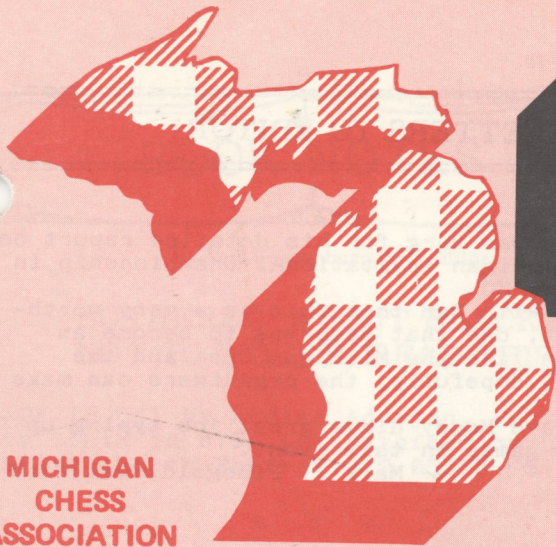


MICHIGAN  
CHESS  
ASSOCIATION



# MICHIGAN CHESS

Price \$2.00

## LANSING MAN WAS FAMOUS FOR B-D GAMBIT ATTACK



Edgar Sneders 1912-1988

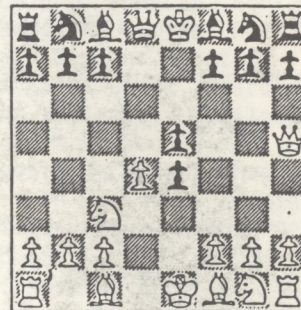
Chess history was made by the late Edgar Sneders when he played a radical, unheard of attack--his new line in the famous Blackmar-Diemer Gambit, back in 1960 in a tournament in his home town, Lansing. World-wide analysis failed shake his line, which became known as the Sneders Attack. Here is the game. David G. Arganian, a Portland, Oregon master (formerly East Lansing) has an article on Sneders in this issue on page 24.

Sneders was featured prominently in a recent issue of BDG World, PO Box 7363, WARNER Robins, GA 31095-0023. (\$15 for 6 issues). It is devoted entirely to the Blackmar-Diemer Gambit.

E. Sneders

J. Kelly

1 d4 d5 2 e4 dxe4 3 Nc3 e5 4 Qh5!?



4...exd4 5 Bc4 Qe7 6 Bg5 Nf6 7 Bxf6 Qxf6 8 Nd5 Qd6 9 OOO Nc6 10 Ne2 g6 11 Qh4 Be6 12 Nf6+ Kd8 13 Bxe6 Qxe6 14 Nxd4 Nxd4 15 Rxd4+ Kc8 16 Rxe4 Bh6+ 17 Kbl Qc6 18 Qh3+ Kb8 19 Nd7+ Kc8 20 Ne5+ Qe6 21 Nxf7 Qxh3 22 gxh3 Kd7 23 Rd1+ Kc6 24 Re6+ Kc5 25 Nxh6, and White won.





Published by Michigan Chess Association  
2177 Michigan, Eaton Rapids MI 48827

February - April - June - August - October - December  
Tournament dates bulletin mailed on alternate months

Phone (517) 646-6142

EDITOR . . . . . V.E.Vandenburg  
ASSISTANT EDITOR . . . . . David Moody  
TOURNAMENT BULLETIN EDITOR . . . . . Jeffrey L. Boes  
POSTAL CHESS . . . . . Dr. Christine Rosenfield  
PROBLEM PICS . . . . . Ransom Richardson  
PRODUCTION ASSISTANT . . . . . Fjola Vandenburg

**MICHIGAN CHESS ASSOCIATION**  
Affiliated with U.S.Chess Federation

Membership; with Publications

	1 Yr.	2 Yr	3 Yr.
Adult, regular	\$12	\$22	\$32
Under 18, over 64	6	11	16

Payable to Michigan Chess Association at above address.  
Foreign: add \$4. a yr. for postage

**Board of Directors**

- PRESIDENT**  
Gary Kitts, 1840 Boxwood Ln, E. Lansing 48823, (517) 337-3831
- VICE-PRESIDENT**  
Jeffrey L. Boes, 3826 New Holland Rd, Hudsonville 49426
- SECRETARY**  
Tim Sawmiller, 24480 Riverview, Novi 48050, (313) 344-9833
- TREASURER**  
Dan Burg, 2955 Roundtree C-3, Ypsilanti 48197, (313) 572-1335
- ELECTED DIRECTORS**  
Jackie Bronscum, 8432 Vanderbilt, Detroit, 48209  
James Mikus, 737 Madison, Lapeer 48446. (313) 664-5650  
Pete Nixon, 27519 E. River, Grosse Ile 48138, (313) 676-2985
- APPOINTED DIRECTORS**  
Michael Duweck, 116 S. Larch, Lansing 48912, (517) 458-8523  
Vicki Kitts, 1840 Boxwood Ln, East Lansing 48823  
Wm. Groeller, 17527 Shaftsbury, Detroit, 48219, (313) 531-8356  
R.J. Grzegorzcyk, 3029 Wingate Apt 2C, Grand Rapids 49508  
Mike Skidmore, 5483 Kathy Dr, Flint 48506, (313) 736-6944  
V.E. Vandenburg, 2177 Michigan, Eaton Rapids 48827
- Printed by All-Star Printing, Lansing-48912

**PURPOSE and SERVICES** The Michigan Chess Association, a non-profit corporation, promotes chess education for juniors and adults by publishing a magazine, MICHIGAN CHESS and a Tournament Bulletin, each on alternate months; aiding schools and chess clubs with publicity, information and supplies; aiding local and regional chess events; and by organizing 10 Michigan championship tournaments per year: the Elementary School Team Championship, the Junior High School Team Championship, the High School Team Championship, the Michigan Junior Championship, the Michigan Amateur Championship, the Michigan Masters/Experts Championship, the Michigan Class Tournament, the Michigan Open Championship (determines over-all state champion each year), the Michigan Women's Championship, and the Michigan Speed Championship. The Michigan Chess Association has been cited by the United States Chess Federation as one of the most active chess organizations in the U.S.

ADVERTISING RATES and Copy Sizes

Back cover	7 1/2 x 6 1/2 inches	\$80	1/4 page	7 1/2 x 4 1/2 or 3 1/2 x 5	\$25
Page, Inside	7 1/2 x 10 inches	\$80	1/8 page	3 1/2 x 2 1/2 inches	\$15
	3/4 page	7 1/2 x 7 1/2 inches	1/16 page	3 1/2 x 1 1/2 inches	\$9
	1/2 page	7 1/2 x 5 or 3 1/2 x 10	Minimum	3 1/2 x 1 inch	\$5

**DEADLINE:** 10th of month preceding issue for photo ready copy received with payment. Send sooner if preparation work needed (we'll quote cost).

=====

**LETTERS TO EDITOR**

=====

Dear Editor:

Kudos to Dan Burg for his detailed report on the 1988 Michigan Invitational Championship in the December MC.

I agree with Dan that this is a very worthwhile event, one that deserves to become an institution like the Michigan Open and the Motor City. Hopefully, the organizers can make it so.

Also, Dave Moody did a great job typing up all of the games in this event.

-- Mark J. Finegold, Oak Park

Dear Editor:

I am writing this letter as an addendum to your article on the USCF meetings in Boston this past August. Mr. Winston speaks to the fact that Mr. William Lukowiak used a speech of historical overtones to defend Mr. Winston's point of view in not extending voting rights to paid up adult members. Adult members have no right to select USCF officers or Policy Board members, and have no input in USCF's direction in chess.

Mr. Winston failed to mention the speeches Mr. Nigel Eddis and myself gave at the membership meeting in support of voting rights. My speech rebutted Mr. Bill Lukowiak via the usage of the Seventeenth Amendment, which provides for direct election of U.S. senators by the people.

Direct elections by paid members has to come to USCF as we are moving toward the 21st century. We must have an organization that serves the majority of the members by allowing the democratic process. We have a large organization run by the few for the benefit of the few. The raising of membership and rating fees without giving any voting rights to the members who pay those fees was grossly unconscionable.

Many members may be apathetic; however, they can become informed voters when they have the right to vote.

We as a federation must pull together, work together, and strive to promote chess. We should always remember that increased fees without representation could end up in another Lexington and Concord.

Sylvester Robes  
31170 Applewood Ln.  
Farmington Hills, MI 48331

=====

**OUR THANKS TO CONTRIBUTORS**

=====

We acknowledge with thanks contributions to the MCA Fund Drive received since our last report. Like we keep emphasizing, all donation (none too small--or too large) are very welcome and badly needed.

Here are the current donors, in order received:

MARVIN L. KORNHAUSER, Franklin, a former Patron Member of MCA is now one again--and we are happy to have him. Thanks, Marvin.

NORMAN L. ZEMKE, Huntington Woods, was in many MCA championship tournaments starting over 25 years ago. He is a Detroit attorney and continues his interest and Patron Membership in MCA. Our thanks to him.

ROBERT D. PERKINS, Walled Lake, sent us another Patron Membership renewal plus a lot more. Our thanks again to him for his help:

ROBERT L. HERITIER, Troy, sent in a renewal of his Patron Membership of many years, plus something extra. Many thanks to him.

TOSHIO IMAI, East Lansing, added to some substantial previous contributions. He also sends us MCA memberships from time to time, his gifts to former Michigan friends whom he wants to keep posted on chess news here.



# BOOK NOTES

By V.E.Vandenburg, MC editor

## BOTHERED ABOUT BLACK? NOT TO WORRY; READ THIS!

BLACK IS OK! by Andras Adorjan. Published this month in U.S. for Batsford by David & Charles. North Pomfret, VT 05053. \$12.95.

\* \* \*

A lot of players don't win with Black because they don't even try, says the Hungarian grandmaster who wrote this interesting 165 page book. They are too defensive, hoping mainly for a draw in the belief White has an edge right from the beginning.

Not true.!

He says Black can play for a win without taking undue risks and offers many sample games to prove it, claiming Black is a nice color, "one of the best in Chess."

He writes from a background of experience. Adorjan has represented Hungary in many Olympiads, was a world championship candidate in 1980 and has acted as second to World Champ Kasparov.

Note some of the chapter titles:

Blow to the Keres Attack.  
Novelty on the FIFTH move.  
A Mistake on the Second Move.  
The Quill of the Hedgehog.  
Flexibility Above All!

You'll be pleased with this book.

He says "Win with White, draw with Black", the so-called professional approach is a miserable approach, a bad attitude and isn't necessary. You need only be somewhat prepared and cook up some original ideas.

Here is a book full of them.

## INDEX TO REMAINING PAGES

1988 Motor City Open . . . . .	4
Two gain over 300 Rating Points . . . . .	9
Michigan's Top 100 Players . . . . .	9
Speed Championship Biggest in 12 Years . . . . .	10
Chess Increasing in Lansing Area . . . . .	11
Tri-County Scholastic Champions . . . . .	12
Michigan at the U.S. Open . . . . .	13
Upsets Master in Trenton Mini. . . . .	16
Jenkin's Double Trophy Mystery . . . . .	16
Clippert ACTION Chess . . . . .	17
Wayne County Open . . . . .	17
Games Dept. FLASHBACKS . . . . .	18
Scholastic News . . . . .	19
Postal Chess . . . . .	20
Chess Clubs . . . . .	23
Sneiders Authority on B-D Gambit . . . . .	24
Scholastic Tournaments List . . . . .	25
Tournament Bulletin . . . . .	26
1989 Junior Championships . . . . .	28

## Michigan Chess Association PATRON MEMBERS

Fred Cramer, Hequon, Wis.  
American Chess Foundation  
The Rosenbergs, Holt  
Richard Barrett, Grand Rapids  
Toshio Imai, East Lansing  
Susan Eareckson, East Lansing  
The Vandenburgs, Eaton Rapids  
Harold Winston, Naperville, IL  
Marvih Rogan, Chicago  
Mark Pence, Livonia  
Robert Heritier, Grosse Pte Woods  
Robert Perkins, Walled Lake  
Edgar Sneiders, Lansing  
Claude E. Williams, Mt. Morris  
Timothy Sawmiller, Novi  
Rudolf Franke, Washington MI  
Lt. Chad Hill, U.S. Navy  
E. Philip Soper, Ann Arbor  
Walter Ransom, Cadillac  
Clifford H. Rice, Mt. Clemens  
Ronald K. Gore, Battle Creek  
William S. Stoddard, East Lansing  
David C. Pearson, Grand Rapids  
Edwin L. Johnson, Monroe  
Thomas A. Garvin, Niles  
Paul Simmons, Canton  
Margaret Clark, Dearborn  
The Youssefs, Ypsilanti  
Robert R. Bourne, Jr., Maple City  
Robert M. Wright, Mason  
Warren W. Cowan, Farmington Hills  
Richard Meek, Battle Creek  
Robert D. Perkins, Walled Lake  
Richard D. Higgins, South Haven  
Edward Simon III, Lansing  
Steve R. Krevinko, Plymouth  
Dr. William A. Henkin, Birmingham  
Clifford Rice, Mt. Clemens  
Sylvester R. Robes, Farmington Hills  
Daniel T. Libby, Dearborn  
Louis Axeman, East Lansing  
Paul Simmons, Canton  
Raymond P. Mayer  
Raymond Burwell, Detroit  
Andrew Beider, Keego Harbor  
Gregory E. Bailey, Cheboygan  
Zoran Gajic, Piscataway NJ.  
Donald M. Mason, Hamburg  
Marvin Kornhauser, Franklin  
Normal L. Zemke, Huntington Woods

Donors of \$25 or more (plus membership) to the MCA Fund Drive are listed for a year in Michigan chess as PATRON MEMBERS of the Michigan Chess Association. Many have contributed more than \$25 - and quite a few a lot more. Our special thanks to all for this badly needed and much appreciated help.



## 1988 MOTOR CITY OPEN CHESS TOURNAMENT

East Detroit Recreation Center -- November 25-27, 1988

1 Calvin Blocker, Cleveland, OH	2575 W 45 W 13 W 5 W 3 D 2 W 4 5.5	82 James Group, Union Lake	1606 D 24 L 12 L 23 W 65 L 63 ---- 1.5
2 Steve Wygle, Columbus, OH	2340 W 76 W 18 W 17 W 27 D 1 W 7 5.5	83 John Bewick, Warren	1384 L 44 L 96 L 53 D 85 W102 L 64 1.5
3 Ed Koster, Ann Arbor	2141 W 97 W 70 W 28 L 1 W 17 W 20 5	84 Warren Hartwig, Roseville	1193 L 58 1/2 L 63 L 61 L 64 W101 1.5
4 Fred Lindsay, Ann Arbor	2373 W 48 W 41 W 43 W 22 W 14 L 1 5	85 Dan Miller, Dearborn	1399 L 25 L 54 L 92 D 83 W101 L 61 1.5
5 Carlton Thomas, Highland Park	2132 W 52 W 58 L 1 W 42 W 41 W 16 5	86 Bill Calton, Southfield	1873 W 94 D 19 L 7 L 31 ---- 1.5
6 John Brooks, Detroit	2188 W 59 L 30 W 45 W 44 W 22 W 14 5	87 Joe Feldman, Southfield	1587 1/2 ---- ---- L 89 W 90 L 65 1.5
7 Steve Andrews, Livonia	2247 W 37 D 67 W 86 W 34 W 10 L 2 4.5	88 Dexter Thompson, Detroit	2225 1/2 W 23 ---- ---- 1.5
8 Pappu Murthy, North Olmsted, OH	2209 W 50 W 21 L 27 W 25 W 43 D 9 4.5	89 Nasser Abbasi, Troy	2168 ---- ---- 1/2 W 87 ---- ---- 1.5
9 Philip Laren, Whitmore Lake	2136 W 47 W 42 L 15 W 30 W 28 D 8 4.5	90 Gordon Rosebrook, Warren	1231 W 66 L 15 L 26 L 55 L 87 L 81 1
10 Mark Finegold, Oak Park	2141 W 96 W 71 D 29 W 15 L 7 W 31 4.5	91 Pramote Sujarit, Troy	1486 L 13 L 45 W 94 L 49 L 54 L 79 1
11 Tom Mazuchowski, Sterling Hts	2153 W 74 W 44 L 14 W 71 D 15 W 32 4.5	92 Pat Kezele, Farmington Hills	1512 L 29 L 56 W 85 L 48 L 52 L 68 1
12 Norris Weaver, Cincinnati, OH	2163 L 49 W 82 W 48 W 70 D 24 W 18 4.5	93 Reinhard Rottner, Roseville	1523 L 28 W101 L 39 L 76 L 80 L 78 1
13 Ed Mooney, Southfield	1978 W 91 L 1 W 56 D 57 W 36 W 29 4.5	94 Samuel Edens, Detroit	1262 L 86 L 55 L 91 L 81 L 68 W100 1
14 Greg Bailey, Cheyboan	2071 W104 W 57 W 11 W 16 L 4 L 6 4	95 Tamas Proszkow, Troy	1817 W 15 L 33 L 60 ---- ---- 1
15 Stan Jarosz, Grand Rapids	2022 W 61 W 90 W 9 L 10 D 11 D 24 4	96 Allan Foord, Garden City	1680 L 10 W 83 L 70 ---- ---- 1
16 Tom Harris, Ft. Wayne, IN	2142 W 54 W 25 W 33 L 14 W 27 L 5 4	97 Todd Hawley, Hartland	1678 L 3 W 59 ---- ---- 1
17 Thomas Ward, Midland	2094 W 53 W 36 L 2 W 46 L 3 W 42 4	98 David A. Calton, Southfield	1424 L 67 L 76 D 40 L 69 ---- ---- 0.5
18 Benson Selitsky, Southfield	1969 W 81 L 2 W 50 W 47 W 33 L 12 4	99 Tom Manion, Royal Oak	1877 1/2 L 24 L 62 L 37 ---- ---- 0.5
19 Ron Finegold, Oak Park	2133 W 51 D 86 W 67 W 29 L 20 D 23 4	100 Talya Drissman, Farmington Hls	1031 L 39 L 60 1/2 ---- L 65 L 94 0.5
20 Ross Sprague, Shaker Hts, OH	2307 W 56 W 31 - 22 W 21 W 19 L 3 4	101 Shira Drissman, Farmington Hls	1113 L 36 L 93 1/2 ---- L 85 L 84 0.5
21 Stan Golonka, Livonia	1938 W 78 L 8 W 49 L 20 W 60 W 46 4	102 Avi Drissman, Farmington Hills	1113 L 35 L 78 1/2 ---- L 83 ---- 0.5
22 George Turner, Detroit	2105 W 77 W 39 + 20 L 4 L 6 W 44 4	103 Gary Keeley, Sterling Heights	1549 L 33 L 62 L 80 L 40 ---- ---- 0
23 Don Vandivier, Grand Blanc	2016 D 32 L 88 W 82 W 38 W 57 D 19 4	104 Joseph Pavlovich, Ypsilanti	1523 L 14 L 48 ---- ---- 0
24 Steve Mitchell, Troy	2124 D 82 W 99 D 30 W 58 D 12 D 15 4	Director: Bill Groeller	
25 Olaf Haakonstad, Ann Arbor	1918 W 85 L 16 W 74 L 8 W 45 W 48 4	Organizers: Harriet Drissman, Joe Feldman, East Detroit Chess Club	
26 John Smalec, Ann Arbor	1782 W 40 L 27 W 90 L 28 W 75 W 41 4		
27 John Lang, Plymouth	2093 W 73 W 26 W 8 L 2 L 16 D 35 3.5		
28 Jim Kulbacki, Gray Dorian	2060 W 93 W 46 L 3 W 26 L 9 D 39 3.5		
29 Karl Clark, Detroit	2023 W 92 W 49 D 10 L 19 W 30 L 13 3.5		
30 Walter Almquist, Redford	1921 W 79 W 6 D 24 L 9 L 29 W 56 3.5		
31 Joseph Forte, Armada	1977 W 60 L 20 D 37 W 86 W 34 L 10 3.5		
32 Attila Lehotzky, Davison	2021 D 23 W 63 L 34 W 62 W 37 L 11 3.5		
33 William Accad, Taylor	2081 W103 W 95 L 16 D 36 L 18 W 50 3.5		
34 Lamarr Small, Detroit	2072 1/2 W 38 W 32 L 7 L 31 W 57 3.5		
35 Fred Kung, Ypsilanti	1829 W102 L 43 L 47 W 53 W 51 D 27 3.5		
36 John Winfield, Roseville	1827 W101 L 17 W 73 D 33 L 13 W 60 3.5		
37 Robert Rosekrans, Bay City	1715 L 7 W 81 D 31 W 99 L 32 W 58 3.5		
38 Charles Collins, Harper Woods	1813 1/2 L 34 W 69 L 23 W 62 W 59 3.5		
39 Kenneth Falkowski, Detroit	1818 W100 L 22 W 93 L 41 W 72 D 28 3.5		
40 Kenneth Clancy, Clawson	UNR L 26 L 77 D 98 W103 W 74 W 63 3.5		
41 Faris Jirjis, Westland	2013 W 64 L 4 W 76 W 39 L 5 L 26 3		
42 Warren Raftshol, Suttons Bay	1857 W 72 L 9 W 51 L 5 W 49 L 17 3		
43 Mike Kebrdle, Farmington Hills	2130 W 55 W 35 L 4 W 66 L 8 ---- 3		
44 Rudolf Franke, Washington	1914 W 83 L 11 W 54 L 6 W 76 L 22 3		
45 Donald Lubben, Grand Rapids	1758 L 1 W 91 L 6 W 73 L 25 W 77 3		
46 Fred Lahr, Ferndale	1779 W 62 L 28 W 78 L 17 W 47 L 21 3		
47 James Tracz, Farmington Hills	1649 L 9 W 80 W 35 L 18 L 46 W 72 3		
48 Dennis Ridella, Warren	1757 L 4 W104 L 12 W 92 W 70 L 25 3		
49 Robert McCarter, Ann Arbor	1705 W 12 L 29 L 21 W 91 L 42 W 73 3		
50 Christopher Morrow, Detroit	1714 L 8 W 64 L 18 W 78 W 71 L 33 3		
51 John Griffin, Battle Creek	1628 L 19 W 65 L 42 W 80 L 35 W 75 3		
52 Brian June, Flint	1615 L 5 W 72 L 66 L 59 W 92 W 70 3		
53 Alfred Becker, Grosse Pte Wds	1576 L 17 L 75 W 83 L 35 W 78 W 76 3		
54 David Robinson, Pontiac	1686 L 16 W 85 L 44 L 72 W 91 W 80 3		
55 Alroy Boyce, Detroit	1612 L 43 W 94 L 58 W 90 ---- W 71 3		
56 Henry Jonik, Dearborn Heights	1723 L 20 W 92 L 13 W 79 D 66 L 30 2.5		
57 Hassan Sobh, Dearborn	1764 W 68 L 14 W 75 D 13 L 23 L 34 2.5		
58 Raymond Burwell, Detroit	1841 W 84 L 5 W 55 L 24 D 59 L 37 2.5		
59 Edward Dobbs, Detroit	1399 L 6 L 97 W 64 W 52 D 58 L 38 2.5		
60 John Endres, Ypsilanti	1485 L 31 W100 W 95 1/2 L 21 L 36 2.5		
61 John Haley, Warren	1508 L 15 L 66 D 65 W 84 L 69 W 85 2.5		
62 Bruce Wagar, Ann Arbor	UNR L 46 W103 W 99 L 32 L 38 D 74 2.5		
63 Harold Steen, Detroit	1803 1/2 L 32 W 84 L 67 W 82 L 40 2.5		
64 Bruno Nowicki, Warren	1500 L 41 L 50 L 59 D 68 W 84 W 83 2.5		
65 Steve Deerfield, Grand Rapids	1377 L 70 L 51 D 61 L 82 W100 W 87 2.5		
66 Frank Duchowski, Westland	1851 L 90 W 61 W 52 L 43 D 56 ---- 2.5		
67 Lindell Brady, Grand Blanc	1937 W 98 D 7 L 19 W 63 ---- ---- 2.5		
68 Ronnie Walls, Detroit	UNR L 57 L 73 L 79 D 64 W 94 W 92 2.5		
69 Robert Heritier, Troy	1699 1/2 ---- L 38 W 98 W 61 ---- 2.5		
70 David Levadi, Birmingham	1910 W 65 L 3 W 96 L 12 L 48 L 52 2		
71 Henry Johnson, Detroit	1909 W 80 L 10 W 77 L 11 L 50 L 55 2		
72 Arthur Stinson, Sterling Hts	1257 L 42 L 52 W 81 W 54 L 39 L 47 2		
73 Peter Nixon, Grosse Ile	1575 L 27 W 68 L 36 L 45 W 79 L 49 2		
74 John Blake, Detroit	1696 L 11 W 79 L 25 1/2 L 40 D 62 2		
75 Neil Clark, Lansing	UNR L 95 W 53 L 57 W 77 L 26 L 51 2		
76 John DeJongh, Detroit	1735 L 2 W 98 L 41 W 93 L 44 L 53 2		
77 Walter Wright, Detroit	1584 L 22 W 40 L 71 L 75 W 81 L 45 2		
78 Darlene Stinson, Detroit	1463 L 21 W102 L 46 L 50 L 53 W 93 2		
79 Michael Lloyd, Flint	1416 L 30 L 74 W 68 L 56 L 73 W 91 2		
80 Derreck Sturgis, Detroit	1353 L 71 L 47 W103 L 51 W 93 L 54 2		
81 Gary Fletcher, Flint	1484 L 18 L 37 L 72 W 94 L 77 W 90 2		

## Prize Winners

1st-2nd: Calvin Blocker, Steve Wygle (\$600)

3rd-5th, Expert: Ed Koster, Fred Lindsay, Carlton Thomas, John Brooks (\$150)

2nd Expert: Philip Laren, Mark Finegold, Tom Mazuchowski, Norris Weaver (\$25)

1st Class A: Ed Mooney (\$200)

2nd Class A: Benson Selitsky, Stan Golonka, Olaf Haakonstad (\$33.93)

1st Class B: John Smalec (\$200)

2nd Class B: Robert Rosekrans (\$100)

1st Class C: Alfred Becker (\$200)

2nd Class C: John Endres, John Haley, Bruno Nowicki (\$33.33)

1st Classes DE, Unrated: Patrick Clancy (\$150)

2nd Classes DE, Unrated: Edward Dobbs, Bruce Wagar, Steve Deerfield, Ronnie Walls (\$25)

Under 18: Hassan Sobh (\$50)

Highest rated non-winner: Steve Andrews (copy of World Chess Festival, donated by Fred Lindsay)Biggest upset: Gordon Rosebrook, 620 points in round 1 (Batsford Chess Openings, donated by John Smalec)

Unrated player defeating the highest rated player:

Bruce Wagar, beating an 1899 player, round 3 (copy of Kasparov's Winning Chess Tactics, donated by Fred Lindsay)



# HOWARD GABA TOURNEY STILL ONE OF BIGGEST

By David Moody

The 30th Motor City Open, the first one run totally without the personal support of Dr. Howard Gaba, continued to live up to its billing as Michigan's number one open tournament outside of MCA sponsored events. True, the 104 player turnout was nowhere near the best for this tournament, and there have been more than this year's 6 Masters and 23 Experts (plus one of each making cameo appearances) showing up in the past. Still, those are numbers not to be scoffed at, so let's start with a few words for those behind the scenes.

