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Eternal Youth: Arnold Denker and the Promotion of High School Chess

By Neil Brennen

The chess world was saddened with the recent death, on January 2, of Grandmaster Arnold Denker. Much ink has been spilled and more bandwidth consumed over Denker's passing. Unfortunately, many of the remembrances have been colored by agendas as chess politicians have tried to position themselves as a True Friend of the deceased. 'Writers' who have nothing to say have tripped over themselves trying to say something, with deplorable results - "A Star has Fallen" is one such sorry semi-literate mess posted to the chess newsgroups by a nonentity who exchanged an email or two with the deceased. Rather than indulge in fashionable mythmaking or use Denker as part of a campaign to rehabilitate Alekhine ala Parr, I'd like to look at one specific aspect of Arnold Denker's chess - his promotion of it at the high school level.

Denker's chess career in fact began as a high school student. Richard Denker, in an obituary notice published on the USCF website, wrote of his father's debut as a chessplayer, "He first attracted attention by winning the New York City individual interscholastic championship in 1929 at age 15; he considered those games some of his finest." And in fact one of those games, a sparkling win against Howard Feit, was included in Denker's game collection *If You Must Play Chess*, and his collection of reminiscences co-written with Larry Parr, *The Bobby Fischer I Knew and Other Stories*. Curiously enough, the gamescore as published in those books and elsewhere gives a different move-order for the opening, and ends a move sooner. Either Hermann Helms altered the score prior to publication, or Denker "improved" the score for book publication, either deliberately, as Alekhine is known to have done on a number of occasions, or as a result of a faulty memory. Below is the gamescore as it was published in the *Bethlehem Globe-Times*, quoting Hermann Helms' *New York Sun* column.

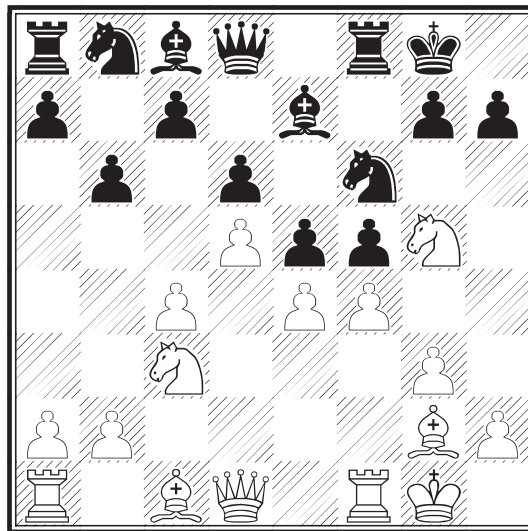
Arnold Denker - Howard Feit

New York Interscholastic Championship, 1929

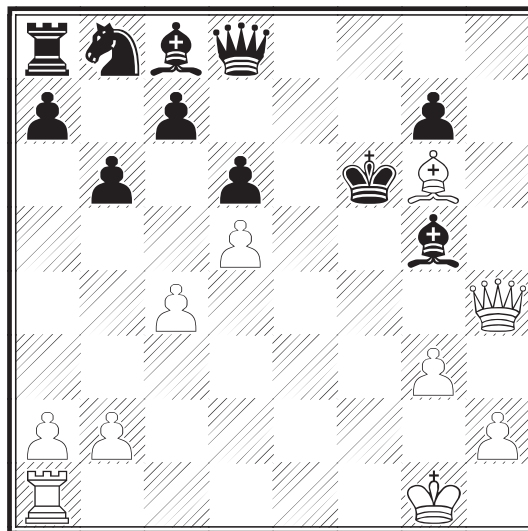
Notes by Hermann Helms

1.Nf3 b6 2.g3 Bb7 3.Bg2 Keeping step with the times. The youngsters are nothing if not modern. **3...e6 4.0-0 f5** Turning the opening into a Dutch defense with a fianchetto variation. **5.d4 Nf6 6.c4 Be7 7.Nc3 d6** (The version of the gamescore in Denker's book and most databases begins *1 d4 f5 2 Nf3 "Being unfamiliar with this opening, I was unaware of the existence of the Staunton Gambit."* *2...e6 3 g3 b6? 4 Bg2 Bb7 5 O-O Nf6 6 c4 Be7 7 Nc3 d6* - *If You Must Play Chess, page 3.* - NB) **8.d5 e5 8...exd5 9.Nd4** and there are several

weak spots in Black's position. **9.Ng5 Bc8** Necessary before castling, in order to avoid the loss of the exchange. **10.e4 0-0 10...fxe4 11.Ncxe4 0-0**, followed by ...h6, would have freed his game considerably. **11.f4**



11...exf4 If now **11...h6 12.fxe5 dxe5 13.exf5 hxg5 14.d6 c6 15.dxe7 Qxe7** and White for choice. **12.Bxf4 fxe4 13.Ncxe4 Nxe4 14.Bxe4** Now the fireworks begin. White fully realizes that with the Queenside of his opponent fully undeveloped the time is ripe for an attack. Forthwith he sacrifices a piece, which brings him rich returns. **14...Bxg5** If **14...h6 15.Ne6 Bxe6 16.dxe6 c6 17.Qh5 Rf6 18.Bg5 Rxf1+ 19.Rxf1 Bxg5 20.Qf7+** and mates in two moves. **15.Qh5 Rxf4** The only move to let the King out. **15...g6** would be useless on account of **16.Bxg6 hxg6 17.Qxg6+** followed by **Bxg5**, etc. **16.Qxh7+ Kf7 17.Bg6+ Kf6 18.Rxf4+ Bxf4 19.Qh4+ Bg5**



20.Qe4 With the King out in the open and unable to escape, White can afford to make a quiet move. As will be seen, there is nothing to be done against the terrible threat of **Rf1+**. **20...Be3+ 21.Kh1 Bh3**

22.Rf1+ A final brilliancy which settles it. If 22...Bxf1 (If 22...Kg5 23.Rf5+ Kxg6 24.Rf8+ etc.) White checkmates in two moves by 23.Qf5+ Ke7 24.Qf7# **1-0**

Bethlehem Globe-Times, January 7, 1930

After a performance like that, it's understandable that the fifteen-year old Denker would continue to play chess. And in a sense he continued to play chess as a fifteen-year old even into adulthood, despite the years of chess understanding he had accumulated. As Denker wrote in the introduction to his book *If You Must Play Chess*, "I still like to attack. If this be treason, then make the most of it!"

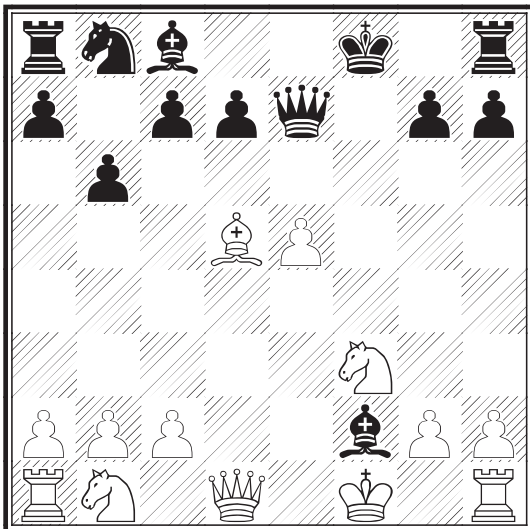
This fondness for youthful chess play spilled over into a fondness for youthful chess players. Denker befriended a number of young players, including the teenaged Bobby Fischer, during his career. And eventually, after his retirement, his connection to chess youth reached a new level. As his son wrote, "Grandmaster Denker took special pride in first starting (1984) and then sponsoring the national championship of high school state champions, known affectionately as "The Denker". Each year college scholarships are awarded to the top participants."

As impressive as this achievement sounds, it wasn't in 1984, but four decades before, that Arnold Denker first underwrote a chess tournament for high school students.

In the Spring of 1945, Denker was conducting a simul tour, and visited Pittsburgh's Downtown Y Chess Club, as the Pittsburgh Chess Club was then known, on March 13. The then-US Champion was scheduled for a simultaneous exhibition, and forty-two players shelled out a dollar a board to play against him. Denker made an impressive score against the strong Pittsburgh contingent, with several of the better players taking boards. For instance, Reverend Julius Paal, who would win Pittsburgh's Metropolitan Championship later that year, played and managed to draw his game. Denker's only loss in the event was to two Pittsburgh High School students who consulted and played together on one board. Perhaps inspired by their youth, the US Champion played with abandon, only to find the boys were as aggressive as himself. As Denker may have said, the young people "made the most" of their attack.

Arnold Denker - Jack Yeager and Robert Swan
Simul, Pittsburgh, March 13, 1945

1.e4 e5 2.d4 Nf6 3.dxe5 Nxe4 4.Bc4 Bc5 5.Bxf7+ Kf8 6.Nh3 Qh4 7.Bg5 Bxf2+ 8.Kf1 Nxc5 9.Nxc5 b6 10.Nf3 Qe7 11.Bd5



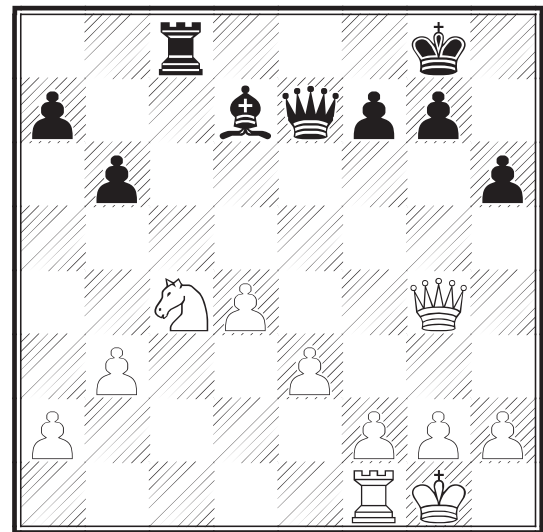
11...Qc5 12.Bxa8 Ba6+ 13.Qd3 Bxd3+ 14.cxd3 Qc1+ 15.Kxf2 Qxh1 16.Ng1 Qxh2 17.Bf3 Qh4+ 18.Kf1 Qg5 19.Nd2 Qxd2 20.Be4 Ke7 21.Nf3 Rf8 22.Kg1 Qe3+ 23.Kf1 Nc6 24.Re1 Qd4 25.e6 d5 26.Bxh7 g5 27.Ke2 Qxb2+ 28.Kf1 g4 0-1

Pittsburgh Chess Club En Passant, April 1945

In addition to the loss, Denker was nicked for a number of draws. One of the draws scored against the Grandmaster was also by a young player, ten-year old Mickey Cherington. In this case, the young player was forced against his will to leave due to the lateness of the hour; the *En Passant's* claim that the boy's father's loss in the simul had something to the decision to leave should be considered also.

