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CHESS BEHIND BARS

Memories of the Pittsburgh CC Prison Visits

By Bruce Leverett

I read in the paper in January that the State Correctional Institute of Pittsburgh (SCIP) closed. Only then did it finally hit me that the old Pittsburgh Chess Club prison visit program was no more. I have strong memories of participating in this program.

The prison, formerly known as Western Penitentiary, was over 100 years old. In the early 1960's they had a chess club, called the Walled Knights. There must have been a prison visit program then, because the Pittsburgh Chess Club has pictures from it in an album in our library. In those pictures I recognized some guys that I had known as a teenager, such as David Gavin and Ron Zaffuto. I also recognized the room where they were playing.

The more recent prison visit program was started in the early 1990's by Bill Hughes, and later run by Ed Barr. There was an active chess club in the prison, which held rated tournaments. Sometimes we played rated games during visits, sometimes skittles. At one time, visits were as often as every other month.

The strongest player "inside" was Kenneth Davenport, an Expert, whose name you can regularly find near the top of the lists of the ongoing problem solving competition in the Keys 'n' Krackers column in *Chess Life*. A few years ago Ken was transferred to SCI Mahanoy, in the eastern part of the state; the strongest player at SCIP after that was probably Class A strength. Club visitors included strong players such as former Club champion Don Meigs, former State co-champion Andy Rea, and myself, as well as many others. Bobby Dudley visited, and generously donated books and equipment. The prison club was surprisingly strong. Consider that the prison population was about 2,000. Imagine a town of that size in which there were an Expert, a couple of A players, and quite a few B and C players!

A high point in the life of the prison's chess club was when Alex Yermolinsky, who had recently won the U.S. Championship, gave a simul there in November 1996. He played 20 opponents, losing two and drawing one. It was covered on the front page of the *Post-Gazette*. It was truly a historic event; we could not find a record of any prison simuls by Grandmasters since the 1960's. Yermolinsky earned the admiration of his audience, not only by his play, but also by his gracious opening remarks praising amateur chess players. Some games from this event can be found in the January 1997 issue of the Pittsburgh Chess Club *En Passant*.

On my own first visit, in 1993, I was asked to sign autographs! I had recently won the Club championship. Inmates knew about my book on the 'Velimirovic' Attack, published by Bob Dudley ten years before. SCIP became a hotbed of 'Velimirovic' activity. In 1995, Ken

The PA State Scholastic Championships and related events are being played at the same site in Carlisle as last year. To avoid confusion, we wanted to be sure that everyone knew that the hotel has recently changed it's name to the Hotel Carlisle & Convention Center with it's new website at: <http://www.hotelcarlisle.com/>

Davenport and I, with analytical assistance by some other prisoners, co-authored a theoretical article on a variation of that opening, which appeared in the November 1995 issue of *En Passant*.

The prison building was a huge hulk on the north shore of the Ohio river. In a typical visit, early on a Sunday afternoon, we would gather in the parking lot or the lobby. When we were all present, we would notify the guards. We would sign in and proceed through the metal detector, which was very strong. A guard would escort us out of the reception building, past the exercise yard and other buildings, featuring high brick walls and barbed wire. In good weather there would usually be many prisoners in the exercise yard, standing around and talking. I remember a comment once along the lines of, "we won't get as many people as we hoped, because of the Steelers game." We would be led into the education building, upstairs to some classrooms around a lobby. There would be a break for dinner, which we ate in a prison cafeteria, staffed by some prisoners, including some who were chess players. By the time we left for home, it was evening.

On my first or second visit, after leaving the building, I didn't immediately get in my car, but walked around behind the building, to watch the river flow by. I couldn't tell for sure if the windows in the back wall would allow the prisoners to see the river. I couldn't help thinking what it would be like to live so close to the huge river for years, but unable to come down to it. A program like this can remind you not to take your freedom for granted.

Not long after the Yermolinsky exhibition, there was a spectacular escape, and prison security procedures were tightened, making it a long bureaucratic process to recruit people for visits. Everyone had to attend a "training session", taught by a guard, a lecture of a couple of hours on do's and don'ts of relating to prisoners. At these meetings we saw volunteers from other groups, such as Alcoholics Anonymous and some religious groups.

Prison officials and guards loved visit programs such as ours, because they had a powerful effect on prison morale and discipline. I remember attending a reception for volunteers, and meeting the warden. Another volunteer group organized classes taught by faculty of the area colleges.

Prisoners at SCIP usually were in for a long time. The silver lining was that a stable population was good for a chess club. The new County jail on the Monongahela river downtown is a modern place, but I wouldn't look for a chess club there. On two occasions, I met former prisoners on the "outside". I ran into one at the Pittsburgh Chess Club once, and I saw another behind a deli counter at a supermarket. Actually he saw me; he recognized me and started a conversation about chess. After visiting that forbidding fortress a few times, I was almost surprised to see that they could ever get out.

Our last two visits were in April of 2003; Ed Barr, Belford Boles, and I were present. The process of closing the prison had not yet begun, and the chess club was full and lively. It's hard to imagine that less than two years later, that room, and the whole building complex, were just empty shells. The state prison system no longer has a prison close to Pittsburgh, though there are prisons in Greensburg and Greene County. I wonder what the future holds for prison chess in Pennsylvania.

Ken Davenport - Bruce Leverett [C07]

SCIP, May 1995, game/25

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nd2 e5 4.c3 cxd4 5.cxd4 dxe4 6.Nxe4 Be7 7.Nf3 Nf6 8.Nc3 0-0 9.Bd3 b6 10.0-0 Bb7 11.Be3 Nc6 12.Rc1 Rc8 13.Bb1 Na5 14.Ne5 Nd7 15.Qh5 g6 16.Qe2 Nxe5 17.dxe5 Nc4 18.Bh6 Re8 19.Rfd1 Qc7 20.b3 Na5 21.Nd5 Bxd5 22.Rxc7 Rxc7 23.Rc1 Rec8 24.Rxc7 Rxc7 25.h3 Nc6 26.Be4 Nd4 27.Qd3 Bxe4 28.Qxe4 Nc6 29.g3 Bc5 30.Kg2 a5 31.h4 Ne7 32.g4 Re8 33.Qf3 Nd5 34.h5 Bd4 35.Qe4 Bb2 36.Bg5 b5 37.Bh6 Rc3 38.Bd2 Rc5 39.Bxa5 Rc1 40.Bd2 Rd1 41.Bh6 b4 42.Qe2 , Black's flag fell. 1-0

Bruce Leverett - Ken Davenport [D32]

SCIP, December 1993, game/25

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e5 3.e3 e6 4.Nc3 d5 5.Nf3 Nc6 6.cxd5 exd5 7.Bb5 Bg4 8.h3 cxd4 9.exd4 Bxf3 10.Qxf3 Be7 11.0-0 0-0 12.Be3 Qb6 13.Rfd1 a6 14.Bd3 Rfd8 15.b3 Nb4 16.Na4 Qa7 17.Bf5 g6 18.Bb1 Rac8 19.Bg5 b5 20.Nc5 Kg7 21.a3 Nc6 22.b4 h6 23.Bf4 Ng8 24.Ba2 Bf6 25.Be3 Nce7 26.Rac1 a5 27.bxa5 Nc6 28.a6 Nxd4 29.Bxd4 Bxd4 30.Rxd4 Rxc5 31.Rxc5 Qxc5 32.Rxd5 Rxd5 33.Bxd5 Nf6 34.Bb7 Nd7 35.Qe3 Qc7 36.Qd4+ Kh7 37.Bd5 Nc5 38.Bxf7 Nxa6 39.Qf6 Qc1+ 40.Kh2 Qc7+ 41.g3 Qc2 42.Be6 Qc7 43.Qf8 Qg7 44.Qd6 Nc7 45.Bd7 Qf7 46.Kg1 From this point on my scoresheet doesn't give Black's moves, so I'm guessing. 46...Ne8 47.Qd3 Nc7 48.Bxb5 Nxb5 49.Qxb5 Qa2 50.Qd3 1-0

Crossing The Bar**Arnold Denker 1914-2005**

Arnold Denker has died at the age of 90. Born on February 20th 1914 in New York City, Denker died January 2nd 2005 in his home in Fort Lauderdale after a brief struggle with brain cancer. Denker led a full chess life. He was US Champion in 1944 and retained it in 1946 after beating Herman Steiner in a match. In 1945 he played Botvinnik on top board in the US vs USSR Radio match and then traveled to Moscow the following year for the return match over the board where he played Smyslov. He was 3rd at Hastings 1945/46. His most important tournament was Groningen 1946 where he finished 10th.

Denker authored two editions of his best games - *If You Must Play Chess* (1947) and *My Best Chess Games 1929-1976* (1981). He also co-authored *The Bobby Fischer I Knew and other Stories* with Larry Parr. During the last decades of his life he served as USCF Zonal President to FIDE, as a member of the USCF Policy Board and on the US Chess Trust. His proudest chess accomplishment may have been founding the Arnold Denker High School Tournament of Champions.

Denker, who became an IM title in 1950 and received the Honorary GM title from FIDE in 1981, was never a full-time professional. Hooper and Whyld in their Oxford Companion to Chess remark, "Denker was unfortunate in that he was perhaps at his best at a time when, because of war, little chess was being played. and American chess was dominated by Fine and Reshevsky."

Mike Valvo (1942-2004)

IM Michael Valvo of Chanhassen, Minnesota passed away on September 18, 2004 at age 62. Valvo, who had suffered a stroke a few years ago, had a history of heart trouble.

Born in Albany, New York, Michael Valvo was a graduate of Columbia University and spent much of his life working with computers. He is perhaps best known to the public for his job as

commentator for the Kasparov versus Deep Blue Matches in 1996 and 1997, but he accomplished many things in a chess career going back to the late 1950s.

Valvo learned the game from his father Frank, who was also a USCF master. Michael made quick progress and in 1964 was a member of the U.S. team that competed in the 11th Student Olympiad in Cracow, Poland, in 1964 along with Bill Lombardy, Raymond Weinstein, Charles Kalme, Bernard Zuckerman and Mitchell Sweig. The Americans finished in fourth place behind the USSR, Czechoslovakia and Hungary. He quit playing chess in 1969, but came back with a big bang by earning a FIDE rating of 2530 in the late 1970s after an excellent performance in a NY Futurity. FIDE awarded him the IM title in 1980.

A respected opening theoretician Valvo played 1.e4 for much of his career before adding the English to his repertoire. He was a life-long fan of the Dragon and a early pioneer (1963) of a Benko-gambit type approach - 1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 a6 followed by ...e5 with ...b5 to follow d4-d5. He tested many of his lines in correspondence chess throughout his career. Valvo was a co-author of a book on the 1990 Kasparov-Karpov match and was the technical editor of *Bobby Fischer Teaches Chess* along with Raymond Weinstein. He did the game annotations for the 1966/67 US Championship bulletin.

Valvo loved other games besides chess, especially competitive bridge which he played at a high level. He was also known as an excellent blackjack player.

He will leave behind many friends in the places where he spent his life including New York, New Jersey, Colorado and Minnesota.

Michael Franett 1941-2004

The former editor of *Inside Chess* magazine, Mike Franett, passed away at the age of 63. Although he wasn't from Pennsylvania, many PA chessplayers will be familiar with his excellent editorial work for *Inside Chess*, as well as his articles on ChessCafé.com. For a detailed appreciation of Franett's contributions to chess and chess journalism by his longtime friend John Donaldson, please see Issue 221 of the *Mechanics' Institute Chess Club Newsletter*, available online at http://www.chessdryad.com/articles/mi/article_229.htm We thank John Donaldson and the Mechanics' Institute Chess Club for permission to reprint IM Donaldson's obituary notices for Arnold Denker and Mike Valvo from the *Newsletter*.

Yvonne Mucerino 1949-2004

We were saddened to learn of the passing of regular *Pennswoodpusher* contributor and PSCF Secretary Joe Mucerino's mother. Mrs. Mucerino had suffered from Multiple Sclerosis for many years. Donations in her name may be made to:

National Multiple Sclerosis Society - Greater Delaware Valley Chapter
One Reed Street, Suite 200, Philadelphia , PA 19147
phone: 215-271-1500 fax: 215-271-6122 PAE@NMSS.ORG

Joe Mucerino has asked us to print the following statement:
"All of my articles in this issue are dedicated to my late mother, Yvonne Mucerino (May 12, 1949 - December 12, 2004). Mom never attended a tournament, but was extremely supportive of my chess activities. She packed many of my meals (perhaps 200 in all), including the one I took to the Southampton Octo on December 4, eight days before she died. Mom, I can never repay you for all of the wonderful things you did for me. I will love you always."

