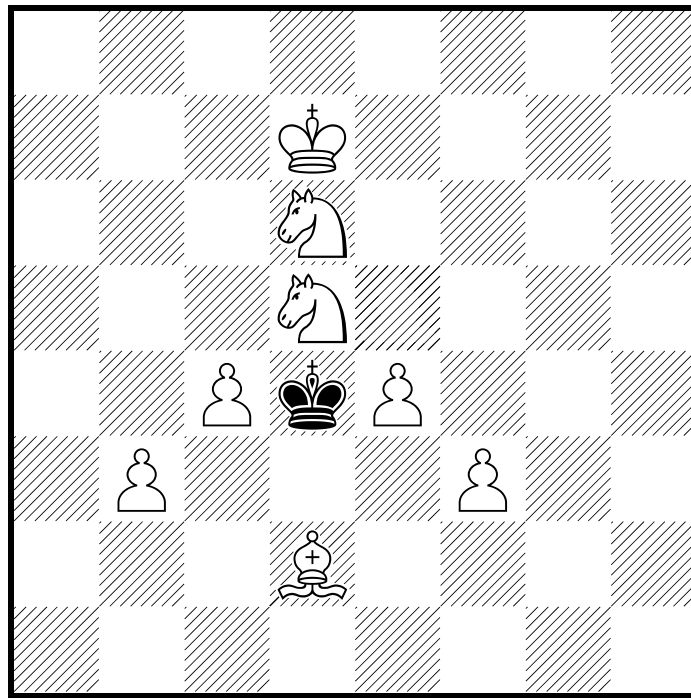


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Season's Greetings



Original by Steven B. Dowd, 2005

Dedicated to Neil Brennen, *Pennswoodpusher* Editor, and for all of its readers!

White to Play and Mate in 5

Christmas Tree problems are part of problem literature, stemming back a hundred years. This one I composed for my friend Neil, who has served the readership of this magazine well, and I hope the readers enjoy solving it! Solution on page 13.

Trivia Question

Who are the only two players who have played against Bobby Fischer and Garry Kasparov in tournament games (not simuls, etc) and have at least a 50% score against both of them?

Answer on page 13.

A Christmas Chess Story

It was a snowy, blustery Christmas Eve, and the chess player was glad to be indoors, sitting by the roaring log in the fireplace, with his beloved chessmen and board before him. During the evening he had been playing over some of his favorite selections from the immortals - Horwitz, Staunton, Lowe, Anderssen, Lowenthal, and Kieseritsky - he had mulled over and over the masterpieces of problem-lore, and now, half lazily but with full interest, he was examining the sub-variations of one of Morphy's brilliant endings. As he fondly pushed the pieces to and fro at the close of such an evening as many a chess player has spent, he was startled by a noise at his side, and turned in time to see Santa Claus emerge from the chimney place.

"Why, hello Kris!" greeted the Chess Player, springing to his feet and extending his hand. "I caught you this time. Hey?"

"I must admit it," replied the merry fellow as he drew himself to his full height, shook the snow from his immense coat, and warmly returned the hand-clasp. Then he turned and spied the chessmen.

"Ho! So you play the royal game, do you?" exclaimed Santa.

"Oh yes, sometimes." modestly returned the Chess Player.

"Good!" cried the old man. "I do myself - when I have the time."

"Perhaps you'd enjoy a game now," invited the Chess Player with a sweep of his arm towards the board.

"Well," deliberated the newcomer, "I've a busy night before me, and the traveling's bad, but I'll play you one, provided, win or lose, you don't ask me to play another."

"I see you know the failings of the elect," laughed the Chess Player. "I agree to the terms."

They settled themselves comfortably at the board and filled their pipes. The Yule-tide king picked a white pawn and a black one from the board, shuffled them behind his back, and held them in his huge fists towards the Chess Player. The latter tapped the left hand and luckily drew the White pieces. The men being arranged, the Chess Player opened with his favorite debut...

The Chess Player - Santa [C42]

Offhand Game, Philadelphia, December 24, 1909

1.e4 e5 2.♙c4 ♘f6 3.♗f3

Disdaining the counter attack, Kris played:

3...♝xe4 4.♘xe5 d5 5.♙b3 ♙e6 6.0-0 ♙d6 7.d4

With scant respect for the books - with which he may or may not have been familiar - Santa began thus early to unlimber his heavy artillery:

7...♞f6

These moves having been made rapidly, the Chess Player paused a moment to consider the innovation, and then continued:

8.f4 c5

"Is that good?" inquired the Chess Player from mere force of habit acquired at the chess club. "Oh, I guess it's good enough," rejoined Kris, showing he knew the answer.

9.♙a4+ ♔e7

"Ha ha! Now where will be castle?" impersonally asked the Chess Player, shoving another pawn into the fray:

10.c4

"Maybe we won't need to castle," replied the other contestant, making the pieces click as he chopped the pawn.

10...dxc4

"Take it away!" sternly commanded the Chess Player, as he attacked the Black Knight:

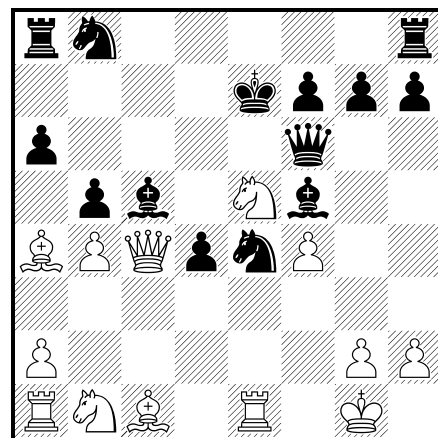
11.♞c2

"Oh, I guess we won't have to - yet", answered Santa:

11...♙f5

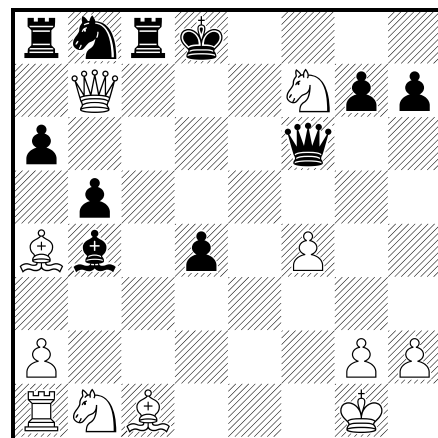
These pleasantries having been exchanged, the contestants settled down to more serious play.

12.♞xc4 cxd4 13.♞b5 b6 14.♞e1 ♙c5 15.b4 a6 16.♞c4 b5



This last move was made with the physical emphasis customary under the circumstances. "Not so swift," cautioned the Chess Player, neatly side-stepping with the royal consort:

17.♞d5 ♙xb4 18.♞xe4 ♙xe4 19.♞xe4 ♞c8 20.♞b7+ ♔d8
21.♘xf7+



"Give it up," suggested the Chess Player, while Santa blew huge clouds of smoke through his shaggy beard and carefully considered his next move. After some pause he replied, "Oh, I guess we don't have to give it up yet", and boldly essayed the sacrifice.

21...♞xf7

"Oh we have him beaten to a pulp now," exclaimed the Chess Player, gleefully pouncing on the Queen:

22. ♖xf7

"Well get out of check!" roared Santa:

22... ♜xc1+ 23. ♔f2

"Oh yes, we'll get out of check," smoothly replied the Chess Player, and again the players quieted into silent maneuvering.

23... ♘d7 24. ♙b3 ♕c7 25. ♖xg7 ♙c5

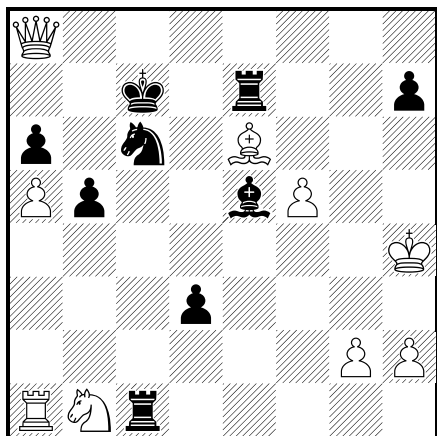
"Now see what he wants to do," laughed the Chess Player at the masked battery. "Oh well, we'll go right on down the pike."

