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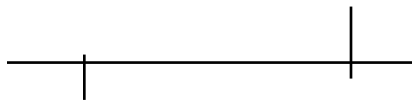
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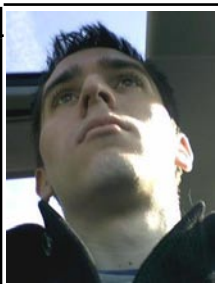
# FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

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by **Pete Karagianis**

As you browse through the September/October e-ICB, I hope you will notice a few



slight tweaks. As the year wears on, I hope to make significant material and aesthetic changes to both the overall layout and content of the Illinois Chess Bulletin.

While playing at the third installment of the Billy Colias Master Invitational tournament (an event you will find covered extensively herein, with contributions from FM Chow, Life Master Len Weber, and soon to be master Geoff Caveney) an ICA Patron member, Mr. Walter Sowa, approached me and said, roughly, "Hey guy, what happened to all the games?" Walter was referring to past issues which contained games from every level and multiple tournaments- games from the readers, from the Illinois chess playing audience, from YOU.

Despite my many efforts to assure Walter that anything I received, I published (always due to lack of contributions... I have space for more, people!), he was skeptical. But it is true- the games have disappeared. I would like to see submissions from all organizers or players- downstate or upstate, in the city, the burbs, or the country. I would like this facet of the ICB to return but, unless I decide to start inventing players, tournament names, and moves, or

unless you start sending me some, it won't happen.

Please, for Walter's sake, annotate your game and send it to me. Or don't annotate it and send it to me. Just get it here!

Two issues ago I instituted a contest for a free ICA membership to whoever submitted the best article, game, or photo for any given issue. That's six free memberships per year. You know how many memberships I've had to pay for?

Zero.

Hey, I like not spending money. It's nice. But c'mon people. A free ICA membership! Courtesy of me! Let's go! Should I throw in some nachos or something to sweeten the deal? I don't know about mailing nachos, it seems such an endeavor would be futile and violate several health and shipping codes, but if that will get me to see some fresh material, some new games in the ICB, I'll see what I can do.

I remember way back in the day... it must have been almost ten years ago now, when I had my first significant upset. I was about 1550 rated and beat the then-2150-ish Herman Chiu in a very nice and tactical Yugoslav game. It was a great feeling! My first 2000+ victory, and even better, local Peoria expert Bill Naff suggested I annotate it for the ICB. The then-teenager-me said, "Really? They'd want a game from a 1500 nobody?" Bill said, "Yes, I'll even look over it before you send it if you want."

It took me three hours on an old word processor to annotate the game, checking my analysis by hand (my family didn't have a PC back then) then more time to print it off, mail it to Bill, receive his return snail mail, review it, edit it, print again, send to Bill again, receive again, finalize, and mail to the ICB. And in return I got...

the satisfaction of my first ever published game. It was awesome. It was much better than a free ICA membership or a contributor's fee or, heck, nachos even.

There was my name, in print, and the moves I played, out there for everyone to see.

Now, all you have to do is type moves into an e-mail and press send. Or, even quicker would be moving pieces in chessbase, hitting CTRL+C, copying them into an email, and pressing send. Very simple, and you get the same satisfaction without the postage.

Hey, that's a good line. Maybe I'll use it somewhere else sometime.

OK, enough whining. There are some things to be happy about. As I mentioned, we have some marvelous coverage of Colias 3 (this time new and improved with 2 sections!), a stylish new cover, and some great games from Caveney and IM Young. Thanks guys for your hard work!

As always, I thank you for reading,

-PK

# President's Podium



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## President's Podium

There are some big changes coming in the ICA.

At the June 24<sup>th</sup> ICA meeting we approved bidding guidelines for the major state tournaments. For a long time the procedures for bids on state events have seemed to be a somewhat mysterious process. I believe this was simply due to the lack of a formal procedure describing dates, deadlines and judging criteria for tournament bids. Once approved these procedures will be posted on the ICA website so that in the future tournament organizers will have all the information they need to prepare bids.

In addition the board is also working on a revision of the constitution. Headed by Mike Zacate who was there when the ICA first formed, we summarize changes that have been made since the constitution was last submitted to the state and make other corrections and changes that are required by changes in structure of both the ICA and the USCF. We intend to file the new document with the state and to then keep a formal copy of the constitution that will be regularly updated.

As a result you will be able to examine the new constitution online and we will be sending you postcards for voting on the new constitution.

Another critical area in moving forward in the future will be the ICA website. Currently Sevan Muradian is the web master and has repeatedly requested that we replace him. With our increased dependence on the website and interest in even more valuable features like a tournament registration section it is very important that we find someone interested in taking on this task. If you are interested in helping the ICA and have the required skills this would be an excellent opportunity to help the ICA move into the future.

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## 2007 COLIAS INVITATIONAL REPORT

And so it begins.

Round 1, played Friday night on August 17th, saw the following pairings:

Section 1:

NM Jon Burgess – FM Dr. Peter Bereolos

NM Pete Karagianis – CM Adam Strunk

NM Dr. Steven Tennant – CM Gopal Menon

Section 2:

NM Len Weber – CM Geoff Caveney

NM Timothy McEntee – FM Albert Chow

NM Kenneth Wallach – FM James Dean

Weber has played Caveney only once before, colors reversed, an ill-fated (for Geoff) outing in round one of the Peoria 2K Closed. Geoff thereafter won every game and tied with Len for first, so these two may have had a healthy respect for each other. No point in getting crazy in round one.

[Notes by FM Chow]

**Weber,L - Caveney,G (2091) [D30]**

**2007 Colias Memorial (1), 17.08.2007**

**1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.cxd5 exd5 4.a3!?**

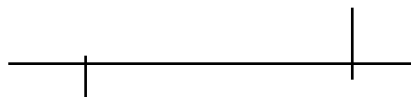
It seems Mr.Weber wants to avoid making the mainline moves in the Exchange variation of the Queen's gambit as early as possible.

**4...Nf6 5.Bg5 Be7 6.Nc3 Nbd7 7.Nf3 0-0 8.e3 a5 9.Rb1 Re8 10.Bd3 Nf8 11.0-0 c6**

By transposition of moves a normal position where the standard QGD move 12.Qc2 builds tension.

**12.Bxf6 Bxf6 13.b4 axb4 14.axb4 Bg4! 15.Be2 Bf5 16.Bd3 Bg4 17.Be2 Bf5**

a 3 time repetition of the same position equals a draw. 1/2-1/2



The good doctor started off aggressively against the 15 year old upstart, but soon things got ugly. Gopal lost recently to Steve in another event, and now seemed to be making a statement. In the melee, Gopal may have been moving too quickly. The post mortem (and Steve always wins the post mortem, that's why he is known as the PMGM – Post Mortem Grandmaster...) showed the errors of their ways... and... a win for black.

[Notes by FM Chow]

**Tennant,S (2210) - Menon,G [A77]**

**2007 Colias Memorial (1), 17.08.2007**

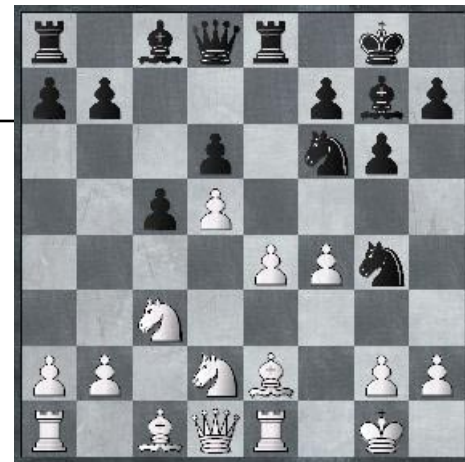
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(Diagram next column)

**13.Bb5?**

[13.Bf3 was solid, threatening 14.h3 with advantage.]

**13...Nxe4!?**



(Position after 12. ...Neg4!?)

[13...Nxd5!! 14.Nxd5 Bd4+ 15.Kf1 Nxe4+ 16.Ke2 Bg4+ 17.Nf3 Rxe4+-+]

**14.Ndxe4?**

[14.Rxe4 Rxe4 15.Ndxe4 Qh4! 16.h3 Bd4+ 17.Kf1 f5! 18.Qe1! Nh2+! 19.Ke2 Qh5+!; 14.Ncxe4 Bd4+ 15.Kh1 Qh4 16.h3 Rxe4! 17.Nxe4 f5! 18.Ng5! Nf2+ the tactics end in a draw by perpetual check: 19.Kh2 Nxd1 20.Re8+ Kg7 21.Re7+]

**14...Bd4+ 15.Kh1 Qh4! 16.h3 Rxe4**

[16...Bxc3! was the point of black's combination : 17.Nf6+! (17.Bxe8 Bxe1µ; 17.bxc3? Rxe4++) 17...Nxf6 18.Rxe8+ Nxe8 19.bxc3! and black must try to consolidate an extra gambit pawn.]

**17.Nxe4 Bf5??**

[17...f5! 18.Ng5! Nf2+ ends in a draw by three time repetition of the position.]

**18.Be2!+- Nf2+ 19.Nxf2 Bxf2 20.Rf1 Bxh3! 21.Rxf2! Qxf2 22.Qf1!**

[22.gxh3 Re8! 23.Qf1! also favors white.]

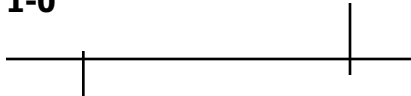
**22...Qxf1+ 23.Bxf1+-**

White is easily winning the ending despite black having two pawns for a piece. The dark squared bishop is the best advantage.

**23...Bf5 24.b3 Re8 25.Bd2 Kf8 26.Kg1 Re4 27.g3 Ke7 28.Re1 Rxe1 29.Bxe1 Be4 30.Bg2 Bb1 31.a3 h5 32.Bc3 Ba2 33.b4 b6 34.Kf2 Bc4 35.f5 gxf5 36.Ke3 Bb3 37.Kf4 Bc2 38.Bf3 Bd3 39.Bxh5 f6 40.Bf3 Bc2 41.Be2 Bb1 42.Ba6 Bc2 43.Bc8 Be4 44.Be6 Bd3 45.Bxf5 Bc4 46.Be4 Bf1 47.Kf5 Bh3+ 48.g4**

Black resigned.

**1-0**



McEntee-Chow was a pretty well played encounter, basically an end-game from right out of the opening. Nothing outlandish.

[Notes by FM Chow]

**McEntee,T (2190) - Chow,A (2220) [A41] 2007 Colias Memorial (1), 17.08.2007**

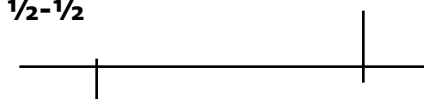
**1.d4 d6 2.c4 e5 3.dxe5 dxe5 4.Qxd8+ Kxd8**

The Exchange variation of the Old Indian.

**5.Nc3 Be6 6.e3 c6 7.b3 Kc7 8.Bb2 Nd7 9.Nf3 f6 10.Bd3 Nc5 11.Bc2 a5 12.h3 Nh6 13.Nd2 Nf7 14.0-0 Be7= 15.Nde4 Nxe4 16.Nxe4 Rhd8 17.Bc3 f5 18.Ng3 g6 19.Ne2 Bb4 20.Rfd1 b6 21.Rxd8 Rxd8 22.Rd1 Rxd1+**

A draw was agreed.

**1/2-1/2**



Jon Burgess may be one of the most talented players in Illinois, but sometimes his results are less consistent. In this game, Jon starts out confidently against the defending Colias Memorial co-champion. A lot of players have found it is very difficult to beat Peter, and this occasion was not to be the exception. After a strong effort, Jon is apparently stung by a heartbreaking fingerfeler, costing him the game.

[Notes by FM Chow]

**Burgess,J (2225) - Bereolos,P (2302) [C77] 2007 Colias Memorial (1), 17.08.2007**

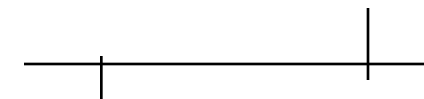
**1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.Qe2 b5 6.Bb3 Bc5 7.c3 0-0 8.d3 d5 9.h3 dxe4 10.dxe4 Qe7 11.Bg5 h6 12.Bh4 Rd8 13.0-0 Be6 14.Nbd2 Bxb3 15.Nxb3 Bb6 16.a4 Rab8! 17.axb5 axb5 18.Kh1 Qe6 19.Bxf6 Qxf6 20.Qxb5 Qe6! 21.Nc5 Bxc5 22.Qxc5 Rxb2 23.Ra6 Rd6 24.Rfa1 Kh7 25.Ra8 Rd3 26.R8a6 Rd6 27.Nh4 Qe7 28.Rxc6 Qxh4 29.Rxc7 Rf6 30.Qxe5 Rxf2 31.Rg1 f6 32.Qd6 Qxe4 33.Qg3! Qg6 34.Kh2 Qxg3+ 35.Kxg3 Kg6**

Somehow Burgess must have touched his rook and had to move it, a blunder that is hard to understand at this level because with correct play the rook endgame could have ended in a draw.

**36.Rc1?? Rxg2+-+ 37.Kf3 f5 38.c4 Rbe2 39.c5 Rgf2+ 40.Kg3 Rg2+ 41.Kf3 Rgf2+ 42.Kg3 Kh5! 43.Rc4 g5!**

...f4+ can not be stopped, so white resigned.

**0-1**



FM Albert Chow, games annotator and one of the pre-tournament favorites.

A great pairing! In 2004, young Pete Karagianis was the up and coming expert, excited to be playing in a master round robin. That year, Pete became a star by co-winning the event along with FM Aleks Stannov with an undefeated 6-1 score. Since then Pete has made master and is a fixture on the tournament scenes. Here he faces... Adam Strunk, an up and coming expert, excited to be playing in a master round robin, who maybe has been overlooked a little on the Illinois scholastic scene... the two play a fighting draw.

[Notes by FM Chow]

**Karagianis,P (2200) - Strunk,A [D87] 2007 Colias Memorial (1), 17.08.2007**

**1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 d5 4.cxd5 Nxd5 5.e4 Nxc3 6.bxc3 Bg7 7.Bc4 c5 8.Ne2 0-0 9.0-0 Nc6 10.Be3 Bd7 11.Rb1 Qc7 12.Nf4 cxd4 13.Nd5 Qd8 14.cxd4 Rc8**

It is not easy for black to equalize

the Grunfeld Echange variation.

**15.Bb5 a6 16.Be2 b5 17.a4! e6**

[17...bxa4!? 18.Bxa6+-]

**18.axb5 exd5 19.bxc6 Bxc6 20.e5!**

White has better pawn structure.

**20...Ra8 21.Qc2! Bd7 22.Qc5! Be6 23.Rb6! Qc8 24.Qa5**

[24.Qxc8± was good for white.]

**24...Qc2 25.Rxa6!± Rab8 26.Bf3 Rb1! 27.Qd2 Rxf1+ 28.Kxf1 Qb1+ 29.Qd1 Qb7 30.Ra1 f6! 31.exf6 Bxf6**

Diagram



White is ahead with an extra f pawn. But all the pawns on the same side makes a win problematical. Adam Strunk shows steady nerves and defends an inferior ending solidly.

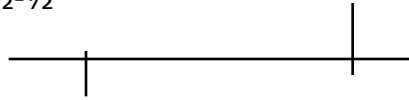
**32.Rb1 Qc7 33.Kg1 Bg7 34.Bg4 Bf5 35.Rc1 Qd7 36.Bf3 Rb8 37.Qd2 Be4!? 38.Bxe4 dxe4 39.Qc2 Qd5 40.Qc5 Rd8 41.Qxd5+ Rxd5 42.Rc5 Rd7! 43.d5 Kf7 44.Rb5 Be5 45.Bd2 Ke7 46.Bb4+ Kf6 47.Kf1 h5**

[47...Bxh2? 48.g3! traps the bishop like in Spassky - Fischer game one 1972.]

**48.h3 Bd4 49.d6 Be5 50.Rb6 h4 51.Ke2 Bf4 52.Bc3+ Ke6 53.Ra6 g5**

White was under pressure short of time on the clock and could not find a good way to make progress, so the players soon agreed draw.