Arnold Denker - Mickey Cherington
Simul, Pittsburgh, March 13, 1945

1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.Bg5 Nbd7 5.e3 Be7 6.Nf3 0-0 7.Rc1 b6 8.cxd5 exd5 9.Bd3 c5 10.0-0 c4 11.Bf5 h6 12.Bxd7 Bxd7 13.Bxf6 Bxf6 14.Nxd5 Rc8 15.Nxf6+ Qxf6 16.Ne5 Qe7 17.Rxc4 Rxc4 18.Nxc4 Bb5 19.b3 Rc8 20.Qg4 Bd7



21.Qg3 Be6 22.Rc1 b5 23.e4 bxc4 24.d5 cxb3 25.Rxc8+ Bxc8 26.Qxb3 Qxe4 27.h3 1/2-1/2

Pittsburgh Chess Club En Passant, April 1945

The *Pittsburgh Chess Club En Passant* included three additional games, a draw and two wins for the single player, from the Denker simul in the April 1945 issue. These games are given below.

Arnold Denker - Richard Gibian
Simul, Pittsburgh, March 13, 1945

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 Nf6 4.0-0 d6 5.d4 exd4 6.Bg5 Be7

November 13, 2005

**Greater Philadelphia Elementary,
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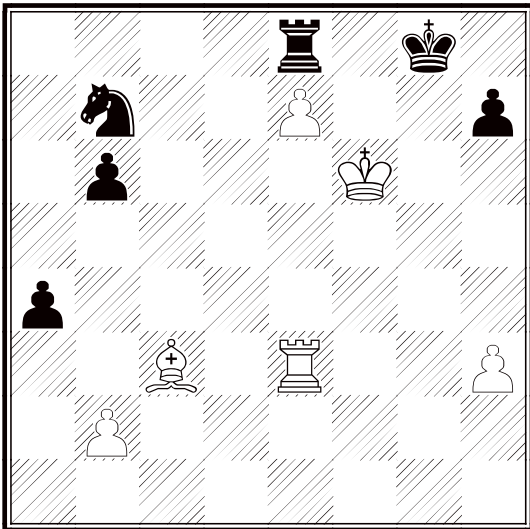
Each year the winner of our State Scholastic Championship is eligible to represent Pennsylvania in the Denker Tournament of High School Champions. Beginning in 2004, the top girls can also represent their state in the Polgar National Invitational for Girls. This year, Alisa Melekhina finished in a 3-way tie for first in the Polgar Invitational. And in 2003 Ryan Milisits tied for 1st with this last round victory:

Ryan R. Milisits - Patrick Mihelich

Denker Tournament of High School Champions, Rd 6
Los Angeles, 8/8/2003

Notes by Tom M. Martinak

1.e4 c5 2.c3 d5 3.exd5 Qxd5 4.d4 Nc6 5.Nf3 cxd4 6.cxd4 e5 7.Nc3 Bb4 8.Bd2 Bxc3 9.Bxc3 e4 10.Ne5 Nxe5 11.dxe5 Ne7 12.Qc2 O-O 13.Rd1 Qxa2 14.Qxe4 Bf5 15.Qc4 Qxc4 16.Bxc4 After the trade of Queens, we are nearing the endgame - where King safety plays second fiddle to King activity. White has the two Bishops, but Black has the Queenside majority (which is better because it is easier to create a passed pawn with 2 vs. 1 than with 4 vs 3). It is roughly equal, but unbalanced. 16...Rfd8 17.O-O Be6 18.Be2 Bb3 19.Rd6 Nf5 20.Rxd8 Rxd8 21.Rc1 Ne7 22.g3 Nc6 23.f4 g6 24.g4 Nd4 25.Bf1 Be6 26.h3 Nb3 27.Re1 a5 28.Re3 Rd1 29.Kf2 b6 30.Be2 Rd8 31.Bd3 Nc5 32.Bc2 Bc4 33.f5 Bd3 34.Bxd3 Nxd3 Black has reduced the advantage of the two Bishops to that of Bishop vs. Knight, but White has made much more progress than Black in advancing his pawns. 35.Kf3 gxf5 36.gxf5 a4 37.e6 fxe6 38.fxe6 Nc5 39.Kf4 Rf8 40.Kg5 The King as an attacking piece! 40...Nb7 41.e7 Re8 42.Kf6



42...h5 43.Rg3 Kh7 44.Rg7 Kh8 45.Kg6 1:0

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A Pennsylvania State Championship Returns to Hazleton By Tom M. Martinak

In April of 2005, the Greater Hazleton Chess Club held the PA State Amateur Championship. This wasn't the first PA Championship held in Hazleton, but it was the first in a long time. We have to go all the way back to the Labor Day weekend of 1955, just a few months short of 50 years before this year's event.

Back in 1955, a seven round event was played in the beautiful ballroom of the Hotel Altamont. The turnout of 38 players was relatively small in size, but included many strong players - in particular from the Philadelphia and Lehigh Valley areas. As always it is difficult to draw players from across the breadth of the state, and this event only had a few entrants from Pittsburgh. There was also a fear of flooding, but the *Pittsburgh Chess Club En Passant* reports that "the sun shone brightly from an almost cloudless sky, while the air was cool and refreshing. From the point of view of comfort, Hazleton provided a very enjoyable weekend and the local tournament committee of A. G. Hoffmann, Dan Roman and Art Fey can well be proud of the 1955 PSCF State Tournament." The tournament was directed by William A. Ruth of Philadelphia assisted by D. A. Giangulio of Lansdowne. Ruth was himself a very strong player, having lost a playoff for the state title in 1909 and winning in 1918, 1920, 1922, 1923, 1935 and 1951.

The winner of the event was Charles Kalme of Philadelphia with 6½. He was 15 years old and had just won the US Junior Championship in July of that year. This was to be his only Pennsylvania championship, but he was the youngest ever. Kalme's only draw was to the defending champion Joseph Shaffer of Philadelphia. Shaffer would win the title again in 1959. Shaffer finished second at 6-1, also drawing Tom Gutekunst of Allentown, who had previously held the title in 1941 and 1950. Lt. John A. Hudson of Dover AFB was third with 5½-1½, losing to Shaffer and drawing with Saul Wachs. While then stationed in Delaware, he had in 1950-51 captained the chess team at the University of Pennsylvania. Below we see his final round game against Herbert Hickman, one of the few entrants to make the trip from Pittsburgh. They had known each other previously from collegiate events when Hickman was playing first board for Haverford College.

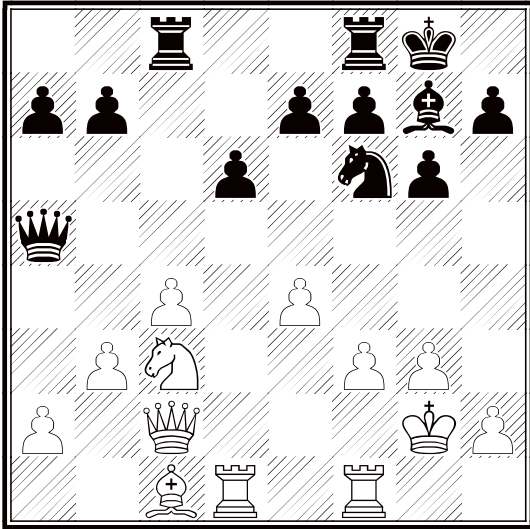
Herbert Hickman - John A. Hudson

PA State Chess Championship, Rd 7, Hazleton, September 1955

Notes by J. Norman Cotter

1.c4 Nf6 2.Nc3 g6 A solid defense to the English which offers possibilities of transposition to the currently popular King's Indian Defense. 3.e4 d6 4.g3 Bg7 5.Bg2 c5! Departing from Modern Chess Openings. This move assures Hudson a strong grip on d4. 6.Nge2 Nc6 7.O-O O-O 8.d4? More in the spirit of the variation is 8.d3. Hudson now gets a slight pull. 8...cxd4 9.Nxd4 Nxd4 Tempting was 9...Nxe4, but after 10.Nxc6 Nxc3 11.Nxd8 Nxd1 12.Nxb7 with pieces flying about "desperado" and Queens off the board it is doubtful if the pawn plus is worth the loss of positional pressure which continues to obtain in the actual continuation. 10.Qxd4 Be6 Already Hudson threatens Nd5 and Nxc3 which would leave Hickman with crippled Queenside pawns. Therefore, 11.Qd3 Qc8! A very fine move which serves a dual purpose, pressure on the c-pawn and preparation for the elimination of the strategically important White Bishop on g2 via Bh3. 12.b3 Bh3 13.Bb2 Bxg2 14.Kxg2 Qg4 With a little trap in case White is over-anxious for simplifications, thus 15.Nd5? Nxd5 16.Bxg7 Nf4! winning the Queen. 15.f3 Qg5 16.Rad1 Here and in his next two

moves Hickman begins to lose the thread of the game. A better plan was 16.Ne2 (opposing Bishops on the long diagonal and preparing for a possible K-side expansion after adequate preliminaries). **16...Rac8 17.Bc1 Qa5 18.Qc2**



So the Knight can move without losing the a-pawn but! **18...b5 19.Nd5** Naturally neither 19.cxb5? Qxc3 (or 19...Rxc3); nor 19.Nxb5? Qxb5! **19...Nxd5 20.Rxd5 Qa6** Dispelling the illusion of the pin which Hickman had possibly relied on. **21.Qe2 bxc4 22.Be3 Rc6** Protecting the Queen and releasing the pinned pawn. **23.bxc4 Rxc4 24.Rc1 Ra4 25.Qxa6 Rxa6 26.Rd2 Ra3 27.Kf2** If instead 27.Bf2, there is no appreciable difference. **27...f5! 28.exf5 Rxf5 29.Rc7 Rfa5** Playing for an outside passed pawn which will offer some chances for victory. **30.Rxe7 Rxa2 31.Rxa2 Rxa2 32.Kf1** No better was 32.Kg1 a5 33.Rd7 Otherwise the QP also becomes a menace. 33...Re2! 34.Bb6 a4 and now Hickman cannot afford the luxury of capturing the d-pawn as the a-pawn moves too quickly; e.g. 35.Rxd6 Bb2 (not 35...a3 36.Rd8 Kf7 37.Rd7, etc.) 36.Rd8 Kg7 37.Ra8 a3 38.Bc5 a2! There are other possibilities, but this gives some idea of the reasons for the choice of 32.Kf1. **32...a5 33.Rd7 Rxb2 34.Rxd6 Bc3 35.Rd7 a4 36.Ra7 Ra2 37.Bc5 Bb2 38.g4 h5!** Leading to another outside passed pawn. Had Hickman not played 38.g4, Hudson would have advanced both of his King-side pawns to achieve an eventual h4 anyway. **39.gxh5** No better is 39.Be7 to prevent h4, for then 39...a3 40.Bd8 Ra1 41.Kg2 a2 42.Ra4 Bd4! with a win 43.Rxd4 Rg1!! **39...gxh5 40.f4 h4 41.Kg1 h3 42.Kh1 Bf6 43.Kg1 Bh4 44.Bd4 h2** Hudson had threatened Bg3! with mate threats as well as Rook checks in the basement leading to the Queening of the h-pawn. Now 44...Bg3 loses to 45.Rg7 **45.Kh1 Kf8 46.Rg7 Rd2 47.Be5 a3 48.Rg2** After 48.Rg4 Be7 and the advance of the QRP soon decides. **48...Rxb2 49.Kxb2 a2 50.Kxb2 Kf7** After any move, 51...Bf6 wins very handily. A hard fought last round victory which enabled Hudson to finish in 3rd place in a very strong field. **0:1**