Organizing again was Harriet Drissman, Dr. Gaba's daughter, with lots of help from Joe Feldman. The site turned out to be the East Detroit Chess Club hangout, which served well except for that janitor ... well, we'll get to that. Bill Groeller provided the TD expertise with his usual skill.

## THE BIG NAMES

At top, for the fifth time in six years, was IM Calvin Blocker (2575), champion in 1983, co-champion in 1985 and 1986. He vowed to go 6-0 this year, something nobody has done in recent memory (can someone with good records tell me if it's ever been done?).

Number two was Michigan's #1, Fred Lindsay (2373), 1987 co-champion. Other Masters included Steve Wygle (2340, a Columbus player who tied for first in the 1988 Southeast Michigan Open), Ross Sprague (rated 2307, he was the winner in 1960 and 1981), Steve Andrews (2247), and Pappu Murthy (another Ohio player at 2209). Some familiar Experts: John Brooks (1982 champion), Ron Finegold (co-champion in 1966, 1980, and 1986), and Mike Kebrdle (co-champion in 1984). You get the idea? There was at least one winner from every year in the 1980's!

By the way, I ought to recognize the champion Nice Guy this tournament, Greg Bailey. Not only did he drive down from Cheyboyan (that by itself is almost as far as coming from, say, Cincinnati), he did so by way of Suttons Bay to pick up his friend, Warren Raftshol. For you downstaters, that's sort of like driving from Lansing to Detroit by way of Grand Rapids.

## ROUND 1

If you want excitement, don't come to the first round of an open Swiss. A cut of 1758 insured there would be few surprises for the big boys. Here's your number one shocker:

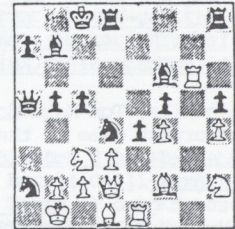
**NORRIS WEAVER (2163)—ROBERT McCARTER (1705):** 1 d4 Nf6 2 c4 e6 3 Nc3 Bb4 4 e3 c5 5 Bd3 00 6 Nf3 d5 7 00 dxc4 8 Bxc4 cxd4 9 exd4 a6 10 Bg5 Nbd7 11 Rcl b5 12 Bd3 Bb7 13 Bb1 Qb6 (Is the isolated pawn strong or weak? I dunno; we'll have to see. White must play aggressively; Black can afford to simplify.) 14 Be3 bxc3 15 Rxc3 Qd6 16 Qe2 Rac8 17 Rfc1 Rxc3 18 Rxc3 Nb6 19 Ne5 Nbd5 20 Rcl Nxe3 21 Qxe3 Qd5 22 f3 Qd8 23 Qc3 Qb6 24 Qc5 Qd8 25 Kh1 (Maybe he should have considered 25 Qc3, hoping for a draw, but this is just a B-player! White soon blunders away the d-pawn, and it's all over.) Qb8 26 Qe7 Nd5 27 Qh4 f5 28 Nd7 Qd8 29 Qxd8 Rxd8 30 Nc5 Bc8 31 Kgl? (31 Re1!?) Nf4! 32 Kf2 Rxd4 33 Nb3 Rd8 34 g3 Nd5 35 f4 Kf7 36 Na5 Nb6 37 Ke2 Rd6 38 Rc7+ Kf6 39 b3 Bd7 40 Ra7 Nd5 41 Bd3 Nc3+ 42 Ke3 Nxa2 43 Nb7 Rd5 44 Rxa6 Nb4? (44...Rxd3+! would yield an earlier lunch. Still, a good job overall by McCarter.) 45 Rd6 Rxd6 46 Nxd6 Nxd3 47 Kxd3 Ke7 48 Nb7 Bc6 49 Na5 Bd5 50 Kc3 Kd6 51 Kb4 e5 52 fxe5+ Kxe5 53 Kxb5 g5 54 Kc5 f4 55 gxf4+ gxf4 56 b4 f3 57 Nc4 Bxc4 [0-1]

The only other Expert to slip was Steve Mitchell, drawn in a weird game by Jim Group (1606). The rest was pretty typical, including Brooks' game.

**ARD DOBBS (1399)—JOHN BROOKS (2188):** 1 e4 c5 2 Nf3 Nf6 3 Nc3 d5 4 e5 Nfd7 5 Nxd5 Nxe5 6 Nc3 Nec6 (Typical for Brooks, at least.) 7 Be2 g6 8 d3 Bg7 9 Be3 b6 10 Qd2 h6 11 000 e5 12

h4 f5 13 g3 Bb7 14 Rhg1 Nd4 15 Nh2 Nbc6 16 f3 b5 17 Rde1 Qa5 18 Kbl 000 19 f4 e4 20 g4 Bf6 21 gxf5 gxf5 22 Bf2 Nb4 23 Bd1 Nxa2! 24 Rg6

## BLACK TO PLAY

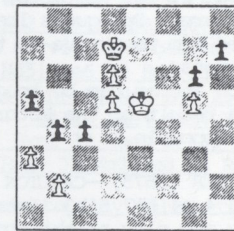
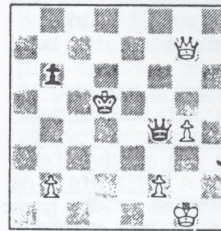


(En passant, 24 Nxe4!? gets smushed by 24...Nb4! 25 Nc3 Nb3!! 26 cxb3 Rxd3 27 Qe2 Be4 28 Bc2 Rxc3!, and White is totally flummoxed. But, now, do you really wanna see a Brooks move?) Ne2!! (Oy! If now 25 Rxf6 Naxc3+ 26 bxc3 Nxc3+ 27 Kb2 Qa2+! 28 Kxc3 b4#! 25 Rxe2 is the same as the game, 25 Nxe2 hangs the queen, and 25 Qxe2 Nxc3+ is a fork, when 26 bxc3 Bxc3 will be mate on a1.) 25 Bxe2 Nxc3+ 26 Qxc3 Bxc3 27 bxc3 Qxc3 (And the rest is technique, which doesn't mean it isn't fun.) 28 Rd1 Qb4+ 29 Kc1 e3 30 Bxe3 Rhe8 31 Nf1 Rxe3 32 Nxe3 Qxf4 33 Re6 Kd7 34 Rf1 Qxf1+ 35 Bxf1 Kxe6 36 Bh3 Rf8 37 Kd2 Ke5 38 c3 Bf3 39 d4+ cxd4 40 cxd4+ Ke4 41 d5 f4 42 Nf5 Rxf5 43 Bxf5+ Kxf5 44 d6 Bc6 [0-1]

## ROUND 2

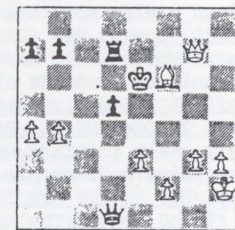
If you're looking for excitement, don't come to the second round of an open Swiss. Well, at least, not usually.

Here, the top four players had little trouble with their low Experts/high Class A in this round. But on boards 5-11, the lower rated players should have won four games! That they could only score 1.5 was a mixture of bad luck and broken dreams.



Above left is LINDELL BRADY—STEVIE ANDREWS, after Black's 50th move. White wins with 51 Qd7+, which will force the trade of queens into a won pawn ending. Instead, after 51 f3?, Black found a perpetual.

Above right is OIAF HAAKONSTAD—THOMAS HARRIS, after Black's 41st move. Olaf could cap off a fine game with 42 axb4!; instead, 42 Kd4?? c3! 43 Kd3 cxb2 44 Kc2 bxa3 actually lost for White.



Bottom right is DAVID LEVADI—ED KOSTER after Black's 43rd move, the most unfortunate case of all. 44 Qg6! wins, with the essentially unstoppable threat of 45 Bg5+ Ke5 46 Bf4# (or 46 f4#, depending on circumstances). Instead, 44 Qg4+?? Qxg4 ended things the other way around.

The only lower-rated player to cash in? Walt Almqvist, and his initiative that wouldn't die:

**JOHN BROOKS (2188)—WALTER ALMQUIST (1921):** 1 d4 Nf6 2 c4 e5 3 dxe5 Ng4 4 Bf4 Nc6 5 Nf3 Bb4+ 6 Nc3 Bxc3+ 7 bxc3 Qe7 8 Qd5 f6 9 exf6 Nxf6 10 Qd2 d6 11 e3 00 12 Be2 Ne4 13 Qd5+ Kh8 14 Rcl Nc5 15 Nd4 Nxd4 16 cxd4 Rxf4 17 exf4 (17 dxc5 Rf5 with a good game. Now, the exposed White king becomes the center of attention.) Nd3+ 18 Kd2 Nxc1 19 Rxc1 Qf6 20 g3 c6 21 Qe4 Bf5 22 Qe3 Bg6 23 Qc3 Re8 24 f3? (To stop ...Re4, I guess, but it falls victim to an uglier fate.) Qe6! 25 Re1 Qh3 26 Qa5 (With the kingside indefensible, White seeks stuff elsewhere, but to no avail.) Qxh2 27 f5 Bf7 28 Kd1 Qf2 29 Qc3 Qxg3 30 f6

Continued on next page



# Motor City Open

CHESS TOURNAMENT

(From preceding page)

gxf6 31 Qd2 Qg8 32 Qf4 Qg6 33 Qxd6 Ob1+ 34 Kd2 Oxa2+ 35 Kc1 Qa1+ 36 Kd2 Ob2+ 37 Kd1 Ob3+ 38 Kd2 Qe3+ 39 Kd1 Kq7 40 Ob4 Qxd4+ 41 Kc1 Re3 42 Rq1+ Bg6 43 Qxb7+ Kf8 44 Rxxg6 hxg6 45 Ob8+ Re8 46 Qh2 Qc3+ 47 Kbl Qe1+ [0-1]

Meanwhile, Tom Mazuchowski (board 7) was winning the second shortest game of the tournament (1 e4 c5 2 Nf3 Nc6 3 d4 cxd4 4 Nxd4 d6 5 Nc3 Nf6 6 Bc4 g6?! 7 Nxc6 bxc6 8 e5! dxe5?? 9 Bxf7+ [1-0]), and Phil Laren (board 12) was winning the shortest game (1 e4 e5 2 Nc3 Nf6 3 Bc4 Nxe4 4 Bxf7+!? Kxf7 5 Nxe4 Nc6? 6 Qf3+ Kg8 7 Ng5! [1-0]).

The only other big upset saw Bill Calton (1873) holding Ron Finegold to a draw in a tough ending. With standard happenings elsewhere, here's what we've got going into day 2:

2.0: Blocker, Lindsay, Wygle, Sprague, Murthy, Mazuchowski, Harris, Mark Finegold, Koster, Laren, Carlton Thomas, Kebrdle, George Turner, Tom Ward, John Lang, Bill Accad, Greg Bailey, Jim Kulbacki, Karl Clark, Stan Jarosz, Walter Almquist

## ROUND 3

1 Blocker	1 Thomas	7 Harris	1 Accad
2 Kebrdle	0 Lindsay	8 Clark	1/2 M. Finegold
3 Wygle	1 Ward	9 Koster	1 Kulbacki
4 Turner	+ Sprague	10 Jarosz	1 Laren
5 Lang	1 Murthy	11 Almquist	1/2 Mitchell
6 Bailey	1 Mazuchowski		

Five out of 11 for upstarts, and two more Masters bite the dust. Of course, Sprague's loss was due to oversleeping, which caused him to arrive at the site 65 minutes late, but it still counts.

Carlton Thomas can be tough (he would get a Master rating as a result of the Motor City Open), but Blocker was looking unstoppable.

CALVIN BLOCKER (2575)—CARLTON THOMAS (2132): 1 Nf3 Nf6 2 d4 d6 3 Nc3 g6 4 e4 Bg7 5 h3 (Introducing the theme of the game: stalemating any play of the opponent.) 00 6 Be3 Nc6 7 d5 Nb8 (Black has shuffling knight problems throughout the game; here, he just yields more space for nothing.) 8 Be2 a6 9 a4 e6 10 00 exd5 11 exd5 Re8 (Since the position is unlike a Benoni, where White would have no c-pawn and a pawn on e4 right now, this rook shoots at nothing.) 12 a5 Nh5 13 Qd2 Nd7 14 Rfe1 Nhf6 15 Bh6 Nc5 16 Bxg7 Kxg7 17 Bf1 Nce4 18 Nxe4 Rxe4 19 Rxe4 Nxe4 20 Qd4+ Nf6 21 Re1 (White has one of those irritatingly small initiatives that you can never quite break. Everytime a Black piece reaches a decent square, it disappears.) Bd7 22 Nd2 Kg8 23 g4 h6 24 Re3 Nh7 25 Qf4 Qg5 26 Qxg5 Nxxg5 27 Rb3 Rb8!? (The alternative, 27...Bc8, leaves Black practically two pieces down. He prefers to give up a pawn for some freedom.) 28 f4 Nh7 29 Bxa6 Ra8 30 Bxb7 Rxa5 31 Rc3 Ral+ 32 Kq2 Rd1 33 Nf3 Nf6 34 Rxc7 Bb5 35 b3 Bf1+ 36 Kh2 Be2 37 Ng1 Bf1 38 Nf3 Be2 39 Kq2 Bf1+ 40 Kf2 Bxh3 41 g5 hxg5 (Now the knight comes in decisively, but 41...Ng4+ just leaves Black a pawn down with his pieces tangled up.) 42 Nxxg5 Bf5 43 Nxf7 Ne4+ 44 Ke3 Re1+ 45 Kd4 Rd1+ 46 Kc4 Bh3 47 Kb4 Bf1 48 c4 Rb1 49 Bc8 Bd3 50 Be6 Kf8 51 Ng5 Nc5 52 Nh7+ Ke8 53 Nf6+ Kd8 54 Rc8+ [1-0] (54...Ke7 55 Ng8# is both pure and pretty.)

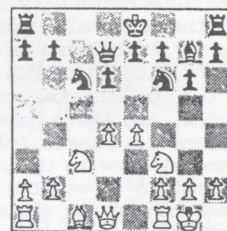
Lindsay also won with a clamp, as Kebrdle's position disintegrated along with the time on his clock:

MIKE KEBRDLE (2130)—FRED LINDSAY (2373): 1 Nf3 Nf6 2 g3 b5 3 Bg2 Bb7 4 d4 e6 5 00 c5 6 c3 Qb6 7 Nbd2 Be7 8 dxc5 Qxc5 9 Nb3 Qh5 10 Ne1 Ng4 11 h3 Bxg2 12 Kxg2 Ne5 13 Nd3 Nbc6 14 Nf4 Qf5 15 Nd4 Nxd4 16 cxd4 Ng6 17 f3 d5 18 Ob3 a6 19 a4 b4 20 Nd3 a5 21 Be3 Bg6 (One senses a weak underbelly on the kingside.) 22 Bf2 00 23 Rfc1 Rac8 24 Ne1 Qg5 25 Nd3 h5 26 g4 Nf4+ 27 Nxf4 Qxf4 28 Rxc8 Qh2+ 29 Kf1 Rxc8 30 Qd1 [0-1, time] It hardly matters, with White's Kingside in total eclipse. Final clock times: White 2:00, Black 0:53!

Wygle had fun, fun, fun:

STEVE WYGLE (2340)—TOM WARD (2094): 1 e4 c5 2 Nf3 d6 3 Bb5+ Bd7 4 Bxd7+ Qxd7 5 00 Nc6 6 c3 g6 7 d4 cxd4 8 cxd4 Bg7 9 Nc3 Nf6 (Now beginneth the fun.)

WHITE TO PLAY



10 e5! dxe5 11 d5 Nb4? (Believe it or not, this seems to lose a piece!?) 12 Nxe5 Qd6 13 Qa4+ Kf8 14 Bf4 (Threat of 15 Nxxg6+, and the queen must guard the knight.) Ob6 15 Be3 Qc7 16 d6! Qxd6 (16...exd6 17 Qxb4 pinning the d-pawn.) 17 Nc4 b5! (A good try, drawing the QN to a vulnerable position.) 18 Nxb5 Qc6 19 Qxb4 Rb8 20 Nca3! a6 21 Qf4 e5 22 Qb4+ Kg8 23 Oc3 Qd7 24 Rfd1 Qg4 27 h3 Qh4 26 Nd6 e4 (And what prize do we have for our losing contestant, Johnny?) 27 Nxf7! (For being such a good sport, you can have the knight after all!) Kxf7 28 Qc7+ Ke6 29 Rd6+ Kf5 30 Qc5+ Nd5 31 Qxd5+ Be5 32 Qe6# [1-0]

Blocker especially liked this next game, the round's biggest true upset. I've had to do a reconstruction job which might not be totally accurate, but here goes:

JOHN LANG (2093)—PAPPU MURKIH (2209): 1 d4 Nf6 2 c4 g6 3 Nc3 Bg7 4 e4 d6 5 Nf3 00 6 Be2 e5 7 00 Nc6 8 d5 Ne7 9 Ne1 Ne8 10 Be3 f5 11 f3 f4 12 Bf2 g5 13 a4 (It's a full scale blitzkrieg on opposite sides. Who will win the race?) Ng6 14 b4 Rf7 15 c5 Bf8 16 a5 a6 17 c6 (Looks like White! Don't you love his bishops?) bx6 18 dxc6 Rg7 19 Nd3 h5 20 Nc5! Qe7 21 Nd5! Qd8 22 Nb7! (Trapping the queen! Devastation now follows apace.) Bxb7 23 cxb7 Rb8 24 Bxa6 c6 25 Nc3 Nc7 26 Bc4+ Kh8 27 a6 Nxa6 28 Bxa6 g4 29 b5 c5 30 fxxg4 Qg5 31 gxxh5 Nh4 (Oh, wow, a genuine threat!) 32 g3! f3 33 Kh1 Qg4 34 Rg1 Qh3 35 Nd5 Ng2 36 Qxf3 Nf4 37 Nxf4 exf4 38 Qxf4 Qxh5 39 g4 Qh7 40 Bxc5 dxc5 41 Qxb8 Qxe4+ 42 Rg2 Kg8 43 Qg3 Qd4 44 Re1 Bd6 45 b80+ Bxb8 46 Qxb8+ Kh7 47 Qe8 Qf6 48 b6 [1-0]

Greg Bailey pulled out a clamp too, winning a pawn and squeezing Maz in the ending. Harris totally outclassed Accad. Clark—Finegold was quick and quiet. Jim Kulbacki's brain took a Siesta, hanging a piece on move 10 to Koster. Jarosz and Laren adjourned, both being paired as a draw, while Almquist and Mitchell managed to split the point in the first session after a long, rugged game.

3.0: Blocker, Lindsay, Wygle, Harris, Koster, Turner, Lang, Bailey

2.5: Andrews, Mark Finegold, Ron Finegold, Laren [paired as 2.5], Lamarr Small, Jarosz [paired as 2.5], Clark, Almquist

## ROUND 4

1 Koster	0 Blocker	5 Small	0 Andrews
2 Lindsay	1 Turner	6 M. Finegold	1 Jarosz
3 Lang	0 Wygle	7 Clark	0 R. Finegold
4 Bailey	1 Harris	8 Laren	1 Almquist

How does Blocker do it?

ED KOSTER (2141)—CALVIN BLOCKER (2575): 1 e4 c6 2 d4 d5 3 Nc3 dxe4 4 Nxe4 Nd7 5 Bc4 Ngf6 6 Ng5 e6 7 Qe2 Nb6 8 Bd3 h6 9 N5f3 c5 10 dxc5 Nbd7 11 c6 bxc6 (How can any decent player lose a position like this?) 12 Nd2 Nc5 13 Bc4 Nd5 14 Ne4 Nxe4 15 Qxe4 Qf6 (With the nagging threat of ...Bb4+.) 16 a3 Bd6 17 Nf3 00 18 00 Rfd8 19 Re1 Rb8 (Thank you for the lovely file.) 20 Bd3 Kf8 21 Qd4 Qxd4 22 Nxd4 Bd7 23 b3 (Weakening, but how else to develop the queenside?) Be7 24 Nf3 f6 25 Bb2 Nf4 26 Bc4 g5 27 Rad1 e5 (Not only are the White pieces running out of targets, they're running out of squares.) 28 g3 Nd5 29 Rd2 Nb6 30 Be2 Bf5 31 Rfd1 Rxd2 32 Rxd2 Nd7 33 Kf1 Nc5 34 Bc4 Ne4 35 Re2 Nd6 (And just like that, there's nothing left: 36 Bd3 Bxd3 and wins the b-pawn, while 36 Ba Rb6 shoos the prelate back to its doom.) 36 Nd2 Bxc2 [0-1]

For that matter, how does Lindsay do it?



# Motor City Open

CHESS TOURNAMENT

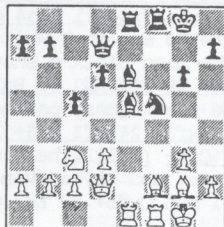
(From preceding page)

FRED LINDSAY (2373)—GEORGE TURNER (2105): 1 d4 Nf6 2 Nc3 d5 3 Bg5 Bf5 4 Bxf6 exf6 5 e3 Bb4 6 Bd3 Qd7 7 Ne2 g6 (This should probably be followed by an eventual ...f5, but he never plays that and lives to regret it.) 8 00 00 9 e4 Bxc3 10 Nxc3 dxe4 11 Bxe4 Nc6 12 d5 Ne5 13 Qd4 Kq7 14 Rad1 h5 15 h3 Bxe4 16 Nxe4 Qf5 17 Rfel Rfe8 18 Re3 b6 19 Rde1 h4 20 Nxf6! (There it goes! 20...Kxf6 21 Rf3 wins the queen on the double pin.) Qxf6 21 Rxe5 Rxe5 22 Rxe5 Rd8 23 c4 c6 24 f4 cxd5 25 cxd5 Rd6 26 Kf2 Qd8 27 Re6+ f6 28 Rxd6 Qxd6 29 Kf3 g5 30 g3 gxf4 31 gxf4 Kq6 32 Qe4+ f5 33 Qe8+ [1-0, time] Again, though once more it probably doesn't matter much: 33...Kf6 34 Qh8+ Kg6 35 Qg8+ Kf6 36 Qg5+ wins the f-pawn with check, and should wrap up things quickly.

Lang slew several dragons last year en route to a 5-0 start, but Wygle was too much and the game was no contest. Nice Guy Greg Bailey, though, continued to make Leo Durocher eat his words:

GREG BAILEY (2071)—THOMAS HARRIS (2142): 1 Nf3 c5 2 g3 g6 3 Bg2 Bg7 4 00 e5 5 e4 Ne7 6 d3 00 7 Be3 d6 8 Nc3 Nbc6 9 Qd2 Nd4 10 Nh4 Be6 11 f4 f5 12 exf5 Ndx5 13 Nxf5 Nxf5 14 Bf2 Qd7 15 Rael Rae8 16 fxe5 Bxe5

WHITE TO PLAY



17 Rxe5! (He'll get two pawns for the exchange, and some of the Queen's Musketeers will dash up the board.) dxe5 18 Bxc5 Rf7 19 Bxa7 Nd4 20 Rxf7 Bxf7 21 Ne4 Qd8 22 c3 Nf5 23 Qf2 Kq7 24 b4 b5 25 Nc5 Bd5 26 Qxd5 Qxd5 27 Qe2 Ra8 28 c4 bxc4 29 dxc4 Qd6 30 a4 (Athos, Porthos, and Aramis, I presume?) Kq8 31 a5 Nd4 32 Qe4 Rb8 33 Nd3 Rd8 34 Bxd4 exd4 35 b5 Qf6 : a6 Qf7 37 c5 Re8 38 Qxd4 Qa2 39 Qb2 Qd5 40 Qc2 Qd4+ 41 Kf1 Qe4 42 Qb3+ Kf8 43 Nf2 Qe2+ 44 Kq2 Re3 45 Qd5 Ra3 46 c6 Qe7 47 Qd4 Kf7 48 b6 Qe6 49 Qd7+ Qxd7 50 cxd7 [1-0]

Andrews busted up Small's center, and pocketed a couple of pawns as a result. Stan Jarosz would eventually win the adjournment from Laren, but fell from grace with a horrible beating by Mark Finegold. And, while Laren ended Almquist's run, Ron Finegold was playing one of his typically original games.

