

Atlantic Chess News Annual 2015



Welcome from Steve Doyle

Here we are at the Sapphire Anniversary of THE team tournament. It seems like yesterday when I dug into my savings to go to Atlantic City for my first team experience. That was also the last time playing was my only activity.

Every year after that, I had a job and was part of the administration of the tournament. That first year at Atlantic City was exciting, too. I still remember buying a pork roll sandwich for fifty cents on the boardwalk—such an expensive food budget!

Who could forget the following year where the hotel only used eight floors, but left five others with doors open! Only chess players would use the rooms instead of renting one. I remember on player boasting he used a water view room one night and the second night used a suite!

The tournament then moved on to Asbury Park, Cherry Hill and Somerset before landing in Parsippany for good in the 1990s.

There are certain constants at every team tournament. We should probably make a list.

--Picking just the right team name and maybe even winning a prize. We've had some hilarious ones!

--Top players with their amateur friends squeezing under 2200 or just having fun with friends for a weekend.

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Princeton A: Jack Hutton (team coach), Michael Lee (board one), Jason Altschuler (board three), Derek Johnson (board four), Andrew Ng (board 2). (Photo courtesy of Mike Somers)

Princeton Wins USATE 2014

The Princeton University "A" Team has achieved something not done since 1975-76 by the GSCA Four. It has won back to back US Amateur Team East championships.

Back then it was the whole US championship, but it has exploded in popularity, and by 1984 it was East vs. West and by 1987 we had the first computer connected four region playoff.

The East, with its 278 teams and 1173 players despite the snow, is always the most competitive. The top 14 teams were half a point apart with Princeton winning on tie breaks. Here's that select group: (original seeding in parentheses, rating and placing by tie-break)

- 1 Princeton A (4)
2197 5.5
- 2 WHAT DOES THE GM SAY? CHECKC (5)
2197 5.5
- 3 ON THE ROHDE AGAIN (7)
2193 5.5

- 4 SCRUBS, WE'RE ABOUT TO GET (12)
2189 5.0
- 5 CORNELL UNIVERSITY (11)
2191 5.0
- 6 CHRISTIE CLOSED THE B-FILE (18)
2175 5.0
- 7 KINGSIDE CRUSHERS (27)
2164 5.0
- 8 3 1/2 MEN (16)
2178 5.0
- 9 BOSTON BRIGADE (27)
2171 5.0
- 10 MISTAKES WERE MADE (3)
2197 5.0
- 11 NOBODY (21)
2172 5.0
- 12 CAMBRIDGE SPRINGERS (1)
2199 5.0
- 13 STOYKO TEAM (25)
2167 5.0
- 14 THE WESTFIELD CHESS FACTORY (19)
2175 5.0

Michael Lee '15, first board with a rating of 2445. Andrew Ng '16, second board with a rating of 2341 Jason Altschuler '16, third board with a rating of 2277 and fourth board Darek

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--People forget their clocks, their socks, their scorepads, their money, their cell phone...always something.
--The mob in the lobby.
--Trying to find a parking spot closer to the hotel.
--The chess convention aspect: meeting your best chess friends once a year, going out to dinner to catch up.

In fact, the New Jersey State Chess Federation can trace Presidents' Weekend (when it was just Washington's Birthday) back as far as 1885 as the annual chess player retreat. A retreat and a treat is what it is.

We are all honored to host you, see you and visit with you year after year. Thank you for your support and participation.

Stop and say hello!

Steve

Letter From The Editor

This past 2014 has been a spectacular year for New Jersey chess activity. The team tournament attracted almost 1200 players, over 270 teams and Garry Kasparov, who made speeches, answered a multitude of questions ranging from FIDE and Carlsen to the Budapest Gambit, signed books and gave private interviews.

Our 2014 New Jersey Open attracted **SEVEN GRANDMASTERS AND FIVE INTERNATIONAL MASTERS**. It was like a futurity for our up and coming young stars. My favorite moment of that Labor Day Weekend was hearing this conversation between two talented youngsters on the run to their next round: "I'm playing an IM this round." "I'M playing a GM this round." In fact, Grandmasters Joel Benjamin and Alex Stripunsky, were NJ co-champions. People raved about the Hyatt Hotel site in Morristown as the playing conditions are terrific. We encourage you to think about the next Labor Day in your chess plans.

New Jersey was ably represented nationally with Chris Wu at the Denker (National High School Championship), Kim Ding at the National Girls' Invitational Tournament and John Michael Burke at the Barber (National K-8 Championship). Their combined scores at that event site outdid every other state, just edging out our neighbors in New York.

Our youth were busy elsewhere as well. A very enterprising and service oriented young high school student, Alice Dong, came up with the idea of hosting an all-girls' two day chess camp at Dean Ippolito's new chess emporium over the teachers' convention break. Once she got to 50, she actually had to put people on a waiting list.

Our president, Hal Sprechman, as tournament director, had to turn people away as well, at the K-12 class championships at Brookdale Community College where over 400 kids showed up. Register ahead of time!!

Our contents include many annotated games this time around. All but a few are taken from the games your editor wrote about in the Star-Ledger this past year. You may not know that the newspaper changed its format to use a whole set page from the Newhouse newspapers, so now Shelby Lyman's column inhabits our spot. Due to lots of outraged readers, the Star-Ledger put Steve and me online where we now inhabit <http://www.nj.com/inside-jersey/>. We hope you'll visit every week.

Other transitions have been made—several sad ones. New Jersey lost master Bernie Friend just before the New Year in 2014 and long-time organizer from Hackettstown, Harold Darst. David Cole has favored us with some personal remembrances, and we added Bernie's most famous game. All deaths have tragic loss attached to them for their friends and family, but none stunned so much as the killing of 11 year old expert Thomas Elberling, done in by his own father who then

committed suicide. We can only note the horror, as words are insufficient to describe it.

One last note. We were somewhat discouraged by the decline in game scores being turned in last year, especially by stronger players. Come on, guys! We return to offering a \$100 Best Game Prize for this year's team tournament. It's the only cash prize in the place, so take advantage of it!

I should not end this letter without my heartfelt thanks to Aaron Kiedes, who put this together because I rely on his skills with computers and his patience with me. Anyone who has seen him in action as a TD will have experienced both those characteristics. Personal plug by Pete: I hope you'll buy my new book, *Openings for Amateurs*, on sale here. I am very pleased with its reception in reviews online, in *Chess Life* and *British Chess Magazine*, who has me now writing a regular column of the same name in their distinguished periodical.

As Steve says in his letter, if you see me, stop me and say hello! Be warned: I will ask you for a game score! --Pete Tamburro

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Sandi Hutama Wins US Amateur East Individual

By Pete Tamburro

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Sandi Hutama is the quint-essential amateur chess player and proved it by winning the US Amateur East held at the luxurious Hyatt Hotel in Morristown.

He's 48 years old, feels "my chess calculating skill is in decline," and was once a master and would like to be again. He credits his win to "the luck of the older and more experienced player. It certainly feels like I won because I made less mistakes than my opponents rather than because I made better moves. Indeed when I looked at the games, I was losing at some point in as much as 3 out of the 6 games, but my opponents were busy scheming their own mistakes."

He works for Johnson and Johnson, has two children in college and a wife of 25 years who is a "sweet lady who doesn't play chess but lets me play chess to my heart's content. He doesn't study chess "systematically" anymore, but his games exhibit the fighting spirit characteristic of his play.

He had won this tournament five years ago and was 2nd in 2012, so he is familiar with pressure. Sandi actually tied with a 5.5-0.5 score matched by Geoffrey Herman, also a NJ expert, but won on tiebreaks. The two had drawn in round 4.

Vinko Rutar of Pennsylvania had been the early leader with a 4-0 score, but then lost to Hutama in round five in a wildly complex game and lost to Herman in the last round.

The reserve section was won handily by Christopher Moravek of Pennsylvania whose 5.5/6 score vaulted him from a 1793 rating to 1854. Jerseyans Kenneth Jackhewicz and Todd Jobson II also went 5.5/6 to tie for the under 1400 crown, with the former winning on tie-breaks.

Hutama is thinking about

playing in the New Jersey Open on Labor Day weekend in Morristown at the same site, which is only ten minutes from his house.

In the meantime it's back to what amateurs do: play blitz on line and with friends. He might not be systematic in his studies, but he is relentless over the board.

A prime example is his game against Rutar. Once the game hit move 34, it becomes unbearably complex. Figuring this out with a clock ticking is impossible. Doing a post mortem is equally so! Here are some key conclusions we reached:

1. Black's hedgehog formation coordinated Black's pieces while White's play seemed to be planless. At moves 11 and 12 he needed to play f4.
2. Black's winning a pawn starting on move 26 was correct, but the complications resulting were enormous. If you're playing for a win, that's the way to go. Hutama had an "easier" equalizing move in 19...d5, but it was more likely to draw and he had to win.
3. White's decision to attack on the kingside (finally!) was proper, but he missed some real opportunities, most notably with 39.e5! Qe6 40.Bxg7 Kxg7 41.bxa5 Nc5 42.Rf1 Nd7 43.h4 Rce8 (43...b4 44.Bh3 Qc6 45.h5) 44.Bh3 with a chance to avoid a loss. Also 38.Rf2! Qb8 (38...axb4 39.Ref1 Ra7 40.Qe3 Qb8 41.Bf4 Qb6 42.Qxb6 Nxb6 43.Nxc6 Rxc6 44.Bb8; 38...Rce8 39.Ng4) 39.Bf4 was worth a look.
4. There are insane alternatives after 34...axb4 and 35...hxg6 and our favorite: 37...Ra7 38.Rf1 axb4 39.Qf2 Qb8 40.Bf4 Ne6 41.Nxc6 Qxf4+ 42.Qxf4 Nxf4 43.Nxa7 Nxe2 44.Nxc8 c3 45.e5 Nc5 46.Bf3 Nd4 47.Bd5+ Kg7 48.Ne7 c2 49.Rf7+ Kh6 50.Kg3 g5 (50...c1Q 51.Ng8+ Kh5 52.Nf6+) 51.Rf6+ Kg7 52.Rf7+ Kh6 53.Rf6+ Draw!
5. Black's best bet may have been 36...Re7! 37.Ne5 Ng7, but, as with most of this game, we have no idea—even with Houdini!

Vinko Rutar-Sandi Hutama, US Amateur East Championship, Morristown, 2014: 1.c4 c5 2.Nc3 Nf6 3.g3 e6 4.e4 d6 5.Bg2 Be7 6.Nge2 0-0 7.0-0 a6 8.d4 cxd4 9.Nxd4 Qc7 10.Qe2 Nbd7 11.Bd2 Rb8 12.Rac1 b6 13.h3 Bb7 14.Kh2 Rfe8 15.b3 Bf8 16.Rfe1 Rbd8 17.Qd3 Qb8 18.Qb1 Qa8 19.Re2 g6 20.Rce1 Bg7 21.Nf3 Nc5 22.Ng1 Bc6 23.a4 Rb8 24.Qc2 Rec8 25.Bf4 Ne8 26.b4 Bxc3 27.Qxc3 Nxa4 28.Qb3 b5 29.c5 e5 30.Bh6 dxc5 31.f4 exf4 32.gxf4 c4 33.Qg3 a5 34.f5 Rb7 35.fxg6 fxg6 36.Nf3 Ng7 37.Ne5 Re7 38.Nxc6 Qxc6 39.Bg5 Nh5 40.Qg4 Re5 41.Bf3 axb4 42.Qg2 Qc5 43.Be3 Qe7 44.Bg4 Rf8 45.Rf2 Rxf2 46.Bxf2 Nf4 47.Qh1 Nd3 48.Rf1 Nxf2 49.Rxf2 Rxe4 50.Qf3 b3 51.Rd2 b2 52.Rd8+ Kg7 53.Rd7 b1Q White Resigns

Here's Hutama's last round victory with his notes:

White: Sandi Hutama (2168)
Black: Drew John Serres (2055)
US Amateur East, Morristown, NJ, May 26th, 2014

Fritz assisted annotation.

This is my game from the last round. A game full of mistakes. Not my best game but what's more interesting about this game is the circumstances in which it is played. That is, both of us needed to win to secure one of the top two spots. Given the circumstances, a hard-fought game is bound to happen and it did.

1.c4

I was born an e4 player. But with no opening preparation, playing e4 now is like walking into a minefield. With c4 I am hoping for two things: First, to take my opponent out of the book as early as possible and really start the battle based on our knowledge of chess. Second, to avoid a game that demands a lot of calculation which I am no longer good at and steer it into a game of positional judgment and intuition which I believe I would be better than my opponent given the 100+ rating difference. As we will see I was

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Benjamin & Stripunsky Share New Jersey Championship

The NJ Open held in Morristown this past Labor Day weekend with perhaps the strongest field ever—7 grandmasters and 5 international masters. It was a joy for many of our up and coming young experts and masters because they got to face titled players for invaluable experience.

Three GMs tied for first place with 5-1 scores: Joel Benjamin, Alex Stripunsky and Sergey Kudrin. Joel and Alex as New Jersey residents will share state champion honors.

Half a point behind were GM Alex Fishbein of Summit, GM Mikheil Kekelidze, IM Tom Bartell and Karl Dehmelt. While GM Fishbein was sharing a \$150 quarter share of 4th place, his young son Mitch Fishbein was winning the under 1600 prize and \$500!

GM Stripunsky told us that he had won the NJ Open three times before, but was never a New Jersey resident and could not be state champion. He also won the New York Open three times, but was a NJ resident each time he did that!

The top expert award was shared by Aaron Jacobson and Michael Yen. Jeremy Glassman won the top A prize. Praveen Balakrishnan (who was thrilled at the opportunity to play 2 GMs and 2IMs) won the top under



13 prize. For these young people to get plus scores in this strong a field is quite remarkable. Kudos!

Yaofeng Dong won the Under 1900 section with 5.5/6 and went home with the \$500 prize for that section. The Under 1300 section prize was shared by Long Hua and Brian Cige.

All total there were 149 players in the Open tournament and 42 youngsters playing in the one day scholastic tournament on Saturday. The tournament was directed by Noreen Davisson and assisted by Jim Mullanaphy and Richard Davisson.

Our game today was won by the NJ Open champ over the Modern Defense by straightforward development and taking over more and more space. Benjamin's 29.e5 was the key shot as he went from a good advantage to a decisive advantage. Zlotnikov bravely tried to hold on, but to no avail.

Benjamin, Joel (2634) - Zlotnikov, Mikhail (2338) [B06] NJ Open 2014,2014

1.e4 g6 2.d4 Bg7 3.Nc3 d6 4.Be3 c6 5.Qd2 Nd7 6.Nf3 b5 7.Bd3 Bb7 8.h3 Qc7 9.Ne2 a6 10.Ng3 h5 11.c3 Ngf6 12.0-0 h4 13.Ne2 c5 14.d5 c4 15.Bc2 Nc5 16.Bxc5 Qxc5 17.a4 Nd7 18.axb5 axb5 19.Rxa8+ Bxa8 20.Ra1 Bb7 21.Ra3 Bf6 22.Ned4 Qb6 23.b4 cxb3 24.Rxb3 Ba6 25.c4 Nc5 26.Rb4 Kf8 27.cxb5 Bc8 28.Nc6 Bd7 29.e5 dxe5 30.Nfxe5 Kg7 31.Qe3 Bxc6 32.dxc6 Rh5 33.f4 g5 34.fgx5 Rgx5 35.Nf3 Rg3 36.Rc4 Nd7 37.Qxb6 Nxb6 38.c7 Black Resigns

One of the benefits of this year's NJ Open, with its seven grandmasters and five international masters, is that our younger players, many of them already talented experts or masters, got a chance to play them.

Praveen Balakrishnan is a young master who has a great future ahead of him. He was doing very well in the tournament, and, as a result, met former US champ and future NJ Open

champ Joel Benjamin in the fourth round.

One thing you have to say about Praveen is that he went into the game to slug it out with the GM. He kept the center fluid in the opening, which could also be achieved by 5.h3 or 5.Bd3.

He showed a bit of circumspection with 8.c3 rather than 8.Be3 Nf6 9.0-0 0-0 (9...Nd5 10.Bg5 h6 11.Bd2) 10.c4. Then, he opted for a very double-edged 12.0-0-0.

Benjamin didn't need an invitation and pushed his a-pawn all the way down to a3. Praveen returned the compliment with an h5 push and both sides were seeing who would get to whom first.

With the White attack pouncing on the Black castled position at h6, Benjamin, as one might expect of a GM, came up with the proper 18... exd4 rather than 18...Bxh6+ 19.Rxh6 Kg7 20.Qd2 Rg8 (20...Rh8 21.Nf5+ gxf5 22.Qg5+) 21.Rh4 Kf8 22.dxe5 where White has the upper hand.

Considering the outcome (the refuge for all of us Monday morning quarterbacks), it might have been better for White to go with: 19.Rxd4 Bxh6+ 20.Rxh6 Nc5 21.Rdh4 Qd7 22.b4 Nd3+ 23.Kb1 Ne1 24.Ne4 Nxe4 25.Qxe4 Rfe8 26.Qc4 Qd3+ 27.Qxd3 Nxd3 28.Kc2, which is equal, and White might have a shot at that a3-



pawn.

Benjamin, by that time, had seized the initiative and made the most of it. Balakrishnan could have tried to repeat the position with 22.Rhd1 Nc5 23.Nf1 Ne6 24.Rb4 Nc5 25.Rbd4, but we're not confident that the GM would have gone along with that. He would have made the young man work.

White made it a little easier for Black with 26.Qc1 where 26.Rc4 would have been a bit better, although Black would still have the advantage.

Despite the result, the young master left the field with honor and will no doubt give these GMs an even harder time next year.

