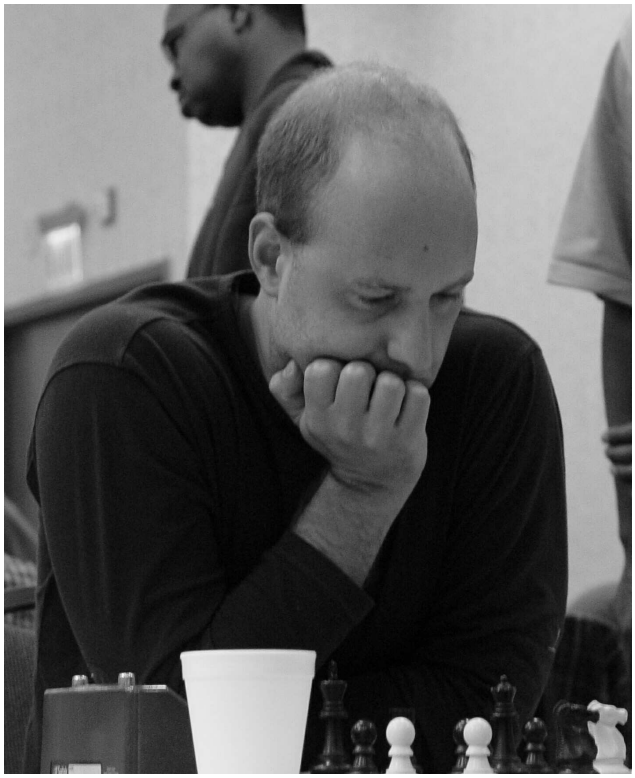
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MIDWEST CLASS CHAMPIONSHIPS

October 8-10 or 9-10
Hyatt Regency Oakbrook, Oakbrook IL (near Chicago)

$15,000 PRIZE FUND UNCONDITIONALLY GUARANTEED!

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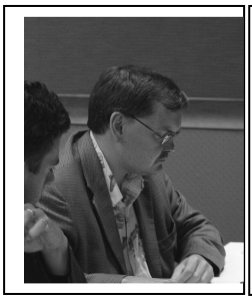
3-day schedule: Reg. ends Fri 6:30 pm, rds. Fri 7:30, Sat 11-6, Sun 9-3:15.
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Half point byes OK all, rds 3-5 must commit before rd 2.

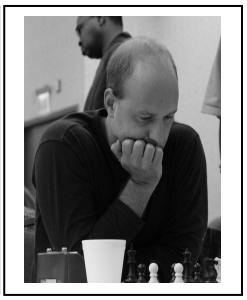
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President's Podium



PRESIDENTS PODIUM

I would like to start by apologizing for my error in stating that the Master Challenge would be held. By now many of you know that there will be no tournament this year. My only excuse is that I did not know that the Baker field house in St. Charles had been remodeled [So I need to get out more] to the point where there is much less space than 10 years ago.

I will remind everybody that the Illinois Open will be held in Lake Villa [just off of I-294 along Illinois route 120] this year on September 3, 4, & 5. So you will have Labor Day September 6 free for any activity you chose. Check out the advertisements for the tournament in the magazine.

I want wish Robert Rasmussen and Patrice Connolly good luck down in Ft. Lauderdale this August. They are the Illinois representatives for the Denker and Polgar invitational tournaments that are being held at the same time as the U.S. Open. Also, I want to wish any Illinois players playing in the event good luck.

Finally I want to congratulate Dimitri Gurevich on his result at the Chicago Open. His 4.5 point score allowed him to qualify for the US Closed in Seattle in January, way to go Dimitri.

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EHLVEST AND SHABALOV TOP CHICAGO OPEN

AMAZING RESULT BY WOMAN EXPERT!





The $100,000 guaranteed **Chicago Open** was held May 28-31, 29-31 or 30-31 at Hyatt Regency Oak Brook, with 22 Grandmasters among the 773 entries. GMs Jan Ehlvest and Alex Shabalov tied for first with 6-1 scores, with Ehlvest winning the speed playoff game after choosing Black to accept a 7-5 time disadvantage and receive draw odds.

The story of this tournament was the sensational result of Chouchanik Airapetian of Washington state, rated only 2066, who had made several prior attempts to qualify for this fall's US Women's Championship in San Diego without success. After three rounds, Airapetian had one point, but was leading three others for the women's qualifying spot. In her last four games, she defeated Shivaji (2279), Esserman (2294), Sarkar 2396) and Muhammad (2420)! As a result, she not only won the women's place, but also came in third among all 30 players competing for US Championship qualification! As four overall qualifying spots were available in addition to one for women, Airapetian became the first woman to ever achieve a result good enough to qualify even had no women's place been offered. She is also the lowest rated player ever to qualify for the Championship, not counting special women's places.

GM Alex Fishbein and 17-year old Joshua Friedel also qualified for the US Championship with 5 points, as did GM Dmitry Gurevich, tops on tiebreak among those who scored 4.5.

As Airapetian qualified overall, the women's spot went to Tatiana Vayserberg (2036), who lost her first three games but then matched Airapetian's 4-0 result in the last four rounds, beating Tsyganov (2290) and Betaneli (2250) in the two final games.

SwissSys Standings. Chicago Open: Chicago Open: Open Section

#	Name	Rtng	Team	Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd 3	Rd 4	Rd 5	Rd 6	Rd 7	Tot	TBrk[M]	TBrk[S]	TBrk[C]
1	Jaan Ehlvest	2674		W106	D97	W17	W28	W32	D3	W10	6	27	29.5	24
2	Alexander Shabalov	2701		W69	L45	W54	W47	W20	W35	W9	6	24.5	27.5	22
3	Alexander Goldin	2701		W38	W22	W23	W6	D9	D1	D5	5½	31	35	25
4	Alek Wojtkiewicz	2647		W49	W96	D11	W13	D12	D19	W18	5½	27.5	30.5	23
5	Varuzhan Akobian	2604		W98	W47	D25	D11	W27	W26	D3	5½	27.5	30.5	23
6	Benjamin Finegold	2611		W65	W73	W27	L3	W34	D12	W19	5½	26.5	29	23
7	Dashz Sharavdorj	2500		W83	W29	L9	D46	W24	W21	W17	5½	26.5	29	21
8	Victor Mikhalevski	2561		W75	D46	D15	W68	W22	D17	W32	5½	25	27.5	21.5
9	Hikaru Nakamura	2632		W39	W62	W7	W20	D3	D10	L2	5	30.5	33.5	24.5
10	Vitali Golod	2788		W61	W33	W19	D32	W18	D9	L1	5	28	31	24
11	Emil Anka	2502		W43	W95	D4	D5	L17	W36	W33	5	27.5	30	20.5
12	Alexander Fishbein	2568	Q	W52	W64	D72	W25	D4	D6	D14	5	26.5	29.5	22.5
13	Joshua E Friedel	2436	Q	W89	D35	W66	L4	W48	D41	W40	5	25	27	20
14	Yury Shulman	2616		L28	B---	D97	W106	W30	W29	D12	5	24.5	24.5	17
15	Oladapo O Adu	2337		W110	H---	D8	L21	W75	W38	W37	5	22.5	22.5	18
16	Chouchanik Airapetian	2066	Q	L45	W50	L64	W61	W93	W72	W34	5	20	23	16
17	Nikola Mitkov	2624		W60	W28	L1	W97	W11	D8	L7	4½	30	33.5	21
18	Alexander Stripunsky	2610		W31	D48	W24	W72	L10	W45	L4	4½	26.5	29.5	21
19	Dmitry Gurevich	2550	Q	W56	W53	L10	W64	W51	D4	L6	4½	26.5	29.5	21
20	Stanis Smetankin	2526		W70	W36	W99	L9	L2	W46	D27	4½	26.5	29.5	20.5
21	Julio J Becerra	2642		W90	D24	D45	W15	D23	L7	W48	4½	26.5	29	19

Chicago Open Crosstables

22	Mehmed Pasalic	2385		W58	L3	W52	W84	L8	D31	W47	4½	26	28	18
23	Dmitry Schneider	2512	Q	W55	W68	L3	W53	D21	D32	D25	4½	25.5	29	20
24	Samson Benen	2363		W44	D21	L18	W65	L7	W54	W49	4½	25.5	28.5	17
25	Robby Adamson	2396		W67	W91	D5	L12	D46	W50	D23	4½	25	27	19.5
26	Pavel Blatny	2531		D63	W93	W48	W45	D41	L5	D30	4½	24.5	27.5	20.5
27	Anatoly Y Lein	2418	Q	W108	W92	L6	W56	L5	W66	D20	4½	24.5	26	19.5
28	Jon L Burgess	2215		W14	L17	W82	L1	D47	W74	W62	4½	24	26.5	16.5
29	Igor Schneider	2296		W107	L7	W76	D37	W72	L14	W45	4½	23	24	18
30	Daniel Fernandez	2342	Q	L92	W77	W78	W99	L14	W55	D26	4½	21	23.5	17.5
31	Andrew R Boekhoff	2231		L18	W108	L33	W94	W73	D22	W51	4½	21	22.5	15
32	Daniel Fridman	2622		W54	W51	W34	D10	L1	D23	L8	4	28.5	32	21
33	Daniel Rensch	2388	Q	W40	L10	W31	W39	L35	W63	L11	4	27	30	18
34	Stephen Muhammad	2420	Q	W78	W59	L32	W49	L6	W42	L16	4	25.5	28	19
35	Ildar Ibragimov	2589		W81	D13	D46	W36	W33	L2	U---	4	25	25	19.5
36	John W Cole	2326		W105	L20	W70	L35	W52	L11	W65	4	23.5	24.5	16
37	Blas Lugo	2447	Q	W94	L99	D90	D29	W39	W68	L15	4	23	25	16.5
38	William J Aramil	2253		L3	D58	W80	W104	D62	L15	W67	4	22.5	25	14.5
39	Carl B Boor	2239	Q	L9	W87	W96	L33	L37	W89	W64	4	22	24	14
40	Jason T Duncan	2095		L33	L61	W105	W69	W53	W62	L13	4	21.5	22.5	14
41	Gregory Kaidanov	2749		W50	L72	W61	W74	D26	D13	U---	4	21.5	21.5	18.5
42	Mikhail Langer	2298	Q	L91	D67	W71	D57	W43	L34	W63	4	20.5	22.5	14
43	Lester L Van Meter	2200	Q	L11	W101	L47	W76	L42	W73	W66	4	20.5	22	13
44	Tatiana Vayserberg	2036	Q	L24	L90	L93	W102	W91	W95	W69	4	17.5	19.5	10
45	Matthew Hoekstra	2386		W16	W2	D21	L26	W74	L18	L29	3½	23	31.5	18.5
46	John Bartholomew	2333		W76	D8	D35	D7	D25	L20	D52	3½	22.5	30.5	16.5
47	Peter J Bereolos	2341	Q	W85	L5	W43	L2	D28	W77	L22	3½	21	29.5	15.5
48	Andrew Karklins	2344		W87	D18	L26	W98	L13	W81	L21	3½	19.5	27	16

49	Norman Rogers	2290	Q	L4	W63	W91	L34	W57	D51	L24	3½	18.5	26	15
50	Jake Kleiman	2269	Q	L41	L16	W87	W70	W84	L25	D57	3½	18.5	25.5	12.5
51	Miles F Ardaman	2378		W103	L32	W83	W59	L19	D49	L31	3½	18	24	17
52	Loal W Davis	2205		L12	W110	L22	W92	L36	W79	D46	3½	17	24	12.5
53	Craig W Jones	2297	Q	W101	L19	W92	L23	L40	W86	D55	3½	17	23	14.5
54	Keaton F Kiewra	2247		L32	W94	L2	D86	W71	L24	W77	3½	16.5	24.5	12
55	William B Wright	2200		L23	D102	W88	D66	W64	L30	D53	3½	16.5	23	13.5
56	Pappu L N Murthy	2200		L19	W109	W73	L27	L68	D59	W74	3½	16.5	21.5	13
57	David Filipovich	2192		D104	L74	W102	D42	L49	W61	D50	3½	15	21	13
58	Anna V Levina	2063	Q	L22	D38	L65	W110	D90	D75	W81	3½	14.5	21	10.5
59	Gregory Markzon	2293	Q	W84	L34	W89	L51	L63	D56	W75	3½	14.5	20.5	14
60	Renard W Anderson	2250		L17	H---	L106	W82	L77	W80	W78	3½	12.5	17	9.5
61	Shivkumar Shivaji	2279	Q	L10	W40	L41	L16	W80	L57	W89	3	21.5	26.5	10
62	William E Moreno	2379		W86	L9	D98	W90	D38	L40	L28	3	20.5	25.5	15
63	Victor R Feldberg	2188		D26	L49	W79	D96	W59	L33	L42	3	20.5	25	13.5
64	Michael Dougherty	2321		W109	L12	W16	L19	L55	W83	L39	3	20	25	14
65	Albert C Chow	2233	Q	L6	D80	W58	L24	D96	W84	L36	3	19.5	25	11.5
66	Gylfi Thorhallsson	2298		D88	W79	L13	D55	W83	L27	L43	3	19.5	24.5	14.5
67	Julian Chan	2120		L25	D42	D103	L73	W76	W90	L38	3	17	21.5	10.5
68	Edward W Formanek	2321	Q	W102	L23	W86	L8	W56	L37	U---	3	16.5	22	15
69	Alexander Betaneli	2250		L2	L86	W109	L40	W82	W92	L44	3	16	22	10
70	Fritz P Gaspard	2090		L20	W105	L36	L50	L79	W101	W91	3	14.5	19	9
71	Andrew B Rea	2063		L96	D103	L42	W108	L54	W85	H---	3	12	16	9
72	Justin Sarkar	2396	Q	W77	W41	D12	L18	L29	L16	U---	2½	21	26	15.5
73	Pedram Atoofi	2342		W80	L6	L56	W67	L31	L43	D76	2½	20	25.5	11.5
74	Aleksandar	2293		D79	W57	W104	L41	L45	L28	L56	2½	20	24.5	14.5

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75	Esao Elezaj	2203		L8	L76	W101	W89	L15	D58	L59	2½	18	23.5	10
76	Jonathan L Hilton	1980		L46	W75	L29	L43	L67	W100	D73	2½	17.5	22	8.5
77	Jason M Drake	2116		L72	L30	W107	D95	W60	L47	L54	2½	17	21.5	10
78	Paul H Song	2126	Q	L34	W100	L30	L93	D85	W102	L60	2½	17	21.5	9.5
79	Eric A Heiser	1809		D74	L66	L63	D85	W70	L52	D83	2½	16.5	20	9
80	William Brock	2029		L73	D65	L38	W88	L61	L60	W101	2½	16	20	8
81	Jim H Dean	2232		L35	L89	D85	W103	W104	L48	L58	2½	15.5	20	9.5
82	Todd J Trower	2017		L97	W106	L28	L60	L69	W105	D84	2½	15.5	20	8.5
83	Jeanpaul Lamastus-Candal	2199		L7	W107	L51	W91	L66	L64	D79	2½	15	20.5	10.5
84	Kelly Cottrell	1609		L59	B---	W95	L22	L50	L65	D82	2½	15	19.5	10.5
85	Dan E Mayers	2000		L47	L98	D81	D79	D78	L71	W103	2½	15	18.5	7
86	Steven A Owen	2051		L62	W69	L68	D54	H---	L53	H---	2½	13	16.5	9
87	Jason Mielke	2034		L48	L39	L50	W107	D101	W103	U---	2½	11	15	7.5
88	Benjamin Coraretti	1865		D66	L104	L55	L80	D109	W94	H---	2½	10.5	14	7
89	Adarsh Konda	1908		L13	W81	L59	L75	W94	L39	L61	2	17.5	22.5	9
90	Sunil Weeramantry	2240		L21	W44	D37	L62	D58	L67	U---	2	17.5	22	10
91	Dushyanth Reddivari	1857		W42	L25	L49	L83	L44	W109	L70	2	17.5	22	9
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94	Robert Loncarevic	2053		L37	L54	W100	L31	L89	L88	W109	2	14.5	19	6
95	Igor M Tsyganov	2290	Q	W100	L11	L84	D77	D98	L44	U---	2	13.5	18.5	10.5
96	Renier Gonzalez	2514		W71	L4	L39	D63	D65	U---	U---	2	13	18.5	10.5
97	Dimitri Tyomkin	2499		W82	D1	D14	L17	U---	U---	U---	2	11.5	17.5	12.5
98	Dwarak Krishnan	2210		L5	W85	D62	L48	D95	U---	U---	2	11.5	17	10
99	Igor Novikov	2726		W93	W37	L20	L30	U---	U---	U---	2	11.5	16	13

100	Jerry III Jones	unr.		L95	L78	L94	L101	W107	L76	W105	2	10.5	13	4

SwissSys Standings. Chicago Open: Chicago Open: Under 2200 Section

#	Name	Rtng	Team	Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd 3	Rd 4	Rd 5	Rd 6	Rd 7	Tot
1	Vladimir Lipman	2198		W95	W27	W50	W11	W6	D8	W5	6½
2	Lawyer Times r/e	2115		L29	W69	W19	W63	W30	W23	W6	6
3	Sergey S Galant	2169		W49	W70	W65	L15	W11	D4	W8	5½
4	Dmitriy N Obukhov	2118		L70	W92	W83	W50	W26	D3	W20	5½
5	Tony Cao	1897		D36	W61	W60	W59	W16	W15	L1	5½
6	Martin Nilsson r/e	2191		W12	W63	W68	W29	L1	W9	L2	5
7	Fred S Allsbrook	2146		D86	W44	D13	W27	D25	W38	D14	5
8	Kurt W Stein r/e	2141		D19	W52	W24	W58	W40	D1	L3	5
9	Geoffrey Caveney	2122		W42	D77	W20	W31	D15	L6	W21	5
10	Chayim Goodman rr/e	2110		H---	H---	L51	W69	W70	W28	W29	5
11	Ram Dake	2067		W43	W78	W34	L1	L3	W51	W30	5
12	Manis Davidovich	2047		L6	W90	L30	W82	W47	W53	W32	5
13	Aaron E Kahn	2042		W54	D23	D7	D21	W52	D29	W31	5
14	Miro Maslick	2040		W28	D72	D22	D34	W65	W40	D7	5
15	Movses Movsisyan	2199		D21	W46	W75	W3	D9	L5	D19	4½
16	Okechukwu N A Iwu	2174		W39	D20	W37	D26	L5	D32	W43	4½
17	Ilan Kreitner	2101		H---	W86	L31	L32	W76	W42	W39	4½
18	Gilbert Busby	2077		L31	W64	W84	W70	D38	L20	W44	4½
19	Robert Rasmussen	2034		D8	W85	L2	W74	W34	D31	D15	4½
20	Wayne Ballantyne	2024		W87	D16	L9	W73	W58	W18	L4	4½
21	James Hammersmith	2024		D15	D38	W57	D13	W44	W25	L9	4½
22	Ariel S Levi	2183		D40	W32	D14	L38	W63	D27	D25	4
23	Jon P Breider	2175		W83	D13	W36	L40	W51	L2	D26	4
24	Anton Lokhov	2068		D41	W74	L8	L52	W46	D50	W51	4
25	Daaim Shabazz	2040		H---	H---	W47	W55	D7	L21	D22	4

SwissSys Standings. Chicago Open: Under 2000 Section

#	Name	Rtng	Team	Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd 3	Rd 4	Rd 5	Rd 6	Rd 7	Tot
1	Stanimir M Ilic	1986		W91	D6	W39	W7	W2	W9	D4	6
2	Fayez Z Abouel-Komsan	1970		W72	W16	W25	W12	L1	W18	W19	6
3	Gansukh Sandagsuren	1960		W125	W70	W41	D57	D19	W17	W15	6

4	Cameron L Donis	1940		W126	W9	W63	D31	W57	W6	D1	6
5	Huber A Villa	1901		W117	L30	W103	W74	W66	W21	W14	6
6	Adekunle re Ogunmefun	1940		W104	D1	W26	W13	W27	L4	W29	5½
7	Pablo Jose G Pena	1933		W114	D101	W55	L1	W60	W30	W31	5½
8	Josito C Dondon	1883		W120	W89	L12	W36	D47	W24	W20	5½
9	James S Cates	1991		W50	L4	W80	W29	W49	L1	W38	5
10	Joseph P Richards	1986		D53	W115	L19	W54	D39	W69	W40	5
11	Daniel W Voje	1983		L80	W82	W50	W64	W40	L14	W39	5
12	Griffin Gibson	1951		W92	W109	W8	L2	W73	L19	W46	5
13	Garrett re Smith	1950		W75	W58	D29	L6	D69	W70	W45	5
14	Davis M Whaley	1936		W85	L99	W56	W28	W51	W11	L5	5
15	Mikhail Alex Kats	1925		W127	W74	D86	W30	D21	W46	L3	5
16	Rob Millette	1920		W93	L2	W112	L73	W71	W68	W34	5
17	Quaitemes re Williams	1918		W95	W73	D21	D20	W58	L3	W33	5
18	Ben Wallenberg	1895		D87	D45	W107	W79	W63	L2	W36	5
19	Patrick M Lacey	1873		W34	D106	W10	W24	D3	W12	L2	5
20	John Rinaldo	1991		D110	W103	W99	D17	D31	W27	L8	4½
21	Michael A Schemm	1978		W43	W68	D17	W69	D15	L5	D25	4½
22	David Nordahl	1950		W112	L41	D52	W105	W32	D31	D26	4½
23	Vishaldee Vaghela	1946		W83	W44	D30	L27	L29	W58	W55	4½
24	Mehrdad Pedram	1935		D45	W98	W54	L19	W55	L8	W57	4½
25	Rajen C Gandhi	1912		W128	W33	L2	L46	W83	W44	D21	4½

SwissSys Standings. Chicago Open: Under 1800 Section

#	*Name*	*Rtng*	*Team*	*Rd 1*	*Rd 2*	*Rd 3*	*Rd 4*	*Rd 5*	*Rd 6*	*Rd 7*	*Tot*
1	Zoran Stojanovski	1745		W45	W117	W16	W33	W36	W8	D4	6½
2	Jusuf Pekovic	1743		W68	W60	D4	W14	D17	W18	W16	6
3	Zachary H Cohn	1719		X---	W110	W89	W31	L8	W33	W9	6
4	Bronson L Gentry	1694		W78	W61	D2	W81	W34	W7	D1	6
5	Kristopher Williams	1762		L25	W100	W11	W13	D29	W59	W26	5½
6	Severo Caluza	1707		L110	W76	X115	W89	D64	W28	W25	5½
7	Gary T Mitchell	1702		D46	W120	W75	W59	W26	L4	W20	5½
8	William L Pursel	1785		W53	W71	D39	W19	W3	L1	D14	5
9	Brian Garwood	1771		W43	H---	H---	W42	W39	W17	L3	5

10	George W Stone	1703		W103	W80	L19	W79	D31	W29	D15	5
11	Arthur P Izak-Damiecki	1671		L112	W113	L5	W48	W63	W51	W45	5
12	Jim S Freerksen	1662		H---	L20	W118	W94	W92	D31	X33	5
13	Michael Wright	1639		L37	W98	W35	L5	W38	W72	W31	5
14	Nicholas Berry	1635		W97	D37	W84	L2	W88	W49	D8	5
15	Oscar O Fonbuena	1632		H---	D92	W111	W105	D49	W34	D10	5
16	Daniel Jones	1600		W38	W30	L1	W102	W50	W36	L2	5
17	Daniel re Vulis	1566		W99	W119	H---	W51	D2	L9	W40	5
18	Evan Hanley	1550		W87	W85	W96	L36	W51	L2	W41	5
19	Paul Fambro	1418		W23	W35	W10	L8	W81	L20	W50	5
20	Bernard Baker	1774		D42	W12	W52	D39	D25	W19	L7	4½
21	Dan I Gannon	1707		L89	B---	L29	W106	W102	D55	W58	4½
22	Joshua Dubin	1697		L61	D27	L78	W100	W104	X89	W59	4½
23	Stanley N Booz	1691		L19	L58	W65	W103	D47	X92	W64	4½
24	Douglas re Dickey	1668		W63	L33	L92	W117	W93	D32	W60	4½
25	William Blackman	1664		W5	L36	W48	W67	D20	W61	L6	4½

SwissSys Standings. Chicago Open: Chicago Open: Under 1600 Section

#	*Name*	*Rtng*	*Team*	*Rd 1*	*Rd 2*	*Rd 3*	*Rd 4*	*Rd 5*	*Rd 6*	*Rd 7*	*Tot*
1	Michael E Darin	1494		W116	W4	W22	W13	W5	W17	W10	7
2	Mark P Hamilton	1465		W81	W31	W15	W7	D34	D5	W17	6
3	Marcos Lajcak	1435		W60	W38	D24	D67	W35	W12	W11	6
4	Loyd Gentry	1595		W108	L1	W42	D50	W85	W25	W21	5½
5	Filip Stanek	1594		W114	W26	W18	W66	L1	D2	W28	5½
6	Ivica Bicanic	1554		D54	W115	W98	L28	W42	W51	W29	5½
7	Christopher Wood	1552		W95	W80	W76	L2	W20	W31	D8	5½
8	James A Clark	1483		W102	W104	W10	L17	W15	W13	D7	5½
9	Brad S Cornelius	1594		W50	W64	L19	L51	W80	W72	W37	5
10	Ted Castro	1587		W70	W27	L8	W52	W26	W19	L1	5
11	Aderemi Adekola	1584		W119	L51	W84	W78	W70	W41	L3	5
12	Errol B Daniels	1581		W83	X---	W51	W19	L17	L3	W39	5
13	Adam P Strunk	1578		W53	W87	W91	L1	W67	L8	W41	5
14	Yurii A Kolesnikov	1577		D74	W93	D85	W87	D51	W50	D16	5
15	Dmitry Ratnikov	1570		W75	W96	L2	W94	L8	W76	W43	5

16	Alan F Gasiecki	1554		H---	W54	D33	W76	W72	D29	D14	5
17	Jeremy Wilkinson	1537		W73	W72	W41	W8	W12	L1	L2	5
18	Jeremy W Griffith	1505		W30	W101	L5	L41	W87	W77	W31	5
19	David L Whatling	1505		W120	W78	W9	L12	W43	L10	W33	5
20	Edmond Bunton	1440		W92	L66	W104	W37	L7	W35	W34	5
21	Judd E Lauger	1344		W107	L67	W68	W33	W39	W34	L4	5
22	Ramakrishn Yalavarthi	1589		W84	W99	L1	D85	D74	D26	W51	4½
23	Ronald K Gore	1588		L51	W75	W40	L43	D84	W73	W56	4½
24	Stephen D Killian	1562		W100	W43	D3	D39	L41	D52	W57	4½
25	Mike Delgado	1497		L80	D95	W86	W56	W54	L4	W58	4½