KARL CLARK (2023)—RON FINEGOLD (2133): 1 d4 g6 2 c4 c5 3 d5 Bg7 4 Nc3 Bxc3+ 5 bxc3 f5 (Benoni, Nimzo-Indian, or Dutch? You tell me.) 6 Nf3 d6 7 Qa4+ Bd7 8 Qc2 Qa5 9 Rb1 b6 10 e3 Nf6 11 Bd3 Na6 12 Nd2 Nc7 13 00 Ba4 14 Nb3 Qa6 15 e4? (Losing a pawn out of frustration, I guess; there simply doesn't seem to be anything for White to do.) fxe4 16 Be2 00 17 f4 Qc8 (Initiating a general redeployment toward the kingside. Black's mobility is remarkable, considering the blocked nature of the position.) 18 h3 h5 19 Qd2 Bd7 20 Qe3 Nce8 21 Nd2 Ng7 22 Qg3 Kf7 23 Bd1 Nf5 24 Qe1 (This is pathetic! And he gave up a pawn for it?) h4 25 Nb3 Ng3 26 Rf2 Bf5 27 Be3 Rh8 28 Nd2 Qd7 29 Nf1 Nxf1 30 Qxf1 Nh5 (Oh, no, not another one!) 31 Bxb5 gxb5 32 Kh2 Rag8 33 Rbb2 Rg3 34 Rfe2 Rhg8 35 Bd2 Qa4! (Fooled you! The queen will eat her fill on the queenside.) 36 Be1 Qxc4! (He can afford this, with ripe apples dropping everywhere and a tactical point coming up.) 37 Bxg3 hxg3+ 38 Kh1 Bxh3! (If 39 gxb3 g2+ wins the queen via fork or pin of the rook on e2.) 39 f5 Bg4 40 Rf2 Qxf1+ 41 Rxf1 e3 42 Re1 e2 43 Rxe2 (Throwing himself on the sword, but Black just has too many winning plans if the pawn lives.) Bxe2 44 Rxe2 Rg5 45 Re3 h4 46 Kq1 Rxf5 47 Re4 Rxd5 [0-1]

Before we move on, let's check out board 14:

CARLTON THOMAS (2132)—WARREN RAFTSHOL (1857): 1 e4 e5 2 Nf3 Nc6 3 Bb5 a6 4 Ba4 Nf6 5 00 Nxe4 6 d4 b5 7 Bb3 d5 8 dxe5 Be6

9 Be3 Be7 10 c3 Nc5 11 Bc2 Bg4 12 Re1 Ne6 13 Bb3 Nxe5 14 Qxd5 Bxf3 15 Qxe5 Bd6 (Hey, this is looking OK for Black.) 16 Qf5 Bb7 17 Bxe6! fxe6 18 Bg5! (Boom to bust!) [1-0]

- 4.0: Blocker, Lindsay, Wygle, Bailey
- 3.5: Andrews, Mark Finegold, Ron Finegold
- 3.0: Sprague, Murthy, Brooks, Weaver, Mazuchowski, Harris, Koster, Laren, Thomas, Kebrdle, Turner, Mitchell, Lang, Ward, Kulbacki, Jarosz, Faris Jirjis, Benson Selitsky

ROUND 5

1 Blocker	1/2 Wygle	8 Jarosz	1/2 Mazuchowski
2 Lindsay	1 Bailey	9 Harris	1 Lang
3 Andrews	1 M. Finegold	10 Ward	0 Koster
4 R. Finegold	0 Sprague	11 Kulbacki	0 Laren
5 Kebrdle	0 Murthy	12 Kulbacki	0 Laren
6 Turner	0 Brooks	13 Accad	0 Selitsky
7 Weaver	1/2 Mitchell		

It was not to be Blocker's year to score 6-0. He gave it a great effort, even sacrificing his last piece in a knight ending to try and force a pawn through, but Wygle was not to be beaten and even had more chances at the end.

If there were to be a perfect score in 1988, Fred Lindsay was the man. He ended Bailey's streak with a typically simple looking game:

FRED LINDSAY (2373)—GREG BAILEY (2071): 1 c4 Nf6 2 Nc3 d6 3 d4 g6 4 e4 Bg7 5 Be2 Nbd7 6 Nf3 00 7 00 e5 8 Re1 Nh5 9 g3 c6 10 Be3 Nhf6 11 Nh4 Qe7 12 Qd2 exd4 13 Bxd4 (Is that pawn takeable? After 13...Nxe4 14 Nxe4 Qxe4 15 Bxg7 Kxg7, I don't see any way to trap the Black queen, and White might have to go in for 16 Qxd6 Nf6. It's not pretty, though, and both players must have thought it worse for Black than the game.) Ne5 14 Rad1 Ne8 15 f3 Bf6 16 Ng2 Bg7 17 Qe3 c5? (This may be the fatal weakening; he can't survive the backward d-pawn plus the weak d5 square.) 18 Nd5! Qe6 19 Bc3 f5 20 exf5 gxf5 21 Qg5 Kh8 22 Ngf4 Qh6 23 Qxh6 Bxh6 24 Nd3 Bg7 25 Nxe5 dxe5 26 Bf1 (And that's about that.) e4 27 fxe4 fxe4 28 Rxe4 Bxc3 29 Nxc3 Bf5 30 Re7 Bg4 31 Be2 Bxe2 32 Nxe2 b6 33 Rld7 Nf6 34 Rxa7 Rad8 35 Nc3 Rd2 36 Ne4! Rd1+ 37 Kq2 Ne8 38 Ra8 [1-0]

Three players had a chance to play follow-the-leader. Andrews cashed in with a cashing:

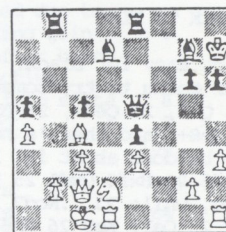
STEVE ANDREWS (2247)—MARK FINEGOLD (2141): 1 d4 d5 2 c4 e5 (A theoretical opening question. The Falkbeer Counter Gambit, 1 e4 e5 2 f4 d5, is often classed with the King's Gambit Declined. So, why isn't the Albin Counter Gambit classed with the Queen's Gambit Declined? Same thing, only righthanded.) 3 dxe5 d4 4 Nf3 Nc6 5 a3 Bg4 6 Nbd2 Nge7 7 Qa4 Ng6 8 g3 Bd7 9 Qb3 Nqxe5 10 Bg2 Nxf3+ 11 Nxf3 a5 (No, you cannot take that pawn. Figure it out for yourself.) 12 00 a4 13 Qd3 Bc5 14 Rd1 Qf6 15 Bg5 Qf5 16 Qd2 h6 17 Bf4 000 18 b4 axb3 19 Qb2 g5 20 Bd2 d3 21 e3 Be6 22 Qxb3 Bb6 23 Rab1 Na5 24 Bxa5 Qxa5 25 Nd4 d2 26 Qd3 Qc5 27 Qe4 c6 28 Nxe6 fxe6 29 Rb5! (Jackpot!) Qxa3 30 Rxb6 Qa4 31 Qxe6+ Kc7 32 Rbb1 [1-0]

The battle of former champs went Sprague's way in an odd game. As for board 5, cue the shower of gold:

MIKE KEBRDLE (2130)—PAPPU MURIHY (2209): 1 d4 Nf6 2 Nf3 g6 3 Bf4 Bg7 4 c3 d6 5 h3 00 6 e3 Nbd7 7 Nbd2 Re8 8 Be2 e5 9 Bg5 h6 10 Bxf6 Nxf6 11 dxe5 dxe5 12 Bc4 Qe7 13 Qb3 Nd7 14 Qc2 e4 15 Nd4 Nb6 15 Bb3 c5 17 Ne2 Bd7 18 a4 a5 19 Nf4 Kh7 20 Nd5 Nxd5 21 Bxd5 f5 22 Bxb7 Rab8 23 Bd5 Qe5 24 Bc4 f4 25 000 (Looks slightly suicidal, but on 25 00 f3 looks pretty shattering.) fxe3 26 fxe3:

BLACK TO PLAY

(Got that shower ready?) Bxa4!! 27 Qxa4 Rxb2! 28 Nxe4! (Naturally, taking the rook is deadly, but this is a nice little countershot: if 28...Qxe4? 29 Bg8+! Kxg8 30 Qxe4 Rxe4 31 Kxb2 leaves White up the exchange.) Reb8 29 Bd3



Continued on next page



# Motor City Open

CHESS TOURNAMENT

(From preceding page)

R2b4! (Still mate if the rook is taken.) 30 Qc2 Rb3 31 Rhf1 a4 32 Rf2 c4! 33 Bxc4 Rb1+ 34 Qxb1 Rxb1+ 35 Kxb1 Oxe4+ 36 Bd3 Oxe3 37 Rc2 (White is OK on material, but just can't get his pieces to work together.) Qb6+ 38 Kc1 a3 (Threatening 39...Bxc3!) 39 Rdd2 h5! (And now he's coming in from the other side!) 40 Rf2 Qe3+ 41 Kb1 (If either rook interposes, 41...Bh6 does the trick.) Qxd3 42 Ka2 Bxc3 43 Kxa3 Bd4+ 44 Ka2 Qa6+ 45 Kb3 Bxf2 46 Rxf2 Qb6+ (Aughh!) [0-1]

John Brooks moved up, as George Turner lost on time again in a possibly defendable position. Boards 7 and 8 were tough draws, dropping the players from top prize contention. Harris beat Lang handily, while Koster grabbed a careless piece from Ward and hung on easily.

Laren was rather forgetful:

JIM KULBACKI (2060)—PHIL IAREN (2136): 1 d4 d5 2 c4 e6 3 Nc3 c5 4 cxd5 exd5 5 Nf3 Nc6 6 g3 Nf6 7 Bg2 Be7 8 00 00 9 dxc5 d4 (Just let me sneak this in before I recapture on c5.) 10 Na4 Bf5 11 a3 Be4 12 b4 Qd5 13 Nb2 a5 14 b5 Ne5 15 Bf4 Nxf3+ 16 exf3 Bg6 17 Re1 Rfe8 18 Re5 Qd7 19 a4 Bf8 20 Rc1 d3 21 Nc4 Nd5 22 Rxd5 Qxd5 23 Nb6 Qd4 24 Nxa8 Bxc5! (Oh, yeah, almost forgot to take this back. By the way, if 25 Nc7 Qxf2+ 26 Kg1 Re2 27 Qg1 Qxg1+ 28 Rxg1 Bxg1 29 Kxg1 d2 and wins.) 25 Be3 Rxe3! 26 fxe3 Oxe3+ 27 Kh1 d2 28 Rxc5 Qe1+! (Oh, drat, forgot to take back on c5 again. Well, let's see what happens.) 29 Bf1 h6 30 Oxe1 dxe1 31 Kg2 Qd2+ [0-1] (If 32 Kh3 Qf2 33 Rc1 Bf5+ and mate soon. Is this the Immortal Non-Recapture Game?)

We leave you with that bit of whimsy, chronicling only an easy win for Thomas and an illegible upset for Selitsky, and move on:

- 5.0: Lindsay
- 4.5: Blocker, Wygle, Andrews
- 4.0: Sprague, Murthy, Brooks, Harris, Koster, Laren, Thomas, Bailey, Selitsky

## ROUND 6

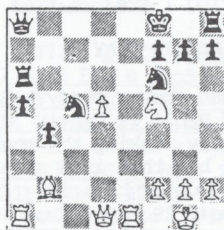
1	Blocker	1	Lindsay
2	Wygle	1	Andrews
3	Sprague	0	Koster
4	Murthy	1/2	Laren
5	Brooks	1	Bailey
6	Thomas	1	Harris
7	Selitsky	0	Weaver

This is it.

CALVIN BLOCKER (2575)—FRED LINDSAY (2373): 1 d4 e6 2 c4 d5 Nf3 c6 4 Nc3 dxc4 5 a4 Bb4 6 e3 b5 7 Bd2 a5 8 axb5 Bxc3 9 Bxc3 cxb5 10 b3 Bb7 11 bxc4 b4 12 Bb2 Nf6 13 Bd3 (It's been book up to here, with theory giving White an edge once he pushes e4. Fred adopts a plan I don't see mentioned anywhere, trying to control the e4 square.) Nbd7 14 00 Ra7 15 Re1 Qa8 (Times so far: White 21 minutes, Black 7 minutes. Blocker now sacrifices a pawn, and Lindsay starts to ponder. 16 e4!? Bxe4 17 Bxe4 Nxe4 18 d5! Ndf6 19 Qa4+ Kf8 20 Nd4 Nc5 21 Qd1 exd5 22 Nf5 Ra6 23 cxd5

## BLACK TO PLAY

(It's not easy for Black. White is going to try something like 24 Qe2, 25 Qe7+, 26 Bxf6 and 27 Qe8+, and there's not much to be done about it. If 23...Qxd5 24 Bxf6 Qxd1 25 Bxg7+ and wins, while 23...Ncd7 24 Qe2 Ra7 25 Qe7+ Kg8 26 Nh6+ gxh6 27 Bxf6 Nxf6 28 Qxf6 looks



good for White. Fred's move weakens his king position plus the long dark-square diagonal, but is there better?) g6 24 Qc1 Nfe4 25 Qh6+ Ke8 26 Ng3 Kd7 27 Nxe4 Nxe4 28 Rxe4 Re8 29 Qh3+ Kd6 30 Rf4 Re2 31 Rf6+ Ke7 32 Qf3 [1-0]

Make that four championships in six years for Blocker. Will it be solo or co-?

STEVE WYGLE (2340)—STEVE ANDREWS (2247): 1 e4 Nf6 2 e5 Nd5 3 d4 d6 4 Nf3 Bg4 5 Be2 e6 6 h3 Bf5 7 00 Be7 8 c4 Nb6 9 Nc3 00 10 exd6 cxd6 11 b3 h6 12 Be3 Bf6 13 Rc1 Nc6 14 d5 exd5 15 Bxb6 axb6 16 Qxd5 Qd7 17 Rfd1 Rfd8 18 Qd2 Ne7 19 Nd4 d5 20 cxd5 Nxd5 21 Bb5! (Make room at the top! And the big bucks are going south, since White wins at least a piece: 21...Qc8 22 Nxd5.) Nxc3 22 Bxd7 Rxd7 23 Qxc3 Rad8 24 Qf3 Bg6 25 Nb5 Bc3 26 Rxd3 Rxd3 27 Qxb7 Be5 28 q3 R3d7 29 Qxb6 Rd2 30 Qb7 [1-0] (As honor is finally satisfied.)

So it's Blocker and Wygle you'll see in next year's ad for the Motor City Open. Another well-deserved victory for Calvin: note that he played finishers #2,3,4 and 5 in the last four rounds. Wygle had the slightly easier time on paper, but he gets credit for seizing his chances and stopping the Blocker express in round 5.

Let's see, now, Lindsay leads the five-point parade this year. How about board 3?

ROSS SPRAGUE (2307)—ED KOSTER (2141): 1 e4 e5 2 Nf3 Nc6 3 Bb5 a6 4 Ba4 Nf6 5 d4 exd4 6 00 Be7 7 Re1 00 8 e5 Nd5 9 c3 Nb6 10 cxd4 Nxa4 11 Qxa4 d6 12 h3 dxe5 13 dxe5 Qd3 14 Kh1? (I hesitate to say that White fell asleep here, but how else could he miss Black's shot?) Bxh3! 15 Nc3 Be6 16 Be3 Rad8 17 Racl Qg6 18 Bf4 Rd3 19 Bg3 Rfd8 20 a3 Qh5+ 21 Kgl Rxf3! (Circle the wagons, partners—it's a king hunt!) 22 gxf3 Nd4 24 Re4 Nxf3+ 24 Kf1 Bh3+ 25 Ke2 Rd2+ 26 Ke3 Bc5+ 27 Rd4 Bxd4+ 28 Ke4 Qf5+ [0-1] (There's gotta be a mate in there somewhere, and maybe even quicker than 29 Kd5 Bb6+! 30 Kc4 Qe6+ 31 Nd5 Qxd5+ 32 Kc3 Qd3+ 33 Kb4 c5#)

Murthy and Laren played a rather colorless draw. You can normally expect more than that from someone like Brooks:

JOHN BROOKS (2188)—GREG BAILEY (2071): 1 d4 Nf6 2 c4 e6 3 Bg5 Bb4+ 4 Nc3 c5 5 d5 Bxc3+ 6 bxc3 e5 7 Qc2 d6 8 e4 00 9 Bd3 Nbd7 10 Ne2 Re8 11 Ng3 Qa5 12 00 Kh8 13 f4 Ng8 14 f5 f6 15 Bd2 Nb6 16 Qd1 Bd7 17 a4 a6 18 Qb3 Reb8 19 Bc2 Nc8 20 Rfb1 Qc7 21 Bd3 b6 22 Qd1 Be8 23 Qq4 Ra7 24 Rf1 b5 25 axb5 axb5 26 cxb5 c4 27 Be2 Rxa1 28 Rxa1 Rxb5 29 Nf1 Rb2 30 Bc1 Rb3 31 Qf3 Qb6+ 32 Be3 Rxc3? (Looks like a miscalculation, possibly in time pressure. Black's position is bad, but after 32...Qc7 it doesn't seem defenseless.) 33 Bxb6 Rxf3 34 gxf3 Nxb6 35 Rc1 Nd7 (Perhaps he figured on 35...Bb5 36 Nd2? c3! turning the tables, but 36 Ne3! refutes everything.) 36 Bxc4 Nc5 37 Rb1 g6 38 Rb8 Bd7 39 Ne3 gxf5 40 exf5 Kg7 41 Bb5 Kf7 42 Bxd7 Nxd7 43 Rd8 Nf8 44 Rxd6 Ke7 45 Ra6 Nh6 46 Kf1 Nf7 47 Nc4 Nh6 48 Ra7+ Ke8 49 Nd6+ Kd8 50 Nf7+ Nxf7 51 Rxf7 Nd7 52 Rxd7 Kc7 53 Ke2 Kd6 54 Rxd7+ Kxd7 55 Ke3 [1-0]

A just-like-thatter finished board 6:

CARLTON THOMAS (2132)—THOMAS HARRIS (2142): 1 e4 c5 2 Nf3 Nc6 3 d4 cxd4 4 Nxd4 Nf6 5 Nc3 d6 6 Bc4 Qb6 7 Nxc6 bxc6 8 00 e5 9 Bg5 Be7 10 Bxf6 gxf6 11 Qh5 Rf8 12 Bb3 Bd7 13 Rad1 000 14 Rd3 Be6 15 Rfd1 Qb7 16 Ne2 Rg8 17 Bxe6+ fxe6 18 Bb3 Qd7 19 Qf3 Rg5? (Oh, dear.) 20 Qd3! (Quite a horrible shock in the last round with big bucks at stake. There is no way to avoid losing king or queen.) [1-0]

Benson Selitsky had a chance to join Koster, Lindsay, Thomas and Brooks at 5 points, but lost a tough endgame to Norris Weaver.

Such were the big stories of the 1988 Motor City Open. There were a couple of amusing sidelights, though.

It was near the end of round six, with players battling fiercely for a share of 2nd Class A or 3rd Class C, when an overzealous janitor walked into the playing room and announced, "BUILDING CLOSES AT 8:00 P.M.!!!", in about that tone of voice. Organizers and TD's quickly called a summit,

Continued on next page



# Motox City Open

CHESS TOURNAMENT

(From preceding page)

and got the time pushed back an hour. Sure enough, before anyone could stop him: "BUILDING CLOSSES AT 9:00 P.M.!!!"

And are you willing to guess who had the last game, bringing down the janitor's ire upon him. Uh-huh, Warren Raftshol, with poor Nice Guy Greg Bailey looking on and pondering the long, long, long drive home. That must be what they mean by "Nice guys finish last."

## 2 GAIN OVER 300 RATING POINTS

A minimum gain of 100 points was required to make this list. Ratings were based on the 1988 and 1989 Annual Rating Lists. No provisional ratings from either year were allowed.

NAME	1/88 RATING	1/89 RATING	CHANGE
1 Jeff Aldrich	1192	1531	+339
2 Ryan McCarty	1081	1381	+300
3 Jim Walters	1479	1748	+269
4 David W. Calton	1701	1951	+250
5 Brian June	1422	1671	+249
6 Ryan Hesperheide	1000	1243	+243
7 Brad Walker	1557	1797	+240
8 Reinhard Rottner	1302	1540	+238
9 Brad Bilicki	1126	1353	+227
10 Bill Calton	1652	1879	+227
11 Jack Wood	1532	1754	+222
12 Dawn Jones	1170	1387	+217
13 Dennis White	1340	1556	+216
14 Vadim Ponomaronko	1276	1485	+209
15 Michael Koteles	1687	1882	+195
Mickey Maloy	1727	1920	+193
Brandon Hesperheide	1184	1375	+191
18 James Lewis	1308	1499	+191
19 Louis Kusnier	1231	1409	+178
20 Steven Scott	1788	1965	+177
21 James Rasmussen	1440	1611	+171
22 Ed Tucker	1532	1697	+165
23 James Mortiere	1300	1464	+164
24 David Levadi	1801	1956	+155
25 Donald Stock	1250	1394	+144
26 Jordan Weitz	1350	1493	+143
27 Kenneth Falkowski	1621	1762	+141
28 Charles Collins	1615	1751	+136
29 Brion Brooks	1511	1645	+134
30 Bruce Lovett	1323	1457	+134
31 Olaf Haakonstad	1804	1936	+132
32 Steve Rosenberg	1626	1757	+131
33 James Edson	1225	1355	+130
34 Troy Belanger	1232	1360	+128
35 Larry Munger	1615	1743	+128
36 David A. Calton	1293	1419	+126
37 John Schoonmaker	1865	1991	+126
38 Mike Naji	1165	1289	+124
39 Jerome Vedula	1862	1985	+123
40 Gary Fletcher	1415	1536	+121
41 Todd Hager	1124	1245	+121
42 Todd Hawley	1581	1702	+121
43 Cliff Van Loon	1835	1956	+121
44 Tanapoom Sujarit	1302	1422	+120
45 Margaret Clark	1131	1245	+114
46 Mike Hanson	1464	1577	+113
47 Angela Grigsby	1179	1285	+106
48 William Hiltz	1230	1336	+106
49 B. Michael Williams	1589	1695	+106
50 Joe Beane, Jr.	1575	1679	+104
51 Brian Nierhaus	1665	1767	+102
52 Thomas LaForge	1921	2022	+101
Carmen White	1431	1532	+101
54 James Sawaski	1612	1712	+100

Congratulations to all of you big gainers! Now, go out and do it again in 1989.

# MICHIGAN'S TOP 100

COMPILED FROM THE JANUARY 1989 ANNUAL RATING LIST

By David Moody

1 Fred Lindsay (1)	2394	51 Paul Bauerle (62)	2070
2 Steve Feldman (I)	2323	52 Thomas Ward (48)	2070
3 David Hahn (11)	2307	53 Frank Fricko (40)	2065
4 Tom Algeo (I)	2300	54 Gordon Morrell (CN)	2063
5 Dan Boyk (6)	2294	55 Gene Hickey (I)	2061
6 Paul Poschel (7)	2273	56 Lineas Baze (22)	2059
7 Eric Fischvogt (3)	2272	57 William Fuller (73)	2057
8 Robert O'Donnell (9)	2262	58 Jason Morris (67)	2057
9 John Wygrecki (10)	2253	59 Frank Helle (78)	2051
10 Steve Andrews (8)	2249	60 Faris Jirjis (I)	2050
11 Kevin Noren (5)	2244	61 Chris Eagle (87)	2044
12 Kevin Czuhai (14)	2235	62 Jerry Haaapapuro (38)	2039
13 Issa Youssef (13)	2232	63 David Moody (95)	2036
14 Larry Quigley (12)	2231	64 James Vermilya (GA)	2031
15 Dexter Thompson (4)	2221	65 Ed Williams (85)	2029
16 John Concini (16)	2215	66 Chip Kraft (68)	2028
17 Jim Marfia (15)	2206	67 Jim Kulbacki (39)	2028
18 Robert Avery (16)	2202	68 Stan Jarosz (55)	2026
19 David Wolfrom (23)	2198	69 Don Bohley (52)	2024
20 John Brooks (18)	2194	70 Greg Bailey (74)	2022
21 Bill Groeller (20)	2183	71 Thomas LaForge (113)	2022
22 Carlton Thomas (29)	2181	72 Jason Wysocki (80)	2022
23 Mark Finegold (OH)	2180	73 Bernard Cook (U)	2021
24 Deuvoy Carroll (I)	2176	74 Jeff Richburg (82)	2019
25 Robin Cunningham (19)	2169	75 James Riseman (109)	2018
26 Nasser Abbasi (I)	2168	76 Marcus Hendricks (I)	2016
27 DuWayne Riggins (43)	2154	77 Karl Clark (100)	2012
28 Andrew Beider (I)	2151	78 John Lang (59)	2009
29 Robert Polk (25)	2151	79 Geoffrey Wyatt (OR)	2008
30 Mike Kebrdle (31)	2143	80 Richard Lees (56)	2006
31 Ed Koster (21)	2141	81 Tom Szczypka (72)	2005
32 Mark Knecht (36)	2138	82 Les LeRoy Smith (71)	2003
33 Phil Laren (I)	2136	83 Casimir Ramas (90)	1999
34 Ron Finegold (17)	2120	84 Leonard Dangremond (98)	1998
35 Paul Shields (IL)	2120	85 Lawrence Brenton (88)	1997
36 Vester Wilson (57)	2120	86 Jack Duncan (IN)	1996
37 Peter Linn (OH)	2117	87 Naum Zacks (I)	1996
38 John Norcross (30)	2115	88 John Schoonmaker (145)	1991
39 Tom Mazuchowski (24)	2110	89 Brian Garwood (79)	1985
40 George Turner (I)	2104	90 Jerome Vedula (147)	1985
41 Morgan Everett (45)	2102	91 Benson Selitsky (83)	1984
42 Gary Kitts (38)	2094	92 Rudolf Thun (108)	1982
43 Glenn Good (32)	2093	93 Edward Duckles (WI)	1980
44 Tony Palmer (42)	2093	94 Ed Mooney (I)	1978
45 Mark Pence (41)	2090	95 Rea B. Hayes (70)	1976
46 William Accad (44)	2081	96 Steve Mellen (76)	1976
47 Edward Bennett (75)	2079	97 Chris Hankinson (63)	1974
48 Steve Mitchell (53)	2077	98 Wolfgang Andel (93)	1972
49 Simeon Ivanov (I)	2076	99 Steve Krevinko (I)	1972
50 Nir Cohen (U)	2073	100 Michael R. Smith (102)	1967

With the issuing of the annual rating list, players inactive from mid-October 1987 through mid-October 1988 have been dropped from the top 100. The number in parenthesis on this list is the ranking from the Top 100 based on the 1988 Annual. (I) indicates a player not on the 1988 Annual due to inactivity the previous year, and (U) shows a person unrated before 1988. A state or country in parenthesis is for someone who moved to Michigan in 1988. The minimum rating rose another 16 points.

Below is a chart tracing the progress of the top 100.

January 1988		January 1989	
Holdovers	69	Holdovers	69
Demoted due to rating drop	6	Promoted due to rating gain	6
Dropped due to inactivity	21	Back after being Inactive	15
Moved out of state	3	Moved into state	8
Died	1	Unrated	2
Total	100	Total	100
Masters	16	Masters	18
Experts	57	Experts	64
Class A	27	Class A	18



# SPEED CHAMPIONSHIP BIGGEST IN 12 YEARS!

by Bill Groeller, TD

Forty-two players participated in this final state championship event of 1988. The tournament was held at the excellent Oak Park Community Center, home of the Oak Park Chess Club. Although 42 may seem low for a state championship event, in actual numbers this was the largest Speed since 1976 when it was held in Dearborn. If my count is correct, this brings the total participation for all MCA tourneys this year to a record 1,098. That's up 103 from the record set last year!