1/2-1/2



Ken "the Man" Wallach is known for his preparation and skill in assessing opponents in round robin events, and here he shows it again. Jim Dean, on the other hand, is only a tropical depression at this stage in this event, and succumbs to "the Man". An early favorite goes down in flames in round one.

[Notes by FM Chow]

**Wallach,K (2195) - Dean,J (2250) [B13] 2007 Colias Memorial (1), 17.08.2007**

**1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.exd5 cxd5 4.Bd3 Nc6 5.c3 Qc7**

The opening started out as the Exchange variation of the Caro Kann. But play soon transposes into...a Stonewall Dutch!

**6.f4!? g6 7.Nf3 Bg7 8.0-0 Nf6 9.Ne5 Bf5 10.Be3 0-0 11.Qe2 Bxd3 12.Qxd3 Ne4 13.Nd2 Nd6**

[13...Nxd2!]=]

**14.g4!? e6 15.h4!? f5 16.Ndf3 Ne4 17.Ng5 Nxc5 18.hxc5 Nxe5 19.dxc5 Rfc8?**

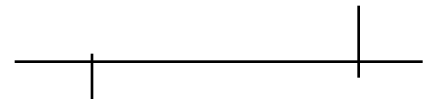
[19...fxg4! and f4 is weak.]

**20.gxf5!gxf5 21.Bd4Bf8 22.Kf2! Bc5 23.Ke3 Bxd4+ 24.cxd4 Qc2 25.Rf2 Qxd3+ 26.Kxd3± Rc7 27.Rh1 Rg7 28.Rfh2 Rc8**

**29.Rh6 Rc6 30.R1h2 b5 31.a3 a5 32.Rh1 b4 33.axb4 axb4 34.R1h3 Ra6 35.Rh2 Rc6 36.Rf6 Rg6 37.Rxg6+ hxg6 38.Rc2! Ra6 39.Rc8++- Kf7 40.Rc7+ Kf8 41.Rb7! Ra1 42.Rxb4 Re1 43.Rb8+ Kf7 44.Rb7+ Kf8 45.b4 Rd1+ 46.Kc3 Rc1+ 47.Kb3 Rd1 48.b5 Rxd4 49.b6 Rd1 50.Kc2 Rf1 51.Rb8+ Kg7 52.Rc8 Rf2+ 53.Kc3 Rf3+ 54.Kd2 Rb3 55.Rc7+**

The passed pawn will cost black a rook, so he resigned.

**1-0**



So after one round, it looked like this:

**Section 1:**

Bereolos, Tennant 1-0  
Strunk, Karagianis 1/2 - 1/2  
Menon, Burgess 0-1

**Section 2:**

Wallach 1-0  
Weber, Chow, McEntee, Caveney 1/2 - 1/2  
Dean 0-1

Round 2 was played Saturday morning, August 18th, and featured the following pairings (with current standings):

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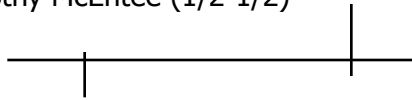
CM Gopal Menon (0-1) – FM Dr. Peter Bereolos (1-0)  
CM Adam Strunk (1/2-1/2) – NM Dr. Sreven Tennant (1-0)  
NM Jon Burgess (0-1) – NM Pete Karagianis (1/2-1/2)

**Section 2:**

FM James Dean (0-1) – CM Geoff Caveney (1/2-1/2)  
FM Albert Chow (1/2-1/2) – NM Kenneth "the Man" Wallach (1-0)



NM Len Weber (1/2-1/2) – NM Timothy McEntee (1/2-1/2)



These two have played only once before, a short draw in the first Colias event in '04. This time it looks like they will play chess, and an interesting game is in the brewing when Len plays Rb1??, surrendering his center on a shot, after which there was nothing left to do but go for broke.

[Notes by FM Chow]

**Weber,L (2200) - McEntee,T (2174) [A48]**  
**2007 Colias Memorial (2), 18.08.2007**

**1.d4 Nf6 2.Nf3 g6 3.d5?!**

As a reward for his effort to make ugly moves as early as move three, white ends overextended and under developed.

**3...c6! 4.c4 cxd5 5.cxd5 Qa5+ 6.Nc3 Bg7 black has better tactical threats. 7.Qd2 0-0 8.e4 d6 9.Be2 Nbd7 10.0-0 Nc5 11.Qc2 Bd7 12.Rb1?!**

[12.Bd2! It was not too late for white to equalize by making normal developing moves.]

**12...Ncxe4! 13.Nxe4 Nxe4 14.Qxe4! Bf5!**

Time to wake up, and start calculating.

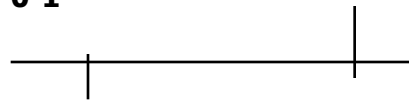
**15.Qh4?**

[15.Bd2! Qxa2 16.Bc4! gains counterplay for the sacrificed material.]

**15...Bxb1-+ 16.Bh6 Bf5 17.Ng5 f6 18.Nxh7 Bxh6 19.Qxh6 Rf7**

Black gains yet more material, so white resigned.

**0-1**



Gopal gets to recover from his blown round 1 effort by getting to play... The highest rated player in the event! Nevertheless he acquits himself well and holds Peter to a draw.

**Menon,G - Bereolos,P (2311) [C78]**  
**2007 Colias Memorial (2), 18.08.2007**

**1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 b5 6.Bb3 Bc5 7.a4 Rb8 8.c3 0-0 9.d4 Bb6 10.dxe5 Ng4 11.Bf4 Qe7 12.axb5 axb5**

Black gambits a pawn in the style of the Budapest. But white had more testing 13th moves.

**13.Qe2**

[13.Na3!?  
 13.Qd5!?

**13...Ngxe5 14.Nbd2 d6 15.h3 Be6**

Active piece development equalizes this Spanish variation.

**16.Bc2 Rfe8 17.Rfe1 Qf6 18.Be3 Nxf3+ 19.Nxf3 Bxe3 20.Qxe3 b4 21.Ba4 Bd7 22.Nd4 Nxd4 23.Qxd4 Qxd4 24.cxd4 Bxa4 25.Rxa4 c5 26.dxc5 dxc5= 27.Rc1 Rxe4 28.Rxc5 g6 29.Rc7 Re1+ 30.Kh2 Re2 31.Kg3 Rb5 32.Raa7 Rf5 33.f3 Rxb2 34.Rcb7 Rg5+ 35.Kf4 Rf5+ 36.Kg3 h5 37.h4 b3 38.Ra3! g5 39.Raxb3 gxh4+ 40.Kh3! Rc2 41.R7b5 Rcc5**

The draw is obvious now and the players shook hands.

**1/2-1/2**

Ken and Albert have played many times over many decades now, we'll have to ask them for the lifetime score. Whatever it is, it doesn't change much, as the players wound down to a draw.

**Chow,A (2213) - Wallach,K (2195) [B27]**  
**2007 Colias Memorial (2), 18.08.2007**

**1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 g6 3.c3 Bg7 4.d4 cxd4 5.cxd4 d5! 6.e5**

[6.exd5 Nf6! transposes to a Grunfeld type of Panov Botvinnik Caro Kann that is about equal.]

**6...Bg4 7.Bb5+ Nd7 8.0-0 e6 9.Nbd2 a6 10.Bxd7+ Qxd7 11.h3 Bxf3 12.Nxf3 Ne7 13.Bg5 0-0 14.Qd2 Nc6 15.Qf4 f6!?**

Black plays the very move white hoped to prevent! He would not want to wait for white to move Nh2 - Ng4.

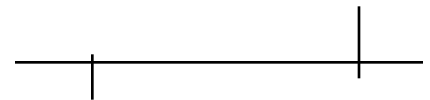
**16.exf6 Bxf6 17.Bxf6 Qf7! 18.Ne5**

[18.Qh6 Qxf6 19.Ng5 Qe7! is good for black.]

**18...Qxf6 19.Qxf6 Rxf6 20.Nxc6 bxc6 21.Rac1 Rb8! 22.b3 Rb6! 23.Rc5 Rf8 24.Rfc1 Rc8 25.R1c3 Kf7 26.a3**

A draw was agreed.

**1/2-1/2**



"Tropical Depression Dean" looks like he is picking up steam. In a long, hard game against Geoff, he goes up a couple pawns, but has technical issues with the opposite bishops. But Jim is no stranger to endings, and in the scuffle, Geoff

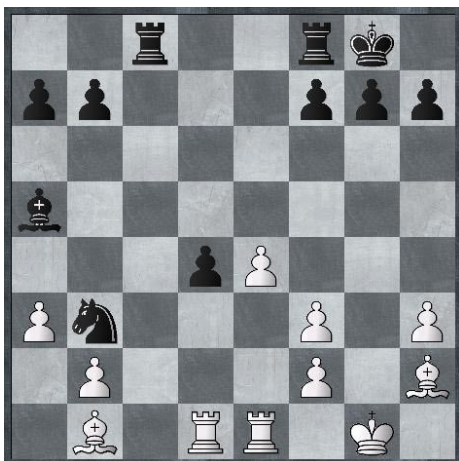
errs and misses a probable draw. Jim, perhaps one of the two section favorites along with Al Chow, is back in the fight.

[Notes By FM Chow]

**Dean, J (2250) - Caveney, G (2091) [D37]**  
**2007 Colias Memorial (2), 18.08.2007**

**1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 Nf6 4.Nc3 Be7 5.Bf4 0-0 6.e3 c5 7.dxc5 Bxc5 8.cxd5 Nxd5 9.Nxd5 exd5 10.a3 Nc6 11.Bd3 Bb6 12.0-0 d4 13.e4 Bg4 14.h3 Qf6 15.Bh2 Bxf3 16.Qxf3 Qxf3 17.gxf3 Na5! 18.Rad1 Rac8 19.Rfe1 Nb3! 20.Bb1 Ba5**

Diagram



**21.Re2 Nd2**

[21...Rc1! 22.Rxc1 Nxc1 23.Rc2 Nb3 black's passed d pawn becomes strong.]

**22.b4 Nxf3+**

[22...Nxb1 23.Rxb1 Bb6]

**23.Kg2 Nh4+ 24.Kg3 Bd8?**

[24...Bc7+ was better. 25.Kxh4 Bxh2 26.Rxd4 Rc3=]

**25.Rxd4 Rc1? 26.Ba2 Rc3+ 27.Re3 Rxe3+ 28.fxe3 Bc7+**

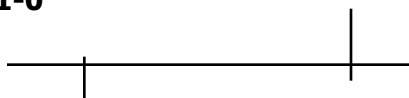
**29.Kxh4 Bxh2 30.Kg4 h5+ 31.Kxh5 Rc8 32.Rd7 Rc7 33.Bxf7+ Kf8 34.Rxc7 Bxc7 35.Bd5 b6 36.Kg6 Be5 37.Kf5 Bb2 38.a4 Ke7**

[39...a5! was a better defence and looks like it should draw.]

**40.b5 Bb2 41.Ke4 Bc3 42.Bg8 Bb2 43.Kd5 Bc3 44.e6 Bb2 45.Kc6 Bc3 46.Kb7 Kd6 47.Kxa7 Ba5 48.Kb7 Ke7 49.Kc6 Kd8 50.Kb7 Ke7 51.Kc7 Ke8 52.Bf7+ Ke7 53.h4 Kf8 54.Kd7 Bb4 55.a5!**

White soon promotes, so black resigned.

**1-0**



When Jon and Pete play, it is always a recipe for violence on the 64 squares. The same concoction is brewed up here, with Jon winding up a couple pawns down and in for a bad tournament start. Pete joins the leaders.

[Notes by FM Chow]

**Burgess, J (2220) - Karagianis, P (2196) [C77]**  
**2007 Colias Memorial (2), 18.08.2007**

**1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.Qe2 b5 6.Bb3 Bc5 7.c3 0-0 8.d3 h6 9.0-0 d6 10.h3 Nh5!? 11.d4 exd4 12.Nxd4**

[12.cxd4!? Bb6 13.Nc3 may be better for white.]

**12...Bxd4! 13.cxd4**

[13.Qxh5 was solid.]

**13...Qh4! 14.Be3 Na5! 15.Bd1 Nf6 16.f3 Nc4 17.Bf2 Qg5**

18.g4?!

[18.Kh2! was more solid.]

**18...Nh5! 19.h4 Qg6 20.b3 Nf4! 21.Qc2 Nh3+ 22.Kg2 Nxf2 23.Qxf2 Nb6 24.Nc3 Bb7 25.Rc1? f5! 26.h5 Qg5 27.f4 Qe7**

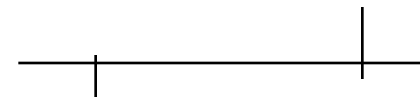
White's over extended pawn wall is broken apart exploiting white's loose king.

Diagram



**28.gxf5 b4!-+ 29.Nd5 Bxd5 30.exd5 Nxd5 31.Re1 Nxf4+! 32.Kh2 Qg5 33.Rg1 Nd3! 34.Rxg5 Nxf2 35.Rg1 Nxd1 36.Rgxd1 Rxf5 37.Rxc7 Rxh5+ 38.Kg3 Rg5+ 39.Kh3 Re8 40.Rc6 Re3+ 41.Kh4 Reg3 42.Rh1 R3g4+ 43.Kh3 Rxd4 44.Re1 Rd3+ 45.Kh4 Rd2 46.Kh3 a5 47.Ra6 Rd3+ 48.Kh2 Rd2+ 49.Kh3 Kh7 50.Re6 Rd3+ 51.Kh2 Rd2+ 52.Kh3 Rxa2 53.Rexd6 Rc2 54.Rac6 Rxc6 55.Rxc6 Rd5 56.Kg4 Rd3 57.Rc5 Rxb3 58.Rxa5 Rb1 59.Rb5 b3**

White resigned 3 pawns down. **0-1**



And so after 2 rounds of play it looks like this:

**Section 1:**

Bereolos, Karagianis, Strunk (!) 1  
 1/2- 1/2  
 Tennant 1-1  
 Menon 1/2 - 1 1/2  
 Burgess 0-2 (?!)

**Section 2:**

Wallach, McEntee 1 1/2 - 1/2  
 Dean, Chow 1-1  
 Weber, Caveney 1/2 - 1 1/2

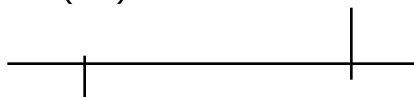
Round 3, played Saturday night, August 18th. The pairings!

Section 1:

FM Dr. Peter Bereolos (1 1/2-1/2) – NM Pete Karagianis (1 1/2-1/2)  
 NM Dr. Steven Tennant (1-1) – NM Jon Burgess (0-2)  
 CM Adam Strunk (1 1/2-1/2) – CM Gopal Menon (1/2-1 1/2)

Section 2:

CM Geoff Caveney (1-1) – NM Timothy McEntee (1 1/2-1/2)  
 NM Kenneth "the Man" Wallach (1 1/2-1/2) – NM Len Weber (1/2-1 1/2)  
 FM Albert Chow (1-1) – FM James Dean (1-1)



In the battle of the tournament's "junior" expert invitees, the betting was rife as to who would prevail, with some bets going toward an early draw. Instead, in a sharp fight, Gopal collapses, showing, at least on this occasion, that experience beats youth (Adam is a few years older)...

[Notes by FM Chow]

**Strunk,A - Menon,G [A61]  
 2007 Colias Memorial (3),  
 18.08.2007**

**1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 c5 3.d5 e6 4.Nc3  
 exd5 5.cxd5 d6 6.Nf3 g6 7.Bg5  
 Bg7 8.e3 h6 9.Bh4 g5**

[9...0-0! is a more natural development. The Modern Benoni is a dynamic and sharp opening. With this in mind we should make good solid moves, because risky variations require perfect calculations of tricky tactics, and only one error may be fatal!]

**10.Bg3 Nh5 11.Qa4+!? Bd7  
 12.Qe4+ Qe7 13.Nb5!? Bxb5!**

[13...Nxc3 14.Nc7+! Kd8 15.Qxe7+ Kxe7 16.hxc3±; 13...Qxe4 14.Nxd6+±]

**14.Bxb5+ Kf8??**

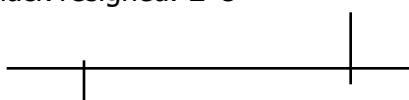
[14...Kd8!= was the only move, and also a good one because then the position is unclear how white could continue an attack.]

