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An outstanding photographer, he migrated to America in 1917. His hobby was chess. He was good at that, too, and met many prominent players, especially in the midwest after moving to Jackson and setting up a photo studio.

In 1930 he organized the Michigan Chess Association to provide an official state championship, which he made certain was held every year from then on.

This year's Michigan Open in Lansing over the Labor Day weekend will be the 58th annual Michigan championship. Palmi died in 1962. Throughout 1988 there will be articles, historic photos and

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MCA PRESIDENT'S REPORT

By Gary Kitts, MCA President

With the advent of the new year, I find myself filled with mixed emotions about our potential success or failure in the coming year. As most of you know, the Michigan Chess Association is celebrating its Founders Centennial Year in 1988. The MCA Board has worked very hard planning and organizing events to make this a memorable celebration. However, the key to making this an enjoyable and successful chess year is you. I encourage you to participate in the events we have planned and to provide any help you can give. For example, if you are aware of any interesting stories about Michigan chess history, I'm sure Van would be delighted to receive an article from you about them. If you have other thoughts or ideas, feel free to communicate them to myself or any other Board member. In the process of running the organization, we often tend to focus on solving problems we have rather than being alert to opportunities. Your thoughts, ideas and help are always welcome.

Let me briefly update you on where we stand in managing the association. Financially, we're about the same - still paying our bills, but just barely. We have adopted a budget to help correct this continuing problem by limiting our expenses for various items to the revenues associated with those items. I expect that this will provide more accountability and improve our financial position. By the time that you read this, I expect that all MCA tournaments through the Michigan Open will be organized. Slowly, but surely, the computer is being used more and more in our operations. I have appointed a committee, chaired by Ron Grzegorzczuk, who is working with Van to implement our computer procedures.

In short things are under control and we're making progress towards our goals. I won't burden you with further details, since that would take space from all of the interesting articles that Van has in this issue. I would just like to encourage you to participate fully in this year's Founders Centennial Celebration. It's the only one we'll ever have.

CHRIS ROSENFELD NOW LIVES NEAR MOST ACTIVE CHESS CENTER IN U.S.

Our MICHIGAN CHESS postal editor, Chris Rosenfield who moved to her new job in California last October, has located in Anaheim and says being within walking from work is a real novelty, "and you can bet we've been enjoying the 75-degree temperatures in January." She may be there several years before returning to Michigan.

She now lives but a mile from Labates' "the most active chess center in the country, where one can play a rated game or games every day, if one wants to." Labates' is now into 30-minute Active Chess games, in which quads (3 games) are played in one evening, she says--adding that she has stayed with the 40 move in 2 hours variety. It must be paying off, for her rating is going up.

Fortunately for our postal players, she will continue her fine column in MICHIGAN CHESS. You can now contact her direct at her new address:

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special events sponsored by MCA in observance its founders's birth and the many years of service to chess by him and his wife, Fjola.

Watch for the articles in MICHIGAN CHESS on chess in Michigan over the Palmi years and later. Today he would be thrilled at the growth of his Michigan Chess Association from less than a dozen participants in the annual tournament to over more than 1,000 members of today and more than a dozen championship tournaments of various kinds organized by MCA, plus many dozen weekend or one day events promoted by others. He would be proud of the MCA publications, its new computer system and photo copier---and especially of the help from the many whose donations made it possible.

There are still some active players today who played in Palmi's tournaments, and there are others not playing now who remember him well. We would like to receive cards or letters from these folks. Please.

--- Editor

MIKHAIL TAL WILL ENTER CHICAGO NATIONAL OPEN MARCH 18-19

Famed former World Champion Mikhail Tal will play in the National Open in Chicago March 18-20, said USCF.

He is one of the world's most beloved personalities, famed for phenomenal attacking ability, risky sacrifices and keen with away from the board. It's his first U.S. tourney. Many top American grandmasters will be competing with him for the \$3,500 1st prize.

The big event with a huge prize fund, located near the Intl. O'Hare Airport in the Holiday Inn O'Hare, will have two sections. Reserve section (under 1800) has 5 top prizes starting at \$1000, totaling 11 in all. with the classes at \$800, \$400, \$200 for "A", etc. Complete details in Chess Life.

Lost & Found

After the Jan.9 Mini-Swiss in Lansing, two items of clothing remained unclaimed, a leather-type coat and pair of fur-type mittens.

The items may have been left there from a previous chess meeting or from some other meeting in the community room of the Capitol Federal Savings at some other time.

If you or anyone you know forgot these, then forgot where he or she left them, call Van at MICHIGAN CHESS, (517) 646-6142, or send us a note identifying them. We'd like the owner or owners to have them.

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FLASHBACK 1987 -- Hi-Lights and Lo-Lights

Chroniced by David Moody

By the time you read this, we'll probably be part of the way through the second month of 1988. So, for probably the last time anywhere, it's time for FLASHBACK 1987!

It was a year of strange tournament results, exemplified by a 12-player Mini-Swiss held in Detroit in January, which ended in a three-way tie for first on 2½--between a Master, an Expert, and an 1100 player!

Bill Groeller and Dexter Thompson were the two high-rated guys; they each won their first two, then played a draw in round 3. Victor Perez, rated 1134, beat two B-players in the first two rounds, then drew a third to tie for first place. Weird!

The Champions of 1987

It was a year when the following people were winners:

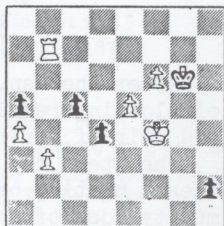
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1987 saw some of the weirdest endings I've ever seen in Michigan; and, alas, most of them were botched. Here are three cases in point:

WHITE TO PLAY: WHAT RESULT?

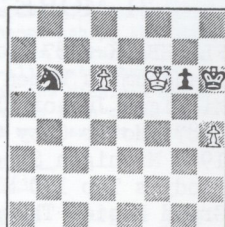
This is Alvin Harrold--Ed Ball, from the Class B Championship. The game went 1 Rg7+ Kh6 2 Rg8 Kh7 3 f7 h1q 4 f8q, and, though White was a rook up, Black was able to find a perpetual check and the game ended in a draw.



If you've found some deep, 25-move winning maneuver in the above line for White, I congratulate you on your endgame skill. But why didn't you just play 1 f7! h1q (1...Kg7 2 f8q+ Kxf8 3 Rh7 and wins) 2 f8N+! Kh6 3 Rh7#!

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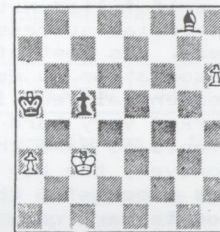
Now, we have Leonard Dangremond--Raymond Hobbs, from the Class A Championship. Dangremond chose 1 Kf7? Nc4! 2 d7 Ne5+ 3 Ke7 Nxd7 4 Kxd7 Kh5, when Black wins.



But White can draw this by a subtle maneuver: 1 Ke6! Kg7 (The best chance) 2 d7 Nxd7 3 Kxd7 Kf7! (So that on 4 Kd6 Kf6 5 Kd5 Kf5 and Black wins.) 4 Kd8!! and draws by sneaking around the back way after 4...Kf6 5 Ke8 Kf5 6 Kf7. Other lines are similar: White holds it by going away from the scene of the action.

WHITE TO PLAY: WHAT RESULT?

Marty Franton--Edward Tucker, from the Junior. White can draw this! He started out correctly with 1 a4 (The pawn cannot be taken due to 2 h7 Bxh7 3 a4 and draws.) Kb6 2 Kd3 Ka6 3 Kc2! (Franton actually played 3 Kc3? Ka5! and Black was able to penetrate with his king to b4 and win. 3 Kc2! prepares to go to c3 whenever Black plays ...Ka5, so that the king cannot get in.



Black has only one other winning try, by bringing his king over to e4 and trying to penetrate that way. However, White will just keep playing tempo moves with his king until the Black king hits the e-file; then, he starts pushing the a-pawn. The Black king will catch the a-pawn on a8, but the then h7 will draw again, since the Black king cannot protect his c-pawn. Try it; with correct play by White, it's a draw!

We lost some good people. Dr. Howard Gaba and his wife Tillie; Louis Kellner, long-time patron of women's chess; Doug Westgate from Grand Rapids. Rest in peace.

Every year, one kind of game seems to pop up constantly in Michigan. I remember the one year that, every time you turned around, someone was having to mate with bishop and knight versus king.

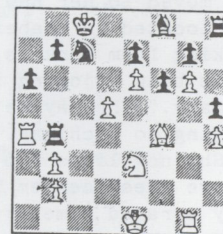
1987 seemed to be the year of the positional massacre. All year long, players seemed to be getting these incredibly awful positions. Frank J. Marshall played such sparkling chess that a lot of his most brilliant moves looked like typographical errors. Well, take a look at the next four diagrams before you play over the games to be sure that I haven't lost my mind.

DEXTER THOMPSON--DAN BURG (East Detroit Marathon, 1/87):

1 e4 d5 2 exd5 Nf6 3 Bb5+ Bd7 4 Bc4 Bg4 5 f3 Bf5 6 Nc3 Nbd7 7 Qe2 a6 (It always amazed me that this is actually a book line. Recommended, though--B01--is 7...Nb6 8 Bb3 Qd7 9 d6! cxd6 10 a4 a5 ±; if that is true, Burg's move is a double loss of time.) 8 Bb3 Nb6 9 Qe5 Qd7 10 d3 OOO 11 g4 Bg6 12 Bf4 Ne8 13 Nge2 h5 14 g5 f6 (Chasing the queen away, but one can just smell a cramp coming.) 15 Qe6 Qxe6 16 dxe6 Bf5? (The random moves of this bishop are one link to the coming disaster. Something like 16...fxg5 to get some room is in order.) 17 Ng3 Bh3? 18 g6! (And Black is essentially down a rook and bishop. His only chance is to try and get rid of White's e-pawn--but how can he attack it? For that matter, what can he move, period?) Bg2 19 Rg1 Bxf3 (Well, he did get the gambit pawn back.) 20 h3 Nd5 21 Nxd5 Bxd5 22 Nf5 Bxb3 23 axb3 Rd5 24 Ne3 Rc5 25 d4 Rb5 26 Ra3 c6 27 c4 Rb6 28 h4 Nc7 29 d5 cxd5 30 cxd5 Rb4 31 Ra4

BLACK TO PLAY

(What a choice! if 31...Rxa4 32 bxa4 and Black is embarrassed for a move--not a good move, just any old move at all! (a) 32...Na8 33 Kd2 Nb6 34 Rc1+ Kd8 35 Bc7+. (b) 32...b5 33 Kd2 Ne8 34 Rc1+ Kb7 35 axb5 axb5 36 Nf5! and Black is reduced to ...Rg8-h8-g8 forever while White wins however he feels like it, one method involving playing Rc6, bringing the king to a5 and smiting Black with Rb6+ sometime around Christmas. Burg decides that enough is enough.) Rxb3 32 Rc4 1-0



The three examples which follow all come from the Class A Championship. I tell you, once you get started, these kinds of games just keep popping up.

DARRELL TURNER--DAN (oh, no, not again!) BURG: 1 e4 Nf6 A little change.) 2 e5 Nd5 3 d4 d6 4 Nf3 Nc6 5 c4 Nb6 6 e6!? (A legitimate sacrifice.) f6?! (Oh, no, not again!)

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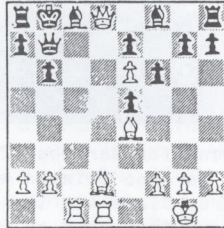
FLASHBACK 1987

(From preceding page)

7 d5 Ne5 8 Nxe5 dxe5 9 Bd3 Qd6 10 Qh5+ Kd8 11 Nc3 c6
 (He must try to break up the White center, not to mention
 topping Nb5.) 12 Oo! exd5 13 cxd5 Nxd5 14 Nxd5 Qxd5
 15 Bf3! Ke7 (The e-pawn lives thanks to the threat of
 16 Rd1, the cramp remains and Black is 4 pieces down this
 time!) 16 Rd1 Qa5 17 Qe8 Kb8 18 Bd2 Qa6 19 Rac1 b6
 20 Qd8 Qb7 21 Be4!

BLACK TO PLAY AND RESIGN

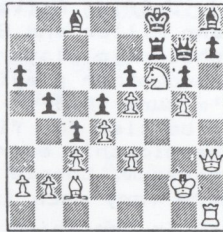
(Rarely do you see someone
 so nearly stalemated within 20
 moves. May it not happen again,
 Dan!)



LARRY STANFIELD--TYRONE MCKINNEY: 1 d4 Nf6 2 Bg5 e6 3 Nd2
 d5 4 e3 c5 5 c3 Nbd7 6 Ngf3 Qc7 7 Bxf6 Nxf6 8 Ne5 a6
 9 Bd3 Bd6 10 f4 Oo 11 Oo c4. (Charting the future course of
 the game: Black is staking out the queenside, so White will
 get to play on the kingside. Watch how far Black gets.)
 12 Be2 b5 (End of attack.) 13 g4 g6 14 h4 Nd7 15 h5 Nxe5
 16 fxe5 Be7 17 hxg6 fxg6 18 Rxf8+ Bxf8 19 Qf3 Bg7
 (Covering all the holes.) 20 Rf1 Bb7 21 Qh3 Qe7 22 Nf3 Rf8
 23 g5 Bc8 24 Kg2 Bh8 (Into the hole; he must cover h7.)
 25 Rh1 Qg7 26 Nh2 Rf7 27 Ng4 Kf8 28 Nf6!

BLACK TO PLAY

(If you think the Black queen
 is frustrated, imagine how the poor
 bishop on h8 feels!)

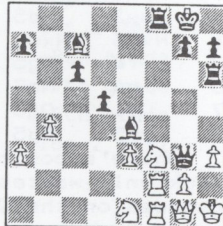


Bd7 29 Nxb7+ Ke7 30 Nf6 Rf8
 31 Qg3 Rf7 32 Rh6 Qf8 33 Qh4 Bg7
 4 Rh7 Kd8 35 Bxg6 Re7 36 e4 Bc6
 37 exd5 Bxf6 38 gxf6 Bxd5+
 39 Kg3 Rxb7 (Breaking his string of 13 consecutive moves
 that were one square at a time!) 40 Qxh7 b4 (Oh, yeah,
 there was this queenside attack...) 41 Qg7 1-0 (He must
 trade, whereupon the g-pawn will queen.)

WILLIAM ACCAD--WALTER ALMQUIST: 1 d4 Nf6 2 Bg5 Ne4 3 Nf3
 Nxe5 4 Nxe5 e5 5 Nf3 exd4 6 Nxd4 Bc5 7 e3 d6 8 Bd3 Nd7
 9 Nf3 Nf6 10 h3 Bd7 11 Nbd2 Qe7 12 a3 c6 13 b4 Bb6
 14 Qe2 d5 15 c4 Oo 15 c5 Bc7 (Looks like White wants the
 queenside this time. That's OK with Almquist.) 17 Oo (Got
 his address; let's rumble!) Ne4 18 Nd4 f5 19 Bxe4 fxe4
 20 f4 (To block up the kingside, or get a knight back to f3.
 However, there is this slight case of hole on g3.) exf3
 21 N2xf3 Rae8 22 Nc2 b6 23 cxb6 Bxb6 24 Rae1 Rf4 25 Qd2
 Re4 26 Nfd4 Qe5 27 Kh1 (All hands on deck!) Bc7 28 Nf3
 Qd6 29 Rd1 Rh4 30 Qf2 Rh6 31 Nce1 Bf5 32 Rd2 Be4 33 Qg1
 Rf8 34 Rdf2 Qg3!

WHITE TO PLAY

(The only word to describe
 White's piece placement is "CLUMP".
 I.e. 's run down a few of the
 unpeasant alternatives:



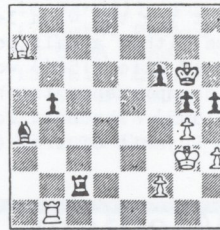
(a) 35 Qh2 Qxf2! and Black
 wins the exchange.
 (b) 35 Nh2 Rxf2 36 Rxf2 Rxb3
 37 Qf1 Rxb2+ 38 Kg1 Rh1+ 39 Kxh1
 Qh2#.
 (c) 35 Nd2 Rxb3+ and mate next move.
 (d) 35 Nc2 Rxb3+ 36 gxf3 Qxh3+ 37 Rh2 Rxf3!
 38 Rxb3 Rxb3#!
 (e) 35 Re2 Rxb3+ 36 gxf3 Rxf3! 37 Nxf3 (37 Qxg3?
 xf1+ 38 Kh2 Rh1#; 37 Rxf3 transposes.) Qxh3+ 38 Rh2 Bxf3+
 39 Rxf3 Qxf3+ 40 Qg2 (40 Rg2 Qh3+ and trading down on h2.)
 Qd1+ 41 Qg1 Qxg1+ 42 Kxg1 Bxh2+ and wins the king and pawn
 endgame easily.) 35 a4 Rxb3+! (Still on.) 36 gxf3 Qxh3+
 37 Rh2 Bxh2 (A little sharper is 37...Rxf3! which will

transpose to either (d) or (e) depending on White's response,
 but the text is good enough.) 38 Qg2 Qxg2+ 39 Kxg2 Bd6
 (And it's all over but the anti-climax.) 40 b5 cxb5 41 axb5
 g5 42 Kg1 g4 43 Nd4 Bh2+ 44 Kxh2 Rxf1 45 Nc6 Rxe1
 46 Nxa7 Rxe3 47 Kg1 Re2 48 b6 d4 49 Nb5 0-1 (Overall, a
 good game by Almquist.)

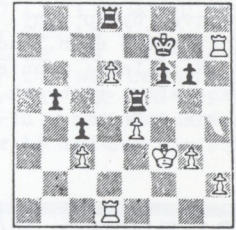
Tournament Triangles, Take Two: the only one to match
 the Groeller-Thompson-Perez thing was probably the New
 Center Open, held in Detroit in October, where Senior Master
 Masters Jay Whitehead and Ben Finegold tied for first with
 a low-ranking expert, William Accad. Must be something
 about Detroit.

Brilliant Bloopers

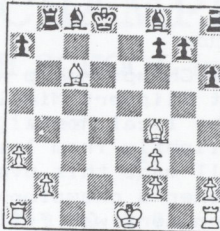
On to everyone's favorite feature (as long as they're
 not), The Worst Move of 1987.



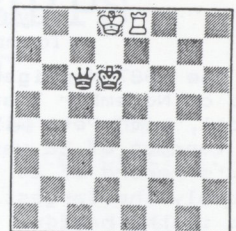
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#2 Black to play



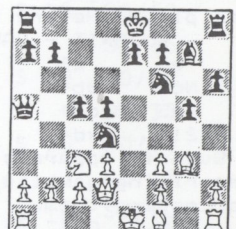
#3 Black to play



#4 White to play



#5 White to play



#6 Black to play

- #1: White decides to solidify the position: 1 f3?? h4#!
- #2: When in doubt, attack a pawn: 1...Ke6?? 2 Re7#!
- #3: Black decides to save his rook and get his pawn back:
 1...Rxb2?? 2 Oo0+!
- #4: After 25 moves of suffering through the Q vs. R ending,
 White finally resigned--but 1 Re6+! forces a draw!
- #5: White tried 1 Nd4??, which lost a pawn to 1...Qxf2+, a
 bishop after 2 Kh1 Qxf1+, a queen after 3 Bg1 (3 Qg1
 Nf2#) Nf2+, and a rook after 4 Kh2 Nxe4+ and 5...Nxe3.
 Quite a catastrophe!
- #6: You can just hear the wheels spinning in White's head:
 How to stop 1...Nxf3? 1 Be2 or 1 Bg2? White thinks
 and thinks, until finally... 1 Bh3?? Well, that solved
 his problem.

The envelope, please: The winner goes to the chain
 reaction blunder in #5, though I have a special spot in my
 heart for #3.

December, 1987: Steve Mellen sets an all-time record by
 having his picture published in four consecutive issues of
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HAPPY WOMEN'S TOURNNEY WINNERS. In the closest finish ever by so many, two tied at the top with 3+ pts., winning \$75 each, and four came within a half point of it. From left: Connie Anderson of Clio (1506) won 2nd place after tiebreak gave the championship trophy to Jackie A. Branscum of Detroit (1565). The next four had 3 points and won prizes: Anita Sujarit of Troy (1359)

and Jennifer Barrios of Detroit (1444) tied for under 1600, Darlene Stinson won the under 1400 prize and Margaret Clark won the under 1300 award. Two 9-year-olds got "youngest to win a game" prizes: Sarah Raupp of Westland (photo at right) and Kelly Culross, Dearborn. No photo of her or Dawn Miller, Dearborn, top unrated after tiebreak with two others.

---Photos by Gary Kitts, T.D.

Branscum Wins Michigan Women's Championship--Again!

By Gary Kitts
Tournament Director

The 1987 Michigan Women's Championship was held on November 7 at Detroit Clippert Middle School, with Pete Nixon as the local host. The turnout of 22 was down slightly from last year's record of 24, but still made this even probably the largest state women's championship in the nation. The tournament was filled with surprises beginning in the second round, when Anita Sujarit (1359) upset the highest rated player Helene Raupp (1645).