For the past few years, publicity for the Speed has been close to non-existent. The timing, in early December, has been a problem in that it may be too early to advertise it in the October MC, and too late to get into the December issue. But this year we firmly set the date back in the good ol' summertime, and advertised away. The results were a 116% increase over last year!

The speed is generally the \*strongest\* event of the year. No exception this year! With the emigration of FM Ben Finegold to Belgium (he went 28-0 last year), a lot of lean and hungry masters and experts showed up to pick up the pieces. Seven were masters, led by former champs Poschel, Boyk, and Lindsay. The two remaining Finegold's, Ron and Mark, led a strong field of thirteen experts. Robert O'Donnell, Dexter Thompson, and Looie Baze, former Open champs, attended. Twenty-two sub-2000's played, 8 being A's, 5 B's, 3 C's, and 5 class D/below. The low turnout under class A is puzzling because to improve, you must compete against stronger players. What better place than here, where there are masters and experts galore?

The field was divided into four preliminary sections. Prelim A saw the only perfect round of the day, by Ali Lin. Second was Mark Finegold with 9, and an upset Fred (top-ranked) Lindsay managed 8. The top three from each prelim qualified for the finals, with two 'wildcard' entries as well. Prelim B was controlled by Dan Boyk with 9, followed by Simeon Ivanov and Richard Kause with 8. Prelim C was the talk of the tournament. Paul Poschel made it with 9, but three tied at 8! Qualifying were Bill Calton (1873) and George Turner (2100)! That left Thompson at 8, hoping to be a wildcard! Prelim D was won by Ron Finegold with 9, with Steve Andrews and Robert O'Donnell tied at 8. The final wildcard was Mike Kebrdle, who scored 7 in Prelim C.

So for the most part, the finals were pretty much as expected. Of the top three from each prelim, ten made it in. Only Ivanov and Calton pulled off 'upsets', but they played like favorites! Calton continued strong with wins over Thompson and Kebrdle in the finals, but soon cooled off, settling for 7.5/13. If that's 'cooling off'! Lindsay got knocked off by the skin of his clock in winning positions a couple of times, leaving Boyk and Poschel vying for first with three rounds to go. Boyk then ran away with it with consecutive wins over Andrews, Lin, and Ron Finegold, while Poschel drew with Calton (no surprise !?), beat Ivanov and then lost to O'Donnell in the last game. So the champion is Dan Boyk of Ann Arbor with 11-2. Poschel was second at 9.5, and O'Donnell snuck into third with 9. Thompson, Andrews, Mark Finegold, and Lindsay tied for 4th with 8 points each. Calton settled for the class A prize, although he was the only A player in the finals. But he almost made it to a place prize, not bad.

Looie Baze took the 1st consolation with 11.5, followed by Tom Mazuchowski with 10.5. Mike Charison scored 5.5 to win class B honors.

Len Esselink and Todd Hawley tied for first in the 2nd consolation, with 12-1 each. Ron Wheeler took class C with 7.5, while Willie Thomas of Cass Tech HS won D/E/U honors with 5.5.

So its on to 1989 for MICHIGAN CHESS. One idea to use planning this event: The October MC is generally the last magazine to come out before this early-December

date. Prospective organizers should therefore PLAN EARLY! Get it announced in October so you have time for people show up in December. If we can increase the entries next year by the same percentage as this year, we should get 92 in '89!

The tourney was directed by this reporter for the MCA. As this event grows, perhaps the number of directors and/or deputies should also grow. Although there were no major disputes; I could foresee many while supervising 21 games at once!

The MCA would like to thank the Oak Park Parks and Rec Department for hosting us, the OFCC for providing a few sets, clocks, and boards where they were needed, and, of course, all the fanatics that turned out. See you next December!

## 1988 Speed Championship, Dec.11

**\*\* FINALS \*\***

	B	P	O	T	A	F	L	C	F	K	L	K	I	T		
Boyk	x	0	1	1	1	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	11	\$63
Poschel	1	x	0	1	=	1	0	=	1	1	=	1	1	1	9+	30
O'Donnell	0	1	x	=	1	0	0	=	1	1	1	1	1	1	9	20
Thompson	0	0	=	x	1	=	1	0	1	0	1	1	1	1	8	4.50
Andrews	0	=	0	0	x	1	1	=	0	1	1	1	1	1	8	4.50
MFinegold	0	0	1	=	0	x	1	1	=	0	1	1	1	1	8	4.50
Lindsay	1	1	1	0	0	0	x	1	1	0	1	1	1	0	8	4.50
Calton	0	=	=	1	=	0	0	x	0	1	1	1	1	1	7+	10, A
RFinegold	0	0	0	0	1	=	0	1	x	1	1	1	0	1	6+	
Kause	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	x	0	1	1	1	1	5	
Lin	0	=	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	x	1	1	0	4+	
Kebrdle	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	x	1	2	
Ivanov	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	x	1	2	
Turner	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	x	2	

**\*\* 1 CONS \*\***

	B	M	J	D	G	B	M	S	C	L	B	F	H	S		
Baze	x	1	1	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	=	1	1	1	11+	30
Mazuchowski	0	x	1	1	0	1	1	1	1	1	=	1	1	1	10+	20
Jirjis	0	0	x	1	1	0	1	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	9	
Duncan	1	Q	0	x	0	0	=	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	8+	
George	0	1	0	1	x	=	1	0	0	0	1	1	1	1	7+	
Braak	0	0	0	1	=	x	1	0	=	0	1	1	1	1	7	
Mitchell	0	0	1	=	0	0	x	1	1	1	=	1	0	1	7	
Stefanski	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	x	1	=	x	1	1	0	6+	
Charison	0	0	1	0	1	=	0	0	x	1	0	0	1	1	5+	16, B
LaForge	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	=	0	x	0	1	1	1	5+	
Bemben	0	0	0	0	0	0	=	0	1	x	1	1	=	1	5	
Fricko	=	=	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	x	1	1	1	4	
Haakonstad	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	x	1	2	
Smith	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	=	0	0	x	1+	

**\*\* 2 CONS \*\***

	E	H	D	J	W	F	F	D	T	F	V	A	E	W		
Esselink	x	1	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	12	18
Hawley	0	x	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	12	18
Dmuchowski	1	0	x	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	11	
Jonik	0	0	1	x	0	1	1	1	1	0	1	1	1	1	9	
Wheeler	0	0	0	1	x	0	=	=	1	1	1	1	1	1	7+	10, C
Feldman	0	0	0	0	1	x	1	0	1	0	1	1	1	1	7	
Foord	0	0	0	0	=	0	x	1	0	1	1	1	1	1	6+	
Davis	0	0	0	0	=	1	0	x	1	1	0	1	1	1	6+	
Thomas	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	x	1	1	=	1	1	1	5+	10, D
Fortune	0	0	0	0	=	1	0	0	x	0	1	1	1	1	4+	
Vaka	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	x	1	0	1	1	1	4	
Aaron	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	=	0	x	1	1	1	3+	
Edens	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	x	1	1	2	
Wanshor	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	x	0	0	

**\*\* SELECTED GAMES FROM THE SPEED CHAMPIONSHIP \*\***  
 Andrews - Lindsay. Fred defeated the top three, but...  
 1 d4 d5 2 c4 e6 3 Nc3 c6 4 Nf3 dxc4 5 a4 Bb4 6 e3 b5 7 Bd2 a5 8 axb5 Bxc3 9 Bxc3 cxb5 10 Be2 Bb7 11 00 Nf6 12 Be1 00 13 b3 cxb3 14 Bxb5 Qd5 15 Ba4 b2 16 Rb1 Ba6 17 Rxb2 Bxf1 18 Kxf1 Nc6 19 Rb5 Qc4+ 20 Kg1 Rfb8? 21 Rc5 Qa2 22 Bxc6 Ra6 23 Rc2 Qb3 24 Ne5 a4 25 Qc1 a3 26 Bc3 Qb1 27 g3 a2 28 Kg2 Qxc1 29 Rxc1 Rb1 30 Rc2 a1Q 31 Bxa1 Rbxal 32 Bf3 h6 33 h3 R6a2 34 Rc7 Ra7 35 Rc8+ Kh7 36 e4 R1a2 37 d5 exd5 38 exd5 Rd2 39 Nc4 Rd4 40 d6 Ra4 41 Be2 Ra2! 42 Bf1 Rc2 43 Rc7 Ne4 44 d7 Rxf2+ 45 Kg1 Rc2 4 Bg2 Nxb3 47 Kh2 Nf1+ 48 Kg1 Ne3! 49 Nxe3 Rxc7 1-0, time. Ugh.



## CHESS ACTIVITY INCREASING IN LANSING AREA

## 4 Events in 9 Weeks!

Lansing has itself some kind of a chess record: Four tournaments totaling 116 entries in 9 weeks, Nov. 20 to Jan. 22.

Nov. 21-Dec. 19, 5 Mondays, the 1988 Lansing Championship	19 entries
November 20 Mini-Swiss	47 entries.
December 20 Mini-Swiss	22 entries.
January 22 Mini-Swiss	28 entries.
	116

Next Lansing tourney is Sunday, Feb. 19. See page 12. Local club meets there Mondays.

Kevin Noren, now Lansing's only master, repeated as area champion in the Nov.-Dec. event, winning all five rounds, a trophy and \$40. Newcomer Don Pray lost to Noren, won the rest and got 2nd for \$25. Other winners: Class "A" Tom Triplett \$15, "B" Dave Sundeen \$15, "C" David Troupe \$15, "D" John Dakins & Thom Little each \$12.50, and "E" Eric Curtis \$10.

DEC. 12 MINI was too close to Christmas, but we gave it a shot and got 21. The USCF crosstable shows the results, plus rating changes of the players.

PLAYER	PRE RTNG	POST RTNG	1	2	3	TOT
1 NOREN, KEVIN	2278	2285	W-8	W-3	D-2	2.5
2 LAREN, PHILIP	2155	2170	W10	W-5	D-1	2.5
3 KOSTER, EDWARD S	2182	2184	W-4	L-1	W-6	2.0
4 BRATTIN, VINCENT J	1927	1950	L-3	W10	W-8	2.0
5 MOODY, DAVID W	2006	1990	D-9	L-2	B--	1.5
6 SCHOONMAKER, JOHN	1968	1964	D-7	W-9	L-3	1.5
7 SUNDEEN, DAVID R	1776	1795	D-6	L-8	W-9	1.5
8 BOES, JEFFERY L	1920	1910	L-1	W-7	L-4	1.0
9 TRIPLETT, THOMAS L	1864	1839	D-5	L-6	L-7	.5
10 DECKER, DALE A	1867	1849	L-2	L-4	U--	.0

PLAYER	PRE RTNG	POST RTNG	1	2	3	TOT
1 JONES, LINSTON	1663	1677	H--	W-8	W-5	2.5
2 REPAS, BOB	1476	1501	W10	D-6	W-7	2.5
3 VANDENBURG, V E	1626	1626	L-5	W11	W-6	2.0
4 CARMAN, BRUCE O	1514	1514	W11	L-5	W-8	2.0
5 TROUPE, DAVID	1451	1486	W-3	W-4	L-1	2.0
6 INGLES, DARRELL K	1473	1474	W-9	D-2	L-3	1.5
7 LA GUIRE, DON K	1553	1519	L-8	W-9	L-2	1.0
8 ASBURY, JR VICTOR	1417	1422	W-7	L-1	L-4	1.0
9 LITTLE, THOM	1343	1335	L-6	L-7	W10	1.0
10 CARON, E LOUIS	1200	1200	L-2	B--	L-9	1.0
11 CARR, JAMES RICHAR	1303	1303	L-4	L-3	U--	.0

JAN. 22 MINI drew 28. The original date was Jan. 15 but had to be changed. NOTE: Always check the latest publication to verify latest correct dates. Emergency changes may occur!

In an unusual upset, Philip Laren (2136) defeated Kevin Noren (2244) Lansing, the only master entered. Bob Repas (1485) Bath, started 6th in the 2nd section, but won 1st and \$50. Greg Hummel (1323) of Charlotte, 3rd in the bottom section, won 1st & \$50; 11 won prizes. Complete report in April MICHIGAN CHESS.

The big turnout of 47 Nov. 20 is reported below, with 16 prize winners indicated--going almost down to lowest rated entry--and including three unrated ones!

## NOV. 20 MINI-SWISS -- by Vincent Brattin

And the entrants just kept pouring in! It was easily the biggest Lansing Mini-Swiss to date, as 47 people in 6 sections battled it out -- and 16 won prize money! It can happen to anyone, folks -- just look at section 2, where someone scored just one win and still won \$25. If he can do it . . . . Anyway, there are still several hundred MCA mem-

bers who have not won prizes at Lansing; we'll be seeing you there soon, won't we?

Grand Rapids master Kevin Czuhai took home at least some of the top prize (as usual), and along the way, played the tournament's best game (as usual). The positively vicious game between Czuhai and Phil Laren in round 3 is much too good a game for my sparse notes; I gave it to Dave Moody to dress up the Games Department.

But here are a few other games to help illustrate the Lansing Mini-Swiss experience.

Gene Hickey (2061) vs. David Moody (2080) 1. d4 Nf6 2. Nc3 (Avoiding Dave's favorite Benoni Defense) 2. . . . e6 3. Bg5 Be7 4. e3 b6 5. Bd3 Bb7 6. Nf3 d6 7. Qe2 Nbd7 8. 0-0 h6 9. Bh4 g5 10. Bg3 Nh5 11. e4 Nxg3 12. fg c5 13. Rad1 cd 14. Nxd4 a6 15. Nxe6! (Ouch!) 15. . . . Qc8 16. Ng7+ Kf8 17. Qf2! Ne5 18. Nf5 Qc7 19. Be2 Qc5 20. Nd4 Ke8 21. Bh5 Kd7 (Armageddon outta here!) 22. Kh1 Rf8 23. Qe2 Rhg8 24. Bg4+ Kc7 25. Rxf7! (A fork in the offing, and black has nothing better than to permit it!) 25. . . . Rxf7 26. Ne6+ Kb8 27. Nxc5 bc 28. Be6! (Like many a combination by Alekhine -- the real point comes at the end) BLACK RESIGNS

Jason Morris was the story in section 2, where his thrashing of the field will likely result in a 2100 rating.

Jason Morris (2047) vs. Steve Scott (1935) 1. e4 c5 2. Nf3 e6 3. Nc3 d6 4. d4 cd 5. Nxd4 a6 6. Be2 Nf6 7. 0-0 Be7 8. Kh1 0-0 9. f4 Qc7 10. Be3 Bd7 11. Qe1 Nc6 12. Rd1 Vxd4 13. Bxd4 Bc6 14. Bd3 e5 15. Be3 Rad8 16. Qg3 Nh5 17. Qh3 g6 18. f5 Nf6 19. Bh6 Rfe8 20. Bg5 Nh5 21. f6 Bf8 22. g4 Nf4 23. Rxf4! qf 24. Bh6 Kh8 25. Rf1 d5 26. Bxf8 Rxf8 27. Qh6 Rg8 28. Rf3 de 29. Qxh7+! BLACK RESIGNS. What makes this game pleasing is not any of Jason's individual moves, but his singleminded will. You know how when a gila monster grabs hold of your leg and simply refuses to let go of it, until finally the poison sets in and you get gangrene and have to have it amputated? Well, for those of you who have yet to experience this, Jason's play here is a close chessic equivalent. He grabbed a slight advantage, refused to let go, and when black squirmed white just sunk his teeth in further. And finally, gangrene.

## November 20 Lansing Mini-Swiss

1. Ron Finegold	Oak Park	2133	W4	D2	W5	2.5	\$37.50
2. Kevin Czuhai	Grand Rapids	2236	W6	D1	W3	2.5	\$37.50
3. Phil Laren	Whitmore Lake	2136	W5	W7	L2	2.0	
4. Kevin Noren	Lansing	2308	L1	W8	W7	2.0	
5. Gene Hickey	Clio	2061	L3	W6	L1	1.0	
6. Dave Moody	Dearborn	2080	L2	L5	BYE	1.0	
7. Mark Finegold	Oak Park	2141	D8	L3	L4	0.5	
8. Lineas Baze	Jackson	2063	D7	L4	---	0.5	

1. Jason Morris	Brighton	2047	W5	W4	W3	3.0	\$50.00
2. V.J. Brattin	Belleville	1903	D3	W8	D4	2.0	\$25.00
3. Stanley Jarosz	Grand Rapids	2022	D2	W7	L1	1.5	
4. George Elgin	Grand Rapids	1891	W8	L1	D2	1.5	
5. Steve Scott	Lansing	1935	L1	D6	W7	1.5	
6. Rea Hayes	Lapeer	1955	L7	D5	BYE	1.5	
7. John Schoonmaker	East Lansing	1890	W6	L3	L5	1.0	
8. Jason Wysocki	Grand Rapids	2000	L4	L2	---	0.0	

1. Mike Skidmore	Flint	1881	W5	W3	W4	3.0	\$50.00
2. Thomas Triplett	East Lansing	1815	D4	W7	W5	2.5	\$25.00
3. David Sundeen	Lansing	1761	W8	L1	W6	2.0	
4. William Ford	Lansing	1888	D2	W6	L1	1.5	
5. Victor Kreiman	Ann Arbor	1795	L1	W8	L2	1.0	
6. Edward Frawley	Holt	1771	D7	L4	L3	0.5	
7. Joseph Cummings	Jackson	1880	D6	L2	---	0.5	
8. Ron Pierce	Lansing	1849	L3	L5	---	0.0	

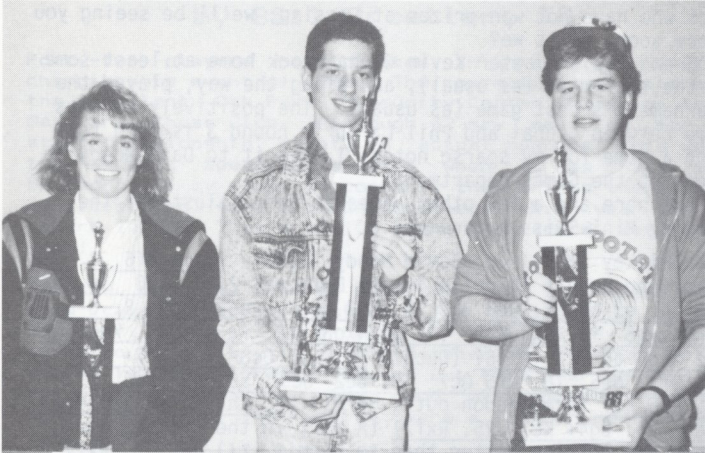
1. Connie Anderson	Clio	1579	W2	W6	W4	3.0	\$50.00
2. Edward Tucker	Clio	1697	L1	W7	W6	2.0	\$12.50
3. Ira McClurkin	Charlotte	1602	L6	BYE	W5	2.0	\$12.50
4. B. Mike Williams	Lansing	1634	+8	D5	L1	1.5	
5. Jennifer Skidmore	Flint	1499	W7	D4	L3	1.5	
6. Randy Underhill	Lansing	1446	W3	L1	L2	1.0	Cont'd
7. V.E. Vandenburg	Eaton Rapids	1676	L5	L2	BYE	1.0	next
8. David Troupe	St. Louis	1452	-4	---	---	0.0	page



TRI-COUNTY CHAMPIONS

November 20 Lansing Mini-Swiss

(From preceding page)



1. Victor Asbury	Laingsburg	1381	W8	W3	W2	3.0	\$50.00
2. Michael Hill	East Lansing	1401	W5	W4	L1	2.0	\$ 8.33
3. John Dakins	Haslett	1242	W6	L1	W5	2.0	\$ 8.33
4. Thom Little	Portland	1270	W7	L2	W6	2.0	\$ 8.33
5. Michael Finn	Dimondale	1339	L2	W7	L3	1.0	
6. James Stuart	Grand Rapids	1368	L3	W8	L4	1.0	
7. Ken Tindall	Muskegon	1374	L4	L5	W8	1.0	
8. E. Louis Caron	Kalamazoo	1273	L1	L6	L7	0.0	

1. Zakir Sahul	Troy	UNR	W7	W2	W4	3.0	\$50.00
2. Neil Clark	Lansing	UNR	W6	L1	W5	2.0	\$12.50
3. David Mitchell	Kentwood	UNR	L4	W8	W6	2.0	\$12.50
4. Joe Krzyston	Kalamazoo	1198	W3	D5	L1	1.5	
5. Michael Sobocinski	Mt. Clemens	UNR	W8	D4	L2	1.5	
6. Kevin Kuelske	Ann Arbor	UNR	L2	W7	L3	1.0	
7. Russell Fett	Ann Arbor	UNR	L1	L6	W8	1.0	
8. John Gleichman	East Lansing	UNR	L5	L3	L7	0.0	

--TDs: V.E. Vandenburg & Vincent Bratlin

And here's a beauty from section 3:

Joseph Cummings (1880) vs. Ed Frawley (1771) 1. e4 e5  
 2. Bc4 Nf6 3. Nf3 Wc6 4. Nc3 Be7 5. O-O O-O 6. d4 ed  
 7. Nxd4 Ne5 8. Bb3 d6 9. f4 Nq6 10. Be3 Re8 11. Nf5 Nxc4  
 12. Qd5 Bxf5 13. Qxf7+ Kh8 14. Qxf5 Nxc3 15. bc Rf8  
 16. Qg4 Bf6 17. Rf3 d5 18. Rd1 c6 19. Rh3 Qe8 20. Qh5 h6  
 21. c4 d4 (White's offensive has run short of steam; let's  
 see if blacks' counter-offensive does better) 22. Bc1 Qe4  
 23. Qg4 Rae8 24. Rg3 d3! (If 25. Qxg6 Bd4+ wins instantly)  
 25. Rdxq3 Ne5! 26. Qg3 Nxd3 27. cd Bd4+ 28. Kh1 Qe2  
 29. h3 Bf2 30. Qq6 Be1 31. f5 (Aggressive defense)  
 31. ... Qf1+ 32. Kh2 Re2 33. Bxh6! (Very aggressive 'de-  
 fense') 33. ... Rf7! (Say, who's defending against who?)  
 34. c5 gh 35. Bxf7 (With 35. Qxh6+ white could get a per-  
 petual check. But this wins, right?) 35. ... Qf4+ 36. Kh1  
 (And it's black who gets the perpetual check!) DRAW AGREED



HIGH SCHOOL CHAMPS (Top photo, from left):  
 2nd--Connie Anderson, Clio; 1st--Ed Tucker,  
 Clio; 3rd Jeff Aldrich, Flint. JUNIOR HIGH  
 (Center, from left): 2nd--Hai Phung, Lapeer;  
 2nd--Eric Mannor, Flint; 3rd--Jennifer Skid-  
 more, Flint. ELEMENTARY (Lower photo, from left)  
 3rd--Stephen Rynbrandt, Clio; 1st--Jeff  
 Campbell, Clio; 3rd--Keith Mannor, Flint.

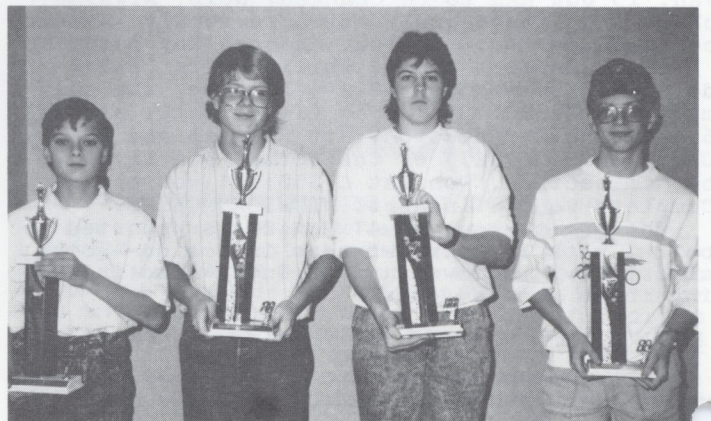
\* \* \* \* \*

The unique annual Tri-County Scholastic  
 Championships Tournament was bigger and better  
 than ever on its 6th year Dec. 10-11 in Flint  
 when a record 84 students entered from 15  
 schools in Genesee, Shiawassee and Lapeer  
 counties, topping the 60 in 1987.

HIGH SCHOOL--38 entered: Ed Tucker and Connie  
 Anderson of Clio were undefeated but drew their  
 own game and tied for the top. Title went to  
 Tucker on tie-break. Jeff Aldrich of Flint  
 Kearsley H.S. won 3rd.

JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL (7th & 8th grades) 14:  
 Champ--Eric Mannor of Kearsley. 2nd--Hai Phung,

Lapeer; 3rd--Jennifer Skidmore, Kearsley.  
 ELEMENTARY (5th & 6th grades) 32: Champ--Jeff  
 Campbell, Kearsley; 2nd--Keith Mannor, Kearsley;  
 3rd--Stephen Rynbrandt, Clio.  
 Champs got \$100 scholarships; 2nd and 3rd  
 each \$50 scholarships. Each also got a trophy,  
 as did Grade winners. Traveling trophy went to  
 winning school in each division.  
 Tourney entries were free to all students in  
 the tri-county area serviced by the Flint Inter-  
 mediate School District, which sponsored the  
 event and provided \$1,000 for prizes through  
 ECIA Chapter II funds.  
 Gene Hickey of Clio, tourney TD, called it  
 one of the finest scholastic events in the  
 state.



TRI-COUNTY GRADE CHAMPS (from left): 9th Grade--  
 Ken Douglas, Davison; 10th--Tim Hargee, Kears-  
 ley; 11th--Jaime Olstead, Bentley; 12th--James  
 Edson, Kearsley.



# MICHIGAN AT THE 1988 U.S. OPEN

Our thanks to Dave Moody for resubmitting this report, which should have been in the October issue.--Ed,

By David Moody

## A Quick Intro

This is a quickie report to replace the usual one, which got lost in the mail. I've had to take out most of the games I threw in, due to space. Apologies!

## The Setting

A funny thing happened on the way to Boston: we finally got there. For some time, in the downtown traffic maze, we had our doubts.