26. f5 ♞e8 27. ♙e6 ♞e7 28. ♖g3+ ♔b7 29. ♗d3 ♔b6 30. a4 ♘e5

"Don't stay there", cautioned Kris. "All right, but move your King first", rejoined the Chess Player.

31. a5+ ♔c7 32. ♗e4 d3+ 33. ♔g3 ♙d6 34. ♖a8 ♘c6+

35. ♔h4 ♙e5

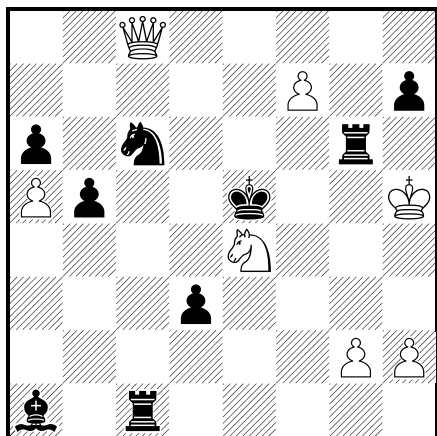


"Which do you like best?" good naturedly taunted Santa. "Why," answered the Chess Player, "if you get out of check first, maybe I'll let you take your choice!"

36. ♖c8+ ♔d6 37. ♘d2 ♙xa1 38. ♘e4+ ♔e5

"Going on down the pike" announced the Chess Player as he played:

39. f6 ♞xe6 40. f7 ♞h6+ 41. ♔g5 ♞g6+ 42. ♔h5

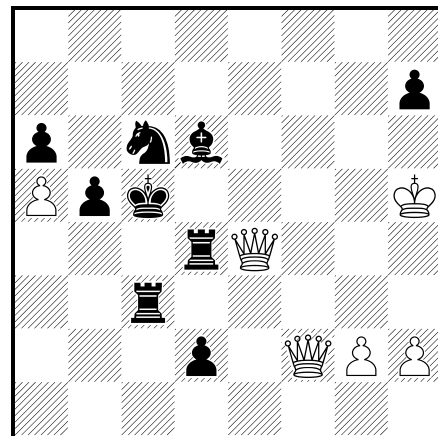


Kris wrinkled his grizzly brow and studied the portentous position for several minutes while he vigorously puffed on his great pipe and finally played:

42... ♔xe4

"This is like taking pennies from a blind man's tin cup", exclaimed the Chess Player as he improvised a second Queen with an inverted Rook:

43. f8 ♗ ♙e5 44. ♖f3+ ♔d4 45. ♖cf5 ♞c3 46. ♖3e4+ ♔c5
47. ♖f8+ ♙d6 48. ♖f2+ ♙d4 49. ♖f8+ ♙d6 50. ♖f2 d2



The Chess Player regarded this threatening advance for a moment. "Well, it comes high, but we must have it regardless of expense," he explained as he executed the following exchange:

51. ♖xc6+ ♔xc6 52. ♖xd4

Kris now deliberated for some time, being finally urged to action by the impatient stamping of the reindeer on the roof. "Let's give him a l-i-t-t-l-e check," he mused, suiting the action to the word:

52... ♞c5+ 53. ♔h6 ♙d5

Again the Chess Player paused at the new change in the situation. "Well, now we'll keep the Black man jumping for a while" he said as he planned his next few moves.

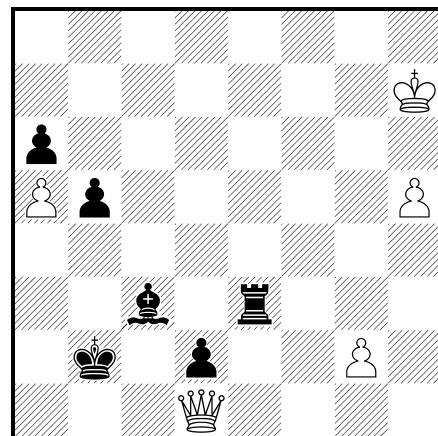
54. ♖b6+ ♔d7 55. ♖b7+ ♔e6 56. ♖c8+ ♔e5 57. ♖h8+ ♔f4
58. ♖f6+ ♔e4 59. ♖f3+ ♔d4

"Now I guess we have time for some sparrow-shooting", concluded the Chess Player, chopping the h pawn:

60. ♔xh7 ♔c4 61. ♖e4+ ♙d4 62. ♖c2+ ♔d5 63. ♖f5+ ♙e5
64. ♖f3+ ♔c4 65. ♖d1

"That will hold the Black baby till we Queen one ourselves," commented the Chess Player, poking down the ashes in his pipe with the head of a pawn.

65... ♙d3 66. h4 ♙c3 67. h5 ♞e3 68. ♖f1+ ♔b3 69. ♖d1+ ♔b2



The Chess Player pondered long and earnestly. Nothing seemed promising. Everything was hopeless.

"Hurry up," urged the triumphant elf, "It's getting late."

"Gee, I thought I had you, but you got away!" announced the Chess Player. "I resign."

0-1

As old Kris disappeared in the fireplace, the Chess Player's wife shook him by the shoulder.

"Come, come, dear." she exclaimed. "Wake up and trim the tree, or the children will think Santa forgot them."

I thought he had," replied the Chess Player, rising and knocking the ashes from his pipe, "but I guess I was only asleep."

Philadelphia Sunday Item, December 25, 1909.

The Gift By Neil Brennen

We live in an era of specialization, and chess is not immune to this trend. We see this in the world of correspondence chess, with the proliferation of CC "specialists". Various specialty publications devoted to CC, blitz chess, on-line chess, chess problems, and endgame studies, are available to serve their fields of interest.

Unfortunately, this specialization has a dark side. With the division of the chess community into various interest groups has come a lack of appreciation of other interests, a human tendency away from the chessboard as well.

For instance, there was an attempt in 2001 to eliminate the correspondence chess activities of the United States Chess Federation, allegedly because of cost. Although this attempt was unsuccessful, it did bring to the surface some ugly suggestions amid the political rhetoric and noise of the rec.games.chess.politics newsgroup. Two comments from CC detractors, offered in the general discussion of the USCF's financial woes, were that CC didn't fit the USCF "brand image" as an OTB organization and should be dropped for that reason, and that CC should be "put in the Smithsonian", i.e., that it was a museum piece and shouldn't be part of the USCF.

But historically, this sort of chess-turf Balkanism was the exception, rather than the rule. Many strong players of earlier times played both CC and OTB. The list is a long and distinguished one, beginning with world champions Steinitz, Euwe, and Alekhine, and continuing with such players as Keres, Showalter, Grunfeld, Nimzowitsch, and Pillsbury. Others may not have played chess by correspondence, but they considered it a serious form of the game.

In addition to masters, postal play was popular among lesser OTB players as well. Gustavus Reichhelm, in his article "How to Start a Chess Club and Keep it Going", published in the October 1898 *American Chess Magazine*, included postal chess as one of the suggested activities for a chess club to offer its members. Reichhelm was not a postal chess player, but his opinion that an OTB chess club could offer postal chess to its members was based on this more than thirty years experience as a chess writer, and as a long time member of the Philadelphia Chess Club and its successor, the Franklin Chess Club.

This sense that chess covered a wide range of interests, and that these interests should be appreciated and enjoyed by all chessplayers, comes across in a long-ago story from a Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania newspaper.

Under the heading "Special Contributions", A. Isaacs included the following interesting paragraphs in his October 6, 1912 chess column

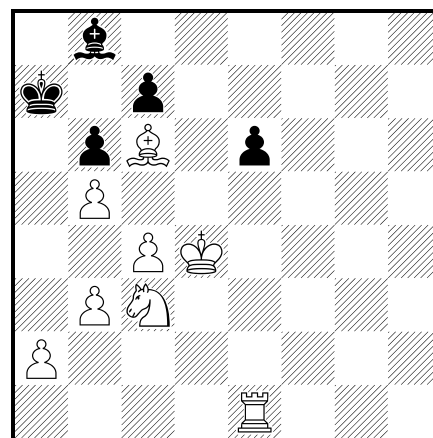
in the *Pittsburg¹ Leader*: "Many years ago our local light, B. H. Lutton, was playing correspondence chess with the late Morris Lissner, of New York City. During the course of their correspondence, Mr. Lissner composed and dedicated to Mr. Lutton a series of problems, which Mr. Lutton has kindly contributed to the *Pittsburg Leader*."