**15.Bxd6! Nc6??+-**

[15...Bc3+! 16.bxc3 Qxd6 was blacks best try.]

**16.Bxe7+ Nxe7 17.d6 Nc6  
 18.Bxc6 bxc6 19.Qxc6 Rd8  
 20.0-0**

Black resigned. **1-0**



If Steve Tennant was of the belief that Jon was demoralized by his 0-2 start, of this he was to be quickly disabused. This time it is Steve who gets caught in the opening trap and Jon is on the scoreboard.

[Notes by FM Chow]

**Tennant,S (2224) - Burgess,J (2220) [A11]  
 2007 Colias Memorial (3),  
 18.08.2007**

**1.c4 c6 2.b3 d5 3.Bb2 Bf5 4.d3  
 e6 5.g3 Nf6 6.Bg2 Bc5!? 7.Nf3?**

[7.cxd5! was better, with good chances for counterplay.]

**7...dxc4! 8.dxc4**

[8.bxc4 Qb6! forking b2 and f2 is great for black.]

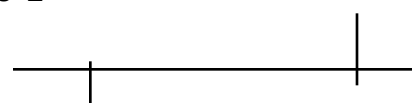
**8...Qxd1+ 9.Kxd1 Bxf2**

Unorthodox opening play by white has backfired, and as a result white has tactical weaknesses and a missing pawn.

**10.Rf1 Ng4! 11.e4 Bxe4 12.Ke2  
 Bc5 13.Nbd2 Bg6 14.Bxg7 Rg8  
 15.Bd4 Bxd4 16.Nxd4 Nxh2--  
 17.Rh1 Ng4 18.Ne4 Ke7 19.Nc5  
 e5 20.Nf3 b6**

It seems white no longer wanted to struggle down two pawns, and resigned.

**0-1**



The battle of the pre-tournament section favorites, both FMs. Many watched this game due to its potential importance in the event. Albert beat Jim in an event a few months ago, so the result here was anyone's guess. The game was hard fought, but Jim, apparently, was more familiar with the position, and had a large time bulge and so declined the proffered draw and churned from a tropical depression into a full fledged Tropical Storm Dean. In a difficult position, Albert overstepped, the only overstep of the event. In the battle of favorites, suddenly one is now a threat, and the other realizes he is not having a good event.

[Notes by FM Chow]

**Chow,A (2213) - Dean,J (2250) [B15]**

**2007 Colias Memorial (3), 18.08.2007**

**1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.Nc3 dxe4 4.Nxe4 Nf6 5.Nxf6+ exf6**

Tartakower variation of the Caro Kann.

**6.c3 Bd6 7.Bd3 0-0 8.Qc2 Re8+ 9.Ne2 g6!? 10.h4!? Be6 11.h5 f5 12.hxg6 fxg6 13.Bh6**

White is looking for a strong sac attack against black's king for example: 13...Nd7? 14.g4! as in the game Kudrin - King, England 1988. This is the theory that is quoted in most all books as good for white. But Jim Dean has a much better idea. His novelty on the 13th move overturns the evaluation of this variation, from winning by force for white, to a solid and easy to play scheme with excellent counterplay.

Diagram



**13...Qf6!**

Theoretical Novelty.

**14.0-0-0 Nd7**

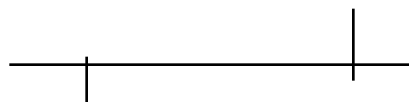
Mr. dean had blitzed all these moves with confidence, as we were following his well analyzed preparation. He had already played this before against masters and won, as well as checked it with a computer. I was

seeing this for the first time, unable to find any advantage for white, and to my shock I realized black could even be clearly better!

**15.Nf4 Bf7 16.Nh3 Bd5 17.f3 b5 18.Kb1 a5 19.Bf4 Bxf4 20.Nxf4 Nb6 21.Rhe1 Qf7 22.Nxd5 Nxd5 23.Qd2 Rab8 24.Rxe8+ Rxe8 25.Re1 Re6 26.Rxe6 Qxe6 27.g3 Kg7 28.a3 h5!**

White lost on time but black had better chances in this endgame.

**0-1**



Ken made the decision to go for the throat if he felt Len, normally a nemesis to him, was having a bad tournament. This appearing to be a possibility after Len's round 2 blunder, Ken elected to go for some pay-back. The game was long and Ken pressed against what seemed to be rock solid defense. The break came as both players reached short time, around a minute each, and as such the nature of the game changed to blitz, and in that environment, Ken emerged with his first lifetime victory against Len. And that, my friends, is the difference between a good performance and a bad one. Len falls into the cellar, and Ken... vaults into the lead! After this result, Ken is still The Man, and Len... is now just "some guy"!

[Notes by FM Chow]

**Wallach,K (2196) - Weber,L [B03] 2007 Colias Memorial (3), 18.08.2007**

**1.e4 Nf6 2.e5 Nd5 3.d4 d6 4.c4 Nb6 5.exd6 exd6 6.Bd3 Be7**

An Exchange variation of Alekhine's defence.

**7.Ne2 Bg4 8.f3 Bh5 9.Nbc3 N8d7 10.0-0 0-0 11.Nf4 Bg6 12.Nxg6 hxg6 13.b3 Bf6 14.Be4 c5 15.Be3 Re8 16.Qd2 Nf8 17.d5! Nh7 18.Rad1 Ng5 19.Bc2 Nd7 20.Nb5 Nf8 21.Kh1 Ngh7**

[21...a6 22.Nc3 b5!? looking for counterplay.]

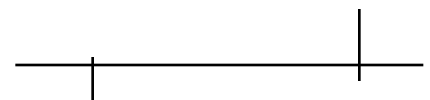
**22.Bf4 Be7 23.Rfe1 Nf6 24.a4! a6 25.Nc3 N8h7 26.Re2 Bf8 27.Rde1 Qd7 28.h3 Rxe2 29.Rxe2 Re8 30.Kg1 Be7 31.a5! Nh5 32.Bh2 Bg5 33.f4 Bf6 34.Rxe8+ Qxe8 35.f5! Bd4+ 36.Kf1 gxf5 37.Bxf5 g6 38.Bg4 Be5?**

[38...N5f6! was solid and sets a trap: 39.Bxd6? Qd8! and black wins a piece!]

**39.Qe3! Kf8? 40.Bxe5+- dxe5 41.Qxc5+ Kg8**

Black resigned before white played a winning move such as 41.Qc8!

**1-0**



McEntee defends his position on the board and on the crosstable, drawing this long but well fought encounter with Goeff.

[Notes by FM Chow]

**Caveney,G - McEntee,T (2174) [D95] 2007 Colias Memorial (3), 18.08.2007**

**1.d4 Nf6 2.Nf3 g6 3.c4 Bg7 4.Nc3 d5 5.e3 0-0 6.Qb3 dxc4 7.Bxc4 c5 8.d5 a6 9.a4 Qc7 10.0-0 Nbd7 11.a5 Ng4 12.h3 Nge5 13.Be2 c4 14.Qb4 Nxf3+ 15.Bxf3 Re8 16.Be2 b5 17.axb6 Nxb6 18.Qa5 Bd7 19.Rd1 Rec8**

**20.e4 Be8 21.Bg4 Nd7 22.Qxc7 Rxc7 23.d6!? exd6 24.Nb5!? Rc6 25.Nxd6 Nc5 26.e5 Rb8 27.Nxe8 Rxe8 28.f4 Rb8 29.Ra2 Bf8 30.Be3 Nd3 31.Bf3 Rcc8 32.Bg4 Rc7 33.Rd2 Nb4 34.Ra1 c3 35.bxc3 Rxc3 36.Bf2 h5 37.Bf3 Bh6! 38.e6?**

[38.Bg3]

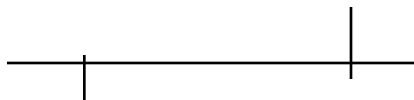
**38...fxe6 39.Rd7 Rd3**

[39...Bxf4!-+]

**40.Ra7 Bxf4 41.Be4 Rdd8 42.Bxg6 h4**

A draw was agreed in view of 43.Bf7+ Kh8 44.Bxe6 Be5.

1/2-1/2



This exciting Battle of the Petes is also a battle between two of the 3 section leaders. They do not disappoint, and in a hard fight, the NM Pete (2004 co-champion) goes down to the FM Pete (2005 co-champion).

[Notes by FM Chow]

**Bereolos,P(2311)-Karagianis,P(2196) [D36] 2007 Colias Memorial (3), 18.08.2007**

**1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.Nf3 e6 5.Bg5**

Now black could choose sharp Semi Slav complications by accepting the Botvinnik gambit 5...dxc4 6.e4 b5 7.e5 h6 8.Bh4 g5.

**5...Nbd7 6.cxd5 exd5 7.e3 Be7 8.Qc2 0-0 9.Bd3 Re8**

After transposition of moves the main line of the Queen's Gambit

Declined Exchange variation.

**10.h3 Nf8 11.0-0 Ne4 12.Bf4 Ng5 13.Nxg5 Bxg5 14.Bh2 Be7**

White begins the pawn storm on the queenside known as the Minor-ity Attack.

**15.Rab1 a5 16.a3 Be6 17.b4 axb4 18.axb4 Bd6 19.Bxd6 Qxd6**

Diagram



**20.b5 Rec8**

[20...c5!? 21.dxc5 Qxc5 was solid.]

**21.bxc6 Rxc6?**

[21...bxc6 22.Na4; 21...Qxc6 22.Rb3]

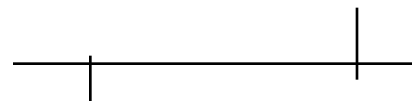
**22.Rxb7 Rac8 23.Rb3 Qc7 24.Rc1± Nd7 25.Qb2 Nb6 26.Bb5 Nc4 27.Qa2 Rd6 28.Ne2 g5 29.Rbc3 Qb6 30.Bxc4 dxc4 31.e4**

Threatening d5 winning c4 so black keeps sacrificing but never has counterplay.

**31...Rxd4 32.Nxd4 Qxd4 33.Qe2+- Rc5 34.Qe3 Qe5 35.Rd1 Rb5 36.Qd4 Kg7 37.Qxe5+ Rxe5 38.f3 Rb5 39.Rd2 Kf6 40.Kf2 Ke5 41.Ke3**

**Rb1 42.Ra3 Rb5 43.h4 h6 44.hxg5 hxg5 45.g3 Kf6 46.f4 gxf4+ 47.gxf4 Rh5 48.Kd4 Rh4 49.Rf2 Rg4 50.Ra7 Kg7 51.Rc7 Rg3 52.f5 Rd3+ 53.Ke5 Bd7 54.Rg2+ Kf8 55.Rxc4 Ra3 56.Rb4 Ra5+ 57.Kd6**

Black resigned. 1-0



And so after 3 rounds it looks something like this!

**Section 1:**

Bereolos, Strunk (!!) 2 1/2-1/2  
Karagianis 1 1/2-1 1/2  
Tennant, Burgess 1-2  
Menon 1/2-2 1/2

**Section 2:**

Wallach 2 1/2-1/2  
Dean, McEntee 2-1  
Chow, Caveney 1-2  
Weber 1/2-2 1/2

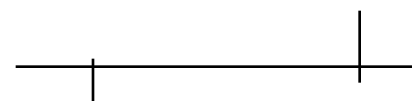
Round 4, played Sunday morning, August 19th, included the pair-ings...

Section 1:

FM Dr. Peter Bereolos (2 1/2-1/2) – CM Adam Strunk (2 1/2-1/2)  
NM Pete Karagianis (1 1/2-1 1/2) – NM Dr. Steven Tennant (1-2)  
CM Gopal Menon (1/2-2 1/2) – NM Jon Burgess (1-2)

Section 2:

CM Geoff Caveney (1-2) – FM Albert Chow (1-2)  
NM Timothy McEntee (2-1) – NM Kenneth "the Man" Wallach (2 1/2-1/2)  
FM James Dean (2-1) – NM Len Weber (1/2-2 1/2)



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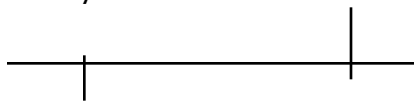
**McEntee,T (2174) - Wallach,K (2195) [E33]**  
**2007 Colias Memorial (4), 19.08.2007**

**1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.Qc2 Nc6 5.Nf3 d6 6.a3 Bxc3+ 7.Qxc3 Qe7 8.g3 0-0 9.Bg2 e5 10.dxe5**

[10.d5! seems better for white.]

**10...dxe5 11.0-0 e4 12.Nd4 Nxd4 13.Qxd4 h6! 14.h3 Rd8 15.Qc3 Be6 16.Be3 Rd7 17.Rac1 b6 18.Kh2 Rad8**

It would be difficult to lose this solid position, so the players agreed to an early draw. 1/2-1/2



To Jon's credit, he always plays full tilt chess, regardless of the score and regardless of what kind of tournament he is having. Sometimes this has good results and sometimes not, but there is always a fight at the board. Gopal fearlessly enters that fight and gets the better of it, putting Jon quite in the cellar. He will be back.

[Notes by FM Chow]

**Menon,G - Burgess,J (2220) [B43]**  
**2007 Colias Memorial (4), 19.08.2007**

**1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 e6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 a6 5.Nc3 Qc7 6.Bd3 b5 7.0-0 Nf6 8.Qe2 d6 9.a4!? b4 10.Na2 d5 11.e5 Nfd7 12.Re1 Nc6 13.Nxc6 Qxc6 14.Bd2 Qb6 15.Qg4! Rb8**

[15...a5!? may defend.]

**16.a5?! Qc7?**

[16...Qxa5! accepting the gambit was forced. 17.Nxb4 Rxb4! 18.Bxb4 Qxb4 19.Qxb4 Bxb4 20.c3 Bc5 21.Bxa6 Bxa6 22.Rxa6 Ke7 counterplay with black having good chances.]

**17.Bxb4 Nxe5 18.Qf4 Bxb4 19.Nxb4 f6**

[19...Nf3+ 20.Qxf3 Rxb4 21.Qxd5 0-0 22.Qa2 white is a good pawn up.]

**20.Bxa6 Qd6**

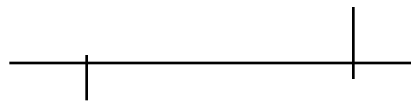
[20...Rxb4!? 21.Qxb4 Bxa6 22.Qb6! (22.f4 Nc6 23.Rxe6+ Kd7! 24.Qe1 Qxf4) 22...Qc8 23.b4± black would have problems stopping the advancing passed pawns.]

**21.Bxc8 Rxb4 22.Qd2 Rg4?**

[22...Kf7! 23.Bxe6+! Kxe6 24.f4 Rxb2! 25.fxe5 fxe5,, complications favoring white due to blacks exposed king.(25...Qc5+ 26.Kh1 fxe5 27.Qg5!+-) ]

**23.Qe2± 0-0 24.Bb7 Qb4 25.a6 Re4 26.Qd1 Rh4? 27.Bxd5!+- Qb6 28.a7 Rf4 29.a8Q!**

Black resigned. 1-0



The exciting battle of the round, between the veteran defending co-champion and the upstart from Hell! Once again Adam continues to impress, playing strong, mature chess against anything anyone can throw at him. With some form of justice, this fighting game has a level conclusion.

[Notes by FM Chow]

**Bereolos,P (2311) - Strunk,A [D85]**  
**2007 Colias Memorial (4),**

**19.08.2007**

**1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 d5 4.cxd5 Nxd5 5.e4 Nxc3 6.bxc3 Bg7 7.Be3 c5 8.Qd2 cxd4 9.cxd4 Nc6 10.Bb5 0-0**

A dynamic balance in the Grunfeld Exchange variations.

**11.Ne2 Bg4**

[11...Bd7 is also good.]

**12.f3**

[12.Bxc6!? bxc6 13.f3 looks better for white.]

