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Dunne's Doings

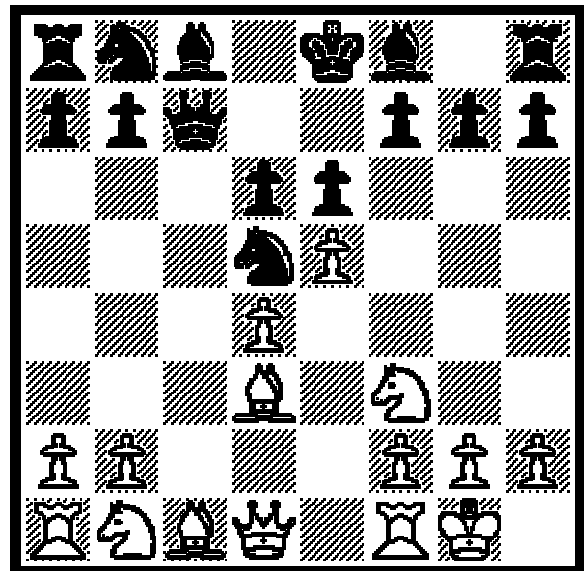
by FM Alex Dunne

(Editor's note: with this column, we welcome award-winning author Alex Dunne of PA. I asked Alex to write columns geared towards the lower-rated players, and he graciously sent this one in. Hope you enjoy it.)

W: Alex Dunne; B: Devin Perry [B22]; correspondence, 2003; 1 e4 c5 2 c3 The Alapin System (2. c3) is not as well-known as 2. Nf3 and has its own plans. 2...e6 More popular is 2 ... d5 3 ed5 Qd5 4 d4 cd4 5 cd4 Nc6 when White has an isolated Pawn and Black has sound development. 3 d4 Nf6 Black has a more comfortable choice here with 3 ... d5 when White will probably transpose into an Advanced French Defense with 4 e5, a line that has been generally acceptable to Black lately. 4 e5 Nd5 5 Nf3 d6 The almost universal choice here is 5 ... cd4 - to avoid the complications based on White's c4 advance - 5...d6 6 c4 Nc7 7. dc5 dc5 8 Qd8+ with a slight edge to White.

6 Bd3 This is not the most usual play here - that is reserved for 6 c4 or 6 Bc4, but I think I would play 6 Bd3 again in this position. White develops his Bishop to a good post and prepares for castling. 6 ... Qc7!? A very interesting choice,

that offers some tactical shots against the Bc1, but is a premature placement of the Black Queen. Usually it is better to develop the Queen after the minor pieces come out. After 7... Nc6 8 Re1 Ndb4 9 Bf1, White maintains a slight advantage. 7 0-0 cd4 8 cd4



8 ... Nb4?! Black is violating a fundamental rule of the opening: do not move pieces twice in the opening without concrete gain. This is the third move of this piece in eight moves, and White has a lead in development. This is a dangerous sign for Black.

Better is the developing 8...Nc6 9 Re1 de5 10 de5 Bb4 11 Bd2 with a minimal advantage to White. 9 Qa4+ White can also keep an edge by allowing Black to capture the two Bishops, but at

a loss of time: 9 Nc3 Nd3 10 Qd3 Bd7 11 Bg5 d5 12 a3 with a small plus.

But White wants more - the position of the Queen and b4 Knight screams for punishment. 9... N8c6 10 Bb5 White has only a slight lead in development, but his castled King is very important - the Black King faces a nasty pin on c6 and the center is explosive. That indicates danger! The immediate threat is 11 Qb4, winning a piece. 10 ... Bd7 11 Nc3 a6? Black has to recognize that the a-Pawn is pinned and therefore ... ab5 is not a threat (Qxa8+). That means he has to immediately react to the threat of a3 by White. Best is 11... de5 12 de5 a6 13 a3 Nd5 14 Nd5 ed5 when White has only a slight edge. 12 a3 Rd8? Now Black is losing. For better or worse, Black had to try 12... de5 13 de5 Nd5 14 Nd5 ed5 15 Rd1 Rc8 when White has a good game, but Black is not yet KO'd. 13 ab4 ab5 14 Nb5 Qb6 After 14...Qb8, White has the very strong 15 Bg5! when White is fully developed and Black's lag in development is fatal. 15.exd6 This capture paralyzes Black who is faced with the crushing Nc7+ 15...f6 16 d5! Opening up more lines of attack against a King trapped in the center.

