258	57 John Shavaliar (55)	2075
8	David Hahn (8)	2249	58 Gary Sacco (57)	2071
9	Steve Andrews (6)	2247	59 Howard Levine (59)	2070
10	John Wygrecki (12)	2244	60 Lineas Baze (26)	2068
11	Jim Marfia (18)	2239	61 Tom Ward (54)	2063
12	Kevin Czuhai (10)	2233	62 William Fuller (66)	2061
13	Kevin Noren (11)	2233	63 Don Mason (62)	2059
14	Robin Cunningham (15)	2233	64 Bruce Robison (63)	2059
15	Nasser Abbasi (16)	2232	65 Paul Bauerle (69)	2052
16	Larry Quigley (14)	2228	66 Chris Eagle (51)	2049
17	Dexter Thompson (13)	2228	67 Richard Johnson (73)	2048
18	John Concini (17)	2215	68 Gene Hickey (67)	2040
19	Robert Avery (19)	2202	69 Richard Lees (64)	2039
20	Issa Youssef (20)	2200	70 Greg Bailey (68)	2038
21	John Brooks (21)	2188	71 David Moody (56)	2037
22	Deuvoy Carroll (22)	2183	72 Randy Giminez (70)	2034
23	Carlton Thomas (34)	2178	73 Chris Hankinson (71)	2031
24	Ron Finegold (23)	2176	74 Jim Kulbacki (65)	2027
25	DuWayne Riggins (46)	2163	75 Don Bohley (60)	2024
26	David Wolfrom (24)	2163	76 Kenneth Martin (74)	2024
27	Robert Polk (25)	2160	77 Bernard Cook (--)	2021
28	George Turner (27)	2153	78 Attila Lehotzky (75)	2021
29	Charles Bassin (28)	2149	79 Jeff Richburg (100)	2019
30	Tom Mazuchowski (29)	2143	80 Dale Postma (76)	2017
31	Andrew Beaver (30)	2142	81 Nir Cohen (89)	2016
32	Ed Koster (32)	2141	82 Marcus Hendricks (77)	2016
33	Bill Groeller (31)	2140	83 Chip Kraft (79)	2012
34	Thomas Sloan (33)	2140	84 Kevin Pierce (80)	2012
35	Steve Mitchell (61)	2124	85 Jason Wysocki (72)	2008
36	John Norcross (35)	2123	86 Jason Morris (78)	2006
37	John Dupree (--)	2119	87 Tom Szczyпка (95)	2005
38	Phil Laren (--)	2119	88 Les LeRoy Smith (85)	2003
39	Mike Kebrdle (36)	2115	89 Leonard Dangremond (83)	1998
40	James Haluska (38)	2110	90 Lawrence Brenton (--)	1997
41	John Lang (39)	2109	91 Naum Zacks (--)	1996
42	Aaron Daniel (40)	2108	92 Ed Williams (88)	1995
43	Vester Wilson (41)	2107	93 Brian Garwood (91)	1985
44	Glenn Good (52)	2102	94 David W. Calton (84)	1984
45	Gary Kitts (42)	2101	95 Rudolf Thun (81)	1981
46	Alex Yakhkind (43)	2100	96 Marko Kosonen (--)	1981
47	Frank Helle (58)	2096	97 Michael R. Smith (94)	1981
48	Jerry Haapapuro (37)	2095	98 James Owens (87)	1979
49	Tony Palmer (45)	2092	99 Steve Mellen (99)	1978
50	Frank Fricko (44)	2090	100 Ed Mooney (97)	1978

