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| August 11, 2007 | James Wright Memorial 4
Hampton Inn, Memphis, TN
Gary Pylant; e-mail: gpylant@gmail.com |
| Aug. 31–Sept. 2 | Tennessee Open Championship
Riverview Inn
Clarksville, TN
Harry Sabine; e-mail: hdsabine@citlink.net |
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Cumberland Co. Community Complex
Crossville, TN
Harry Sabine; e-mail: hdsabine@citlink.net |
| October 13–14, 2007 | Memphis Chess Classic Open
Embassy Suites Hotel
Memphis, TN
Gary Pylant; e-mail: gpylant@gmail.com |
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Off-time patron and benefactor of Tenn. chess **Clint Pearson, Jr. died on June 29.**

TCA HALL OF FAME

Peter Lahde	1990
Robert Coveyou	1990
Jerry Sullivan	1990
Martin Southern	1990
Tom Finucane	1990
Robert Scrivener	1990
L. Hunter Weaks	1990
John Hurt	1992
James A. Sweets	1993
Rea Hayes	1997
James A. Wright	1998
Dr. Martin Katahn	2002
David Burris	2003
Albert Hodges	2005

A NOTE FROM THE EDITOR

This edition is unusual because we are highlighting one of our past champions: Jerry L. Sullivan, six times TN Champion. Mr. Lahde researched Sullivan's history and this issue includes 14 of his games.

Another powerful Tenn. player is also highlighted in this issue. R.O. Mitchell, ex-Jr. Champion of TN and ex-Jr. Champion of the U.S. died very young. We remember him by a dedication and present some of his games. We also lost another valuable member of the Tenn. chess scene: Clinton Pearson, Jr. If you have played in Cumberland Co. weekend Swiss Tournaments, then you know the well-dressed Clint Pearson. He succumbed recently at over 71 years of age after battling with early-life injuries that plagued him until his death. And while speaking of losses to Tenn. chess, GM Sam Palatnik has left Memphis

♠ **Clinton H. Pearson Jr.** ♠
Oct. 24, 1935 — June 29, 2007

Clinton was born in Nashville, TN and spent most of adult life in Crossville. He was President of the Cumberland Co. Chess Club from Oct. 6, 1978 to Feb. 15, 2001. He stayed active in chess most of his life and was certainly recognized and liked by all. Let's queen a pawn for him.

to now reside in the Washington, DC area.

The good news is that our young players' chess strength and confidence grow daily and our established Titled Masters like Burnett and Bereolos continue to rack up the points! Two of IM Burnett's recent victories are mentioned as well as gems from the *TN Tempo* U.S. Chess League matches.

The National Elementary K-6 Championship that was held at Opryland also boosted Tennessee chess. At the least, our scholastics fattened their ratings! A listing of the top scorers from Tenn. by section is included starting on page 30. Those scoring 4 or more points are shown for all sections. Our highest place finisher was Harrison Ooi, who reaped 6.5 points in the K3 U800 and took clear second by 1.5 points!

In the previous issue, USCF's Pat Knight was credited as being just the Events Coordinator (and Asst. Exec. Dir.) but she is actually the National Events Director, too. Already to her credit she has successfully directed the National Jr. High School Championship, the National High School Championship, and the National Bert Lerner Elementary Championship. If there are any tournament directors or volunteers out there who would be interested in working with a national scholastic event, please contact her at her USCF e-mail address: pknight@uschess.org.

TENNESSEE'S FIRST MASTER - JERRY SULLIVAN

By Peter Lahde

"Joseph G. (Jerry) Sullivan and this writer are the two survivors of the Charter Members of the Tennessee Hall of Fame. We were both born in December 1930, and Jerry is just four days younger than I am. The other members of this distinguished group include Robert (Uncle Bob) Scrivener (1881-1969) of Memphis, Hunter Weaks (1923-1973) of Memphis, Martin Southern (1896-1974) of Knoxville, Robert Coveyou (1915-1996) of Oak Ridge and Tom Finucane (1911-2002) of Kingsport.

Jerry Sullivan achieved that distinction in winning six times the title of Champion of Tennessee. Robert Coveyou also won the title six times in this period and annexed two more titles after Sullivan gave up playing. But Jerry proved his superiority in winning two matches with Coveyou and attaining the master rank which Coveyou did not. He also won the Southern Open in 1948 when he was still a teenager. He achieved the master title when it was listed in the October issue of Chess Life in 1963.

Jerry taught himself the game at the age of 12 by borrowing a book from the local library. He still remembered the publisher, Frank Hollings. The book was entitled *The Beginner's Book of Chess*. He played in his first tournament in 1946 in the reserve section of the Southern in Tampa, Florida, and won it. Martin Southern, his mentor, who would take him to tournaments while he was a teenager. The first Tennessee Open was held over Memorial Day weekend in Oak Ridge in 1947. It was directed by George Koltanowski. Jerry played in this first state championship and won the junior title. Then in July that year he placed 8th in the Southern held at St. Petersburg, Florida. Shortly thereafter he took part in his first—and many—U.S. Open at Corpus Christi, Texas and achieved an even score of 6½ points. Isaac Kashdan was the winner, allowing only three draws and winning ten. In December of that year Jerry won the Tennessee Valley tournament at Chattanooga with a perfect score of 5-0.

In July 1948 he won the Southern in Augusta, GA., in a tie with J. B. Holt with a score of 5½ to ½. He lost his game to Holt, but still won over him on tiebreak.

He also played in the U.S. Open that year at Baltimore and the only time ended up with a minus score of 5½ to 6½. The U.S. Junior took place shortly thereafter at Oak Ridge. Here Jerry scored 5½ to 4½.. Bisguier and Anderson of Canada won on tiebreak with 8-2.

The Tennessee Open was played over New Years and ended on January 1, 1949. John Sweets, Coveyou, and Sullivan all tallied 3½ to 1½ to tie for second. Mullinex of Chattanooga was the surprise winner with 4-1. In July of that year Jerry played again in the Southern at Richmond, Virginia. Berliner was the winner with 6½. Jerry only had 3½ for an even score. The next year Jerry played again in the U.S. Junior, which was hosted by Fort Worth, Texas. Bisguier was again the victor with 8-2. Jerry scored 6-4. But then in September he won the Georgia Open in Atlanta with a score of five points.

Again the Tennessee Open was held over New Years ending on January 1, 1950. This time Lawrence Noderer was the winner with 4½ out of 5. Jerry came in second with 4. He also took part in the Southern, which was held in Durham, North Carolina. Here Norman Whitaker was the winner with 6-1. Jerry had

a disappointing even score with 3½. He also played in his third U.S. Open that year, which was held in Detroit. Bisguier won with 9½ - 2½. Jerry tallied 7-5.

Jerry won his first Tenn. Open title in Oak Ridge. The event took place over New Years in 1950/51. He gave up only one draw in six games. Coveyou came in second with five points. He also played in the non-segregated Southern that year which took place in Asheville, North Carolina. Stark was the winner there with 6½ out of 7. Sullivan and Coveyou tied for fourth with 4½ - 2½. Larry Evans gave a simul in Oak Ridge on December 13. Sullivan, Coveyou and Noderer-former state title holders-took part along with several others.

Larry Noderer scored 4½ out of 5 to again reign as Tennessee Open Champion in 1952, a title he also held in 1950. Coveyou came in second with 4 points and Sullivan third with 3½ points.

The next Tennessee Open, which concluded in January 3, 1953, gave the title to Sullivan for the second time with a score of 4½ to 1½. G. Wilfred Sweets, Martin Southern and Larry Noderer all tied for second

with 4-2 points. Then in July Jerry was drafted and took his basic training at Camp Rucker.

He was able to return for the Tennessee Open in 1954 in Knoxville and defend his title. This he did, except he had to share it with Martin Southern. It came down to the last game with Coveyou that he could not finish as he had to return to active duty. The game was adjudicated and declared a draw. This gave Martin (Southern) and Jerry the same score of 5-1. He was also able to get time off to play in the Southern, which was held in Atlanta. This ended in a four-way tie for first with Sullivan, Krauss, Crittenden, and Hayes all scoring 5½ to 1½.

He got out of the Army in June 1955. This gave him a chance to compete again in the U.S. Open, which was held in August in Long Beach, California. Rossolimo was the winner over Reshevsky on tiebreak. They both scored 10-2. Jerry scored a respectable 7½ - 4½.

Jerry did not play in the 1955-1956 Tennessee Open. Instead he directed the event. He did play in the Carolina Open at Myrtle Beach in July. Hearst came in first with 7-0. Jerry

tied for fourth with 5-2. Then in November he played in the Tennessee Open after Thanksgiving. Sullivan was the winner with 5½ out of six. Coveyou was second with 5.0, and Rea B. Hayes came in third.

In 1957 he played again in the U.S. Open at Cleveland, which was won by Fischer at the age of 14 with 10 out of 12. He gave up only 4 draws. Bisguier tied him but was relegated to second after tie break. Jerry did not do so well here, only scoring 6½. In early December the Tennessee Open was held in Memphis. Again Jerry became state champion with a score of 5½ out of six.

In 1958 Jerry started by competing in the North Carolina Open at Fayetteville in May. He placed second behind Kaufman (5½--½), scoring five points. In August he again took part in the U.S. Open at Rochester, MN. Cobo-Arteaga was the winner with 10-2. Jerry scored 6½.

The 1958/1959 Tennessee Open was again held over New Years ending in January. This time Coveyou came in first with 5½ out of six. Jerry tied for second with 5-1. He also attended the U.S. Open that year which was held in Omaha, Nebraska.

Bisguier came in first with 10-2. Jerry scored 7-5. Later he also played in Washington, D.C. and tied for fourth with 5-2.

The next Tennessee Open already took place in early December of 1959. Again Coveyou was able to retain the state title with a score of 5 - 1. Sullivan and Jacobs tied for third with 4½ points. Jerry was upset by Spies in their game, which gave Spies fourth place with 4 points.

