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Aigner Overcomes Foul Weather, Field of 34 to Win Sacramento Swiss #10

Sacramento Chess Club Weekend Swiss #10 December 19-20, 2002

Master/Expert

1 Michael Aigner 3.5 \$175
2 Drake Wang 3 125

Under 2200

1-2 Marc Braverman 2.5 \$55
Larry Snyder

Reserve

1-2 Conrad Cota 3 \$85
Christopher Black

Under 1800

1 Ursula Foster 2.5 \$65
2-4 Bob Baker 2 \$15
Erin Harrington
Peter McKone

Amateur

1-2 Franklin Ng 3 \$85
Boyd Taylor

Under 1400

1-2 John Edwards-El 2.5 \$55
Matt Zavortink

Junior

1 Anyon Harrington 2.5 \$40

By John McCumiskey

December storms did not dampen the spirits of the 34 players—nearly half made the drive from outside the Sacramento area—at the Sacramento Chess Club Weekend Swiss #10 held December 19-20 at the Learning Exchange in Sacramento.

Michael Aigner finished ahead of 10 others in the Master/Expert section. Drake Wang finished clear second with 3 points. Marc Braverman and Larry Snyder battled to a tie for the Under 2200 prize.

Conrad Cota and Christopher Black were unbeaten in tying for first in the Reserve Section. Cota took the trophy on tiebreaks. Ursula Foster led the U1800 players while Bob Baker, Erin Harrington, and Peter McKone took second place.

The Reserve section also ended in a tie between Franklin Ng and Boyd Taylor, with Ng having the better trophy tiebreaks. John Edwards-El and Matt Zavortink won the U1400 section and Anyon Harrington took the prize for best Junior.

The club's next event will be the Sacramento Chess Championship July 4-6. Check the Weekend Events portion of the Sacramento Chess Club website, www.lanset.com/jmclmc/default.htm, for a flyer and schedule of events.

White: Michael Aigner (2233)
Black: Marc Braverman (2090)
Notes by NM Michael Aigner

It was an honor to be paired against one of the persons responsible for my development as a chess player. For several years, I measured my progress in weekly blitz games against Marc and his expert friends. I learned a lot over the years from the many defeats at his hands, yet these lessons made me the player I am today.

1. e4 e5 2. Nf3 Nf6 3. Nc3 Nc6 4. a3!?

This early waiting move forces Black to make a decision as to how to develop his dark-squared bishop. The text takes away the preferred b4 square, and ...Bc5 fails tactically: 5. Ne5! Ne5 6. d4 Bd6 7. f4!

4...Be7 5. d4 ed4 6. Nd4 d6 7. Nc6?!

The game has essentially transposed into a Philidor's defense. Although the text weakens Black's pawn structure, preserving the centralized knight is considered superior. White should try Bb5 or Be2 instead.

7...bc6 8. Be2 O-O 9. O-O Nd7

Black wants the c3-f6 diagonal for his bishop, while the knight can choose between e5 and b6, with an eye on jumping to c4.

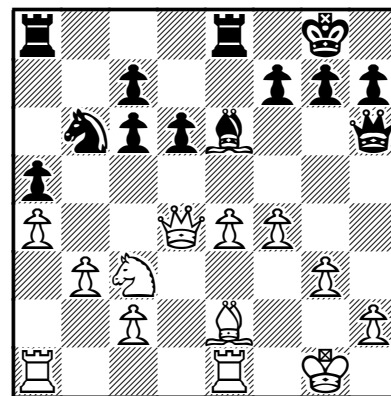
10. Be3 Bf6 11. Qd2 Qe7 12. Rfe1 Nb6

Not falling for the trap:
12...Bc3? 13. Qc3 Qe4 14. Bf3.

13. Bd4 Be6 14. b3 a5?

This pawn later becomes a target. It was much less vulnerable on its home square.

15. a4 Rfe8 16. f4 Bd4 17. Qd4 Qh4 18. g3 Qh6



19. Bf3

On the surface, the position is rather quiet and equal. However,

De Guzman, Donaldson Share First Prize at 30th Peoples' Tournament

International masters Ricardo De Guzman and John Donaldson tied for first place at the 30th Berkeley Peoples' Chess Tournament held February 15-17 in Berkeley. Full report to come in May.

Aigner Annotates Two Wins from Sacramento Swiss

Black's weakened pawn structure (complete with two targets: a5 and c6) gives White a significant advantage.

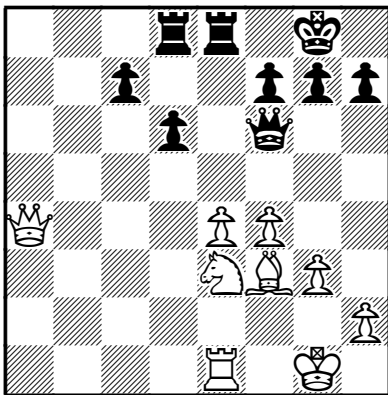
19...Rad8 20. Nd1

Since c3 is the only square to attack both of Black's pawn weaknesses, White vacates this for his queen. The knight will return to the game on e3.

20...c5 21. Qc3 c4 22. Ne3 Qf6?

White can force a clearly better endgame by using his space advantage. After 23. Qf6 gf6 24. b4! ab4 25. f5 Bd7 26. a5 Na4 27. Nd5, White's knight becomes Black's nightmare. Black should have instead tried activating a rook with the prophylactic ...Rb8.

23. Qa5? cb3 24. cb3 Bb3 25. Qb4 Ba4 26. Ra4 Na4 27. Qa4



Who wins this endgame? I had no idea during the game. White's minor pieces are nice, but Black has an extra pawn. In order to win, White needs to trade the queens and play the rook vs bishop and knight endgame. Black, conversely, needs to keep his major pieces and harrass the weakened White king on the second rank.

27...Qc3 28. Qa1 Qa1?

Black must play ...Qc5 or ...Qb4.

29. Ra1 c6?

Yet another weakening pawn move which costs Black the game. One advantage of having two minor pieces for a rook is that the minor pieces give you twice the opportunities to attack enemy weaknesses. Instead of committing harikari, Black should immediately trade one of his redundant rooks with ...Ra8. The resulting endgame will be similar to the game, except that Black keeps an extra pawn.

30. Kf2 Ra8 31. Ra8 Ra8 32. Nf5!

The double attack (Nd6 and Ne7) wins a key pawn.

32...Ra2 33. Be2 c5 34. Nd6 Kf8

White is technically winning, but needs to take some care. For example, he must always make sure the anchor of his kingside pawns (which turns out to be g3) can be defended either by the king or the knight. White's attacking plan is straightforward: overpower the c5-pawn with the knight and the king and then create a passed pawn.

35. Ke3 Ra3 36. Bd3 Ke7 37. e5 g6 38. Ke4 Ra4 39. Bc4 f6 40. Kd5 fe5 41. fe5 Ra1 42. Kc5

White has achieved his first two objectives in this endgame. Next he turns his attention to the kingside pawns. White really would like to create a second passed pawn so that Black can't play for the bishop and knight mate by sacrificing his rook. Unfortunately for Black, he can't defend both his pawns and protect against the advance of the e-pawn.

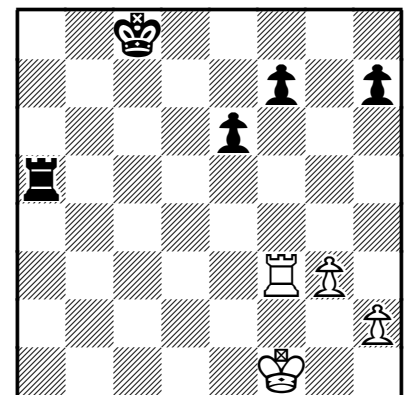
42...Re1 43. Kd4 Rh1 44. h4 Rg1 45. Ne4

The knight defends the pawn anchor, giving White's king time to return to the kingside.

45...h6 46. Ke3 g5 47. hg5 hg5 48. Bg8 Re1 49. Kf3 Rf1 50. Kg4 Re1 51. Kf5 Re3 52. g4 Rf3 53. Kg5 Rf8 54. Nf6 Ra8 55. Bd5 Ra5 56. Kg6 Ra1 57. g5 Re1 58. Kf5 Rf1 59. Kg4 Re1 60. Kf4 Rf1 61. Bf3 Ke6 62. g6 Rg1 63. Bg4 Resigns

White: Larry Snyder (2055)
Black: Michael Aigner (2233)
Alapin Sicilian
Notes by NM Michael Aigner

1. e4 c5 2. c3 Nf6 3. e5 Nd5 4. d4 cd4 5. Nf3 Nc6 6. cd4 d6 7. Bc4 Nb6 8. Bb3 de5 9. de5 Qd1 10. Bd1 Bg4 11. Nc3 e6 12. O-O Bb4 13. a3 Bc3 14. bc3 O-O-O 15. Be3 Nc4 16. Bd4 Bf3 17. Bf3 Nd4 18. cd4 Rd4 19. Rfc1 Kb8 20. Rab1 Nb6 21. Rb3 Rc8 22. Rc8 Kc8 23. g3 g5 24. Bh5 Rd7 25. Rf3 Nc4 26. Rc3 b5 27. a4 a6 28. ab5 ab5 29. Be2 Rd4 30. Rb3 Re4 31. Rb5 Ne5 32. Kf1 g4 33. Rb3 Ra4 34. Re3 Ra5 35. f4 gf3 36. Bf3 Nf3 37. Rf3



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Jennie Frenklakh Defends Her Title at Region XI Women's Open

Region XI Women's Open January 11-12, 2003

1	Jennie Frenklakh	4
2-3	Elisha Garg	3
	Ursula Foster	
4-5	Zsofia Domany	2.5
	Ewelina Krubnik	

National master Jennie Frenklakh scored 4-0 to win the Region XI Women's Open for the second straight time January 11 and 12 in Menlo Park.

"I was surprised myself (at the perfect score)," said Frenklakh, who took the weekend off from her graduate studies in physical therapy at UCSF. "It's tough because everyone is improving their game—it usually takes a little bit of luck to get a perfect score, which, fortunately, I had this year."

At 22, Frenklakh was an experienced veteran in the field of 13—nine of whom were young enough to be in high school. "I'm getting so old!" she joked, "but what I don't get is: where do they go when they get older? The way I see it, chess is not something you can just quit. I hope these girls realize this soon because I don't want to one day be 60, and have the next-youngest player in the tournament be my granddaughter.