16... Nb4 [16...ed5 17.Nc7+ Kf7 18 Nd5 Qa6 19 Qb3 Qa1 20 Nc7+ Kg6 21 Nh4+ Kh5 22 Qf7+ mate follows: 22... Kh4 23 g3+ Kg4 24 f3+ Kf5 25 g4+ Ke5 26 Qd5 mate or 22... g6 23 Qf6 with an overwhelming game.] 17 Nc7+ Black is busted after 17... Kf7 18 de6+ Be6 19.Ne6 Ke6 20 Re1+ and White hunts down Black's King. 1-0

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Book Reviews

by Dr. Ira Lee Riddle

The first new book is Tanya Jones's *Survival Guide for Chess Parents*. It comes from Everyman Chess, distributed in the USA by Globe Pequot (\$18.95). This reminds me a lot of a book by Dan Heisman, but it contains much more game material. Mrs. Jones is the mother of Gawain, a strong British player; he was the youngest player to ever beat an IM, at age 9! Gawain annotates the games, and you can see his development through the games, both in his annotating and playing skills. Lots of advice here and, even when oriented towards British chess circles, it is applicable to American chess as well. It is not provincial at all, including games from around the world, such as Philly's World Open. Highly recommended.

At the other end of the chess spectrum is IM Angus Dunnington's *the nimzo-indian rubenstein* (\$19.95). Games are included through late 2003; an index of variations is also included, thankfully. The opening is 1 d4 Ng6 2 c4 e6 3 Nc3 Bb4 4 e3 ... Three variations are examined: 4 ... b6, 4 ... c5, and 4 ... O-O (with an eye to ... d5). I personally do not play this opening, so a lot of the book was above me. I can follow

the text, and the annotations are well and interestingly written. Diagrams abound, and that helps a lot.

Another book from Everyman Press is *The Times Winning Moves*, (\$18.95), annotated by Raymond Keene and Bryon Jacobs. This reminds me of many other collections (500 Brilliant Ways to Lose a Won Game, etc.), except that this is much more educational. The "Times" is the London newspaper, and the problems are not just mates, etc. Many of them involved finding the best move, and the explanations are excellent. This one is good for all levels.

Garry Kasparov on My Greatest Predecessors, Part II, (\$35) is an expensive book, but also worth it. Kasparov writes (and speaks) English very fluently, and he also seems to have a gift for explaining things. This book is an historical look at four of the previous world champs: Euwe, Botvinnik, Smyslov, and Tal. There is a lot of historical perspective presented, along with games from the various championships played. This one is a keeper. I haven't yet seen Part I, but eagerly await it and more in the series.

Next come a pair of chess books from a rather unlikely source: Princeton University Press! (41 William St; Princeton NJ 08540; 609-258-5714; contact Andrew DeSio, 609-258-5165; e-mail him at andrew_desio@pupress.princeton.edu) First up is a paperback reprint of a book that came out a little while ago, Feng-hsuing Hsu's *Behind Deep Blue*. (\$19.95).

This is the story behind the computer that finally proved David Levy wrong (He predicted a computer would not beat a GM at any time in the near future!) by defeating Garry Kasparov. This book is not a technical one, and can be read and enjoyed by almost all levels of chess players. I enjoyed the hardback edition and heartily recommend this edition as well.

John J. Watkins provides a lot of mathematical models in *Across the Board: The Mathematics of Chessboard Problems* (\$24.95). He opens with the theory behind the Knight's tour, which I was able to follow with no trouble (I do teach mathematics, so I should be able to follow some of this, shouldn't I?). Towards the end, a reader will need a fair bit of mathematical ability, but it is still a fun read. This is a very serious book, and should be read in small bites. If you want to understand the theory behind different types of chess problems, this is for you. I'm still going through it little by little.

Jacob Aagaard's *starting out: the grunfeld* from Everyman Press (\$16.95) continues the series of basic books on various systems of play. Games are included up through 2003, along with an index of variations. This defense begins 1 d4 Nf6 2 c4 g6 and has multiple lines out from here. This may be a bit above most novices, but would be a good reference book.

1 e4 e5 2 Nf3 Nc6 3 Bc4 Nf6 are the opening moves in *the two knights defense*, a book by Jan

Pinski from *Everyman Chess* (\$19.95). This is more advanced compared to the previous book. Games included were played from 1860 through 2003, quite a span of time.