In February of 1960 Jerry moved from Knoxville to Oak Ridge. In August he again competed in the U.S. Open at St. Louis. The winner here was Robert Byrne with 10-2. Jerry made an excellent score here with 8-4. Finally the Tennessee Open was moved to Labor Day weekend that year to Nashville. This time Jerry again won the state title with 5 - 1 on tiebreak over Coveyou. But, 16 year old, Robert Jacobs from Kentucky was the Open winner with 5½ points. **This was the last time that Jerry won the Tennessee Open, the previous years were in 1951, 1953, 1954 in a tie with Martin Southern, 1956 and 1957.**

During July in 1961 he competed in the Eastern Open in Washington, D.C. Hearst won the event with 7-1.

Jerry scored 5½ points. Then in August he again competed in the U.S. Open in San Francisco. Benko won it with the excellent score of 11-1. Jerry also had his best score ever at the Open by tying for fifth with 9-3. Then in September, Jerry could not repeat as state champion as Coveyou won it. One of the upsets that Jerry suffered was by Bob Scrivener, another charter member, who was 79 years old at the time.

In 1962 Jerry first played in the Eastern Open, which Benko again took with 9½ points, giving up only one draw. Jerry scored 6½ points. For the last time he would play in the U.S. Open. This event took place at San Antonio, TX. The winner was Medina with 10-2. Jerry achieved the excellent score of 8-4. It was also the last year that he would play in the Tennessee Open. The event was won, surprisingly, by Emanuel Tsitsekliis with 5 - 1. Emanuel accomplished this by winning over the Master Emeritus Norman Whitaker among others. Jerry was the only one to put a dent in his score, by winning their game. Jerry tied with Whitaker for second place with 4½ points.

In 1963 Jerry took part in the Golden Triangle Open in

Pittsburgh. Kause won the event giving up only one draw in five games. Jerry tied for fourth with 4 - 1. Then the next month in July he played again in the Eastern Open where he tied for 10th with 6 - 2. His rating then rose to Master level, and his rating in October 1963 Chess Life was 2228.

The Southern took place in Huntsville, Alabama over the July 4th weekend the following year. This was the last tournament he played in. He only lost one game, and this was to the winner, Arthur Bisguier. Jerry scored six wins and the one loss for second place, a half point behind Bisguier.

Just prior to the Southern he married his wife Irene. They soon started a family, birthing two boys: Nick and David. Nick is 39 and lives in New Jersey working as an actor. David is 37 and lives in Knoxville, working in Oak Ridge.

Jerry, himself, worked in Oak Ridge on computers from 1955 until 1993. (The contractors for the Oak Ridge complex changed over the years from Union Carbide to Martin Marietta to Lockheed Martin. The complex was under the Atomic Energy Commission until the

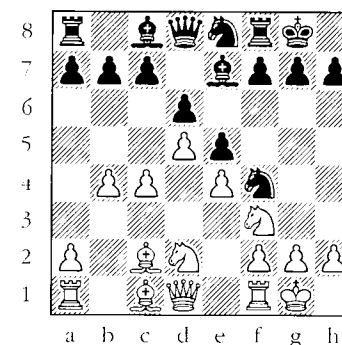
1970s and then the Dept. of Energy.) Before he retired in 1993, he was the manager of the Computer Systems for the three Oak Ridge plants (Y-12, X-10, and K-25).

Jerry is a life member of the U.S. Chess Federation. He still keeps up with chess events and plays chess almost every day on the Internet."

A selection of his games are presented in this issue, and his record is on page 21.

**US Junior, Fort Worth-1949
Kagetau
Sullivan**

1. e4 Nc6 2. d4 e5 3. d5
- Nce7 4. Nf3 d6 5. Be2 Nf6
6. Nbd2 Ng6 7. O-O Be7 8.
- c4 O-O 9. b4 Ne8 10. Bd3
- Nf4 11. Bc2



- g5! 12. Kh1 Kh8 13. Ng1 f5
14. exf5 Bxf5 15. Bxf5 Rxf5
16. Ne4 Ng7 17. Ne2 Qe8 18.
- N2g3 Rf8 19. Bb2 Qg6 20. f3

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R.O. Mitchell Expires

Tennessee lost one of its strongest players when R.O. Mitchell of Memphis was found dead in his apartment on May 29th from suspected cardiac arrest. R.O. was born in Nashville in 1971 to the Rev. Richard O. and Rev. Laura Mitchell, and he graduated from Hume Fogg Magnet School.

Though only 35 years old, R.O. did much to distinguish himself both in chess and in life. He received three degrees from the University of Memphis: a Bachelor's and Master's in English and another Master's Degree in Spanish. He taught Spanish in the Memphis schools for one year and tutored athletic students at the University of Memphis and private students in math and Spanish. He was an instructor in the Continuing Education program at the University of Memphis.

Because investing time in academic achievement took precedence, for a brief period from 1998 to 2003 he was noticeably absent from chess. But his accomplishments prior to that period were highly impressive. He was the Tenn. High School State and Scholastic Champion in 1987 and 1989; he was the 1990 U.S. Junior Open National Individual Champion; and he achieved the rank of National Master in 1993.

Todd Andrews has already made a motion to immediately induct him into the Tennessee Chess Hall of Fame. It is little doubt that R.O. will qualify for this honor!

In a memorial penned by his mother Laura, she summed up his character and impact with these sentences:

"R. O. was a focused thinker, who also had a great love for God and others. His light glowed brightly and will not be dimmed by death because of how he influenced others while he lived."

Though R.O. did not receive proper honor as being a national chess champion, his footprint will be forever recognized in Tennessee. Several of his games are included in this issue. More reflections can be found on the Memphis Chess Club's website and at the *Chess Drum*.

R.O. Mitchell at the 2006 World Open



(Photo by Daaam Shabazz)

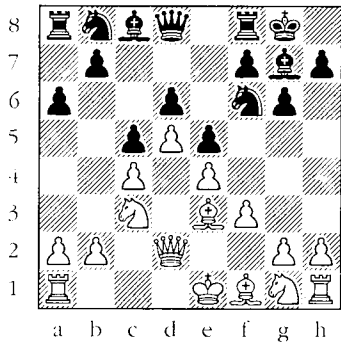
Many of his contemporaries shared kind words about him. You can find some of these comments on the Memphis Chess Club website as well as pictures from his memorial (<http://www.memphischess.com/ROGames.html>) and more sentiments along with an impressive display of his games at Shabazz's website, the *Chess Drum*:
[/www.thechessdrum.net/newsbriefs/2007/NB_ROMitchell.html](http://www.thechessdrum.net/newsbriefs/2007/NB_ROMitchell.html)

Kagetau-Sullivan, cont.

20... h5 21. Nf2 h4 22. Ne2 Ngh5 23. h3?? Nxe2 (If now 24. Qxe2, then Ng3+ wins the Queen.) 0-1

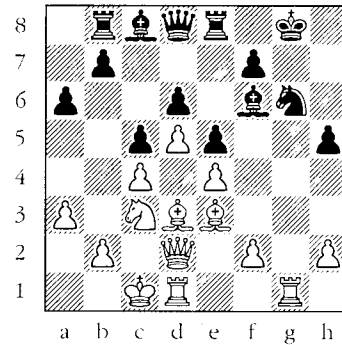
East Orange, N.J. (1957)
Jerry Sullivan
Theodorovich
Annotator Jerry Sullivan

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 Bg7 4.e4 d6 5.f3 0-0 6.Be3 e5 7.d5 c5 Black's chances must lie in getting some sort of initiative going on the K-side. For this purpose, Ne8 followed by f5 is worth considering. 8.Qd2 a6?



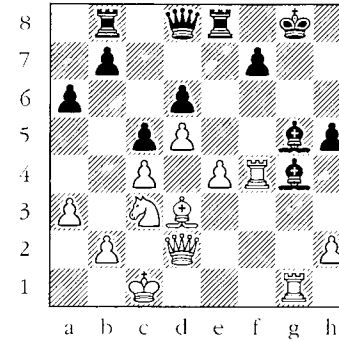
If the idea is to try the break through on the Q-side with b5, then this is definitely not the way to go about it. Simple counting of square control at Black's b5 shows White ahead by 3-1. Black must, therefore, play Bd7 and Rb8 in order to enforce b5. Here, however, the queen knight will either

be in the way of the Bishop at d7 or the Rook at b8. Black would do better to "pass" rather than play a6! The way to go about it is with Na6 followed by Nc7. 9.Bd3 Nbd7 10.Nge2 Rb8 11.a3 Re8 12.g4 Nf8 13.Ng3 h5 14.gxh5 Nxxh5 15.Nxxh5 gxh5 16.0-0-0 Ng6 17.Rhg1 Bf6 Preventing Rg5.



18.f4!? The only question about this move is whether it is justified tactically. Probably it isn't. Kbl is best. exf4 19.Bxf4 Bg4 Taking the opportunity to block the g-file. 20.Rdf1 Nxf4 The text is based on a trick that doesn't work. White was threatening to break up the K-side with 21. h3 Bxh3 22. e5 Bxe5 23. Bxg6 fxxg6 24. Bxe5 Rxe5 25. Rxxg6+ Kh8 26. Qh6 mate. Black's best defense is 20...Be5, but the exposed K-side would doubtless be impossible to defend in the long run. 21.Rxf4 Bg5

(See Diagram)



22.Rfxg4! hxg4 23.Rxxg4 Re5 24.h4 f6 25.hxxg5 Rxxg5 26.Rxxg5+ fxxg5 27.e5! This typical move brings both minor pieces into active play, creates a protected passed pawn and leads to a quick finish. dxxe5 28.Ne4 Qe7 29.Nxxg5 Rf8 30.Ne6 Rf7 31.Qg2+ Kh8 32.Qh3+ Rh7 1-0

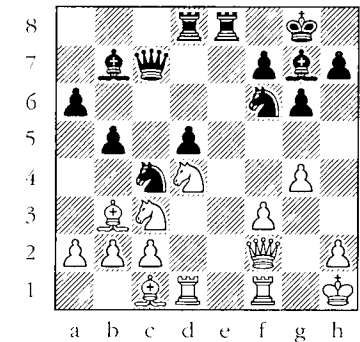
Tennessee Open, Oak Ridge (1951)
Crittenden
Sullivan

