



**The Check Is in the Mail**  
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**WALTER BROWER ANNOTATES!**



Walter Brower (Hopewell, NJ) who finished tied for first in the 2006 Absolute Championship shares his thoughts with this fighting draw against veteran Kristo Miettinen.

**ENGLISH OPENING (A12)**  
**White: Walter Brower (2390)**  
**Black: Kristo Miettinen (2369)**  
**2006 Absolute**

**1.c4 c6 2.Nf3 d5 3.b3 Bf5 4.g3 Nf6**

Black reverses the usual order of move 3 and 4.

**5.Bg2 e6 6.Bb2 Nbd7 7.0-0 Bd6**

More popular are 7...h6 and 7...Be7.  
**8.d3 0-0 9.Nbd2**

ECO's line

**9...Qc7?!**

This was new to me; ECO shows 9...e5  
10. cxd5 cxd5 11. Rc1 Qe7 = with Reti-Lasker, 1924 after four more moves.

**10.Rc1**

10. Nh4 chases a Bishop uselessly and puts a Knight on the rim.

**10...Rfe8 11.cxd5**

Seemed slightly advantageous at this point.

**11...exd5 12.Nd4**

Hardly a threat, but keeps the initiative

**12...Bg6**

Or ...Bg4

**13.Nb5**

Seems to tip the game just barely over the line to +=; White gets at least a Bishop for a Knight.

**13...Qb8**

Forced

**14.Nxd6 Qxd6 15.Nf3 a5**

I thought 14...h6 also good.

**16.Qd2**

Having the Queen on open diagonals seemed a good idea.

**16...Bh5 17.Rfe1 a4!**

I was still expecting 17...h6 but this is better.

**18.b4**

Exchanging the pawn gives Black at least equality; 18. Nd4 a3 19. Ba1 was worth considering.

**18...a3**

This is best: chase the Bishop and prevent 19. a3

**19.Bd4 Ra4 20.Rb1**

The Rook should be more useful on this file.

**20...b6**

Quiet but solid

**21.Be3**

What else? 20. Nh4 was silly, and this diagonal for the Bishop might be good in the long term.

**21...c5 22.bxc5?!**

Probably better was 22. h3 Bxf3 23. bxc5 bxc5 24. Bxf3, leaving Bishop versus Knights

**22...bxc5 23.Rb5**

23. Qc2 or 23. h3 might have been better; I expected to follow eventually with Re1.

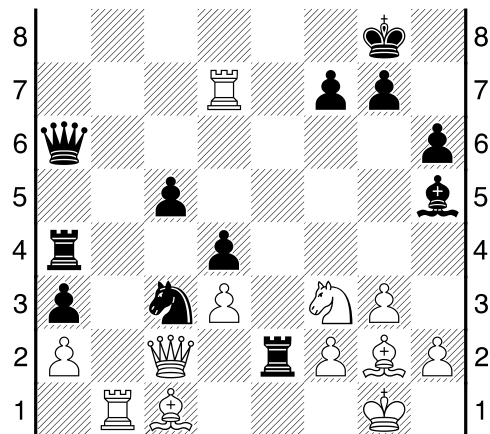
**23...h6 24.Qc2 Qa6! 25.Reb1 d4  
26.Bc1 Nd5 27.Rb7 Nc3**

Threatening the Rook and the e-Pawn.

**28.Rxd7**

Not much choice

**28...Rxe2**



28...Nxb1 29. Qxb1 +=

**29.Bd2**

This seemed to leave some play; the alternative was 29. Rb8+ Kh7 30. Qb3 Bxf3 31. Bxf3 Re1+ 32. Kg2 Qxd3 33. Kh3 Qxf3 24. Rxf7 =

**29...Nxb1**

A different but interesting path was 29...Qf6 30. Rb8+ Kh7 31. Qb3 Bxf3 32. Rxb4 cxb4 33. h3 Qf5 34. Bxc3 dxc3 35. Rd5 Rb2 36. Rxf5 Rxb3 37. Nd4 Rb1+ 38. Kh2 Bg6 39. Rc5 Bxd3 40. Bd5 Rb2 41. Nc6 Bxa2 43. Bxa2 Rxf2+ 44. Kg3 Rxa2 45. Nxb4 Rb2 46. Rxc3 Rxb4 47. Rxa3 and Black can say at least that it was White who had to draw.

**30.Qxb1 Qf6 31.Qb8+ Kh7 32.Qb7 Bg6**

This was a surprise. I had been expecting 32...Qe6 and had some momentary false hope.