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10th Annual Rausch Memorial New Year's Eve Insanity

ALLENTOWN - It's a new year, and a new phase in my life. This was my first tournament since my mother passed away on December 12. Nearly a month had passed since my last event at Southampton on December 4 (a very long period of inactivity for me). I desperately wanted to win this tournament and dedicate the victory to Mom. But when Greg Nolan and David Locke, two men that I have dismal scores against, showed up, my hopes were dashed. Surely, I could not finish ahead of both of them, along with last year's winner, Eric Johnson, and a large group of very strong Class A players, in this eight round, G/30 marathon. So, before the tournament began, I told Mom that I was dedicating my effort in the tournament to her, because I would not going to be able to dedicate the victory to her.

This was the first competitive game I played (including skittles) since Mom died:

Joe Mucerino - Larry Cesare [D04]

10th Annual Rausch Memorial New Year's (1), 31.12.2004

Notes by Joe Mucerino

This was a bit of *deja vu*, because I played Cesare in the first round of last year's event, with colors reversed. More *deja vu* was to come! **1.d4 Nf6 2.Nf3 d5 3.e3 g6 4.Nbd2 Bg7 5.Bd3 0-0 6.Ne5 Nbd7 7.f4 Nxe5 8.fxe5 Bg4 9.Be2 Bxe2 10.Qxe2 Nd7 11.Qb5 Nb6 12.a4 a6 13.Qb3 Rb8 14.a5 Nc8 15.0-0 e6 16.c3 c5 17.Qd1 Ne7 18.Nf3 Nc6 19.Qa4 cxd4 20.exd4 b5 21.axb6 Rxb6 22.b3 Qc7 23.Ba3 Ra8 24.Bc5 Rb5??** This loses immediately. 24...Rb7 was forced (24...Rbb8 Bd6). **25.Qxb5 axb5 26.Rxa8+ Nd8** If 26...Nb8 27.Bd6; 26...Bf8 27.Rxf8 Kg7 28.Ng5 and Black is caving in. **27.Ng5 Bf8 28.Bxf8 Kxf8 29.Nxe6+** When I made this move, it reminded me of a shooting star. Mom, I dedicate this game to you. **1-0**

Some of the other top players had difficulty in the opening round. Top rated Eric Johnson lost to Dennis Baluk, and Jim Drasher upset wonderkin Daniel Yeager. Chris Rhodes and David Locke were held to draws by Greg Ellis and David Elliott, respectively.

Drasher's reward for his first round upset was being paired with me. He almost made it two in a row, but, in time pressure, he missed a winning continuation after I made an unexpected move, and I was able to crash thru and checkmate. After defeating Baluk in round three, I was paired with Nolan, the only other perfect score. I blundered a pawn in the opening, but Nolan missed scores of winning continuations, and, after a hard fought blunder filled game, I emerged the winner! It was only my second victory over Nolan in 13 attempts! Although I was elated, the tournament was only half over.

Round 5 began in 2004 and ended in 2005. I was black against David Locke, a person that I had not come even close to defeating in three previous encounters. He surprised me by playing 1.e4 (I was expecting 1.d4), so, naturally, I played the Center Counter. He built up a great position, and my king was stuck in the center, but made a horrific blunder which cost him two pieces and the game. I was on cloud nine now, but I did not become overconfident, because last year (more *deja vu!*), I was in the lead after five rounds after defeating Eric Johnson (see

the Winter 2004 issue for that game), but then collapsed, finishing the final three rounds with draw, draw, loss, and tying for third. In round 6, the pairings on the top two boards were Steve Ferrero (3½ pts) - Joe Mucerino (5) and Eric Johnson (3) - Greg Nolan (4). Ferrero, who tied for first place with me in the 2002-2003 edition of this tournament, is a tough Class A player who can defeat anyone, anytime. It was now the wee hours of the morning. The sugar high I had from eating three of TD Mike Cox's doughnuts had worn off and I now had a sugar low (I do not drink coffee). I played like a zombie in the opening, but woke up when I thought I could win a rook. I was wrong, however, and only came out a pawn ahead. Time pressure and stiff resistance from Ferrero prevented me from cashing in, and the game was drawn. Remember, last year ended with draw, draw, loss. More *deja vu!* However, the draw was good enough to extend my lead to 1½ points, because Johnson beat Nolan, meaning there was now a logjam of players tied for second with 4 points.

In round 7, I finally was paired with top rated Johnson, who had suffered two defeats. Would I defeat Johnson for the third consecutive year in this event? Or would he avenge those defeats? The answer, of course, is neither. Johnson, with black, had pressure on me the entire game, but I was able to trade down to a draw. I had now clinched a tie for first. If Greg Nolan won and I lost in the final round, we would tie. Remember the *deja vu* - draw, draw, loss.

Who was I paired with in the final round? Richard Blank. And who beat me in that final round last year? Richard Blank. Even more *deja vu!* I wheeled out the Center Counter once again, and made an error that Blank did not capitalize on correctly. We traded down into a completely equal position, and agreed to a draw in 16 moves. No *deja vu* this time!

Needless to say, I was ecstatic. Mom, I love you so much. I am delighted to say I dedicate this victory to you! I've won lots of tournaments over the years, and some of them were truly great victories. But this one was the best. It's for you.

MLCC Haverford Quads

HAVERFORD - Once again, the Main Line Chess Club hosted quads at Haverford College (not to be confused with Haverford School, you want the campus where the speed limit is 13 miles an hour!). Your roving reporter won the top quad. James Blakey proved he is multitalented by both directing and scoring a clear first in quad two (and fascinated us with his knowledge of Presidential history). Jack Archer scored three points in quad 3, and thereby added an extra \$5 to his prize for his perfect score. The next quads are scheduled to be on February 26.

New President Random Pairing Swiss

ALLENTOWN - Allentown hosts tournaments every week, and sometimes they like to use an innovative format. For their random pairing swisses, they literally pick names out of a hat. The first name is white, the second, black. You color history or your score does not matter. You can play the same opponent three times in a row, and be the same color three times in a row. Someone with 2-0 can be paired with 0-2 in the final round.

The prize fund is \$40, which is divided among all of the perfect scores. If no one scores 3-0, the club treasury is the big winner. This tournament had five winners: Phil Rizzo, Dan Yeager, Dennis Baluk, Brian Lee (who won a quad that was set up for the novice players), and (drumroll please), your author.

Ken Horan - Joe Mucerino [B01]

Despite the fact that random pairings were used, Horan and I were both 2-0 going into the final round. **1.e4 d5 2.exd5 Nf6 3.d4 Bg4 4.Be2 Bxe2 5.Qxe2 Qxd5 6.Nf3 e6 7.0-0 Nc6 8.c3** Not 8.c4? or 8.Nc3? Nxd4 **8...0-0-0 9.Bf4 Bd6 10.Bxd6!?** I believe that complicating things with 10.Ne5 was the way to go. **10...cxd6** Keeping the Knight out of e5. **11.Nbd2 g5 12.h3?!** This allows me to open up the g-file. White should pawnstorm on the Queenside with 12.b4 **12...g4 13.hxg4 Nxg4 14.Nh2?** Another move I didn't like. White is trying to trade down while being attacked, normally a good idea, but exposing his King on h2 is not a good idea. **14...Nxh2 15.Kxh2 Rdg8 16.Qf3 Qg5 17.Ne4 Qh4+ 18.Kg1 Rg7 19.Nxd6+??** Greedy. White should be thinking about defense, not using a precious tempo to capture an unimportant pawn. This move probably cost White the game. **19...Kb8 20.Ne4 Rhg8 21.Ng3 f5 22.Qh5** Giving up the Queen is not any better. **22.Rfe1 f4 23.Ne2 Rxc2 24.Qxc2 Rxc2 25.Kxc2 Qg4 26.Kh2 f3 27.Ng3 Qh4 28.Kg1 Qg3** and mate next. **22...Qxh5 23.Nxh5 Rxc2+ 24.Kh1 R2g5 25.Ng3 f4** It's mate or the knight. **0-1** You can link to the Center City Chess Club off the PSCF website to find their weekly schedule.

Southampton DVGP

SOUTHAMPTON - Steve McLaughlin held his final Delaware Valley Grand Prix event of the year at Davisville Church in Southampton. Once again, Dan Yeager won the scholastic open section 4-0. Kathryn Walsh did the same in the U1100 section. Daniel Slesinski was also 4-0 in the U750 K-6th section, and Jesse Rong was perfect in the U500 K-3 section. One again, Steve McLaughlin held an open octo for adults to play in, and the winner was...me! I hope I am not sounding like a broken record. Be on the lookout for the next event.

Chaturanga Chess Club Championship

HATBORO - With the West Chester and West Shore titles already under my belt this year, I decided to try for another one. However, I entered this event with the psychological disadvantage of scoring only 2/5 in the 2003 addition. I shut that out of my mind, and began the event defeating another PSCF officer:

Stan Booz - Joe Mucerino [E00]

Chaturanga Chess Club Championship, 2004

Notes by Joe Mucerino and the editor

The PSCF Treasurer vs the PSCF Secretary. **1.d4 Nf6 2.Nf3 d5 3.c4 e6 4.g3 c6 5.Bg2 Nbd7 6.Qc2 Bd6 7.0-0 0-0 8.b3 Ne4 9.Bb2 f5** Uh, Joe, you do realize you just transposed to the Dutch Defense, don't you? -ed. **10.cxd5?!** This gets rid of black's bad e-pawn. -Mucerino; 10.Nbd2 or ; 10.Nc3 with the idea of Nf3-d2 and playing the f-pawn to f3 at some point, would be better. By exchanging pawns, White has uncramped Black's game. Black has now equalized. -editor **10...exd5 11.Nbd2 Qe7 12.e3?** This weakens the f3 square. **12...Ndf6 13.Rfe1** 13.Rac1 would have kept the status quo and forced Black to do something.-editor **13...Ng4 14.Nxe4? fxe4** Now the pawn on f2 crumbles. White decides to save himself pain and agony. -Mucerino **0-1**

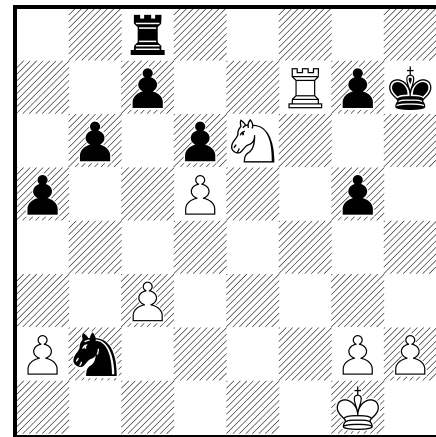
Elijah Kaufman upset Jim Larsen in the first round's biggest upset. It was the beginning of a good tournament for Kaufman. I had to begin playing strong players as early as round 2, and got lucky by winning with black against former two-time champ Randy Slepion. Craig Klein, who massacred me in last year's event, continued his upsetting ways by beating Ed McKinney. I dreaded a rematch, but was fortunate enough to be paired with Marvin Oniate, and won fairly easily with white. Bob Cohen stopped Klein, and Gennadiy Geyler beat TD Jorge Amador. Geyler and I had the only perfect scores (Geyler did start with 3/3, not

2½/3 as the crosstable indicates), which set up this game between the top two players:

Joe Mucerino - Gennadiy Geyler [A47]

Chaturanga Chess Club Championship, 2004

The two highest rated players, the only two players remaining with perfect scores, meet on board 1. **1.d4 e6 2.e3 b6 3.Nf3 Bb7 4.Bd3 Nf6 5.Nbd2 d6 6.0-0 Be7 7.c3 h6 8.e4 Nbd7 9.Qe2 e5 10.d5 a5 11.Ne1 0-0 12.Nc4 Nc5 13.f4 Nxd3 14.Nxd3 exf4 15.Bxf4 Ba6 16.Ne3** This looks like a pawn sac, but it's really not. **16...Nxe4 17.Nf5** A good attacking square. The Knight attacks the g7 and h6 pawns. **17...Bxd3 18.Qxd3 Nc5 19.Qg3 Bg5!** I thought Black was busted, but this seems to hold for the moment. 20.h4 is met by 20...Ne4 21.Qg4 Nf6 22.Qg3 Ne4 etc. **20.Rae1** To take the e4 square away from the knight. **20...Kh7 21.Bxg5!** A difficult, but correct, decision. White gives up the attack to enter a favorable ending. **21...Qxg5 22.Qxg5 hxg5 23.Re7 Rac8 24.Nd4 Nd3 25.Rxf7 Rxf7 26.Rxf7 Nxb2 27.Ne6**