1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.Bg5 Nbd7 5.cxd5 exd5 6.e3 c6 7.Qc2 Be7 8.Bd3 Nf8 9.0-0-0 Ne6 10.Bh4 g6 11.h3? Ng7 12.g4 Ng8 13.Bg3 f5! 14.f4? Nf6 15.Nf3 Qd6 Black correctly avoids fxxg because of the resulting g6 weakness. 16.Ne5 Be6 17.Kb1 Rc8 18.Qb3? Qb4 19.Qxxb4 Bxb4 20.Rc1 0-0! 21.g5 Ne4 22.Be1 Bxc3 23.bxc3 Rfd8 24.Rh2 c5 25.Rb2 b6 26.Bb5 Rc7 27.a4 Nd6 28.Be2 Bd7 29.Ra2 Nb7 30.c4 Be6 31.dxc5 Rxc5

32.Bb4 Rcc8 33.cxd5 Bxd5 34.Bc4 Bxc4 35.Nxc4 Rd3 36.Rd2 Rb3+ 37.Rb2 Rd3 38.Rd2 Rxd2 39.Nxd2 Rxc1+ 40.Kxc1 Kf7 41.Kc2 Ke6 42.Kd3 Nh5 43.Nc4 Kd5 44.Ne5 Nc5+ 45.Bxc5 Kxc5 46.Nc4 Ng3 and Black's outside passed pawn and king position were enough for him to win. 0-1

US Open, Cleveland (1957)
Morrell
Sullivan

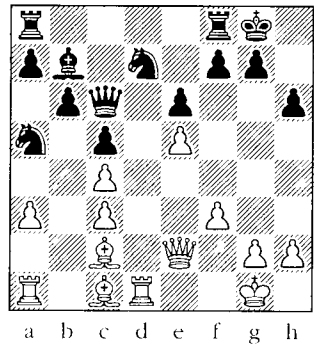
1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 g6 6.Bc4 Bg7 7.0-0 0-0 8.f3 Nc6 9.Be3 a6 10.Kh1 e6 11.Nde2 b5 12.Bb3 Qc7 13.Qe1 Bb7 14.Nf4 Rfe8 15.Rd1 Rad8 16.Qg3 Ne5 17.Qf2 Nc4 18.Bc1 d5 19.exd5 exd5 20.Nfe2 Nh5 21.g4 Nf6 22.Nd4



Ne4!? 23.fxe4 dxxe4 24.Bxc4? Better was 24. Kg1 e3 25. Bxe3 when Black has lost some of his steam. e3+ 25.Qf3 Bxf3+ 26.Rxf3 Qxc4 27.Rf4 Rxd4 28.Rdxd4 Bxd4 0-1

North America Open (2005)
 R.O. Mitchell (2208)
 Dewey Maynard (2098)

1. d4 Nf6 2. c4 e6 3. Nc3 Bb4 4. e3 b6 5. a3 Bxc3+ 6. bxc3 Bb7 7. f3 d6 8. Bd3 O-O 9. Ne2 Nc6 10. O-O Na5 11. Ng3 c5 12. dxc5? dxc5 13. Qe2 Qd7 14. Rd1 Qa4 Black pursues the stationary target on c4. 15. e4 h6 16. e5 Nd7? Better was Nh7. 17. Bc2 Qc6

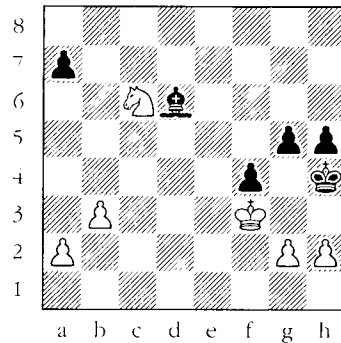


18. Qd3 18. Rfd8 19. Qh7+ Kf8 20. Qh8+ Ke7 21. Qxg7 Rg8 22. Qxh6 Nxe5 23. Bg5+ Rxg5 Practically forced. 24. Qxg5+ f6 25. Qg7+ Nf7 26. Ne4 Nxc4 27. Qxf6+ Kf8 28. Ng5 Nce5 29. Bg6 1-0

Tennessee Open (1993)
 R.O. Mitchell (2199)
 Leonard Dickerson (2147)

Did I mention R.O.'s endgame proficiency? Here is another example of his nice technique, meeting me head-on in what I consider

my forte. 1. d4 d5 2. c4 e6 3. Nc3 c6 4. cxd5 exd5 5. Nf3 Bd6 6. Bg5 Qb6 7. Qc2 Ne7 8. Bxe7 Bxe7 9. e3 Nd7 10. Bd3 Nf6 11. Ne5 h6 12. O-O-O Be6 13. h3 Nd7 14. Nxd7 Bxd7 15. Bf5 Bxf5 16. Qxf5 Qc7 17. e4 dxe4 18. Rhe1 O-O 19. Rxe4 Rad8 20. Rg4 Qd7 21. Qxd7 Rxd7 22. d5 cxd5 23. Nxd5 Rc8+ 24. Nc3 Bg5+ 25. f4?! Rxd1+ 26. Kxd1 f5 27. Rg3 Bxf4 28. Rd3 (28. Rf3 g5 29. g3 Be5 30. Rxf5 Bxc3 31. bxc3 Rxc3) 28... Bg5?! Better was a6, but I got smugly complacent here. (28... g6 29. Rd7 Rc7) 29. Rd7 Rd8 30. Rxd8+ Bxd8 31. Nb5! The knight is just ruthless with my pawns, threatening even Nd6. Bf6 32. b3 g5 33. Nd6 f4 34. Nxb7 Be7 35. Ke2 Kf7 36. Kd3 Kg6 37. Ke4 Kh5 38. Na5 Kh4 39. Kf3 h5 40. Nc6 Bd6

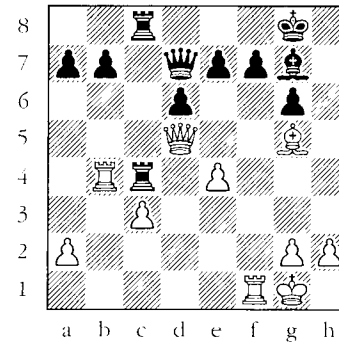


41. b4 If the tempting 41. Nxa7?, then g4+ 42. hxg4 hxg4+ 43. Ke2 Kg3 44. Kf1 Kh2 45. Nc6 (45. Nb5 Be5 46. Na3 g3 47. Nc4 [47. Nc2 Bc3 48. a3 f3 49. Ne3 Bd4

50. Ng4+ Kh1 51. gxf3 g2+ 52. Ke2 gl=Q] 47... f3 48. Ne3 Bd4) 45... f3 46. g3 (Forced.) Kxg3. 41... g4+ 42. hxg4 hxg4+ 43. Kf2 Bc7 44. a4 Bb6+ 45. Kf1 Kg3 46. a5 Be3 1/2-1/2

U.S. Junior Closed (1991)
 Bobby Seltzer (2267)
 R.O. Mitchell (2180)

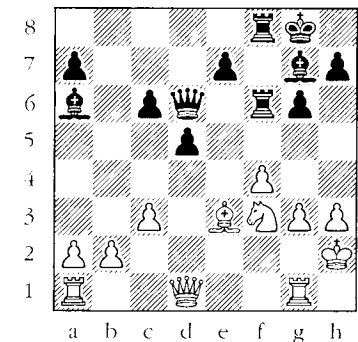
1. e4 c5 2. Nf3 Nc6 3. d4 cxd4 4. Nxd4 g6 5. c4 Nf6 6. Nc3 Nxd4 7. Qxd4 d6 8. Bg5 Bg7 9. Be2 O-O 10. O-O Be6 11. Rac1? White lingered too long on the black-diagonal and now is punished. Nd5 12. Qd2 Nxc3 13. bxc3 Rc8 14. Rb1 Qd7 15. Rb4 Rc6 16. f4 Rfc8 17. f5 Bxc4 18. fxg6 hxg6 19. Bxc4 Rxc4 20. Qd5



e6 21. Qxc4 Rxc4 22. Rxc4 b5 23. Rb4 a5 24. Rbb1 Bxc3 25. Rfd1 Qc6 26. Rbc1 b4 27. e5 Qc5+ 28. Kh1 Qxe5 29. Bd8 Qf4 30. Rf1 Qc4 31. Bf6 e5 32. a3 Kf8 3. axb4 axb4 34. Rfd1 Qe6 35. Bg5 d5 36. Bh6+ Kg8 37. Bd2 d4 38. Bxc3 bxc3 39. Ra1 Qc4 40. Ra8+ Kg7 0-1

North American Open (2005)
 Vladimir Tkatchouk(2107)
 R.O. Mitchell(2192)

1. e4 c5 2. Nf3 Nc6 3. d4 cxd4 4. Nxd4 g6 R.O. played many of the same openings that I did. Here he plays an Accelerated Dragon, which used to be a favorite opening of mine (but the Marozcy Bind soured me of it.) 5. Be3 Nf6 6. Bd3 Bg7 7. c3 O-O 8. h3 d5 This characteristic move gives Black a slight plus. 9. Nxc bxc6 10. e5 Ne4 11. f4?! Ng3 12. Rg1 Bf5 Even stronger is f6. 13. Kf2 Bxd3 14. Kxg3 Ba6 15. Nd2 f6 16. exf6 Rxf6 17. Kh2 Qd6 18. Nf3 Fritz9 believes that Black is so strong that his two bishops would give him an advantage if he sacrificed the rook here. Raf8 19. g3



g5!?. A sacrifice that was typical of R.O.'s active style. The simple c5 would have sufficed to keep Black's advantage. 20. Nxcg

e5 21. Qc2 e4 22. h4 c5 23. Qf2 Rc8 24. Rad1 Bd3 25. a3 (25. Rge1 h6 26. Nf3 Rf7) 25... d4 26. Bc1 Qd5 (26... h6 27. Rxd3 hxg5 28. hxg5 Rf7 29. Rdd1=+/) 27. Qg2 dxc3 28. bxc3 h6 29. Nh3 Qc4 30. Nf2 Re8 31. Rge1 Be2 32. Rd7 Bf3 33. Qg1 Rf7 34. Rxf7 Kxf7 35. Be3 Rb8 36. Rb1 Rb6 37. Rxb6 axb6 38. Qc1 Qxc3 39. Bd2 Qxc1 40. Bxc1 Bd4 Once R.O. gets to the endgame, you could just resign because he had such good technique and patience. 41. Nh3 e3 42. Ng1 Bg4 43. Kg2 e2 44. Bd2 c4 0-1

GM WoJo Dies Young

Grandmaster Aleksander Wojtkiewicz passed away on Friday, July 14. He died in Saint Agnes Hospital in Baltimore, Maryland at only 43 years of age.