"I'm glad to see many girls playing, and hope to inspire them to continue playing into their 20s and far beyond. If anyone out there feels like quitting, I'd like them to give me a call and I'll make sure to change their mind," Frenklakh said. She provided her e-mail address: jennief64@yahoo.com.

One player in the Sojourner Truth Chess Tournament for Girls told organizer Richard Peterson that she was glad there were "no stinky boys" around, but

Frenklakh's suggestion was to "put that aside, and also check-mate them a few times... you'll make friends with them."

Seeded second behind Frenklakh on the wallchart was 13-year-old Zsofia Domany of blah blah. By winning the Laszlo Kovacs Chess Tournament for Girls in Budapest, Domany earned a trip to California.

Domany finished sixth in the Girls Under 14 world championship in Crete in November, even though she has worked without a coach for two years. She said she likes to create combinations, and practices that on her computer.

A weekend of sightseeing in San Francisco after a 12-hour flight from Budapest through Frankfurt made Domany very tired, she said—her draw with Foster and loss to Frenklakh both came in the evening rounds.

Hans Poschmann directed the Women's Open, down the hall from the sixth Sojourner Truth Chess Tournament for Girls, which drew 134 players. Peterson and Don Shennum directed—Peterson said his goal for the tournament in coming years was to attract girls from beyond the western region, to make it more of a national event.

White: Elisha Garg (1697)
Black: Jennie Frenklakh (2161)
Caro-Kann Defense

1. e4 c6 2. d4 d5 3. f3

Besides supporting the pawn center with another pawn, 3. f3 keeps Black's queen bishop restrained.

3...e5

One drawback to 3. f3 is that it doesn't help White's development, but it is still risky for Black to blast the game open while she is



Two-time Region XI Women's Open champion Jennie Frenklakh. Photo by Shorman

equally undeveloped. Black hopes to make something of the other disadvantage of 3. f3: the weakened g1-a7 diagonal.

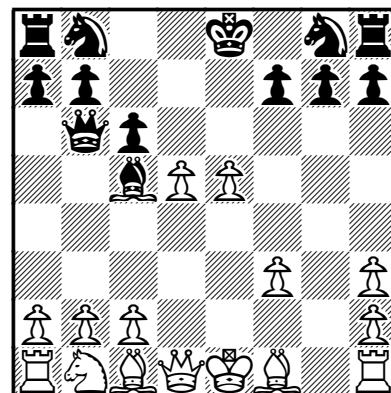
4. de5 Qb6 5. ed5

Now White falls too far behind in development. GM Joe Gallagher gives 5. Nc3 Bc5 6. Na4 Qa5 7. c3 Bg1 8. Rg1 de4 9. Bf4) with a small advantage for White.

5...Bc5 6. Nh3

6. Ne2 Bf2 7. Kd2 Qe3 mate.

6...Bh3 7. gh3



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7...cd5

Black is content to make room for a developing move while White is four moves shy of castling queenside (Black's pressure against b2 might make those moves hard to come by). 7...Bf2 8. Ke2 Bd4 puts the white king in front of his army and makes a double threat (...Be5 or ...Bb2). 7...Bg1 is a curious way to threaten checkmate in one.

8. Qe2

Note the similarity to 7...Qe7 from Morphy's Paris opera house game: 1. e4 e5 2. Nf3 d6 3. d4 Bg4 4. de5 Bf3 5. Qf3 de5 6. Bc4 Nf6 7. Qb3 Qe7—preventing Bf7 and threatening Qb4—8. Nc3.

8...Nc6 9. Nc3

It would even be reasonable to borrow another page from Morphy-Allies and try 9. c3 for the same reasons: to prevent a knight encroachment and to guard the b-pawn laterally (with a knight on c3, Black's ...Qb2 looms as a fork as well as a capture).



Zsafia Domany of Zenta, Yugoslavia, won this year's Zoltan Kovacs Chess Tournament for Girls in Hungary, and a trip to California. Photo by John Tu

9...0-0-0 10. f4

White's king is still caught in the middle after 10. Bd2 Qb2 11. Rb1 Qc2.

10...Nd4 11. Qg4 Kb8 12. Bd3 g6

12...Ne7 13. Qg7 Rhg8 14. Qf7 Rg2 does not generate enough for Black's additional material investment. Black's biggest menace, ...Nc2, can be prevented by another pawn grab on h7.

13. Qg2 Ne7 14. Nd1 Nef5 15. Bf5

Black was ready for 15...Nh4 and then a knight to f3.

15...gf5 16. c3 Rhg8

Winning some material: 17. Qf1 Nc2, 17. Qd2 Nf3, or 17. Qg8 Rg8 18. cd4 Bd4.

17. Qf2 Nb3 18. Qc2 Na1 19. Qf5

19. Qb1 ensured the knight wouldn't get away.

19...Qg6 20. Qg6 Rg6 21. b4

Perhaps hoping for 21...Be7 22. Ne3.

21...Bb6 22. Kd2 Rg2 23. Kd3 d4 24. c4 Nc2 25. a3 Ne3 26. c5 Nd1 27. Rd1 Bc7 28. Ke4 Rh2 29. Kf5 Rh3 30. Kf6 Rd7 31. f5 Bd8 32. Kg7 f6 33. Kf8 fe5 34. b5 Rf3 35. Ke8 Kc8 36. c6 Re7 37. Kf8 Rf5 38. Kg8 bc6 39. bc6 Kc7 40. a4 Kc6 41. Ba3 Rb7 42. Rc1 Kd5 43. Rd1 Bg5 44. Bb2 Bh6 45. Resigns

White: Zsafia Domany (2071)
Black: Ewelina Krubnik (1692)
Two Knights Defense

1. e4 e5 2. Nf3 Nc6 3. d4 ed4 4. Bc4 Nf6 5. e5 d5 6. Bb5 Ne4 7. Nd4 Bd7 8. Bc6 bc6

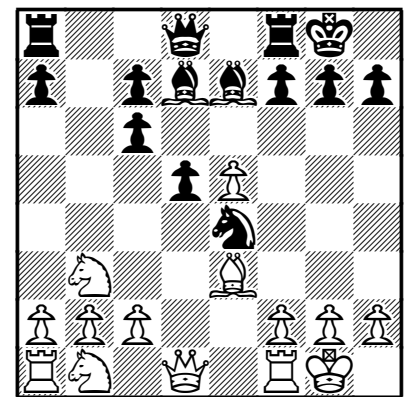
Reference books assess this position as leading to an unclear

game, but White has at least two definite ideas for the middlegame: first, Black's queenside pawn majority and bishop pair will be stuffed if White blocks the black squares with Be3 plus Nc3-a4-c5 (or Nd4-b3-c5), and second, White can aim for a kingside majority attack with f4-f5-f6.

9. Nb3

White aims for c5 right off, but it's too soon to abandon the great post on d4 (especially by moving an already-developed piece). Better is 9. 0-0 Bc5 10. f3.

9...Be7 10. 0-0 0-0 11. Be3



11...Bg5

Black has to be wary of swapping her dark-squared bishop because it and the e4-knight are the only pieces capable of budging a white knight from c5. She will save a tempo if she plays 11...f6 now. Also, g5 is often the best place for the e4-knight to run after f3 by White, and then to e6 to help fight for control of c5.

12. Bd4 f6

Another drawback to 9. Nb3 is White's loss of influence over e6, so she cannot gain space with 13. e6. Black is aiming to open the game for her bishop pair and f8-rook, but White's bad bishop is also improved.

13. e f6

13. f3 fe5 14. Be5 Be3 wins material.

13...Bf6

Black looks to be at least equal now, given her lead in development and greater center control.

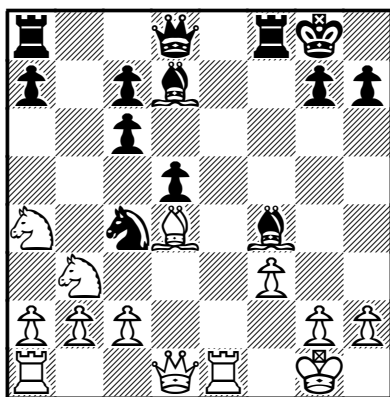
14. f3 Nd6

On the way to c4, but while White has b3 in store, the outpost cannot be maintained. Therefore, 14...Ng5-e6 is worth a look because White's post on c5 cannot be disputed any other way.

15. Nc3 Nc4 16. Na4 Bg5

White's blockade on the queenside black squares has prompted Black to look elsewhere for ideas. Maybe ...Be3 will be the start of something.

17. Re1 Bf4



18. Nbc5 Bf5

Black shouldn't give up on her idea to develop her queen with a threat: 18...Qh4 19. Nd7 (19. g3 Bg3 20. hg3 Og3 gives Black a winning attack) Qh2, and then 20. Kf1 Nd2 and 20. Kf2 Bg3 both look promising.

19. b3 Nb6 20. Bg7

A surprising tactic (if 20...Kg7, then 21. Qd4), but Black is better placed for her attack on the king.

20...Qh4 21. Bf8 Qh2 22. Kf1 Bg3

Threatening 23...Qh1 24. Ke2 Qg2 25. Ke3 Qf2 mate.

23. Qd4



The top two boards at the Region XI Women's Open: Jennie Frenklakh on board one, Zsofia Domany playing black on board two against Ursula Foster. Photo by John Tu

6th Sojourner Truth Chess Tournament for Girls January 11-12, 2003

12th Grade			Emilia Krubnik		
1	Anna Semionenkova	4	Erica Swanson		
9th Grade			4th Grade		
1	Fatima Uribe	3.5	1	Ankita Roy	5
2	Victoria Jang	3	2	Vivian Lo	4
3	Samantha Steadman	2.5	3-9	Whitney Harvey	3
8th Grade			Lauren Espeseth		
1-2	Kelley Jhong	3.5	Alyse Greene		
Anna Hauswirth			Crystal Ramos		
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2-3	Iris Kokish	3.5	3rd Grade		
Alison Wu			1-4	Anna DePello	4
6th Grade			Linda Li		
1	Caitlin Stanton	5	Rachel Connick		
2	Saya Wallace		Ashka Shah		
3-8	Camy Fung	3	2nd Grade		
Isabel Tseng			1-3	Rani Shiao	4
Marcie Jhong			Tiffanie Lo		
Kiana Romero			Hannah Rubin		
Geetha Ratnam			Kindergarten/1st Grade		
Alice Adelman			1	Kali Navea-Huff	5
5th Grade			2	Tiffany Zhong	4
1	Sharon Hao	5	3-6	Michelle Guo	3
2-5	Amy Wann	4	Stephanie Hsu		
Caitlin Miller			Karen Ouyang		
			Jessica Zhu		

On the Cover: The top three finishers at the Region XI Women's Open in January (counterclockwise from top): Jennie Frenklakh, Elisha Garg, Ursula Foster. Photos by John Tu

Semionenkova Leads High Schoolers at Sojourner Tournament for Girls

The good in-between move results in a favorable simplification for White.