SUJARIT - RAUPP

1	e4	e6	2	d4	d5
3	Nc3	Bb4	4	Ne2	de
5	a3	Bxc3+	6	Nxc3	f5
7	Bd2!?	Qxd4			

Sujarit apparently likes to play enterprising gambits and black thinks nothing of accepting them.

8	Nb5	Qb6	9	Bf4	Na3
10	Qd2	Bd7	11	Qc3!	Bxb5?!
12	Bxb5+	Qxb5	13	Qxg7	O-O-O
14	Qxh8	Qd7?			

Too passive. Black must play aggressively to make the exchange sacrifice work. A reasonable try is 14 ... Ne7; 15 Qxh7, Nd5; 16 Bg5, Qxb2; 17 O-O, Qf7; 18 Qe5.

15	Qc3	Ne7	16	Bg5	Nd5
17	Qh3	Rg8	18	Bd2	Qg7
19	Qg3	Nc5	20	QxQ	RxQ
21	g3	e5	22	O-O-O	Nd7?
23	Bh6!	Rg6	24	Rxd5	Rxh6
25	Rhd1!	Rd6			

Forced. White's tactical finesse has transformed this into an easily won endgame.

26	Rxd6	cd	27	Rxd6	Kc7
28	Rh6	a5	29	Kd2	b5
30	Ke3	Nb6	31	b3	Nd5+
32	Kd2	f4	33	Re6	e3+
34	fe	fe+	35	Ke2	e4
36	h4	b4	37	ab	ab
38	Ra6	Kb7	39	Rd6	Nc3+
40	Kxe3	Kc7	41	Rh6	Kd7
42	Rxh7+	Ke6	43	Rh5	Kf6
44	Ra5	Ke6	45	g4	Kf6
46	h5	Ke6	47	g5	Nd1+
48	Kxe4	Nf2+	49	Kf3	Nh3
50	Kg3	Ng1	51	h6	Kf7
52	Ra6	Ne2+	53	Kf2	Nf4
54	Rf6+	Resigns.			

A nice effort by Sujarit, which wins my vote for the best game of the tournament.

Joining Anita in first place with 2-0 were Dawn Miller and Glyndor Drew. Dawn is a young scholastic player, while Glyndor is a grandmother playing in her first tournament. I'm sure that it was a thrill for both of them to be tied for first half-way through a state championship event. Defending Champion Jackie Branscum, Connie Anderson and Jennifer Skidmore were very much in contention with 1.5.

In the third round, everything went pretty much according to form. Sujarit took sole possession of first place as she defeated Drew, while Branscum beat Miller. This set up a three way battle for the title with Sujarit having 3 points, while Branscum and Anderson had 2.5.

The pairings for the final round were Sujarit-Anderson and Raupp-Branscum. The first game ended quite quickly:

SUJARIT - ANDERSON

1	e4	e5	2	Nf3	d6
3	Be2	Nf6	4	Nc3	Nc6
5	O-O	Be7	6	h3	O-O
7	d3	h6	8	Re1	Be6

You can almost feel the tension in the passive opening the players have selected. Playing for a state championship always tests the nerves of the players.

9	Be3	d5	ed	Bxd5	
11	Nxd5	Nxd5	12	c3?	Nxe3
13	fe	Bg5	14	Nxg5	Qxg5
15	e4	Ne7	16	Rf1	b6
17	Qc1	Qg6	18	Qd1	f5
19	Bh5	Qg5	20	Qb3+?	

White's position is awkward, but this check only wastes time. The Queen has no business on the Queen's side and has to come back. A reasonable try is Bf3.

20	...	Kh8	21	Qd1	fe
22	Rxf8+	Rxf8	23	de	Qe3+
24	Kh1	Qxe4	25	Qd7	Nf5
26	Bf3	Ng3+	27	Kh2	Qf4
28	Qxc7	Nf1+	29	Kg1	Ne3
30	Qxa7?				

After this error, it's all over. If White tries Qc6 with the idea of Qe4, it is hard to see how Black can win immediately.

30	...	e4	31	Be2	Qf7+
32	Kh2	Qxg2mate.			

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With this victory, Connie Anderson was temporarily in first place, but Jackie Branscum could still catch her and Jackie had the better tie-breaks. However, Helene Raupp was a pawn up against Jackie in a Bishop ending. Unfortunately, Helene lost one pawn, then another, and then missed a drawing finesse to lose.

As a result, Jackie Branscum finished first on tie-break over Connie Anderson. Anita Sujarit finished third and won the Under 1600 prize. Darlene Stinson won Under 1400, while Margaret Clark took the Under 1200 prize. Dawn Miller won the Unrated trophy on tie-break over Glyndor Drew. Sarah Raupp and Kelly Culross each won a trophy as the youngest to win a game (their birthdays differed by 6 days).

WOMEN'S CHAMPIONSHIP Nov.7, 1987

No	Player	Ratg	1	2	3	4	Tot
1	Jackie Branscum	1565	W5	D2	W9	W8	3+
2	Connie Anderson	1506	W18	D1	W12	W3	3+
3	Anita Sujarit	1359	W16	W8	W10	L2	3
4	Margaret Clark	1131	L7	W14	W13	W9	3
5	Darlene Stinson	1300	L1	W17	W14	W10	3
6	Jennifer Barrios	1444	D15	D7	W19	W11	3
7	Jennifer Skidmore	1430	W4	D6	L8	W15	2+
8	Helene Raupp	1645	W12	L3	W7	L1	2
9	Dawn Miller	Unr	W22	W18	L1	L4	2
10	Glyndor Drew	Unr	W21	W11	L3	L5	2
11	Jeanette Boni	765	W13	L10	W17	L6	2
12	Maria Kelly	1320	L8	W15	L2	W19	2
13	Anita Hager	Unr	L11	W16	L4	W17	2
14	Ora Davy	Unr	W20	L4	L5	D16	1+
15	Corianne Hadous	1163	D6	L12	W18	L7	1+
16	Danielle Puzio	987	L3	L13	W20	D.4	1+
17	Kathi Petkus	Unr	W19	L5	L11	L13	1
18	Dawn Jones	1206	L2	L9	L15	BYE	1
19	Kelly Culross	Unr	L17	W21	L6	L12	1
20	Sarah Raupp	Unr	L14	L22	L16	W21	1
21	Jodie Cayley	Unr	L10	L19	BYE	L20	1
22	Leah Cook	Unr	L9	W20	-	-	1

1988 MICHIGAN JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS

MARCH 19-20 in KEARSLEY HIGH SCHOOL in FLINT

Sections:	Rated/ Unrated:	Open to:	Rounds:	Register:	Entry fee:	Time Control:	
				Early	Site	Late	
<u>Junior</u> 12th & under	Rated	All	5	8:30-9:30	\$ 8	\$ 10 \$ 15	30/60 15/30
<u>Young Junior</u> 8th & under	Rated	All	5	8:00-8:30	\$ 8	\$ 10 \$ 15	50/60 SD/15
<u>Young Junior Reserve</u> 8th & under	Unrated	Under 1200	5	8:00-8:30	\$ 3	\$ 5 \$ 10	50/60 SD/15
<u>Children's</u> 5th & under	Rated	All	5	8:00-8:30	\$ 8	\$ 10 \$ 15	50/60 SD/15
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Junior Championship	Young Junior Championship	Young Junior Reserve	Children's Championship	Children's Reserve
Top 3	Top 3	Top 5	Top 3	Top 5
1st & 2nd	1st & 2nd	Top girl	1st & 2nd	Top girl
12th grade	8th grade		5th grade	
11th grade	7th grade		4th grade	
10th grade	6th grade		3rd grade	
9th grade	Top 2 girls		2nd grade	
Top 2 girls			1st grade	
			Kindergarten	
			Top 2 girls	

Only the Junior section is two days. All the others are on March 19. MCA membership required for all the rated events. USCF not needed but bring your ID number if you have one. Try to register in advance by mail to take advantage of the price break. It's \$5 more after registration time at site.

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DR. HOWARD GABA'S 29th MOTOR CITY OPEN DRAWS 112 FOR A BIG MEMORIAL TRIBUTE

By David Moody

It was the August, 1987 Michigan Chess which carried the good news: Dr. Gaba would again be able to organize the Motor City Open! This was almost a joke; he had been doing it now for 29 years without a break, and there was little doubt in anyone's mind that he was going to do it again.

Then came the shocking news: October 14, Dr. Gaba died in his sleep, six weeks before the big tournament. To have the event he built and supported for so long die with him would have been another tragedy, one he would not have countenanced.

The Michigan Chess Association stepped in, and prepared to run the event. Dr. Gaba had already arranged for the site. A sizable anonymous donation helped keep the prize fund at the level Dr. Gaba had set. And, most importantly, Dr. Gaba's daughter, Harriet Drissman, made a commitment to keep the Motor City Open going not just in 1987, but in the future. She even had three of her children playing in the event, the third generation of the Gaba family to be associated with the event. The Motor City Open will live.

I am not the proper person to pay tribute to Howard Gaba; I knew him only slightly, and that in the last few years of his life. But what impressed me most about him was his singleminded devotion to his baby, his willingness to sink time and money into making the Motor City Open such an important event on the Michigan chess calendar.

Probably the best tribute I can pay him is a game, played in the Motor City Open, 1984 edition:

GABA--NOWICKI: 1 d4 d5 2 Nf3 Nf6 3 Nbd2 Nc6 4 e3 e6 5 Be2 b6 6 Bb5 Bb7 7 00 a6 8 Be2 Bd6 9 h3 h6 10 c4 dxc4 11 Nxc4 Be7 12 a3 00 13 Qc2 b5 14 Ncd2 Rc8 15 b4 Na7 16 Bb2 Nd5 17 Rac1 c6 18 Ne4 f5 19 Nc5 Bxc5 20 Qxc5 Ra8 21 Ne5 Qc7 22 Bf3 Rf08 23 Ng6 Nc8 24 Rfd1 Nd6 25 Ne7 Rac8 26 Rc2 Qb6 (The Queen's Gambit kind of position has served White well, as he dominates the dark squares and the c-file. Gaba now finds the one quick stroke that cuts through the complications and kayoes Black.) 27 Bxd5! Qxc5 28 Bxe6+ Kh8 29 Rxc5 1-0

Farewell, Dr. Howard Gaba, and thank you.

THE TOURNAMENT

The event was in a tizzy from the start. Pete Nixon took over a lot of the organizational chores at the last moment, and deserves much of the credit for keeping things going. The expected TD cancelled out at the last moment, but William Groeller was recruited and proved a more than capable replacement. Some thanks also to Gary Kitts for helping at registration, and Dan Burg for minding the cash flow.

Indeed, the cash flowed, as the turnout of 112 players helped keep the prizes at announced limits. For the first time in five years, Calvin Blocker did not show up. However, the rest of the world could not breathe a sigh of relief: Senior Masters Ben Finegold (by the way, just a bit of trivia: did you know that Dr. Gaba delivered both Mark and Ben?) and Fred Lindsay came, to high favorite status. Other Masters included Dexter Thompson, Kevin Noren, and defending co-champ Ron Finegold.

The cash could also be expected to flow towards the 17 experts who entered. In all, a somewhat smaller and weaker MCO than last year, but still one which promised competitive excitement.

ROUND 1

The unlucky cut-off came at 1712, so you would anticipate few upsets this round. And, it turned out that the top player to lose was on board 38 (Levadi--Jones)! A few draws above that, but mostly silence.

Ben Finegold had no trouble at all, while Fred Lindsay had to work a little:

LINDSAY--PENTESCUS: 1 e4 Nf6 2 Nc3 c5 3 Nf3 Nc6 4 d4 cxd4 5 Nxd4 e6 6 Ndb5 a6 7 Nd6+ Bxd6 8 Qxd6 (Already White has a bit of a grip; Lindsay never lets Black have any air.) Qe7 9 Bf4 Nh5 10 Qxe7+ Kxe7 11 Be7 Nf6 12 000 Ne8 13 Bb6 d6 14 e4 Nb8 15 c5 Nd7 16 cxd6+ Nxd6 17 Bc7 Ne8 18 Ba5 f6

19 f4 Kf7 20 Bc4 b5 (Time used up to here: White 33 minutes, Black 1:44! And twenty moves to go to time control...) 21 Bb3 Nc5 22 Bc2 Nb7 23 Bb6 Ned6 24 b3 Re8 25 e5 Nf5 26 Kb2 Ne7 27 Be4 f5 28 Bf3 Kg6 29 Rd4 Rb8 30 Rc1 Ng6 31 Be7 Ra8 32 B3 Ne7 33 a3 Kf7 34 Bb6 Rb8 35 Bc7 Ra8 36 Na2 Kg8 37 Nb4 Kf7 1-0 (TIMM, though it probably did not matter.)

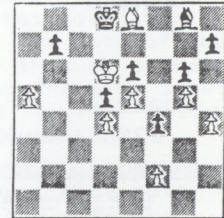
An easy job for Fred, overall, but give Pentescu his due; he didn't collapse, even in the most severe time pressure. If that name doesn't seem familiar, Stephen is one of those guys that Motor City Open seems to specialize in: inactive for several years, he comes out of the woodwork and shocks a lot of people.

Board 6 saw a good fight, a bishop fallen from grace, and a very nice finish:

ROBIN CUNNINGHAM (2194)--MICHAEL KOTEL'S (1695): 1 e4 c6 2 d4 d5 3 exd5 cxd5 4 Bb3 Nc6 5 c3 Nf6 6 Bf4 Bg4 7 Qb3 Qc8 8 Nbd2 e6 9 Ngf3 Be7 10 00 00 11 Ne5 Nxe5 12 Bxe5 Nd7 13 Qc2 f5 14 Rfe1 Nxe5 15 dxe5 Qd7 16 Nb3 Rac8 17 Nd4 a6 18 a4 Be5 19 Qd2 Bxd4 20 cxd4 Rc7 21 a5 Rfc8 22 Rac1 Qa4 23 h3 Rxc1 24 Rxc1 Rxc1+ 25 Qxc1 Qd1+ 26 Qxd1 Bxd1 (OK, you tell me--does Black have a good bishop or a bad bishop?) 27 ...f1 Kf7 28 Ke1 Ba4 29 Kd2 Ke7 30 Kc3 Kd8 31 Kb4 Bc6 32 Kc5 Kc7 33 g4 g6 34 g5 Ba4 35 b4 Be8 36 b5 axb5 37 Bxb5 Bf7 38 Ba4 Bg8 39 Be8 (OK, you tell me--does Black have a good bishop, or a bad bishop?) f4 40 h4 Kd8 41 Kd6!

BLACK TO PLAY

(But he can't! If 41...Kxe8 42 Kc7 and 43 Kxb7, followed by queening the a-pawn as Black looks on helplessly! 41...Kc8 allows decisive penetration by the White king, and 41...f3 just puts the end off for a few more moves) 1-0

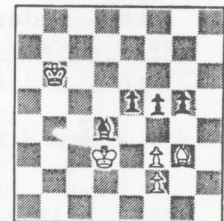


That game showed a couple of common themes in Michigan this year: the squeeze, and a funny ending. Board 7, the first half-upset, also showed the latter:

CHRIS MORROW (1686)--
ED KOSTER (2185)

WHITE TO PLAY

(Black to play could probably win with ...Kc5, but Morrow just has time to draw.) 43 f4! exf4 44 Bxf4! Kc5 45 Bg3 e4+ (No other way to make progress; 45...f4 gets into 46 Bxf4! exf4 47 Ke4=) 46 Ke2 Kd5 47 f3 Be5 48 fxe4+ Kxe4 1/2-1/2 (49 Bxe5 produces a standard king-and-pawn draw.)



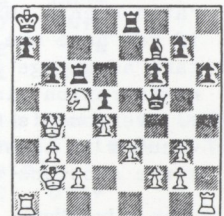
Two other experts (Sten Jarosz and William Accad) were also drawn, but that was the extent of the major damage. Before we go, here's one to grow on:

DUWAYNE RIGGINS (2056)--BILL CALTON (1610): 1 b3 e5 2 Bb2 Nc6 3 e3 d5 4 Bb5 Bd6 5 Nf3 Bd7? 6 Bxc6 Bxc6 7 Nxe5 (Blah. But stick around; Riggins finds a finish worth noting.) Bxe5 8 Bxe5 Qg5 9 Bg3 000 10 d4 Nf6 11 Nd2 Nh5 12 Nf3 Qf5 13 Ne5 Nxg3 14 hxg3 Be8 15 Qd2 f6 16 Nd3 Bf7 17 a4 Rhe8 18 000 h6 19 Kb2 Rd6 20 Ra1 b6 21 a5 Kb7 22 Qb4 Rc6 23 axb6 cxb6 24 Nc5+ Ka8

WHITE TO PLAY

(Be sure you see the quiet follow-up!)

25 Rxa7+! Kxa7 26 Qa4+ Kb8 27 Qxc6 bxc5 28 Ra1! 1-0



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ROUND 2

With a break in the mid-1900's this round, the games got a little more competitive up top. Two Masters were drawn, while two Experts took the full plunge. In all, 19 players emerged with perfect scores.

We can start with board one, as Ben Finegold keeps them dogie rolling:

BEN FINEGOLD (2448)--BENSON SELITSKY (1968): 1 d4 d5 2 c4 e6 3 Nc3 Nf6 4 Bg5 Be7 5 e3 00 6 Rc1 h6 7 Bxf6 Bxf6 8 exd5 exd5 9 Bd3 c6 10 Nge2 Be7 11 f3 Be6 12 Nf4 Nd7 13 Bb1 Bd6 14 Qd3 Nf6 15 Nce2 Qe7 16 g4 g6 17 h4 Rfe8 18 g5 Nh7 19 Nxg6! fxc6 20 Qxg6+ Kh8 21 Qxh6 Qg7 22 Qxg7+ Kxg7 23 Kf2 Rf8 24 f4 Bf5 25 Bxf5 Rxf5 26 Ng3 Rf18 27 Kf3 Rae8 28 Rc3 Re7 29 Kg4 Kh8 30 Nf5 Rd7 31 h5 Bb4 32 Rb3 Be7 33 Nh4 Rc8 34 Ng6+ Kg8 35 Ne5 Rdc7 36 h6

c5 37 dxc5 Bxc5 38 Rd1 Rd8 39 Rbd3 d4 40 Rc1 Rdc8 41 exd4 Bd6 42 Rxc7 Rxc7 43 Rc3 Nf8 44 Rxc7 Bxc7 45 Kf5 Bb6 46 d5 Bd4 47 b3 Be5 48 g6 Be7 49 Nf7 1-0

Lindsay also had to work a bit, before demonstrating your basic good knight vs. bad bishop ending.