47.f3 Ne7 48.f4 Ba5 49.Bd6 Nc8 50.Bc5 c3 51.Ke5 c2 52.Kxe6 Kd8 53.Rd7+ Ke8 54.Be3 1-0

### 33.Qd5 Qf5 34.Bf1 Re6 35.Qxf5

35. Bc1 looked interesting, but 35...Rf6  
36. Kg2 Qxd5 37. Rxd5 = The text move proceeds more quickly to the draw.

35...Bxf5 36.Rxf7 Bg4 37.Nh4 Rf6  
38.Rb7 Be6 39.Bg2 Bxa2 40.Be4+ Kg8  
41.Ng6 Raa6 42.Bc1 Rxf6 43.Bxf6  
Rxf6 44.Bxa3 Draw

### COPLIN AND BIEDERMANN TIE FOR FIRST IN 16<sup>TH</sup> USCCC

Lawrence Coplin and Thomas Biedermann are the 16<sup>th</sup> USCC Champions with 8-4 scores. There was a three-way tie for third between David White, Corky Schakel, and Daniel Horwitz (listed in tie-break order) with 7 1/2-4 1/2

### CARO-KANN DEFENSE (B19) White: Lawrence Coplin (2200) Black: David Smith (2259) 16 USCC Championship 2007

1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.Nc3 dx4 4.Nxe4 Bf5  
5.Ng3 Bg6 6.h4 h6 7.Nf3 Nd7 8.h5 Bh7  
9.Bd3 Bxd3 10.Qxd3 Nfg6 11.Bf4 Qa5+  
12.Bd2 Qc7 13.0-0-0 e6 14.Ne5 Nxe5  
15.dxe5 Qxe5 16.Rhe1 Qc7 17.Bc3 Be7  
18.Be5 Qd8 19.Qe2 Qa5 20.Nf5 Qxa2  
21.c4 b5 22.Nxg7+ Kf8 23.Nxe6+ fxe6  
24.Qf3 Qxc4+ 25.Kb1 Qh4 26.Rd4  
Qxh5 27.Qxh5 Nxh5 28.Bxh8 Kf7  
29.Be5 c5 30.Rd7 Nf6 31.Rb7 Rd8  
32.Rxb5 h5 33.Rb7 Rd7 34.Rxd7 Nxd7  
35.Kc2 Nb6 36.Bc3 Nd5 37.Ra1 Nf4  
38.Rxa7 Nxg2 39.b4 Ke8 40.b5 Bd8  
41.Kd3 h4 42.Ke4 h3 43.Rh7 Nh4  
44.Be5 Nf5 45.Rxh3 Bb6 46.Rh7 c4

### 16 USCCC

Coplin	2200	=	=	0	1	=	=	=	=	=	=	1	=	1	1	1	1	1	8
Biedermann	2389	=	=	=	0	1	=	=	=	=	=	1	=	1	1	1	1	1	8
White	2408	1	=	=	=	1	=	0	=	=	=	=	=	=	=	=	=	=	7.5
Schakel	2334	0	1	=	=	=	0	=	1	=	=	=	=	1	1	1	1	1	7.5
Horwitz	2268	=	=	0	=	=	=	1	=	1	=	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	7.5
Elmes	2348	=	=	=	=	1	=	=	0	=	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	7
Sogin	2160	=	=	=	=	=	=	1	=	1	=	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	7
Braistford	2242	=	=	=	=	0	=	=	=	=	=	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	7
Smith	2259	0	0	=	=	=	=	=	=	=	=	=	=	=	=	=	=	=	5
Brandhorst	2479	=	0	=	=	0	=	=	=	=	=	=	=	=	=	=	=	=	4.5
Ryan	2276	0	=	=	=	0	=	=	0	=	=	=	=	=	1	1	1	1	4.5
Greene	2359	0	0	=	=	0	=	0	=	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
Everitt	2271	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1.5

### CATALAN OPENING (E06) White: Thomas Biedermann (2389) Black: Ted Brandhorst (2479) 16 USCC Championship 2007

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.g3 d5 4.Bg2 Be7  
5.Nf3 0-0 6.Qc2 c5 7.dxc5 Qa5+ 8.Nc3  
dxc4 9.0-0 Qxc5 10.Be3 Qh5 11.Rfd1  
Bd7 12.Ne4 Bc6 13.Nxf6+ Bxf6  
14.Qxc4 Bxb2 15.Rab1 Bf6 16.Nd4  
Bxg2 17.Kxg2 Qg6 18.Nxe6 fxe6  
19.Rxb7 a5 20.Rd6 Na6 21.a3 Kh8 22.f3  
e5 23.Rxa6 Rxa6 24.Qxa6 Qc2 25.Qb5  
e4 26.f4 h6 27.Ra7 Qc3 28.Bc5 Rd8  
29.Be7 1-0

## FEBRUARY RESULTS

### Trophy Quads

Shawn Gillen 07Q21 5 ½-½  
Lester Ferrell 08Q07 5-1

### Swift Quad

Santiago Rubio-Fernaz 08SQ07 5-1  
Paul Meserole 08SQ08 5 ½-½

### John Collins

Michael Mullins 07C14 6-0  
Tim McGill 08C03 6-0

### Walter Muir

Patrick Walsh 08W43 5 ½-½  
Larry Kocian 08W18 5-1  
Christopher Lethgo 08W18 5-1  
Sal Celauro, Jr. 08W46 6-0

## HORWITZ TOPS ICCF EVENT

Danny Horwitz scored 7 ½ - 2 ½ to win outright a Master Promotion ICCF Tournament. In the following game Danny shows that sometimes three Pawns are more than a match against a Bishop.

