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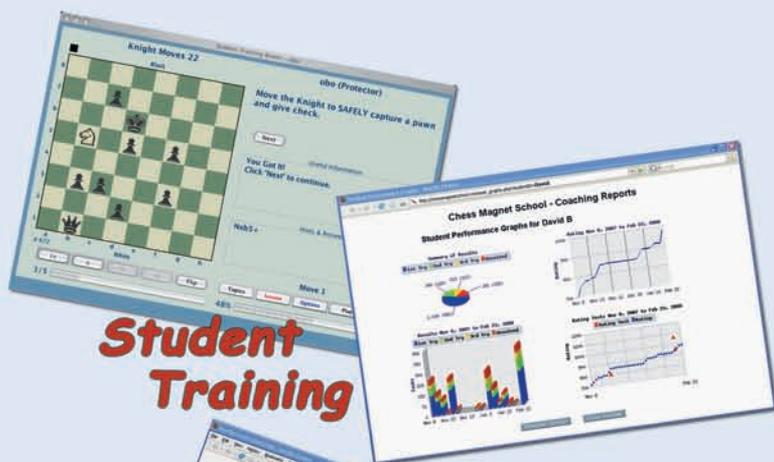
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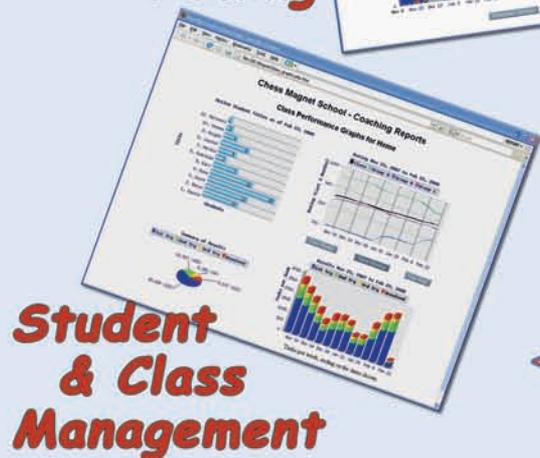
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Friendly Game of War

Sit beside a chess board

Play a piece of any kind

A bishop, a queen, or

Preferably a knight

Knights skip and bishops soar

Rooks roll and pawns roar.

The King is lazy; the Queen greedy

And the bishops - the eagle of the board

In this friendly game of war

The winner gets the award.

Come and play this wonderful game

I like chess all the same.

Oh Chess! You addictive war

You're just a nightmare of grimaces and horror

Fighting's just not my thing

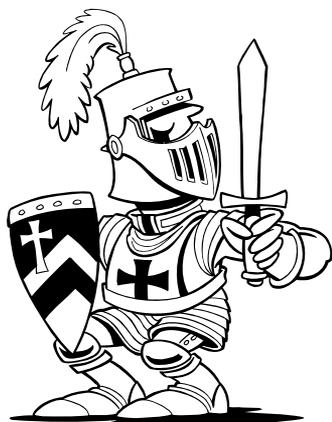
And if it's yours, you should fly under a dove's wing.

Chess is great and chess is woe

'tis Pandora's

fault she brought us woe.

Nakul
Srinivas,
Age 9



Interview with a Champion!

I met up with Andrew immediately after his clinching win to ask him a few questions for *CL4K*:

Congratulations, Andrew!

How do you feel about being the 2009 Cadet champion?

Very happy. I am privileged to be able to compete in this event. It is a good feeling.

What was your goal before coming to the tournament? Did you feel you could win it?

Win (laughs). I knew I had a decent chance. Actually to get good rest, train between games, and look at my next opponent's games. I would go on ICC [Internet Chess Club] and play training games giving them an opening to play what I can expect my next opponent will play.

What was the best moment of the tournament for you?

When I played Rxe4 against Christian [see game on page 19].

Did you have a favorite game? What was it?

I guess it was my game against Christian.

This is a real great bunch of guys. Have you played them before? In this type of tournament there can be a lot of camaraderie. Have you felt any friendship with any of them?

I have played all of them except for Rohan. I have developed a pretty good friendship with them. With this type of tournament you develop these friendships. I also played in a round robin, a small one, where I tied for first [Greater Philadelphia Junior Invitational].

What did you think of the tournament? Besides winning, what did you like about it?

Great! I enjoyed talking a lot with the players and going out to eat with them.

How did you get started in chess?

That's a funny story. My dad was trying to teach my sister when I was six years old. She wasn't interested so he then taught me.

How long have you been playing?

Since 2001 when I was eight years old.

What is up next for you? What is your next chess tournament?

Denker and the U.S. Open. For now, I am going to take it easy and go on vacation at a beach place.

Undoubtedly, you will bring a chess set?

Actually the person I am going with is a 2000 rated player but this is just a vacation.

What do you hope to do in the future (chess and non-chess)?

I would like to be a grandmaster but I would like to do something in math, engineering, and computer science. That covers a lot of ground. I will still play in tournaments.

Why did you play in this tournament?

To compete to win the tournament. It is very prestigious to win the Cadet. It is a good title to have.

Again, congratulations on winning and best of luck in the future.

- Interview by Alan Kantor

TALES OF THE Arabian KNIGHTS

BY RICK KENNEDY Illustrations by Pamela Key



Monkey Business

Once there was a sultan, she said, who was very good at chess.

The King nodded, relaxing.

Now, this sultan had a pet monkey—a very bright one. So bright, in fact, that the sultan

taught the monkey to play the royal game as well.

The King raised an eyebrow in amusement.

It so happened that a visitor arrived to see the sultan, and wished to challenge him to a game.

"I am busy," said the sultan, "but, here, sit down. Here is a board. Here are the pieces. While I work, you may play against my monkey."

Well, the visitor was perplexed, but he did not want to be ungracious, and so he sat down, arranged the pieces, and began.

The sultan, in turn, returned to his work.

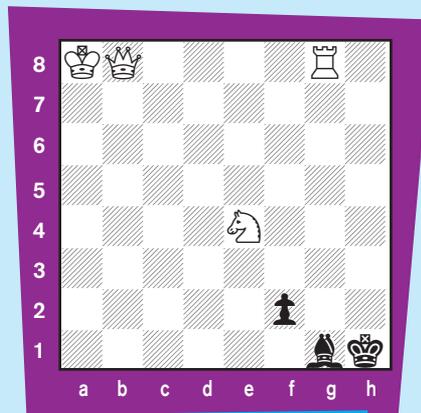
After a while, there was a horrible shrieking and chattering from the chess room and the sultan set aside his work and went to see what the problem was.

Upon stepping through the doorway, he saw his beloved pet had climbed high into a corner of the room, and was quite upset. The sultan beckoned to the beast, coaxed it down, and comforted it.

"Your Majesty," said the guest, his face red and filled with embarrassment, "It is all my fault. At first, I was upset that you would put me off, and not play—and turn me over to try my hand against a mere beast. I soon realized, however, that your pet was quite knowledgeable of the game. Strong, in fact. So strong, that when it forced checkmate, I was enraged, and instead of turning over my king, I threw it at my opponent. Please forgive me."

where he again found his pet fussing from a place of safety.

"This time I have done nothing," said the abashed stranger. "Upon my honor."

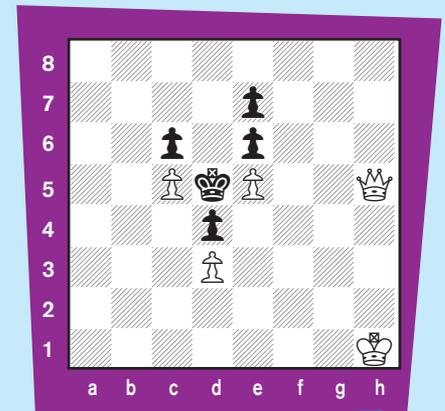


White to move and
checkmate in two moves*

The sultan nodded, understanding. "Perhaps you would like a rematch?" he asked.

"I would," said the visitor, breathing easier, and so another game began. The sultan, in turn, returned to his work.

"Some time later, the sultan again heard animal sounds of distress and so he hastened to the chess room,



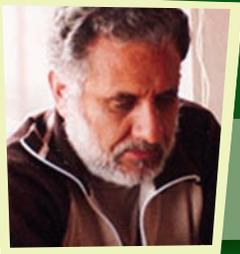
White to move and
checkmate in four moves*

The sultan approached the board, and looked down. "Ah," he said, "my pet has discovered that it has a mate in four against you." "A good story," said the King, "If a bit far-fetched."

She smiled.

*If you can solve these two problems, YOU should be sending ME *Outrageous Chess Problems* and *Award Winning Chess Problems* by Burt Hochberg. Nevertheless, we'll hold a drawing from the correct solutions submitted and award both books to the winner.

Send your solutions to: gpetersen@uschess.org. Don't let a monkey make a monkey out of you! Set up the board, move the pieces, and enjoy!



ASK GM LARRY EVANS!

Grandmaster Larry Evans won the U.S. Championship in 1951, 1952, 1961-62, 1968, and again in 1980!

BEST QUESTION:

WHAT'S THE BEST MOVE?

Jude Acers

New Orleans, Louisiana

Q: This position was reached in Whiterin-Acers, Creole Tomato Seafood Festival Exhibition, June 13, 2009. White has three choices; which one do you think is superior?



(a) Re1 (b) f4 (c) Rc1

A: Using a process of elimination, we can reject (a) 1.Re1? Bxd4! (b) White fell into a trap with 1.f4? Rxe5! 2.fxe5 Bxd4+ 3.Kh2 Bxe5+ 4.Kg1 Bd4+ 5.Kh1 Qxf1+ and wins. Clearly superior is (c) 1.Rc1! (threatening Rc7).

SACRIFICE OR NOT?

Ivan Wijetunge

Q: Can you please settle this debate? In this position I played 26.Rc8. Does this move fit the definition of a sacrifice?



A: A sacrifice—whether sound or unsound—is generally understood as a move that gives up material intending to get something good in return. A gambit, for example, usually is a sacrifice in the opening that offers a pawn for speedy development. Here 26.Rc8! (ignoring the knight hanging on f3) could be defined as a temporary and sound sacrifice since after 26...Rxc8 27.Nxe7+ Kg7 28.Nxc8 Qc7 29.Qc2 Qxc2 30.Bxc2 gxf3 31.gxf3 White simplifies to a winning ending a pawn ahead.

KING'S GAMBIT SLAUGHTER

Chris Mavraedis

San Francisco, California

Q: I thought you'd like to see this nice miniature I played in a Berkeley club against an opponent rated 2050. All in all, one of my better efforts!

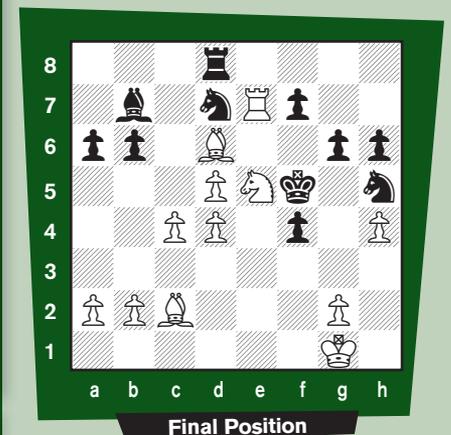
White: Chris Mavraedis

Black: Dave Bartin

King's Gambit [C36]

Monday Knights Club 40/90, 15/30, 10/10, April 6, 2009.

1.e4 e5 2.f4 exf4 3.Nf3 d5 4.exd5 Nf6 5.Bc4 Bd6 6.Qe2+ Qe7 7.Qxe7+ Kxe7 8.0-0 Re8 9. Re1+ Kf8 10. Rxe8+ Kxe8 11.d4 Nbd7 12.Bb3 b6? 13.c4 Kf8 14.Nc3 h6 15.h4 Bb7 16.Nb5 Nh5 17.Bd2 a6 18.Nxd6 cxd6 19.Bb4 Ke7 20.Re1+ Kf6 21.Bxd6 g6 22.Re7 Rd8 23.Ne5 Kf5 24.Bc2 and mate next move.



A: This slaughter shows that some old but forgotten 19th century openings still have the power to surprise unprepared opponents. Safer was 5...Nxd5. The final error was 12...b6 instead of h6. Without enough compensation you will usually lose a game once you fall behind in material.

THE FIRST MOVE

Yash Bora

Houston, Texas

Q: What color do you like to play more: black or white? Some people say white gives you a head start while black gives you more time to think to find better moves because White goes first. Again,

what color do you prefer?

A: Grandmasters prefer white because it confers an initiative, like the serve in tennis. This is such a big advantage I once wrote that White must make two mistakes in order to lose, whereas Black must only make one mistake. Black's chief compensation is the ability to choose a defense that suits his style.



The Chess Detective

by **NM Todd Bardwick**

DRAWING OUT THE KING

Every chess player enjoys a position where he can launch an attack against the enemy king.

When attacking the king, all checks and sacrifices are candidate moves because the goal of the game is checkmate.

Candidate moves are moves that make sense, which you put on your list of moves to check out, before you do your deep analysis to determine which move is best. (In any type of position, capture moves are always candidate moves.)

Here is a game from Paris in 1844 where White's king has attracted a lot of attention from the Black forces.

Lionel Kieseritsky



Position after 14.Qe1

John Schulten

The game continued, **14...fxg2+** A logical move eliminating the g2-pawn from in front of the white king. **15.Kxg2 Qxh3+!!** An excellent sacrifice that brings the white king further

out into the open. Normally you wouldn't look for queen sacrifices, but since the white king is exposed, it is a candidate move that needs to be investigated. **16.Kxh3 Ne3+** Sealing off the g2 retreat square. **17.Kh4 Nf3+ 18.Kh5 Bg4 mate.**

Here is an example of drawing the king into the open by a Spanish chess player, Busnardo, from a game in Rome, 1590. NN stands for No Name, a player whose name was not recorded on the score sheet.

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.c3 Qe7 Of course, moving out the queen early can be risky. **5.0-0 d6 6.d4 Bb6 7.Bg5 f6** Weakening the light squares around the black king. **8.Bh4 g5** Chasing the bishop, but further weakening the light squares. **9.Nxg5!** Because White is ahead in development and has his king safely tucked away, he decides to break open the position with a knight sacrifice. **9...fxg5 10.Qh5+ Kd7 11.Bxg5 Qg7?** 11...Nf6 is necessary here.

NN



Position after 11. ...Qg7

Busnardo

Notice that the black king cannot move. He is hoping to run and hide on the queenside or survive in the center.



12.Be6+ A bishop sacrifice that forces the king into the center. **12...Kxe6 13.Qe8+** A smart move that takes away the d7 retreat square. **13...Nge7** It doesn't matter whether either knight or the queen interposes, because White plays... **14.d5 mate.**

Drawing the king into the center of the board with a sacrifice is a common way to force a checkmate...look for this opportunity in your games...you may create a masterpiece that chess players will talk about for centuries in the future!

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A Brief Chess Opening Glossary

Part I

by Pete Tamburro

Chess players have a funny way of naming openings. They name them after cities. They name them after chess masters. They name them after animals. Some people even name them after themselves!

Chess writer Eric Schiller once wrote three big, thick books and gave a name to just about every move that you could play in the opening. It was an awesome achievement.

Why should you know the names? Well, if you face some opening that you've never seen, it's nice to be able to look it up. Some openings have more than one name. Sometimes Schiller's choices are used here, and sometimes they're not!

There are also some quickie tips here that you might find useful. EVERY single first move by White is the subject of our first glossary page, so let's get started!