DAN BOLDA JR. (1911)--LINDSAY (2428): 1 Nf3 d5 2 g3 Nf6 3 Bg2 c5 4 d3 Nc6 5 00 Bg4 6 h3 Bh5 7 Bf4 e6 8 Nc3 Be7 9 e4 d4 (The first inklings of Black's strategy; he will block the White center pawns on light squares, and turn the white KB into a zombie.) 10 Ne2 Nd7 11 g4 Bg6 12 Bg3 e5 13 Nd2 00 14 f4 (To try and undermine the Black center, and/or get attacking chances on the kingside.) exf4 15 Nx14 Nde5 (My square.) 16 Nf3 Nx13+ 17 Bx13 Bd6 18 Qd2 Be5 19 Bh1 Qd6 20 Qh2 Rfe8 21 Rf3 Rac8 22 Raf1 Rc7 23 Nd5

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1 Ben Finegold, Columbus, OH	2448	W	60	W	79	W	19	W	4	D	3	W	7	5 1/2
2 Fred Lindsay, Ann Arbor	2428	W	9	W	76	W	86	D	5	W	13	W	12	5 1/2
3 Robin Cunningham, Ann Arbor	2194	W	61	W	28	W	43	W	17	D	1	D	5	5
4 Deuoy Carroll, Detroit	2151	W	25	W	71	W	24	L	1	W	17	W	22	5
5 Yves Farges, Scarborough, ON	2087	W	47	W	38	W	45	D	2	W	18	D	3	5
6 DuWayne Riggins, Detroit	2056	W	50	L	7	W	25	W	23	W	49	W	16	5
7 John Lang, Plymouth	2003	W	102	W	74	W	44	W	11	W	30	L	1	5
8 Ed Koster, Ann Arbor	2185	D	68	W	54	W	46	D	16	W	37	W	19	5
9 Stephen Pentescu, Romeo	1702	L	2	W	75	W	54	W	79	W	43	W	33	5
10 Thomas Mazuchowski, Ster. Hts.	2120	W	52	W	23	D	14	W	36	L	12	W	35	4 1/2
11 Ben Finegold, Oak Park	2228	W	82	D	21	W	35	L	7	W	32	W	31	4 1/2
12 George Turner, Detroit	2134	W	83	W	108	D	16	W	31	W	10	L	2	4 1/2
13 Vester Wilson, Detroit	2069	- 1/2	W	68	W	57	W	32	L	2	W	30	4	4 1/2
14 Chris Eagle, Troy	1976	W	99	W	64	D	10	L	18	W	65	W	44	4 1/2
15 Paul Bauerle, Dewitt	2046	- 1/2	W	111	W	94	L	30	W	41	W	36	4	4 1/2
16 Leonard Dangremond, Birmingham	1996	W	48	W	27	D	12	D	8	W	47	L	6	4
17 Brian Purdy, Toronto, ON	*1930	W	88	W	6	W	33	L	3	L	4	W	51	4
18 Carlton Thomas, Highland Park	2133	W	72	D	32	W	21	W	14	L	5	D	24	4
19 Bruce Robinson, Lansing	2024	W	51	W	29	L	1	W	38	W	45	L	8	4
20 Glen Barnette, Detroit	UNR	L	74	W	48	W	27	L	26	W	62	W	49	4
21 Dan Burg, Ypsilanti	1888	W	105	D	11	L	18	W	102	D	44	W	52	4
22 Richard Johnson, Mesick	*034	W	91	L	45	W	82	W	92	W	26	L	4	4
23 Tamas Proszkow, Troy	1795	W	110	L	10	W	77	L	6	W	83	W	50	4
24 Brian Garwood, Detroit	1995	W	78	W	81	L	4	D	39	W	63	D	16	4
25 David W. Calton, Southfield	1665	L	4	W	97	L	6	W	75	W	76	W	43	4
26 David Levadi, Birmingham	1801	L	103	W	100	W	50	W	20	L	22	W	47	4
27 Mickey Maloy, Detroit	1721	W	112	L	16	L	20	W	78	W	77	W	46	4
28 Lindell Brady, Grand Blanc	1879	W	95	L	3	W	42	D	63	- 1/2	W	48	4	
29 Brad Lang, Lapeer	1759	W	106	L	19	W	96	L	43	W	50	W	45	4
30 Kevin Noren, Lansing	2240	W	59	W	49	D	36	W	15	L	7	L	13	3 1/2
31 William Accad, Taylor	2018	D	34	W	58	W	53	L	12	W	39	L	11	3 1/2
32 Mark Stefanski, Flushing	1806	W	107	D	18	W	66	L	13	L	11	W	67	3 1/2
33 Dexter Thompson, Detroit	2303	W	55	D	46	L	17	W	94	W	34	L	9	3 1/2
34 Tommie McGee, Detroit	1606	D	31	W	89	D	37	W	57	L	33	D	40	3 1/2
35 Oliver Nikolovski, Birmingham	1943	- 1/2	W	52	L	11	W	69	W	66	L	10	3	3 1/2
36 Ed Mooney, Lansing	1979	W	75	W	103	D	30	L	10	W	64	L	15	3 1/2
37 Stan Golonka, Livonia	1981	W	80	D	53	D	34	W	74	L	8	D	38	3 1/2
38 Harold Steen, Detroit	...	W	90	L	5	W	84	L	19	W	91	D	37	3 1/2
39 Alex McNeilly, Lincoln Park	1758	W	101	L	43	W	56	D	24	L	31	W	64	3 1/2
40 Olaf Huakonstad, Ann Arbor	1835	W	104	L	44	W	51	L	47	W	53	D	34	3 1/2
41 Ed Ball, West Bloomfield	1788	W	67	L	86	W	78	D	44	L	15	W	63	3 1/2
42 Robert McCarter, Ann Arbor	1630	L	44	W	105	L	28	D	56	W	94	W	65	3 1/2
43 David Moody, Dearborn	1997	W	84	W	39	L	3	W	49	L	9	L	25	3
44 Jim Kulbacki, Lake Oh Noirion	2132	W	42	W	40	L	7	D	41	D	21	L	14	3
45 Fred Lehr, Ferndale	1792	W	109	W	32	L	5	W	86	L	19	L	29	3
46 John Coleman, Windsor, ON	1906	W	98	D	33	L	8	D	53	W	61	L	27	3
47 Ken Falkowski, Detroit	1621	L	5	W	95	W	108	W	40	L	16	L	26	3
48 James Dautremond, Ann Arbor	1569	L	16	L	20	W	95	W	71	W	60	L	28	3
49 Walter Alquist, Redford	1896	W	96	L	30	W	83	W	55	L	6	L	20	3
50 Bill Calton, Southfield	1610	L	6	W	85	L	26	W	104	L	29	W	74	3
51 Dave Robinson, Waterford	1608	L	19	W	107	L	40	W	54	W	74	L	17	3
52 William Traves, Toronto, ON	*1777	L	10	L	35	W	98	W	96	W	58	L	21	3
53 Rob Rosekrans, Bay City	1657	W	77	D	37	L	31	D	46	L	40	W	90	3
54 Marc Whitworth, Detroit	UNR	W	62	L	8	L	9	L	51	W	81	W	94	3
55 John DeJongh, Detroit	1701	L	33	W	99	W	76	L	49	W	89	L	23	3
56 Brian June, Flint	1326	L	108	W	91	L	39	D	42	W	84	D	59	3
57 Jim Towsley, Windsor, ON	1752	D	65	W	87	L	13	L	34	D	82	W	77	3
58 John Griffin, Battle Creek	1623	D	66	L	31	W	100	D	89	L	52	W	76	3
59 Ken Roberts, Dearborn Heights	1700	L	30	- 1/2	W	87	L	66	W	73	D	56	3	3
60 Henry Jonik, Dearborn Heights	1712	L	1	W	80	L	65	W	70	L	48	W	80	3
61 Michael Koteles, Flint	1695	L	3	W	106	L	79	W	81	L	46	W	80	3
62 Russ Small, Warren	1747	L	54	L	78	W	93	W	80	L	20	W	75	3
63 Dennis Ridella, Warren	1597	L	86	W	104	W	71	D	28	L	24	L	41	2 1/2
64 Aleksandra Nuidovich, W. Bloom.	UNR	D	92	L	14	W	68	W	108	L	36	L	39	2 1/2
65 Fernando Peak, Highland Park	UNR	D	57	D	92	W	60	- 1/2	L	14	L	42	2 1/2	
66 Stan Jarosz, Grand Rapids	2091	D	58	W	69	L	32	W	59	L	35	---	2 1/2	
67 John Andres, Ypsilanti	1511	L	41	- 1/2	L	89	W	100	W	69	L	32	2 1/2	
68 Chris Morrow, Detroit	1686	D	8	L	13	L	64	- 1/2	D	95	W	96	2 1/2	
69 Charles Collins, Harper Woods	1702	- 1/2	L	66	W	73	L	35	L	67	W	97	2 1/2	
70 Mike Nikitin, Redford	1470	L	79	L	82	W	88	L	60	W	103	D	72	2 1/2
71 Daniel G. Bolda, Sr., Canton	1842	W	80	L	4	L	63	L	48	D	96	W	98	2 1/2
72 Walter Wright, Detroit	1657	L	18	L	96	D	97	D	87	W	104	D	70	2 1/2
73 Curtis Lewis, Ypsilanti	1605	---	- 1/2	L	69	W	97	L	59	W	95	2 1/2	2 1/2	
74 Henry Johnson, Detroit	1757	W	20	L	7	W	103	L	37	L	51	L	50	2
75 Claude Williams, Mt. Morris	1447	L	36	L	9	W	90	L	25	W	87	L	68	2
76 Daniel H. Bolda, Jr., Farm Hls	1911	W	97	L	2	L	55	W	84	L	25	L	58	2

77 Jim Revenaugh, Mt. Clemens	1587	L	53	W	90	L	23	W	103	L	27	L	57	2
78 Gerald Weinand, Southfield	1557	L	24	W	62	L	41	L	27	L	85	W	107	2
79 Benson Selitsky, Southfield	*249	W	70	L	1	W	61	L	9	---	---	---	2	2
80 Joe Feldman, Southfield	1557	L	37	L	60	W	85	L	62	W	107	L	61	2
81 Pat Kezele, Farmington Hills	1457	BYE	L	24	L	92	L	61	L	54	W	104	2	
82 Donald Ruark, Wayne	1696	L	11	W	70	L	22	- 1/2	D	57	---	---	2	
83 Terry Watson, Livonia	1658	L	12	W	98	L	49	W	106	L	23	---	2	
84 Gary Keeley, Sterling Heights	1573	L	43	W	101	L	38	L	76	L	56	W	103	2
85 Daniel Miller, Dearborn	1517	L	71	L	50	L	80	BYE	W	78	L	60	2	
86 Steve Mellen, East Lansing	2057	W	63	W	41	L	2	L	45	---	---	---	2	
87 John Metzelaar, Ypsilanti	UNR	D	94	L	57	L	59	D	72	L	75	W	106	2
88 John Haley, Warren	UNR	L	17	L	102	L	70	L	95	W	110	BYE	2	
89 Darrell G. Turner, Detroit	*906	- 1/2	L	34	W	67	D	58	L	55	---	---	2	
90 Erik Robinson, Mt. Pleasant	UNR	L	38	L	77	L	75	W	105	W	106	L	53	2
91 James Tracz, Farmington Hills	1609	L	22	L	56	W	105	W	107	L	38	---	2	
92 William Lynch, Linden	1759	D	64	D	65	W	81	L	22	---	---	---	2	
93 John Bewick, Warren	UNR	- 1/2	L	94	L	62	D	99	L	97	W	105	2	
94 John Thurman, Ferndale	1738	D	87	W	93	L	15	L	33	L	42	L	54	1 1/2
95 Ray Brewer, Detroit	1327	L	28	L	47	L	48	W	88	D	68	L	73	1 1/2
96 Warren Cowan, Farmington Hills	1383	L	49	W	72	L	29	L	52	D	71	L	68	1 1/2
97 Mark Husey, Roscommon	1415	L	76	L	25	D	72	L	73	W	93	L	69	1 1/2
98 Maria Kelly, Detroit	1398	L	46	L	83	L	52	D	101	W	112	L	71	1 1/2
99 Felix Serwatowski, Taylor	1487	L	14	L	55	L	104	D	93	W	101	---	1 1/2	
100 Darrell Turner, Jr., Detroit	UNR	- 1/2	L	26	L	58	L	67	W	109	---	---	1 1/2	
101 Dawn Miller, Dearborn	UNR	L	39	L	84	W	106	D	98	L	99	W	112	1 1/2
102 Todd Hawley, Milford	1581	L	7	W	88	- 1/2	L	21	---	---	---	---	1 1/2	
103 Dawn Jones, Detroit	1206	W	26	L	36	L	74	L	77	L	70	L	84	1
104 Harvey Moore, Royal Oak</														

THE FASTEST MICHIGAN CHESS CHAMPIONSHIP

19 In Shootout for Speed Title

By Gary Kitts

The 1987 Michigan Speed Championship was held on December 13 at the Michigan League in Ann Arbor, and was directed by Fred Lindsay. The turnout of 19 was the lowest in the history of this event, although attendance has declined considerably from its peak of 64 in 1973. The players were divided into two preliminary sections, with one section being won by Ron Finegold with a score of 8-0, while Fred Lindsay and Dan Boyk tied for first in the other section with 8-1. Since the top 5 from each preliminary qualified for the finals, the competition in the prelims was merely a warm up for the real battle to come. The only player to qualify who wasn't rated in the top 5 of his section was Greg Bailey who lives in Pte Aux Pins in the Upper Peninsula and journeys over 200 miles to play in this event.

With the preliminaries completed, the players settled down for the real competition in the finals. The Championship Section turned out to be no contest as Ben Finegold swept through with a score of 18-0. Since Ben now lives in Ohio and is no longer an MCA member, he was not eligible for the title. As a result, second place Dan Boyk emerged as the 1987 Michigan Speed Champion with a score of 13.5-4.5. Third place was taken by Ron Finegold with 10.5 and Fred Lindsay finished fourth with 10. Chris Eagle and Len Esselink shared first prize in the Consolation Section with 13-3, behind Cunningham who scored 15-1, but was ineligible for prizes since he had not played in the preliminary. Olaf Haakonstad won the prize for the lowest rated player to finish with an even score or better.



THE WINNING SPEED DEMONS. Top photo, from left: Ben Finegold (2197), Oak Park, 3rd, father and trainer of Ben Finegold (2457) won all 26 games, lives in Ohio, so Michigan Championship went to Dan Boyk (2275) of Ann Arbor. He scored 8-1 in prelim and 13-5 in final CONSOLATION WINNERS: In 2nd, Leonard Esselink (2052) Rochester; 1st, Chris Eagle (1976) Troy; 3rd, Olaf Haakonstad (1804) Ann Arbor.

PRELIMINARY

PRELIMINARY	B	L	L	T	B	F	E	D	K	H	Tot
Boyk	-	1	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	8
Lindsay	0	-	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	8
Lin	1	0	-	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	7
Thompson	0	0	1	-	1	0	1	1	1	1	6
Bailey	0	0	0	0	-	1	1	1	1	1	5
Foord	0	0	0	0	0	-	1	1	1	1	4
Esselink	0	0	0	1	0	0	-	1	0	1	3
Davis	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-	1	1	2
Kung	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	-	0	1
Haakonstad	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	-	1	1

CHAMPIONSHIP Double Round-Robin

CHAMPIONSHIP	F	B	F	L	L	P	T	C	B	B	Tot
B. Finegold	--	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	18
Boyk	00	--	11	10	11	0+	11	11	11	11	13+
R. Finegold	00	00	--	11	01	10	11	0+	11	11	10+
Lindsay	00	01	00	--	01	01	10	11	11	11	10
Lin	00	00	10	10	--	10	00	11	11	11	9
Poschel	00	1+	01	10	01	--	11	10	00	01	8+
Thompson	00	00	00	01	11	00	--	11	10	1+	7+
Cook	00	00	1+	00	00	01	00	--	1+	11	6
Baze	00	00	00	00	00	11	01	0+	--	1+	5
Bailey	00	00	00	00	00	10	0+	00	0+	--	2

PRELIMINARY

PRELIMINARY	F	F	P	C	B	E	R	S	S	Tot
B. Finegold	-	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	8
R. Finegold	0	-	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	7
Poschel	0	0	-	0	1	1	1	1	1	5
Cook	0	0	1	-	1	0	1	1	1	5
Baze	0	0	0	0	-	1	1	1	1	4
Eagle	0	0	0	1	0	-	+	1	1	3+
Raftshol	0	0	0	0	0	+	-	1	1	2+
Sivak	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-	1	1
Smeckert	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-	0

CONSOLATION Double Round-Robin

CONSOLATION	C	E	E	H	F	K	R	S	D	Tot
Cunningham	--	10	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	15
Eagle	01	--	00	11	11	11	11	11	11	13
Esselink	00	11	--	01	11	11	11	11	11	13
Haakonstad	00	00	10	--	10	1+	11	10	+	8
Foord	00	00	00	01	--	1+	1+	01	11	7
Kung	00	00	00	0+	1+	--	+	0	11	6
Raftshol	00	00	00	00	0+	+	+	+	11	5+
Sivak	00	00	00	01	10	+	+	+	11	5
Davis	00	00	00	+	00	00	00	00	--	+

FIRST MICHIGAN BEGINNERS CHAMPIONSHIP



In the next century these will be historic chess photos. Top one shows all the players in the first Michigan Beginners Championship, held Oct. 17 in the Holiday Inn, Lansing. It was open to all ages, limited to unrateds and under 1000. The winners (bottom photo) received trophies: From left, Kim Burnham of Eagle, 3rd; the champ. Marc A. Wysocki, Jackson; Gregory G. Tuttle, Lansing, 2nd. The 15 entries will double or triple next year. They came from eight towns around Lansing. MCA Pres. Gary Kitts, TD, was photographer.

KASPAROV WON ON TIE-BREAK?



--Photo from Zemitis, Cal.

Garry Kasparov didn't win his match with Anatoly Karpov, but he kept his world championship when it was a 12-12 tie (a rule which he originally opposed).

He almost lost it. In game #23 he tried to swindle Karpov when both were in time trouble, but Karpov, with typical pinpoint accuracy, found the serious flaw in the combination and won. After that, Karpov could have won the title back merely by drawing the 24th game.

The chess world held its breath after the 24th and final

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MOODY'S TOP 100

Highest Rated Active Michigan Players

1 Fred Lindsay (2)	2428	51 Howard Levine (33)	2070
2 Val Kavnatsky (4)	2362	52 Don Bohley (45)	2063
3 Eric Fischvogt (9)	2300	53 Steve Mitchell (37)	2063
4 Dexter Thompson (22)	2284	54 Don Mason (36)	2059
5 Kevin Noren (12)	2282	55 Stan Jarosz (63)	2055
6 Dan Boyk (I)	2275	56 Richard Lees (I)	2051
7 Paul Poschel (6)	2258	57 Vester Wilson (U)	2049
8 Steve Andrews (FL)	2255	58 Richard Johnson (54)	2043
9 Robert O'Donnell (9)	2249	59 John Lang (40)	2043
10 John Wygrecki (7)	2249	60 Bruce Robison (I)	2038
11 David Hahn (17)	2234	61 Randy Gimenez (99)	2034
12 Larry Quigley (10)	2233	62 Paul Bauerle (66)	2032
13 Issa Youssef (13)	2230	63 Chris Hankinson (41)	2031
14 Kevin Czuhai (11)	2226	64 Ken Martin (60)	2024
15 Jim Marfia (I)	2212	65 Attila Lehotzky (61)	2021
16 Robert Avery (20)	2201	66 Dale Postma (I)	2017
17 Ron Finegold (27)	2197	67 Jason Morris (132)	2013
18 John Brooks (16)	2188	68 Chip Kraft (I)	2012
19 Robin Cunningham (NC)	2182	69 Kevin Pierce (I)	2012
20 Bill Groeller (13)	2172	70 Rea Hayes (OH)	2011
21 Ed Koster (19)	2167	71 Les Smith (56)	2009
22 Lineas Baze (48)	2166	72 Tom Szczyпка (74)	2009
23 David Wolfrom (I)	2165	73 William Fuller (I)	2000
24 Tom Mazuchowski (28)	2163	74 Greg Bailey (43)	1998
25 Robert Palk (24)	2160	75 Ed Bennett (59)	1997
26 Charles Bassin (I)	2149	76 Steve Mellen (154)	1997
27 Andrew Beaver (29)	2142	77 Caleb Dailey (239)	1992
28 Thomas Sloan (I)	2140	78 Frank Helle (95)	1991
29 Carlton Thomas (32)	2133	79 Brian Garwood (62)	1990
30 John Norcross (I)	2123	80 Jason Wysocki (228)	1990
31 Mike Kebrdle (35)	2115	81 Robert Feldstein (64)	1989
32 Glenn Good (53)	2114	82 Jeff Richburg (101)	1988
33 Jerry Haapapuro (111)	2110	83 Benson Selitsky (122)	1985
34 James Haluska (46)	2110	84 Edward Williams (65)	1982
35 Aaron Daniel (I)	2108	85 Joseph Forte (85)	1977
36 Mark Knecht (25)	2101	86 Chris Eagle (92)	1976
37 Alex Yakhkind (30)	2100	87 Lawrence Brenton (U)	1973
38 Gary Kitts (31)	2099	88 Larry Stanfield (80)	1971
39 Jim Kulbacki (47)	2096	89 Casimir Ramas (72)	1969
40 Frank Fricko (I)	2095	90 Mike Skidmore (128)	1968
41 Mark Pence (I)	2093	91 Anthony Albano (87)	1967
42 Tony Palmer (34)	2092	92 Wolfgang Andel (84)	1967
43 DuWayne Riggins (42)	2086	93 Norm Zemke (I)	1967
44 William Accad (96)	2084	94 David Moody (70)	1961
45 Morgan Everett (44)	2080	95 Alan Balkany (105)	1958
46 Stan Golonka (164)	2079	96 David Arganian (I)	1956
47 Ken Van Cleve (I)	2078	97 Leonard Dangremond (I)	1956
48 Tom Ward (78)	2076	98 Jim Owens (71)	1954
49 John Shavaliar (38)	2075	99 Karl Clark (79)	1951
50 Gary Sacco (39)	2071	100 Don Darbro (55)	1951

This list was compiled from the 1987 Annual; it includes players active between October 1986--October 1987. Inactive players from previous Top 100 lists have been dropped. In addition, the following seven players, listed as being from Michigan, were omitted. They have left the state (according to my most recent information):

Mohammed Bagherabadi (2074)	Walter Smith (2014)
Thomas Cooper (2174)	Les Van Meter (2293)
Lars Degermann (2444/5)	Anand Viswanathan (2594)
David Smith (1983)	

I've compiled a few statistics comparing this Top 100 with the one from the last annual; interpret them as you wish. Of the 100 players from last year, 66 remain on this year's Top 100. Of the 34 missing, 7 moved from the state, 15 were inactive, and 12 had their rating drop below the cut-off point. Of the 34 new players, 3 moved into Michigan during the past year (old state in parenthesis next to their names), 19 had been inactive (I) the previous year, 2 had been unrated (U), while 10 raised their rating above the cut-off point. These last, along with the 66 holdovers, have their ranking from last year's annual list next to their name. Special kudos for Stan Golonka, Caleb Dailey, and Jason Wysocki, all of whom improved more than 100 places; Steve Mellen, Jerry Haapapuro, and Jason Morris were close behind.