23...Qh1 24. Qg1 Qg1 25. Kg1 Be1 26. Re1 Kf8 27. c3

A typical endgame for this opening. White has a number of advantages: a good knight against a bad bishop, control of the only open file, fewer pawn islands, and a passed pawn.

27...Na4

The trade of knights cements the favorable knight vs. bishop imbalance for White, but a continuation like 27...Re8 28. Re8 Ke8 29. Kf2 Bb1 30. a3 Bc2 31. Nb2 followed by Nbd3 is similarly good for the first player.

28. Na4 Re8 29. Re8 Ke8 30. Nc5 Ke7 31. b4 Kd6 32. Kf2 Ke5 33. Ke3 Bc8 34. g4 h6 35. Nd3 Ke6 36. Kf4 Kf6 37. Nc5 Kg6 38. Nd3 Kf6 39. Ne5 Bb7 40. Nd7 Kg6 41. a3 Bc8 42. Ne5 Kf6 43. Nc6 a6 44. Ne5 Be6 45. Nd3

Bd7 46. Nc5 Bb5 47. Kg3 Be2 48. f4 Bb5 49. Kh4 Kg6 50. a4 Be2 51. Ne6 c6 52. Nd4 Bd1 53. Nc6 Ba4 54. Ne7 Kg7 55. Nd5 Resigns

White: Anna Semionenkova (1147)
Black: Mary Fatima Uribe (1181)
Ruy Lopez Steinitz

1. e4 e5 2. Nf3 Nc6 3. Bb5 d6 4. c3 Bd7

Consistent with Black's third move. Capablanca's favorite move here was 4...f5, taking some advantage of the white queen knight's inability to play to c3 where it would support e4.

5. 0-0 Nf6 6. Re1 Be7 7. h3 0-0 8. d4 ed4

It is a difficult position for Black, but giving up the center should be a last resort (White was not yet threatening the e5-pawn: 9. Bc6 Bc6 10. de5 de5 11. Ne5 Be4). Black typically looks for a plan to improve or swap the

black-squared bishop—...Re8, ...Bf8, ...g6, ...Bg7 is possible, and so is ...h6, ...Nh7 followed by ...Ng5 and ...Bg5.

9. cd4 a6 10. Ba4

With the pin on the a4-e8 diagonal broken, the white bishop should restore its aim at the black king by 10. Bc4.

10...b5 11. Bc2 Nb4 12. Bb3

With enough nudging by Black, the bishop finds the clearest diagonal.

12...a5 13. a3 Na6

Unless Black follows with ...c5 and ...cd4 soon, the knight will be out of play, so ...Nc6 is preferable.

14. Nbd2 Nh5

Another knight goes offside. 14...c5 and 14...Re8 are both reasonable alternatives.

15. Nf1 Bh4

Behind in development and with less center control, Black is not justified in attacking. Maybe 15...g6 with a view to moving the bishop out to f6 and to give the knight a retreat on g7.

16. Nh4 Qh4 17. Re3 Qe7 18. Qh5

"Now I'm dead," Uribe said in the post-mortem.

18...Bc6 19. Ng3 Bb7 20. Bd2 a4 21. Ba2 Rad8 22. Rae1 c5 23. dc5 dc5 24. Bc3 Bc8 25. b3 ab3 26. Bb3 c4 27. Ba2

27. Bc2 is better, with e5 to come.

27...Be6 28. Nf5 Qc7

The queen has to stay on the second rank. If 28...Qe8 29. Qh6 gh6 30. Nh6 mate.

29. Rg3 Rfe8 30. Nh6 Kf8 31. Bg7 Ke7 32. Qg5 Kd7 33. Qb5 Qc6 34. Rd1 Kc7 35. Be5 Rd6 36. Bd6 Resigns



John Tu took this picture at the Sojourner Truth Chess Tournament for Girls.



2003 Western States Scholastic Chess Championship

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Chess Fx: Scholastic News in Brief

By Richard Peterson



The months rush by!

The Sojourner Truth Chess Tournament for Girls in January, the 3rd CEA National Grade Level Championship, and the Berkeley

Young People's Tournament in February are now history, and our young stars continue to shine.

Chess Fx will keep focusing on the achievements of our young players and their coaches.

Ben Haun Shares First Place at Bob Burger Open, Aims for Scholar/Chessplayer Award



Experts Ben Haun, Win Aung Ye, and Anthony Rozenvasser tied for first place at the Mechanics' Institute Bob Burger Game/45 Open held Jan. 4

in San Francisco with 4.5-0.5 scores.

Haun, a senior at Maria Carrillo High School in Santa Rosa, has applied for a National Scholar/Chessplayer Award, which the U.S. Chess Federation and the U.S. Chess Trust grant for the "recognition and encouragement of high school students who promote a positive image of chess," according to the application.

Haun is considering biomedical engineering as a major on the way to a career in medicine.

White: Ben Haun (2044)
Black: Felix Rudyak (1933)
French Defense
Notes by Ben Haun

1.e4 e6 2.d3 d5 3.Qe2 de4 4.de4 Bd7 5.Nf3 Nf6 6.g3

Slightly better was Nc3.

6...Bc6 7.Nbd2 Be7

This is too passive. Much better was 7...Bc5, which would place the bishop on a more active square and prohibit Nd4 after ...Nbd7.

8.Bg2 Nbd7 9.0-0 0-0 10.b3

Perhaps better is to promote the knight to d4 first. Here Black should probably play ...e5 to stop White from pushing the e-pawn and to disallow White's f3 knight from advancing.

10...a6 11.Bb2 Bb5

This move helps White develop, since c4 kicks the bishop back to its original square.

12.c4 Bc6 13.Nd4 Nb8

13...Ne5 14.N2f3 Nfd7 15.Rad1 Qe8 16.Ne5 Ne5 17.Ne6 with a clear advantage for White.

14.Nc6 Nc6 15.e5 Nd7 16.Rad1 Qe8 17.f4 Rd8 18.Ne4 Nc5

This is the final mistake, making White's position obviously winning. Probably better was ...Nb6, but even then, Black is in a tough position, since White has the two bishops and Black's pieces are not working together. White's attack on the kingside is inevitably strong.

19.Nf6 Bf6

19...gf6 20.Qg4 Kh8 21.ef6 Rg8 22.fe7 Rd4 23.Rd4+-.

20.ef6 g6 21.Qe3 Nd7

Black's best chance here was 21...b6 22.f5 ef5 23.Qe8 Rde8 24.Bc6.

22.f5 Kh8 23.fg6 Resigns

Michael Pearson Wins 2003 Falconer Award



National master Michael Pearson won the 2003 Falconer Award as the highest-rated player under 18 in Northern California at the end of last year.

Pearson, 15, earned \$2,201, matching his rating at the turn of the year.

Benefactor Neil Falconer is a trustee of the Mechanics' Institute and a former U.S. senior champion.

The Name is Putman

If one family could claim the Third CEA National Grade Level Championship as its own, it was the Putmans of Vancouver, Wash.

In the sixth grade, younger brother Ryan pounded his competition to score 7-0 in winning his first national title. Aviv Adler scored 6-0 to stay within striking distance, but lost a tough game to Putman. The Berkeley Chess School won the club team title while Redwood Middle School won the school title.

Dividing the title surge by the Putmans was Kimberly Anonuevo who outscored Phil Jouriles by half a point. In the team competition, Hopkins Junior High School outpointed Redwood Middle School by one and Success Chess captured the club team.

Older brother Brent Putman also scored 7-0 to win the eighth grade section.

The performance by the Putmans was one of the more remarkable results in scholastic history. I can think of no other time when two siblings sliced through their opposition with twin perfect scores in a national forum.

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Success and South Bay Scholastic Squads Square Off in Los Gatos

Two scholastic teams—one made up of Success Chess programs and another from schools in the South Bay—met on February 9 at the Blossom Hill Elementary School in Los Gatos for a two-tiered, two-game match. The Success “A” team won 29½-20½, and the much larger program fielded a deeper “B” team—Success “B” won 39-11. In the friendly match, several Success students from the South Bay Area played on the South Bay team.

“I looked at the lineups before the match,” said national master Jon Frankle, who led the South Bay squad and coaches Blossom Hill Elementary, “I thought our top section might have a chance to make a good showing, but our ‘B’ team would suffer greatly.” Frankle’s children—daughter Lana and son David—scored 2-2 for the South Bay “B” team.

White: Steven Chang (969, South Bay)

Black: Brian Chao (1108, SCS)

Evans Gambit Reversed

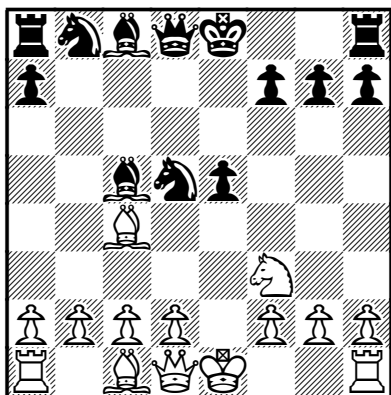
1. e4 e5 2. Nc3 Nf6 3. Bc4 b5

A spirited move. Some players will opt to take a pawn with 3...Ne4 4. Qh5 Nd6 5. Bb3, leading perhaps to the curiously named Frankenstein-Dracula Variation.

4. Bb5 c6 5. Bc4 d5 6. ed5 cd5 7. Nd5

White might have reasoned that he has three pawns for the piece, but Black has better center control, more space, and a free development.