1.a3 Anderssen's Opening: named after a world champion who is probably more famous for losing to Morphy, but he beat the genius with 1.a3! It's tricky because what White is doing is playing Black with the White pieces, but he has the move a3 in. For example, if a game goes 1.a3 e5 2.e4 Nf6 3.Nc3, we realize that you as Black can't play a Ruy Lopez here, and if you continue with 3...Bc5 4.Nf3, White has got you into the Two Knights' Defense and his a3 cuts out a lot of possibilities for you. Be careful!

1.a4 Ware Opening: In elementary school chess it wasn't unusual to see this, followed by 2.Ra3, so a good tip is to play 1.a4 e5, so you can meet 2.Ra3 with 2...Bxa3! Otherwise, just develop your pieces and your e- and d-pawns and you'll be fine.

1.b3 Larsen's Opening: Grand-

master Bent Larsen used to like to play along long diagonals. Sometimes, as Black, his bishop on b7 would have a queen on a8 to put pressure along the diagonal. That's the idea here. White lets Black set up a center, then attacks it.

1.b4 Orangutang or Sokolsky Opening: GM Savielly Tartakower named this opening based on a visit to the Bronx Zoo in 1924. Later, the master Sokolsky made it a real weapon. Your best bet as black is to play, as a previous *CL4K* showed you, 1.b4 e5 2.Bb2 Bxb4 3.Bxe5 Nf6 and get castled, play d5, move your rook to e8 and get all your pieces out.

1.c3 Saragossa Opening: This is a reverse Caro-Kann. As with all reverse openings, people who, say, play the Caro-Kann with 1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5, feel that having an extra move might help and they're familiar with the ideas. If Black avoids playing e5 and goes with d5 and c5, then it's a Slav Queen's Gambit, and that's in another place in the glossary!

1.c4 English Opening: A key idea of the English is to control the square d5. Look at how easy it is: 1.c4, then 2.Nc3, then 3.g3 and 4.Bg2. The late world champion even threw in e4 for White and we know that as the Botvinnik System.

1.d3 Pirc Reversed or King's Indian Attack: People who like the Pirc or the King's Indian like to play it as White: 1.d3; 2.Nf3; 3.g3; 4.Bg2;



5.0-0. There are no black moves given because there are too many possibilities, but White's first five moves rarely get interfered with.

1.d4 Queen's Pawn Opening: One of our main openings, and this has its own glossary.

1.e3 Van Kruy's Opening: Lots of different spellings, but the idea is the same: Play the French Defense backwards. An easy game can be had for Black with 1.e3 e5 2.d4 exd4 3.exd4 d5. More adventurous types might play 1.e3 f5! 2.d4 Nf6 and you're in a Dutch Defense where White's e3 is not a really helpful move.

1.e4 King's Pawn Opening: One of our main openings, and this has its own glossary.

1.f3 Barnes' Opening: Some five minute players do this to confuse

people by following this up with 2.Kf2. Don't try to crush it right away. Just do that d5 and e5 thing and put your pieces on good squares and White's sins will catch up with him. Your best reply is 1.f3 e5! And if 2.g4?? Qh4 mate!

1.f4 Bird's Opening: We're not sure if this is a Dutch Reversed or the Dutch is a Bird's Reversed, but White likes to zero in on e5 with Nf3 and b3 followed by Bb2. Some aggressive players with the black pieces try to beat Bird's people to the punch by playing 1.f4 e5 2.fxe5 d6 3.exd6 Bxd6, introducing the dangerous From's Gambit. By the way, it's named after a creative English master. It's not so named because it's for the birds.

1.g3 Benko Attack: Grandmaster Pal Benko would play this because he was an excellent counter puncher and he could transpose into all sorts of openings from here with his fianchettoed bishop on g2. It was very hard to prepare against him because of the many different ways he could go.

1.g4 Spike or Grob Attack: Not a rose by any other name or these names! As was pointed out in a previous *CL4K*, Black has to keep his head and play good developing moves. One suggested plan was 1.g4 e5 2.Bg2 h5! 3.gxh5 Nf6! The idea of the Spike is to hit people that play 1...d5 with moves like Bg2 and c4 and Qb3 and suddenly Black doesn't feel too comfortable.

1.h3 Basman's Attack: A Spike Delayed. Again, this has been covered in *CL4K*. The moves ... e5 and ... d5 are OK. White's idea is to be able to play g4 without it being taken and to hit Black's Nf6 with g5. Read the article and see what to do.

1.h4 Kadas Opening: Named after a Hungarian player. It should probably stay in Hungary. Normal moves work!

1.Na3 Durkin's Attack: This creative (Robert [1.N-QR3] Durkin) New Jersey player from years ago played this against some strong players and won! He lost, too! He did it to take people out of the book and would

often combine it with 2.c4. The knight is just misplaced. Your best bet is to play 1.Na3 Nf6 just to see what else is on White's mind!

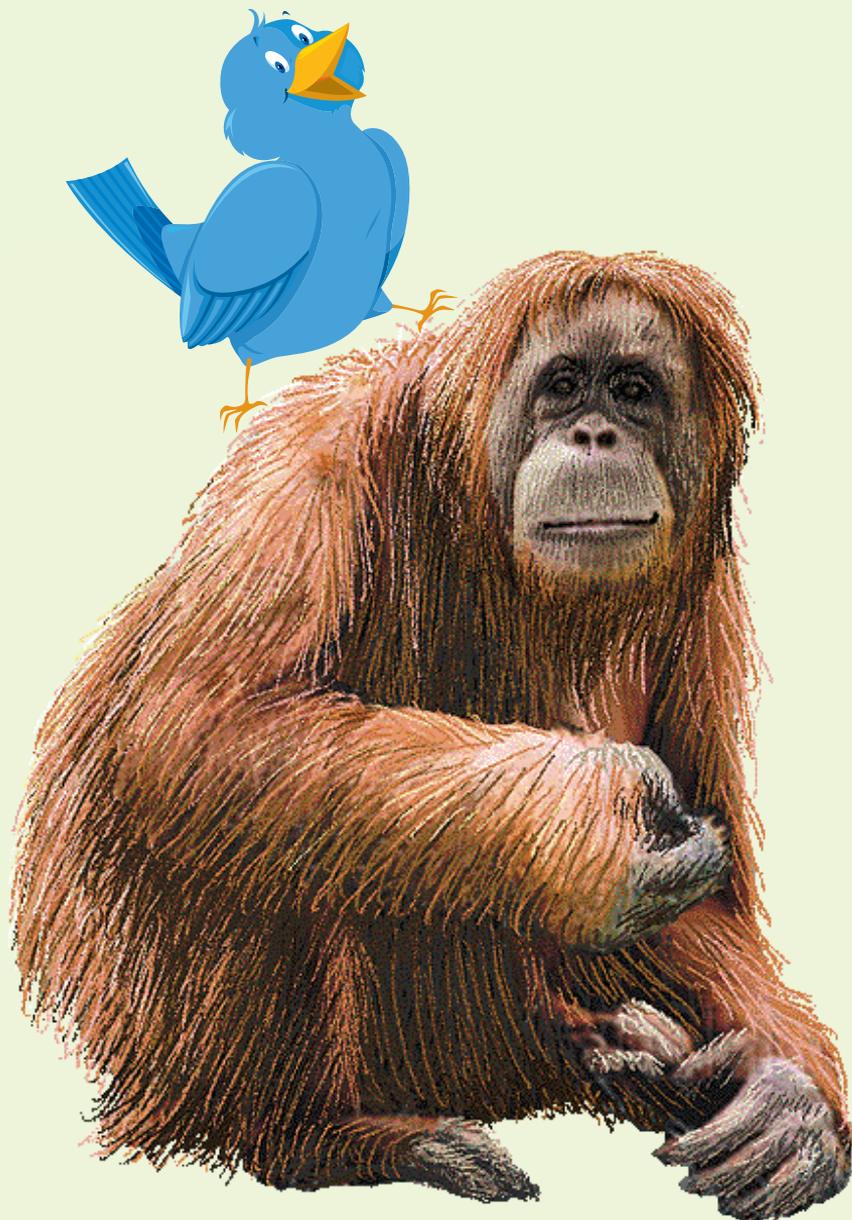
1.Nc3 Dunst Attack: Another New York metropolitan area player (Ted Dunst) had fun with this, and it can be pretty tricky. We've seen things like 1.Nc3 d5 2.e4 and 1.Nc3 e5 2.d4, so, again, your best bet might be to play 1.Nc3 Nf6 and get some more information on your opponent's intentions.

1.Nh3 Amar or Paris Attack: Believe it or not, Grandmaster Lombardy back in the 1960s used to play the Nh3 idea with f4, g3, Bg2 and 0-

0. When you get as strong as he was, play it!

1.Nf3 Reti's Opening: This can turn into so many things we can't list them all, but Richard Reti made this popular with the idea of 1.Nf3 followed by 2.c4 if Black plays 1...d5.

There you have it! Every possible first move for White. Next time out, we'll do Black's first moves. A little note: Even though a lot of these openings above are a little strange and not recommended to play regularly, they all are tricky in some way and there's nothing wrong with having a little fun by playing them from time to time. Well, maybe not 1.f3!



WIN OR DRAW?

by Pete Tamburro

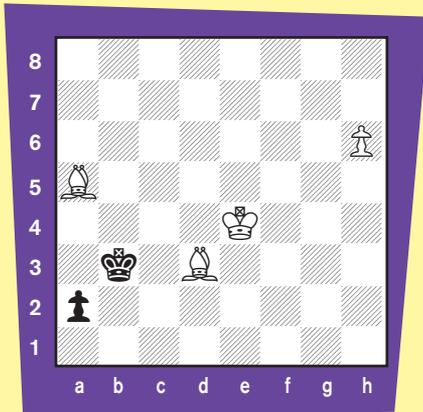
Take a look at the diagram, see whose move it is and decide whether it's a win or draw.

No coin flipping!!

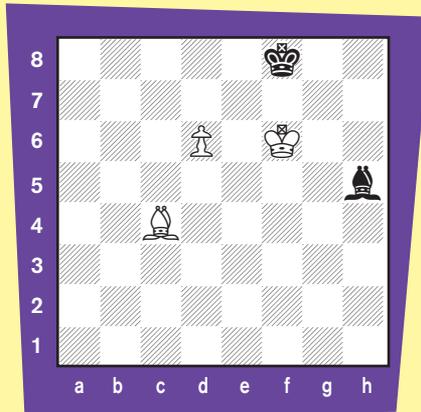
To keep yourself honest, write down the moves for both sides as you see it that demonstrate the win or draw.

Remember: it has to be best play for BOTH sides!

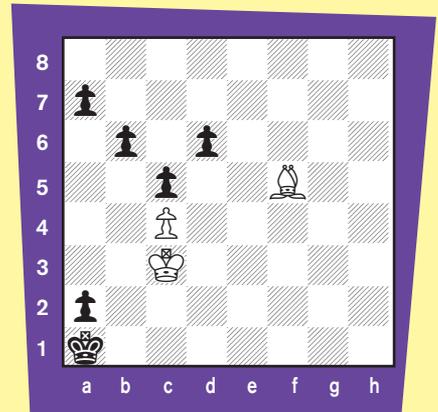
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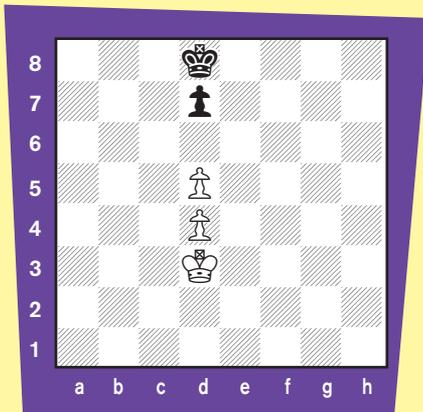
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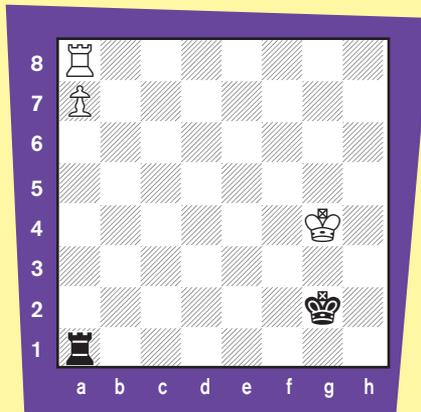
Position Five: (White to Play)



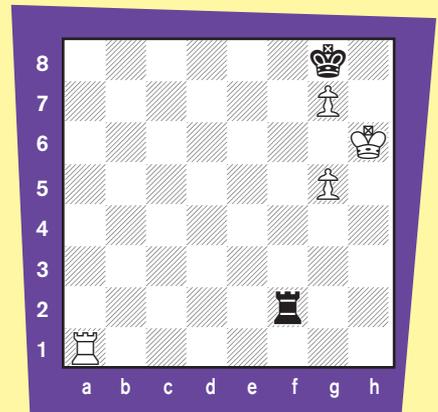
Position Two: (White to Play)



Position Four: (White to Play)



Position Six: (Black to Play)



Answers on page 23 



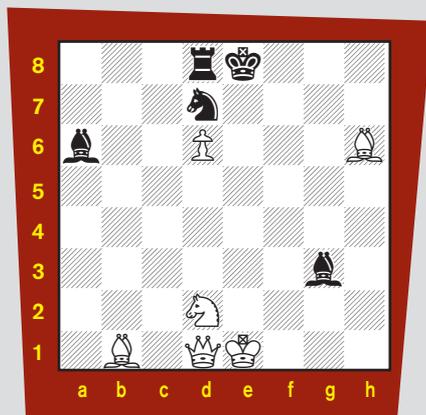
The B-Team!

by Pete Tamburro

Years ago, in TV land, there was an action/comedy show called the A-Team (remember Mr. T?). They were a small group of guys that helped people in trouble, and it usually had lots of explosions, yet not one bad guy died. Anyhow, they did work as a team.

There is a B-Team in chess: the two bishops. In this lesson we'll have another member of the B-Team: the queen. After all, it's kind of an honorary bishop. It does combine the rook and bishop moves. We call the explosions on the chess board "sacrifices," so you'll learn about how you should always think about those. Now, we've covered this before in *CL4K*, but my esteemed editor looked at some chess puzzle columns I did on www.arca.com/chess and thought I should combine them and make a chess lesson out of them. It sounded like a good idea, so here we go!

Let's start with an "idea diagram."



The first thing you might notice is that White is checkmated. Look at those two bishops! See how they work together. From White's point of view, it's too bad he's checkmated, because if White could move here, he could play 1.Bg6 mate!

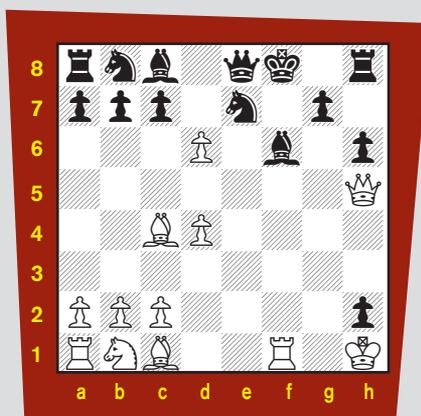
These are the two basic ways bishops work together: right next to each other or in a kind of criss-cross way.

Both mates needed some things wrong with the enemy positions: the king was still on his original square and his own pieces were blocking escape squares. Also helping White was that d-pawn on d6. That's another way to cover escape squares.

Chess positions are usually a lot more crowded than what you see above. One trick in chess thinking is to see a simpler position, a possible position and see if you can make that happen.