Alex Raetsky and Maxim Chetverik analyze **the catalan** (\$19.95), which starts out with 1 d4 d5 2 c4 e6 3 Nf3 Nf6 4 g3. Twelve variations are considered by the authors. This is a good bit above my ability to play, however.

While preparing to go to the printers, several more books from *Everyman Press* arrived in my mailbox. First up is Nigel Davis's **the dynamic reti** (\$19.95). The Reti begins with 1 Nf3 d5 2 c4 e6 3 g3 Nf6 4 Bg2, although there are variations from the start. Playing this opening means control of the center of the board. From the dearth of current games (only one after 2002), I would guess this opening is not the most popular right now. The book is for the more advanced players.

Another openings book deals with **the ruy lopez main line** (\$19.95), by Glenn Flear. This opening, also called the Spanish Opening, starts off 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. The book is very current, with games up to November 2003! A large number of variations are covered in depth. Flear has a very nice style of writing. Again, for the more advanced players.

A fine training book is Jacob Aagaard's **Excelling at Combinational Play** (\$24.95). For what one pays for this book, the

material is worth it and more. Aagaard begins with a simple idea, explaining what is means for 'White to play for an advantage.' I've heard that phrase so many times and wondered just what it means! Also, he devotes a chapter on how one can learn to solve puzzles. This book is full of diagrams and the explanations are well done. This is for the beginner to intermediate level players.

The next two books were possibly written for me. John Emms' **more simple chess** (19.95) looks at problem pieces, how and when to trade, and how to deal with the various pieces on the board. This is for the beginner who wants to improve.

Angus Dunnington's **Blunders and how to avoid them** (\$19.95) should be required reading for all players below 1500, definitely including me! Chapter 11 has often been my style of play, 'Snatching defeat from the jaws of victory.' (Remember the early Mets???) The examples are well presented and make a lot of sense.

Two last-minute arrivals are quite different. **Every Move Must Have a Purpose** is an audio CD by Bruce Pandolfini reading a book he authored, drawing parallels between chess and how to succeed in the business world. I enjoyed the history being presented, as Bruce has been part of many historic occasions. (\$19.95 from Listen and Live, Inc.; 1-800-653-9400) I can recommend this one for those interested in chess history and a lively talk. I don't know enough about business to judge the parallels being

made.

From Ralph Hornberger, a friend of about 25 years, comes **The Last Chess Game** (\$12.95, from the author at 215-953-0747.) Ralph uses an actual game to show how relationships between the two players constantly are changing. He includes stories written by his students, as well as analysis of the game being presented. You can read this very seriously, or for a lot of enjoyment.

A Senior's Chess Lexicon

by Martin Erlich

(Editor's note: Martin used to live in the Delaware Valley, and submitted this enjoyable article. Return with us now to those thrilling days of yesteryear - the Lone Chess Player rides again!)

Over the years, the players down at our club have developed a chess lexicon to describe their various chess moves, body language, guttural utterances to your last move, social amenities, and even bodily functions. For example, when the prostate beckons, a player will excuse himself, journey to the mens's room, and is generally gone for about as long a time as it took Stanley to find Livingstone. Upon returning to the interrupted chess game, he immediately accuses his antagonist of having manipulated a piece to an unfavorable location, like some outlying pawn ghetto. His opponent retaliates by suggesting that nature's call was a mere ruse to consult with his patzer friend, or to play with his mini-

chess computer. I confess that one member of the club would rather win at all costs, including a bit of skulduggery. The exception is the rule.

When cooler heads prevail, the game resumes amid a coughing of apologies. In the Senior Chess Lexicon (of aberrations) you will find this episode listed under pax vobiscum which roughly translates to "Your Queen has the morals of ladies in a late-night TV sitcom." Let us now explore another entry in the alphabet of chess soup. In this way, I trust you will experience the flavor and aroma of our club and some of its more colorful players.