7...Nd5 8. Nf3 Bc5



9. Ne5 0-0

Perhaps Black changed his mind about 9...Bf2 10. Kf2 Qh4 because of 11. g3 Qd4 12. Kg2 Qe5 13. Re1, but 12...Bb7 is a wild try.

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South Bay vs. Success Match—February 9, 2003

A Team—Rated Games

Bd	South Bay	Success	Success
1	Steven Zierk	1.5	Daniel Tien .5
2	Tejas Mulye	1	Mukund Chillakanti 1
3	Brian Tsai	1	John Lavrentjev 1
4	Greg Bodwin	2	Tau Jeng 0
5	Mark Kokish	1.5	Ankita Roy .5
6	Kenneth Law	1	Alexander Lee 1
7	Rolland Wu	2	Brian Chung 0
8	Daryl Neubieser	2	Brian Tsui 0
9	Vijay Mohan	0	Larry Zhong 2
10	Christopher Tsai	0	Saveen Sahnii 2
11	Archit Sheth-Shah	2	Ryan Tu 0
12	James Paquette	.5	Alvin Cheng 1.5
13	Alexander Lun	0	Kartik Chillakanti 2
14	Samson Wong	1	Stephen Lee 1
15	Steven Chang	0	Brian Chao 2
16	Narayan Subramanian	1	Amy Wann 1
17	Jeff Young	0	Benjamin Tien 2
18	Charles Sun	0	William Wang 2
19	Cory McDowell	1	Jonathan Hsia 1
20	Albert Wu	.5	Kevin Leong 1.5
21	Brynmor Saunders	0	Alexander Chiou 2
22	Michael Vu	.5	Jim Su 1.5
23	Andrew Shie	0	Geoffrey Chen 2
24	Arnav Dugar	1	Bryan Tsang 1
25	Gerald Fong	1	Shreya Misra 1

B—Unrated Games

1	Rik Basu	2	Ranjeetha Bharath 0
2	Hoffman Hibbett	0	Surag Sheth 2
3	Matt Knecht	0	Vignesh Palaniappan 2
4	Nitin Gomatam	0	Vivek Choksi 2
5	Jan Van Bruggen	0	Ryan Jennings 2
6	Amir Hashemian	0	Alex Golding 2
7	Avinash Kumar	.5	Kunal Puri 1.5
8	Erika Ho	2	Joshua Tien 0
9	Sahana Rajeskar	1	Ning Jeng 1
10	Cameron Pugh	0	Alice Cheng 2
11	Chris Carter	1	Akshay Narayan 1
12	Sudarshan Seshadri	0	Spencer Yee 2
13	Christina Gilbert	0	William Hsia 2
14	Jonathan Gilbert	0	Teddy Hanson 2
15	Alex Lin	1	Robinson Kuo 1
16	Lana Frankle	1.5	Dylan McCarty .5
17	Evan Witty	0	Evan Zheng 2
18	Kyle Tan	0	Matthew Heising 2
19	Peter Goodlin	1.5	Otis Lee .5
20	Tiffany Zai	0	Nikhil Saxena 2
21	David Frankle	.5	Akash Bhaskara 1.5
22	Ryan Livinghouse	0	Yash Verma 2
23	Thomas Rencken	0	Joseph Teng 2
24	Andrew Seaman	0	Nathaniel Munger 2
25	Kimberly Zai	0	Rohan Agarwal 2

241 Attend CEA Grade Level Championship in Hayward

An illness in the family brought Brent and Ryan Putman to the Bay Area on Presidents' Day weekend, and while the Vancouver, Wash., residents were in town, they both achieved perfect 7-0 scores to win the 8th and 6th grade sections of the 3rd CEA National Grade Level Championships.

There isn't much chess activity in Vancouver, said their mother, Jeanne Smith, so the Putmans travel to Seattle for tournaments (Brent is selecting a high school partly based upon whether it has a chess club) They decided to play in the CEA grade level event partly out of curiosity—they had never seen a Chess Education Association tournament in Washington, she said.

Richard Peterson and Hans Poschmann directed 241 students in nine sections at Tennyson High School in Hayward. The host team won the high school team trophy.



Maybe the art on the cafeteria walls has changed in the 26 years since I attended Tennyson High School, but the tables—they buckled in the middle and had to be propped up with scraps of wood to make them suitable for chess—the tables are the same.

Photo by John Tu

White: Kimberly Anonuevo (1503)
Black: Justin Wang (1373)
Winawer French
Notes by Kimberly Anonuevo

1. e4 e6 2. d4 d5 3. Nc3 Bb4 4. Bd3

The main lines begin with 4. e5, a much less passive move than 4. Bd3.

4...c5 5. dc5 de4

5...d4 would have been interesting and exciting.

6. Bb5 Bd7 7. Bd7 Qd7 8. Bd2 Nf6 9. Qe2 Bc5 10. 0-0-0 Qc6 11. Nh3

Also possible is 11. f3! ef3 12. Nf3 0-0 13. Ne5 Qc7 14. g4 with compensation.

11...0-0 12. g4! Bd4 13. Ng5

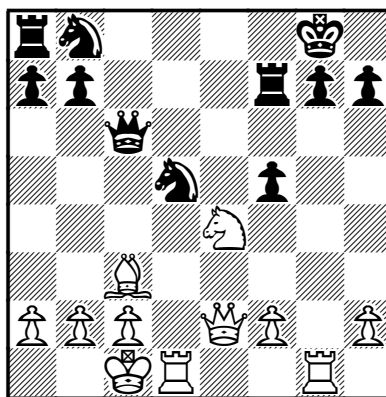
Bc3?!

Giving control of the diagonal to White's bishop. Better is 13...Nbd7 14. Nce4 Rfc8 15. c3 b5.

14. Bc3 Nd5 15. Ne4 f5

Black would do better to capture on c3.

16. gf5 ef5 17. Rhg1 Rf7

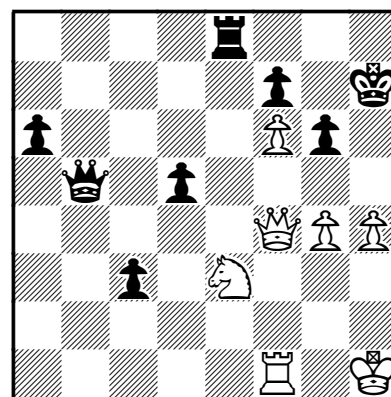


18. Ng5

18. Rd5! wins at least a piece.

18...Nc3 19. bc3 Rf8 20. Ne6 Qc3 21. Rg7 Kh8 22. Rh7 Kh7 23. Qh5 Resigns

White: Brian Chao (1079)
Black: Bei He (1000)



1. Nf5! g5

The offered piece cannot be taken: 1...gf5 2. Qf5 Kh6 (2...Kg8 3. Qg5 +-) 3. Qg5 Kh7 4. Qg7 mate.

2. hg5

Threatening 3. Qh2 Kg8 4. Nh6 Kh7 (4...Kf8 5. Qd6+-) 5. Nf7 Kg8 6. Nh6 Kh8 (6...Kh7 7. g6 Kg6 [7...Kh8 8. Nf7 Kg8 9. Qh8 mate] 8. Qh5 Kh7 9. Nf5 Kg8 10. Qg6+-) 7. Nf5 Kg8 8. f7 Kf7 9. Nd6+-.

2...Qe2 3. g6 Kg8

3...fg6 4. Qh6 +-.

4. Nh6 Kh8

4...Kf8 5. g7 mate.

5. g7 Kh7 6. Qf5 Kh6 7. Qh5 mate

White: Aditya Srinivasan (774)

Black: Alexander Chamberlain (UNR)

Scotch Game

1. e4 e5 2. Nf3 Nc6 3. d4 f6 4. d5

The inclusion of ...Nc6 saves Black from an old trick: 4. de5 fe5 (not 4...Ne5, which puts the bust back in play: 5. Ne5 fe5 6. Qh5 +-) 5. Ne5 Ne5 6. Qh5 Ng6.

4...Nce7 5. d6

This kind of pawn sacrifice, designed to disrupt Black's development, is typically made on the other side of the board (for instance, 1. e4 c6 2. d4 d5 3. Nc3 Nf6 4. e5 Nfd7 5. e6, threatening 6. 6. ed7 and 6. ef7). The absence of a second threat—Black shouldn't worry about 6. dc7—means that Black can reply 5...Nc6, when 6. dc7 Qc7 just gives White a structural plus (Black is wretched on the d-file).

5...cd6 6. Nc3 g5

After Black makes this mistake, which neither controls the center nor helps Black develop his pieces and weakens the diagonal leading to his king, White should immediately start looking for a way to put a diagonally-moving piece on h5. However, the knight

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Chess Education Association Third National Grade Level Championships February 15–16, 2003