**Balakrishnan,Praveen (2261) - Benjamin,Joel (2634) [B15]
NJ Open, Morristown, 2014**

1.e4 g6 2.d4 Bg7 3.Nc3 c6 4.Nf3 d5 5.Be2 dxe4 6.Nxe4 Bf5 7.Ng3 Bg4 8.c3 Nd7 9.Qb3 Bxf3 10.Bxf3 Qc7 11.Be3 Ngf6 12.0-0-0 a5 13.h4 a4 14.Qc2 a3 15.b3 0-0 16.h5 e5 17.hxg6 hxg6 18.Bh6 exd4 19.Bxg7 Qf4+ 20.Kb1 Kxg7 21.Rxd4 Qg5 22.Ne4 Nxe4 23.Bxe4 Nc5 24.f4 Qf6 25.Bf3 Rad8 26.Qc1 Rxd4 27.cxd4 Nd3 28.Qe3 Nxf4 29.g3 Nh3 30.Bg2 Qf2 31.Qxf2 Nxf2 32.Rf1 Ng4 33.Rf3 Re8 34.Rf1 Re2 35.Bh3 Ne3 36.Rh1 Rb2+ 37.Kc1 Rxa2 White Resigns

**Benjamin,Joel (2634) - Ding,Kimberly (2087) [C06]
NJ Open 2014 (1), 30.08.2014**

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nd2 Nf6 4.e5 Nfd7 5.Bd3 c5 6.c3 Nc6 7.Ngf3 cxd4 8.cxd4 f6 9.exf6 Nxf6 10.0-0 Bd6 11.Re1 0-0 12.Nf1 Qc7 13.Be3 e5 14.dxe5 Nxe5 15.Nxe5 Bxe5 16.Rc1 Qf7 17.Bc5 Re8 18.Bb5 Bd7 19.Bxd7 Qxd7 20.Bd4 Qd6 21.Bxe5 Rxe5 22.Qd4 Rxe1 23.Rxe1 b6 24.Ne3 Re8 25.Rd1 Re4 26.Qd3 Qe5 27.b3 d4 28.Nf1 Re2 29.Qc4+ Kf8 30.Rxd4 Rxa2 31.Rd8+ Ke7 32.Rd1 Ra1 33.f4 Qa5 34.b4 Qa4 35.Qc7+ Nd7 36.Rxd7+ 1-0

**Paul,Joseph (1931) - Milovanovich,Dragon (2260) [B83]
NJ Open, 30.08.2014**

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Nc3 e6 4.d4 cxd4 5.Nxd4 Nf6 6.Be3 d6 7.Be2 Be7 8.0-0 0-0 9.f4 Qc7 10.Kh1 Nxd4 11.Bxd4 e5 12.Be3 exf4 13.Bxf4 a6 14.Qe1 Re8 15.Qg3 Bf8 16.Bf3 Qb6 17.Bg5 Be7 18.Bxf6 Bxf6 19.Nd5 Qxb2 20.Rab1 Qe5 21.Nxf6+ Qxf6 22.Bh5 Qe5 23.Bxf7+ Kh8 24.Bxe8 Qxe8 25.Qxd6 Be6 26.Rxb7 Bxa2 27.Qd4 Qg8 28.h3 a5 29.Rf3 a4 30.Ra3 Be6 31.Rxa4 Rd8 32.Qe5 Qf8 33.Raa7

1-0



Runya Xu from Pennsylvania is surrounded by grandmasters Norowitz, Stripunsky, Rohde, and Kekelidze

**West,James (2203) - Adelson,Serge (1859) [B30]
NJ Open 2014 (1), 30.08.2014**

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 e6 3.d3 Nc6 4.g3 Nf6 5.Bg2 Be7 6.0-0 Qc7 7.Nbd2 d6 8.a4 0-0 9.Re1 Nd7 10.Nc4 d5 11.exd5 exd5 12.Bf4 Qd8 13.Nd6 Nf6 14.Nxc8 Rxc8 15.h4 Bd6 16.Qd2 h6 17.Bh3 Bxf4 18.Qxf4 Rb8 19.Ne5 Nxe5 20.Qxe5 Re8 21.Qc3 Qd6 22.Rxe8+ Rxe8 23.Re1 Rxe1+ 24.Qxe1 d4 25.Qa5 a6 26.Bg2 Nd5 27.Bxd5 Qxd5 28.b4 Qa2 29.Qxc5 Qxa4 30.Qc8+ Kh7 31.Qxb7 Qxc2 32.Qe4+ g6 33.Qxd4 Qc1+ 34.Kg2 Qc6+ 35.Qe4 Qd6 36.h5 f5 37.Qb7+ Kg8 38.hxg6 Qxg6 39.d4 Qd6 40.Qc8+ Kg7 41.Qc5 Qe6 42.Qe5+ Kf7 43.Qxe6+ Kxe6 44.Kf3 Kd5 45.Kf4 Kxd4 46.Kxf5 Kc4 47.f4 Kxb4 48.Ke6 a5 49.f5

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**Bartell,Tom (2448) - Hall,Tim (2019) [D02]
NJ Open 2014 (1), 30.08.2014**

1.Nf3 d5 2.g3 Nf6 3.Bg2 c5 4.0-0 Nc6 5.d4 cxd4 6.Nxd4 g6 7.c4 Qb6 8.Nxc6 bxc6 9.cxd5 cxd5 10.Nc3 e6 11.e4 dxe4 12.Nxe4 Nxe4 13.Bxe4 Bb7 14.Qa4+ Ke7 15.Be3

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**Jacobsen,Brandon (2143) - Ippolito,Dean (2548) [B19]
NJ Open 2014 (2), 30.08.2014**

1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.Nc3 dxe4 4.Nxe4 Bf5 5.Ng3 Bg6 6.Nf3 Nd7 7.h4 h6 8.h5 Bh7 9.Bd3 Bxd3 10.Qxd3 e6 11.Bd2 Ngf6 12.0-0-0 Be7 13.Qe2 Rc8 14.Ne5 0-0 15.Ng6 Re8 [15...fxg6 16.hxg6 e5 17.Nf5 Nd5 18.Nxg7 Bb4 19.Bxh6]

16.Nxe7+ Qxe7 17.Ne4 c5 18.Nxf6+ Nxf6 19.Be3 c4 20.c3 b5 21.g4 Nd5 22.Rdg1 f6 23.f4 Qd6 24.Qd2 b4 25.g5 bxc3 26.bxc3 Rb8

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**Chen,Andy (2037) - Fishbein,Alex (2545) [E61]
NJ Open 2014 (1), 30.08.2014**

1.d4 Nf6 2.Nf3 g6 3.c4 Bg7 4.Nc3 0-0 5.Bf4 d6 6.e3 a6 7.Be2 c6 8.0-0 b5 9.Qd2 Nbd7 10.Rfe1 Nb6 11.b3 bxc4 12.Bxc4 Nxc4 13.bxc4 a5 14.h3 Ba6 15.Qe2 Nd7 16.Na4 Rc8 17.Rac1 d5 18.Nd2 c5 19.Qf3 cxd4 20.Qxd5 e5 21.Bh2 dxe3 22.Rxe3 Nf6 23.Qxd8 Rfxd8 24.Ne4 Rxc4 25.Nxf6+ Bxf6 26.Nc3 e4 27.Bf4 Rdc8

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Fishbein,Alex (2545) - Jacobson,Aarn (2139) [B18]

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Princeton (Continued)

Johnson '16 with a rating of 1726, managed to repeat for the Tigers.

In talking with Andrew Ng, he pointed to Michael Lee's key win over Victor Shen as a deciding factor in their road to the championship along with Darek Johnson's stellar performance on 4th board that boosted him to an over 1900 rating. The irony of this is that he might be too highly rated for next year's fourth board!

He said they didn't do much to prepare. They just meet once a week at the Princeton Chess Club on Fridays from 7-930 and eat pizza and play bug-house. They do play in various team competitions about four or five times a year. This year's team will be different. Jason is in Oxford and Derek might have too high a rating!

It was quite a show as usual with former world champ Garry Kasparov showing up late (and Steve Doyle, while waiting, entertaining the crowd with his history of meeting world champs) and answering questions thrown at him by all the players in attendance followed by 90 minutes of signing books and shaking hands. The new USCF director, Jean Hoffman, showed up and was duly impressed by the whole spectacle.

We give you Michael Lee's crucial game with just his exclamation and question marks. His notes will appear on the NJSCF website <http://njscf.org/>.

Lee, Michael (2449) - Shen, Victor (2484) [A29]
Amateur Team East , Parsippany, NJ

1.c4 Nf6 2.Nc3 e5 3.g3 Bb4 4.Bg2 0-0 5.Nf3 Nc6 6.0-0 d6 7.Na4!? Bc5!? 8.d3 a5 9.Nxe5! Bxf2+!? 10.Rxf2 Nxe5 11.d4! Neg4 12.Rf3 Nd7 13.h3 Ngf6 14.g4 c6 15.Nc3 d5 16.Bg5!? h6 17.Bh4 g5?! 18.Bg3 dxc4 19.e4 b5 20.Bd6 Re8 21.e5 Re6 22.Rf5 Qb6 23.Kh1 Bb7? 24.Bc5 Nxc5 25.dxc5 Qxc5 26.exf6 Qb6 27.Qd2 Rd8 28.Rxg5+ Kf8 29.Rg8+! Kxg8 30.Qxh6 Rxf6 31.Qxf6 Qd4 32.Qg5+ Kf8 33.Rd1 Black Resigns

The following annotated games are from our Star-Ledger column (which is now online at <http://www.nj.com/inside-jersey/>):

Today's game from the USATE is between two masters who create a game of maneuvering behind lines akin to World War I's trench warfare. Black tries to set up a Maginot Line, as the French did after the war, but the historical result was the same. The enemy broke through.

White used the Panov-Botvinnik attack made famous in the 1930s by the latter in his match with Flohr. Flohr had tried 6...dxc4 7.d5 Ne5 8.Qd4 with little luck. Black gravitated toward e6 because the win of the pawn by White wasn't worth it for the first player: 7.cxd5 exd5 8.Bxf6 Qxf6 9.Nxd5 Qe6+ 10.Qe2 Bd6 (also good is 10...Bb4+ 11.Nxb4 Nxb4 12.Qxe6+ Bxe6 13.Kd2 0-0) 11.0-0 0-0 12.Qxe6 Bxe6 13.Nc3 Nb4 14.a3 Na2+ 15.Nxa2 Bxa2 16.Ne2 Rac8+ 17.Nc3 Bb3 18.Rd3 Bf4+ 19.Kb1 Rfe8 20.Be2 Bc2+ 21.Kxc2 Rxe2+ 22.Kb3 Rxf2.

With White's space advantage Black tries to keep things closed, but 24...g4 was worth an active try: 25.f4 Bc8 26.Qc1 Rh6 27.g3 Kf7 28.Qc2 Ba6 29.Rxe6 Rxe6 30.Qxf5+ Rf6 31.Qh5+ Kf8 32.Qh8+ Kf7 and White gets no more than a draw.

The key to breaking this game open as usual lies with the cavalry. White could have done it earlier with 32.Nc1 Bd7 33.Qe3 Be8 34.Nd3 a5 35.Ne5 axb4 36.Rxb4 Rxb4 37.Rxb4 Rxb4 38.axb4 Qd8 39.Qa3 and the White queen leads the initiative on the queenside.

White finally does get the knight onto a great square on move 40 and then, despite all the concern by both sides on the queenside breakthrough possibilities, he comes up with 42.h3! Talk about playing on both sides of the board!

That's the real breakthrough as the White forces make unanswerable threats. Black had no good choices. One great line is this possible mating line: 45...Ra8 46.Qb7+ Kg8 47.Qxh7+

Kxh7 48.Rxh3+ Kg7 49.Rbh2 Bf7 50.Rh7+ Kf8 51.Rxf7+ Kg8 52.Rfh7 Kf8 53.Rh8+ Ke7 54.R2h7#.

We hope you're reading this at the US Amateur East at the Hyatt in Morristown this Memorial Day weekend. If not, come on down and see the games and the great playing conditions! (Still true! We're back at this great site! See details on the back page-PT)

J. Altschuler-Siddharth Arun, US Amateur East, Parsippany, 2014

1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.exd5 cxd5 4.c4 Nf6 5.Nc3 Nc6 6.Bg5 e6 7.c5 7...Be7 8.Nf3 h6 9.Bf4 0-0 10.Bb5 Bd7 11.0-0 Ne4 12.Qc2 Ng5 13.Nxg5 hxg5 14.Bxc6 bxc6 15.Bg3 f5 16.Be5 Bf6 17.Rfe1 Bxe5 18.Rxe5 Rf6 19.f3 Rb8 20.a3 Qa5 21.Ree1 Qc7 22.Qd2 Rb3 23.Re2 Qb8 24.Rae1 Rf8? 25.Na2! Rb7 26.b4 Qf4 27.Re3 g4 28.g3 Qg5 29.f4 Qf6 30.Rb1 Rfb8 31.Reb3 Bc8 32.a4.Bd7 33.Nc3 a6 34.R1b2 g6 35.Qe3 Kf7 36.Ne2! Qd8 37.Nc1 Be8 38.Qd2 Bd7 39.Nd3 Be8 40.Ne5+ Kf6 41.Qd3 Ra7 42.h3! gxh3 43.g4 Rh7 44.g5+ Kg7 45.Qxa6 Rh4 46.Qf1 Ra8 47.Rxh3 Black Resigns

A bit of a challenge for all higher rated players handling the Black side of a game is to have an opponent who sets up a conservative but solid position which makes it hard to make something out of nothing.

Grandmaster Yudesin gives us a lesson in patience in how to deal with this situation. White plays a very solid, if not ambitious, system against the Gruenfeld Defense.

Our first clue about Black's play is that he knows that dxc4 is an option, but he can wait until he is more fully developed to do that. For example, if White played 8.0-0 we might have seen: 8...Nc6 9.Be3 Bf5 10.Rc1 dxc4 11.Bxc4 Rc8 12.Bd3 Be6 and Black has given White an isolated pawn and given himself a really nice outpost on d5.

White may have feared that

and went with 8.c5. Now, any strong player would know that challenging the pawn with b6 has to be considered. Timing, however, is everything. He continues his development as the pawn at c5 is not going anywhere.

White is focusing on exchanges as a safety plan. Black cleverly gave him an opportunity of several choices. One was 11.h3 Bxf3 12.Bxf3 Nd7 13.Rc1 f5 14.Qb3 Nxd4 15.Bxd4 Bxd4 16.Nxd5 Nxc5, but then Black has exactly the tumultuous position he wants. We think 10...e6 even tried to encourage 11.h3 because the bishop was “trapped.”

Instead, White goes with 11.Nd2. At that moment of “simplification,” Black springs 12...b6! White could try 13.Nb3 Nd7 14.Rfd1 Qe7 and Black continues the pressure on c5 or 13.cxb6 Qxb6 14.Nf3 Ne4 and Black has active center pressure.

What happened? Black was patient, developed and kept posing little challenges.

White, after the fatal move 14.b4?, tried to disrupt the Black plan with 15.Bf4, but to no avail. There was no good plan; e.g., 15.Qe2 Nxb4 16.Nb3 Ne4 17.Nxe4 dxe4 18.f3 Nd5 19.fxe4 Nxe3 20.Qxe3 bxc5. In fact, if White had tried 14.Nb3 then 14...Rfc8 continues the pressure and Black is happy.

White then makes the immediately losing 17.Qxc5, but it's not even worth putting a question mark as 17.Qd3 Nxb4 18.Qd2 Ne4 19.Nxe4 dxe4 20.Ng5 Bxd4 just takes a little longer.

G. Krichivsky-GM L. Yudesin, US Amateur Team East, Parsippany, 2014

1.c4 c5 2.e3 Nf6 3.d4 g6 4.Nf3 Bg7 5.Nc3 0-0 6.Be2 cxd4 7.exd4 d5 8.c5 Nc6 9.Be3 Bg4 10.0-0 e6! 11.Nd2 Bxe2 12.Qxe2 b6! 13.Qb5 Qd7 14.b4? Rfb8 15.Bf4 Rb7 16.Nf3 bxc5 17.Qxc5 Bf8
White Resigns

A couple of weeks ago we put

in a miniature between two former state champs, Todd Lunna and Dean Ippolito at the USATE. We were given the wrong scoresheet at the tournament! That game was Owocki-Ippolito.

The Lunna-Ippolito game was, indeed, a miniature, however, and we give the proper game here. It was a Caro-Kann as well.

Dean wrote us to relate that he played three games as Black at the team against an average rating of 2150 and had three games of 10, 13 and 19 moves. “That will never happen again!” That was very unusual.

As we mentioned in the other column, Todd had told us that he went purposely out of the books to avoid Ippolito's Caro preparation.

Right at the beginning, both players avoided obvious moves. White could have played 3.f4 since he needed not worry about the exchange on e5 since it would open the f-file for the White rook after castling and there was no real threat of Qh4+.

However, Black's 3...e6 was equally mysterious, blocking in the c8 bishop. For about ten moves, the game is equal. Then, White chooses 12.Be2 rather than 12.Qe2 which would develop a piece and get the queen off the d-file, which becomes important on moves 14 and 15.

With his queen scrunched in on e1, Lunna was running out of moves. He couldn't try 18.Bg3 h5 19.Ne5 Nxe5 20.Qxe5 (20.Bxe5 Rxd3! 21.cxd3 Qg5) 20...h4 21.Bf4 Rd5 22.Qe2 Qf6.

Ippolito, in the meantime had gone from a cramped-looking position to one of open lines for his pieces, all initiated by 10...c5.

The game ends quickly because of the lack of defensive pieces on the kingside. Ippolito notes that 18...Rxd3! was more accurate. Here's one possibility: 18...Rxd3! 19.cxd3 Qg5 20.d4 Qf4 21.g3 Qf3 ouch!

As it was, the game ended on move 19, so no harm done. What was interesting about this game was how a harmless looking move, 12.Be2, could

change the positional evaluation so much. Black's initiative just took over, and the poor queen, deprived of e2, ended up on a dismal square and could only watch the castled position fall.

Lunna-Ippolito, US Amateur Team East, Parsippany, 2014

1.e4 c6 2.e5 d6 3.exd6!? e6!? 4.Nf3 Bxd6 5.d4 Nf6 6.Bd3 0-0 7.0-0 b6 8.b3 Bb7 9.Bb2 Nbd7 10.Nbd2 c5 11.Nc4 Be7 12.Be2? Qc7 13.dxc5 Bxc5 14.Nfe5 Rad8 15.Qe1 Nxe5 16.Bxe5 Qe7 17.Bd3 Ng4 18.Bb2 Qh4 19.h3 Qg3
White Resigns.

In this week's game from the US Amateur Team East we have a struggle between expert Greg Kaden and NM Jim West in one of the more interesting Sicilian lines. The Closed Sicilian essayed by Kaden has been championed by Spassky and Smylov, two world champions, and a host of British players in recent years.

It is very complex, but the nice thing about it is that it will generally result in the player who understands the positional requirements of the opening winning the game. This time around it was West as Black who demonstrated that understanding.

The system West used has been popular for years, nay, decades! The queenside expansion is thematic to this position. West then transposes into the Botvinnik System with the e5 idea preceded by Ne7 that the former champ used to play with precision. White's knight on f3 then is in an awkward position, and his attempt to do something about it helps lead to his downfall.

White contributed other little items. His 8.h3 didn't help. Developing the knight was better. He also might have played 10.b3 (an old Spassky idea) to slow down Black on that side. As if he were self-inflicting a death by a thousand cuts, his 13.c3 opens up a side Black has the initiative on. Better was 13.a3 b3 then 14.c3 to close things

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Chess in Jersey and by Jerseyans in 2014

Toms River Chess Club Celebrates 50th Anniversary

For you club members elsewhere: take notes. We are fortunate to have a full report on their celebration from our correspondent in Toms River. Hopefully, you saw the story on the TRCC in Chess Life. For you club members elsewhere. Take notes from Chess Life and this report on what clubs do to prosper.