Chess Life, November 5, 1955

Herman Hesse of Bethlehem finished in fourth place at 5-2. He had won the state title in 1934, 1939, 1941 and 1944 and would win again in 1956. In the last round, after reaching a drawish endgame against Kalme, Hesse blundered and Kalme was crowned champion. Below is Hesse's third round win against the eleventh place finisher Cleaver of

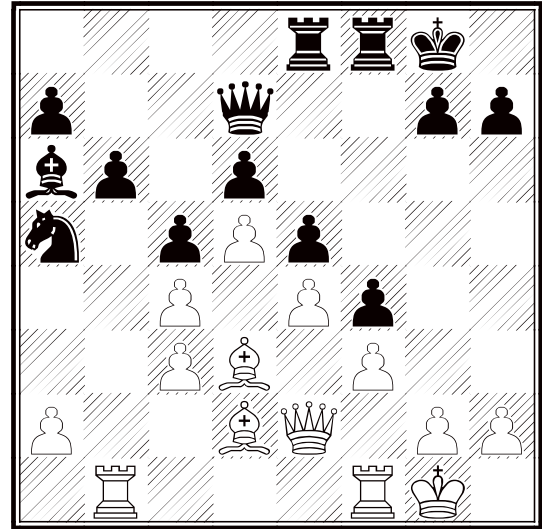
Allentown. Also at 5-2 was Saul Wachs of Philadelphia, a former US Junior Champion.

Mahlon Cleaver - Hermann V. Hesse

PA State Chess Championship, Rd 3, Hazleton, 9/4/1955

Notes by Tom M. Martinak

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.e3 c5 5.Bd3 O-O 6.Nf3 b6 7.O-O Bb7 8.Qe2 Bxc3 9.bxc3 Ne4 10.Bb2 f5 11.Nd2 Qe7 12.f3 Nxd2 13.Qxd2 Nc6 14.Ba3 Na5 15.Rab1 Ba6 16.Qe2 d6 17.e4 Qd7 18.Bc1 Rac8 19.d5 Rce8 20.Bf4 e5 A typical Nimzo-Indian structure where Black's pieces pressure the weak doubled c-pawns. **21.Bd2 f4**



Now that the position is locked, White's Bishops are not worth much more than pawns. Black is now ready to play Qa4, win the c4-pawn and then eventually create a passed pawn on the Queenside. **22.Rb5** Rather than allow Black to continue with his simple plan, White sacrifices an exchange in the hopes of locking up the position. **22...Bxb5 23.cxb5 c4!** Black returns a pawn in order to obtain a semi-open file and a target for his heavy pieces. **24.Bxc4 Nxc4 25.Qxc4 Rc8 26.Qb3 Rc5 27.c4 Rfc8 28.Rc1 g5 29.Bb4 R5c7 30.Kf2 Kf7 31.Ke2 g4 32.Rc2 Ke7 33.Kd3 gxf3 34.gxf3** After tying up White with the defense of the backward c-pawn, Black can now switch play to the other wing which he has finally opened. **34...Qh3 35.Rf2 Rg8 36.a4 Rg2 37.Qc2 Rc8 38.Qe2 Rg1 39.Qa2** The last few moves look to have been played in time pressure and we can't be 100% sure of their accuracy. However with his successful invasion along the g-file Black's win is assured. **39...Rd1 0:1** (Thanks to Neil Brennen for uncovering this game from Hermann V. Hesse's notebook of unpublished games.)

University of Pittsburgh

November 19 & 20, 2005

PA State Junior Championship

April 16 & 17, 2005

Hazleton

#	Name	Pre	Post	Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd 3	Rd 4	Rd 5	Total	Prize
1	Gregory M. Nolan	2127	2136	W29	W8	W4	W7	W2	5	PA State Amateur Champion
2	James T. Joline	1680	1780	W30	W11	W14	W5	L1	4	2nd Place
3	Joseph J. Mucerino, Jr.	2043	2039	W18	D10	W35	D9	W13	4	3rd Place
4	Richard L. Harry	1813	1815	W33	W44	L1	W22	W16	4	
5	James F. Drasher	1852	1858	W31	W26	W21	L2	W12	4	
6	Douglas R. Caldwell	1967	1972	W23	W22	H---	D21	W17	4	
7	Bernard P. De Luca	1859	1864	W25	W24	W13	L1	D10	3½	
8	Eric L. Brandt	1750	1761	W34	L1	W23	W27	D9	3½	1st Place U1800
9	Philip J. Rizzo	1965	1964	W15	W12	H---	D3	D8	3½	
10	Frank J. Biskupics	1758	1774	W42	D3	H---	W15	D7	3½	
11	Ira E. Weiner	2027	2013	W39	L2	D16	W31	W21	3½	
12	Tamara H. Corey	1505	1542	W28	L9	W25	W14	L5	3	1st Place U1600
13	Michael Kagel	1792	1783	W37	W43	L7	W24	L3	3	
14	Bennett M. Lynn	1910	1882	W19	W36	L2	L12	W27	3	
15	Samuel M. Lamonto, Jr.	1422	1455	L9	W30	W28	L10	W32	3	1st Place U1400
16	Todd Ace	1071	1265	D35	W46	D11	W36	L4	3	2nd Place U1400
17	Daniel T. Arcure	1632	1628	W38	L21	W19	X34	L6	3	
18	Robert Graham	1389/5	1347/10	L3	L37	W38	W30	W28	3	
19	Mark Weiner	1167	1209	L14	W41	L17	X44	W29	3	
20	Gunter Kozin	1235	1236	H---	L28	W45	D26	W35	3	
21	Robert A. Feldstein	2009	2000	W27	W17	L5	D6	L11	2½	
22	Steve Coladonato	1498	1486	W45	L6	W37	L4	D23	2½	
23	Michael C. Jemo	1264	1296	L6	W38	L8	W37	D22	2½	
24	Robert E. Brubaker	1410	1403	W40	L7	W26	L13	D25	2½	
25	Robert A. Keefer	1216/5	1231/10	L7	W45	L12	W41	D24	2½	
26	Henry R. Bickel V	1097	1176	W32	L5	L24	D20	D31	2	1st Place U1200
27	Adam D. Rimshaw	1433	1445	L21	W42	W43	L8	L14	2	
28	Douglas A. Puccetti	896	1030	L12	W20	L15	W46	L18	2	2nd Place U1200
29	Michael A. Leibner II	1349	1338	L1	W33	L34	W35	L19	2	
30	Justin Brewer	1172	1194	L2	L15	W39	L18	W38	2	
31	Alexander L. Hunt	1279	1276	L5	W40	D36	L11	D26	2	
32	Michael A. Liebner	1598	1536	L26	L35	W44	W33	L15	2	
33	Larry J. Tremmel	1220/25	1228	L4	L29	W40	L32	W36	2	
34	Ravendra M. Nohar	1137/21	1253/24	L8	W39	W29	F17	U---	2	
35	Howard L. Meiser, Jr.	1533	1488	D16	W32	L3	L29	L20	1½	
36	David Panckeri	1424	1367	W41	L14	D31	L16	L33	1½	
37	Phillip A. Reabold	1088/15	1110/19	L13	W18	L22	L23	U---	1	
38	Mitchell Hoffman	1056/24	1029	L17	L23	L18	W45	L30	1	
39	Joel Christman	1375	1323	L11	L34	L30	W40	U---	1	
40	Denton Meyers	386/4	526/9	L24	L31	L33	L39	W45	1	
41	Steve M. Hearn	731/14	722/17	L36	L19	B---	L25	U---	1	
42	Ron Krouse	1050/18	1096/21	L10	L27	W46	U---	U---	1	
43	Edward R. Hayes	unr.	1356/3	W46	L13	L27	U---	U---	1	
44	William Bell	569	568	B---	L4	L32	F19	U---	1	
45	Aaron J. Ace	831/5	706/10	L22	L25	L20	L38	L40	0	
46	William A. Cook	1385	1282	L43	L16	L42	L28	U---	0	

Scholastic

#	Name	Pre	Post	Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd 3	Rd 4	Rd 5	Total	Prize
1	Shumin Ye	942/5	1081/10	W13	W10	W2	W4	W5	5	1st Place
2	Antonio Scalzo	1091	1093	W14	W6	L1	W8	W4	4	2nd Place
3	Adam Freeby	unr.	774/5	D7	L8	W14	W11	W9	3½	3rd Place
4	Brad J. Elias	988/18	976/23	W12	W9	W7	L1	L2	3	
5	Shawn Mitchell	561/5	671/10	L10	W14	W9	W6	L1	3	1st Place Grades K to 8
6	Kevin Diver	676/12	685/17	W11	L2	W13	L5	W8	3	2nd Place Grades K to 8
7	Joshua Trinidad	855/17	814/22	D3	W12	L4	L9	W10	2½	
8	Gustavo Gomez	unr.	704/5	L9	W3	W10	L2	L6	2	
9	Ron Woznock	702/5	710/10	W8	L4	L5	W7	L3	2	
10	Ryan Mc Keown	604/10	607/15	W5	L1	L8	W13	L7	2	
11	Mike P. Wiest	439	392	L6	L13	W12	L3	X14	2	1st Place Grades K to 5
12	Michael Bonini	276/5	345/10	L4	L7	L11	W14	W13	2	
13	Dominick Castorina	100/5	177/10	L1	W11	L6	L10	L12	1	
14	Jeffrey Gonzalez	499/13	429/17	L2	L5	L3	L12	F11	0	

2005 Pennsylvania State Amateur Championship



Greater Hazleton Area Chess Club Vice-President Jim Patterson presents Gregory M. Nolan his 2005 Pennsylvania State Amateur Champion trophy.