The Lafayette Swiss Hotel was a fine site. Inside, there was a picture of the old Marquis himself, definitely looking like he had just resigned a long endgame. The Swiss part was fulfilled by the large bowl of chocolates on the registration desk in the lobby. Some chessplayers seemed to live on those for two weeks.

Tourists were close to the bar on which the TV show Cheers is based, the infamous "Combat Zone", and all of Boston's many other famous spots. From my point of view, having the hotel on top of a shopping mall was perfect. I went outside twice in two weeks: once with the 7:00 AM munchies on Sunday morning, and the second time ... well, I'll get to that later.

## Team Michigan

Allow me to introduce the we. Pete Nixon (1577) was our illustrious driver, with myself (2037), Bill Groeller (2140), and Jerome Vedula on board for the ride. Jerome was our Designated Denkerite, and not playing in the Open. In fact, he ran off and joined the Navy during the second week (no, it's not that romantic, he was planning to do it all along).

I spent the two weeks with Jim Marfia (2239), as we got the bulletin assignment. This year's job was plagued by misunderstandings on both sides, but we muddled through.

Calton, Inc., (a Southfield Corporation) was represented by father David W. (1984) and sons Bill (1917) and David A. (1410), while wife Judy and daughter Kesha had fun instead. Dan Burg (1926) popped in at the end of his summer vacation, while Bill Daly (1860) was spending his with relatives in the area. Margaret Clark (1264), fast becoming a regular, was in for the long haul.

We had four of the busy person variety this year. Gene Hickey (2040) brought family and Connie Anderson (1580), Sylvester Robes (1746) popped in for politics and a week of chess, and Richard Neely (1585) brought his hearty wife Dee, as usual.

For Renegades, start with Bijan Haririan (California, 2226). Probably more familiar will be Mark Willey (Iowa, 2215), who will be spending some time in England in the future. Veterans will remember George Tessaro (Pennsylvania, 2051); he's planning to start work on a Master's Degree in math.

I also kept track of Ray Stone (2436), who deserves to be an honorary Michigan player. He certainly has enough of our money and tournament titles!

## The Rest of the Guys

I counted them, folks: 632 players, including 15 no-shows. They represented 40 states, the District of Columbia, and 7 foreign countries, plus 4 from Computerville. 10 GMs (Alburt, Benjamin, Browne, Christiansen, Denker, Dlugy, Dzindzichashvili, D. Gurevich, Lein, Soltis), 10 IMs, 13 FMs, 1 Women's International Master (Anna Achasharumova, Boris Gulko's wife). A total of 106 Masters, with 39 over 2400.

Chief TD was George Mirijanian, while Bill Lukowiak was in charge of the Hospitality Room. This still strikes me as a bit of role reversal: Lukowiak, though undoubtedly hospitable, was one of the best Open TD's I've seen at Fort Worth 1984, while Mirijanian is a longtime friend and a definite Hail-Fellow-Well-Met kind of guy.

However, it worked pretty well: pairings were prompt and accurate, wall charts were up early and completely updated by 2:00 AM each morning, and TD's were available for disputes.

Probably the worst problem was noise control, which is always difficult at the Open. This gang (Mirijanian, John Hillery, Frank Camaratta, Harold Stenzel, David Hater, Ira Lee Riddle, Sophia Rohde, Fred Meyer) generally dealt with noise by means of sporadic SHHHHHHHH's, which was little help at all. But then, I've never seen a quiet U.S. Open. In general, this was a very well directed tournament.

## Elevator Races

They were quite interesting this year. You used one elevator from the lobby to your room, a second elevator to the Mall, and a third elevator if you wanted to go to the parking lot or the tournament site. Counting only the hotel lobby elevator: #3, 86; #4, 80; #2, 75; #1, 55.

## ROUND 1

All 7 GMs won, as you might--

Hold it, Moody, you just said above there were 10; what's going on?

Well, it's the big dispute of the Open, the Busy Person Special (BPS), whereby a player gets a certain number of byes for rounds 1-6. If rated over 2600 he was to get 4.5 points the first week without playing. It's a good innovation for those who can't play a two week Open, and over 100 people signed up for it this year.

Now Lev Alburt, who wanted to spend the first week politicking, asked for a BPS in advance. Maxim Dlugy and Larry Christiansen, however, did not request BPS until just before round 7.

Several top players who had been around the whole time, especially Joel Benjamin and Michael Rohde, protested that Alburt, Christiansen and Dlugy got an unfair advantage by not having to beat their brains out the first week, plus easier pairings to start the second week. Mirijanian answered that BPS'ers automatically started with a point or so handicap in the race for prizes.

That argument raged long and loud, and you haven't heard the last of it. BPS was meant for the average player, not for the GM—but how can you deny one class of players something just based on rating? I just hope they can settle it, and keep the BPS and the 12 round format.

Oh yeah, Team Michigan. Our average rating was 1808, the first round cut 1961, so our 4.5-5.5 was not bad. The big event was Dan Burg's draw with IM Jay Bonin (2532). The Renegades won all three comfortably, and Ray Stone was still not in town; he took 2 half-point byes to start.

## ROUND 2

There were 2100 players on the top boards, but still no big news or upsets outside of the occasional 2500 player draw. Michigan again had a good round at 4.5-5.5, nearly .5 ahead of expectation. I led the way by using a Benoni to knock off a Master. Burg got his second IM (Brian Nickoloff) and his first loss.

Among the Renegades George Tessaro knocked off a Master, and not for the last time.

## ROUND 3

The big guys had to play Masters now, but there was still little impact. Mark Willey, for instance, was bulletinized by Dmitry Gurevich this round as the Renegades went 1.5-1.5. Tessaro did draw a Master, and Ray Stone won his first game.

Michigan went an embarrassing +0 -7 =3, and all three draws had our player paired down! The good news was that Dan Burg drew with Soltis; the bad news was that it was Mrs. Soltis. We lost over two points to expectation, and never really came back.

## ROUND 4

While there were many good things about this Open, occasional quirks did pop up. At Portland 1987, the organizers had a Dixieland Band playing just before the round started. It was nice, and loosened the tension. This year, they brought back the band, but had them playing FULL BLAST about five feet from the registration table. Several players didn't get round 1 opponents because the TDs didn't know

Continued on next page



# MICHIGAN AT THE U.S. OPEN

(From preceding page)

they were registering due to the noise.

The tournament was played in several rooms, including one big ballroom with over 150 boards in it. During round 3, it was announced that the big ballroom was unavailable for round 4. Since this would lead to some overcrowding, the organizers offered a half-point bye to anyone willing to skip round 4! Around 100 people took them up on it; the rest of us suffered through. I got a skittles room with a thermostat set at about 150° F and considered myself lucky.

With Senior Masters facing the top players, you could expect some blood to flow at last. Walter Browne was drawn, as was Dmitry Gurevich, James Rizzitano, Anatoly Lein, Ilya Gurevich and Achsharumova. Losers included Jack Peters (to Heinrich Rolletschek, of whom more later) and Danny Kopec (to Rueda, of whom more later).

Michigan bounced back with a +5 -1 =1 performance (with Daly and both David Caltons taking the bye), better than a point more than we expected. I swindled a Master something fierce; in Michigan, it would have qualified for Worst Move Of The Year.

Two more wins for the Renegades, with Tessaro knocking off another Master, while Stone went to 3-1.

## ROUND 5

The perfect scores were pared down to three: Joel Benjamin (OK), Roman Dzindzichashvili (OK), Heinrich Rolletschek (Whaaaa....). The last defeated Alexander Ivanov (not Igor), another recent Soviet emigre, to reach his lofty spot. (Ivanov, by the way, easily won the worst handwriting contest. Imagine the worst scoresheet you've ever seen. Now imagine it in Cyrillic.)

Walter Browne and Rueda provided some comedy relief. Seems Rueda had been a bit careless about the touch-move rule during the tournament. Browne is not the correct person to do this against. He complained loud, long, and in the Holy of Holies where the top ten boards were sequestered.

Finally, Igor Ivanov (not Alexander) came over, upturned Browne's board and spilled all the pieces on the floor. This quieted Browne, the TD's got him out of the room, an honorable truce was established, and Browne finally won.

You can forget this round for Michigan: +1 -4 =5, with Margaret Clark and David A. Calton providing the highlights by picking up their first half-points over the board. Only one point for the Renegades, as Tessaro was stopped dead by Jack Peters. Stone picked up his third straight win.

## ROUND 6

Benjamin and Dzindzichashvili slugged it out. Joel had the advantage most of the way, but utterly and totally hung a piece in time pressure, resigning after some adjournment play. With Rolletschek being stopped by Rohde, Dzindzi (a new husband and father, by the way) led at 6-0. Following with 5.5 were Rohde, Browne, Alexander Fishbein, Jay Bonin (only Burg could stop him the first week!), and Soltis.

A decent round for Michigan, scoring 4.5 when expecting 4, with the highlight of David A. Calton's win over a B-player. Scores for Michigan after one week: Groeller 4 (+4 rating points), Marfia 3.5 (-8), Moody 3 (+28), D.W. Calton 3 (-26), Burg 3 (+10), Daly 3 (-9), Bill Calton 2.5 (-29), D.A. Calton 2 (+31), Clark, 0.5 (-3).

For the Renegades: Willey 4 (0), Haririan 3.5 (-13), Tessaro 3.5 (+51). Stone led everyone with 5 points (+9), 4/4 over the board.

## DAY OFF

Unless you're a Delegate, Saturday is normally a day of rest at the US Open. Not in 1988.

At about 3:00 AM Saturday Morning, the fire alarm went off over the entire hotel. Nobody wanted to believe it at first, but the voice over the intercom won out and we all evacuated via designated fire stairs.

It was amusing to see the various sleeping gear of US Open regulars whom I thought I knew well. It must be recorded that USCF President Harold Winston saved his most

important possession--the gavel he was to use presiding over the Delegates Meetings.

After about 30 minutes in the fresh air, a false alarm was decreed and several hundred people stormed to the lobby to use four elevators. Great. I sat down in the lounge and talked to Edgar McCormick awhile about US Open fires we had known. Some kids were fooling around with the piano until Chief Enforcer of Quiet Igor Ivanov (maybe he should have been a TD!) chased them away, whereupon he surprised everybody by sitting down and playing a Beethoven sonata from memory, quite competently.

## ROUND 7

No 12-0 this year, as Dzindzi drew with Rohde. Of the 5.5s, only Soltis could move up as he defeated Fishbein and Bonin drew Browne. This made the 6-pack Rohde, Browne, D. Gurevich, Lein, Bonin, Danny Kopec, and Morris Giles. And remember Rolletschek? He drew with IM Kamran Shirazi.

With most of its contingent playing (Marfia skipped rounds 6 and 7 to spend the weekend with his visiting family), Michigan scored 6-7 this round, just below expectation. Our first all-Michigan pairing saw David A. Calton upset Sylvester Robes, while Bill Groeller drew a 2302 player and D.W. Calton halved a near-Master.

1-2 again for the Renegades, as Tessaro was getting tough pairings and Haririan continued to have a lousy tournament. Stone's winning streak ended with a draw against IM James Rizzitano.

## ROUND 8

Three leaders emerged, as Soltis and Dzindzi drew. Moving up from 6 to 7 was Jay Bonin, who upset Rohde while Browne drew Lein, Dmitry Gurevich drew Kopec and Giles was crushed by Benjamin. That makes your 6.5 group D. Gurevich, Kopec, Albur (from the BPS), Benjamin, Puri, Rizzitano, Ilya Gurevich, Nickoloff, Fishbein, Shirazi, Browne and Lein.

Michigan fielded all fourteen players, but should have stayed home. 6.5-7.5 doesn't look that bad, but we should have scored over 8. Bill Calton and I scored upset draws and Margaret Clark got her first win, but that was about it.

Again, just one of three for the Renegades, Tessaro finally getting an easy pairing and beating an A-player. Stone was still undefeated, drawing Achsharumova.

## ROUND 9

Things kept creeping along, as all the 7 pointers drew. This left five leaders at 7.5: Soltis, Dzindzi, Bonin, D. Gurevich and Fishbein. No fewer than 16 humans and 1 computer were in the hunt at 7 points: Benjamin, Nickoloff, Rizzitano, Fishbein, Rohde, Browne, I. Gurevich, Dlugy, Filip Frenkel, Stuart Rachels, Giles, Rolletschek, Lein, Dubow, Albur, Christiansen, and the inhuman Deep Thought, who had massacred Igor Ivanov.

Another bad round for Michigan at +3 -8 =3, 1.5 points below expectation. Overall, we were 4.5 points down, with little hope of coming back. For highlights, Robes beat a 1900 player, Hickey drew a near Master, and Neely picked up his first win of the Open on his 30th wedding anniversary.

1.5 for the Renegades, who were down only 1 point to expectation due to Tessaro's performance. Ray Stone played a third straight draw.

## ROUND 10

Things started to clear up a little now: Fishbein and Dmitry Gurevich took the lead with 8.5 by beating Dzindzi and Bonin respectively, while Soltis dropped by losing to Christiansen. Joining Christiansen on 8 were Nickoloff, Dlugy, Rizzitano, Lein, Albur, and the surprising Morris Giles. You may have already seen this game, but I can't resist showing it again:

MORRIS GILES (2451)—WALTER BROWNE (2617): 1 e4 c5 2 Nf3 d6 3 d4 cxd4 4 Nxd4 Nf6 5 Nc3 a6 6 Bg5 e6 7 f4 Be7 8 Of3 Nbd7 9 Bc4 h6 10 Bxf6 Bxf6 11 000 Qb6 (Page the shower of gold!) 12 Nxe6 fxe6 13 Bxe6 Nf8 14 Bb3 Be6 15 e5 dxe5 16 fxe5 Bg5+ 17 Kb1 Rd8 18 h4 Be7 19 Ba4+ Nd7 20 Nd5 Qa5 21 Rhf1 Rf8 22 Oh5+ Rf7 23 Bb3 g6 24 Qxxg6 Nf8 (Got that shower ready?) 25 Nc7+ Qxc7 26 Oxf7+ 1-0

By the way, Marfia and I awarded the Shirazi Award to

Continued on next page



# MICHIGAN AT THE U.S. OPEN

(From preceding page)

Michael Rohde for his game in round 10. This award recognizes the TN of the tournament most exemplifying the spirit of Kamran Shirazi, i.e., it must be totally original, totally bizarre, and it must work. Witness Rachels-Rohde: 1 e4 c5 2 Nf3 Nc6 3 d4 cxd4 4 Nxd4 Qc7 5 Nc3 e6 6 f4 a6 7 Be2 Nh6!?!?. Rohde won in 98 moves, eventually mating with bishop and knight (yes, it was that knight).

Actually, there was an explanation. It was not a TN, but a TM—Rohde touched his KN, and figured that h6 was the least of the three evils!

Michigan enjoyed its best round of the tournament, going +8 -2 =4, beating expectation by a full point. The big highlight was Bill Groeller's epic win over Boris Baczynskyj (2399, while Gene Hickey checked in by drawing a Master.

With Willey getting beaten by SM Sandeep Joshi, the Renegades could get only 1.5 this round. Meanwhile, Ray Stone was being symmetrical: after starting with four wins in a row, he played his fourth straight draw!

## ROUND 11

A sole leader at last, as Dmitry Gurevich defeated Fishbein to reach 9.5. On his tails: Christiansen and Rohde on 9, Fishbein, Dlugy, Nickoloff, Albur, Giles, Dzindzi, Igor Shtern, Soltis, Shirazi and Kopec at 8.5.

Michigan had some good results this round. Groeller and Hickey drew Masters, Burg drew an Expert, Anderson a B-player. However, draws don't do that much for your overall score: +1 -7 =6 was 1.5 points below expectation.

Tessaro again asserted himself by beating a Master, while other Renegades drew. Ray Stone kept himself in prize contention with a win, going to 8 points.

## ROUND 12

I won't go into details of the traditional last round pairings dispute; it just wasn't the same without Bisquier (who didn't play due to a dispute over honorariums) and Browne (who withdrew). Joel Benjamin did try to stir up some controversy, but he wasn't in the top point group and it never got off the ground.

At any rate, Gurevich drew quickly with Rohde, and waited to see if Christiansen could join him on 10. As Christiansen could make no impact on Dlugy, it was Dmitry Gurevich as US Open champion.

Besides Rohde and Christiansen, Dzindzichashvili and Nickoloff reached 9.5 with victories.

The good news was that Michigan scored .500 this round, for a total score of +46 -60 =32, which is a percentage of .449. The bad news was that we were still short of expectation, and ended up 5.5 points down overall with no prizewinners.

Three players did end up only half-a-point out of the money. Bill Groeller capped off a fine tournament by nearly defeating a Senior Master this round, ending up drawn and just short of money. Dan Burg beat an Expert to come close, as did Margaret Clark with a last round win.

For the Renegades, +15 -13 =6 (.529), 1.5 points below expectation. Kudos to George Tessaro, who led both squads in points gained.

Ray Stone came close, but a loss to Alexander Ivanov kept him out of the money. Last I saw, he was getting thoroughly hospitable. We all know how he took it out over Labor Day.

I'd like to close with the following game, which made 9-pointers out of both players.

ANDREW SOLTIS (2529)—MORRIS GILES (2451): 1 e4 c5 2 Nc3 d6 3 Nge2 Nc6 4 d4 cxd4 5 Nxd4 e6 6 Bc4 Nf6 7 Bb3 Be7 8 Be3 Qd7 9 Qe2 a6 10 Qd3 Qc7 11 Rhg1 b5 12 g4 b4 13 Nxc6 bxc3 14 Nxe7+ Qxe7 15 Bd4 cxb2+ 16 Bxb2 Bb7 17 e5 dxe5 18 Qxe5 Rfc8 19 g5 Ne8 20 Rd3 Rc5 21 Qe3 Qc7 (Here is where the you-know-what hits the you-know-what-also.) 22 g6 hxg6 23 Rxxg6 Bd5 24 Rxd5 exd5 25 Rxx7+ Nxx7 26 Qd4 Kf8 27 Qxx7+ Ke7 28 Qf6+ Kd7 29 Ba4+ Kc8 30 Be5 Qd8 31 Qxf7 Rb8 32 Bd7+ Qxd7 33 Qf8+ Kb7 34 Qxb8+ Kc6 35 Qa8+ Qb7 36 Qe8+ 1/2-1/2

Whew! I show that game for two reasons: first, it was the most enjoyable game of the last round. Second, you'll probably never see it anywhere else.

You see, Marfia and I stayed up all night finishing the round 12 bulletin. I delivered it to Lukowiak about 5:00 AM in the Hospitality Suite, as per his orders. Bill was feeling quite hospitable, and assured me that the bulletin would be in the mail almost instantly.

I got my copy six weeks later, long after most US Open articles were written. Wonder why you never saw any round 12 games elsewhere?

And the last game? Gary Sperling winning with Q vs. R about 3:00 AM. He told me that he also had the last game of the 1977 US Open. Remind me never to invite him to a weekend Swiss.

## ROUND BY ROUND SCORES

TEAM MICHIGAN	RATING	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Jim Marfia	2239	1	1+	2	3	3+	--	--	4+	4+	5+	6	6+
Bill Groeller	2140	1	2	2	3	3	4	4+	4+	5+	6+	7	7+
Gene Hickey	2040	--	--	--	--	--	3	4	4+	5	5+	6	6
David Moody	2037	1	2	2	3	3	3	4	4+	4+	5+	5+	6+
David W. Calton	1984	1	1	1+	2	3	3	3+	3+	4	4+	5+	5+
Dan Burg	1926	0+	0+	1	2	2	3	3	4	4	5	5+	6+
Bill Calton	1917	0	1	1	1+	2	2+	3+	4	4	4+	5	6
William Daly	1860	0	1	1	1+	2	3	3	3+	4+	4+	5+	5+
Sylvester Robes	1746	--	--	--	--	--	2	2	3	4	4+	4+	4+
Richard Neely	1585	--	--	--	--	--	1+	1+	1+	2+	3+	3+	3+
Connie Anderson	1580	--	--	--	--	--	1+	1+	2+	2+	3+	4	4
Pete Nixon	1577	0	0	0	1	1	1+	2+	2+	2+	3+	3+	3+
David A. Calton	1410	0	0	0	0+	1	2	3	3	3	3	4	4
Margaret Clark	1264	0	0	0	0	0+	0+	0+	1+	1+	1+	1+	2+

## RENEGADES

Bijan Haririan	2226	1	1+	2+	2+	3+	3+	3+	3+	4	4+	5	--
Mark Willey	2215	1	2	2	3	3	4	5	5	6	6	6+	--
George Tessaro	2051	1	2	2+	3+	3+	3+	3+	4+	4+	5+	6+	6+
Ray Stone	2436	0+	1	2	3	4	5	5+	6	6+	7	8	8

## STATISTICS FROM THE US OPEN

TEAM MICHIGAN	SCORE	RATING	RATING CHANGE	NEW RATING	PERFORMANCE RATING
Bill Groeller	7.5	2140	+41	2181	2230
Jim Marfia	6.5	2239	-32	2207	2112
David Moody	6.5	2037	+38	2075	2098
Dan Burg	6.5	1926	+36	1962	2033
Gene Hickey	6.0	2040	+26	2066	2133
Bill Calton	6.0	1917	-27	1890	1876
David W. Calton	5.5	1984	-70	1914	1760
William Daly	5.5	1860	-46	1814	1745
Sylvester Robes	4.5	1746	-22	1724	1642
Connie Anderson	4.0	1580	-30	1550	1413
David A. Calton	4.0	1410	+47	1457	1577
Richard Neely	3.5	1585	-48	1537	1333
Pete Nixon	3.5	1577	-56	1521	1439
Margaret Clark	2.5	1264	-36	1228	1246
AVERAGE		1808	-13	1795	1760

## RENEGADES

Mark Willey	6.5	2215	- 1	2214	2217
George Tessaro	6.5	2051	+58	2109	2166
Bijan Haririan	5.0	2226	-80	2146	1930
AVERAGE		-2164	- 8	2156	2104
Ray Stone	8.0	2436	+ 6	2442	2445



# MALOY SCORES 309 Pt. UPSET OF MASTER IN TRENTON MINI

There's death, there's taxes, and there's the Trenton tournaments. Come hell, high water or financial disaster, they just keep rolling along.

Probably the biggest surprise of the 29 player event was the winner in section one, Mickey Maloy. Maybe we should have been ready, though: he gained nearly 200 rating points in 1988, and will probably be Detroit's next Expert once all the outstate returns come in. Here's his win over Thompson:

DEXTER THOMPSON (2225)—MICKEY MALOY (1916): 1 e4 c5 2 d4 cxd4 3 c3 dxc3 4 Nxc3 d6 5 Bc4 e6 6 Nf3 a6 7 00 Nf6 8 Oe2 Be7 9 Rd1 Qc7 10 Bf4 Nc6 11 e5 dxe5 12 Nxe5 Nxe5 13 Bxe5 Qa5 14 Rac1 00 15 Rd4 b5 16 Bd3 b4 17 Rh4 g6 (You know, I'm not 100% sure that Black can't take the knight and live, but it would be scary.) 18 Nd1 Nd7 19 Bc7 Qd5 20 Ne3 Qg5 21 Rh3 Bb7 22 Rg3 Qh6 23 Rc4 Rac8 24 Nf5 exf5 25 Oxe7 Bd5 (Now, this I do see: 26 Qxd7 Bxc4 27 Bxc4 Qc1+ 28 Bf1 Rxc7, winning the exchange.) 26 Bf4 Rce8 (So if 27 Bxh6 Rxe7 28 Bxf8 Re1+ 29 Bf1 Bxc4 and wins.) 27 Qxb4 Qg7 28 Rc1 Ne5 29 Bxf5 Qf6 30 Bb1 Rb8 31 Qd2 Rxb2! 32 Qxd5 (You saw 32 Qxb2 Nf3+, didn't you?) Qxf4 33 Rf1 Rc8 34 h3? (Something like 34 Bd3 had to be played, though the prognosis is guarded at best.) Rc1 35 Rxc1 (35 Rb3 Qxf2+!) Qxc1+ 36 Kh2 Rxb1 37 Re3 Rb5 38 Qd8+ Kg7 39 a4 Nc6 40 Qd6 Rf5 (Now, it's all over but the technique.) 41 Qg3 Qc4 42 Rb3 Qxa4 43 Rb6 Ne5 44 f4 Qxf4 45 Qxf4 Rxf4 46 Rxa6 Rd4 47 Kg3 h5 48 Kf2 Rd3 49 h4 Ng4+ 50 Ke2 Re3+ 51 Kf1 Rb3 52 Ke2 Re3+ 53 Kf1 Re6 54 Ra3 Kf6 55 Rf3+ Ke5 56 Ra3 Rf6+ 57 Kq1 Rd6 58 q3 Rd2 59 Ra4 Ne3 60 Kh1 Nf1 61 Ra3 Ke4 62 Kq1 Ne3 63 Kh1 Kf3 64 Rb3 Re2 65 Rb1 Kxc3 66 Ra1 f5 67 Rg1+ Kh3 68 Ra1 f4 69 Kq1 f3 70 Ra6 f2+ [0-1]

## Trenton Mini-Swiss Dec.17

### SECTION 1

1 Mickey Maloy	1916	W 4	W 2	D 3	2.5
2 Dexter Thompson	2225	W 7	L 1	W 5	2
3 Tyrone McKinney	1915	D 5	W 8	D 1	2
4 Gary Swathell	1741	L 1	W 7	D 6	1.5
5 Robert McCarter	1731	D 3	W 6	L 2	1.5
6 David Moody	2036	D 8	L 5	D 4	1
7 Henry Johnson	1909	L 2	L 4	BYE	1
8 Alex McNeilly	1752	D 6	L 3	---	0.5

### SECTION 2

1 Brian June	1671	W 6	W 7	W 5	3
2 Jeff Thomas	1692	W 4	W 3	---	2
3 Jacob Swartz	1602	W 8	L 2	D 4	1.5
4 Walter Wright	1584	L 2	W 8	D 3	1.5
5 Rich Wiskol	1664	L 7	W 6	L 1	1
6 Kevin Gregory	1556	L 1	L 5	W 8	1
7 Pramote Sujarit	1508	W 5	L 1	---	1
8 Maria Kelly	1461	L 3	L 4	L 6	0

### SECTION 3

1 Tanapoom Sujarit	1360	W 6	W 5	W 3	3
2 Willie Thomas	1331	D 3	L 4	W 5	1.5
3 Gerald R. Maki	UNR	D 2	W 6	L 1	1.5
4 Dawn Jones	1405	L 5	W 2	L 6	1
5 David Burke	1216	W 4	L 1	L 2	1
6 Robert Houck	UNR	L 1	L 3	W 4	1

### SECTION 4

1 Mike Tanner	1153	W 6	W 5	W 2	3
2 Tim McCormack	1190	W 4	W 3	L 1	2
3 Kevin Wanshon	1051	BYE	L 2	W 5	2
4 Duane Roberts	UNR	L 2	W 6	W 7	2
5 Gerald J. Maki	UNR	W 7	L 1	L 3	1
6 Marshall Robinson	UNR	L 1	L 4	BYE	1
7 Kathy Wanshon	UNR	L 5	BYE	L 4	1

Director: Don Ruark

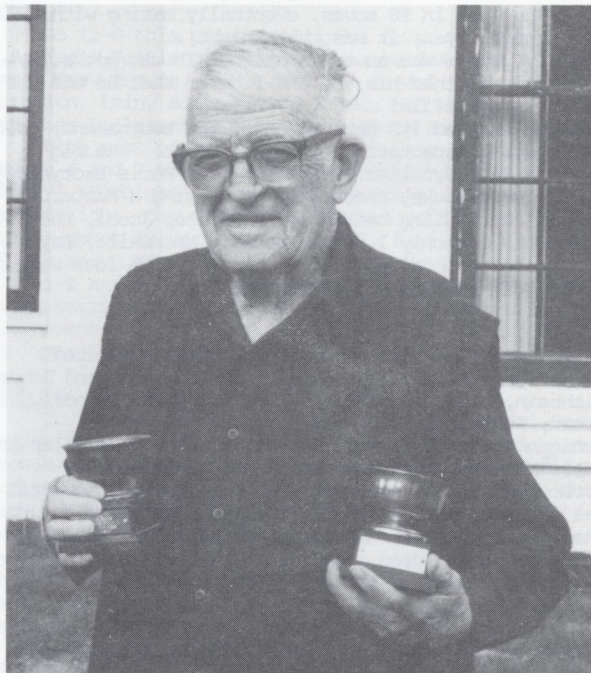
Organizer: Trenton Chess Club

In conjunction with their tournaments from Sept. 1988-August 1989, the Trenton Chess Club is tracking the Trenton Grand Prix. Each player in a Trenton event gets 2 points for

a win, 1.5 for a draw, and 1 for a loss. The top 10 so far:

1. Kevin Gregory	21.5	6. Walter Wright	14.5
2. Brian June	20.0	7. Willie Thomas	12.5
3. Robert McCarter	19.5	8. Ray Brewer	12.0
4. Maria Kelly	16.5	Dawn Jones	12.0
5. David Burke	16.0	Arthur Stinson	12.0

## DOUBLE TROPHY MYSTERY



Thomas Jenkins of Huntington Woods was a bit puzzled last year when he received a USCF trophy for a record 25 consecutive years of play in the U.S.Open.