Our thanks to Stephen Shoshin:

“What a great night for the Toms River Chess Club and the world of chess!

Steve Doyle, former president of both the TRCC and the USCF, held forth to an enthusiastic full house as we celebrated the holidays and the 50th anniversary of our chess club!” Not only did he wax eloquent about the history of our club, he also graciously and generously donated two magnificent cakes to mark the occasion, one with words of congratulations and the other with a cleverly constructed chessboard and perfectly formed white and dark chocolate chess pieces!

Steve’s stories about the founding of the TRCC and champions who attended (especially Mikhail Tal and a trip to Atlantic City which had us all laughing) filled us in about our illustrious predecessors and their efforts to form, improve and maintain our club. Steve is quite an accomplished speaker, entertaining and informative. Not enough can be said about him and his inspirational efforts for our club and chess in the past and to this day. A million thanks!

It was the largest meeting we have had since I became involved in the TRCC. 33 members and guests signed in (more may have been omitted signing in - it was packed!) Lowell Berg, Tom Bogert, Jim Bonanno, Kevin Wagner, Bob Whiteside, Anthony (Terrance) Hinds, Adrian and Bob Love, Elliot Klienman, Kyle and Bob Garrison, Javier Sanchez, Edd Knowles, Jonathan and Bob Capalbo, Adam and Rich Gamba, Richard Newmark, Kyril Kavetsky, Mark Mutter, Paul Howe (who we were excited to see but who had to leave right away due to a bad headache) and his girlfriend, Kerry Walsh, Hal Sprechman (who we welcome as a new member), Pat Festa, Evan Segui, Anthony Imbriale, Eugene and Bea Salomon, David Wozniak, Jim Patten, Sulia Mason III, Steve and Matt Doyle and myself enjoyed the festivities.

Steve and his son Matt arrived at about 8PM to find almost everyone playing chess and starting in on the pizzas, soda and coffee that the club provided. After everyone settled in with pizza and drinks, he began his lecture, the only caveat being to adjourn games and face front. A couple of recalcitrant players (Edd Knowles most prominently), were castigated until they conformed. The absorbing influence of chess! Steve began with a nod to his personal history: born and bred in Toms River; his family goes

back 300 years here! He joined TRCC (paying Pete Tamburro his 1st dues!) in 1975 at age 13 and became president in 1975 at age 15! His chess legacy in the TRCC and the greater chess world is impressive and imposing, his accomplishments too many to list but he was instrumental in making TRCC the notable club it became and promoting chess in general, becoming the aforementioned president of the USCF as well as VP of FIDE and still runs the largest US tournament, the Amateur East, while personally becoming a president and chief executive of a division of Aetna with 5000 employees!

As for the club, in 1964, Cy Halsburg and Bob Donaldson (the 1st president) started TRCC which met at the (only) Toms River High School. Taking advantage of the enthusiasm following the Fischer - Spassky match, it grew to 250 active members with 150 in the USCF and met twice a week! Visits by top world players added to its success.

The entire presentation was recorded and will be copied for members who missed it. Many photos were taken and hopefully will be on facebook and the website. Please send them in!

Steve could have gone on for hours (and I, for one, could have sat enthralled by him) but had to get home for work on Friday, so a ceremonial cutting of the cakes wrapped up his night. Before leaving, he announced a complimentary entry for one TRCC team in the 2015 Amateur East Tournament! Then, dauntingly, he admonished me to keep the club in good shape until he could return! I’ll do my best, but retire as soon as you can Steve, please!

The celebration wasn’t over as play resumed. Gene Salomon and his lovely wife, Bea, brought a complete version of a 1998 newsletter written by Lou Dispensiere. (So I’m not the first to report on our club!.) Fascinating content! (Where are they today?) A copy will be available for interested members to read. It actually does mention some of our current members active still! Some great ideas in there as well. Bob Love brought a copy of the NY Times article about “young guns” in chess. Namely Carlson and Caruana.

Bob Whiteside, trying to maintain anonymity, brought individually wrapped chess travel sets for all members for Christmas gifts and gave our guard, Anthony Puglese, a monetary gift as well. There are a few sets left, so ask for one next meeting. What a fine addition to our club Bob is. An all-around great guy! Thanks Bob. A final word of thanks to all the members who joined this year or renewed membership and helped with the revitalization of the TRCC: you are all what it is really all about. May we continue strongly for another 50 years! Happy and Healthy New Year to all our members and their families!

“Stephen Shoshin”

All-Girls Chess Camp Started

Alice Dong, a high school student with a yen for service to the chess community, approached the state board of the New Jersey Chess Federation with a well-presented plan to hold an all-girls’ chess camp over the teachers’ convention break in November.

She asked the board to help out with supplying sets and boards for each camper. She got volunteers in the form of Dean Ippolito, who provided the site at his new digs at 3322 Route 22, West Building 15, Suite 1501, in Branchburg. Jim Mullanaphy and Norreen Davisson promised to be there to help.

Over fifty girls asked to sign up, so there had to be a waiting list and a future promise of participation in the next camp.

Girls, ranging from beginners to those who could play decently, went to assigned rooms based on their ability level and received instruction. Two days! Lunch breaks! Free stuff!

We called Jean Hoffman, the USCF director, to see if we could get a discount on the equipment. She immediately connected us with sales and we got our discounts, and even added scorebooks.



Alice is going to do this again. The NJSCF will help out again.

Middle School Consortium

A group of middle schools within short driving distance of each other organized a chess tournament. It was held on Oct. 7 at Central Middle School in Stirling. There is a consortium of New Jersey schools that sponsors a chess tournament in which

the participants were 42 students representing seven teams.

First place went to Newark Academy (46 points). Second place was earned by Kent Place (31 points). A tie for third went to Morris Plains Borough School and Morristown-Beard School of Morristown. The Ridgedale School, of Florham Park, Oratory Preparatory School in Summit and Central School also participated.

The individual winner was Lucas Rich from Newark Academy. Second place went to Luca Moretti, also from Newark Academy. Third place was a three-way tie shared by Alayo Oloko (Kent Place), Jack Waitz (Newark Academy) and Zach Rossi (Central School).

Andrew Gillespie, a world history teacher at Central School, hosted the tournament. If more schools did this, it would greatly aid scholastic chess development in New Jersey.



Newark Academy 1st Place Winners



Kent Place 2nd Place Winners

New Jersey's Newest Master

Congratulations to Anna Matlin for breaking the 2200 barrier. Here, she provides her own annotations to one of the games that helped her over the top.

Fourth of July Open (5), 2014
Matlin, Anna (2178)

vs. Bryant, Todd (2219) [E97]
I had started out the tournament poorly, losing twice, so I was just trying to break even for the remaining three rounds.

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 Bg7 4.e4 d6

The King's Indian, and I knew that this position was likely headed for the Bayonet because I had played Todd before about two years ago.

5.Nf3 0-0 6.Be2 e5 7.0-0 Nc6 8.d5 Ne7
9.b4 Nh5 10.Re1 f5 11.Ng5 Nf6 12.Bf3

Also possible is 12.f3 c6 13.Be3
Bh6 14.h4 cxd5 15.cxd5 Bd7 16.Qd2
f4 17.Bf2 Bxg5 18.hxg5 Nh5 19.Rac1
Nc8 20.Bb5 Rf7 21.Bxd7 Rxd7 1-0 (44)
Wojtaszek,R (2726)-Nijboer,F (2584)
Wijk aan Zee 2011

12...c6 13.Be3 h6

Another line is 13...Kh8 14.b5
cxd5 15.cxd5 fxe4 16.Ngxe4 Nf5
17.Nxf6 Bxf6 18.Ne4 and though the
position is equal, I still feel like I would
enjoy playing white here more.

14.Ne6 Bxe6 15.dxe6 fxe4 16.Nxe4
Nxe4 17.Bxe4 d5 18.cxd5 cxd5 19.Bc5
19.Bc2 was also an option. 19...b6
20.Qg4 e4 21.Rac1

(21.Rad1 Qc7 22.Bb3 Rf5
23.Rd2) 21...Rc8 22.Bb3 though it is
nice to have two bishops, I wouldn't
have been as comfortable allowing
black to have the passed d-pawn.

19...dxe4 20.Qxd8 Rfxd8 21.Bxe7 Re8
22.Bh4

22.Bc5 apparently, this is more stan-
dard, but I was worried about 22...b6
23.Be3 Rxe6 , though after taking a
closer look it is clear that white is fine.

24.Rac1 Bf8 25.Rc4 b5 26.Rxe4=

22...g5

This struck me as a bit unusu-
al, but it wasn't a mistake. I began to
think that I may benefit from playing
h4 in the future.

23.Bg3 h5?

However, this push is too
much. The most important thing in
this position, for both sides, is not to
make unnecessary weaknesses. So
when black played this move, I knew
that I finally had a tiny advantage.
Better was just 23...Rxe6 24.Rxe4 Rd8
25.Rae1 Ra6=

24.h4 g4 25.Rxe4 Rxe6 26.Rd1 a5 27.b5
Rc8 28.a4 Rc5?!

Black's move didn't really
do much, so I started searching my
position for resources. Which pieces
weren't active, and how could they be
better? I was expecting 28...b6 29.Rd7
Rc1+ 30.Kh2 Rc2 , after which it is dif-
ficult to break through because white
can't get his other rook to the seventh
rank easily and he can't free his g3
bishop either.

29.Bf4! Rc7 30.Bg5

The threat is Bd8, but appar-
ently this was slightly imprecise:[30.
Be3! Kf7 31.b6 Rc2 32.Rd5+
30...Rf7 31.Be3 Bf6 32.g3 b6

Too late, because now I can
take advantage of the open c-file.
33.Rc4 Be7 34.Rc6 Rff6 35.Bg5 Rxc6
36.bxc6 Rxc6 37.Bxe7 Rc4 38.Rb1
Rxa4 39.Rxb6 Ra1+ 40.Kg2 e4 41.Bc5
a4 42.Rb4 a3 43.Rxe4 a2 44.Ra4 Rc1
45.Bd4 Rd1 46.Bb2 Rd2 47.Rxa2 Black
Resigns

I was happy with this game because it
was very calm. Usually, I get in time
pressure and struggle to convert an
advantage, but in this game, I was able
to realize a tiny advantage without
problems. After winning this game, I
went on to win three more in a row at
the Manhattan Open. This streak final-
ly brought me over the 2200 barrier!

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up a bit.

White's best chance on the kingside was 16.fxe5 Nxe5 17.Nxe5 Bxe5 18.Bg5 Rf7 19.exf5. The position was so tense that Black missed 16...fxe4 17.Ne6 Bxd3 18.Nxf8 Rxf8 19.Rf2 Nf5.

White's final error was 27.Nxd6. 27.Rxd6 Bb7 28.Rcd1 Na5 29.Qc2 gave him a fighting chance although Black's bishops are very nasty.

After that, Black had several alternatives, all good! For example, 27...Na5 28.Nb5 Qg3 29.Rf1 Bb7 would be devastating as well.

This was a fine positional performance by West throughout. Sicilian players of the Black pieces should take notes and the White side better do some homework.

Greg Kaden-Jim West, USATE, Parsippany, 2014

1.e4 c5 2.Nc3 d6 3.g3 Nc6 4.Bg2 g6 5.d3 Bg7 6.Be3 Rb8 7.Qd2 b5 8.h3? b4 9.Nd1 e5! 10.f4 Nge7 11.Nf3 0-0 12.0-0 f5 13.c3?! bxc3 14.bxc3 Qa5 15.a4?! Ba6 16.Ng5?! Nd8?! 17.Nf2? h6 18.Qa2+ c4 19.Nf3 Ndc6 20.Rac1 Kh7! 21.dxc4 Qc7?! 22.Rfd1 fxe4! 23.Nxe4 Nf5 24.Bf2 exf4 25.g4 Ne3 26.Bxe3 fxe3 27.Nxd6?? Ne5!? 28.Nxe5 Bxe5 29.Nb5 Qe7 30.Nd4? Rf2 31.Nc6 Qb7 32.Rb1 Rxa2 33.Rxb7+ Bxb7! 34.Rd7+ Kh8 35.Nxb8 Rxd7+ 36.Kf1 e2+ White Resigns.

It's always interesting to play over a grandmaster's games from the US Amateur Team East, because it gives you an insight on what the big guys play against us lesser mortals.

Of particular interest is that Larry Kaufman has written a popular book *The Kaufman Repertoire for Black/for White*. In this game he doesn't play his own recommended line! So, you can't prepare for him by reading his book. Tricky, these GMs!

If there is a theme to this game to be learned for prospective King's Indian defenders, however, it is that passive defense is not what the King's

Indian is about. That seems to be Black's biggest game plan error.

Black had several opportunities to counterattack in the center, right from the beginning. One double-edged course was: 3...d5 4.cxd5 Nxd5 5.e4 Nb6 6.Be3 Bg7 7.Nc3 0-0 8.f4 Nc6 9.d5 Nb8 10.Nf3 c6.

Later on, rather than allow White to lock the center for a wing attack, Black might have tried 7...a6 8.Qd2 e6 9.g4 Na5 10.b3 b5 11.cxb5 axb5 12.Rc1 (12.Nxb5? Nxb3!) 12...b4 and, still later, rather than go 9...Ne8, 9...a6 was better-to initiate queenside play and keep the Nf6 right there to meet White's 10.h4 with 10...h5!

Similarly, on move 12 Black had 12...c6 13.Qd2 cxd5 14.cxd5 Bd7 15.h4 Qa5 16.h5 Nxb5 17.Nxb5 gxf5 18.Be2 Ng6.

It seems his last chance was 20...dxc5!! 21.Nf5 Bf8 22.Bxg5 hxg5 23.Qxg5 Ne7 24.Rg1 Nxf5 25.Qg6+ Kh8 26.exf5 Be7 27.Ne4 Nxe4 28.fxe4 Qf8 29.h6 Rh7. This is really instructive as he very much needed to take on c5 because it allows the defense of 23...Ne7 which holds for Black. Because he doesn't play it, and White exchanges on d6, d6 is left for White to attack, which he hasn't got after 20...dxc5 because in this above line there is a pawn on c6 attacking d6.

There couldn't be a better example of why you need to be so aware of counter-punching in the King's Indian.

GM Larry Kaufman-Expert Errol Singh, USATE, 2014

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.f3 Bg7 4.e4 d6 5.Nc3 0-0 6.Be3 Nc6 7.Nge2 e5 8.d5 Ne7 9.g4 Ne8 10.g5 f5 11.gxf6 Nxf6 12.Ng3 h6 13.Qd2 Kh7 14.h4 Neg8 15.0-0-0 Qe8 16.Kb1 a6 17.c5 Rf7 18.h5 g5 19.Bh3 Bxh3 20.Rxh3 Bf8 21.cxd6 cxd6 22.Nf5 b5 23.Bxg5 hxg5 24.Qxg5 Rc7 25.Rg1 Qf7 26.h6 Rd8 27.Ng7 Rdc8 28.Ne6 Ra7 29.Nxf8+ Qxf8 30.Qg6+ Kh8 31.Qg7+ Black Resigns

Daniil Mosiyenko—Jason Altschuler, USATE, Parsippany, 2014

"Champions are always lucky" is an old saying that has appeared in many sports. It's probably due to the experience that competitors, teams or individuals, deal with pressure in varying degrees of success. Champions make mistakes under pressure. The non-champions just make more mistakes or a more key mistake.

That is exactly what happens in this very tense and complex game, national master Jason Altschuler of the champion Princeton University team pulls a win out at the last minute due to a horrible oversight on his master opponent's part.

It's an Anti-Marshall Ruy Lopez that features the once very popular 8...Bb7 that has been "replaced" by the now more popular 8...b4.

Black seems to misunderstand the line, though. His playing 12...g6 instead of 12...h6 gives White an opportunity, which the first player does not take: 14.Ne3! Na5 15.Ba2 c5 16.Qf3 Bg7 17.Ng4 Rc7 18.axb5 axb5 19.Nh6+!! Bxh6 20.Bxf7+! Rxf7 21.Nxf7 Kxf7 22.Bxh6 Qe7 23.Bg5 Kg7 24.Qh3 h5 25.f4 and White's having all the fun.

White also passes on yet another opportunity a bit later: 15.Bxf7+! Rxf7 16.Nxf7 Kxf7 17.fxe5 dxe5 18.axb5 axb5 19.b4 Nc6 20.Rxa8 Bxa8 21.Bg5 Be7 22.Ne3 Kg7 23.Rf1.

Then Black passes up 17...exf4! 18.Bxf4 b4 19.Rc1 Qb6 20.cxb4 Qxb4 21.Bd2 Qb6 22.Bc3 c4+ 23.Kh1 h6 24.Nh3 cxd3 25.Bxd3 Rc8 with the necessary queenside counterplay.

Altschuler does get it going on move 24. And, yet again, a Ruy Lopez theme is ignored by one of the players. This time it's Mosiyenko who opts not to play the thematic knight sac on f5. At that point it was his best shot: 29.Ndf5+! gxf5 30.Nxf5+ Kf7 31.Qd2 b3 32.Bd1 Ne5 33.Qxh6 Qa7+ 34.Kh1 Nxe4 35.Bh5+ Kg8 36.Nxe7+ Qxe7 37.Rf1 Bc6 38.Rf4 Bd5 39.Bg6 Ng5 40.Bb1 (40.Qh5 Kg7) 40...Nef7

41.Qg6+ Kf8 42.h4 Bxg2+ 43.Kxg2
Qe2+, but it is crazy stuff!

Black gives White one more chance to win by not playing 30...Qc5, keeping the advantage he had fought so hard to gain.

White's 35.Ra7 flat out lost because of a "minor detail." He had to play 35.Ne2 first and then 36.Ra7: 35.Ne2 Rxe5 36.Ra7 Kf8 37.Bxd7 Qxd4+ 38.Nxd4 (the point!) Bxd7 39.Rxd7. Then, the passed pawn creation decided this tough game.

Mosiyenko-Altschuler, USATE, Parsippany 2014

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 Be7 6.Re1 b5 7.Bb3 0-0 8.a4 Bb7 9.d3 d6 10.Nbd2 Re8 11.Nf1 Bf8 12.c3 g6? 13.Ng5! Re7 14.f4!? Na5 15.Bc2 c5! 16.Ng3 Bg7 17.Be3 Qc7?! 18.axb5 axb5 19.f5 c4! 20.d4 exd4 21.Bxd4?! Nc6! 22.Rxa8+ Bxa8 23.Be3 h6 24.Nf3!? Ng4! 25.Bd4 b4! 26.Bxg7 Kxg7 27.Nd4 Nf6 28.fxg6 fxg6 29.Nxc6 29...Qxc6 30.Qd4 b3? 31.Bd1 d5 32.e5 Nd7 33.Bg4 Qc5 34.Ra1! Bc6 35.Ra7?? Qxd4+ 36.cxd4 c3 37.Ra3 Ba4 38.Ne2 cxb2 39.Nc3 Nb6 40.Nb1 Rc7 White Resigns

When you're a master and playing someone rated over 500 points below you, there is a decision you have to make as the player of the Black pieces. Do I just equalize right out of the opening or do I play in a manner to have my opponent overreach and go for the win? Many pick the latter, where it becomes a question of how speculative you can be without risking loss.