Greater Hazleton Area Chess Club President Bob Brubaker presents Shuman Ye his 2005 Pennsylvania State Amateur Scholastic Champion trophy.



2nd Place finisher James T. Joline

UPCOMING PSCF EVENTS

November 13. 2005 Greater Philadelphia Scholastic Middle School & High School Open Championships. 40 Trophies!! (30 Individual and 10 Team Trophies). All K-12 regardless of location may enter. All entrants may represent their school or club! Cafeteria, Lower Merion High School, 245 E. Montgomery Ave., Ardmore PA 19003. Parking in rear. 3 Sections: **High School Championship:** Open to grades K to 12. 4-SS. G/60. Rds 10am - 12:30pm - 2:30pm - 4:30pm. Trophies to 1st-5th, Top U1600, Top U1400, Top U1200, Top Unr, 1st-3rd School, Top Club. Winner seeded into 2006 Philadelphia Junior Invitational. **High School U1100:** Open to grades K to 12 rated under 1100 or unrated. 4-SS. G/60. Rds 10am - 12:30pm - 2:30pm - 4:30pm. Trophies to 1st-3rd, Top U1000, Top U800, 1st-2nd Unr, 1st-2nd School. **Middle School Championship:** Open to grades K to 8. 5-SS. G/40. Rds 10am - Noon - 1:30pm - 3pm - 4:30pm. Trophies to 1st-5th, Top U1200, Top U1000, Top U800, Top U600, 1st-2nd Unr, Top Grade 8, Top Grade 7, Top Grade 6, 1st-3rd School, Top Club. **All:** EF: \$12 postmarked by 11/3 along with all necessary info, \$25 after or if info incorrect/missing (NO exceptions), PSCF required \$5 OSA. Reg 9 - 9:30am at door receive rd 1 1/2-bye. Rounds after lunch may begin earlier. **Info:** 610-649-0750, danheisman@comcast.net, http://mywebpages.comcast.net/danheisman/Events_Books/Phila_Schol_Champ_05.htm **Ent:** Send checks including all necessary info (Name as it appears on USCF card, USCF ID #, USCF Expiration Date, Section, Phone #, Email Address, Grade, School/Club) to Dan Heisman, 1359 Garden Rd., Wynnewood PA 19096-3626. Please make out separate checks for Entry Fee (to Dan Heisman), USCF memberships (to Dan Heisman) and PSCF memberships (to PSCF). W.

November 13. 2005 Greater Philadelphia Elementary Open Championship. 49 Trophies!! (43 Individual and 6 Team Trophies). All K-5 regardless of location may enter. All entrants may represent their school or club! Cafeteria, Lower Merion High School, 245 E. Montgomery Ave., Ardmore PA 19003. Parking in rear. 3 Sections: **Elementary Championship:** Open to grades K to 5. 5-SS. G/30. Rds 10am - 11am - 12:30pm - 1:30pm - 2:30pm. Trophies to 1st-5th, Top

U1100, Top U900, Top U700, 1st-2nd Unr, 1st-3rd Grade 5, 1st-3rd Grade 4, 1st-3rd Grade 3, 1st-3rd Grade 2, 1st-3rd Grade 1 & Under, 1st-2nd School, Top Club. **Elementary U700:** Open to grades K to 5 rated under 700 or unrated. 4-SS. G/30. Rds 10am - 11am - 12:30pm - 1:30pm. Trophies to 1st-5th, Top U500, 1st-3rd Unr, Top School, Top Club. **Primary Championship:** Open to grades K to 3. 4-SS. G/30. Rds 10am - 11am - 12:30pm - 1:30pm. Trophies to 1st-5th, Top U400, 1st-3rd Unr, Top School. **All:** EF: \$12 postmarked by 11/3 along with all necessary info, \$25 after or if info incorrect/missing (NO exceptions), PSCF required \$5 OSA. Reg 9 - 9:30am at door receive rd 1 ½-by. Rounds after lunch may begin earlier. Ribbons to all players not winning a trophy. **Info:** zugzwang1@erols.com, <http://www.delvalchess.com> **Ent:** Send checks including all necessary info (Name as it appears on USCF card, USCF ID #, USCF Expiration Date, Section, Phone #, Email Address, Grade, School/Club) to Steve McLaughlin, 2745 Pershing Avenue, Roslyn PA 19001-2202. Checks payable to Steve McLaughlin. W.

November 19 & 20. 2005 Pennsylvania State Junior Championships. 5-SS. 55 Trophies! (49 Individual, 6 Team) Ballroom, Main Floor, William Pitt Union, Univ. of Pittsburgh, 5th Ave. & Bigelow Blvd., Pittsburgh PA 15213. 7 sections: **2-day (Sat & Sun):** Ages 16 to 20 Open, Ages 12 to 15 Open, Ages 9 to 11 Open. **EF:** \$18 postmarked by 11/11, \$28 later. Time Control: Game/90. Reg ends 9:30am. Rds: 10am-2pm-5:30pm, 10am-2pm. **1-day (Sun only):** Ages 8 & Under Open, Ages 9 to 20 Rated U900, Ages 9 to 20 Rated U600 or Unrated, 8 & Under Rated U600 or Unrated. **EF:** \$15 postmarked by 11/11, \$25 later. Time Control: Game/40. Reg ends 9:30am. Rds: 10am-11:30am-1pm-2:30pm-4pm. **All:** Trophies to top 7 in each section, additional medallions. State Champion Title for each age in an Open Section. Teams of 4 to 7 players combined from all sections, Trophies to top 2 schools, top 2 scholastic organizations & top 2 clubs. PSCF required \$5 OSA. **Info:** 412-908-0286, martinak_tom_m@hotmail.com, <http://www.pscfchess.org/pajuniorchamp/>. **Ent:** PSCF, c/o Tom Martinak, 549 13th Ave., New Brighton PA 15066-1208. Checks payable to PSCF. W.

December 10. ASAP-PSCF-CCP Scholastics. Rooms 16A-B, Bonnell Building, Community College of Philadelphia, Philadelphia PA 19130 (southeast corner of 17th & Spring Garden). 2 Sections: **Open:** 3-SS. Groups of 8 to 16. G/45. EF: \$10. \$\$ based on entries. Rds 9:30am - Noon - 2pm. **Reserve - Under 700 & Unrated:** 4-SS (or 5-SS depending upon entries). G/30. EF: \$5. Trophies: 1st-10th, 1st-2nd U500, U300, Unrated. Rds 10am - 11:15am - 1pm - 2:30pm (- 4pm if used) **All:** Reg: 8:30-9:15am. PSCF required \$5 OSA. **TD:** Dr. Ira Lee Riddle, 215-674-9049, iralee@aol.com **Info:** Steve Shutt 215-978-6867, ASAP - Ben Cooper 215-545-3072.

January 7. 2006 ASAP-PSCF-CCP Pennsylvania Open Team and Scholastic Team Championships - East. Great Hall, Wynett Building, Community College of Philadelphia, Philadelphia PA 19130 (2nd building south of the corner of 17th & Spring Garden). 3 sections: **Open Team Championship:** average rating U2200. EF: \$50/team by 1/3, \$60 at site. \$\$: (700 /b20): 300-200-100, U2000 \$50, U1500 \$50. **Scholastic Team Championship:** must attend same school, grades K-12. EF: \$20/team by 1/3, \$30 at site. Trophies: 1st-10th teams. **Both:** 4-SS. Rds 10am (G/30) - 11:30pm (G/30) - 1pm (G/45) - 2:45pm (G/60). **Scholastic Reserve:** average rating U1200, don't have to attend same school. 5-SS. G/30. EF: \$10/team by 1/3, \$20 at site. Rds: 10:30am-Noon-1:15pm-2:30pm-3:45pm. Trophies: 1st-10th teams. Plaques: all team members of 1st-4th teams, U700 team, U500 team, U300/Unrated team. **All:** Reg 8:30-9:15am. 4-player teams, no alternates. PSCF required \$5 OSA. **Ent:** Dr. Ira Lee Riddle, 400 Newtown Rd., Warminster PA 18974-5208, 215-674-9049, iralee@aol.com **Info:** Steve Shutt 215-978-6867, ASAP - Ben Cooper 215-545-3072.

January 28. ASAP-PSCF-CCP Scholastics. Great Hall, Wynett Building, Community College of Philadelphia, Philadelphia PA 19130 (2nd building south of the corner of 17th & Spring Garden). 2 Sections: **Open:** 3-SS. Groups of 8 to 16. G/45. EF: \$10. \$\$ based on entries. Rds

9:30am - Noon - 2pm. **Reserve - Under 700 & Unrated:** 4-SS (or 5-SS depending upon entries). G/30. EF: \$5. Trophies: 1st-10th, 1st-2nd U500, U300, Unrated. Rds 10am - 11:15am - 1pm - 2:30pm (- 4pm if used) **All:** Reg: 8:30-9:15am. PSCF required \$5 OSA. **TD:** Dr. Ira Lee Riddle, 215-674-9049, iralee@aol.com **Info:** Steve Shutt 215-978-6867, ASAP - Ben Cooper 215-545-3072.

March 3 GPP:6 Pennsylvania (QC) 2006 Pennsylvania Quick Chess Championship. 6SS, G/10, T/D3. Hotel Carlisle & Convention Center, 1700 Harrisburg Pike, Carlisle PA 17013, Exit 52A NB/Exit 52 SB off I-81, Exit 226 off PA Turnpike. 3 sections, EF rec'd by 2/12: **Open:** \$12. **U1500:** \$10. **U1100:** \$8. \$\$ (730G): **Open:** 175-100-50, U1800 \$45, U1600 \$40. **U1500:** 125-75-50, U1200 \$40, Unrated \$30. **U1100:** Trophies to 1st-5th, Top U800, Top U600, 1st-2nd Unr. **All:** EF: \$20 after 2/12, PSCF \$5 OSA. Reg: 6-6:30pm. Rd 1: 7pm. Reg. ratings used. Bye: limit 1, ask by rd 2. **HR:** Mention "PA States" for best rate as early as possible; Hotel Carlisle & Convention Center 800-692-7315 \$60 (Stay at the tournament site!). **Ent:** PSCF, c/o Tom Martinak, 549 13th Ave., New Brighton PA 15066-1208. Checks payable to PSCF. **Info:** paquick@pscfcchess.org W.