— David Moody

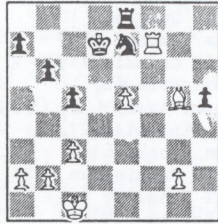
	Masters	Experts	Class A	CUT-OFF
1986	14	46	40	1906
1987	16	57	27	1951

MOTOR CITY OPEN

(From preceding page)

Rd7 24 h4 h5 25 gxb5 (Keeping open the lines toward the Black king, but the White position is even draftier.) Exh5 26 Bxe5 Rxe5 27 Rg3 Kh8 28 Qg2 Qh6 29 Qh3 Rd8 30 Nf4 Rd6 31 Nxh5 Rxh5 32 Rxf7 Rxh4 33 Rf8+ Kh7 34 Qf5+ Rg6 35 Qxg6+ Qxg6 36 Rxg6 Kxg6 37 Rf5 (37 e5 at once looks like a thought.) b6! 38 Rd5 Nb4 39 Rd7 Nxc2 40 e5 (Too little, too late.) Kf5 41 Rxg7 Kxe5 42 a3 c4 43 Re7+ Kd6 44 Re4 Rxe4 45 Bxe4 Nxa3! 46 Kf2 c3 47 bxc3 dxc3 48 Ke2 Ke5 49 Bc6 Kd4 50 Be4 (even with just one pawn left, the bishop is still bad.) b5 51 Bc6 a6 52 Bb7 b4 53 Ba4 Nb1 54 Kd1 Nd2 55 Kc2 a5 0-1 (White must allow ...b3+ and/or lose his last pawn.)

WHITE TO PLAY



This is Thompson--Coleman, board 3. Obviously, White cannot trade all the pieces on e7 at once, as he loses the e5 pawn. However, 35 Kd2! would leave Black tied up long enough for White to trade and get his king to e4, with an easy win.

However, White decided to make absolutely sure with 35 Rh7. Coleman was eventually able to leave White with only the bishop and a-pawn against knight, a sure-fire draw once the Black king reached the a8 corner. Thus the first Master falls half-way from grace.

Noren rolled on with a Frenching of Walter Almqvist, winning a pawn and the exchange with little trouble. Ron Finegold became the second Master to be drawn, as Dan Burg was able to neutralize all his winning attempts.

The high Experts generally kept going. Robin Cunningham won the exchange, then gave it back to force an easily won ending. Deuvoy Carroll and George Turner beat a brace of Boldas (all three played, in an effort to wrest the Family Team Title from the Finegolds).

The two Experts to fall were DuWayne Riggins (to Canadian A-player Brian Purdy; no scoresheet available), and Richard Johnson (to B-player Fred Lehr). But we'll close for this round with three non-upsets; first, Thomas Mazuchowski wins one that might be made into a video for the song, "The Heat is On".

TAMAS PROSZKOW (1795)--MAZUCHOWSKI (2120): 1 c4 Nf6 2 Nc3 g6 3 g3 Bg7 4 Bg2 Oo 5 Nf3 d6 6 d4 Nc6 7 Oo Bg4 8 e3 Qc8 9 Bd2 e5 10 d5 Na5 11 Qa4 b6 12 e4 Nb7 13 b4 a5 14 b5 (Locking up the queenside, just in case he needs a hideout.) Nc5 15 Qc2 Bh3 16 Rf1f Bxg2 17 Kxg2 Nh5 18 Ng5 b6 19 Nh3 g5 20 Be3 Nf4+! (So if 21 gxf4 Qg4+ winning the piece back, minimum.) 21 Nxf4 exf4 22 Bxc5 bxc5 23 Rad1 f3+! 23 Kxf3 Qh3 25 Rh1 f5! (Cheese it, the cops!) 26 Ke2 Ra8 27 Kd2 Qg2 28 Kc1 fxe4 29 Rhg1 Qxf2 30 Ne2 Qe3+ 31 Kb1 Rf2 (The Boss got away safe, but his henchmen are in deadly danger.) 32 Rge1 Ref8 33 Qd2 Qxd2 34 Rxd2 Rxh2 35 Kc2 Rff2 36 Kd1 (How noble!) Bc3! (How busted!) 0-1

Next, Yves Farges takes aim from long ways:

HAROLD STEEN (1796)--FARGES (2087): 1 c4 f5 2 Nf3 b6 3 g3 Bb7 4 Bg2 Nf6 5 Oo e6 6 Nc3 Bc7 7 a3 a5 8 Rb1 Na6 9 d4 Oo 10 Bf4 Ne4 11 Qc2 g5 12 Bc1 Nxc3 13 Qxc3 Be4 14 Ra1 c5 15 e3 g4 16 Ne5 Bxg2 17 Kxg2 Bf6 18 f4 Rc8 19 b3 Qe7 20 Bb2 Rfd8 21 Rad1 Qg7 (Got him in my sights.) 22 Qd2 d6 23 Nd3 cxd4 24 exd4 Bxd4 25 Qe2 Qb7+! (Got him!) 0-1

Finally, a game in the inimitable style of John Lang (see, for instance, Jarosz--Lang from the August 1987 Michigan Chess). Black just blocks up the position and plods around until something breaks open. Dull, but effective.

HENRY JOHNSON (1757)--JOHN LANG (2003): 1 e4 e5 2 Nc3 d6 3 Bc4 c6 4 d3 h6 5 Qh5 g6 6 Qf3 Nf6 7 h3 Bg7 8 Nge2 Nbd7 9 Bd2 Qe7 10 g4 a5 11 a4 Nc5 12 Be3 Ne6 13 d4 Ng5 14 Bxg5 hxg5 (All quite unusual. Lang is not concerned about the cramp; he has the h-file for play.) 15 Oo Be6 16 d5 Bd7 17 Qe3 c5 18 Nb5 Kd8 19 f3 Rh4 20 Kb1 Ne8 21 Qb3 Kc8 22 Nbc3 Qd8 23 Nb5 Qb6 24 Qe3 Bf6 25 Rd3 Be7 26 Rb3 Qd8 27 Nec3 Kb8 28 Na3 Nc7 29 Bb5 Bc8 (Now, kids, don't try this at home.) 30 Qe2 f5 31 Qf1 Qh8 32 Nd1 fxg4 33 fxg4 Bxg4! (Taking his chance. It's still hard to believe that all this is going to work.) 34 Qf7 Qh7 35 Qxh7

Rxh7 36 Nf2 Bc8 37 Nc4 Rf7 38 Ng4 Rf4 39 Nb6 Ra7 40 Re1 Nxb5 41 Nxc8 Kxc8 42 Rxb5 Bd8 43 c4 b6 44 Re3 Raf7 45 Nh6 Rf1+ 46 Ka2 R7f4 47 Rbb3 Rd1 48 Rb5 Rd4 49 Ng4 Rdx4 50 Reb3 Rxc4 51 Rxb6 (Desperation; I imagine white must have been going crazy trying to figure out this game!) Rxa4+ 52 Kb1 Bxb6 53 Rxb6 Kc7 54 Rc6+ Kd7 55 Ra6 Rad4 56 Ra7+ Kc8 57 Rg7 Rxd5 58 Rxg6 e4 59 Nf6 Re5 60 Rg8+ Kb7 61 Ng4 Rxg4 0-1

You know how to make a TD happy? Get the last round of the day, including two adjournments from round 1, all done by 10:00 PM! Groeller was almost as happy as the following:

2 : Ben Finegold, Fred Lindsay, Kevin Noren (Masters) Robin Cunningham, Deuvoy Carroll, George Turner, Jim Kulbacki, Thomas Mazuchowski, Yves Farges, Steve Mellen, Bruce Robison, John Lang (Experts) David Moody, Leonard Dangremond, Brian Garwood, Ed Ed Mooney, Chris Eagle, Brian Purdy (Class A) Fred Lehr (Class B)

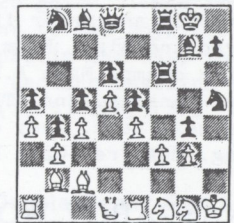
ROUND 3

1 Robison 0 Finegold, B.
2 Lindsay 1 Mellen
3 Noren 1/2 Mooney
4 Cunningham 1 Moody
5 Carroll 1 Garwood
6 Dangremond 1/2 Turner, G.
7 Lang, J. 1 Kulbacki
8 Mazuchowski 1/2 Eagle
9 Farges 1 Lehr
10 Thompson 0 Purdy

Robison caused little trouble as, brilliantly, Finegold scored. Ben's Benko burst Bruce's bubble, blasting him off the board.

ROBISON (2024)--BEN FINEGOLD: 1 d4 Nf6 2 c4 c5 3 d5 b5 4 Nf3 g6 5 a4 b4 6 b3 (So much for anything ever happening on the queenside.) Bg7 7 Bb2 d6 8 Nbd2 Oo 9 e4 e5 10 Bd3 (Or the center!) Nh5 11 Oo Nf4 12 Bc2 f5 13 Re1 a5 (What the heck is this for?) 14 Kh1 Ra7 15 Ng1 Raf7 (Oh, the Lang maneuver!) 16 Ne2 Nh5 17 f3 f4 18 Nf1 g5 19 Ng1 Rf6 20 g4 (Well, what's he supposed to do, sit there and get smushed?) fxg3 21 hxg3 g4!

WHITE TO PLAY



(Initiating the decisive attack with most of his pieces still out of the game! If now 22 fxg4 Nxg3+!! 23 Nxg3 Rf2!! and White has no sensible way of dealing with 24...Qh4+.) 22 f4 (Trying to open some lines for the White bishops, but this also recoils on his head.) Nxg3+!! 23 Nxg3 Rh6+ 24 Kh2 exf4 25 Bxg7 (Rarely will a bishop fork both rooks like this. Even more rarely is such a bishop so totally ignored!) fxg3+!! 26 Bxf8 (On 26 Bxb6 Qh4 with crushing effect. Now, Black has a forced mate in five moves: 25 points extra credit if you see the mating move.) Rh2+ 27 Kxg3 (27 Kf1 Rf2# is not my idea of a good time.) Qh4+ 28 Kf4 Qf6+ 29 Ke3 Qf2+ 0-1 (Due to 30 Kd3 Qd4#! Who would have thunk it?)

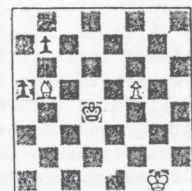
Without a doubt, the most brilliant game of the MCO this year. It also had the best post-mortem, with Ben holding court to SRO audiences both Saturday and Sunday. I borrowed a few of his ideas, but there's no way I could hope to reproduce his performance. And, anyways, I'm not buying his statement that it was all forced after 2...c5, which prepared the eventual 30...Qd4#.

(Of course, I could have said it was boffo, bravura brilliancy, but you probably would have brained me.)

Meanwhile, back in the real world, Fred Lindsay won a pawn early on Mellen, and took matters easy after that. Kevin Noren found himself afflicted with Dexter's disease:

WHITE TO PLAY

This really should be easy; up a piece with a passed pawn that Black cannot catch! After 46 f6 Kc5 47 f7 Kxb5 48 f8a, it is a simple matter of technique for the queen to stop the pawns, e.g., 48...a4 49 Qa3 Ka5 50 Kf2 b5 51 Qe5 Ka6 52 Qb4, followed by moving in the White king.



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Instead, Noren tried to make it even easier: 46 f6 Kc5
47 Be6?? Kd6 48 Kf2 Ke6 49 f7 Ke7 50 Ke2 b5! 51 Kd2 b4
52 Kc2 a4! 53 Kd3 a3 54 Kc2 Kf8 55 Kb3 Ke7 2-1!, as
 Mooney had shown that the White king cannot stop the queen-
 side pawns, nor can the bishop help without losing the
 f-pawn.

Cunningham won when I finished up with two blunders on
 my last two moves, in a difficult but defensible position.
 Carroll initiated complications, and ended up an exchange:

CARROLL (2151)--GARWOOD (1995): 1 d4 d5 2 Nf3 Nf6 3 Bg5 e6
4 Nbd2 Be7 5 Bxf6 Bxf6 6 e4 00 7 e5 Be7 8 Bd3 c5 9 c3
Nc6 10 h4 h6 11 g4 f6 12 exf6 Bxf6 13 dxc5 e5 14 g5 Bg4
15 Qa4 Bxf3 16 Nxf3 e4 17 000 hxg5 18 Bxe4 d4 19 Qc4+
Rf7 20 Bg6 Qc7 21 Qxf7+ Qxf7 22 Bxf7+ Kxf7 23 hxg5 Be7
24 cxd4 Rd8 25 d5 Nb4 26 d6 Bf8 27 Ne5+ Ke6 28 Rfe1 Kf5
29 a3 Na6 30 b4 b6 31 d7 Nb8 32 c6 1-0

Dangremond and Turner played a short draw. Lang won a
 typical game; Kulbacki seemed to be exploiting his space
 advantage very well when he missed a shot, hanging a piece
 and his position.

Mazuchowski and Eagle played a long, fighting draw,
 decided by bishops of opposite colors. Farges profited when
 Lahr hung a couple of pawns unnecessarily.

The final three pointer turned out to be the Canadian
 ringer, Brian Purdy. Thompson played his dreaded Smith-
 Morra gambit, but Purdy defended well and Dexter never
 really got anything for his material.

Half-a-point back, watch Ron Finegold demonstrate how
 Masters should play endings:

OLIVER NIKOLOVSKI (1943)--RON FINEGOLD (2279): 1 d4 e6 2 e4
c5 3 c3 cxd4 4 cxd4 Nf6 5 Nc3 Bb4 6 Bd3 d5 7 e5 Ne4
8 Qc2 Qa5 9 Nge2 Nxc3 10 bxc3 Be7 11 00 Bd7 12 Bd2 Qa4
13 Qb2 b6 14 a3 Qc6 15 a4 Qc7 16 Rfc1 Qd8 17 e4 Bc6
18 a5 Nd7 19 axb6 Nxb6 20 c5 Nc4 21 Qc3 Nxd2 22 Qxd2 00
23 Ra3 h6 24 Rca1 Qd7 25 Bb1 Rfb8 26 Qc2 g6 27 Rh3 Bf8
28 Nf4 Bg7 29 Rg3 Rb7 30 Nh5 Qe8 31 Nxe7 Kxg7 32 Rb3
Qab8 33 lxb7 Rxb7 34 h3 Qb8 35 Qc1 a5 36 Kh2 a4 37 Bc2
Ra7 38 Qa3 Qb5 39 Bd3 Qa5 40 Rb1 Qd2 41 Kg1 Rb7 42 Rb6
Rc7 (Doesn't look easy, does it? Just watch.) 43 g3 f6
44 exf6+ Kxf6 45 Kg2 Kg7 46 Rb2 Qc1 47 Ra2 Qxa3 48 Rxa3
Rb7 49 f4 Rb4 50 Kf3 Rxd4 51 Ke3 Rb4 52 h4 Kf6 53 Kd2
d4 54 Kc2 Bd5 55 g4 g5 56 hxg5+ hxg5 57 fxg5+ Kxg5
58 Be2 e5 59 Ra1 Be4+ 60 Bd3 Rc4+ 61 Kd2 Bxd3 62 Kxd3
Rxc5 63 Ke4 Ra5 64 Kf3 a3 65 Ra2 Ra4 66 Ke4 Kxg4
67 h5+ Kh3 68 Ra2 Kg3 0-1

Board 12 featured Ed Koster and his probing bishop:

JOHN COLEMAN (1906)--ED KOSTER (2185): 1 d4 Nf6 2 c4 g6
3 Nc3 d5 4 cxd5 Nxd5 5 Qb3 Nxc3 6 bxc3 Bg7 7 Nf3 c5
8 Bb2 00 9 e3 Nc6 10 Qc2 Qa5 11 Nd2 cxd4 12 Nb3 Qd5
13 cxd4 Bf5 14 Qc4 Qd8 15 Be2 Rc8 16 Qa4 e5 17 dxe5 Nxe5
18 Nd4 Nd3+ 19 Bxd3 Bxd3 20 Rd1 b5 21 Qa3 Bxd4! (In these
positions where a player has the initiative, having bishops
of opposite color is almost like being a piece ahead.)
22 Bxd4 Be4 23 f4 (The "opps" would really come into play
after 23 Bg7? Qg5! 24 Bxf8 Qxg2 25 Kd2 Qxf2+ 26 Kc1 Bd3+
and mate follows. Or, if 23 Bxa7 Qg5 24 Rg1 Qh5, regaining
the pawn with substantive threats.) Qh4+ 24 g3 Qg4 25 Qb2
Qf3 26 Rg1 Rfe8 (With the ugly threat of 27...Rxe3+.
The rest is just careful maneuvering by Koster until White cracks
--and note the contrast between the bishops.) 27 Qf2 Qe4
28 Qg2 Qe7 29 Qb2 Qe4 30 Qg2 Qe6 31 Rd2 Bd5 32 Qe2 Bc4
(There is some time pressure involved here for Black.)
33 Qd1 a5 34 Kf2 Qh3 35 Ke1 Qe6 36 Rgg2 Bd5 37 Rgf2 Rc4
38 Rc2 Be4 39 Rxc4 Qxc4 40 Qd2 b4 (End of time pressure.)
41 Qb2 Bf5 42 Rd2 a4 43 Be5 Bh3 44 Rf2 Rc8 45 Kd2 Bf5
46 Kd1 (Losing quickly, though there seems no better: on
46 Bd4 a3! 47 Qa1 Rc6! 48 Rf1 (what else?) Qc2+ 49 Ke1
Qc1+ 50 Qxc1 Rxc1+ followed by 51...Rc2+ and 53...Rxa2.
If instead, in this, 48 Ba7 Qc2+ 49 Ke1 Qc1+ 50 Qxc1 Rxc1+
51 Kd2 Ra1 and wins.) Qd3+ 47 Ke1 (47 Qd2 Rc1+! and mate
next.) Qxe3+ 0-1 (48...Rc1+ spells curtains.)

Setting up the scenario for round 4:

- 3 : Ben Finegold, Lindsay, Cunningham, Carroll, Farges,
 John Lang, Purdy
 2½: Noren, Ron Finegold, Koster, George Turner, Carlton
 Thomas, Mazuchowski, Vester Wilson, Paul Bauerle,
 William Accad, Dangremond, Mooney, Eagle, Mark Stefanski

ROUND 4

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|----------------|---------------|
| 1 Finegold, B. | 1 Carroll |
| 2 Farges | ½ Lindsay |
| 3 Purdy | 0 Cunningham |
| 4 Finegold, R. | 0 Lang, J. |
| 5 Noren | 1 Bauerle |
| 6 Koster | ½ Dangremond |
| 7 Turner, G. | 1 Accad |
| 8 Eagle | 0 Thomas |
| 9 Mooney | 0 Mazuchowski |
| 10 Wilson | 1 Stefanski |

One of the great moments in Motor City history had to
 be Deuvoy Carroll's back-to-back upsets of #1 Blocker and #2
 Pindlay. This is 1987, though, not 1984--and Carroll never
 got back the pawn he hung on move 9.

Board two was a 21 move draw out of the ...change
 French, but it had some moments and made the players work:
 in the final position, White had just 18 minutes and Black
 10 for the last 19 moves to the time control!

Cunningham kept up his perfect score with a dominating
 effort against the strong Canadian youngster:

PURDY--CUNNINGHAM: 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 e3 Bg4 10 dxc5
Bxc5 11 Qd2 Qd7 12 Qx3 Rad8 13 Bb2 Rfe8 14 Ne2 (The
fianchetto of the QB vs. the Tarrasch is not unknown, and
White certainly controls the vital d4 square. He has also
lost a lot of time, and congested his pieces; Black must,
and does, proceed energetically.) Ne4 15 Qc1 Bb6 16 Ned4
Rc8 17 Qe1 Ba5 18 Qe2 Nd2 19 Rfc1 Ne4 20 Qd3 Bxf3
21 Nxf3 Qf5 22 Qe2 Bb6 23 Nd2 (Overlooking a mild case
of disaster.) Nxf2! 24 Nf1 Nd3 25 Rd1 Nxb2 26 Qxb2 Nb4
27 Qd2 Rc2 28 Qe1 Nd3 (Too gruesome a scene for a picture.)
29 Rxd3 Qxd3 30 Rd1 Bxe3+ 31 Nxe3 Rxe3 32 Qf1 Qxf1+
33 Rxf1 Rxg2+! (Just as in round 2, Cunningham gives back
the exchange to make things even easier.) 34 Kxg2 Re2+
35 Kh3 Rxa2 36 Rd1 Ra5 37 Kg4 Kf8 38 Rc1 Rb5 39 Rc3 Ke7
40 Kf5 d4+ 0-1

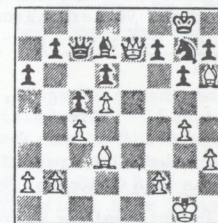
Meanwhile, John Lang was pulling off another one. This
 time, Ron Finegold was around 3 pawns up when time pressure
 struck, carrying away a bunch of his pieces. As they say,
 it looks like a line drive in the box score.