27...c6?? I believe this is the losing move. Logically, Black wants to open the c-file and activate his Rook. The best try is to try to establish a passed a-pawn with 27...Nd1 (or 27...Na4) 28.c4 Nc3 29.Rxc7 Kh6 30.Rxc7 (White does not waste a tempo with 30.a3, because he wants the Knight to capture on a2 because it is such a poor square for the piece. On a3, the Knight would be able to capture on c4; on a4, it has the c5 square available). 30...Rxc7 31.Nxc7 Nxa2 and Black can try to use his passed a-pawn to gain counterplay. **28.Rxc7+ Kh6 29.Rxc7 cxd5 30.Rxd5 Rxc3 31.Rxd6 Nc4 32.Rc6 Kh5 33.Nd4 b5?** Why? My idea was to play 34.Nb5 and 35.Nd6 to attack the pinned Knight. **34.Nxb5 Rc1+ 35.Kf2 Kg4 36.Na3±** Attacking the Knight, and taking the c2 square away from the Rook. **36...Nb2** This avoids material loss, but the ending is completely lost. **37.Rxc1 Nd3+ 38.Ke3 Nxc1 39.Nc4 Nxa2 40.Nxa5 Nb4** As long as Black's King cannot enter White's position, or White blunders both pawns for the Knight, the game is an easy win. **41.Nc4 Nd5+ 42.Kf2 Nf4 43.Ne5+ Not 43.h3??** Nxh3 and the game is a draw! **43...Kf5 44.Nf3 Kg4 45.g3 Nd5 46.Ng1 Nf6 47.h3+ Kf5** White simply pushes Black back. **48.Kf3 Kg5 49.Ne2 Nd7 50.h4+ Kf5 51.g4+ Ke5 52.Ng3 Kf6 53.Kf4 Nf8** Black almost played 53...Nc5, which would allow the force of the trade of Knights with 54.Ne4. **54.g5+ Kf7 55.h5 Ne6+ 56.Kg4 Kg7 57.Ne2 Kf7 58.Nf4 Nf8 59.Kf5 Kg8 60.Ne6 Nd7 61.g6 Nb6 62.h6 Nd5 63.Nd8 Ne7+ 64.Kg5 Kh8 65.Nf7+ Mate in two. 1-0**

After this victory, I was in clear first with a 4-0 score. I was paired with the only person with 3½ points, Bob Cohen. Interestingly, there were four people with three points entering the final round. Three of the four did not show up, and were forfeited. Board two of the final round of a club championship was a double forfeit! Anyway, Cohen, with white, built up the pressure against me. He thought that a mass liquidation of

pieces would leave him a pawn up, but I was able to regain the pawn fairly easily. Cohen then blundered an exchange, and I offered a draw to secure my third club title of the year! Cohen and McKinney tied for second with four points. Manan Pandya, well underrated at 1221, scored 3½ points to get a clear fourth place and gain 86 rating points!

Main Line Chess Club Championship

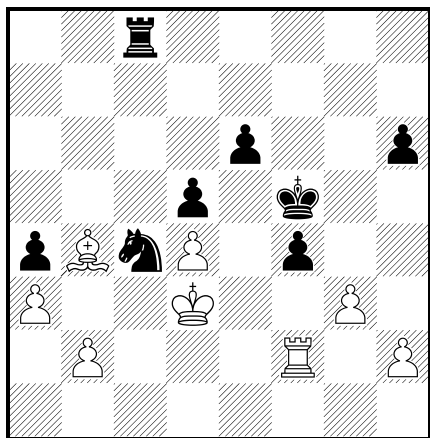
GLADWYNE - This is my fifth (and final) club championship that I entered in 2004, and it was by far the strongest. Unlike the West Chester, West Shore, and Chaturanga Chess Club Championships, and the North Penn Membership Drive (in effect their club championship), this championship was divided into two sections: an unrated open section (to attract stronger players) and a rated U1800 section. In addition, this championship had four masters (three FMs and one NM!) participating, while all of the other events could not attract a single master.

Round one had some interesting games, including Heisman-Stepanian, which was published in the last issue, and this game on board one:

Joseph Mucerino (2010) - FM Rodion Rubenchik (2395)

MLCC Championship, Round 1, 10-26-04

1.d4 Nf6 2.Nf3 e6 3.e3 b6 4.Bd3 Bb7 5.Nbd2 c5 6.c3 d5 7.Ne5 Nbd7 8.f4 Be7 9.0-0 0-0 10.Rf3 Ne4 11.Rh3 f5 12.Nxd7 Qxd7 13.Qh5 h6 14.Nf3 Qe8 15.Qxe8 Rfxe8 16.Ne5 Kh7 17.Kf1 The King will be used to help develop the dark squared Bishop. If I captured the Knight, Black's recapture will take away the f3 square from my Rook. 17...a5 18.Ke2 Ba6 19.Bxa6 Rxa6 There is one key difference with the Knights. Black can capture White's Knight with his Bishop, but White's Bishop cannot capture Black's Knight. 20.Bd2 b5 21.Rf3 g5 22.Rff1 Rc8 23.Nd3 cxd4 24.exd4 b4 25.Rac1 bxc3 26.Bxc3 gxf4 27.Nxf4 Bg5 28.Rc2 Rac6 29.Kd3 a4 30.a3 Bxf4 31.Rxf4 Kg6 32.Rf1 Rc4 33.Rfc1 f4 34.Be1 Nd6 35.Bb4 Rxc2 36.Rxc2 Nc4 37.Rf2 Kf5 38.g3



38...e5!? I'm not sure if this move is correct, but is probably the best way for Black to obtain winning chances. With time running short for both sides, Black gives up a pawn to establish a passed pawn in the center. 39.dxe5 Nxe5+ 40.Kd4 f3 41.Bd6 Ke6 42.Bxe5 Rc4+ 43.Kd3 Kxe5 44.Rxf3 Rc1 45.Re3+ Kd6 46.Re2 h5 47.Rf2 Rd1+ 48.Kc2 Rh1 49.b3 Kc5 50.bxa4 Kc4 51.a5 Re1 52.Kd2? 52.Rd2 appears to be better. 52...Ra1 53.Ke3 Rxa3+ 54.Kf4 d4 The rest of this game I had to reconstruct from memory. 55.Rc2+ Kd3 56.Rc5 Ke2 57.Rxh5 d3 58.Rd5 d2 59.h4?? I had about 45 seconds left (with a five-second delay) to Rubenchik's two minutes and change. Still, I should not have missed the following... 59...Rd3 60.Re5+ Kf1 61.a6 d1Q 62.g4 Rd4+ Afterwards, Rubenchik and I analyzed 59.Rxd2 as a draw. 0-1

The following Tuesday, most players "elected" to watch the Presidential returns rather than play. Heisman was the only master to play in that round, and he won to become the tournament leader. Heisman lost his next round game to Rubenchik. The penultimate round saw FM Matt Bengtson draw Rubenchik, and Heisman and FM Peter Fleischer caught up. All four masters were tied for first with three points entering the final round! Rubenchik beat Fleischer, and Heisman drew Bengtson, so FM Rodion Rubenchik is your winner and new Main Line Chess Club Championship. Three players tied for second with 3½/5. In tiebreak order, they are, Heisman, Bengtson, and expert Vinko Rutar. Josh Bowman, who could have played in the U1800 section, played up and won the U2000 prize.

The reserve section was dominated by Josh Lowenthal and Phil Weingart, who started out with 3½/4. They drew each other in the final round, which allowed Steve Rolfe to tie with them for first with four points. The U1500 prize was won by George Marker, Jack Archer took the U1250 prize, and Lyle Vanderzee was the best U1000 player.

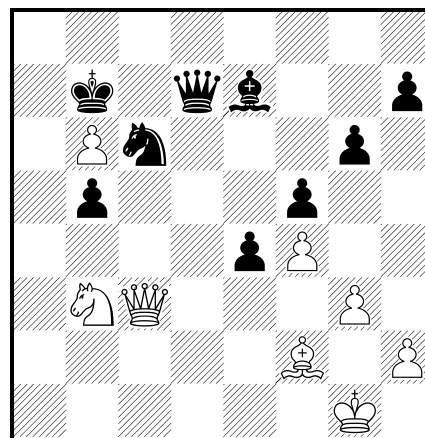
24th Annual NPCC Fall Open

GWYNEDD - After three years of running this event as a class tournament, the North Penn Chess Club returned to a Swiss System format. A disappointing 25 players (including fillers) took part in an event that was drawing closer to 60 just a few years ago. I was the highest rated player and the only expert participating, but I was not in good form, and I had difficulty winning in the first round:

Abraham Gayo - Joe Mucerino [B01]

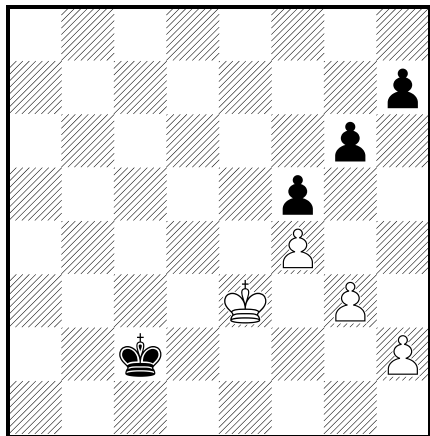
NPCC Fall Open, 2004

1.e4 d5 2.exd5 Nf6 3.Nc3 Nxd5 4.Be2 Nc6 5.Nf3 Bf5 6.Nxd5 Qxd5 7.0-0 0-0 8.d3 e5 9.e4?! This makes the d-pawn backward and weak. 9...Qd7 10.Qa4 Bxd3 11.Rd1 Qf5 12.Bxd3 Rxd3 13.Be3 Rxd1+ 14.Rxd1 a6 15.a3 Be7 16.b4 Rd8 17.b5 Rxd1+ 18.Qxd1 Nb8 Now Black's pawns will not be split after a capture on a6. 19.a4 f6 20.g3 Qd7 21.Qc2 g6 22.Nd2 f5 23.Nb3 axb5 24.axb5 b6 25.f4 This gives Black a protected passed pawn on e4. 25...e4 26.Bd4 Kb7 27.Qc3 c6 28.c5 cxb5 Instead, 28...bxc6 gives White the option of 29.Na5 or 29.Nc5, forcing a Queen and Bishop endgame. 29.cxb6 Nc6 30.Bf2



30...Qd1+? A waste of time. I need my Queen to protect the c7 square. For example, 31.Kg2 and now: a) 31...b4 32.Na5 Ka6 33.Qxc6 Kxa5 34.b7 Qd6 35.Bb6 Ka6 36.b8=N! Qxb8 37.Bc7 +- (If 34...Bd6 35.Bb6 Ka6 36.Bc7 and 38.b8=Q) b) 31...Qe2 32.Na5 Nxa5 (to avoid the immediate loss of a piece) 33.Qc7 and mate next. I believe that after 30...Qd1? Black is losing a piece by force. 31.Kg2 Qd7 32.Na5+ Nxa5 33.Qxa5 Bd8 34.Qa7+ Kc6 35.Qa8+ I missed this move. 35...Kd6 36.b7 Bc7 37.b8Q?! White promotes too quickly. Nigel Mitchell

pointed out that White should build up the pressure first by trying to eliminate the Bishop by 37.Bb6. I think 37.Bd4, heading for e5, is another possibility. 37...Bxb8 38.Qxb8+ Kd5 39.Qe5+ Kc4 40.Qc5+ Kb3 41.Bd4 b4 42.Kf2 Qf7 43.Qc1 Qc4 44.Qb2+ Ka4 45.Qa1+ Kb5 46.Qb2 b3 47.Bc3 Qd5 48.Qa3 Kc4 49.Qb4+ Kd3 50.Bb2 e3+ 51.Kg1 Qc4 52.Qxc4+ White thought he could hold a draw, but he could not, although he came very close. 52...Kxc4 53.Kf1 Kd3 54.Ke1 Kc2 55.Be5 b2 56.Bxb2 Kxb2 57.Ke2 Kc2 58.Kxe3



58...Kc3 A practical endgame position. Black should win because he has the opposition, and can force his way into White's position. 59.h3 h6 60.g4 h5 61.Ke2 Kd4 62.Kf3 h4+- It is now a clear win for Black, because White can no longer use his g3 square. 63.gxf5 gxf5 64.Ke2 Ke4 65.Kf2 Kxf4 66.Kg2 Ke3 67.Kf1 Kf3 68.Kg1 Kg3 0-1

I was held to a draw by Ken Horan in round 2. Two other very highly rated players, Preston Ladson and Robert Hux, also had conceded one draw in the first two rounds. The top board in round 3 saw a draw between the two only perfect scores, Richard Harry and Nigel Mitchell. I had to play black against phenomenon Daniel Yeager, and was held to another draw, to enter into a log jam of players with two points. The first round on day two day Ladson defeat Harry and Hux beat Mitchell, while I finally won again, this time against Robert Kampia. Ladson and Hux drew in the final round when they saw I was a pawn down against Mitchell. I needed to win against Mitchell to enter into a tie for first, but I went on to lose a poor game. Mitchell, William Glenn Duley, and Tamara Corey tied for third with 3½ points.