Aleksander left at the top of his game, winning the last five tournaments in which he played, including clear first in the National Open and a tie for first at the World Open. He is best known for winning the Grand Prix event, which is a year-long event awarding \$10,000 to the most active-and winning-chess player who participates in Grand Prix tournaments. He won this event six times straight, and he was leading this event in 2007 again. He had

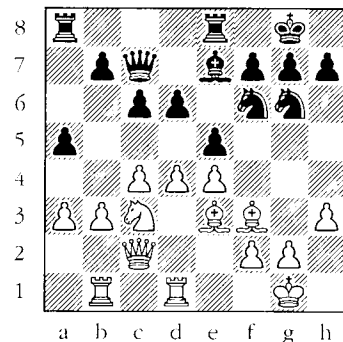
also been the Polish national chess champion twice. Because he was such an active player-and well-known as well as liked in the South-his enterprising style will certainly be missed.

Below is the one game that I played against Wojo in July of 2001. The notes to the game were written almost immediately after I returned home and had a chance to look at the position.

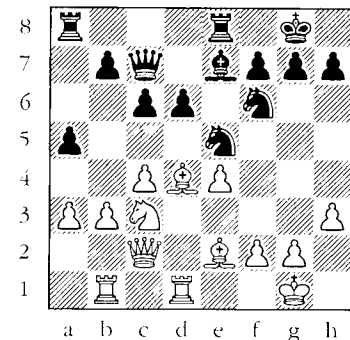
Alabama Space Open
Alek Wojtkiewicz (2680)
Leonard Dickerson

1. Nf3 d6 2. d4 c6 3. c4 Nd7 4. Nc3 e5 5. e4 Ngf6 6. Be2 Be7 Refusing the common Kings Indian and Benoni positions. 7. O-O O-O So much for what I thought was originality: over 1,500 games with this position appear in my database, though not many of late! Most of these games are slow with few kingside attacks. Whatever, the position was new to me and caused me to produce some interesting ideas. 8. Qc2 Re8 9. Rd1 Qc7 Removing the Queen from the path of the rook and supporting e5. An unusual opening (99 games were later discovered in my database with these moves played--White won most!) has evolved where Black is

cramped but solid and White's path is unsure. I felt comfortable with the position and reasonably assured. 10. Rb1 a5 11. b3 I am not sure that White needs to play so cautiously. I believed that he was simply maneuvering waiting for me to commit some blunder. Nf8 12. a3 White creates a slight weakness with this move, unless he quickly proceeds with b4. Bg4 This is a new move to my database. 13. Be3 Ng6 14. h3 Bxf3 I did not mind giving my opponent the two bishops since I received more maneuvering room. Besides, I had a combination in mind! 15. Bxf3



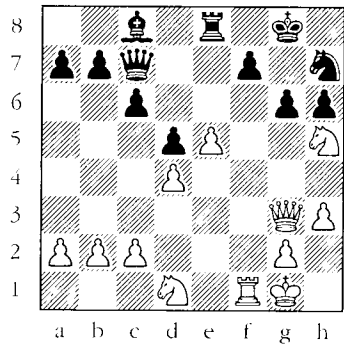
exd4!? This had to be unexpected. You generally don't open the position when your opponent has the two bishops, but I reasoned that he was in no position to use the bishops effectively and that his weak a3-pawn would give me all the counter play that I needed. 16. Bxd4 Ne5 17. Be2



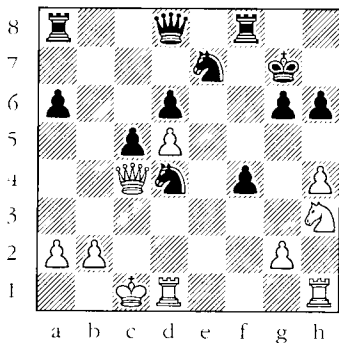
d5!? I knew that this was risky but I did not realize that it actually lost a pawn! I was counting on my opponent's desire to avoid complications to perhaps let me get away with some fireworks. (Post-mortem analysis with the computer Fritz 5.0 revealed that this move is bad.) 18. exd5!? After 10 minutes of thought, GM Wolj decides to play quietly and allow his technical skills to win. (18. cxd5! Bxa3? [18... cxd5 19. Qb2 {This quiet move is what I had overlooked--but so did my esteemed opponent!} dxe4? {9... Bc5 20. Bxc5 Qxc5 21. exd5 (Black is down a pawn but the well-placed knights might allow him to fight on.) 20. Nb5;19. Nb5} (18. f4 This was the move that I figured White would play, but I figured that my counter play would keep me in the fight. [Post-analysis has convinced me that White's position may Go to page 19, please.

**Scholastic Corner:
Tenn. Tempo Tactics**

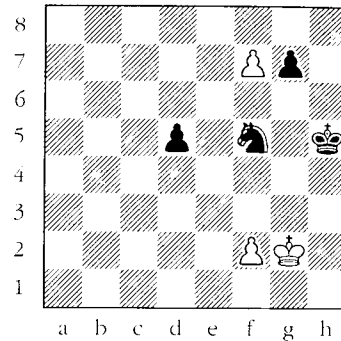
The Tenn. Tempo joined the U.S. Chess League last year and played many very tough opponents. Some of the tactics that highlighted their play in the league are shown here. The solutions are included on page 33. If you want to see the entire game, go to the USCL website at: www.uschessleague.com.



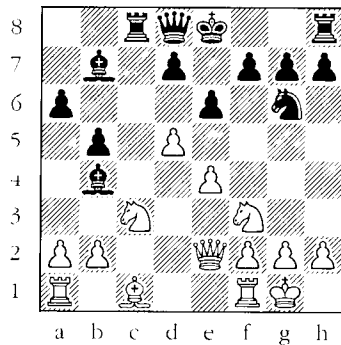
Diag. 1 White's 24th move.
Shankland-Phay, Gainer



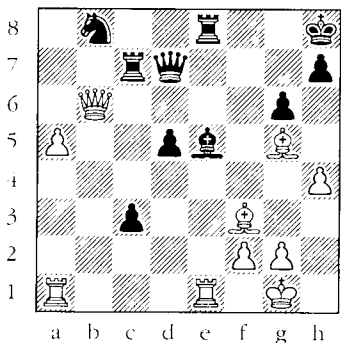
Diag. 2 White's 19th move.
Bereolos-Espino



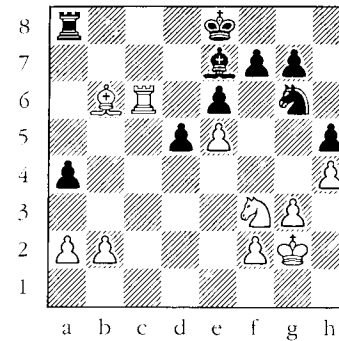
Diag. 3 Black's 41st move.
Panchanathan-Burnett



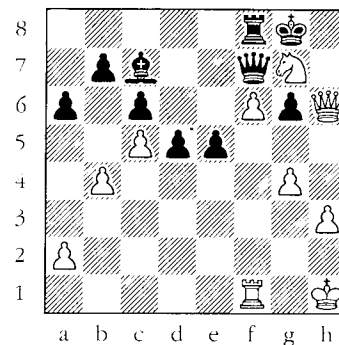
Diag. 4 White's 41st move.
Burnett-Stopa



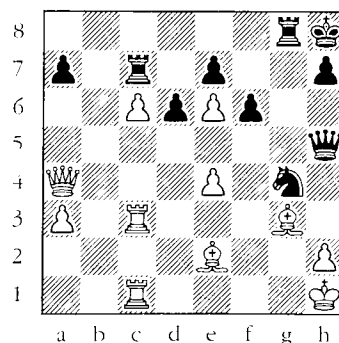
Diag. 5 White's 27th move.
Zaikov-Wheeler



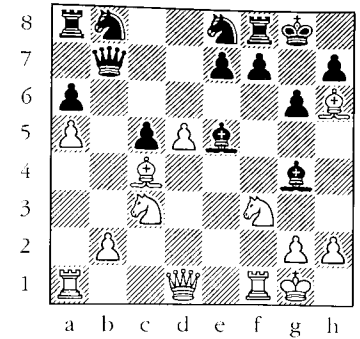
Diag. 6 Black's 26th move.
Kelleher-Andrews



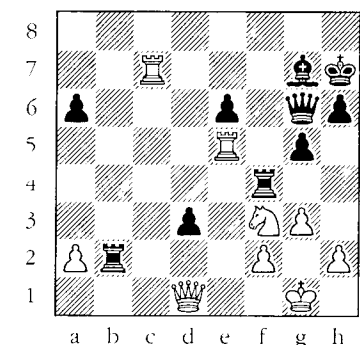
Diag. 7 White's 39th move.
Tangborn-Andrews



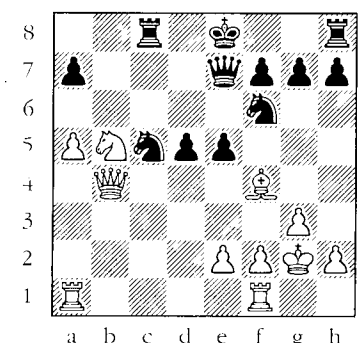
Diag. 8 Black's 36th move.
Koons-Wheeler



Diag. 9 Black's 16th move.
Torres-Wheeler



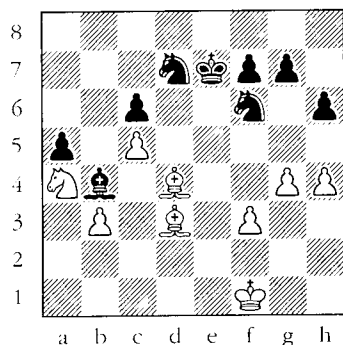
Diag. 10 Black's 29th move.
Alejandro-Burnett