"Mr. Lutton received these problems December 20, 1894, and they were laid away in the original envelope, until this time. Mr. Lutton has no knowledge they were ever published before."

There were nine Lissner problems submitted by Lutton to the *Pittsburg Leader*, and they were published by Isaacs in the next several of his weekly chess columns. In the same October 6th column in which he told of the background of the problems, Isaacs wrote an introduction to the following problem, "Mr. Lutton wishes to call the solver's attention to this beautiful four mover."

A.) Morris Lissner - Mate in 4

1894?



Pittsburg Leader, October 6, 1912

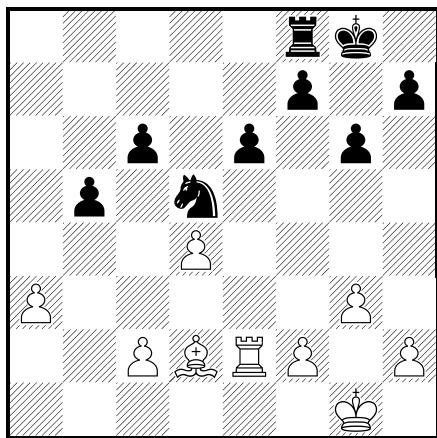
1.♠d5 1-0 Solutions to the problems in this article are on page 13.

Pittsburgh chessplayers were familiar with B. H. Lutton, the "local light" Isaac's mentioned above, and the recipient of the Lissner problems. Lutton was widely considered the strongest player in western Pennsylvania. No doubt many local chessplayers could recall his five consecutive victories against Pillsbury in simultaneous displays. Lutton also defeated Emanuel Lasker in his only two encounters with the world champion. The second of the two, played in a 28 board simultaneous display on October 17, 1906, features Lutton outplaying Lasker in the middlegame, and converting to a won ending. The gamescore is taken from Ken Whyld's *Games of Emanuel Lasker*.

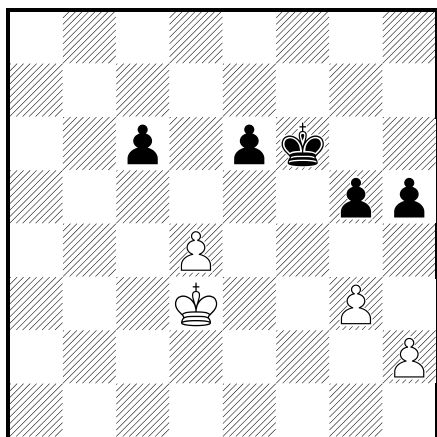
Emanuel Lasker- B. H. Lutton [B45] Simultaneous, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania October 17, 1906

1.e4 c5 2.♘f3 ♘c6 3.♘c3 e6 4.d4 cxd4 5.♘xd4 ♘f6 6.♙e2 ♙b4 7.♙f3 d5 8.exd5 ♘xd5 9.♘xc6 bxc6 10.0-0 ♙xc3 11.bxc3 ♙a6 12.♙e1 0-0 13.♙d4 ♙f6 14.♙d2 ♙xd4 15.cxd4 ♙ab8 16.♙ab1 ♙c4 17.a3 g6 18.g3 ♙b6 19.♙xb6 axb6 20.♙e2 ♙xe2 21.♙xe2 b5

¹ From 1890 to 1910 "Pittsburgh" was spelled without the final "h". Some newspapers, including the *Pittsburg Leader*, continued to use the old spelling after the "h" was restored to the city's name.



22.♙c1 ♜a8 23.♜f1 ♜b4 24.♜xb4 ♜a1 25.♞e1 ♜xb4 26.♙b2 ♞xe1+ 27.♜xe1 ♜xc2+ 28.♜d2 ♜b4 29.♜c3 ♜d5+ 30.♜c4 ♜f6 31.f3 ♜d7 32.♙a3 ♜f6 33.♙d6 ♜f7 34.f4 ♜h5 35.♙c7 ♜g5 36.fxg5 ♜d3 37.♜d3 ♜f6 38.♙d8 ♜g6 39.♙xf6 ♜xf6



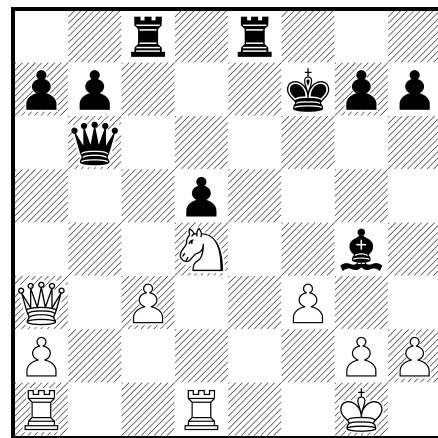
40.♜e4 ♜g4 41.♜f4 ♜e5+ 42.dxe5+ ♜e6 43.♜e4 ♜c5 44.♜f4 ♜c4 45.♜e4 ♜c3 46.♜d3 ♜xe5 47.♜xc3 ♜e4 0-1

Morris Lissner was no slouch as a chessplayer either. Witness his win over William Napier, who would shortly become one of the world's strongest players. Like Lutton, Napier was better known for his over the board play. But Napier also took up the postal game; John Hilbert's *Napier: The Forgotten Chessmaster* contains several of his correspondence games, including Napier's loss to Lissner in the Eastern Division Championship of the Pillsbury National Correspondence Chess Association. No doubt Lissner was pleased to have defeated such a strong opponent.

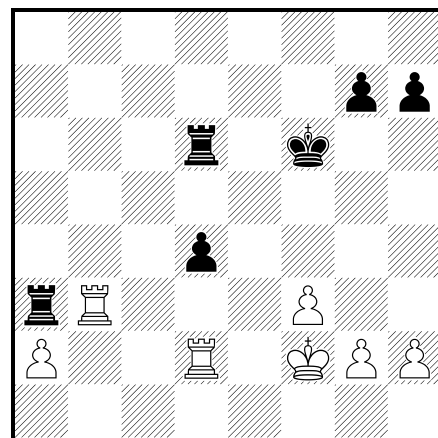
Morris Lissner - William Napier [C54]
 PNCCA Eastern Division Championship 1898
Notes by Morris Lissner

1.e4 e5 2.♜f3 ♜c6 3.♙c4 ♙c5 4.c3 ♜f6 5.d4 exd4 6.cxd4 ♙b4+ 7.♙d2 ♜xe4 This gives Black a rapid development, but his King remains exposed. 8.♙xb4 ♜xb4 9.♙xf7+ ♜xf7 10.♞b3+ ♜d5 11.♜e5+ ♜e6 12.♞xb4 ♜c5 13.♞a3 cxd4 14.♜f3 ♞e8 15.♜xd4+ ♜f7 16.0-0 ♞b6 17.♞d1 ♙g4 18.f3 ♞ac8 19.♜c3 ♜xc3 20.bxc3

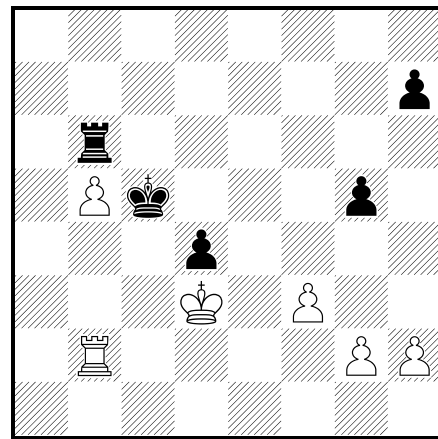
March 3 - 5. Carlisle, PA.
 2006 PA State Scholastic Championships.