This is a good Swiss to play in because there is a nice spread of players rated 1200-2000. Some Swisses have some players at the top and some at the bottom, but no middle. Not this one. This has several players in all of the common rating classes.

2004 Pan American

WARMINSTER - Ira Lee Riddle was the chief tournament director for the 2004 Pan American Intercollegiate Team Chess Championships, held from December 27th -20th, 2004, in Wichita, Kansas. Two "old friends" were also there: Ryan Milisits played second board for University of Texas and Dallas's B team (which finished tied for 3rd place overall) and Matt Traldi played second board for Yale University's A team. Ryan earned a full scholarship to UT-D twice by placing in previous tournaments.

The 2006 tournament will be held in Washington, D.C. between Christmas and New Year's Day. Commonwealth colleges are encouraged to start planning to attend if at all possible.

Warminster Delaware Valley Grand Prix and Octos

WARMINSTER - State Scholastic Coordinator Steve McLaughlin held another one of his popular scholastic grand prix events at the Warminster Rec Center in October. This month he added an additional section, open octos, so "big kids" like your roving reporter can participate. A solid turnout of 60 players turned out at this new venue. Fast rising scholastic star Daniel Yeager swept the open scholastic section with a 4-0 score. Andrew Fleming did the same in the U1100 section. Anthony Hughes and Blake Rosenn both finished with perfect scores in the U750 K-6 section, and they were matched by Joshua Pilchik and Dante Cianfarra, who both scored four points in the U500 K-3 section. The open octo was won by Christopher Yaure, who upset the two highest rated players (your author in round two and NM Michael Bury in the final round) en route to a perfect 3-0 score.

35th Annual National Chess Congress

PHILADELPHIA - After gobbling down our turkey on Thanksgiving, players mainly from the Northeast traveled to Adam's Mark Hotel to play in this popular event. Including reentries, 526 players took part, making this tournament the third largest event in Pennsylvania, behind the World Open and the State Scholastic Championship.

NATIONAL CHESS CONGRESS SECTION WINNERS

Premier: GM Jaan Ehvest, GM Leonid Yudasin 5
Top PA: State Champion IM Edward Formanek 4

U2200: Hana Itkis 5½
Top PA: Renato Soria 4½

U2000: Alexander Mirtchouk 5½
Top PA: Chris Bechis 4½

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

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

U1400: Dmitriy Kovalkov 5½
Top PA: Dmitriy Kovalkov 5½

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

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

U800: David Tzeng 4½
Top PA: Leonard Thompson 4

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

Unrated: Abe Salameh 6
Top PA: Adam Kashlak 4½

The "upper" sections (U1200 and higher) all had good turnouts, ranging from 55 to 86 players. The lower (U1000, U800, U600 and unrated) had a combined total of 64 players. Here's a table of the winners and top Pennsylvanian. Please note that the Premier was not an open section, but open to players rated 2000 or higher, or juniors rated 1800 or higher.

Joseph Mucerino (2010) - FM Zakhar Fayvinov (2253)

35th Annual National Chess Congress, Premier Section, Round 2 11-26-04

In years gone by, I have compiled a +0-3=0 record against Fayvinov, with me playing Black in every game. I hoped changing colors would change this trend. 1.d4 d5 2.Nf3 Bg4 3.Ne5 Bf5 4.e3 Nd7 5.f4 Ngf6 6.Bd3 Bxd3 7.cxd3 e6 8.0-0 c5 9.dxc5 White cannot allow Black to destroy his pawn structure with 9...dxc4 10.exd4. 9...Bxc5 10.d4 Be7 11.Nc3 0-0 12.Rf3 Rc8 13.Rh3 g6 14.Bd2 Nb6 15.g4 Ne8 16.f5 Trying to weaken the pawn formation in front of Black's King. 16...Nc4

17.e4 Nxd2 18.Qxd2 Bg5 19.Qd3 f6 Fayvinov thought for 40 minutes on that move. 20.Nxg6! Trying to open lines. 20...hgx6 21.fxe6 Ng7 22.exd5 The passed pawns in the center are not dangerous at the moment, because they are not mobile. 22...f5 23.Rf3 Rxc3 24.bxc3 Qxd5 25.Re1 Nxe6 26.Re5 Qxa2 27.gxf5 Ng7 28.fgx6 Rxf3 29.Qxf3 Qb1+ 30.Kg2 Qxg6 31.Qd5+ Kh7 32.Rxg5 Qc2+ 33.Kh1 Qc1+ 34.Rg1 Qxc3 35.Qe4+ Kg8?? The game continues after 35...Kh8. 36.Qe8+ Mate in two. 1-0

CCA Events In Philadelphia Move to New Home

According to the December 2, 2004, *Philadelphia Inquirer* (page D1), the Adam's Mark Hotel on City Line Avenue, host to the World Open, National Chess Congress, and Liberty Bell Open, was sold to Target. The Adam's Mark will cease operation at the end of January, which means that the Liberty Bell Open should go on as scheduled (it did - editor), but the World Open will have to move to a new location. I spoke with Steve McLaughlin on Saturday, and he said that the CCA is already aware of what is going on, and I believe he said that they already are looking at the Wyndham Franklin Plaza Hotel (17 Race Street). Yes, it is in Center City, and yes, people were moaning and groaning about that. The CCA's website (www.chesstour.com) did not provide any information.

Letters to the Editor

Neil, you don't have to publish this next game if you don't want to. (*Why wouldn't I want to? We never get any Mucerino games in the PWP. -editor*) This game shows why Maurice Ashley's "50 moves before offering a draw" rule is ridiculous.

Arnold Shafritz (1805) - Joseph Mucerino (2010) [A40]

Main Line Chess Club Championship (2), 09.11.2004
 1.d4 e5 2.dxe5 Nc6 3.Nf3 Qe7 4.Nc3 Nxe5 5.Nxe5 Qxe5 6.g3 Bb4 7.Bd2 d5 8.Bg2 Nf6 9.0-0 c6 10.e4 dxe4 11.Nxe4 Bxd2 12.Nxf6+ Qxf6 13.Qxd2 0-0 14.c3 Bg4 15.Rae1 Rad8 16.Qe3 a6 17.Qe7 Qxe7 18.Rxe7 Rd7 19.Rfe1 Bf5 Touch move! I touched the Bishop, intending 19...Be6, but thankfully, I saw the fact that it lost a piece to 20.R1xe6 before letting go! 20.Rxd7 Bxd7 21.f4 ½-½

Is there play left? Sure. I won't dispute that. But, at the club level, this position with both players at equal strength will be drawn most of the time. I think it is borderline cruel to force the players to play 30 more moves before being allowed to offer a draw.

-Joe Mucerino

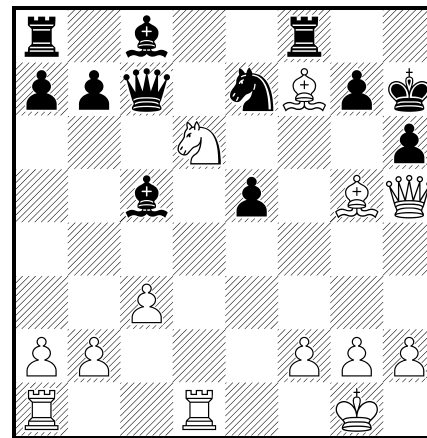
Readers, any thoughts on the subject of draws?-editor

Very good issue. Some nice games. I did however pick up on 3 typos(?) Mucerino - Waters move 17...Ne7 should obviously be 17...Ke7 and 19...Ne7 must be 19...Ne6 and in Mucerino- Tichenor 25.Qd6 has to be 25.Qg6ch - not picking just wanted to let you know someone is paying attention....Anyway carp carp carp.

I very much liked Joe's game vs Tichenor. It had me thinking about move selection. Looking at the position after Tichenor's 20th. move....

Joseph Mucerino (1977) - Andrew Tichenor (1923)

Pottstown Chess Club April Quads, Quad 1, Round 1, 4-30-04
 1.d4 Nf6 2.Nf3 d5 3.e3 e6 4.Bd3 c5 5.c3 Nc6 6.Nbd2 Bd6 7.0-0 e5 8.dxc5 Bxc5 9.e4 0-0 10.Qe2 Re8 11.exd5 Nxd5 12.Ne4 Bb6 13.Rd1 Qc7 14.Bc4 Nde7 15.Nd6 Rf8 16.Ng5 Nd8 17.Qh5 h6 18.Ngxf7 Nxf7 19.Bxf7+ Kh7 20.Bg5 Bc5



...a few minutes of thought and I was sure that Joe would mate quickly if he could land his knight at f6 so I looked at 21.Ne4 and I could not see how Black could defend. 22.Nf6+ looks unstoppable and mating so I played 21.Ne4 and was surprised when I saw Joe's move 21.Ne8! attacking the Queen and heading for f6 with gain of tempo! Of course Black can play 21...Rxe8 but he is just lost then. I had not even looked at 21.Ne8! But after Black played 21...Qb6 came the real surprise Joe played 22.Bxe7. I had thought for sure that Joe had play the Knight to e8 tempo gainer to now play the shot 22.Nf6+. Not only that but after Black recaptures with 22... Bxe7 the Bishop will defend against Nf6, so what gives? Oh! 23.Rd6! forcing Black to give up Queen for Rook and Bishop and white's attack should win. He had had an entirely different idea in mind when he played 21.Ne8! although both 22.Nf6 and 22.Bxe7 are winning ideas here.

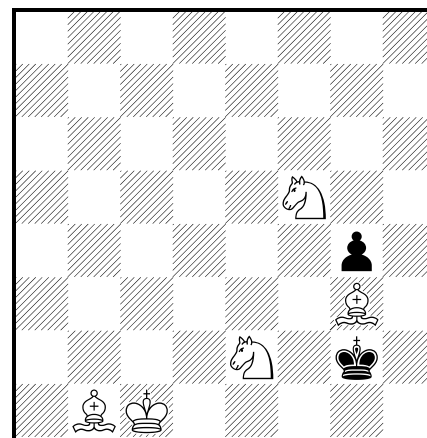
-Charles Wise

Dowd's Dungeon By Steven Dowd

This time we have two of my problems. The first shows the popular "star flight" theme for the king, that is, the king will be given all of his diagonal flights, in this case to f3, f1, h2, and h3. You need merely to set up a position where white will mate on move two based on any of these flights. There are two "tries"; that is a solution that will work for three of the flights but not the fourth one!

Dowd - Mate in Two

First Publication, 2004

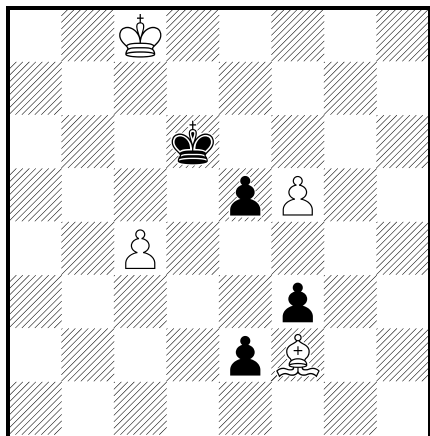


The solutions to both this problem and the following study are on page 14.

Next we have an endgame study. Rather than present this to you as a "to win" or "to draw," for learning purposes, we will simply say that it is White to move and what is the result?

Dowd - Study, White to play

First Publication



Original again by Dowd. This study reflects one of my favorite themes, unequal material. White has a bishop for pawn, but the Black pawns loom large, and e5-e4-e3 is a real threat. What is the result? The solution is on page 13. The first person able to find a refutation to my study will win a book prize. Please email me at doctorsbd@aol.com with your tries, and any other comments on the "Dungeon!"