**12...Bd7 13.Rb1 a6!?**

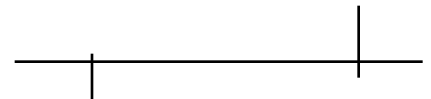
Also 13...e6 and 13...b6 look reasonable.

**14.Bxc6 Bxc6 15.d5 Bb5 16.Nd4 Qd7 17.Nxb5 axb5 18.0-0 Rfc8 19.Rfc1**

[19.Rb3!? idea Rfb1 looks promising.]

**19...Rc4! 20.Rxc4 bxc4= 21.Bd4 Bxd4+ 22.Qxd4 Rc8 23.Qc3 b5 24.a3 Qa7+ 25.Kf1 Qc5 26.Ke2 Ra8 27.Qb4 Qxb4**

A drawn rook ending was agreed. 1/2-1/2



By now Tropical Storm Dean is a hurricane! With wind speeds over 2400, who can even stand up in this kind of weather?! In this encounter Jim easily rolls his queenside play and achieves a won ending. Try and wriggle as Len might, Jim is too solid an endgame player to not win the ensuing position. It's elementary, my dear Watson.

[Notes by FM Chow]

**Dean, J (2250) - Weber, L [A95]  
2007 Colias Memorial (4),  
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**1.d4 f5 2.g3 Nf6 3.Bg2 e6 4.Nf3  
Be7 5.0-0 d5 6.c4 c6 7.Nc3 0-0**

The Stonewall Dutch defence.

**8.Rb1!? Ne4 9.Qc2 Nd7 10.b4!  
Ndf6 11.Ne5  
Nxc3 12.Qxc3  
Ne4 13.Qc2  
Bf6**

[13...Bd7]  
14.b5 Bd7

It is unclear how best black should play:

[14...cxb5!];

14...dxc4!;

14...c5!]

**15.Ba3**

Diagram



**15...Be7??**

[15...Re8! was solid, and black is able to defend against tactical threats.;

15...Bxe5!? 16.dxe5 (16.Bxf8 Bxd4)  
16...Re8÷]

**16.Bxe7 Qxe7 17.cxd5! exd5**

[17...cxd5 18.Qc7! Nf6 19.Qxb7+-]

**18.bxc6 Bxc6 19.Nxc6 bxc6  
20.Qxc6+- Rad8 21.Rb7 Qf6  
22.Qxf6 Nxf6 23.Rc1**

[23.Rxa7! wins another pawn.]



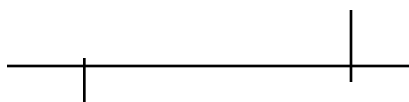
**1.d4 Nf6  
2.Nf3 g6  
3.c4 Bg7  
4.Nc3 d5  
5.e3 0-0  
6.Qb3!  
e6! 7.Bd2  
b6 8.cxd5  
e x d 5  
9 . B e 2  
Bb7 10.0-0  
Nbd7  
11. Rfd1  
Re8**

[11...c5!  
12.dxc5  
Nxc5 ac-  
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**23...Rc8 24.Rcc7 Rxc7 25.Rxc7  
Ra8 26.e3 g6 27.Bf3 h6 28.h3  
Kf8 29.Kg2 h5 30.h4 Kg8 31.a4!  
Kf8 32.a5 a6 33.Be2 Ne4 34.f3  
Nd2 35.Rc6 Kg7 36.Rxa6 Rc8  
37.Kf2 Rc1 38.Rd6 Ra1 39.Rxd5  
Ra2 40.Rc5 Nb3 41.Rc7+ Kf6  
42.a6 Ke6 43.Rc3 Na5 44.e4  
fxe4 45.fxe4 Kd6 46.Ke3 Nc6  
47.e5+**

The knight falls so black resigned.

**1-0**



The event is getting late, and Al-

bert desperately needed to win to get into this thing. Albert has traditionally done better in the second halves of round robin events, but Geoff is solid, and hangs tough.

[Notes by FM Chow]

**Caveney, G (2091) - Chow, A (2213) [D95]  
2007 Colias Memorial (4),  
19.08.2007**

**1.d4 Nf6  
2.Nf3 g6  
3.c4 Bg7  
4.Nc3 d5  
5.e3 0-0  
6.Qb3!  
e6! 7.Bd2  
b6 8.cxd5  
e x d 5  
9 . B e 2  
Bb7 10.0-0  
Nbd7  
11. Rfd1  
Re8**

[11...c5!  
12.dxc5  
Nxc5 ac-  
tive pieces  
compen-  
sate the iso-

lated d pawn.]

**12.Be1 a6 13.Rac1 Bf8 14.a3  
Bd6 15.Na2 Qb8 16.h3 Ra7  
17.Qc2 Qa8 18.Nb4 c5! 19.Nd3**

[19.dxc5 bxc5 was double edged.]

**19...c4! 20.Nf4 b5 21.Ba5!  
Ne4 22.Bf1 Qb8 23.Ne2 Bc6  
24.Re1 f5 25.g3 Kh8 26.Bg2  
Rg8 27.Red1 Ra8 28.Nd2 Qf8  
29.Nxe4 fxe4 30.Qd2 Nf6  
31.Rf1 Qe8 32.Bb4 Bc7 33.Ba5  
Bd6 34.Bb4 Bc7 35.Ba5 Bd6**

White claimed a draw because he wanted to repeat the same position three times with 36.Bb4.

**1/2-1/2**

Both Steve and Pete needed a win here to keep their tournament hopes alive. Interestingly, Pete has won their encounter in the last two Colias events, but good times couldn't last forever. Steve pulls off the win and Pete falls into negative territory.

**Karagianis,P(2196) - Tennant,S(2224) [E61]  
2007 Colias Memorial (4),  
19.08.2007**

**1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 Bg7  
4.Nf3 0-0 5.Bg5 c5 6.d5 d6  
7.Nd2 h6 8.Bh4 a6 9.e3 e6**

A Benoni King's Indian .

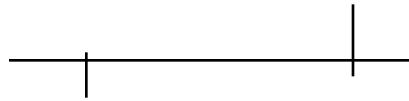
**10.a4 Qc7 11.Be2 e5!? 12.0-0 Ne8 13.f4 f5 14.fxe5 dxe5 15.Nf3 Nd6 16.Bg3 Nd7 17.Qc2 Kh7 18.Rab1 e4! 19.Nd2 Ne5 20.Kh1 Bd7 21.Rf2 Kg8 22.Rff1 Rae8 23.Nd1 Rb8 24.Nf2 b5!? 25.cxb5 axb5 26.axb5 Bxb5 27.Bxb5 Rxb5 28.b3 Rfb8 29.Nc4 Qe7 30.Rfc1?**

[30.Na3 was solid.]

**30...Nexc4 31.bxc4 Rxb1 32.Rxb1 Rxb1+ 33.Qxb1 Nxc4++ 34.Qb3 Nd6 35.Qb6 Qb7! 36.Qd8+ Bf8 37.h4 Qxd5 38.Nh3 Qe6 39.Nf4 Qe7 40.Qb6 Qf7 41.Qxc5 Ne8 42.Qc8 Nf6 43.Ne6 Qe7 44.Nf4 Kg7 45.Ne6+ Kf7 46.Nf4 Qc5 47.Qe6+ Kg7 48.Ne2 Qe7 49.Qc6 Kh7 50.Nf4 Bg7 51.Bf2 Qe8 52.Qb7 Ng4 53.Be1 Ne5 54.Nd5 Qd7 55.Qb3 Ng4 56.Kg1 Qd6 57.Nf4 Nxe3! 58.Ne6 Ng4 59.Bg3 Qd3 60.Qxd3 exd3 61.Bf4 Be5 62.Bd2 Bg3 63.h5 g5 64.Kf1 Nf6 65.Nc5 Ne4 66.Nb3 Nxd2+ 67.Nxd2 Kg7 68.Nc4 Kf6 69.Nb2 d2 70.Ke2 Bf4 71.Nd3 Be3! 72.Nb2 f4 73.Kf3 Bd4 74.Nd1 Kf5 75.g3**

**fxg3 76.Kxg3 Ke4 77.Kg2 Kd3 78.Kf1 g4**

white resigned. **0-1**



And so after 4 rounds, the standings!

**Section 1:**

Bereolos, Strunk (!!!) 3-1  
Tennant 2-2  
Karagianis, Menon 1½-2½  
Burgess 1-3

**Section 2:**

Wallach, Dean 3-1  
McEntee 2½-1½  
Chow, Caveney 1½-2½  
Weber ½-3½

Round 5.

Sunday evening, August 19th.

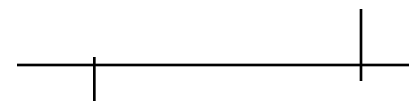
The final round pairings!

Section 1:

NM Dr. Steven Tennant (2-2) – FM Dr. Peter Bereolos (3-1)  
CM Gopal Menon (1½-2½) - NM Pete Karagianis (1½-2½)  
NM Jon Burgess (1-3) - CM Adam Strunk (3-1)

Section 2:

NM Kenneth "The Man" Wallach (3-1) - CM Geoff Caveney (1½-2½)  
FM James "Hurricane" Dean (3-1) – NM Tim McEntee (2½-1½)  
NM Len Weber (½-3½) – FM Albert Chow (1½- 2½)



Gopal and Pete, each likely not terribly happy with their results, opt out

of combat and take a deferment.

[Notes by FM Chow]

**Menon,G - Karagianis,P (2196) [C91]  
2007 Colias Memorial (5),  
19.08.2007**

**1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 b5 6.Bb3 Be7 7.Re1 0-0**

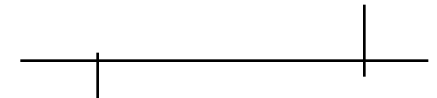
Players of the Ruy Lopez must understand the important moves and variations of the Marshall Gambit declined.

**8.d4!? d6 9.c3 Bg4! 10.d5 Nb8**

[10...Na5 is active.]

**11.Nbd2 c6 12.h3 Bh5 13.dxc6 Nxc6 14.Nf1 Qc7 15.Ng3 Bg6 16.Nh4 Rfd8 17.Nhf5 Na5 18.Bg5**

White offered a draw from a good position, and black was smart to equalize. **½-½**



With this game underway, Adam may have had it in his head to just "not lose", and in refusing a draw offer, Jon wished to "not draw". Both got their wish! Jon explained to another player during the game that his opponent had just offered a draw, but he declined it "because otherwise, why come here at all!". Jon, for that spirit, FM Kevin Bachler should make you an honorary Caveman! In the ensuing melee, Jon honorably goes down in a blaze of glory. Do not judge him by a crosstable result, folks, Jon is both a fine chessplayer and a fine gentleman. As for Adam, the victory caps a dream tournament, and look out Illinois chess world, if you



didn't notice Adam before, you will now!

[Notes by FM Chow]

**Burgess,J (2220) - Strunk,A [B23] 2007 Colias Memorial (5), 19.08.2007**

**1.e4 c5 2.Nc3 a6!? 3.a4 Nc6 4.f4 g6 5.Nf3 Bg7 6.Bc4 e6 7.0-0 Nge7 8.Qe1 0-0 9.d3 d5! 10.Bb3 f5**

Counter play in the Sicilian Grand Prix.

**11.Kh1 c4! 12.exd5**

[12.dxc4 dxe4; 12.Ba2!]

**12...cxb3 13.dxc6 Nxc6 14.cxb3 Nb4 15.Qe2 Qxd3 16.Bd2 Qxe2 17.Nxe2 Nd5**

Black has better pawn structure and a long term advantage in this endgame.

**18.Ned4 Nf6 19.Ng5 Ne4 20.Nxe4 Bxd4 21.Bc3 Bxc3 22.Nxc3 Bd7 23.Rfe1 Kf7 24.Rad1 Bc6 25.b4 Rad8 26.b5**

[26.a5!? may be better.]

**26...axb5 27.axb5 Bd5 28.Re5 Bb3 29.Rxd8 Rxd8 30.Rc5 Rd7 31.Kg1 Ke7 32.Rc8 Rd8 33.Rc5 Kd6 34.Re5 b6 35.Kf2 Rc8 36.g3 Rc5 37.Re3 Bc4**

The doubled b pawns are weak.

**38.Ke1 h6! 39.h4 Rc8!**

[39...Bxb5?? 40.b4!±]

**40.Re5 g5!**

Black's kingside majority activates.

41.hxg5 hxg5 42.Na4 Rb8 43.Kd2 **gxf4 44.gxf4 Bb3! 45.Nc3 Rh8!µ 46.Ne2 Rh3 47.Nd4 Bc4**

The fast time control of Game/90 caused it's share of errors, despite the 30 second bonus each move.

**48.Kc2 Rd3?**

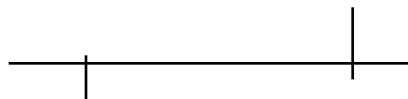
[48...Rh4!]

**49.Nc6??**

[49.Nxe6! Rf3 50.Ng7! Rxf4 51.Rxf5 forces a draw.]

**49...Rd5 50.Kc3 Bxb5 51.Nd4 Bd7 52.Re2 Rc5+ 53.Kb4? Kd5-+ 54.Nf3 Rc4+ 55.Kb3 Ba4+ 56.Ka3 Rxf4 57.Rd2+ Kc5 58.Ne5 Bb5 59.b4+ Rxb4 60.Rc2+ Rc4**

White resigned. 0-1



It can be easy to be demoralized when you're not having a good result, the worst thing to have to question at the board in tournament is... yourself. Both Len and Albert surely wished they could have back some of the previous games in this event, alas but there are no take-backs in tournaments for moves or games! But in the last round, they duke it out anyway, with nothing for either to gain but pride. The battle is indecisive, but not because they walked away from a fight, but because both players fought it out in the spirit of the Colias Memorial.

[Notes by FM Chow]

**Weber,L - Chow,A (2213) [A05] 2007 Colias Memorial (5), 19.08.2007**

**1.Nf3 Nf6 2.b3**

The early queen's bishop fianchetto is also known as Bent Larsen's opening.

**2...g6 3.Bb2 Bg7 4.e3 0-0 5.Be2 c5 6.0-0 Nc6**

Black may seek complications in the Grunfeld - Benoni - King's Indian defences:

**7.d3**

[7.c4 is an English.]

**7...d5 8.Ne5**

A main line of the Queen's Indian defence with colors reversed and white having the extra move d3 in. Maybe a better name for this is Queen's Indian Attack!

**8...Nxe5**

[Alternatives include: 8...Qc7 9.Nxc6 Qxc6; or 8...Bd7 ]

**9.Bxe5 Nh5 10.Bxg7 Nxg7=**

I chose this line because white would lose his extra move to prevent ...e5. Solid equalization aiming for a slight edge..

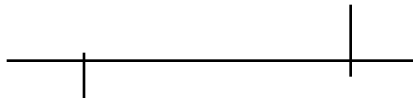
**11.d4 cxd4 12.Qxd4 Nf5 13.Qb2 Be6 14.Na3 Rc8 15.Rac1**

[15.c4 is good idea if we do not mind exchanges. White could trade off his backward c pawn.]

**15...Qb6 16.Rfd1 Rfd8 17.Nb5 a6 18.Nd4 Nxd4 19.Rxd4 Qc5 20.h3 Rd6 21.a4 Qc3 22.Qa3 Qc5 23.Qb2 Qc3 24.Qa3 Qc5 25.Qb2 Qc3**

White claimed a draw by triple rep-

etition. 1/2-1/2



This game represented Steve's chance to get in the money, and he played most of the game with the energy that he is known to be capable of. But... again, it is very difficult to beat Peter... Steve looked like he was at least equal chances and pushing to see if he could advance in a double rook ending, but made those crucial weakening moves on his kingside. This allowed the ever resourceful Peter to strike rapidly with the rooks, taking Steve down, and tying for first place for the second event in a row (2005 and 2007).

[Notes by FM Chow]

**Tennant,S (2224) - Bereolos,P (2311) [A65]**  
**2007 Colias Memorial (5), 19.08.2007**

**1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 Bg7 4.e4 d6 5.f3 0-0 6.Be3 c5**

A gambit in the Saemisch King's Indian..