Diag. 11 White's 18th move.
Panchanathan-Burnett

be stronger, though, than Fritz's meager 0.28 advantage to White. I won't be repeating this move! I was a little too hasty in provoking tactics.] Ng6 19. e5 Ne4 20. Nxe4 dxe4 21. Qxe4 Bxa3) 18... Bxa3 19. dxc6 bxc6 20. Na4 Now Black's risky idea has paid good dividends, reducing White to hoping that Black commits a blunder. Moving a rook to d8 would be such a blunder, losing the exchange. I had calculated that this resulting position was okay for Black, and so was pleased to see it materialize. (Allowing good play is often a consequence of not punishing your opponent's suspect moves.) Bb4 21. Bf1 Qe7 22. Qf5 Qe6 I don't want White to get any opportunities to start a kingside buildup. 23. Qxe6 Rxe6 24. f3 Perhaps to keep the knight from e4 and increased activity? Rd8 25. Bb6 (25. Bxe5 Rxd1 26. Rxd1 Rxe5 27. Rd8+ Re8 28. Rxe8+ Nxe8 and Black should draw easily with help of the opposite-colored bishop.) 25... Rxd1 26. Rxd1 Ned7 27. Bd4 I felt that Bf2 helped White retain some winning chances. Re1 28. Rxe1 Bxe1 29. Bd3 Kf8 30. g4 h6 31. Kf1 Bb4 32. h4 Ke7 White has a small advantage (0.34 of a pawn) and should continue to centralize his king. 33. c5?! Fritz 5.0 concludes that White has made an

inaccuracy. Now White has an evaluation of -0.03! During the game I knew that this move was weak and that the advanced c-pawn could be triple attacked. However, worries of now losing my isolated c-pawn vanished because I knew that I had decent counter chances.



g5!? Fritz recommends Nf8 followed by Ne6, but I did not want to attempt long maneuvers while my opponent had the two bishops. Besides, I saw that White's c-pawn will be lost if he goes for my g-pawn. This is the move that GM Wolj admitted that he had overlooked. 34. hxg5 hxg5 35. Ke2 (35. Ba6 Nd5 36. Bb7 Nc7 37. Bxc6 Ne6 38. Be3 Ndx5=) 35... Nd5! And now I executed the knight maneuver that I knew would give me an easy-if not superior-endgame. 36. Ba6? White needed to play Bc4 or Be4, admitting that his two bishops aren't worth much. Nf4+ 37. Ke3 Ne6= Here I offered a draw because I

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could not see what progress I could make against his white-square bishop after I won his c-pawn. 1/2-1/2

Analysis: 38. Bb7 is the move that I thought he might play during the game, but it is actually weak. (38. Ke4 This is the move that the spectators saw and Fritz considers best. If I had arrived at the conclusion that this was White's best move, I would have definitely played a few more moves! Still, White should be okay if he doesn't swap pieces. 38...Bxc5 The bishop can't be captured else the white-square bishop will be lost to a check. So White must give way and suffer the lost of a pawn. [38... Ndx5+ 39. Bxc5+ Bxc5 40. Bc4 Black has a pawn but probably not enough to win.] 39. Bb2 Bb4) 38... Ndx5 39.Nxc5 Nxc5 40. Bxc5+ Bxc5+ 41. Ke4 Kd6 and Black's small advantage does not amount to much.

Nick Barber went undefeated in the Cumerland Co. Summer Open held July 14, and Aram Bejnood also dominated the Amateur Section with 4.0. The below game features the largest upset of the event.

Cumerland Co. Summer Blue, Charles (1231) Burdett, Terrance (1811)

1. e4 d5 2. exd5 Qxd5 3. Nc3 Qa5 4. Nf3 Nf6 5. Bc4 Bf5 6.

O-O e6 7. a3 c6 8. d3 Unambitious. If you are trying to get an advantage out of the opening, then d4 is certainly for choice, granting the possibility of opening the position with d5. Qd8 This move is also wimpy, moving the queen again without provocation. At least the queen could have been played to c2 where it targets White's kingside. 9. Bg5 Be7 10. h3 h6 11. Bh4 O-O 12. Re1 Nd5?! 13. Bxe7 Nxe7 Forced, else White would gain an advantage. 14. Ne4 Nd5 15. Bb3 Na6 16. Qd2 Bxe4 There was no reason for this, unless Black--who has been inactive for awhile--is just uncomfortable with too many pieces abounding. 17. dxe4 Nf6 18. e5 Qxd2 19. Nxd2 Nd5 20. c3 Better was Ne4. Rad8 21. Nf3 Nc5 22. Bc2 Rd7 23. Rad1 Rfd8 24. Rd2 Nf4 25. Rxd7 Rxd7 26. b4 Ncd3 27. Rd1 Ne2+? 28. Kf1 Nxc3 A knight is lost, regardless, for if Nef4, g3 unseats the protector. 29. Rxd3 Rxd3 30. Bxd3 b6 31. Nd4 c5 32. bxc5 bxc5 33. Nb3 Though this move is stronger than Nb5, it is not the best practical choice. Don't allow unnecessary counter play. Anyway, Charles went on to deservedly claim his first Class A scalp (after a few more misadventures). 1-0

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Sullivan's Tournament Record

1946	Southern Reserve, Tampa	1st Place
1947	1st Tennessee Open, Oak Ridge	Tenn. Jr. Champion
1947	Southern Open, St. Petersburg	8th, Jr. Champion
1947	1st Georgia Open, Atlanta	6 - 1, 2nd Place
1947	US Open, Corpus Christi, Texas	6.5 - 6.5
1947	Tenn. Valley Open, Chattanooga	5 - 0, 1st Place
1948	Southern Open, Augusta, Ga.	5.5- 1.5, 1 st (tie)
1948	US Open, Baltimore	5.5 - 6.5
1948	US Junior, Oak Ridge	5.5 - 4.5
1948	North Carolina Open	4-2, tie for second
1949	Tennessee Open	3.5- 1.5, 3 rd (tie)
1949	Southern Open, Richmond	3.5 - 3.5
1949	So. Carolina Open, Spartanburg	4 - 1, third place
1949	US Junior, Fort Worth	6 - 4
1949	Georgia Open, Atlanta	5-0, first place
1950	Tennessee Open, Oak Ridge	4 - 1, second place
1950	Southern Open, Durham, NC	3.5 - 3.5
1950	US Open, Detroit	7 - 5
1951	Tennessee Open, Oak Ridge	5.5 - 0.5, 1 st place
1951	Southern Open, Ashville, NC	4.5 - 2.5
1951	Virginia Open, Lynchburg	Tied for third
1952	Tennessee Open, Oak Ridge	3.5 - 1.5, 3 rd place
1953	Tennessee Open, Oak Ridge	4.5 - 1.5, 1 st place
1954	Tennessee Open, Knoxville	5 - 1, 1 st (tie)
1954	Southern Open, Atlanta	5.5 - 1.5, 1 st (tie)
1955	Tennessee Open, Bristol	4.5 - 1.5, 4 th (tie)
1955	US Open, Long Beach	7.5 - 4.5
1956	Carolina Open, Myrtle Beach	5 - 2, fourth place
1956	Tennessee Open, Kingsport	5.5 - 0.5, 1 st place
1957	US Open, Cleveland	6.5-5.5, Fischer 1 st
1957	Tennessee Open, Memphis	5.5-0.5, 1 st place
1957	Morphy Centennial	4 - 1, fifth place
1958	N.C. Open, Fayetteville	5 - 1, second place
1958	US Open, Omaha	7 -5
1959	Tennessee Open, Nashville	4.5 - 1.5, 2 nd place
1960	US Open. St. Louis	8 -4
1960	Tennessee Open	5 - 1, Tenn. Champ
1961	Eastern Open, Washington, D.C.	5.5 - 2.5
1961	US Open, San Francisco	9 - 3, 5 th (tie)
1962	Eastern Open, Washington, D.C.	6.5 - 3.5
1962	US Open, San Antonio	8 - 4
1962	Tennessee Open, Nashville	4.5- 0.5
1963	Eastern Open, Washington, D.C	6 -2
1964	Southern Open, Huntsville	6-1, 2 nd to Bisquier

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US Open, Omaha (1959)

Sullivan

McLellan

After exchange sacs, Jerry shows his ability to grind his opponents down.

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 f5 4.Nc3 Nf6 5.d3 Bc5 6.Bg5 0-0 7.Qd2 d6 8.0-0-0 h6 9.Bc4+ Kh7 10.Bxf6 Interesting would be h4. gxf6?! Self-destruction of his pawn cover is not justified.

11.Nd5 f4 12.g3?! Bg4 13.Nh4 Jerry is banking on control of the white squares along with Black's weakened kingside to compensate for the exchange. Bxd1 14.Rxd1 Nd4 Black panics. Playing first b5 would have allowed Black to get a dynamic position. 15.c3 c6 16.Nxf4 exf4 17.cxd4 Bxd4 18.Nf5 Qb6 19.Bb3 Rg8 20.Bxg8+ Rxc8 21.Nxd4 Qxd4 22.Qxf4 Rg5 23.Rd2 a5 24.Qe3 Qxe3 25.fxe3 Kg6 26.Rf2 h5 27.Rf4 Rc5+ 28.Kd1 Rb5 29.Rf2 Rg5 30.Ke2 Rb5 31.Kf3 Kg5 32.Rc2 Kg6 33.d4 Kg5 34.h3 Kg6 35.Kf4 Kh6 36.b3 a4 37.Rc3 Kg6 38.g4 hxg4 39.hxg4 axb3?