Games By PSCF Members

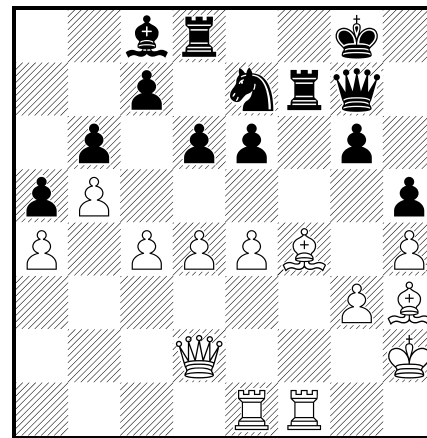
Durwood Hatch - Clarence Kalenian[A85]

PSCF Championship, 09.1960

Notes by Durwood Hatch

Clarence Kalenian is from Philadelphia, winner of the 1950 Florida championship, also the 1971 U.S Amateur Champion, and 1964 Pennsylvania State Champion. This game might be called 'INFILTRATION'

1.d4 f5 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.g3 Bb4 5.Bd2 0-0 6.Bg2 d6 7.Qc2 Nc6 8.Nf3 Bxc3 8...e5 would have been better, breaking up White's pawn center. -editor 9.Bxc3 Ne4 10.0-0 Ne7 11.Be1 Bd7 12.Nd2 Nxd2 13.Bxd2 Bc6 14.f3 Qe8 15.e4 fxe4 16.fxe4 Qg6 17.b4 b6 17...e5 would have been better, breaking up White's pawn center. Now Durwood starts the steamroller. -editor 18.b5 Bb7 19.Bf4 a6 20.a4 Rf7 21.Qe2 a5 21...Rff8 might have been tried instead of locking the Queenside. All the play's now on the Kingside and Durwood's pieces are much better placed. -editor 22.Rae1 22.h4 is very strong here, grabbing space and threatening h5. -editor 22...Rd8 23.Bh3 Rdf8 24.Bg2 Rd8 Gives the impression he will settle for a draw. 25.h4 Threat: 26. h5 Qf6 27. e5 wins the bishop. 25...h5 Perhaps (instead of h6) to entice Bf3 when he can reply Rxf4. 26.Kh2 Qh7 So he can play g6, saving his h pawn. 27.Bf3 g6 28.Bg2 Qg7 29.Bh3 Bc8 30.Qd2



30...Kh7 To prevent Bh6. 31.Bh6! Played anyway. 31...Qg8 Better resistance is offered by giving up his Queen for Bishop and Rook, but one is always reluctant to do so unless it is clear there is no alternative. For example, play might go like this: 31...Rxf1 32.Rxf1 Qxh6 33.Rf7+ Qg7 34.Rxg7+ Kxg7 35.Qg5 Re8 36.e5 Ng8 37.exd6 cxd6 38.c5 dxc5 39.dxc5 bxc5 40.Qxc5 Nf6 41.Qc7+ Kf8 42.b6 Nd5 43.Qb8 Bd7 44.Qd6+ Re7 45.b7] 32.Qg5 Re8 33.Rxf7+ Qxf7 34.Rf1 Qg8 35.Bf8! An unpleasant surprise. Threat: 36. Qh6 mate 35...Nf5 36.exf5 Rxf8 37.fxg6+ Kg7 38.Qe7+ 1-0

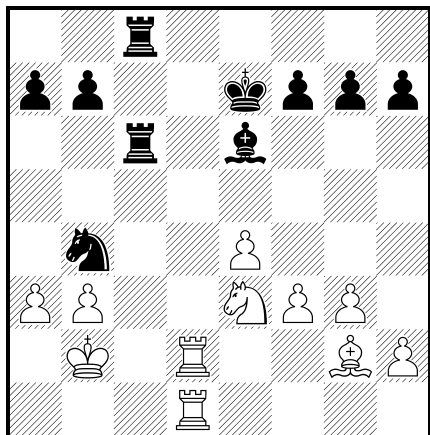
Joseph Gaiteri (1361) - Glenn M. Frazier (1166) [D32]

PSCF Championship (5), 22.08.2004

Notes by Glenn M. Frazier

This was the fifth and final round of the 2004 Pennsylvania Under 1400 Championship. Going into it, my opponent, Joseph Gaiteri, a sportsmanlike player rated 1361, had a perfect 4.0 score. I (rated only 1166) had the sole 3½ in the section, and about five players trailed us at 3.0. In other words: if I win, I am clear first, but Joseph only needs to draw to take that honor solely for himself. Furthermore, several from the field of 3.0 players would likely pass me if I lost, snatching up the remaining two place prizes. On top of it all, I was in contention for the top "E" class prize with two other players, one of them a 2½ and the other a 3.0. On top of it all, while I'd won one trophy and around \$210 in the seven previous USCF tournaments I'd played since joining in 1998, I had yet to play a single undefeated series - one of my current chess goals. So, yeah, I felt a little nervous excitement going into this game! 1.c4 e6 I'd noticed that Mr. Gaiteri played the English in earlier games. Normally, I try to transpose from there into the QGD Tarrasch, and was prepared to do so here...if he'd only cooperate!) 2.Nc3 d5 3.cxd5 Not what I've come to expect in this position. More normal moves and variations (from my little repertoire database) include: 3 e3 Nf6; 3 d4 c5 4 e3 (4 cxd5 exd5; 4 Nf3 Nc6) 4 ... Nf6 5 Nf3 Nc6; 3 Nf3 c5 4 e3 (4 d4 Nc6; 4 g3 Nc6) 4 ... Nc6 5 d4 Nf6; 3 g3 c5 4 Nf3 Nc6 5 Bg2 (5 cxd5 exd5 6 d4 Nf6) 5 ... Nf6 6 cxd5 exd5 7 d4) 3...exd5 4.d4 4 Nf3 Nf6 5 d4 (5 g3 Be7 Blackburne - Burn, Vienna 1898.) 5 ... Be7; 4 e3 Nf6 5 g3 Bd6 6 Bg2 c6 7 d4 0-0 8 Nge2 Bf5) 4...c5 5.g3 Nc6 5 ... Nf6 6 Bg2 Nc6 7 Nf3 Be7 8 0-0 0-0 may have been a more accurate move order.; 5 ... cxd4 6 Qxd4 Nf6 is interesting, but not my style.) 6.dxc5!? 6 Bg2 Nf6 7 Nf3 Be7 8 0-0 (8 Be3) 8 ... 0-0; 6 Nf3 Nf6 7 e3 (7 Bg2 Be7; 7 Be3 Be7 8 Bg2) 7 ... Bd6 8 Bg2 0-0 9 0-0 Re8 10 dxc5 Bxc5 11 Nd4 Bb6 12 b3 Bg4 13 Nxc6 bxc6 14 Qc2 Qd7) 6...Bxc5 6 ... d4 I considered pushing the d-pawn here, but I'll admit I didn't think long on it. 7 Na4 Bxc5 8 Nxc5 Qa5+ 9 Bd2 Qxc5 is a rather roundabout way of exchanging pieces; 6 ...

Qa5!? 7 Qxd5 Be6 8 Qd2 Rd8 9 Qf4 Nb4 is certainly odd looking.) 7.Nxd5 Nge7 7 ... Qa5+ 8 Nc3 Be6 9 Bg2 Nge7 (9 ... Rc8 10 Bd2) 10 Nf3) 8.Bg2 0-0 Okay, so I'll admit that I hadn't planned on giving up the d-pawn. But I play a lot of gambits, normally, so it wasn't hard to appreciate the large lead in development I had as compensation for my "blunder". 9.Nxe7+Nxe7 9 ... Qxe7 10 Bxc6 bxc6 [Why trade Queens when a pawn down? 9...Qxe7 10.Bxc6 bxc6 11.Qc2 Ba6 and White has more chances to go wrong. -editor] 10.Qxd8 Rxd8 11.Nf3 My lead in development will soon fade away, so I set out to prevent Joseph from castling for as long as possible, while developing the rest of my own forces.) 11...Bb4+ 12.Bd2 Bxd2+ 13.Nxd2 Now kingside castling will hang the knight on d2. 13...Rb8 14.0-0!? I didn't look for him to go to the queenside, though, especially since the c- and d-pawns were off the table.) 14...Bf5 15.e4 Stops the threat, but now the fianchettoed Bishop is temporarily impotent.) 15...Rbc8+ 16.Kb1 Bg4 17.f3 Be6 17 ... Bd7 with the idea of swinging it around onto a4 or b5 was also under consideration. In the end I kept it on e6 with obvious direct threats against a2. The problem, as the rest of the game will show, is that from there, the piece effectively has no mobility, meaning that if I'm not actively attacking the b3- or a2-squares then my Bishop is practically stuck doing nothing.) 18.Rhe1 Rd6 19.Nf1 Ra6 20.b3 Nc6 21.Rd2 Nb4 22.Ne3! This piece, eyeing both the critical c2-square and the central d5-square, holds the entire White position together against any assault.) 22...Rac6 23.Red1 Kf8 24.Kb2! 24 Rd8+ Ke7! (24 ... Rxd8 25 Rxd8+ Ke7 26 Rd2 would have immediately diffused the tension and given White a little more room to set up his own attack.) 25 Rxc8 Rxc8 26 Kb2 (26 Rd4? Nxa2!! 27 Kxa2 Rc3 28 Nd5+ Bxd5 29 exd5 (29 Rxd5 Rc2+ 30 Ka3 Rxc2) 29 ... Rc2+ 30 Ka3 Rxc2) 26 ... Nxa2 27 Kxa2 Rc3 28 Re1 Kd7 (28 ... Rxb3?? 29 Nd5+ Bxd5 30 exd5+) 29 f4) 24...Ke7 25.a3



25...Rc3!? 25 ... Na6 was, of course, the safe path. However, it completely gives up the initiative. 26 Nd5+ Bxd5 27 exd5 Rd6 28 Rc2 Rcd8 29 f4 26.Nd5+ 26 Nc4 Rc2+ 27 Rxc2 Nxc2 28 Kxc2 b5 26...Bxd5 27.exd5 Rc2+? Now I'm being too cute. Correct was 27 ... Nxd5! 28 Rxd5 Rc2+ 29 Kb1 Rxc2 30 Rd7+) 28.Kb1 Rxd2 29.Rxd2 Na6 30.d6+ Kd7?? Yes, I walked right into it. I was getting into trouble, anyway, and this was an hour and forty-five minutes into the fifth game of a very long weekend and...okay no excuses. I hung a rook. I am an 1166, after all. (I thought you said no excuses? -editor) 30 ... Kf6!? 31 f4 Rd8 32 Bxb7 Nc5 33 Bc6 Nxb3 34 Rd5; 30 ... Kd8 31 f4) 31.Bh3+ Played immediately. Played triumphantly. Played, I think, with a certain air of relief, too. I played on a few more moves. At my level, I've learned that even the worst blunders can sometimes be

overcome. (That's at ALL levels, Glenn.-editor) With enough patience and a stubborn-as-rocks determination to play solid, annoying moves, opponents in the U1200 world will often return the favor. Unfortunately, this blunder is in the endgame, not the opening, and besides, my opponent wasn't an U1200, but instead was rated 200 points above me. (1400 players blunder in winning positions too. Trust me, I have the gamescores to prove it. -editor) 31...Kd8 32.Bxc8 Kxc8 33.Re2 Kd7 34.Re7+ Kxd6 35.Rxf7 With this, Joseph took clear first place in the U1400 section, while my own chance at prize money hung upon the outcome of five other games. In the end, I didn't place, but I did get to share in the top "E" class prize. It did occur to me that offering a draw early on might've secured me a place prize. Joseph would still have taken clear first, and I'd have been guaranteed at least a tie for 2nd through 3rd or 4th, if I remember correctly. However, I play chess for the enjoyment of playing chess, and I enter tournaments for the thrill involved in trying to win by being the best player. The money's not really the thing, as nice as it is to pick up a prize here or there. Had I instead made a grandpatzer draw, I would've probably won sixty bucks instead of twenty-five, but for the price I would've given up the excitement of knowing I was playing all-or-nothing for a shot at first place out of thirty-two. Heck, I would have been giving up a good game of chess, all tourney consideration aside. Easy call, if you ask me. 1-0

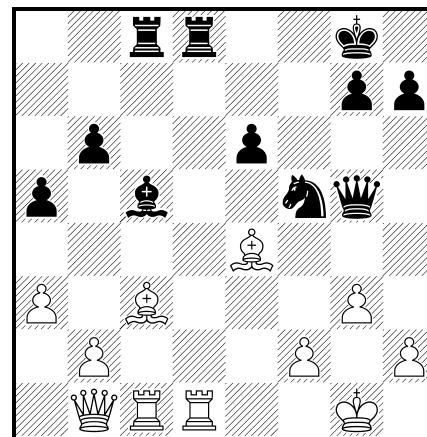
ALEX'S COLUMN by FIDE-Master Alex Dunne
SERENDIPITY

Webster's defines serendipity as "the gift of accidentally finding valuable or agreeable things." In the game of chess serendipity most often happens to those who post their pieces on aggressive posts. The computer Alarm chose long term advantages in this game. The human played for the short term.