He achieved that record many years ago and received a trophy for it at that time. Last year he received an identical trophy for the same achievement and wonders why, for he had retired from tournament chess many years ago.

He had also played in nearly every Michigan Open for some 20 years and was MCA treasurer until 1971, a record that still stands. MCA awarded him a life membership for his long years of service.



---By Don LaGuire



## CLIPPERT ACTION CHESS

## IT'S NEW: Wayne County Open!

Action chess, with each player getting only thirty minutes for the entire game, is bidding to become a popular form of chess tournament. There haven't been too many such events in Michigan so far, but Pete Nixon, seeking to draw more adults to a wider variety of Clippert events, gave it a shot December 10.

Topping the field of 35 was Dexter Thompson. Nobody was surprised when he went 6-0; this time limit is made to order for him, and he's played events like this elsewhere. He opened with gambits, for the most part, and his opponents just couldn't find defenses. Probably his biggest scare came from Bill Calton, who was a pawn up a couple of times and eventually got an ending he surely should have drawn, but the clock and the Master got the better of him.

Henry Johnson was a surprising second. This is a great result for him, with wins over Mark Finegold, Faris Jirjis and myself. The first two wins were convincing, but our game ... well, no use crying over spilled sour grapes. I was happy in the end to finish tied for third and the Class A prize with Bill Calton.

Top B's were Henry Jonik, Wes Clark, and Steve Rosenberg. Other classes had single winners: Elizabeth Barrios in C, Harvey Venia in D, Kevin Wanshon in E, Flamur Vaka for Unrated.

In summary, it was different. Enjoyable, well, it was a bit hectic, but still a good bit of fun.

1 Dexter Thompson, Detroit	2225	W31	W14	W 4	W 5	W 2	W 6	6
2 Henry Johnson, Detroit	1909	W33	W16	W 6	W 3	L 1	W 5	5
3 David Moody, Dearborn	2080	W18	W10	W 7	L 2	W 8	D 4	4.5
4 Bill Calton, Southfield	1873	W26	W13	L 1	W11	W15	D 3	4.5
5 Faris Jirjis, Garden City	2013	W 9	W11	W19	L 1	W10	L 2	4
6 Mark Finegold, Oak Park	2141	W21	W 8	L 2	W17	W 7	L 1	4
7 Don Ifill, Ypsilanti	1829	W32	W20	L 3	W16	L 6	W13	4
8 Henry Jonik, Dearborn Hts	1723	W28	L 6	W 9	W20	L 3	W17	4
9 Elizabeth Barrios, Detroit	1415	L 5	W29	L 8	W23	W14	W15	4
10 Wesley Clark, Dearborn	1692	W29	L 3	W26	W19	L 5	W18	4
11 Steve Rosenberg, Canton	1687	W27	L 5	W22	L 4	W24	W21	4
12 Harvey Venia, Union Lake	1127	L14	W18	L15	W33	W20	W16	4
13 David Watkins, Detroit	1527	W30	L 4	W23	W35	D17	L 7	3.5
14 Hassan Sobh, Dearborn	1764	W12	L 1	W21	L15	L 9	W25	3
15 Alroy Boyce, Detroit	1612	L23	W28	W12	W14	L 4	L 9	3
16 Allan Foord, Garden City	1680	W25	L 2	W32	L 7	W22	L12	3
17 Duane Williams, Detroit	1509	1/2	W23	W35	L 6	D13	L 8	3
18 Maria Kelly, Detroit	1461	L 3	L12	W28	W27	W19	L10	3
19 William Jointer, Detroit	1796	W24	W22	L 5	L10	L18	W27	3
20 Geoff Walters, Detroit	1606	W34	L 7	W25	L 8	L12	W24	3
21 Darlene Stinson, Detroit	1463	L 6	W27	L14	W32	W25	L11	3
22 Erez Davy, Windsor, ON	1316	W35	L19	L11	W34	L16	W26	3
23 Kevin Wanshon, Detroit	1057	W15	L17	L13	L 9	D32	W30	2.5
24 Cornelius Fortune, Detroit	1249	L19	L35	W30	W31	L11	L20	2
25 Johann Aaron, Detroit	1064	L16	W33	L20	W26	L21	L14	2
26 Willie Thomas, Detroit	1331	L 4	W30	L10	L25	W34	L22	2
27 Richard Shelters, Westland	1089	L11	L21	BYE	L18	W31	L19	2
28 Matthew Venia, Union Lake	1205	L 8	L15	L18	BYE	L30	W32	2
29 Andrea Benedict, Union Lk	1149	L10	L 9	L33	L30	BYE	W34	2
30 Flamur Vaka, Detroit	UNR	L13	L26	L24	W29	W28	L23	2
31 Ali el Hajj, Dearborn	1485	L 1	L32	W34	L24	L27	BYE	2
32 Samuel Edens, Detroit	1262	L 7	W31	L16	L21	D23	L28	1.5
33 Richard Yagley, St.Cl.Sh.	1340	L 2	L25	W29	L12	---	---	1
34 Brad Ashman, Union Lake	973	L20	BYE	L31	L22	L26	L29	1
35 Frank Dmuchowski, Westland	1851	L22	W24	L17	L13	---	---	1

## PRIZES

1st: Dexter Thompson (\$66)  
 2nd: Henry Johnson (\$50)  
 3rd, Class A: David Moody, Bill Calton (\$26.50)  
 Class B: Henry Jonik, Wesley Clark, Steve Rosenberg (\$8.33)  
 Class C: Elizabeth Barrios (\$20)  
 Class D: Harvey Venia (\$25)  
 Class E: Kevin Wanshon (\$20)  
 Unrated: Flamur Vaka (\$15)

Director and organizer: Pete Nixon, with help from the Clippert Chess Club

Let's see, now: I've seen the East Detroit Open, the Livonia Open, championships of Battle Creek, Grand Rapids, the entire Upper Peninsula and whole state, but not just Wayne County. OK, Pete, you've got a new one!

Actually, Nixon is trying out new formats to get people to come to his Clippert events. This one didn't work out: conflicts with other tournaments, like the Cardinal Open; the playing schedule, site, and time control; well, nobody knew for sure. But it was a decent event with 25 players, topped by Dexter Thompson (2221), Pappu Murthy (2217), and Robin Cunningham (2169), plus three other Experts and eight A-players.

Five of the top six survived the first two rounds unscathed, with only Murthy giving a draw to Stan Golonka. Remarkably, none could come out with perfect scores after three rounds, with Thompson, Murthy, Cunningham, Gene Hickey, David Moody and Golonka leading the way.

No surprises in round 4: Thompson beats Moody, Murthy rolls Hickey, Cunningham smashes Golonka. The two Masters meet in round 5, with Dexter winning this time out in a wild game. He's not alone on 4.5, though: Cunningham made it by beat the rapidly rising Mike Koteles. Oddly, there were no 4-pointers: just Murthy, Hickey, Moody, Jirjis and Golonka on 3.5.

Thompson and Cunningham fought it out in round 6, eventually getting to a 2 knights vs. rook ending where Robin sacked a knight to pretty much force the draw and a tie for first at 5 points. They had to sweat out the tiebreaks for the trophy and "title", but those went to Dexter in the end. Now that I think about it, though, Cunningham lives in Washtenaw County—was he even eligible for the title?

At any rate, Murthy defeated Moody, avoiding a nasty stalemate trap at the end, and Jirjis beat Hickey to tie the Cleveland Master for 3rd place at 4.5. Joining them was Stan Golonka, who actually got paired down this round (there was a paucity of 3-pointers as well), Stan opting for the larger A-prize.

Other classes went to Robert Rysztak (B) and Walter Wright (Everyone else). With the usual kudos to director Bill Groeller, we'll be signing off. Just consider coming to Clippert sometime, folks—it's a good place to play!

1 Dexter Thompson, Detroit	2221	W 8	W11	D 6	D 7	W 3	D 2	5
2 Robin Cunningham, Ann Arbor	2169	W23	W16	D 7	W 4	W 9	D 1	5
3 Pappu Murthy, N.Olmsted OH	2217	W13	D 4	W 5	W 6	L 1	W 7	4.5
4 Stan Golonka, Livonia	1953	W21	D 3	W14	K 2	W16	W11	4.5
5 Faris Jirjis, Garden City	2050	W18	W24	L 3	D16	W 8	W 6	4.5
6 Gene Hickey, Clio	2061	W12	W 9	D 1	L 3	W10	L 5	3.5
7 David Moody, Dearborn	2036	W17	W19	D 2	L 1	W16	L 3	3.5
8 Robert Rysztak, Detroit	1792	L 1	D17	W12	W22	L 5	W16	3.5
9 Mike Koteles, Flint	1882	+	L 6	W23	W11	L 2	D10	3.5
10 Henry Johnson, Detroit	1880	L19	W20	W24	W14	L 6	D 9	3.5
11 Olaf Haakonstad, Ann Arbor	1936	W15	L 1	W19	L 9	W13	L 4	3
12 Murlin Varner, Southfield	1679	L 6	D18	L 8	W21	W22	D14	3
13 Mike Kosanovich, Westland	1752	L 3	W21	L16	W24	L11	W17	3
14 Ray Burwell, Detroit	1841	1/2	W22	L 4	L10	W20	D12	3
15 Walter Wright, Detroit	1583	L11	L23	L22	W18	W19	W20	3
16 Bill Calton, Southfield	1879	W20	L 2	W13	D 5	L 7	L 8	2.5
17 James Tracz, Farm. Hills	1649	L 7	D 8	W18	W19	L 4	L13	2.5
18 Luke Foster, Flint	1670	L 5	D12	L17	L15	W24	W22	2.5
19 Harold Steen, Detroit	1832	W10	L 7	L11	L17	L15	BYE	2
20 John Zimmer, Canton	UNR	L16	L10	W21	W23	L14	L15	2
21 Tom Boldrick, Grosse Ile	1638	L 4	L13	L20	L12	W25	W24	2
22 Derreck Sturgis, Detroit	1340	1/2	L14	W15	L 8	L12	L18	1.5
23 Wesley Clark, Dearborn	1692	L 2	W15	L 9	L20	1/2	---	1.5
24 Richard Shelters, Westland	1241	BYE	L 5	L10	L13	L18	L21	1
25 Shawn Lewandowski, Dearbor	1266	---	---	---	---	L21	---	0

## PRIZES

1st, 2nd: Dexter Thompson (Trophy), Robin Cunningham (\$106)  
 3rd: Pappu Murthy, Faris Jirjis (\$37.50)  
 Class A: Stan Golonka (\$45)  
 Class B: Robert Rysztak (\$45)  
 Class C and below: Walter Wright (\$45)  
 Director: Bill Groeller  
 Organizer: Peter Nixon, Clippert Chess Club





## FLASHBACK 1988

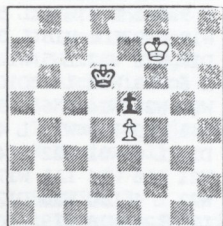
1988 was the year of the Founder's Centennial in Michigan, the 100th anniversary of the birth of Andrew Palmi, founder of MCA. It was a year of special events and moments; herewith, a recap.

### THE CHAMPIONS OF 1988

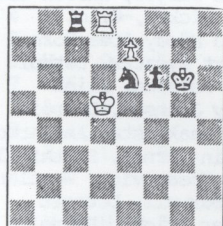
Michigan Open	Ray Stone
MI Champion	John Wygrecki
Michigan Open, Reserve	Jim Mikus
Michigan Invitational	Kevin Noren
Motor City Open	Calvin Blocker, Steve Wygle
Masters/Experts	David Hahn
Class Championships	Steve Scott (A), Matt Bolda (B), Fernando Peak (C), Sam Peppel (D), Steve Deerfield (E/Unrated)
Michigan Amateur	Greg Bailey
Amateur Commemorative	Gary Kitts
Junior	Marko Kosenen
Women's	Jackie Branscum
Speed Championship	Dan Boyk
High School Team	Flint Kearsley A (Open Section) Flint Kearsley B (Reserve Section)
Junior High School Team	Flint Armstrong A
Elementary Team	Dearborn Maples

The year saw the usual mix of brilliance and, er, lack of brilliance. The former is chronicled throughout the year; constant readers know about my passion for the latter, though I insist it has to be funny too.

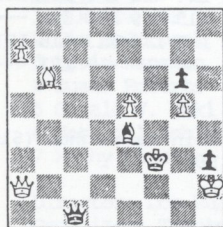
So, without further ado, THE WORST MOVE OF 1988 COMPETITION is open for nomination.



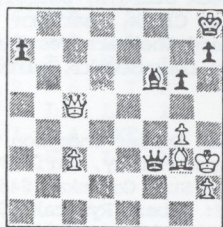
#1  
White to play



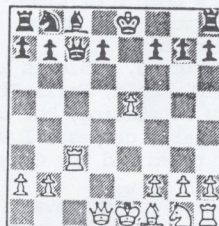
#2  
Black to play



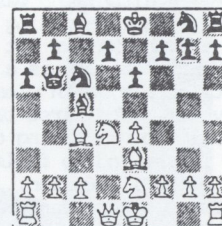
#3  
White to play



#4  
Black to play



#5  
Black to play



#6  
White to play

- #1: How in the world can an Expert, playing White, lose this? Simple: you try to win by outflanking: 1 Kf8?? Kc5!, and White can neither save his pawn or get back!
- #2: 1...Rxd8+ leaves Black up a piece, but he got greedy: 1...Nxd8?? 2 e8Q+! and White went on to win.
- #3: A difficult position, but White wins with 1 Qb3+ Kg4 2 Qxh3+ Kf4 3 Be3+ Qxe3 4 Qxe3+ Kxe3 5 e6, and the Black bishop can't do the splits. Instead, White played 1 a8Q?? Qf4+ 2 Kh1 Kg3+!, and Black forces mate! It's quite odd to lose because you queen a pawn!
- #4: Instead of 1...Qf1#, Black chose 1...Qxc3??, and offered a draw! White was so relieved that he grabbed the draw, totally overlooking 2 Qf8#!
- #5: I ran about 8 instances this year of players Class A and above performing one-move queen hangs. This is the funniest: Black sees that he can't play 1...Qxe5 due to the pin 2 Re3, so he prepared to capture with 1...00??
- #6: Black saw a chance to win a piece: 1...Qb4+ 2 c3 Qxc4?? 3 b3!, trapping her. The funniest thing is that Black ended up winning this game by trapping White's queen!

And the winner is: #4, in a landside; that double blunder is an immortal classic. I like #3, but it's sort of subtle, so give #5 the runner-up spot.

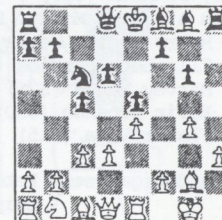
There is no doubt in my mind about the winner of funniest position of the year. Take a look at the next diagram, then play through the game, from the Dr. Gaba Memorial in June.

JOHN LANG (2103)—DAVID HARRISON (1662): 1 e4 c5 2 Nf3 e6 3 g3 Nc6 4 Bg2 d6 5 00 Nf6 6 Re1 e5 7 d3 h6 8 c3 Bg4 9 h3 Bh5 10 g4 Bg6 11 Nh4 Bh7 12 Nf5 g6? 13 Nxh6 Ng8 14 Nxg8 Bxg8!

WHITE TO PLAY

(Yes, that's a bishop on g8!)

15 Nd2 Qd7 16 Nf3 000 17 d4 f5 18 d5 Ne7 19 Ng5 Bh6 20 f3 f4 21 h4 Bxg5 22 hxg5 Bf7 23 b4 cxb4 24 cxb4 Kb8 25 a4 Ng8 26 b5 Qe7 27 Ba3 Qxg5 28 Re2 Nf6 29 Rc2 Qh4 30 Bb4 Rh7 31 Racl Ne8 32 Qd3 Qe7 33 a5 b6 34 Qa3 Qb7 35 Rc6 g5 36 Be1 Bg8





# GAMES DEPARTMENT

CONTINUED FROM PRECEDING PAGE

37 Bf2 bxa5 38 Qxa5 Rdd7 39 b6 a6 40 Bf1! (What bishops!) Rd8  
41 Bxa6 Qd7 42 Qc3 [1-0] (Another game in the inimitable  
Lang style.)

It was an appropriate year for memories. The Michigan Chess Hall of Fame was inaugurated in September. Inducted were the MCA founder, Andrew Palmi; his wife, Fjola Palmi Vandenburg; Michigan Chess editor V.E. Vandenburg; former state champions Leon Stolzenberg and George Eastman; J.D. Brattin, who simply did everything possible in Michigan chess for the far too few years allotted him. Vincent Brattin's acceptance speech for his father was truly one of the year's highlights.

And, in this nostalgic mood, a final tribute to Edgar Sneiders and Richard Johnson. Rest in piece, gentlemen.

The award for the neatest scoresheet of the year goes to David Watkins, who kept score in figurine algebraic, drawing the little characters longhand, at the Clippert Action Chess tournament where the time control was Game/30!

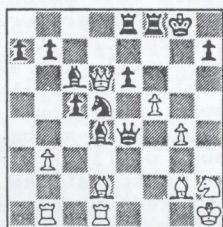
Second place in this category goes to Ron Finegold. In a Southfield 30-30, Ron was defending an utterly drawn R vs. R+P ending. With the players in the sudden death time period and not keeping score, Ron took a blank scoresheet and began making check marks, eventually filling the entire sheet as the players blitzed on! He got his draw.

Combination of the year is a subjective choice, at best, but I like this one:

## BLACK TO PLAY

It's SELITSKY—ANTONIO from the East Detroit Open. The Master is two pawns up anyways, but finds a major league combo to win a piece:

25...Nf6!! 26 Bxe4 Bxe4+ 27 Nf3  
Bxf3+ 28 Kh2 Be5+! 29 Qxe5 Nxxg4+ 30 Kq3 Nxe5!, the essential point being that the knight protects the bishop, remaining a piece up! Lovely!



While this was the year of the horrible queen hang, it was also a year of grotesquely funny short games. Pulling a few from the archives:

DAVID MOODY—CLASS A: 1 e4 d5 2 Nc3 d4 3 Nce2 e5 4 Ng3 Nf6 5 Nf3 Bg4 6 Bc4 Nbd7 7 Ng5?! (Not really a good move. I got up to go to the bathroom, came back and peered at the board from afar, praying that his bishop was on d1.) Bxd1?? (Well, whaddya know!) 8 Bxf7+ Ke7 9 Nf5#! (Oog!, as Pogo would say.)

CLASS E—TOM REX: 1 e4 e5 2 d3 Nf6 3 Nf3 Nc6 4 Be2 Bc5 5 h3 Nd4 6 Nxd4 Bxd4 7 Bg5 h6 8 Bxf6 Qxf6 9 Nc3?? Qxf2+ 10 Kd2 Qxg2?? (10...Be3# would have been ugly enough.) 11 Re1?? Qg5#! (But this is even uglier. Double oog!)

ALROY BOYCE—CLASS D: 1 e4 c5 2 Nf3 e6 3 d4 Nf6 4 Nc3 Be7 5 Bc4 a6 6 a4 Nc6 (The King of France went out to war with 20,000 men.) 7 d5 Nb8 8 d6 Bf8 9 e5 (He marched them up the hill, and then he marched them down again!) Nd5 10 Nxd5 exd5 11 Qxd5 Ob6 12 Qxf7+ Kd8 13 Bg5+ [1-0] (Double oog with nuts!)

But the champ of the quickie this year had to be the rapid Glenn Truitt. In Round 1 of the Michigan Amateur, he won with 1 e4 e5 2 Nf3 Nc6 3 d4 f6 4 Bc4 exd4 5 Nxd4 Nxd4 6 Qxd4 c5 7 Qd5 d6 8 Qf7#. In round 5, it took him a move longer: 1 e4 e5 2 Nf3 Nc6 3 d4 exd4 4 Nxd4 Nxd4 5 Qxd4 c5 6 Qe5+ Bg7 7 Bc4 d6 8 Qxg7 Bf6 9 Qxf7#. Guess those long tournaments really tire you out.

Continued on page 27

# SCHOLASTIC NEWS

Report by Peter C. Nixon  
MCA Scholastic Director

It is the Scholastic Chess season again. The team tournaments are coming a little early this year with all of them scheduled for February. The Junior will be the first weekend in March.

We will be going to Walled Lake for two of our tournaments and Kearsley for the other two. I would like to thank in advance Mike Venia and Mike Skidmore for coming up with these sites and doing the organizing. You can find the details in the tournament bulletin at the back of the magazine. Register early! Save some money and avoid the line the day of the tournament.

Michigan has seen steady growth in scholastic chess over last couple of years. The younger age groups have shown the largest increases. This year we have started a new tournament: the Primary Team for third grade and under. In addition to the trophies listed we have had a donation of a Kindergarten team trophy. Will we be holding preschool tournaments next?

The Colegiate tournament will be held April 22-23 at Clippert Middle School in Detroit. I would like to see more college players support this tournament.

I would like to encourage more of the coaches to consider hosting our tournaments. It is very difficult to find sites for our events. The budget is tight, we can't afford an arm and a leg. Let me know if you are interested in taking your turn. I would like to have next year's tournaments placed before the end of this school year.

Three Michigan juniors have been invited to participate in a chess friendship trip to Russia in the spring! They are Bill Calton (1879), Southfield; Jackie Branscum (1566), Detroit; and Jason Wysocki (2022), Grand Rapids. The students have not received details yet. I know that the trip is being organized by Bill Hall of the Royal Knights Chess Club, the group of inner-city kids that went to Russia last year. This year he has invited players from all over the country.

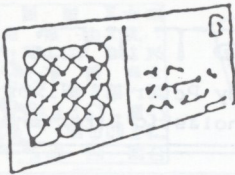
The players will have to pay a substantial portion of their own way. Last year Pepsi was a big sponsor and hopefully they will do it again. Contributions can be sent to the MCA to help any one or all of these youngsters make this once in a lifetime trip.

I am chairman of the USCF Scholastic Committee subcommittee on reforming the National Scholastic tournaments. If you have any ideas you wish considered you should contact me. If you've never taken your team to the Nationals you should try it. A number of Michigan teams make the trip annually. My teams have been going for the past few years and each of the trips have been great experiences.

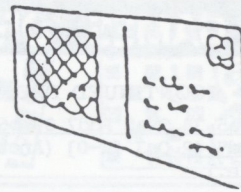
I would like to get your opinions on girls trophies. We have eliminated these trophies for the Nationals this year. Should we eliminate them for our Michigan Scholastics? The girls are playing as well as the boys these days. Because of our rule that players can only win one trophy the girls

Continued on next page





# POSTAL CHESS



USCF Postal Master Chris Rosenfeld  
2520 W. LaPalma Ave., Anaheim CA 92801

## The 1986 MCA Finals

Some early results are coming in, all so far involving Buck Allen, who has early losses to Dale Decker and Dave Wolfrom. But Allen had his day, too, as you can see in the Games section. There are not yet enough results to start putting in cross tables.

## 1988 MCA Preliminaries

David Smith of Ann Arbor takes the empty spot in section 1. There are no results yet. Three additional people have indicated that they would like to join the tournament, and there is the possibility they can fill spaces left by early dropouts.

## Rules Clarification

Please note that the 1986 Finals are being directed by Helen Warren, using APCT rules. The 1988 prelims are under our own rules, with a copy distributed to all players at the beginning of the tournament. The major difference is that in APCT Sundays and holidays count in your reflection time, and in the rules for the 1988 tournament, in accordance with wishes expressed by people entering the tournament, they do not. In USCF Sundays and holidays do not count, and several people said they would like to use rules conforming, as much as possible, with USCF rules.