In our game today, national master Alex Fikiet (2298) found himself on the wrong end of that decision against Varun Maheshwari (1783).

Black transposed into a kind of Philidor and White chose a Vienna Game approach, being very cautious. There was room for risk: 3...Nxe4 4.Bxf7+ Kxf7 5.Nxe4 h6 6.d4 d5 7.Ng3 Nc6 8.Nf3, but not the risk Black was

looking for. White also had choices early on: 4.f4 Nxe4 5.Nf3 Nxc3 6.dxc3 exf4 7.Bxf4 Be7 8.Qe2 0-0 9.0-0-0 with some attacking chances for the pawn; the solid 4.Nf3 Be7 5.d4 Nbd7 6.0-0 c6 7.a4.

Black decided to go with the 10...h6 and 11...Kh7 idea. He might have started earlier with 10...a5 or 10...b4 or 10...Nc5. White's 12.d4! was the right response, although putting his queen on e2 with Ba6 coming up was questionable. Later on, Black passed up 14...a5 15.d5 Ba6.

Interesting was 14.dxe5 Nxe5 (14...dxe5 15.Nh4) 15.Nxe5 dxe5 16.f3 (16.f4 Rad8 17.Qf2 Rxd1 18.Rxd1 c5 19.Bd5 Bxd5 20.Nxd5 Nxd5 21.Rxd5 exf4 22.Qxf4 Qxf4 23.Bxf4 Rd8 24.Kf2 c4 25.Kf3 Kg6 26.g3 Bf6 27.c3 h5 28.Bc7 Rc8 29.Bd6 h4 30.g4 Re8 31.e5 Bg5 32.a4) 16...Rad8 17.Qf2 Rxd1 18.Rxd1 c5 19.Bd5.

White's 16th move was a courageous move to make against such an opponent, but it was Black who wasn't up to 16...c4 or 17...c5 and White hit him with 17.g5!

Some really amazing positions arise after 17...c5 18.Bd5 (18.Nd5 Bxd5 19.Bxd5 Nb6 20.gxh6 Nxd5 21.exd5 gxh6 22.Bc1 Rg8+ 23.Kh1 Qd7 24.Qd3+ e4 25.Qxe4+ Rg6 26.Ng1 Nd6) 18...b4 19.axb4 cxb4 20.Bxb7 bxc3! 21.Bd5 cxb2 22.c4 Rb8 23.gxh6 Nb6 24.c5 Na4 25.hxg7 Rg8 26.Ng5+ Bxg5 27.Qh5+ Kxg7 28.Bxg5 Rh8 29.Qg4 Kf8 (29...Qc8 30.Qf3) 30.Bxf7 b1Q 31.Bxe8!! Qb3 32.Rd7 Qxd7 33.Bxd7 Nxc5 34.Qf5+ Qf7 35.Qxe5 Nxd7 36.Qxh8+ Qg8 37.Qh4, and it would have made White work harder.

White then missed 18.Nxg5+! Bxg5 19.Bxg5 Ndf6 20.Rxd8 Qxd8 21.f4 Qb6+ 22.Kh2 exf4 23.e5. Black, in turn feeling the pressure, missed 20...Qb6+ 21.Kh2 c5, and later, 21.Rxf4 needed to be met by 21...Qb6+ 22.Kh2 Qc7.

Maheshwari more than made up for any oversights with 22.Nf5!! which decided the game. There were at that point several ways to win, one alternative being 29.Rd6! Qh5 (29...Bxd6

30.Rh4+ Qh5 31.Rxh5#) 30.Qe4+ Kh8 31.Qxe7 Rg8 32.Bd4+ Kh7 33.Qe4+ Rg6 34.Rg6 Qxg6+ 35.Rxg6 fxg6 36.Qh4 mate.

Maheshwari-Fikiet, USATE, Parsippany, 2014

1.e4 d6 2.Nc3 Nf6 3.Bc4 e5 4.d3 Be7 5.h3 0-0 6.Nf3 c6 7.Bb3 Nbd7 8.Be3 b5 9.0-0 Qc7 10.Qd2 h6 11.a3 Kh7?! 12.d4! a6 13.Rad1 Bb7 14.Qe2?! Rad8 15.dxe5 dxe5 16.g4!? Ne8?! 17.g5! hxg5? 18.Bxg5? Nef6! 19.Nh4 g6 20.f4 exf4? 21.Rxf4! Qe5? 22.Nf5!! gxf5 23.Rh4+ Kg6 24.Bf4 Qc5+ 25.Be3 Qe5 26.Qg2+ Ng4 27.exf5+! Qxf5 28.Rxg4+ Kh7 29.Rf1 Qe5 30.Bd4 Bc5 31.Rh4+ Black Resigns.

More USATE Games: If you turn in your games, we'll publish them! Rich Fireman, a regular at the USATE, sent all his games by email. We publish a selection. Thanks, Rich!

Richard Fireman(1917)-Olzhas Alxandrov (2161), USATE 2014

1. Nc3 d5 2. e4 d4 3. Nce2 c5 4. f4 Nc6 5. Nf3 Nf6 6. Ng3 e6 7. Be2 Qc7 8. d3 h5 9. Ng5 h4 10. Nh5 b6 11. O-O Bb7 12. e5 Nxh5 13. Bxh5 g6 14. Bg4 O-O-O 15. Bd2 Bh6 16. Ne4 Kb8 17. a3 Ba8 18. b4 c4 19. Nd6 c3 20. Bc1 Bf8 21. Nc4 b5 22. Na5 Nxa5 23. bxa5 Qxa5 24. Bf3 Bd5 25. f5 gxf5 26. Bg5 Rd7 27. Bf6 Rh7 28. Qe1 Qa4 29. Qf2 Bh6 30. Kh1 Be3 31. Qe2 Kc7 32. Rfb1 a5 33. Bxd5 Rxd5 34. Rb3 Rh6 35. Rab1 Kc6 36. Qf3 Kc7 37. h3 Kb6 38. g3 hxg3 39. Qxg3 Rg6 40. Qh4 Bh6 41. Rxc3 Bg5 42. Bxg5 Rxg5 43. Rc4 Rg1+ 44. Kxg1 Qxa3 45. Qh8 Rd7 46. Qb8+ Rb7 47. Rxb5+ Resigns 1-0

Rich Fireman-James A. Black, Jr. (2300) USATE 2014

1. Nc3 d5 2. e4 e6 3. d4 Bb4 4. exd5 exd5 5. Bd3 Nc6 6. Ne2 Be6 7. a3 Bxc3+ 8.bxc3 Qd7 9. Rb1 O-O-O 10. Bb5 Nge7 11. O-O f6 12. Nf4 Bf5 13. Nd3 b6 14. Nc5 Qe8 15. Ba6+ Kb8 16. Re1 Qg6 17. Qe2 Rhe8 18. Bb7 Nxd4

19. cxd4 Nc6 20. Be3 Nxd4 21. Qd1 Nxc2 22. Bc6 Nxe3 23. fxe3 Bxb1 24. Qa4 Bd3 25. Nxd3 Qxd3 26. Bxe8 Qd2 27. Kf1 Qd3+ 28. Kf2 d4 29. Bc6 1/2 - 1/2

Rich Fireman - Zachary Calderon (1850), USATE 2014

1. Nc3 Nf6 2. e4 e6 3. e5 Nd5 4. Nf3 d6 5. d4 Nd7 6. Bd3 Nxc3 7. bxc3 dxe5 8. dxe5 Be7 9. Bf4 Nc5 10. Rb1 b6 11. Bb5+ Bd7 12. Bc4 Qc8 13. Nd4 Qb7 14. O-O g5 Bc1 h5 16. f4 O-O-O 17. fxg5 h4 18. Rxf7 Bxg5 19. Bxg5 Rhg8 20. Nf3 h3 21. Bxd8 Rxxg2+ 22. Kf1 Rxh2 23. Nxxh2 Qh1+ 24. Ke2 Qxxh2+ 25. Rf2 Qxe5+ 26. Kf1 h2 27. Qf3 h1=Q+ 28. Qxxh1 Kxd8 29. Rf8+ Ke7 30. Qh8 Qg3 31. Qf6+ Kd6 32. Rd1+ Kc6 33. Qf3+ Ne4 34. Qxxg3 Nxxg3+ 35. Kg2 Nf5 36. Bb5+ Kc5 37. Rxd7 Kxb5 38. Rxf5+ Black resigns 1-0

White David Grasso (2260)-Rich Fireman, USATE, 2014

d4 Nc6 2. Nf3 d6 3. c4 f5 4. g3 Nf6 5. Bg2 g6 6. b3 Bg7 7. Bb2 e6 8. Nbd2 O-O 9. a3 a5 10. Qc2 Qe8 11. O-O e5 12. d5 Nd8 13. e3 h6 14. Rae1 g5 15. h3 Qh5 16. Nh2 Nf7 17. f4 gxf4 18. exf4 Qg6 19. Rf3 Kh8 20. Nhf1 Nh5 21. Kh2 Rg8 22. Re2 Bf6 23. Nb1 Kh7 24. Bc3 Bd7 25. a4 c6 26. Be1 Rac8 27. Nc3 e4 28. Rfe3 Bd4 29. Qd2 Bxe3 30. Qxe3 Qf6 31. Qb6 Qd8 32. Qd4 c5 33. Qd1 Qf6 34. Rc2 Ng7 35. Ne2 h5 36. Ne3 Nh8 37. h4 Nf7 38. Bxa5 Nh6 39. Bc3 Qg6 40. Bh3 Ng4+ 41. Bxg4 hxg4 42. Bxg7 Qxxg7 43. Kg2 1/2 - 1/2

Zhurbinsky - Feng [B41] USATE, 2014

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 e6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 a6 5.c4 Nf6 6.Nc3 Qc7 7.Be3 d6 8.Bd3 Nbd7 9.b3 b5 10.Rc1 bxc4 11.Bxc4 Bb7 12.Bxe6 fxe6 13.Nd5 Qxc1 14.Nxf6+ Nxf6 15.Qxc1 Rc8 16.Qd1 Bxe4 17.Nxe6 d5 18.Nxf8 Rxf8 19.0-0 Kf7 20.Bd4 Rfd8 21.Qe2 Rd6 22.f3 Bg6 23.Bxf6 Rxf6 24.Re1 Kg8 25.Qf2 Rd6 26.Qa7 d4 27.Re7 d3 28.Rxxg7+ [Black Resigns because of: 28...Kh8 29.Rc7

Rcd8 30.Qe3 R6d7 31.Rxd7 Rxd7 32.Qe6 Rf7 33.Qxa6 1-0

We love publishing Lev's games as they're never dull!

Vishal Menon - Lev Zilbermintz [A40] USATE, 2014

1.d4 e5 2.d5 Bc5 3.c4 Qh4 4.e3 f5 5.Nf3 Qe7 6.Be2 Nf6 7.0-0 0-0 8.Nc3 a6 9.a3 d6 10.b4 Ba7 11.Bb2 Nbd7 12.a4 Ne4 13.Rc1 Ndf6 14.h3 Nxc3 [Interesting would have been: 14...Nxf2 15.Rxf2 Bxe3 16.Qc2 e4 17.Nh2 Bxf2+ 18.Kxf2 f4] 15.Bxc3 Ne4 16.Bd2 f4 17.exf4 Nxd2 18.Qxd2 Rxf4 19.Rc3 Bd7 20.a5 Raf8 21.Bd1 Qf6 22.c5 Bb5 23.Re1 e4 24.g3 Qg6 [24...exf3] 25.Nd4 Rxf2 26.Qxf2 Rxf2 27.Kxf2 Qf6+ 28.Ke3 Bd3 [28...Qg5+ 29.Kf2 Qd2+] 29.Rb3 dxc5 [White Resigns] 0-1

Lev Zilbermintz - Jacob Barayev [C01] USATE, 2014

1.d4 d5 2.e4 e6 3.Be3 Nf6 4.f3 dxe4 5.Nd2 exf3 6.Ngxf3 Nc6 7.c3 Bd6 8.Bd3 e5! 9.0-0 Bg4 [9...exd4! 10.Nxd4 Ng4 11.Bf4 Nxd4 12.cxd4 0-0 13.h3 Qf6!] 10.h3 Bh5 11.g4 Bg6 12.Bb5 a6?? [12...0-0 13.Bxc6 exd4!] 13.Bxc6+ bxc6 14.dxe5 Qe7 15.Bd4 Nd5 16.Nc4? [16. exd6] 16...Bc5 17.Qa4 Bxd4+ 18.Nxd4 0-0 19.Qxc6 Be4? [19...Rad8] 20.Rae1 Nxc3? [20...Qh4=] 21.Rxe4 Nxe4 22.Qxe4 Rad8 23.Kh2 Qb4 24.Nc6 Rd2+ 25.Kh1 Qa4 26.Nxd2 [Black Resigns] 1-0

Cardenas, Nick - Onischuck, GM Alex [E02] USATE, 2014

1. d4 Nf6 2. c4 e6 3. g3 d5 4. Bg2 dxc4 5. Qa4+ Bd7 6. Qxc4 Bc6 7. Nf3 Nbd7 8. Nc3 Bd6 9. Bg5 0-0 10. 0-0 h6 11. Bxf6 Qxf6 12. e4 e5 13. d5 Nb6 14. Qb3 Bd7 15. Nd2 a5 16. a4 Bb4 17. Nc4 Nxc4 18. Qxc4 c6 19. dxc6 Bxc6 20. Nd5 Bxd5 21. Qxd5 b6 22. Rac1 Rad8 23. Rc6 Qe7 24. Qb5 Bc5 25. Rc1

Rd2 26. R1xc5 bxc5 27. Rxc5 Qf6 28. f3 Qd6 29. Rd5 Rxd5 30. exd5 Rb8 31. Qxa5 Rxb2 32. Qa8+ Kh7 33. Qc6 Qb4 34. h4 Qd2 0-1

Chen, Andy (2080) - Lawrence, Jeff (1935) [D02] USATE, 2014

1. d4 d5 2. Nf3 Nc6 3. Bf4 Bg4 4. e3 e6 5. Be2 Bd6 6. Bg3 Bxg3 7. hxg3 Nf6 8. c4 dxc4 9. Bxc4 0-0 10. Nc3 a6 11. Qc2 Qd6 12. a3 h6 13. 0-0 Bxf3 14. gxf3 e5 15. dxe5 Qxe5 16. Rfd1 Rfd8 17. Qb3 Qe7 18. Qxb7 Na5 19. Rxd8+ Qxd8 20. Qb4 c5 21. Qa4 Qc7 22. Rd1 Rb8 23. Nd5 Nxd5 24. Bxd5 Rxb2 25. Qe8+ Kh7 26. Bxf7 h5 27. Qg8+ [Black Resigns.]

Clowes, Matt - Hart, Charles [B15] USATE, 2014

1.e4 g6 2.d4 Bg7 3.Nc3 c6 4.f4 d5 5.e5 h5 6.Nf3 Bg4 7.h3 Bxf3 8.Qxf3 Qb6 9.Qf2 [9.Bd2 Qxd4 10.0-0-0 e6]

9...e6 10.Bd3 Ne7 11.Bd2 Nd7 12.0-0 h4 13.b4 Nf5 14.Bxf5 [14.Ne2]

14...gxf5 15.Rfb1 Bf8 16.a4 Qc7 17.a5 a6 18.Na4 0-0-0 19.Nc5 Be7 20.Qe2 Rhg8 21.c4 dxc4 22.Qxc4 Nb8 23.Na4 Nd7 24.Nc5 Nxc5 25.bxc5 Qd7 26.Be3 Rg6 27.Rb2 Qd5 28.Qb4 Rd7 29.Kh1 Rg3 30.Qd2 Rxh3+ 31.Kg1 Rg3 32.Qf2 Qe4 33.Ra3 Rd8 34.Rxb7 Kxb7 35.Qb2+ Kc8 36.Rb3 Rxe3 37.Rb8+ Kd7 38.Qb7+ Ke8 39.Rxd8+ [White Resigns] 0-1

We tried our best to reconstruct the handwriting of this exciting game. Our apologies if it is not accurate.

Volkov - Bonin [C02] USATE, 2014

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 c5 4.c3 Qb6 5.Nf3 Bd7 6.a3 a5 7.Bd3 Nc6 8.0-0 a4 9.Bc2 Qa7 10.Be3 b5 11.Re1 h6 12.Nbd2 Na5 13.dxc5 Bxc5 14.Bxc5 Qxc5 15.Nd4 Ne7 16.Qg4 0-0 17.Re3 f5 18.exf6 Rxf6 19.Rg3 Rf7 20.Qh5 e5 21.Bh7+ Kf8 22.Rf3 Rf6 23.Qxe5 Raa6 24.Ne4

Hua, Charles (1418) - Gottehrer, Jonathan (2047) [B01]
USATE, 2014

1.e4 d5 2.exd5 Nf6 3.d4 Bg4 4.Bb5+ Nbd7 5.Nf3 Nxd5 6.Bc4 e6 7.0-0 Be7 8.h3 Bh5 9.Nbd2 c6 10.a4 Qc7 11.Ne4 h6 12.Ng3 Bg6 13.Bd2 Bh7 14.Qe2 Bd6 15.Ne4 Be7 16.Rfe1 g5 17.Rac1 0-0-0 18.a5 Rdg8 [18...a6] 19.Ng3 [19.a6] 19...Bd6 20.Ne4 Be7 21.Ng3 Nf4 22.Qe3 h5 [22...g4 23.Qxf4 Qxf4 24.Bxf4 gxf3=] 23.Ne5 Nxe5 24.dxe5 Kb8 25.a6 b6 26.Qf3! h4! 27.Ne4 Qxe5?? [27...Bf5 28.Bxf4 gxf4 29.Rcd1 Rd8] 28.Bc3 [28.Nxg5!] 28... Qf5 29.Bxh8 [29.Nd2 Kc7 30.Re5 Qg6 31.Bb5 cxb5 32.Qb7+] 29...g4 [29...Rxh8 30.Nxg5 Qxg5 31.Qxc6 Qxg2+ 32.Qxg2 Nxg2 33.Kxg2 Rg8+ and Black is still worse, but fighting.] 30.hxg4 Rxg4 31.Be5+ Kc8 32.Nd6+ Bxd6 33.Qxc6+ Kd8 34.Qxd6+ [Black Resigns.] 1-0



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not that successful in achieving the second objective as the game turned into a wild game of calculation.