Twelfth Grade

1 Binh Nguyen 3.5

Eleventh Grade

1 Melanie Delacruz 4

2 Sam Frye 2.5

Tenth Grade

1 Anthony Hsiao 7

2 Owen Lin 4

3 Justin Kreibich 3.5

Ninth Grade

1 Gary Tao 6

2 Nazee Moghadam 5

3 Jason Yun 5

4 Ryan Tang 4.5

5–6 Michael Philben 4

Raihan Sohaib

Eighth Grade

1 Brent Putman 7

2 Ryan Ko 5.5

3 Kent Quanrud 5

4 Mihir Pendse 4.5

5–9 Arkajit Dey 4

Rahul Subramaniam

Allen Tu

Ahmad Moghadam

Chris Devon

School Teams

1 Thornton Junior High

2 Hopkins Junior High

3 McLoughlin Middle School

Seventh Grade

1 Kimberly Anonuevo 6.5

2 Phil Jouriles 6

3–5 Edward Wu 5

Rohan Sathe

Clayton Chan

6–7 Sharon Tseung 4.5

Eric Soderstrom

School Teams

1 Hopkins Junior High

2 Redwood Middle School

Sixth Grade

1 Ryan Putman 7

2 Aviv Adler 6

3–6 Andrew Yun 5

Corey Chang

Brian Tsai

Devin Abbott

7–8 Tejas Mulye 4.5

Brian Chao

School Teams

1 Redwood Middle School

2 Mission San Jose

Fifth Grade

1 Davis Xu 6.5

2 Rolland Wu 5.5

3–6 William Wang 5

Sharon Hao

Nitin Gomatam

Vijay Mohan

7–9 Michael Dittmer 4.5

Alvin Cheng

Mahnoosh Moghadam

School Teams

1 Saratoga Elementary

2 Gomes Elementary

Fourth Grade

1 Vivian Lo 7

2 Kevin Chen 6

3 Tau Jeng 5.5

4–5 Saveen Sahni 5

Jim Su

6–8 Dustin Rudiger 4.5

Peter Wu

Ryan Tu

Third Grade

1 Harsha Nukala 7

2 Linda Li 6

3–4 Ning Jeng 5

Kevin Hsu

5–7 Andrew Lim 4.5

Aaron Zhou

Charles Zhou

Second Grade

1–2 Canaan Linder 6

Christopher Wu

3 Rahul Desirazu 5.5

4 Tom Lin 5

5–8 Robert Wu 4.5

Dilip Shekhar

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1–3 Vignesh Palaniappan 6

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Steven Hao

4–9 Alex Grossman 4

Jerry Wu

Aditya Srinivasan

Tiffany Zhong

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Nicholas Lacava

Kindergarten

1 Hemang Jangle 6

2–3 Matthew Chan 5.5

Andrew Zhou

4–5 Raymond Li 5

Nathan Zhang

Six-Way Tie at Mechanics' Institute Winter Tuesday Night Marathon

By John Donaldson

The Mechanics' Institute Winter Tuesday Night Marathon, held January 7-February 25, ended in a six-way tie for first at 6-2 between IM Walter Shipman, NMs Russell Wong, Igor Margulis, and Victor Ossipov plus experts Win Aung Ye and Nicolas Yap. The event attracted 80 entrants, matching the attendance record for marathons set back in 1974.

White: Nicolas Yap (2040)
Black: David Blohm (2239)
Sicilian Accelerated Dragon
Notes by IM John Donaldson

**1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.d4 cd4
4.Nd4 g6 5.Nc3 Bg7 6.Be3 Nf6
7.Bc4 Qa5 8.0-0 0-0 9.Bb3 d6
10.h3 Bd7 11.f4 Qh5 12.Nf3 b5
13.a3 a5 14.Qd3 b4**

More commonly seen is 14...a4, but the text might be better.

15.Nd5

A new try. 15.Ne2 ba3 16.Ng3 ab2 17.Nh5 ba1(Q) 18.Ra1 Nh5 is an interesting queen sacrifice proposed by Blohm's teacher GM Roman Dzindzhichashvili; 15.ab4 ab4 16.Ra8 (16.Nd5 runs into 16...Ra1 17.Ra1 Bh3) 16...Ra8 17.Ne2 Qa5= Hector-Minzer, La Coruna 1995, allows Black to complete his plan of bringing the queen back to the queenside.

15...a4?!

15...ba3! 16.Ra3 Nd5 puts the onus on White as b2 is hanging. Note that 17.ed5 Nb4 wins serious material for Black.

16.Bc4 ba3 17.Qa3 Nd5

17...Ne4 18.Nb6 Rad8 19.Nd7 Rd7 20.Qa4 is much better for White.

18.Bd5 Rab8 19.c3 Rfc8

19...e6 was the best try with

the idea 20.Qd6 ed5 21.ed5 Bh3 22.dc6 Rb2 23.gh3 Qh3 White should answer 19...e6 with 20.Ba2 and some advantage.

20.Rad1

The immediate 20.Ng5 looks stronger.

**20...Be8 21.Ng5 Na5 22.e5 Qe2
23.Bd2 Nc4 24.Qa2**

24.Bc4 Qc4 25.ed6 ed6 26.Bc1 d5 27.f5=

24...Rb2?

Fritz suggests the interesting line 24...Nd2 25.Bf7 Bf7 26.Qf7

Kh8 27.Qd5 Qe3 28.Kh1 Be5 29.Qd2 Qd2 30.Rd2 Bf6 31.Ne6 a3 and Black is doing fine.

25.Bc4 Rd2 26.Qd2?

26.Bf7 Bf7 27.Qf7 Kh8 28.Rd2 Qd2 29.Qe6 Rf8 30.Nf7 Rf7 31.Qf7 h6 32.Rb1 Kh7 33.Rb8 mating. Now Black gets ample compensation for the lost exchange.

**26...Qd2 27.Rd2 Rc4 28.ed6 ed6
29.Rd6 Bc3 30.Rd8 Kf8 31.Ra8
Drawn**

Black could consider playing on with 31...h6 32.Nf3 Rf4.

Catching Up with Vinay Bhat



International master Vinay Bhat tied for first place at the San Leandro Swiss held Feb. 23 in San Leandro (full report coming in May). Bhat, 18, hadn't played tournament chess since the U.S. junior championship in July, where he finished second, immediately after representing the U.S. in the U.S.-China Summit Match. The flurry of travel affected him—"I fell asleep at the board against Aaron Pixton (who went on to win the junior event). I don't drink coffee, but I started drinking coffee for the first time, and it didn't work—I'd feel energized for a minute, and then start feeling tired again right away." Since then, Bhat has begun his freshman year at UC Berkeley, studying international relations. His only chess activity has been the occasional game at the Internet Chess Club, and 2003 will be the first year in the past five that Bhat will not be the odds-on favorite to win the high school division of the CalChess State Scholastic Championship (he won it a record five times). "I've been playing in that [tournament] for a long time," Bhat said, "but I'm leaving it in good hands."

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Timothy Roth Wins 10th Fresno County Championship

10th Fresno County Championship November 23–24, 2002

Open

1	Timothy Roth	5
2	Benjamin Tejes	3.5
3	Raul Bugnoson	3
4–7	Haryanto Daud	2.5
	Alan Howe	
	Michael DaCruz	
	Jason Wright	

Upset Prize – Vincent Rubianes (279 points)

Reserve

1	Corbett Carroll	4.5
2–3	Henry Green	4
	Wesley De Busk	
4–5	Edwin Norio Sasaki	3.5
	Galen Balcom	
6–11	Alan Wolf	3
	Richard Pacheco	
	Nicholas Rubianes	
	David Josephine	
	Bonnie Yost	
	James Taylor	

Upset Prize – Michael Darmousseh (586 points)

By Allan Fifield

Expert Timothy Roth won the 10th Fresno County Championship held Nov. 23–24 at St. Agnes Hospital in Fresno. Allan Fifield directed 35 players.

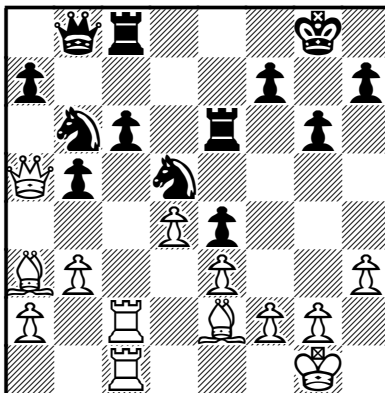
White: Tim Roth (2158)
Black: Michael DaCruz (1901)
Larsen's Opening
Notes by Allan Fifield

**1.b3 d5 2.e3 e5 3.Bb2 Bd6
4.Nf3 Bg4 5.h3 Bf3 6.Qf3 Nf6
7.c4 c6 8.cd5 Nd5 9.Bc4 Nf6
10.Nc3 Nbd7 11.Ne4 Qe7
12.Nd6 Qd6 13.Rc1 0-0 14.d4 e4
15.Qf5 b5 16.Be2 Qb4 17.Bc3
Qa3 18.Rc2 g6?!**

Pushes the white queen back but weakens the dark squares around the king

19.Qf4 Rfe8 20.Qc7 Rac8

21.Qa5 Qd6 22.Bb4 Qb8 23.0-0 Nd5 24.Rfc1 Re6 25.Ba3 N7b6



26.Bb5!! cb5 27.Rc8 Nc8

28.Qd8 Resigns

28...Kg7 29.Bf8 Kg8 30.Bh6 Re8 31.Qe8 mate

White: Warren Williamson (1881)
Black: Dennis Wajckus (1401)
Center Counter Defense

**1.e4 d5 2.ed5 Qd5 3.Nc3 Qa5
4.d4 Nf6 5.Be2 c6 6.Nf3 Bf5 7.0-0 e6 8.Nh4 Bd6 9.Bf3 Nbd7
10.Re1**

Locking down the e-file.

10...0-0-0

Castles to the drafty side.

11.Bd2 Qc7 12.Nf5 Bh2 13.Kh1

Looks a little like game 1 of the Fischer-Spassky match in 1972.

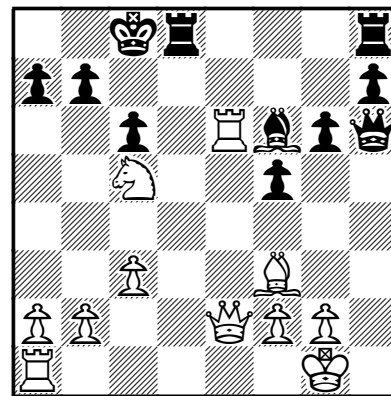
13...ef5 14.Re7

Really echoing Fischer-Spassky would have been 14. g3 Bg3 15. fg3 Qg3, where White has an extra piece but what is his next move if he's playing for a win?

14...Bd6 15.Rf7 g6 16.Bg5 Qb6 17.Bf6 Nf6 18.Rf6 Be5!?

A nice try for a swindle based on the pinned d-pawn.

19.Na4 Qc7 20.Re6 Bd4 21.Qe2 Qg7 22.c3 Bf6 23.Nc5 Qh6 24.Kg1



24...Rd2

Looks like trouble but...

25.Rc6!! bc6 26.Qe6 Kb8 27.Qc6

Mate is everywhere!

27...Qg7 28.Na6 mate

White: J.A. Grimaldo (1289)
Black: Mike Darmousseh (712)
Exchange French

1. e4 e6 2. Nf3 d5 3. ed5 ed5 4. d4 Nc6

Blocks the c-pawn, which might be useful at c5 or c6 later. 5...Bd6 is preferable, followed by ...Ne7 (and then ...f6 if White plays Bg5, and ...Bf5 if White plays Bd3)."

5. a3? a5? 6. Bb5

The bishop is better placed on d3 where it aims at both sides of the board.