**7.d5!? e6 8.Qd2 exd5 9.cxd5 a6 10.a4 Re8 11.Nge2 Nbd7 12.Nd1!? Ne5 13.Nec3 Qc7 14.Be2 Rb8 15.0-0 Bd7**

White declined the gambit and gained better chances instead transposing into a Saemisch vs. the Modern Benoni.

**16.a5 b5?! 17.axb6 Rxb6 18.Nf2**

[18.Rxa6! Rxa6 19.Bxa6± looks good for white to accept the gambit pawn.]

**18...Bb5 19.Nxb5 axb5 20.b4 Ned7 21.bxc5 Nxc5 22.Rab1**

**Reb8 23.Rfc1 Qe7 24.Rb4 R6b7 25.Rcb1 Qe8 26.Bd4 Na6 27.R4b2 Nc7 28.Rc2 b4 29.Rc6 Qe7 30.Rb3 Nd7 31.Bxg7 Kxg7 32.Nd3 Ne5 33.Qb2 Qf6?**

Diagram



[33...f6!]

**34.Nxe5 Qxe5 35.Rxd6!± Qxb2 36.Rxb2 Nb5 37.Bxb5 Rxb5 38.Rc6 f5!? 39.Kf2**

[39.exf5! Rxd5 40.fxg6 hxg6 41.Kf2]

**39...Re8 40.Rc4 b3 41.Rd4**

[41.exf5! gxf5 42.Rd4± white should enjoy a better rook ending.]

**41...fxe4! 42.fxe4 Kf6 43.Ke3 Ke5 44.Rc4 Re7 45.Kd3 Rb6 46.Ke3 Reb7 47.g3 Rf6 48.Kd3?**

[48.Rc8!]

**48...Rf3+ 49.Ke2?**

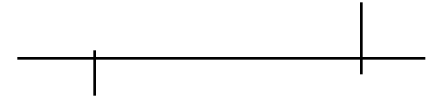
[49.Kd2=]

**49...Rbf7!-+ 50.Kd2 Rf2+ 51.Kc3**

[51.Kc1 Rf1+ 52.Kd2 R7f3!-+]

**51...R7f3+**

White loses a rook and resigned.  
**0-1**



Once again, "Hurricane" Dean seemed to almost effortlessly come through, and out of a middlegame with a clear endgame advantage, which he efficiently converted to complete his comeback and at least tie for first place in the section. As for Tim, a disappointing loss, his only loss of the event.

[Notes by FM Chow]

**Dean,J (2250) - McEntee,T (2174) [D91]**  
**2007 Colias Memorial (5), 19.08.2007**

**1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 d5 4.Nf3 Bg7 5.Bg5 Ne4 6.cxd5 Nxd5**

[6...Nxc3 7.bxc3 Qxd5 is a good alternative.]

**7.Nxd5 e6! 8.Qd2! exd5 9.Qe3+! Kf8 10.Qf4 Bf6 11.h4 h6 12.Nf3 Kg7 13.e3 Be6 14.Bd3 Nd7 15.Qg3 c5**

[15...c6= is solid.]

**16.Ne2 Qb8?**

[16...Qa5+!? black should aim for active counterplay.]

**17.Nf4!± Re8 18.Nh5+!**

[18.Bxg6!? fxg6 19.Qxg6+ Kf8 20.Ne5! (20.Qxh6+ Ke7) 20...Bxe5 21.Qxh6+]

**18...Kh8?!**

[In the endgame it is best to centralize the king for active play for

example: 18...Kf8! 19.Nxf6 Nxf6  
20.Qxb8 Rxb8]

**19.Qxb8 Rxb8 20.Nxf6 Nxf6  
21.dxc5 Nd7 22.Rc1 Rc8  
23.Nd4**

[23.b4! a5 24.a3 axb4 25.axb4±  
white may be able to keep his extra  
pawn.]

**23...Nxc5 24.Kd2 Bd7**

White is slightly better, thanks to a  
better centralized king, and black's  
isolated D pawn. If black had played  
18...Kf8, his defence would be even  
easier.

Diagram



**25.Rc2 Nxd3?**

In theory this may not be that bad,  
but in practice the good knight often  
dominates a bad bishop. This was  
the kind of position Anatoly Karpov  
always used to win, and this game  
shows another fresh example.

[25...Ne6! seems to give chances  
for a draw with a passive but solid  
defence.]

**26.Kxd3 Rxc2 27.Kxc2 Rc8+  
28.Kd2 Kg7 29.Rc1 Rxc1  
30.Kxc1 Kf6**

It seems if black moves his king to

d6, white would be challenged to  
make any progress. But instead for  
some unknown reason, McEntee  
gets wild and crazy with a bunch of  
positional blunders, and Jim Dean  
wins not only this game, but First  
place prize in his section.

**31.Kd2 g5 32.hxg5+ Kxg5?**

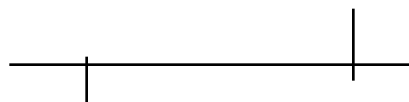
[32...hxg5 is correct, black's king is  
better centralized near his d pawn,  
and avoiding more isolated pawns.]

**33.Kc3 h5? 34.Nf3+ Kf5 35.Kd4!  
Kf6? 36.Ne5 Be6?**

[36...Bf5! was black's last hope.]

**37.Nd3+- h4 38.Nf4 Ke7  
39.Nxd5+ Kd6 40.e4 h3 41.gxh3  
Bxh3 42.Ne3 Be6 43.a3 b6  
44.f4 f6 45.Nd1 f5 46.Nc3 a6  
47.exf5 Bxf5 48.Nd5 b5 49.b4  
Bh7 50.Nf6 Bf5 51.Ne4+ Kc6  
52.Nc5 Bc8 53.Ke5 a5 54.f5  
Bxf5 55.Kxf5 Kd5 56.Na6 a4  
57.Nc7+ Kc6 58.Ke5 Kxc7  
59.Kd5**

Black will lose his remaining pawns  
and so resigned. **1-0**



That just left this game, the last of  
the event. Could Ken defeat Geoff  
to tie for first? For most of the  
game it looked that way, but Geoff  
is known to be a fighter, and when  
Ken got sloppy, Geoff pounced on  
him. As the fans watched, the pres-  
sure mounted, the time got low for  
both players, and the drama played  
out. Brick by brick Ken's position  
was falling apart and it was just a  
matter of time. Ken is still "The  
Man", and took clear second. Geoff  
finished a satisfying .500 for the  
event.

[Notes by FM Chow]  
**Wallach,K (2195) - Caveney,G  
(2091) [C54]  
2007 Colias Memorial (5),  
19.08.2007**

**1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.d4 exd4  
4.Bc4 Bc5 5.c3 Nf6 6.cxd4  
Bb4+ 7.Bd2 Bxd2+ 8.Nbxd2  
d5! 9.exd5 Nxd5**

A critical variation of the Giuoco  
Piano.

**10.Qb3 Na5**

[10...Nce7 11.0-0 0-0  
is also good and solid.]

**11.Qa4+ Nc6**

Now white may repeat the position  
with 12.Qb3. 12.Ne5!? 0-0! 13.Bxd5  
[13.Nxc6 Qe8+! 14.Kf1! Nb6!  
15.Qb5 bxc6 16.Qc5 is unclear with  
counter chances for both sides.]

**13...Nxe5!**

[13...Qxd5 14.Nxc6 bxc6 15.0-0 c5!  
also seems good and playable.]

**14.Be4 Ng6**

[14...Ng4!? was also good.]

**15.0-0**

[15.Bxg6 hxg6 16.0-0 Bd7]

**15...Nf4 16.Nf3 Qf6?**

[16...c6 is solid.]

**17.Qc2! g6?**

[17...h6! 18.Qxc7 Ne2+ 19.Kh1  
Nxd4 20.Qc3!]

**18.Qxc7± Bg4 19.Bxb7 Rab8  
20.Ne5 Be6 21.Bf3 Rxb2  
22.Qxa7 Qg5 23.Kh1!+- f6**

**24.Qa3 Rbb8 25.Nd3 Bc4  
26.Nxf4 Qxf4 27.Rfd1 Rfd8  
28.g3**

[28.Qe3! is better for white.]

**28...Qf5 29.Kg2 Be6 30.Rd2  
Qh3+ 31.Kg1 Re8 32.d5 Bd7  
33.Bg2 Qh6 34.f4**

[34.Qd3! was solid and would have deprived black of counterplay against an open white king.]

**34...Qh5 35.Qd6 Qf5**

Diagram



**36.a4??**

[Black gets a lucky tactical opportunity, perhaps due to white's nervousness and the fast time control. 36.h3! would secure safe flight squares for the white kings castle.]

**36...Rb1+!**

Black's attack against the tactical weakness of the exposed white king soon gains a winning material advantage.

**37.Rd1**

[37.Rxb1 Qxb1+ 38.Bf1 Bh3!--]

**37...Rb2!-- 38.Qa3 Ree2**

[38...Rxb2+! 39.Kxb2 Re2+ and 40...Qe4 wins by quick checkmate.]

**39.Bf3 Qc2**

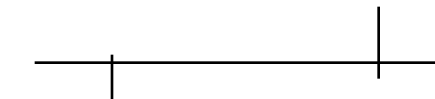
[39...Qh3! and again white gets checkmated.]

**40.Bxe2 Qxe2 41.Qxb2! Qxb2**

The threat is ...Bh3. Mating threats against white's king can only be prevented by sacrificing more material, and in the end the win for black is easy.

**42.Rab1 Qc2 43.Rbc1 Qxa4  
44.Rd2 Qa7+ 45.Kg2 Qe3  
46.Rcc2 Bg4 47.h3 Bf3+ 48.Kh2  
Qe1! 49.g4 Qh1+ 50.Kg3 Bxd5  
51.Rxd5 Qxd5 52.Rf2 Qd3+  
53.Kg2 Kg7 54.f5 Qe3 55.Rf3  
Qe4 56.Kg3 Qe1+ 57.Kg2  
Qe2+ 58.Rf2 Qe4+ 59.Kg3  
Qe5+ 60.Kg2 Kh6 61.fxg6 hxg6  
62.h4 Kg7 63.Rf3 f5 64.gxf5  
gxf5 65.Rg3+ Kf6 66.Rg5 Qe4+  
67.Kg3 Qe3+ 68.Kg2 f4 69.Kh2  
f3 70.Rg1 Qf2+**

White resigned. **0-1**



The Final Standings!

**Section 1:**

1st-2nd  
FM Dr. Peter Bereolos, CM Adam Strunk, at 4-1

3rd – 5th  
NM Dr. Steven Tennant, NM Pete Karagianis, CM Gopal Menon, at 2-3

6th  
NM Jon Burgess, at 1-4

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2nd  
NM Kenneth "The Man" Wallach, 3-2

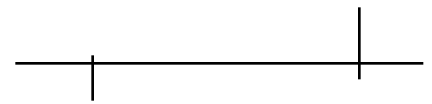
3rd-4th  
NM Timothy McEntee, CM Geoff Caveney, 2½-2½

5th  
FM Albert Chow, 2-3

6th  
NM Len Weber, at 1-4

Congratulations to the winners!

Peter Bereolos, Jim Dean, and Adam Strunk, will be considered the 2007 Billy Colias Memorial Master Invitational Tournament Co-Champions!



[Ed: Geoff Caveney also annotated two of his games from the event. Here they are!]

[Notes by Caveney]

**Dean, J - Caveney, G  
3rd Billy Colias Memorial  
Master Invitat Chicago (2),  
18.08.2007**

**1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 Nf6 4.Nc3  
Be7 5.Bf4 0-0 6.e3 c5 7.dxc5  
Bxc5 8.cxd5 Nxd5 9.Nxd5 exd5  
10.a3 Nc6 11.Bd3**

Thanks to Bill Brock annotating the game Dean-Brock from the Chicago Open in the last Illinois Chess Bulletin, I knew that Dean played this exact variation and I was able to prepare very deeply for it.

**11...Bb6 12.0-0 d4 13.e4**

Dean said he considered the alternative 13.Qc2. I'm glad he didn't play that, because I wasn't prepared for that move.

**13...Bg4 14.h3 Qf6**

The first key move for Black, played twice by Beliavsky vs. Dreev and Radjabov.

**15.Bh2 Bxf3 16.Qxf3 Qxf3 17.gxf3 Na5**

Beliavsky's second key move. ...Nb3 and ...Nc4 are both threats, depending on how White reacts.

**18.Rad1**

Dean finds the correct move after 12 minutes' thought.

**18...Rac8 19.Rfe1**

Dean plays the best move here as well, also played by Dreev.

**19...Nb3**

I am still following Dreev-Beliavsky, while Dean is on his own. So in effect he is still playing against Beliavsky, not against me.

**20.Bb1**

Dean finally makes a mistake under the pressure of Beliavsky's moves. The correct line here is 20.Bd6 Rfd8 21.e5!, not 21.Bb4 a5. After 21.e5, then 21...Ba5 22.Bb4. This is what Dreev played. Dean saw 20.Bd6 but not 21.e5, so he rejected the line.

**20...Ba5 21.Re2 Nd2**

Due to the tactic 22.Rexd2 Bxd2 23.Rxd2 Rc1+ and 24...Rxb1, White has problems here.

**22.b4 Nxf3+**



Now that Caveney has taken over the Black pieces from Beliavsky, Black makes a mistake. The simple 22...Nxb1 23.Rxb1 (23.bxa5?? Nc3) Bb6 keeps a solid advantage. 24.Rb3! is a good defense, but Black still has the strong passed d-pawn and control of the open c-file. I thought I had found a good forcing line after 22...Nxf3+, but I missed a key detail 7 moves later.

**23.Kg2 Nh4+ 24.Kg3 Bd8**

A sad necessity. I had planned to play 24...Rc3+, calculating 25.Kxh4 Bd8+ 26.Kg4 h5+ 27.Kf4 (27.Kxh5 Rxh3+ and 28...Rxh2) g5+ 28.Ke5 Bc7+ winning back the bishop on h2. But I had overlooked the fact that after 29.Kxd4 the White king is attacking my rook on c3! This refutes the entire line with 24...Rc3+. I looked for some way to salvage the line, such as 28...Rxh3, but 29.f4! seems to safely hold onto White's extra piece. Now that I saw all this, I had to reject 24...Rc3+ and bail out with 24...Bd8. But now I am fighting to draw instead of fighting to win.

**25.Rxd4 Rc1 26.Ba2 Rc3+ 27.Re3 Rxe3+ 28.fxe3 Bc7+ 29.Kxh4 Bxh2 30.Kg4**

If 30.Rd7 Bg1 31.Rxb7 Bxe3. So

Dean gets his king in position to defend e3 before playing Rd7.

**30...h5+**

If I allow Rd7 I am in trouble. But 30...Rc8 31.Rd7 Rc7 allows the back rank mate 32.Rd8#. So first I have to clear a square for my king with tempo, at the cost of my h-pawn.

**31.Kxh5 Rc8 32.Rd7 Rc7 33.Bxf7+**

I knew I was giving up my f-pawn too, but I still thought the resulting opposite color bishops endgame with no rooks and with White's doubled e-pawns was my best chance to hold the position.

**33...Kf8 34.Rxc7 Bxc7 35.Bd5 b6**

This is a fascinating endgame that neither player fully understood. It looks like all the action is on the kingside, but the key to the whole position is actually on the queenside. White can win by playing b5! and freezing Black's pawn on a7, where the White king can go and capture it. Then Black will have to put his bishop on a5 to defend b6 and stop the threat of a5! creating a passed pawn on the queenside. But then the White king comes back to support the passed e-pawn. When the Black bishop moves to stop e6-e7, then White breaks with a4-a5! and Black cannot stop both the e-pawn and the queenside passed pawn. So the winning idea is b4-b5!, and if White doesn't play that, Black must play a7-a5! as soon as possible to get his pawn off of a7 and put his queenside pawns where his bishop can defend them. Neither player understood this key point during the game, and therefore what follows is a whole sequence of errors where the half point was handed back and

forth multiple times.

**36.Kg6**

Missing the win with 36.b5!

**36...Be5**

Missing the draw with 36...a5!

**37.Kf5**

Missing the win with 37.b5!