"On the Queen"

A clarion call that warns you that your Queen is in danger of being captured on the very next move. Nowhere, to my knowledge, in any book of chess rules, is this oral notification mandated. I assumed that this was a quaint and unnecessary gesture of sportsmanship. I had recently joined the club and was not conversant with the "special" rules of its members. In the course of a game with one of the club's founders, I plucked his Queen off the board with my trusty Knight without so much as a by-your-leave. I will never forget the hostile tone of his voice. "You didn't say *On the Queen!*" So I pointed out to this man of few words that nowhere is it written in the rules of chess that one player has to notify the other, either by Western Union, FAX, website, letter, phone, or even word of mouth, that your Queen is in danger of being captured. He tersely responded, "Here in this club, all the members are giving a warning your Queen is in danger!"

In order to justify my conscience, I asked some of the other members why not give notice of the imminent capture of a Bishop by a Pawn? Should you say, "On the Bishop." Yet, if you capture a minor piece for free, isn't that tantamount to victory? Unless, of course, the "free" Bishop or Queen conceals a deadly trap! And yet, by ignoring the warning, and not moving the Bishop or Queen out of danger, is not your devious plan more readily discerned?

We did not play anymore that afternoon, but my adversary had a point after all. No less an authority than Yasser Seirawan, former USA #1 ranked player, in his book Play Winning Chess, 1990, page 16, writes: "*Until the 15th century when the Queen became the most powerful piece, the Rook remained supreme. So important was this piece that a player attacking it was expected to show his MANNERS by saying - Check-Rook*". However, Irving Chernev, a player of considerable skill and the author of The Chess Player's Companion, stated "*There is no room for gallantry in chess.*" So there you have both sides of the coin. I'm pretty good at sitting on fences.

Perhaps senior players, who are slowing losing their memories, do need some sort of warning system!

P.S.: for the most part, we seniors joust and jest with each other in good fellowship. If you don't believe that, come on down to the Club and look for yourself. Enjoy the following game between two seniors. Note: we don't use algebraic notation because most of our chessboards are not marked with numbers and letters. Anyway, most of us

flunked Algebra anyway!

W: Robin Taylor, 2000+; B: Martin Erlich, 2000-; Orange Senior Chess Club, Orange CA; 3/10/1998; French; 1 P-K4 P-K3 2 P-Q4 P-Q4 3 N-Q2 PXP 4 NXP -QB3 5 N-KB3 P-KR3 6 P-QB3 KN-K2 7 B-QN5 B-Q2 8 N-QB5 P-QR3 9 NxB PxB 10 NxB RxN 11 O-O Q-Q4 12 P-QR4 N-KB4 13 B-KB4 P-QN5 14 BxBP PXP 15 PXP R-B1 16 B-N6 P-N4 17 Q-K2 P-N5 18 N-Q2 R-KN1 19 KR-N1 N-R5 20 Q-K4 N-B6+ 21 PxN PXP+ 21 K-B1 Q-KN4 23 NXP Q-N7+ 24 K-K2 R-N3? 25 R-N1 resigns 1:0.

Mr. Taylor is the strongest player I have gone up against, and my record against him is +2, =1, -20.

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Where to play Chess

Bear Scholastic Chess Club, for all ages. T 6-8 pm.; Bear Library, 101 Governor's Place, Governor's Square Shopping Ctr, Del. Rte. 7 and U.S. 40. Richard Martin, phone: 832-2952; e-mail: pilgrim19701@yahoo.com

Charter School of Wilmington; Scholastic, W R 3-5 pm.; Stewart Wilson, 302-651-2727

Clarence Fraim Senior Center Chess Club, M and F, 9 am-3 pm.; Sept-June, 669 S Union St, Wilmington. phone: 658-8420; e-mail: <http://www.delawarechess.org/fraim.htm>; Holds the annual Del. Sr. Championship. Hardy Scheuerman: 478-5563

Delcastle Technical High School. Tom Gears; e-mail: tgears@nccvt.k12.de.us

Del. Tech. Peak Program; M-

F, 3 p.m., Peak Bldg; 100 Campus Dr; Dover; Genny Iplenski: 302-857-1416

Central DE CC, T 7-10:30 pm., Avenue UMC, 20 N Church St, Milford; Leon E. Tschantre, 302-422-9120; e-mail: L2tschantre@aol.com

Newark Charter School Chess Club, T R 3:00-4:00 pm.; Mike Keating, 302-369-2001 e-mail mkeating@ncs.k12.de.us; club is 2-time winners of Northern Delaware Elementary Championships.