1....Nf6 2.Nc3 g6 3.g3 Bg7 4.Bg2 0-0 5.e3 e5 6.Nge2

So far I'm following my favorite set-up as white with all my pieces developed behind the pawns and thus allowing all my pawns to be mobile and ready for space expansion.

6....Nc6 7.0-0 d6 8.h3 Nd7

I thought this move was a bit odd, but I think we're both out of the book now.

Moving a piece twice in the opening before one is fully developed is a violation of basic chess principles taught in many elementary books. I don't believe in such principle anymore. I believe each position is unique and one should play the best move given the demand of the position even if that means moving one's knight four times in 10 moves. But here, I don't believe the position demands that the knight is moved again.

9.Rb1

My plan is clear. Play b4, expand my space on the queen side, and put a pressure along the h1-a8 diagonal with my bishop.

9....f5 10.d3 Nf6

So the knight is back to f6 which tells me that all black wanted to do was to move his f pawn. I can't help thinking at this point that if black were to play like I did by developing his pieces behind the pawns, he would not have lost two tempi just to move his f pawn.

11.b4 Nh5

The same knight is moved again. But this time I think it is quite appropriate. Bluffing or not, black is preparing for f4 and perhaps sacrificing a pawn for active play. If that happens this would turn into a complicated game that demands a lot of calculation and I don't want to go there.

12.Nd5

So let me take possession of d5 that was just left unattended by the knight

and over-protect my f4 at the same time.

12....Ne7 13.Bb2 Kh8 14.f4

And let me just put an end to any possibility of black playing f4 first before I continue my expansion on the queen side....

14....Nxd5 15.cxd5

I think this is the kind of move that tests one's positional understanding of chess. Should I take with the bishop and with that maintain my pawn formation and leave my bishop unobstructed with its control of h1-a8 diagonal? Or should I take with the pawn and with that break my pawn formation, obstruct my bishop, but in return I gain strong control of c6 and strong pressure on the half-open c file? After pondering for some time, I chose the latter. Apparently Fritz likes 15.

Bxd5 better.

15....exf4 16.Bxg7+ Kxg7 17.gxf4 Qe7 18.Qd2 b6

Understandably black wants to develop his bishop via b7 but this can't be good because now the c7 pawn is might as well considered lost.

19.Nd4

What a square for the knight!

19.... g5 !?

I did not expect this move, but I didn't think it poses any danger. Yet I also cannot find any direct refutation. So in response, I follow the principle taught in some middle-game books that any aggressive act on the wing is best met by a strong play in the center. So I'm fortifying my center with my rook.

20.Rbe1 g4 21.hxg4 fxe4

Now at this point (which Fritz says white is clearly better) I took a long time thinking and somehow I began to see all kinds of variations involving g3, Qh4, Ng3 etc. that looked quite dangerous for white. I began to panic and thought that I had grossly underestimated the strength of 20... g4. So I decided to sacrifice an exchange to get rid of the annoying knight and bring my queen to g2 to cover all the weak points around my king.

22.Be4 Ng3 23.Qg2 Nxf1 24.Rxf1 h5

25.f5 Qg5 26.Rf4

A critical position that I saw when playing 22. Be4. Black is up an exchange and potentially two connected passed pawns. But white has a dominating well-posted knight, a centralized bishop, a dangerous f pawn, and a possibility of strong pressure along the c-file. Fritz says black is better but during the game I assessed the position as “unclear” at this point. What follows over the next several moves leaves no doubt that we are both worthy of our calling.... Amateurs!

26.... Rf6?

Just the first of many more mistakes to come! To be fair, this was played under a brewing time pressure. 26.... Bd7 is necessary in light of the next move.

27.Qc2 h4?

Black saw that he cannot defend the c pawn and immediately decided to mobilize the passed pawns. 27... Rf7 is met by 28. Ne6 Bxe6 29. dxe6 followed by Bxa8.

28.Qe2?

I see your mistake, and I'll raise that!

This move only wins the g4 pawn, but 28. Qc6! wins the rook and finishes off the game immediately because 28...

Rb8 is followed by Qxc7+ and Qxb8.

During the game I did not see 28. Qc6! at all. I only only considered 28. Qxc7 and chose 28. Qe2 because I thought it is more necessary to eliminate one of the two connected passed pawns. 28...Kf7 29.Rxg4 Qh6 30.Qf2 Bd7 31.Kh2

The pawn is poisonous. 31. Rxh4 Qg5+ 32. Kf1 Rh6 and black takes control of the open files.

31....Rg8 32.Rxg8 Kxg8 33.Qg1+ Kf8 34.Qc1 Rf7

34.... Qg5! With threats on g3 and e3 is better for black.

35.Qxc7 Qxe3?

35....Kg7 is the only move. Now white could win with 36.Qd8+ Kg7 37.f6+ Rxf6 38.Qxd7+ but instead white played...

36.Qxd6+? Kg8 37.Qb8+ Rf8 38.Qe5 Qf2+ 39.Kh3 Rf6 40.Ne6 Qe3+ 41.Kg4 41.Kxh4?? and black wins with 41...

Rh6+ 42.Kg4 Qh3+ 43.Kf4 Rh4+ 44.Kg5 Rg4+ 45.Kf6 Qh4+ 46.Ng5 Qxg5 mate.

41...Qg1+ 42.Kf3 Ba4??

With only a few minutes left to make 9 moves, my opponent slammed this unexpected move. I did not see this one coming. I quickly calculated 43. Qb8+ Kh7 44. Qb7+? and saw that after 44.... Kh6 I had to deal with a mating net on my back rank created by bishop and queen. I didn't see a way out of the mating net and thought I had a lost position. But then I checked 43. Qb8+ again and noticed that instead of 44. Qb7+?, I could give a check by taking on a7 and saw that I could take the bishop the following move. It dawned on me then that 42...Ba4 was actually a blunder. Here black could have forced a perpetual check with 42.... Qf1+ followed by Qe1+ and Qf1+ etc. 43.Qb8+ Kh7 44.Qxa7+ Kh6 45.Qxa4 The brave bishop is gone and it's all over for black.

45.... h3 46.Qe8 Qd1+ 47.Kf4 Qc1+ 48. Ke5 1-0 =

Games from the US Amateur East Individual Championship:

Chen, Kevin - Figorito, Nick [D55] US Amateur East 2014, 26.05.2014

1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.Bg5 Be7 5.e3 0-0 6.Nf3 h6 7.Bxf6 Bxf6 8.Qb3 [8.Qc2; 8.cxd5 exd5 9.Bd3 c5 10.dxc5 Bxc3+ 11.bxc3=; 8.Rc1] 8...c6 [8...c5!] 9.cxd5 exd5 [9...cxd5] 10.Bd3 Nd7 11.0-0 Re8 12.h3 Nf8 13.a4 a5 14.Rad1 [14.Rac1] 14...Ne6 15.Rfe1 [15.Bb1 Qd6 16.Qc2 g6 17.e4 Qb4 (17...dxe4 18.Nxe4) 18.e5 (18.exd5 Nxd4 19.Nxd4 Bxd4 20.dxc6 bxc6 21.Qd3 Be5 22.Rfe1 Qxb2 23.Re2 Qb6 24.Qf3 Kg7 25.Ba2 Qc7 26.Ne4 Bf5 27.Nc5 Bf6 28.g4 Rxe2 29.Qxe2 Bc8 30.Ne4 Be5) 18... Bg7 19.Na2 Qe7 20.Nc1 (20.Rfe1 Bd7 21.Nc3 h5 22.Ne2 Bh6 23.Ng3 Nf8) 20...h5 21.Nd3] 15...Ng5 16.Nxg5 Bxg5 17.Qc2 [17.e4 dxe4 18.Nxe4 Be6 19.Bc4 Bxc4 20.Qxc4 Rc8 21.Qb3 b6 22.Nxg5 Rxe1+ 23.Rxe1 hxg5 24.Qc4] 17...

Bh4 18.Bf5 [18.e4] 18...Bxf5 [18...Qf6 19.Bxc8 Raxc8 20.g3]

19.Qxf5 Re6 20.Re2 Rf6 21.Qh5 Rg6 22.e4 dxe4 23.Rxe4 [23.Nxe4] 23...

Qg5 24.Qxg5 Bxg5 25.d5 Rd8 26.Ree1 [26.h4 f5 (26...Bf6 27.dxc6 Rxd1+ (27...bxc6 28.Rxd8+ Bxd8 29.Re8+)

28.Nxd1 bxc6 29.b3 Ba1 30.Re8+ Kh7 31.Ne3 Rd6 32.Nc4 Rd1+ 33.Kh2 Bc3 34.Re7) 27.Rc4 Be7 28.Rf4 Rg4 29.Rxf5 g6 30.Rf3 Bxh4 31.g3 Bg5 32.dxc6 Rxd1+ 33.Nxd1 bxc6 34.b3 Rd4 35.Nb2 Kg7 36.Nc4]

26...cxd5 27.Rxd5 Rxd5 28.Nxd5 Rd6 29.Rd1 f5 30.Kf1 Kf7 31.Ke2 Rc6 32.Kd3 [32.f4] 32...Ke6 33.Nc3 Rd6+ [33...Bf6!] 34.Kc4 Rxd1 35.Nxd1 Kd7?? [35...Ke5! 36.b3 Bc1] 36.Kb5 Be7? [36...Kd6 37.b3 (37.Kxa5?? Kc5 38.b4+ Kc6 39.b5+ Kc5 40.h4 Bd2+) 37...Bd8= 38.Nb2 Kd5 39.Nc4 f4 40.f3 g5= 41.Nxa5?? Bxa5 42.Kxa5 Kc5 43.b4+ Kc6 44.b5+ Kc5 45.h4 gxh4 46.b6 Kc4 47.g3 fxg3] 37.Ne3 f4 38.Nc4 Bb4 39.f3 [39.Kb6! Kc8 40.Nxa5 Bxa5+ 41.Kxa5 Kc7 42.Kb5]

39...Kc7 40.Nxa5 Be1 41.Nc4 Bf2 42.b4 h5 43.Nd2 Be1 44.Ne4 Kd8 45.Kc5 [45.Nd6 Kc7 46.Ne8+]

45...b6+ 46.Kc4 [46.Kxb6 Bxb4 47.Nc5 Be1 48.Ne6+]46...Ke7 47.b5 [47.Kb5!] 47...Ke6 48.Ng5+ Kf5 49.Nf7 Ke6 50.Nd8+ Kf5 51.Kd5 g5 52.Ne6 [52.Nc6! g4 53.a5 bxa5 (53...Bxa5 54.Nxa5 bxa5 55.b6) 54.b6 a4 55.b7]52...g4 53.hxg4+ hxg4 54.Nd4+ Kg5 55.Ke4 [55.Kc6]

55...Bd2 56.Ne6+ Kh4 57.Nxf4 Kg3 58.Nh5+ [58.Nd5! Ba5 59.fxg4 Kxg4 60.Nxb6 Bxb6 61.Kd5]

58...Kh4 59.Nf6 g3 60.Nd5 Ba5 61.f4! Kh5 62.f5! Kh6 63.Ke5 Kg7 64.Ke6 Kf8 65.f6! [65.Kf6+-]

65...Ke8 66.Kd6 [66.f7+ Kf8 67.Nf6]66...Kf7 67.Kc6 Ke6 68.Nxb6 Kxf6 69.Nc4 Kf5 70.Nxa5 Ke4 71.b6 Ke3 72.b7 Kf2 73.b8Q?? [I would have promoted to a bishop!]73...Kxg2 74.Qxg3+!! [That's the idea!]

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Weinstein,Maxwell - Cartier,John
[B43]

USA E Morristown, 28.05.2014

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 e6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 a6
5.Nc3 Qc7 6.Be3 Nf6 7.Be2 b5 8.Bf3
Bb7 9.e5! Ng8?! [9...b4 10.Ncb5 axb5
11.Nxb5 Qc8 12.exf6 gxf6 13.Bf4
e5 14.Be3]10.Bxb7 Qxb7 11.f3!?
[11.0-0 Nc6 12.Nxc6 Qxc6 (12...dxc6
13.Ne4) 13.Qd4 Ne7 14.a4]11...Bb4!
12.Qd3 Ne7 13.a3 [13.0-0; 13.0-0-0
Bxc3 14.Qxc3 Nd5 15.Qa3 Nxe3
16.Qxe3]13...Bxc3+ 14.Qxc3 Nd5
15.Qd3 Nxe3 16.Qxe3 0-0 17.0-0-0!
Nc6 [17...Rc8 18.Rhe1 a5 19.Qe4 Qxe4
20.Rxe4 b4 21.axb4 axb4 22.Nb3 Ra4
23.Rdd4]18.Nxc6 dxc6 19.Qc5 a5
20.Rd6 Ra6 21.Rhd1 h6 22.Rd7 Qb6
23.Qxb6 Rxb6 24.Rc7 Ra8 25.Rd6
Raa6 26.Rdd7 Kh7 27.Rxf7 Kg6 28.f4
c5 29.g4 1-0.

Sulat,Greg - Campion,Bill [B98]

USA E Morristown, 25.05.2014

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4
Nf6 5.Nc3 a6 6.Bg5 e6 7.f4 Be7 [7...
Qb6 8.Qd2 (8.Nb3 Be7 9.Qf3 Qc7
10.0-0-0 Nbd7) 8...Qxb2 9.Rb1 Qa3
10.f5 Nc6]8.Qf3 Qc7 9.0-0-0 Bd7
10.g4!? [10.Be2 0-0 11.Qg3 Rc8 12.Bf3
Nc6 13.e5 dxe5 14.fxe5 Ne8 15.Bxe7
Nxe7 16.Kb1]10...Nc6 11.h4 Nxd4!
[11...0-0 12.h5 h6 13.Bh4 b5 14.g5
hgx5 15.Nxc6 Bxc6 16.fgx5]12.Rxd4
Bc6 13.Bd3? h6 14.Bxf6 Bxf6 15.Rc4
b5 16.Rb4 Bxc3 [16...Rb8]17.bxc3 Qa5
18.Kd2? [18.Kb2 Qb6 19.f5 e5! 20.Rd1
Qc5 21.a3 a5 22.Rb3 Rb8 23.f6 g5
24.hgx5 hgx5 25.Rh1 Rf8 26.Qf5]18...
Qxa2 19.Rhb1 Qa5 20.f5 0-0? [20...
Qc7 21.fxe6 fxe6 22.Rf1 0-0-0]21.f6?
[21.g5 Qd8 22.Qh5 a5 23.gxh6 axb4
24.hgx7 bxc3+ 25.Ke2 Kxg7 26.Rg1+
Kf6 27.Qg5+ Ke5 28.f6+ Kd4 29.Qe3+
Ke5 30.Qg3+ Kd4 31.Qf2+ Ke5
32.Rg5#]

21...g6 22.Qf4 Kh7 23.g5 e5! 24.Qg3
h5 25.Be2 Rg8 26.Qf2 Bd7 27.Bf3
Rac8 28.Qe2 Qc7 29.Kc1 Rh8 30.c4 a5
31.R4b2 b4 32.Qd3 Be6 33.Qd1 Qxc4
34.Ra1 Qc5 35.Qe1 Rc7 36.Be2 Qe3+

37.Kd1 Qxe4 38.Rxa5 Qd4+ 0-1

Hepler,Phil - Chipkin,Leonard [A94]

USA E Morristown, 25.05.2014

1.d4 e6 2.c4 f5 3.g3 Nf6 4.Bg2 Be7
5.Nf3 c6 [5...d5]6.0-0 d5 7.b3 0-0
8.Ba3?! Bxa3 9.Nxa3 Qe7 10.Nc2
Nbd7 11.e3 [11.Ne5 Nxe5 12.dxe5
Ne4 13.f3 Nc5 14.cxd5 (14.b4 Nd7)
14...exd5 15.b4 Ne6; 11.Rc1 dxc4
12.bxc4 e5 13.dxe5 Nxe5 14.Nxe5
Qxe5 15.e3 Ne4]11...Qd6 12.c5 [12.
Nce1 b6 13.Nd3 Ba6 14.Nfe5 Rac8
15.Qe2 c5 16.Rac1 Ne4 17.Rfd1 cxd4
18.exd4 Nxe5 19.Nxe5 Rc7 20.a4 Rfc8
21.Bxe4 fxe4 22.Rc3 Qb4 23.Rdc1 Bb7
24.Qg4 Qd6 25.a5 dxc4 26.axb6 Qxb6
27.bxc4 Qxd4 28.Qxe6+ Kf8!]12...Qe7
[12...Qc7]13.b4 b6! 14.a3 Ne4 15.cxb6
axb6 16.Nd2 Nc3! 17.Qf3 [17.Qh5
Ba6 18.Rfe1 Nf6 19.Qh4 Ne2+ 20.Kh1
Ne4 21.Bf1 N2xg3+ 22.hxg3 Qxh4+
23.gxh4 Nxd2]17...e5!? [17...Ba6]
18.e4?! Nxe4 19.Nxe4 fxe4 20.Qb3 Ba6
21.Rfe1 Qf7 22.Qe3 Bd3 23.Rec1 Qf6
24.dxe5 Nxe5 25.Qxb6 Bxc2 26.Rxc2
Nf3+0-1

**Benjamin & Stripunsky Share
New Jersey Championship
(Continued)**

NJ Open, 30.08.2014

1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.Nc3 dxe4 4.Nxe4
Bf5 5.Nc5 e5 6.Nxb7 Qb6 7.Nc5 exd4
8.Nb3 Bb4+ 9.Bd2 Nf6 10.Nf3 c5
11.Bd3 Bxd3 12.cxd3 0-0 13.0-0 Bxd2
14.Nfxd2 Nbd7 15.Qf3 Ne5 16.Qg3
Nfd7 17.f4 Nc6 18.f5 Nb4 19.Nc4 Qb8
20.Qf3 Ne5 21.Nxe5 Qxe5 22.Rae1
Qd6 23.f6 Qxf6 24.Qxf6 gxf6 25.Nxc5
Rfc8 26.Nd7 Rc2 27.Nxf6+ Kg7
28.Nh5+ Kg8 29.Re4 Nxd3 30.Rxd4
Ne5 31.Rd5 Ng6 32.Rd7 Ne5 33.Re7
Re2 34.Rfxf7 Re1+ 35.Kf2 Nd3+
36.Kg3 Rxe7 37.Rxe7 Nxb2 38.Nf6+
Kf8 39.Rxh7 Rd8 40.Rh8+ Ke7
41.Rxd8 Kxd8 42.h4 Ke7 43.Ne4 Nd3
44.Kg4 a5 45.Kf5 a4 46.h5 Kf7 47.g4
Nb4 48.h6 a3 49.Ng5+ Kg8 50.Kg6

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**Benjamin,Joel (2634) - Zlotnikov,-
Mikhail (2338) [B06]**