20...♙f5 The turning point in the game. Black must prevent ♜ab1, which would be fatal, but cannot avoid the loss of a pawn. 21.♞b3! ♙e6 Better would have been 21...♞xb3 22.♜xb3 ♙d7 23.♞xa7 ♞c7 22.♞xb6 ♜xb6 23.♞ab1 ♞xc3 24.♞xb6 ♞e7 25.♜xe6 ♞xe6 26.♞xb7+ ♜f6 27.♞b2 ♞d6 28.♜f2 ♜d4 29.♞dd2 ♞a3 30.♞b3



30...♞xb3 Much stronger appears to be 30...♞da6 White cannot take the d-pawn without giving up the a-pawn, which would be equivalent to a draw. 31.♞bb2 ♜d3 would probably secure the same result. 31.♜xb3 ♜e5 32.♜e2 ♞c6 33.b4 ♜d5 34.♞b2 ♞b6 35.♜d3 ♜g5 36.b5 ♜c5



37.♖b1 Purely a waiting move, for if 37.g3 ♜f6 38.f4 gxf4 39.g4 (39.b6 ♜xb6 40.♜xb6 ♔xb6 41.♔xd4 fxg3 42.hxg3 ♔c6 43.♔e4 ♔d7 44.♔f4 ♔e8 45.♔g5 h5 46.♔g6 h4 forcing a draw.) 37...h5 38.g3 ♜f6 39.f4 gxf4 40.b6 1-0
Brooklyn Daily Eagle, October 9, 1898.

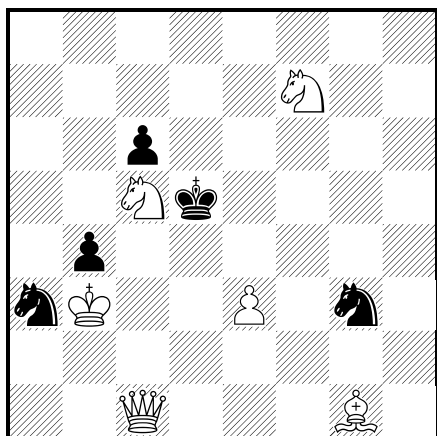
What is the moral of this little story from nearly ninety years ago? Well, as with most tales, the reader is free to interpret it in any way he likes. As for myself, I prefer to think that, despite their differences in chess talents and area of specialization, both Lutton, the strong "over the board" player who played CC and found beauty in problems, and Lissner, the "problemist" who played CC and OTB, refused to confine the Royal Game to a neat little compartment. They knew chess was too large, too immense to be confined to a small box by small men.

Both men, in their own ways, gave the gift of chess. A gift we are free to give to each other, and to ourselves.
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THE LISSNER PROBLEMS

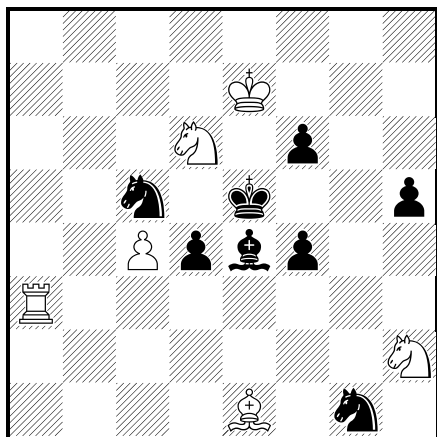
Dedicated to B. F. Lutton

B.) Morris Lissner - Mate in 2
 1894?



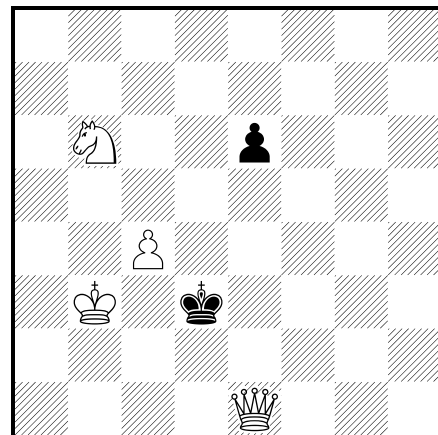
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C.) Morris Lissner - Mate in 2
 1894?



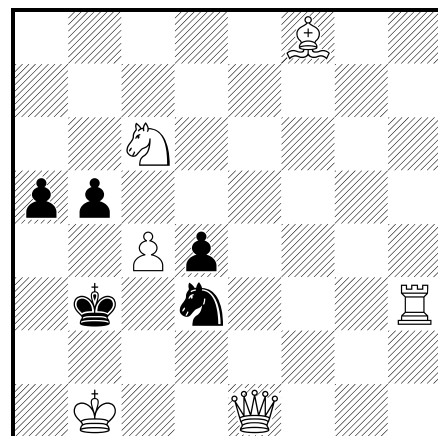
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D.) Morris Lissner - Mate in 3
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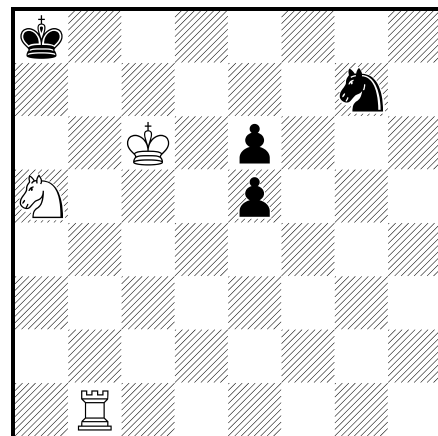
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E.) Morris Lissner - Mate in 2
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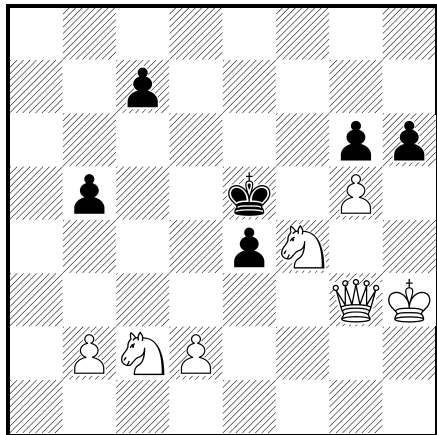
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F.) Morris Lissner - Mate in 3
 1894?



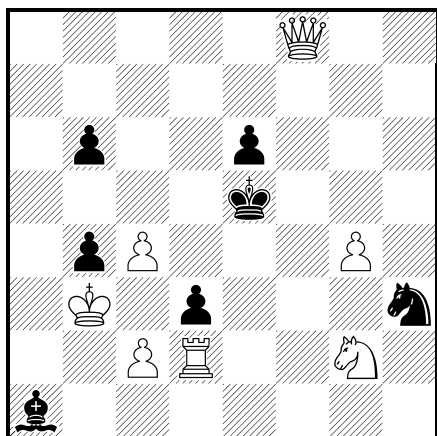
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G.) Morris Lissner - Mate in 3
1894?



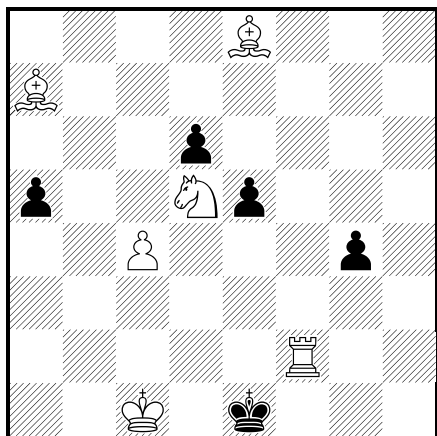
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H.) Morris Lissner - Mate in 3
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I.) Morris Lissner - Mate in 3
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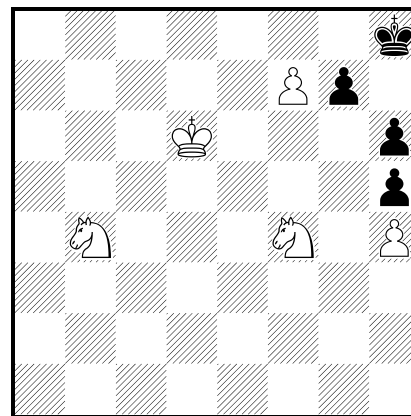


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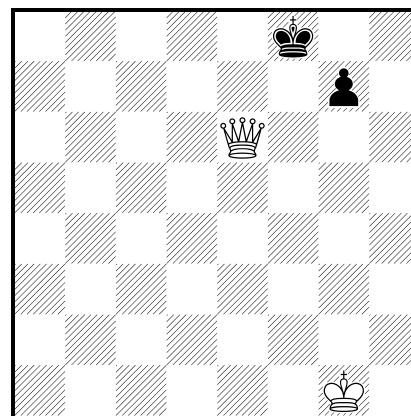
Our 2005 Holiday Chess-nuts

In the nineteenth and early twentieth centuries chess editors traditionally presented a selection of curious chess problems and positions as a feast for their readers. In an attempt to recreate that tradition – and to fill space since we had next to no contributions for this issue – we present our 2005 collection of classic chess-nuts for you to crack. Read the instructions for each problem carefully, for things are not always what they seem. Solutions are on page 14 should the nuts prove too hard to crack.