6... Bd7 7. 0-0 Bd6 8. Nc3 Nge7 9. Re1 0-0 10. Qd3 Bf5 11. Qd2 h6 12. Bd3 Re8

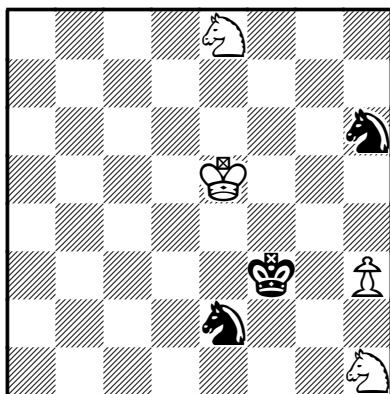
White now makes two exchanges, but Black's recaptures improve his pieces while White's pieces just disappear.

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Krawfish's Problem Korner

By Kevin Begley

In a "platzwechsel circe," a captured unit (except kings) is "reborn" onto the square previously occupied by its captor (rather than annihilated, as they are in standard chess). There are many forms of circe. There is also the Equipollents Circe, where captured units (except kings) are reborn the same distance and direction (from the square of their capture) as the move which captured them, providing the rebirth square is on the board and not occupied.



**Helpmate in 3.5
Equipollents Circe**

Solution from January issue:

Platzwechsel circe

Helpmate in 3.5

Two solutions:

A

1.Bb2 Rhf1

2.Bh8 Rf7

3.Bxa1(Rh8) O-O!!

4.Bh7 mate

Capturing h7 doesn't help, since it leaves bK in check after rebirth of white bishop!

B

1.Bf4 Rad1

2.Ba8 Rd7

3.Bxh1(Ra8) O-O-O!!

4.Bb7#

Capturing b7 doesn't help, since it leaves bK in check after rebirth of white bishop!

Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor:

In the November 2002 issue of the *California Chess Journal*, why did you leave out the winners of quad one on page 12 ("220 Participate in First CalChess Scholastic Quads of the School Year")? I was one of them, as was Kimberly Anonuevo, so I feel a bit scandalized.

Ryan Ko

Was the top group run as a five- or six-player Swiss? When that happens, the wallcharts are processed a little differently, and I don't always receive them. Whatever the case, thank you for

enabling us to give you and Kimberly the recognition you deserve.
—Ed.

Dear Editor:

The unidentified player in your page 10 photo ("Ridgecrest an Unlikely Ground for Scholastic Chess Dynasty", November 2002) is Patrick Cooper, a fourth grader at Ridgecrest Charter School. And that's Brandon Zurn wearing the hat behind him, a third grader at Richmond Elementary School. Great picture!

Dwight Morgan

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An Exposed Knight on a5

By Frisco Del Rosario

The only thing that never, ever changes about a game of chess is that the players alternate moves. You move, she moves, you move, she moves—and therein lies the real secret to winning chess games.

The secret to winning chess games is to cause one's opponent to want to make two moves in a row.

Set up a checkmate or some other position where one side is winning. Chances are that if the other player could make two moves in a row, it could save him, but the rules do not allow him to do that.

In the earlier stages of the game—before the checkmate, before the pawn queens—the type of move that causes one's opponent to want to make two moves in a row is a double threat.

The prime opportunity for making a double threat arises when our opponents leave a piece undefended or underdefended—that is, when they leave a piece exposed.

1. e4 e5 2. Nf3 Nf6

Black begins with an equal counterthreat.

3. Ne5 Nc6

And develops with another threat.

4. Nc6 dc6

Then finds himself with the only threat on the board: to capture on e4.

5. d3 Bc5 6. Bg5

White exposes a piece. The g5-bishop is unguarded, and vulnerable to a combination.

6...Ne4

Black recovers his pawn, and makes two threats: to capture on g5...

7. Bd8 Bf2 8. Ke2 Bg4

And to deliver a variation of Legal's checkmate.

So much of the beauty in chess is in the combination, a sequence of forcing moves, and all combinations are based on a double attack. Look for a double attack when your opponent exposes a piece. Very often in the open games, Black leaves a knight hanging on a5.

Cleveland 1926
White: J.R. Capablanca
Black: E. Augustus
Ruy Lopez

1. e4 e5 2. Nf3 Nc6 3. Bb5 a6 4. Ba4 Nf6 5. O-O d6 6. Re1 b5 7. Bb3 Na5 8. d4 Bg4

Enabling White to execute the small combination best remembered from Morphy-Allies, Paris opera house, 1858. 8...Bb7 is better.

9. de5

Now if 9...de5, 10. Qd8 breaks the pin, followed by 11. Ne5. Black instead opts to lose a move.

9...Bf3

If Black saw what was coming at move 11, he might've interpolated 9...Nb3.

10. Qf3 de5 11. Qc3

Winning a center pawn. A fork is a most common type of double threat.

11...Nb3 12. Qe5 Qe7

White will be pleased to exchange queens while he is ahead in material. 12...Be7 is preferable.

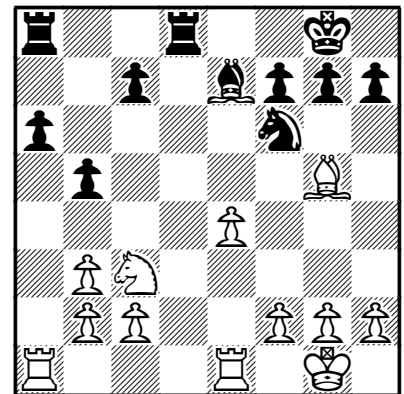
13. Qe7 Be7 14. ab3

The drawback to all such knight excursions is that an enemy rook joins the game for free.

14...O-O 15. Bg5

15. Bf4, which intends to take the c7-pawn for nothing, does not make a genuine threat. Even if White could make two moves in a row and play 15. Bf4 and 16. Bc7, 16...Rfc8 plus 17...Rc2 greatly aids Black's activity. 15. Bg5 is a good move in its own right, disabling the black knight, and ensuring an exchange of minor pieces in the future.

15...Rfd8 16. Nc3



16...h6

Sometimes chessplayers make such moves reflexively, but here Black definitely wishes to question the bishop. Will the bishop release its pin, or make d2 available to a black rook?

17. Bf6

The aggressive, simplifying answer.

17...Bf6 18. e5

An ideal move. First, White is making the biggest threat he has available. Second, his e1-rook gains scope, and so does his knight, which will further prevent ...Rd2 after the centralizing Ne4. In the long term, the e-pawn is the potential passed pawn, which must be pushed, and it even advances to the right-colored square to hinder the enemy bishop.

18...Bg5

To avoid an exchange, Black will have to move the bishop again right away, so 18...Be7 saved a move.

19. Ne4 Be7 20. Rd1

White continues to look for more activity for his pieces. If the black rook leaves the d-file, 21. Rd7 follows. Black is therefore persuaded to exchange both rooks, greatly simplifying White's task.

20...Rd1 21. Rd1 Rd8 22. Rd8 Bd8

The poor bishop now finds itself on a fork.

23. Nc5

Before making this threat, White had to be certain that it could be carried out—that is, if 24. Na6, Black must not have ...Bd6 available to corral the knight.

23...a5 24. Nb7 Bg5 25. Na5 Bc1

In general, when we are one pawn ahead in an endgame, we should trade pieces, but not pawns. In this instance, White's immobile pawn was the only defect in his position.

26. Nc6 Bb2 27. f4

When the opponent has a bishop of a given color and you don't, wrote Purdy, place your pawns on squares of the same color as the opponent's bishop, to limit its mobility. 27. f4 also frees the knight from the defense of e5 and prepares to make the white king active.

27...Kf8

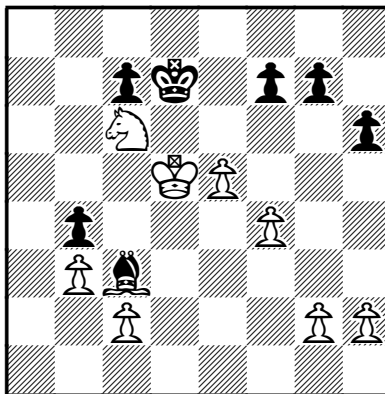
Black also has to mobilize his king, but not by 27...f6 because White's task of creating a passed pawn is done by 28. e6.

28. Kf2 Ke8 29. Ke3 Bc3

Black does what he can. In endgames of bishop against knight, the bishop should take squares from the knight. 29...Kd7 30. Nd4 c6 31. Ke4 is about the

same.

30. Ke4 Kd7 31. Kd5 b4



32. f5

Always heading for the shortest way to queen. White also avoids any counterplay resulting from 32. Kc5 Bd2 33. f5 (33. g3 Be3 34. Kd5 Bg1) Bf4.

32...Bd2 33. e6 fe6 34. fe6 Ke8 35. Ke5

Maybe by taking another avenue of attack, White is just giving Black a chance to err. 35. Kc4 would have won in time, but to remove the b4-pawn would free the bishop (which for now has less scope than the enemy knight) by relieving it of its defensive burden. After 35. Ke5, Black can sit tight by 35...Bc3 36. Kf5 Bd2 37. Kg6 Bc3 38. h4 Kf8 39. h5 Ke8—White could fall back on rounding up the b4-pawn.

35...g5

Fatally weakening the h6-pawn.

36. g4

Holding both black kingside pawns in place.

36...Bf4 37. Kf6 Bd6

37...Bh2 38. Nb4 Bd6 39. Nc6 Bc5 40. Kg6 Bf8 41. e7.

38. h3 Bc5 39. Kg6 Resigns

LERA Memorial Day Championship 1994

White: Clarence Lehman (2000)

Black: Pat Howlett (1900)

Kan Sicilian

1. e4 c5 2. Nf3 e6 3. d4 cd4 4. Nd4 a6 5. Nc3 Nc6 6. Be3 Nge7 7. Nc6 Nc6 8. Qd2 b5 9. Be2 Bb7 10. 0-0 Rc8 11. Rad1 Na5

According to Vladimir Pafnutieff, the combinational master who was one of San Francisco's best players after the 1930s, the most common positional aspect to precede a combination is an overworked piece. 11...Na5 serves to overwork Black's queen—she cannot guard the knight on a5 and the pawn on d7 at once.