Alarm (2423) - Alex Dunne [D33]

Internet Chess Club, 01.12.2004

1.d4 Nf6 2.Nf3 e6 3.c4 d5 4.Nc3 c5 The Tarrasch Defense is known as a dynamic opening where Black accepts a positional weakness in order to gain active piece play. 5.cxd5 exd5 6.g3 Nc6 7.Bg2 Be6 8.0-0 cxd4 9.Nxd4 The weakness appears: the isolated d-Pawn, blockaded but centrally located. 9...Bc5 10.Nxe6 fxe6 White has exchanged Black's isolated Pawns for hanging Pawns and the two Bishops. Black's remaining minors are well-placed, however. 11.Bd2 [11.e3 0-0 mdog-Dunne, ICC 2004:] 11...0-0 12.Rc1 Qe7 13.Qc2 Nd4 14.Qb1 Rac8 15.e3 Nf5 16.e4 dxe4 17.Nxe4 Nxe4 18.Bxe4 White keeps a slight advantage after 18. Qxe4 Nd6 19. Qe2 e5 18...Rfd8 19.Ba5 b6 20.Bc3 a5 21.Rfd1 Qg5 22.a3?



With most of the Black forces aiming at the White King, Black finds the winning combination. **22...Nxb3! 23.Rxd8+ Rxd8 24.hxg3 Qxg3+ 25.Kh1 Bxf2 26.Be5** Belatedly the machine discovers that **26. Bxh7+ Kh8 27. Bxg7+** with the idea of **Rc3** doesn't work because of **27...Qxg7. 26...Qxe5 27.Bxh7+ Kh8 28.Bg6** Black has an easy win because of the exposed position of White's King. **28...Qg3 29.Rc3 Be3 30.Rxe3** If **30. Qf1 Rd1! 31. Qxd1 Qh3** mate **30...Qxe3 31.Qc2 Qe1+ 32.Kg2 Rd2+ 0-1**

The Champion of the North: James Jellett's Adventures in American Chess
(Continued from last issue)

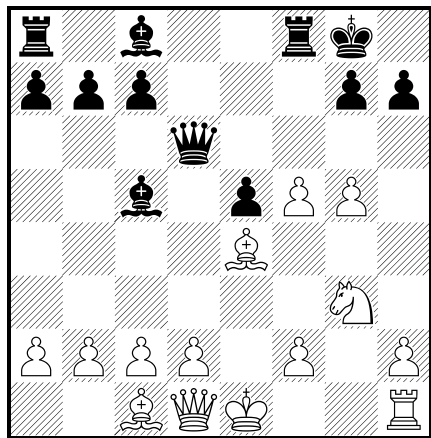
James Jellett continued to play chess at the Mercantile Library, and a few years later undertook a series of odds games with another local master, problem composer Jacob Elson. In these encounters, Elson and Jellett played at odds of the Exchange, in which Elson played without his Queenside Rook and Jellett without his Queenside Knight. Again Jellett was overmatched, but did manage to score the occasional win. As this was not a formal match, there is no record of the score Jellett finally achieved against Elson. However, there are records of a few of the games, thanks to Reichhelm's *Evening Bulletin* column.

Jacob Elson - James Jellett

Odds Game, 1869

Notes by *Gustavus Reichhelm*

Remove Ra1 and Nb8. **1.e4 e5 2.Nc3 f5 3.exf5 Bc5 4.g4 d5 5.Nge2 Nf6 6.Ng3 0-0 7.Bg2 Qd6 8.g5 Ne4 9.Ncxe4 dxe4 10.Bxe4**



10...Bxf2+ A very interesting move. **11.Kxf2 Qd4+ 12.Ke1 Bxf5 13.Bxf5 Rxf5 14.Qe2** White could not take the Rook with advantage. **14...Rxc5 15.d3 Rg6 16.Qe4 Qc5 17.c3 Rd8 18.Rf1 Qb5 19.Nf5 Qd7 20.h4 Kh8 21.Bg5 Rf8 22.Rf2 c6 23.Ne7 Rgf6 24.Bxf6 gxf6 25.Nf5 Rg8 26.Kf1 Qe6 27.b3 Qe8 28.Rg2 Qh5 29.Rxc8+ Kxc8 30.Qg2+** and wins. **1-0**

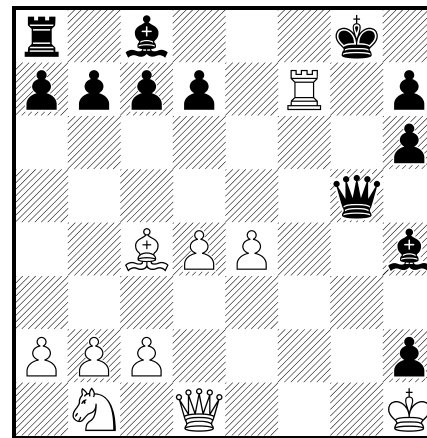
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Jacob Elson - James Jellett

Odds Game, 1869

Notes by *Gustavus Reichhelm*

Remove Ra1 and Nb8. **1.e4 e5 2.f4 exf4 3.Nf3 Be7 4.Bc4 Bh4+ 5.g3 fxc3 6.0-0 gxh2+ 7.Kh1 Nh6 7...d5 is better. 8.d4 0-0 9.Bxh6 gxh6 10.Ne5 Qg5? 11.Nxf7 Rxf7 12.Rxf7**



12...Qg1+ 13.Qxg1+ hxg1Q+ 14.Kxg1 Kh8 15.e5 h5 16.Nd2 c6 17.Nf3 d5 18.exd6 and wins. **1-0**

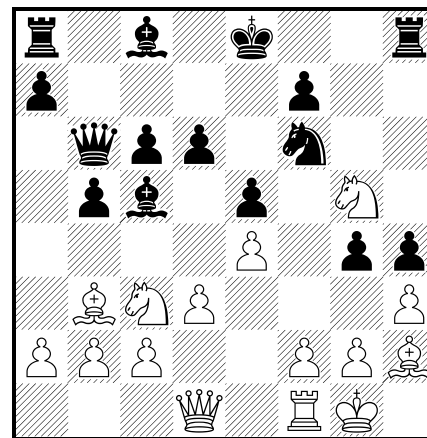
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Remove Ra1 and Nb8. **1.e4 e5 2.Nc3 Bc5 3.Nf3 d6 4.Bc4 Nf6 5.0-0 c6 6.d3 b5 7.Bb3 Qb6 8.Bg5 h6 9.Bh4 g5 10.Bg3 h5** Black plays here with much spirit. **11.h3 h4 12.Bh2 g4 13.Ng5**



13...g3! 14.Bxf7+ Ke7 15.Bb3 gxh2+ 16.Kxh2 Nh5 17.Qd2 Ng3! 18.fxc3 hxg3+ 19.Kh1 Be3 20.Rf7+ Ke8 21.Qd1 Bxc3 22.Rg7 Bf4 23.Ne2 Bxh3, and wins. **0-1**

Philadelphia Evening Bulletin, November 5, 1869

All this odds playing with such strong tacticians as Elson and Reichhelm was bound to have an effect on his playing style. According to a later annotator, Jellett's chess was described as "hammer and tongs". No doubt Jellett learned a lot about chess combat in the City of Brotherly Love. While in Philadelphia he was most often the hammered, shortly hereafter, in another locale, he was to become the hammer.

Sometime during 1869, or perhaps the early to mid-1870's, Jellett moved from Philadelphia to Minnesota. Making his home in the Twin Cities of Minneapolis and St. Paul, he became involved in real estate, and eventually married. And he brought chess with him on his westward travel.

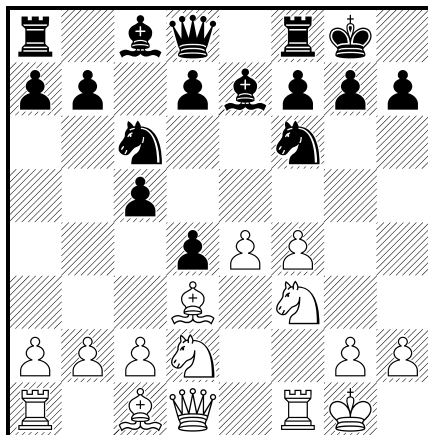
While discussions of the American Midwest in the 19th century bring clichéd images of corn, cattle, and settlers in sod huts to mind, it's worth remembering that cities were developing in the territories and states

that were being added to the map. And many of the settlers of these territories brought with them their urban pleasures, including chess. As an example, two years before it achieved statehood in 1859, Minnesota would have a representative, William Allison of Hastings, at the First American Chess Congress in New York. And by the time Jellett arrived in Minnesota, the Twin Cities of Minneapolis and St. Paul were thriving Midwestern metropolises, with rapid population growth and economic opportunity spurred on by the railroads, agriculture, and lumbering. And chess took hold as well, with the first Minnesota chess column appearing in the St. Paul *Pioneer Press* in 1886, and others following through the years. The St. Paul Chess, Checker, and Whist Club was founded shortly afterwards, in 1887.

Jellett, like many immigrants before him and many after him, probably found Minnesota to be far different from his native land. However, he made his new domicile his own, as all immigrants do. Much of his time was probably spent developing his real estate business and tending to his family while leading a quiet life in St. Paul. Jellett, however, couldn't forget the Royal game, and threw himself into local chess. As an example of his chessic appetite, the *American Chess Monthly* of May 1892 reports that Jellett won the championship of the St. Paul Chess, Checker, and Whist Club, suffering "but one defeat and that from Dr. A. T. Bigalow, his most formidable opponent and next to him in score". In 1899 there would be a similar report in the *American Chess Magazine's* August issue, noting that Jellett "wears the club's gold medal. Mr. Jellett lost one each to Tierney and Hillman, and won all the rest." Jellett finished with a score of 8-2, with a lead of 2 1/2 points over the second-place finisher. Jellett also served on the board of the Minnesota State Chess Association during this time. These social activities probably helped his real estate business as well. As Jellett discovered in Philadelphia, where better to go than the local chess club to find men of breeding and money?

Although his business and personal life may have been sedate, Jellett's chess wasn't. For an example of his play during his chess career in Minnesota, turn to the May 1899 *American Chess Magazine*, which carries a brief item about the "Jellett Gambit" which its inventor had used in his over-the-board chess games for "a dozen" years against Minnesota players. Modern players, such as Tim Harding, who wrote of it in a *Chess Café* article, call this the "Vampire Gambit," and consider it a dubious line of play. But to a nineteenth century player, schooled in gambits and odds play years ago by Reichhelm and others, White's sacrifice of the pawn was just part of the game. The complete variation printed in the *American Chess Magazine* is given below; the magazine commented the "possibilities" following White's eighth move "are interesting".

1.e4 e5 2.d4 exd4 3.f4 c5 4.Nf3 Nc6 5.Bd3 Nf6 6.0-0 Be7 7.Nbd2 0-0



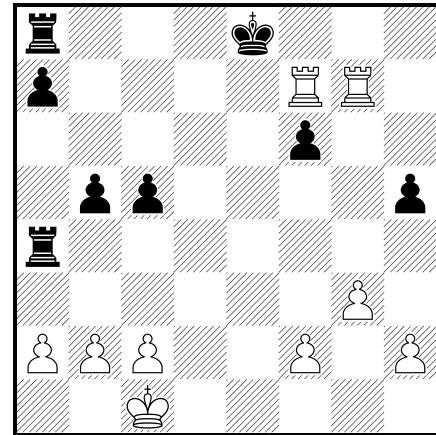
8.Ng5

In addition to competition with the local players, the railroads would sometimes bring visiting masters for Jellett to cross swords with. And on one of these occasions he managed to nick for a half-point one of the strongest blindfold chessplayers the world has known. Although he had lost to Harry Nelson Pillsbury during the US Champion's previous visits to Minnesota, the Irish have always been considered lucky in the popular mind. Some of that luck may have come into play here.