SwissSys Standings. Chicago Open: Chicago Open: Under 1400 Section

#	*Name*	*Rtng*	*Team*	*Rd 1*	*Rd 2*	*Rd 3*	*Rd 4*	*Rd 5*	*Rd 6*	*Rd 7*	*Tot*
1	Dan R Hronchek	1337		W46	W60	L4	W31	W58	W17	W5	6
2	Gershon Bialer	1328		L60	W59	W82	W9	W11	W29	W13	6
3	Thomas Kaczynski	1319		W34	W51	W77	W23	W28	L5	W14	6
4	Ilan Meerovich	1274		W16	W38	W1	W20	L5	W28	W17	6
5	Jeff Hagen	1369		W66	D22	W32	W26	W4	W3	L1	5½
6	Christopher Blaise	1353		L44	W78	W60	X46	D7	W23	W21	5½
7	Johnny A Jackson	1306		D69	W50	W80	D62	D6	W37	W25	5½
8	Jacob Bialer	1249		W62	W84	D17	W37	L10	W18	W20	5½
9	Trevor S Magness	1392		L21	W82	W57	L2	W44	W40	W27	5
10	Todd M Summers	1383		W57	W21	L28	W43	W8	L13	X29	5
11	Matt J Hassen	1371		W54	L28	W44	W77	L2	W42	W30	5
12	Edin Divanovich	1370		W58	W29	W39	L17	L13	W33	W28	5
13	Michael Rockford	1313		W52	W85	W19	L28	W12	W10	L2	5
14	Stephen A Welt	1102		L29	W81	W84	W69	W40	W36	L3	5
15	Justin M Ford	1384		L65	W87	L43	W55	W77	W32	D19	4½
16	Matthew Y Hass	1379		L4	W89	W56	D21	L18	W34	W49	4½
17	Javier R Burbon	1368		W47	W42	D8	W12	W41	L1	L4	4½
18	Leo E Kirsch	1356		W49	D32	L22	W61	W16	L8	W43	4½
19	Ted Jacobson	1340		W31	W44	L13	W34	L29	W26	D15	4½
20	Juan F Solano	1316		W68	W36	W64	L4	D38	W24	L8	4½
21	Sam A Schmakel	1302		W9	L10	W51	D16	W62	W38	L6	4½

22	Matthew R Barbian	1292		W70	D5	W18	L41	L37	W47	W50	4½
23	Ariel Crawford	1268		W72	W86	W40	L3	D26	L6	W35	4½
24	Luke W Osborne	1189		L86	W72	W74	D64	W35	L20	W36	4½
25	John P Roman	1396		L41	W91	W61	L40	W57	W50	L7	4

SwissSys Standings. Chicago Open: Chicago Open: Under 1200 Section

#	*Name*	*Rtng*	*Team*	*Rd 1*	*Rd 2*	*Rd 3*	*Rd 4*	*Rd 5*	*Rd 6*	*Rd 7*	*Tot*
1	Steven J Gaudino	966		W20	W37	W73	D38	W18	W7	W2	6½
2	Alexa Garivaltis	1175		W93	W55	W65	W36	W23	W4	L1	6
3	Randy G Kwan	1168		W61	W56	W60	L23	W36	W40	W16	6
4	Veronica Metz	1165		W94	W59	W17	W14	W16	L2	W13	6
5	Alan J Rhoades	1155		L16	W78	W22	W56	W39	D23	W17	5½
6	Robert Winiecki	1137		W24	W47	L38	W82	D29	W25	W23	5½
7	Alexander Connelly	1136		W79	W69	D27	W70	W38	L1	W24	5½
8	Brian R O'Brien	1172		L60	W15	W43	W55	L13	W53	W38	5
9	Willie Hempstead	1168		W76	D44	L18	W45	D21	W56	W39	5
10	Bryce L Kille	1156		B---	L23	D21	W58	D12	W36	W40	5
11	Lewis C Jackson	1130		L40	W67	L47	W85	W75	W60	W28	5
12	Ashlee M Payne	1129		W90	L38	W81	D24	D10	W27	W30	5
13	Christop Greiner	1102		W48	L32	W87	W42	W8	W14	L4	5
14	Philip G Nelson	1058		W30	W19	W28	L4	W32	L13	W29	5
15	Riley A Kohler	955		L19	L8	W86	W43	W65	W33	W32	5
16	Mark A Imasa	937		W5	W48	W49	W50	L4	W20	L3	5
17	Daniel J Laurila	806		W54	W51	L4	W83	W50	W28	L5	5
18	Maria A Fouts	1191		L36	W89	W9	W27	L1	W51	D20	4½

19	Gavin Mc Clanahan	1157		W15	L14	W57	L39	W72	W37	D21	4½
20	Mario A Valdivia	1152		L1	W90	W85	W40	W47	L16	D18	4½
21	Hugh G Montag	1078		L28	W63	D10	W44	D9	W50	D19	4½
22	Suhrittam Sanyal	1069		L70	W26	L5	D46	W68	W44	W47	4½
23	Miguel Murillo	1008		W92	W10	W32	W3	L2	D5	L6	4½
24	Patrick N Kelly r/e	964		L6	W71	W84	D12	W70	W35	L7	4½
25	Carter Pann	875		W33	L49	W54	W51	D27	L6	W46	4½

Chicago Open Crosstables

SwissSys Standings. Chicago Open: Chicago Open, Unrated

#	Name	Rtng	Team	Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd 3	Rd 4	Rd 5	Rd 6	Rd 7	Tot
1	Badiolzama Ebrahimifar	unr.		W19	W7	L6	W8	W10	W3	D5	5½
2	Ted Linnebringer	unr.		W20	W13	W14	D11	H---	L6	W9	5
3	Noel Martin	unr.		X22	W16	W5	D6	W11	L1	H---	5
4	Raymond Fuller	unr.		D7	L8	W21	W18	D9	W10	W6	5
5	Jeff S Paykin	unr.		W15	W18	L3	W7	D6	W11	D1	5
6	Gary C Wang	unr.		B---	W17	W1	D3	D5	W2	L4	5
7	I-Shiang Cheng	unr.		D4	L1	W12	L5	W17	W8	W11	4½
8	Everado Gamino	unr.		L16	W4	W17	L1	W14	L7	W13	4
9	Sam B Greenberg	unr.		D12	W21	L16	W19	D4	W13	L2	4
10	Matthew R Howard	unr.		L18	W12	W15	W16	L1	L4	W14	4
11	Sasa Malkoc	unr.		B---	W14	W20	D2	L3	L5	L7	3½
12	Enrique Solis	unr.		D9	L10	L7	X21	W18	L14	W17	3½
13	Edward Mc Dougal	unr.		L14	L2	B---	B---	W16	L9	L8	3
14	Andy P Soukal	unr.		W13	L11	L2	B---	L8	W12	L10	3
15	Paul Stankey	unr.		L5	B---	L10	L17	W19	X16	U---	3
16	Adem Music	unr.		W8	L3	W9	L10	L13	F15	D21	2½
17	Rajesh Malhotra	unr.		W21	L6	L8	W15	L7	D19	L12	2½
18	Scott Stankey	unr.		W10	L5	D19	L4	L12	W21	U---	2½
19	Greg A Muradian	unr.		L1	B---	D18	L9	L15	D17	U---	2
20	Bryce Mc Clanahan	unr.		L2	B---	L11	U---	U---	U---	U---	1

Fischer-Enigma of the 20th Century.



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The 11th World Champion, Robert James Fischer, is perhaps the most mysterious personality of the contemporary world of chess. Among the kings of chess, he is doubtlessly the champion of unpredictable and extravagant moves. His biography seems almost like a fictional adventure. The focus of this article is the creative biography of a great American chess champion.

Robert Fischer was born on March 9, 1943, in Chicago. The Fischers lived in the city for a very short period of time, followed by their move to New York. Since the father left the family when the Bobby was only two years of age, Mrs. Fischer had to raise the two young children alone. Joan, Bobby's older sister, introduced the 6-year-old boy to chess. By the time he was ten, the game became his only passion. Bobby started learning Russian so he would be able to read Soviet chess publications. His possession of an excellent memory assisted him in understanding the language perfectly. Analyzing games of some of the best chess masters helped him improve his theory and his performance in tournaments, which he started playing in 1955. In his first tournament, the Brooklyn Club competition, 12-year-old Bobby shared 3-5th place. However, in the same year, he had a difficult time playing in the United States Amateur Competition in New Jersey, and his result was less than 50%. In his first U.S. Youth Championship, Bobby shared 10-20th place. This was his most modest performance in all youth championships, since he grew to the level of U.S. adult championships quite soon. In 1956, he shared 5-7th in a New York championship. Afterward, he became the winner of tournament "A" at the Manhattan Club. In spite of a relatively unsuccessful performance in the next Amateur U.S. Competition (21st place), again held in New Jersey, his skill grew and his experience in tournaments started to bear fruit. In the following U.S. Youth Championship in Philadelphia, Bobby Fischer becomes the champion. The young chess player toured the country and abroad in search of worthy tournaments. Sharing 4-8th place in the U.S. Open in Oklahoma was followed by 8-12th place in a similar competition Montreal. Subsequently, he left the East States Tournament, held in Washington D.C., with a silver medal. Placing 6th in the next New Jersey Open championship, Bobby later included one of his games from there in his 1969 book, "My 60 Memorable Games." Twelve years later, the seasoned grandmaster decided to include that game among his finest creative accomplishments. Indeed, the match of the 14-year-old youth demonstrated fine techniques as well as tactical mastery. Below is the game with Fischer's commentaries as taken from the book " My 60 Memorable Games (1969)."

Robert Fischer (W)
James Sherwin (B)

Sicilian Defense
New Jersey Open Championship 1957

1. e4 c5 2. Nf3 e6 3. d3 Nc6 " This used to be my favorite. I thought it led to a favorable variation of the King's Indian reversed, particularly after Black has committed himself with 2...e6." **4. g3 Nf6 "** Fischer – Ivkov, Santa Monica 1966 continued: 4...d5 5. Nbd2 Bd6 6.Bg2 Nge7 7. 0-0 0-0 8. Nh4! With chances for initiative." **5. Bg2 Be7 6. 0-0 0-0** " More usual is 6...d5; but Black has purposely delayed placing his center pawns. Has he a new idea in mind?" **7. Nbd2** "After 7...e5 Nd5 8. Nbd2 f6 9. exf6 Nxf6 10. Re1 gives White an edge." **7....Rb8 8. Re1 d6 9. c3 b6 10. d4 Qc7?** " This leads to trouble. Black should strive for counter play by opening the C-file. 10...cxd4 11. cxd4 d5 12. e5 Nd7." **11. e5! Nd5**" Not bad. But I had expected 9...b5 10. d4 cxd4! (10...b4? 11. e5! dxe5 12. dxe5 Nd7 13. c4...holds the advantage. (11...bxc3 12. exf6 cxd4 13. fxe7! wins a piece.); 11. cxd4 d5...with equality." "

Worse is 11...Nd7 12. exd6 Bxd6 13. Ne4 cxd4 14. Nxd6 Qxd6 15. Bf4 e5 16. Nxe5 Ndxe5 17. cxd4...winning a pawn. The best try is 11...dxe5 12. dxe5 Nd7 13. Qe2 Bb7 14. h4...with a bind, but Black's game may be tenable."
12. exd6 Bxd6 13. Ne4! c4 " An unpleasant choice, since it releases the pressure in the center and gives White a free hand to start operations on the King-side. However, other moves lose material: 13...Be7 14. c4 Nf6 15. Bf4, ect..13...cxd4 14. Nxd6 Qxd6 15. c4 Nf6 16. Bf4...and again the lineup on this diagonal is unfortunate." **14. Nxd6 Qxd6 15. Ng5 Nce7? 16. Qc2! Ng6** " On 16... f5? 17. Qe7 picks off a pawn. Had Sherwin seen what was coming, however, he might have chosen 16...g6 17. Ne4 Qc7 18. Bh6 Rd8...though 19. Qd2 prepares to exploit his weakened dark squares." **17. h4! Nf6** " Apparently everything's defended now. Unappetizing is 17...Rd8 (17...h6 18. h5 hxg5 19. hxg6 f6?; 20. Qe2..then h5) 18. Nxh7! Kxh7 19. h5 f5 20. hxg6+ Kxg6 21. Re5!..with a bind." **18. Nxh7!** "Throwing a monkey wrench into Black's carefully contrived setup! As usual, tactics flow from a positional superior game." **18...Nxh7** "Not 18...Kxh7?; 19. Bf4." **19. h5 Nh4!** The best fighting chance. Not 19...Ne7; 20. Bf4...wins a clear exchange **20. Bf4 Qd8 21. gxh4 21...Rb7 22. h6! 22...Qxh4** " Once again, time-pressure had Sherwin burying his thumbs in his ears. Instead of trying to mix it up, Black should keep his King sheltered as long as possible with 22...g6 23. h5! g5 (if 23...gxh5; 24. Qe2); but 24. Be5 stays a pawn ahead with two bishops. It might still be a fight, though." **23. hxg5 Kxg7? 24. Re4!** " Threatening Bg5 (+)." **24...Qh5 25. Re3** " Now the rook joins the King hunt – and it's murder. The immediate threat is 26. Rh3 Qg6 27. Rg3" **25...f5 26. Rh3 Qe8** " 26...Qg6?; Rg3" **27. Be5+** "White can pick off a couple of exchanges with 27. Bh6+ Kg8 28. Bxf8 Qxf8 29. Bxb7, ect. But by now I felt there was more in the offing." **27...Nf6** "27...Kg8 28. Rg3+ Kf7 29. Rg7 mate." **28. Qd2! Kf7 29. Qg5 Qe7** "On 29...Ke7; 30. Rh7+...is devastating." **30. Bxf6 Qxf6 31. Rh7+ Ke8 32. Qxf6 Rxh7 33. Bc6+** "If 33...Bd7; Qxe6+" **Black resigned.**

Bobby Fischer's mother, Regina, not only believed in her son's talent, but she did all in her power to help him develop his gift. In fact, it was she who found him his first trainer, Carmine Nigro. In Brooklyn's chess club, young Bobby was shown the wonders of the ancient game once a week. Later, Regina demonstrated excellent managerial qualities and Bobby was able to participate not only in North American tournaments, but also overseas in the Soviet Union and Yugoslavia as well. Fortunately for the 13-year-old, he chanced to meet master trainer Jack Collins, whose apartment was near the school Bobby was attending. Sneaking out of school between classes to play blitz with his trainer, the young boy tried not to miss any chances. Doubtlessly, the experienced trainer and supportive mother played important roles in bringing up the future chess genius.

Match and tournament results, and most importantly, the game quality, indicated Bobby's talent and growing strength. His performances at the end of the 1950s were not consistent, for excellent results were followed by temporary setbacks (West States Open, Milwaukee, 1957, 7th place.) However, his immense efforts began bearing fruit. Once again, he became the U.S. youth champion in San Francisco (1957). In the same year, he won the U.S. Open. Bobby played an interesting game with master Edmar Mednis, who was the U.S. student champion at the time, and was six years older than Bobby. This match demonstrated the originality of the future champion's style. (Leonid Bondar's commentaries)

Robert Fischer (W)
Edmar Mednis (B)

Sicilian Defense
U.S. Open 1957

1.e4 c5 2. Nf3 Nc6 3. d3 e6 4. g3 g6 5. Bg2 Bg7 6. 0-0 Nge7 7. Nbd2 0-0 8. Re1 b6 9. e5 d5 10. Nf1 Qc7 11. Bf4 d4 12. Qd2 Re8 13. Bh6 Bh8 14. h4 Bb7 15. N1h2 Nxe5 16. Nxe5 Bxg2 " The Closed Sicilian led to such a position, in which Black built a threatening pawn chain, winning space on the Queen's flank. White, during that time, prepared a raid with their cavalry to his opponent's rear. The next tactical blow was prepared by positional maneuvers." **17. Nxf7! Qc6 18. Nxh8 Bh3 19. f3 Kxh8 20. g4 Nd5 21. Qg5 e5 22. Rxe5 Ne3 23. Re1 Qd6 24. Rxe8+ Rxe8 25. Qf4"** White isolated his opponent's knight and offered a queen trade in the next

move, rationally thinking, that moving into the endgame would favor them. Black is going to have to use a couple precious tempos to his knight."
25... Qxf4 26. Bxf4 h5 27. Bxe3 dxe3 28. g5 Bd7 29. Nf1 Bc6 30. Rxe3 Rxe3 31. Nxe3 Bxf3 32. Kf2 Bb7 33. Kg3 Kg7 34. Kf4 Kf7 35. Ke5 Ke7 36. Nd5+ Kf7 37. Kd6 Bc8 38. Nf4 Bg4 39. Kc7 Bf3 40. c3 b5 41. d4 cxd4 42. cxd4 b4 43. d5 Bxd5 44. Nxd5 Ke6 45. Nf4+ Kf5 " The last critical moment in the game. Fischer's effective sacrifice deprived this opponent of the smallest chances for a draw, for White has a defended pass pawn. It is quite noteworthy that young Bobby presented a surprise for his older acquaintance in the end, who was an ending specialist." **46. Nxg6!! Kxg6 47. b3 Kf5 48. Kb7 Kf4 49. g6 Kg4 50. g7 Black resigned.**

Later, in 1974, Mednis had his revenge on the winner by writing the book, " How to Beat Bobby Fischer." Within the book are only the games that the 12th World Champion had lost.

Soon afterward, Fischer played his first match with the famous master Cardoso, in New York. During the match, his all-or-nothing attitude, which will later allow him to reach unprecedented results, was visible. The 14-year-old competitor started with a remarkable score of 3-0. The first six games ended with domination on Bobby's part (5:1). After these, he allowed himself to relax a little, which resulted in him finishing the last two games with draws and obtaining a final score of 6:2, which was more than a convincing victory. Finally, in January 1958, Bobby became the U.S. champion in New York, winning all his matches. This was no ordinary feat in a national tournament, for the U.S. competition was the regional predecessor to the World Championship of 1960. The doors to big chess had opened to the 14-year-old boy. Being ready for this, Bobby confidently began preparing for the first international tournament of his life. In this he displayed maturity atypical to his age. Putting aside other tournaments, he arrived in Belgrade earlier to acclimate himself and to play practice matches. In the beginning, two blitz games with Janosevic resulted in draws. These were followed by a win over the young talented master, Matulovic (future grandmaster and one of the strongest Yugoslavian players.) Notably, in spite of losing his first tournament game, Bobby managed to attain 2.5 out of his last three games, indicating a fighting spirit and boldness. During this time, he became famous in Belgrade, and since the Yugoslavian capital boasted chess traditions and love for the game, people on the streets not only recognized Bobby, but also they crowded around him. In a prestigious interzonal competition, he lost only three games out of twenty, and shared 5-6th place. This result helped the 15-year-old U.S. champion to become one of the competitors in the 1959 tournament that selected certain people to participate in the World Championship. (At the time, there was a multi-step system of selection.) In Portoroz, Bobby first met Bent Larson, future competitor for the title of the world's best chess player. In his favorite Sicilian Defense, Fischer cruelly punished his opponent for deviating from theory on the 15th move, and demonstrated an example of attack on the king during opposite castling. This was the first out of series of meetings of the two chess stars, ending with total defeat over the Dutchman 15 years later.

Upon returning to America, the triumphant youth once again determined his status. In the U.S. Championship of New York (1958-1959), Bobby reclaimed clear 1st. His victory over his old rival, S. Reshevsky, circulated in world news. Remarkably, Fischer learned an effective combination, resulting in the capture of his opponent's queen, from a Soviet chess magazine. Indeed, it was the extensive study of openings that gave the talented youth significant gain over opponents ignorant of the new moves in chess theory. (commentaries by Frank Brady in "Bobby Fischer Profile of a Prodigy").

Robert Fischer (W)
Samuel Reshevsky (B)

Sicilian Defense
U.S. Championship, New York, 1958-59

1.e4 c5 2. Nf3 Nc6 3. d4 cxd4 4. Nxd4 g6 5. Nc3 Bg7 6. Be3 Nf6 7. Bc4 0-0 8. Bb3
" The best. Fischer played 8. b3 against Panno, in Portoroz, 1958, allowing 8...Qb6! In this position Black can now play 8...d6, leading to a regular line of the Dragon Variation." **8...Na5?** " An amazing blunder. Black must now lose material." **9. e5! Ne8?** " Unaware of what is to follow, Black retreats his knight. Relatively best was 9...Nxb3 10. exf6 Nxa1 11. fxg7 Nxc2+ 12. Qxc2 after

which White should win with correct play." **10. Bxf7+!!** " The crushing point! If 10...Rxf7 or 10...Kg8, 11. Ne6! wins Black's queen." **10...Kxf7 11. Ne6!** " Winning the queen. Black cannot play 11... Kxe6 12. Qd5+ Kf5 13. g4+ Kxg4 14. Rg1+ with a forced mate." **11...dxe6** " Black surrenders his queen and continues in a hopeless cause." **12. Qxd8 Nc6 13. Qd2 Bxe5 14. 0-0 Nd6 15. Bf4 Nc4 16. Qe2 Bxf4 17. Qxc4 Kg7 18. Ne4 Bc7 19. Nc5 Rf6** " Black keeps defending himself, but his position is too cramped for counter play." **20. c3 e5 21.Rad1 Nd8 22. Nd7 Rc6 23. Qh4 Re6 24. Nc5 Rf6 25. Ne4 Rf4 26. Qxe7+ Rf7 27. Qa3 Nc6 28. Nd6** " Forcing more simplification." **28...Bxd6 29. Rxd6 Bf5 30. b4 Rff8 31. b5 Nd8 32. Rd5 Nf7 33. Rc5 a6 34. b6 Be4 35. Re1 Bc6 36. Rxc6** " Removing Black's best piece." **36...bxc6 37. b7 Rab8 38. Qxa6 Nd8 39. Rb1 Rf7 40. h3 Rfxb7 41. Rxb7+ Rxb7 42. Qa8 Black resigned**

However, Bobby's series of successes in American and international arena seemed to make his head spin. Two tournaments, held in spring of 1959 in Latin America, brought disappointing results. Sharing 3-4th place in Mar del Plata, Fischer lost to Pachman and Letelier. In his match with the Czech grandmaster, he tried to play for positional advantage when the situation was clearly a draw, and therefore let 1st place slip through his fingers. True, three of his games in the tournament were commendable (Pilnik, Rossetto, Shocron) and he had included them into his collection of his best games. Suffering four defeats in the next relatively weak tournament in Santiago, (Ivkov, Sanguinetti and Jauregui) Bobby was simply out-played. As for his second loss to Pachman, Fischer was once again trampled because of his stubborn yearning to win in a drawn position. Knowing the Serbian language made him feel better in Yugoslavia, and fans and grandmasters warmly greeted him. The Candidate tournament was held in Bled, then in Zagreb and Belgrade. The 16-year-old grandmaster lost 11 of his 28 matches. He had to make do with 5-6th place among eight participants and fulfilling a grandmaster norm.

Following tradition, on the border of 1959-1960, New York hosted the U.S. Championship. Once again, no one was a challenge for the young champion, who won 7 games and had four draws. Among the defeated were famous grandmasters such as Arthur Bisguier and Pal Benko. Nevertheless, talented Fischer's unstableness in his games was conspicuous. Splitting 1st with Spassky in an international tournament held in Mar del Plat, he subsequently performed disappointingly in Buenos Aries, sharing 13-16th place. Soon, Bobby won 1st in an international competition in Reykjavik. Fall of 1960 brought the competing American team second place after the Soviet team in Leipzig, for Fischer played brilliantly on their first board and won the individual first place. One of the matches the 17-year-old grandmaster played was with the famed Mikhail Tal. This game was aggressively played with tactical maneuvers in the style of the old chess masters. Below is the game, also commentated on by Fischer in his book, "My 60 Memorable Games (1969)".

Robert Fischer (W)
Mikhail Tal (B)

Leipzig Olympic 1960
French Defense

1. e4 e6 2. d4 d5 3. Nc3 Bb4 4. e5 c5 5. a3 Ba5" A dubious alternative to 5...Bxc3+. **6. b4!** 6...cxb4 7. Nb5 yields a potent attack. **6...cxd47. Qg4 Ne7**" Alekhine's recommendation." **8. bxa5** " Also good is 8. Nb5." **8...dxc3 9. Qxg7 Rg8 10. Qxh7 Nbc6.** On 10...Nd7 11. Nf3 Qc7 12. Bb5 a6 13. Bxd7+ Bxd7 14. 0-0 d4!? (Archives) 15. Nxd4 Qxe5 16. Qd3 is better for White. " On 7...Kf8 8. bxa4 dxc3 9. a4! followed by 10. Ba3+ (Lilienthal and Zagoriansky)." **11. Nf3** "11. f4 bolsters the center but shuts in the Queen's bishop and weakens the dark squares." **11...Qc7** " On 11...Qxa5 12. Ng5! Rf8 13. f4 (followed by the advance of the h-pawn) ties Black up. **12. Bb5!** " Harmoniously pursuing development without losing time. Also playable is 12. Bf4 Bd7 13. Be2 0-0-0 14. Qd3 Qxa5 15. 0-0 Rg4 16. Bg3 (Unzicker-Duckstein, Zurich 1959.)" **12...Bd713. 0-0**" Unsound is 13. Cxc6? Bxc6 14. 0-0 d4! 15. Ng5 Qxe5 16. Qxf7+ Kd7 with advantage. "**13...0-0-0** " After the game Petrosian suggested 13...Nxe5, but 14. Nxe5 Qxe5 15. Bxd7+ Kxd7 16. Qd3!...keeps White on top (if 16...Qe4?; 17. Qxe4 dxe4 18. f3! wins a pawn)." **14. Bg5?** "I simply underestimated the force of Tal's reply. Correct is 14...Bxc6! Bxc6 (if 14...Qxc6; 15. Bg5 d4 16 h4! or 14...Nxc6 15. Re1

followed by Bg5 and h4 with a decisive bind); 15. Qxf7 d4 (unsound is 15... Rxg2+!? 16. Kxg2 d4 17. Kg1 Rg8+ 18. Ng5); 16. QXE6+ Bd7 (16...Kb8 17. Ng5 is hopeless); 17. Qxe7 Rxg2+ 18. Kxg2 Bh3+ 19. Kxh3 Qxe7 20. Bg5 and White soon consolidates to victory." **14...Nxe5**!