A Heritage Event

March 3 - 5. 2006 Pennsylvania State Scholastic Championships. Over 130 Trophies!! (With over 100 Individual and over 30 Team Trophies). Hotel Carlisle & Convention Center, 1700 Harrisburg Pike, Carlisle PA 17013, Exit 52A NB/Exit 52 SB off I-81, Exit 226 off PA Turnpike. 8 sections (Sat & Sun 3/4 & 5 unless indicated): EF: **K-3 Open:** (Sat 3/4 only) \$29. **K-6 U800:** (Sat 3/4 only) \$27. **K-9 U1000:** (Sun 3/5 only) \$27.25. **K-6 Open:** \$30.50. **K-8 Open:** \$31.50. **K-12 U1000:** \$28.50. **K-12 U1300:** \$29.50. **K-12 Open:** (Fri, Sat & Sun 3/3-5) \$32.50. **All:** EFs if rec'd by 2/12, \$10 more rec'd 2/13-2/26, \$20 more after 2/26. PSCF membership included. Bye: limit 1, ask by rd 2. \$\$ for College scholarships (amount to be determined) for top boy and girl in K-12 Open, for Castle Camp (scholarships) & (if possible) 1st team, player in K-6, K-8 & K-12 Opens for Nationals, Denker, Polgar. Reg Fri 3/3 6-10 pm, Sat 3/4 9:30-10:15 am, at site entries on day of 1st Rd get 1/2 pt. bye. Send name, USCF ID & exp, section, grade, school/club, birthday, gender, address, phone, email + EF. \$5 charge for changes/refunds after 2/12. Rds (Sat 3/4 1-day sections): 5-SS. G/40 T/D5; 10-11:45-2-3:45-5:30; (Sun 3/5 K-9 U1000): 5-SS. G/40, T/D5; 9-10:30-12:30-2-3:30; (2-day sections): 5-SS. G/90, T/D5; 10-2-5:30, 9-1. (Fri, Sat & Sun 3/3-5 K-12 Open): 6-SS. G/90, T/D5; 8, 10-2-5:30, 9-1. **HR:** Mention "PA States" for best rate as early as possible; Hotel Carlisle & Convention Center 800-692-7315 \$60 (Stay at the tournament site!). **Ent:** PSCF, c/o Tom Martinak, 549 13th Ave., New Brighton PA 15066-1208. Checks payable to PSCF. **Info:** <http://www.pscfchess.org/pascholasticchamp/>, Steve McLaughlin: zugzwang1@erols.com 215-784-5938; Dan Heisman: danheisman@comcast.net 610-649-0750. W.

March 4 & 5 GPP:6 Pennsylvania 2006 Carlisle Open & Pennsylvania Collegiate Championship. 5SS, G/90, T/D5. Hotel Carlisle & Convention Center, 1700 Harrisburg Pike, Carlisle PA 17013, Exit 52A NB/Exit 52 SB off I-81, Exit 226 off PA Turnpike. 2 sections: **Open & U1500.** \$\$ (1260G): **Open:** 180-120, U2200 \$110, U2000 \$100, U1800 \$90, U1600 \$80; **U1500:** 150-100, U1400 \$90, U1200 \$85, U1000 \$80, Unr \$75. **All:** College Trophies: 1st-2nd in each section, 1st-2nd team (4 players combined over both sections). EF: \$29 rec'd by 2/12, \$39 after, PSCF \$5 OSA. Reg: 8:45-9:30pm. 10-2-5:30, 9-1. Bye: limit 1, ask by rd 2. **HR:** Mention "PA States" for best rate as early as possible; Hotel Carlisle & Convention Center 800-692-7315 \$60 (Stay at the tournament site!). **Ent:** PSCF, c/o Tom Martinak, 549 13th Ave., New Brighton PA 15066-1208. Checks payable to PSCF. **Info:** carlisleopen@pscfcchess.org W.

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“A Look Back at the Year 2004”

Compiled by Joseph J. Mucerino, Jr.

Another year has ended, and a new one has begun. Once again, we will take a moment to look back at the memories we made in 2004.

January 2004

*Eric Johnson began the year by winning the 9th Annual Rausch Memorial New Year's Insanity one point in front of the field in Allentown.

*There were lots of winners at the Tri-State Junior Open in Pittsburgh. Scoring a perfect 4-0 were Kevin Berthoud and Fred Wilkins in the Championship section, Jesse Smith in the Premier section, Alexander Oltmanns in the Grades 5-12 Advanced, Joseph Ahearn in the Grades 5-12 Intermediate, Johnny Rodaitis and Richard Shaffer in the Grades 5-12 Beginner, Fred Carini in the Grades K-4 Intermediate, Jack Elliot and Xaver Kandler in the Grades 3-4 beginner, and Nicholas Van Vorhis in the Grades K-2 Beginner. Tying for first with 3-1 in the Grades K-4 Advanced were Mike Weaver, Robbie McKinstry, Greg Kownacki, Zhihong Xu, and Benjamin Stern.

*Daniel Reinert swept the Stroudsburg Monthly Quick Chess with three points.

*Alan Lindy won the Chaturanga Quick Swiss in Hatboro with 3½/4.

*At the Liberty Bell Open in Philadelphia:

Section	Winners	Top Pennsylvanians
Open	GM Zviad Izoria 6/7	IM Luis Chiong 5
U2200	Sarkis Agaian 6	Zachary Tokar & Rory Wasiolek 5
U2000	Darius Mohammad-Pour 7	Gage Caligaris 5
U1800	Gregory Giusti 6	Ross Berkowitz 5½
U1600	Michael Benz 6½	Benz
U1400	Jonathan Ascherman 6½	Chris Bechis, Guy Thomas & Scott Wamsley 5
U1200	John Thomas 6½	Thomas
Novice	Nicholas Trieu 4/4	Brandon Little, Andrew Powers & Alex Mavis 3
Action	GM Giorgi Kacheishvili & FM Emory Tate 4½/5	Evan Post 4

*There were six quads and two matches at the Horizons for Youth (HFY) January Quads in Bethlehem.

*Vladimir Getman won the Penn State January Open with 3½/4, and Rob Nicholson swept a blitz tournament 4-0.

*Mel Ross scored 4½/5 to win the Coatesville Winter Open, and FM Rodion Rubenchik defeated Tsagaan Battseteg in a match 3½-½.

*The top team at the PA Team West Open was MEIGS AND KIDS (Gabriel Petesch, Tyler Lelis, Kevin Berthoud, and Donald Meigs). Tying for first in the Scholastic Reserve were NORTH PITTSBURGH HOME SCHOOL B (Ylena Zamora-Vargas, Kemen Linsuain, Luka Glinsky, and Allegra Glinsky) and NPHS A (Alexander Heimann, Mark Heimann, Evan Schell, and Sherif Rashed-Azzam).

*Sixteen people made four quads in Coudersport.

*Andrew Tichenor completely dominated the “Jeremy Robertson is Your TD” Swiss in Allentown.

*At the second UArts tournament in Philadelphia, Kurt Schneider swept the college section, Dan Finehart won the high school section, and James McTeague and John Firth both scored 4-0 in the Middle School/Junior High School section.

*In *Chess Life*, Alex Dunne continues to write “Check is in the Mail” all year long, and Steve Shutt is the Vice-President of the United States Chess Federation.

*In the Winter 2004 issue of *Chess Life* (which came out in January), Alex and Mark Heimann both were pictured for making the 2004 Majestic All-American Chess Team for players age 11.

February 2004

*Arthur Price wins the top section of the NPCC Winter Round Robin with 5/7. Stephen Brod wins the second section with 4½ points.

*Mark Heimann sweeps the Championship Section of the 59th Pittsburgh Metropolitan Open with a 4-0 score. James Flaherty is first in the Premier section with 3½ points, and Booster Section honors are split between Bob Waruszewski, Avi Schreiber, and Hibiki Sakai with 3 points.

*Chris Bechis masters the Mastermind Swiss 4-0, and Matthew Slesinski wins the scholastic section with 4½/5.

*Winners of the Pittsburgh Scholastic Championship were:

- 6-12 Championship: Kristopher Meekins
- 6-12 Intermediate: Grace Dorohovich, Hal Tucker & Tom Collopy
- 6-12 Beginner: Tyler Gower & Frank Brown
- 4-5 Championship: Randall Gough & Scott Stern
- 4-5 Intermediate: Wesley Fulmer & Paul Pfingstl
- 4-5 Beginner: Shawn Gannon & Alexander Norman
- K-3 Championship: Andrew Linzer
- K-3 Intermediate: Xaver Kandler & Lucas Johnson
- K-3 Beginner: A.J. Linnert & Conner McNeil

*Joseph Mucerino won the Berks County Open 3-0 at Penn State University, Berks Campus, in Reading. Kevin Leiby and Jeff McCrea both had perfect scores in the U1000 section.

*MAIN LINE CHESS CLUB (Matthew Bengtson, William Peterson, Peter Minear, Michael Glick) is the top Pennsylvania team at the U.S. Amateur Team East tournament in Parsippany, NJ. NO SNOW DEFENSE (Bruce Schmauch, Ronald Tomasko, Allan Messinger, and Lawrence Nemeth) was the top U1700 team. THE MASTERBATERS (Ira Weiner, Peter Greene, Ryan Lutz, and Lee Boland) was the top U1600 team. The Top Company Team was won by BOEING HELICOPTER (Donald Quiring, Arthur Ellis, Iosif Sandler, and Nicholas Strauss). The Old Timers award was once again won by THE OLD CHESSNUTS (Robert Hux, William Duley, Rafael Cintron, and Roy Eikerenkoetter). Michael Johnson was the best alternate.

*Gregory Nolan won the Chaturanga G/29 Swiss 3½/4 in Hatboro.

*James Robinson won the Rockview State Prison Open in Bellefonte 3½/4.

*The PA State Scholastic Championships moved from Bloomsburg to Carlisle.

*At the PA State Quick Championship, Gerald Bailleau, Omar Rivera, and Ryan Milisits tied for first in the Open Section with 5/6. Kevin Green and Josh Lowenthal shared the U1600 section with 5½. Jack McCarney won alone in the U1000 section with 5½ points.

*Winners (Individuals;Teams) at the PA State Scholastic Championship were:

K-3 Open: Hibiki Sakai; Pittsburgh Youth Chess Dragons

K-6 U800: Samson Berklite; Pittsburgh Youth Chess Dragons and Monroeville Chess Club

K-6 Open: Gabriel Petesch; Pittsburgh Youth Chess Dragons

K-8 Open: Alexander Heimann & Evan Ames; Julia R Masterman

K-9 U1000: Andrew Powers & Jordan Tarnecky; Pocono Mountain East Intermediate School

K-12 U1000: Gabriel Cosma, Tyler Christophel & Mark Sadowski; Lancaster Mennonite

K-12 U1300: Douglas Brownell; Pocono Mountain East HS

K-12 Open: Ryan Milisits; Taylor Allderdice

*Omar Rivera, Rodion Rubenchik, and Gennadiy Geyler all scored 4½/5 in the Carlisle Open. Geyler is named the PA State Collegiate Champion. Drexel University wins the Collegiate Team Title.