Black has nothing to compensate for White's dominating King's position. So he should have played Ra5, keeping his rook for counterplay. 40.Rxb3 Rxb3 41.axb3 c5 This is weak, but White threatened e5, anyway. 42.dxc5 dxc5 43.e5 b5 44.exf6 c4 45.bxc4 bxc4 46.Ke4 Kxf6 47.Kd4 Kg5 48.Kxc4 Kxg4 49.Kd5 Kf5

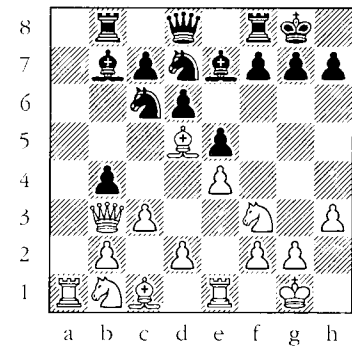
50.e4+ Kf6 51.Kd6 Kf7 52.e5 Ke8 53.Ke6 1-0

US Junior, Oak Ridge (1958)

Oaker

Sullivan

1. e4 e5 2. Nf3 Nc6 3. Bb5 a6 4. Ba4 Nf6 5. O-O Be7 6. Re1 b5 7. Bb3 O-O 8. c3 d6 9. h3 Nd7 10. a4 Rb8 11. axb5 axb5 12. Bd5 Bb7 13. Qb3? b4!



14. cxb4 Nxb4 15. Bxf7+ Rxf7 16. Qxb4 d5 17. Qc3 dxe4 18. Nxe5 Nxe5 19. Qxe5 Bd6 20. Qd4?? Bh2+ (Even without the blunder, Black would have won quickly, anyway.) 0-1

Southern Open, Durham (1950)

Rudich

Sullivan

1.c4 Nf6 2.Nf3 g6 3.Nc3 Bg7 4.g3 0-0 5.Bg2 d5 6.cxd5 Nxd5 7.0-0 e5 8.e4?! Nb6 9.d3 Nc6 10.a3 h6 11.Be3 Be6 12.Ne2 f5 13.Bh3 g5 14.exf5 Bxf5 15.Bxf5 Rxf5 16.Kg2 Rxf3! (Threatening a 1-move mate.) 17.Qb3+ Rf7 0-1

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John Hurt Memorial 4

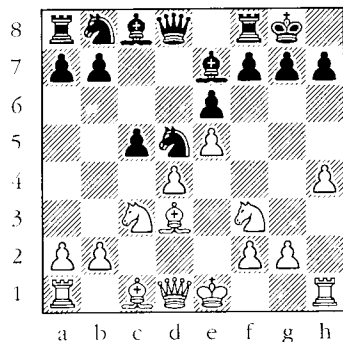
Two nicely conducted attacking game show why Kernel went undefeated in the John Hurt Memorial, a 5-round Game/60 event played in Memphis on June 22. Here he defeats his closest competition in Round 4 and Round 5, emerging winner of the event by a 1.5-point margin.

John Hurt Memorial 4 (4)

David Kernel (1923)

Charles Herbers (1983)

1. d4 Nf6 2. c4 d5 3. cxd5 Nxd5 4. e4 Nf6 5. Nc3 e6 Perhaps e5 should be tried here. 6. Nf3 Be7 7. Bd3 O-O 8. h4 Boldly announcing his intentions. c5 9. e5 Nd5?



This is a mistake but other knight moves lose at least a pawn, too. Now we see an attack that looks straight out of Vukovic's *The Art of Attack*. 10. Bxh7+ Kh8 11. Bb1 cxd4 Better was f5, but the damage has already been done. 12. Nxd5 Qxd5 13. Qd3

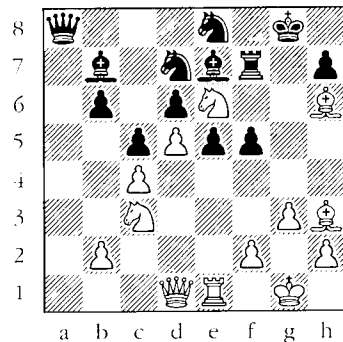
Bb4+ 14. Kf1 f5 15. exf6 Qf5 16. fxg7+ Kxg7 17. Qxd4+ Qf6 18. Qg4+ Kh8 (18... Kf7 19. Qh5+ Ke7 20. Bg5) 19. Qh5+ Kg8 20. Qh7# 1-0

John Hurt Memorial 4 (5)

David Kernel (1923)

Charlie Durham (1940)

1. d4 Nf6 2. c4 e6 3. Nf3 b6 4. g3 Bb7 5. Bg2 Be7 6. O-O O-O 7. Nc3 d6 8. Re1 Nbd7 9. e4 c5 10. d5 e5 Though a little radical, Ne5 was probably better since it would at least give Black some space for his pieces. 11. Bh3 Ne8 12. a4 g6 13. a5 f5 14. axb6 axb6 15. Rxa8 Qxa8? 16. Ng5! Ng7 17. Ne6 Rf7 (17... Nxe6 18. dxe6 Nf6 19. exf5) 18. Bh6 Ne8 19. exf5 gxf5



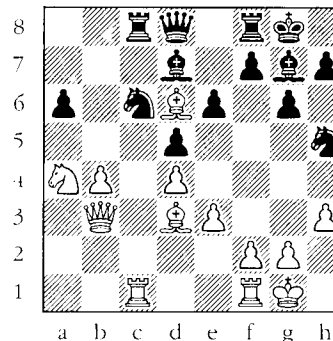
20. Bxf5! Bf8 21. Qg4+ Kh8 22. Ng5 Rf6 23. Bxf8 Nxf8 24. Nce4 Qd8 25. Nxf6 Qxf6 26. Nxh7! Nxh7 27. Bxh7 Kxh7 28. Qh5+ Kg7 29. Qxe8 Ba6 30. Qd7+ Kf8 31. b3 Qe7 32. Qxe7+ Kxe7 33. Re4 b5 34. h4 b4 35. h5 Kf6 36. Kg2 Bc8 0-1

University of Memphis Open (1996.10.20)

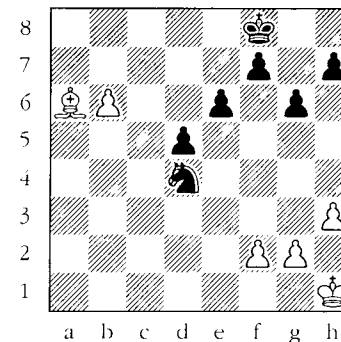
R.O. Mitchell (2208)

Gary Pylant (1910)

1. d4 d5 2. c4 c6 3. Nc3 Nf6 4. cxd5 cxd5 5. Bf4 Nc6 6. e3 a6 7. Bd3 g6 8. Nf3 Bg7 9. O-O O-O 10. Rc1 Bg4 11. h3 Bd7 12. a3 Rc8 13. b4 b5 14. Qb3 e6 15. a4 bxa4? Better was Qe7. 16. Nxa4 Nh5 17. Bd6? Better was Bh2 with a 1.7 advantage.



17... Nxd4! 18. exd4 Rxc1 19. Bxf8 Rxf1+ 20. Bxf1 Bxf8 21. Bxa6 Bxa4 22. Qxa4 Qb6 23. b5 Bg7 24. Qb4 Nf4= 25. Qd2 Nh5 A little better may have been g5, since Black has counter pressure on d4. 26. Qc3 Nf4 27. Qc8+ Bf8 28. Ne5 Ne2+ 29. Kh2 Qxd4? This blunder was probably precipitated by White's threat of Qxf8 followed by Nd7+. 30. Nd7 Qf4+ 31. Kh1 Qb4 32. Qxf8+ Qxf8 33. Nxf8 Kxf8 34. b6 Nd4

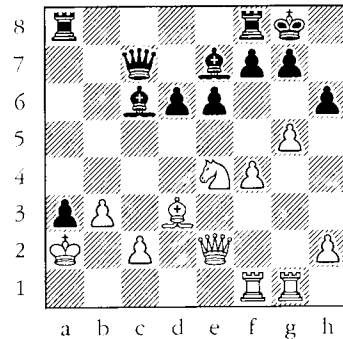


35. Bb5! And Black resigned. 1-0

Sparkles at the Emory Castle Grand Prix: Tae Shines; Burnett Dominates

Patrick Tae beat VA Master Russell Potter, drew Master Alex Dunne and Grandmaster Palatnik (who has left Tennessee to permanently reside in Washington, DC), beat Ohio Master Carl Boor, and whipped up on a Class A player to finish seventh in the prestigious 2007 Emory Castle Grand Prix that took place in Atlanta on June 22-24. IM Ron Burnett tied with five other players (two of which were GMs) for first place with 4.0 points. FM Peter Bereolos also participated, finishing with 3 points. Soon Patrick will be adding the title of Master to his name, as he is only 35 rating points from that honor.

The 4-round **Nashville Chess Center's July Swiss** was won by Charles McMillan over 16 other combatants with an undefeated 3.5 points. The main battle occurred in the 3rd round when he faced his toughest competition of Expert David Justice.