Three positions for review!

The following three positions from my Internet column are pretty challenging. My readers like challenges! So should you! That's how you learn and get better. All three have something to do with the above diagram. Let's take a look:



White to play and win

What should you see here? The king isn't castled. In fact, he's been moved! The queen and knight are trying to defend the king, but they are also getting in the way. His queen, however, is attacking White's queen.

If you have the white pieces, what should you notice about your own pieces? Look at the bishop on c4. It attacks the only two squares the black king could move to. If only we could check him, it would be mate!

Do we have a check? We have two! We have 1.Of7+, which would be mate if it weren't for the black queen. Make sure you

look at all checks when you're thinking!

We also have 1.Rxf6+. This is interesting. Because we've checked, Black can't take our queen and has to take the rook. Once he takes the rook (1... gxf6), do we have any more checks? Yes, we do!

We know the Qf7+ move doesn't work, but there is a new checking possibility. Look at the h6-pawn, which used to be defended by the g7-pawn that's now on f6 after taking the rook. It's defended once by the rook, but how many times is it attacked? Do you see that bishop tucked away on c1? It can make a long move, 2.Bxh6+ and after 2... Rxh6 3.Qxh6 is mate and we have the criss-cross pattern. Oh wait! Maybe for this lesson, we should play 2.Qxh6+ Rxh6 3.Bxh6 mate!

How did that happen? You saw what could be and looked to see if there was a way to get what you wanted.

Messy

This next position is a little messy, but remember what you're supposed to do. Try and imagine a simpler position.



White to play and win

White won this game because before the very first move of this position, he saw a kind of "wish" position: he saw that if the f7-pawn were not there, he could mate with the queen on g6. He probably said to himself, "You know, if

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2009 World Chess Live Junior Grand Prix Standings



2009 World Chess Live Junior Grand Prix

This unofficial list is based on USCF records and TD reports as of Wednesday, July 8 18:29:56 CDT 2009. There are 4,274 players with JGP points. 251 JGP-eligible events resulted in points earned. Overall leaders will not be eligible for state leader prizes. **Note:** In the state by state standings shown below, a state will only be shown if someone from that state has earned JGP points.

ST=State PTS=Points EV=Events

Top 20 Overall Standings

NAME	ST	PTS	EV
WINTER, CURTIS A	MD	160	9
DOMMALAPATI, ABHINAY	VA	145	11
SREENIVASAN, RAMANUJA	MD	130	12
SHETTY, ATULYA ARYA	MI	125	6
PISANI, PAUL	WA	120	8
PISANI, NICHOLAS	WA	105	3
CHEN, JEREMY	NJ	105	7
ZHOU, JASON	MO	105	5
TROFF, KAYDEN WILLIAM	UT	100	8
RICHMAN, JONATHAN T	NY	100	4
BRETON, ALEX	NJ	95	3
KORLEY, KASSA	NY	95	3
SWAN, CHARLES	IL	95	2
PILLAI, KADHIR ANDRES	NY	90	5
GURCZAK, JOHN	AZ	90	5
CAO, MINDI	IL	90	4
DANG, MICHAEL	MI	90	5
DALY, TROY	FL	90	4
HARMON-VELLOTTI, LUKE	ID	85	5
TUHRIM, RICHARD JNY	85	6	
KUMAR ARAVIND	NY	85	5
ROBINSON, DARRIAN	NY	85	7

State Leaders

NAME	ST	PTS	EV
KLUPAR, GREGORY J	AK	15	1
PARSHALL, MATTHEW	AK	15	1
CRAIG, ROBERT S	AR	60	2
SCHUCKER, THOMAS	AZ	60	4
ADELBERG, DAVID	AZ	60	5
PEAVY, FLETCHER S	AZ	60	3
VISWANADHA, KESAV	CA-N	70	3
BROWN, MICHAEL W	CA-S	60	3
BYKOVTSSEV, AGATA	CA-S	60	3
LAU, MICHAEL	CA-S	60	2
MOUSSERI, DANIEL	CA-S	60	3
YU, ALEXANDER C	CO	45	3
WHEELER, HARRISON B	CT	55	2
HAUGE, DAVID RICHEY	DC	25	2
FRAME, BRIAN	DE	30	2
KRIENKE, MAKAI O W	FL	55	3
RODRIGUEZ, ALEJANDRO	FL	55	3
KUTIKOFF, ADAM	FL	55	6
MILLER, GEORGE DAVIS	GA	60	4
PERRY, PATRICK F	HI	50	1
NAKAGAWA, ELDON M	HI	50	1
IYER, VENKAT	IA	45	3
HARMON-VELLOTTI, C	ID	55	4
KOGEN, JONATHAN S	IL	75	4
TALLO, EMILY	IN	65	4
LATHAM, ANDREW	KS	70	6
BAGLEY, TAYLOR MICAHAH	KY	55	4
KORNDORFFER, CHARLES	LA	40	1
HUANG, WINSTON	MA	70	7
YANG, CHARLES	MD	65	4
FISHBEIN, MATTHEW	ME	40	3
AMARASINGHE, P	MI	60	5
HANSEL, PETER WILLIAM	MN	60	1
GADSON, ISAIAH	MO	75	2
MADDOX, CONNER	MS	40	1
GOLDMAN, ADAM	MS	40	1
HIGH, DAVID L	NC	60	2
HIGH, ZACHARY	NC	60	3
BIERNACKI, JOSEPH W	NC	60	3
SELVARAJ, JASON	NE	35	2
MORAN, HARRISON M	NH	20	2
MOREAU, ERIC	NH	20	1
MCVAY, KIERNAN ROBERT	NJ	80	3
JOHNSON, ALEX JAMES	NM	45	1
THOMAS, MICHAEL EVAN	NV	25	1

NAME	ST	PTS	EV
TUHRIM, RICHARD JNY	85	6	
ROBINSON, DARRIAN	NY	85	7
HILTON, JONATHAN L	OH	75	8
MALDONADO, ERNEST	OK	45	3
SCOGGIN, CONOR JOEL	OR	35	1
MAST, STEPHEN	OR	35	1
PARNON, CALVIN JAY	OR	35	1
KELLY, JACOB	PA	75	4
FINNEY, STUART S	RI	65	4
TEMPLETON, ZACHARY	SC	50	3
STORMENT, EZRA LEE	SD	20	1
MARIKLE, JOSEPH WALTER	SD	20	1
VAZQUEZ, RAUL	TERR	25	1
FU, JASON	TN	80	5
CHALLA, RUSHI	TX	75	4
UNRUH, DAVIS	UT	55	1
RAJASEKARAN, VIKAS	VA	75	3
KATZ, GABRIEL	VT	50	3
DING, JEFFREY	WA	70	1
VEECH, JOHN	WI	80	5
AITES, CALEB I	WV	10	2



Ten-year old Abhinay Dommalapati (1391) of Virginia is the top scholastic member in the WCL Junior Grand Prix.

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The B-Team! continued

that knight weren't on f5, I could play $Rxe6+$ and then go $Qg6$ mate. Hey, let's get rid of that knight!" See how it's really the same as the last position. The king is not able to move because of his own pieces and White's bishop. He sees the criss-cross mating attack (**1.Nxg7+ Bxg7 2.Rxe6+ fxe6 3.Qg6 mate**) and goes for it.

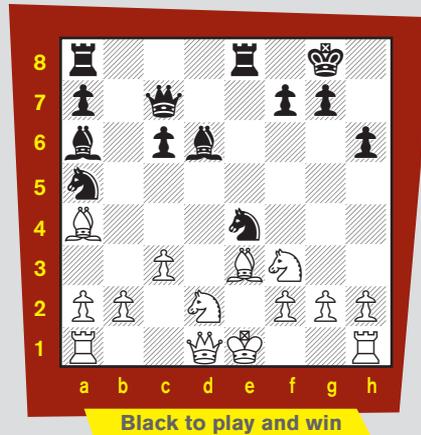
In both these positions, a pawn guarding the king was forced to move to open up a line for a check. And, rather simplistically, that's how many good players think. They see what can be and make it happen. It makes for successful people in real life, too.

It's not just the mating attack you should learn from this diagram. Do you see how White's pieces are all toward the center of the board and on good squares? Look at how cramped Black is. His not castling allows the one white knight to hang out on f5 because the white rook rightly zeroes in on the king. That's why we develop our pieces and get our king out

of the middle of the board by castling.

Woe unto those who do not castle!

Our next position shows someone else, this time playing the white pieces, not paying attention to the importance of castling. And here, again, we have a criss-cross mating pattern. Now that you've done two, can you see this one? As black, what would you do to get the criss-cross mate?



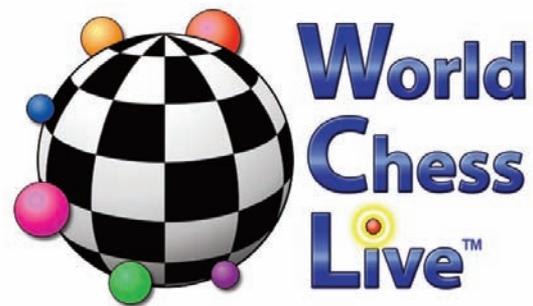
Hopefully, you saw the "wish" check at g3 (AND the bishop at a6 attacking the king's escape squares along with the white pieces boxing in the king) and asked yourself, "How do I get that check?" If you saw the check possibility at g3 and realized that the rook could take the bishop opening up that g3-e1 diagonal and then realized you had two checks lined up on g3, so you could afford to lose a piece and still end up with a check, then you would ask yourself, as in a previous problem, "How do I get that knight out of the way?"

Well, sacrificing it on c3 is great because it is a forcing move—you're threatening the queen. And $Rxe3+$ is another forcing move. You only leave White here with the choice of losing entirely too much material or getting checkmated. For example, if, after $1...Nxc3 2.Qc2 Rxe3+$ gives us what we want because, although the queen has moved away from danger, the

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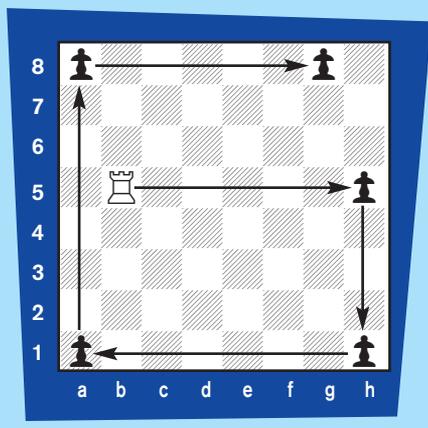
We all have our chores to do. And Grandmaster Maurice Ashley is giving you one more for the summer. But instead of grabbing the lawnmower, you'll be using the Pawnmower (rook).

Pawn Mower is an addictive new puzzle created to help you improve your board visualization skills. And if you are really just starting, the puzzles will help you learn how the pieces move.

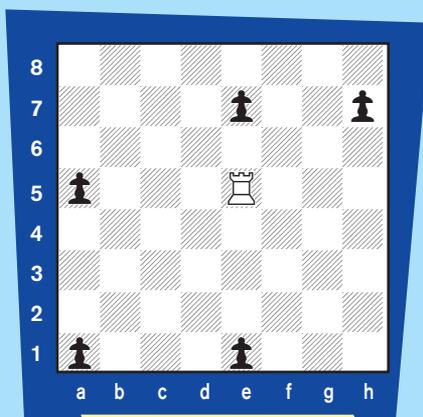
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Remember, a rook moves vertically and horizontally. In the sample, it can mow down all five pawns in just five moves. The rook moves to h5-h1-a1-a8 and finally g8. Simple, right? Maybe yes, maybe no. Try your pawnmower skills on the following, but remember, every move must be a capture. You cannot move to an empty square.

Sample

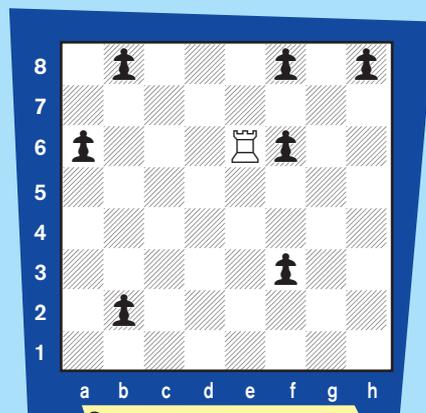


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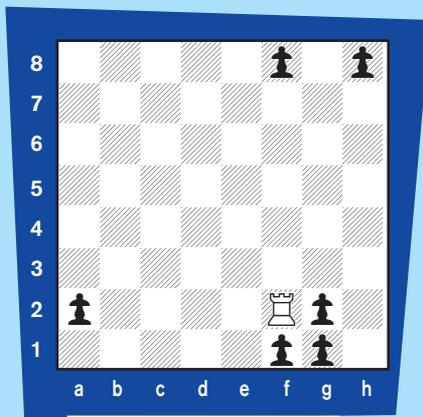
Five pawns—five moves

Puzzle Number Three



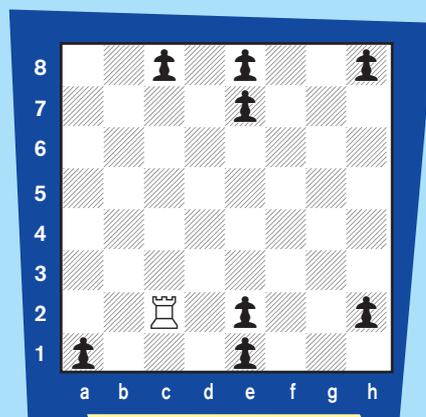
Seven pawns—seven moves

Puzzle Number Two



Six pawns—six moves

Puzzle Number Four



Eight pawns—eight moves

Send your solutions to gpetersen@uschess.org or *Chess Life for Kids*, 44-D Manchester Court, Freehold, NJ 07728. We'll have a drawing and the winning entry will receive a copy of *Pawnmower*.

The B-Team! continued

knight that is on c3 is attacking the escape square d1!

Take another look, if you solved the puzzle (**1...Nxc3 2.bxc3 Rxe3+ 3.fxe3 Bg3+ 4.hxg3 Qxg3 mate**), then you have really understood this lesson. You should be proud that you saw the possibility of a criss-cross mate. You should be even more proud

if you saw that you had to figure out how to get rid of your own pieces that were in the way! You should give yourself a real pat on the back if you also realized that by taking the bishop with the rook, it also moved that f-pawn away from defending the king.

If you didn't see these things, here's a tip. Take an "x-ray vision" look at all three positions. That's what the very first diagram was. Look at the "wish" position—the final mating position. Then

for each position, play over the winning moves in your head. Try to see every move happen.

We all learned from these types of lessons. Years ago, in the old *Chess Review* magazine (before *Chess Life*), a fine writer and nice man, Walter Korn did an article with lots of criss-cross mates. Three of them are in this article. I learned from his lesson, and when you learn from this lesson, it'll be your job to pass it along!

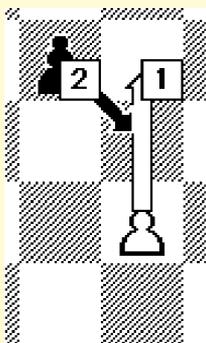
Secrets

of the en passant capture

by Jon Edwards

What is the *en passant* capture?

Look at the following diagram. When the white pawn moves forward two squares in a single move, the black pawn on the neighboring file is allowed to capture it. The *en passant* (*e.p.*) rule applies here. For one move, AND ONE MOVE ONLY, the black pawn can capture the white pawn as if it had only moved forward a single square. To capture, move the black pawn forward diagonally and remove the white pawn.