"Setting off a dazzling array of fireworks! I thought Tal was merely trying to confuse the issue." **15. Nxe5**. Kh1 Qxh2+!) 16...Qxe5; 17. Bxe7 Rh8! Black regains his piece with greater activity: e.g., 18. Rae1 Rxh7 19. Rxe5 Rxe7 and the compact center pawns far outweigh White's passed "h4". Not playable is 15. Bxe7? Nxf3+ 16. Kh1 **16...Bxf1! 17. Nxd8 Rxg5 18. Nxe6 Rxg2+ 19. Kh1!** " The saving move. Not 19. Kxf1? Rxh2! 10. Qf7 (if 20. Nc7 Rxh7 wins a piece), 20...Rh1+ produces a winning attack from nowhere!" **19...Qe5** On 19...Qc4 20. Qxe7 Rg8 21. Nf4! Holds nicely (if 21...Qxf4?; 22. Qe6+ Kc7 23. Qxg8). **20. Rxf1 Qxe6** On 20...Rg6 21. Qxe7 Rxe6 22. Qf8+ Re8 23. Qf3 is in White's favor. 16...Rdf8 17. Rfb1 Bc6 18. Kd6+! Qxd6 19. Qxe7 is about equal. " White could still have kept some tension with 16. Bxe7 Qxe7 (16... Qxe5 17. Rfe1) 17. Rfe1, ect. **21. Kxg2 Qg4+ Drawn** " Black has a perpetual check."

The next U.S. Championship (1960 – 1961) was again held in New York, and Fischer yet again became champion by winning 7 games and having 4 draws, almost repeating his past performance, the only difference being the names of the defeated. His triumph over William Lombardy was included into his "60 Memorable Games." An interesting fact is that Lombardy was rising at the time and had taken 2nd place in the U.S. Open. This result gave Lombardy the chance to participate in the U.S. Championship. During the summer of 1961, a match between two of the strongest American players, Fischer and Reshevsky, was held in Los Angeles. The prize fund was six thousand dollars and there were 16 games. The famous patron Piatigorsky gave this prize, which was impressive for the time. Unfortunately, the match was discontinued with the score of 5.5 : 5.5.
According to the results, the winner was not determined, but these matches gave the 18-year-old grandmaster experience. Fischer won 2nd place in a tournament held in Bled, where he successfully played against Soviet participants for the first time. In particular, he was satisfied with his victory over Mikhail Tal, who became the champion of the Bled tournament. Two years earlier, the quick-witted Tal jokingly signed an autograph with Fischer's name beside his own. "Why not?", asked he. "I've beaten Bobby so many times that I have the right to sign for him!"

In Bled, Fischer got 2.5 points in games with Tigran Petrosian, Yefim Geller, and Paul Keres. However, his real triumph was waiting for him at the 1962 international tournament in Stockholm. The beginning of the year was celebrated with the solid victory of 17.5 out of 22. The winner higher than Geller and Petrosian by 2.5, and took 2-3rd place. Without losing any points, Bobby unmercifully dealt with outsiders. Against the lower half in the tournament he got 10.5 out of 11. Serious tests awaited Fischer at the Curacao Candidate Tournament where 5 out of the 8 participants were Soviets. There were 4 rounds and Petrosian became champion with 17.5, followed by Geller and Keres, who were half a point away. Fischer blamed the Soviets for plotting against him. Indeed, all 12 games between the top three winners ended in draws. This so-called respite gave an opportunity to gather strength for next games. Fischer placed 14th with 14 points. In autumn of the same year, he once again shone at the Varna Olympiad, taking 1st place on the 1st board in an preliminary group. Here he played his only match with the 6th world champion, Mikhail Botvinnik. The experienced fighter managed to make a draw in a postponed, seemingly winning for the American player, position. Tearful at the end, Bobby still had games that he could be proud of.

The 14th U.S. Championship was traditionally held in New York and coincided with Christmas festivities. Fischer once again became champion, but for the first time in many years, he lost a game in the national tournament. His one-time helper and future author of the book, "How to beat Bobby Fischer", Edmar Mednis, became his "offender". Twice this year, 20-year-old Fischer confidently wins the American tournaments: the West States Open Championship (7 wins 1 draw), and the New York Open (100% result).

Nonetheless, saddened by the disappointing result in Curacao, Fischer stopped participating in international competitions for 4 years after the Varna Olympiad. He skipped the next competition for the World Champion title. At the same time, he diligently worked to improve his mastery and it

was soon visible in his results and quality of games.

Winning the following U.S. Championship of 1963-1964, Fischer had a clear-cut score of 11 wins, repeating the recent result in the New York Championship, and preceding future outcomes in candidate tournaments. A compromise was made in the disputation over Fischer's partake in Capablanca's memorial tournament (Havana 1965), for the U.S. government refused to give him a visa because of political tensions. Bobby decided to play by sending moves via telex. Organizers and participants discussed all technical questions and an unprecedented chess competition took place. In spite of such unusual conditions, Bobby played well, taking 2-4th place. He won 12 games, had 6 draws, and lost 3 matches against Ivkov, Geller and Kholmov – "inconvenient opponents." Bobby became an 8-time winner in the championship of 1965-1966. True, this victory was not as impressive as the year before, for he lost 2 games. 1966 was the year Fischer came back to big chess and a new chapter of creative achievements of the extraordinary chess player. Santa Monica hosted a tournament for the Piatigorsky cup. Second place after Spassky was a great feat for one that had a such a long break. Then came the Olympiad in Havana, where the American was allowed to participate in person. An excellent result was shown on the 1st board, where Bobby won 14, drew 2 and lost only one. The U.S. team, thanks to him, took home the silver medal. The 1966-1967 Championship was Fischer's 9th and final victory in U.S. Championships. Ahead lay the fight for the World title, the peak of his amazingly steep ascension.

During 1967 Bobby won two international tournaments: Monaco (+5, =2, -1) and Skopje (+12, = 3, -2). Curiously, he lost with White to Yefim Geller, probably the most uncomfortable opponent, in both competitions. (In all, according to Mednis, Geller won 5 times against Fischer, an accomplishment that only Spassky could boast of, but of course, we consciously keep quiet about how many times he lost. In the same year, the international tournament was in Sousse, Tunis. It was perhaps the most dramatic in all of Fischer's career. A splendid beginning, where Fischer was in the lead with 7 wins and 3 draws, took an unusual turn when Fischer requested a change of schedule, since he did not play during religious holidays. Therefore, when he did not show up for his game with A. Gipslis, he was given a forfeit. The same thing happened when he failed to show up for a game with V. Hort, whereas the third neglected game penalized Fischer with an automatic suspension from the tournament, for less than half of the games where played. In this case, Bobby's stubbornness manifested itself, and his inability to compromise when he was set on the righteousness of his actions was in plain view. Being a maximalist helped him over the board, but often spoiled his life.

After a dramatic downfall in Sousse, Fischer once again showed up on the international arena in Netanya, Israel, in the middle of June 1968, where a relatively weak tournament for Fischer was held, and Bobby easily took 1st with an impressive result of 11.5 out of 13, whereas Yanofsky and Czerniak shared 2-3 place with 8 points each. He shone in Vinkovci, Yugoslavia, in September of the same year, also holding as convincing a victory as in Israel, but this tournament had stronger participants. His record, 11 out of 13, was two points away from Hort and Matulovic, who were following him according to the results. 10 years after Bobby's match with M. Matulovic in Belgrade, Fischer again wins, this time a personal match. Quite a famous event of 1970 was the match of the century, in which the Soviet team played against a team made of representatives from different countries. There were 10 players per team, and they played 4 games on corresponding boards. Before the game, a heated argument about who would play on board one for the world team rose. Fischer and Larsen were the candidates. The latter was chosen, but Fischer gave an exceptional result of 3:1 on board 2. This was probably the best result for Keres, who also won 3 out of 4, played on a lower board. Disregarding the fact that the Soviet team won by a slight margin, Fischer's success was noticed. This was not only his the best performance in the world team, but also a preparation for the future battles for the World Title. Below is the game from the 2nd round, interesting because the commentaries show both player's views.

Robert Fischer (W)
Tigran Petrosian (B)

Caro-Kann Defense
U.S.S.R. vs. The World

1. e4 c6 2. d4 d5 3. exd5 cxd5 4. Bd3 "A strange variation. Usually 4. c4 is played. (Fischer)" **4...Nc6 5. c3 Nf6 6. Bf4** " If 6. h3, then 6...e5 or 6. Bg5 Ne4 7. Bxe4 dxe4 8. d5 Ne5 9. Qa4+ Qd7 10. Qxe4 Qf5. Black wins back the pawn with an advantage (F.)" **6...Bg4** " 6...g6 is also possible (F.)" "In recent times, Fischer often used strange system of developing, but it is not considered troublesome for Black. Curiously, in 1946 I had to defend myself as Black in this system in a match for the Champion Title in Armenia against an experienced player, Kasparian...(Petrosian)" **7. Qb3 Na5** " Hort's proposition of 7...Qc8 with the idea of Bh5 and Bg6, is better (F.)" 8. Qa4+ Bd7 9. Qc2 e6 " Petrosian proposes 9...a6 (F.)" **10. Nf3 Qb6 11. a4** " To prevent 11...Bb5, solving the knight's 'problem'. This move refutes the strategy to free Black and gives White an evident advantage (F.)" " Practically forced, for after the trade of the white bishops by way of Bb5, Black has an easy game. The invasion on b3 does not promise Black anything (P.)" **11...Rc8** " If 11...Nb3, then 12. Ra2 Rc8 13. 0-0 Be7 and Black's bishops are cramped. If 11...Qb3, then 12. Qe2! Bxa4? 13. Rxa4 Qxa4 14. Bb5+ (F.) **12. Nbd2 Nc6** " It seems that Black is retreating. Actually, it is the beginning of a long plan, which, alas, was not destined to be realized (P.)" **13. Qb1 Nh5** " Loss of time. 13...g6 was more reliable (F.)" **14. Be3 h6** " 14...f5 is countered by 15. g4! Fxg4 16. Ng5 Bd6 17. Bxh7 (F.)" " After the game, everyone claimed in unison that 14...g6 was better, but I was interested by another idea. (P.)" **15. Ne5 Nf6** " If 15...Nxe5, then 16. dxe5 Bc5 17. a5 Qc7 18. Nf3 with limited space (F.)" **16. h3** " In order to prevent Ng4 in many variations (F.)" **16..Bd6 17. 0-0 Kf8**?" 17...0-0 was better (F.)" **18. f4 Be8** " If 18...Nxe5, then 19. fxe5 Bxe5 20. f5 wins (F.)" **19. Bf2! Qc7** " If 19...g6, then 20. f5! Gxf5 21. Bxf5 exf5 22. Qxf5 Qd8 23. Bh4 with a win (F.)" **20. Bh4 Ng8** " Black's position is quite passive, and he wants to regroup his strength (F.)" **21. f5 Nxe5 22. dxe5 Bxe5 23. fxe6 Bf6 24. exf7 Bxf7 25. Nf3!** " White is bringing in reserved pieces, and, without counter play or coordinated maneuvers of the Black pieces, Black will not hold on long (P.)" **25...Bxh4**" If 25...g5, then 26. Bf2 Ng7 27. Bd4 (F.)"**26. Nxh4 Nf6 27. Ng6+ Bxg6 28. Bxg6 Ke7**!!" Petrosian found a sharp defense in a tough position, and he tried to bring his king into a safer place on the queen's flank. I was almost sure that he was going to resign (F.)" " Black's only chance. Maybe I'll be lucky enough to escape to the queen's flank by means of the black squares? (P.)" **29. Qf5 Kd8 30. Rae1 Qc5+ 31. Kh1 Rf8** " 31...Rc6 was more stable (F.)" 32. Qe5! **32...Rc7** " On 32...Qc7, 33. Rxf6! wins, or 33. Qxd5+! (F.)" **33. b4! Qc6 34. c4! dxc4 35. Bf5 Rff7 36. Rd1+ Rfd7** " If 36...Nd7, then 37. Rfe1 wins (F.)" **37. Bxd7 Rxd7 38. Qb8+ Ke7 39. Rde1+** " Black resigned. 39...Kf7 will be followed by 40...Qe8# (F.)

1970 was a very successful year in Fischer's career. Right after the excellent performance for the world team, he played in a strong tournament in Yugoslavia. There, in high spirits, Fischer not only took his typical 1st place, but he beat the "lagging" Hort, Gligoric, Smyslov and Korchnoi by two points. The story repeated itself in Buenos Aries in two months. Only this time, the American dealt even more unmercifully with his opponents – 15 out of 17 (!). Moreover, the silver medallist, Tukmakov, was behind him by a whole 3.5 points. In the Zegin Olympiad, Bobby led the U.S. team. He won 2nd on his board, losing the principal game to Spassky. At the end of the year, Fischer brilliantly won the most important international competition in Palma de Mallorca. Collecting 18.5 out of 23, Bobby got ahead of the three closest followers by 3.5 points. His all-or-nothing attitude and total devotion to chess helped him reach such astonishing results. Fishcer did not reveal, "chess is my life!" in vain.

Distinguishably, in 1970, Fischer was awarded a chess Oscar for his extraordinary results for the first time. (Since 1968, the International Chess Press Association awarded this prize to the best player of the year. Analogous to the film Oscars, the prize was named because of a curious incident. When an Academy librarian first saw the statuette on her desk, she exclaimed, " Oh, he looks just like my uncle Oscar." The greatest number of Oscars belongs to A. Karpov (9) and G. Kasparov (8). The silver statuette, in form of a horseman, was given to Fischer when he was not yet World

Champion. He was awarded the Oscar again in 1971 and 1972.

17-year-old Bobby demonstrating mature play of the highest class, was left an inexperienced youth in normal life. Often his chess colleagues played jokes on him, taking advantage of his astonishing naïveté. In his childhood, Fischer dreamed of owning as many suits as the president of the US. In 1960, at a tournament in Buenos-Aries, his attention was drawn to the elegantly dressed Najdorf. When Fischer wondered how many suits he had, he got an immediate answer "150"! 10 years later, when the two grandmasters met again in the same city, Fischer proudly announced, "I beat your record. I have 187 suits"! "Bravissimo!", answered the distinguished man. "True, I must admit, I never had more than 30..."

After the excellent year-1970-the time for the candidate tournament began. These matches were played under different regulations for the maximum out of 10 games. In the Candidate quarterfinals, Fischer was supposed to meet with Taimanov. For the Soviet grandmaster, the chance to play in this tournament was the highest achievement in his career. Being a natural optimist, he was making statements that he had good chances for success. From the beginning Bobby straightforwardly won one game after another. In the 5th round of the match, with the score 4:0, Taimanov made a huge mistake in a postponed position (at the time, games were postponed after 40 moves and were finished on special days.) In a relatively drawn endgame position, Taimanov lost a rook, falling victim to a simple fork that is used in beginner's chess books. Taimanov himself commented on his condition at the time: " I was broken, suffering from a painful condition..." The result of the match was unprecedented for a competition of such level – 6:0!

In the Candidate semi-final match, Fischer played Larsen, a talented Dutch grandmaster. In those years he was one of the strongest players in the world. For the U.S.S.R. vs. World, he fought for and got the chance to play on 1st board (higher than Fischer). Just before the semi-final, he expressed the certainty of his victory over the American player. The match in Denver peculiarly resembled the preceding match (with Taimanov). The similarities included not only tough game pressure from Fischer, but also, after a row of defeats, Larsen's blood pressure jumped and he took a 3-day time-out. His blood pressure soon stabilized but the game was a definite loss. The astonishing result indicated the serious intentions of the candidate. This is how Mikhail Tal, a great expert on the young Fischer, commented the results: " When one analyzes the games played in Denver, one finds out, of course, that in one or two games a draw could have taken place. By the way, Larsen didn't have any advantage during the matches, not even in one move. The result, 6:0, though indicating "cruelty" from the American..., but truthfully, makes me jealous with admiration. " After the two phenomenal matches, his performance reached sky-high – 3060! U.S. President R. Nixon sent Fischer his congratulations. Below is the game with Leonid Bondar's commentaries.

Robert Fischer (W)
Bent Larsen (B)

French Defense
Candidates 1971

1.e4 e6 2. d4 d5 3. Nc3 Bb4 4. e5 Ne7 5. a3 Bxc3+ 6. bxc3 c5 7. a4 Nbc6 8. Nf3 Bd7 9. Bd3 Qc7 10. 0-0 c4 " Black is forced to close the center in order to castle – but then he declines castling and tries to undermine the center." **11. Be2 f6 12. Re1 Ng6** " A dangerous pawn to grab, as the following shows." **13. Ba3 fxe5 14. dxe5 Ncxe5 15. Nxe5 Nex5 16. Qd4** " To inhibit 0-0-0." **16...Ng6 17. Bh5** " White plays for increased pressure rather than pawns." **17...Kf7 18. f4** " The typical breakthrough, right on time (compare Fischer-Petrosian, U.S.S.R.- World Match 1970)." **18...Rhe8 19. f5 exf5 20. Qxd5+ Kf6 21. Bf3** " Subtle regrouping, but 21. Bc5 was also forcing. Now Black plays out a desperate combination." **21...Ne5?! 22. Qd4 Kg6 23. Rxe5 Qxe5 24. Qxd7 Rad8 25. Qxb7** " Finely calculated. "**25...Qe3+ 26. Kf1 Rd2 27. Qc6+ Re6** " Now, both the queen and mate on the move are threatened." 28. Bc5! " The neat point – bishop, not queen, challenges the threatened mate." **28...Rf2+ 29. Kg1 Rxg2+ 30. Kxg2 Qd2+ 31. Kh1 Rxc6 32. Bxc6 Qxc3** " Perhaps saving the 'a' pawn would have held out longer." **33. Rg1+ Kf6 34. Bxa7** " White's two happy-go-lucky bishops will chaperone his rook's pawn to the queening square." **34... g5 35. Bb6 Qxc2 36. a5 Qb2 37. Bd8+ Ke6 38. a6 Qa3 39. Bb7 Qc5 40. Rb1 c3 41. Bb6 Resigns**

" A complete game of chess!"

Without doubt, this game was Fischer's best creative achievement in this short match. After the speedy, sensational finish of the semi-final match, the chess world nervously waited for the finals. Is it possible that the "iron" Tigran was heading for a decisive defeat? Could it be that some supernatural forces were helping Fischer?

The finals started at the end of September in Buenos-Aries. For this round was supposed to consist of 12 games. In the case of tied scores, the opponents were supposed to play until the first win. An interesting detail: the grandmasters played in the same city, and even at the same table where 44 years ago the great Capablanca and Alekhin were fighting for the World Title.

The first game brought success to the 28-year-old American. This was the 13th victory in a row in all the candidate matches for this World Title competition – a unique achievement!

Tigran Petrosian, an experienced fighter, slowed down Fischer's victorious march by winning the second game. In the third game, the former world champion gained an advantage, but allowed a hat trick repetition of the same position, and therefore the judge called it a draw. After the disturbances of the beginning, the fourth game was finished in 20 moves, the shortest of all the matches. The fifth game ended peacefully. The score became 2.5:2.5. At that point, the achievements of "iron" Tigran came to the end, for Fischer won the next two games.

And...amazingly, the situation from the previous matches repeated itself. Taimanov got sick after the 3rd game, Larsen – 4th, and Petrosian lasted until the 7th – where the pressure of the match, which even the most experienced fighter could not resist, got to him. The unstoppable Fischer who seemed to be bathed in luck, won the next two games. The next step became the match for the World Title with Boris Spassky. After long debates as to where the match would be held, the capital of Iceland, Reykjavik, was chosen. The prize fund was going to be 125 thousand dollars (unusually high for the time).

June 1, 1972 marked the celebratory opening of the match, where the president of Iceland with his wife, president of FIDE, Max Euwe, and World Champion, Boris Spassky were attending. Only the candidate was missing (?!) Later is was learned that Bobby was frightened with a threatening phone call and disappeared without a trace. After long searches and conversations, Bobby was finally persuaded to come by the airplane " BBC U.S.A." Henry Kissinger, the President's advisor on national safety at the time, himself called Fischer. There was left one last obstacle: Fischer demanded a larger prize fund. An English banker, Jim Slater, who was a huge fan of chess, saved the situation.

The match consisted of 24 games, and the candidate had to collect 12.5 points to win. Spassky saved his title because of the drawn result: 12:12. The surprises continued throughout the match. During the first game, on the 29th move, Fischer suddenly took a poisoned pawn with his bishop. Thus, Spassky won a piece, which fell into a trap, and on the 59th move, he won the game. Such a huge mistake the candidate never made before, nor after. For the second game, Fischer failed to show up, and he was given a forfeit. Afterwards, he insisted for the game to be moved from the tournament room into a room without spectators, and he also demanded a few other things. According to psychologists, this was a psychological attack, which worked excellently. Spassky magnanimously agreed. Fischer won the third game with black. This was the first victory in 12 years of competing. Then a draw and a win in the fifth game, where the candidate chose Nimzovich's defense**.** In the sixth game, Bobby used the Tartakover variation in the Queen's Gambit that surprised his opponent. He got a better position without counter play and attacked the black king. The only other victory Spassky had was in the 11th game, where he played the Najdorf in the Sicilian with White and caught his opponent in a variation, and thusly the world champion won on the 31st move. Surprising Spassky once again in the 13th game (many chess players count 13 as a lucky number) Fischer chose a rare Alekhin variation for a tournament of such rank. Readers can acquaint themselves with this interesting game, after which the score became 8:5 in Fischer's favor. (Leonid Bondar's commentaries).

Boris Spassky (W)
Robert Fischer (B)

Alekhin Defense
Reykjavik, Iceland

e4 Nf6 2. e5 Nd5 3. d4 d6 4. Nf3 g6 5. Bc4" A more aggressive plan is connected to 5. c4. Spassky chose a variation with a peaceful development." 5...Nb6 6. Bb3 Bg7 7. Nbd2 0-0 8. h3 a5!" An original plan, connected to the knight's flank development and it's shift to c5." **9. a4 dxe5 10. dxe5 Na6 11.0-0 Nc5 12. Qe2 Qe8** " Black is seriously focused on the a4 pawn. Fischer liked to enjoy material, even if it entailed some discomfort. After this sacrifice of the pawn, White gained an initiative, possibly, but not enough for compensation."
13. Ne4 Nbxa4 14. Bxa4 Nxa4 15. Re1 Nb6 16. Bd2 a4 17. Bg5 h6 18. Bh4 Bf5 19. g4 Be6 20. Nd4Bc4 21. Qd2 Qd7 22. Rad1 Rfe8! 23. f4 Bd5 24. Nc5 Qc8 25. Qc3?! " The natural move, preventing the move for the pawn 25...a3!, turned out to be a mistake. It was better to go for an initiative by 25. e6!, after which the following variation, shown by Smyslov, is possible: 25...Nc4 **26. Qe2 Nxb2 27**. Nf5 with open-ended play. Fischer's next move moves the 'e' pawn, making use of his opponent's hesitancy."
25...e6! 26. Kh2 Nd7! 27. Nd3 c5! 28. Nb5 Qc6 29. Nd6 Qxd6 30. exd6 Bxc3 31. bxc3 f6 32. g5 hxg5 33. fxg5 f5 34. Bg3 Kf7 35. Ne5 Nxe5 36. Bxe5 b5 37. Rf1! " Spassky is getting ready for his rook to travel by means of Rf4-h4-h7 into Black's site with serious threats." **37...Rh8!!** " Fischer figured out his opponent's plan and to avoid this, is offering his exchange. Spassky does not take it, wary of dangerous pass pawns on the queen's flank, which are helping stop the black square knight." **38. Bf6 a3 39. Rf4 a2 40. c4! Bxc4 41. d7 Bd5 42. Kg3 Ra3+ 43. c3 Rha8** " Other continuations helped White save himself. For example, Purdy looked over this variation: **43...a1=Q 44. Rxa1 Rxa1 45. Rh4!! Rg1+ 46. Kf2 Rg2+ 47. Kf1 Rxh4 48. d8=Q Rf4+ 49. Ke1 Rg1+ 50. Kd2 Rf2+ 51. Ke3 Rf3+ 52. Ke2 Rg2+ 53. Ke1 with draw." 44. Rh4 e5 45. Rh7+ Ke6 46. Re7 Kd6 47. Rxe5 Rxc3+ 48. Kf2 Rc2+ 49. Ke1 Kxd7 50. Rexd5+ Kc6 51. Rd6+ Kb7 52. Rd7+ Ka6 53. R7d2 Rxd2 54. Kxd2 b4 55. h4 Kb5 56. h5 c4 57. Ra1 gxh5 58. g6 h4 59. g7 "** In a tough fight White won a piece, but two pairs of Black pass pawns on different flanks compensate for the loss of the bishop. Both sides have to be highly cautious. For example, 59. Bxh4? B3 60. Kc3 Rg8 led to a loss."
59...h3 60. Be7 Rg8 61. Bf8 h2 62. Kc2 Kc6 63. Rd1 b3+ 64. Kc3 h1=Q " Black is distracting the rook on purpose so the king can come to the aid of the 'f' pass pawn. After **64...f4 65. Rd6+ Kc7 66. Rd1 f3 67. Kb2 with a draw" 65. Rxh1 Kd5 66. Kb2 f4 67. Rd1+ Ke4 68. Rc1 Kd3 69. Rd1+?** " White's last mistake. Here Spassky failed to notice the possibility of forced mate **69. Rc3+ Kd4 70. Rf3 c3+ 71. Ka1 c2 72. Rxf4+ Kc3 73. Rf3+ Kd2 74. Ba3 Rxg7 75. Rxb3 Rc7 76. Bb2" 69...Ke2 70. Rc1 f3 71. Bc5 Rxg7 72. Rxc4 Rd7! 73. Re4+ Kf1 74. Bd4 f2 White resigned**.

After this game came the peaceful period of the match – 7 draws in a row. Each side used their own motives. The candidate was satisfied with the way the match was going, for each draw brought him closer to his cherished goal. Spassky did not want to risk a loss, for it would be a catastrophe. Besides that, Fischer's tough pressure rid Spassky of all optimism and self-confidence. An interesting incident happened before the 17th game. Spassky's helper, Yefim Geller, protested about Fischer's ungentlemanly behavior to an arbiter, who asked to check the playing room and all of its objects. As a result, an x-ray and disassembly of the competitor's chairs were made, as well as a chemical check of the scoresheets. This demarche, probably a late psychological effort inflicted on him, caused Fischer to laugh.

August 31, in the 21st game, Spassky, who played with White, sacrificed an exchange on the 19th move, and created complications in the game that were better for him. However, later he made a series of mistakes and adjourned the losing position. On the verge of losing, the World Champion resigned. The match ended earlier with the score 12.5:8.5 in Fischer's favor. September 1, Max Euwe, the president of FIDE, crowned Robert James Fischer with a circlet made of Icelandic birch leaves.

Fischer's victory had a huge resonance in America. Even a special pin was issued for this. New York's mayor made resolution that September 12, 1972 became " Fischer's Day". President Nixon sent his congratulations and an invitation to the White House.