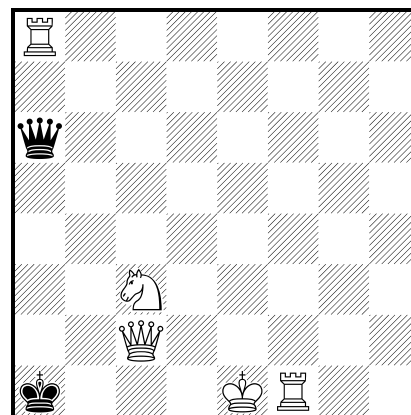
1) White to mate with f4 knight



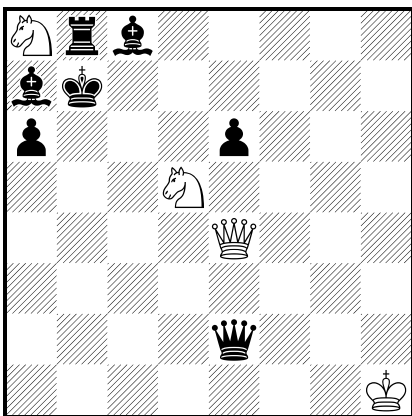
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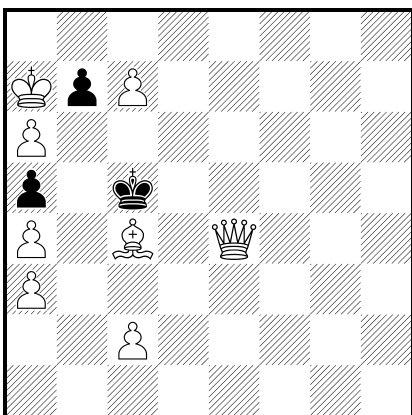
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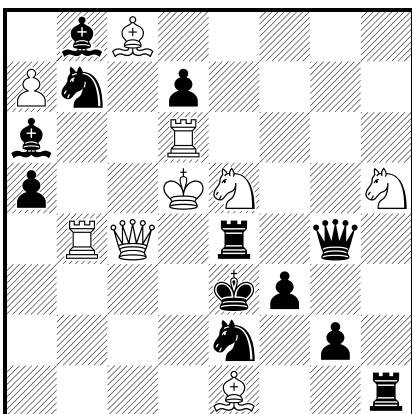
4) White to Retract one move and mate in 1



5) White mates in one with Queen, in two with Rook, in three with Bishop, in four with Knight, in five with pawn, and in six by moving the King alone.



6) Either White or Black to Mate or Selfmate in Two Moves.



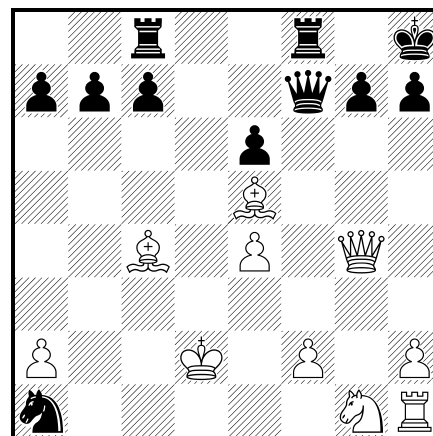
ALEX'S COLUMN By FIDE-Master Alex Dunne

ONCE UPON AN OPENING

Sometimes the opening determines the course of the rest of the game. In this example a semi-bluff pays off by giving White strong attacking chances.

Alex Dunne - Caduceo (2116) [A80]
ICC September Tournament, 2005

1.d4 f5 2.g4!? This looks fierce, but... **2...fxg4** While it is true that the best way to refute a gambit is to accept it, there are exceptions. Here **2...d5** makes White's **2. g4** look strange. **3.e4** The "standard" **3. h3** is met by **3...g3!** and Black is fine. Now I had faced **3...d5** **4. e5** in a training game, Dunne-Zhou 2005. Black's choice is too aggressive. **3...e5?! 4.dxe5!** Yes -- these doubled e-Pawns will prove very strong. **4...Nc6 5.Bf4 Qe7?!** Black had to try **5...h5** **6. Qd2** when White is just better. **6.Nc3** Now **6...Nxe5?** **7. Nd5 Nf3+** **8. Nxf3 Qxe4+** **9. Qe2** is a winner. **6...Qf7 7.Nd5 Bb4+** **8.c3 Ba5 9.Qxg4** White has pocketed a Pawn. but it is his control of the center that gives him the edge. **9...Nge7 10.Bc4** A little ballet now ensues leaving White with the advantage, **10...Qg6 11.Be2 0-0 12.Bg3** Now if necessary White can play **f4** with an avalanche. Necessary for Black now is **12...Qh6** when White stands well. **12...Qf7 13.Bc4 Kh8 14.b4** And White wins a piece, but with his King still in the center and Black having some tactical tricks, it is not yet all easy. **14...Bxb4 15.cxb4 Nxb4 16.e6!** Based on exact calculation, White trades material advantage for the attack. **16...Nc2+** **17.Kd2 dxe6 18.Nxe7 Nxa1 19.Nxc8 Raxc8 20.Be5!**



White ties up all Black's pieces and the win is easy. **20...Qxf2+** **21.Ne2 Rcd8+** **22.Kc1 Rf7 23.Rg1 Rdd7 24.Qxe6** With the threat of **25. Bxg7+ Rxg7** **26. Qg8+ Rxg8 27. Rxg8** mate, Black tries a desperate tactic with a mile-high flaw in it. **24...Qe3+** **25.Kb2 Rd2+** **26.Kxa1 Qxg1+** **27.Nxg1 Rf8 28.Bxg7+** **1-0**

PA TODAY: Tournament and Club News
from around the Keystone State
By Joe Mucerino, Roving Reporter
patzerpounder@hotmail.com

Notes on Pennswoodpusher contributors:

-Dr. Steven Dowd has been selected to represent the United States in the World Championship in Composing in Teams (WCCT), a FIDE-sponsored event. His "Dowd's Dungeon" column will be on hiatus during the competition.

-FM Alex Dunne has taken over as Director of the USCF Correspondence Chess program. For once the USCF has chosen the right person for the right task. We wish Alex "good skill" in his new endeavor.

Record Set For Second Year Chess Tournament For Girls; Melekhina Ties For First

CROSSVILLE, TN - The second annual GM Susan Polgar National Invitational for Girls (under 19) brought a fantastic turnout to Phoenix, Arizona. This was the culmination of a series

of regional and state qualifying events over the past 12 months that involved over 3,000 vying to represent their respective states. 48 girls (as young as 11) took part in this historic event.

Three players tied for first with the score of 5-1 (4 wins and 2 draws). Women FIDE Master **Alisa Melekhina**, from Pennsylvania, **Abby Marshall**, from Ohio, and Women Grandmaster **Anya Cork**, from California, were declared co-champions. They were also the top three seeds of the tournament. Each champion was awarded a full tuition and fees scholarship to the University of Texas in Dallas (UTD), a prominent supporter of scholastic chess. For more information on UTD please contact, The University of Texas at Dallas, 2601 North Floyd Road, Richardson, TX 75083-0688 or call at 972-883-2111. You can also visit them at their website at <http://chessweb.utdallas.edu/chessclub.htm>.