Kevin Noren found The Shot Heard Round Hazel Park:

NOREN (2240)--BAUERLE (2040): 1 d4 Nf6 2 c4 g6 3 Nc3 Bg7
4 e4 d6 5 Nf3 00 6 h3 c5 7 d5 e6 8 Bd3 exd5 9 exd5 Re8+
10 Be3 Nbd7 11 00 a6 12 Qd2 Ne5 13 Nxe5 Rxe5 14 Bf4 Re6
15 Rae1 Qc7 16 Rxe8+ Nxe8 17 Re1 Nf6 18 Bg5 Bd7 19 Re7
Re8 20 Rxe8+ Bxe8 21 Qf4 Nh5 22 Qe3 Kf8 23 Qa4 Bd4
24 Qf3 Ng7 25 Ne4 Bd7 26 Nf6 Bxf6 27 Qxf6 Kg8 28 Bh6 Ne8
29 Qe7 Ng7

WHITE TO PLAY

(Noren has kept matters
 well under control, and Black
 is just about utterly zug-
 zwanged. However, Kevin puts
 him out of his misery at once:)



30 Bf5!! (Zounds! If Black does
nothing, White just wins a piece; 30...Nxf5 is mate in 1;
30...Bxf5 loses the queen; etc...) gxf5 31 Qg5 Kf8 32 Qxg7+
Ke7 33 Bg5+ Ke8 34 Qg8# (A very nice triple sacrifice, but
the play leading up to it is the real key of the game.)

Koster and Dangremond traded no pieces or pawns for the
 first 35 moves, and never did really get anything going.
 George Turner accepted a pawn, and won eventually.

Board 8 was a bit of a theoretical tussle:

EAGLE (1976)--THOMAS (2133): 1 d4 Nf6 2 c4 g6 3 Nc3 Bg7
4 e4 d6 5 f4 00 6 Nf3 c5 7 d5 a6 8 a4 e6 9 Be2 exd5
10 cxd5 Re8 11 00!? Nxe4 12 Nxe4 Rxe4 13 Bd3 Re8 14 f5!?
(A wacky and dangerous sacrifice; if it is accepted, White
has enormous play against what is left of the Black kingside.
I can actually use one of my games as source material here:
Eagle--Moody, Trenton, 10/87, reached this position without
the moves of the a-pawns, and I found Carlton's next move.)
c4!? 15 fxg6 hxg6 16 Bxc4 Qc7 (I tried 16...Bf5 instead,
and the game ended in a short, sharp draw. Thomas' move
looks better, though; he develops with gain of tempo, and
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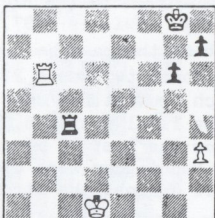
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stops the natural 17 Bb3 by the threat of 17...Qc5+.) 17 Bb3 Nd7 18 h4 Nf6 19 Ng5 (White's last two moves were just a tad optimistic; the truth of the position is quickly revealed.) Bg4! 20 Qd4 (He has to defend the pawn, stop ...Qb6+, and not allow ...Be2--that's just too much to worry about.) Ne4 21 Qe3 Nc3 22 Qd2 Ne2+ 0-1 (As White must lose at least the exchange, to something like 23 Kh2 Be5+ 24 g3 Nxc3! 25 Rxf7 Ne4+ 26 Kg2 Nxd2 27 Rxc7 Nxb3. energetic play by Thomas; 14...c4!? looks like a move!)

WHITE TO PLAY

(While these two brilliancies were being played out, Ed Mooney was trying to swindle another half-point in the end-game. Mazuchowski refuses to cooperate.)



49 Rb3 Re4 (It is vital to keep the White king cut off.) 50 Kd2 Kg7 51 Kd3 Re7 52 Rb6 Kh6 53 Rb4 Kh5 54 Rg4 g5 55 Rc4 Re6 56 Rb4 Kg6 57 h4 h6 58 hxg5 hxg5 59 Re4? (Making it too easy, but the frontal attack by 59 Rb1 g4 60 Rg1 seems to be one move too slow; it could draw with the Black pawn on g5. That suggests that White would have done better to pull the rook back to the first rank earlier, but then Black has other plans.) Rxe4 60 Kxe4 Kh5 61 Kf3 Kh4 62 Kg2 Kg4 63 Kf2 Kh3 64 Kg1 g4 65 Kh1 g3 66 Kg1 g2. 0-1 (Hope has dried up. I found this position interesting mainly because of a statement by Mazuchowski after the game. I asked whether Mooney could have drawn the diagrammed position, and he answered instantly no. Study those basic endings, folks; it makes life so much easier sometimes!)

Board 10 saw Wilson present Stefanski with his queen, but grab 2 rooks and a knight in trade.

And we close with the Ugliest Position Before Move 10 in the tournament:

PROSZKOW--RIGGINS: 1 c4 e5 2 Nc3 Nf6 3 g3 d5 4 e3 d4 5 exd4 exd4 6 Nce2?? d3! (Winning a piece, since knight moves are answered by 7...Qe7+, forcing a piece back to e2.)

You want to make a TD really happy? Have each of the first two days of the Motor City Open finish up by 10:00 PM! And, speaking of happy:

- 4 : Ben Finegold, Cunningham, John Lang
- 3 1/2: Lindsay, Noren, George Turner, Thomas, Mazuchowski, Farges, Vester Wilson

ROUND 5

- 1 Cunningham 1/2 Finegold, B.
- 2 Lang, J. 1 Noren
- 3 Lindsay 1 Wilson
- 4 Mazuchowski 0 Turner, G.
- 5 Thomas 0 Farges

An interesting pairing problem arose this round. Normally, Lang would have played Lindsay; however, they were both due for White and this pairing would give Fred two Blacks in a row. Now, assuming that Finegold and Lindsay win, you'd have them playing in the last round with the situation that Ben, higher rated and ranked, would still have to take his fourth Black to avoid giving Fred three Blacks in a row.

The solution: give Lang to Noren instead, when all the colors fall into place, and you set up the expected Finegold--Lindsay confrontation with due colors.

However, some funny things happened on the way to round six:

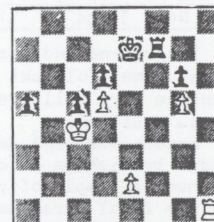
CUNNINGHAM--BEN FINEGOLD: 1 e4 e6 2 d4 d5 3 Nd2 Nf6 4 Bd3 c5 5 e5 Nf7 6 c3 Nc6 7 Ngf3 f5 8 exf6 Qxf6 9 O0 Bd6 10 B1 e1 O0 11 Nf1 e5! 12 Ne3 Nb6 13 dxc5 Bxc5 14 Nxd5 Nxd5 15 B7a Be6 16 Bxd5 Rad8 17 Bxe6+ Qxe6 18 Qc2 e4 19 Bg5 Rde8 20 Nd4 (Probably the best idea, with ...c4 threatening stuff like ...Qg6.) Bxd4 21 cxd4 Nxd4 22 Qc3 Nc6 23 Re3 h6 1/2-1/2 (The draw was proposed by Ben after almost 30 minutes thought, and accepted quickly.)

That takes care of the dream pairing for round 6. Well, Ben could still have to play Noren if...wait a minute, what's going on there?

JOHN LANG--NOREN: 1 d4 e6 2 c4 f5 3 g3 Nf6 4 Nc3 Bb4 5 Bg2 Bxc3+ (A hypermodern kind of Dutch, with echoes of the Nimzo-Indian. Noren plays it in his best hypermodern style.) 6 bxc3 O0 7 Nh3 d6 8 O0 Qe7 9 Rb1 c6 10 Qb3 Nbd7 11 a4 a5 12 Ng5 h6 13 Nh3 Kh7 14 f4 Re8 15 Rf3 c5 16 Nf2 (16 dxc5 Nxc5, or 16 d5 e5 solve none of White's problems.) b6 17 Re3 Rb8 18 d5 e5 19 Bh3 g6 20 fxe5 Nxe5 21 Nd3 Nfd7 22 Qc2 Qf7 23 Nb2 Ba6 24 Qb3 ...6 25 Bd2 Nfg4 26 Bxg4 Nxc4 27 Rxe8 Qxe8 28 Qd1 Qe4 29 Bf4 Ne3 30 Bxe3 Qxe3+ 31 Kf1 Qxc3 (Nimzovich rests well in his grave.) 32 Qd3 Qe5 33 Nd1 f4 34 g4 Bc8 35 h3 Bd7 36 Qb3 h5 37 Nf2 Kg7 38 Re1 hxg4 39 hxg4 Kf7 40 Kg2 Qe3 41 Qxe3 fxe3 42 Ne4 Ke7 43 g5 Bxa4 44 Kf3 Bb3 45 Rh1 Rf8+ 46 Kxe3 Rf7 47 Kd3 b5 48 Nd2 Bxc4+ 49 Nxc4 bxc4+ 50 Kxc4

BLACK TO PLAY

(You know, I'm sure that Black went wrong somewhere, but where? The more you look at this position, the more I have to wonder whether Black is winning or not! The minute he moves his rook off the 2nd rank, White takes the absolute 7th with his rook, penetrates with his king, and it's ripe apple time. If Black just sits he might not lose, but Noren continues to play like he's winning.) a4 51 e4 Rf4 52 Rh7+ Ke8 53 Kb5 Rxe4 54 Kc6 (I'm sure that Noren was now thinking about Capablanca--Tartakover, New York, 1924, where a famous hypermodern took it on the chin in exactly this kind of position.) c4 55 Kxd6 a3 56 Rh6+ Kf7 57 Ra8 c3 58 Ra7+ Kf8 59 Ra8+ Kf7 60 Ra7+ Kf8 61 Rxa3 Rc4 62 Ra1 c2 63 Rc1 Ke8 64 Ke6 Kd8 65 Kf7 Kd7 66 Kxg6 Kd6 67 Kf5 Kxd5 68 g6 Kd4 69 g7 Rc8 70 Rxc2 Rxc2 71 g8 Q Rf2+ 72 Ke6 Kd3 73 Kd5 Ke2 74 Ke4 Ke1 75 Qg5 Ke2 76 Qg1 Rf8 77 Qg6 Rf2 78 Qa6+ Kd1 79 Rb2 80 Qa4+ Kc1 81 Kd3 Kb1 82 Kc3 (The thematic zugzwang position; the Black rook must leave the king, to fall to a series of checks.) Rf2 83 Qd1+ Ka2 84 Qb3+ Ka1 85 Qb6 (Or he can keep checking: 85 Qa4+ Kb1 86 Qe4+ Ka2 87 Qa8+ Kb1 88 Qb7+ and 89 Qa7+.) Rg2 86 Qa7+ Kb1 87 Qb7+ 1-0



So it will be Finegold--Lang on board 1 in the last round. Well, at least the colors work.

A bit of background on Lang: apparently, he was a strong Master when he was younger, but time and ill health have taken away some of his strength. You couldn't tell from this event!

The odd events of the top two boards did not affect Fred Lindsay, who showed why the Queen's Gambit is not really a gambit.

LINDSAY--VESTER WILSON (2069): 1 d4 d5 2 c4 dxc4 3 Nf3 a6 4 e3 Be6 5 Ng5 Qd7 6 Nc3 c6 7 Na4 Bg4 8 f3 Qc7 9 fxc4 Qa5+ 10 Bd2 Qxc5 11 Nb6 Ra7 12 Bxc4 (So White still got his pawn back, and Black's game is a mess.) Nf6 13 Qb3 e6 14 Nc8! Bd6 15 Nxd6+ Ke7 16 Qb6 Ra8 17 Qxb7+ Nbd7 18 Nf5+! exf5 19 Bb4+ Kd8 20 Qxa8+

And, though Black felt this position worth playing on, I think I'll just call it 1-0, 36 and let it go at that.

The bloodthirstiness continued on board four; indeed, that board one draw was the only one in the top 14 boards this round.

MAZUCHOWSKI--G. TURNER: 1 Nf3 Nf6 2 d4 g6 3 b3 Bg7 4 Bb2 d5 5 e3 O0 6 Be2 Bg4 7 O0 Nbd7 8 h3 Bxf3 9 Bxf3 c6 10 Nd2 Ne8 11 c4 Nc7 12 Rc1 e6 13 Ba3 Re8 14 Bd6 Nb6 15 Bxc7 Qxc7 16 cxd5 exd5 17 b4 Qe7 18 Qb3 a6 19 a4 Bf8 20 Rb1 Qd7 21 b5 (Minority attack.) cxb5 22 axb5 a5 (Majority counter-attack.) 23 Rfc1 Bb4 24 Qd3 Re8 25 Be2 Rxc1+ 26 Rxc1 Rc8 27 Rxc8+ Qxc8 28 e4 Qc3 29 Nf3 Qxd3 30 Bxd3 a4 31 exd5 a3 32 Bb1 Nxd5 0-1 (A remarkably quick finish; White cannot combat ...Nb3 winning at least a piece or two.)

A blitzkrieg finishes off the top boards:

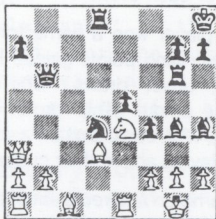
THOMAS--FARGES: 1 e4 c5 2 Nf3 Nc6 3 Bb5 d6 4 Nc3 Bd7 5 O0 e5 6 d3 Be7 7 Ne2 (I dunno; Farges plays this kind of stuff with White, so he knows what to do.) Nf6 8 Ng3 Qb6

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Ba4 00 10 c3 Rae8 11 Nh4 Nxe4 12 Nxe4 Bxh4 13 Nxd6 Re6
 4 Nf5 Qd8 15 Bb3 Rg6 16 Ng3 Kh8 17 Re1 f5 18 d4 cxd4
 19 cx 4 f4 20 Ne4 Nxd4 21 Bc4 Bg4 22 Qd3 b5 (Just to gain
 a tempo with his next move.) 23 Bxb5 Qb6 24 Qa3 Rd8 25 Bd3

BLACK TO PLAY



(Five Black pieces pointed at the White king, and no well placed defenders. This is not even going to be close.)

Nf3+! 26 gxf3 Bxf3+ 27 Ng3 (If 27 Kf1 Bxe4 threatens the king, the bishop, and other things.) fxe3 28 hxg3 Rxe3+ 0-1 (Mate in two.)

From the 3-point group, a little threat-a-minute chess chess from Deuvoy Carroll.

CARROLL--PURDY: 1 d4 Nf6 2 Nf3 g6 3 Bg5 Bg7 4 Nbd2 d5 5 Bxf6 Bxf6 6 e4 (White is not worried about theory; he just gets his pieces out and waits to see what develops.) dxe4 7 Nxe4 Bg7 8 Bc4 00 9 00 Bg4 10 c3 Nc6 11 h3 Bf5 12 Re1 Na5 13 Bf1 Be6 14 Qa4 b6 15 Rad1 Bd7 16 Qc2 Nb7 17 Ne5 Bf5 18 Qa4 Bxe5 19 dxe5 Qe8 20 Bb5 Qc8 21 Bc6 a6 22 Ng5 h6 23 Nf3 g5 24 Nd4 b5 25 Qa3 Bd7 26 Bxb7 Qxb7 27 Qxe7 Rad8 28 Nf5 Qc6 (And, just when you thought it was safe to go back to the chessboard...) 29 e6! 1-0

Nice finish--but for sheer, problem-like beauty, I liked the following from board 17.

PAUL BAUERLE (2046)--ED BALL (1788): 1 d4 Nf6 2 c4 e5 3 dxe5 Ng4 4 Nf3 Nc6 5 Bf4 Bb4+ 6 Nc3 Bxc3+ 7 bxc3 Qe7 8 Qd5 Qa3 9 Rc1 Qxa2 10 h3 Nh6 11 e4 Qa5 12 Bd3 b6 13 00 Bb7 14 Ra1 Qxd5 15 cx5

BLACK TO PLAY



(This looks more like a game of bughouse than real chess! What I really want to know is this: does White's formation count as just one pawn island?)

Ne7 16 Nd4 c6 17 Bxh6 gxh6 18 d6 Ng6 19 f4 h5 20 Ba6 Rb8 21 g3 h4 22 g4 00 23 Nf5 c5 24 Bxb7 Rxb7 25 Nh6+ Kg7 26 g5 a5 27 Ng4 Ra8 28 f5 (It's a confounded avalanche!) Nf8 29 Rf2 b5 30 Raf1 b4 31 g6 b3 32 f6+ Kxg6 33 Rg2 h6 34 Ne3+ Kh7 35 Rg7+ Kh8 36 Nf5 Ne6 37 Rxf7 b2 38 Rb1 a4 39 Ne7 a3 40 Ng6+ Kg8 41 Re7 Rf8 42 Kh2 Rf7 43 Re8+ Nf8 (Good grief, did Black get there first after all?) 44 Rg1?? (Throwing away a beautiful win with 44 Nxf8! threatening 45 Rg1+ Kh8 46 Ng6+ Kh7 47 Rh8#. If 44...Rxf8 45 Rg1+ Kh7 (45...Kf7 46 Re7#!) 46 Rxf8, and Black cannot stop 47 Rg7#!.) Rxf6?? (44...b1Q! looks like a winner! Most checks are answered by ...Qxg1+ in response, leaving Black up a rook, and the double check 45 Ne7+ Kh7! leads nowhere for White. After the text, the game assumes its previous course.) 45 exf6 Kf7 46 Rxf8+ Ke6 47 Re8+ Kxf6 48 Nh8!! (This is the final position I love, almost kind of a mirror mate. Black's king is surrounded by wide open spaces, but is helpless against 48 Rg6#!. In all, a fun game of chess, ever, with the blip on move 44.)

Did someone mention people having fun?

5 : John Lang
 4 : Ben Finegold, Lindsay, Cunningham, George Turner, Farges
 4 : Koster, Carroll, Riggins, Johnson, Robison, Dangremond, Pentescu

Pentescu?! Yes, after his round 1 loss to Lindsay, Stephen had gone on a tear and won four in a row, the last over a fellow who probably shouldn't criticize other's endgame play when he can't get out of the opening without losing a piece!

So, with visions of Kebrdle dancing in our heads, on to

ROUND 6

- 1 Finegold, B.--Lang, J.
- 2 Turner, G.----Lindsay
- 3 Farges-----Cunningham
- 4 Koster-----Robison
- 5 Johnson-----Carroll
- 6 Dangremond----Riggins
- 7 Pentescu-----Thompson

54 minutes later, this had happened:

B&N FINEGOLD--JOHN LANG: 1 d4 d5 2 c4 c6 3 Nc3 Nf6 4 Nf3 e6 5 Bg5 Be7 6 e3 Nbd7 7 cxd5 exd5 8 Bd3 00 9 Qc2 h6 10 Bh4 Re8 11 000 c5 12 Rhg1 a6 13 Kb1 b5 14 dxc5 Bb7 15 Bf5 Nxc5 16 Bxf6 gxf6 17 Rd4 Ne6 18 Bxe6 fxe6 19 Rg4+

No surprise winners this year. It's 1-0, and who will join Ben Finegold at the top?

First shot, to George Turner and Fred Lindsay. The top player in the state against an inactive Expert who still knows a thing or two about the game:

G. TURNER--LINDSAY: 1 d4 d5 2 c4 e6 3 Nc3 c6 4 e3 Nf6 5 Nf3 Nbd7 6 Bd3 dxc4 7 Bxc4 b5 8 Bd3 Bb7 9 00 b4 10 Ne2 (Normal is 10 Ne4, preventing Black's next.) c5 11 Ng3 Qb6 12 b3 Rd8 13 Bb2 cxd4 14 Bxd4 Bc5 15 Bb2 00 16 Qe2 Be7 17 Ng5 Qa5 18 f4 h6 19 N5e4 Nd5 20 Bd4 f5 21 Nd2 Bc5 22 Nc4 Qc7 23 Qf2 N7f6 24 h3 Nc3 (Judging that after 25 Bxc3 bxc3, the two bishops and control of the dark squares outweigh the weak pawn.) 25 a3 Be4 26 Nxe4 Nxe4 27 Qb2 bxa3 28 Nxa3 Bxd4 29 exd4 Qb6 30 Nc4 Qxd4+ 31 Qxd4 Rxd4 32 Bxe4 Nxe4 33 Rxa7 Rb8 34 Rf3 h5 35 h4 Nf6 36 Re7 Re4 37 Nd6? (37 Ne5 looks like a chance; this loses at least a pawn.) Nd5 38 Nxe4?? (At least...) fxe4! (Oops.) 39 Rxe6 exf3 40 Re5 Nf6 41 gxf3 Rxb3 42 Kg2 Rd3 43 Kg3 Kf7 44 Rg5 Ne4+ 0-1

So, the two Senior Masters meet at the top after all. Whatever happened to round 7?

Only once has there been a three-way tie atop the MCO, so the combatants on board 3 are battling history.

FARGES--CUNNINGHAM: 1 e4 c6 2 d4 d5 3 Nc3 dxe4 4 Nxe4 Nbd7 5 Bc4 Nf6 6 Ng5 e6 7 Ne2 h6 8 Nf3 c5 9 00 Be7 10 c3 00 11 dxc5 Bxc5 12 b4 Be7 13 Bb2 Qc7 14 Bb3 b6 15 Ne4 Ba6 16 Re1 Kf8

WHITE TO PLAY



(Well, maybe Black has a bit of an edge here, due to the weak c4 square, the backward c-pawn, and the bad QB. Still, you get the feeling that the players will just make a few more token, quiet moves, then agree a draw and take the tie for 3rd place...)