Harry Nelson Pillsbury - James Jellett [C62]

Blindfold simul, Minneapolis, January 30, 1900

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 d6 4.d4 Bd7 5.Nc3 exd4 6.Nxd4 Nxd4 7.Bxd7+ Qxd7 8.Qxd4 c6 9.Bf4 b6 10.0-0 Rd8 11.Rhe1 f6 12.Qc4 b5 13.Qe2 Kf7 14.Qf3 h5 15.e5 fxe5 16.Bxe5+ Nf6 17.Bxf6 gxf6 18.Ne4 Rh6 19.Ng5+ Kg8 20.Ne6 Rc8 21.Qf4 Rg6 22.Nxf8 Rxf8 23.Rxd6 Qg4 24.Qxg4 Rxd6 25.g3 c5 26.Re7 Ra4 27.Rdd7 Ra8 28.Rg7+ Kf8 29.Rdf7+ Ke8



30.Rxf6 Rxa2 31.Rc6 Ra1+ 32.Kd2 Rd8+ 33.Ke2 Kf8 34.Rh7 Re8+ 35.Kf3 Kg8 36.Rxh5 Ra2 37.Rxc5 Rxb2 38.Rxb5 Rxc2 39.Rbg5+ Kf7 40.Rh7+ Kf6 41.Rg4 Ree2 42.Rgh4 Rxf2+ 43.Kg4 Rc4+ 44.Kh3 Rcc2 45.R4h6+ Kg5 46.Rh5+ Kg6 47.R7h6+ Kg7 1/2-1/2

Minnesota Chess Journal 1970, P 522

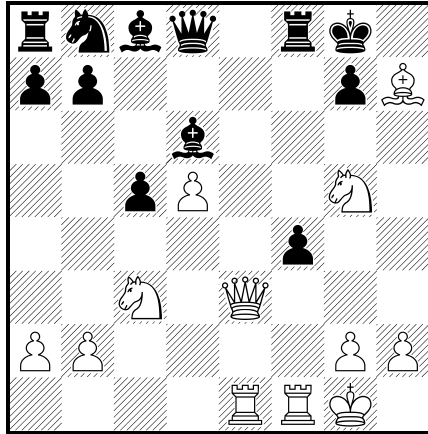
Not content to rest his laurels on the title of St. Paul Champion, Jellett desired additional competition. Nineteenth century Minnesota, despite the best efforts of the local players to develop local chess and import masters for simultaneous displays, was not a thriving chess center like New York or Philadelphia, so Jellett, like many players in isolated communities, sought new competition in correspondence play. When in 1893 the Continental Correspondence Chess Tournament was organized, Jellett sent in his \$2.00 to enter. Playing in the 5th preliminary section, he finished in 7th place with 55 per cent of his games ending as wins, according to the result chart published in *Chess In Philadelphia*. Although he did not advance to the finals, Jellett did have the satisfaction of a couple of nice wins appearing in the tournament bulletin, both of which are below. Sadly, his win against William Ewart Napier, who would in the next decade become one of the world's strongest amateur players, was not published in the bulletin, and is probably lost forever. The Helms in the game below is Charles, brother of Hermann Helms, who at the time the game was played was starting his chess column in the *Brooklyn Daily Eagle*.

Charles Helms - James Jellett [D00]

Continental, Prelims Sec. 5, 1894

Notes by John Welsh Young

1.d4 d5 2.e4 The Blackmar Gambit, named after its inventor, Mr. A. B. Blackmar. It is not considered to be sound, but leads to many brilliant combinations. **2...dxe4 3.f3 e5** The invention of Mr. Charles A. Maurian, the idea being that Black cannot safely accept the second pawn. **4.c3 c6 4...exd4** at once might be tried with advantage. **5.Be3 exd4 6.cxd4 c5 7.d5 exf3 8.Nxf3 Be7 9.Bd3 Nf6 10.Nc3 Ng4 11.Qe2 Nxe3 12.Qxe3 0-0 13.0-0 f5 14.Rae1 Bd6 15.Ng5** An extraordinary blunder to occur in a correspondence game. **15...f4** Winning a piece and the game. The finish is very interesting. **16.Bxh7+**



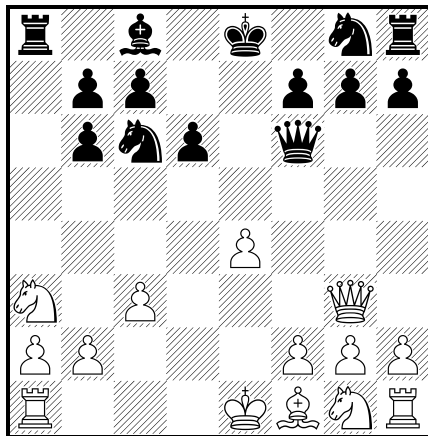
16...Kh8 17.Qd3 Qxg5 18.Ne4 Qh6 19.Nxd6 Qxd6 20.Qe4 Na6 21.Bg6 Bd7 22.Rf3 Rf6 23.Rg3 Bf5 24.Bxf5 fxg3 25.Qg4 Raf8 0-1
Continental Bulletin No. 1

James Jellett - E. Lewis [C22]

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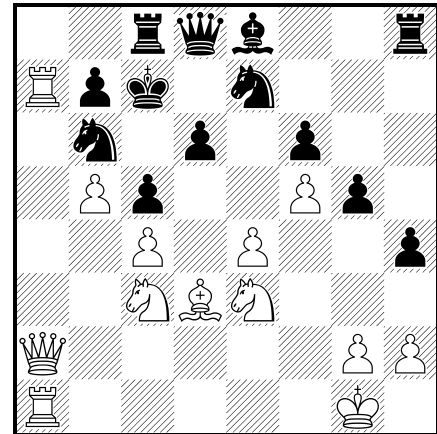
Notes by John Welsh Young

1.e4 e5 2.d4 exd4 3.Qxd4 Nc6 4.Qe3 Bb4+ The old line of attack which wastes valuable time in development. **4...g6** followed by **...Bg7** is better. **5.c3 Ba5 6.Na3** A novelty. **6.Qg3** is generally adopted here. **6...Bb6 7.Qg3 Qf6 8.Be3 d6 8...Bxe3 9.Qxe3 a6** was Black's best defense. **9.Bxb6 axb6**



10.Nb5 Kd8 11.f4 Nge7 12.Bd3 Ng6 13.Ne2 Bd7 14.0-0 h5 15.a4 h4 16.Qf2 Na7 17.Nbd4 c5 18.Nc2 Kc7 19.Ne3 Mr. Jellett takes admirable advantage of his opponent's error on the 8th move and

secures a winning attack. **19...Qd8 20.b4 Rc8 21.b5 Kb8 22.c4 Ne7 23.f5 g5 24.Nc3 f6 25.Ra3 Be8 26.Rfa1 Rc7 27.a5 Nac8 28.axb6 Nxb6 29.Qa2 Rc8 30.Ra7 Kc7**



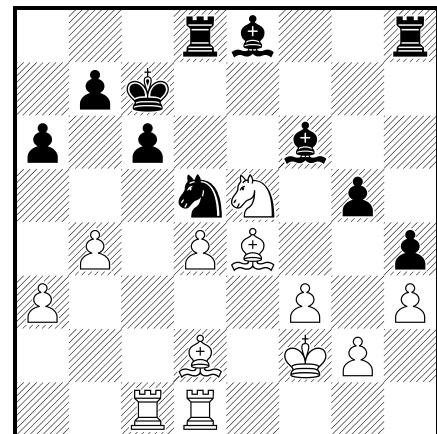
31.Rxb7+ Well played. Black has no escape. **1-0**
Continental Bulletin No. 1

Jellett's loss to the second place finisher, many-time Canadian champion James Narraway, was also published in the Continental bulletin. It was a long, drawn out defense, one in which Jellett expected to secure a half-point.

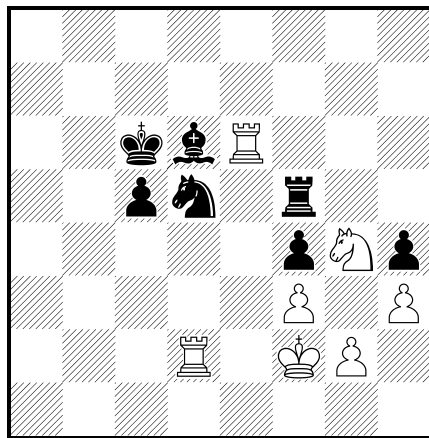
James Narraway - James Jellett [C44]

Continental, Prelims Sec. 5, 1895

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.c3 d5 4.Qa4 Qd6? 5.exd5 Qxd5 6.Bb5 Bd7 7.0-0 0-0 This loses a pawn but gets almost an equivalent in cramping White's game. - Narraway **8.Bc4 Qe4 9.Ng5 Na5 10.Nxe4 Bxa4 11.Bxf7 h6 12.b3 Bd7 13.Bb2 Nf6 14.Bg6 Nc6 15.Ng3 Nd5 16.d4 exd4 17.cxd4 Be7 18.Nd2 Bf6 19.Nf3 Nde7 20.Be4 h5 21.Ne5 h4 22.Ne2 Be8 23.Rfd1 g5 24.f3 Nd5 25.Rac1 Nce7 26.h3 c6 27.Kf2 Bg7 28.a3 Kc7 29.b4 a6 30.Nc3 Nxc3 31.Bxc3 Nd5 32.Bd2 Bf6**



33.a4 The only way to make a breach in Black's defense. -Narraway **33...Nb6 34.b5 axb5 35.axb5 Rxd4? 36.Ng4 Be7 37.bxc6 bxc6** Wisely preferring to lose the exchange instead of the b pawn. - Narraway **38.Bf4+ gxf4 39.Rxd4 Rh5** Black makes a fine defense after losing the exchange and it is difficult for his opponent to force a win. - John Welsh Young **40.Bd3 Nd5 41.Re4 Ba3 42.Rcc4 Bd7 43.Re2 Bd6 44.Bg6 Rg5 45.Be8 Rf5 46.Bxd7 Kxd7 47.Rec2 Nb4 48.Rd2 c5 49.Re4 Kc6 50.Re6 Nd5**



51.Rde2 Better than 51.Rh6 at once. -Narraway 51...Nc3 52.Rc2 Nb5 53.Rh6 Nd4 54.Rc1 Rf8 55.Ne5+ Kd5 56.Nd7 Rd8 A blunder. Up to this point Black expected to draw. -Jellett 57.Rh5+ Nf5 58.Rxf5+ Ke6 59.Rfxc5 Kxd7 60.Rh5 Ke6 61.Rxh4 Be5 62.Rh6+ Kf7 63.Rb1 Rd7 64.Rh7+ Bg7 65.Rb4 Rd2+ 66.Kf1 Kg6 67.Rxg7+ and wins. 1-0 *Continental Bulletin No. 2*

Despite his failure to advance to the finals of the Continental Tournament, Jellett did not forsake postal chess. When the Pillsbury National Correspondence Chess Association was formed in 1896, Jellett joined, and began playing in the first tournament for the correspondence championship of the United States. By 1900 he had won the championship of the Northern Division of the PNCCA, acquiring a bronze medal and a place in the finals for his efforts. He also had one of his wins published in the *Brooklyn Daily Eagle* chess column of Hermann Helms. This column also served as the official organ of the PNCCA, which explains why a Minnesota correspondence player's game is appearing in a Brooklyn newspaper.