Heritage Christian Acad; Chess Club/pastor Wm. Major, Newark

Jewish Comm. Ctr; Randy Rosenthal; 302-478-5660

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Bear Scholastic Club News

Susan Polgar is coming to give a public lecture and play a Simul against 40 opponents. This will take place on Saturday, June 19th and it will all begin at 12 noon at the Bear public library. There is a first-come, first-served waiting list for non-club members who wish to participate. To have your name put on the list

to play GM Polgar, you should contact Mr. Martin at (302) 832-2952 or e-mail him at: pilgrim19701@yahoo.com

The Bear Scholastic Club recently had its championships. The top K-5 finishers were: 1st: Kenny D'Aurizio (gr. 2); 2nd: Krishna Kothmasu (gr. 2); 3rd: Caleb Slater (gr. 5). Angelo Calvetti, 2nd grade, was recognized as the most improved player of the Junior division.

In the 6th - 12th grade division: 1st: Jonathan Martin (gr. 11); 2nd: Christian Martin (gr. 9); 3rd: Michael Escobar (gr. 10). As a result of the tournaments, the following will represent the Bear Scholastic Club in team meets: Junior team: Kenny D'Aurizio, Krishna Kothmasu, Caleb Slater, and Angelo Calvetti. Senior Team: Jonathan Martin, Christian Martin; Michael Escobar, Abbi Katta.

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K to 8 Team Standings

IHM	7
Our Lady of Fatima	7
St. Anthony of Padua	6
St. John the Beloved	4.5

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1 Mike Laukaitis	SJB	4.5
2 Daniel Kwasnieski	OLF	4.5
3 Jeremy Little	OLF	4.0
4 Mark DiStefano	IHM	4.0
5 Robt Zappaterrini	SJB	4.0
6 Alisa Spittle	SAP	3.5
7 Nathan Witkowski	SJB	3.5
8 Francis Fish	SJB	3.0
9 Alex Garofalo	SA	3.0
10 Evan Ulatowski	SA	3.0
11 Justin Ham	OLF	3.0
12 John Stott	OLF	3.0
13 Tyler Graden	SM	3.0
14 Dominic Fannon	SA	3.0
15 John DiStefano	IHM	2.5
16 Adam Barto	SAP	2.5
17 Thomas Ewald	SM	2.5
18 Dillon McLaughlin	SA	2.5
19 Chris Recchione	SJB	2.0
20 Haley Jones	CC	2.0
21 William Repetto	SE	2.0
22 Zack Turulski	SM	2.0
23 William Martin	SA	2.0
24 Jack Moorehead	SE	1.5
25 Shannon Clark	SJB	1.5
26 Marcus Hearne	SJB	1.5
27 Patrick Reynolds	SA	1.5
28 Dominic DiMichele	SJB	1.5
29 Neil Ulatowski	SA	1.5
30 Chris Grunewald	SMM	1.0
31 Rebecca Virden	SM	0.5
32 Patrick Correale	SJB	0.5
33 Samantha Subda	SH	0.5

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**2004 Knights of Columbus
 Chess Tournament**

K to 8 Section

1 Adelbert Ramos	LF	4.0
2 Nicholas Galloway	SA	4.0
3 Jonathan Cap	IHM	4.0
4 Patrick Smith	SE	3.0
5 Nick DiStefano	IHM	3.0
6 Frederick Tee	LF	3.0
7 Ann Marie Fitch	SJ	2.5
8 Philip Keup	SJ	2.0
9 Matthew Payne	SJ	2.0

K to 6 Team Standings

St. John the Beloved	15
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Our Lady Of Fatima 14.5
 St. Ann 11.5
 St. Matthew 8