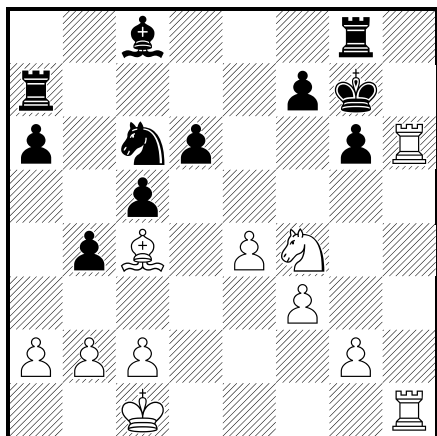
A record \$155,000 in cash, prizes and scholarships were awarded to the 48 young ladies. The third annual GM Susan Polgar National Invitational for Girls will be held in Chicago, Illinois from August 6-11, 2006. This tournament was co-sponsored by The Polgar Foundation and the U.S. Chess Trust. You can find information about what The Polgar Foundation is all about by visiting <http://www.susanpolgarfoundation.org>. Also check out <http://www.uschess.org/org/patrons1.php> for information on the U.S. Chess Trust. Several side activities for the Polgar attendees rounded out the week of fun and competition for the girls.

-USCF Press Release

The November "Scholastic Chess" column at the Chess Cafe website <http://www.chesscafe.com/scholastic/scholastic.htm> features two annotated games by Ms. Melekhina. We quote the gamescore of one of them, her win over Carl Haessler from the US Open:

Alisa Melekhina- Carl Haessler [C41]
US Open

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 exd4 4.Nxd4 g6 5.Nc3 Bg7 6.Be3 Nf6 7.Qd2 0-0 8.0-0 a6 9.f3 b5 10.Bh6 Bxh6 11.Qxh6 b4 12.Nd5 c5 13.Nxf6+ Qxf6 14.Ne2 Rd8 15.h4 Nc6 16.h5 Qg7 17.hxg6 hxg6 18.Nf4 Qxh6 19.Rxh6 Ra7 20.Bc4 Kg7 21.Rdh1 Rg8



22.Nxg6 Be6 23.Bxe6 fxe6 24.Nf4 e5 25.Rxd6 Nd4 26.Ne6+ Nxe6 27.Rxe6 Kf8 28.g4 Rf7 29.Rxe5 Rxf3 30.Rf5+ Rxf5 31.gxf5 Rg2 32.b3 Re2 33.Rh4 Rf2 34.Rh6 Re2 35.Re6 a5 36.Kd1 Rh2 37.Rc6 Rh1+ 38.Kd2 Rh2+ 39.Kc1 Rh1+ 40.Kb2 Re1 41.Rxc5 Rxe4 42.Rxa5 Rf4 43.Rc5 1-0

48th Gateway Open

PITTSBURGH - Due to a mixup, there were two separate events on the weekend of October 22 and 23. Unfortunately, very few people out of towners made the trip to play in both. This first one was a G/75 event at the Pittsburgh Chess Club. Alexander Heimann won the open section by smashing everybody in his way. He started off by defeating Tom Magar in the first round, then followed up with victories over Tyler Lelis, myself, and his brother, Mark Heimann, in the final round. His perfect score was 1½ points ahead of his bother, Lelis, Franklin Chen, and Clyde Kapinos, who upset me in the final round. The reserve section was split between Paul Duerig and Adam Ratana, both scoring 3½/4.

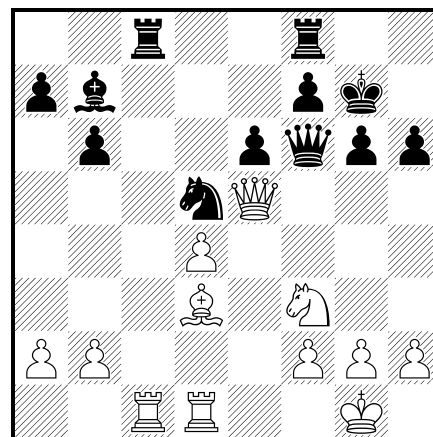
PA Action Championship

PITTSBURGH - The other major site to play in open tournaments in the area is the University of Pittsburgh. The PA Action Championship had a great turnout this year, with 48 players in the open section and 31 in the scholastic.

In the open section, the first two rounds pretty much went as expected. The big upset in round three was Arut Baluyan's win over Tom Magar. I was held to a draw against the 1800 Avi Schreiber. Ryan Milisits beat Baluyan in the penultimate round, and Tyler Lelis beat top seeded NM Mark Eidemiller to join him in a tie for the lead. This game was also played in that round:

Joseph Mucerino (2048) - Tom Magar (2200)
PA Action Championship, Round 4, 10/23/2005

1.d4 Nf6 2.Nf3 g6 3.Bg5 Bg7 4.Nbd2 d5 5.e3 c5 6.c3 Nbd7 7. Bd3 b6 8.O-O O-O 9.Qe2 Bb7 10.e4 cxd4 11.cxd4 dxe4 12.Nxe4 h6 13.Bh4 Nd5 14.Bg3 N7f6 15.Nxf6+ Nxf6 16.Rfd1 Nd5 17.Be5 e6 18.Rac1 Rc8 19.Bxg7 Kxg7 20.Qe5+ Qf6



21.h3? A better idea is 21. Rxc8 Rxc8 22. Be4. 21... Nb4 22.Be2? Rfd8?! We both missed that black can win a pawn with 22... Nxa2 23. Ra1 Bd5. 23.a3 Nd5?! Not a bad move in itself, but again, Fritz points out that black can win a pawn with 23... Rxc1 24. Rxc1 Bxf3 25. Bxf3 Nd3 26. Qxf6+ Kxf6 and white cannot defend both the b and d pawns. 24.Bf1? Nf4! Now black is threatening 25...Nxb3+ and 26...Bxf3. 25.Qxf6+ Better is 25. Rxc8 Rxc8 26. Nd2 Rc2. 25...Kxf6 26.Ne5 Rxc1 Yes, black can play 26... Rxd4! and be a clean pawn up. 27.Rxc1 Bxg2!? Interesting, but perhaps not completely sound. White cannot capture on g2 because of 28...Ne2+. The game looks like a draw after 27... Rxd4 28. Ng4+ Ke7 29. Rc7+ Rd7 30. Rxd7+ Kxd7 31.Nxh6. 28.Rc7! Rxd4?? This blunders a piece. Black should

play the interesting line 28... Bxh3 29. Rxf7+ Kg5 30. Rxf4 Kxf4 31. Bxh3 Rxd4 32. Nxb6+ Kg5. **29.Ng4+ Kg5 30.Bxg2 f5 31.Ne3 Rd2 32.Rc2 Rd7** Time was starting to wind down, so the quality of play on both sides diminished. The game concluded: **33.Kh2 e5 34.Bf1 e4 35.Kg3 Nh5+ 36.Kh2 Nf4 37. Bb5 Re7 38.Rc6 Re5 39.a4 Nh5 40. Rc2 Re7 41.Nd5 Rg7 42.Nc7 Nf4 43.Na6 Nh5 44.Nb4** I stopped taking notation here. After a few more moves, black lost on time. **1-0.**

In the final round, I was black against Eidemiller. Our back and forth game ended in a draw after we both ran out of time. Instantaneously, Milisits and Lelis decided to agree to a draw, in what was probably a drawn ending anyway, to share first place. Donald Meigs, CM Greg Vaserstein, Schreiber, and myself tied for third. The scholastic section was swept by the unrated Ray Smith 5-0.

Castle Quick Chess Championship

STATE COLLEGE - On the eve of the Tullah Hanley Grand Prix there is always this warm-up event to get the juices flowing. No masters entered this event, but that does not mean anything. With most of the field made up of mostly underrated scholastic players, the winner can be one of a number of players.

No one was more surprised than your author when I won the event. After four years of coming close to a trophy, I finally take one home: the first place trophy! The first three rounds were pretty easy. Then in round four, I was black against Jason Lian, who had just knocked off top seed Vladimir Getman. I got a bad position, but Lian used most of his allotted ten minutes to get there. Eventually, the position became even. Now, if the clock times were about equal, I would have offered a draw, but I was up so much time I decided to play it out. The result was that Lian miscalculated, and I queened a pawn before he did, and I won. Then penultimate round brought Gabriel Petesch. I had better positions in our two previous encounters, but blew them, and only scored half a point out of two. This time I got it right, and, after fighting back from a worse position, won when I could queen a pawn. Five points now guaranteed me a trophy! In the final round, I was black against the other perfect score, Ben Garner, who had defeated prodigy Thomas Riccardi in round four. Again, I was down a little material and had a worse pawn structure, but I had a bishop against his knight, so I kept attacking. Garner fell short on time, I won some material back, and he resigned with one second on his clock, when I would trade off my bishop for his knight and queen a pawn. Victory was mine!