*In *Chess Life*, an article was published about Alisa Melekhina's victory at the 2003 World Youth Festival.

March 2004

*Thomas Smith, Jr. wins the WSCC Winter Hex with 4/5.

*Bruce Leverett sweeps the 64th Pittsburgh Chess Club Championship 6-0, 1½ points ahead of the field.

*Joseph Mucerino wins the West Chester Chess Club Championship.

*Rob Nicholson won the 19th Pittsburgh Chess Club Blitz Championship with 8/9. Avi Schreiber won the reserve section with an identical score.

*Joe Kennedy wins the NPCC Winter Swiss with 7/8 in Lansdale.

*Leteef Street wins the Masterminds Swiss with a perfect 4-0 score. Jack Jiang is also perfect in the scholastic section with 5 points.

*Winners of the Pittsburgh Open in Coraopolis were:

Open: Aleksander Wojtkiewicz, Giorgi Kacheishvili, Alexander Stripunsky, Zviad Zoria, and Carl Boor, all with 4/5. Top PA: Alexander Shabalov, Bryan Smith, Joseph Mucerino, and Jorge Amador, all with 2½.

U2200: Nabil Feliachi, Charlie Leach, Mark Heimann, and Mark Coleman, 3½. Top PA: Felachi, Leach, and Heimann.

U2000: Paul Maginley, 4½. Top PA: Edwin Borden, 3½.

U1800: Byron Funkhouser and Brad Heilman, 4½. Top PA: Ari Oxman, 4.

U1600: Greg Yoest, 4½. Top PA: Yoest.

U1400: Sam Lamonto, Jr., 4½. Top PA: Lamonto.

U1200: John Spooone, 4½. Top PA: Daniel Woods, 3½.

U1000: Jonathan Dokler, 4½. Top PA: Priyaka Seshadri, 4.

U800: Sean Parli, 4½. Top PA: Josiah Welker, 3½.

*Bruce Davis, Sr. won the tournament in Stroudsburg with 4/6.

*Robert Davis defeated Jacob Fried 3-2 in a match in Philadelphia.

*There were two quads in York, with Christopher Couch winning quad 1, and Henry Seim winning quad 2.

*Tom Magar won the PA G/29 Championship with 4½/5. Vladimir Stoicescu won the scholastic section with 5 points.

*In *Chess Life*, a game Ryan Milisits won in the 2003 Arnold Denker Tournament of High School Champions was published.

April 2004

*Craig Schneider won the Erie Chess Club City Championship with a 5/6 score.

*Kurt Schneider and Agustin Ferrariz tied for first in the U2200 section of the Foxwoods Open in Mashantucket, CT, with 5½ points each.

*State Champion Stanislav Kriventsov won the Lehigh Valley Open with a perfect 5-0 score. Derek Fisher and Daniel Yeager each scored 4 points to split the Reserve section. Joseph Gaiteri took the Booster section with the same score. The Scholastic section was won by Chase Chervenak with 4½ points.

*Winners of the National Elementary Championship in Pittsburgh were:

K-5 U900: Nelson Ferreira, Matthew Schwalbenberg, Zachary Stone, and Tyler McDevitt, all 6½/7. Top PA: Jocelyn Hong, Ben Wilson, and Nicholas Polka, 5.

K-3 Open: Ray Robson, 7. Top PA: Hibiki Sakai, 5.

K-5 Open: Alexander Heimann, 7. Top PA: Heimann.

K-6 Open: Marc Arnold, Michael Thaler, Tyler Lelis, Kasun Waidyaratne, Martin Goman, and Malachi Roberson, 6. Top PA: Lelis.

K-3 U800: Jack Heublein, Jeff Radin, 7. Top PA: Xaver Kandler, 4½.

K-6 U1000: Shehab Hasan, 7. Top PA: Marko Hudak, 6.

Unrated: Gabriel Filsinger, 7. Top PA: Praneeth Denduluri, 5.

K-1: Alexander Katz, 7. Top PA: Andre Curtis and Thomas Cwalina, 3.

*Joseph Mucerino won the Mastermind Swiss with 3½/4. Winning the Scholastic section were Andrei Popov, James McTeague, and Leon Watson.

*At the Yardley Delaware Valley Grand Prix, Josh Bowman won the Open section 4-0. David Lakata also had a perfect score in the U1100 section. David Rilley and Marc Williamson tied in the U750 section with 3½ points. Daniel Slesinski and Brian Lee both scored 4 points in the U500 section.

*Max Weiss won the Grades 9-12 section of the Philadelphia Eagles Chess Challenge. Alisa Melekhina, Steve McLaughlin Jr., Anthony Janczewski, and James Snyder tied for first in Grades 6-8. The K-5 section was shared by Julian Lurie and Oliver Yang.

*Thomas Magar won the Championship section of the 43rd Golden Triangle Open in Pittsburgh. Andrew Weis swept the Reserve section.

*Thomas Magar also won the 5th William Byland Memorial, also in Pittsburgh, for good measure.

*The Pottstown Chess Club hosted two quads. Joseph Mucerino and Thomas Cook tied for first in quad 1, and Eric Hill swept quad 2.

*Oliver Lombardi tied for first in the K-12 Unrated section of the National High School Championship in Dallas, TX.

*In *Chess Life*, State Champion Stanislav Kriventsov had his picture and a game published for being on the winning team (DEAN IPPOLITO - LLC) at the U.S. Amateur Team East.

*There was a big article on Alexander Shabalov winning the 2003 North American Open. All of his games were published.

*There was an obituary on former PSCF Treasurer Al Breaux, Jr., written by Dr. Ira Riddle.

May 2004

*The Philadelphia Championship was won by Aleksander Wojtkiewicz with 4½ points. Gennady Zaitchik and Rodion Rubenchik tied for second. The U1800 section was taken by Subbi Swaminathan, with 4½ points.

*Greg Vaserstein swept the Rockview State Prison Open 4-0.

*There were 9 quads in Allentown.

*GM Larry Evans gave a simul in Erie.

*Joseph Mucerino and Steve Jacoby tied for first in Exeter.

*At the Southampton Delaware Valley Grand Prix, Daniel Yeager and Josh Bowman tied for first in the Open section with 3½ points. Samuel Harmatz swept the U1100 section. Jonathan Martin and Odette Moolten tied for first in the U750 section. Daniel Slesinski posted a perfect score in the K-3 section.

*There were several lectures, including one by GM Larry Evans, in Cambridge Springs to celebrate the centennial anniversary of the 1904 event. Afterwards, there were 6 quads, and quad winners were announced on the local news.

*Alisa Melekhina tied for first in the K-12 section of the 1st All Girls Open Championship in Chicago.

*Joseph Mucerino won the West Shore Chess Club Championship in Lemoyne.

*The York Chess Club hosted 3 quads.

*Joseph Mucerino swept the Penn State May Open 4-0.

*Gerald Dubs and Chris Blaise, Jr. tied for first at the West Shore Chess Club Quick Championship.

*Alexander Shabalov tied for first at the Chicago Open.

*In *Chess Life*, Richard Laurie and Winsor Schmidt write letters to Larry Evans.

June 2004

*James Larsen swept the Chaturanga Spring Swiss 4-0.

*Tyler Lelis won the 34th Fred Thompson Memorial with a perfect 4-0.

*There was a three-way tie for first at the Hazleton Open between Joseph Mucerino, Patrick Walker, and Bruce Lockard.

*Mark Clark won the Warren Quad.

*Jeffrey Schreiber was the winner of the 17th Richard Abrams Memorial with a score of 5½/6.

*Tom Yake and Jonathan Rhoads won the York Swiss with 3 points out of 4.

*Jared Defibaugh and Odette Moolten both scored a perfect 4-0 at the World Open Beginners Open

*The top section of the World Open Sunday Hex was won by Rory Wasiolek. Reuben Hampton and Daniel Augenbraun won the lower section.

*On Monday, Evan Post won the top section and Josh Bowman the lower, both with perfect 3-0 scores.

*Ray Robinson and Donald Quiring tied for first in the top section on Tuesday, and Benjamin Felipe won the bottom section.

*Wednesday saw Kurt Schneider, Jack Mongilutz, and Jaroz Felipe tie for the top section, and Benjamin Felipe and Reuben Hampton were repeat winners in the bottom section.

*In *Chess Life*, Boyd Reed's article, "Wojtkiewicz Tops Field at Pittsburgh Open" is featured, and there is a Ryan Milisits game from the K-12 National Championship.

July 2004

*At the World Open Quick Championship, Ilye Figler won the Open Section with 4½/5; the U2000 was won by Ted Castro 5-0, and Michael Skalarski swept the U1600 section.

*Results of the 32nd World Open in Philadelphia:

Open: Varuzhan Akobian 7½/9. Top PA: Alexander Shabalov, Rodion Rubenchik and Norman Rogers, 5½.

U2200: Andrew Bakker and Robert Hungaski, 7½. Top PA: Kurt Schneider and Alberto Moreno, 7.

U2000: Josito Dondon, 8. Top PA: Robert Gist and Luan Elezi, 7.

U1800: John Schwarz, 8. Top PA: Michael Benz, 7.

U1600: Michael Skalarski and Said Ali, 8. Top PA: Aleksey Tadevosyan, 7½.

U1400: Raghav Ramesh, 8. Top PA: Jorge Caicedo, 7.

U1200: Ryan Moon, 7½. Top PA: Willie Taylor, 7.

*Future U.S. Champion Hiraku Nakamura won the World Open Blitz Championship with 9 points out of 10. The U1800 section was shared between Adam Kostrinsky, Ted Castro, Jesse Davidson, and Avi Schrieber, all with 8 points.

*Mark Heimann won the Premier Section of the Columbus Open in Ohio.

*Joseph Lawlor and Charles Collins played yet another match in Murrysville. This one ended in a 3-3 draw.

*State Champion Stanislav Kriventsov won the Open Section of the Western PA Open with a 5-0 score. Greg Vaserstein and Daniel Kirk tied for first in the Premier Section with 4 points. Michael Hickman won the Reserve Section with 4½, and Alexander Heimann swept the Western PA Junior Invitational Championship with a 5-0 score.

*Omar Rivera won the Coatesville Summer Open with a score of 4½/5.

*In Bradford, Marc Arnold won the Open Section of the McKean County Quick Championship with 5½/6. The Reserve Section was shared between Samuel Boehner, Mathieu Poulin, and Michael Hayward, all with 5 points.