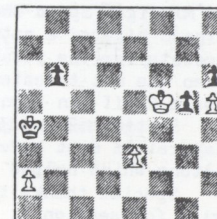
17 Rxe6! (Definitely not a decaffeinated move. If now 17...fxe6 18 Nxe6 regaining the rook due to the discovered check.) Nc5! (An ingenious response, pinning the knight.) 18 Rc6 Qb7 19 Ne5 Nxb3 20 Qxb3 Bd6 21 Rxd6 Rxd6 22 b5 Qd5 23 Qxd5 Rxd5 24 Nec6 Rxb5! (The final blow in this battle of wits. Once again, Cunningham is up the exchange with Black, and gives it back.) 25 Nxb5 Bxb5 26 Ne7+ Kh7 27 a4 Bc4 28 Nc6 a5 29 f3 Re8 30 Nd4 (Well, maybe Black has a slight edge ... let's not get into that again. Besides, both players are in time pressure, and they have made those few token moves necessary for a respectable.) 1-1

So, for the fourth year in a row, it's co-champions, and previous non-winners at that: Ben Finegold, Fred Lindsay.

Plenty of 5-pointers this year, 7 in all. You've already heard from Lang, Farges and Cunningham. Well, Ed Koster made it by outplaying Robison out of a couple pawns, then breezing through a 65 move endgame. Board 5 had a tragedy, worth about \$100:

WHITE TO PLAY

This is Richard Johnson--Deuvoy Carroll. Even 48 moves late, White wins with 49 e4!, e.g., 49...Kb5 50 e5 Kc6 51 Kf6! g4 52 e6 g3 (52...Kd7 53 Kf7) 53 e7 g2 54 e8Q+! Instead,



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MOTOR CITY OPEN

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after 49 Kg6?? g4 White had to resign, as Black will queen with check!

Leonard Dangremond's piece sack was nowhere near correct, so DuWayne Riggins made it into the big money. Finally, Stephen Pentescu had a chance—if only he could pull off the biggest upset of the tournament:

PENTESCU (1702)--THOMPSON (2303): 1 Nf3 d5 2 g3 c5 3 Bg2 Nf6 4 Oo Nc6 5 d4 e6 6 c3 cxd4 7 Nxd4 Bd7 8 Nbd2 Nxd4 9 cxd4 Rc8 10 Nb3 Qb6 11 Bd2 Bd6 12 Bc3 Ba4 13 Qd3 Bxb3 14 axb3 a6 15 Bd2 Oo 16 Pfc1 Bb4 17 Bxb4 Qxb4 18 Rc3 Ne4 19 Bxe4 dxe4 20 Qc2 Rcd8 21 e3 f5 22 Ra4 Qb5 23 Rac4 Rd7 24 Rc7 Rfd8 25 R3c5 Rxc7 26 Rxc7 Rd7 27 Rc5 Qb6 28 Qc4 h4?? (Completely missing the following capture which totally destroys him.) 29 Rxf5! g6 30 Rf6 Re7 31 Rxe6+ Kf7 32 Rh6 Kg7 33 Rxb5 Rc7 34 Rc5 Rf7 35 Re5 Rf6 36 b4 Qd6 37 Qc5 Qd7 38 Rxe4 Rf5 39 Re5 b6 40 Qc2 (And let's stop it right there; you don't need to see how Dexter eventually ended up five pawns down; just) 1-0, 60? (and congratulations to Stephen Pentescu, this year's Where Did He Come From player of the Motor City Open).

Even more than Pentescu, I think Bill Groeller had to be happy. He got through a 112 player tournament with no major player disputes, only two adjournments, most of the rounds starting on time (of course, that's a Groeller tradition), and no round going past 10 PM at night on any of the three days. If that's not a dream tournament for a TD, it's mighty darned close.

Noren, The Caltons, Naidovich, Levine
Southfield Tornado Winners Dec. 13

SECTION A (1st prize, \$45)

1 Kevin Noren, Lansing	2240	x	1	1	1	1	+	4	2
2 Cliff Van Loon, Pontiac	1835	1/2	x	1	1	1/2	1	4	
3 David Moody, Dearborn	1997	0	0	x	1	1	+	3	
4 Frank Dmuchowski, Westland	1881	0	0	0	x	1	+	2	
5 Thomas Triplett, S. Lansing	1879	0	1/2	0	0	x	1	1	2
6 Jeff Richburg, S. Lansing	1988	-	0	-	-	0	x	0	

SECTION B (1st prize, \$20 + \$10 gift certificate)

1 David W. Calton, Southfield	1665	x	1	1	1	1	1	5	
2 Henry Johnson, Detroit	1757	0	x	0	1	1	1	3	
3 Charles Collins, Harper Wds	1702	0	1	x	0	1/2	1	2	2
4 Jeff Thomas, Monroe	1728	0	0	1	x	0	1	2	
5 Christopher Morrow, Detroit	1686	0	0	1/2	1	x	0	1	2
6 Walter Wright, Detroit	1657	0	0	0	0	1	x	1	

SECTION C (1st prize, \$20)

1 Bill Calton, Southfield	1610	x	1	1	1	1	1	5	
2 Dennis Ridella, Warren	1597	0	x	1	1	1	1	4	
3 Mike Smith, Monroe	1654	0	0	x	1	1	1	3	
4 Jacob Swartz, Detroit	1614	0	0	0	x	1	1	2	
5 Joseph Pavlovich, Ypsilanti	1460	0	0	0	0	x	1	1	
6 S.acy Keil, Southfield	1468	0	0	0	0	0	x	0	

SECTION D (1st prize, \$20)

1 Aleksandra Naidovich, W. Bloom	1186	x	1	1	1	1	1	5	
2 John Haley, Warren	1331	0	x	1	1	1	0	3	
3 Allen Girard, Royal Oak	1200	0	0	x	1	1	0	2	
4 Paul Sieradzki, Union Lake	1310	0	0	0	x	1	1	2	
5 John Suess, Toledo, OH	1379	0	0	1	0	x	1	2	
6 Harvey Moore, Royal Oak	1300	0	1	0	0	0	x	1	

SECTION E (1st prize, \$20)

1 Dean Levine, W. Bloomfield	UNR	x	1	1	1	1	4	
2 Shira Drissman, Farm. Hls.	UNR	0	x	1	0	1	2	
3 Talya Drissman, Farm. Hls.	UNR	0	0	x	1	1	2	
4 Andy Whittinger, Monroe	UNR	0	1	0	x	0	1	
5 Avi Drissman, Farm. Hills	UNR	0	0	0	1	x	1	

Director and organizer, Joe Feldman

For those players unwilling to undergo the rigors of the Michigan Speed Championship, Joe Feldman's Southfield Tornado offered a rated alternative. The conflict probably accounts for the relatively small and weak crowd. Kevin Noren was not threatened seriously in the top section, though Cliff Van Loon's was an excellent result.

Sections 2 and 3 were sort of dominated by home players; it must have been the crowds cheering on the Caltons which helped them to triumph.

Special thanks to John Smalec for donating the book prize for section 2.

—By David Moody

SOMETHING DIFFERENT IN GRAND RAPIDS:
THURSDAY KNIGHT FIGHTS!

The Grand Rapids Chess Foundation sponsored a series of monthly USCF-rated tournaments during 1987 at the Yum-Yum Café, 744 Leonard NW. The format ranged from quads to mini-Swiss's, with about a dozen participants per month and a low \$1 entry fee for each event.

Each time a player won a game (or drew vs. a higher-rated opponent), we noted the number of rating points gained by that encounter. (We did not subtract points for losses or "upset" draws.) The month-to-month rankings were determined by totalling these points. This format encouraged active participation and rewarded those players who could pull off a mighty upset occasionally, or who were steadily improving (playing above their current rating).

Our 1987 champion and recipient of the first annual "Hey, those are my rating points!" award: GR's *wunderkind*, Jason Wysocki! Jason's rating improved from the mid-1700's in January 1987 to its year-end high of the upper-1900's. So congratulations to our new champion!

In case you didn't know, Jason's rating is good enough to place him on the top-50 list for players under 16 years old. He'll need another good year to crack into the top-50 Under 21, but we have confidence in him! (Particularly yours truly—I went something like +1 - 6 against him in 1987!)

The final standings included 34 participants:

No.	Name	Points	No.	Name	Points
1	Jason Wysocki	281	7	Lee Maring	76
2	Glenn Good	251	8	Ron Fargo	67
3	Gilbert Pointer	220	9	Jeff Boes	62
4	Bob Slovinski	193	10	Kevin Czuhai	57
5	Bill Fuller	156	11	Joe Krzyston	46
6	Kirk Czuhai	115	12	Kevin Russell	43

Wysocki amassed his points early, scoring all but six before October. His tally of 66 in April was the record single-month score. Glenn Good tried to catch him with a 21-point November, but could only collect two in December.

Gil Pointer might have passed Good at the finish line, but was forced to miss November's event, the only one he missed, due to the addition of a tiny new (future) chess-player to his household!

Bob Slovinski's high finish (he's a Class-C player—for now!) is even more remarkable when you find that he only played in nine of the 12 events, and scored zero rating points in one of them!

Kirk Czuhai scored all his points in the last seven months—he was a latecomer to our events. This reporter had the dubious distinction of finishing the lowest of anyone who played in more than five events (I played about a game a month in the later months because of family concerns, and then not very well!).

We're changing the format for 1988 to a ladder tournament, with the initial standings determined by the finishing order in last year's competition. Participants can play as many or as few games as they like during the year, selecting opponents from positions above their own on the standings. This should allow "part-timers" who can't play every week to participate. Prizes awarded will depend on entries, but we hope to award a trophy to the #1 player and to the player with the most match victories. You can join us any Thursday evening at 7:30 P.M., and many Tuesday evenings at the same time or Saturday afternoons at 1:00 P.M. For more information, contact me at (616) 669-5986, or Glenn Good, (616) 532-7065.

—Jeff Boes

ANYONE WANT JACKIE'S SPOT?

Women's Champ Jackie A. Branscum has been at the top three years.

1987 was close. Tied for title at 3+ points she won with a slim tiebreak margin over Connie Anderson. In 1986 the same score won it outright. In 1985 Jackie was co-champ with Laura Romeo when both got 4 points. Rules require a co-championship when all games are by tied players.

Dave Moody Reports:

NEW RECORD: 100 IN ONE-DAY RATED TOURNAMENT

Michigan's all-time record for a 1-day individual rated tournament has been broken by Peter Nixon's monthly quads at Detroit's Clippert Middle School. When '88 registered at the Dec. 5 event, David Moody, our tournament editor, reported:

"Stand aside, all previous claimants! If that ain't a record, it oughta be. Pete sure feels like it, for the huge turnout sorely taxed the capacity of the school playing site and Pete's patience. 12 of the 22 quad sections were scholastic, giving kids a chance to play rated chess without having to buy some expensive memberships."

100 in January Tourney

THEN CAME JAN. 8! An overwhelming 25 sections showed up for total of 100 entries! Said Moody: "Nixon's monster continues to grow, setting a new record for a quad event in Michigan--and darn good for any kind of tournament. The bottom 13 sections were scholastic. Section winners were given a choice of trophy or \$10."

Moody submitted the following crosstables for the two events.

JANUARY 8 CLIPPERT QUADS

SECTION 1				
1 John Blake, Detroit	1778	x	0	1 1 2
2 Jim Kulbacki, Liguorian	2096	1	x	0 1 1/2
3 James Owens, W. Bloomfield	1954	0	1/2	x 1 1 1/2
4 Henry Johnson, Detroit	1797	0	1	0 x 1
SECTION 2				
1 Dennis Ridella, Warren	1651	x	1	1 1 3
2 David W. Calton, Southfield	1701	0	x	1 1 2
3 Bill Calton, Southfield	1652	0	0	x 1/2 1/2
4 Christopher Morrow, Detroit	1718	0	0	1/2 x 1/2
SECTION 3				
1 Charles Oplins, Harper Wds	1615	x	1	1 1/2 2 1/2
2 Tom Boldrick, Grosse Ile	1634	0	x	1 1 2
3 Steve Rosenberg, Canton	1626	0	0	x 1 1
4 Walter Wright, Detroit	1641	1/2	0	0 x 1/2
SECTION 4				
1 Robert McCarter, Ann Arbor	1603	x	1	1 1 3
2 Mark Malzahn, Dearborn	1561	0	x	1 1 2
3 Mike Smith, Monroe	1593	0	0	x 1 1
4 Jacob Swartz, Detroit	1553	0	0	0 x 0
SECTION 5				
1 Hassan Sobh, Dearborn	1495	x	1	1/2 1 2 1/2
2 Alroy Boyce, Detroit	1437	0	x	1 1 2
3 David Watkins, Detroit	1522	1/2	0	x 1 1 1/2
4 Maria Kelly, Detroit	1496	0	0	0 x 0
SECTION 6				
1 Ali el Hajj, Dearborn	1437	x	1	1/2 1 2 1/2
2 Dennis White, Union Lake	1340	0	x	1 1 2
3 Darlene Stinson, Detroit	1384	1/2	0	x 1 1 1/2
4 Shawn Hinson, Detroit	1396	0	0	0 x 0
SECTION 7				
1 John Haley, Warren	1331	x	1/2	1 1 2 1/2
2 Bruce Lovett, Union Lake	1323	1/2	x	0 1 1 1/2
3 David A. Calton, Southfield	1293	0	1	x 0 1
4 Dan Miller, Dearborn	1317	0	0	1 x 1
SECTION 8				
1 Leroy Williams, Detroit	UNR	x	1/2	1 1 2 1/2
2 Jeff Weinmann, Warren	1285	1/2	x	0 1 1 1/2
3 Angela Grigsby, Detroit	1187	0	1	x 0 1
4 Matt Venia, Union Lake	1221	0	0	1 x 1
SECTION 9				
1 Shawn Lewandowski, Detroit	1097	x	1	0 1 2
2 Margaret Clark, Dearborn	1131	0	x	1 1 2
3 Sam Edens, Detroit	1168	1	0	x 0 1
4 Tom Hobson II, Union Lake	1077	0	0	1 x 1
SECTION 10				
1 Cornelius Fortune, Detroit	UNR	x	1	0 1 2
2 Jeannette Boni, Dearborn	765	0	x	1 1 2
3 Jeff Collier, Dearborn	UNR	1	0	x 0 1
4 Anita Hager, Dearborn	UNR	0	0	1 x 1
SECTION 11				
1 Dawn Miller, Dearborn	UNR	x	1	0 1 2
2 Anthony Lacey, Taylor	UNR	0	x	1 1 2
3 Eugene Milener, Mt. Clemens	UNR	1	0	x 1 2
4 Tom LaMacchia, Dearborn	UNR	0	0	0 x 0
SECTION 12				
1 James Tillman, Detroit	UNR	x	1	1 1 3
2 Douglas Moore, Detroit	UNR	0	x	1 1/2 1 1/2
3 Brian Mosley, Detroit	UNR	0	0	x 1 1
4 Harvey Venia, Union Lake	UNR	0	1/2	0 x 1/2
SECTION S13				
1 Corey Ward, Detroit	1154	x	1	0 1 2
2 Jason Mynes, Detroit	1135	0	x	1 1 2
SECTION S14				
1 James Jackson, Detroit	1937	x	1	0 1 2
2 James Owens, West Bloomfield	1954	0	x	1 1 2
3 David Moody, Dearborn	1997	1	0	x 0 1
4 Dexter Thompson, Detroit	2303	0	0	1 x 1
SECTION A2				
1 Mike Smith, Monroe	1654	x	1/2	1 1 2 1/2
2 Christopher Morrow, Detroit	1663	1/2	x	1/2 1 1 2
3 Raymond Burwell, Detroit	1791	0	1/2	x 1 1 1/2
4 Jeff Thomas, Monroe	1630	0	0	0 x 0
SECTION A3				
1 Hassan Sobh, Dearborn	1495	x	1	1 1 3
2 Jacob Swartz, Detroit	1614	0	x	1 1 2
3 Ali el Hajj, Dearborn	1437	0	0	x + 1
4 Steve Rosenberg, Canton	1612	0	0	- x 0
SECTION A4				
1 Mohamad Fawaz, Dearborn	1385	x	1	1 1 3
2 Dan Miller, Dearborn	1317	0	x	1 1 2
3 Pramote Sujarit, Troy	1353	0	0	x 1 1
4 ... Roland, Detroit	1424	0	0	0 x 0
SECTION A5				
1 Brian Gilmore, Dearborn	1283	x	1/2	1 1 2 1/2
2 Tanapom Sujarit, Troy	1220	1/2	x	1 1 2 1/2
3 Corey Ward, Detroit	1211	0	0	x 1 1
4 Phil Clucas, Walled Lake	1191	0	0	0 x 0
SECTION A6				
1 Margaret Clark, Dearborn	1131	x	1	1 1 3
2 Willie Thomas, Detroit	1143	0	x	1 1 2
3 Mike Naji, Dearborn	1165	0	0	x 1 1
4 Todd Hager, Detroit	1124	0	0	0 x 0
SECTION A7				
1 Omar Khaled, Dearborn	1085	x	1	1 1 3
2 Antoine Franklin, Detroit	1080	0	x	1 1 2
3 Keith Williams, Detroit	1036	0	0	x 1 1 1/2
4 Tom Hobson, Walled Lake	1102	0	0	1/2 x 1/2
SECTION A8				
1 Ted Kanluen, Troy	1000	x	1/2	1 1 2 1/2
2 Brian Mosley, Detroit	UNR	1/2	x	1 1 2 1/2
3 Danielle Puzio, Dearborn	987	0	0	x 1 1
4 Holland Cunningham, Detroit	958	0	0	0 x 0
SECTION A9				
1 Cornelius Fortune, Detroit	UNR	x	1	1 1 3
2 Sylvester Tolbert, Detroit	784	0	x	1 1 2
3 Devoyne Fuqua, Detroit	UNR	0	0	x 1 1
4 Anita Hager, Dearborn	UNR	0	0	0 x 0
SECTION A10				
1 Leroy Williams, Detroit	UNR	x	1	1 1 3
2 James Tillman, Detroit	UNR	0	x	1 1 2
3 Matthew Venia, Union Lake	UNR	0	0	x 1 1
4 George Switzer, Dearborn	UNR	0	0	0 x 0
SECTION S11				
1 Derrick Barginere, Detroit	1159	x	1	0 1 2
2 Darlene Stinson, Detroit	1379	0	x	1 1 2
3 Scott Weik, Detroit	1243	1	0	x 0 1
4 Dawn Jones, Detroit	1206	0	0	1 x 1
SECTION S12				
1 Harvey Venia, Union Lake	UNR	x	1	0 1 2
2 Roger Fox, Lincoln Park	1137	0	x	1 1 2
3 Gary Kelp, Dearborn	UNR	1	0	x 0 1
4 Anthony Harris, Detroit	UNR	0	0	1 x 1
SECTION S13				
1 Jason Mynes, Detroit	UNR	x	1	1 1 3
2 Andy Wincel, Dearborn	UNR	0	x	1 1 2
3 Mark Tillman, Detroit	UNR	0	0	x 1 1
4 Jamie Coon, Walled Lake	UNR	0	0	0 x 0
SECTION S14				
1 David Burke, Detroit	UNR	x	1	1 1 3
2 Jeannette Boni, Detroit	UNR	0	x	1 1 2
3 Jorge Sanchez, Detroit	UNR	0	0	x 1 1
4 Matthew Tillman, Detroit	UNR	0	0	0 x 0
SECTION S15				
1 Brad Walker, Walled Lake	1500	x	1	1 1 3
2 Angela Grigsby, Detroit	1220	0	x	1 1 2
3 Maria Kelly, Detroit	1398	0	0	x 1 1
4 Cedric Hadley, Detroit	1098	0	0	0 x 0
SECTION S16				
1 Jeff Collier, Dearborn	UNR	x	1	1 1 3
2 Jason Lane, Detroit	UNR	0	x	1 + 2
3 Dale Bryant, Detroit	UNR	0	0	x 1 1
4 Joe Green, Detroit	UNR	0	-	0 x 0