Unfortunately, the claim to the World Champion Title was the peak and practically the end of the American genius's chess career. Bobby did not fulfill a single step of the program which he was supposed to implement after becoming World Champion. Moreover, three years later, when a new young talent, Anatoly Karpov, became a candidate, Fischer refused to fight for the title again. To be more exact, he listed demands that filled 60 pages. There were two important problems: an unlimited match (until a candidate reaches 10 wins) and the condition that in case of a 9:9 score, Fischer would get to keep his title (an indirect obstacle for the candidate, who has to win 10:8). The unscheduled FIDE Congress accepted the first but denounced the second demand. After all of Fischer's deadlines for giving an answer passed, Karpov was named the 12th World Champion. After FIDE's refusal of the 11th World Champion's conditions, Bobby angrily declared, " I will punish the chess world. It will never see my games again!..." For long years, it seemed that it would be so. Not counting three games played with the computer in 1977, in which the ex-champion easily won, Fischer did not play a single serious game. He lived the life of a hermit, avoiding contact, especially with journalists. Ambivalent information that Fischer was planning to play a preparatory game with a famous grandmaster leaked into the press. Among the candidates, the names Mecking, Olaffson, Gligoric, and Timman, appeared at different times. Fischer still thought himself as World Champion, even after Karpov's 10-year reign was turned over to the young Gary Kasparov –13th World Champion. In response to this controversial situation, the decision was to hold a "revenge match for the competition for the World Title" Fischer – Spassky. This unique event took place September 1 – November 4 on St. Stephan Island and in Belgrade, Yugoslavia. A Yugoslavian banker, E. Vassilievich, the owner of the company **"**Yugoplastic**",** sponsored the record prize fund – $5 million!! The winner obtained 3.35 million, and the loser, 1.65 million. In those times there were sanctions OON and the veto of the U.S. government for any economical contacts with Yugoslavia. The emotional reaction of Fischer, who virtually spat on such regulations, led to him being banned from returning to the U.S., and if he did, a fine of 250 thousand as well as 10 years in prison awaited him.

In the first 7 games, the fight went with alternating success, but the score was 2:2 (more correctly 3.5:3.5 but draws did not count). Nevertheless, the hat trick in games 7-9 brought Bobby forward. The games were uneven in level, but interesting. In them, one could recognize the spirit of the former titans. In general opinion, the 11th game, won by Fischer, is considered the finest, as well as best for spectators. (commentaries from the book "Chess Brilliancy" by Iakov Damsky.)

Robert Fischer (W)
Boris Spassky (B)

Sicilian Defense
Sveti Stefan/Belgrade 1992

1.e4 c5 2. Nf3 Nc6 3. Bb5 g6 4. Bxc6 bxc6 5. 0-0 Bg7 6. Re1 e5 7. b4!?

" A similar sacrifice occasionally occurs in other lines of this variation, but no one had previously played it in this position. At the cost of a pawn White intends to gain something of a lead in development and if possible to create pressure on the a3-f8 diagonal. However, Black has not yet done anything bad, such that he should be 'punished' in this way." **7...cxb4 8. a3 c5?!** " A questionable decision. 8...bxa3 9. Bxa3 d6 10. d4 Ne7 with the idea of 11...Bg4 looks more acceptable, or even the return of the material – 8...b3." **9. axb4 cxb4 10. d4 exd4 11. Bb2 d6** " A serious inaccuracy. 11...Ne7 12. Nxd4 0-0 was better." **12. Nxd4 Qd7** " Forced in view of the threat of 13. Nc6, but this does nothing for the development of the kingside." **13. Nd2 Bb7?** " This would seem to be the decisive mistake. After 13...Ne7 White can probably restore material equality, but not more." **14. Nc4 Nh6** " If 14...Ne7 White would have continued as in the game, or more sharply 15. Be6!! Qxe6 (15...Bxb3 16. Nxd6+) 16. Bxg7 Qxc4 17. Bxh8, winning." **15. Nf5! Bxb2 16. Ncxd6+ Kf8 17. Nxh6 f6?** " Panic. Much more tenacious was 17...Bxa1 18. Qxa1 Qxd6 19. Qxh8+ Ke7 20. Qg7 (20. Ng8+?! Rxg8 21. Qxg8 Qd2 with sufficient counterplay) 20...Qe6, when there is still all to play for." **18. Ndf7! Qxd1 19. Raxd1 Ke7 20. Nxh8 Rxh8** " The two bishops and passed rook's pawn would be reasonable compensation for the last exchange, were it not for the following blow planned far in advance by White." **21. Nf5+!** " The b2 bishop is lost, and with it all Black's hopes." **21...gxf5 22.**

exf5+ Be5 23. f4 Rc8 24. fxe5 Rxc2 25. e6, and White very surely converted his advantage:
25...Bc6 26. Rc1 Rxc1 27. Rxc1 Kd6 28. Rd1+ Ke5 29. e7 a5 30. Rc1! Bd7 31. Rc5+ Kd4 32. Rxa5 b3 33. Ra7 Be8 34. Rb7 Kc3 35. Kf2 b2 36. Ke3 Bf7 37. g4 Kc2 38. Kd4 b1=Q 39. Rxb1 Kxb1 40. Kc5 Kc2 41. Kd6 Black resigns

" However, there is no subjunctive mood either in history, or in sport, or in art, and the winner of the competition became another former world champion, and not the FIDE champion."

Taking the lead after the 8th game in the second match with Spassky in 1992, Fischer did not fall back anymore. The opponents played exactly 30 games. It is curious to note that the halfway finish after 21 games was the absolute repetition of the results of the first match. The final score, 10:5, (17.5:12.5) once again proved Fischer's obvious superiority over his opponent. However, many well-known grandmasters commentated quite pessimistically on the level of the match. Now, after 12 years, wise Mikhail Botvinnik's view sounds quite prophetic: "...I must say that this is not the Fischer we used to know, the Fischer who used to fascinate us with his play. That Fischer is no more, nor can he be."

The 1992 match, so it seems, ended the 11th champion's active career. However, it is vital to point out the genius chess player's other active sides, at least briefly. Few from the general public are aware of Fischer's new rules for the placement of pieces on the board for a regular chess game. Thanks to the random initial placement of pieces (only the symmetry of White: Black is the same), opening theory is practically annihilated. Susan Polgar (former women's world chess champion), told us that when Fischer lived in Budapest (in the 90s), he kept in touch with the Polgar family. Once, he offered Judit Polgar to play a match using his "random" chess. However, Judit politely declined, suggesting for Fischer to play her sisters.

Fischer's clock system received wide popularity and almost universal acceptance. Spassky called it a work of genius. Many quick chess and blitz tournaments are held using this system. The system was successfully tested in the revenge-match of 1992. The essence of this novelty is that for every move made (by the push of a button) additional negotiated time, for example 2,3,5 or more seconds, are added in advance. This novelty practically liquidates the possibility for a loss in case of a competitor's large material advantage.

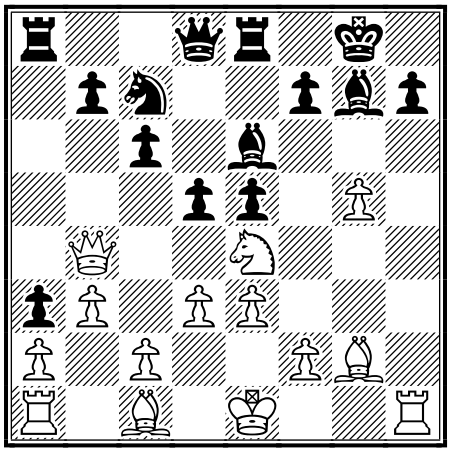
Fischer's most important contribution, as many chess players believe, is that he achieved significant improvement for the game regulations, especially financial conditions for the players. Kasparov wrote " Fischer made another revolutionary leap, demonstrating all the might of opening theory for both colors, sharply widening the range of studied openings..."

Fischer, in all his genius, is not deprived of human weaknesses and shortcomings. Since the focus of this article is the professional life of the 11th World Champion, we will not mention the scandalous interviews, which Fischer gave during the last years. We shall briefly touch upon the last couple relatively unknown facts of his life. Fischer's mother died in 1997 in California at the ripe age of 84. His older sister died in a year, when she was only 60 years old. During the second match with Spassky (1992), Bobby was accompanied by a young Hungarian chess player, Zita Rajcsanyi**.** It seemed that Zita was the first woman who was able to win Fischer's attention. However, after long consideration, Fischer said "yes", and Zita answered, "Too late, I'm already married." In different years Fischer lived in Germany, Hong Kong, Tokyo and the Philippines. In 2000, he married Justine Ong in the Philippines. In 2001, the couple had a daughter, Jinky Ong-Fischer.

In conclusion, this is what Kasparov had to say about his great predecessor: The most restless and ambivalent champion. A live legend. Fischer is the symbol of maximum determination in chess achievement, in reaching the chess Olympus, which is based on the unlimited energy and humongous ability to crush your opponents... Uncompromising in his demands for making game regulations better, Fischer insisted on attention to chess and chess players. Unfortunately, some specific characteristics of Fischer's personality led to his fall from the process of further developing in chess. It was precisely Fischer who fathered modern chess. He understood them on the level of the 80s.

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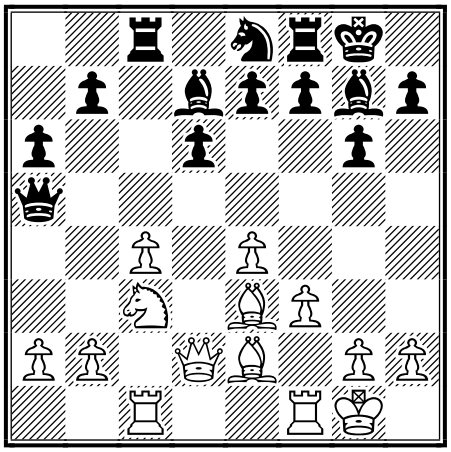
Chicago Open (3), 30.05.2004
[Albert Chow]
1.b3 e5 2.Bb2 d6 3.e3 Nf6 4.d3 Be7 5.Nd2 0–0 6.g3 Re8 7.Bg2 Bf8 8.Ne2 Nbd7 The Hippo vs. Old Indian. **9.h3 Nc5 10.g4** grabbing a Grob flank advance. **10...a5 11.Ng3 Be6 12.g5 Nd5 13.h4 a4 14.Nde4 c6 15.Nxc5 Qa5+ 16.Qd2 Qxc5 17.Ne4 Qb6 18.h5 a3** [18...axb3 19.axb3 Rxa1+ was good.] **19.Bc1 Qd8 20.h6! Nc7 21.hxg7 Bxg7 22.Qb4! d5** Blatney finds ways to make his weird plans work.



23.Nf6+! Bxf6 24.gxf6 Qxf6 25.Bxa3 e4 26.d4 Bf5 27.Qd6! Re6 28.Qxc7 Rxa3 29.Qxb7 Qd8 30.Qb4 Qa8 31.Bh3! Bxh3 32.Rxh3 Rg6 33.Kd2 Rxa2 34.Rxa2 Qxa2 35.Qb8+ Kg7 36.Rh5! Qa5+ 37.b4 Qa6 38.Rf5 Qc4 39.Rh5 h6 40.Rf5! Qa6 41.Qc7 Rf6 42.Qe5! c5 43.dxc5 Qe6 44.Qxf6+ Qxf6 45.Rxf6 Kxf6 46.b5 Ke6 47.c3 black resigned. **1–0**

(2) Gurevich,D - Ford,S [A31]

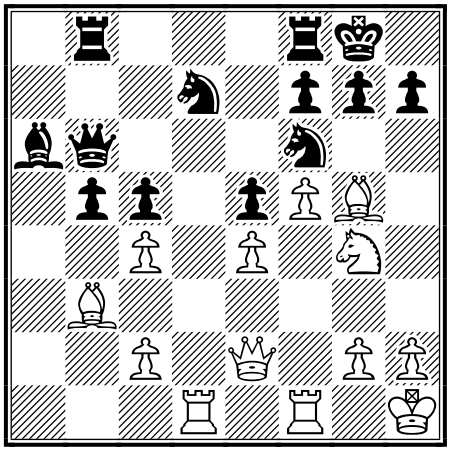
Lake County Spring open (3), 24.04.2004
[Albert Chow]
1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 c5 3.Nf3 cxd4 4.Nxd4 g6 5.Nc3 Bg7 6.e4 d6 7.Be2 0–0 8.Be3 a6 9.0–0 Nc6 10.Qd2 Bd7 11.f3 Rc8 The Moroczy Bind English - Sicilian is a favorite winning weapon for grandmaster D. Gurevich. **12.Rac1 Ne8? 13.Nb3! Na5? 14.Nxa5 Qxa5**



15.Nd5! Qxd2 [15...Qd8? 16.Bb6!+-] **16.Nxe7+** Zwischenzug! **16...Kh8 17.Bxd2 Bxb2 18.Nxc8! Bxc1 19.Rxc1 Bxc8** White's dark squared bishop is better than an offside knight e8. **20.Bb4! Be6 21.e5! Kg8 22.c5! Ng7 23.cxd6 Rc8 24.Rxc8+ Bxc8 25.Bc4 Ne6 26.Kf2 Nd4 27.Bc5 Ne6 28.Bb6 Kf8 29.Ke3 Ke8 30.Bd5 Ng7 31.g4 h5 32.h3 hxg4 33.fxg4! g5 34.Ke4 Ne6 35.Be3** black resigns an unhappy endgame. **1–0**

(3) Gandhi,R (1912) - Burgess,J (2215) [B12]

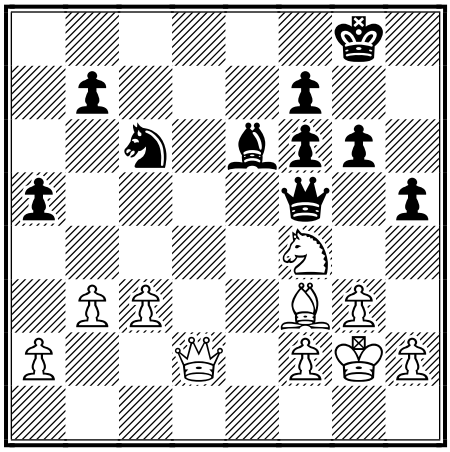
Tim Just Spring Open (4), 24.04.2004
[Albert Chow]
1.d4 c6 2.e4 d6 3.Bd3 Nd7 4.f4 e5 5.dxe5 dxe5 6.Bc4 Qc7 7.f5 Ngf6 8.Qe2 Bc5 9.a4 Rb8 10.Nc3 a6 11.Bb3 Bb4 12.Nh3 Nc5 13.Nf2 Qa5 14.Bd2 b5 15.0–0 Qd8 16.Bg5 0–0 17.Ng4 Ncd7 18.Rad1 Qb6+ 19.Kh1 Bxc3 20.bxc3 c5 21.axb5 axb5 22.c4 Ba6



23.Rxd7?! Nxd7 24.f6! bxc4 [24...g6 25.Bh6 is also dangerous.] **25.fxg7 cxb3** [25...Kxg7 26.Bxc4 Bxc4 27.Qxc4 Qb5 was equal.] **26.gxf8Q+ Kxf8 27.c4 b2 28.Rb1 Qe6 29.Ne3 Rb4 30.Rxb2 Bxc4 31.Qd2 Rxb2 32.Qxb2 Bd3 33.Qb7 Qa2??** [33...Qa6! seems to force the queen trade, when black has an extra pawn endgame plus.] **34.Qc8+ Kg7 35.Nf5+ Kg6 36.Qg8+** checkmate in three, so black resigned. **1–0**

(4) Chow,A (2233) - Levina,A (2063) [B15]

Chicago open (3), 29.05.2004
[A.C.]
1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.Nc3 dxe4 4.Nxe4 Nf6 5.Nxf6+ exf6 6.c3 Bd6 7.Bd3 0–0 8.Qc2 g6 9.Ne2 c5 10.Be3 Qc7 11.dxc5 Bxc5 12.Bxc5 Qxc5 13.0–0 Nc6 14.Rad1 Be6 15.Nf4 Bg4 16.Be2 Bf5 17.Qc1 Rad8 18.Bf3 Be6 19.b3 a5 20.Rfe1 Rxd1 21.Rxd1 Rd8 22.Rxd8+ Nxd8 23.Qd2 Nc6 24.g3 Qf5 25.Kg2 h5 A queenside pawn majority gives white endgame advantage.



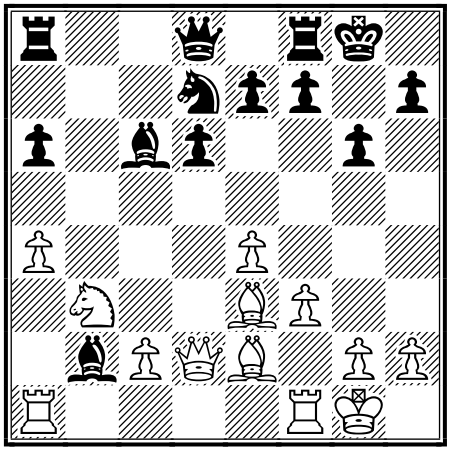
26.h4 Kg7 27.Nxe6+ Qxe6 [27...fxe6? 28.Qd7+ Kh6 29.Qxb7+-] **28.c4 Qf5 29.Bd5 Qe5 30.a3 Qd6 31.Qb2 Qe7 32.Bxc6 bxc6 33.Kh2 Qe4 34.Qc3 Qf5 35.Kg2 Qc5 36.b4 axb4 37.axb4 Qf5 38.Qf3 Qd7 39.Qe4 Kh7 40.Qe2 Qb7 41.Qf3! Qxb4 42.Qxc6 f5 43.Qd5 Kg8 44.c5 f4 45.c6! fxg3 46.c7 Qg4 47.Qd8+ Kg7 48.c8Q Qe4+ 49.Kxg3 Qe5+ 50.Kh3** black resigned. **1–0**

(5) Stamnov,A (2293) - Filipovich,D (2192) [B15]

Chicago Open (2), 29.05.2004
[A.Chow]
1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.Nc3 g6 4.Nf3 Bg7 5.h3 Nf6 6.e5 Ne4 7.Nxe4 dxe4 8.Ng5 c5 9.dxc5 Qa5+ 10.c3 Qxc5 11.Be3 Qxe5 12.Bd4 Qxg5 13.Bxg7 Rg8 14.Bd4 Nc6 15.Be3 Qe5 16.Qb3 Bd7 17.0–0–0 0–0–0 18.Bb5 e6 19.g3 a6 20.Be2 Nb8 21.Bb6 Rde8 22.Rd4 Bc6 23.Rhd1 Nd7 24.Ba7 Nc5 25.Qb4 Nd3+ [25...Nd7] **26.Bxd3 exd3 27.R4xd3 Rd8 28.Bb6 Rxd3 29.Rxd3 Qb5 30.Qd4! Bd7 31.c4 Qc6 32.c5 Re8 33.Qe5 Qh1+ 34.Rd1 Qc6 35.Rd6 Qh1+ 36.Kc2 f6 37.Qxf6 Qe4+ 38.Kd2 Qb4+ 39.Kd1 Qa4+ 40.b3 Qxa2 41.Rd3 Qb1+ 42.Kd2 Qa2+ 43.Kc1 Qa3+ 44.Kb1** black resigned. **1–0**

(6) Fishbein,A (2568) - Wojtkiewicz,A (2647) [B34]

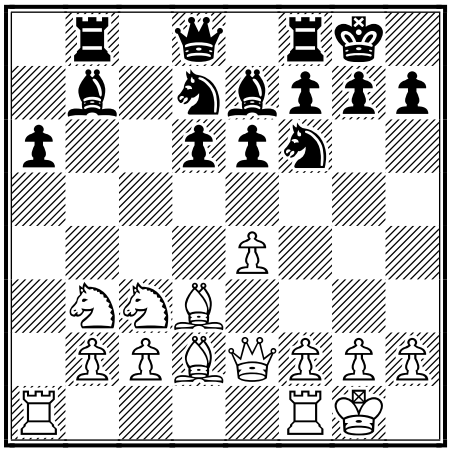
Chicago Open (5), 29.05.2004
[A.C.]
1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 g6 3.d4 Bg7 4.Nc3 cxd4 5.Nxd4 Nc6 6.Nb3 Nf6 7.Be2 0–0 8.0–0 a6 9.Be3 d6 10.Qd2 b5 11.f3 Bb7 12.a4 b4 13.Nd5 Nd7 14.Nxb4 Bxb2 15.Nxc6 Bxc6



16.Nd4! Qc7 17.Ra2 Bxd4 18.Qxd4 Rfc8 19.Rd1 Nc5 20.h4 Bd7 21.h5 Be6 22.Raa1 Nd7 23.Bd3 Qc5! 24.hxg6 hxg6 25.Rdb1 f6 26.Rb4 Kf7 27.Qxc5 Nxc5 28.Bxc5 Rxc5 draw agreed. ½–½

(7) Becerra,J (2642) - Karklins,A (2344)

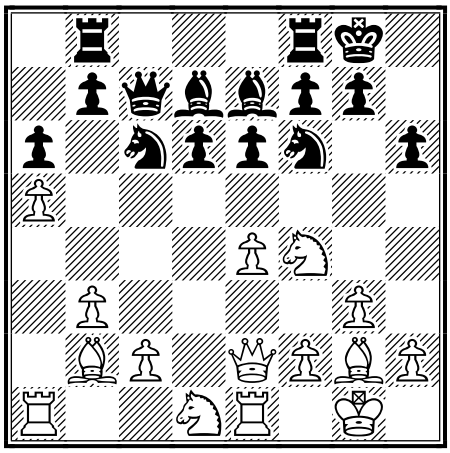
[B43] Chicago Open (7), 29.05.2004 *[Albert Chow]*
1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 e6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 a6 5.Nc3 b5 6.Bd3 Bb7 7.0–0 d6 8.Bd2!? Nd7 9.a4!? bxa4 [9...b4 seems stronger.] **10.Nxa4 Ngf6 11.Qe2 Be7 12.Nb3 Rb8 13.Nc3 0–0** The isolated a6 pawn falls.



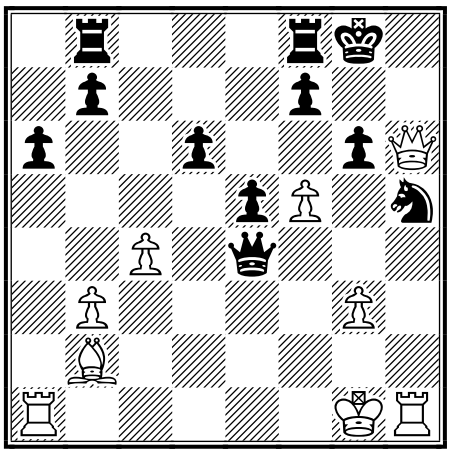
14.Bxa6± Ba8 15.Rfc1 Rxb3 16.cxb3 Nc5 17.Bc4 Nfxe4 18.Nxe4 Nxe4 19.Ba5 Qb8 20.b4! d5 21.Bd3 Bd6 [21...Bxb4!? regaining material.] **22.h3 f5 23.b5 d4 24.Be1 Rf6 25.Rc6! Bxc6 26.bxc6 Ng5 27.b4! Rg6 28.Kh1 Rh6 29.b5 Bf8 30.Bd2! f4 31.Qg4 Qd8 32.Bxf4 Nxh3 33.gxh3 Qd5+ 34.Kg1 Rf6 35.c7** black resigned. **1–0**

(8) Karklins,A (2344) - Stripunsky,A (2610)

[B43] Chicago Open (2), 29.05.2004 *[Albert Chow]*
1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 e6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 a6 5.Nc3 Qc7 6.g3 Bb4 7.Nde2 Nf6 8.Bg2 Bc5 9.0–0 h6 10.b3 Be7 11.Bb2 d6 12.Nf4 Nbd7 13.a4 Rb8 14.a5 Ne5 15.Qe2 Bd7 16.Rfe1 0–0 17.Nd1 Nc6



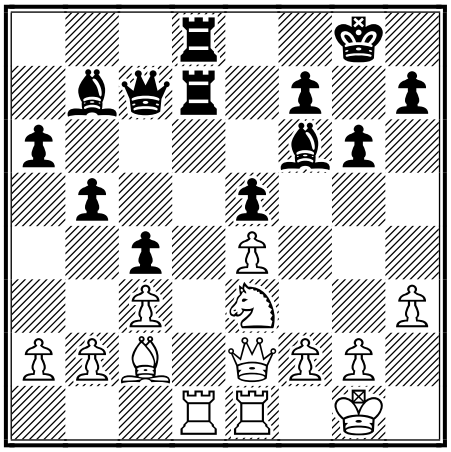
18.Ne3? [18.Qd2 is solid.] **18...Nxa5 19.Nh5 Nxh5 20.Qxh5 Nc6 21.Ng4 e5 22.Ne3 Bg5 23.Nd5 Qc8 24.h3? g6! 25.Qd1 Bxh3 26.f4 Bd8 27.f5 Bxg2 28.Kxg2 Bg5 29.Qg4 Ne7 30.Qxg5!? Nxd5??** [30...Qxc2+! wins.] **31.Qxh6 Nf6 32.c4 Qc6 33.Rh1?** [33.fxg6! with attack.] **33...Qxe4+ 34.Kg1 Nh5**



35.Rxh5! gxh5 36.Qg5+ Kh7 37.Qxh5+ Kg7 38.Qg5+ Kh7 39.Qh5+ Kg7 40.Qg5+ Kh7 41.Qh5+ Perpetual check draw. **½–½**

(9) Gonzalez,R (2514) - Chow,A (2233)

[B50] Chicago open (5), 30.05.2004 *[A.C.]*
1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.c3 Nf6 4.h3 Nbd7 5.Bd3 b6 6.Bc2 Bb7 7.Qe2 Qc7 8.d3 g6 9.0–0 Rc8 10.Nbd2 Bg7 11.Re1 0–0 12.Nf1 e5 13.Ng3 d5 14.Bg5 Rfe8 15.Rad1 dxe4 16.dxe4 Nf8 17.Bb3 c4 18.Ba4 Re7 19.Nd2 a6 20.Ndf1 b5 21.Bc2 Ne6 22.Bxf6 Bxf6 23.Ne3 Nf4 24.Qf3 Rd8 25.Ne2 Nxe2+ 26.Qxe2 Red7