 2004 Northern Delaware
 Elementary
 JCC of Delaware, 5/16/04
 T.D.: David Gertler

K to 3 Section

1	Charlie Kern	SJB	4.5
2	Kenny D'Aurizio	SA	4.5
3	Mike Pergeorelis	OLF	4.0
4	Patrick Rauso	OLF	4.0
5	Zachary Epstein	SJB	3.5
6	Francis Field	SA	3.5
7	Johnny Haller	OLF	3.5
8	Davis Russell	SMM	3.5
9	Michael Clark	SJB	3.5
10	Connor DiMaio	SH	3.5
11	John Hughes	SJB	3.5
12	Connor Moore	SJB	3.0
13	Adam Waegele	SH	3.0
14	Steven Zimmerman	SJB	3.0
15	Jon Grunewald	SMM	3.0
16	Chris Thompson	IHM	3.0
17	Tyler Baldo	SAP	3.0
18	Matt Skibicki	SH	2.5
19	Matthew McQueston	IHM	2.5
20	Carl DiStefano	IHM	2.5
21	Kyle Halloran	IHM	2.5
22	Liam Neary	SJB	2.0
23	Nich Kuzminski	SH	2.0
24	Brian Canfield	IHM	2.0
25	Matthew Zimmerman	SJB	2.0
26	Philip Cress	SAP	2.0
27	Erin Clark	SJB	2.0
28	James DiStefano	IHM	2.0
29	Louis DiChiara	SJB	1.5
30	Jenna Fannon	SA	1.5
31	Alexander Fish	SJB	1.5
32	Jeffrey Hennessy	SA	1.5
33	Kyle Jones	CC	1.5
34	Carin Precht1	SA	1.0
35	Alexandra Perna	SA	1.0
36	Emma Field	SA	1.0
37	Katelyn Payne	SJB	1.0

Grades 3 and below

1	Johnathan Saxe, ML,	3.0
2	Krystina Callahan, SJB,	2.5
3	Alexander Fish, SJB,	2.0
4	Kenny D'Aurizio, SA,	3.5
5	Michael Miller, CE,	5.0
6	Charlie Chesser, HI,	3.0
7	Mike Pergeorelis, OLF,	3.5
8	Khayree Johnson, HI,	3.5
9	Ben Chadwick, AE,	3.0
10	Benjamin Zmyewski, HA,	2.0
11	Patrick Rauso, OLF,	2.5
12	Adyn Sullivan, WF,	4.5
13	Charlie Kern, SJB,	4.0
14	Myles McDevitt WF	4.0
15	Ramsey Lowery, HI,	3.0
16	Zack Lessner, AE,	3.0
17	Dominic Jolly, HI,	2.5
18	Jimmy Lamiet, WM,	2.0
19	Lee Dunning, SA,	3.0
20	Scott Holahan, MP,	3.0
21	Samantha Gibbons, HI,	1.5
22	Adam Desch, SA,	3.0
23	Carin Precht1, SA,	1.0
24	Mark Melvin, BS,	4.0
25	Emma Field, SA,	0.0
26	Connor Moore, SJB,	2.0
27	Teddy Newby, HS,	2.5
28	Jeffrey Hennessy, SA,	1.5
29	Connor Dimaio, SH,	2.5
30	Erin Clark, SJB,	2.0
31	Matt Skibicki, SH,	4.0
32	Jesse Zhou, BS,	2.0
33	Isabelle Elkins, MP,	2.0
34	Stephen Salyer, MP,	2.0
35	Zachary Pendley, MP,	2.5
36	Jon Grunewald, SMM,	1.0
37	Nathan Borders, MP,	2.0
38	Francis Field, SA,	1.0
39	David Raymond, HI,	3.0
40	Johnny Haller, OLF,	3.0
41	Bradley Leifheit, HI,	2.0
42	Michael Clark, SJB,	2.5
43	Eric Will, OLF,	1.0

K to 3 Team Standings

St. John the Beloved	15
Our Lady of Fatima	11.5
St. Ann	11
St. Hedwig	11
IHM	10.5

- 44 Dennis Regan, SA, 2.0
- 45 Nich Kuzminski, SH, 1.5
- 46 John Hughes, SJB, 2.5
- 47 Jeremy Soja, HI, 2.0
- 48 David Lamiet, WF, 2.0
- 49 Sarah Gertler, MP, 1.5

School Codes

- AE Albert Einstein
- AH Abrams Hebrew Academy
- BS Bethel Springs
- CE Concord Elementary
- CL Claymont
- COK Christ Our King
- HA Holywhale Academy
- HBD H. B. duPont
- HI Highlands
- HS Homeschooled
- ME Marbrook Elementary
- ML Maple Lane
- MP Mt. Pleasant
- NC Newark Charter
- OLF Our Lady of Fatima
- PCC Pike Creek Christian
- SA St. Ann's
- SAP St. Anthony of Padua
- SE St. Edmonds
- SH St. Hedwig
- SJB St. John the Beloved
- SMM St. Mary Magdelene
- WM Wilmington Montessori

