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Quote of the month: "*Without Chess life would become not simply uninteresting, but pointless*." - Genna Sosonko talking about how important chess is to Viktor Kortchnoi

Unbelievable quote of the month: "*I have always found it interesting to tackle something for the first time in my life*." -Vasily Ivanchuk referring to playing against the King's Gambit at Wijk aan Zee in 2001!

Before we get to this month's topic, I need to take care of a few items:

First, because my complete interview with IM Jeremy Silman is in the current (February) issue of *Chess Life*, I will NOT be running any more of it in this newsletter.

Second, the answer to last months chess ruling question is: **White wins**! The U.S.C.F. Rulebook 4th ed. states on pg. 35, Rule 14E2 that the game is a draw if the "Opponent has only king and bishop or king and knight, *and does not have a forced win*." (The italics are mine.) Since, in my example, White has mate on the move, Black's strategy to let his flag fall on purpose does not save him.

The Art of Trash Talking

It seems that Blitz chess and trash talking go hand in hand. Sure, in a tournament setting we chess players mind our p's and q's. But put us in a coffee house or public park, set a clock next to us with 5 minutes or less on it and bam!, the insults start flying almost as fast as the pieces. I'm not sure who the first chess player in history was to talk trash, but somehow I have a hard time picturing Steinitz saying to the young Lasker over a game of skittles, "You sir, play like a putz! Check!" In the group that I hang out with, there is one person that is considered the king of trash talking: the one and only Carl Hyne, a/k/a, The Great Carlini. Here are a few "Carlinisms" I've heard him spew at opponents down at Santa Monica Chess park or at the Coffee house during a blitz game:

"Leave him alone, he's lucky he's breathing right!"

"Go back, you're good at going backwards!"

"Let me just do what I do best."

"I will not succumb to this succosity!" (note: this last word does not exist!)

"How about we just go to Dublin." (when doubling rooks)

"So what! What do you have besides a hernia and a headache!?

"That's three for the handsome man." (after another win)

"Sheeeeeesh, what a grouch."

"Tooooooooooouch!" (meaning you touched it, you move it)

"This, to the great Carlotus?"

"Okay, who cares about you anyway?!"

"Come back when you learn to play the game!"

"It's over babycakes!" (On the back is one of Carl's games)

Congrats to the winners of our January 27 Tourn.: Quad 1: Nicanor Navarro; Quad 2: Ped Bashi; Quad 3: Dwayne Copeland & Arthur Skurskiy (tie); Quad 4: Wolfgang Behm & Brendan Purcell (tie)

See you February 24! -Míchael

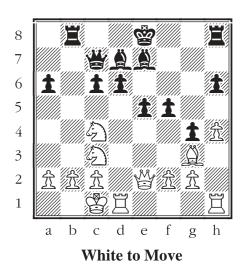
Next W.C.S. G/45 Tournament February 24, 2002 - Sunday

Westside Pavilion, Community Room "C" 10850 W. Pico Blvd., West Los Angeles (3rd Flr., West of Barnes & Noble, next to the SPCA pet adoption center) Registration 10:30 am Games from 11:00 - 4:30pm (approximately) 3-rounds, round robin quads by rating Time control: G/45 mins. Entry fee: \$15.00 Prizes: \$35.00 per quad (25.00 1st, 10.00 2nd) (WCS Membership required, \$12.00/year as well as U.S.C.F. Membership (Avail. at site for \$40.00 per year).

Game of The Month

Carlinus (2211) - Falkentyne (2212) 2002 Internet Chess Club G/3 mins. (1/28/02) Sicilian Defense

Here is a typical 3 minute blitz game played by Carl on ICC. **1.** e4 c5 **2.** $2f_3$ d6 **3.** d4 $2f_6$ **4.** $2c_3$ c×d4 **5.** $4d_4$ A Carlini specialty **5...** $2c_6$ **6.** $2b_5$ $2d_7$ **7.** d_3 e5 **8.** $2g_5$ h6 **9.** $2h_4$ g5 **10.** $2g_3$ $2e_7$ **11.** 0-0-0 White has pressure down the d-file as well as ownership of d5. **11...** a6 **12.** $2x_6$ b×c6 **13.** h4 g4 14. $2d_2$ Bb_8 **15.** $2c_4$ $2x_6$? If you are going to sac a piece against Carl, it had better be sound! **16.** $2x_6$ Now 16...e4 runs into 17. Qxe5! **16...f5 17.** $2e_2$ $2c_7$ (See Diagram)





Carl Hyne, a/k/a The Great Carlini, a/k/a Carlinus on ICC

18. ②×d6+! ④×d6 **19.** 罝×d6! 罝×b2? Huh? (I guess Black didn't want to deal with 19...Qxd6 20. Bxe5 forking everything) **20. 營×e5+ 當f7 21. 罝f6+** And as Carl would say, "I want my mommy!" Resigns **1-0**

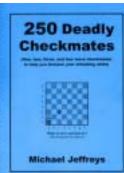
Send in your game!

If you're a member of the Wilshire Chess Society and you would like to see your game published, send it to me (along with some light notes) to: **Mjeffrey@ix.netcom.com** (Note: the game does *not* have to be from one of our tournaments.)

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