The first rule in both USCF and in our tournament is that the Official Rules of Chess apply unless superseded by our own rules or unless in conflict with our rules. Article 19.1, part (c), is: "It is forbidden to distract or annoy the opponent in any manner whatsoever." Article 19.2 is: "Infractions of the rules indicated in Article 19.1 may incur penalties even to the extent of loss of the game." Sometimes there is disagreement about what is annoying, as opposed to cute, clever, or humorous. Our rules give a bit of leeway--first the annoyed player commands the opponent to stop it, then the Tournament Secretary can give an official warning, then forfeit. I intend that the next edition of the rules, for the next MCA tournament, will have that rule changed so that a player saying something on the card which would OBVIOUSLY be annoying (or worse) may be forfeited immediately without a warning.

Postal chess is played under a myriad of detailed rules, and we addicts learn to like it that way. In setting up yet another set it is my intent that after we have some experience with them, other organizations may have the chance to adopt any which prove to improve on present rules. There is a process of evolution here, with recent changes being the adoption of algebraic notation and of the 10/30 time control.

## "What Equipment Is Needed For Postal Chess?"

Very little. You need a chess board, a chess set, a pen, and a supply of postcards. Books are allowed. The stronger a player you are, the fewer books you need. However, your library may have played a big part in how you got to be strong!

Almost everyone will equip themselves with a notebook, although an opponent once told me he carried on an ongoing postal game with Pal Benko, (a close friend), and the GM always carried the position in his head, never bothering to write it

down. The notes you take during the game are particularly useful when an opponent does not respond quickly. You may lose your train of thought and forget your intended sequence--but not if you have it all written down and carefully placed in your notebook behind your copy of the game score. A complicated game may generate reams of notes. They are a vehicle for improving your chess, as you look back and see how the sequence you expected did or did not happen. Is the move your opponent made stronger or weaker than the one you expected?

USCF sells special postcards with chess diagrams, but most experienced players use the common postal cards purchased at the post office for 15c. If there is a dispute, they will trundle out the card with the printed diagram or use a stamper and make a diagram.

Postal albums are available from several sources. The ones sold by USCF have flat cardboard boards with slots in the squares, into which cardboard pieces fit. The facing page has a space for a card onto which the moves and the sent and received dates are written. Six boards are in an album, enough for the usual six-game section. All is well until the album gets turned over and a piece falls out of its slot. There is a better (and more expensive) version of postal a album called the Post-a-Log, which uses plastic boards and pieces of flat, pliable material with a special adhesive which sticks to the plastic boards, and can be picked up and restuck hundreds of times. It comes in an imitation leather cover that wears out, and with a zipper that breaks with several years of hard wear. Post-a-Logs when new are great. I've never worn out a page or the pieces, but intend to get a better cover, one that will hold more than the 30-game capacity of the largest Post-a-Log.

We get too dependent on postal albums. The bane of postal chess is the clerical error. It makes hours of work all for nothing. The common errors include: 1. Working out a long sequence to follow an obvious move, and sending the subsequent move rather than what should have been the obvious one. 2. As Black, to reverse the sides of the board, and write a4 when h5 is meant, or something similar. 3. To decide on your move, mail it to your opponent, and not make a move (either yours or the opponent's) in your album. 4. Deciding on a move, then changing your mind and making out the postcard with the new move, and then not putting the previously-moved piece back where it belonged in your album. Or, any form of analyzing in the album, and then when the next move comes, not realizing that the position in the album is not the one in the game.

You can see it can avoid some errors to make it a rule to always play through the game from the beginning before setting up the position on a real 3-dimensional board to study. Your postal album may cause you much trouble. It may be a crutch that hurts you more than it helps. I believe stamping the position at the top of your analysis pages may be a better solution, but if pinned down, sure, I use Post-a-Logs, and some old USCF albums catch overflow when the game load is heavier than it should be.

You start a game, and the postcards roll in.



# POSTAL CHESS

(From preceding page)

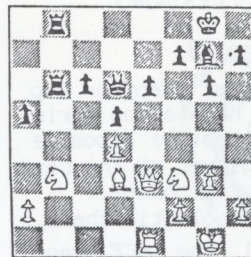
You note the moves on your scoresheet and in your album if you are using one. What do you do with the postcards now? If there is a dispute you may need them. Suggestion: an old shoebox. You can put in index cards to separate the cards from your various opponents. When the game is over, you should save the cards for four months, and then discard them unless you have a special reason to want a particular one. In ICCF play many of your opponents send the first move on a picture postcard, and if you reciprocate, they may continue the nice custom.

## Games

If anybody can unseat defending Michigan Postal Champion Dr. Soper, maybe the leading candidate is Dave Wolfrom. He was the only person making a clean sweep, 6-0, in the 1986 MCA prelims. In the 1984 tournament Dave got into quite a scrap with Fred Goodell. Dave demonstrates a tenet of how to improve your chess--go over your own old games. His thoughtful analysis of this game is a good example of how to learn from your own mistakes.

David Wolfrom - Fred Goodell  
1984 MCA championship  
Catalan Defense  
Notes by David Wolfrom

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.g3 d5 Also possible are 3...Bb4+ or 3...c5 4.d5, leading to a Benoni defense after 4...exd5 5.cxd5 d6. 4.Bg2 Be7 5.Nf3 O-O 6.O-O Nbd7 7.Qc2 c6 8.b3 b5 So far all book. 9.Bg5 Book here is 9.Bb2, but I really didn't see much of a future for the bishop at b2. My ideas behind Bg5 were: 1. To get out of book!; and 2. To trade at f6 with Bxf6 followed by an eventual e4. 9...bxc4 10.bxc4 Ba6 11.Nbd2 Perhaps 11.c5 with the idea of stifling any queenside play by Black and fixing a weakness at c6 is better. 11...Rb8 If 11...Nb6, 12.Nc5 looks good. 12.Bxf6?! What's the rush? Better seems 12.Qa4 causing Black some minor headaches in deciding how to protect c6 while maintaining his active bishop at a6. In retrospect, perhaps Black should have played 11...Qa5 to deny White the possibility of Qa4. Also possible is 12.Rfe1 protecting e2 and supporting e4. 12...Bxf6 If 12...Nxf6, 13.Ne5 looks good. 13.Rab1 I played this move to avoid any possible tactics along the a1-h8 diagonal involving the bishop at f6 and a pawn push to c5. However, 13.e4 continuing with my original plan looks better. 13...Nb6! Now I'm in trouble! How to defend c4? 14.Ne5 isn't possible and 14.cd cd looks great for Black, so I'm left with... 14.c5 Bxe2 15.cxb6 Bxf1 16.Bxf1 Since the bishop wasn't doing much at g2, I decided to relocate it to a more active position at d3. 16...Rxb6 17.Bd3?! Better is 17.Nb3 avoiding an exchange of rooks. 17...g6?! That is bad for two reasons: 1.Black should exchange rooks; and 2. It gives White a target for attack on the kingside. To defend h7, h6 looks better. 18.Nb3! Avoiding a rook exchange and heading for c5. 18...Qd6 19.Re1 Supports Nc5 and prevents Black from mobilizing his center pawns with e5. 19...Bg7 19...Rfb8 immediately looks better. Perhaps he's planning f6 and e5? 20.Qe2 To discourage the above mentioned plan and to shift the queen to the kingside. 20...Rfb8 Perhaps 20...Re8, planning f6. It's hard to see how White can stop this plan. 21.Qe3 Keeping an eye on the black squares around Black's king. Also, I wanted



For a book, show that White can't take a5. Not as obvious as it looks!

Better seems 22...a4 followed by Rb2. 23.Nc5! This move cuts the queen off from the kingside while threatening possible sacrifices at e6. 23...Rb2 24.h5 Rxa2 25.Ne5 Things look serious for Black now. White has possible sacs at g6,f7, and e6. 25...R8b2! 26.Rf1 I didn't want to move my rook from the e-file, but I have no other way to defend f2. 26...Qc3! This keeps the bishop at d3 "pinned" (Black would exchange queens if the bishop moves) and also attacks d4. 27.h6! 27.Nxf7 looked tempting, but doesn't appear to work against 27...Bxd4, which gives Black a critical flight square at g7. By playing h6, I was hoping to deny Black that square. 27...Bxh6! I was surprised when I received that move. I thought "Why not just play 28.Qxh6?" If 28...Qxd4, then 29.Ncd7 wins. However, I noticed Black has the shot 28...Rxf2!! If then 29.Rxf2 Qe1+ wins. Instead of 27...Bxh6, 27...Bxe5 28.Qxe5; 27...Bh8 28.Nxf7; and 27...Bf6 28.Qf4 all appear to win for White. 28.Qf3! f5 29.Nxe6 White still has dangerous threats with either a possible sac at f5 or a pawn push to g4. 29...Bg7! Looking to trade some pieces by either Nxg7 or Bxe5. 30.Qf4! This "unpins" the bishop at d3 and looks to take advantage of the weak black squares in Black's position. 30...Rb7! If 30...Bxe5 31.Qxe5 Rb7 32.Qf6. Black's defense is hampered by a weak 1st and 2nd rank. 31.Qg5 That move leads to a forced draw via a perpetual check but does White have anything better? 31.Rc1?! looks interesting. If 31...Bxe5 32.dxe5 Qxd3 33.Qh6 looks good for White. However, Black might just go along with the gag and then uncork 33...Qa3!!, winning. 31...Bxe5 32.Qd8+ Kf7 33.Ng5+ Kg7 34.Ne6+ 1/2 - 1/2

Buck Allen may have been intimidated by the lineup in the 1986 MCA finals, because when Steve Mellen made a bad mistake Buck's thought was "Thank God I am not going to lose them all!" Allen likes fianchetto defenses, he says, "for the slashing attack they allow and also because so many have neglected the study of such and therefore can be caught in weak responses." He likes to give his opponents doubled pawns. This is somewhat reminiscent of another player who liked to exchange his bishops for his opponents' knights "on principle". The principle was that he didn't want the opponent to have knights. Allen tops it off with a bit of razzle-dazzle showing what he can do with a knight.

Buck Allen - Steve Mellen  
Queen's Bishop Fianchetto Attack A01/1\*2  
1986 MCA Finals  
Notes by Barry Bartle and Buck Allen

1.b3 White plays a black opening a move ahead. GM praxis suggests the extra tempo fails to insure an opening advantage. 1...d5 Heading for a Queen's Indian Defense reversed, or simply relaxing against an "easy" opponent? Contesting the central black

Continued on page 22

to clear the second rank as I anticipated an eventual Rb2 by Black. 21...a5 22.h4! Remember 17...g6? White is planning h5. Of course, 22.Nxa5 is out of the question. (Is it? Show me! A volume of the Encyclopedia of End Games goes to the submitter of a convincing refutation of 22.Nxa5.--CR) 22...Qa3?! As I had no intention of protecting the a-pawn anyway, this move just removes the queen from defending the kingside.



## SCHOLASTIC CHESS

Continued from page 19

trophy often goes to someone other than the top girl. Does anyone think we should have a top girls trophy? How about a trophy for best of opposite sex? We could give it to the top player of the sex opposite that of the winner of the tournament.

Spread the good word about scholastic chess.

Start a club at your child's school. The USCF Chess Trust will even provide clubs with sets and boards to help you get started. Call or write me for more information (address in masthead). We could also use some volunteers to be Regional Coordinators for their areas to help promote scholastic chess. We must continue to grow by sustaining the programs in place and developing places for our players to play when they leave us.

## GAMES DEPARTMENT

Continued from page 19

If I'm going to joke about others, I guess I have to embarrass myself as well. Besides, I promised you this story in a report on Bill Groeller's Round Robin Invitational in June.

DAVID MOODY—JAMES JACKSON: 1 e4 d6 2 Nf3 Nf6 3 c3 (Ye olde Stupid Trappe Line.) g6 4 Bd3 Bg7 5 Bc2 00 6 d4 c6 7 Bg5 Bg4 8 Nbd2 Nbd7 9 Qe2 e5 10 000 Qa5 11 Bb3 (Now, I did see Black's upcoming cheapo, but thought it best to allow it, positionally.) exd4 12 cxd4 Qxg5 13 Nxg5 Bxe2 14 Rdel Ba6 15 e5 dxe5 16 dxe5 Nd5 17 Ndf3 Nc5 18 Bc2 Nd3+ 19 Bxd3 Bxd3 20 e6 fxe6 21 Nxe6 Rfe8 (Only now did I realize that James seemed to have an awful lot of pieces attacking me. After a quick count, I finally realized for the first time that I was a piece down. My first thought was that some joker had taken one of my pieces off the board when I wasn't looking! Then I scanned the scoresheet, realized what had happened, exhaled a few expletives and ...) [0-1]

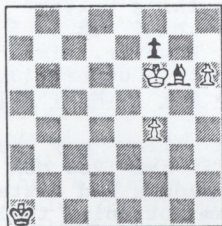
We close in the spirit of amusing endgame play with the following melodrama (RAFTSIJOL-JAROSZ, from the Class A Championships)

## WHITE TO PLAY

Looks kind of bad for Black even with the extra piece. Can the Lone Ranger get there in time, Kemosabe?

63 Kg7 Kb2 (Ta-da-dump, ta-da-dump, ta-da-dump-dump-dump) 64 h7 Bxh7 65 Kxh7 Kc3 (Ta-da-dump, ta-da-dump, ta-da-dump-dump-dump) 66 Kg7 Kd4 (Ta-da-dump, ta-da-dump, ta-da-dump-dump-dump) [1/2-1/2!] (White must take the draw with 67 Kxf7 Ke4, since if 67 f5 Ke5 68 f6 Ke6! and Black wins! Who was that masked man?)

Ta-da-dummmmp, ta-da-dump-dump-dump!



## POSTAL CHESS

Continued from page 21

squares, and the idea behind 1.b3, with 1...c5 or 1...d6, or occupation with 1...e5, is probably stronger. 2.Bb2 For Black, Public Enemy #1 2...Nf6 An impeccable move after the suggested 1...c5, 1...d6, but weaker with a central pawn to defend after Bxf6. 3.Bxf6 Looking for exf6 and the resulting doubled pawns. Karpov played similarly against Walter Browne in another opening. In that game Karpov headed right for an endgame. 3...gxf6 Black's move isolates his h-pawn, but it does give an extra pawn in the center. The pawn structure now is somewhat like a Caro-Kann except that White has traded a B for N instead of N for N. Black is better. 4.e3 A la Queen's Indian, with reversed colors. 4...c5 5.Nf3 Nc6 6.Nc3 There is a seldom-played variation of the Nimzo-Indian where Black plays this. It isn't good there and it isn't good here. The N obstructs the c-pawn. 6...e5 Is this pawn advance premature? Who stays on guard? Pretty good also is 6...d4 immediately taking advantage of the center superiority. The text could be a preparation for that as well. Black's position is very strong: the two Bs and open file more than compensate for the weak f-pawns. 7.Bb5 Now White has a Nimzo-Indian reversed, except his two Ns will be pathetic against the Black minor pieces. In the Nimzo proper a B attacks the weak, doubled c-pawns, whereas here Black's c5 is easy to defend. 7...Bg7 Or was. A dull move. "Threaten something!" is a good rule. 7...Bg4 (threat e4) or 7...e4, or 7...Qd6 (threat Bd7 and O-O-O with attack along the g-file) would be good. 8.e4 An interesting move. Attacks d5 a second time. Often we don't think to move a center pawn a second time before being developed. But in this case is it really good? 8...a6 That makes it good. But 8...dxe4 9.Nxe4 Qd5 and Black is fine. 9.Bxc6 bxc6 Another doubled pawn! 10.Qe2 Looks good because it works. 10...a5?? Horrible. Why is Black fussing with his pawns? All he has to do is 10...O-O and practice surgery with his bishops. After 10...O-O Black has a positionally won game. To complete his development in the center, perhaps with 10...Bd6, possibly 10...Rg8 would also work. 11.exd5 cxd5 12.Qb5+ Winning a pawn. But shock works even in postal chess as can be seen right here. Black fails to defend correctly. 12...Qd7 Black's game-losing move. His real mistake in this game may have been that he invited doubled pawns with 2...Nf6 when in truth he prefers positional chess. He might save this game with the unconventional, tactical, 12...Ke7 but as it is the White Q+N combo works its usual magic. After 12...Ke7 13.Qxc5 Qd6 Black can hang on. The open lines, central pawn mass, the two Bs, and centralized king would be compensation for the pawn in an endgame. Curiously there is no good retreat for the queen! 12...Bd7 is just as bad. 13.Qxc5 There's another way to do it but Allen does it better: 13.Nxd5 Qxb5 14.Nc7+ recovering the queen. Allen left the queens on, and it's a neater, quicker ending. White finds the incisive moves and Black can only writhe. It's pretty grisly: 13...Bb7 14.Nb5 Bf8 14...Kd8 would avert the upcoming lesson on the Properties of Knights, but 15.O-O Ra6 16.Rfb1 Rc6 17.Qd6, for example, isn't fun either. 15.Nc7+ Kd8 16.Qb6 Bc5 17.Ne6 double check. 1-0. Buck planned 17.Ne6+ Kc8 18.Nxc5 Qc6 19.Qxb7+ Qxb7 20.Nxb7 Kxb7 21.d3, with only a mopping up operation remaining.



# SPEED CHAMPIONSHIP

Primitive Postal Chess?

Continued from page 10

Poschel - Boyk, round 2. 1 d4 Nf6 2 c4 e6 3 Nc3 d5 4 g5 Be7 5 cxd5 Nxd5 6 Bxe7 Qxe7 7 e4 Nxc3 8 bxc3 b6 9 Bb5+ Nd7 10 Nf3 00 11 Bc6 Rb8 12 00 Bb7 13 Qa4 Bxc6 14 Qxc6 Qd6 15 Qa4 c5 16 Rfd1 Qc7 17 d5 exd5 18 exd5 b5 19 Qc2 Rb6 20 Re1 Rg6 21 Rad1 Qf4 22 Qe4 Qxe4 23 Rxe4 Ra6 24 Rd2 Nf6 25 Re7 Rd8 26 Rc7 Ne4 27 Re2 Nxc3 28 Rc2 Rxa2 29 Rxa2 Nxa2 30 Rxc5 b4 31 Nd4 g6 32 Nc6 Re8 33 g3 b3 34 Rb5 Nc3 35 Rxb3 Nxd5 36 Ra3 Re6 37 Nxa7 h5 38 Nb5 h4 39 Kg2 hxg3 40 hxg3 Nf6 and white won on time.

Turner - Ron Finegold. Sometimes you don't have to develop your pieces. 1 d4 b5 2 e4 a6 3 c4 bxc4 4 Bxc4 e6 5 Nc3 Nf6 6 e5 Ng8 7 Qg4 d5 8 Bd5 c5 9 Nf3 f5 10 Qf4 c4 11 Bc2 Nh6 (finally) 12 00 Nf7 13 Re1 Be7 14 Qg3 00 15 h4 Nc6 16 a3 Qb6 17 Rd1 Bd7 18 Rb1 Na5 19 Ng5 Bxg5 20 Bxg5 Nxc5 21 Qxg5 Nb3 22 Qf4 Be8 23 f3 Kh8 24 Kf2 Bd7 25 Ne2 Rab8 26 h5 Qa7 27 Rh1 Bb5 28 Rh3 Na5 29 a4 Be8 0-1,time.

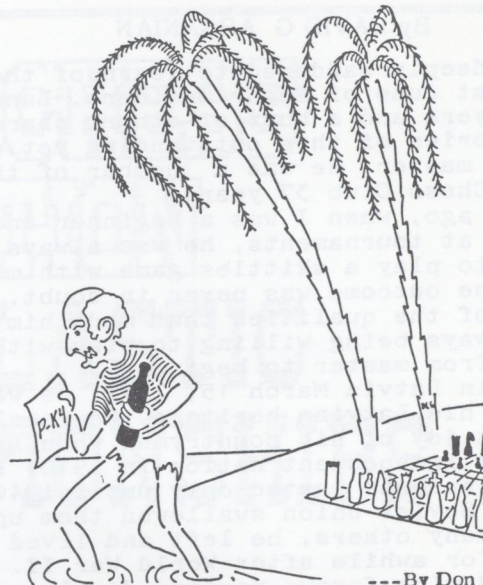
## Preliminary Round Results

** PRELIMINARY A **	L	F	L	B	B	F	S	H	F	A	W	
Ali Lin, Ann Arbor	x	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	10 F \$5
Mark Finegold, Oak Park	0	x	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	9 F
Fred Lindsay, Ann Arbor	0	0	x	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	8 F
Dairen Braak, Dearborn	0	0	0	x	1	1	0	1	1	1	1	6 1
Looie Baze, Jackson	0	0	0	0	x	1	1	1	1	1	1	6 1
Frank Fricko, Dearborn	0	0	0	0	0	x	1	1	1	1	1	5 1
M. Stefanski, Flushing	0	0	0	1	0	0	x	1	1	1	1	5 1W
Todd Hawley, Ann Arbor	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	x	1	1	1	3 2
Allen Foord, Gdn City	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	x	1	1	2 2
Johann Aaron, Detroit	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	x	1	1 2
Kevin Wanshon, Detroit	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	x	0 2

** PRELIMINARY B **	B	I	K	M	B	G	J	E	F	V	K	
Dan Boyk, Ann Arbor	x	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	9 F \$5
Simeon Ivanov, Ann Arbr	1	x	1	0	1	0	1	1	1	1	1	8 F
Richard Kause, Warren	0	0	x	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	8 F
J. Mazuchowski, StrHghts	0	0	0	x	1	0	1	1	1	1	1	6 1
Bob Bemben, Dearborn	0	1	0	0	x	0	1	1	1	1	1	6 1
Dick George, Troy	0	0	0	1	1	x	=	0	1	1	1	5+ 1
Hank Jonik, Dbn Heights	0	1	0	0	0	=	x	0	1	1	1	4+ 2
Len Esselink, Rochester	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	x	1	0	1	4 2
Joe Feldman, Southfield	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	x	1	1	2 2
Flamar Vaka, Detroit	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	x	1	2 2
Cornelius Fortune, Dtrt	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	x	0 2

** PRELIMINARY C **	P	C	T	T	K	C	L	H	E	W	B	
Paul Poschel, Ann Arbor	x	1	1	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	+	9 F \$5
Bill Calton, Southfield	0	x	1	1	0	1	1	1	1	1	+	8 F
George Turner, Detroit	0	0	x	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	+	8 F
Dexter Thompson, Dtroit	1	0	0	x	1	1	1	1	1	1	+	8 FW
Mike Kebrdle, Frm Hills	0	1	0	0	x	1	1	1	1	1	+	7 FW
Mike Charison, Mdsn Hts	0	0	0	0	0	x	1	1	1	1	+	5 1
Tom LaForge, Warren	0	0	0	0	0	0	x	1	1	1	+	4 1
Olaf Haakonstad, AnArbr	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	x	1	1	+	3 1
Samuel Edens, Detroit	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	x	1	+	2 2
Ron Wheeler, Ann Arbor	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	x	+	1 2
Bye	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	x	

** PRELIMINARY D **	F	A	O	J	M	D	S	D	T	D	B	
Ron Finegold, Oak Park	x	1	1	1	0	1	1	1	1	1	+	9 F \$5
Steve Andrews, Livonia	0	x	1	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	+	8 F
Robert O'Donnell, AA	0	0	x	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	+	8 F
Faris Jirjis, Gdn City	0	1	0	x	1	1	1	0	0	1	+	6 1
Steve Mitchell, Troy	0	0	0	0	x	1	1	1	1	1	+	6 1
Jack Duncan, Oxford	1	0	0	0	0	x	1	1	1	1	+	6 1
Ed Smith, Southfield	0	0	0	1	0	0	x	1	1	1	+	5 1W
Frank Dmuchowski, Wstld	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	x	1	1	+	4 2
Willie Thomas, Detroit	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	x	1	+	2 2
Mike Davis, Ann Arbor	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	x	+	1 2
Bye	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	x	



---By Don LaGuire

## CHESS CLUBS

- BATH CHESS CLUB** meets 7-10 pm on at 1st & 3rd Fridays of each month 14480 Webster (rear of fire station). Info: Bob Repas (517) 641-4519.
- BAY COUNTY CHESS CLUB:** 7 pm Mondays, Bay Co. Comm.Center, Bay City. Robert RoseKrans (517) 893-2412, 319 Nebobish, Bay City 48708.
- BOYNE CITY CHESS CLUB:** 7 pm Mondays at Depot Restaur., 151 Ray St. Truitt, (616) 582-2838.
- GRAND RAPIDS CHESS CLUB,** Monday nights in Kentwood Comm.Center, 355 48th SE (between Eastern & Division. Jeff Boes (616) 5986.
- GRAND HAVEN CHESS CLUB:** 7 pm Thursdays, Loutit Library Rm 5. Rick Meads (616) 846-4734.
- GROSSE POINT CHESS CLUB** 7:30 pm Tuesdays, 32 Lake Shore Dr., Grosse Point Farms. John DeJongh. (313) 579-0601.
- JACKSON CHESS CLUB:** 7 pm Wednesdays in Hardee Restaurant, 126 West Ave (near bus station). James Stockham, pres. (517) 784-2284.
- LANSING CHESS CLUB:** 7 pm Mondays in Capitol Federal Bldg., 6510 S.Cedar (north of I-96). V.E.Vandenburg, pres. (517) 646-6142.
- MARQUETTE CHESS CLUB:** 7 pm Mondays, tl Muggszy's on Washington St. Bring sets & clocks.
- MIDLAND CHESS CLUB:** 7 pm Mondays (Sept-May), Community Center, 2001 George, John Warner (517) 839-0225.
- MIDLAND SCHOLASTIC CLUB:** 9:30 a.m.Saturdays, Comm.Center, 2001 George. For K-12 a rated mini once a month. John Warner (517) 839-0225.
- NEGAUNEE VFW CHESS CLUB:** 7-10 pm Wednesdays, 208 Gold+ St. No dues. Sets, clocks, provided.
- OAK PARK CHESS CLUB:** 6:30-11 Thursdays, Comm. Center, 1430 Oak Park Blvd.(9 1/2 Mile Rd. W. of Coolidge). Michael Kebrdle (313) 477-9344.
- SPRING LAKE YOUTH CHESS CLUB:** 3:30 Wednesdays, Jeffers School, 49429 Leonard Rd. J.Singerling
- TRAVERSE CITY CHESS CLUB:** 7-9 pm Tuesdays, Big Boy Restaurant on Front St. Alex Moore, (616) 946-74823.
- WINDSOR CHESS CLUB:** 7-11 pm Thursdays in YMCA, 511 Pelissier St.(2 blocks to Tunnel). 5 minute event weekly. Al Foord (313) 425-7106.

