

been said of the Marshall that it is so well and deeply analyzed that correspondence chess is the only place it can be correctly played.

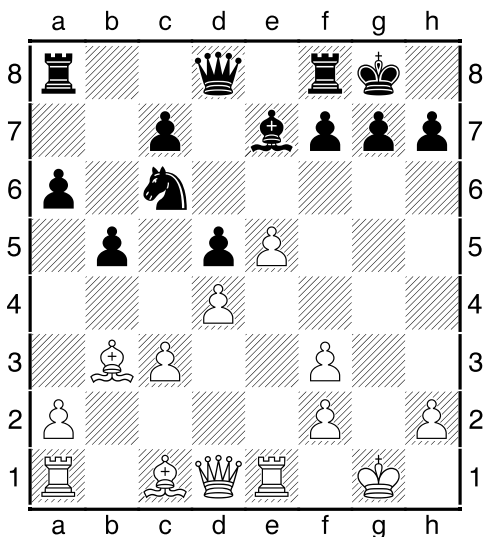
8...d5 9.d4

This anti-Marshall plan has become more popular lately. It has a good pedigree -- McShane, Bacrot, Khalifman, Morozevich, Dorfman, and Shirov have attached their names to it.

9...exd4 10.e5 Ne4 11.cxd4 Bg4 12.Nc3

In 2000–2006 TWIC database games, White has scored 83% from this position.

12...Bxf3 13.gxf3 Nxc3 14.bxc3



The Marshall Attack (2003) by Lalic gives 14...Na5 15. Bc2 Nc4 16. Bh6!? Re8 17. Qd3 g6 18. e6 Bg5! with a playable game for Black.

The Ruy Lopez Explained by Gary Lane gives 14...f5 15. Kh1 Kh8 16. Rg1 with a strong attack.

Martinez-Nemet, Biel 2006, saw 14...Qd7 15. Kh1 Nd8 16. f4 f5 17. exf6 Bxf6 18. Qh5 += 1-0 in 30.

14...Na5 15.Bc2 c5 16.f4 cxd4 17.Qxd4!?

Avoiding Black's idea of 17. cxd4 Qd7 18. Qd3 g6 19. f5 Bb4 20. Re2 with an edge to Black.

17...Qd7 18.Qd3 Qg4+ 19.Kh1 g6 20.f5 Qc4

Black is crushed after 20...Qxf5 21. Qxf5 gxf5 22. Bh6 Rfc8 23. Rg1+ Kh8 24. Bg7+ Kg8 25. Bxf5 +-.

21.Qf3 Rac8 22.f6 Bc5 23.Bh6 Rfe8 24.e6 Bf8 25.exf7+ Kxf7 26.Bxf8 Qxc3

Worse is 26...Kxf8 27. Qh3 Qh4 28. Bxg6! and White wins.

27.Qxc3 Rxc3 28.Rxe8 Kxe8 29.Bg7 Rxc2 30.Re1+

and now 30...Kf7 leads to mate after 31. Re7+ Kg8 32. Bh6 so Black resigns. 1-0

CCLA ENTERS WEBSERVER AGE

As of January 16, CCLA will be offering a series of tournaments using the ICCF webserver similar to the USCF's Walter Muir tournaments. CCLA will have sections of 5-7 players grouped by ratings. Congratulations, CCLA ! Now,

USCF, may we please have a USCF webserver for next Christmas ?

OBITUARY

Donald Sibbett

Long time CCLA player (3rd place in the 51st CCLA Grand National) and USCCC contender Donald Sibbett died on January 24. Health issues forced Donald to withdraw from active play in early December, but for 49 plus years chess was one of Don's special interests. Don played a mean game. Here is a win that shows some of his playing strength.

NIMZOVICH DEFENSE (B00)

White: Don Sibbett (2140)

Black: Dunne,A (2345)

8 USCCC, 1988

1.e4 Nc6 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 f5 4.Nc3 Nf6 5.Bd3 fxe4 6.Nxe4 Nxe4 7.Bxe4 d5 8.Bd3 Qd6 9.h3 g6 10.Be3 Bg7 11.c3 0-0 12.0-0 e5 13.dxe5 Nxe5 14.Nxe5 Qxe5 15.Bc5 Re8 16.Qa4 Bf5 17.f4 Qe6 18.Bxf5 gxf5 19.Bf2 Qd6 20.Rae1 Re4 21.Rxe4 fxe4 22.Be3 a6 23.f5 c5 24.Qb3 Qc6 25.Bg5 Rf8 26.f6 Bxf6 27.Bxf6 Rxf6 28.Rxf6 Qxf6 29.Qxd5+ Qf7 30.Qxe4 Qxa2 31.Qxb7 Qb1+ 32.Kh2 Qf5 33.Qb8+ Kg7 34.Qb7+ Kg8 35.Kg3 Qg5+ 36.Kf3 h5 37.Qb8+ Kh7 38.Qf4 Qg7 39.g4 hxg4+ 40.hxg4 Kg8 41.Qc4+ Kh8 42.Qxa6 Qf7+ 43.Ke4 c4 44.Qh6+ 1-0

Anton Sildmets

Anton Sildmets, 81, of Lincoln, Nebraska, died January 22. Anton was the 1964 Golden Knights champion, and in 1962, state champion (OTB) of Nebraska. Active in a number of CC organizations, Anton finished second and then third in CCLA's 1968 and 1969

Grand National, and in APCT's Rook Championship, he finished first in 1978 and 3rd in 1981.