**37...Bb2 38.a4 Ke7**

Missing the draw with 38...a5!  
39.bxa5 bxa5 40.Ke6 looks dangerous, but Black can leave his king on f8 and still hold the position by covering e7 with his bishop. If 38...a5 39.b5 Ke7, then while the White king goes to b6, the Black bishop will be able to capture e3 or force it to move, opening up the whole b6-g1 diagonal for the bishop to defend the b6 pawn. Angelo Young demonstrated all of this to the players after the game.

**39.e5**

Missing the win with 39.b5!

**39...Bc3**

Missing the draw with 39...a5!, and in fact forcing White to play the winning move by attacking the pawn on b4!

**40.b5**

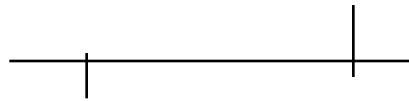
The sequence of errors comes to an end. This game requires us to edit the old expression; now we have to say, "The winner of a game of chess is the one who makes the second-to-last, and fourth-to-last, and sixth-to-last mistakes."

**40...Bb2 41.Ke4 Bc3 42.Bg8 Bb2 43.Kd5 Bc3 44.e6 Bb2 45.Kc6**

**Bc3 46.Kb7 Kd6 47.Kxa7 Ba5 48.Kb7 Ke7 49.Kc6 Kd8 50.Kb7 Ke7 51.Kc7 Ke8 52.Bf7+ Ke7 53.h4**

Zugzwang.

**53...Kf8 54.Kd7 Bb4 55.a5 1-0**



[Notes by Caveney]  
**Wallach, K - Caveney, G**  
**3rd Billy Colias Memorial**  
**Master Invitat Chicago (5),**  
**19.08.2007**

**1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.d4 exd4 4.Bc4 Bc5 5.c3 Nf6 6.cxd4 Bb4+**

From an unusual move order we have transposed into the main line of the Giuoco Piano.

**7.Bd2 Bxd2+ 8.Nbxd2 d5 9.exd5 Nxd5 10.Qb3 Na5 11.Qa4+ Nc6**

I thought White only used this line for a draw by repetition after 12.Qb3, but Wallach is playing to win. I figured my position was solid, unless the opening analysis going back to the days before Paul Morphy and Adolf Andersson has been wrong for 200 years.

**12.Ne5 0-0 13.Bxd5**

I had planned to meet 13.Nxc6 with 13...bxc6, and if 14.Qxc6 Re8+ followed by ...Be6 with more than enough compensation for the pawn, but Wallach pointed out that after 13.Nxc6 Black has 13...Qe8+! followed by 14...Nb6!

**13...Nxe5**

According to Wallach and Albert

Chow, this is the first time 13...Nxe5 has been played in practice. I just thought it looked like an interesting idea that prevents White from doubling my c-pawns.

**14.Be4 Ng6**

Black is looking for a kingside attack with his knight, queen, and bishop.

**15.0-0 Nf4**

Threatening 16...Qg5 and 16...Ne2+ winning the d4 pawn.

**16.Nf3**

Defending both threats.

**16...Qf6**

My only excuse for this move is final round insanity. I should have played the quiet, solid 16...c6 before proceeding with my aggressive intentions on the kingside. That would defend both the c-pawn and the b-pawn and avoid all the problems I am about to face. The idea behind ...Qf6, by the way, was ...Qe6 followed by ...Qg4.

**17.Qc2**

Whoops, White is hitting both h7 and c7. But still Black can defend h7, give up c7, and then win the d4 pawn with Ne2+....

**17...g6**

...Unless Black screws up the line by un-defending his queen on f6! Now after 18.Qxc7 Ne2+ 19.Kh1 Nxd4, 20.Qc3! pins and wins the knight on d4! Because the white king just moved to h1, ...Nxf3 and ...Ne2 are not checks. I saw all this about a minute after I played 17...g6? Instead, 17...h6 is correct. Then after 18.Qxc7 Ne2+ 19.Kh1 Nxd4 20.Qc3 Nxf3 21.Qxf6 gxf6 22.Bxf3 Be6 the

doubled f-pawns may be ugly, but I think Black can hold the endgame. If 23.Bxb7, then 23...Rb8 and 24...Rxb2.

### 18.Qxc7 Bg4

It's desperation time.

### 19.Bxb7 Rab8 20.Ne5 Be6

I wanted to play a crazy line like 20...Bh3 21.gxh3 Qg5+ 22.Kh1 Rfc8, but alas White has 23.Qxf7+. 21.Bf3 21.Nc6 fails to 21...Nd5!, which both players saw. Retreating the bishop and giving up the b2 pawn for the a7 pawn is the correct decision, rather than allowing Black to try 21...Rxb7 22.Qxb7 Bd5 with a very dangerous kingside attack.

### 21...Rxb2 22.Qxa7 Qg5 23.Kh1 f6

Wallach thought this was a crazy weakening move. I thought I am objectively lost with best play anyway, so it doesn't matter how many weaknesses I create, I just have to create practical chances. Forcing the strong knight on e5 to move might create some more chances for me.

### 24.Qa3

A strong reply.

### 24...Rbb8

In the post-mortem everybody else wanted to keep the rook on the seventh rank, but during the game I couldn't find a good way to do it. I didn't like 24...Rd2 25.Qe3, and 24...Rfb8 leaves me vulnerable to 25.Nc6. Also the exchange sac 24...fxe5 25.Qxb2 leads nowhere for Black.

### 25.Nd3 Bc4 26.Nxf4 Qxf4

26...Bxf1 27.Ne6 is even worse for Black.

### 27.Rfd1 Rfd8 28.g3

I think this was the first little mistake by White. It gave me hope because it created a slight weakness in White's kingside. I think 28.Qe3! would have been the best way to kill any chances for Black.

### 28...Qf5 29.Kg2 Be6

The threat of ...Qh3+ isn't really dangerous, but it's better than no threat at all.

### 30.Rd2 Qh3+ 31.Kg1 Re8

Defending my bishop against moves like Qe7 before doing something else with my queen.

### 32.d5 Bd7 33.Bg2 Qh6

Again, a not very dangerous threat is better than no threat at all.

### 34.f4

And in mutual time pressure -- I have about 2 and a half minutes, Wallach has about 5 minutes -- White makes a big mistake. Now the White king will be very exposed to attacks along the first and second ranks and the h1-a8 and h2-a7 diagonals. This gives Black excellent practical chances for perpetual check or a mating attack with a queen, two rooks, and a bishop still on the board.

### 34...Qh5 35.Qd6 Qf5

Defending everything and threatening 36...Rb1+ as well.

### 36.a4

The decisive mistake. White had to defend with something like 36.Rad1,

as I believe Albert Chow suggested in the post-mortem.

### 36...Rb1+ 37.Rd1

In the post-mortem somebody found the line 37.Rxb1 Qxb1+ 38.Bf1 Bh3 39.Rf2 Re1 40.Qa6 Qe4! followed by 41...Rxf1+, winning. 37.Rxb1 Qxb1+ 38.Kf2 Qe1+ wins the rook on d2, or even better, mates after 39.Kf3 Qe3# with the bishop covering g4.

### 37...Rb2

Now the threats along the seventh rank will kill White. All of Black's major pieces can line up there and none of White's major pieces can. Here Black threatens both 38...Qc2 and 38...Rxd2+.

### 38.Qa3 Ree2

38...Qc2 39.Qf3 Ree2 and 38...Rxd2+ 39.Kxd2 Re2+ 40.Kf1 Qe4! were both winning, as is the move in the game.

### 39.Bf3 Qc2 40.Bxe2 Qxe2 41.Qxb2 Qxb2

With the 30 seconds per move increment added to the clock after each move, I have enough time to win this endgame.

### 42.Rab1 Qc2 43.Rbc1 Qxa4 44.Rd2 Qa7+ 45.Kg2 Qe3 46.Rcc2 Bg4 47.h3 Bf3+ 48.Kh2 Qe1 49.g4 Qh1+ 50.Kg3 Bxd5 51.Rxd5 Qxd5 52.Rf2 Qd3+ 53.Kg2 Kg7 54.f5 Qe3 55.Rf3 Qe4 56.Kg3 Qe1+ 57.Kg2 Qe2+ 58.Rf2 Qe4+ 59.Kg3 Qe5+ 60.Kg2 Kh6 61.fxd6 hxd6 62.h4 Kg7 63.Rf3 f5 64.gxf5 gxf5 65.Rg3+ Kf6 66.Rg5 Qe4+ 67.Kg3 Qe3+ 68.Kg2 f4 69.Kh2 f3 70.Rg1 Qf2+

### 0-1

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## **About Billy Colias:**

Billy Colias was born on 3 June 1966, and died, unexpectedly on 5 November 1993.

Billy is the subject of a book called "Billy Colias: Midwest Master" authored by M.L. Rantala, NM Eric Schiller, and NM Alan Watson. Copyright 1996 by M.L. Rantala, Eric Schiller, and Alan Watson. Published by Chess Enterprises, Moon Township, PA. And that's what Billy was. Many of the competitors here knew and played against Billy, who was the benchmark of his age group in the Midwest. Titles he possessed at the time of his death included National Master, Life Master, Senior Master, and FIDE Master.

Billy was professional, and modest. Who can forget his willingness to suddenly sit still before a game without a word and concentrate on the board, which was in the original start position, any time a photographer aimed his camera at him? It was not vanity, it was his understanding of his position in the chess world, that in the Midwest he was one of the chess celebrities, and that his duty was to make sure they got a decent photo of him for whatever publication it was going to wind up in. Billy did it for chess.

Billy battled health issues early in his life and the residual effect of these combined with seemingly normal activities for a young man resulted in his unexpected and untimely death at the young age of 27.





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### IM Young, A - Jarrett, P [A00] IL. Chess Tour GCS [&, Brent]

If you are looking for a new opening without much of a theory and not well analyzed I will recommend the Van - geet. It is easy to understand and contains a variety of lines and ideas to choose from.

I will show some nice ideas with the Van geet opening, which starts off with:

#### 1.Nc3

In most openings, the players advance one or more central pawns in order to develop the pieces. In the Van-geet the delay of e4 and d4 tends to wait until white sees what exact defense black has in mind.

When you play this opening you will encounter various defenses like.

#### 1...d5

(Center Counter )

1...e6 ( French defense);

1...c5 ( Sicilian ) which may continue: 2.Nf3 e6 (2...g6 3.d4 cxd4

## Instructional GAMES: analysis with IM ANGELO YOUNG

4.Qxd4 Nf6 5.Qh4 d6 6.e4 Bg7 7.Bh6 Bxh6 8.Qxh6 Bg4 9.Ng5 Qa5 10.Bc4 Rf8 11.Nxh7 Nxh7 12.Qxh7 Nd7 13.Qh4 Be6+- IM . Young A.- IM Donaldson J. 1-0 40 moves.)  
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1...d6 ( Pirc or Modern defense );

1...e5 ( King's pawn );

1...c6 ( Caro-kahn defense ) 2.Nf3 d5 3.e4 Bg4 4.h3 Bxf3 5.Qxf3 e6 6.d3 Bb4 7.Bd2 d4 8.Nb1 Bxd2+ 9.Nxd2 e5 10.Qg3 Qf6 11.Nc4 Nd7 12.a4 Ne7 13.Be2 0-0 14.Bg4!±;  
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#### 2.e4

Of course, I did some research and study before I even used this opening.

#### 2...dxe4

One of the main lines. [2...d4 3.Nce2 c5 4.Ng3 g6 5.Nf3 Bg7 6.Bc4 Nc6 7.0-0 h5 8.Ng5 Ne5 9.Bb5+ Bd7 10.Bxd7+ Qxd7 11.f4 Nc6 12.d3? IM Young - GM Gurevich 1-0 53 moves.]

#### 3.Nxe4 e5 4.Bc4 h6?

[4...Nf6? 5.Ng5 Nd5 6.Qf3 Qxg5 7.Bxd5+-;  
4...Be7? 5.Qh5;

4...Bf5 5.Ng3 Bg6 6.Nf3 Nc6 7.0-0 Qd6 8.d3 0-0-0 9.Re1 Nf6 10.Bg5=;  
4...Nc6 5.c3 Be7 6.Qb3 Nh6 7.d4 0-0 8.Bxh6 gxh6 9.dxe5 Nxe5 10.Rd1 Qe8 11.Ne2+-]

#### 5.Qh5 Qe7 6.d3 Nf6 7.Nxf6+ Qxf6 8.Nf3 Nd7 9.Bg5!

Diagram



#### 9...Qg6 10.Qxg6 fxe6 11.Bd2

Now black is aiming on the weak e5 pawn.

#### 11...Bd6 12.Bc3 b6 13.Bd5

Let's buy a tempo first by attacking the rook.

#### 13...Rb8 14.0-0

Either queenside or kingside castling is OK.

#### 14...Nf6 15.Bc6+ Bd7 16.Bxd7+ Nxd7 17.Nxe5

Simplify!

#### 17...Nxe5 18.Bxe5 0-0

(see Diagram next page)

[18...Bxe5 19.Rae1 Kd7 20.Rxe5+]



Position after 18. ...0-0

**19.Bxd6 cxd6 20.Rfe1 Rfe8  
21.Re3 Rbc8 22.c3 Rxe3 23.fxe3  
Kf7 24.Rf1+ Ke7 25.Rf4 Rc5  
26.Kf2 Ra5 27.a4 Rc5 28.Ke2  
Rg5 29.g3 Rc5 30.Kd2 Rc7  
31.b4 Ke6 32.Re4+ Kd7 33.Rf4  
Ke6 34.Rd4 Rf7 35.Ke2 Rf5  
36.Rc4 g5 37.Rc7 Rf7 38.Rxf7**

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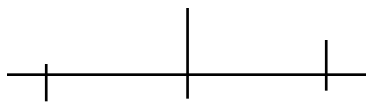
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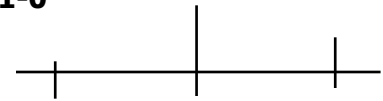
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22. h5 Bh7 23. Nde4 Nd5 24.  
Nf1 N7b6 25. g3 Qa7 26. Ne3  
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Ba5 Bh2 39. Be1 Bd6**

**1/2-1/2**

**[White "Efim Bogoljubov"]**  
**[Black "Friedrich Samisch"]**  
[ECO "B43"]

**1. Nc3 c5 2. e4 e6 3. Nf3 a6 4.  
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Nf6 7. O-O Be7 8. Kh1 b5 9. f4  
d6 10. e5 dxe5 11. fxe5 Qxe5  
12. Qf3 Bd6 13. g3 Ra7 14. Bf4  
Qxd4 15. Be3 Bb7 16. Bxd4  
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gxf6 19. Ne4 Be5 20. Nxf6+  
Ke7 21. Raf1 Bxb2 22. Nxh7  
f5 23. Ng5 Bf6 24. Nxe6 Kxe6  
25. Bxf5+ Kd6 26. Be4 Bc3 27.  
Rd1+ Ke5 28. Re3 b4 29. Rd5+  
Kf6 30. Bd3 Nc6 31. Rf5+ Kg7  
32. Re4 Rf7 33. Rg5+ Kf8 34.  
Kg2 Rh6 35. Bc4 Rg7 36. Rf5+  
Rf6 37. Rxf6+ Bxf6 38. Re6  
Nd4 39. Rxf6+ Ke7 40. Rxa6  
Rg5 41. h4**

**1-0**



**[White "Reuben Fine"]**  
**[Black "Adolf Jay Fink"]**  
[ECO "A00"]

**1. Nc3 d5 2. f4 d4 3. Ne4 Nf6 4.  
Nf2 Bf5 5. Nf3 Nc6 6. g3 Qd7  
7. Bg2 O-O-O 8. O-O h6 9. a3  
g6 10. b4 a6 11. Bb2 Bg7 12.  
c4 Ng4 13. Qa4 Nxf2 14. Rxf2  
Bf6 15. b5 Nb8 16. Qb3 c5 17.  
bxa6 Nxa6 18. Ne5 Bxe5 19.  
fxe5 Qc7 20. d3 Rd7 21. Bc1  
e6 22. Bd2 Nb8 23. Qb5 Nc6  
24. Rb1 Nd8 25. Qa4 g5 26.  
Qa7 Qxe5 27. Ba5 Re7 28. Rb5  
Nc6 29. Rxc5 Rc7 30. Bxc6**

**1-0**



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## **Grandmaster Victor Korchnoi plays in the National Open in Las Vegas**

By Jim Egerton, President Chess-Now Ltd.