3 TOP THE St. ALPHONSE OPEN

June 18-19, 1988

1	Jim Kulbacki, Lake Orbeon	2027	W10	D 4	D 2	W12	W 9	4
2	David Moody, Dearborn	2037	W11	D14	D 1	W15	W 5	4
3	Dexter Thompson, Detroit	2228	W16	- $\frac{1}{2}$	D14	W 7	W 4	4
4	Harold Steen, Detroit	1783	W21	D 1	W19	W 6	L 3	$\frac{1}{2}$
5	Bill Groeller, Detroit	2140	W23	W 7	L 6	W10	L 2	3
6	Henry Johnson, Detroit	1875	W22	W 9	W 5	L 4	L 8	3
7	Darrell Turner, Highland Park	1668	W13	L 5	W11	L 3	W15	3
8	Steve Mellen, Troy	1978	D17	D12	L15	W13	W 6	3
9	Carlton Thomas, Highland Park	2178	W15	L 6	W23	W14	L 1	3
10	Hassan Sobh, Dearborn	1700	L 1	W24	W17	L 5	W14	3
11	Christopher Morrow, Detroit	1715	L 2	W18	L 7	W21	W16	3
12	Murlin Varner, Detroit	1628	W24	D 8	- $\frac{1}{2}$	L 1	W20	3
13	Manfred McGinnis, Westland	1488	L 7	D16	W22	L 8	W18	$\frac{1}{2}$
14	V. J. Brattin, Belleville	1863	W18	D 2	D 3	L 9	L10	2
15	Edward Smith, Southfield	1742	L 9	W22	W 8	L 2	L 7	2
16	Matt Bolda, Canton	1770	L 3	D13	- $\frac{1}{2}$	+23	L11	2
17	Mark Fraser, Grosse Pointe Wds	1645	D 8	L19	L10	L20	W21	$\frac{1}{2}$
18	Thomas Tobias, Southfield	1313	L14	L11	- $\frac{1}{2}$	W22	L13	$\frac{1}{2}$
19	Dairen Braak, Dearborn	1932	- $\frac{1}{2}$	W17	L 4	---	---	$\frac{1}{2}$
20	Joseph Pavlovich, Ypsilanti	1592	- $\frac{1}{2}$	---	---	W17	L12	$\frac{1}{2}$
21	Bill Jaworskyj, Detroit	1121	L 4	L23	W24	L11	L17	1
22	Daniel Miller, Dearborn	1499	L 6	L15	L13	L18	W24	1
23	Steve Rosenberg, Canton	1722	L 5	W21	L 9	-16	---	1
24	Jorge Caesarez, Detroit	UNR	L12	L10	L21	- $\frac{1}{2}$	L22	$\frac{1}{2}$
1st-3rd: Jim Kulbacki, David Moody, Dexter Thompson (\$65)								
1st-2nd A: Henry Johnson, Darrell Turner, Steve Mellen (\$11.66)								
1st B: Harold Steen (\$25)								
2nd B: Hassan Sobh, Christopher Morrow, Murlin Varner (\$3.33)								
1st C: Manfred McGinnis (\$25)								
1st DEU: Thomas Tobias (\$25)								
2nd CDEU: Joseph Pavlovich (\$10)								
Organizer and Director: Murlin Varner								

By David Moody

Open tournament chess returned to St. Alphonsus in Dearborn June 18-19, but in a smaller than expected way with only 24 participants. There was the hot weather, there was the Pistons in the playoffs Sunday, there was who knows what reason. At any rate, director Murlin Varner mustered his troops, led by Life Master Dexter Thompson and 4 moderately assorted Experts in Carlton Thomas, Bill Groeller, myself and Jim Kulbacki, and we went to work.

With a cut at 1770, you wouldn't expect much from the first round, and you didn't get much, #6 Steve Mellen's draw with #17 Mark Fraser (1645) being the only break to the monotony. Things really got interesting the next round.

First, Thompson took a half-point bye. Carlton Thomas was beaten badly by Henry Johnson (#8 at 1875), and I was lucky to squeeze out a draw with V.J. Brattin. In addition, Jim Kulbacki could only draw Harold Steen (1783), leaving Bill Groeller the sole survivor above 2000 with two points, and Henry Johnson the only other player with a perfect score after only two rounds.

Naturally, the Johnson-Groeller game was a quickie, with Henry blowing Bill off the board. Only one player could reach 2 $\frac{1}{2}$: Harold Steen! Yes, he knocked off #7 Dairen Braak, while Dexter could only draw Brattin and Kulbacki and I fought to a draw.

This is getting interesting. OK, round 4, Steen--Johnson. Another upset: Steen leads the tournament going into the last round, all alone at 3 $\frac{1}{2}$. Following close at 3 are Thompson, Thomas, Groeller, Moody, and Kulbacki.

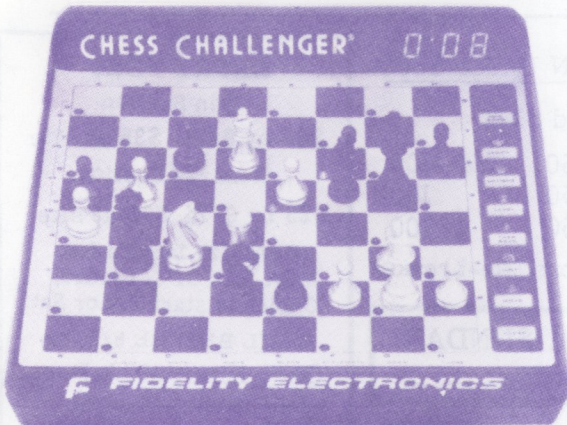
Round 5. Steen white against Thompson. Harold gave it his best shot, but Dexter coolly counterattacked (hard, considering the weather) and took the full point, whereupon they went out into the parking lot to watch the Pistons on Steen's portable TV.

Moody--Groeller went Black's way for most of the game. Finally, I swindled Bill in a king and pawn ending, winning despite being a pawn down, and we adjourned to the Pistons.

Thomas--Kulbacki was a long, long, long Exchange Ruy Lopez. It was hard to pin down a decisive mistake on the part of White, unless it was 4 Bxc6; Jim just slowly squeezed Carlton with his bishops to tie Thompson and myself for first place on four points.

Other heroes: top A players were Henry Johnson, Darrell Turner, and Steve Mellen. (Whoops, forgot: after starting with 1/3, Mellen asked to be called "Guillermo". It seemed to work.)

Harold Steen outscored all the Class A players in topping Class B, and was followed by Hassan Sobh, Chris Morrow and Murlin Varner. Lower classes were led by Manfred McGinnis, Thomas Tobias, and Joseph Pavlovich.



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