Grades 6 and below

- 1 Ben Cohen, AHA, 4.0
- 2 Jason Kong, CL, 4.5
- 3 Joel Rice, CL, 4.5
- 4 Francis Fish, SJB, 3.0
- 5 Aaron Gertler, CL, 3.0
- 6 Christopher Getty, WF, 3.0
- 7 Landon Bailey, COK, 2.0
- 8 Tim Melville, NC, 3.5
- 9 Billy Huang, HBD, 4.0
- 10 Nicholas Zmyewski, HA, 1.0
- 11 Carlton Kennedy, HI, 3.0
- 12 Joe Ocalagan, HI, 4.0
- 13 David Rowland, NC, 2.0
- 14 Brandon DeFrancis, CL, 2.0
- 15 Alisa Spitelte, SAP, 1.5
- 16 Nicholas Rybinski, NC, 3.0
- 17 Daniel Kwasnieski, OLF, 2.0
- 18 Dakota Sams, PCC, 3.0
- 19 Kushal Naik, HBD, 2.0
- 20 Andrew Shermeyer, NC, 4.0
- 21 Colin Adamson, HBD, 2.0
- 22 Gabriel Aleksiejew, HI, 2.5
- 23 Kevin Nai, HBD, 3.5
- 24 Stephen Mulshnock, HI, 2.0
- 25 Robert Murrian, OLF, 1.0
- 26 Nathan Witkowski, SJB, 2.0
- 27 Eric Hinton, HI, 1.0
- 28 Quincy Lowery, HI, 4.0
- 29 Thomas Zmyewski, HA, 1.0
- 30 Rob Zappaterrini, SJB, 3.0
- 31 Fred Caballero, ME, 2.0
- 32 Jonathan Combs, CL, 3.0
- 33 Donavan Trigg, HI, 3.0
- 34 Jeremy Stone, HBD, 1.0
- 35 Katie Allen, HI, 2.0
- 36 Jesse Newby, CL, 3.0
- 37 Shannon Clark, SJB, 2.5
- 38 Jay Yadav, WF, 2.5
- 39 Marcus Hearne, SJB, 2.0
- 40 William Martin, SA, 1.0
- 41 Kevin Song, SE, 3.0
- 42 Chris Grunewald, SMM, 2.0
- 43 Dominic DiMichele, SJB, 2.0

WANTED!!

Games from players throughout the State. They need not be annotated! They need not be great games, as long as they are from players from Delaware. Let others see how good you are! Diagrams can be made up if wished. Send games, preferably by e-mail, to the editor at:

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(Because of space limitations, I had to edit out much of the comments by both players. Hope you enjoy this championship game.)

12/01/02, Del. Champs.; W: Charlie Bouzoukis, 2281; B: Dave Gertler, 2343; GERTLER: Entering the final round of the 2002 State Championship, I had 3.5 points; Charlie had 3 points. If Charlie could beat

me, he would defend his title; if I won or drew, it would be mine. This was my fifth tournament game against Charlie - and my fourth with black. In three of those games, we had explored lines in the Guioco Piano. Having brushed up on my defenses to various treatments of 1 e4 e5, I felt ready for this game.

1 d4 G: So much for my preparation! B: My last 2 games with white against Dave ended in draws after 1 e4 e5. Needing a win, I decided to try something different. **1 ... Nf6**
2 Bg5 G: Aha! He had prepared the Trompowsky Attack!

2 ... e6 3 e4 c5!? **4 d5** B: Played after long thought. **Qa5+**
B: I was worried about 4 ... Qb6, as 5 Nc3 Qb2 6 Nb5 fails to 6 ... Qb4+ and 7 ... Qe4+. Instead, 5 Bf6 gf 6 b3 looks unclear.

5 Bd2 G: 5 Qd2 would also be good. **5 ... Qc7 6 Nc3 a6 7 a4 exd5 8 exd5 d6 9 h3 g6 10 Nf3 Bg7 11 Be2** B: I was tempted to play 11 Qe2+, with the idea of 11 ... Qe7 12 Bf4, pressuring the d-pawn.

11 ... 0-0 12 0-0 Nbd7 13 Bf4 G: I expected this move, which is part of the natural plan of putting pressure on my d6 pawn. **13 ... Re8 14 Bc4 Ne4**
G: Since Black is cramped in a Benoni-type formation, he usually benefits from piece trades. After his next move, my N is pinned, and soon he develops pressure along the open e-file.