Tieing for second were Petesch, Garner, and Joshua Dubin, all with five points. In the U1200 section, there was a three-way tie for first, with Jonathan Paulson, Divakar Ahuja, and Mitchell Hoffman all scoring five points.

23rd Annual Tullah Hanley Grand Prix/Pennsylvania State Championship

STATE COLLEGE - The PSCF could not find a site to hold the state championship in central Pennsylvania, so it asked Castle Chess Camp organizer Dr. Robert Ferguson if the Tullah Hanley Grand Prix could double as the state championship. He agreed, but then a problem arose: the University of Pittsburgh at Bradford would not allow him to use their campus. A new site would have to be found. Thankfully, the new site was in central Pennsylvania, or else the state championship would have to be held somewhere else. Penn State University, after missing the last rotation of the state championship, would once again be the host.

Penn State imposed many restrictions on the Castle Chess Camp. I was not a camp member myself, but from what I have heard, there were certain places the camp members could not go. Due to the size of the campus, campers could not wander around freely as they could in Bradford. The size also led to some disruption of the schedule of events, because it took too long to walk from one building to the next. Also, on the last day of the tournament (and I witnessed this) the university held registration for four different camps in the same location as where the tournament was, and, naturally, that was a big mess. Dr. Ferguson had indicated that next year's camp will not be at Penn State, and that it will likely be in Atlanta, GA, at Emory University. There is a chance that a Tullah Hanley Grand Prix will be held in the Keystone State, but that is uncertain. Personally, I am deeply saddened to see this great camp and tournament go.

This year's tournament was extremely strong. GM Aleksander Wojtkiewicz led the whole way, conceding a quick, final round draw to IM Ron Burnett, who had entered with a half point bye. Since they were not from Pennsylvania, they could win the title. IM Edward Formanek wanted to defend the title he won last year in Allentown in his home town. He hit a speed bump named Peter Minear in round three and lost. That gave Minear a perfect score on Saturday. NM Bryan Norman had the game of his life in the same round against Wojtkiewicz, but wound up losing after having a better, if not losing position. Former state champ NM Mark Eidemiller drew tough Thomas Riccardi in round two, and beat me in round three, so he was only a half point behind going into the final day. Vladimir Getman also had 2½/3.

On Sunday, Wojtkiewicz beat Minear and Burnett defeated Eidemiller. Formanek bested Getman in the battle of State College natives. Norman continued his great tournament by winning against Penn State student Derek Fisher. I could only draw against Sean Lourette in what looked like a slightly better position, but with out of state players taking most of the points, I was still in the running for a piece of the title. Minear withdrew from the event, in order to secure his master's rating (which he did get), but he lost out on a crack at the title. I was black against Riccardi and lost badly. Norman drew Formanek, and they were both guaranteed part of the title. Eidemiller beat Jayson Lian to join them in a tie for the title with 3½/5 points. Norman was declared the winner of the title on tiebreaks, but they will all be co-champions.

In the U1800 section, Andrew Spore beat tournament leader Luka Glimsky to score 4½ points. Jared Androzzi had the same score, but he his from Georgia, so Spore is the sole champion. The U1200 section was swept by Jonathan Paulson, who began the tournament as an unrated and leaves it with a 1769 rating and a state title. Watch out for him in the future!

Next year's state championship will be at the University of Pittsburgh. See you there!

3rd Annual Holly Heisman Memorial

WYNNEWOOD - For the third straight year, this charitable event raised money for women in need. Ninety-one players took part in three sections (open, U1400, and U800) in this 5 round G/30 tournament, and contested for prizes that were all donated to the event. The open section was very strong with two FIDE masters in attendance. FM Rodion Rubenchik won with a score of 4½/5, and took home a Bookup chess program (it is a very large database). He held fellow FM Boris Baczynskyj, who had drawn U.S. Amateur East champion Dan Yeager in round 3, to a draw in the final round to clinch the victory. Baczynskyj tied for second

with PA Amateur State Champion Greg Nolan, but won the second place prize, a four inch Ebonized Boxwood Set from the House of Staunton, on tiebreaks. Calvin Mei swept the U1400 section 5-0 and won a Chess Timer II Chess Clock. Michael Pergeorelis also scored 5-0 in the U800 section, and was awarded John Bain's *Chess Tactics For Students*.

206 Play at 2005 Greater Philadelphia Scholastic Chess Championship

ARDMORE - 206 students participated at the 2005 Greater Philadelphia Scholastic Chess Championship held at Lower Merion High School on Nov 13. Players from three states participated in this event, which determines the area high school, middle school, and elementary individual and team champions. The sponsors of this event were the Pennsylvania State Chess Federation (PSCF), Main Line Speech Ltd., M&T Bank, and host Lower Merion HS.

There were three co-champions in the High School Championship section. Top-rated expert and US Amateur Team East Champion Dan Yeager was held to a draw in the final round by sixth grader Rahul Swaminathan. Dan, who lives in Horsham, is a sophomore representing the Main Line Chess Club, while Rahul represented the Westfield Chess Club of New Jersey. Joining them as co-champions with a 3½-½ score was ninth grader Evan Ames of powerhouse J.R. Masterman High School. Going into the final round there was a three-way tie for the top high school team. When the smoke cleared Wyomissing High School, led by Alex Guziak, edged out Conestoga High School by half a point to take the title. Conestoga, ranked second in the area behind Masterman was playing without half of their best players. Exeter HS finished third. The Top club was the Main Line Chess Club; M&T Bank sponsored the club trophies.

In the new High School Under-1100 section, restricted to new players and players with US Chess Federation ratings under 1100, the winner was Mitchell Hoffman of Warwick High School. Lewis Samuel, of North Brunswick High School in New Jersey, beat out six others on tiebreak to take second place. The Top School was also won by Wyomissing High School, which thereby swept both high school team titles.

In the Middle School section top rated eighth grader Josh Bowman of Blue Bell, representing the Montgomery County Youth Chess Club, swept five games but had to share the title with fellow eighth grader Josh Fisher, who represented Orefield Middle School and also finished 5-0. There was a seven-way tie for 3rd-9th, and taking third on tiebreak was Andrew Shwartsman of Haines Memorial MS. Andrew lost the decisive final game against Josh on first board. J.R. Masterman's Middle School team won the Top School prize and Montgomery County Youth Chess Club easily ran away with the M&T Bank Top Club honors.

In a big upset, the champions in the Elementary (K-5) Championship section was Preneeth Denduluri with a 4½-½ score. Denduluri had recently won the junior title at the Main Line Chess Club and he continued his dramatic improvement by sweeping past several higher rated players. The new K-3 Primary section was dominated by Odette Moolten, who decisively broke out of her recent slump with a perfect 4-0 score. Alexander Lin won the K-5 U700.

Finally, a percentage of the funds taken in from the sale of chess books and equipment was donated to a charity – the Philadelphia Foundation's Holly Heisman Fund, to support women in need.