Note that only pawns can capture *en passant*, and only a pawn on an adjacent file can capture in this way.

Without the *en passant* rule, the black pawn would be unable to prevent the white pawn from becoming a queen. With the rule, black's pawn can capture the white d-pawn as if the white pawn had advanced only a single square. But only on the very next move! So make sure, when you make the *en passant* capture, that you do so only on the move immediately after White advances the pawn forward two squares.

Do you know the *en passant* rule? I hope so, because it may come in handy in your games!

En passant captures occur rarely, and many chess beginners are unaware of it. But the capture is a real rule, not just an option. It is as much a part of the game as castling.

There may be confusion about the *en passant* rule because the move occurs only rarely. Perhaps the confusion has something to do with the fact that the rule was one of the last moves introduced into chess. Or maybe it's simply that the *en passant* capture is unusual and somewhat hard to remember.

The modern rules of chess took their final form in Italy during the late 1400s. The capture known as *en passant* (French for "while passing") was one of the last modern rule changes. It was added to chess around the time that Leonardo da Vinci was painting and just a decade or so before Columbus set sail for the New World.

Around 1480, probably to speed up the game, the lowly pawn gained the right to advance two squares from its starting square. It was undoubtedly a Frenchman who noticed that it was possible now for a pawn to advance all the way to become a queen without the neighboring pawn ever being able to capture it. And so, the related *en passant* rule was also added.

What's so special about the *en passant* capture?

In all other captures in chess, a piece leaves a square "A" and captures a piece on square "B." Obviously, such captures involve only two squares.

The *en passant* capture is the only capture in chess that involves three squares, a fact that creates some remarkable possibilities, as we shall see. There's the square "A" that the pawn leaves in order to capture. There's the square from which the enemy pawn is removed "B," and there is the square "C" that the capturing pawn finally occupies.

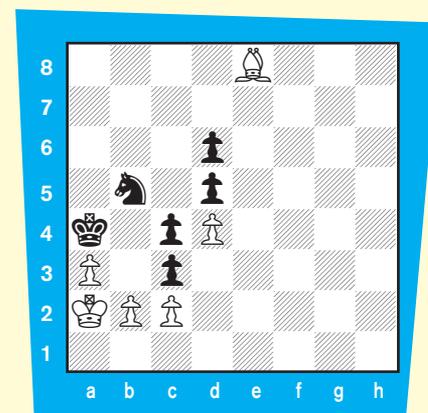
It's no wonder that the move causes confusion and confounds many chess players.

The great *en passant* debate

In the 1840s, there was a great chess debate about the *en passant* capture. Here was the chess question of the day: If the *en passant* capture is your only move, are you required to make it, even if the capture leads to a loss? We know today that you would be required to make the move. Here's a chess composition that helped to solve the dispute.

Palamede

composition, 1846



1.b4 cxb3+ 2.cxb3+ Ka5 3.Bxb5 Kxb5 4.Kb1 and Kc2 with Kxc3 to follow.

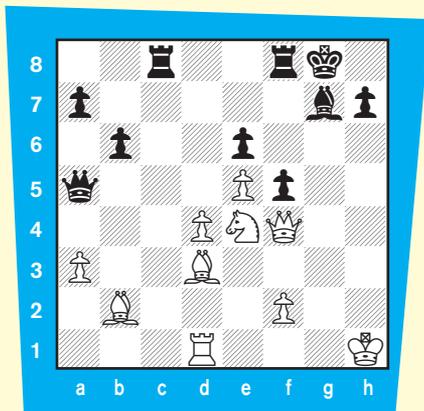
Even some masters don't know all the *en passant* rules

Even some of the most experienced players may not know one part of the *en passant* rule. Imagine that your opponent plays 1...f5 and you have the option to capture *en passant* with your e-pawn. You don't. Instead, you make another move, and the position immediately repeats three times. Can you claim a draw? The surprising answer is that you will have to play on for at least one more pair of moves. There's no threefold repetition of position if, on the first move, there was a one-time option to capture *en passant*, but no

such option on moves two and three.

And even strong players have a blind spot for the *en passant* capture.

Rudi Hoerstmann



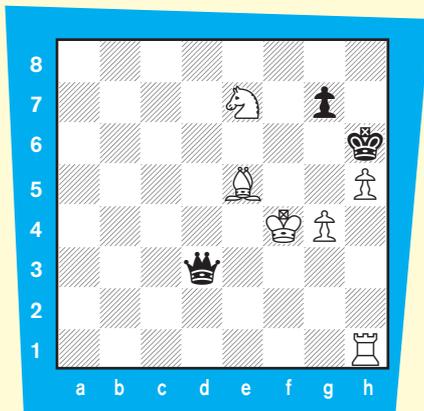
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In this position, Black has just played ...f7-f5. White, a master, could have played Ne4-d6 with a large advantage. Instead, White captured the black f-pawn *en passant* (1. exf6 e.p.) only suddenly to face the amazing Qa5-h5+ (1...Qh5+) snagging the white rook on d1. Did you see that coming? The master playing White sure didn't!

How confusing is the *en passant* rule? In one case, because one player did not know the rule, a strange thing happened. So goes the story in Assaic's *The Pleasures of Chess*, the *en passant* capture is responsible for the only game in which two players tried to resign at precisely the same time:

Assaic

Pleasures of Chess, p.170



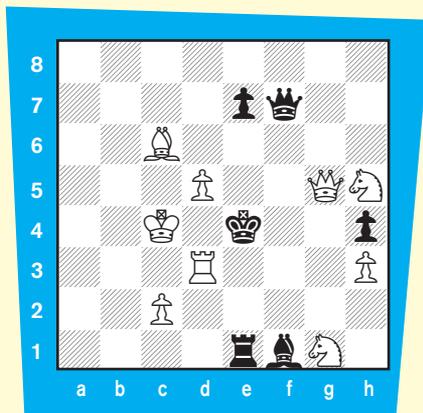
In this position, Black played 1...g5+, but realized almost immediately that 2.h5xg6 *en passant* is checkmate in two. The player with the white pieces had never heard of the capture and assumed that he, not Black, had been mated.

En passant chess artistry

Chess composers have helped to illustrate some amazing aspects of the *en passant* capture. In the following two problems, it's White to move and mate in two. Both involve some amazing *en passant* discovered checkmates, one along a diagonal, the other, from the rank.

Pauly

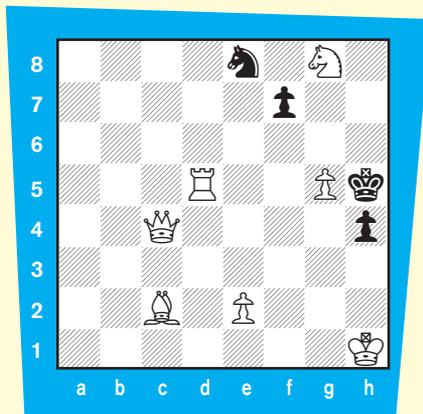
composition



1.Ng7 e5 2.dxe6# 1-0

Kohtz and Kockelkorn

composition, 1879



1.Qc8 f5 2.gxf6# 1-0

En passant discovered checks in master play

There's no question that *en passant* checks are rare in master play. Here are two fun examples.

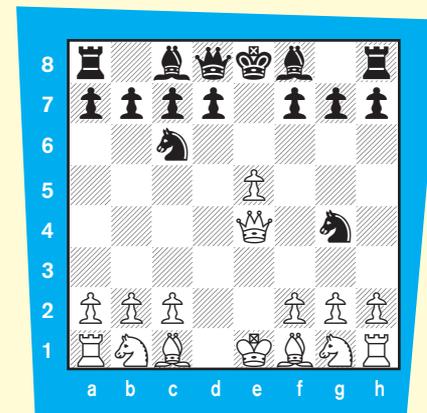
Martin Voigt (2331) -

Giorgi Giorgadze (2602)

Hamburg 1999

Center Game (C22)

1.e4 e5 2.d4 exd4 3.Qxd4 Nc6
4.Qe3 Nf6 5.e5 Ng4 6.Qe4



Black could play h5 to defend the Ng4, but the grandmaster prefers a more active continuation. The immediate result is a discovered *en passant* check along the file. With better development, Black survives the onslaught and White's punishment perhaps is for bringing out his queen so early.

6...d5 7.exd6+ e.p. Be6 8.Ba6
Nf6 9.Qa4 Bc8 10.Bb5 Bxd6
11.Nf3 Qe7+ 12.Be3 0-0 13.0-0
Ne5 14.Nbd2 a6 15.Rfe1 Be6
16.Be2 b5 17.Qh4 Ng6 18.Qd4
Rfd8 19.Bg5 Bxh2+ 20.Kxh2
Rxd4 21.Nxd4 Qd6+ 0-1

Mohamed Mahmoud Ezat (2426)

- Khaled Faranka

Beirut, 2007

Here's a neat *en passant* discovered check delivered along the diagonal. In this game, White played 10.Bxh7, the classic Greco bishop sacrifice. Black must accept the sacrifice or else lose the h-pawn. After 11.Ng5+, Black rejected Kh8 or Kg8 because White wins quickly with

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The FIGHTING Cadets

ca-det: [kuh-det] – noun

a student in a national service academy or private military school or on a training ship.

by Alan Kantor

The cadets came to Crossville on July 6, 2009 ready for battle. The eight chess soldiers enjoyed a welcome dinner in their honor before they set battle on the 64 squares. Everyone from the mayor of Cumberland County Brock Hill to executive director of the USCF Bill Hall gave speeches to welcome the top under 16 years old in the country.

Here are the soldiers that came to do battle:

DEEPAK AARON (RATING: 2185) NEW YORK

Deepak Aaron is the current New York State high school champion. He has multi-generational chess in the family. His grandfather is an international master who was his first coach after learning the first moves from his father who is a chess expert. Deepak's coaching team include GM Gregory Kaidanov, GM Ronen Har-Zvi (former World Under-16 Champion) and his own grandfather IM Manuel Aaron.

He is a two time Schenectady Chess Club champion and also the youngest to win as a 12 year old in its 100 year history. He also qualified to represent New York in the Arnold Denker Tournament of High School Champions. Here is one of Deepak's maneuvers on the battlefield:

Matthew Dahl - Deepak Aaron

*2009 U.S. Cadet Championship
07.07.2009*

Ruy Lopez (C77)

**1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6
4.Ba4 Nf6 5.d3 b5 6.Bb3 Bb7
7.c3 Bc5 8.Nbd2 0-0 9.Nf1 Re8
10.Ng3 d5 11.Qe2 dxe4 12.dxe4**

**Na5 13.Bc2 Nc4 14.0-0 Qd7
15.Bg5 Qe6 16.Bb3 Nd7 17.Be3
Bxe3 18.fxe3 h6 19.Nd2 Ndb6
20.a4 Rad8 21.Rad1 Rxd2
22.Rxd2 Nxa4 23.Bxc4 bxc4
24.Rfd1 Nc5 25.Rd8 Rxd8
26.Rxd8+ Kh7 27.Qf3 Qe7
28.Rd1 g6 29.Rf1 f5 30.Qe2
Bxe4 31.Nxe4 Nxe4 32.Rd1 Qc5
33.Rd7+ Kg8 34.Kf1 Nf6
35.Rd8+ Kg7 36.Qd2 g5 37.h4
Kg6 38.Ra8 Qc6 39.hxg5 Qxa8
40.gxf6 Kxf6 41.Qd7 Qe4
42.Qd8+ Ke6 43.Qc8+ Kf6
44.Qf8+ Kg5 45.Qe7+ Kh5
46.Qxc7 Qd3+ 47.Kf2 Qd2+
48.Kf3 e4+ 49.Kg3 0-1**

ROHAN AGARWAL (RATING: 2215) CALIFORNIA

Rohan was an early leader in the battle and was ready to take home the bacon. Rohan Agarwal is a 16 year old sophomore at Irvington High School, Fremont. Born in The Netherlands, he moved to the U.S. when he was six months old. Rohan started learning chess at Weibel Elementary School under the guidance of legendary coach Mr Richard Shorman.

He achieved a milestone at the end of 2008 earning the coveted title of national master. In a tribute, Dr. Alan Kirshner wrote, "I congratulate Rohan not because he was trained better than other Fremont players, but because he worked harder and had the perseverance and determination to go all the way. I might add that he is also a great all around person. I know he will spend the remainder of his high school years teaching the students at his elementary school alma

mater. I look forward to seeing him, in the future, win many more titles."

Deepak Aaron - Rohan Agarwal

*2009 U.S. Cadet Championship
07.08.2009*

Philidor Defense (C41)

**1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 f5 4.Bc4
Nc6 5.Ng5 Nh6 6.Nxh7 Qh4
7.Ng5 Nxd4 8.c3 f4 9.cxd4 Qxg5
10.Rg1 Ng4 11.h3 Nf6 12.Nd2
Qg6 13.Qb3 c6 14.Be6 Be7
15.Bxc8 Rxc8 16.Qe6 Rd8
17.dxe5 dxe5 18.b3 Rd6 19.Qxe5
Rh5 20.Qxf4 Re6 21.Qb8+ Kf7
22.f3 Bc5 23.Rf1 Qxg2 24.Qc7+
Re7 25.Qf4 Bd4 26.Rb1 Rxh3
27.Bb2 Rh2 28.Qxh2 Qxh2
29.Bxd4 Nd5 30.Kd1 Nf4 31.Kc2
Qe2 32.Bc3 Rd7 33.e5 Rxd2+
34.Bxd2 Qd3+ 35.Kb2 Qxd2+
36.Ka3 Nd3 37.b4 a5 38.bxa5
Qc3+ 39.Ka4 Nc5# 0-1**

MATTHEW DAHL (RATING: 2157) MINNESOTA

Matthew Dahl will be a sophomore at Saint Thomas Academy in Mendota Heights, Minnesota. His favorite class is English and his favorite book is *Adventures of Huckleberry Finn*. In addition to chess, he enjoys playing soccer, golf, and basketball.

Matthew is coached by IM Victor Adler. Matthew's chess accomplishments include: 2008 National Junior High School K-8 co-champion, 2007 National Youth Action K-9 co-champion, 2007 Minnesota Junior High School champion, 2007 Chess Castle of Minnesota club champion, 2006 Minnesota Elementary co-champion.

Matthew Dahl - Victor Shen
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Ruy Lopez (C77)

**1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6
4.Ba4 Nf6 5.d3 d6 6.c3 g6 7.0-0
Bg7 8.Re1 0-0 9.d4 Bd7 10.d5
Ne7 11.Bxd7 Nxd7 12.Be3 h6
13.Nfd2 f5 14.f3 f4 15.Bf2 h5
16.c4 g5 17.Nc3 Ng6 18.b4 Nf6
19.c5 g4 20.Nc4 g3 21.hxg3 fxc3
22.Bxg3 h4 23.Bf2 Nh5 24.f4
Nhxf4 25.Qg4 Kh7 26.Ne3 Rg8
27.Ne2 Bf6 28.Qf5 Kh8 29.cxd6
cxd6 30.Kf1 Qe7 31.g3 hxg3
32.Bxg3 Raf8 33.Bxf4 Qh7
34.Bg3 Bh4 35.Kf2 Rxf5+
36.Nxf5 Qc7 37.Rh1 Qb6+
38.Kf3 Rf8 39.Rag1 Kg8 40.Bxh4
Kf7 41.Bf2 Qxb4 42.Rh7+ Kf6
43.Rg7 Qa3+ 44.Be3 Nh8 45.Kf2
1-0**

JAROD PAMATMAT
(RATING: 2165) TEXAS

Jarod was born on April 23, 1997 in Defiance, Ohio and now living in Tyler, Texas. He is the eldest son of two Filipino doctors, Stephen and Marinel Pamatmat. He is a seventh grader at All Saints Episcopal School in Tyler, Texas.