*The 1st Richard P. Davis Tournament in Pittsburgh was won by Russell Scott with 4½/5.

*The Tullah Hanley Grand Prix was won by Aleksander Wojtkiewicz, Joel Benjamin, and Mark Eidemiller. Each scored 4/5 in the Open Section. Eric Brandt was clear first in the Reserve Section with 4½ points, and Karl Roots and Sam Boehner shared the Novice with 4½ points.

*Joseph Mucerino and Josh Lowenthal tied for first in the Main Line Chess Club G/30 Championship in Gladwyne.

*In *Chess Life*, John Prechocki writes a letter about an error in Garry Kasparov's new book, *My Great Predecessors, Volume II*. Ryan Milisits gets third place in Scholar - Chessplayer Award, and Richard Laurie has two questions for Larry Evans.

August 2004

*Albert Pinhasov had a perfect 4-0 score in the North Penn Summer Swiss in Lansdale.

*Rodion Rubenchik, Yevgeniy Gershov, and Bela Kis tied for first with 4/5 at the Allentown Summer Open. Joseph Gaiteri swept the reserve section 5-0.

*Jeffrey Schragin won the 13th Wild Card Open 5-0.

*Joseph Mucerino and Thomas Cook tied for first in the top quad in Pottstown. Dennis Fletcher took quad 2.

*Dr. William Browne, the oldest active Pennsylvanian player, died at age 89. Peter Chopping, age 87, now becomes the oldest active Pennsylvanian.

*PSCF President Tom Martinak won the PA Blitz Championship in Allentown with a score of 8/10. Brian Rhoads took the lower section with 9 points.

*Steve Willard swept the 3rd Annual Seven Valleys Open with 4 points.

*Gennadiy Geyler and Dmitry Goldenberg split the 2nd Annual Holly Heisman Memorial in Wynnewood. Michael Levin won the U1400 Section 5-0, and Ben Feder did the same in the U800 section.

*The Pennsylvania State Championship was in Allentown this year, and the title was won by former champion Dr. Edward Formanek. He scored 4½ points in the Open Section. Daniel Reinert had the same score in the U1800 Section, and Joseph Gaiteri scored a perfect 5 points in the U1400. As for the side events, Jonathan Pfefer was 4-0 in the scholastic tournament, Patrick Walker won quad 1, Russell Floyd took quad 2, and Colby Isenberg was the winner in quad 3.

*Michael Johnson scored a perfect 5-0 in the U1800 section of the Atlantic Open.

2004 Pennsylvania State Senior Championship September 18 & 19, 2004 Haverford

#	Name	Pre	Post	Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd 3	Rd 4	Total
1	Michael James Bury	2200	2215	W5	W6	W10	W4	4
2	Sohrab Samimi	2201	2209	W9	W3	D4	W7	3½
3	Robert E. Hux	1900	1918	X15	L2	W8	W10	3
4	Boris Baczynskyj	2240	2235	W8	W7	D2	L1	2½
5	Steve Stepanian	1777	1794	L1	W9	D6	W11	2½
6	Rafael L. Cintron	1800	1800	W16	L1	D5	W12	2½
7	Neal W. Oberholtzer	1995	1990	W14	L4	W11	L2	2
8	Donald K. Quiring	1818	1815	L4	W15	L3	W14	2
9	Robert A. Leonards	1800	1800	L2	L5	W16	W13	2
10	Bruce A. Thompson	2016	1993	D11	W12	L1	L3	1½
11	Douglas L. Schwetke	1500	1549	D10	W13	L7	L5	1½
12	Charles A. Pearson	1142	1244	W13	L10	D14	L6	1½
13	Leonard Karabell	1824	1773	L12	L11	W15	L9	1
14	Roy C. Eikerenkoetter	1675	1650	L7	H---	D12	L8	1
15	James D. Lear	1297	1294	F3	L8	L13	W16	1
16	Daniel B. Dinneen	751	748	L6	U---	L9	L15	0

*In *Chess Life*, FM Allan Savage writes "Cambridge Springs 2004 Centennial Celebration," Alexander Shabalov ties for first at the CCA-ICC International and at the Chicago Open, and there is a picture of Alisa Melekhina for tieing for first in the Age 12 and Under Section of the All Girls Championship.

September 2004

*Newly crowned State Champion Edward Formanek ties for first at the Ohio Chess Congress.

*There were 8 quads in Allentown, which was their normal turnout all year long.

*Michael Bury wins a state title of his own at the Pennsylvania State Senior Championship in Haverford.

*At the Salvation Army 1st Scholastic Tournament in Philadelphia, Dmytro Byelmac wins a match against Julia Douglass 4-0, and the unrated section was won by Seamus Kirby.

*Michael Levin and Matthew Slesinski tied for first at the McLaughlin Invitational in Roslyn.

*Scoring 3½/4 in the York Swiss were Tom Yake, Carlos Cortinez, and Dorsey Meredith.

*Donald Anderson won the West Chester Summer Swiss with a score of 3/4.

October 2004

*Scoring 4-0 at the 24th Allegheny Chess Congress were Bryan Norman in the Open Section and Michael Booth in the Reserve Section.

*Donald Meigs won the 6th Fred Sorensen Memorial with 5/6.

*The North Penn Membership Drive in Lansdale was taken by Curtis Schwartz with 4½/5.

*Charles Collins defeated Joseph Lawlor 9-3 in a G/30 match.

*At the Delaware Valley Grand Prix in Warminster, Daniel Yeager

won the Open Section 4-0, Andrew Fleming did the same in the U1100 Section, Anthony Hughes and Blake Rosenn both scored 4 points in the U750 Section, and Josh Pilchik and Dante Cianfarra shared the U500 K-3 Section. The Open Octo was won by Chris Yaure.

*Joseph Mucerino won his third club championship of the year, this time the Chaturanga Chess Club Championship in Hatboro, with 4½/5.

*Mark Eidemiller won the PA Action Champion with 4½/5. Guneet Sahota won the scholastic title with 4/5.

*There were quads in Erie. Winners were: Craig Schneider in quad 1, Jeffery Eckhardt in quad 2, Luka Glinisky won quad 3, and Jeremy Eckhardt won quad 4.

*The 47th Gateway Open was won by Tyler Lelis. Daniel Woods took the Reserve Section.

**Chess Life* listed the winners of the Chess Journalists of America/Fred Cramer Awards which were awarded at the US Open in August. Pennsylvanian winners were:

Best Club Bulletin: *En Passant* by Dr. William Hoppman.

Best Cover: *En Passant* November 2003.

Best Web-Based Review (tie): "Survivor: 64 Squares" by Dan Heisman on www.chesssafe.com.

Best Historical Article: "The Champion of the North: James Jellett's Adventures in American Chess" by Neil Brennen www.correspondencechess.com/campbell.

*Alexander Shabalov won the USCF GM of the Year Award for 2004.

*Richard Spore was interviewed at the National Open in Las Vegas.

November 2004

*The winners of the Greater Philadelphia Scholastic Championship in Ardmore were:

Elementary U700: Daniel Slesinski, Sam Waldorf, Dante Cianfarra, and Shanna Luedtke.

Elementary Championship: William Xu, James Wu.

Middle School: Daniel Yeager and Chris Blaise, Jr.

High School: Maurice Bishop and Ross Berkowitz.

*At the Sewickley Academy Scholastic Tournament, the Primary Section was won by Jason Schuchardt 4-0, and Scott Bingman had the same score in the Varsity Section.

*There was a five-way tie at the 4th Chess Horizons for Youth Fall Scholastic Tournament. The winners were Jonathan Pfefer, Cliff Huang, Robert Bell, Soham Sengupta, and Cesar Escudero.

*Nigel Mitchell swept the Coatesville Tornado 4-0.

*Winners at the PA State Junior Championships were:

Ages 17-20: Mikhail Sher

Ages 13-16: Ezra Jampole and Bryan Joseph

Ages 11-12: Mark Heimann and Alexander Heimann

Ages 9-10: Zhihong Xu

Ages 8 & Under: Danny Balter, Odette Moolten, and Tristan Hull.

U900: Benjamin Lind

U750: Keith Dauson

U600: Casey Brienza

*Winners of the National Youth Action Championship in Hershey were:

K-12: Daniel Karbownik, 8/9. Top PA: Seth Friederich, Erica McLaughlin, Elizabeth Lakata, and Emily Chu, 5½.

K-9: James Critelli, 9. Top PA: Daniel Yeager 6½.

K-6: Darek Johnson, Andrew Freix, 8. Top PA: James Wu & Wesley Loudon, 6.

K-3: Brian Luo, 9. Top PA: Benjamin Strauss, 6½.

*Winners of the National Chess Congress in Philadelphia were:

Premier: Jaan Ehlvest and Leonid Yudasin 5/6. Top PA: Edward Formanek, 4.

U2200: Hana Itkis, 5½. Top PA: Ranato Soria, 5.

U2000: Alexandre Mirtchouk, 5½. Top PA: Chris Bechis, 4½.

U1800: Reinaldo McNally, 5½. Top PA: Joseph Farrell, Ross Berkowitz, and Alex Bianco, 4½.

U1600: Vannak Chhay and Kenneth Pestka II, 5½. Top PA: Pestka.

U1400: Dmitry Kovalkov, 5½. Top PA: Kovalkov.

U1200: David Jones, Jr., 5½. Top PA: Jones.

U1000: Chris Boston and Heath Voorhees, 5. Top PA: Voorhees.

U800: David Tzeng, 4½. Top PA: Leonard Thompson, 4.

U600: Karen Kobayashi, 6. Top PA: Varun Sharma and Arjun Sharma, 4.

Unrated: Abe Salameh, 6. Top PA: Adam Kashlak, 4½.

*In *Chess Life*, there was a report on the World Open.

December 2004

*James White won the Holiday Swiss in West Chester with 3½/4.

*At the Delaware Valley Grand Prix in Southampton, Daniel Yeager won the Open Section 4-0. Kathryn Walsh had a perfect score in the U1100 Section. Also scoring 4 points was Daniel Slesinski in the U750 K-6 Section, and Jesse Rong in the U500 K-3 Section. Joseph Mucerino won his final tournament of the year when he won the Open Octo.

*Tom Magar won the Penn State December Open with 4½/5.

*Winners of the Huntington Valley Fall '04 Round Robin were: Joseph Kovacs and Ryan Eppley in the Senior Section, I Mitchell Harmatz in the Intermediate Section, and Jesse Adelman and Seth Furman won the Junior Section.

*Evan Post won the Open Section of the PSCF-CCP Tournament in Philadelphia with a perfect 3-0 score. Jerome Nicholson won the U700 Section with 4½/5.