Here is a photo of Anton at the time he won the 1964 Golden Knights Championship and an example of his attacking skills that won him the championship.



KING'S INDIAN DEFENSE (E81)

White: H. Graves (1892 converted)

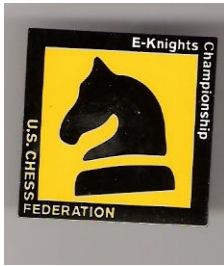
Black: Anton Sildmets (1874 converted)
1964 Golden Knights

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 Bg7 4.e4 d6 5.f3 0-0 6.Be3 c6 7.Qd2 Qc7 8.Bd3 a6 9.Nge2 Nbd7 10.Bh6 [10.0-0-0] 10...e5! 11.d5 cxd5 12.cxd5 b5 13.Rc1 Qb7 14.Ng3 [14.g4] 14...Nc5 15.Be2 b4 16.Nd1 Bxh6 17.Qxh6 Ne8! 18.h4 f6 19.h5 g5! 20.Ne3 Ra7 21.Ngf5 Bxf5 22.Nxf5 Qb6 23.Kd2 Ng7 24.Nxg7 Rxg7 25.Rc4 Qa5 26.Ke3 Qxa2 27.Rxb4 Qa5 28.Rc4 Nb3 29.Rd1 Qb6+ 30.Kd3 Rb7 31.Rc6 Qd4+ 32.Kc2 Na1+ 0-1

USA-Sweden Match

CCLA has also started a 55-board match with Sweden on the webserver (39 games on the webserver, 16 by email). First board is Vytas Palciauskas. Good skill, gentlemen !

NEW ELECTRONIC KNIGHT PIN



Starting now, those players who finish their Electronic Knights Finals section without forfeit loss will receive a newly designed Electronic Knight pin shown here in actual size.

Many thanks to Product by Design who designed this handsome pin. I hope that you will be one of the first to sport this new medal !

3RD GREAT PLAINS OPEN

The Third Great Plains Open has ended in a tie for first between Raymond Kremen and Clifford Berger. Kremen finished with four wins and four draws; Berger, though dropping two games to Kremen, won all the rest of his games as both finished with 6-2 scores.

JANUARY WINNERS

WALTER MUIR (webserver)

James Enochs 06W20 5-1
Jean Moeckel 06W13 6-0
Timothy Harris 06W14 5-1
Dean Barclay 06W07 5 ½- ½

SWIFT QUADS

Zachary Cohn 06SQ05 6-0
Kendrick Aung 06SQ14 5 ½-½

TROPHY QUAD

Mark Maynard 05QC15 5 ½-½
J. Paul Ciarrocchi 04QD35 5-1
Dustin Andrade 04QD35 5-1

VICTOR PALCIAUSKAS

Beamon Hill 04UA02 5-1

EXPRESS TOURNAMENT

Robert Roddy 05ET02 5-1
Mike McClung 05ET02 5-1
Dennis Warren 06ET03 5 ½-½

JOHN COLLINS

Walter Lewis 04CA36 5-1
John Steele 04CA36 5-1
David Marples 05CE12 5 ½-½
Jason Percy 05C33 5-1
Emanuel Chosak 05CB27 6-0

BOOK REVIEW by Alex Dunne

2006 ABSOLUTE TOURNAMENT

Last month I had stated that if the ratings backlog had not been dissolved by February 1, I would take entries for the 2006 Absolute tournament based on the old ratings.

I also stated that I would not be sending out invitations unless necessary. This *is* your invitation right here. I will take the thirteen highest rated applicants on the “frozen” correspondence ratings from around June 2006. If you have a rating 2200 or over, you are invited to apply. I will set an arbitrary deadline of 8 February. Send your entry to chesskinetics@cqservices.com. There is no entry fee, but I will take only the thirteen highest ranking applicants.

Quote: Punishment for routine play is far more severe in postal chess. -- Bob Kiviaho

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The History of Correspondence Chess in Canada by Leonard Zehr and J. Ken MacDonald is a handsome volume published by Thinkers' Press and available through the CCCA at www.correspondencechess.com/ccca for \$55.00 US. The title reveals the content – this is an odyssey of 150 years of Canadian chess history from 1841 to 1992. The early games are typical of the time, and some are just fragments, but they are important for the historical record. The first two games, an 1804 Hague-Breda game and an 1824 London-Edinburgh game should probably be in a history of cc in general, not a Canadian history. But after a rocky beginning, the chess improves .as Canadian players grow stronger. There are many of Canada's southern neighbors in this collection, too. The index of players features a roster of some of the very best. In no particular order: Walter Muir, Jean Herbert, Frank Yerhoff, Duncan Suttles, Alex Siklos,

Walter Penn Shipley, Jackson Showalter, Jonathan Berry, Fedor Bohatirchuk, John Cleeve, Jonathan Berry and Robert Kiviaho .