World-Champion challenger Victor Korchnoi was the honored guest and participant at the 2007 National Open held in Las Vegas, Nevada. His appearance at the tournament included a chance for his fans to meet him personally at his book signing and simultaneous exhibition. At the spry age of 76, Korchnoi finished tied for second with 5 players who were ½ point behind talented American Grandmaster Hikaru Nakamura.

Many younger players cannot take the schedule of playing 2 rounds a day, yet Victor the Senior World Champion took on the challenge and finished in 2<sup>nd</sup> place. When you consider that one game can last six hours, and 2 could be twelve hours in one day, you understand how draining a tournament can be for the top players. All the game scores are available on the Monroi website, [www.monroi.com](http://www.monroi.com) including his simultaneous games.

At the beginning of the tournament Victor and his wife Petra Leeuwerik were introduced and given a standing ovation in the tournament hall as he made his way to Board 1 where he ceremoniously played the entire tournament. Things didn't get off to a roaring start as he was held to a draw in the 1<sup>st</sup> round by 2216-rated Erkin Gurbauzade. Victor actually was down a pawn in a rook and pawn ending and managed to pull out the draw from an awkward position. Shown below is Victor at Board 1 vs. Erkin. Behind Victor is Alexander Shabalov who had just won the US Championship played in Stillwater, Oklahoma preparing for his 1<sup>st</sup> round game.



Round 2 got back on track with a victory against 2235-rated Viktors Pupols. In round 3 the winning continued with a victory against 2378-rated Elliott Liu. Round 4 Victor defeated GM Pashzegue Sharavdorj who was rated 2502.

Round 5 saw the 8<sup>th</sup> meeting of Victor with Chicago-based Grandmaster Dmitry Gurevich rated-2586. Going into this contest the two competitors had previously met seven times and had a dead even result of 2 wins with 3 draws each. So this contest was going to break the tie.

Their first encounter occurred in the 1983 US Open in Pasadena, California. Back when the US Open tournament was 12 rounds, Victor in the last 7 rounds drew and beat the best players American had to offer:

Round 6 he beat IM Tim Taylor
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Round 7 he drew with GM Igor Ivanov
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Round 8 he beat GM John Fedorowicz
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Round 9 he drew with GM Joel Benjamin
Round 10 he beat GM Dmitry Gurevich with White in a Nimzo-Indian in 22 moves
Round 11 he drew with GM Larry Christiansen
Round 12 he beat GM Yasser Seirawan.

After the 1983 US Open victory, Victor beat Dmitry in 1984 on the black side of a Queen's Indian in 40 moves. That was followed by 3 draws in 1986, 1987 and 1993.

In 1996 Dmitry was finally able to beat Victor in 35 moves on the Black side of a French Defense for his 1<sup>st</sup> victory in the Bern Cup. In 1998, Dmitry followed up with this win on the White side of a Queen Pawn Game in 48 moves.

### (1) Gurevich,D (2540) - Korchnoi,V (2625) [D00]

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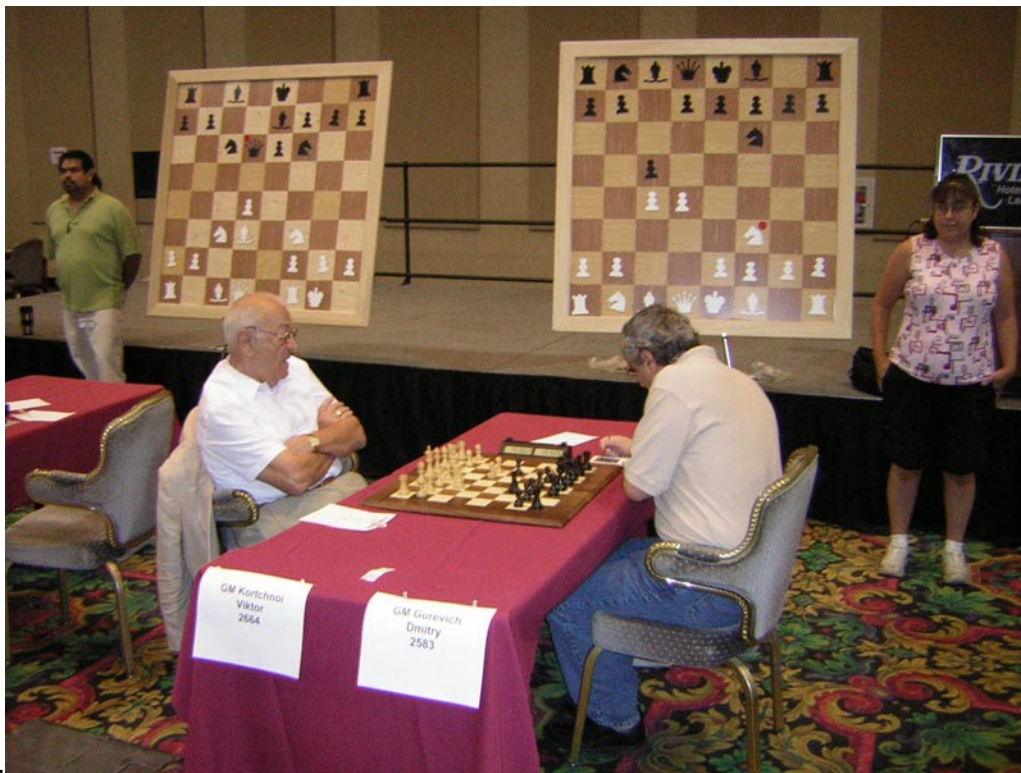
**1.d4 Nf6 2.Bg5** Let's try the Trompovsky Attack. **2...d5 3.Bxf6** Since Black didn't make a move that would allow the Queen to recapture, White breaks up the K-side pawn structure at the cost of the Bishop. **3...exf6 4.e3 Bd6 5.c4 dxc4 6.Bxc4 0-0 7.Nf3 c5 8.dxc5 Bxc5 9.Qxd8 Rxd8 10.Nc3 Nc6 11.Ke2** Dmitry decides the Queen less middle game doesn't provide any undue risk to his King so he connects his rooks so they can challenge the open files. **11...Be6 12.Bb3 b6 13.Bxe6** This repairs the Black pawn structure, but in order to activate the Q-side and not get a double pawn on the b-file white trades his last bishop. **13...fxe6 14.a3 Kf7 15.Rhc1 Rac8 16.b4 Be7 17.Rc2 Nb8 18.Rac1 a5 19.Na2 Rxc2+ 20.Rxc2 axb4 21.Nxb4 Bc5 22.Rc4 Nd7 23.a4 Ra8 24.Nd3 e5 25.Nd2 Ke6 26.e4 Kd6 27.Nb3 Ba3 28.a5 Bc5 29.Rc2 g6 30.Rd2 Ke7 31.Ndxc5 bxc5 32.Kd3 Rb8 33.Kc4 Rb4+ 34.Kc3 Rb7 35.a6 Ra7 36.Kc4 Ra8** Black cannot capture the "free" a pawn due to the decoy tactic of Rxd7+ followed by Nxc5+ picking up a piece. White has an advantage here due to his King position and the outside passed pawn.



**37.Kb5 Ke6 38.Na5 Rc8 39.Nb7 c4 40.Rc2 c3 41.a7 Ra8** Trading off the advanced pawns further highlights the better placement of White's pieces. **42.Rxc3 Rxa7 43.Nd8+ Kd6 44.Rd3+ Kc7 45.Ne6+ Kb8 46.Kc6 Kc8 47.Rc3** Setting up a discovered check which is hard to meet. Kb8 allows Kd6 and the King gets into the Black pawns on the K-side. Instead Victor's move ends the game quickly. **47...Ra6+ 48.Kb5+** If Kb7 to save the rook, Rc7+ drives the King away and the rook is lost. This position shows even though material is even piece placement can make the difference in the result. **1-0**

After this game, Dmitry said Victor became so upset that he chose not to talk to him for seven years.

So the scene was set for a momentous showdown in Las Vegas. If the body language is any indicator this was not going to be Grandmaster draw but a knockdown battle. Shown below are the 2 players blitzing off their opening moves.



**(2) Korchnoi,V - Gurevich,D [A31]**  
National Open Las Vegas 2007,

**1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 c5 3.Nf3** Inviting play to enter the Benoni or Benko Gambit formation which Victor declines. **3...cxd4 4.Nxd4 e5 5.Nb5** We now have the English Opening which Korchnoi has specialized in for years. Except that the c and d pawns are missing play resembles a reversed Sicilian. Black decides to rid himself of his backward d pawn immediately and sacrifices it for the initiative. **5...d5 6.cxd5 Bc5 7.N5c3 0-0 8.g3!?** e3 is much more common here, is Victor planning something special? **Qb6** The pressure on the f2 pawns forces Korchnoi to open 2 white diagonals on his Kingside. Since his bishop cannot control both Black should be able play on the white squares. **9.e3 Bg4 10.Be2 Bh3** And not surprisingly play has centered around controlling the white squares. With his last move Black prevents White from castling short but traps his bishop behind enemy lines. The question is how the players react to this imbalance.



**11.g4!?** h5 Dmitry spent 41 minutes on this reply. There are many variations where the white squared bishop could be trapped so he opened a line immediately. **12.g5** Victor spent 24 minutes on this response driving the

Knight away and having the h5 pawn on the radar. **12...Nh7** 19 minutes were spent on this move so both players are using their time in this complex middle game. White's King seems pretty comfortable in the center. **13.Rg1** Well there goes Kingside castling. The White King is destined to be in the center for the foreseeable future. Can Dmitry take advantage of that situation? **13...Be7 14.Rg3 Bg4 15.Bxg4 hxg4 16.Qxg4 Bxg5 17.e4** The mate threat on g7 does not allow the bishop to get off the g file. Taking the free bishop on c1 results in Qg7#. So with h4 in the offing to attack the pinned piece how will the game proceed? **17...Bh6 18.Bxh6 Qxh6 19.Nd2 Nf6 20.Qf3 Nbd7** Now that the fireworks have subsided for the moment, both players take this opportunity to complete their development. And White is able to castle on move 21. **21.0-0-0 Nh5 22.Rh3 Ndf6** Pins are present for both sides, Black the N on h5 and White the N on d2. Korchnoi promptly frees the Knight with his next King move. **23.Kb1 Rac8 24.d6 Qg6** Now it's Black's turn to get out of the pin. The upcoming activity around the passed d-pawn puts a crimp in the Black position. **25.Nd5 Nxd5 26.Qxh5 Qxh5 27.Rxh5** The Knight on d5 is hanging and so is the e5 pawn. White is about to go 2 pawns up. **27...Nb6 28.Rxe5** The dust has settled and White is in a Rook and Knight ending with a solid 2 pawns up. Except for the weak h-pawn his pieces are well prepared to support the passed d-pawn. Black has to seek counter play in a hurry or he will soon be lost. **28...Rfd8 29.Nf3 Rc6 30.Re7 Rcx d6 31.Rxd6 Rxd6 32.Ng5** Having given the d-pawn back for counter play Korchnoi is now threatening mate, with the Rook on the 7th rank he has 2 Black pawns under attack. Black is quite lost, as Dmitry said after the game "he (Korchnoi) has good technique". **32...g6 33.Nxf7 Rf6 34.Ne5 Rxf2 35.Rxb7 g5 36.Rxa7 Rxh2 37.Ra6** The black Knight is trapped, sending it to c8 allows Ra8 with a fatal pin. Black has managed to capture the weak White Kingside pawns but his pieces lack coordination. **37...Rh6 38.a4 Re6 39.Ng4 Kg7 40.e5 Kf7 41.Kc2** As is so typical, the opposing Kings enter the battle and head for the center of the board. **41...Nd5 42.Rxe6 Kxe6 43.Kd3 Nc7 44.b4 Kd5 45.Kc3 Ne6 46.b5** Black resigns. Dmitry said later he was playing on the fact Victor was short on time and that he would have resigned earlier and that Victor showed great technique in this game.

**1-0**

Going into the last round, Victor was paired against Washington-based Grandmaster Gregory Serper rated-2557. While Nakamura was battling Renier Gonzalez in an 84 move game which resulted in a win for Hikaru and clear 1<sup>st</sup> place prize, Victor and Gregory managed to call it a draw after:

### **(3) Korchnoi, V – Serper, G [E16]**

National Open Las Vegas, 2007

**1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 b6 4.g3 Bb7 5.Bg2 Bb4+ 6.Bd2 a5 7.0-0 0-0 8.Nc3 Ne4 1/2-1/2**



Had he chosen to contest and win this game, Victor would have at least tied for 1st.

In between rounds, Victor also graciously signed his books for the participants at the National Open. Shown below are Victor and his wife handling the numerous requests.



After the tournament concluded on Sunday night, Victor also agreed to hold a 25 board simultaneous exhibition on Monday morning for which the seats were hotly contested. Shown below is Victor taking on all the challengers. Although he did not win all the games, just having the energy to walk around the room handling the boards for over 3 1/2 hours is a testament to the saying that Chess is Victor Korchnoi's Life. Many fans appreciate your ongoing commitment to the game of chess.

As always, Illinois was well represented in the various sections at the National Open this year.

The Open Section had GMs Dmitry Gurevich and Nikola Mitkov as well as Ken Wallach and Larry Cohen. The Expert section was represented by Gordon Ruan. The Class A section had Sam Schmakel, Kevin Velazquez, Jim Egerton, William Blackman, Mike Cronin, Howard Cohen and Greg Berry playing. Class B had Sujeet Mihta, Dennis Humphries and Paul Garafolo competing. Class C had Ken Marshall and Jim Froehlich. Class D had George Ruan, Donald Reyes, Claude Wolf and Gerald Charleston Class E had Andrew Tang and Christopher Velazquez competing.

All the of the players have at least a story to tell about their tournament experience, but in keeping with the mantra of what happens in Vegas stays in Vegas, you will have to ask them about their experiences directly. Congratulations also to Fred Gruenberg (who somehow managed to get a seat against Victor in the simul) and Al Losoff for again hosting the Las Vegas International which puts the fun back into chess and is the most popular weekend tournament in the country.





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# CHESS FROM THE MIDDLE

## WHAT IS THE GAME YOU PLAY? WITH RONALD SUAREZ

### Chess from the Middle

Hello once again my friends. As you can see, the title of this article is in the form of a question. You will find this article to give you some facts and opinions, but you will need to give the final answer or answers for yourself. As the school season starts, I hope you all find yourselves in a position where you want to be and where you can do the things you need to in order to accomplish that which you want.

So, what is the game you are playing? Oh, I know we are talking about chess here. But isn't chess a nice model of life? And, there certainly are many and various different games that can and do occur in and around chess. For instance, when we start a chess game, we do begin with the little game called the Opening. Remember, one or two pawn moves at most and get your pieces developed quickly, etc. Isn't that a game in itself?

Let's go back to the beginning of this discussion and begin with the definition of a game. The best definition that I have found is that a game is a situation where there is a goal, freedom to move and so on, and barriers attempting to stop you from achieving your goal. Let's look at chess for a moment in this light. In chess the main goal is to checkmate your opponent's King. Yes, there are other lesser goals too, but they ultimately all lead to the main goal of checkmate. There is freedom of movement on the 64 squares of the board with the pieces being able to move about the board in their

own particular manner. There are barriers in the game too. For example there are the limitations of the chess board, the rules of how the pieces can and cannot move the opponent's pieces. Yes your opponent is a barrier to your game too. He or she is definitely there to stop you from getting your goal and is there to realize their own goal of checkmating your King. So by this definition of a game, chess is in that category.

What about the other minor or little games? Well in the opening, you have your goals, freedoms and barriers too. Yes, the Middle Game and End Game also are games as well. In the middle game we are trying to overcome our opponent's pieces and plans while getting our pieces and plans executed. In the end game we play the game of having the little bit left that we have work to conquer the opponent.