DECEMBER 5 CLIPPERT QUADS

SECTION A1				
1 James Jackson, Detroit	1937	x	1	0 1 2
2 James Owens, West Bloomfield	1954	0	x	1 1 2
3 David Moody, Dearborn	1997	1	0	x 0 1
4 Dexter Thompson, Detroit	2303	0	0	1 x 1
SECTION A2				
1 Mike Smith, Monroe	1654	x	1/2	1 1 2 1/2
2 Christopher Morrow, Detroit	1663	1/2	x	1/2 1 1 2
3 Raymond Burwell, Detroit	1791	0	1/2	x 1 1 1/2
4 Jeff Thomas, Monroe	1630	0	0	0 x 0
SECTION A3				
1 Hassan Sobh, Dearborn	1495	x	1	1 1 3
2 Jacob Swartz, Detroit	1614	0	x	1 1 2
3 Ali el Hajj, Dearborn	1437	0	0	x + 1
4 Steve Rosenberg, Canton	1612	0	0	- x 0
SECTION A4				
1 Mohamad Fawaz, Dearborn	1385	x	1	1 1 3
2 Dan Miller, Dearborn	1317	0	x	1 1 2
3 Pramote Sujarit, Troy	1353	0	0	x 1 1
4 ... Roland, Detroit	1424	0	0	0 x 0
SECTION A5				
1 Brian Gilmore, Dearborn	1283	x	1/2	1 1 2 1/2
2 Tanapom Sujarit, Troy	1220	1/2	x	1 1 2 1/2
3 Corey Ward, Detroit	1211	0	0	x 1 1
4 Phil Clucas, Walled Lake	1191	0	0	0 x 0
SECTION A6				
1 Margaret Clark, Dearborn	1131	x	1	1 1 3
2 Willie Thomas, Detroit	1143	0	x	1 1 2
3 Mike Naji, Dearborn	1165	0	0	x 1 1
4 Todd Hager, Detroit	1124	0	0	0 x 0
SECTION A7				
1 Omar Khaled, Dearborn	1085	x	1	1 1 3
2 Antoine Franklin, Detroit	1080	0	x	1 1 2
3 Keith Williams, Detroit	1036	0	0	x 1 1 1/2
4 Tom Hobson, Walled Lake	1102	0	0	1/2 x 1/2
SECTION A8				
1 Ted Kanluen, Troy	1000	x	1/2	1 1 2 1/2
2 Brian Mosley, Detroit	UNR	1/2	x	1 1 2 1/2
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4 Holland Cunningham, Detroit	958	0	0	0 x 0
SECTION A9				
1 Cornelius Fortune, Detroit	UNR	x	1	1 1 3
2 Sylvester Tolbert, Detroit	784	0	x	1 1 2
3 Devoyne Fuqua, Detroit	UNR	0	0	x 1 1
4 Anita Hager, Dearborn	UNR	0	0	0 x 0
SECTION A10				
1 Leroy Williams, Detroit	UNR	x	1	1 1 3
2 James Tillman, Detroit	UNR	0	x	1 1 2
3 Matthew Venia, Union Lake	UNR	0	0	x 1 1
4 George Switzer, Dearborn	UNR	0	0	0 x 0
SECTION S11				
1 Derrick Barginere, Detroit	1159	x	1	0 1 2
2 Darlene Stinson, Detroit	1379	0	x	1 1 2
3 Scott Weik, Detroit	1243	1	0	x 0 1
4 Dawn Jones, Detroit	1206	0	0	1 x 1
SECTION S12				
1 Harvey Venia, Union Lake	UNR	x	1	0 1 2
2 Roger Fox, Lincoln Park	1137	0	x	1 1 2
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4 Anthony Harris, Detroit	UNR	0	0	1 x 1
SECTION S13				
1 Jason Mynes, Detroit	UNR	x	1	1 1 3
2 Andy Wincel, Dearborn	UNR	0	x	1 1 2
3 Mark Tillman, Detroit	UNR	0	0	x 1 1
4 Jamie Coon, Walled Lake	UNR	0	0	0 x 0
SECTION S14				
1 David Burke, Detroit	UNR	x	1	1 1 3
2 Jeannette Boni, Detroit	UNR	0	x	1 1 2
3 Jorge Sanchez, Detroit	UNR	0	0	x 1 1
4 Matthew Tillman, Detroit	UNR	0	0	0 x 0
SECTION S15				
1 Brad Walker, Walled Lake	1500	x	1	1 1 3
2 Angela Grigsby, Detroit	1220	0	x	1 1 2
3 Maria Kelly, Detroit	1398	0	0	x 1 1
4 Cedric Hadley, Detroit	1098	0	0	0 x 0
SECTION S16				
1 Jeff Collier, Dearborn	UNR	x	1	1 1 3
2 Jason Lane, Detroit	UNR	0	x	1 + 2
3 Dale Bryant, Detroit	UNR	0	0	x 1 1
4 Joe Green, Detroit	UNR	0	-	0 x 0

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THAT JAN. 9 LANSING \$50/\$25 MINI WAS A DIRECTOR'S DREAM

Good Weather (?), Good Entry (Unrateds up to Masters), Good Help, No Problems, GOOD REPORT

EDITOR: Good news! The Jan. 9 Lansing \$50/\$25 Mini was the best since these events started in October. Next one is Feb 6. More good news: Vincent Brattin was in Eastern Michigan University in Ypsilanti and dropped out of chess for awhile. Now he is back, living in Belleville, playing tournaments again and likely will soon graduate from his 1893 rating into expert. Paul Bauerle of DeWitt helped us get this tournament going. Brattin helped on wall charts and pairing cards, then offered to write the tourney report. Our thanks for all the assistance. Here is the report. It's good!

By Vincent J. Brattin

31 players braved the bitter cold, the blowing snow, and the lingering hangers to take part in those three rounds of tragedy and comedy called a mini-swiss, at Lansing on January 9. TD V.E. Vandenburg decided to enter himself at the last minute to finish the entry list at 32 and complete four sections with eight players each -- a perfect number.

The tournament started slightly late (what tournament doesn't?), but the fast time control -- 40 moves in 1 hour, followed by a 30-minute sudden-death -- assured that the action would be brisk, the other rounds would start on time, and that the tournament would finish fairly early. Not only did this prove to be true, but there were no disputes at all to handle, and the few spectators who dropped by were absolutely silent. A TD's dream! So much so that Van was able to concentrate almost entirely on his own games, and concentration makes all the difference in a mini-swiss.

Section I: The only surprise of the first round was that after 24 moves, master Kevin Czuhai was a pawn down in a calm position and had only 6 minutes for his remaining 16 moves. Sure enough, he won.

In Round 2, masters faced experts. No upsets, but still worth taking a look at:

Bruce Robison (2038) -- Kevin Noren (2282)
I worry a bit about putting a game of this length in this article, but how else is the master, with black, supposed to defeat an expert who calls the shots for the first 20 moves? He has to bide his time . . . and stay on his toes: 1. e4 e5 2. Nf3 Nc6 3. Bb5 a6 4. Bxc6 (The exchange variation, which is supposed to be drawish. Try as I might, though, I can't find any published game with this opening that actually ends in a draw) 4. . . dc 5. 0-0 f6 6. h3 c5 7. d3 Bd6 8. Nh4 Be6 9. f4 ef 10. Nf5 Qd7 11. Bxf4 Bxf4 12. Rxf4 0-0-0 13. Nc3 Bxf5 14. Rxf5 Ne7 15. Rf2 Qe6 16. Qh5 b6 17. a4 a5 18. Nb5 Nc6 19. Qf3 Kb8 20. Qg3 Rd7 21. Ke: Ne5 22. Rd2 c6 23. Na3 Kb7 24. Qe3 Rhd8 25. Red1 Qa2! (I can just imagine Noren saying "Black queen in the corner pocket" and deftly knocking it to a2 with a cue stick) 26. d4 (Best. 26. Rb1 permits 26. . . Nc4, where white gets to choose between three different ways of losing the e-change) 26. . . cd 27. Rxd4 Qxb2 28. Rxd7+ Rxd7 29. Rxd7+ Nxd7 30. Nc4 Qxc2 31. Qd4 Qc1+ 32. Kh2 Qf4+ 33. Kh1 Qc1+ 34. Kh2 Qf4+ 35. Kh1 Qc7 36. Nd6+ Ka7 37. Ne8 Qd8 38. Nxd7 Qe7 39. Nf5 Qe6 40. Nd6 Nc5 41. Kg1 Nxa4 42. Nc4 Nc5 43. Nxa5 Nxe4 44. Nc4 Nc5 45. Nxb6 Kxb6 46. Qb4+ Kc7 47. Qxc5 (White has done a fine job going toe-to-toe with the master, and if it were his move now he could probably find a perpetual check somewhere, or else make a long and difficult endgame in trying -- remember, this is being played in sudden death. But, alas . . .) 47. . . Qe1+ 48. Kh2 Qe5+ (And

this effectively ends it. White battles grittily on, but it's all coasting for black) 49. Qxe5 fe 50. Kg3 Kd6 51. Kf3 Ke6 52. Ke4 c5 53. g4 c4 54. h4 Kf6 55. Ke3 h6 56. Ke4 Ke6 57. Ke3 Kd5 58. g5 hg 59. h5 Ke6 60. Ke4 g4 WHITE RESIGNS.

If there had been a crowd, this game would have pleased 'em. It's short, combatant, and the end is fairly humorous. Looking over it, it might easily have been a game of speed chess.

Kevin Czuhai (2226) -- Bill Groeller (2172)

1. e4 e5 2. Bc4 Nf6 3. Nf3 Nc6 4. 0-0 Nxe4 5. Nc3 Nxc3 6. dc Be7 7. Qd5 0-0 8. Nxe5 Nxe5 9. Qxe5 Bf6 10. Qg3 d5 11. Bd3 Re8 12. Bf4 c6 13. Rae1 Be6 14. Be5 Bxe5 15. Rxe5 g6 16. f4 f5 17. Rfe1 Qb6+ 18. Kh1 Bd7 19. h4 Rxe5 20. Rxe5 Re8 21. Rxe8+ Bxe8 22. Bxf5 Kf8 23. Be6 Qxb2 24. f5 Qa3 25. f6! Qc5 26. Qc7! BLACK RESIGNS.

After he resigned, Groeller crumpled his scoresheet and (in the skittles room) used some fairly ripe adjectives regarding his recent play, culminating with "I'm going to give up this (something) game." But fear not: in practically the same breath he declared he would play in Southfield the next day. I suspect it's this fiery attitude ("Never say draw!") that got Groeller his recent master's rating in the first place, and I would be very surprised if he didn't get it back before the Michigan Open.

In Round 3, Noren and Czuhai fought to a draw to split the 1st & 2nd prize money. No surprise there. Elsewhere, Robison won to earn the biggest rating gain of the section, and the following game, which had some oomph to it:

V.J. Brattin (1893) -- Paul Bauerle (2023)

1. e4 e6 2. Bb5 (This aberration originated with Henry Bird, who attained International Master strength despite this kind of opening play) 2. . . c6 3. Ba4 Na6 (A spirit of sacrifice, to say the least. You get things like this when both players are out of prize contention) 4. c3 d5 5. ed Qxd5 6. Nf3?! (6. Qf3 would have made more sense) 6. . . Qe4+ 7. Kf1 Nf6 8. d4 Be7 9. Bg5 0-0 10. Ndd2 Qd5 11. Qe2 Qa5 12. Bc2 b5? 13. Ne4 Qd8 14. Nxf6+ Bxf6 15. Qe4 (Pop! goes the c-pawn) 15. . . g6 16. Bh6 Re8 17. Qxc6 Rb8 18. Qe4 (If 18. Bf4 Rb6 forces white to bring the queen back anyway -- or else put it on a8 and risk getting the silly thing trapped) 18. . . Bb7 19. Qe3 Nc7 20. h4 Bxf3 21. Qxf3 e5 (Black had probably planned on 21. . . Bxh4, but then noticed 22. Bf4 Be7 23. Rxh7! Kxh7 24. Qh5+ Kg7 25. Qh6+ Kg8 26. Bxg6 fg 27. Qxg6+ Kh8 28. Ke2! winning immediately) 22. de Bxe5 23. h5 Rb6 24. hg! fg 25. Be3. Rf6 26. Qh3 Qe7 (No better is 26. . . Rf7, when 27. Bb3 Nd5 28. Rd1 Nxe3+ 29. Qxe3 wins for white) 27. Bg5 Bf4!? (A clever counter-punch in mutual time pressure, as 28. Bxf6 permits mate-in-three. My Novag SuperConstellation (USCF rating 2018) recommends 27. . . Bxc3, but after 28. Bb3+ Kh8 29. Qxc3 Qe2+ 30. Kg1 Qxf2+ 31. Kh2 Rf8 32. Rhf1 and black has nothing left) 28. Bb3+ Kf8 29. Qh6+ Qg7 30. Qxg7+ Kxg7 31. Bxf6+ BLACK RESIGNS.

Section II: Director Vandenburg was the story of Round 1, as he picked up material and coasted in to victory against that section's top-ranked player, Jerry Kruskie.

Round 2 -- Van does it again, with black against the section's #3 player, David Sundeen. 2nd-ranked Ron Pierce keeps pace with a win, setting up the following.

Round 3 -- Will Van do it again?

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SECTION S17

1 Shawn Lewandowski, Dearborn	UNR	x	1	1	1	3
2 Tory Scharrer, Walled Lake	UNR	0	x	1	1	2
3 Robby Donovan, Walled Lake	UNR	0	0	x	1	1
4 Keeyan Fikes, Detroit	UNR	0	0	0	x	0

SECTION S18

1 John Dampun, Detroit	UNR	x	1	1	1	3
2 Vorceil Wright, Detroit	UNR	0	x	1	1	2
3 Jason Heist, Detroit	UNR	0	0	x	1	1
4 Chris Coverdil, Walled Lake	UNR	0	0	0	0	0

SECTION S19

1 Dawn Miller, Dearborn	UNR	x	1	1	1	3
2 Mike Hamoud, Walled Lake	UNR	0	x	1	1	2
3 Steven Haeser, Walled Lake	UNR	0	0	x	1	1
4 Natalie Whidby, Detroit	UNR	0	0	0	x	0

SECTION S20

1 Kenya Tolbert, Detroit	UNR	x	1	1	1	3
2 Ryan Solomon, Walled Lake	UNR	0	x	1	1	2
3 Kelly Culross, Dearborn	UNR	0	0	x	1	1
4 Sandy Meyers, Walled Lake	UNR	0	0	0	x	0

SECTION S21

1 Chris Monaco, Dearborn	UNR	x	1	1	1	3
2 Jeff Crowe, Detroit	UNR	0	x	1	1	2
3 Brad Ashman, Walled Lake	UNR	0	0	x	1	1
4 Andrew Caschena, Walled Lake	UNR	0	0	0	x	0

SECTION S22

1 Mark Melton, Walled Lake	UNR	x	1	1	1	3
2 Clifton Amaley, Detroit	UNR	0	x	1	1	2
3 Daryl Tate, Walled Lake	UNR	0	0	x	1	1
4 Russell Wolf, Walled Lake	UNR	0	0	0	x	0

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V.E. Vandenburg (1618) -- Ron Pierce (1828)

1. b4 (As I analyzed this game in the skittles room, a player from Section IV looked over my shoulder and remarked about the oddness of this move. I explained that in Michigan it was not so strange, equating it to hitting an opossum in the road: it doesn't happen often, but it doesn't make the headlines when it does) 1. ... e5
 2. Bb2 Bxb4 3. Bxe5 Nf6 4. c4 0-0 5. e3 d6 6. Bb2
 Nc6 7. Be2 Bf5 8. Nf3 Ba5 9. 0-0 Bb6 10. Nc3 d5
 11. cd Nxd5 12. Nxd5 Qxd5 13. d3 Qe6 14. d4 Rad8
 15. a3 Na5 16. Rc1 (A good wholesome give-and-take so far. In a position such as this where neither side has a clear advantage, the winner -- if any -- will be the one with more patience, or more accurately, less impatience. And Van is never in a hurry!) 16. ... Nb3? 17. Bc4!
 (Oops.) BLACK RESIGNS.

So Chief TD Vandenburg takes home the \$50 first prize by sweeping Section II. His 3 upset wins may push his rating way up to the 1700 mark or more. No doubt about it: you can't keep an old man down!

David Sundeen and Brian Brattin both won in this round as well (the latter with a quick upset of Kruskie) to earn a share of Pierce's 2nd-place prize money. Make that \$8.33 to each, and Van's first TD problem: making proper change. Seems ironic that the tournament was held in the basement of a bank.

Section II: Darrell Ingles upset the top two players in this section and then ground down a determined Jon Beaudry (who also had two upsets in the first two rounds) in the tournament's longest game -- 82 moves.

Of interest is the following Ingles win:

David Miller (1518) -- Darrell Ingles (1456)

1. e4 e6 2. d4 d6 3. Nc3 Bd7 4. f4 c5 5. Nf3 Nc6
 6. d5 Nd4 7. Nxd4 cd 8. Qxd4 (Ypsilanti B-player Dr. Henry Thomas once told me that the first pawn doesn't matter; it's only when a second pawn is lost that you should worry. It seems strange that a man with a doctorate in mathematics should count his pawns in such fashion, but the message is that black should not get discouraged)
 8. ... Nf6 9. de Bxe6 10. f5 Bd7 11. Bf4 Bc6 12. 0-0-0
 Be7 13. Bb5 0-0 14. Bxc6 bc 15. Bxd6 Bxd6 16. Qxd6
 (Now the difference is two pawns, but black isn't about to give up) 16. ... Qb6 17. Qq3 Rab8 18. b3 Qb4 19. h4
 Qa3+ (This game seems to typify Class C chess: where both sides attack and neither defend, and no one can predict a winner, but only that it will be won. The difference in rating means little, as victory usually goes to the braver, or as in this case, the least indecisive) 20. Kb1 a5 21. h5 h6 22. Rd6 a4 23. Re1?! (If white is going to play Rxf6 or Rxc6, he should certainly do one of them now. This indecision will prove disastrous)
 23. ... ab 24. cb c5 25. Re2 c4 26. Rxf6 cb 27. Qe1
 (A desperate try to defend his king. Black could take the rook on f6 now, but rightly recognizes that there's a bigger fish to fry) 27. ... ba+ (Also good is 27. ... Rfc8
 28. Rd6 Rxc3 29. Rd1 Rc2, followed by mate in three, as suggested by my trusty Novag, but the text move is just as decisive -- and cost hundreds less) 28. Ka1 Rb1+
 29. Nxb1 ab+ 30. Kxb1 Rb8+ 31. Kc2 Rb2+ WHITE RESIGNS.

Beaudry was tied for 2nd prize by David Miller and Bob Repas. The latter had a particularly nice win in Round 2: in this next game, Repas reminds me of a school principal dealing with an erring student. The meeting is short but uncomfortable, and the principal has it go all his own way . . .

Bob Repas (1478) -- Mike Finn (1318)

1. e4 e5 2. f4 (Uh oh! Beware of old men with old openings!) 2. ... Bc5 3. Nf3 ef 4. d4 Bb6 5. Bc4 d6 6. 0-0
 Bg4 7. Bxf4 h6 8. Kh1 Qf6 9. Be3 Nc6 10. c3 0-0-0
 11. d5 Bxe3 12. dc bc 13. Ba6+ Kb8 14. Qb3+ Bb6 15. Nd4!
 (This is the ruler on the knuckles that we feared was coming) 15. ... Qg5 16. Nxc6+ Ka8 17. Nxd8 Qxd8 18. Qd5+!
 BLACK RESIGNS (And we leave the office whimpering, with the promise that we'll never throw erasers at the teacher again . . .)

Section IV was the only one to end "ideally," with one 1st prize winner and one 2nd prize winner. John Dakins and Joe Krzyston did the honors, respectively, and both should pick up about fifty rating points for

their fine efforts. Also worthy of notice was the performance of unrated Eric Curtis, who took clear third with two wins. His first rating should be in Class D already. Congrats!

And that's the way it was, January 9, 1988. It was a tournament with its comedies and its tragedies, a tournament with its familiar faces at the top, with its new talents, and with its surprise heroes. A tournament like any other, actually.

Gosh, it's great to be back!

Lansing \$50/\$25 Mini-Swiss Jrn. 9

Section I			1	2	3		RC
1. Kevin Noren	Lansing	2282	W7	W3	D2	2.5	+17
2. Kevin Czuhai	Gr. Rapids	2226	W4	W6	D1	2.5	+26
3. Bruce Robison	Lansing	2038	W8	L1	W6	2.0	+30
4. V.J. Brattin	Belleville	1893	L2	D5	W7	1.5	+20
5. William Ford	Lansing	1871	L6	D4	BYE	1.5	-6
6. Bill Groeller	Detroit	2172	W5	L2	L3	1.0	-38
7. Paul Bauerle	DeWitt	2032	L1	D8	L4	0.5	-43
8. John Schoonmaker	E. Lansing	1865	L3	D7	---	0.5	-6

Section II								
1. V.E. Vandenburg	Eaton Rpds	1618	W5	W4	W2	3.0	+85	
2. Ron Pierce	Lansing	1828	W7	W3	L1	2.0	-8	
3. Brian Brattin	Coldwater	1639	W6	L2	W5	2.0	+33	
4. David Sundeen	Lansing	1721	W8	L1	W6	2.0	+2	
5. Jerry Kruskie	Union Lake	1832	L1	W8	L3	1.0	-50	
6. Al Dalimonte	Gr. Ledge	1555	L3	W7	L4	1.0	-9	
7. Roger Nelson	Dansville	1577	L2	L6	W8	1.0	-10	
8. Bruce Carman	Belton	1561	L4	L5	L7	0.0	-42	

Section III								
1. Darrell Ingles	Gobles	1456	W5	W3	W2	3.0	+54	
2. Jon Beaudry	Red Wing MN	1361	W4	W6	L1	2.0	+32	
3. David Miller	Lansing	1518	W7	L1	W6	2.0	+8	
4. Bob Repas	Bath	1478	L2	W5	W7	2.0	+5	
5. Michael Finn	Dimondale	1318	L1	L4	W8	1.0	-8	
6. Brian June	Flint	1422	W8	L2	L3	1.0	-24	
7. Michael Campbell	South Lyon	1382	L3	W8	L4	1.0	-13	
8. Thom Little	Portland	1315	L6	L7	L5	0.0	-54	

Section IV								
1. John Dakins	Haslett	1196	W8	W5	W4	3.0	+49	
2. Joe Krzyston	Kalamazoo	1106	W6	D4	W5	2.5	+52	
3. Eric Curtis	Gr. Ledge	UNR	L4	W6	W7	2.0	1216	
4. Alan Jones	Caledonia	1195	W3	D2	L1	1.5	-3	
5. Don D. Jackson	South Haven	1166	W7	L1	L2	1.0	-24	
6. Louis Axeman, Jr	E. Lansing	1206	L2	L3	W8	1.0	-36	
7. Don Clark	Howell	UNR	L5	W8	L3	1.0	1024	
8. Jeff Smith	Kentwood	UNR	L1	L7	L6	0.0	946	

Note -- rating changes (RC) are entirely unofficial. The same holds true for estimated new ratings of unrated players.