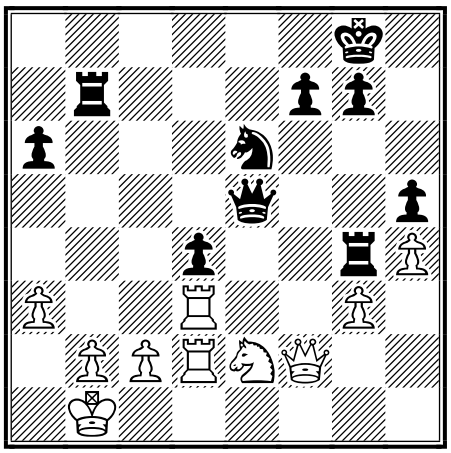
27.Rxd7 Rxd7 28.Qf3 Bg5 29.Nd5 Qd8 30.Rd1 Bxd5 31.exd5 Be7 32.b3 cxb3 33.Bxb3 Bd6 34.c4 Kg7 35.Qe3 Qc8 36.cxb5 axb5 37.a4 bxa4 38.Bxa4 Rb7 39.Bc6 Rb4 40.Ra1 Qb8 41.g3 Rb1+ 42.Rxb1 Qxb1+ 43.Kg2 Qf5 44.Bb5 h5 I offered a draw, but R.Gonzalez declined. **45.Bd3 Qf6 46.h4 Qe7 47.Qb6 Bc5 48.Qc6 Qd6 49.Kf1 Qe7 50.Kg2 e4 51.Be2 Bd6 52.Qc3+ Qe5 53.Qxe5+ Bxe5** Now he offered me the draw, and I accepted. **½–½**

(10) Gaspard,F (2526) - Smetankin,S (2526) [B51]

Chicago Open (1), 29.05.2004
[Albert Chow]
1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.Bb5+ Nd7 4.0–0 Ngf6 5.Re1 a6 6.Bxd7+ Nxd7 7.d4 e6 8.Nc3 Be7 9.Be3 Qc7! 10.Qd2 b5! 11.Ne2 Bb7 12.Ng3 cxd4 By transposition of moves, the thematic Sicilian structure. **13.Bxd4 Ne5!? 14.b3?** [14.Nxe5 dxe5 15.Be3 seems more solid.] **14...Nxf3+ 15.gxf3 0–0 16.Rac1 Qd8 17.c4** [17.f4! Rc8] **17...bxc4 18.Rxc4 e5! 19.Bb2 d5! 20.Rc2 d4** Black has a powerful passed d pawn plus a pair of bishops. **21.f4 Qb6! 22.Rc4** [22.fxe5? Bb4] **22...Rfc8 23.Rec1 Rxc4 24.Rxc4 f6 25.Nf5 Bf8 26.Qd3 g6 27.Ng3 a5! 28.fxe5 fxe5 29.Qc2 Rd8! 30.Rc7 Ba6 31.Rc6 Qb5 32.b4 a4! 33.Qc1 d3 34.Qg5 Qxc6 35.Qxd8 Qd6 36.Qxd6 Bxd6–+ 37.Nf1 Bxb4 38.Ne3 d2 39.Bxe5 Be2 40.f4 Bc5! 0–1**

(11) Chow,A (2611) - Finegold,B (2611) [B66]

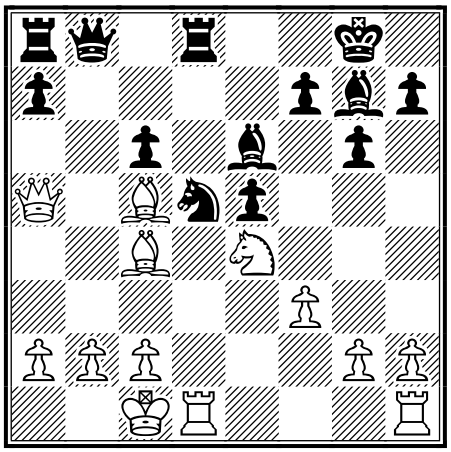
Chicago Open (1), 30.05.2004
[F.M. Albert Chow]
1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 d6 6.Bg5 e6 7.Qd2 a6 8.0–0–0 h6 9.Nxc6 bxc6 10.Bf4 d5 11.Qe3 Be7 12.Be2 Nd7 13.Qg3 Kf8 [13...Bg5 14.h4 Bxf4+ 15.Qxf4 looks good for white.] **14.Bc7 Qe8 15.Bd6 Bb7 16.Bxe7+ Qxe7 17.f4 Rd8 18.h4 h5! 19.Rhf1 Rh6! 20.f5 Nc5 21.fxe6 Nxe6 22.exd5 cxd5 23.Bf3 d4 24.Ne2 Kg8 25.Bxb7 Qxb7 26.Rf3 Qe4 27.Qf2 Rg6! 28.g3 Rc8 29.Rd2** [29.Nxd4 Nxd4 30.Rxd4 Rxc2+! 31.Qxc2 Qxf3 With counterplay.] **29...Rg4! 30.Kb1 Rc7 31.a3 Rb7 32.Rfd3 Qe5** With time pressure building for both players, white failed to make the most of his chances and lost the initiative.



33.Ka1? [33.Nxd4! Nxd4 34.Rxd4 Rxg3 Is equal.] **33...Re4! 34.b3??** [34.Nxd4! Nc5! 35.Rf3 Re1+ 36.Ka2 Ne4! 37.Qxe1 Nc3+! 38.Rxc3 Qxe1 With Rook, Knight, and pawn, for a Queen.] **34...Nc5 35.Rf3 d3+** White resigned. **0–1**

(12) Formanek,E (2321) - Volkmann,J (1882) [B76]

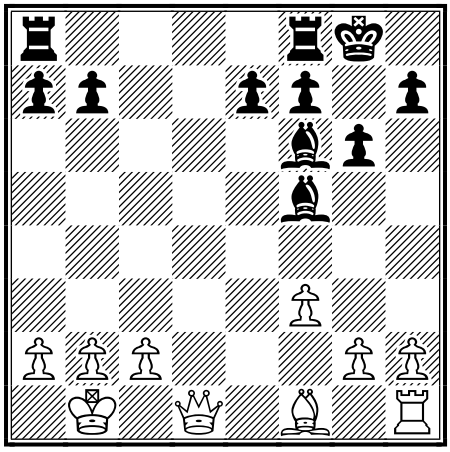
Chicago Open (1), 30.05.2004
[F.M. Al Chow] **1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 g6 6.Be3 Bg7 7.f3 Nc6 8.Qd2 0–0 9.0–0–0 d5 10.Qe1!? e5** A tactical test of a Dragon variation. **11.Nxc6 bxc6 12.exd5 Nxd5 13.Bc4 Be6 14.Ne4 Qb8** [14...Qc7!?] **15.Bc5 Rd8 16.Qa5** excellent activity.



16...f5? Unclear alternatives are: [16...h6!?; 16...Nf4!?] **17.Ng5 Bh6 18.h4 Nc7 19.Qa4** Black is unable to defend the tactical weaknesses and is without counterplay. **19...Rxd1+ 20.Rxd1 Bxc4 21.Qxc4+ Nd5 22.Rxd5! Bxg5+ 23.Rd2+!** black resigned. **1–0**

(13) Shabalov,A (2701) - Kiewra,K (2247)

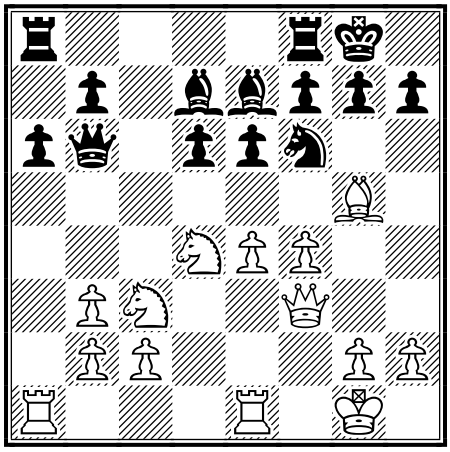
[B76] Chicago Open (3), 29.05.2004 *[Albert Chow]* **1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 g6 6.Be3 Bg7 7.f3 Nc6 8.Qd2 0–0 9.0–0–0 d5 10.Kb1!? Nxd4 11.e5! Nf5 12.exf6 Bxf6 13.Nxd5 Qxd5 14.Qxd5 Nxe3 15.Qd2 Nxd1 16.Qxd1 Bf5** Black has a rook and dark squared bishop for a queen, but 5 + 3 = 8, and 9 minus 8 = one point advantage for white.



17.Bc4! Rfd8 18.Qe2 Bg5?! 19.Rd1 Rxd1+ 20.Qxd1 Rc8 21.Bb3 Rc6 22.Qd5! e6 23.Qe5 h5 24.g4! 1–0

(14) Shabalov,A (2701) - Smetankin,S (2526) [B86]

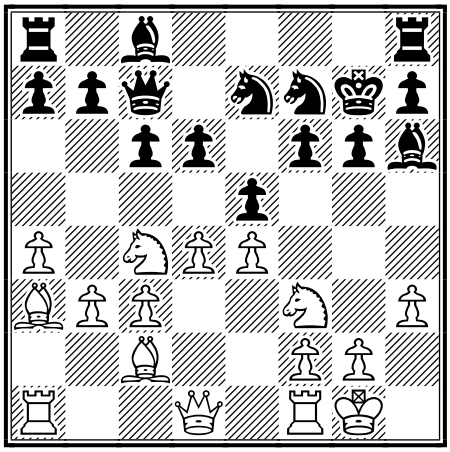
Chicago Open *FM Albert Chow]* **1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 a6 6.Bc4 e6 7.Bb3 Nbd7 8.Bg5!? Nc5 9.0–0 Be7 10.Re1 0–0** [10...Nfxe4!? 11.Bxe7 Nxc3 is a risky unclear desperado counter that was dangerous to chance without more analysis as GM Shabalov may have studied this line. 12.bxc3 Qxe7 13.Nf5! Qc7 14.Qd4! for example with threats.] **11.f4 Bd7 12.Qf3! Nxb3 13.axb3 Qb6**



14.Rad1 Rfe8 [14...e5 pinning and winning a knight may have been the idea, but deeper calculation shows that after 15.Bxf6! Bxf6 16.Nd5! Qa7 17.Nxf6+! gxf6 18.Qg3+ Kh8 19.Qh4! exd4 *(19...Kg7 20.Re3!* is also bad*.)* 20.Qxf6+ Kg8 21.Rd3! with a winning white attack.] **15.Kh1 h6 16.Bh4** despite making natural moves from the opening and not blundering in any obvious way, black is under pressure as white is ready to gain the initiative with twin thrusting threats of either 17. e5 or 17. f5 that are hard to counter. **16...Bc6** [16...Nxe4 17.Bxe7 Nxc3 again fails due to 18.Qxc3! Rxe7 19.Nf5!] **17.f5 Nd7 18.Bf2** Black is already in big trouble, facing double attacking threats. **18...e5 19.Ndb5! Qxb5?** [19...Qa5 20.Nxd6± was a better defence only losing a pawn, but a power GM Shabalov would push his advantage for the win again anyway.] **20.Nxb5 Bxb5 21.c4 Bc6 22.b4 b5 23.b3 Reb8 24.Qc3 a5 25.cxb5 Bxb5 26.bxa5 Ra6 27.Rc1** without any real compensation for the material, black resigned. **1–0**

(15) Schneider,D (2512) - Formanek,E (2321) [C60]

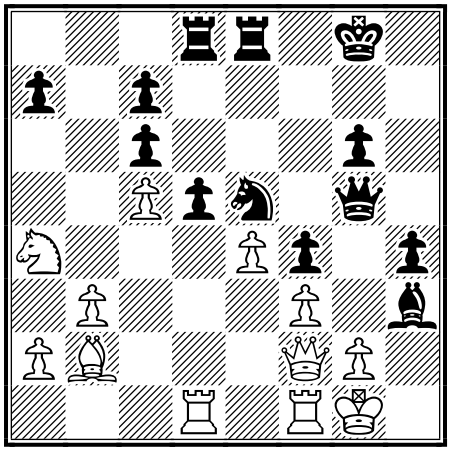
Chicago Open (2), 29.05.2004 *[Albert Chow]* **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 Qe7?! 4.0–0 Nd8?!** Not the best defence in the Spanish. **5.d4 c6 6.Ba4 d6 7.c3 g6 8.Nbd2 Bh6 9.Bc2 f6 10.h3 Kf8 11.a4 Kg7 12.b3! Qc7** Before anyone gets some idea that black is not doing too bad with his offbeat opening, let us point out his two knights are posted on the back row after 13 moves. **13.Ba3! Ne7 14.Nc4! Nf7** It almost looks like black will blockade, but that idea is now busted.



15.Nxd6!! Nxd6 16.dxe5 Ne8 17.Bd6! Qd7 18.exf6+ Nxf6 19.Qd4! Qe6 20.c4! Rd8 21.c5 Neg8 22.Bd3! Qe8 23.e5 Nd5 24.e6+! Ndf6 25.Rfe1 Kh8 26.Bc4 Bg7 27.Ng5! Nd5 28.Qh4 Nh6 29.Nf7+ black resigned. **1–0**

(16) Schneider,D (2512) - Goldin,A (2701) [C65]

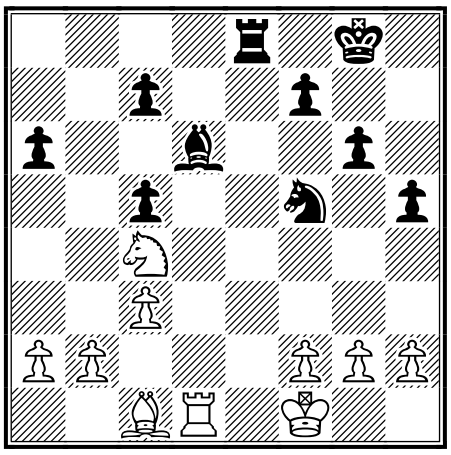
Chicago Open (3), 31.05.2004
[Albert Chow]
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 Nf6 4.d3 d6 5.c4 g6 6.Nc3 Bg7 7.h3 0–0 8.0–0 h6 9.Re1 Nd7 10.b3 f5! Attacking in the style of the King's Indian. **11.Bb2 f4 12.Bxc6 bxc6 13.d4 exd4 14.Nxd4 Bxd4! 15.Qxd4 Ne5! 16.f3 Bxh3! 17.Rf1 Qg5 18.Qd2 Rad8 19.Rad1 h5 20.Qf2 h4 21.Na4 Rfe8 22.c5 d5**



23.Kh1 dxe4!? [23...Bc8 also seems good.] **24.Bxe5 e3 25.Qe2 Rxd1 26.Rxd1 Rxe5 27.gxh3 Qg3! 28.Nc3 Qxh3+ 29.Qh2 Qxf3+ 30.Qg2 Qxg2+ 31.Kxg2 Kf7** Four passing pawns over knight. **32.Kf3 g5 33.b4 Re8 34.Rd7+ Kg6 35.Ne2 h3 36.Rd1 Kf5 37.Nd4+ Kg6 38.Ne2 Kf5 39.Nd4+ Kg6 40.Ne2 Rh8 41.Rh1 h2 42.Kg4 Rh4+ 43.Kf3 Kf6 44.Nd4 Rh3+ 45.Kg2 g4** white resigned. A win as black vs. a high rated young talent. Typical of GM Goldin's strong play at any Chicago open. Now if only he would share his sparkling play with his fans by handing in the carbon copy of his scoresheets, we could all see the best class example. **0–1**

(17) Shabalov,A (2701) - Betaneli,A (2250) [C73]

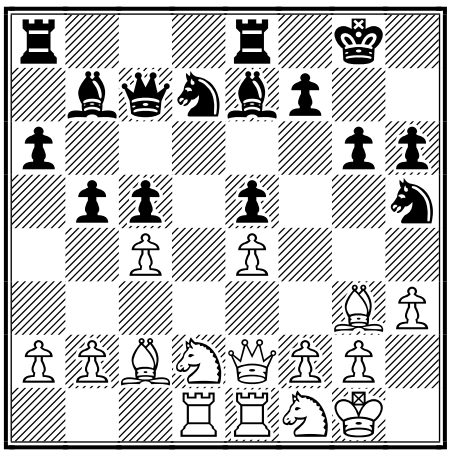
Chicago Open (1), 30.05.2004
[Albert Chow]
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 d6 5.Bxc6+ bxc6 6.d4 exd4 7.Qxd4 c5 8.Qd3 Be7 9.0–0 Nf6 10.Nc3 0–0 11.Bf4 Bb7 12.Rad1 Bc6 13.Rfe1 Qb8 14.e5! Nh5 15.Bc1 g6 16.Nd5! Bxd5 17.Qxd5 Qc8 18.exd6 Bxd6 19.Ne5 Ng7 20.Nc4 Qf5 21.c3 Rfe8 22.Rxe8+ Rxe8 23.Qxf5 Nxf5 24.Kf1 h5



25.h3 Kf8 26.f3 Re6 27.Kf2 Ke8 28.b3 Be7 [28...Bg3+ 29.Kf1] **29.Bf4 Nd6 30.Ne3 g5 31.Bxd6!? cxd6 32.Nf5 Kd7 33.Ng7 Rh6 34.Rd5 Rh7 35.Nf5 f6 36.h4 Ke6 37.c4 Bf8 38.f4! g4 39.Ke2 a5 40.Kd3 a4 41.b4! cxb4 42.Nd4+ Kf7 43.Rb5 Kg6 44.Ne6 Bg7 45.f5+ Kh6 46.Rxb4 Rh8 47.Rxa4 Rb8 48.Ra7 Rb2 49.Nxg7** black resigns. **1–0**

(18) Burgess,J (2215) - Bereolos,P (2341) [C77]

Chicago Open (5), 29.05.2004
[F.M. Al Chow]
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.Qe2 Be7 6.c3 b5 7.Bc2 0–0 8.d3 d5 9.h3 Re8 10.0–0 Bb7 11.Re1 Bf8 12.Bg5 dxe4 13.dxe4 h6 14.Bh4 Nb8 15.Nbd2 Nbd7 16.Rad1 c5 17.Nf1 Qc7 Solid and equal play in the Spanish. **18.N3d2 Be7 19.Bg3 g6 20.c4 Nh5**



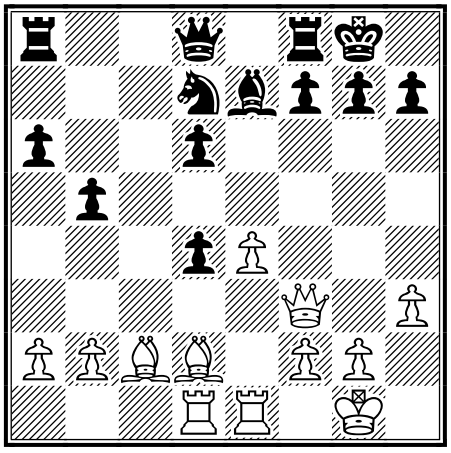
21.cxb5 Nxg3 22.Nxg3 axb5 23.Qxb5 Bc6 24.Qe2 Rxa2 25.Nc4 Ba4 26.Bxa4 Rxa4 27.Qc2 Rb4 28.Nf1 Bg5! 29.g3 h5! 30.h4 Bh6 31.Nfe3 Bxe3! 32.Nxe3 Nf6 33.Nd5 Nxd5 34.Rxd5 c4 35.Rc1 Qb6 36.Rf1 Rb3 37.Kg2 Qf6 38.Qxc4 Qf3+ 39.Kg1 Rxb2 40.Qc6 Reb8 41.Qc7 Ra8 42.Qxe5 Re2 43.Rd7 draw agreed. **½–½**

(19) Stripunsky,A (2610) - Golod,V (2788) [C85]

Chicago open (5), 31.05.2004
[Albert Chow]
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0–0 Be7 6.Bxc6 dxc6 7.d3 Nd7 8.b3 c5 9.Bb2 Bd6 10.Nbd2 b5 11.Kh1 0–0 12.Ng1 Qh4 13.Ne2 Bb7 14.Nf3 Qe7 15.Ng3 g6 16.Qd2 f6 17.Ng1 c4!? 18.bxc4 bxc4 19.d4? [19.dxc4 Qe6 20.Qd3 Nb6 regains the pawn.] **19...exd4 20.Bxd4 Bxg3! 21.hxg3 Qxe4 22.f3 Qd5** Black is better with an extra c pawn that one day will undouble itself. **23.Qf2 Rad8 24.Ne2 Qf5 25.Nc3 Rfe8 26.Rfe1 h5! 27.Rab1 Ba8 28.Re2 c5 29.Be3 Re7 30.Bf4 Rde8 31.Rxe7 Rxe7 32.Bd6 Re6 33.Rd1 Bc6 34.Kg1 Kf7** Golod has the patience and technique to grind his advantage for a win against a GM. **35.Qd2 g5! 36.Bc7 Ne5 37.Bxe5 Qxe5 38.Kf2 Re7 39.Re1 Qd4+ 40.Qxd4 cxd4 41.Rxe7+ Kxe7 42.Ne2 d3 43.cxd3 cxd3 44.Nc3 Ke6 45.Ke3 g4! 46.fxg4 hxg4 47.Kxd3 Ke5 48.Ke3 Bxg2 49.Ne2 Bd5 50.a3 Be4 51.Nc3 f5 52.Na2 a5 53.Nc3 Bc6 54.Kd3 f4! 55.gxf4+ Kxf4 56.Ne2+ Ke5 57.Ke3 Kd5 58.Nd4 a4 59.Ne2 Kc4 60.Nf4 Bd7 61.Nd3 Bf5 62.Nc1 Kc3 63.Ne2+ Kb2 64.Kd4 Kxa3 65.Kc3 Ka2 66.Kb4 a3 67.Nc3+ Kb2 68.Na4+ Kc2** The g pawn promotes, so white resigned. **0–1**

(20) Ehlvest,J (2674) - Golod,V (2788) [C91]

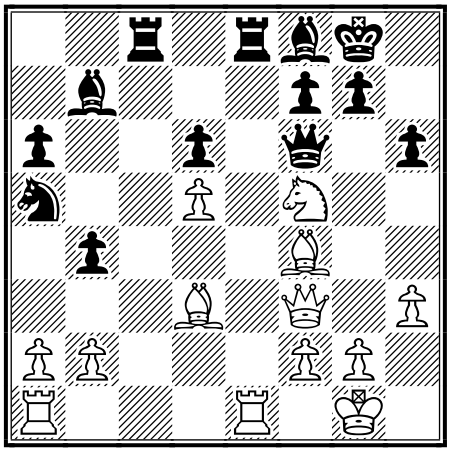
Chicago Open (7), 29.05.2004
[Albert Chow]
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0–0 Be7 6.Re1 b5 7.Bb3 d6 8.c3 0–0 9.d4 Bg4 10.Be3 exd4 11.cxd4 Na5 12.Bc2 c5 13.h3 Bxf3 14.Qxf3 Nc4 15.Nd2 Nxd2 other captures are: [15...Nxe3; 15...Nxb2] **16.Bxd2 cxd4 17.Rad1 Nd7**



18.Qd3 Ne5 [18...Qb6 guarding d4.] **19.Qxd4 Bf6 20.Qb4 Rc8 21.Bc3! Nc6?** [21...Rc6 guarding d6.] **22.Qxd6 Bxc3 23.bxc3 Qa5 24.e5! Qxc3 25.Rc1 Qa5 26.Bf5! Rc7 27.Bxh7+! Kxh7 28.Qxf8 Nxe5 29.Qd8! Nc4 30.Re4 f5 31.Re6 Qa3 32.Rce1 Rf7 33.Qe8 Qf8 34.Qxf8 Rxf8 35.Rxa6** black resigned. **1–0**

(21) Friedel,J (2436) - Karklins,A (2344) [C96]

Chicago Open (5), 29.05.2004
[Albert Chow]
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0–0 Be7 6.Re1 b5 7.Bb3 d6 8.c3 0–0 9.h3 Na5 10.Bc2 c5 11.d4 cxd4 12.cxd4 exd4 13.Nxd4 Bb7 14.Nf5 Re8 15.Qf3 Rc8 16.Bd3 Bf8 17.Nc3 h6 18.Bf4 b4? [18...Nc4!? enter counterplay.] **19.Nd5 Nxd5 20.exd5 Qf6** The Chigorin Na5 is offsides away from his weakened kingside.



21.Qg3!± Kh8 22.Nxd6 Bxd6 23.Bxd6 Bxd5 24.Bxb4 Rxe1+ 25.Rxe1 Nc6 26.Bc3 Qg5 27.Qxg5 hxg5 28.Bxa6+- Ra8 29.Bb5 Kh7 [29...Rxa2? 30.Re8+ Kh7 31.Bd3+] **30.a4 Na7 31.Bd3+ g6 32.Re5 Be6 33.Rxg5 f5 34.g4 Rd8 35.gxf5 Bb3 36.fxg6+ Kh6 37.Rg3 Bxa4 38.g7 Bb3 39.Bd2+ Kh5 40.Bg6+ Kh4 41.Bg5# 1–0**

(22) Polgar,Z (2625) - Satterlee,R (2100) [D05]

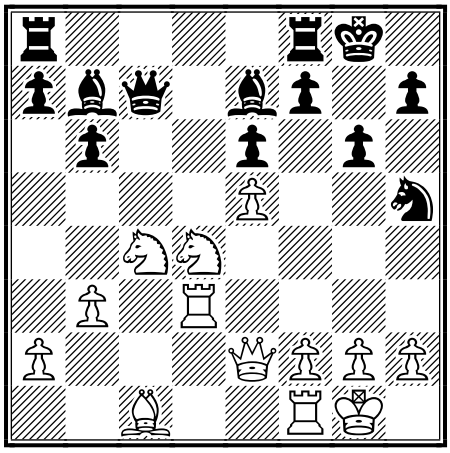
Simultaneous exibition Joliet Illinois, 13.05.2004
[A.C.]

1.d4 Nf6 2.Nf3 e6 3.e3 c5 4.Bd3 d5 5.b3 Nc6 6.Bb2 Bd6 7.Nbd2 0–0 8.0–0 Qc7 9.c4 e5? 10.cxd5 Nb4 [10...Nxd5 11.dxe5 Nxe5 12.Nxe5 Bxe5 13.Bxh7+! Kxh7 14.Qh5+ Kg8 15.Bxe5 and white has an extra pawn.] **11.dxe5! Nxd3 12.exd6 Nxb2 13.dxc7 Nxd1 14.Rfxd1 Nxd5 15.Ne4! Nxc7 16.Nxc5± b6 17.Nd7 Re8 18.Rac1 Ne6 19.Nde5 f6 20.Nc4 Bb7 21.Nd6 Bxf3 22.gxf3 Red8 23.Kf1 Rd7 24.Ke2 Rad8 25.Ne4 Kf7 26.Rxd7+ Rxd7 27.Rc8 h6 28.f4 f5 29.Nc3 g5 30.fxg5 hxg5 31.b4 Kg6 32.Rc6 Kf6 33.Nb5 Ke5 34.Kf3 Rh7 35.Kg2 g4 36.Rc8 Ng5 37.Nd4 Rf7 38.Rg8 Ne4 39.b5 Nc3 40.a3 Nb1 41.Re8+ Kd5 42.Rd8+ Ke4 43.Nc6! f4 44.Rd4+** black resigned. **1–0**

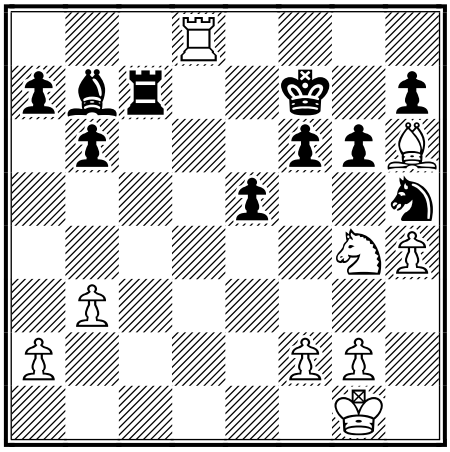
(23) Ibragimov,I (2589) - Shabalov,A (2701) [D30]

Chicago Open (6), 30.05.2004 *[Albert Chow]*

1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.Nf3 Nf6 4.e3 e6 5.Bd3 Nbd7 6.Nbd2 c5!? 7.0–0 Be7 8.b3 b6 9.Bb2 0–0 10.Qe2 Bb7 With a tempo up in a Queen's Indian, white should be good. **11.Rad1 Qc7 12.e4 dxc4 13.Nxc4 cxd4 14.e5 Nh5!? 15.Bc1 Nc5 16.Nxd4 Nxd3 17.Rxd3 g6** Now white is over optimistic, and fails to maintain equality.