NJ Open 2014 (3), 31.08.2014

1.e4 g6 2.d4 Bg7 3.Nc3 d6 4.Be3 c6
5.Qd2 Nd7 6.Nf3 b5 7.Bd3 Bb7 8.h3
Qc7 9.Ne2 a6 10.Ng3 h5 11.c3 Ngf6
12.0-0 h4 13.Ne2 c5 14.d5 c4 15.Bc2
Nc5 16.Bxc5 Qxc5 17.a4 Nd7 18.axb5
axb5 19.Rxa8+ Bxa8 20.Ra1 Bb7
21.Ra3 Bf6 22.Ned4 Qb6 23.b4 cxb3
24.Rxb3 Ba6 25.c4 Nc5 26.Rb4 Kf8
27.cxb5 Bc8 28.Nc6 Bd7 29.e5 dxe5
30.Nfxe5 Kg7 31.Qe3 Bxc6 32.dxc6
Rh5 33.f4 g5 34.fgx5 Rgx5 35.Nf3 Rg3
36.Rc4 Nd7 37.Qxb6 Nxb6 38.c7

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**Ippolito,Dean (2548) - Privman,Bo-
ris (2336) [A90]**

NJ Open 2014 (3), 31.08.2014

1.Nf3 d5 2.d4 c6 3.c4 e6 4.g3 f5 5.Bg2
Nf6 6.0-0 Bd6 7.b3 0-0 8.Ba3 b5 9.Ne5
a5 10.Bxd6 Qxd6 11.Nc3 Ba6 12.Rc1
Nbd7 13.Nxc6 bxc4 14.Nxa5 cxb3
15.Nxb3 Bc4 16.Nd2 Nb6 17.Nxc4
Nxc4 18.e3 Rfb8 19.Re1 Nb2 20.Qe2
Qa3 21.Rc2 Rb4 22.h3 Rab8 23.g4 Ne4
24.Rec1 Rc4 25.Nxe4 Nd3 26.Nf6+
gxf6 27.Rd1 Qa4 28.Rcd2 Nc1 29.Qf3
fxg4 30.Qxf6 Re8 31.Qg5+ Kh8
32.Qf6+ Kg8 33.Qg5+ Kh8 34.Qe5+
Kg8 35.hxg4 Nxa2 36.Qg5+ Kh8
37.Qe5+ Kg8 38.Rb1 Nb4 39.Qg5+
Kh8 40.Qe5+ Kg8 41.Rdb2 Nc6
42.Qg5+ Kf7 43.Qh5+ Kf8 44.Qh6+
Kg8 45.Rb7 Ne7 46.Qxe6+

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**Herman,Geoffrey (2115) - Fedoro-
wicz,John (2470) [B25]**

NJ Open 2014 (4), 31.08.2014

1.e4 c5 2.Nc3 d6 3.g3 Nc6 4.Bg2 g6
5.d3 Bg7 6.f4 e6 7.Nf3 Nge7 8.0-0
0-0 9.Be3 b6 10.d4 Ba6 11.Re1 Qc7
12.a4 cxd4 13.Nxd4 Nxd4 14.Bxd4 e5
15.Be3 Rac8 16.Nb5 Bxb5 17.axb5 exf4
18.Bxf4 Be5 19.Bh6 Rfe8 ½-½

Ding, Kimberly (2095) - Feng, Ryan (1884)
NJ Open (2), 30.08.2014

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 e6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 a6 5.Nc3 Qc7 6.Be3 Nf6 7.f3 d6 8.Qd2 Nbd7 9.g4 Ne5 10.g5 Nfd7 11.f4 Nc4 12.Bxc4 Qxc4 13.f5 e5 14.Nb3 b6 15.0-0-0 Bb7 16.Qg2 Rc8 17.Rhe1 Qc7 18.Nd5 Bxd5 19.Rxd5 a5 20.a3 a4 21.Na1 Nc5 22.Bxc5 bxc5 23.Qe2 Qb6 24.Qc4 Ra8 25.Rf1 Qb7 26.f6 gxf6 27.Rxf6 Be7 28.Rf5 Rg8 29.h4 Rg7 30.Rd1 Ra7 31.Rdf1 Bd8 32.Qd3 Qc6 33.c4 Rb7 34.Nc2 Qb6 35.Qc3 Qb3 36.Qxb3 Rxb3 37.R1f3 Rxf3 38.Rxf3 Kd7 39.Ne3 Ke6 40.Nf5 Rg6 41.b3 f6 42.Rd3 Bc7 43.gxf6 Rxf6 44.h5 Rf8 45.Rg3 Rf7 46.bxa4 Bd8 47.Rd3 Be7 48.a5 Bf8 49.Rb3 Ra7 50.Rb5 Be7 51.Kb2 Bd8 52.a6 Rxa6 53.Rb7 Rb6+ 54.Rxb6 Bxb6 55.Kb3 Bc7 56.Ka4 Kf6 57.Kb5 Kg5 58.Kc6 Bd8 59.h6 Kf4 60.Nxd6 Bg5 61.Nf7 Bxh6 62.a4

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Ding, Kimberly (2095) - Jacobson, Aaron (2139)
NJ Open (4), 31.08.2014

1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 Bf5 4.Nc3 e6 5.g4 Bg6 6.Nge2 c5 7.Be3 Nc6 8.h4 h5 9.Nf4 Bxc2 10.Qxc2 cxd4 11.Bxd4 Nxd4 12.Qa4+ Nc6 13.Nxh5 g6 14.Bb5 Qc7 15.Nf6+ Nxf6 16.exf6 Bh6 17.Ne2 e5 18.Rg1 a6 19.g5 Bf8 20.Bxc6+ Qxc6 21.Qxc6+ bxc6 22.Rg4 Rb8 23.b3 Rb4 24.f4 exf4 25.0-0-0 f3 26.Rxb4 Bxb4 27.Nd4 f2 28.Rf1 Rxh4 29.Nxc6 Bc5 30.Ne5 Rh5 31.Kd2 Rg5 32.Nd3 Bb6 33.Nxf2 Rg2 34.Ke2 Kd7 35.Kf3 Rxf2+ 36.Rxf2 Bxf2 37.Kxf2 Ke6 38.b4 Kxf6 39.a4 Ke6

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Ding, Kimberly (2095) - Glassman, Jeremy R (1996)
NJ Open (6), 01.09.2014

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 a6 6.Bg5 e6 7.Qd2 Be7 8.f4 Qb6 9.f5 Nc6 10.Be3 Ng4 11.Bg1 Bh4+ 12.g3 Bg5 13.Qxg5 Qxb2 14.Nd1 Nxd4 15.Nxb2 Nf3+ 16.Ke2 Nng5 17.fxe6 Bxe6 18.Bg2 Rc8 19.Kd2 Ne5 20.Be3 Nng3+ 21.Bxf3 Nxf3+ 22.Kd3 Bd7 23.c3 Ne5+ 24.Kd4 Bb5 25.Bd2 Nf3+ 26.Ke3 Nxd2 27.Kxd2 f6 28.Rac1 Bc4 29.Nxc4 Rxc4 30.Kd3 b5 31.h4 Kf7 32.Rb1 Rhc8 33.Rb3 Ra4 34.Rh2 Rcc4 35.Re2 h5 36.Rb1 Ke6 37.Rf1 Ra3 38.Rc2 Rca4 39.Rff2 b4 40.Kd4 b3+

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Kekelidze, M - Stripunsky, A [D07]
NJ State Championship (3), 31.08.2014

1.d4 d5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.c4 Bg4 4.Nc3 e6 5.cxd5 exd5 6.Bf4 Bd6 7.Bg3 Bxf3 8.gxf3 Nge7 9.e3 h5 10.Bd3 h4 11.Bxd6 Qxd6 12.f4 Qe6 13.Qe2 Kf8 14.Rg1 Rc8 15.a3 Nb8 16.0-0-0 Nd7 17.Kb1 a6 18.Bc2 b5 19.Rg5 g6 20.f5 gxf5 21.Qf3 Qf6 22.Rdg1 Nb6 23.Bxf5 Rd8 24.Qe2 Nxf5 25.Qf3 Nc4 26.Qxf5 Qxf5+ 27.Rxf5 c6 28.Rf4 Nd6 29.Na2 a5 30.Nc1 Re8 31.Nd3 Re4 32.Rf3 Rh7 33.Ne5 Nc4 34.Nxc4 bxc4 35.Rf6 Re6 36.Rxe6 fxe6 37.Rg4 Ke7 38.h3 Kd6 39.Kc2 Rf7 40.f4 Rb7 41.Rg5 Rb3 42.Re5 a4 43.e4 Rxh3 44.f5 exf5 45.exf5

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Stripunsky, A - Norowitz, Y [A47]
NJ State Championship (6), 01.09.2014

1.d4 Nf6 2.Nf3 e6 3.e3 b6 4.Bd3 Bb7 5.Nbd2 c5 6.b3 cxd4 7.exd4 Bb4 8.Bb2 Qc7 9.c4 Qf4 10.0-0 0-0 11.a3 Bxd2 12.Qxd2 Nh5 13.Bc1 Qxd2 14.Bxd2 Bxf3 15.gxf3 Nc6 16.Be3 f5 17.Rfd1 h6 18.Be2 g5 19.b4 Ne7 20.a4 Ng6 21.Ra3 Nhf4 22.Bf1 Nh4 23.Bd2 d6 24.Rc1 e5 25.dxe5 dxe5 26.c5 e4 27.fxe4 fxe4 28.c6 Nf3+ 29.Rxf3 exf3 30.Bxf4 gxf4 31.Ba6 Kf7 32.c7 Rac8 33.Rc3 Ke6 34.Bxc8+ Rxc8 35.b5 Kd6 36.Rxf3

Rxc7 37.Rxf4 Ke5 38.Rh4 Rc1+ 39.Kg2 Ra1 40.Kg3 Kf5 41.Rf4+ Kg5 42.Rg4+ Kh5 43.f3 Ra3 44.Re4 Kg5 45.h3 Kh5 46.Kf4 Kh4 47.Ke5+ Kxh3 48.f4 Kg4 49.Kf6 h5 50.f5+

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Stripunsky - Bartell [B11]
23.09.2014

1.e4 c6 2.Nc3 d5 3.Nf3 Bg4 4.h3 Bxf3 5.Qxf3 e6 6.a3 g6 7.d4 Bg7 8.Be3 Ne7 9.g4 Nd7 10.Bg2 e5 11.0-0-0 exd4 12.Bxd4 Bxd4 13.Rxd4 c5 14.Rxd5 Nxd5 15.Nxd5 Qg5+ 16.Kb1 Qe5 17.Qb3 0-0-0 18.f4 Qe6 19.e5 Nb6 20.c4 g5 21.Rf1 h5 22.fxg5 hxg4 23.hxg4 Qxg4 24.Nxb6+ axb6 25.Bd5 Qxg5 26.Bxb7+ Kc7 27.Bd5 Qxe5 28.Qa4 1-0



GM John Fedorowicz and to his right Jeremy Glassman, Joshua Guo, and Ashwin Dandamudi.



IM Dean Ippolito playing Michael Yen and in the foreground Andy Chen playing GM Alex Fishbein GM Sergei Kudrin playing publisher Hanon Russell and GM Joel Benjamin playing Kim Ding

Kudrin, Katz, Wilson Tie in Dr. David Ostfeld Memorial

On March 30, at the Bergen Academy, 158 players in various sections, competed in the Dr. David Ostfeld Memorial sponsored by the International Chess Academy. The top section of 34 contestants resulted in a 3 way tie, and \$225 each, for GM Sergey Kudrin, former New Jersey champ Alex Katz and chess author and bookseller Fred Wilson of Manhattan, all with 3.5/4 scores.

Wilson joined this elite group in large part because of his superb win with the King's Indian Defense against George Grasser.

Both players were out to win. Grasser started things off with the very aggressive 9.g4, which was met immediately by the thematic 9...h5. Then, Grasser opted for 10.gxh5 rather than 10.g5. It's a tossup.

However, his 11.Qd2 was not so hot. Better would have been 11.Rg1 because you know the rook belongs there. Where the queen's best square is yet to be determined. Here's one possibility: 11.Rg1 f5 12.Bd3 Qe8 13.Ng5 a6 14.Ne6 Bxe6 15.dxe6 f4 16.Bd2 c6 17.Na4 Nf6 (17...b5 18.Nb6 Rb8 19.Nd7) 18.Nb6 Rd8 19.Qf3 Nc8 20.Nxc8 Rxc8 21.Qg2 Kh7 22.0-0-0 Bh6 23.Kb1 Rg8 and it's a dogfight.

We love Wilson's 12th move because somebody is always quoting that phrase, "every Russian schoolboy knows you take with the pawn" to deprive White of e4. However, Wilson is above clever adages and sees that his piece activity is more important.

Then, Wilson stuns his opponent with a rather brazen and effective pawn push thrust right into the heart of White's position. Confusion reigns!

White should have tried the more circumspect 16.Qd1 when 16... Qf7 17.Rh2 a5 leads to one possibility: 18.fxe3 a4 19.a3 Bxc3 20.bxc3 Nfg3 21.Nd2 Qf5 22.h4 Qe5 23.Qc2 Nxf1 24.Nxf1 Kh7 25.e4 Bg4 26.Kb2 b5

27.Rg2 Bh3 28.Rf2 bxc4 29.Rxf8 Rxf8 where White is hanging on throughout this line. A tightrope is better than a rope of sand.

His last chance was defense by this hypothetical line: 17.Rh2 a6 18.fxe3 Nfg3 19.Nd2 b5 20.h4 (20.cxb5 axb5 21.Nxb5 Rxa2) 20...Qe8 21.Be2 b4 22.Nd1 with a chance for holding on.

It was over after that 17th move as Wilson crashed through the middle. Defense against a relentless attacker is always tough, especially when you started out as the attacker!

George Grasser—Fred Wilson, Hackensack, 2014

1.Nf3 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 Bg7 4.e4 d6 5.h3 0-0 6.d4 e5 7.Be3 Nc6 8.d5 Ne7 9.g4 h5 10.gxh5!? Nxh5 11.Qd2? f5 12.exf5 Nxf5! 13.Bg5 Qe8 14.0-0-0 e4! 15.Re1 e3! 16.Qd3 Qf7 17.fxe3? Nfg3 18.Bg2 Nxh1 19.Rxh1 Ng3 20.Re1 Bd7 21.Nd4 Qf2 22.Qxg6 Qxg2 23.h4 Rf6 24.Qd3 Rf1 25.Nc2 Bf5 26.e4 Bxc3 27.Qxc3 Ne2+ 0-1



Fred Wilson, a fixture at the USATE, is selling his books in the lobby

Zilbermintz in Wild West-field Play

Everyone in the New Jersey/New York metropolitan area knows expert Lev Zilbermintz plays what might best be termed Wild West Chess. In our game today, he positively outdoes himself.

It's worth playing through just to see the position that arises. If you're too lazy, go to Jim West's blog for the score with a bunch of diagrams. As Lev said to us at the US Amateur Team East, it was like a game from the 19th

century. Actually, he could have said 18th century and not been wrong.

The opening was, of course, the Philidor Counter Gambit, championed by Zilbermintz and West, who wrote a book on it. If you play in this area and you know you might play one of these guys it's probably best to have a line ready. White apparently didn't.

Graff, also an expert went into a standard line, but opted for 7.Nf7 instead of 7.Nxe4, which is a good deal more sane: 7.Nxe4! Bb4+ 8.c3 dxe4 9.Qxd8+ Kxd8 10.cxb4 Bxe6 11.Nc3 Nf6 12.Bg5 Nbd7 13.Nxe4 h6 14.Bxf6+ Nxf6 15.Nxf6 gxf6 16.0-0-0+ Ke7 17.Be2 Rhd8 (17...Bxa2 18.Rhe1) and White has the better endgame, although Black has drawing chances.

Lev heads right to complications with 8...d4 rather than the more solid 8...Bxe3 or 8...Bxe6, yet it proves more difficult to meet the pawn move over the board. White did not find: 10.Bc4! h6 11.g4 Qh7 12.Bf4 Bb6 13.Qe2 Nf6 14.Nxh8 Nc6 15.Nf7 d3 16.cxd3 Nd4 17.Qd1 Bxe6 18.Ne5! Bxc4 19.Nxc4 exd3 20.Nc3 Nc2+ 21.Kd2 0-0-0 22.Nxb6+ axb6 23.Qf3.

Nor did White find the mind-numbing sequence of 11.Nc3! Bb4 12.Qd2 Qc5 13.Bb5+ c6 14.Be3. This kind of attack has psychological value because you really have to be creative to meet it, and it's hard to do that when the clock is ticking away.

Imagine trying to find 16.Nb5 Kf8 17.Nxc7 Qe5 18.Bxe4!! After 16.Bxf6, the game is essentially over, but the fun is just beginning, at least for Lev! White's done for. For example, 18.g5 Qf4 19.Qf3 Ke7!! Or much later, 22.Bf3 e2+ 23.Kg2 Nxh1 24.Nxa8 Nf2 25.h3 f5!

Lev had an embarrassment of riches. On move 18, he also had 18... Bxg4! 19.Qxf6 e2+ 20.Kg1 gxf6 21.h3 Be6 22.Nc2 Kd7 23.Rh2 Rg8, just to give you an idea of White's desperate plight. Again, later, there was also 23... Nxh1 24.Bxh1 e2+ 25.Ke1 Bb4+ 26.Kf2 d2 27.hxg4 e1Q+ 28.Rxe1 dxe1Q+ 29.Kf3 Bd2. Lots of good choices.

If Black knew White were

going to hang on well beyond resignation time, Lev might have focused on mating him with 28...Qe2+ 29.Kg3 Qe3+ 30.Kh2 Qf4+ 31.Kg1 Qg3+ 32.Bg2 Bf3. We don't understand the point of White playing beyond move 26. We had a friend once who would underpromote 4 or 5 pawns to knights in reply to this sort of time wasting.

Nonetheless, it was a masterful, creative and exciting performance by Zilbermintz.