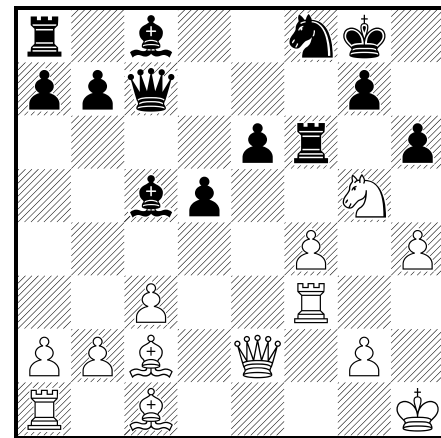
PSCF Southeastern Scholastic Coordinator Dan Heisman was the tournament director for the high school and middle school sections. PSCF Scholastic Coordinator Steve McLaughlin ran the elementary sections. They were assisted by Robert Lakata and Steve Lippincott.
- Dan Heisman

Games By PSCF Members

Joe Mucerino - Alexander Heimann

29th Pittsburgh Class Championship, Rd 1, 9/24/2005

1.d4 Nf6 2.Nf3 e6 3.Nbd2 c5 4.e3 cxd4 5.exd4 Nc6 6.c3 Qc7 7.Bd3 d5 8.O-O Be7 9.Qe2 O-O 10.Ne5 Nxe5 11.dxe5 Nd7 12.f4 Nc5 13.Bc2 f5 14.exf6 I decided to capture en passant in order to open my bishop back up to the h7 square, and also because if the knight made it to e4, it would be a very strong piece. Capturing the knight would not only give black a protected passed pawn, but the pawn would control the f3 square, where my rook needs to go in order to swing to g3 or h3. (JM) 14... Rxf6 The position is equal (F and JM). Fritz pointed out that black has big problems after 14... gxf6?? 15. Bxh7+ Kxh7 16. Qh5+ Kg7 17. Rf3+-. 15.Nf3 Nd7 Over the board, I was concerned about 15...b6, threatening 16...Ba6, winning an exchange. Fritz agreed, and said black would be slightly better. Heimann's move is solid but a little passive. 16.Ng5 The tempting 16.Bxh7+ does not work because after 16...Kxh7 17.Ng5+ Kg8 18.Qh5 (but not 18.Nxe6? Qb6+ will pick up the knight) 18...Nf8 is pretty solid for black. Fritz suggested the developing 16.Be3, but I wanted to go for the throat right away. 16... Nf8 17.Rf3 h6 18.h4?? Bc5+ Black can safely capture the knight with 18... hxc5 19.hxc5 Rf7 20. Rh3 Bc5+ 21.Kh1 g6! and black is completely safe. 19.Kh1



Qe7?? (F) Again, capturing the knight is safe: 19...hxc5 20.hxc5 Rf7 21.Rh3 e5! and white does not have a winning attack. 20.b4 Bd6 21.Nh3 I did not see how to keep the attack going if black captured the knight, so I decided I finally had to retreat it. 21...Ng6 22.Qd3 Nxe4 23.Qh7+ I thought getting my queen into black's position would be compensation for the pawn, but I was wrong. Black's queen does a good job defending. 23...Kf8 24.Rg3 Qf7 25.Be3 Qg8 26.Qxg8+ Kxg8 27.Bd4 Rf7 28. Rg4 e5 29. Rxh4 exd4 30.Bb3 Be7 31. Rh5 Bxh3 32. Rxh3 Rxf4 33. Bxd5+ Kh8 34. Re1 Bf6 35. cxd4 Rxd4 36.Bxb7 Rb8 37. Bc6 Rdx6 38. a4 Kg8 39. Rd3 Rh4+ 40. Rh3 Rd4 41.Rhe3 Rb6 42.Be4? (JM) I was in time pressure, and I forgot about the pawn. My idea was to try to mate with 43.Bg6 and 44.Re8. White should try 42.Be8. He has some drawing chances with the bishops of opposite colors and the fact that white can draw an ending where

black has his bishop and the h-pawn because the h1 square is the opposite color of the bishop. **42... Rxa4 43.Bd5+** Without my rook pawn, I wanted to keep as much material on the board as possible. If I did play **43.Bg6**, black can trade one pair of rooks with **43...Rh4+ 44.Rh3** (not **44.Kg1?** Bd4). Fritz also found that after **43.Bg6**, black can play **43...Be7**, and the bishop on g6 is attacked. **43... Kh7 44.Be4+ g6 45.Rd1 h5 46.Rd7+ Kh6 47.Kh2 Re6 48.Bc2 Be5+** We were both in time pressure now (I had less time), and I thought this move was a blunder. I was wrong. **49.Rxe5 Rh4+ 50.Kg3 Rg4+** This is the check I missed. **51.Kf3 Rxe5 52.Rxa7 Reg5 0-1**

Letters to the Editor

Thank you for the February 2005 *Pennswoodpusher*. I may photocopy the article "Chess Behind Bars" for the State Correctional Institution at Houtzdale's Deputy Superintendent and Activities Department.

You requested thoughts on the subject of draws. Maurice Ashley's "50 moves before offering a draw" rule is a marketing tool for commercial professional chess. For pro chess to be profitable, it must appeal to customers. Casual fans dislike draws. Casual fans would be less likely to watch the Super Bowl if it could be drawn. Ashley's rule need not apply to the club level and skittles.

Sincerely,
Joseph Henry

(We would like to acknowledge receipt of interesting letters from Ross Nickel and Ken Davenport, both of which the Editor has managed to misplace just before we went to press. With luck, they will appear in our next issue.)

UPCOMING PSCF EVENTS

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@pscfchess.org W.

A Heritage Event

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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@pscfchess.org W.

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Solution to Frontispiece Problem by Dowd:

1.Nb4 threatening Nb7(#4) 1...Kc5 2.Nc6 threatening Be3#(1)
2...Kb6 3.b4 threatening b5(#2) 3...Ka6 4.b5+ Kb6 5.Be3# 1-0

Answer to Trivia Question:

The answer is GM Ratmir Kholmov and GM Nikola Padevsky. Kholmov beat Fischer in round 18 of the 1965 Capablanca Memoriam tournament (which Fischer played by teletype), and Fischer avenged his defeat in 1967 in round 16 of the Skopje tournament. Padevsky drew Fischer twice at the 1962 Varna Olympiad: in round 2 of the preliminaries, and round 8 of the final (in only 20 moves!). Fischer would play his famous draw against Botvinnik two rounds later. Padevsky also drew Kasparov in Daugavpils in 1978. – Joe Mucerino

Solution to Lissner Problems:

A 1.♔d5 1-0; B. 1.♖f1 1-0; C. 1.♗e3 1-0; D. 1.♗f2 1-0; E. 1.♙b4 1-0; F. 1.♚c5 1-0; G. 1.♗b3 1-0; H. 1.cxd3 There is a second solution: 1.♗f2–NB 1-0 I. 1.♙h5 1-0

Holiday Chess–nuts Solutions:

1) William Ewart Napier: 1.Ng6+ Kh7 2.Ke6 Kxg6 3.f8N# claiming a knight and replacing the White knight just captured by Black, thus mating with the knight that stood originally at f4. Several correspondents had the idea that the trial lay in the wording of the proposition, but as explained, the problem was in every way legitimate.--Helms, Brooklyn Eagle, Sept. 27, 1900. Earlier, in the September 16, 1900 issue, in which this problem, entitled "Napier's Trick Problem" appeared, Helms wrote that "W.E. Napier of the Brooklyn Chess Club, who is best known for his strength in over the board play, occasionally turns his attention to the composition of problems and endgames. When he does so, he generally turns out something that is both attractive and difficult. His latest effort in this direction is a conditional three mover. Although of the nature of a trick problem, it is perfectly legitimate. Pillsbury solved it when shown to him the day after his return from Europe, but up till then he had been the only one to succeed in so doing. The position is herewith appended." 1-0

All remaining problems are from *Brentano's Chess Monthly*, January 1882.

- 2) J. K. Henshaw; White is in the act of Castling, which he completes by putting the Rook on the board, giving mate.
- 3) Joseph Ney Babson; White is making a move and has picked up the piece he is moving. If I have to tell you where to put a piece to checkmate that King, you are reading the wrong magazine.
- 4) Benjamin Milnes Neill; A Black Knight moved from f2 to h1, discovering check, and the White King has captured the Knight. If White is to move, he plays Ne3 mate.
- 5) William Shinkman; Mate with Queen by 1.Qd5; Mate in two with Rook is forced by 1.Qd3; Mate in three with Bishop is forced by 1.Qe5+ Kxc4 and promoting pawn to Bishop; If 1.Qe5+ Kc5 Mate in four with Knight is forced, ending with an underpromotion to a Knight; Pawn mates in five by 1.Qf4 pawn moves 2.Bb5 (there is also a mate in four by 1.c8(Q)+); The King mates in six by 1.Kxb7, 2.Kc8, 3.Kd7, 4.Kd6; 5.Kc6, 6.Kb6 discovered mate.
- 6) Joseph Ney Babson, White mates by Rb3 or Qxe4+, and selfmates by Qc1+. Black mates by ...Rxe5+ or ...Qg8+, and selfmates by ...Nc5+.

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