12. Bb6 Resigns

Burlingame Chess Club Championship 1993

White: Len Robinson (1800)

Black: Marco Magallona (1750)

Bishop's Gambit

1. e4 e5 2. f4 ef4 3. Bc4 Qh4 4. Kf1 Nc6

At some point, Black has to play ...g5 because it's the f4-pawn that restrains White's queen bishop and both rooks.

5. d4 Be7 6. Nc3 d6 7. Nf3 Qg4 8. Nd5 Qd7 9. Bf4 Na5 10. Bd3 c6

Black exposed his knight on a5, and then blocked its retreat.

11. Ne7 Qe7 12. b4 d5 13. ed5 Qb4 14. Bd2 Qb6 15. Qe1

White won.

New York 1974

White: Hope

Black: Pickering

Hungarian Defense

1. e4 e5 2. Nf3 Nc6 3. Bc4 Be7 4. d4 ed4

The point to the Hungarian 3...Be7 is that Black can hold his center now with 4...d6, but instead the game takes on a Scotch/Goring Gambit flavor.

5. c3 Nf6 6. e5 Ng8

6...Ne4 7. Bd5 Nc5 8 cd4 gives White some pull.

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Editor Ambles through Kolty Club's Campbell Gamble

Kolty Chess Club Campbell Gamble January 9–February 13, 2003		
Overall		
1	Frisco Del Rosario	5.5
2	Alexander Levitan	4.5
A		
1	Lev Feldman	4
B		
1–2	William Johns	4.5
	Elisha Garg	
C		
1	Leonard Annisimov	2.5
2	Matthew Haws	2
Under 1400		
1–3	John Millett	5
	Vishtasb Golshen	
	Antonio Rabadan	
Under 1200		
1	Eugene Vityugov	3.5
2–4	Iris Kokish	3
	Yu Tai Wu	
	Michael Liu	
Under 1000		
1	Rohan Sathe	6
2	Tom Tien	5
3	Chris Devon	4.5

Kolty Chess Club champion Frisco Del Rosario won the club's first tournament of the year—the Campbell Gamble, held Jan. 9–Feb. 13—with a score of $5\frac{1}{2}-\frac{1}{2}$.

Fred Leffingwell directed 75 players in three sections.

White: Alexander Levitan (2066)
Black: Frisco Del Rosario (2040)
Queen's Gambit Declined

1. d4 Nf6 2. c4 e6 3. Nc3 d5 4. Bg5 Be7 5. e3 0-0 6. Nf3 h6

Capablanca omitted this move in his 1909 match against Marshall, but it costs an additional tempo to play it later in answer to Bd3 and Qc2.

7. Bh4 Ne4

Lasker's Defense eases Black's cramped position somewhat with the exchange of two minors.

8. Be7 Qe7 9. Qc2 Nc3 10. Qc3

Among modern grandmasters, Yusupov is the leading champion of Lasker's Defense. His idea here was 10...dc4 11. Bc4 b6 with pressure on the long diagonal.

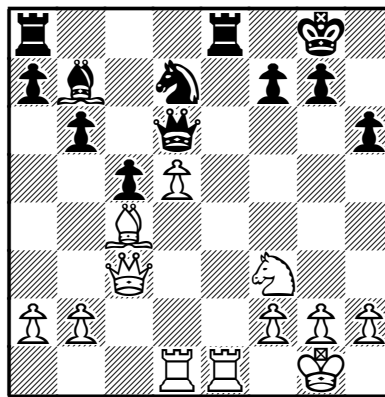
10...c6 11. Bd3 Nd7 12. 0-0 dc4 13. Bc4 Re8

Inaccurate because Black cannot play ...e5 next.

14. Rad1 b6

14...e5 15. de5 Ne5 16. Ne5 Qe5 17. Qe5 Re5 18. Rd8 is winning for White.

15. e4 Bb7 16. Rfe1 c5 17. d5 ed5 18. ed5 Qd6



This position was reached—without Rfe1 and Re8—in Denker-Vidmar, Groningen 1948. The question is whether Black can snag the d5-pawn before White can get to an ending and queen it.

19. Re3 Re3 20. Qe3 Nf6 21. Nh4 Re8 22. Nf5 Qd7 23. Qf3 Bd5

It's hard to imagine that White forgot his vulnerable back rank, but something was overlooked.

24. Bd5 Qd5

Black's threats to f3, d1, and a2 compel a helpful simplification.

25. Qd5 Nd5 26. g3 Nf6 27. Ne3 g6 28. Rd6 Kg7 29. Kf1 h5

These space-gaining moves are typical, but in this instance it looks toward ...Ng4.

30. h3 Ne4

The second threat is ...Ng3.

31. Rd3 Re6 32. Nd5

White couldn't stop ...Rd6—whatever the move is worth—but Nd5 seems to make it better.

32...Rd6 33. Ke2 Nf6 34. Nf6 Re6 35. Kd2 Kf6 36. h4 Ke5

A fuzzy move. Black wants to play ...b5 hereabouts and follow with ...c4, but wasn't certain about Rd5 or Rd7. ...Ke5 just blows a tempo, and maybe the win is in doubt if White plays a4 and b3, which aims to force Black to trade two queenside pawns.

37. Kc3 Rd6 38. Re3 Kf6 39. a3 b5 40. b3 Ra6

The rook is going to e6, but forces White to lose a king move first.

41. Kb2 Re6 42. Rf3 Ke7 43. Kc3 Re2 44. a4 ba4 45. ba4 Re4

Black's rook is ideally placed on the fifth rank.

46. Kb3 Rb4

Purdy said that the most important job for a rook in a rook ending is to take, because that frees the rook to do other work. The *second* most important thing for a rook to do, he said, was to cut off. White's king is cut off.

47. Ka3 f5

...a5 was considered, freezing the a4-pawn, but the black pawn

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is also stuck, and the problem of activating the black king would still be unsolved.

48. a5 Kd6 49. Re3 f4

Now the fight is brought to both wings, which favors the side with the more active rook.

50. Rd3 Kc6 51. Rf3 fg3 52. fg3 Kb5 53. Rf7 a6 54. Rf6 Rg4 55. Rf3 Ka5 56. Kb3 Kb5 57. Kc3 a5 58. Kb3 a4 59. Kc3 Rb4 60. Kc2 Rb3

White has the choice of playing a rook ending three pawns down, or a pawn ending one pawn down.

61. Rb3 ab3 62. Kb3 c4 63. Kc3 Kc5 64. Kc2 Kd4 65. Kd2 Ke4

More efficient is 65...c3 66. Kc2 Kc4 67. Kc1 Kd3 68. Kd1 c2 69. Kc1 Kc3 70. g4 hg4 71. h5 g3 72. h6 g2 73. h7 g1(Q) mate.

66. Kc3 Kf3 67. Kc4 Kg3 68. Kd3 Kh4 69. Ke3 Kg3 70. Ke2 Kg2 71. Ke3 h4 72. Kf4 h3 73. Kg5 h2 74. Resigns

Sacramento Tactics Solutions

1. The a4-knight has no retreat, so 1...b5! wins.

2. White won material with 1. c5 d5 2. Nd5 cd5 3. Bd5 Kh8 4. Ba8 Ba6 5. Bg2.

3. The black queen works on two diagonals, first with the pin 1...Qc5, and then 2. Re1 Rd3 3. Ne4 Be4 4. Rce2, and then 4...Ra3 wins the a4-pawn.

4. After 1...Ng4, White can lose material on 2. Be7 Ne3, or 2. fg4 Bh4 with threats to capture by ...Bg4 and ...Re3.

5. Before making a capture on d3 or playing ...c5 to attack the knight that is pinned to d3, Black prevented White's counterplay with Qe6 by 1...Ke6! and then 2. Qe3 c5 3.Nc2 Qd3 reaped a small reward.

6. 1. Nd6 and 2. Nf7 is straightforward.

7. 1. Qf3! threatens 2. Qf7 and 2. Bb7.

8. 1. Nf7! removes the guard, and wins a pawn.

9. 1. Bf6! threatens the dramatic 2. Rg5 hg5 3. Qg5 g6 4. Qh6, so Black tried to bring his queen back to defend by 1...Qd3, but 2. e4 closed the line, and after 2...gf6 3. Rh5, Black resigned.

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Did you ever leaf through Chernev's *1000 Best Short Games of Chess* and wonder to yourself: "Besides 'Amateur' and Paul Morphy's dad, who's losing all those miniatures?"

Eugene Delmar lost two of my favorites:

New York 1896

White: Teed

Black: Eugene Delmar

Dutch Defense

1. d4 f5 2. Bg5 h6

Annoyed by the pin which confuses the development of his kingside, Black questions the bishop.

3. Bh4 g5 4. Bg3 f4

The bishop is trapped now, but White answers a threat to capture with a bigger threat.

5. e3

Threatening 6. Qh5 mate.

5...h5

Clever, it seems. The rook guards h5, and if 6. ef4, then 6...h4 snags the bishop again.

6. Bd3

Menacing 7. Bg6 mate.

6...Rh6

An overworked rook.

7. Qh5 Rh5 8. Bg6 mate

New York 1887

White: Richardson

Black: Eugene Delmar

Boden-Kieseritzky Gambit

1. e4 e5 2. Bc4 Nf6 3. Nf3 Ne4

4. Nc3 Nf2

One good excuse for the Petroff counter-gambit 1. e4 e5 2. Nf3 Nf6 3. Ne5 Nc6!? is that it avoids Cochrane's knight sacrifice 3...d6 4. Nf7! because Black is saving a tempo with his d-pawn. In this position, White is two

moves ahead of the anti-Cochrane idea!—3...Nf2 cannot possibly succeed.

5. Kf2 Bc5 6. d4 ed4 7. Re1 Kf8

8. Ne4 Bb6 9. Qd3 d5 10. Qa3

Kg8 11. Bd5 Qd5 12. Nf6 gf6

13. Qf8 Kf8 14. Bh6 Kg8 15. Re8

mate

In spite of such immortal setbacks, Delmar was good enough to win the New York state championship four times, the last time in 1897. Even Capablanca could only win that once (in 1910). He also participated in the 1904 Cambridge Springs tournament with greats like Lasker, Tchigorin, Marshall, and Pillsbury. Someone had to finish last—it was Delmar.

Cambridge Springs 1904

White: Eugene Delmar

Black: Jacques Mieses

Sicilian Wing Gambit

1. e4 c5 2. b4 cb4 3. a3 ba3 4.