15 Re1 Ndf6 16 Nxe4 Rxe4 17 Rxe4 Nxe4 18 Qe2 G: Winning control of this file gives White a clear advantage. **18 ... Nf6 19 Re1** G: I thought that after the natural move 19 ... Bd7 he could put me in real trouble with 20 Qe7. However, I missed the reply 20 ... Re8, when after 21 Qxd6 Qxd6 22 Bxd6 I play some combination of the moves ... Rxe1+, ... Ne4, and ... Bxb2 (with ... b5 possibly tossed in at some point).

19 ... b5?! B: Another surprise. Although this sac is thematic, it succeeds here in part thanks to my time trouble. **20 axb5 axb5 21 Bxb5** GERTLER: For some reason, I hadn't expected this move. Maybe I had thought his d-pawn was hanging here, but it's not! I was glad that I noticed 21 ... Nxd5?? 22 Qe8+ Bf8 23 Qxf8+! Kxf8 24 Bh6+ Kg8 25 Re8++.

21. ... h6 B: Of course not 21 ... Nd5?? 22 Qe8+ Bf8 23 Qf8+, mating. **22 c4 B:** The first misstep. 22 Bc4 is better, not allowing 22 ... Ra2 and keeping the Q-side pawns flexible. **22 ... Ra2 G:** I don't have all that much play, but at least my poor Rook isn't locked in on a8 any longer.

23 Qe7 Qxe7 24 Rxe7 Bf8 G: Before playing 22 ... Ra2, I had looked at this position, wondering whether 25 Bxd6 would be a strong exchange sacrifice. **25 Rc7 B:** Active-looking, but the R doesn't really accomplish much here. 25 Re2 appears to be a sounder choice. **25 ... Bf5 26 b3 g5 G:** We each had less than 5 minutes to reach move 30 at this point, so I decided to

make him decide where to put his bishop. He chose a move that gave me a glimmer of hope.

27 Bg3 B: 27 Be3 would have avoided the problems that follow, but it's passive. Perhaps the best choice was to try 27 Bg5 or 27 Ng5 with three pawns for the piece. **27 ... Ne4** G: Now his B cannot avoid being traded. Also, the base of his pawn chain (at b3) is subject to attack. Life was getting a bit better. **28 Rc6 h5** B: A strong move that takes advantage of 27 Bg3.

29 h4 B: After this, Black can force a draw. 29 Ng5 Ng5 30 Bd6 had to be tried. G: My threat of ... h4 forced his hand. **29 ... Ra1+ 30 Kh2 g4! 31 Ng5** B: Completely overlooking Dave's next move, which draws. It's probably just as well, though; had I seen it I might have tried 31 Ng1, which loses to 31 ... Ng3 32 fg Ra2 followed by 33 ... Be4. G: Although we had just reached the 30-move time control, Charlie played this move quickly. I was excited to see his move, as I knew I could grab the draw.

31 ... Nd2! G: A shocking perpetual check arises! He has no good way to prevent ... Nf1+, followed by discovering a check with the N and then returning it to f1 for another check.

32 Bxd6 Nf1+ B: A nice drawing maneuver, bringing an abrupt end to a hard-fought game. G: I offered a draw here, and Charlie accepted it and graciously congratulated me on becoming state champ.

A funny thing happened the next day, though. I entered the game into the strong chess program "Fritz" for analysis. Fritz pointed out that if Charlie had played 33 Kh1 from the final position, I would have mated him by force with 33 ... g3! This move denies h2 to his King; it also frees g4 for a knight check (after I first discover check with ... Ne3). I assume that Charlie would have played the more natural 33 Kg1, leading to the immediate perpetual check, but the thought that I could win this game never crossed my mind. I guess a draw was the proper outcome.

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Late arriving news:

Fraim Chess Club hosted the 2004 Delaware Senior Tournament, a 3-SS non-rated event. Open winner was Bill Campion of Hatboro PA, followed by Colette Trouve of Bear DE and Will Saxe of Claymont DE. In the U1400 section, Fred Mitchell of Bear DE, Corla Rogers of Newark DE, and Charles Rose of Wilmington, DE all tied for first place.

The 2nd Delaware Chess Festival and elections are tentatively scheduled for the July 16-18 weekend. More details to come later. It also looks as if the State Championships will be the weekend before Thanksgiving.