He learned to play chess at the age of four. He was a two time national scholastic chess champion and a Texas scholastic chess champion. He was also a two time member of the All-America chess team. He participated in the 2008 Pan American Youth Chess Championship in Argentina and in the 2007 and 2008 World Youth Chess Championship in Turkey and Vietnam, respectively. His coaches are GM Babakuli Annakov and GM Vladimir Kosyrev.

He will lead Team USA Under 12 Boys section in the upcoming 2009 Pan American Youth Chess Championship in Mar Del Plata, Argentina and in the 2009 World Youth Chess Championship in Antalya, Turkey.

Michael Yang - Jarod Pamatmat
2009 U.S. Cadet Championship,
07.07.2009

French Defense (C00)

1.e4 e6 2.d3 d5 3.Nd2 c5 4.Ngf3

**Nf6 5.g3 b6 6.Bg2 Bb7 7.0-0 Nc6
8.Re1 Be7 9.h4 Qc7 10.e5 Nd7
11.Qe2 0-0-0 12.Nf1 h6 13.h5
Rdg8 14.Bh3 g6 15.hxg6 Rxc6
16.Bf4 Bg5 17.Kh1 d4 18.Bg2
Bxf4 19.gxf4 Rhg8 20.Ng3 Rg4
21.Qd2 Nb4 22.Nh2 Bxg2+
23.Kxg2 Qc6+ 24.Kh3 Rh4+
25.Kxh4 Qg2 26.Nf3 Nf8 27.Rh1
Ng6+ 28.Kh5 Qxf3+ 29.Kxh6
Nxe5 30.Nh5 Nd5 31.Rag1 Ng4+
32.Kh7 Ndf6+ 33.Nxf6 Nxf6+
34.Kh6 Qxh1+ 35.Rxh1 Rg6#
0-1**

VICTOR SHEN
(RATING: 2306) NEW JERSEY

Victor is interested in math, English, piano, running track, Vitamin Water, sleeping and of course, chess. His accomplishments in chess have taken him to being the eighth grade national co-champion, captain and member of the second place team at the Amateur Team East in 2008 and fifth place in 2009, three-time member of U.S. World Youth team, five-time All-America team member, first U2300 at the 2008 Eastern Open and tied for fifth overall.

Victor Shen - Rohan Agarwal
2009 U.S. Cadet Championship
07.09.2009

*Hungarian Defense and Giuoco
Pianissimo (C50)*

**1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 f5 4.d3
Nf6 5.Qe2 Bc5 6.h3 d6 7.a3 Qe7
8.Nc3 Be6 9.Nd5 Bxd5 10.exd5
Nd4 11.Nxd4 Bxd4 12.c3 Bb6
13.Be3 0-0 14.0-0-0 Kh8
15.Rhe1 c6 16.dxc6 bxc6 17.d4
Rae8 18.dxe5 dxe5 19.Bxb6
axb6 20.Kb1 Qc5 21.Bb3 b5
22.Qe3 Qe7 23.f3 e4 24.fxe4
Nxe4 25.Bc2 Qf6 26.Qf4 Re7
27.g4 Rfe8 28.Bxe4 Rxe4
29.Rxe4 fxe4 30.Qe3 Qe6
31.Re1 Kg8 32.Kc2 Qe5 33.Qd4
Qf4 34.Re3 h6 35.Kb3 Qf7+
36.Kc2 Qe6 37.Kc1 Kh8 38.Kc2
Qe7 39.Kb1 c5 40.Qd5 b4
41.cxb4 cxb4 42.a4 Qa7 43.Rxe4
Rxe4 44.Qxe4 Qxa4 45.Qd4 Qa5
46.Kc2 Qa4+ 47.Kd2 Qa5 48.Kc2
Qa4+ 49.Kd2 Qa5 50.h4 Qc7
51.Qxb4 Qh2+ 1-0**

CHRISTIAN TANAKA
(RATING: 2237) CALIFORNIA

Christian was born and raised in Orange County, California in a family of four. The first time he picked up a chess piece was at his school's chess club, at age 6½ years old. He and his best friend happened to fall into chess by joining the club. At the time, Tanaka was obsessed about video games and basketball. To his surprise, chess came naturally to him and shortly thereafter, it became a central focus.

Over the years, he has won three national/SuperNational championship titles, competed in the Pan American games, World Youth Olympiad, and World Youth. "In years to come, it's not certain how far I'll reach in chess, for becoming an IM or GM is not necessarily my main goal, but instead I use chess as a way to influence my life in a positive direction," Tanaka remarked.

Christian Tanaka - Matthew Dahl

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Closed Catalan (E08)

**1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Be7 4.Nf3
Nf6 5.g3 0-0 6.Bg2 c6 7.0-0
Nbd7 8.b3 b6 9.Qc2 Bb7 10.e4
Rc8 11.Rd1 c5 12.e5 Ne4
13.Nxe4 dxe4 14.Ne1 cxd4
15.Bxe4 Bxe4 16.Qxe4 Qc7
17.Nf3 Nc5 18.Qg4 Rfd8 19.Bh6
Bf8 20.Bg5 Be7 21.Bxe7 Qxe7
22.Nxd4 Qc7 23.Qe2 a6 24.f4 b5
25.cxb5 Qb6 26.Kg2 Rxd4
27.Rxd4 Nxb3 28.axb3 Qxd4
29.Rd1 Qb6 30.bxa6 Qxb3
31.Qd3 Qb6 32.Qd6 Qa5 33.Kh3
h5 34.Rd3 Qa1 35.Rd1 Qa2
36.Rd2 Qa1 37.Qb6 Kh7 1-0**

MICHAEL YANG
(RATING: 2221) MINNESOTA

Michael is a ninth grade student at Minnesota Eden Prairie High School. He has won the state high school championship three times. Michael also helped his team capture the 2009 state high school chess championship for Eden Prairie. Michael likes swimming and running. What's up next for

Michael? Well, he plans on representing his state in the Tournament of High School Champions. Michael proved he is a battler with this game:

Michael Yang - Deepak Aaron

2009 U.S. Cadet Championship
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Ponziani Opening and Scotch Gambit (C44)

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.d4 exd4
4.c3 d3 5.Bxd3 Bc5 6.b4 Bb6
7.a4 a6 8.Ba3 Nge7 9.0-0 d6
10.Bc4 Ng6 11.Nd4 0-0 12.Bd5
Nxd4 13.cxd4 Nf4 14.Bc1 Nxd5
15.exd5 Qf6 16.Be3 a5 17.b5
Bf5 18.Nc3 Rfe8 19.Rc1 Qg6
20.Qf3 Be4 21.Qg3 Qf5 22.Qg5
Qxg5 23.Bxg5 Bd3 24.Rfd1 Bc4
25.h4 h6 26.Bf4 Re7 27.f3 Rae8
28.Kf2 Kh7 29.g4 f5 30.g5 Rf7
31.Kg3 hxg5 32.hxg5 Kg6
33.Rd2 Rfe7 34.Rcd1 Rh8
35.Rh2 Rxh2 36.Kxh2 Bb3
37.Rb1 Ba2 38.Rd1 Bc4 39.Kg3
Re8 40.Kg2 Kf7 41.Kf2 g6
42.Be3 Rh8 43.Kg3 Ke7 44.f4
Kd7 45.Kg2 c6 46.bxc6+ bxc6
47.Rb1 Bc7 48.Rc1 cxd5 49.Kg3
Rb8 50.Kf3 Rb4 51.Rh1 Rh3
52.Ne2 Rb2 53.Rh7+ Kc6
54.Nc1 Bb3 55.Nxb3 Rxb3
56.Rg7 Bb6 57.Ke2 Rb2+
58.Kd3 Rb3+ 59.Kd2 Ra3
60.Rxg6 Rxa4 61.Rf6 Bxd4
62.Rxf5 Kc5 63.g6 1-0

ANDREW NG (RATING: 2169) NEW JERSEY

What can I say about Andrew? He is the only player to go undefeated as he commandeered his forces the way a good cadet should do. Fresh off from his first place victory in the Under 2100 massacre at Foxwoods, he was ready for more confrontations.

Andrew was born in November 1994 in New Jersey. He is a ninth grader at High Technology High School in Lincroft, New Jersey. He started playing chess at seven years old. He is a three time national scholastic chess champion (seventh grade, eighth grade & K-9 Youth Action) and New Jersey state champion elementary (four times!), middle school (three times!) & high school (two times!).

He led his school team to three straight state championships. Ng played in the U.S. Chess League for the New Jersey Knockouts. He is coached by FST Michael Khodarkovsky. He enjoys playing tennis, basketball, football, ping-pong and pickleball. During the school year Andrew volunteers his time once a week to teach chess to elementary school (K-5) kids.

Academically he wants to pursue a career in math, science, or economics. Andrew will also represent New Jersey in the Tournament of High School Champions and now has a lot of thinking as he needs to decide about his new four-year scholarship that he just won.

Christian Tanaka - Andrew Ng

2009 U.S. Cadet Championship

Notes by Ng

Open Catalan (E05)

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.g3 This is the Catalan system for White. White's plan is to fianchetto his bishop on g2 and develop his pieces comfortably.
3...d5 4.Bg2 Be7 5.Nf3 0-0 6.0-0 dxc4 This move begins the Open variation. Here White is faced with a choice: How to regain the c4-pawn?
7.Ne5 Other possible moves are: [7.Qc2; 7.Qa4; 7.Nbd2] 7...Nc6 8.Bxc6 bxc6 9.Nxc6 Qe8 10.Nxe7+

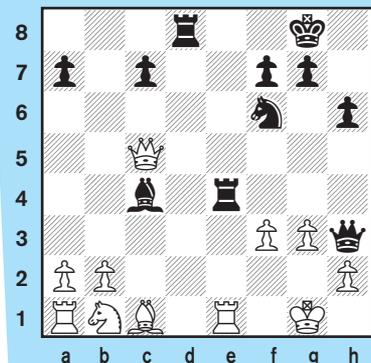
Qxe7 11.Qa4 e5 With this move, Black states his intentions. Black plans to sacrifice a pawn to gain the initiative and possibly a kingside attack. Black also plans to pressure the weak e2-pawn while harassing the white queen. 12.dxe5 Qxe5 13.Qxc4 Be6 The harassing of the queen begins. 14.Qd3 Rad8 15.Qe3 Qh5 Black's threat here is Ng4 attacking the queen and the h2-pawn, so White had to prevent this with: 16.f3 Rfe8 Threatening Bh3 with a discovered attack on the white queen. 17.Qg5 Here White offers a trade of queens. Black can trade queens and regain the pawn, the variation being: 17...Bc4 18.Qxh5 Nxh5 19.Re1 Rxe2 20.Rxe2 Bxe2 21.Kf2 Bd3 where the endgame is roughly equal. 17...Qh3 18.e4 Bc4 19.Re1 h6! Black forces White to decide where to move his queen. Only one move keeps White in the game while all other moves lose. 20.Qc5? [20.Qh4 was necessary. 20...Qxh4 21.gxh4 and the endgame should be about even. 20...Rxe4!

See diagram next page

21.Be3 White can not take the rook: [21.fxe4 Ng4 where White cannot defend mate on h2 without losing significant material. 21...Rd5! Planning to move the rook to the h-file with pres-



First row, left to right: Deepak Aaron, Jarod Pamatmat, Andrew Ng, Matthew Dahl
Back row, left to right: Bill Startup (president of Cumberland County Bank), Christian Tanaka, Alan Kantor (chief tournament director), Michael Yang, Rohan Agarwal, Victor Shen, Bill Hall (USCF executive director), Jerry Nash (USCF scholastic director)



Position after 20 ... Rxe4!

sure on the h2-pawn. **22.Qb4 Rxe3** The rook is poisoned due to mate on f1. **23.Nd2 Rh5 24.Nf1** White has to defend mate on h2. **24...Bxf1 25.Qd2 Rxe1 26.Rxe1 Bc4** Now Black is just up two pieces, and the rest is simply the conversion of the material advantage. **27.b3 Bd5 28.Rf1 Qe6 29.Qf2 Re5 30.Qxa7 Re2 31.a4 Qh3 0-1**

Everyone of the participants in the 2009 Cadet Championship needs to be recognized for their hard work, fighting chess, sportsmanship, and individuals that have real class. If this group is the future of the United States, we can be proud. When all is said and done, one individual stood out by himself. Andrew Ng from New Jersey won rounds five, six and seven to ensure that Victor Shen also from New Jersey would not overtake him. Here are the standings (in tiebreak order): Ng 5 1/2, Shen 5, Agarwal 4 1/2, Yang 3, Jarod Pamatmat 3, Aaron 3, Tanaka 2 1/2, Dahl 1 1/2. Along with winning, Ng received \$500 plus a four-year, fixed-dollar incoming tuition scholarship to the University of Maryland, Baltimore County (UMBC) with a current value worth approximately \$69,760 out-of-state, \$34,832 in-state. Second place winner Shen earned \$300 plus a four-year University Academic Service Scholarship to Tennessee Tech University (current value \$20,000). Agarwal pocketed \$200 for his third place finish and all players received plaques.

Everyone had only great things to say about the tournament which was organized by Harry Sabine and

directed by chief tournament director Alan Kantor. Back room assistance was supplied by Cary Carter and Anil Agarwal. Sabine's hard work in organizing this wonderful tournament needs to be recognized as he always "puts

on a great show."

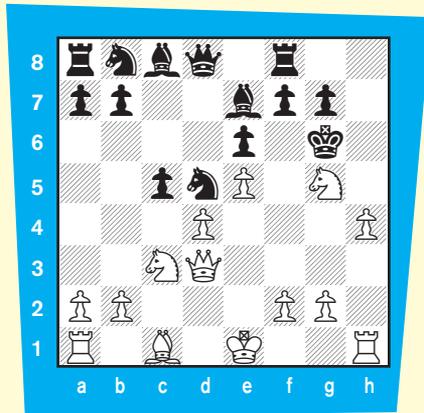
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en passant capture *continued from page 16*

Qh5. Black could not play 11...Kh6 because white would be able to win the black queen with a discovered knight check. Playing 11...BxNg5 would only have brought White's Rh1 into the game after 12.hxg5

After the classic bishop sacrifice, Black instead tried 11...Kg6 and now blocks the check from the white Qd3 with ...f5. As you can see, the *en passant* capture now involves a beautiful discovered check along the diagonal, adding fuel to White's attack.

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 d5 3.cxd5 Nxd5 4.e4 Nf6 5.Nc3 e6 6.Nf3 Be7 7.Bd3 0-0 8.e5 Nd5 9.h4 c5 10.Bxh7+ Kxh7 11.Ng5+ Kg6 12.Qd3+



12...f5 13.exf6+ e.p. Kxf6 14.Nce4+ Kg6 15.h5+ Kh6 16.Nf7+ 1-0

A cool *en passant* moment in GM chess

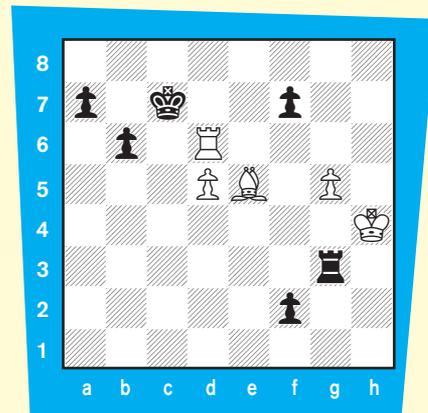
Finally, here's a remarkable combination in which an *en passant* capture plays a key role. In this position, Black cannot safely queen the f-pawn because Rd6-f6 is a discovered check that nets the new queen.