18.Nd6? Bxd6 19.exd6 Qxd6 20.Nf5 Qc7 21.Nh6+ Kg7 22.Ng4 Rfd8 23.Bh6+ Kg8 24.Rfd1 Qe7 25.Qe5 Rxd3 26.Rxd3 f6 27.Qd6 Kf7 28.Qd7 Rc8 29.h4 Rc7 30.Qd8 Qxd8 31.Rxd8 e5 The attack is over, Shabalov enjoys an extra e pawn ending.

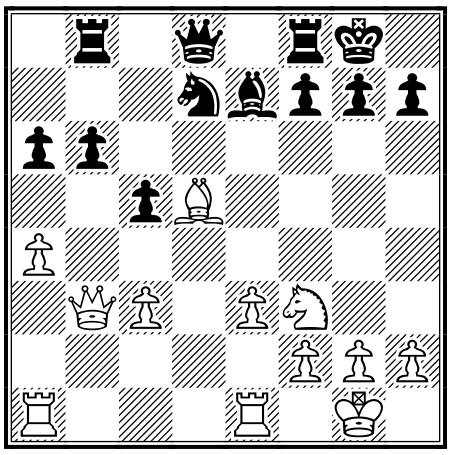


32.Ne3 Ke6 33.f3 Bc6 34.Kf2 b5 35.Rd2 Bb7 36.Rd8 Nf4 37.Rd2 a6 38.g3 Nh5 39.Bf8 f5 40.Bb4 Nf6 41.Rd6+ Kf7 42.Ba5 Rc6 43.Rxc6 Bxc6 44.Ke2 Ke6 45.Bc7 h6 46.f4 Ne4! 47.Bxe5 Nxg3+ 48.Kd3 g5! 49.hxg5 h5! 50.Nd1 h4 51.Nf2 Bg2 52.Kc3 h3 53.Nxh3 Bxh3 54.Kb4 Ne4 55.g6 Bf1 56.Bd4 Bd3 57.Ka5 Bb1 58.Kxa6 Bxa2 59.Kxb5 Bxb3 60.Kb4 Bc2 61.g7 Kf7 62.Kc4 Nd6+ 63.Kd5 Ne8 64.g8Q+ Kxg8 65.Ke6 Be4 66.Be5 Ng7+ 67.Kf6 Nh5+ 68.Ke7 Kh7 69.Kf7 Ng3 70.Bf6 Kh6 71.Bd8 Kh5 72.Ke6 Bb1 white resigned a lost ending. He will lose his f pawn, have to sac his bishop for a pawn, and Shabalov knows how to mate with bishop and knight. **0–1**

(24) Gurevich,D (2550) - Lacey [D45]

Lake County Spring open (1), 24.04.2004
[Albert Chow]

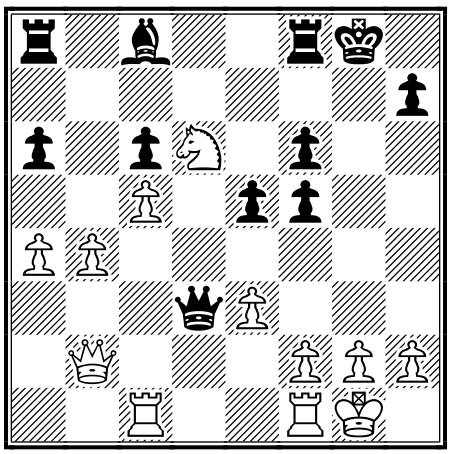
1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.e3 Nf6 4.Nc3 e6 5.Nf3 Nbd7 6.Bd2!? Be7 7.Bd3 dxc4 8.Bxc4 0–0 9.0–0 c5 10.Re1 a6 11.a4 b6 [11...cxd4!?] **12.d5 exd5 13.Nxd5 Bb7 14.Bc3 Ne4 15.Qb3 Nxc3 16.bxc3 Bxd5 17.Bxd5 Rb8**



18.e4 b5 19.axb5 axb5 20.Rad1!? Qc7 21.e5! c4 22.Qc2 Nc5 23.Be4! g6 24.h4! b4 25.cxb4 Rxb4 26.h5 Nxe4 27.Rxe4! Rc8 28.e6! f5 29.Red4 Rd8 30.hxg6 hxg6 31.Rxd8+ Bxd8 32.Rd7 Qb8 33.g3 Rb7 34.Qxc4 Rxd7 35.e7+! And e8=Q, so black resigned. **1–0**

(25) Goldin,A (2701) - Pasalis,M (2385) [D66]

Chicago Open (2), 29.05.2004
[F.M. Albert Chow]
1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 d5 4.Nc3 Be7 5.Bg5 c6 6.e3 Nbd7 7.Rc1 0–0 The Orthodox Queens gambit holds few surprises for GM Goldin. **8.Bd3 a6** Bad Bishop c8! **9.a4 dxc4 10.Bxc4 b5 11.Bd3 b4 12.Bxf6! gxf6 13.Ne4 f5 14.Nc5 Nxc5 15.dxc5 Bf6 16.Qe2 Bxb2 17.Qxb2 Qxd3 18.Ne5 Qe4 19.0–0 f6 20.Nc4 e5 21.Nd6 Qd3**



22.Qxb4 Be6 23.Qb7 f4 24.Qe7 Bg4 [24...Bd5 25.e4! Bxe4 26.Rfd1+-] **25.exf4 exf4 26.Rc4! Rab8 27.Rxf4 Qxf1+ 28.Kxf1 Rb1+ 29.Qe1 Rxe1+ 30.Kxe1 Be6** Easy technique for any grandmaster. **31.Rb4 Bd5 32.f3 a5 33.Rb7 h5 34.h4 f5 35.Kd2 f4 36.Kc3 Rf6 37.Re7 Rg6 38.Re2 Rg7 39.Rb2 Re7 40.Rb8+ Kh7 41.Rb7** black resigned the losing ending. **1–0**

(26) Golod,V (2788) - Nakamura,H (2632) [D92]

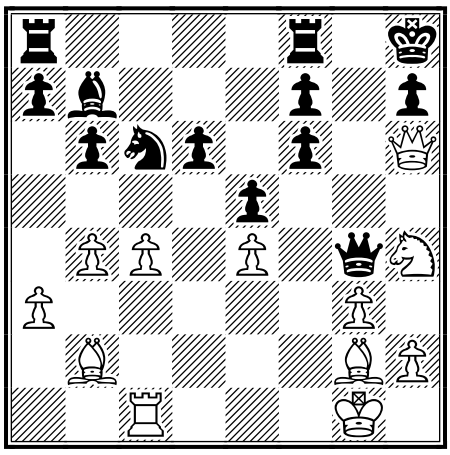
Chicago Open (6), 30.05.2004
[Al Chow]
1.d4 Nf6 2.Nf3 g6 3.c4 Bg7 4.Nc3 d5 5.Bf4 c5 6.dxc5 Qa5 7.cxd5 Nxd5 8.Qxd5 Bxc3+ 9.Bd2 Be6 10.Bxc3 [10.Qxb7!? Bxd2+ 11.Nxd2 0–0 12.b4! Qa4 13.e3! Is the way for white to try to win.] **10...Qxc3+ 11.Qd2 Qxd2+ 12.Nxd2 Na6 13.e3 Nxc5** A grandmaster draw. **½–½**

(27) Shabalov,A (2701) - Nakamura,H (2632) [D97]

Chicago Open (7), 29.05.2004
[A.C.]
1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 d5 4.Nf3 Bg7 5.Qb3 dxc4 6.Qxc4 0–0 7.e4 Na6 8.Be2 c5 9.d5 e6 10.0–0 exd5 11.exd5 Bf5 12.Be3 Qb6 13.b3 Rfe8 14.Rad1 Ng4 [14...Rxe3!? 15.fxe3 Ng4! looking for unclear counterplay.] **15.Bd2 Rad8 16.Rfe1 Bd4?! 17.Nxd4 cxd4 18.Na4 Qc7 19.Bxg4 Qxc4 20.bxc4 Bxg4 21.f3 Bd7 22.Nb2 b5 23.Ba5 Rxe1+ 24.Bxe1 bxc4 25.Nxc4 Bb5 26.Rxd4 Bxc4 27.Rxc4 Rxd5 28.Bc3! Rd8 29.Bf6 Re8 30.Bd4 Nb8 31.Bxa7 Nd7± 32.Bd4 Ra8 33.Rc7 Nf8 34.Ra7 Rd8 35.Be3 Kg7 36.a4 Ne6 37.a5 Rd3 38.Kf2 Ra3 39.Bb6 Rb3 40.Ke2 Kf8 41.Kd2 Ke8 42.Kc2 Rb4 43.Kc3 Rb1 44.Be3 Ra1 45.Kb2 Ra4 46.a6 Kd8 47.Ra8+ Kd7 48.a7 h5 49.Rb8 Nc7 50.Kb3 Ra1 51.h4 Ra6 52.Bf2 Ra1 53.Bb6 Kc6 54.Bxc7 Rxa7 55.Bf4+- Kd7 56.Rb6 Ra1 57.Kc3 Rg1 58.Rb2 f6 59.Kd3 Rh1 60.g3 Ke6 61.Rb6+ Kf5 62.Bd2 Rd1 63.Ke2** black resigned. **1–0**

(28) Gurevich,D (2550) - Golod,V (2788) [E00]

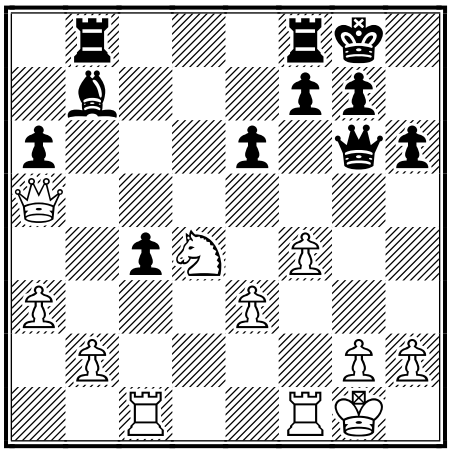
Chicago Open (3), 29.05.2004
[Albert Chow]
1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.g3 Bb4+ 4.Nd2 c5 Catalan - Bogo Indian. **5.a3 Bxd2+ 6.Qxd2 cxd4 7.Nf3 b6 8.Bg2 Bb7 9.0–0 0–0 10.b4** [10.Nxd4 Bxg2 11.Kxg2 Qc7 black is good.] **10...Nc6 11.Bb2 Qc8! 12.Rac1** Gambit - gamble. [12.Nxd4 should equalize.] **12...e5! 13.e3 dxe3 14.fxe3 d6 15.Nh4 Qd7 16.Rxf6!?** [16.Nf5!?] **16...gxf6 17.e4 Kh8 18.Qh6 Qg4**



19.Qxf6+ Qg7 20.Qxg7+ Kxg7 21.Nf5+ Kg6 22.Nxd6 Rab8 23.c5 [23.b5 Nd4 24.Bxd4 exd4 25.Rd1] 23...bxc5 24.Rxc5 Ba8 25.b5 Nd8 26.Rxe5 Rb6 27.Nc4 Re6 28.Rc5 [28.Bh3!] 28...f6 29.Bh3 Bxe4! 30.Bxe6? Nxe6 31.Rc6 Bxc6 32.bxc6 Rc8 33.Na5 Nd8 34.Bd4 a6 white resigned the losing ending. 0–1

(29) Tsyganov,I (2290) - Anka,E (2502)

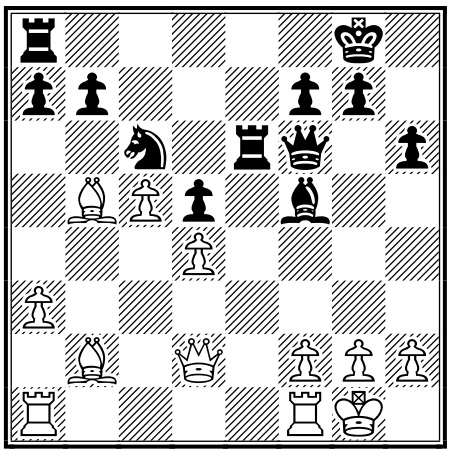
[E21] Chicago Open (2), 29.05.2004 *[A.C.]*
1.d4 Nf6 2.Nf3 e6 3.c4 Bb4+ 4.Nc3 c5 5.Qc2?! cxd4 6.Nxd4 0–0 7.Bg5 d6 8.a3 Bxc3+ 9.Qxc3 a6 10.e3 Nbd7 11.Bd3 b6 12.0–0 Bb7 A Hedgehog. **13.Qc2 h6 14.Bh4 Ne5 15.Rac1 d5 16.f4 Nxc4 17.Bxc4 Rc8! 18.Bxf6 Qxf6 19.Qb3 dxc4 20.Qxb6 Rb8 21.Qa5 Qg6** Weaknesses on g2, e3, b2, a3.



22.Rf2 Qe4 23.Qe5 Qxe5 24.fxe5 Rfc8 25.Rfc2 Be4 26.Rxc4 Rxc4 27.Rxc4 Rxb2 28.Nf3 Bxf3 29.gxf3 Rb3! 30.Kf2 Rxa3 31.Rc7 [31.h4] **31...g5! 32.Ra7 Kg7 33.h3 h5 34.Ra8 a5 35.e4 Ra2+ 36.Ke3 h4 37.Ra7 a4 38.Ra8 a3 39.f4** [39.Ra7 Rh2 40.Rxa3 Rxh3 41.Kf2 g4!] **39...Rh2! 40.fxg5 Rxh3+ 41.Kf2 Kg6** white resigns. **0–1**

(30) Henderson,S - Gurevich,D (2550) [E29]

Lake County Spring open (1), 24.04.2004
[Al Chow]
1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.e3 c5 5.a3 Bxc3+ 6.bxc3 0–0 7.Bd3 Nc6 8.Nf3 [8.Ne2 is better in this Saemisch Nimzo Indian.] **8...d6 9.0–0 e5 10.Ng5!? Qe7 11.Qc2 h6 12.Ne4 cxd4 13.cxd4 exd4 14.Nxf6+ Qxf6 15.Bb2! Be6 16.exd4 d5** [16...Nxd4 17.Qc3! helps white's bishop b2.] **17.c5 Rfe8 18.Qd2 Bf5 19.Bb5 Re6**



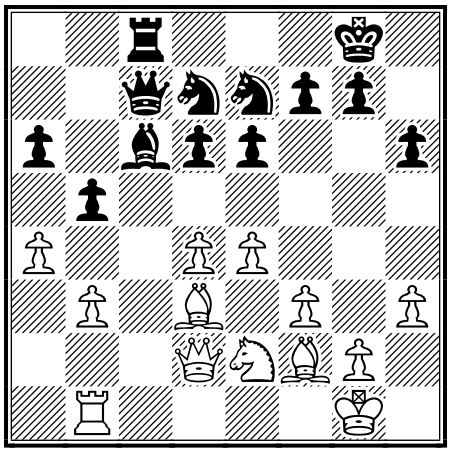
20.Rfe1 Ne7 [20...Rae8 is equal.] **21.Rxe6 Bxe6 22.a4! Ng6 23.a5 Nf4 24.Bf1 a6 25.Bc1! g5 26.Rb1! Qe7 27.Qb4!** White enjoys the initiative. **27...Qf6 28.Bxf4 Qxf4 29.Qxb7 Rc8 30.Qxa6 Rf8** [30...Qxd4 seems better.] **31.Qb6 Bf5 32.Re1 Kg7 33.c6 Rb8!** Looking for counterplay. **34.Qc5 Rb2! 35.Re2 Rb1! 36.Re8??** [36.Re3! and white has good chances to consolidate his material advantage.] **36...Bd3! 37.Qf8+ Kg6 38.Qg8+ Kh5** white resigns. **0–1**

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(31) Golod,V (2788) - Rensch,D (2388) [E32]

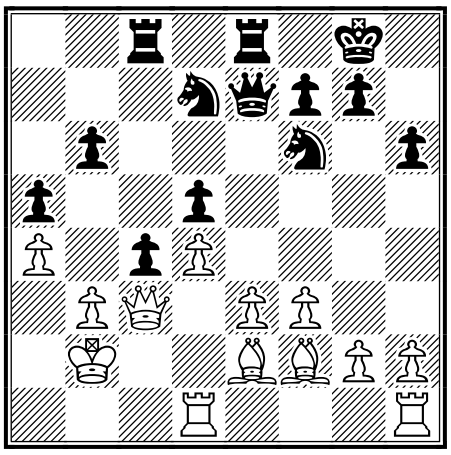
Chicago open. (2), 30.05.2004
[Albert Chow]
1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.Qc2 0–0 5.a3 Bxc3+ 6.Qxc3 b5?! 7.cxb5 c6 8.f3!? cxb5 9.e4 a6 Black regained his flank pawn gambit as white seized the center for his bishop pair. **10.Be3 Bb7 11.Bd3 Nc6 12.Rc1 h6 13.Ne2 Na5 14.b3! Rc8 15.Qb2 Rxc1+ 16.Bxc1 Qb6 17.Be3 Rc8 18.0–0 d6 19.Bf2! Qc7 20.Rb1! Nd7 21.Qd2 Nc6 22.h3! Ne7 23.a4! Bc6** It becomes clear that white's positional pressure is almost winning.



24.Rc1! d5? 25.axb5 axb5 26.Bxb5! Qb7 27.Bxc6 Rxc6 28.Rxc6 Nxc6 29.exd5 exd5 30.Qe3 Nf8 The smoke has cleared with an extra pawn for white. **31.Nf4 Na5 32.Qe5! Nxb3 33.Nxd5 Ng6 34.Qe4 Qc6 35.Be3 Na5 36.Kf2 Nc4 37.Nf4 Qa6 38.Qe8+ Nf8 39.Nd5 Qa2+ 40.Kg3 Nxe3 41.Nxe3 Qd2 42.d5 h5 43.Kh2 h4 44.Qe4 Ng6 45.Nf5 Nf4 46.Nxh4 Kf8 47.d6 g6 48.Qe5! Kg8 49.d7! Ne6 50.Nxg6!** black resigned. **1–0**

(32) Sarkar,J (2396) - Kaidanov,G (2749) [E32]

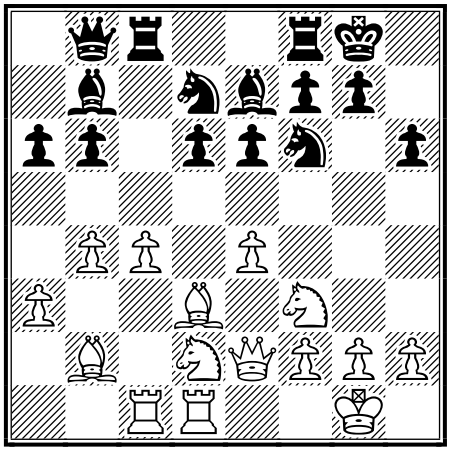
Chicago open (2), 30.05.2004
[Albert Chow]
1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.Qc2 0–0 5.a3 Bxc3+ 6.Qxc3 b6 7.Bg5 Bb7 8.e3 d6 9.Ne2 Nbd7 10.Qd3 a5 11.b3! d5 12.Nc3 dxc4 13.Qxc4 Rc8 [13...Ba6!? 14.Qc6 Bxf1 15.Kxf1 Rc8 Was !?] **14.0–0–0!? c5 15.Kb2! Qe7 16.f3! Rfd8 17.Be2 h6 18.Bh4 Bd5!?** [18...cxd4! 19.Qxd4 is solid and close to equal..] **19.Nxd5 exd5 20.Qc3 c4 21.a4 Re8 22.Bf2**



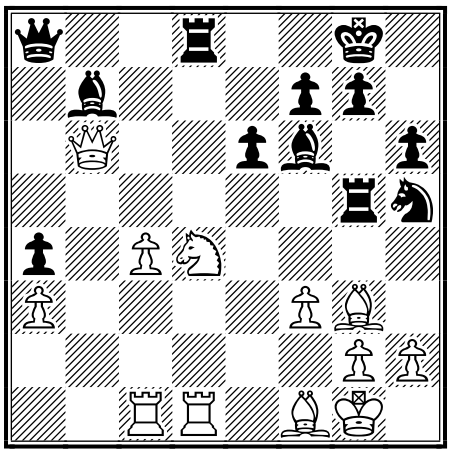
22...b5?! 23.axb5 Rb8?! Sac a second pawn ?! **24.bxc4 dxc4 25.Qxc4 Rec8 26.Qb3 Nb6 27.Rc1 Nfd5 28.g3 Qb4? 29.Qxb4 axb4 30.e4 Nc3 31.Bd3 Ra8 32.Kb3! Ra3+ 33.Kxb4** Three pawns up! **33...Rca8 34.Rxc3! R8a4+ 35.Kc5 Rxc3+ 36.Kxb6 Rxd3 37.d5! Rxf3 38.Bc5 Rxe4 39.d6! Rd3 40.Ra1 Re8 41.Ra7 Re2 42.Kc6! Rxh2 43.b6 Rb2 44.d7 Kh7 45.Ra8** white will queen, so black resigned. **1–0**

(33) Gandhi,R (1912) - Gurevich,D (2550) [E38]

Tim Just Spring Open (5), 25.04.2004 *[A.Chow]*
1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.Qc2 c5 5.e3 Nc6 6.dxc5 Bxc5 7.a3 b6 8.Nf3 Bb7 9.Bd3 Be7 10.0–0 0–0 11.b4 Rc8 12.Bb2 h6 13.Qe2 d6 14.Rfd1 a6 15.Rac1 Nb8 16.e4 Nbd7 17.Nb1 Qc7 18.Nbd2 Qb8 By transposition of moves from a Nimzo Indian, black creates the flexible Hedgehog - Moroczy - Sicilian.



19.e5 dxe5 20.Nxe5 Nxe5 21.Bxe5 Qa8 22.f3 Rfd8 23.Nb3 a5! 24.bxa5 bxa5 25.Qb2 a4 26.Nd4 Rc5 27.Bg3 Nh5 28.Bf2 Nf4 29.Bf1 Bf6 30.Qb6 Rg5!? 31.Bg3 Nh5

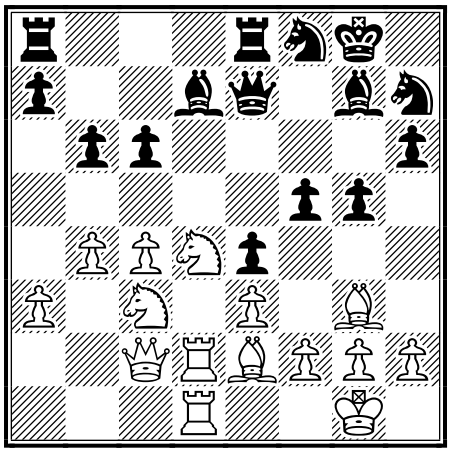


32.Bh4 [32.Bf2 was solid.] **32...Rxg2+!? 33.Bxg2 Bxh4 34.Nxe6!? Rxd1+ 35.Rxd1 fxe6** [35...Bxf3!? was another attacking idea.] **36.Qxe6+ Kh8 37.Qg4! Be7 38.Qxh5 Bxa3** Black has good compensation for the exchange. Bad Bg2 is passive, two bishops, passed a pawn. In fact, white needs to equalize! **39.Rd7** [39.Re1!?] **39...Bf8 40.Qf7 a3! 41.Rxb7 a2 42.Ra7 Bc5+!** white resigns. **0–1**

(34) Akobian,V (2604) - Bereolos,P (2341) [E61]

Chicago open (2), 30.05.2004

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 Bg7 4.Nf3 0–0 5.Bg5 d6 6.e3 Nbd7 7.Be2 e5 8.0–0 h6 9.Bh4 g5 10.dxe5 dxe5 11.Bg3 Qe7 12.Qc2 c6 13.Nd2 Re8 14.a3 b6 15.Rfd1 e4 16.b4 Nf8 17.Nb3 Bg4? 18.Nd4 Bd7 19.Rd2 N6h7 20.Rad1 f5



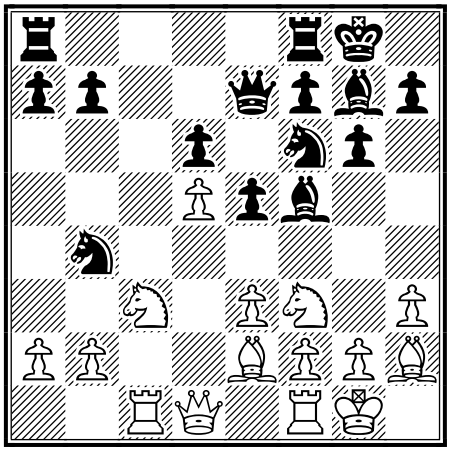
21.b5! Qf6 22.bxc6 Bxc6 23.Nxc6 Qxc3 24.Qxc3 Bxc3 25.Rd5! Re6 26.Nd4 Bxd4 27.R1xd4 Rf6 28.Be5 Rc6 29.Rd6 Rac8 30.Rxc6 Rxc6 31.c5! Nf6 32.Rd6! Rxd6 33.Bxd6 Ne8 34.Bc4+ Kg7 35.Be5+ Kh7 36.c6! Ng6 37.c7 Ne7 38.Be6 black resigned. **1–0**

(35) Finegold,B (2611) - Atoofi,P (2342) [E61]

Chicago open (2), 2004

[Al Chow]

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 Bg7 4.Nf3 d6 5.Bf4 0–0 6.e3 Nc6 7.Be2 e6 8.h3 Qe7 9.0–0 e5 10.Bh2 Bf5 11.c5!? Rad8 12.cxd6 cxd6 13.d5 Nb4 14.Rc1 Ra8