### FRENCH DEFENSE (C18)

**White: Fabrice Lorin (2289)**

**Black: Danny Horwitz (2268)**

### ICCF 2007

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.e5 c5 5.a3 Bxc3+ 6.bxc3 Ne7 7.Qg4 0-0 8.Bd3 Nbc6 9.Nf3 f5 10.exf6 Rxf6 11.Bg5 e5 12.Qg3 Rxf3 13.gxf3 c4 14.Be2 Qa5 15.Bd2 Nf5 16.Qg5 exd4 17.cxd4 c3 18.Be3 Ncxd4 19.Bd1 h6 20.Qh5 Bd7 21.Rb1 b6 22.0-0 Re8 23.Bxd4 Nxd4 24.f4 Rf8 25.Re1 Qc5 26.Re3 Bf5

27.Bg4 Nxc2 28.Bxf5 Nxe3 29.fxe3 Qxe3+ 30.Kh1 Qxf4 31.Bc2 Qf7 32.Qd1 Qf3+ 33.Qxf3 Rxf3 34.Rd1 Rf2 35.Bb3 Kf7 36.Rc1 Ke6 37.Rxc3 Ke5 38.Rd3 d4 39.Kg1 Rb2 40.Rg3 b5 41.Bf7 a5 42.Bg6 a4 43.Bh7 g5 44.Rh3 Rb3 45.Rxb3 axb3 46.Kf2 Kf4 47.Bd3 b2 48.Ke2 g4 49.Kd2 h5 50.Ke2 h4 51.Bb1 g3 0-1

**Quote:** Chess is an egotistical game, and all its protagonists hold conceits of some kind or other, else there would be no point in playing -- Charles Warburton  
My Chess Adventures

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**Truss: Definition: To tie up**

### CENTER COUNTER GAME (B01)

**White: John Menke (2392)**

**Black: Gerald Weiner (2357)**

### 2004 Electronic Knights Final

1.e4 d5 2.exd5 Nf6 3.d4 Nxd5 4.Nf3 Bg4 5.Be2 Nc6 6.c4 Nb6 7.d5 Bxf3 8.gxf3 Ne5 9.f4 Ng6 10.f5 Nh4 11.Qd3 Qd7 12.Nc3 0-0-0 13.a4 Nxf5 14.a5 Na8 15.a6 b6 16.0-0 g6 17.Bg4 h5 18.Bh3 Bg7 19.Nb5 Kb8 20.Qe4 Qc8 21.Bf4 Rd7 22.Rfe1 Rhd8 23.d6 exd6 24.Qc6 d5 25.cxd5 1-0

The following US players have received the title of Senior International Correspondence Chess Master by ICCF. Listed is the year of the award

## SIM

Jason Bokar	2003
Richard Callaghan	2000
Richard Cayford	2000
Edward Duliba	2002
Jon Edwards	2003
Kevin Embrey	2000
D. M. Fleetwood	2000
Keith Holzmueller	2008
Stephen Jones	2002
John Knudsen	2003
Gary Kubach	2000
Jerry Meyers	2000
Michael Millstone	2006
Timothy Murray	2004
Anatole Parnas	2000
Jon Ostriker	2007
N. Eric Pedersen	2001
Michael Proof	2008
Ken Reinhart	2007
Robin Smith	2003
John Timm	2001
Jerry Weisskohl	2003
Max Zavanelli	2003



## Obituary: Richard Anthony Cayford

I have learned, belatedly, that (Richard) Anthony Cayford of Manchester, NJ, born on 3 December 1939, died on September 22, 2005 .



Tony Cayford was Canadian CC Open Champion (1962) finished second (1964) and two times Golden Knights champion 1972 and (tied) 1973. Tony was the winner of the First US Championship (1974-6) and winner of the First Anglo-Pacific Tournament Bureau Championship (1992) He was awarded the ICCM title in 1995 and the SIM in 2000.