Ba3

Wing gambiteers often delay this capture, waiting for a positional clue to determine which piece belongs on a3. If Black moves his king bishop along the a3-f8 diagonal, then Ba3 could win a whole tempo by forcing the black bishop to move again. Perhaps the natural ...Qc7 will follow ...Qb6. White might eventually settle on Ra3 if the minor pieces find better employment elsewhere, and some of the most dramatic Wing Gambit games arise from Ra3 and then a shift to the kingside.

4...e5

White's pawn sacrifice and his hasty decision at move 4 are justified by this error. Any other move that controls the center and aids development but doesn't enable Bf8 is better.

5. Bf8 Kf8 6. Nf3 Nc6 7. Bc4

Another drawback to 4...e5 is that White can play it like an open game, while Black is saddled with holes at d5 and d6.

7...d6 8. c3 Qf6 9. h3 Be6 10.

Be6 Qe6

Black has set himself up to be forked by d4-d5, and also by Nb5-c7.

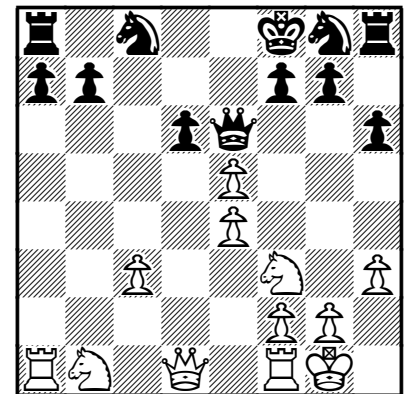
11. 0-0 h6

White's central advantage shows on 11...Nge7 12. d4 ed4 13. cd4 d5 14. e5, and his eventual expansion on the kingside will be very strong.

12. d4 Nce7 13. de5

Alert to the tactics, White recovers his pawn with advantage on 13...de5 14. Ra7.

13...Nc8



14. Na3

Developing the last minor piece while keeping the d-file clear for the queen, thus leaving Black with the option to lose a pawn by 14...de5 15. Qd8 Qe8 16. Qe8 Ke8 17. Ne5, but that simplifying route might be Black's best because he can start getting his pieces into play by 17...Nf6.

14...a6 15. Nb5 Qd7 16. ed6 Nf6

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Wing Gambit

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If 16...Qb5, then 17. d7 shows the pawn's quirk of advancing to the seventh rank to make a double threat of capturing or promoting.

17. c4 Nb6

White's lead in activity widens on 17...Ne4 18. Ne5 Qd8 19. Nf7 Kf7 20. Qd5 Kf8 21. Qe4 Nd6 22. Nd6 Qd6 23. Qb7.

18. Nc7 Rd8 19. c5 Nc4 20. e5 Ne8 21. Qc2 b5 22. Na6 Rc8 23. Qe4

A good centralizing move, ready to push a pawn to e6 or c6.

23...Qe6 24. Rfe1 g5 25. Nd4 Qd7 26. c6 Qd8 27. d7 Ra8 28. Nb5

White allows himself a little joke. If 28...Ng7 to rescue the knight, then 29. c7 Qd7 30. Qa8 makes a new queen anyway.

28...Resigns

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13. Bf5 Nf5 14. Re8 Qe8 15. Nd5 Ncd4 16. Qd3??

There's trouble everywhere: 16. Nd4 Nd4 17. Qd4 Qe1 mate or 16. h3 Nf3 17. gf3 as in the game.

16...Nf3!! 17. gf3 Qe1 18. Qf1 Bh2! 19. Kh2

19. Kg2 Nh4 separates the white king and queen anyway.

19...Qf1 20. Nf4 Qf2 21. Ng2 Qg3

21...Nh4 22. Kh3 Qg2 23. Kh4 g5 24. Kh5 (24. Bg5 hg5 25. Kh5 Kg7 and 26...Rh8 mate) Qh3 is a pretty finish.

22. Kh1 Qf3 23. Bf4 Ng3 24. Bg3 Qg3 25. Rf1 Rd8 26. Resigns

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on e7 means a stunt like 7. Ne5 de5 8. Qh5 isn't checkmate.

7. Bb5

Pinning the d7-pawn, which can't move, so 7. Bc4 is better.

7...a6 8. Bc4 b5 9. Bd5 Rb8 10. 0-0 Qc7 11. Be3 Bb7 12. a4

Creating another threat, and aiming to open the a-file for the rook. Black probably ought to play 12...b4 13. Ne2 Nd5, closing the hole on d5 and keeping the lid on the a-file.

12...Ra8 13. Bb7 Qb7 14. ab5

White has won one pawn and threatens to capture another on d6. 14...ab5 runs into 15. Nb5!

14...0-0-0 15. Ra6 Qb8 16. Qa1 Nc6 17. Ra8 Qa8 18. Qa8 Nb8 19. Ba7 Kc7 20. b6

20. Nd5 wins the same way, and most thematically.

20...Kc8 21. Qb8 mate

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10. d4

The other downside to the quiet 9...0-0 is White's emergence in the center.

10...Bb4 11. Bd2

White should probably go for 11. c3, and if 11... Nc3 12. bc3 Bc3 13. Bd2 Ba1 14. Qa1), the material balance is bishop plus pawn for a rook, but White has lots of active pieces.

11...Bd2 12. Qd2 Be6 13. 0-0-0 Nd7 14. Nf3 Rc8 15. b3

White will regret weakening the squares around his king.

15...N7b6 16. Qc3 16...Nc4 17. bc4 Nf4 18. Qb3 Bc4 19. Qb2 Ne2 20. Kb1 Rb8 21. Nd2 Rb2 22. Kb2 Qb6 23. Nb3 Bb3 24. cb3 Nd4 25. Rd3 Rc8 26. Re1 g6 27. Rd2 Qb4 28. Red1 Nb5 29. Kb1 Nc3 30. Kb2 Nd1 31. Rd1 Qc3 32. Ka3 Rc5 33. Rd8 Kg7 34. Ka4 Ra5 mate

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Master Endgame Play in ... Sacramento

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Black to move and win! The goal is to find the most forcing line. The rook endgame with the passed e-pawn is tempting, but White's king is already situated in perfect defensive position in front of the pawns. Hence, Black has significant drawing chances in the rook endgame.

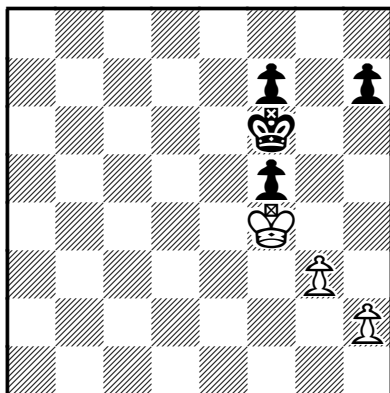
37...Rf5!!

Pawn endgame anyone? Theory states that the player up a pawn in a pawn endgame usually wins. However, one of the exceptions is when the extra pawn is doubled, which will happen after White captures the rook. In order to win, Black's strategy utilizes two pawn endgame concepts:

1) The use of tempo moves to force the enemy king to another square (three times!);

2) the sacrifice of his extra f-pawn in order to win the opposition.

38. Rf5 ef5 39. Kf2 Kd7 40. Kf3 Ke6 41. Kf4 Kf6



So far both kings have raced towards the action. Neither wants to surrender control of the g5-square to the other.

42. h3

The only move. 42. h4 h5 43. Kf3 Ke5 44. Ke3 f4 45. gf4 Kf5 46. Kf3 f6 and White surrenders the opposition. Also 42. Ke3 Kg5 43. Kf3 f4 44. gf4 Kh4 45. f5 f6 46.

Kf4 h6 47. Kf3 Kg7 with the f-pawn.

42...Kg6

Not falling for 42...h5? 43. h4 Kg6 44. Ke5 f6 45. Ke6 Kg7 46. Kf5 Kf7 and a draw. Black alternatively could have played 42...h6 43. Ke3 Ke5 44. Kf3 h5 45. Ke3 f4 46. gf4 Kd5 47. Kd3 f6 48. Ke3 f5 49. Kd3 h4 with the opposition and a win.

43. Ke3 Kg5 44. Kf3 h6!

The strength of White's 42nd move becomes clear, as 44... f4 which Black would like to play is refuted by 45. gf4 Kf5 46. Ke3 and the h-pawn covers the g4 entry square. Hence, Black uses one of his tempo moves.

45. h4 Kf6 46. Ke3

No better is 48. Kf4 h5 and the king has to return to the third rank.

46...Ke5 47. Kf3 h5!

Black uses a second tempo move in order to force the White king back to e3. Black is finally ready to deliver the final blow.

48. Ke3 f4!

The nice part about having an extra pawn is that you can sacrifice it back for a simpler position.

49. gf4 Kf5 50. Kf3 f6!

After a third tempo move, White's king has to move again, allowing Black to penetrate and win one of the pawns and the game.

51. Resigns

Exploiting a Hanging Knight on a5

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7. Qb3 Na5 8. Bf7 Kf8

Now if 9. Qd5, then 9...c6, so the connection between queen and bishop is broken and maybe Black will win a piece!

9. Qc2 Kf7 10. Qf5 Ke8 11. e6

A double threat based on Black's inferior king position and exposed piece. 11...de6 meets the greater threat, but that's not how greedy opponents think.

11...Nc6 12. Qf7 mate

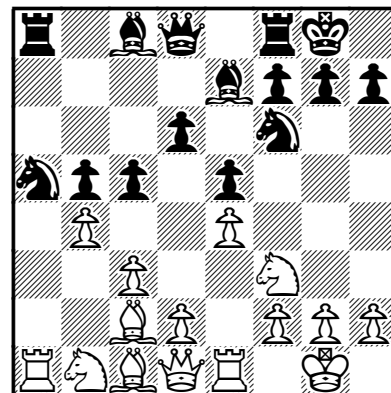
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1. e4 e5 2. Nf3 Nc6 3. Bb5 a6 4. Ba4 Nf6 5. O-O Be7 6. Re1 b5 7. Bb3 d6 8. c3 O-O 9. a4 Na5 10.

Bc2 c5

10...Bg4, 10...Bd7, and 10...Bb7 are all OK for protecting the rook on a8 so that the knight on a5 won't be pinned.

11. ab5 ab5 12. b4



12...Resigns

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