Prize winners:

Section I: Noren, Czuhai (\$37.50 each)

Section II: Vandenburg (\$50), Pierce, B. Brattin, Sundeen (\$8.33 each)

Section III: Ingles (\$50), Beaudry, Miller, Repas (\$8.33 each)

Section IV: Dakins (\$50), Krzyston (\$25)

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game was adjourned, apparently a draw. All-night analysis confirmed it. But Karpov weakened his position with move 45...h5? (see game at end of article), and Kasparov moved in for the kill.

The players split the \$1,600,000 purse evenly. But taxes in Russia run as high as 69%!

A packed house of 900 watched the finale. The two contenders have now played 120 title games over 3 years. Score: 60.5--59.5 for the Champ. This last match, Sept 3 to Nov. 9, was played in Spain. Here is their final game, from USCF:

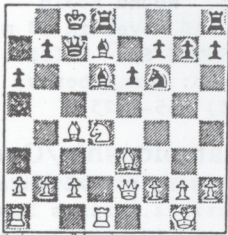
GAME 24, KASPAROV-KARPOV (Reti Opening)

...c4 e6 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.g3 d5 4.h3 Be7 5.Bg2 0-0 6.0-0 b6 7.Bb2 Bb7 8.e3 Nbd7 9.Nc3 Ne4
 10.Ne2 a5 11.d3 Bf6 12.Qc2 Bxb2 13.Qxb2 Nd6 14.cxd5 Bxd5 15.d4 c5 16.Rfd1 Rc8
 17.Nf4 Bxf3 18.Bxf3 Qe7 19.Rac1 Rfd8 20.dxc5 Nxc5 21.b4 axb4 22.Qxb4 Qa7 23.a3
 Nf5 24.Rb1 Rxd1+ 25.Rxd1 Qc7 26.Nd3 h6 27.Rel Ne7 28.Qb5 Nf5 29.a4 Nd6 30.Qb1
 Qa7 31.Ne5 Nxa4 32.Rxc8+ Nxc8 33.Qd1 Ne7 34.Qd8+ Kh7 35.Nxf7 Ng6 36.Qe8 Qe7
 37.Qxa4 Qxf7 38.Be4 Kg8 39.Qb5 Nf8 40.Qxb6 Qf6 41.Qb5 Qe7 42.Kg2 g6 43.Qa5 Qg7
 44.Qc5 Qf7 45.h4 h5? 46.Qc6 Qe7 47.Bd3 Qf7 48.Qd6 Kg7 49.e4 Kg8 50.Be4 Kg7
 51.Qe5+ Kg8 52.Qd6 Kg7 53.Bb5 Kg8 54.Be6 Qa7 55.Qb4 Qe7 56.Qb7 Bd8 57.e5 Qa5
 58.Be8 Qc5 59.Qf7+ Kh8 60.Ba4 Qd5+ 61.Kh2 Qc5 62.Bh3 Qc8 63.Bd1 Qc5 64.Kg2
 and Karpov resigned. After 64...Qd5+ 65.Bf3 Qc5 66.Be4 Qa3 67.Kh2! (of course not
 67.Bxg6?? Nxg6 68.Qxg6 Qf3+! drawing.) 67...Qb4 either 68.Bxg6 Nxg6 69.Qxg6 Qxb4+
 70.Kg2 or 68.f3 wins.

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Mark Stefanski - Barry Bartle
86MCA1
French Defense (Tarrasch) C07/17*99
Notes by Mark Stefanski

1..4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nd2 c5 Black tries to break up the White center immediately, even at the cost of tempo and structure. The alternative is Nf6. 4.exd5 Qxd5 aims for quick development. 5.Ngf3 5.dxc5 Bxc5 6.Ngf3 Nf6 7.Bc4 Qc6! allows Black an easy game. 5...cxd4 6.Bc4 Qd6 (best) 7.O-O Nf6 8.Nb3 Nc6 9.Nbxd4 Nxd4 10.Nxd4 10.Qxd4 leaves white slightly better, but is not as sharp. 10...a6! Prepares ...Qc7, Bd6, and defends the b5 square. 11.Re1 The least tested and most tactical line. 11...Bd7 Consistent with Black's system. 12.Be3



White finds a killer!

12.c3 Qc7 13.Bd3 Bd6! 12...Qc7 and I'm out of book. 13.Qe2 O-O-O? 14.Red1 Setting up my next move. 14...Bd6 15.Bxa6!! This is not just a cheap shot, though a cheap shot it is! (14...bxa6?? 16.Qxa6+ Kb8 17.Rd3 and the cows come home.) In effect it trades his a-pawn for my h-pawn, but more importantly it reallows me access to b5, and if he does take the h-pawn it will leave a vulnerable bishop on h2. 15...Nd5 I can see nothing better. 16.Bg5! A valuable tempo! (16...f6 doesn't work due to 17.Nxe6 Bxe6 18.Qxe6+.) 16...Rdg8 Huh? Oh, I see--he'll be back shortly. 17.Bb5 Bxh2+ If you'll give me this pawn, I'll overload my queen, and hope I can get the bishop out in time. 18.Kh1 Sounds fair to me. 18...h6 19.Bc1 Rd8! The threat is Bxd7 and c4, and neither 19...Bxb5 20.Nxb5 Qe5 21.Qc4+Kb8 22.Rxd5! exd5 23.Qh4 nor 19...Be5 20.Bxd7 Kxd7 21.Nb5 and 22.c4 help, so the rook comes back to retake on d7. 20.Bxd7 Rxd7 21.Nb5 Qe5 I don't know, maybe ...Qb8, but that looks terrible too. 22.Qc4+ Kb8 22...Nc7 23.Na7+ Kd8 24.Qh4+ g5 25.Rxd7 Kxd7 26.Qxh2 Qe1+ 27.Qg1 Qa5 28.Be3 and I believe White wins. 23.Qh4 A pawn well spent. 23...Bf4 24.Bxf4 Nxf4 25.Rxd7 and the rest is just mopping up. 25...g5 26.Qg4 I like this better than Qg3. 26...Qb5 27.Qd1 Kc8 28.Rxf7 Qe8 29.Qd4 Qxf7 30.Qxh8+ Kf7 31.Qxh6 Qf5 32.Qg7+ Kc6 33.Rd1 e5 34.Qe7 Nd5 35.Qe8+ Kc5 36.a4 Qh7+ 37.Kg1 1-0.

More about computers

The discussion in the last column brought some mail. Nobody expressed an opinion AGAINST allowing their use in the next MCA tournament. V.E. Vandenburg suggests that allowing them would enable the lower-rated player a chance and he'd get interested in postal again. Postal Champion Phil Soper says he assumes all opponents have computers and really doesn't mind--it may improve the game. But, he asks, what happens when the computers get better than the human? "One would hate to spend all that time and then find one was actually playing the computer. It would be better to play the computer directly."

Alan Jones accuses me of chauvinism against computers and wants either an immediate start of a new MCA tournament, computers permitted, or a challenge match in which he may use his monsters. It isn't quite time for a new MCA tournament--we should at least have the 86 finals underway before starting a new prelim round--but the challenge match, to be published in MC, win, lose or draw, is starting. It is Jones aided by computers vs. Barry Bartle and Chris Rosenfield in collaboration. So if the computer wins Jones can claim victory over BOTH of your de facto postal editors. If the next MCA tournament is to allow computers, perhaps we can get the manufacturer of some of the commercial machines to make a nice contribution to the prize fund. Alan Jones is investigating. Your opinion on this subject is most welcome.

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Not Over AFTER They Were Over?

But what really made 1987 special in Michigan Chess was something which would have made Yogi Berra turn over in his grave had he been dead. You see, this is the year the games weren't over when they were over.

Case #1, Ann Arbor. A Master is playing an Expert. The Master is in the middle of a winning sacrificial combination of which the Expert does not yet see the point. The Expert, not noticing he is in check, makes an illegal move and stops his clock. The Master immediately restarts the Expert's clock to alert him to the illegality.

The Expert interprets this as resignation, and extends his hand. The Master in turn interprets this as resignation, and both hand in their scoresheets. A few minutes later, one confused TD comes into the skittles room.

"Who won your game?"

"I did!" (in unison, of course).

Things were resumed, and the Master won.

White Writes Win, Black Writes Draw

Case #2, Class A Championship. 2 players mumble a bit, and sign their scoresheets. White writes down a win for himself, Black records it as a draw.

"What do you mean draw?" asks White. "I play here and you're busted".

"No, I play this. Position is a draw."

"But then this wins easily."

"No, I hold with this."

So, the players sit there, and conduct a post-mortem to find out what the result of the game was. By the time the TD arrived they had agreed a draw, which result was allowed to stand.

The Draw That Wasn't--Or Was It?

Case #3, Michigan Amateur. Class D is two pieces down to Class C, but has cheapo potential. Naturally, he offers a draw, to which Class C replies "No, I'd like to think about it."

A few minutes later, Class C accepts the draw.

"Wait a second, you already refused the draw offer--you can't accept it now".

"I just said I wanted to think about it."

"You said no--that's a refusal".

"Okay, I offer a draw now."

"I refuse--I don't want a draw anymore."

The case was brought up to the TD, who finally ruled that the Class C player's statement was ambiguous, and the Class D player was within his rights to assume that the draw had been refused.

So the game went on--and the Class C player won.

Proper punishment, I would say, for refusing your own draw offer.

WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

MCA is unable to send membership cards or MICHIGAN CHESS to members when the post office notifies us they have moved with no new address or if an incomplete or address is given to MCA (such as no street number, no street or something we can't read). Can you give us addresses for:

Ken Harma, Jr. (was New Hudson)
Kenton C. Weber (was E. Lansing)
John Metzelaar (was Ypsilanti)
Fernando R. Willis (was Detroit)
Alan Glen (was Holt)
Thomas LaForge (was Warren)
Richard Alliston (was Pontiac)
Russell G. Dickens (was Burton)
C. Edward Fee (was Ann Arbor)

CHESS TOURNAMENT CALENDAR

Feb 6 Sa DETROIT Clippert Quads

Clippert Middle School, 4725 Martin (N. of Mich, W. of Livernois). Rd Robin sects. of 4 by ratings, 40/1 & SD/30. ENTRY \$5, juniors \$3. Reg. 8-8:45, \$2 more later. Rds 9-12-3. MCA & USCF. PRIZES: \$10 or trophy to 1st in each section. N/S or computers. Wheelchairs O.K. Pete Nixon (513) 676-2985.

DETROIT Clippert Scholastic Quads

Same as above but open only to 12th grade and under. No memberships required.

Feb 6 Sa LANSING \$50/\$25 Mini-Swiss

Capitol Federal Bldg., 6510 S. Cedar (I-96 Exit #104, S.to Cedar, 2 blks N. to site). 3-rd Swiss, sections of 8-10 by ratings. 40 moves 1 hr/30 min. S.D. Register 8:30-9:15. Rds 9:30-1-4:30. Entry \$12 until 9:15, \$1 more later. MCA & USCF. PRIZES, each section: \$50 1st, \$25 2nd. Info, V.E.Vandenburg (TD), 2177 Michigan, Eaton Rapids MI 48827, phone (517) 646-6142. Host: Lansing Chess Club.

Feb.13 Sa FLINT: Mich. Elementary Championship Announcement on next page

Feb.14 Su. MIDLAND Mini-Swiss

USWA Union Hall, 311 S.Saginaw Rd. Sections of 6-10 by ratings. 45/90, then 30/SD. RDS.10-1-4. ENTRY \$5. Need MCA & USCF or T-Opts. PRIZES: 1st in each section, half of entry fees. No computers, limited smoking. INFO Howard King, Jr., 3306 Haker, Midland MI 48060. (517) 636-7063.

Feb 14 Su SOUTHFIELD Tornado

Civic Center(Parks & Rec), 26000 Evergreen (N.of 10 Mile). Sects. of 6, 30/30, 30/SD. Reg.9-9:45. Entry \$7, after 9:45 \$12. Need MCA & USCF or T-opts. PRIZES top sect. \$45, others \$20. Joe Feldman, 20449 Tapert, Southfield 48076. (313) 357-1890. NS/NC. W.Chairs OK.

Feb.20 Sa TRENTON Mini Swiss

Hass Park Comm. Bldg., 3-rd Swiss. Sections of 6 by ratings. Reg. 9-9:45. Rds 10-1:30-5 (40/1). MCA & USCF. Entry \$5. PRIZES: \$20 or trophy for 1st in each section. Ken Roberts, 5019 McMillan, Dearborn Hts. 48127: (313) 565-2123.

Feb 20-21 PLYMOUTH: High School Championship Announcement on next page

Feb 27 Sa GRAND RAPIDS: Cold Winter Knight Mini

Lake Huron Hall, Grand Valley State Univ. 3 rd Swiss, sects.6-10 by ratings. 40/1 then SD/60. Entry \$8. Reg. 9-9:44. \$2 more later. Need MCA & USCF. Rds 10-2-6. PRIZES: \$32 1st. \$16 2nd each section 8 or more; \$8 3rd if over 8. No smoking. Glenn Good, 1797 Pinnacle Dr SW, Wyoming 49509. Phone (616) 532-7065.

Mar 5 Sa DETROIT Clippert Quads

Same as Feb. 6 on this page

Mar 5 Sa LANSING \$50-\$25 Mini-Swiss

Same as Feb 6 Lansing on this page

Mar 12 Sa DETROIT: Junior H.S. Championship

Announcement on next page

Mar 13 Su SOUTHFIELD Tornado

Same as February 14 on this page

Mar.18-20 CHICAGO: National Open See CHESS LIFE for info

Mar 19-20 FLINT: Mich. Junior Championships Announcement on page 7

Mar 20 Su TRENTON Quads

Haas Park Comm Bldg. 72 Washington. Round Robin sections of four, similar ratings. 40 moves in 90 min. Register 9-9:45. Rds. 10-1:30-5. ENTRY \$5. PRIZES: 1st each section \$10 or trophy. Info: Ken Roberts, 5919 McMillan, Dearborn Hts. (313) 565-2123.

Apr 9-10 GRAND RAPIDS Championship/Open

Lake Huron Hall, Grand Valley State Univ., Allendale (M-45, 12 mi. W. of US-131) 2 sections, prizes based on 25 total. ENTRY \$20. Reg. 9-9:44, \$5 more later. MCA & USCF needed. Rds 10-1:30-5, 11-3. No smoking. CHAMPIONSHIP SECTION 5-RR for top 6 entering from G.R.area. 1st: \$100, trophy & title. Best game prize. OPEN SECTION: 5-RD Swiss. 1st \$50 & \$25 2nd; \$50 each class with 3 or more: B,C,D/E, unrated. Upset & best game prizes. Glenn Good, 1797 Pinnacle Dr SW, Wyoming 49509. (616) 532-7065.

Apr 10 Su SOUTHFIELD Tornado

Same as February 14 on this page

Apr 16 Sa TRENTON Mini-Swiss

Same as February 20 on this page

Apr 16 Sa LANSING \$50/\$25 Mini-Swiss

Same as Feb 6 Lansing on this page

NATIONAL ELEMENTARY CHAMPIONSHIP

Apr. 22-24 DETROIT. Announcement on back cover.

May 8 SOUTHFIELD Tornado

May 21 DETROIT Clippert Quads

May 22 TRENTON Quads

May 28-29 GRAND RAPIDS:

Masters/Experts/Class Championships

June 18 GRAND RAPIDS: Hex Your Opponent

Jul 16-17 EAST DETROIT Open

Jul 23-24 GRAND RAPIDS: 2nd Summer Swiss

Aug 27 GRAND RAPIDS: Mich. Open

Sept 22-5 1988 MICHIGAN OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP

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Michigan Chess Association 1988 Scholastic Team Championships

	Elementary	Jr. High	High School
Date:	Feb 13, 1988	Mar 12, 1988	Feb 20+21, 1988
Place:	Kearsley H.S. Flint	Clippert M.S. Detroit	Plymouth-Canton H.S. Plymouth
Rated/ Unrated:	Unrated	Rated	Rated
Restrictions:	6th & under	9th & under No High Schools	High Schools only
Registration:	8-8:30 a.m.	8-8:30 a.m.	9-9:30 a.m.
Entry Fees:	Early entry by mail is encouraged for all tournaments.		
Advance:	\$ 20.00	\$ 20.00	\$ 20.00
On site:	25.00	25.00	25.00
Late:	30.00	30.00	30.00
	\$ 5.00 discount for additional teams from the same school.		
	Entry fee includes a library subscription to <u>Michigan Chess</u> magazine.		
Memberships:	None	MCA required for Jr. High & High School \$6 Youth or \$3.00 participating youth No USCF needed !!	
Team Format:	Teams of four with one alternate allowed. Teams must have at least three players. Alternate must play lowest board. High School: This year the High School will be in two sections: open and reserve. The open is open to 1 team from each school. The reserve is open to schools additional teams, first time schools or schools that have not participated for 2 or more years.		
Format:	4 Round Swiss	4 Round Swiss	5 Round Swiss
Round Times:	9-12-3-6	9-12-3-6	2/20 10-2-6 2/21 11-3
Time Control:	50/60, then G/15 Rd 4 15/15	40/60, then G/15 Rd 4 15/15	30/60, then 15/30

Trophies

Teams:	top 10 Teams	top 10 Teams	top 7 + any teams with positive scores!
Individuals:	1st & 2nd each Board. 1st alternate	1st & 2nd each board. 1st alternate	1st & 2nd each board. 1st alternate

Directors:	James Kulbacki	Dan Burg	William Groeller
Send Entries to:	Elementary Team 790 Tonkawa Tr. Lake Orion, MI 48035	Jr. High Team 27519 E. River Grosse Ile, MI 48138-1946	High School Team 17527 Shaftsbury Detroit, MI 48219

For more Information contact: Peter C. Nixon, Scholastic Director
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1988 NATIONAL ELEMENTARY CHAMPIONSHIP

April 22-24 Southfield, Michigan

Site:

The tournament site is the Michigan Inn, located in Southfield, Michigan, just north of Detroit. The Hotel has over 13,000 square feet of convention space. Complete recreation facilities are available with an indoor/outdoor pool, workout room, Finnish sauna, two outdoor tennis courts, a putting green and a game room.

Choose from three sections:

- Elementary (K-6)
- Elementary Junior Varsity (k-6, with USCF rating below 1200)
- Primary (K-3)

Entry Fees:

- \$ 15 if postmarked before April 1, 1988.
- \$ 20 thereafter

Time Controls:

- 40 moves in 90 minutes.
- Then 30 minutes sudden death

Schedule:

- Friday, April 22
 - 12-5 p.m. Check in
 - 5 p.m. Coaches meeting
 - 6 p.m. Opening Ceremony
 - 6:30 p.m. Round 1:
- Saturday, April 23
 - 9 a.m. Round 2
 - 1:30 p.m. Round 3
 - 2 p.m. Coaches meeting
 - 6 p.m. Round 4
- Sunday, April 24
 - 8 a.m. Round 5
 - 8:30 am Coaches workshop
 - 12:30 p.m. Round 6
 - 5 p.m. Round 7
 - 9 p.m. Awards Ceremony, immediately following Round 7

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Prizes:

- Trophies to top 20 teams in each section.
- Trophies to top 25 individuals in each section.
- Plaques to 4 members and 1 coach of top 5 teams in each section.
- 15 additional trophies in the Primary section.
- 12 additional trophies in the Elementary section.
- 9 additional trophies in the Elementary Junior Varsity section.
- Participation awards for all players who complete their playing schedule.

Hotel Rates:

\$58 a night for as many as you like in the room. Contact: The Michigan Inn, 1-800-521-1709; Michigan 1-800-482-3440. 6% Hotel tax, 4% sales tax.

Travel Arrangements:

Unicorn Travel has made arrangements with NORTHWEST airlines for 5% off their lowest fares or 35% off regular coach. Call NORTHWEST at 1-800-328-1111 (in Minnesota 1-800-272-1408) and identify the event with ID # 12971. Unicorn Travel will handle all ticketing. Unicorn will also coordinate shuttle service to the hotel and has arranged for the best rental car rates. If you are flying, tell the reservations that you need shuttle or rental car service, otherwise contact Unicorn Travel at (313)675-4077 and ask for Dan Rowe.

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Sponsors:

The tournament is being organized by the Clippert Chess Club of Detroit. Co-Sponsors include: the U.S. Chess Federation, the Michigan Chess Association, the Detroit Public Schools, and the Ford Motor Company fund.

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