[Event "NCC July Swiss"]
 [Round "3"]
 [White "McMillan, Charles"]
 [Black "Justice, David"]
 Result "1-0"]

1. e4 c5 2. Nf3 d6 3. d4 cxd4 4. Nxd4 Nf6 5. Nc3 Nc6 6. Bg5 e6 7. Qd2 a6 8. 0-0-0 Bd7 9. Kb1 b5 10. Nxc6 Bxc6 11. Bd3 A little better is f3 since this would allow White to continue to pressure d6. Be7= 12. Rde1 b4 13. Nd1 h6 14. Bh4 a5 15. Qe2 Stronger was f4 here. Fritz9 gives Black a 1-point advantage but perhaps underestimates the dangers to Black's kingside with the h-pawn poking out. 0-0 16. f4 a4 17. Rhg1 Qc7 18. g4 b3 19. Nc3? bxa2+ (19... Nxe4 20. Bxe7 Nxc3+ 21. bxc3 Qxe7) 20. Kxa2 Capturing with the knight was better. a3 21. b3 Nxe4 22. Nxe4 Bxh4 23. Ref1 Be7 It is understandable that Black does not want to have his bishop cut off if White plays g5, but d5 would really have put White on the stretcher. 24. g5

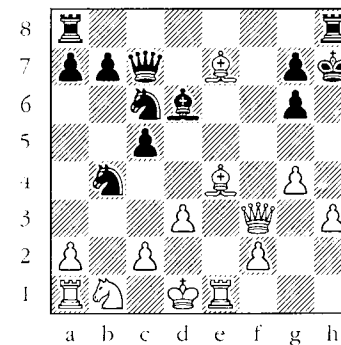
h5?? Yikes! Black panics. He should have coolly eliminated the knight first: 24... Bxe4 25. Qxe4 g6 26. gxh6 Bf6 -/+ 25. Qxh5 Bxe4 26. Bxe4 g6 27. Bxg6 fxg6 28. Qxg6+ Kh8 29. Rg3 Qxc2+ 30. Qxc2 1-0

US Open, Rochester (1958)
 Nowak
 Sullivan

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 d6 5.c3 Bd7 6.0-0 g6 7.d3 Bg7 8.Bc2 Nh6 9.h3 0-0 10.Nh2 f5 11.exf5 Nxf5 12.Nd2 Qe7 13.Ne4 h6 14.Be3 Nd8 15.Qe2 Ne6 16.Ng3 Nh4 17.Qd2? (Pinning the knight with Bb3 was better.) Nf4 18.Bxf4 exf4 19.Bb3+ Kh7 20.Ne4 f3 21.g3 Bxh3 22.gxh4 (The knight was poisoned for capturing it terminally weakens the dark squares.) Qxh4 23.Ng3 Be5 0-1

Southern Open, Durham
 (1950)
 Sullivan
 Burger

1. e4 c5 2. b4 e5 3. Bc4 Nf6 4. d3 d5 5. exd5 Nxd5 6. Nf3 Bg4 7. h3 Bh5 8. g4 Bg6 9. Nxe5 Nxb4 10. Qf3 Qc7 11. Kd1 Bd6 12. Nxc6 hxg6 13. Re1+ Kf8 14. Bg5 N8c6 15. Be7+! Kg8 16. Bxf7+ Kh7



17. Bxg6+! (Black resigned. There would follow 17... Kxg6 18. Qf5+ Kh6 19. Qh5 mate!) 1-0

US Open, Omaha (1959)
 Sullivan
 McLellan

After both players sacrifice the exchange, Jerry shows his ability to grind his opponents down in the endgame.
 1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 f5 4.Nc3 Nf6 5.d3 Bc5 6.Bg5 0-0 7.Qd2 d6 8.0-0-0 h6 9.Bc4+

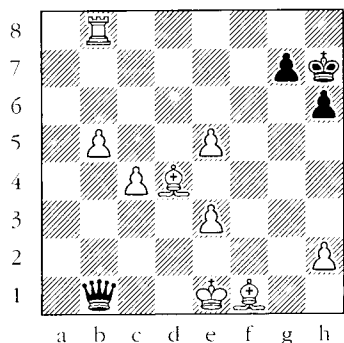
Kh7 10.Bxf6 (Interesting would be h4.) gxf6?! (Self-destruction of his pawn cover is not justified.) 11.Nd5 f4 12.g3?! Bg4 13.Nh4 (Jerry is banking on control of the white squares along with Black's weakened kingside to compensate for the exchange.) Bxd1 14.Rxd1 Nd4 (Black panics. Playing first b5 would have allowed Black to get a dynamic position.) 15.c3 c6 16.Nxf4 exf4 17.cxd4 Bxd4 18.Nf5 Qb6 19.Bb3 Rg8 20.Bxg8+ Rxg8 21.Nxd4 Qxd4 22.Qxf4 Rg5 23.Rd2 a5 24.Qe3 Qxe3 25.fxe3 Kg6 26.Rf2 h5 27.Rf4 Rc5+ 28.Kd1 Rb5 29.Rf2 Rg5 30.Ke2 Rb5 31.Kf3 Kg5 32.Rc2 Kg6 33.d4 Kg5 34.h3 Kg6 35.Kf4 Kh6 36.b3 a4 37.Rc3 Kg6 38.g4 hxg4 39.hxg4 axb3? (Black has nothing to compensate for White's dominating King's position. So he should have played Ra5, keeping his rook for counterplay.) 40.Rxb3 Rxb3 41.axb3 c5 (This is weak, but White threatened e5, anyway.) 42.dxc5 dxc5 43.e5 b5 44.exf6 c4 45.bxc4 bxc4 46.Ke4 Kxf6 47.Kd4 Kg5 48.Kxc4 Kxg4 49.Kd5 Kf5 50.e4+ Kf6 51.Kd6 Kf7 52.e5 Ke8 53.Ke6 1-0

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U1600 Amateur-U1200 Novice

Tenn. Open, Oak Ridge (1953)
Sullivan
Noderer

1. Nf3 Nf6 2. d4 d5 3. c4 e6
4. Nc3 Bb4 5. e3 O-O 6. Bd3
dxc4 7. Bxc4 c5 8. O-O Nc6
9. a3 cxd4 10. axb4 dxc3 11.
bxc3 Qc7 12. Qb3 Rd8 13. Bb2
Bd7 14. Be2 Ne4 15. Rfd1 Ne5
16. Nxe5 Qxe5 17. c4 Qg5 18.
f3 Ba4? 19. Rxd8+ Rxd8 20.
Rxa4 Qh4 21. fxe4 Qe1+ 22.
Bf1 Rd1 23. Qxd1 Qxd1 24.
Rxa7 h6 25. Rxb7 Though
queenless, White has a huge
plus. Qb1 26. Bd4 Qxe4 27.
Rb8+ Kh7 28. b5 f5 29. g3 f4
30. gxf4 e5 31. fxe5 Qg4+
32. Kf2 Qf5+ 33. Ke1 Qb1+
34. Kf2 Qf5+ 35. Ke1 Qb1+



36. Kd2 White reevaluates
the position and realize
that his advantage is so
huge that he can easily part
with one of his pieces. Qxf1
37. Kc3 Qe1+ 38. Kb3 Qb1+
39. Ka4 Qa2+ 40. Kb4 Qxh2
41. Rb7 Qg2 42. Ra7 h5 43.
e6 Qe4 44. Rxg7+ Kh6 45. Rc7
h4 46. Rc8 h3 47. Bc5 Qb1+
48. Ka5 Qa1+ 49. Kb6 Qf6

50. Rc6 Qd8+ 51. Kb7 Qe8 52.
e7+ Kg7 53. Rc8 h2 54. Rxe8
h1=Q+ 55. Kb6 Qh6+ 56. Kc7
Qh5 57. Bd4+ Kf7 58. Rh8
1-0

Tenn. Open, Oak Ridge (1951)
Southern
Sullivan

1.Nf3 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.g3 d5
4.Bg2 dxc4 5.Qa4+ Bd7 6.Qxc4
Bc6 7.O-O Nbd7 8.b3 Nb6
9.Qc2 g6 10.Bb2 Bg7 11.d3
O-O 12.Nbd2 Nbd5 13.a3 Ne7
14.Rac1 b6 15.b4 Rc8 16.a4
Ba8 17.Ba3 Re8 18.d4 Nf5
19.e3 Bf8 20.Qb2 Ne4 21.Ne5
Nxd2 22.Bxa8? Nxf1 23.Bc6
N1xe3 24.fxe3 Bh6 25.Ng4 Qg5
26.Nxh6+ Qxh6 27.Bxe8 Qxe3+
28.Kg2 Rxe8 29.Rxc7 Nxd4
30.b5 Qf3+ 31.Kh3 Qf1+
32.Kh4 g5+! 0-1

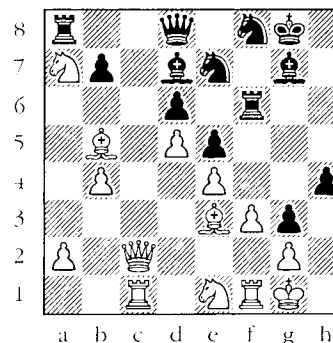
Tenn. Open, Nashville (1958)
Trimble, S.
Sullivan

1.d4 Nf6 2.e3 g6 3.Bd3 Bg7
4.f4 O-O 5.Nf3 d6 6.O-O
Nbd7 7.Qe1 c5 8.c3 Qc7
9.Nbd2 a6 10.a4 b6 11.Qh4
Bb7 12.g4 e5 13.g5 e4=
14.Bc2? exf3 15.gxf6 Bxf6
16.Qg3 cxd4 17.exd4 Bxd4+!
18.cxd4 Qxc2 19.Nxf3 Rae8
20.Rf2 Re2 21.Rxe2 Qxe2
22.Ng5 Qd1+ 23.Kf2 Re8
24.Qg4 Qe1# 0-1

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Tenn. Open, Nashville (1959)
Sullivan
Coveyou, R.

1. d4 Nf6 2. c4 g6 3. Nc3
Bg7 4. e4 d6 5. Nf3 O-O 6.
Be2 e5 7. O-O Nc6 8. d5 Ne7
9. Ne1 Nd7 10. Be3 f5 11. f3
f4 12. Bf2 g5 13. b4 Rf6 14.
c5 h5 15. Rc1 Nf8 16. cxd6
(The immediate Nb5 was
stronger.) cxd6 17. Nb5 Bd7
18. Nxa7 (Qb8 was stronger.)
g4 19. Qc2 (Stronger was
fxg4., but Jerry didn't want
too much activity about his
king.) g3 20. hxg3 fxg3 21.
Be3 h4 22. Bb5? (But this is
a little too sporting! The
immediate Qc7 was the way to
go.)