William Graff-Lev Zilbermintz, Westfield Quads, 2014 1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 f5 4.dxe5 fxe4 5.Ng5 d5 6.e6 Bc5 7.Nf7?! Qf6 8.Be3 d4!? 9.Bg5 Qf5 10.g4!? Qd5! 11.c4!? Qxe6 12.Nxh8 Nc6! 13.Na3? Ne5!? 14.Bg2 Nd3+ 15.Kf1 Nf6!? 16.Bxf6? Qxf6 17.Qe2 e3! 18.Qf3 Nxf2! 19.Qxf6 gxf6 20.Nb5 d3!! 21.Nxc7+ Kf8! 22.Nxa8 Bxg4 23.h3 Be2+ 24.Kg1 Nxh1 25.Bxh1 Bd1! 26.b4 e2+ 27.Kg2 e1=Q 28.bxc5 Bf3+ 29.Kxf3 Qxa1 30.Ke3 Qxh1 31.Kxd3 Qxh3+ 32.Kd4 Kg7 33.Nc7 Qd7+ 34.Nd5 Kxh8 35.Ke3 Qe6+ 36.Kf3 f5 37.Kg3 Qe1+ 38.Kg2 Qe2+ 39.Kg3

Selected 2014 Tournament Results

NJ Open (6 rounds)

1.Alex Stripunsky	2677	5.0
2.Joel Benjamin	2638	5.0
3.Sergey Kudrin	2606	5.0
4.Alex Fishbein	2550	4.5
5.Mikheil Kekelidze	2527	4.5
6.Thomas Bartell	2455	4.5
7.Karl Dehmelt	2298	4.5
8.Dean Ippolito	2543	4.0
9.Michael Rohde	2511	4.0
10.Alex R. Katz	2401	4.0
11.Aaron Jacobson	2153	4.0
12.Michael Yen	2086	4.0
13.Yaacov Norowitz	2528	3.5
14.Boris Privman	2355	3.5
15.Mikhail Zlotnikov	2332	3.5
16.John Michael Burke	2326	3.5
17.PraveenBalakrishnan	2284	3.5
18.Geoffrey Herman	2131	3.5
19.Alan Gu	2119	3.5
20.Alice Dong	2070	3.5
21.Jeremy Glassman	2054	3.5
22.John Fedorowicz	2484	3.0

23.Dragan Milovanovic	2243	3.0
24.Brandon Jacobson	2143	3.0
25.Runya Xu	2105	3.0

US Amateur East Individual (6 rds)

1.Sandi Hutama	2192	5.5
2.Geoffrey Herman	2115	5.5
3.Alan C. Price	2142	4.5
4.Alan Gu	2100	4.5
5.Stephen Hrop	2117	4.0
6.Kim Ding	2082	4.0
7.Drew Serres	2061	4.0
8.Robert Rose	2053	4.0
9.Dennis Fan Li	2051	4.0
10.Leonard Chipkin	2024	4.0
11.Michael Yen	2007	4.0
12.Vinko Rutar	2002	4.0
13.Leon Deng	1998	4.0
14.Maryia Oreshko	2054	3.5
15.George Maxfield	2038	3.5
16.Andy Chen	2037	3.5
17.Tim Hall	2019	3.5
18.Brandon Jacobson	2015	3.5
19.Kevin Chen	1988	3.5
20.Marvin Shuman	1977	3.5
21.William R. Trueman	1915	3.5
22.Yakir Forman	1865	3.5
23.Troy Duncan	1853	3.5
24.David Lu	1814	3.5

1st Annual Steve Ferrero Memorial (4 rounds)

1.Magesh Panchanathan	2609	3.5
2.Peter Minear	2387	3.5
3.Dean Ippolito	2557	3.0
4.Justin Sarkar	2504	3.0
5.Boris Privman	2318	3.0
6.David Grasso	2261	3.0
7.Praveen BalaKrishnan	2252	3.0
8.Fred Wilson	2099	3.0
9.Sameer Mjuumdar	2282	2.5
10.Karl Dehmelt	2263	2.5
11.Matthew J. O'Brien	2208	2.5
12.Ari Minkov	2004	2.5
13.Jonathan Kleinfeld	1963	2.5
14.Roger Pedersen	1934	2.5
15.Richard Davisson	1886	2.5
16.Jonathan Hains	1828	2.5
17.Roshan Idnani	1818	2.5
18.Michael J. O'Connor	1779	2.5

NJ State Girls Championship (4 rds)

1.Kim Ding	2091	3.0
2.Nastasia Klevak	1488	3.0
3.Alice Dong	2046	2.5
4.Brianna Fontak	1740	2.0
5.Angelica Chin	1618	2.0
6.Rakshaa Ravishankar	1635	1.5
7.Sarah Yen	1629	1.5
8.Ramitha Ravishankar	1643	0.5

NJ High School Championship (5 rds)

1.Gregory Gabovich	2118	5.0
2.Jeremy Glassman	2000	5.0
3.David Hua	2375	4.5
4.Patrick Leblanc	1371	4.5
5.Christopher Wu	2338	4.0
6.Maryia Oreshko	2063	4.0
7.Matthew Lim	2014	4.0
8.Kevin Corrigan	1784	4.0
9.David Li	1696	4.0
10.Ashwin Anbu	1540	4.0
11.Tyler Vitale	1538	4.0
12.A.J. Thomas	1432	4.0
13.Phillip DeQuina	1302	4.0

NJ State Elementary Championships (5 Rds)

Junior High Results:

1.Maryia Oreshko	2064	5.0
2.Nicholas Cardenas	1699	4.5
3.Roman Rychkov	1965	4.0
4.Vedant Rautela	1644	4.0
5.Ramneek Singh	1590	4.0
6.Philip Grodsky	1456	4.0
7.Ilan Katz	1304	4.0
8.Andrew Jaffe	1284	4.0
9.Storm Moeller	1037	4.0



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Elementary Results:

1.Sanjana Vittal	1734	5.0
2.Ryan Xu	1551	5.0
3.Albert Ming	1448	4.5
4.Sriram Kumar	1680	4.0
5.Yuvanshu Agarwal	1614	4.0
6.John Cartier	1606	4.0
7.Nikita Popov	1526	4.0
8.Joshua Lerman	1483	4.0
9.Christian Flood	1446	4.0
10.Dylan Raphael	1349	4.0
11.Nikhil Kalyanraman	1293	4.0
12.Kai Mahesh Shah	1272	4.0
13.S. Roychoudhury	1268	4.0
14.Gabriel Lifshitz	1266	4.0
15.Dhruv Patel	1207	4.0
16.Avi Patel	1099	4.0
17.Shreyas Agnihotri	991	4.0

Primary Results:

1.Maximus Lu	1501	5.0
2.Matthew Lerman	1310	5.0
3.Avery Hood	1344	4.0
4.Timothy Zhigulin	1284	4.0
5.Andrew B. Chen	1255	4.0
6.Dennis Li	1108	4.0
7.Benjamin Klots	1102	4.0
8.Eddy Tian	1064	4.0
9.S. Badrinaryayanan	1016	4.0
10.Vaiden Pollard	921	4.0
11.Suran Gao	882	4.0
12.Tejas Rama	815	4.0

NJ Grade School Championships K-12: (5 Rds., All tied for first winners for each grade championship)

K: Abhimanyu Mishra	1148	5.0
1: Tejas Rama	1200	5.0
2: Eddy Tian	1381	5.0
3: Jason Lu	1427	5.0
4: Maximus Lu	1544	5.0
5: Constantine Oskiper	1800	4.5
6: Stanley Liu	1800	4.5
7: Nikita Popov	1712	4.0
7: Angelica Chin	1672	4.0
7: Nikhil Kalyanraman	1312	4.0
7: Warren Sunada-Wong	984	4.0
8: Leon Deng	1960	5.0
9: Roman Rychkov	1961	5.0
10: Christopher Wu	2362	5.0
11: Jeremy Glassman	2149	5.0
12: Gilad Drillich	1847	5.0

NJ High School Team Champions Father Casimir J. Finley Trophy

1956: Columbia-Cranford
1957: Leonia
1958: Seton Hall Prep
1959: Seton Hall Prep
1960: Summit
1961: Summit
1962: Plainfield
1963: Snyder
1964: Seton Hall Prep
1965: Seton Hall Prep
1966: Seton Hall Prep
1967: Hoboken
1968: Seton Hall Prep
1969: St. Peter's (Jersey City)
1970: St. Peter's (Jersey City)
1971: Montclair
1972: St. Peter's (Jersey City)
1973: Montclair
1974: DePaul
1975: DePaul
1976: River Dell
1977: Passaic County Tech
1978: Passaic County Tech
1979: Monmouth Regional
1980: Christian Brothers Academy
1981: Manalapan
1982: Columbia
1983: Bishop Eustace
1984: Bishop Eustace
1985: Christian Brothers Academy
1986: Cherry Hill East
1987: Cherry Hill East
1988: Ramsey-Cherry Hill East-Camden
1989: Cherry Hill East
1990: Cherry Hill East-Columbia
1991: Cherry Hill East
1992: Cherry Hill East
1993: Ocean Township
1994: Wall Township
1995: Mountain Lakes
1996: Cherry Hill East
1997: Cherry Hill-Teaneck
1998: Lakewood
1999: St. Joseph-Metuchen
2000: St. Joseph-Metuchen
2001: Cherry Hill East/Bergen Academy
2002: Bergen Academy
2003: Bergen Academy
2004: Bergen Academy
2005: Bergen Academy
2006: Holmdel
2007: Christian Brothers Academy
2008: Watchung Hills Regional
2009: Bergen Academy
2010: Bergen Academy
2011: Bergen Academy
2012: High Technology
2013: Lenape
2014: Bergen Academy

NJ Knockouts Have Successful Season in US Chess League

Our New Jersey chess team playing in the United States Chess League had a pretty good season, coming in third with a 6.5-3.5 score in the Eastern Division, just behind Manhattan at 7.5 and New York at 7.0.

Grandmaster Joel Benjamin of Waldwick, NJ, also came in third nationally with 21.5 points for the whole season, the winner being GM Wesley So for St. Louis with 28 points.

The team, the NJ Knockouts, consisted of Alex Stripunsky, Joel Benjamin, Alexander Katz, Ethan Klein, John Michael Burke, Chris Wu, Haik der Manuelian, Dimitry Volkov and Aaron Jacobson.

Benjamin played a fascinating game, which was chosen Game of the Week earlier this season.

In a usually positional opening, Benjamin comes up with a gambit first introduced by Guimard in 1944. He then proceeds to give a lesson on active piece play. Hernandez defends well for a long time, the folds under the pressure of constant defense.

Benjamin, Joel (2634) - Hernandez, Holden (2582) [E17] USCL Week 7 Internet Chess Club

1.Nf3 Nf6 2.c4 b6 3.g3 Bb7 4.Bg2 e6 5.d4 Be7 6.0-0 0-0 7.d5! exd5

Neither 7...Re8 8.Nh4 nor 7...d6 8.dxe6 fxe6 9.Bh3 e5 10.Ng5 seem appetizing for Black.

8.Nh4 c6

White maintains his slight edge after 8...Ne4 9.cxd5 Nd6 10.Nf3.

9.cxd5 Nxd5 10.Nf5 Nc7

Black can't maneuver the bishop away from attack quite yet: 10...Bf6 11.e4 Ne7 12.Nd6.

11.Nc3 d5! 12.e4! Nba6

To give you an idea of the attacking possibilities latent in this position, take a look at this possibility:

12...dxe4 13.Qg4 g6 14.Rd1 Nd5 15.Bxe4 Bf6 16.Nh6+ Kh8 17.Qf3; 12...d4 13.Nxd4 Nd7 14.Bf4 Rc8 15.Nf5 Bf6 16.Qg4 Qe8 17.Rad1 Ne5 18.Bxe5 Qxe5 19.f4 Qc5+ 20.Kh1 Bxc3 21.bxc3 g6 22.Rd7 Ba6 23.Rfd1 Ne6? 24.Nh6+ Kg7 25.Nxf7 Rxf7 26.Rxf7+ Kxf7 27.Rd7+.

13.exd5 cxd5

Leading to the game continuation anyhow is 13...Nxd5 14.Nxd5 cxd5 15.Bxd5 Bxd5 16.Qxd5 Bf6.

14.Nxd5 Nxd5 15.Bxd5 Bxd5 16.Qxd5 Bf6 17.Qf3!

After the flurry of excitement in the opening, White's reward is greater mobility for his pieces. Is it enough?

17... Nc5 18.Rd1 Qc7 19.Nh6+!

Doing a lot with a little. White could also go with 19.Rb1 Rad8 20.Bf4.

19...Kh8 20.Ng4 Be7

White still maintains the initiative after 20...Be5 21.Nxe5 Qxe5 22.Qa3 Ne6 23.Be3.

21.Bf4 Qc8 22.Rac1 Qa6 23.a3!?

Certainly 23.a3 is good, but could he have allowed the a2 pawn to be taken? 23.Ne5 Qxa2 24.b4. Seems
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good, if somewhat risky looking. From White's point of view, why take chances?

23...Qb5 24.b4 Ne6 25.Rd5

The mobility of the rooks is the key to understanding this position. If we use an old Horowitz rule of thumb, White has 25 legal rook moves while Black's rooks only have 9. If you don't count the squares both rooks can go to, it's 21 to 1!!

25... Qe8 26.Be3 Rc8 27.Rdd1

The kingside attacking idea of 27.h4 could be played here, but Benjamin sets it up a bit.

27...f6 28.Qf5 Rc6 29.h4 Qc8

The position is fraught with danger for Black: 29...Rxc1 30.Rxc1 Bd8 31.h5 h6 32.Rc4 Qd7 33.Rd4 Qe7 34.Re4 Re8 35.b5 Qd6 36.Bxh6 gxh6 37.Nxf6.

30.h5 Rxc1 31.Bxc1!?

The natural recapturing move seems to work better: 31.Rxc1 Qd7 32.h6 g6 33.Qe4 Re8 34.Qf3 Rf8 35.Rd1 Qc7 36.Bc1 Rd8 37.Bb2 with a distinct advantage. Instead, White is too clever by a half, but Black misses a chance to stay in the game.

31...Rd8 32.Re1 Rd6??

An awful blunder. Quite a fight of it would result from: 32...Bf8! 33.h6 Nd4 34.Qxc8 (34.hxg7+ Bxg7 35.Qxc8 Nf3+ 36.Kf1 Rxc8 37.Rd1 h5 38.Ne3 Bh6 39.Bb2 Bxe3 40.Bxf6+ Kg8 41.fxe3 Rc2 42.Rd7 Ra2 43.b5 [43.Rxa7 Rd2!= because of the set up perpetual check!])

43...Nd2+ 44.Ke1 Ne4 45.Be5 Rxa3 46.Ke2) 34...Rxc8 35.Kg2 Nf5 36.Bb2 Nxb6 37.Nxb6 gxh6 38.Bxf6+ Kg8 39.Re3 Kf7 40.Rf3 Ke6 41.Bh4 Bg7 42.Re3+ Kd6 43.g4 Rc4 44.f4 Bd4 45.Rd3 Ke6 46.f5+ Ke5 47.Rd2 a5 (47...Kf4 48.f6) 48.bxa5 bxa5 49.Re2+ Kd5 50.f6 a4 51.f7 Bc5 52.Be7 Bxe7 53.Rxe7 Rf4 54.Kg3 Kd6 55.Ra7 Rf1 56.Rxa4 Rxf7 57.Ra6+ Kc5 58.Rxb6 and winning this rook and pawn ending will be tough.

33.Bf4 Qc3 34.Rxe6 Rd1+ 35.Kg2 Qa1 36.Re1 Black Resigns.

Other Games from the Season:

Klein,Ethan (2022) - Finegold,Spencer (2187) [A65]
USCL Quarterfinals Internet Chess Club, 12.11.2014

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 c5 3.d5 e6 4.Nc3 exd5 5.cxd5 d6 6.e4 g6 7.Nge2 Bg7 8.Ng3 0-0 9.Be2 Re8 10.0-0 a6 11.a4 Nbd7 12.Bg5 h6 13.Be3 Rb8 14.Qd2 h5 15.f3 h4 16.Nh1 Nh7 17.Nf2 f5 18.exf5 gxf5 19.Rae1 Ne5 20.Nh3 Nf7 21.Kh1 Bd7 22.Bd3 b5 23.axb5 axb5 24.Nf4Nhg5 25.Nh5 Bh8 26.Qc2 Qc8 27.Bf4 Rxe1 28.Rxe1 c4 29.Bf1 b4 30.Nd1 c3 31.bxc3 bxc3 32.Bd3 Ra8 33.Ne3 Ba4 34.Qc1 Bd7 35.Bxg5 Nxb5 36.Nxf5 1-0

Koons,Nat (2293) - Katz,Alexander (2380) [D38]
USCL Wildcard Round Internet Chess Club, 05.11.2014

1.d4 Nf6 2.Nf3 e6 3.c4 Bb4+ 4.Nc3 d5 5.Qb3 c5 6.dxc5 Nc6 7.Bg5 Bxc3+ 8.Qxc3 d4 9.Qc2 Qa5+ 10.Bd2 Qxc5 11.a3 a5 12.e3 e5 13.Bd3 Qe7 14.Ng5 Ng4 15.Nf3 Nf6 16.Ng5 Nd7 17.h4 Nc5 18.Bxh7 Be6 19.Nxe6 Qxe6 20.Bf5 Qe7 21.0-0-0 e4 22.f3 Nb4 23.axb4d3 24.bxc5

dx2 25.Kxc2 Qxc5 26.Bc3 Qxf5
0-1

**Jacobson,Aaron (2139) - Kumar,Aravind (2201) [C03]
USCL Week 8 Internet Chess Club, 14.10.2014**

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nd2 Be7 4.Ngf3
Nf6 5.e5 Nfd7 6.Bd3 c5 7.c3 Nc6
8.0-0 g5 9.dxc5 g4 10.Nd4 Ndx5
11.Bb5 Bd7 12.N2b3 Rg8 13.Re1
Nxd4 14.Nxd4 Nc6 15.Bxc6 bxc6
16.b4 Rg6 17.Bf4 Kf8 18.Qe2 Kg8
19.a4 a6 20.Ra2 Bf8 21.f3 h5 22.Qe5
gxf3 23.Nxf3 Qf6 24.Qe3 Be8
25.Ne5 Rg7 26.Rf2 Rh7 27.Bg5 Qh8
28.Bf6 Bg7 29.Qg5 Kf8 30.Be7+
Kg8 31.c4 Rh6 32.cxd5 cxd5 33.c6
Qh7 34.b5 axb5 35.axb5 Rc8
36.Bf6 Kh8 37.Rc1 Rxf6 38.Rxf6
Qe4 39.Nxf7+ Kh7 40.Qxh5+ Kg8
41.Nh6+ Kh7 42.Nf7+ Kg8 43.Rff1
Qe3+44.Kh1 Qa7 45.Nh6+ Kh7
46.Rf7 Bxf7 47.Nxf7+ Kg8 48.Ng5
Bb2 49.Qg6+ Qg7 50.Qxe6+ 1-0