FREE LISTING OF YOUR CLUB, if open to all. Mail info to MICHIGAN CHESS, 2177 Michigan, Eaton Rapids MI 48827.



## SNEIDERS WAS WORLD AUTHORITY ON BLACKMAR-DIEMER

By DAVID G ARGANIAN

I was deeply saddened to learn of the death last June of Edgar Sneiders. Lansing area players and a host of others share many fond memories of this outstanding yet ever friendly master. He was a member of the Lansing Chess Club 37 years.

Years ago, when I was a beginner and saw Edgar at tournaments, he was always willing to play a skittles game with me even though the outcome was never in doubt. That was one of the qualities that made him stand out---always being willing to play with anyone, from master to beginner.

Born in Latvia March 15, 1912, he was proud of his Latvian heritage. He recalled the great joy of his countrymen when Latvia became an independent nation in 1918. But the independence lasted only until 1940, when the Soviet Union swallowed them up.

Like many others, he left and lived in Germany for awhile after World War II. There he played with famous masters displaced by the war. It was there that he won a tournament game from GM Fritz Samish.

Later he settled in the United States, as did many other brilliant Latvian chess players, including Pupols, Mednis, Kampars, and Karklins.

He moved to Lansing in the 1950s, where he won the Michigan Amateur Championship in 1959 and later became a master. He repeatedly won the Lansing Championship, but dropped out of over-the-board chess to get deeper into postal games. Years later he entered one more time and won his final Lansing title in 1985---his first OTB event in years, for he preferred correspondence competition.

In postal chess he scored his biggest impact. Here he could test his beloved Blackmar-Diemer Gambit (1 d4 d5, 2 e4 de4, 3 Nc3 Nf6, 4 f3 ..) with which he won many fine victories over the years. In 1987 he won an ICCF thematic event devoted to the Blackmar-Diemer. He became the world's leading authority on this opening.

Edgar was a modest man. When a Lansing Club member learned he won the world BGD championship and wanted to write an article on it, he firmly refused. He did not want publicity. He just loved chess.

I am submitting some of his BGD games published by Chess Digest many years ago and hope space permits printing them all.

Edgar Sneiders-Dr. I. Schwartz Corres. 1965

1 P-Q4, P-Q4 2 P-K4, PXP 3 N-QB3, N-KB3 4 P-B3, PXP 5 NXP, P-KN3 6 B-QB4, B-N2 7 O-O, O-O 8 Q-K1, N-B3 9 Q-R4, N-KN5 ---Riskier than the more usual 9..., B-N5, which is best answered by 10 B-K3, BxN 11 RxB, P-K3 12 N-K2! - Arthur Hall-

10 P-KR3!, NXP 11 N-KN5, N-R3 12 B-K3, N/5-B4 13 RxN!, BxR 14 R-Q1, Q-B1 15 N-Q5, R-K1 16 B-B5, P-K3 17 N-K3, P-N3 18 NxB, NPxN 19 B-K3, P-K4 20 B-Q5, P-B5 21 B-B2, P-QB3 22 B-B4, Q-B4 ---In a postal game N. Kampars-Dr. I. Schwartz (1965-7) Black played 22..., R-Q1! 23 BxPch?! (23 B-Q3 should be tried: Diemer), K-R1! (If 23..

NxB 24 QxPch, K-B1 25 RxRch, NxR 26 Q-N6, Q-Q2 27 N-R7ch etc 24 R-QB1, Q-B4 25 P-KN4, PXP e.p. 26 B-K3, R-KB1 27 B-QB4, QR-Q1 28 QxP Q-N3 29 White resigned---

23 R-Q6!, QxBP 24 B-Q3, Q-B8ch 25 K-R2, P-K5 26 RxN, PxB 27 RxRP, Q-B5 28 Q-N4!, R-K2 29 RxBch!, KxR 30 N-K6 d.ch, K-B3 31 B-Q4 ch Resigns

E. Sneiders G.F. Goodyear Corres. 1963

1 P-Q4, N-KB3 2 P-KB3, P-Q4 3 P-K4, PXP 4 N-B3, PXP 5 NXP, P-KN3 6 B-QB4, B-N2 7 O-O, O-O 8 Q-K1, B-N5 9 Q-R4, N-B3 10 B-K3, Q-Q2 11 N-K5!, NxN 12 PxN, N-K1 13 N-Q5, B-K3 14 NXPch, K-R1 15 B-Q3, BxKP 16 NXPch, Resigns

E. Sneiders-Don Bohley Corres. 1965

1 P-Q4, N-KB3 2 P-KB3, P-Q4 3 P-K4, PXP 4 N-B3, PXP 5 NXP, P-KN3 6 B-QB4, B-N2 7 O-O, O-O 8 Q-K1, B-B4 9 Q-R4, N-B3 10 B-K3, N-QN5

---Necessary for Black was 10..., P-K4! with good chances for defense/: B-KN5, Q-Q3/: E. Mednis in O.A. ---

11 QR-Q1, NxBP 12 B-KN5!, P-B3 13 P-KR3, Q-R4 14 B-Q2

---Much stronger would be simply 14 P-KN4!, B-Q2 or B-B1 15 R-B2 followed by 16 N-K5! with a decisive attack: L. Mednis---

14..., Q-Q1 15 B-KR6, Q-R4 16 P-KN4, BxNP 17 BxB, KxB. 18 PxB, N-K6 19 N-K5, NxKR 20 RxN, P-KR3? (20..., P-QN4 or 20..., P-QB4! L. Mednis) 21 P-N5, PXP 22 QxP, R-R1 23 BxP, R-R3 24 BxP, QxKN 25 B-B5 d.ch, K-B2 26 PxQ, Resigns.

E. Sneiders - Dr.H.M. Coss Corres. 1964

1 P-Q4, N-KB3 2 P-KB3, P-Q4 3 P-K4, PXP 4 N-B3, PXP 5 NXP, P-KN3 6 B-QB4, B-N2 7 O-O, O-O 8 Q-K1, QN-Q2 9 Q-R4, N-N3 10 B-N3, QN-Q4 11 N-K2, B-N5 12 B-N5, BxN 13 RxB, P-B3 14 QR-KB1, Q-Q2 15 P-B3, QR-K1 16 N-B4, Q-N5? 17 NxN, PxN 18 BxN, QxQ 19 BxQ, P-K3 20 B-R4, R-B1 21 B-K7, P-QR3 22 BxR, RxB 23 B-Q7, P-QN4 24 RxP, Resigns

E. Sneiders-N.Mikalac Corres. 1963

1.P-Q4, N-KB3 2 P-KB3, P-Q4 3 P-K4, PXP 4 N-B3, PXP 5 NXP, P-KN3 6 B-QB4, B-N2 7 O-O, O-O 8 Q-K1, P-B4 9 PXP, QN-Q2 10 B-K3, P-K3 11 R-Q1, P-QR3 12 B-KB4, P-QN4 13 B-QN3, B-N2 14 N-K5, Q-B1 15 P-B6, BxP 16 NxBP, B-Q4 17 NxB, NxN 18 QxP, NxB? 19 N-R6ch, K-R1 20 Q-N8ch RxQ 21 N-B7 mate!

E. Sneiders-R. L. Oyler Corres. 1963

1 P-Q4, N-KB3 2 P-KB3, P-Q4 3 P-K4, PXP 4 N-B3, PXP 5 NXP, P-KN3 6 B-QB4, B-N2 7 O-O, O-O 8 Q-K1, P-QR3 9 Q-R4, P-QN4 10 B-N3, B-N2 11 B-K3, B-Q4 12 NxB, NxN 13 B-R6, P-K3 14 N-N5, N-KB3 15 BxB, KxB 16 RxN Resigns.

E. Sneiders-K. Soller BDG-World 1970-71

1 P-Q4, P-Q4 2 P-K4, PXP 3 N-QB3, N-KB3 4 P-B3, PXP 5 NXP, P-KN3 6 B-QB4, B-N2 7 O-O, O-O 8 N-K2, QN-Q2 9 Q-K1, P-QR3 10 Q-R4, P-QN4 11 B-Q3, B-N2 12 B-R6, R-B1 13 N-N5, P-B4 14 PXP, RXP 15 N-B4, Q-N3 16 K-R1, P-K4 17 P-QN4, R-B2 18 N/4-R3, R-K1 19 BxB, KxB 20 NxBP!, P-K5 21 B-K2, N-B1 22 N-R6, RxP 23 N-B4, R-B2 24 Q-N5, B-B1 25 QR-Q1, R-Q2 26 RxR, BxR 27 N-Q5, NxN 28 R-B7ch, K-R1 29 QxN, B-B1 30 R-K7!, Resigns.



# MICHIGAN CHESS ASSOCIATION 1989 SCHOLASTIC TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS

	* PRIMARY	* ELEMENTARY	* JR. HIGH	* HIGH SCHOOL	* HIGH SCHOOL * Jr. Varsity
* Date	* 2/4/89	* 2/4/89	* 2/25/89	* 2/11&12/89	* 2/11&12/89
* Place	* Walled Lake	* Smart JHS	* Armstrong M.S.	* Kearsley H.S.	* Kearsley H.S.
	* Walled Lake		* Flint	* Flint	* Flint
* Rated/ Unrated	* Unrated	* Unrated	* Rated	* Rated	* Rated
* Grade Restrictions	* 3 <sup>rd</sup> & under	* 6 <sup>th</sup> & under	* 9 <sup>th</sup> & under	* 12 <sup>th</sup> & under	* 12 <sup>th</sup> & under
			* No High Schools	* High Schools Only	* Average rating * under 1300
* Registration	* 8-8:30 a.m.	* 8-8:30 a.m.	* 8-8:30 a.m.	* 9-9:30 a.m.	* 9-9:30 a.m.
* Format	* 4 Round Swiss	* 4 Round Swiss	* 4 Round Swiss	* 5 Round Swiss	* 5 Round Swiss
* Round Times	* 9-11-1-3	* 9-12-3-6	* 9-12-3-6	* 2/11 10-2-6 * 2/12 11-3	* 2/11 10-2-6 * 2/12 11-3
* Time Control	* 50/60, * then 6/15 * Rd 4 15/15	* 50/60, * then 6/15 * Rd 4 15/15	* 40/60, * then 6/15 * Rd 4 15/15	* 30/60, * then 15/30	* 30/60 * then 15/30
* Trophies	* Top 5 teams * 1 <sup>st</sup> & 2 <sup>nd</sup> * each board & * 1 <sup>st</sup> alternate	* Top 10 teams * 1 <sup>st</sup> & 2 <sup>nd</sup> * each board & * 1 <sup>st</sup> alternate	* Top 10 teams * 1 <sup>st</sup> & 2 <sup>nd</sup> * each board & * 1 <sup>st</sup> alternate	* Top 7 teams * 1 <sup>st</sup> & 2 <sup>nd</sup> * each board & * 1 <sup>st</sup> alternate	* Top 7 teams * 1 <sup>st</sup> & 2 <sup>nd</sup> * each board & * 1 <sup>st</sup> alternate
* Entry Fees	* Early entry by mail is encouraged for all tournaments.				
* Mail	* \$ 20.00 by 2/1	* \$ 20.00 by 2/1	* \$ 20.00 by 2/22	* \$ 25.00 by 2/8	* \$ 25.00 by 2/8
* On site	* 25.00	* 25.00	* 25.00	* 30.00	* 30.00
* Late	* 30.00	* 30.00	* 30.00	* 35.00	* 35.00
	* \$ 5.00 discount for additional teams from the same school.				
	* Entry fee includes a library subscription to <i>Michigan Chess</i> .				
* Team Format	* Teams of four with one alternate allowed. Teams must have at least three players.				
	* Alternate must play lowest board.				
* Send Entries to	* Mike Venia		* William Groeller		
	* 9190 Garden Terrace	Primary &	* 17527 Shaftsbury	Jr. High & High School	
	* Union Lake, MI 48085	Elementary	* Detroit, MI 48219		
	* 363-4499				

For more Information:  
Peter C. Nixon, Scholastic Director  
(313)676-2985 Home      (313)849-2780 School



## TOURNAMENT BULLETIN

JEFFREY L. BOES, Editor  
3826 New Holland Rd.  
Hudsonville MI 49426

All events require USCF and MCA membership, unless otherwise stated. Other state memberships are acceptable if you are not a MI resident. All events are "No Smoking, No Computers" unless otherwise stated.

**Feb. 4 Walled Lake: MI Elementary Team Championship**

Walled Lake Smart JHS. Unrated; 4-SS, teams of four with one alt. in two sections (Elementary: 6<sup>th</sup> grade and under; Primary: 3<sup>rd</sup> grade and under) EF: \$25 for 1<sup>st</sup> team, \$20 for add'l teams, \$5 less for entry by 2/1, \$5 more after reg. TL: 50/60, then SD/15 rds. 1-3 (15/15 rd. 4). Reg.: 8:00-8:30. Rds.: 9-11-1-3 (Primary); 9-12-3-6 (Elementary). Teams must have at least three players. EF includes a library subscription to *Michigan Chess*. A Mich. Scholastic Championship event! \$\$: Trophies to top 10 teams (Elementary section); top 5 teams (Primary section); 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> each board and 1<sup>st</sup> alt. (both sections). Entries: Mike Venia, 9190 Garden Terr., Union Lake, 48085. Pete Nixon, 27519 E. River, Grosse Ile 48138, (313) 676-2985.

**Feb. 4 Grand Haven: Winter Fest Quads**

Community Center, 421 Washington, Studio 3. 3-RR in sections of 4 by rating EF: \$10 (\$12 after reg.) TL: 40/90, SD/30. Reg.: 9:00-9:45. Rds.: 10-2-6. \$\$: Winter Fest sweatshirt 1<sup>st</sup> each section. Rick Meads, 11065 Osborn, Grand Haven 49417, (616) 846-4734.

**Feb. 5 (changed) Detroit: Clippert Quads**

Clippert Middle School, 4725 Martin (N. of Mich., W. of Livernois). 3-RR by rating; two sections (Open; School). EF: (Open) \$8 early; \$10 at site; \$5 more after reg.; (School) \$3 by 2/4; \$5 later. TL: 40/60, SD/30 Reg.: 8:00-8:30. Rds.: 9-12-3. School section does not require MCA or USCF. Note date change from Dec. Michigan Chess. \$\$: (Open) \$20 or \$10 and trophy 1<sup>st</sup> each section; (School) \$10 or trophy 1<sup>st</sup> each section. Pete Nixon (see Feb. 4 event for address).

**Feb. 11-12 Flint: MI High School Team Championship**

Flint Kearsley HS (see map). 5-SS, teams of four with 1 alt., in two sections (Open & Jr. Varsity). EF: \$30 for 1<sup>st</sup> team, \$25 for add'l teams, \$5 less for entry by 2/8, \$5 more after 9:30. TL: 30/60, then 15/30. Reg.: 9:00-9:30. Rds.: 10-2-6 Sat., 11-3 Sun. Open section is open to HS teams only; Jr. Varsity to 12<sup>th</sup> grade & under, avg. rating below 1300. Teams must have at least three players. EF includes a library subscription to *Michigan Chess*. A Mich. Scholastic Championship event! \$\$: (each section) Trophies to top 7 teams; 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> each board; 1<sup>st</sup> alt. Entries: William Groeller, 17527 Shaftsbury, Detroit, 48219. Pete Nixon (see Feb. 4 event for address).

**Feb. 18 Roscommon: Quads/Beginners Tourney**

Roscommon Comm. Center, 510 South (from light, SE on M-76 4 blks., look for sign, right 4 blks.). (Open) 3-RR by rating; (School, Beginners) 4-SS in two sections. EF: \$7 Open and Beginners, \$5 School. TL: Open: 30/60, SD/30; School, Beginners SD/60. Reg.: starts 9:00. Rds.: 10-1-4:30 Open, 10-12-2-4:30 others. No USCF/MCA required for School or Beginners. Beginners section open to U1200 or Unr. \$\$: \$15 1<sup>st</sup> each open section; USCF or MCA mem. to 1<sup>st</sup> in School/Beginners sections. Will Jones, P.O. Box 643, Roscommon 48653, (517) 275-8658 after 8 PM.

**Feb. 19 Lansing: \$50/\$25 Mini-Swiss**

Capital Federal Bldg., 6510 S. Cedar (I-96 Exit 104, cross Penn. W. to Cedar then S. 2 blks.). 3-SS, sections of 8-10 by rating. EF:



\$12. TL: 40/60, then SD/30. Reg.: 8:30-9:15. Rds.: 9:30-1-4:30. \$\$: \$50-25 each section. V. E. Vandenburg, 2177 Michigan, Eaton Rapids 48827, (517) 646-6142.

**Feb. 25 Flint: MI Junior High Team Champ.**

Flint Armstrong MS (see map). 4-SS, teams of four with 1 alt. EF: \$25 for 1<sup>st</sup> team, \$20 for add'l teams, \$5 less for entry by 2/22, \$5 more after reg. TL: 40/60, then SD/15 rds. 1-3 (15/15 rd. 4). Reg.: 8:00-8:30. Rds.: 9-12-3-6. Open to 9<sup>th</sup> grade and below (no high schools). EF includes a library subscription to *Michigan Chess*. A Mich. Scholastic Championship event! \$\$: Trophies to top 10 teams; 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> each board; 1<sup>st</sup> alt. Pete Nixon (see Feb. 4 event for address).

**Feb. 25 Trenton: Mini-Swiss**

Haas Park Comm. Bldg., 72 Washington. 3-SS in sections of 6-8 by rating. EF: \$5, add \$1 after 9:45. TL: 40/90, then SD/30. Reg.: 9-9:45. Rds.: 10-1:30-5. \$\$: \$20 or trophy each section. Ken Roberts, 5919 McMillan, Dearborn Hts. 48127, (313) 565-2123.

**Mar. 4-5 Walled Lake: MI Junior Championship**

Walled Lake Central High (note change). 5-SS in five sections: Junior (open to 12<sup>th</sup> grade & under-2-day event), Young Junior (8<sup>th</sup> grade & under), Young Junior Reserve (8<sup>th</sup> grade & under, U1200 or unrated), Children's (5<sup>th</sup> grade & under), Children's Reserve (5<sup>th</sup> grade & under, U1200 or unrated). EF: \$15 Junior, Young Junior, Children's; \$10 for Reserve sections. All are \$5 less for early entry, \$5 more after reg. TL: 30/60, 15/30 Junior; 50/60, SD/15 rds. 1-4 (15/15 rd. 5) all others. Reg.: 8:00-8:30 (except Junior, 8:30-9:30). Advance registration recommended; see EF discounts above. Rds.: Junior: 10-2-6 Sat., 11-3 Sun.; Young Junior & Reserve: 9-11:30-2-4:30-7; Children's & Reserve: 9-11-1-3-5. All but Junior section are one-day (Sat.) events. Reserve sections are not USCF rated. A Mich. Scholastic Championship event! \$\$: Trophies, each section (one per winner): Junior: top 3, 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> each grades 12, 11, 10, 9, girls; Young Junior: top 3, 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> each grades 8, 7, 6, girls; Children's: top 3, 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> each grades 5, 4, 3, 2, 1, K, girls; Reserve sections: top 5, top girl. Pete Nixon (see Feb. 4 event for address).

**Mar. 4-5 Grand Rapids: City Champ. & Chess Festival**

Same site as Jan. 7 GR event. (Championship) 5-RR, (Festival) 3-SS in sections of 8-10 (two one-day events). EF: (Championship)



\$10; (Festival) \$15 (per day). TL: (Championship) 30/90 then 20/60; (Festival) 30/60 then SD/60. Reg.: 9:00-9:44. Rds.: (Championship) 10-2-6 Sat., 12-4:30 Sun.; (Festival) 10-2-6 Sat. Un. Championship section open to top 4 GR residents only, plus 1988 champion and winner of GR Open. Festival sections are one-day events; play either or both days. Note change to date from earlier listing. \$\$: (Championship) Trophy 1<sup>st</sup> and title of GR City Champion, trophy 2<sup>nd</sup>. (Festival) \$75-25 each section. Kevin Czuhai, 661 Kellogg SE, Grand Rapids 49503, (616) 458-8409.

### Mar. 11 Detroit: Clippert Mini-Swiss

Same site as Clippert Quads, Feb. 5. 3-SS in sections of 6-10 by rating; two groups (Open and School). EF: (Open) \$8 before 10/1, \$10 later. (School) \$3 before 10/1, \$5 later. (Both) Add \$5 after reg. TL: 40/60 then SD/30. Reg.: 8:00-8:30. Rds.: 9-12-3. School section does not require USCF or MCA. \$\$: \$40, or \$20 and trophy 1<sup>st</sup> each Open section; Trophy or \$20 1<sup>st</sup> each School section. Pete Nixon (see Feb. 4 event for address).

### Mar. 12 Lansing: Mini-Swiss

See Feb. 19 listing. Note change to date from earlier listing.

### Mar. 18 Roscommon: Quads/Beginners Tourney

See Feb. 18 event.

### Mar. 19 Trenton: Quads

Haas Park Comm. Bldg., 72 Washington. 3-RR by rating. EF: \$5, add \$1 after reg. TL: 40/90, then SD/30. Reg.: 9:00-9:45. Rds.: 10-1:30-5. \$\$: \$10 or trophy each section. Ken Roberts (see Feb. 25 for address).

### Apr. 8 Grand Rapids: West Mich. Action

Kentwood Community Center, 355-48<sup>th</sup> St., Kentwood (between Eastern & Division). 6-SS. EF: \$15 (\$5 Juniors.) TL: SD/30. Reg.: 9:00-9:44. Rds.: 10-11:15-1-2:15-3:30-5:00. \$\$: \$400 (based on 40 reg. entries): \$150-50; 50 each U2000, U1800, U1600, U1400/Unr. (class prizes based on 3 or more); USCF or MCA mem. to top Junior (Junior EF not eligible for cash prizes.) Kevin Czuhai (see Mar. 4 for address).

## GR Action draws 14

A small turnout didn't spoil the fun at the first GRCC tournament for 1989. Fourteen quick-draw players competed in the sudden-death event, held Jan. 7. Kevin Czuhai of Grand Rapids took 1<sup>st</sup> in Section A with 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$ ; Eric Fischvogt

(also GR) was 2<sup>nd</sup> at 4-1. In Section B, Don Lubben (GR) went 5-1 to win by two points; John Stoughton (Holland) was 2<sup>nd</sup>. Thom Little (Portland) scored 5-1 in Section C, also enough for top honors; Ken Tindall (Muskegon) was 2<sup>nd</sup>. Ron Grzegorzczak directed.

## Future Tourney Dates

Details for these events will appear in future issues of this bulletin and Michigan Chess.

Mar. 4-5	Walled Lake: <i>MI Collegiate Championship</i>
Mar. 18	Lake Leelanau Chess Festival
Apr. 8	Detroit: Clippert Action
Apr. 8	Grand Rapids: W. Mich. Action
Apr. 15	Trenton: Mini-Swiss
Apr. 16	Lansing Mini-Swiss
May 14	Lansing Mini-Swiss
May 20	Lake Leelanau
May 21	Trenton: Quads
May 27-28	Site TBA: <i>MI Masters/Exp./Class Champ.</i>
Jun. 11	Lansing Mini-Swiss
Jun. 17	Trenton: Mini-Swiss
Jun. 24-25	Grand Rapids Open
Jul. 15-16	E. Detroit Open
Jul. 16	Trenton: Quads
Aug. 19	Trenton: Mini-Swiss
Sept. 1-4	Site TBA: <i>MI Open</i>
Oct. 14	Site TBA: <i>MI Action (new event)</i>

---

### Your Event Here!

Your chess event will appear here! Just send details to the Tournament Clearinghouse, 3826 New Holland Rd., Hudsonville, MI 49426 (*not* to Michigan Chess Association). Submissions for the Apr. magazine must arrive by 3/1/89. (Later submissions may not appear.) Use these announcements as a guideline, or submit a copy of the USCF Tournament Life form (available to USCF affiliates).

---



# Michigan Chess Association 1989 Junior Championships

March 4-5, Walled Lake Central High School

	USCF	OPEN TO	ROUNDS	TIME	REGISTER	ROUND TIMES	ENTRY FEE:		
	RATED	UNDER		CONTROL			Early	Site	Late
JUNIOR Championship	Yes	12th grade	5	30/60 15/30	8:30-9:30	Sat 3/4 10-2-6 Sun 3/5 11-3	\$ 10	\$ 15	\$ 20
YOUNG JUNIOR Championship	Yes	8th grade	5	50/60 6/15 Rd 5 15/15	8:00-8:30	9-11:30-2-4:30-7	\$ 10	\$ 15	\$ 20
YOUNG JUNIOR Reserve	No	8th grade rated under 1200	5	50/60 6/15 Rd 5 15/15	8:00-8:30	9-11:30-2-4:30-7	\$ 5	\$ 10	\$ 15
CHILDREN'S Championship	Yes	5th grade	5	50/60 6/15 Rd 5 15/15	8:00-8:30	9-11-1-3-5	\$ 10	\$ 15	\$ 20
CHILDREN'S Reserve	No	5th grade rated under 1000	5	50/60 6/15 Rd 5 15/15	8:00-8:30	9-11-1-3-5	\$ 5	\$ 10	\$ 15

\*\*\*\*\*

## TROPHIES

\*\*\*\*\*

Junior	Young Junior	Young Junior Reserve	Children's	Children's Reserve
Top 3 12th 11th 10th 9th 2 Girls	Top 3 8th 7th 6th 2 Girls	Top 5 top Girl	Top 3 5th 4th 3rd 2nd Kindergarten 2 Girls	Top 5 Top Girl

Info & Entries: Peter Nixon, 27519 E. River Rd. Grosse Ile MI 48138 (313) 676-2985.  
More info page 26.



Address Correction Requested

NON-PROFIT ORG.  
U.S. POSTAGE  
PAID  
LANSING, MICHIGAN  
PERMIT NO. 429

Exp: 08/30/89 T: Reg  
Genesee Township Library  
7397 N. Genesee Rd.  
Genesee, MI 48437