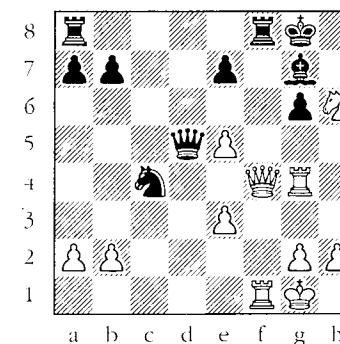


Nfg6? (Rxa7! 23. Bxd7 Ra3)
23. Qc7 Bxb5 24. Qxd8+ Rxd8
25. Nxb5 Nf4 26. Bxf4 exf4
27. Rc7 Ng6 28. Nd3 Rf7 29.
Rfc1 Rdf8 30. Kf1 Ne5 31.
Nxe5 Bxe5 32. a4 Rf6 33. Ke2
Rh6 34. Rh1 b6 35. Rh3
(Better was Na7 or Kd3.
It's rarely good to use your
rook as a pawn.) 36. Na7

Kf8? (Missing Rh7.) 37. Kd3
Ke8 38. Rc8+ Rxc8 39. Nxc8
b5 40. axb5 Rh7 41. Nb6 Bf6
42. Nc4 Kd7 43. b6 Rh8 44.
e5 dxe5 45. Ke4 Re8 46. Rh1
Kc8 47. Nd6+ 1-0

Tenn. Open, Nashville (1959)
Gross, G.
Sullivan

1. Nf3 d5 2. d4 Nf6 3. c4 g6
4. cxd5 Nxd5 5. e4 Nb6 6.
Nc3 Bg7 7. Be3 O-O 8. Be2 c6
9. O-O Be6 10. Qc2 Nc4 11.
Rad1 Nxe3 12. fxe3 Qa5 13.
Bd3 Nd7 14. Qf2 Nb6 15. Qh4
Bf6 16. Qf2 Bc4 17. e5 Bg7
18. Ng5 Bxd3 19. Rxd3 h6 20.
Nxf7?! White could have kept
an advantage with Nge4. Qa6
21. Rdd1 Qc4 22. d5 cxd5 23.
Rd4 Qc6 24. Rg4 Nc4 25. Qf4
Qe6 26. Nxd5 Qxd5 27. Nxh6+

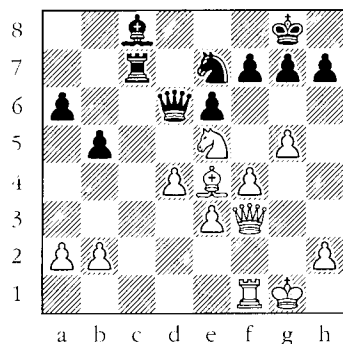
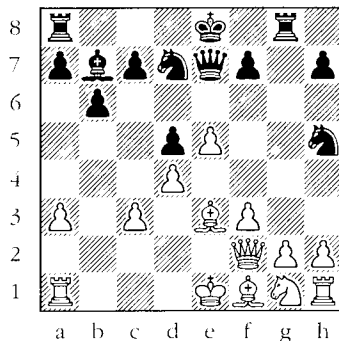


Bxh6? (With Kh7! Black would
have kept his title hopes
alive.) 28. Rxg6+ Bg7 29.
Rxg7+ Kxg7 30. Qg5+ Kh8 31.
Qh6+ Kg8 1/2-1/2

U.S. Junior Open (1990)
 R.O. Mitchell (2158)
 Andrew Serotta (2300)
 1-0

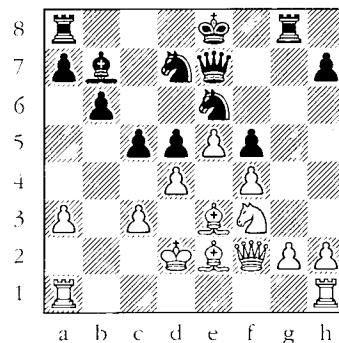
1. d4 d5 2. c4 c6 3. cxd5
 cxd5 4. Nc3 Nf6 5. Bf4 e6 6.
 e3 Bd6 7. Bxd6 Qxd6 8. f4
 O-O 9. Bd3 Re8 10. Nf3 Nc6
 11. O-O a6 12. Ne5 Ne7 13.
 Qf3 b5 14. Ra1 Ra7 15. Rc2
 Bd7 16. g4 Rc8 17. g5 Ne4
 18. Nxe4 dxe4 19. Rxc8+ Bxc8
 20. Bxe4 Rc7

Nbd7 13. Be3 Qe7 14. Qf2 d5
 15. cxd5 exd5 16. e5 Nh5



17. Kd2!? (A bold move that
 testifies to R.O.'s vision
 and originality! Bd3 or f4
 would be the pedestrian
 move.) f5 18. f4 c5 19. Be2
 Ng7 20. Nf3 Ne6

21. Bxh7+! Kf8 22. Qh5 Ng8
 23. Bxg8 Kxg8 24. g6 fxg6
 25. Nxb7 Bb7 26. Qh8+ Kf7
 27. Ne5+ Kf6 28. Qh4+ Kf5
 29. Qg4+ Kf6 30. Qg5#



U.S. Junior Open (1990)
 Charlotte, USA
 R.O. Mitchell (2158)
 Bill Hall (2087)

1. d4 Nf6 2. c4 e6 3. Nc3
 Bb4 4. a3 Bxc3+ 5. bxc3 Ne4
 6. e3 b6? (0-0.) 7. Qg4 Bb7
 8. Qxg7 Rf8 9. f3 Nf6 10.
 Qg5 Rg8 11. Qh4 d6 12. e4

21. Nh4 The culmination of
 his 17th move's conception.
 Watch how those pieces flow
 into action, securing his
 position and guaranteeing a
 substantial plus. Qf7 22.
 Bd3 Nxe5 23. fxe5 f4 24.
 Bxf4 Qxf4+ 25. Qxf4 Nxf4 26.
 Bxh7 1-0

2007 NATIONAL ELEMENTARY CHAMP TOP TENNESSEANS BY SECTION

K1 SECTION		
Name	Points	Standing
Bays Webb	4.5	64
Joseph Boughter	4.5	66
Trey Herron	4.0	96
Amuel Bartow Strang	4.0	108
Landon Springfield	4.0	109
K3 SECTION		
Joseph C Stafford	4.0	80
K3 UN800		
Harrison Ooi	6.5	2
Luke Trotter	5.0	48
Stefan J John	5.0	49
Benji Thames	4.5	64
Jacob Dudley Boughter	4.5	73
Jason yu	4.0	95
Sutton Herron	4.0	113
Henrik Hahamyan	4.0	124
Maste Samuel H Seifert	4.0	145
K3UNR SECTION		
Abhinav S.Perumalla	5.0	17
Austin Jordan Collette	4.5	
Jacob Aaron Goodlaxson	4.5	29

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Gabriel Hasty	4.0	36
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K5U900 SECTION		
Suraj S Parthasarthy	6.0	12
Boyette Robinson	5.5	16
Max H Law	5.0	42
Franklin Williams	5.0	47
Randon Dupont		62
Zachary J Bogich	5.0	67
Prashanth Raj	4.5	79
K5 SECTION		
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Nathan Vogt	5.5	8
Daniel Teitz Zuo	5.0	24
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K6 SECTION, cont. Name	Points	Standing
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Louis J Varriano	4.0	66
K6U1000 SECTION		
Amit Shah	5.0	40
Eric C Woodbury	5.0	41
Yohan John	5.0	43
Joey Santoro	4.5	53
Sanha Ryoo	4.5	66
Autumn N Douthitt	4.5	67
Jalen Alexander Beatty	4.5	72
Arjun Rajesh	4.0	74
K6UNR SECTION		
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Aditya Chourey	4.0	41
Andrew Tucker	4.0	42

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Answers to TN Tempo Tactics

Diag. 1 Shanklin (San Francisco)-Gainer: 24. e6! with multiple threats to Black's pieces and kingside

Diag. 2 Bereolos-Espino (Miami): 19. Rxd4 cxd 20. Qxd+ Kg8 21. Nxf4

Diag. 3 Panchanathan (Dallas)-Burnett: 41.... Nh4+ 42. K-moves Ng6, corralling the pawn.

Diag. 4 Burnett-Stopa (Dallas): 14. Nxb5!? axb 15. Qxb Rb8 16. Qxb4 Ba6 17. Qa3 and White complicates.

Diag. 5 Zaikov (Carolina)-Wheeler: 27. Rxe5!. If 27... Rxe 28. Bf6+

Diag. 6 Kelleher (Boston)-Andrews: 26 .. f6! 27. exf gxf 28. Rxe6 Ra6 and black obtained an initiative.

Diag. 7 Tangborn (Seattle)-Andrews: 39. Ne6! Rc8 40. Ng5

Diag. 8 Koons (Seattle)-Wheeler: 36 ... Qxh2+ 37. Bxh2 Nf2++ could have been played, but instead played was 36... Nf2+.

Diag. 9 Torres (Miami)-Wheeler: 16.... Nd6 (Qxb2 is stronger) 17. Bxf8 Nxc4 18. Qe2 Bd4+ 19. Kh1 Nd3

Diag. 10 Alejandro (Miami)-Burnett: 29... d2! 30. Kg2 Re4

Diag. 11 Panchanathan (Dallas)-Burnett: 18. Bxe Qxe 19. Nxa7 and the rook can't move, giving White a passer.

Tennesseans Rule in Georgia

Ron Burnett won the Georgia Championship tourney, which took place in Atlanta on May 4 - 6. He took clear first and the top prize of \$750. He only gave up one draw to Kazim Gulamali (2411), and he beat Stephen Muhammad (2429). Kazim and Stephen tied for second with 4.5 points. Muhammad took home the Georgia Champion title and trophy. Other Tennesseans of note include Jerry Wheeler (2213) who went undefeated, winning two games and drawing three. Also worthy of mention and certainly one to watch is twelve-year old James Wu (1946) of Tennessee who scored a respectable 3 points.

**2007 GA Championship
Burnett, R (2396)
Francisco (2215)**

1. Nf3 d5 2. c4 c6 3. d4 Nf6
4. Nc3 Qb6 5. e3 Bg4 6. h3
Bxf3 7. Qxf3 e6 8. Bd3
Nbd7?! 9. 0-0 Be7 10. b3 0-
0 11. Bb2 Rfe8 12. Qe2 Rad8
13. g4!? g6?! 14. c5 Qc7 15.
f4 Bf8 16. Qg2 Re7 17. Nb1!
Bg7 18. Nd2 Nf8 19. b4 N6d7
20. g5 b6 21. Nf3 Rb8 22.
Rab1 bxc5 23. bxc5 Qa5 24.
Ba1 Ree8 25. Qc2 Rxb1 26.
Rxb1 Rb8 27. Rxb8 Nxb8 28.
Bc3 Qa3? 29. Nd2! And Black
resigned as the next
move-Nb1-traps the Queen.

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