James Jellett - F. Hill [C45]

PNCCA Northern Division semi-finals

Notes by A. E. Swaffield

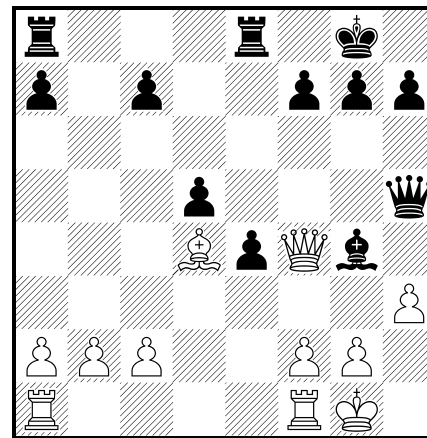
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.d4 exd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nxc6 bxc6 6.Bd3 d5 7.Qe2 dxe4 8.Nd2 Somewhat out of the ordinary, with White evidently desired to get out of the books, with the prospect of a livelier game. 8...Bb4 9.0-0 Bxd2 10.Bxd2 0-0 11.Bc4 Of course, if 11.Bxe4 Black replies 11...Re8, eventually winning a pawn. As it is, the extra pawn is a hard one for Black to maintain. 11...Re8 12.Bc3 Bg4 13.Qe3 Nd5 14.Bxd5 cxd5 15.Bd4 A very good move, removing all danger from ...d4. 15...Qh4 Of course, if 15...a6 16.Qg3 16.Qf4 16.Bxa7 would be decidedly risky, Black replying 16...Re6, etc. 16...Qh5 17.h3

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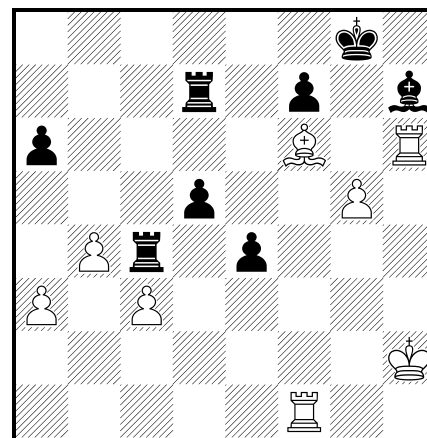
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17...Be2 Taking into consideration the subsequent play, it is doubtful this is as good as 17...Be6 18.Rfe1 Re6 19.Kh2 Rg6 It is only reasonable to suppose that Mr. Hill had no desire to draw the game, otherwise 19...c6 was sufficient. 20.Qxc7 a6 21.a3 Clever play, confining the opposing Bishop to the Kingside. White now turns the attack completely. 21...Qg5 22.Rg1 Re6 23.Rae1 Bh5 24.g4 Bg6 25.f4 Re7 26.Qd6 Re6 27.fxg5 Rxd6 28.Re3 Rc6 29.c3 Rb8 30.b4 Rc4 31.Rd1 Rb7 32.h4 h5 33.gxh6 34.Bf6 Rd7 35.h5 Bh7 36.g5 Bf5 37.Rf1 Bg4 38.Rg3 Bxh5 If 38...Be2 (or ...Bf3) 39.gxh6+ Kh7 40.Rg7+ Kxh6 41.Rg8 Kxh5 42.Rfg1 winning. 39.Rh3 Bg6 40.Rxh6 Bh7



41.Kg2 In contrast to his usual hammer and tongs style White finishes off with an artistic *coups de repos*, a fitting termination to so well-played a game. 1-0 *Brooklyn Daily Eagle*, February 10, 1901

Jellett, as Champion of the Northern Division, played in the finals of the first PNCCA Championship, but did not win the crown. However, his adventures in American chess continued for a number of years after his PNCCA title, with active participation in both correspondence and over-the-board events. For instance, Jellett, age 63, played in a preliminary section of the 1905 Western Championship, the forerunner of the modern US Open, although he did not advance to the final section. Time was dulling Jellett's hammer and tongs.

This tale of an Irishman's adventures in America came to an end with Jellett's death on April 12, 1914, in his adopted home of St. Paul. He sleeps eternally in Minnesota soil, half a world away from his native land, but his name, like that of many another naturalized American, lives on as a small part of the history of the grand adventure of American chess.

Dowd's Dungeon Solutions

1. Dowd - Mate in 2

1.Kd2! 1. Kd1 and 1. Bd3 are the tries, but both cover all mates except for the king's flight to f3 **1-0**

2. Dowd - what result? **Draw!**

1.c5+ Ke7 2.c6 e4 3.Bh4+! Kf7 4.c7 e3 5.Kb7 e1Q 6.Bxe1 f2 7.Bc3 f1Q 8.c8Q Qb5+ And now, Black must go for the perpetual. In general, these endings are drawn - as John Nunn notes, the stronger side must usually be at least a rook up to win (although Q+N can pose some interesting problems, due to the "opposite moves" of the Knight from the queen). A computer will of course show an advantage for White here, but will also find nothing better than submitting to the perpetual. **9.Ka7 Qa4+ 10.Kb6 Qb3+ 11.Ka5 Qa3+ 12.Kb5 Qb3+**

Again, the first person able to find a refutation to my study will win a book prize - email me at doctorsbd@aol.com!

PRESIDENT'S REPORT by Tom Martinak

As you should be aware, last year we added a second publication, the *PSCF Annual*, which will again be published sometime during this year. We would like to honor and acknowledge chess excellence from across our state and so last year in the *2004 PSCF Annual* we designated:

2003 Player of the Year: GM Alexander Shabalov

2003 Junior Player of the Year: Ryan Milisits

This year we would like our members to nominate those who they feel made significant chess achievements in Pennsylvania during 2004. We will then have our elected officers choose among those nominees. Nominations should be sent to me by May 1, 2005. E-mail is preferred (to martinak_tom_m@hotmail.com) but mail will also be acceptable (to Tom M. Martinak, 549 13th Avenue, New Brighton PA 15066-1208). We will add one new award this year and will be looking for suggestions on one additional award for the following year. Please give some brief reasoning on why you feel the player you nominate deserves the award. So, by May 1st, please send me your nominations for:

2004 Player of the Year

2004 Junior Player of the Year

2004 Women Player of the Year

New Award for 2005

With reference to this issue's title article, I should note that, upon request, the PSCF will donate *Pennswoodpusher* subscriptions to those currently incarcerated in Pennsylvania or to any prison library that will make it available to inmates. Just write me with the appropriate name and address.

UPCOMING PSCF EVENTS

February 26. PSCF Palmyra Scholastic 2. 3-4SS. G/30. Palmyra Cove Nature Park, 1300 Route 73 N, Palmyra NJ 08065-1007. Rated and non-rated sections available. **EF:** \$10 by 2/19, \$15 later. \$\$ books/equipment per section based on entries. Reg 9-9:45am. Rds 10am - 11:30am - 1:30pm - 3pm (if needed). **Local Info(hotels, maps, etc.):** Clara Ruvolo 856-829-1900 cruvolo@bcbridges.org <http://www.palmyracove.org/> **Info:** 215-674-9049, Iralee@aol.com **Ent:** Dr. Ira Lee Riddle, 400 Newtown Rd., Warminster PA 18974.

March 4

GPP:6

Pennsylvania

(QC) 2005 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. \$\$ (630 b/90, 1st-3rd G in Open 465G): **Open:** 160-90-50, U1800 \$45, U1600 \$40. **U1500:** 100-55-35, U1200 \$30, Unrated \$25. **U1100:** Trophies to 1st-3rd, 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" before 1/31 for best rate; 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 4 - 6. 2005 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 3/5 & 6 unless indicated): **EF: K-3 Open:** (Sat 3/5 only) \$29. **K-6 U800:** (Sat 3/5 only) \$27. **K-9 U1000:** (Sun 3/6 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 3/4-6) \$32.50. **All:** EFs if rec'd by 2/12, \$10 more rec'd 2/13-2/26, \$20 more after 2/26. PSCF memb. incl. 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 3/4 6-10 pm, Sat 3/5 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 3/5 1-day sections): 5-SS. G/40 T/D5; 10-11:45-2-3:45-5:30; (Sun 3/6 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 3/4-6 K-12 Open): 6-SS. G/90, T/D5; 8, 10-2-5:30, 9-1. **HR:** Mention "PA States" before 1/31 for best rate; 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.pscfcchess.org/pascholasticchamp/>, Steve McLaughlin: zugzwang1@erols.com 215-784-5938; Dan Heisman: danheisman@comcast.net 610-649-0750; Rich Barbara: rbarbara139@comcast.net 412-767-9228. W.

March 5 & 6

GPP:6

Pennsylvania

2005 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.** \$\$ (1260 b/70, 1st-2nd G in Open 780G): **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" before 1/31 for best rate; 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.

March 19. PSCF-CCP Tourney. Room BG-13, Sections A & B, Community College of Philadelphia, Philadelphia PA 19130 (SE corner of 17th & Spring Garden). 3 Sections: **Open Quads:** 3-RR.

G/60. EF: \$20. \$\$ 50 to 1st in each quad. **Scholastic Octos:** 3-SS. G/60. EF: \$10. Trophies to top 3 in each octo. **Scholastic Under 700 & Unrated:** 5-SS. G/30. EF: \$5. Trophies to top 5. **All:** Reg: 8:30-9:30am. First Round at 10am. PSCF required \$5 OSA. **Info:** Dr. Ira Lee Riddle, 215-674-9049, Iralee@aol.com

April 10 GPP:6 Pennsylvania (QC) 2005 PA State Game/29 Championship. 5-SS. G/29. Ballroom, Main Floor, William Pitt Union, Univ. of Pittsburgh, 5th Ave. & Bigelow Blvd., Pittsburgh PA 15213. 2 sections: **Championship:** Open to all. EF: \$25 postmarked by 4/2, \$35 after. \$\$ (690G): 200-100, U2000 \$90, U1800 \$80, U1600 \$70, U1400 \$60, U1200 \$50, U1000 \$40. Trophies to Top 3 under 1400, Top 3 under 1200, and Top 3 under 1000. **Scholastic:** Open to K-12 who are unrated or rated under 900. EF: \$15 postmarked by 4/2, \$25 after. Trophies to Top 7, and Top 3 under 600. **All:** PSCF \$5 OSA. Trophies to 1st-2nd club and school teams combining 4-7 players from both sections. Reg ends 10:30am. Rds 11am - 12:30pm - 1:45pm - 3pm - 4:15pm. **Info:** martinak_tom_m@hotmail.com, 412-908-0286. **Ent:** Tom Martinak, 549 13th Ave., New Brighton PA 15066-1208. Checks payable to PSCF. W.

NEW STATE CHAMPIONSHIP!

April 16 & 17. 2005 PA State Amateur Championship. 5-SS. Comfort Inn, 58 SR 93, West Hazleton PA 18202, ½ mile from Exit 145 off I81. 2 sections: **Championship (Saturday & Sunday):** Open to U2200. G/120. Rds 10am - 2:30pm - 6:45pm, 10am - 2:30pm. EF: \$20 postmarked by 4/8, \$30 after. Trophies to 1st, 2nd, 3rd, Top U1800, Top U1600, Top U1400. 1st & 2nd receive paid advance entry into either 2005 US Amateur or 2005 PA State Championship, Title to Top PA Resident. **Scholastic (Saturday only):** Open to K-12 who are either unrated or rated under 1200. G/40. Rds 10am - 11:30pm - 1pm - 2:30pm - 4pm. EF: \$15 postmarked by 4/8, \$25 after. Trophies to 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 1st-2nd K-8, 1st K-5. **All:** Reg 8:45-9:15am. PSCF \$5 OSA. **HR:** Comfort Inn 570-455-9300, 1-877-424-6423 \$90. **Info:** jem023@ptd.net, 717-455-9261. **Ent:** GHACC, C/O Michael Jemo, 567 Forest Hills Dr., Hazleton PA 18201-9648. Checks payable to GHACC. W. *Sponsored & Organized by the PA State Chess Federation & Greater Hazleton Area Chess Club.*

A Heritage Event

July 16 & 17 GPP:35 Pennsylvania 2005 Pennsylvania State Championship & 23rd Tullah Hanley Grand Prix. 5-SS. G/120. Thomas Building, Penn State University, Pollock Road, University Park PA 16802. 3 sections. **Open,** open to all: **EF:** \$55 postmarked by 7/3, \$65 between 7/4 and 7/15, \$75 on-site 7/16. \$\$ (1900 guaranteed): 1000-400-200-100, Expert \$100, Class A \$100. **U1800,** open to those rated under 1800: **EF:** \$45 postmarked by 7/3, \$55 between 7/4 and 7/15, \$65 on-site 7/16. \$\$ (1050 guaranteed): 500-250-100-50, U1600 100-50. **U1200,** open to those rated under 1200: **EF:** \$45 postmarked by 7/3, \$55 between 7/4 and 7/15, \$65 on-site 7/16. \$\$ (1050 guaranteed): 500-250-100-50, U1000/Unrated 100-50. **All:** Reg Fri 7 - 9pm, Sat 8 - 8:30am. Rds Sat 9am - 1:30pm - 6:30pm, Sun 8:30am - 1pm. PSCF required \$5 OSA. Trophy to Top PA player in each section. **Maps:** <http://www.campusmaps.psu.edu/print/> **Hotels:** <http://www.visitpennstate.org/availability.php> **Info:** 814-368-8009, <http://www.amchess.org/>, tournaments@amchess.org **Ent:** American Chess School, 140 School St., Bradford PA 16701-1160. W.

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C-burg Chessman; 600 Miller St; Thurs 7-10 pm, 717-263-8389

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SOUTHAMPTON:

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