*In *Chess Life*, there was an article on the National Elementary Championship in Pittsburgh.

What a year!

Top 20 Rated Pennsylvanians (As of the February 2005 Rating Supplement)

Regular Rating				Quick Rating			
Rank	Name		Rating	Rank	Name		Rating
1	Shabalov, GM Alexander		2640	1	Shabalov, GM Alexander		2638
2	Zaitchik, Gennady		2538	2	Chiong, IM Luis R		2315
3	Chiong, IM Luis R		2462	3	Meyers, CIM Jerald		2300
4	Rubenchik, FM Rodion V		2387	4	Belorusev, Mikhail		2279
5	Fleischer, FM Peter		2375	5	Eidemiller, Mark B		2276
6	Belorusev, Mikhail		2336	6	Baczynskyj, FM Boris		2272
7	Meyers, CIM Jerald		2334	7	Shocron, Rubin M		2259
8	Leverett, Bruce W		2329	8	Nolan, Gregory M		2239
9	Formanek, IM Edward William		2323	9	Rubenchik, FM Rodion V		2236
10	Eidemiller, Mark B		2316	10	Rogers, Norman		2202
11	Rogers, Norman		2307	11	Mazock, Michael J		2200
12	Metrick, Andrew		2288	12	Bradlow, Harvey B		2198
13	Traldi, Matthew R		2274	13	Bengtson, FM Matthew William		2198
14	Porter, Ryan W		2267	14	Post, Evan A		2197
15	Bengtson, FM Matthew William		2264	15	Bailleau, Gerald A		2190
16	Peterson, William M		2258	16	Snavey, Kurt A		2187
17	Rivera, Omar		2254	17	Wilson, Elvin		2167
18	Dunne, FM Alex		2250	18	Frank, Marty C		2161
19	Wilson, Elvin		2239	19	Kis, Lorand Bela		2161
20	Fayvinov, Zakhar		2239	20	Rivera, Omar		2157

Women				Juniors - Ages 20 & Under			
Rank	Name		Rating	Rank	Name	Age	Rating
1	Melekhina, Alisa		2059	1	Traldi, Matthew R	20	2274
2	Coslett, Caitlin G		1843	2	Schneider, Kurt	16	2227
3	Lakata, Elizabeth M		1521	3	Milisits, Ryan R	18	2194
4	Corey, Tamara H		1495	4	Heimann, Mark A	12	2071
4	Mc Laughlin, Erica C		1478	5	Melekhina, Alisa	13	2059
6	Chu, Emily J		1419	6	Lelis, Tyler	13	2040
7	Dorohovich, Grace L		1322	7	Tokar, Zachary	18	2016
8	Jin, Shinan		1318	8	Wasiolek, Rory E	18	1984
9	Moolten, Odette		1299	9	White, Zachary C	16	1977
10	Procopio, Patti		1248	10	Deckelbaum, Alan T	18	1975
11	Cosma, Gabriela Lidia		1179	11	Petesich, Gabriel N	13	1964
12	Yan, Amy		1122	12	Heimann, Alexander C	12	1964
13	Listovnichy, Alexandra		1120	13	Papariella, Justin J	18	1958
14	Zamora-Vargas, Ylena		1102	14	Guber, Michael	17	1958
15	Sun, LiAnn		1101	15	Yeager, Daniel A	13	1948
16	Hendrickson, Sara M		1096	16	Goldenberg, Dmitry	20	1930
17	Zhang, Yi Ran		1065	17	Augenbraun, Eric J	17	1879
18	Van Schoick, Christina		1062	18	Hsiao, Thomas	16	1853
19	Walsh, Kathryn E		1059	19	Opaska, Michael P	19	1849
20	Mitchell, Christine A		1041	20	Russell, Matthew C	17	1845

Seniors - Ages 65 & Up				Ages 50 & Up			
Rank	Name	Age	Rating	Rank	Name	Age	Rating
1	Fayvinov, Zakhar	72	2239	1	Leverett, Bruce W	52	2329
2	Shocron, Rubin M	83	2227	2	Formanek, IM Edward William	62	2323
3	Getman, Vladimir S	65	2089	3	Dunne, FM Alex	63	2250
4	Meigs, Donald J	65	2033	4	Fayvinov, Zakhar	72	2239
5	Hux, Robert E	75	1935	5	Baczynskyj, FM Boris	59	2236
6	Castillo, Gonzalo	72	1900	6	Fielding, Paul T	53	2234
7	Shafritz, Arnold B	78	1849	7	Shocron, Rubin M	83	2227
8	Prokhov, Vassil K	70	1841	8	Samimi, Sohrab	54	2209
9	Cintron, Rafael L	76	1812	9	Magar, Thomas P	50	2200
10	Sukiennik, Leopold J	68	1800	10	Bradlow, Harvey B	54	2200
11	Leonards, Robert A	75	1800	11	Hughes, William M	56	2190
12	Koppany, Anthony	86	1800	12	O'Connell, Christopher Ian	50	2161
13	Moskowitz, Arthur	76	1712	13	Nolan, Gregory M	50	2144
14	Schmidt, Winsor C	85	1700	14	Getman, Vladimir S	65	2089
15	Clary, Earl Jr	78	1700	15	Cornell, Ray C	52	2072
16	Foreman, Fred D	68	1700	16	Winwood, Joseph W	50	2057
17	Eikerenkoetter, Dr Roy C	73	1677	17	Mongilutz, Jack	51	2038
18	Schuh, Russell G	65	1600	18	Meigs, Donald J	65	2033
19	Lawlor, Joseph R Jr	68	1562	19	Ambrad, Antonio J	64	2025
20	Collins, Charles A	73	1545	20	Rizzo, Philip J	51	2010

Pennsylvania Champions of 2004

Champion: Edward W. Formanek

Action Champion: Mark B. Eidemiller

Game / 29 Champion: Thomas P. Magar

Quick Chess Champion: Gerald A. Bailleau, Omar Rivera & Ryan R. Milisits

Blitz Champion: Tom M. Martinak

Senior Champion: Michael James Bury

Collegiate Champion: Gennadiy Geyler

K-12 Champion: Ryan R. Milisits

K-8 Champion: Alexander C. Heimann & Evan Ames

K-6 Champion: Gabriel N. Petesch

K-3 Champion: Hibiki Sakai

Age Champions (from Pennsylvania Junior Championship)

20	Mikhail Sher
17	Kevin F. Berthoud
16	Ethan Oppenheim
15	Ezra A. Jampole
14	Bryan G. Joseph
13	Luka E. Glinsky
12	Adam Weaver
11	Mark A. Heimann & Alexander C. Heimann
10	Zhihong Xu
9	Benjamin W. Stern
8	Tristan Hull
7	Odette Moolten & Danny Balter
6	Abdul Kabir Khan
5	Alexander Zhang

Grade Champions (from Pennsylvania Scholastic Championship)

12	Douglas C. Burgwin, Christopher Hsiao & Aleksey Tadevosyan
11	Jack Cheung & Rory E. Wasiolek
10	Kurt Schneider
9	Erica C. Mc Laughlin
8	Boris Valerstein, Andrew P. Weis & Patrick Lec
7	Daniel A. Yeager, Christopher S. Blaise Jr. & Andrew M. Zinn
6	Max J. Dugan, Steven J. Mc Laughlin Jr. & Andrew V. Jagannath
5	Peter T. Weida
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3	Prem Rajgopal, Muchen Yang & Jocelyn Hong
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(1) Univ of Pitt-Bradford Commons Building; Tues 8-11 pm

(2) School Street Elementary; Wed 6:30-8:30 pm

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CHESTER

J Lewis Crozer Library, 620 Engle St; Tues 5:30-7:30 pm, 610-364-1212

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Shaw Library; Tues and Thurs 6-9 pm; Sat 9-noon, Ron 814-765-7788

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High School, 698 Dwight St; Patrick Keeney 814-274-4428

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Zurn Science Building, W 7th St between Peach and Sassafras, Room 341; Fri 6:30-10 pm, James Walczak 814-870-7763

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Dunn Recreation Center, 4565 Prestwick Dr; Thurs 7:30-10 pm, 610-374-5882

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Main Line CC; Waverly Hts Ret Comm Game Room, 1400 Waverly Rd; Tues 7 pm, Dan Heisman 610-649-0750

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Courthouse Square; Wed 6-11 pm, 724-836-5625

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Chaturanga CC; Trinity Orthodox Presbyterian Church, County Line Rd W of Blair Mill Rd; Thurs 8 pm, 215-794-8368

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Main Line Speech, 626 Haverford Rd; Some Sundays Noon-3pm, 610-649-0750

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(2) Lansdale Public Library CC; 301 Vine St; last Sat of the month 10am

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Wellsboro-Mansfield CC; Independence Bible Church, 33 East Ave; Irregularly 1st/3rd Mon 7-10 pm, Don Thompson 570-376-2452

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Health Care Center, 121 Walnut Bottom Rd; Wed 6-9:30 pm, 717-477-0645

STATE COLLEGE

(1) PSU CC; ASI Bldg, Room 16; Thurs 7 pm

(2) Schlow Library, 118 S Fraser Street; Sun 2-5 pm, 814-571-9629

STROUDSBURG

YMCA, Main St; Thurs 7-11 pm, Eric 570-476-8939 or Jim 717-992-5475; & Loder Senior Center, 62 Analomink St, East Stroudsburg; Tues 7-11 pm

VANDERGRIFT

St Paul's Lutheran Church, 714 Wallace Street, Mon 6-9pm, 724-567-6580

WARMINSTER

WREC, 1101 Little Ln; Tues 6:30-8, 215-443-5428

WARREN

Warren Library, 205 Market St; 1st & 3rd Sat 9am - 1pm

WASHINGTON

1st Lutheran Ch, 92 West Walnut St; Thurs 8:30-11:30pm, 724-743-4350

WEST CHESTER

(1) West Chester CC; United Methodist Ch, High & Barnard Sts; Thurs 7 pm

(2) WC Univ CC; Sykes Student Building, Room 112; Thurs 11 am - 2 pm

WILKES-BARRE

199 S Main St; Fri 8:30-Midnight, George Trent 570-740-7662

WYNCOTE

Montgomery Youth CC; Calvary Presbyterian Church, 217 Fernbrook Ave; Wed 7-8:30 pm, Steve McLaughlin 215-784-5938

YORK

(1) Trinity United Methodist Ch, 241 E King St Rear; Wed 6-9 pm, 717-845-9368

(2) Youth CC; Grace Brethren Ch, Newberry & Parkway; Wed, 2-5:30 pm; & Light of Life Arts, 41 Cherry, Seven Valleys; Fri 6-9:30 pm, 717-852-8434