**Bartell,Tom (2448) - Stripunsky,- Alex (2656) [D07]
USCL Week 2 Internet Chess Club, 03.09.2014**

1.d4 d5 2.c4 Nc6 3.Nf3 Bg4 4.cxd5
Bxf3 5.gxf3 Qxd5 6.e3 e5 7.Nc3
Bb4 8.Bd2 Bxc3 9.bxc3 Qd6 10.Rb1
b6 11.Bg2 Nge7 12.f4 exf4 13.e4 f6
14.h4 Rd8 15.0-0 0-0 16.Qg4 Ng6
17.h5 Nge5 18.Qxf4 Nc4 19.Qxd6
cxd6 20.Bf4 N6a5 21.Bh3 Rfe8
22.f3 Kf7 23.Kf2 g5 24.hxg6+ hxg6
25.Ke2 Nc6 26.Rh1 g5 27.Bg3
Rh8 28.Kd3 N4a5 29.Bg4 Nb7
30.f4 gxf4 31.Bxf4 Ne5+ 32.Bxe5
dxe5 33.Bh5+ Ke7 34.Rbg1 Nc5+
35.Ke3 Ne6 36.Bd1 exd4+ 37.cxd4
Rhx1 38.Rhx1 Rxd4 39.Rh7+ Kd6
40.Bc2 Rc4 41.Kd2 Rc7 42.Rh5 Ng5
43.Rh8Nf3+ 44.Kd1 Ke5 45.Re8+
Kf4 46.Rf8 Ke3 47.Rxf6 Nd4 48.Bb3
Ne2 49.Bc2 Nd4 50.Bb3 Ne2 51.Bc2

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Rd7+ 52.Ke1 Rg7 53.e5 Nf4 54.Kf1
Rc7 0-1

**Benjamin,Joel (2634) - Chumachenko,Andrey (2435) [B31]
USCL Week 5 Internet Chess Club, 23.09.2014**

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 g6 4.0-0
Bg7 5.Re1 e5 6.b4 cxb4 7.a3
b3 8.cxb3 Nge7 9.Bb2 0-0 10.d4
exd4 11.Nxd4 Qb6 12.Nxc6 dxc6
13.Bxg7 Kxg7 14.Bc4 Be6 15.Bxe6
fxe6 16.Qc2 Rad8 17.Nc3 Qa5
18.b4 Qe5 19.Rad1 g5 20.Na4 Ng6
21.Nc5 Rxd1 22.Rxd1 Rf7 23.g3
b6 24.Nd7 Qc7 25.Qd2 c5 26.bxc5
bxc5 27.Qc3+ e5 28.Nxc5 Qc8
29.Rd7 Qxd7 30.Nxd7 Rxd7 31.Qc8
Re7 32.Qg4 h6 33.Kf1 Nh8 34.h4
Nf7 35.h5 Rb7 36.Qc8 Re7 37.Qc6
Kf8 38.Ke2 Re8 39.Kf3 Re7 40.Kg4
Kg7 41.Kf5 a5 42.Qg6+ Kf8 43.Kf6
Nd6 44.Qxh6+ Ke8 45.Qg6+ Kd7
46.Kxg5 Re6 47.Qg7+ Re7 48.h6
Ke8 49.Qg8+ Kd7 50.h7 Nxe4+
51.Kg6 1-0

Some Team Name Favorites from Prior Years

Tickle me elo
Searching for bobbits stitcher
The king of pop plays with little bishops
Trent lott says black is ok
What happens in parsippany--stays in parsippany
My flag has fallen and it cant get up
Tals from the crypt
Benoni sameish on rye
Svindler on the roof
Tarrasch collectors
Baked e-lasker
Enron- no perpetual check
Ladies of perpetual check
Nsa is perpetually checking
Little schach of horrors

A Personal Reminiscence Bernie Friend, Harold Darst, R.I.P By David Cole

“Growing up in Bergen County, I had the privilege of learning chess from a lot of different chess players, since I basically taught the game to myself, through the use of chess books and my own general intuition. I also had the privilege of visiting the different Bergen County Chess Clubs, and one of them was the Dumont Chess Mates in which Bernie Friend was a longtime member there. When I read who the previous Bergen County Closed Champions were on the Dumont Chess Mates plaque of champions, Bernie was listed there a number of times. In my head to head battles with Bernie he defeated me the first 4 times we played, and I believe, the last 4 times, I sort of got even with him by having 2 wins and 2 draws against him. In the 1989 Bergen County Closed, I outplayed Bernie in a complicated Rook and Pawn ending as black in the last round to gain a share of 1st place with the late Steve Fellner.

The best memory I have of Bernard Friend was definitely the 1987 U.S. Amateur Team Championship where I played on the Dumont team with Bernie Friend, Arthur Feuerstein,

Grant Perks, and Alternates Steve Fellner and Steve Press. I know somebody is going to ask why two alternates, which was a bit of a controversy at this event to say the least, so let me get right to it. Back at that time, I was working retail, and I could not play the 1st round of that event, because I had to work, and my boss was nice enough to let me have the rest of that weekend off. So, Steve Fellner filled in for me that first round, but was not available the rest of the weekend. Between the first and second rounds, Bernie had a family emergency and could not play that Sunday, so 2nd Alternate Steve Press filled in for the team. Our team captain, Arthur Feuerstein communicated to one of the assistant TD's to see if it would be okay to have a 2nd Alternate given the fact of Bernie's family emergency, and this is where some miscommunication took place, as Arthur apparently had been given permission to do this, but the Assistant TD was not aware of a 2nd Alternate.

After a hard earned Round 3 victory over a team that featured the late, Brian Bugbee, who was a longtime Dumont Chess Mates Member, where I employed

some legal trickery, the match cards were signed by both team captains and there was not a protest of any kind lodged by the opposing team. This team was Brian's college team that we were up against, and we scored a 2.5 - 1.5 win when their 4th board inexplicably offered a draw when their team was down 2 - 0. What started this was that Brian had offered me a draw, and I turned to my team captain, Arthur Feuerstein and Arthur stated that it would be okay to accept the offer. In looking over the other 3 boards, I overruled Arthur as Board 4 featured a big time scramble by both players, even though Steve Press was up 2 pawns, and Grant Perks was being defeated on Board 3. Arthur who was having a bad tournament at the time, was staring a 3rd straight defeat in the face, so I just sat there motionless for about 25 minutes to see what would develop.

Ironically, Arthur's opponent walked into a choice of being checkmated or losing his queen, and chose to be checkmated. I played on, and eventually checkmated Brian, and said, "Nice Game". Their 4th board player assumed that our game had ended drawn, and is why he offered a draw, and their 3rd board blurted out, "You Idiot, you don't offer a draw when we are losing 2 - 0", and Steve Press stated, "Oh we are up 2 - 0, I accept" before his flag fell, and shortly thereafter, Grant had lost giving us that narrow escape.

Shortly after the 4th round had started, Steve Doyle and Denis Barry notified us that we would have to forfeit our hard earned win from the previous round for using an illegal 2nd alternate. During most of that round, both Arthur and I were spending our time appealing to Denis and Glenn Petersen over the miscommunication that had occurred, and when Bernie was called at home about this controversy, he felt this controversy was his fault entirely as Bernie took full blame over this one, and he really did not want to come back to play the Monday games, and there was talk of withdrawing from the event. I was able to convince the tournament directors that this was a legitimate mistake and that we could live with losing Round 4, and since the team captains had signed the match cards from Round 3, the results should be allowed to stand. Also, I had to convince Bernie and the rest of the team that the Dumont Team is obligated to its membership to complete all 6 games since the Dumont Chess Mates had paid our entry fee into the tournament, and this

line of reasoning sufficed to continue on with the tournament.

After getting a good night sleep and putting aside his family problems, Bernie returned to the tournament and won 2 exciting games which proved pivotal in both of our matches, and in the 6th round, all of the contenders were losing, while we won, and the Dumont Chess Team became the NJ Team Champions. Another memory at this time was that I had achieved the National Master rating, and Bernie who was 67 at that time, had not achieved the National Master rating. I just complained at that time if anybody deserved to get the National Master rating, it was certainly Bernie, and years later, he did get that title.

Even in our head to head games, they were competitive, and below is our last rated game played on June 23rd, 1997 at the Dumont Early Summer Quads. This game was a hard fought draw, as I may have had the advantage of the outside passed pawn, but it could not proceed down the board any further. Bernie passed away on December 23rd, 2013 at the rightful age of 94, so certainly a life lived to its fullest. RIP Bernie Friend, you will be missed by our fellow chess brethren and others that you had a great influence on".

White: B. Friend (2104) Vs. D. Cole (2105) - Dumont Early Summer Quads -

June 23rd, 1997 - Hungarian Defense
 1) e4 e5 2) Bc4 Nc6 3) Nf3 Be7 4) d4 e:d4
 5) N:d4 Ne5 6) Be2 (Usually Bb3 is played)
 d6 7) O-O Nf6 8) f4 Ng6 9) Nc3 O-O 10)
 f5 Ne5 11) Bf4 c6 12) Nf3 Qb6+ 13) Kh1
 Q:b2
 14) Qd2 N:f3 15) g:f3 Rd8 16) Rab1 Qa3
 17) Rb3 Qa5 18) Rg1 Ne8 19) Bh6 Bf6 20)
 Nd5 Q:d2 21) N:f6+ Kh8 22) B:d2 N:f6 23)
 Bg5 b5 24) Rd3 Ba6 25) Rd2 Rd7 26) e5
 Nd5
 27) e6 f:e6 28) f:e6 Rc7 29) a4 Nc3 30) a:b5
 N:e2 31) R:e2 B:b5 32) Re3 Re8 33) Rd1 d5
 34) f4 h6 35) Bh4 c5 36) Kg1 d4 37) Re5 g6
 38) Kf2 Kg7 39) Kg3 Bc4 40) Rde1 a6
 41) Kg4 Bb5 42) Kf3 Ba4 43) R5e2 Bc6+
 44) Kf2 Bd5 45) e7 Kf7 46) Re5 Bc4 47)
 Kf3 Bb5 48) Kf2 a5 49) Re6 Rc6 50) R6e5
 a4 51) Rb1 Bc4 52) Ra1 Bb5 53) Rb1 Bc4
 54) Ra1 Bb5 and Drawn by Agreement
 1/2 - 1/2"

Interrupting David's Narrative

Thank you, David. At this point, we're going to interrupt David's narrative by giving a game Bernie played against Ruben Fine in 1939. This was Fine at his peak, having tied with Keres for 1st place at AVRO the year before, ahead of Botvinnik, Alekhine, Euwe, Reshevsky and Flohr.

Bernie slugs it out with Fine, reaches a winning position and misses the right path. Fine, in turn, whose nerves must have been frayed, misses a win in return and it ends up a draw—one heck of a draw. All you theory wonks—take a look at the opening and Bernie's third move! GM Kaufman's book on this is just out!

Friend, Bernard - Fine, Reuben [D70] ACF-ch pre11 New York, 1939

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.f3 d5 4.cxd5 Nxd5 5.e4
 Nb6 6.Nc3 Bg7 7.Be3 Nc6 8.Bb5
 [8.d5 Ne5 9.Bd4 (9.a4)] 8...0-0 9.Nge2
 Bd7 10.a3 [10.0-0] 10...a6 11.Bd3 Be8
 12.d5 [12.e5 f6] 12...Ne5 13.Bxb6 cxb6
 14.Qd2 b5 [14...f5] 15.0-0 Qb6+ 16.Kh1
 b4 17.axb4 Qxb4 18.Ra2 [18.f4] 18...Rc8
 19.Rd1 Bd7 20.h3 Qb6 21.f4 Nc4 [21...
 Bh6]
 22.Bxc4 Rxc4 23.e5 g5? [23...Rb4; 23...
 Rd8] 24.Qd3 [24.b3 Rcc8 (24...Qxb3
 25.Rb1) 25.d6] 24...Rfc8 25.d6 e6 26.Qg3
 Kh8 [26...Qd8] 27.Qxg5 Qf2 28.Rd3?! [28.
 b3 Rb4 29.Nd4 Qe3 (29...Rxd4 30.Rxf2)
 30.Nce2 h6 31.Qe7] 28...Rg8 29.Rg3 Bc6
 30.Kh2 h6 31.Qh4?? [31.Qg4 Qb6 32.Qh5
 Qd8 33.Qxf7] 31...Bxg2 32.Rg4 Qxh4
 33.Rxh4 Bc6? [33...Bf3 34.b3 Rb4] 34.Rg4
 Rc8 35.Rg3 f6 36.Re3? [36.b3 Rb4 37.f5]
 36...fxe5 37.fxe5 Rf8 [37...Rg8 38.b3 Rc5
 39.Ne4 Bxe5+ 40.N4g3 Rd5] 38.Kg1 Rc5
 39.Nd4 Rxe5 [39...Bxe5!] 40.Rxe5?? Bxe5
 41.Nxc6 bxc6 42.Ne4 Rd8 43.Rxa6 Bxb2
 44.Rxc6 Kg7 45.Rc7+ [45.Kf2 Bd4+ 46.Kf3
 Be5 47.Ke3 Kg6] 45...Kg6 1/2-1/2

Back to David:

"I read with sadness the death of Harold Darst who passed away on September 27th, 2013, and my memories of this man is somewhat limited, since I did not interact with him that much. He was a dedicated Tournament Organizer and Director of the Hackettstown Chess Club for at least 35 years, and spearheaded the effort of putting together the 4-County Open for many years. The counties included Warren, Sussex, Morris & Hunterdon Counties where the yearly event crowned

the champions of these counties in one big tournament.

Harold had the foresight from living in the least densely populated areas of Western NJ and the 4 County Event to really help grow the game as best as possible in order to increase its popularity. It was his brainchild. Harold went way beyond the call of duty to help popularize the game in remote sections of NJ, and indirectly, he really increased the New Jersey State Chess Federation membership rolls by having the 4-County Open, and making players from those areas aware of other chess events throughout NJ.

My interaction with him was where I did show up at the Hackettstown Chess Club a number of years ago to help him set up the tables and chairs in their community center to get ready for the Hackettstown Chess Club event for that evening.

I can tell that he was a very hospitable person as he always made sure that everyone had a game, and followed the proper protocol of greeting visitors to his club to make them feel welcomed.

I had ideas of forming my own club here in Franklin, NJ (Sussex County), and I relied on Harold to see about having a 2nd person in charge, since I had been working retail, and could not oversee my proposed club's operations all the time, because work does come first. I thought that I had located a reliable 2nd person to be in charge in my absence. When I checked with Harold Darst and others, they did not recommend this person, so the club was never formed, but that interaction told me that Harold was the type of person that would not lead anyone astray.

Shortly after my visit to the Hackettstown Chess Club, Harold decided to go roller skating one Saturday night. and he took a nasty spill and hurt himself badly. I believe he was 83 at the time of that accident, and one can certainly criticize Harold's choice of activities, but that tells me that Harold loved to stay active, both physically and mentally, and perhaps a less dangerous activity could have been decided upon.

Regardless, Harold absolutely loved chess, his family and his many friends that frequented the 4-County Open, along with the Hackettstown Chess Club. Harold will be missed, but the Hackettstown Chess Club will go on, and that is thanks in large part to Harold Darst. Harold was 86. RIP Harold Darst."

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1974 Temple University Mike Pastor, Bruce Rind, Harvey Bradlow, Joseph Schwing
1975 GSCA Four Ken Regan, John Fedorowicz, Edward Babinski Jr., Tyler Cowen
1976 GSCA Four Ken Regan, John Fedorowicz, Tyler Cowen, Michael Wilder
1977 Mahko Ornst Damian Dottin, Sunil Weeramantry, Jasper Chin, Doug Brown
1978 Westfield Winners Stephen Stoyko, Stephen Pozarek, Saul Wanetick, John McCarthy
1979 Mahko Ornst Doug Brown, Timothy Lee, David Gertler, Harold Bogner
1980 Heraldica Imports Roman Dzindzichashvili, Jose Cuchi, Jose Saenz, Ignatio Yepes
1981 The Materialists Eugene Meyer, Robin Spital, Gordon Zalar, Peter McClusky
1982 Metalhead 'N' Mutants Tony Renna, Jonathan Schroer, Andrew Metrick, John Kennedy
1983 The Costigan Team Thomas Costigan, William Costigan, Andrew Costigan, Richard Costigan
1984 Collins' Kids Varsity Stuart Rachels, John Litvinchuk, David Peters, Marcos Robert
1985 We Don't Have One George Krauss, Robert Miller, David Gertler, Sam Waldner
1986 Ace Reporter Tisdall Michael Rohde, Mark Ginsburg, Leonid Bass, Julia Sarwer
1987 Walk Your Dog Michael Feinstein, William Mason, Robin Cunningham, David Greenstein
1988 Bergen County Chess Council Aviv Friedman, Jose Lahoz, Lee Rutowski, Jonathan Beeson
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1990 Walk Your Dog 3 Michael Feinstein, William Mason, Seth Rothman, Paul Gordon
1991 Collins' Kids Graduates John Litvinchuk, Sal Matera, William Lombardy, Joe Ippolito
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1993 Bonin the USA Jay Bonin, Mark Ritter, Harold Stenzel, Dan O'Hanlon

1994 Jimi Hendrix Exp Ilya Gurevich, Mark Ginsburg, Victor Frias, Chris Kendrex, Steven Kendrex
1995 Brooklyn College "A" Genady Sagalchik, Alex Kalikshiteyn, Yuri Alpshun, Joe Valentin
1996 Westfield CC Robin Cunningham, Todd Lunna, Jason Cohen, Jerry Berkowitz, Yaacov Norowitz
1997 Kgovsky's Killers Igor Schliperman, Mark Kurtzman, Stan Kotlyar, Nathan Shnaidman
1998 WWW.ChessSuperstore Anatoly Karpov, Ron Henley, Irina Krush, Albert Pinnella
Light Blue Dyllan McClain, Nathan Resika, Brian Hulse, Alan Price
1999 Clinton-Insufficient Lusing Chances Jim West, Mike Shapiro, Alan Kantor, David Sichel, Mel Rappaport
2000 Total Brutality Philip Songe, Savdin Robovic, Igor Schliperman, Mark Kurtzman
2001 Zen and the Art of Bisguier Ron Burnett, Art Bisguier, Sergio Almeida, Noach Belcher
2002 Weera Family Hikaru Nakamura, Sunil Weeramantry, Asuka Nakamura, Michael Ellenbogen
2003 UTD Orange Andrei Zaremba, Dennis Rylander, Ali Morsaedi, Clem Rendon
2004 Dean Ippolito LLC (Stanislav Kriventso, Den Ippolito, Mike Bernshteyn, Scott Lalli)
2005 My 60 Memorable Chess Rants (Eli Vavsha, Samson Benen, Joshua Bromberg, Evan Rosenberg)
2006 My G8 Predecessors (Charles Riotdan, Alex Cherniak, Lawyer Times, Charlie Mays)
2007 Beavis and Buttvinnik (James Critelli, Evan Turtel, Nick Panico III, Evan Rabin, Alan Kantor)
2008 GGGg (Zvia Izoria, Eugen Perelshteyn, Roman Dzindzichashvili, Stephen Fanning)
2009 The Palin Gambit (Paul MacIntyre, Brian Hulse, Libardo Rueda, Alan Price)
2010 Cambridge Springers (Joe Fang, Bill Kelleher, Vesna Dimtrijevic, Leonard Morrisey, Anatoly Levin)
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