So Black begins with the nice 55...Rh3+, knowing that if White

captures the rook, the f-pawn will queen with check.

In the game, White smartly played 56.Kg4 only to run into the remarkable 56...f5+. White resigned, because any move by the king would allow the f-pawn to queen with check. And if 57.gxf6 *en passant*, the pawn on f6 suddenly occupies the square that the Rd6 needs to prevent Black from queening the f-pawn.

Aleksandrs Koblencs



Oleg Moiseev

Riga, 1955

55...Rh3+ (55...f1=Q 56.Rf6+) **56.Kg4** (56.Kxh3 f1=Q+ 57.Kg4 Qc4+ 58.Bf4 Qxf4+ 59.Kxf4 Kxd6) **56...f5+!** (57.gxf6 f1=Q) **0-1**

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Aug. 22, Illinois

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\$1600 Gtd. plus class prizes based on entries. G/90 (+30). 6-SS. Tulsa Best Western Trade Winds Central, 3141 E. Skelly Dr., Tulsa, OK 74105. (918)749-5561. **Prizes: \$1600 (Gtd):** 1st- \$800 + trophy + probable invitation to 2010 U.S. Women's Championship; 2nd - \$500, 3rd - \$300, class prizes as entries permit. **Eligibility:** Open to all female USCF members. **EF:** \$80 if rec'd by 8/30; \$90 at site. **Reg:** 9:00-10:15am. **Rds.:** 10:30-3, 9-2, 9-2. Tiebreaks after round 6 if necessary. **Byes:** One 1/2-point bye available if req. by rd 3. **HR:** \$55, (800) 685-4564. Free wireless. www.tradewindstulsa.com. **Side Events:** Sat: Blitz Fischer-Random Pizza Bash. Sun: River Spirit Casino. **Info:** FKimBerry@AOL.com. Website: www.geocities.com/okchessfestival. **Adv Entry:** Cks payable to: Frank K. Berry, 402 S. Willis, Stillwater, OK 74074. **FIDE rated.** NS. W. **WCL JGP.**

Nov. 20-22, Illinois 2009 National Youth Action

9SS, G/30, DoubleTree hotel, 1909 Spring Road, Oak Brook, Illinois, 60523, Tel: 1-630-472-6000 (1.800.222.TREE); \$89 single/double/triple/quad. **Four Sections** - K-3, K-6, K-9, K-12. **Entry Fee:** \$40 by 10/25/09 USPS (or \$40 on-line by 10/25, 6 pm); \$60 by 11/13/09 USPS (or \$60 on-line 10/25/09, after 6 pm -11/13/09, 6 pm); \$75 USPS 11/13 -11/17 (or \$75 on-line 11/13/09, 6:01 pm -11/19, 6 pm); \$75 by 11/20/09 6 PM on site (on-site entries after 11/20/09 6 PM can not be guaranteed pairing for round 1, instead they may receive 1/2 point by round 1). **Checks payable only to Chess Central. Awards:** Individual: 1st - 20th Place in each section (K-3, K-6, K-9, K-12). Class Awards: 1st-3rd Place, K-3: U800, U600, U400, Unr. K-6: U1000, U800, U600, Unr. K-9: U1200, U1000, U800, Unr. K-12: U1400, U1200, U1000, Unr. **Teams:** 1st-10th Place in each section. **Special Sportsmanship trophy!** **Schedule:** Opening Ceremony Sat., Nov 21 at 9:30 am. **Rds:** 1-5 Sat., 10 am, 12 noon, 2 pm, 3:30 pm & 5 pm. **Rds:** 6-9 Sun., 10 am, 12 noon, 2 pm & 3:30 pm. **Side Events:** Bughouse Tournament - Fri, Nov 20, 6:30 pm. **EF:** \$20 per team (\$10 for individuals and we help you create a team). On site registration only. Registration closes at 5 pm, Fri, Nov 20. One section only, K-12. **Bughouse Awards:** 1st-10th Place. **Blitz Tournament** - Sat, Nov 21, K-6 & K-12, 6:30 pm, **EF:** \$15 USPS/on-line by 10/25, 6 pm, \$20 USPS from 10/26 -11/17; \$20 on-line 10/26, 6:01 pm -11/19, 6pm; \$25 on site. Registration closes at 5 pm, Sat, Nov 21. **Blitz Awards:** Individual: 1st-20th in each section. Team: 1st-10th in each section. **Awards Ceremony for Blitz and Bughouse:** Sun, 9 am. **NYA Awards Ceremony:** Sun, Nov 22, 5:30-7 pm. **Club Teams allowed!** Master simuls and analysis scheduled. **Hotel Info:** DoubleTree hotel, Oakbrook, IL (hotel registration code: NYA) <http://www.doubletreeoakbrook.com>, or <http://doubletree.hilton.com/en/dt/groups/personalized/CH/OA0DF-NYA-20091120/index.jhtml> (630) 472-6020 or 630 472-6000 (1.800.222.TREE), HR single/double/triple/quad \$89. **Entry:** 1st on line (except bughouse) at <http://nyy2009.com>. **Checks payable only to Chess Central (no checks to USCF or Mike Zacate):** Mail registrations with name-contact info-grade-birthday-team/school-uscf id & exp.-address-city/zip-e-mail address-coach name & contact info to Mike Zacate (Please, no checks payable to Mike or USCF), 9401 Birch, Mokena, IL 60448. Updated info/Hotels/On-Line Entries: <http://nyy2009.com>. \$10 service charge for on-site section/roster changes, and all refunds. Bookdealers scheduled.

GRAND PRIX

Aug. 22, Illinois

World Chess Live Grand Prix Points: 10 2009 U.S. Game/60 Championship

See Nationals.

Aug. 23, Illinois

World Chess Live Grand Prix Points: 6 2009 U.S. Game/30 Championship

See Nationals.

A Heritage Event!

Sept. 4-7 or 5-7, Texas

World Chess Live Grand Prix Points: 80 (enhanced) 75th Annual Southwest Open

7SS, DFW Marriott Airport South, 4151 Centreport Blvd., Fort Worth, Texas, 76155. \$5 10,000 GTD, 3 Sections and scholastic side events: **Open** (This section is FIDE rated but uses USCF rules.) **Rds:** 1-3 G/90 with 30 sec. increment, rds. 4-7 G/120 with 30 sec. increment: \$5 1,500-800-400, 2300-2399 \$500, U2200 \$700-300. **Reserve:** Opened Under 2000 & unrated. **Rds:** 1-7 30/90 SD/1, rd. 1 of three day is G/120 (deduct 5 min. for delay). \$5 1000-500-250. B \$5 600-300-150, C 600-300-150, Unrated \$200. Unrateds only eligible for unrated prize. **Novice:** Open to Under 1400. **Rds:** 1-7 30/90 SD/1, rd. 1 of three day is G/120 (deduct 5 min. for delay). \$600-300-150, U1200 \$400, U1000 \$300. ALL: TCA membership required. Other states accepted. **EF:** \$79 if received by 8/26, \$89 at site. \$68 Junior(U19) if received by 8/26 else \$78, Senior(over 65)/Handicapped/ additional family participant \$48 if received by 8/26 else \$60. Re-entry \$50 not available in Open section. Add \$5 for CC phone entries; pre-reg requires pre-paym. After 9/2/09 all registration and changes on site only; all changes including withdrawals, \$10 after 9/2/09. Online registration: http://www.active.com/event_detail.cfm?event_id=1754751. Note that Active.com charges a small fee. 4 day: Reg: Friday 9/4, 6:15 pm-7:15. **Rds.:** Fri.: 7:45, Sat: 2:30 pm & 8:00, Sun.: 12:30 pm & 6:15, Mon.: 9 am & 2:45 pm. 3 day: Reg. Sat. 9/5 9-9:30 am, Rd. 1 at 10 am then merge with 4 day. Foreign Unrated must play in Championship section. Registrations that do not indicate 4 or 3 day schedule will be put in the 3 day. **HR:** \$89/89/89-89. 800-228-9290 reserve by 8/14 and ask for Southwest Open Chess rate. Free Parking. Up to two 1/2 pt byes available if requested before end of rd. 2, but byes for both rd. 6 AND 7 not permitted. TCA Meeting at 10 am on 9/6 in the Centreport Ballroom. **K-12 Scholastic** on Saturday, 9/5. 5-SS, Rds. 1-3 G/30, rds. 4-5 G/45, **EF:** \$29 by 8/26, \$40 after; Pre-reg. requires pre-payment. After 9/2/09 all registration and changes on site only; all changes \$10 after 8/26/09. No refunds after 9/2/09, \$10 handling fee for refunds before 8/26/09. Entries do not count toward base in Championship and Amateur. Registration 8:00-8:40 am, Rd. 1 at

9:30 am, rest ASAP with small lunch break. Sections: **K-12 Championship** and **K-12 U750**. Prizes: Trophies to top 12 individuals, five teams in each section. K-12 U750 also top three unrateds. Medals to plus scores who do not win a trophy. Ent: Dallas Chess Club, C/O Barbara Swafford, 2709 Longhorn Trail, Crowley, TX 76036. Info: Bar Swafford, 214-632-9000, info@dallaschess.com www.svchess.com NS. NC. W. FIDE. **WCL JGP.**

Sept. 5-6, Missouri

World Chess Live Grand Prix Points: 20 Saint Louis District Championship

5SS, G/120, Chess Club & Scholastic Center, 4657 Maryland Ave., St. Louis, MO 63108. **EF:** \$60, \$50 for annual members of the club. MCA Membership Req'd from \$5. OSA. PF \$5GTD \$2500. 1st overall \$650, 2nd overall \$475, 1st each A, B, C, D, U1200 \$275. **Reg:** 9-9:50. **Rds:** Sat 10, 2, 6 Sun 10, 2. Accelerated pairings used. One 1/2 point bye if declared before round 1. **Ent:** 4657 Maryland Ave., St. Louis, MO 63108 314-361-CHESS, info@saintlouischessclub.org. **WCL JGP.**

A Heritage Event!

A State Championship Event!

Sept. 5-7 or 6-7, New Jersey

World Chess Live Grand Prix Points: 50 (enhanced) 2009 New Jersey State Championship

Somerset Ramada Inn, 60 Cottontail Lane, Somerset, NJ. Exit 12 off I-287 (Weston Canal Road). In 4 Sections: **Open, Gold U1900 Silver U1600 & Booster U1300.** 6SS, TC: 40/2, SD/1. **Playing Schedules:** 3-day, 9/5-7, 2-day, 9/6-7. All prizes guaranteed. **Entry:** \$500-400-300-200-200-200. Top Expert & Class A, \$100 each. U1900: \$500-300-200. Top B \$100. U1600: \$500-300-200. Top D \$100. U1300: \$500-300-200. Trophies: Top 3 each section. NJ Champion, Exp, A, B, D, E & Unr. New players may win first prize only in Open Section. **Early EF:** 1/2 lower sections \$66. (Former NJ Champs, see below). Entry must be mailed by 9/01 or paid online by 9/04. Open \$85/lower sections \$80 at site. All Reentries \$45, but can't be NJ Champ. Join at website entryeesrus.com via PayPal. **Playing site Reg 3-day:** 9/05, 9am-11am. **Rds:** Sat 12-7, Sun 11-6, Mon. 9-4. **Reg 2-day:** 9/06, 9am-10:30am. Round 1-3 (G/45) starts 11am then ANAP. Both schedules merge in Rd 4. **Byes:** 2 byes allowed, 1-5. Hotel Rates \$79 with free continental Breakfast. (732) 560-9880. Mention "NJ Chess" to receive this special hotel rate. **SPECIAL PRIZES** will be awarded by drawing to early online entries. **NOTICE:** Former NJ Champs get early EF of \$35. Late EF is \$70. Former NJ Champs for multiple yrs get early EF of \$1 (ONE DOLLAR). Late EF is \$70. No exceptions. Only early EF's get discount. **Ent:** Ken Thomas, 115 West Moore St., Hackensack, NJ 07840. Make checks payable to NJSCF. **Info:** Ken, acn@goes.com or (908) 763-6468. Players and spectators, no ear covering allowed, especially cell phones attached to the ear. NS, NO NC, W. NYC players will be shuttled to/from the Bound Brook Station. Call Ken's cell. 908-763-6468. **FIDE. WCL JGP.**

A Heritage Event!

A State Championship Event!

Sept. 11-13, Alabama

World Chess Live Grand Prix Points: 6 56th Annual Alabama State Chess Championship

6SS, G/100 (In. G/95 with t/d 5), Indian Springs Club, 190 Woodward Drive, Indian Springs, AL 35124. **CHAMPIONSHIP (1500+; \$1,275 \$\$\$/40):** \$400-300-225, A: 200, U1800: 150. **RESERVE (UNR-1499; \$1,100 \$\$\$/35):** \$350-250-200, E: 175, U1000: 125. **EF:** \$40, if mailed by SEP 4th, 2009. Onsite Reg: \$50. **GMS/IRMS** Free Entry! **Rds:** FR: 7:15; SAT: 9:30-2-6:30; SUN: 8:30-2. **2-Day Option:** SAT: Rds. 1-2 @ G/75, 8-11and then schedules merge. **Byes:** Rds. 1-5; request before Rd 2. **SCHOLASTIC (U1200): 5 Sections, Trophies: Top 4 Individuals; Medals 5th-7th. EF: \$20/\$10, at Site \$30/\$20, Rds.: 9:30-10:45-12:30-1:45, 3. Checks payable to: Caesar Lawrence. ENT:** Caesar Lawrence, 882 McAllister Dr., Calera, AL 35040. **Info:** CaesarChess@yahoo.com. **ACF:** www.alabamachess.com. **WCL JGP.**

A State Championship Event!

Oct. 4, Pennsylvania

World Chess Live Grand Prix Points: 6 2009 PA State Game/60 Championship

4SS, G/60. Wm. Pitt Union, Univ. of Pitt, 5th & Bigelow, Pittsburgh, PA 15213. 3 Sections, \$\$ (695G). **Championship:** EF: \$30 by 9/26, \$40 later. \$200-100, U2000 \$75, U1800 \$50. **Premier:** U1600. **EF:** \$25 by 9/26, \$35 later. \$90-60, U1400 \$50, U1200 \$40, U1000 \$30; Trophies to Top 2, Top 2 U1400, Top 2 U1200, Top 2 U1000. **Scholastic:** Grades K-12 U900. **EF:** \$15 by 9/26, \$25 later. Trophies to Top 7, 1-3 U600. **ALL:** Teams of 4 to 7 combined from all sections, Trophies 1st-2nd schools clubs. PSCF \$5, OSA. Reg ends 10am. **Rds.:** 10:30-1-3:15-5:45. **Ent/Info:** pscf, c/o Tom Martinak, 25 Freeprest St., Pittsburgh, PA 15223, 412-908-0286, martinak_tom_m@hotmail.com. W.

REGIONAL

Alabama

Sept. 11-13, 56th Annual Alabama State Chess Championship See Grand Prix.

California Northern

Aug. 21-23 or 22-23, Central California Open

See Chess Life Grand Prix or www.chessstour.com.