If you have to ask who are these people? You will benefit enormously by reading this book. There is a great treasure of chess to the north of most of us. Canada's correspondence chess history is well-served by this book.

John Menke 2004 CCLA Champ

John Menke has won the 2004 CCLA Club Championship. John sends in a "fairly colorful" game from the event defeating the redoubtable Peter Michelman. John notes that he had to make a decision on Move 23 – kingside or queenside and 27. Kh2 starts the kingside play leading to decisive action.

SICILIAN DEFENSE (B31)

White: John Menke (2400)
Black: Peter Michelman (2295)
2004 CCLA Championship

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 g6 4.Bxc6 dxc6 5.d3 Bg7 6.h3 e5 7.Be3 Qe7 8.0-0 Nf6 9.Qd2 Nd7 10.Bh6 f6 11.Bxg7 Qxg7 12.Nh2 g5 13.Qe3 Qe7 14.a4 Nf8 15.a5 Be6 16.Nc3 Nd7 17.Rfb1 0-0 18.Ng4 Nb8 19.Qf3 Na6 20.Ne2 Kh8 21.Ng3 Qf7 22.Nh6 Qg6 23.Ngf5 Rfd8 24.Qe3 Rd7 25.Rf1 Rad8 26.b3 Ra8 27.Kh2 Re8 28.Rh1 Rf8 29.g3 Bxf5 30.Nxf5 Rg8 31.Kg2 Qe8 32.h4 Qf8 33.hxg5 Rxg5 34.f4 exf4 35.Qxf4 Qb8 36.Qxb8+ Nxb8 37.Rh6 Rg6 38.Rah1 Kg8 39.R6h5 Na6 40.Nh4 Rg5 41.Rxg5+ fxg5 42.Nf5 Nb4 43.e5 Rd8 44.Rh5 Rf8 45.g4 Nxc2 46.e6 h6 47.Nxh6+ Kg7 48.Nf5+ Kf6 49.Rh6+ Ke5 50.a6 bxa6 51.e7 1-0

This is a gorgeous game by Jason Bokar. The pieces perform a ballet of Pawn Lake. First the four Knights perform artistic pirouettes on the board, then the Rooks do their *pas de deux*, and finally the Black Queen performs a *glissade* as it glides ever closer to the White King just before the final curtain.

RUY LOPEZ (C92)

White: C. Barnett (2447)
Black: Jason Bokar (2437)
4th NAPZ Championship 2002

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 Be7 6.Re1 b5 7.Bb3 d6 8.c3 0-0 9.h3 Bb7 10.d4 Re8 11.Nbd2 Bf8 12.d5 Nb8 13.Nf1 Nbd7 14.Ng3 Nc5 15.Bc2 c6 16.b4 Ncd7 17.dxc6 Bxc6 18.Bb3 Nb6 19.Nh2 h6 20.Ng4 Nc4 21.a4 Nxg4 22.Qxg4 Bd7 23.Nf5 Kh7 24.Qe2 Be6 25.Qc2 Qd7 26.Ne3 Rac8 27.axb5 axb5 28.Nxc4 Bxc4 29.Ra5 Bxb3 30.Qxb3 Rc4 31.Bb2 d5 32.exd5 e4 33.Rd1 Re5 34.Rd4 e3 35.fxe3 Rxe3 36.Qc2+ g6 37.Rxc4 bxc4 38.Bc1 Re1+ 39.Kf2 Rh1 40.Bf4 Bd6 41.Bxd6 Qxd6 42.Qd2 Qf6+ 43.Kg3 Qe5+ 44.Kf2 Qe4 45.Ra7 Qf5+ 46.Kg3 g5 0-1

Clifford Berger, co-winner of the 3GPO, plays an exciting King's Gambit.

KING'S GAMBIT (C30)

White: Mark Capron (1909)
Black: Cliff Berger (2237)
Third Great Plains Open 2005

1.f4 e5 2.e4 h5 3.Nf3 exf4 4.Bc4 h4 5.d4 g5 6.0-0 d6 7.Nc3 c6 8.Bxf7+ Kxf7 9.Nxg5+ Qxg5 10.Bxf4 Qg4 11.Bxd6+ Nf6 12.Bxf8 Qxd1 13.Raxd1 Rxf8 14.e5 Kg6 15.exf6 Bf5 16.d5 Rxf6 17.dxc6 Nxc6 18.Nd5 Rf7 19.c4 Raf8 20.Nf4+ Kh7 21.Rf2 Bg4 22.Rdf1 Nd4 23.g3 h3 24.b3 Rxf4 25.Rxf4 Ne2+ 0-1