15.a3 Na6 16.b4 Rfc8 17.Qb3 Nc7 18.Nd2 g5 19.e4 Bd7 20.g4! h5 21.f3 Kh7 22.Kg2 Kg6 23.Nc4 Nfe8 24.Ne3 Nf6 25.Bd3 Qe8 26.Nc4 Bf8 27.a4 Kg7 28.b5 Be7 29.Bg1! Qh8 30.Be3 Qh6 31.Rh1 Rh8 32.Ne2 Rh7 33.b6! Ncxd5 34.exd5 Nxd5 35.Bxh7 Qxh7 36.Nxd6 Be6 37.Nf5+ Kf6 38.Qd3 Qg6 39.Neg3 black resigned. **1–0**

(36) Lein,A (2418) - Finegold,B (2611) [E62]

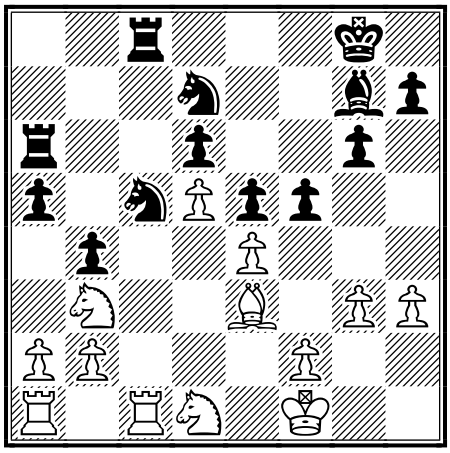
Chicago open (3), 29.05.2004

[Albert Chow]

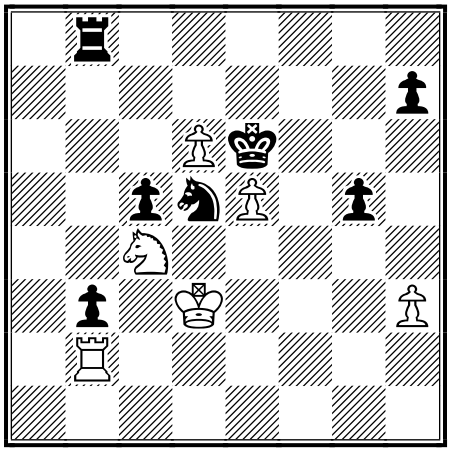
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(37) Zsuzsa,P (2625) - Chow,A (2255) [E69]

Joliet Simultaneous exibition Joliet Illinois, 13.05.2004
[Albert Chow] **1.d4 Nf6 2.Nf3 g6 3.c4 Bg7 4.g3 0–0 5.Bg2 d6 6.0–0 Nbd7 7.Nc3 e5 8.h3 c6 9.e4 Qb6 10.d5 cxd5 11.cxd5 Nc5 12.Nd2 a5 13.Qe2 Bd7 14.Nc4 Qa6 15.Be3 Rfc8 16.Rfc1 b5 17.Nd2 b4 18.Qxa6 Rxa6 19.Nd1 Bb5 20.Bf1 Bxf1 21.Kxf1 Nfd7 22.Nb3 f5**



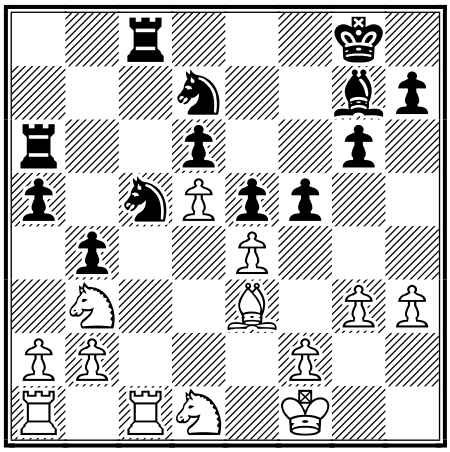
23.Nxc5 dxc5 24.f3 f4! 25.gxf4 exf4 26.Bxf4 Rf6 27.Be3 Rxf3+ 28.Kg2 Rxe3! 29.Nxe3 Bxb2 30.Nc4 Bxa1 31.Rxa1 Re8 32.Kf3 a4 33.Re1 b3! 34.axb3 axb3 35.Rb1 Rb8 36.Ke3 Nf6 37.d6 Kf7 38.e5 Nd5+ 39.Kd3 Ke6 40.Rb2 g5



41.Na5 Nf4+ 42.Kc4? Rb4+ 43.Kc3 Nd5+ 44.Kd3 Rd4+ 45.Ke2 c4 46.Rd2 Re4+? [46...Nc3+! 47.Ke3 Rxd2 48.Kxd2 b2 and black gets a queen.] **47.Kf3 Rxe5?** [47...c3! 48.Rxd5! b2! is good for black!] **48.Nxc4 Rf5+ 49.Kg3 h5 50.Rd3 h4+ 51.Kh2 b2 52.Rd1 Rf2+?** [52...Nc3! 53.d7 Nxd1 54.d8Q b1Q black should escape with an extra rook.] **53.Kg1 Rc2 54.d7 Kxd7 55.Nxb2 Ke6 56.Nd3 Nf4 57.Nxf4+ gxf4** better for black, but no win. **58.Rd4 Ke5 59.Ra4 Rd2 60.Rb4 Rd4 61.Rb2 f3 62.Kf2 Kf4 63.Ra2 Re4 64.Rb2 Re5 65.Rb4+ Re4 66.Rb2 Re2+ 67.Rxe2 fxe2 68.Kxe2 Kg3 69.Kf1 Kxh3 70.Kg1 Kg3 71.Kh1 h3 72.Kg1 h2+ 73.Kh1 Kh3** Stalemate! ½–½

(37) Zsuzsa,P (2625) - Chow,A (2255) [E69]

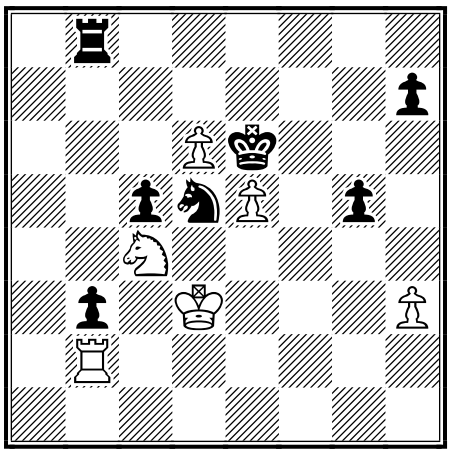
Joliet Simultaneous exibition Joliet Illinois, 13.05.2004
[Albert Chow]
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23.Nxc5 dxc5 24.f3 f4! 25.gxf4 exf4 26.Bxf4 Rf6 27.Be3 Rxf3+ 28.Kg2 Rxe3! 29.Nxe3 Bxb2 30.Nc4 Bxa1 31.Rxa1 Re8 32.Kf3 a4 33.Re1 b3! 34.axb3 axb3 35.Rb1 Rb8 36.Ke3 Nf6 37.d6 Kf7 38.e5 Nd5+ 39.Kd3 Ke6 40.Rb2 g5

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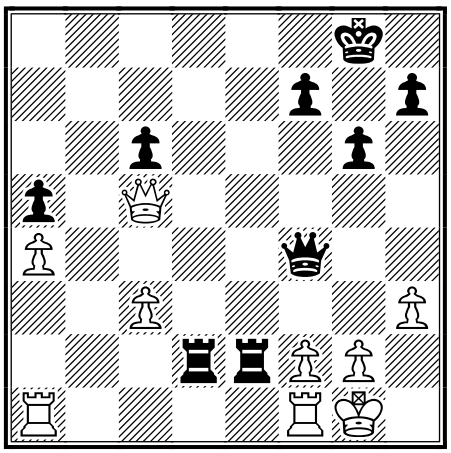
41.Na5 Nf4+ 42.Kc4? Rb4+ 43.Kc3 Nd5+ 44.Kd3 Rd4+ 45.Ke2 c4 46.Rd2 Re4+? [46...Nc3+! 47.Ke3 Rxd2 48.Kxd2 b2 and black gets a queen.] **47.Kf3 Rxe5?** [47...c3! 48.Rxd5! b2! is good for black!] **48.Nxc4 Rf5+ 49.Kg3 h5 50.Rd3 h4+ 51.Kh2 b2 52.Rd1 Rf2+?** [52...Nc3! 53.d7 Nxd1 54.d8Q b1Q black should escape with an extra rook.] **53.Kg1 Rc2 54.d7 Kxd7 55.Nxb2 Ke6 56.Nd3 Nf4 57.Nxf4+ gxf4** better for black, but no win. **58.Rd4 Ke5 59.Ra4 Rd2 60.Rb4 Rd4 61.Rb2 f3 62.Kf2 Kf4 63.Ra2 Re4 64.Rb2 Re5 65.Rb4+ Re4 66.Rb2 Re2+ 67.Rxe2 fxe2 68.Kxe2 Kg3 69.Kf1 Kxh3 70.Kg1 Kg3 71.Kh1 h3 72.Kg1 h2+ 73.Kh1 Kh3** Stalemate! ½–½

(39) Finegold,B (2611) - Fishbein,A (2568) [E94]

Chicago Open (6), 30.05.2004

[Albert Chow]

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 Bg7 4.e4 d6 5.Be2 0–0 6.Nf3 e5 7.0–0 exd4 8.Nxd4 c6 9.Re1 Re8 10.Bf1 Qb6 11.Nb3 Ng4 12.Qd2?! [12.Qc2 was good.] **12...Be6 13.h3 Ne5 14.c5 dxc5 15.Na4 Qc7 16.Naxc5 Bc4 17.Bxc4 Nxc4 18.Qc2 b5 19.Rd1 a5 20.a4 Na6 21.Nxa6 Rxa6 22.Nd2 Rb6!? 23.Nxc4 bxc4 24.Ra2 Rb4 25.Bd2 c3 26.Bxc3 Rbxe4 27.Raa1 Re2 28.Qd3 Bxc3 29.bxc3 Qf4 30.Rf1 Rd2 31.Qa6 Ree2 32.Qb6 Qf6 33.Qc5 Qf4**



34.Rab1 Kg7 35.Qxc6 Rxf2 36.Rxf2 Qxf2+ 37.Kh1 Kh6 38.Rg1 Qf5 39.c4 Rc2 40.Qb5 Rc3 41.Re1 Qf2 42.Rg1 Qh4 43.Rf1 Qe4 44.Kh2 Rc2 45.Rg1 Qf4+ 46.Kh1 Qc7 47.Qd5 Rxc4 48.Qd2+ Kg7 49.Qb2+ f6 50.Qb5 Rb4 51.Qe8 Qe5 52.Qd7+ Kh6 53.Rf1 f5 54.Qd2+ f4 55.Qd8 Rxa4 56.Qf8+ Kh5 57.Qf7 Kh6 58.Qf8+ Qg7 59.Rxf4 Qxf8 60.Rxf8 Rc4 61.Ra8 a4 62.Ra7 Rc1+ 63.Kh2 Ra1 64.h4 g5 65.hxg5+ Kg6 66.Kg3 a3 67.Kg4 a2 draw agreed. ½–½

(40) Finegold,B (2611) - Muhammed,S (2420) [E97]

Chicago Open (5), 30.05.2004

[A. Chow] **1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 Bg7 4.e4 d6 5.Be2 0–0 6.Nf3 e5 7.0–0 Nc6 8.d5 Ne7 9.b4 a5 10.Ba3 Nd7 11.bxa5 Rxa5 12.Bb4 Ra8 13.a4 Bh6 14.a5 f5 15.Nd2 Nf6 16.exf5** now we might expect any of black's 3 equal recaptures: Nxf5, Bxf5, or gxf5, but instead black gets the idea to gambit some pawns. **16...c5!? 17.dxc6 Nxc6 18.Ba3 Nd4?** [18...Bxf5 was solid.] **19.fxg6! Bf5 20.gxh7+! Kh8 21.Nf3 Bc2 22.Qe1 Qxa5 23.Bxd6! Qxc3 24.Rxa8 Rxa8 25.Bxe5! Qxe1 26.Bxf6+ Kxh7 27.Rxe1 Nxe2+ 28.Rxe2 Bd3 29.Re7+ Kg6 30.Bd4 Bxc4 31.Ne5+ Kf6 32.Rxb7 Bd5 33.Rb6+ Kg5 34.h4+** black paid a heavy price for his sacrificed soldiers, and resigned. **1–0**

In Quest for the Grandmaster title

The 2004 Santa Monica GM Invitational tournament was held May 11-19 at the famous L.A Chess Club in Santa Monica California. The tournament was well organized by Chief TD John Hillery , FM Alan Stein and FM David Pruess.

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4.	IM Andranik Matikozyan	2552
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6.	IM John Donaldson	2520
7.	IM Jessie Kraai	2516
8.	IM Angelo Young	2400
9.	FM Alan Stein	2381
10.	FM David Pruess	2376

Round 1.

I started with a big win against a well known IM and a famous chess writer John Donaldson , I played the Vangeet – Stevanovic opening 1. Nc3!

Here's my game and analysis.

(1) Young,A - Donaldson,J [A00]
2004 Santa Monica Invitational (1), 11.05.2004
[Young]

1.Nc3 Vangeet - Stevanovic Opening. **1...c5 2.Nf3** [2.d4 cxd4 3.Qxd4 Nc6 4.Qh4 Nf6 5.Nf3 d5 6.Bg5 Qa5 7.0–0–0 Be6 8.Bd2 g6 9.e4 d4 10.e5 Ng4 11.Nxd4 Nxd4 12.h3 Bg7 13.hxg4 Bxe5 14.a3 Rc8[3] Black wins in 44 moves GM Morozevich, Alexander - GM Kasparov, Gary 2000.] **2...g6** Black tries to adopt a Accelerated Dragon set-up. **3.d4 cxd4 4.Qxd4 Nf6 5.Qh4 d6 6.e4 Bg7 7.Bh6 Bxh6** [7...0–0 8.Bxg7 Kxg7 9.0–0–0 Qa5 10.Nd4 Bd7 11.f4 Nc6 12.Nb3 Qb6 13.Kb1=] **8.Qxh6 Bg4 9.Ng5!** also deserve attention [9.Bb5+ Nc6 *(9...Bd7 10.Bc4 Qc7 11.Bb3 Nc6 12.Ng5 Ne5 13.f4 Nc4 14.Qg7 Rf8 15.0–0–0[2])* 10.Ng5!] **9...Qa5 10.Bc4!** Diagram # wins a pawn . **10...Rf8 11.Nxh7 Nxh7 12.Qxh7 Nd7 13.Qh4** from here I was intending to complete my developments and secure my king into safety. **13...Be6!?** a bit peculiar move black invites to double his pawn **14.Bd5** [14.Bxe6 fxe6 15.Qg4 Rf6 16.0–0–0 Ne5 17.Qe2 Rc8+- with imbalanced position] **14...0–0–0 15.0–0–0 Nf6 16.Kb1 Kb8 17.Rhe1 Rc8 18.Qg3** this move tend to guard any exchange sac! on c3 and with the idea of e5 pawn push. **18...Bxd5 19.Nxd5 Nxd5 20.exd5 Rc7 21.Re2 Rh8 22.Qf3 f6** [22...Rxh2 23.Qxf7] **23.h3 Rh4 24.g4 g5 25.Re3 a6 26.Qe2 Rh7 27.a3 Qb5 28.Rdd3 Qa5 29.Re4 Qc5 30.c4 Qa5 31.Rde3 Qb6 32.Qf1 Ka7 33.f4 gxf4 34.Qxf4 Qa5 35.Qf2 Qb6 36.h4 Qc5 37.h5 b5 38.Qf5 Rg7 39.h6 Rg5 40.Qf4"** here Black flag fell but white is winning in every line. **40...Re5** or [40...bxc4 41.h7 Rc8 42.Rxc4 Qxc4 43.Qxc4 Rxc4 44.h8Q[2]] **41.h7 Rc8 42.Qh6 bxc4 43.h8Q Rxh8 44.Qxh8 Qxd5 45.Rxe5 fxe5 46.Qc8 1–0**

(1) Young,A - Golod,V [D00]
2004 Santa Monica Invitational (3), 13.05.2004
[Angelo,Brent]

Round 3. I never expected my GM opponent to offer me a draw in move 11 since he was 300 rating pts. higher white is slightly better but black is not worst there's a lot of play left. **1.Nc3** second time using the Vangeet - Stevanovic in this high level of competition. **1...Nf6 2.Nf3 d5 3.d4 Bf5 4.Nh4!** I borrowed the idea from GM Kasparov - GM Timman Slav defense. **4...Bg4 5.h3 Bh5 6.g4 Bg6 7.Bg2** another try would be. [7.g5 Ne4 8.Nxg6 Nxc3 9.bxc3 hxg6 10.Rb1 b6 11.Bg2 c6©] **7...e6 8.g5 Nfd7 9.Nxg6 hxg6 10.e4 c6 11.h4** Diagram # intending h4-h5. **11...Nb6** Black offers a truce. **½–½**

(1) Kraai,J - Golod,V [B81]
2004 Santa Monica Invitational (2), 12.05.2004

Round 2 was a quick draw between IM Enrico Sevillano and me. **1.e4** Here's one of the best games of the eventual winner GM Vitali Golod. **1...c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 e6 6.g4** Sicilian Defense (Keres Attack) **6...h6 7.h3** [7.h4 Be7 8.Rg1 d5 9.exd5 Nxd5 10.Bb5+ Kf8 11.Qf3 Bxh4 12.Bc4 Nc6 13.Nxc6 bxc6 14.Ne4 Qb6 15.Bb3 a5 16.Rh1 Be7 17.g5 a4 18.gxh6 g6 19.h7 f5 20.Bxd5 cxd5 21.Qg3 Qd4 22.Nc3 Kf7 23.Bf4 Bf6 24.Rd1 Qc4 25.Rh6 Ke7 26.Bg5 Qg4 27.Nxd5+ exd5 28.Qe5+ Be6 29.Qxf6+ Josh Friedel - GM A. Yermolinsky, North American Open Las Vegas USA 2003] **7...a6 8.Bg2 Bd7 9.Be3 Nc6 10.Qe2 Qc7 11.0–0–0 Ne5 12.Kb1 g5 13.f4 gxf4 14.Bxf4 Be7 15.Nf3 b5 16.Rhe1 Rb8 17.Rc1 b4 18.Nd1 Bc6 19.Nf2 Nfd7 20.Nd3 a5 21.c4 Nxd3 22.Qxd3 Nc5 23.Qd1 e5 24.Bh2 Bxe4+ 25.Rxe4 Nxe4 26.Nxe5 Nc3+** White missed this nice shot! **27.Rxc3 bxc3 28.Bc6+ Kf8 29.Nd7+ Qxd7 0–1**

Games From ICB Assistant Games Editor IM Angelo Young

Final Standings

#	*Name*	*Rtng*	*Rd 1*	*Rd 2*	*Rd 3*	*Rd 4*	*Rd 5*	*Rd 6*	*Rd 7*	*Rd 8*	*Rd 9*	*Tot*
1	GM VITALI GOLOD	2788	D6	W9	D3	W5	W10	D2	W4	D7	D8	6 ½
2	GM VICTOR MIKHALEVSKI	2561	W9	D4	W7	D8	D6	D1	L3	W5	W10	6
3	IM ANGELO YOUNG	2411	W8	D6	D1	L9	L5	W10	W2	W4	W7	6
4	ALAN R STEIN	2381	W10	D2	W9	D7	D8	W6	L1	L3	D5	5
5	IM ANDRANIK MATIKOZYAN	2552	D7	D8	W6	L1	W3	D9	W10	L2	D4	5
6	IM ENRICO SEVILLANO	2523	D1	D3	L5	W10	D2	L4	D7	D8	D9	4
7	GM LEONID G YUDASIN	2676	D5	D10	L2	D4	W9	D8	D6	D1	L3	4
8	IM W JOHN DONALDSON	2513	L3	D5	L10	D2	D4	D7	D9	D6	D1	3 ½
9	IM JESSE KRAAI	2516	L2	L1	L4	W3	L7	D5	D8	D10	D6	3
10	DAVID PRUESS	2368	L4	D7	W8	L6	L1	L3	L5	D9	L2	2

(1) Robert Rasmussen - Dan Dugovic [A36]

IHSA State Championship (7) IHSA State Championship (7), 2004

[Dugovic,D]

1.c4 c5 2.g3 g6 3.Bg2 Bg7 4.Nc3 Nc6 5.e3 e6 6.Nge2 Nge7 7.0–0 0–0 I replied with the Ultra-Symmetrical English. I aimed for no more than a draw, as I was confident that my teammates would win the match. **8.Rb1 d5** Grabbing the center which even 2100–rated Rasmussen has neglected. **9.d3 Rb8 10.b3 a6 11.Na4 Qd6 += 12.Ba3 Nb4 13.Bxb4 cxb4 14.c5 Qc7 15.d4 Bd7 16.Nb6** Rasmussen has an incredible bind on the queenside. It will take something drastic in the center or on the flank to halt his progress. **16...Bb5 17.Re1 Bxe2 18.Qxe2 Nc6 19.a3 bxa3 20.Ra1 Nxd4** This position is worthy of a diagram. The entire fate of the tournament may depend on this game, and I will back down from no challenge. Besides, chess is an art. Many people contributed to make this tournament possible, and I did not want to disappoint them. **21.exd4 Bxd4 22.Rac1 a5 23.Qb5** [23.Na4 I think I was the only one in the room who saw this move. This solidifies White's position, essentially ending the game.] **23...a2 24.Nd7 Qc6 25.Qa4** [25.Qxc6 bxc6 26.Nxb8 Rxb8 and I gain the open b-file. Extreme Chess assesses this as –0. 2, although Black's center pawns don't do much.] **25...Qxa4 26.bxa4 Rbc8 27.Nxf8 Kxf8 28.Bf1** I wanted Robert to play Ra1... he wanted me to play a1=Q. We both know that one tempo may decide the game and that there is no room for error. **28...Ke7 29.Bb5 Bb2 30.Ra1** [30.Rcd1 Rxc5 and White loses a tempo] **30...Bxa1 31.Rxa1 Rxc5 32.Rxa2 Kd6 33.Kf1 e5 34.Ke2 f5 35.f4 e4 36.Ke3 Rc3+ 37.Kd4 Rb3 38.Rd2 Rb4+ 39.Ke3 Rb3+** At this point, I offer a draw. If Robert doesn't take the draw, he is almost assured a loss. However, Maine South was behind and the coach would not let Robert take the draw. I offered a draw multiple times throughout this game, but Robert was unable to accept it. **40.Ke2 Kc5 41.Rc2+ Kd4 42.Be8 Re3+ 43.Kf2 Ra3 44.Rb2 Kc3 45.Rxb7 Ra2+** another draw offer **46.Kf1 Ra1+ 47.Kg2 Ra2+ 48.Kh3 48...d4 49.Bb5 d3 50.Ra7 Rd2** [50...e3 51.Rd7 Rd2 and I win easily] **51.Rc7+ Kd4 52.g4 fxg4+** [52...Ke3 should win] **53.Kxg4 e3 54.Rd7+ Kc3 55.Rc7+ Kd4 56.Kf3 Rf2+ 57.Kg3 d2 58.Re7 Kc3 59.Rxe3+ Kc2 60.Kxf2 d1Q 61.Be2** This move should lose the game. By now, I had 5 seconds left and Robert had about 10. [61.Re2+ +/- according to Extreme Chess] **61...Qd4 62.Kf3 Qd5+** Clearly something had affected my focus. [62...Qxa4 and I should win] **63.Kg3 Qc5** [63...Qd4 64.Ra3 Kb2] **64.Re5** [64.Re4] **64...Qg1+** A draw would seem fair at times like this. [64...Qa3+] **65.Kh3 Kd2 66.Bf3 Qf1+** and about 15-20 moves later I hung my queen to a rook fork. My teammate could not keep up with the rate the moves were being played at, so this is where my notation ends. **1–0**

Knight Moves Chess Club

Hector R. Hernandez

Our club held its Spring Open Championship on Saturday, May 1, 2004. Thirty-six players participated in it. Twenty-two were elementary school children, six were high school students and eight were adults. Playing chess at our library is a family activity. Nineteen players brought one or more family members to play in our tournament. Half of the adults were parents of children, or young adults, who were also playing in the tournament. ICA memberships were the prizes that everyone was competing for. The top ten children, five young adults and three adults were to become ICA members at the end of the tournament. A number of evenly matched players were showing their strategy and tactics in the elementary school section. After defeating Cristián Peña in round four, Cuitláhuac Pineda-Youniss, age 12, was leading the field with a perfect 4-0 score. It was up to Cristian's brother Andy (3.5 points) to stop Cuitlahuac in round five. Andy did, and took first place with a 4.5 score. Cuitlahuac was second and Cristián third. Valentín Urbina, Julio de la Rosa, Miguel Gonzalez, Yaodi Hu, Lupe Martinez, Gabriel Gonzalez and Elaine Zhou, earned fourth to tenth places, respectively. The youngest participants in the tournament were Armando Bocanegra, 5, and Alexandria Ramos, 6, whose parents-Fabian and Angelica- were both taking part in this event. Prior to the start of the tournament, Jose Rodriguez was the favorite to win the adult section. He defeated the tough and experienced Cipriano Menendez in round two. However, a loss to Fabian Ramos in the following round hurt his chances for the top spot. This was his only loss; his four wins included games with students Juan Avalos, Juan Herrera and Julio Lara. Rodriguez was the top high school player; Julio Lara, Esteban Ramirez, Juan Herrera, and Juan Avalos earned second to fifth places, respectively. The top three adult were: Fabian Ramos, Ray Fuller and Emilio Tallada.
Josh Flores directed this well-run tournament.

Rotary Club-Midwest

The Pilsen community Rotary Club-Midwest, with help from other District 6450 Rotary Clubs, has been sponsoring chess programs in local schools. This year they provided chess sets and an instructor to St. Pius, Jungman and Perspectives schools and our library. The culmination of their program was a tournament held at the Rudy Lozano Branch of the Chicago Public Library. Classes for beginners and intermediate players will continue at the library during the summer.