Jan. 15-18, 16-18 or 17-18, Golden State Open

See *Chess Life* or www.chessstour.com.

Connecticut

Oct. 31-Nov. 1, 6th annual New England Scholastic Championships

Note corrected entry deadlines! 7SS, G/45, Sheraton Hotel, 1 Bradley Airport (visible at airport entrance), Windsor Locks, CT 06096 (I-91 Exit 40 to Rt 20). Free parking, free airport shuttle. Open to all K-12 students; New England titles and free entry prizes limited to players & teams from schools in CT, MA, ME, NH, RI, or VT. Team prizes based on top 4 scores from school combined. Teams of 2 or 3 players allowed, but are at a disadvantage. In 4 sections: High School (K-12), Middle School (K-8), Elementary (K-5), Primary (K-2). Players face only

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those in their section. **EF for USCF members:** HS \$38.75, Middle School \$38.50, Elem \$38.25, Primary \$38 if mailed by 10/23 (not 10/31), all \$38 online at chess-tour.com by 10/27 (not 11/4), \$50 by site. **EF for non-USCF members (fees include membership):** HS \$48.75, Middle School \$48.50, Elem \$48.25, Primary \$48 if mailed by 10/23 (not 10/31), all \$48 online at chess-tour.com by 10/27 (not 11/4), \$60 at site. Memberships include magazine for players scoring at least 3 pts. **Trophies** to top 10 players, top 7 teams, top 3 unrated in each section, top E, U1000, U800 (HS), U1000, U800, U600 (MS), U800, U600, U400 (Elem), U600, U400, U200 (Primary). Free entry in all Continental Chess Association Swiss tournaments until 5/31/10 to top New England player each section. **Late reg.** ends Sat 9 am, rds Sat 10-1-3-5-30 pm, Sun 9-11-1-30. Awards Sun 3:30 pm. Half point byes allowed rds 1-4 only, with at least 1 hour notice. **HR:** 993-93, 860-627-5311, reserve by 10/17 or rate may increase. Car rental: 800-331-1600, use AWD D657633 or reserve car online through chess-tour.com. **Ent:** Continental Chess, PO Box 249, Salisbury Mills, NY 12577. November ratings used. Questions: www.chesstour.com, 845-496-9658. Include school, grade, birth date, USCF ID, address of each player. Advance entries will be posted at chess-tour.com.

District of Columbia

Aug. 28-30 or 29-30, 41st annual Atlantic Open
See *Chess Life* or www.chesstour.com.

Florida

Aug. 22, CFCC Orlando Bonus Tornado

4-SS, G/75, Orlando Chess & Games Ctr, 8751 Commodity Cir., Suite 9, Orlando, 32819. **EF:** \$30, CFCC/OCG mbr: \$25, Masters free-**EF** deducted from prize. **\$\$605 b/30:** 200-100-80, U1800, U1600, U1400 \$75 ea. Prize increased 50% for 4-0 score. **Reg.:** 9:30am. **Rds.:** 10-12-30-3-5-30. **Info:** (407) 629-6946, centralchess.org. W, WCL JGP.

Illinois

North American Chess Association

Tournaments for kids and adults of all playing strength. Creators of the electronic scoresheet, eNotate. Monthly FIDE title tournaments (WIM, WGM, IM). Sevan A. Muradian, FIDE Arbiter & International Organizer. www.na-chess.org | info@na-chess.org | 888.80.CHESS.

Aug. 22, 2009 U.S. Game/60 Championship
See Nationals.

Aug. 23, 2009 U.S. Game/30 Championship
See Nationals.

Sept. 26, 2009 St. Matthew Chess Tournament

Held by the 2008 US Champion, and 2008 Olympiad Bronze medal winner **GM YURY SHULMAN**, at 24500 Old McHenry Rd., Hawthorn Woods, IL 60047 Tel.847-438-7709 G/30 Srd5, **EF:** \$25 postmarked by 9/1, \$30 after, on site \$35 before 9-15 **REG.:** begins at 9:00, Rd 1 begins 10:00am, no elimination. **4 Sections:** Primary K-3, Elementary 4-5, Middle 6-8, HS 9-12 and adults, Nonrated (all grades and adults). **TROPHY** awards to top 5 individuals in each section, top 3 individuals in each grade K-5, top individuals grade 6-12, top 3 team trophies, top 5 in unrated. Trophy awards at 3:00. **ENT:** checks payable to "Yury Shulman International Chess School", mail w/registration form to 428 Waverly Rd., Barrington, IL 60010. **INFO:** email chesswob@gmail.com or www.shulmanchess.com, Kiran Frey 847-382-5410, GM Yury Shulman 312-375-7475.

Oct. 9-11 or 10-11, 18th annual Midwest Class Championships
See *Chess Life* or www.chesstour.com.

Nov. 20-22, 2009 National Youth Action
See Nationals.

Missouri

Friday Action Quads - Every Friday Night (OC)

3RR, G/29 QR, Chess Club & Scholastic Center, 4657 Maryland Ave., St. Louis MO 63108. **EF:** \$10. **Prize fund \$36 first** in each quad. Club membership req'd. available from 1. **Reg.:** 6:30 - 6:45. Rounds begin at 7:00. Site entries only. **Info:** 314-361-CHESS info@saintlouischessclub.org.

Saint Louis Blitz Series - Every Saturday Night (OC)

5SS, G/5 QR, Chess Club & Scholastic Center, 4657 Maryland Ave., St. Louis, MO 63108. **EF:** \$5. **Prize fund 100% payout!** First overall will take home 75% of all entry fees, and the highest scoring player in the bottom half takes 25%. Club membership req'd. available from 1. **Reg.:** 6:30 - 7. **Rds.:** 7, 7-15, 7-30, 7-45, 8. Site entries only. **Info:** 314-361-CHESS. info@saintlouischessclub.org.

Aug. 8, Dog Days Open

4SS, G/60, Chess Club & Scholastic Center, 4657 Maryland Ave., St. Louis, MO 63108. **EF:** \$25, \$20 for annual members of the club. MCA Membership Req'd from \$5. **OSA. PF (b/40):** \$750: \$100 1st/ \$25 2nd in each M/X, A, B, C, D, U1200. **Reg.:** 9 - 9:50. **Rds:** 10, 12-15, 2-30, 4-30. One 1/2 point bye if declared before round 1. **Ent:** 4657 Maryland Ave., St. Louis, MO 63108 314-361-CHESS, info@saintlouischessclub.org.

Sept. 5-6, Saint Louis District Championship
See Grand Prix.

Nevada

Dec. 26-29 or 27-29, 19th (not 18th) annual North American Open
See *Chess Life* or www.chesstour.com.

New Hampshire

Sept. 5, 6 or 7, New England Open - Scholastics

Holiday Inn Nashua, 9 Northeastern Blvd., Nashua, NH 03062. In 6 sections. **4-SS GAME/30. K-12 Two sections:** U1400 and U800. **Saturday, 5 Sept. K-6 Two sections:** U1300 and U700. **Sunday, 6 Sept. K-3 Two sections:** U1200 and

U600. **Monday, 7 Sept. Registration:** 9:00-10:00. **Round 1:** at 10:30 then ASAP. **EF:** \$20 by 1 September, \$25 at site. Trophies to top three in each section. Open sections also available. Please see Chess Life or flyer. **HR:** \$80 (603) 888-1551. **ENT:** Alex Relyea, 49 Technology Dr. #89, Bedford, NH 03110. **INFO:** Alex Relyea relyea@operamail.com. www.relyeachess.com. NS W.

New Jersey

Geller Quads - First Friday Every Month!

New Jersey Children's Chess School, 862 DeGraw Ave., Forest Hill (Newark), NJ 07104. Open to K-8. 3 RR, G/35. **Reg.:** 6PM. **Rds.:** 6:30-7:40-8:40PM. Chess classes in NJCCS meet every Friday 6:30-9PM. Chess camp "Geller Kids" meets July & August, day & overnight. **Website:** www.kidschesscamp.com. **Email:** chess-camp@hotmail.com. **Phone:** 973-483-7927.

Aug. 15, Monmouth Chess School and Club August Scholastic 4SS, G/30. Directions: www.monmouthchess.com. 51 Monmouth St., Red Bank, NJ 07701. **EF:** \$25/20 members. **Trophies** top 3 K-6, K-3 + Everyman Books \$25 to 1st each section. **Reg.:** 1:00-1:45. **Rds.:** 2:00, then ASAP. **Info:** learnchess@optonline.net. 732-219-0916 Dr. Koblentz. Boards/sets provided, please bring your clocks!

Aug. 29, Red Bank Scholastic Championship

4SS, G/30. 51 Monmouth St., Red Bank, NJ 07701. **EF:** \$30/25 members if received by 8/27, on site 40/35. **Trophies:** Top 3 in K-8, K-5, K-2 + \$40 Everyman Books to 1st each section. **Reg.:** 1-1:45. **Rds.:** 2:00, 3:15, 4:30, 5:45. Boards/sets provided, bring clocks! **Info:** learnchess@optonline.net, 732-219-0916. Mail EF checks to: MCS&C, c/o Dr. Koblentz, 9 Rimwood Lane, Colts Neck, NJ 07722.

A State Championship Event!

Sept. 5, New Jersey U1300 K-8 State Championship

Somersat Ramada Inn, 60 Cottontail Lane, Somerset, Exit 12 off I-287 at Weston Canal Road. (732) 560-9880, Fax (732) 356-7455. In three rated & one unrated Section. **Hot Shots:** U1300, **Check Mates:** U900 & **Rising Stars:** U500 & **Chess Bandits:** Unrated/Beginner event. (note-U200 may play in) **All Sections:** 5-SS, G/30, G\$5 100 to winner each section plus Trophies to Top 10, Others get choice of chess medallions or grab bag prizes. **Registration:** Saturday 9/05, 11am-12pm. **Rounds:** 12:30pm, then ASAP with lunch break after round #2. **EF:** \$25 if mailed by 9/1 or paid online by 9/4 on website EntryFeesRus.com, \$35 at site. **Early EF: Special Combined EF:** Pay \$69 for both Saturday K-8 and NJ Open (2-day) Sunday and Monday. Not available at site. Half-point bye allowed in rounds 1-4 if requested with EF August Rating supplement used. **Mail entries to:** Ken Thomas, 115 West Moore Street, Hackettstown, NJ 07840-2233. Checks payable to NJSCF. Indicate section desired and your grade level. **Information:** Call 908-763-6468 or acn@goes.com. NS NCW.

Sept. 5-7 or 6-7, 2009 New Jersey State Championship
See Grand Prix.

Sept. 12, Garden State Scholastic

Prevention First, 1405 Route 35, Ocean, NJ 07712. **Primary:** open to K-3: 4 SS, G/30. Trophies to 1st-5th place; Medals to all others. **Scholastic Swiss:** open to K-12: 4 SS, G/30. Trophies to 1st - 5th place; **Scholastic Quads:** open to K-12 G/60 Quads. Trophies to 1st and 2nd each quad. **All EF:** \$15 if rec'd by September 5th, \$20 on site. **Reg.:** 9-9:45 am. **Rds.:** 10 and ASAP. **Info:** Hal Sprechman, 732 259-3881, hsprechman@characterkings.org. **Ent:** Please make checks payable to Character Kings and send to Hal Sprechman, PO Box 1511, Jackson, NJ 08527. Please indicate section.

Sept. 19, Jersey Shore K-12 Regionals

The Academy at Grace and Peace, 1563 Old Freehold Rd., Toms River, NJ 08755. **All Sections open to K-12. Section A:** U500, **Section B:** 500-1000, **Section C:** 1000-1500, **Section D:** 1500+. **Section A, B, C 4SS, G/30. Section D: 3 Rounds, G/60.** Trophies to Top 5 in each section, Medals to all others. **EF:** \$25 if rec'd by 9/12, \$30 on site. **Reg.:** 9:00-9:45 AM. **Rds.:** 10:00 AM and ASAP. **Info:** John Burke, 732-714-1544 or johnpburke@yahoo.com. **Ent:** Make checks payable to The Academy at Grace and Peace. Please indicate USCF ID# and section.

Sept. 20, Westfield Fall Scholastic

Westfield Y, 220 Clark Street, Westfield, NJ 4 sections: k-12 full k Open, U1250, U750, unrated. **Open Section:** 3 SS game/45. Trophies to top five players in each section. Entrance fee: \$20, \$15 members at site \$30, \$25 members. Registration: 2-2:30 p.m. **Rounds:** 2:45 - 4:15 - 6:00. **U1250:** 4 SS game/30. Trophies to top five players in each section. Entrance fee: \$20, \$15 members at site \$30, \$25 members. Registration: 2-2:30 p.m. **Rounds:** 2:45-4:00-5:15-6:30 p.m. Tiebreaks for trophies. **Unrated section:** 3 SS, k-2, 3-5, 6-12. \$5 registration, 2-2:30 p.m. Gold medal to first, Silver medal to second, Bronze medal to third. Registration: 2-2:30 p.m. **Rounds:** 2:45-4:00-5:15 p.m. Todd Lunna, 732-946-7379. lunnaco@aol.com. www.westfieldchessclub.com. **Send advance entries to:** Todd Lunna, 36 Maple Drive, Colts Neck, New Jersey 07722, by Sept. 17.

Sept. 26, 3rd Annual Greater Pocono Scholastic Championships (PA) 4SS, G/45. Pocono Mountain East HS, 200 Pocono Mountain School Rd., Swiftwater, PA 18370. **Sections:** K-12 U/1000, K-12 Champ. **EF:** \$20 online by 9/23; \$30 on-site 9:00-9:30. **Rds.:** 10:30-12:30-2:00-3:30. **Prizes:** trophies to top individuals & schools. **Free game analysis** by NM Adam Weissbarth. See www.silverknightschess.com to register.

Oct. 3, ATKM 1st Saturday Kids G/30 Swiss (K-8)

For info, and registration, go to YourChessSet.com/KidsSwiss. For more info e-mail Stephen at cs@ATKMchessSets.com or call 856-582-8222.

Oct. 10, Garden State Scholastic

Prevention First, 1405 Route 35, Ocean, NJ 07712. **Primary:** open to K-3: 4 SS, G/30. Trophies to 1st-5th place; Medals to all others. **Scholastic Swiss:** open to K-12: 4 SS, G/30. Trophies to 1st - 5th place; **Scholastic Quads:** open to K-12 G/60 Quads. Trophies to 1st and 2nd each quad. **All EF:** \$15 if rec'd by October 3rd, \$20 on site. **Reg.:** 9-9:45 am. **Rds.:** 10 and ASAP. **Info:** Hal Sprechman, 732 259-3881, hsprechman@characterkings.org. **Ent:** Please make checks payable to Character Kings and send to Hal Sprechman, PO Box 1511, Jackson, NJ 08527. Please indicate section.

Oct. 10, Princeton Day School

650 The Great Road. Plaques to top 3 school teams and top 6 in each section. Medals to all players. Three sections for **OVER 1000** begin at 10:15 and must preregister: **NEAR MASTERS** (K-12 over 1400) and **FUTURE MASTERS** (Players K-12 over 1200) G/60, 3 rds. **CLOSED** (K-12 1000-1200) G/45 4 rds. **ALL OTHER SECTIONS.** G/30 4 rds. beginning at 12:00 noon. (round times will be accelerated if possible). **OPEN** (players K-12 U-1000), **RESERVE** (K-12 U-800), **NOVICE II** (K-8 U-600), **NOVICE I** (unrated K-6), **K-1** (unrated) **NO SCORE K-1** (unrated). **PARENTS OF PLAYERS** rated G/30 3 rounds. Pre-registration online \$30 (On-site 11-12 noon \$40). **Info and register online:** www.pds.org/chess. Inquires to Bonnie Waitzkin Chessteach@gmail.com.