## SICILIAN DEFENSE (B96)

**White: Tony Cayford**

**Black: Eric Osbun**

**Anglo-Pacific 1986**

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6  
 5.Nc3 a6 6.Bg5 e6 7.f4 b5 8.e5 dxe5  
 9.fxe5 Qc7 10.Qe2 Nfd7 11.0-0-0 Bb4  
 12.Ne4 Qxe5 13.Nf3 Qc7 14.a3 Bf8  
 15.g4 Bb7 16.Bg2 Nc6 17.Bh4 Qf4+  
 18.Kb1 Qxg4 19.Rxd7 Kxd7 20.Qd2+  
 Kc8 21.Rd1 Be7 22.Bxe7 Nxe7 23.Ne5  
 Qh5 24.Qd7+ Kb8 25.Qd6+ Kc8 26.Bf3  
 Qxh2 27.Qc5+ 1-0

## **POSTAL GAMES OF F. BOHATIRCHUK**

An author is trying to track down the postal games of Russian-Canadian Fedor Bohatirchuk. The author is interested in the two Canadian Championships won by Bohatirchuk in 1963-5 and 1964-6. If you have any of his postal games other than ones against Frank Yerhoff and J. Parancevicius, please send them to me and I will pass them on.

## **IOWA STATE CHAMPIONSHIP**

The Iowa State Correspondence Championship is underway with five Hawkeyes contesting for the title. The pack is led by Mark Capron at 1903 but the field is fairly balanced. Stay tuned for final results!

Some sharp sword-play downs White.

## **BENKO COUNTER GAMBIT (E77)**

**White: John Badger (1923)**

**Black: Sal Celauro Jr. (1976)**

**Walter Muir 2008**

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 c5 3.d5 b5 4.cxb5 a6 5.bxa6 g6 6.Nc3 Bxa6 7.f4 Bg7 8.Nf3 Qa5 9.Bd2 0-0 10.e4 d6 11.Be2 c4 12.0-0 Qb6+ 13.Kh1 Nbd7 14.Qc1 Rfb8 15.Rb1 Ng4 16.h3 Bxc3 17.hxg4 Bxd2 18.Qxd2 Nf6 19.Ng5 h6 20.e5 dxe5 21.fxe5 hxg5 22.exf6 exf6 23.Qc3 Kg7 24.g3 Re8 25.Bf3 Re3 26.Qc1 c3 27.bxc3 Qd6 28.Qd2 Re2 0-1

Henry Ceeto must heed the advice that if you are going to go hunting for elephants, you had better bring an elephant gun. In this game he bags one of the big ones.

## **SICILIAN DEFENSE (B43)**

**White: Henry Ceeto (2024)**

**Black: Eric Fischvogt (2344)**

### **2004 Electronic Knights Semifinal**

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 e6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 a6 5.Nc3 Qc7 6.Bd3 Nf6 7.0-0 Bc5 8.Nb3 Ba7 9.Bg5 d6 10.Bxf6 gxf6 11.Qg4 Nd7 12.Qg7 Rf8 13.Rad1 b5 14.Kh1 Bb6 15.f4 Bb7 16.Bxb5 axb5 17.Nxb5 Qc6 18.Nxd6+ Ke7 19.Rfe1 Bc7 20.Nf5+ Ke8 21.Nbd4 Qa6 22.c4 Bxf4 23.Nxe6 Qxe6 24.Qg4 Kd8 25.Qxf4 Qe5 26.Qd2 Bc6 27.b4 Ba4 28.b5 Bxd1 29.Rxd1 Qe6 30.Ng7 Qe7 31.Qd5 Rb8 32.Qc6 1-0

A question of chess algebra quiz: 1) Which is stronger, two Bishop or two Knights 2) two Rooks or a Queen ? 3) two Knights and two Rooks or two Bishops and a Queen ?

## **SICILIAN DEFENSE (B30)**

**White: Gerald Weiner (2357)**

**Black: Robert Fass (2247)**

### **2004 Electronic Knights Final**

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 Nf6 4.e5 Nd5 5.Nc3 Nc7 6.Bxc6 dxc6 7.h3 Bf5 8.d3 h6 9.Be3 e6 10.0-0 Nd5 11.Qd2 Qb6 12.a4 Be7 13.a5 Qa6 14.b3 0-0 15.Ra4 Nb4 16.Rd1 Rfd8 17.Qc1 Nd5 18.Qb2 Bg6 19.Rda1 f5 20.Rc4 Nxe3 21.fxe3 Bh5 22.Nd2 Bg5 23.Nf1 Be7 24.Ra2 Bf7 25.Qa1 Rf8 26.Qd1 Rad8 27.Qe2 Kh7 28.Qf3 Rd5 29.Qg3 g5 30.Nd2 Rdd8 31.Qf3 Be8 32.Rca4 c4 33.Nxc4 c5 34.R4a3 g4 35.hxg4 Bc6 36.Qh3 Rg8 37.e4 Rxg4 38.Ra1 Rdg8 39.Rf1 Be8 40.exf5 Rxg2+ 41.Qxg2 Rxg2+ 42.Kxg2 exf5 43.Rf2 Qg6+ 44.Kf1 Qh5 0-1