"Move Summer into Position—Play Chess at the Library" took place on Saturday, June 5. Sixty-two players attended this event, which is the largest turnout for any of our tournaments. There were thirty-seven children in the elementary school section; and twenty-five in the adult group, including four high school students. The prizes were trophies to the top three players in each of two groups and medals to the next ten players. All participants received a certificate and a tee-shirt. Everyone enjoyed a continental breakfast (Carlos and Cristina Chavarria, Kristoffer's Cafe) and lunch (Carmen Morales, La Cocina Restaurant). A nominal registration fee was set at $2. Rick Callahan, Rosa Garcia and all Rotarians deserve recognition for the great job they are doing in terms of promoting chess in the community, primarily in the schools.
The children's section had two players who finished with perfect 5-0 scores: Adrian Abaunza and Elaine Zhou. They were declared co-champions. Adrian's opponents, with one exception, all finished in the top 10; Elaine's opponents didn't make it to the top 10. Other top finishers were: Valentin Urbina, Julio de la Rosa, Miguel Gonzalez, Yaodi Hu, and Antonio Martinez.
The adult group saw 16-year old Curie High School student, Julio Lara, finish the tournament with 4.5 points and take first place on tie-breaks. Cipriano Menendez, also with 4.5, had to settle for the second place trophy while Jose Rodriguez took third. Lara beat Fabian Ramos, the Spring Open Champion, in round two and drew Menendez in the last round. It was interesting to see the match-ups between the high school players from the last decade and today's high school students. The "veterans" are: Jose

Montoya, who is currently assisting with the Rotary Chess Program, Fernando Montoya was the “undisputed freshman champion of Illinois”(1995) perfect 5-0 score, Miguel Camargo, first in a National Junior High School tournament (1993) with a 6.5 of 7 score having lost the remaining half point in an unclear manner; and tied for first place in a Chicago Open a few years back, same as Fabian Ramos. The younger players fared better. Julio Lara, for example, beat Fabian, Fernando, and Miguel. I asked Julio for his impressions on the tournament. Here’s what he had to say: “I've been playing chess since my 3rd year I really Enjoy it. I've been participating in the Tournaments held in Lozano for about 3 years now. This has been my first Tournament won in the Lozano Public Library. I Have won many others as well. Well this tournament was special because the day before the tournament I didn't know If I was going to make it I had a fever the day before and I wasn't feeling very well.I decided to go the next day. I wasn't very sure if I was going to be able to concentrate, my head hurt and my throat also.I was scared that during my games my fever would return and I wasn't very sure if I was going to do well.

But I said to myself, "You have to give your best" and I did.The first couple of games went smoothly. On my Second Round I played Fabian Ramos, a tough player, in one of the moves I didn't see that I hanged a Bishop I was very nervous but lucky for me he didn't see it. I felt relief, after that I was able to get two free pawns. The rest of the tournament I played really tough players Like Chito (Cipriano Menendez),I ended up with a draw, and Miguel Camargo ..When I won the tournament I felt proud knowing that my days of hard work and dedication paid off.”

This tournament was also ably directed by Josh Flores.

This year again yours truly has taken first place in the ICA Tour, Class A. It’s fun competing in ICA Tour events. I also participated in this year’s Chicago Open, Class A, finishing with a modest score: three wins, three losses and a draw.

Our chess club meets at the library every Tuesday at 6 p.m.

BRADLEY SUMMER OPEN

A USCF HERITAGE EVENT

WHEN: Saturday, August 28, 2004

WHERE: Robert Michel Student Center, 915 N. Elmwood Ave, Peoria, IL 61625

ENTRY FEE: $14 by August 26, $17 at the site, free to players rated 2200 or over

WHAT: 4 Round Swiss

TIME CONTROL: Game/80

SECTIONS: Open to all

MEMBERSHIPS REQUIRED: USCF

PRIZES: 75% of EF's distributed as follows:
25% First, 15% Second.
10% each to A/B, C/D, under 1200
5% to biggest Upset

REGISTRATION: 8:00-8:45 AM

ROUND TIMES: 9, 12, 2:45, 5:30

NOTE: A limit of one "1/2 point" bye is available in any Rd., but Rds. 3 or 4 must be elected by the end of Rd. 2

NO SMOKING. BRING SETS, BOARDS & CLOCKS.

ADVANCE ENTRIES: Fred Malcome, 810 W. Progress, Metamora, IL 61548
(309) 367-4833 e-mail: flmalcome@bwsys.net



Chicago Industrial Chess League

By Brian Smith

The Chicago Industrial Chess League concluded its 2003/2004 season on May 15th by crowning the Motorola Knights team as League champions. Members of the Motorola Knights team shown in the picture are (left to right) Shekhar Karandikar, Jeff Balicki, Jim Thomson(Knights team captain and CICL President), Robert Morris, Len Augsburger, and Yuri Fridman. Knights not shown here are E. Alfonso, E. Benforado, K. Marshall, and D. Phelps. The CICL Individual Open for was held on the same day. Peter Stein won the top section, and A. Bolshov won the under-1500 section. TD for both events was Art Olsen, with Tony Jasaitis assisting. Trophies were later awarded at the CICL Awards Banquet, which featured a lecture by IM Angelo Young.

The CICL has organized team chess competition since 1957. Starting next season, for the first time, it is encouraging chess clubs as well as companies to field teams in the CICL. The CICL is also expanding the area of greater Chicago-land where teams play. The 2004/2005 CICL season starts in September. If you might be interested in enjoying chess in a team League, contact Brian Smith on (630) 983-9316 or send email to Publicity@ChicagoChessLeague.org The CICL website recently moved to www.chicagochessleague.org

St. Charles Chess Club

By Dan Pradt

April 8 Our First Theme Night was the stolid, solid Pirc Defense,1 e4,d6 2. d4,Nf6. The majority of the games were played along positional lines. White came out on top, 8-7.

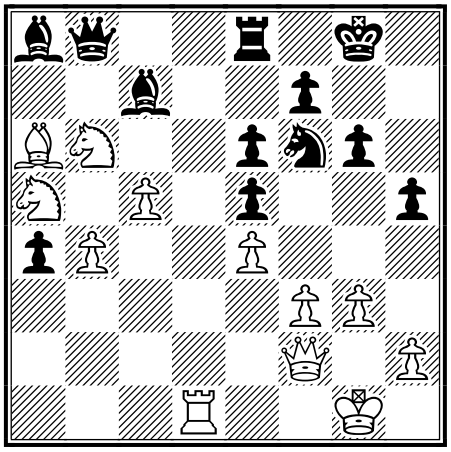
June13 Our Game 10 championship was won by Paul Raso(Qr 1729), second ranked on the wall chart, with a perfect 5-0. Paul beat Jesse Freidel(1632) in the last round to wrap up the title. Placing second at 4-1 were Todd Ditsworth (1613). Aivras Stoskus(1255), and Jeremiah Freidel(1601). Jeremiah took the Junior trophy.

June 13 Theme Night II. We went from the hypermodern to the Romantic with the Kings Gambit, 1.e4,e5 2.f4. Lots of leeway to accept, decline, play the Falkbeer counter gambit, or get into the hoary old lines of the Keiseritsky, Muzio, et el. The games were played along conserviative lines, with few, if any Kingside attacks smashing through. I expected Black to come out on top in this somewhat unsound try for White. Black won 5-3 on the top boards and White took the lower boards 5-4.

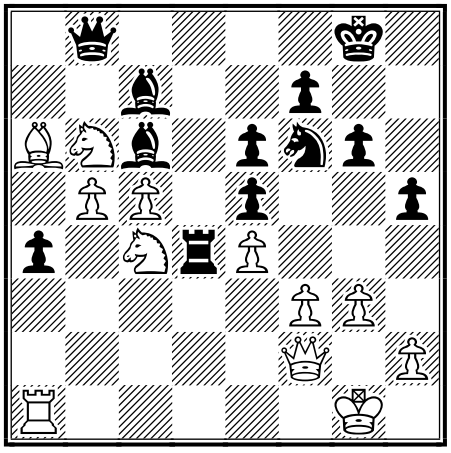
(1) GM Wojtkiewicz - GM D. Gurevich

2004 Chicago Open. Round 6

1.Nf3 Nf6 2.c4 c5 3.Nc3 b6 4.d4 cxd4 5.Nxd4 Bb7 6.f3 e6 7.e4 d6 8.Be3 Be7 9.Be2 0–0 10.0–0 a6 11.Qd2 Qc7 12.Rac1 Nbd7 13.Rfd1 Rac8 14.Bf1 Qb8 15.b4 Rfe8 16.a3 Bd8 17.Nb3 Bc7 18.Bf4 Ne5 19.Bxe5 dxe5 20.c5 h6 21.Na4 b5 22.Nb6 Rcd8 23.Qf2 h5 24.g3 g6 25.Na5 Ba8 26.a4 bxa4 27.Bxa6 Rxd1+ 28.Rxd1 Diagram



28...Rd8 29.Ra1 Rd4 30.Nac4 Bc6 31.b5 Diagram



31...Bxe4 32.fxe4 Nxe4 33.Qf3 Nxc5 34.Qc6 Qd8 35.Qxc5 Bxb6 36.Nxb6 Rd1+ 37.Rxd1 Qxd1+ 38.Kf2 Qd2+ 39.Kf1 Qd1+ 40.Kg2 Qe2+ 41.Kg1 Qe1+ 42.Kg2 Qe2+ 43.Qf2 Qxf2+ 44.Kxf2 a3 45.Nd7 a2 46.b6 a1Q 47.b7 Qb2+ 48.Kg1 Qb1+ 49.Kg2 Qe4+ ½–½

All tournaments are USCF-rated, unless otherwise noted (Quick-rated if game/29 or faster) and require USCF membership. ICA Tour events also require ICA membership. Memberships may be purchased at most tournaments. Most tournaments prohibit smoking in the playing rooms.

ICA Tour events are generally listed as such in Chess Life and in the Calendar below. Players are responsible for checking both Chess Life and the Illinois Chess Bulletin to determine which events are Tour events. Call ChessPhone (630-832-5222) a few days before any tournament to verify its Tour status, or check the web at www.illinoischess.org.

Organizers: Please clear your events through the ICA Tournament Calendar. Calendar coordinator is Howard Fried, 440 N. Main St. #E405, Wauconda, ILL. 60084, hfried1@sbcglobal.net. Do not send calendar entries to the ICB editor. If you are running a Tour event, make sure it is listed as such in both Chess Life and the ICB. Deadlines for ICB calendar submissions are as follows:

Event starting date:	Deadline:	To appear in:
Jan 15 - Mar 14	Dec 10	Jan-Feb issue
Mar 15 - May 14	Feb 10	Mar-Apr issue
May 15 - Jul 14	Apr 10	May-Jun issue
Jul 15 - Sep 14	Jun 10	Jul-Aug issue
Sep 15 - Nov 14	Aug 10	Sep-Oct issue
Nov 15 - Jan 14	Oct 10	Nov-Dec issue

July 17, 2004, Tuley Park Quick #9 (Medium). 6-SS, rds 1-2 game/8, d/3 (game/10 if d/0), rds 3-6 game/20, d/3 (game/22 if d/0). 501 E 90th Pl, Chicago 60619. EF $14, u19 $7, $1 off before 11:30. $$G 330: $80-50-35, u1900 $40, u1650 $35, u1400 $30, u1150 $25, u900 $20, unr $15. Reg 11-11:50, rd 1 at 12. Tom Fineberg, 7321 S South Shore Dr #6-D, Chicago 60649. 773-721-3979, www.home.earthlink.net/~maxine57.

August 21, 2004, Tuley Park QC #10 (bigger) 6/SS, rds 1-2 G/10 (orG/8+3sec), rds 3-6 G/22 (or G/20+3 sec), 501 E. 90th Place, Chicago, 60619, EF: $18, U19: $9. $1.00 off if you enter before 11:30. $$G 450, $125-80-50, 1650-1899=$45, 1400-1649=$40, 1150-1399=$35, 900-1149=$30, 100-899=$25, unr=$20. Reg: 11:00-11:50 am,rd 1 at 12. Tom Fineberg, 7321 S. South Shore Dr. #6-D, Chicago 60649. 773-721-3979, www.home.earthlink.net/~maxine57

August 21, 2004 Springfield August Open

August 28, 2004, Bradley Summer Open. A Heritage event. 4SS, game/80. Robert Michel Student Center, 915 N. Elmwood Ave. Peoria, IL. 61625. 1 sec.: open to all. 75% of EF's distributed as follows: 25% 1st, 15% 2nd, 10% each to A/B, C/D, under 1200, 5% to biggest upset. Both, EF: $14 by 8/26, $17 at site, free to players rated 2200 or over, USCF membership required. Reg: 8-8:45 am. Rds. 9, 12, 2:45, 5:30. Only ½ pt. Bye available in any rd. but you must elect the bye for rds. 3 or 4 by the end of rd. 2. No smoking. Bring sets, boards, and clocks. Ent: Fred Malcome, 810 W. Progress, Metamora, IL.61548 309-367-4833. Email: <A href:mailto:flmalcome@bwsys.net

September 3-5, 2004, Illinois Open. An ICA Tour MAXI-event. ICA membership required. Prize fund: $8000 b/200. 3 sections: **OPEN**: $1000G-500G-300G-200G, expert-$400-250-100, U2000-$400-250-100. **U1800** $800-500-300-200, U1600-$400-250-100. **U1400** $600-350-250-150, U1200- $300-200-100. Serbian Brothers Help, Inc. 19697 W. Grand Ave. Lake Villa, IL. 60046 EF: 2 day $82 if postmarked by Aug. 31. 3 day: $83 if postmarked by Aug.31. All $100 on site. Reentry: $40. ½ pt. Bye any rd. w/reg. (max 2). 5SS, Game/2, 2 day option rds 1+2 G/1. Reg: Friday 6:30-7:30, Sat. 11:30-12:30. Schedule: 3 day: rds. Fri: 8. Sat: 1 & 6. Sun: 1&6. 2 day: rds. Sat:1-3:30-6. Sun. 1&6. The kitchen will be serving food all weekend long. Chris Baumgartner will be selling books all weekend long. Info and entries: Blair Machaj, 3N050 Springvale, West Chicago, IL. 60185. 630-204-6245. Email: elmhurstchess@aol.com. Make check payable to Perpetual Chess

September 18,2004 Springfield IL Chess Club Championship

ICA Calendar

October 9, 2004 Springfield Autumn Open
October 23, 2004 Normal, IL. Northbridge Baptist Church Oct. Open. An ICA mini-tour and ex-urban tour event. 4SS, G/70. Northbridge Baptist Church, 2413 Ziebarth Rd. Normal, IL. 61761. Located 1900 North and 1700 East in the country. Dir. From the intersection of Main St. and Raab Rd.(in north Normal), proceed east to Linden Ave. (Approx. 1 mile), then north to Ziebarth Rd. (approx. 2 miles) then proceed east again to Northbridge Baptist Church (approx. 2 miles). EF: $17, $$380 b/30; $145, U2000 $85, U1600 $85, U1200 $65. Bye 1-4. ICA membership req'd OSA. Reg: 8:30-9:30, Rds: 10-12:30-3-5:30. Ent: Dennis Bourgerie, Box 157, Normal, IL. 61761. 309-454-3842. Cell: 309-531-1723. Dennis9942@wmconnect.com

December 4-5, 2004, Winter Open. Robert Loncarevic, 773-510-2162

December 11, 2004 Springfield Holiday Open
January 8, 2005 Normal. IL. Northbridge Baptist Church January Open. An ICA mini-tour and ex-urban tour event. 4SS, G/70. Northbridge Baptist Church, 2413 Ziebarth Rd. Normal, IL. 61761. Located 1900 North and 1700

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April 7-10, 2005, SuperNationals III Nash,TN.

September 3-5, 2005, Illinois Open. An ICA Tour MAXI-event. ICA membership required.

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The mailing label on the back cover of your Illinois Chess Bulletin shows the expiration date of your ICA membership. You may renew, or join for the first time, by filling out the form below (photocopy OK). Make check payable to Illinois Chess Association and mail to ICA Membership,

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107 S. Maple Lane, Prospect Points Hts,IL 60070.
Include a short paragraph, similar to those below, listing your club's activities.

Alternativa Group, Peter Pelts, 7135 Greenleaf Av, Niles 60714. 847-965-6469.

American Postal Chess Tournaments sponsors postal events and sells chess books and equipment. Jim or Helen Warren, PO Box 305, Western Springs 60558. 630-663-0688, apct@aol.com. Organizers of the U.S. Masters.

The **Center Chess Club** meets 3rd Saturday of each month, 7-10 pm, Crystal Lake Park District, One East Crystal Lake Av (intersection of Walkup), Crystal Lake 60014. Also rated tournaments on most of these same dates, 4 rounds, game/60, register by 8:45 am, round 1 at 9 am. Jeff Buchman, 815-455-5288, buchadolph@aol.com.

Chess Central sponsors rated tournaments in the Grayslake / Zion area. Tim Just, 37165 Willow, Gurnee 60031. 847-244-7954, timjust@Lnd.com.

Chess in Chicago is dedicated to developing and promoting chess in Chicago, and scholastic players are the priority. Lamarr Wilson, email@chessinchiago.org, www.chessinchicago.org.

Chess Utopia sponsors rated tournaments in the Lake County area, Fridays 6 pm. Frank Swindell, 847-816-0869, Swinchess@aol.com, www.ChessUtopia.org.

Chessterton Chess Club meets at Westchester Public Library, 200 W Indiana, Chesterton IN. Joe Alford, Joe.Alford@Kemper.com.

Chicago Industrial Chess League organizes frequent competition among commercial or government teams with awards, ratings, and special events. Pat Sajbel, 847-391-2134.

Chicagoland Community Chess Club (formerly Concordia) meets Tuesdays 6-11 pm, Border's (Cafe Espresso), 7100 Forest Preserve Dr, Norridge. Howard Fried, 773-889-8553, hfried1@sbcglobal.net, or Robert Loncarevic, 773-282-5148, TLSchgo@speedsite.com.

FIDE Master **Albert Chow** gives private lessons by appointment. 3513 N Seminary, Chicago 60657. 773-248-4846, ChowMasterAl@yahoo.com.

Continental Chess Association runs major tournaments nationwide, including the annual World Open in Philadelphia and the Chicago Open in late May each year. PO Box 249, Salisbury Mills NY 12577. Bill Goichberg. www.chesstour.com.

Crossroads Chess Club meets Tuesdays 6 pm, K Square Mall Food court, I-57 / I-70 exit 160, Effingham. Cameron Feltner, 217-844-2645.

Elmhurst Chess Club meets, and holds frequent USCF events, Sundays 6:30 to 11 pm, Room 18, Hammerschmidt Chapel, Elmhurst College, 190 Prospect, Elmhurst. Roger Birkeland, 630-832-1754, rogerdb9@earthlink.net, ElmhurstChess@aol.com.

Evanston Township High School Chess Club, 1600 Dodge Av, Evanston 60204. Ken Lewandowski, 847-492-7932.

Greater Peoria Chess Federation meets Mondays 7 pm, Lakeview Museum, 1125 W Lake Av, Peoria 61614. Wayne Zimmerle, 514 W Loucks Av #2, Peoria 61604. 309-692-4480 (day), 309-686-0192 (evenings), wzim@bwsys.net.

Hammond Chess Club, Charles Higgins, 116 Crestview St, Crown Point IN 46307. 219-663-8938.

Highland Park High School Chess Team, 433 Vine Av, Highland Park 60035. Tesc Schultz, tschultz@d113.lake.k12.il.us..

House of Chess meets Saturdays 4:30 pm, 1st Baptist Church, 146 S Main St, Glen Carbon 62034. Paul Holland, 618-288-4117, http://members.aol.com/houseofchess.

Illini Chess Club meets Thursdays 7-10 pm, College of Education Building, Room 37, 6th & Pennsylvania), Urbana. www.uiuc.edu/ro/uichess. Jeff Davis.

Illinois Chess Coaches Association is open to scholastic chess coaches in Illinois. Mike Zacate, 708-479-9380, mezacate@aol.com.

Illinois Valley Chess Association meets Thursdays 7-10 pm, Illinois Valley YMCA, Adult Lounge, 300 Walnut St, Peru 61354. Bill Schulte, 520 First St, LaSalle 61301. 815-223-1505, bschulte@rivalins.com.

Illowa Chess Club meets Tuesdays 6:30-10 pm, St Ambrose University, Davenport IA. Matt Nemmers, qcchess@mchsi.com, www.quadcitychess.com.

Joliet Junior College Chess Club meets Thursdays 6:30 pm, Joliet Junior College, Building J, cafeteria, 1215 Houbolt Rd (I-80 exit 127), Joliet. Maps www.jjc.edu/maps/maincampus.html. Tim Owens, c/o JJC-IET, 214 N Ottawa St, Joliet 60432. 815-280-1513, towens@jjc.edu. Or Steve Decman, 1418 Devonshire Dr, Joliet 60435. 815-744-5272, www.jjc.edu/clubs/chess.

Lakeview Cuyler Chess Club meets Wednesdays 7-10 pm, Cuyler Covenant Church, Fellowship Hall, 3901 N Marshfield Av (corner of Byron St), Chicago 60613. Drew Morissee, 1614 W Byron St, Chicago 60613. 312-494-1300 x12, WindyCityKnight@yahoo.com, http://LakeviewCuylerChess.tripod.com.

Mahomet-Seymour High School Chess Club, Dan Pirtle, 302 W State, Mahomet 61853. 217-586-4962, dpirt@ms.k12.il.us.

Mid-America Chess Association sponsors the popular website at www.64.com, and brings national tournaments to the Chicago area. midam@64.com.

Midway Chess Enterprises, PO Box 388765, Chicago 60638, whizline@home.com.

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New Lenox Chess Club, c/o Vince Berry & Cindy Misiak, 815-463-9975, leave message. VWBerry@aol.com.

Park Forest Chess Club meets Thursdays 7-10 pm, Freedom Hall (next to the library), Lakewood Blvd just west of Orchard, Park Forest. Larry Cohen, 630-834-2477. www.tuxdomain.com/pfcc_club.html.

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Smythe Dakota Competitions encourages and offers financial support for Plus-Score Mini-Tours at sites in Chicago and adjoining suburbs. Bill Smythe, chichess@rcn.com.

St Charles Chess Club meets Thursdays 7-11 pm, Baker Community House, 101 S 2nd (Rt 31), St Charles. Jeff Wiewel, 1931 Dunhill Ct, Arlington Heights 60004. 847-818-8913, jwiewel@ntnusa.com.

The South Suburban Chess Club of Greater Chicago meets Fridays 7-11 pm, Oak View Recreation Center, 110th & Kilpatrick, Oak Lawn. Joe Bannon, 773-445-0631.

Springfield Chess Club meets Wednesdays 6-10 pm, American Legion Post 32, 5th & Capitol, Springfield. Thomas Knoedler, 2104 S Fourth St, Springfield 62703. 217-523-7265.

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State Farm Employee Activities Chess Club 1 State Farm Plaza Corp. HQ C-4 Bloomington, IL, 60701 Colley Kitson 309-766-9493.

Tuley Park Chess Club holds frequent Saturday tournaments at Tuley Park Field House, 501 E 90th Pl, Chicago. Tom Fineberg, 7321 S South Shore Dr, Chicago 60649. 773-721-3979, www.home.earthlink.net/~maxine57.

Twin City Chess Club meets Tuesdays 7-10 pm, Lincoln Leisure Center, 1206 S Lee St, Bloomington 61701. Dennis Bourgerie, PO Box 157, Normal 61761. 309-454-3842 Dennis9942@wmconnect.com

West Middle School Chess Club, 1900 N Rocktoon Av, Rockford 61103. Ralph Sullons, 815-966-3220.

Wicker Park Chess Club meets Wednesdays 7 pm to 1 am, Myopic Books, 1468 N Milwaukee Av, Chicago. Pat Jones, 773-772-1369, pjones@artic.edu.

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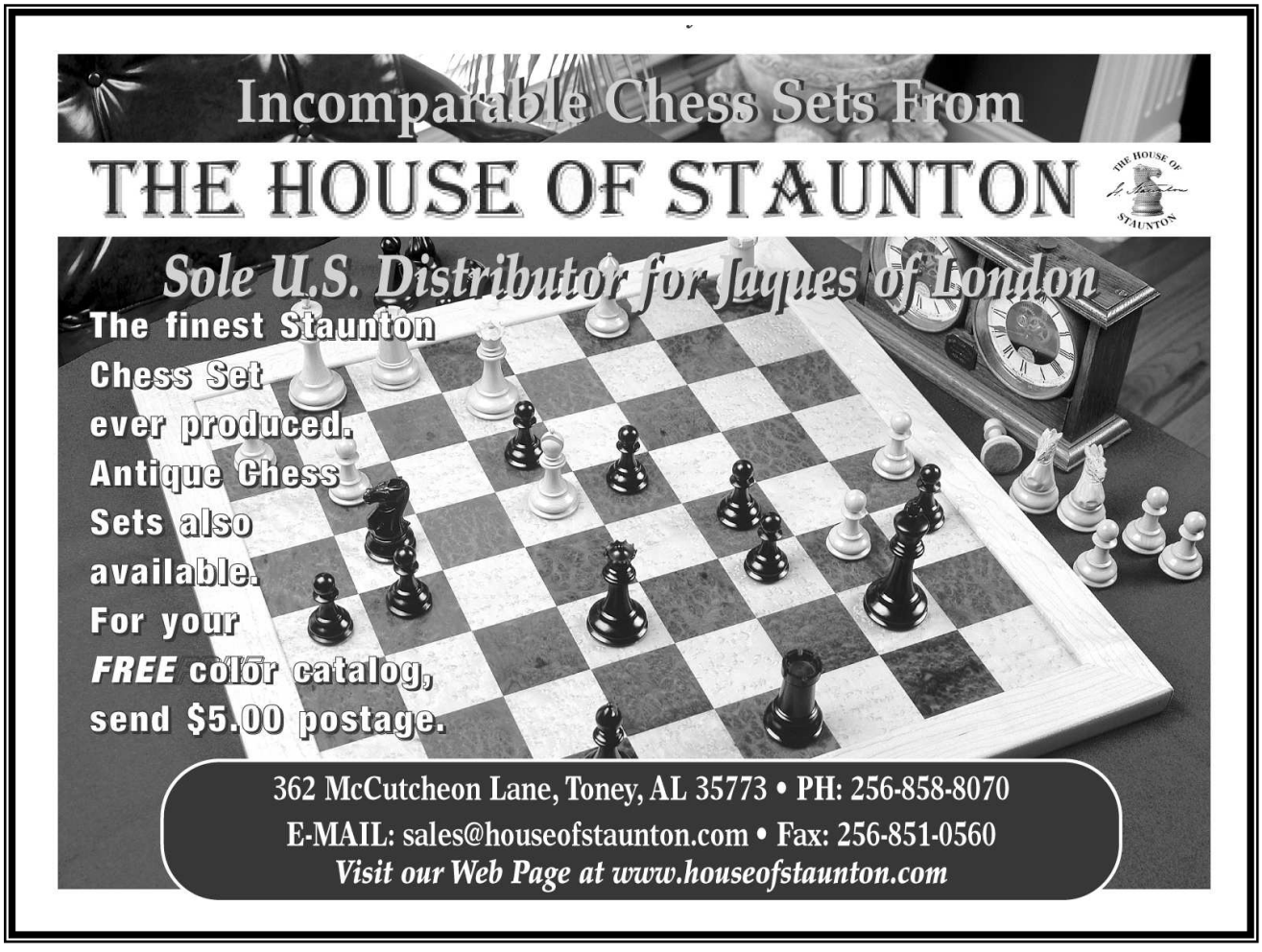
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