Oct. 17, Jersey Shore K-12 Regionals

The Academy at Grace and Peace, 1563 Old Freehold Rd., Toms River, NJ 08755. **All Sections open to K-12. Section A:** U500, **Section B:** 500-1000, **Section C:** 1000-1500, **Section D:** 1500+. **Section A, B, C 4SS, G/30. Section D: 3 Rounds, G/60.** Trophies to Top 5 in each section, Medals to all others. **EF:** \$25 if rec'd by 10/10, \$30 on site. **Reg.:** 9:00-9:45 AM. **Rds.:** 10:00 AM and ASAP. **Info:** John Burke, 732-714-1544 or johnpburke@yahoo.com. **Ent:** Make checks payable to The Academy at Grace and Peace. Please indicate USCF ID# and section.

Nov. 14, Jersey Shore K-12 Regionals

The Academy at Grace and Peace, 1563 Old Freehold Rd., Toms River, NJ 08755. **All Sections open to K-12. Section A:** U500, **Section B:** 500-1000, **Section C:** 1000-1500, **Section D:** 1500+. **Section A, B, C 4SS, G/30. Section D: 3 Rounds, G/60.** Trophies to Top 5 in each section, Medals to all others. **EF:** \$25 if rec'd by 11/7, \$30 on site. **Reg.:** 9:00-9:45 AM. **Rds.:** 10:00 AM and ASAP. **Info:** John Burke, 732-714-1544 or johnpburke@yahoo.com. **Ent:** Make checks payable to The Academy at Grace and Peace. Please indicate USCF ID# and section.

A State Championship Event!

Nov. 22, New Jersey K-12 Grade Championship

5SS, G/30, Brookdale College, 765 Newman Springs Road, Lincoln, NJ 07738. Student Life Center, use Parking Lot #7 or #6; 4 miles from Garden State Parkway exit 109. **13 Sections:** Play only in your grade! **MORE TROPHIES!!!** Grades K-6; Trophies to top 15 individuals, top 5 teams - top 3 from each school/grade; 50% of players receive trophy or medal! **Grades 7-12:** Trophies to top 10 individuals, top 5 teams; **Rds.:** 10am and ASAP. **EF:** \$35 by 11/15, \$55 at site. USCF mem req'd. **Reg.:** 8-9:00am After 9:00am 1/2 pt bye rd 1. **Info:** 732 259-3881, hsprechman@characterkings.org. **Ent:** Please make checks payable to NJSCF and send to NJSCF, PO Box 1511, Jackson, NJ 08857. **Entries must include** name, grade school, date of birth, USCF ID # & expiration, mailing address, phone number & entry fee, please include email address. The 1st Place player and team from NJ in each grade will be recognized as the NJ Champion for that grade! Chess sets and boards will be provided! Please bring a chess clock!

New York

Aug. 15, Rated Beginners Scholastic Open - Back to School RBO

Hosted by The Archangel 8 Chess Academy and Kellogg Leadership for Community Change. 5SS, Game 30, Main Place Mall - Upper Level, 390 Main Street, Buffalo, NY 14201. **EF:** \$10.00 by 8/8/2009 or \$15.00 at the door. Unr: \$.50. No checks online, Cash only, US dollars. **Prizes:** Trophies for the Top 2 winners in K - 6 and 7th - 12th Grades. Medals for 3rd, 4th and 5th place winners. **Reg.:** Registration closes at 9:50am. Postmarked no later than August 8, 2009. **Rds.:** 10:15am, 11:15am, 12:15pm, 1:15pm and 2:15pm. One half point byes available at registration. **ENT:** Archangel 8 Chess Academy, 60F Guilford Lane, Buffalo NY 14221. arcangel8chess@yahoo.com. **HR:** 716-837-3344, Boulevard Inn & Suites, nancybajer@verizon.net. www.buffalonians.com. **Food Court Open during tournament, FREE Parking under the Mall.** NS LS NCW.

Aug. 16, NY Summer Under 1800!

4-SS, G/50, Chess Center at Marshall Chess Club, 23 W 10th St., bet 5-6 Ave., NYC: 845-569-9969. **EF** \$40, Club members \$30, \$5 less if also entering 8/15 Summer G/45, specified Greater NY Scholastic prizewinners free. **Online entry at www.chesstour.com thru 8/13.** \$\$ (480 b/32 paid entries): 150-100-50, top U1600 \$95, top U1400 \$85. Limit 2 byes, commit by 2 pm. **Reg.** ends 15 min before game. Rds. 12-2-4-6 pm. CCA Ratings may be used. **\$10 extra to "enter" by phone!**

Sept. 3, 14th Annual Chess Center Thursday "End-of-Summer" Scholastic Novice!

4-SS, G/30, age 17/below, Under 1400 or unrated, Marshall Chess Club, 23 W. 10 St., bet. 5-6th Ave., NYC: 845-569-9969. **EF:** \$20, Club members \$10. Trophies: top 4, top Unr. **Reg.** by 12:45 pm. **Rds.:** 1-2-30-3:45-5 pm. Limit 2 byes, commit by 2:30. No advance entries. **Phone entry often impossible!**

Sept. 4-7, 5-7 or 6-7, 131st annual NY State Championship
See *Chess Life* or www.chesstour.com.

Sept. 12, NY September Under 1600!

4-SS, G/50, open to U1600 or unr., Chess Center at Marshall Chess Club, 23 W 10th St., bet 5-6 Ave., NYC: 845-569-9969. **EF** \$40, Club members \$25, specified Greater NY Scholastic prizewinners free. **May be limited to 1st 2b entries.** \$\$ (300 b/20 paid): 150-70-30, top U1300 \$50, \$70 limit to unr. Limit 2 byes, commit by 2:30. **Reg.** ends 15 min before game. **Rds.:** 12:30-2:30-4:30-6:30 pm. CCA Ratings may be used. **Online entry at www.chesstour.com thru 9/10.** **\$10 extra to "enter" by phone!**

Sept. 12, Prove Your Point!

3-SS, G/30, Chess Center at Marshall Chess Club, 23 W 10th St., NYC: 212-477-3716. **EF** \$20. 3-0 wins \$40, 2.5 wins \$20, 2 wins \$10. **Reg** ends 7:20 pm. **Rds.:** 7:30-8:30-9:30.

Sept. 27, NY Indian Summer Under 1800!

4-SS, G/50, Chess Center at Marshall Chess Club, 23 W 10th St., bet 5-6 Ave., NYC: 845-569-9969. **EF** \$40, Club members \$30, \$10 less if also entering 9/26 Indian Summer G/45, specified Greater NY Scholastic prizewinners free. **Online entry at www.chesstour.com thru 9/24.** \$\$ (480 b/32 paid entries): 150-100-50, top U1600 \$95, top U1400 \$85. Limit 2 byes, commit by 2 pm. **Reg.** ends 15 min before game. **Rds.:** 12-2-4-6 pm. CCA Ratings may be used. **\$10 extra to "enter" by phone!**

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3-SS, G/30, Chess Center at Marshall Chess Club, 23 W 10th St., NYC: 212-477-

3716. EF \$20. 3-0 wins \$40, 2.5 wins \$20, 2 wins \$10. Reg ends 7:20 pm. Rds. 7:30-8:30-9:30.

North Carolina

2009 Raleigh Scholastic Chess Tournaments (2nd Sunday each month)

Aug. 9, Sept. 13, Oct. 11, Nov. 8, Dec. 13. USCF Rated and Not Rated Quads, Ages 17 and Under, G/30. 3 Rd. Round Robin, EF: \$20 online or mailed 1 week before; \$25 onsite. PRZ: 1st Place Trophy, 2nd Place Medal for each Quad. Reg.: 1:00 to 1:15. Rds.: 1:30, 2:35, & 3:40. ENT & Checks: Raleigh Chess Academy, 10930 Raven Ridge Road STE 105, Raleigh, NC 27614. INFO: Bill Clausen, (919) 272-8017, www.CaryChessAcademy.com, www.RaleighChessAcademy.com.

Ohio

Oct. 23-25 or 24-25, Cleveland Open

See *Chess Life* or www.chesstour.com.

Nov. 13-15 or 14-15, 18th Annual Kings Island Open

See *Chess Life* or www.chesstour.com.

Oklahoma

Sept. 5-7, 1st U.S. Women's Open

See Nationals.

Pennsylvania

Aug. 15, August Burn

45S, G/30. Bryn Mawr Community Center, 9 S. Bryn Mawr Ave., Bryn Mawr, PA 19010. Sections: K-6 U/700, K-12 Champ. EF: \$20 online by 8/12; \$30 on-site 9:00-9:30. Rds.: 10:00, then ASAP. Prizes: trophies to top individuals & schools. Free game analysis by NM Adam Weissbarth. See www.silverknightschess.com to register.

Sept. 13, 50th Pittsburgh Chess League

30/90, SD/1. Wm Pitt Union, Univ. of Pitt., 5th & Bigelow, Pittsburgh, PA 15213. Monthly 4-player team event from Sept. to Apr. EF: \$50/team by 9/10. Rds.: 2pm. Ent/Info: Tom Martinak, 25 Freeport St, Pittsburgh, PA 15223-2245, martinak_tom_m@hotmail.com, <http://www.pitt.edu/~schach/W>.

Sept. 26, 3rd Annual Greater Pocono Scholastic Championships

45S, G/45. Pocono Mountain East HS, 200 Pocono Mountain School Rd., Swiftwater, PA 18370. Sections: K-12 U/1000, K-12 Champ. EF: \$20 online by 9/23; \$30 on-site 9:00-9:30. Rds.: 10:30-12:30-2:00-3:30. Prizes: trophies to top individuals & schools. Free game analysis by NM Adam Weissbarth. See www.silverknightschess.com to register.

Oct. 4, 2009 PA State Game/60 Championship

See Grand Prix.

Oct. 11, PCL October Quick Quads (QC)

3RR, G/15. Wm. Pitt Union, Univ. of Pittsburgh, 5th & Bigelow, Pittsburgh, PA 15213. EF: \$10, \$7 juniors. \$20 to 1st/quad. Reg.: 11-11:15am. Rds.: 11:30am-Noon-12:30pm. Info: martinak_tom_m@hotmail.com. 412-908-0286. W.

Nov. 27-29 or 28-29, 40th annual National Chess Congress
See *Chess Life* or www.chesstour.com.

Texas

Sept. 4-7 or 5-7, 75th Annual Southwest Open

See Grand Prix.

Virginia

Aug. 29, August Blaze

Audrey Moore RECenter, 8100 Braddock Road, Annandale, VA 22003. Sections: K-8 Rated, K-8 Unrated. Time Control: G/30. EF: \$20 online by 8/26; \$30 on-site 9:00-9:30. Rds.: 10:00, then ASAP. Prizes: trophies to top individuals & schools. Free game analysis by NM Adam Weissbarth. See www.silverknightschess.com to register.

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Answers to Win or Draw

Position One: Win! **1.Bc3 Kxc3 2.h7 a1=Q 3.h8=Q+** is the quickest way to win, with equal credit for: 1.Bc2+ Kxc2 2.Bc3 Kxc3 3.h7 a1=Q 4.h8=Q+. Both ways win the newly promoted black queen.

Position Two: Win! **1.d6** Any king move is a draw. Sorry! **1...Ke8** [1...Kc8 2.Ke4 Kb7 3.Kf5 Kc6 4.Ke5 Kb7 5.Kf6 Kc6 6.Ke7 Kd5 7.Kxd7] **2.Kc4 Kd8 3.Kb5 Kc8 4.Kb6 Kb8** [4...Kd8 5.Kb7] **5.d5** [Having that one tempo to move the pawn forces Black to back away.] **5...Kc8 6.Ka7 Kd8 7.Kb8 Ke8 8.Kc8 Kf7 9.Kxd7** The really alert among you will notice that after Black's first king move the white king goes to the opposite side. There are two different ways Black can try to stay in the game and we gave one way with the main line and another with the 1...Kc8 line, but both tries fail no matter what side or what method Black picks. If White tries a king move first it's a draw because: 1.Kc4 Kc7 2.Kc5 d6+ 3.Kb5 Kb7 and Black keeps the opposition.

Position Three: Win! Looked pretty easy, huh? Just push the pawn and the bishop can't stop it. If you were writing down the moves as was asked, the BIG question is—did you put down 2.d8=B!! or did you put down 2.d8=Q or R? Or even 2.d8=N? Those three promotions are draws because promoting to a Q or R is stalemate and the knight promotion allows the bishop to retreat and draw. If you promoted to a bishop, congratulations, future international master! If you then worked the mate out with the king and two bishops, congratulations, future grandmaster! I've seen this endgame appear recently as *CL4K* columnist and master, Jerry Hanken had to mate with the two bishops at the U.S. Amateur Team East two years ago. **1.d7 Be8 2.d8=B!! Bf7 3.Be7+ Kg8 4.Bxf7+ Kh7 5.Bf8 Kh8**

6.Bd6 Kh7 7.Bf4 Kh8 8.Bb3 Kh7 9.Be6 Kh8 10.Kf7 Kh7 11.Bf5+ Kh8 12.Be5#

Position Four: Win! You learn a neat little trick here if you didn't get it: **1.Kf4 Kf2** [The black king has to tag along on the same file, otherwise White will check with the rook and then queen the pawn: 1...Ra2 2.Rg8+] **2.Ke4 Ke2 3.Kd4 Kd2 4.Kc5 Kc3 5.Rc8 Rxa7 6.Kb6+** and wins the rook. Remember, the king has to follow on the same file, then use that discovered check trick by "abandoning" your pawn. If you were afraid of 1.Kf4 because of the rook check, not to worry: 1.Kf4 Rf1+ 2.Ke4 Re1+ 3.Kd3 Rd1+ 4.Kc2 and wins.

Position Five: Draw! Thought they were all wins, eh? Actually, both sides have an opportunity to lose this position. Here are the key lines: **1.Kc2 a6 2.Bd7 b5** [2...d5 3.cxd5 b5 4.d6 b4 5.Be6 a5 6.d7 c4 7.Bxc4 a4 8.d8=Q b3+ 9.Bxb3 axb3+ 10.Kxb3 Kb1 11.Qd1#; 2...a5 3.Ba4 d5 4.cxd5 b5 5.Bxb5 a4 6.d6 a3 7.d7 c4 8.d8=Q c3 9.Qd1#] **3.Bxb5 d5!!** [3...axb5 4.cxb5 d5 5.b6 d4 6.b7 c4 7.b8=Q d3+ 8.Kc3 d2 9.Qb2#] **4.cxd5** [4.Bxa6 d4! 5.Kc1 d3 6.Bb7 d2+ 7.Kc2 d1Q+ 8.Kxd1 Kb2 9.Bd5 a1=Q+] **4...axb5 5.d6 b4 6.d7 c4 7.d8=Q b3+ 8.Kc3 b2 9.Kxc4 b1=Q 10.Qd4+ Qb2 11.Qd1+** with a draw by perpetual check.

Position Six: Not so fast! This time you have to prove you've solved the position by sending in the correct solution to gpetersen@uschess.org, or to *Chess Life for Kids*, 44-D Manchester Ct., Freehold, NJ 07728. A winning entry will be chosen from among the correct solutions received. The winner will receive a copy of *My Daily Exercises* by Heinz Brunthaler. Come on, you've gotten this far. Is it a win or is it a draw?

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