Now, aren't there other games in a chess game as well? You bet there are. There is the game of the clock for one. In the different types of chess games from slow time controls to blitz to bughouse the clock makes the same game of chess quite different. If you think fast and your opponent is slow on the move, they run out of time and you win.

Beware though, if you think fast but not correctly, you will lose the game on the board because you made poor moves by moving too quickly compared to how you should have for the situation of the game. So the time game can be overruled and worthless if you don't do well in the other "games" of the chess

game.

There is another game I have seen played too, in a chess tournament. That is the game of knowing what your opponent likes and doesn't like in a chess game and playing in a style that he/she doesn't like or do as well. I was just speaking with a Master friend of mine (Hi Pete) and he was telling me of a game he just played against another Master where he knew the line this other Master liked to play. Pete, err the anonymous Master, got a chance to look up the latest opening theory in this line and found a move that he played. He got a better position from this move and won the game.

Actually he won more than one game there. He won the mini-game of the opening and that led to a winning middle game and end game for him, leading to the cumulative game win. Interesting, isn't it?

Of course there are other games that people play in and around chess. They aren't all necessarily good ones though. For instance there was the game one fellow played at the World Open. It was the "I bet I can cheat and you can't catch me" game. As many of you know, he did not win that game. You know, even if he would have won that game he really would have lost the bigger game anyway.

This is where the term "Loser" comes from after all. Some of us play the game of tournament director, and hopefully there are no others acting as opponents in this game. There is also the game of chess club organizer/director that I am playing again after a few years break. This can be a lot of fun too. I like the game called "tournament organizer" also. I like it when a nice tournament happens, don't you?

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# THE ROAD WARRIOR

with NM PETE  
KARAGIANIS



## An Anti-Queen Trade Manifesto

I have a chess student who is a genius. He is ten, and his rating is nearly 1500.

OK, you say, that's not bad, but not something to leap out of your seat for.

Well, I am using the measuring stick of my own personal scholastic experiences. When I was 10, playing second board for Father Sweeney School, 1500 was out-of-this-world good, and 2000 was like, at least, Super-GM level. Maybe higher.

Anyway, rating aside, the kid understands the game. He gets tactics, he studies constantly and knows openings even I haven't taught him. He upsets A-players at least once a month.

He's a genius but he loves to trade queens.

Not a major problem, no, and he is very sound in endings, always on the lookout for weaknesses, traps, etc. Understands passed pawns, backwards pawns, pawn islands, and the like. Solid.

Really, my complaint with this whole queens-off-the-board thing is, and I don't really know how to put this... but he doesn't really "Go for stuff."

Tactically, he is very sound. He solves puzzles amazingly well and can almost always find the correct move in a given position. But, when

he gets to the board, sits down, and begins playing he prefers safe moves, not "best" ones. He has trouble knowing when it is time to strike and when it is time to look for stuff- when tactics and attacks might be available. In other words, he struggles with "unnatural" positions- ones that feature an imbalance or difficult and unclear play.

...Then again, don't we all? Isn't this one of the hardest things to learn, anyway?

The other day, he came in for a weekly lesson. I started with this position:



"OK," I said. "You're white, where do you go? What's your plan?"

He looked at the position for a few seconds, then tipped his king over. I set it back up and said, "You're white. It's the last round of a super-tournament. You've got all the glory, trophies, first place, everything on the line, how do you win?"

After a few seconds of though he played Re1.

"Not bad," I said, reaching for my queen and playing Qd4+. "But you can find better." I moved the pieces back to the start position.

He thought a little harder and played Qd2.

"Also not bad," I said. "In fact this might be one of the best moves possible... but, everything is on the line. You've got to win, are you sure about Qd2?"

He moved the queen back on his own this time and slumped into his hands, really spending his time on finding a starting move. After a good deal of thought, he played Qc7.

"Alright. Now, is Qxb7 a threat that black has to deal with?"

Some more thought, and then, "No."

"So watch." I again played Qd4+, he replied Kh1, and I moved Qb4, holding e7.

"Now what?" I asked.

"I guess if a3 you're going to take it and then Qxb7 and you play Rb8 right?" (Told you he was smart.)

"Right," I confirmed.

"I don't like Qc7."

"OK, me neither... but, do you still think white should tip his king?"

He shook his head.

Again we shuffled the pieces back to the start position. After an even longer think, he played **1. Qb4**.

"Nice! Why is Qb4 best?"

"Well, it covers the check and also stops Qb2 and also attacks e7 and b7."

"Right." I played **1. ...b6**. "OK, now what?"

He played **2. Re1**.

"What's the idea?"

"Re4 maybe, or Bd7 to attack e7."

"Good." I played **2. ...Rad8**, and made no comment. I wanted to see the plan develop on its own, to see what he would come up with next. I wanted him to go for something. Soon enough, he played **3. h3**.

"Why?"

"I'm going to play Re4 and I don't like Qa1+."

I moved **3. ...Rd6**, and he quickly replied with **4. Re4**. Now, it was time for me to demonstrate an active plan for black, and I made the move **4. ...a5**, hitting the queen and preparing to use my queenside majority to create a passed pawn.

I shouldn't say I was surprised after the next move he made- which in my opinion (though, as I constantly stress in lessons such as these, I am wrong a lot!) is the best move in the position- but I was indeed happy when he retreated with **5. Qe1!**

"I hope you're going somewhere

with that," I said, knowing it was the right move and knowing where I would be going with it if I were white. "Because here they come!" I tried to distract him with **5. ...b5**, but he continued on with **6. Re5!**

"You don't want the free pawn?" Objectively, taking a5 might have been best in the position. But I wanted to test him. I wanted to see what he could conjure up, how active of a plan he could find, so when he said, "No," I let it pass and played **6. ...b4**.

"Very well," I said, "I like keeping my pawns, they could become queens later."

He was unimpressed and went on with the plan initiated with 5. Qe1, using it to control almost the whole board after **7. Qe4**.

"I see. Well, while you are wasting time with that queen I'm going to go promote a couple pawns, maybe one a rook and one a knight."

I marched on, intentionally oblivious with **7. ...a4**. He gave me a look like, "Hey, are you even watching what's going on here?" and played **8. Bf5**

"Alright... now you've got something," I said, "e7 and h7. My king is not happy. You had winning chances with taking on a5 earlier, too, but here, your activity is very strong."

"Yup," he said smugly, folding his arms in front of him.

"OK," I said, "Satisfied that you didn't resign?" He nodded his head. I began resetting the position.

"OK, now you're black. The other guy just played 1. Qb4. Everything is on the line- trophy, first place... how do you win?!"

(Chess From The Middle Cont.)

Of course there is the game called "tournament". In this game, one wins by having a larger individual game score than others he is competing against in this tournament game. Oh yes, we can't forget the game called "tournament team tournament" that a lot of scholastic and even adults play at too. Isn't it interesting that you can lose a chess game or so and still win the bigger tournament game?

In the USCF and ICA, there are also a few games under the category of politics or organizational administration.

Some of us enter into these games to help the situation of the individual chess game be easier and better for all to play.

So, after all this you can see there are quite a few games involved with what we think of as a single game, Chess.

Now, in life as in Chess, there are quite a few games that occur. Heck isn't life a game itself? Your challenge whether you are young or old is to identify the games in your life and the individual aspects of those games.

A good thing to do is to look at the goals you think you are playing for in those games. Are they what they should be? If not change them.

In Chess too, we should look at what our goals are for each move, each part of the game, each game, each tournament, each month, each year, each decade and each career in the game.

I bet if you look at things in this light, you will find you are refreshed and ready to play.



September 21, 2007. Fischer Random. Touch Move Chess Center, 5639 N. Ashland Chicago IL. 60660. (773) 627-2759 IM Young will give a Fischer Random position that everyone will start with. Non-rated. Must be familiar with Fischer Random rules. Registration 6:30-6:50pm, Rd 1 @ 7pm sharp! EF - \$10 for members, \$15 for non-members. 1st place - 3hr lesson from IM Young, 2nd place - 2hr lesson from IM Young, 3rd place - 1hr lesson from IM Young. Contact: angelo@tmchesscenter.com

September 22, 2007. Saturday Night Blitz. Touch Move Chess Center, 5639 N. Ashland Chicago IL. 60660. (773) 627-2759 G/5, 5-round Double Swiss (play your opponent as black and white). Registration 6:30-6:50pm, Rd 1 @ 7pm sharp! EF - \$10 for members, \$15 for non-members. 1st place - 3hr lesson from IM Young, 2nd place - 2hr lesson from IM Young, 3rd place - 1hr lesson from IM Young. Contact: angelo@tmchesscenter.com

September 23, 2007. 4th All-Girls Kumbaya Scholastic Chess Tournament. National-Louis University, 5202 Old Orchard Road, Skokie, IL. 60077-4409. Presented by Chess-Ed. 4R-SS G/30. Schedule: Check in 10:30 a.m., round 1 11:00a.m., progressing as completed. Sections: K-1, 2-3, 4-5, 6-8, K-12/1000+, Unrated. Awards, each section: Top 3 individuals; top 2 teams (top 3 scores/2 player min. for teams); remembrances for all players. Entry Fee: \$25.00 post marked by Monday, September 17, 2007, \$30.00 if received afterwards. No on-site registration. Register: On-line at [www.eventbrite.com/org/23735997](http://www.eventbrite.com/org/23735997). Or mail in and if siblings play take \$5 off and if team list sent in take \$5 Disc for each team member. Send registration and check payable to Chess-Ed., c/o A. Holt, 729 Colby Ct., Gurnee, IL. 60031. Information: Alice Holt (847-367-9148) [aholt729@earthlink.net](mailto:aholt729@earthlink.net).

September 27, 2007. Thursday Night Thematics - Queens Gambit. G/15 4-round Swiss. USCF Rated Tournament. USCF Membership Required. Registra-

tion 6:30-6:50pm, Rd 1 @ 7pm sharp!. EF - \$10 for members, \$15 for non-members. 1st place - 3hr lesson from IM Young, 2nd place - 2hr lesson from IM Young, 3rd place - 1hr lesson from IM Young. Bring your clocks. Contact: angelo@tmchesscenter.com

September 29, 2007 TP Quick Chess #11. MEDIUM. G/18 (or G/16+3 sec.) 5SS if fewer than 24 players in Round 1, 6SS if 24 or more. Registration: 11:00-11:50. First round 12:00 noon. EF: Adults-\$14, under age 19-\$7. Prizes: \$330 prize fund based on 32 entries. Information: Tom Fineberg, 773-721-3979, E-mail: maxine57@earthlink.net, <http://home.earthlink.net/~maxine57>.

September 29, 2007. South Suburban Scholastic Chess Tournament. Orland Park Cultural Center, 14760 Park Lane, Orland Park (former Orland Park Library), organized by Mikhail Korenman, International Chess Organizer and Glenn Panner, National TD. 5 Rounds, Game/30 min, Unrated. Registration: 8:00-9:00 a.m.; events usually finish around noon. Divisions: K-3, K-5, K-8, and K-12. Awards: Individual trophies to top 5 and medals to 6th-20th in each division. Team trophies to 1st and 2nd overall. Entry Fee: \$20 for on-line registrations (ends on Thursdays before the events day); \$25 on-site 8:00 - 9:00 a.m. To register: on-line at [www.intecsus.org](http://www.intecsus.org) ; by email to [intecsus@yahoo.com](mailto:intecsus@yahoo.com); by mail to Glenn Panner, 21694 Doud Ct., Frankfort, IL 60423, checks payable to IntECS, Inc.; or on-site from 8:00-9:00 a.m. on event days. Information: (815) 955-4793 or (785) 906-0402. Food concession will be available on site.

September 29, 2007. The Evanston Chess Club Economy G/40. Levy Activity Center, 300 Dodge Avenue, Evanston, IL. 4 round SS, G/40. Registration: 9:00-9:15 a.m. Rounds: first round 9:30 a.m., rest asap. Entry Fee: \$5.00. Your Prize: Four games of quality rated chess in a congenial atmosphere for \$5! Entries: send your name, USCF number, rating and phone number to [enter@evanstonchess.org](mailto:enter@evanstonchess.org) by September

23, 2007, then bring cash to the tournament. Or mail a check to Evanston Chess c/o Maret Thorpe, 1735 Wesley, Evanston, IL 60201. On-site: go to [www.EvanstonChess.org](http://www.EvanstonChess.org) to see if space is available; register at the tournament by 9:15 a.m. Other: All on-site payments for entries or USCF memberships are cash only. We cannot guarantee space for on-site entrants. Please bring clocks and sets. Skittles area will be available. Players under age 14 must be accompanied by a parent. More information: [www.EvanstonChess.org](http://www.EvanstonChess.org)

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September 30, 2007. 8th Kumbaya Scholastic Chess Tournament. National-Louis University, 5202 Old Orchard Road, Skokie, IL. 60077-4409. Presented by Chess-Ed. 4R-SS G/30. Schedule: Check in 10:30 a.m., Round 1 at 11:00a.m., progressing as completed. Sections:

K-1, 2-3, 4-5, 6-8, K-12/1000+, Unrated. Awards, each section: Top 5 individuals; top 3 teams (top 3 scores/2 player min. for teams); remembrances for all players. Entry Fee: \$25.00 post marked by Monday, September 24, 2007, \$30.00 if received afterwards, FREE to players rated over 1400-must use mail in registration form to qualify. No on-site registration. Register: On-line at [www.eventbrite.com/org/23735997](http://www.eventbrite.com/org/23735997). Or mail in and if siblings play take \$5 off and If team list sent in take \$5 Disc for each team member. Send registration and check payable to Chess-Ed., c/o A. Holt, 729 Colby Ct., Gurnee, IL. 60031. Information/registration form: [aholt729@earthlink.net](mailto:aholt729@earthlink.net).

October 7, 2007. 7th Northshore Scholastic. Oakton Community College - Business Institute. 1600 East Golf Road Des Plaines, IL 60016. 5R-SS G/30 in 6 sections: Non-Rated, Open (K-12 rated 1000 or over), K-1, 2-3, 4-5, 6-8. Sections can be combined due to registration but prizes awarded according to original sections. Check-in/Registration: 8-8:30am - Rd 1@ 9am sharp! Awards: Trophies to top 5 per section, Top School Team, Top club Team. Parents/Coaches are responsible for ensuring kids are registered under the correct school code. Entry Fee: \$25 by Oct

1, \$30 on-site. \$5 discount for EITHER team discount or sibling discount. Register on line at: <http://www.eventbrite.com/org/40806661?s=873639> or mail registration information to: North American Chess Association (make check payable to), 2516 North Waukegan Road Suite 342, Glenview, IL 60025. More info: <http://www.nachess.org/northshore>. Contact Info: Sevan Muradian - [info@nachess.org](mailto:info@nachess.org), 888.80.CHESS. Chess Vendor: Checkmate Chess Supply Co.

October 20, 2007 TP Quick Chess #12. BIGGER. G/18 (or G/16+3 sec.) 5SS if fewer than 24 players in Round 1, 6SS if 24 or more. Registration: 11:00-11:50. First round 12:00 noon. EF: Adults-\$18, under age 19-\$9. Prizes: \$450 prize fund based on 32 entries. Information: Tom Fineberg, 773-721-3979, E-mail: [maxine57@earthlink.net](mailto:maxine57@earthlink.net), <http://home.earthlink.net/~maxine57>.

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October 28, 2007. 9th Kumbaya Scholastic Chess Tournament. National-Louis University, 5202 Old Orchard Road, Skokie, IL. 60077-4409. Presented by Chess-Ed. 4R-SS G/30. Schedule: Check in 10:30AM, Round 1 at 11:00AM, progressing as completed. Sections: K-1, 2-3, 4-5, 6-8, K-12/+1000, Unrated. Awards, each section: Top 5 individuals: top 3 teams (top 3 scores/2 player min. for teams); remembrances for all players. Entry Fee: \$25.00 post marked by Monday, October 22, 2007, \$30.00 if received afterwards, FREE to players rated over 1400-must use mail in registration form to qualify. No on-site registration. Register: On-line at [www.eventbrite.com/org/23735997](http://www.eventbrite.com/org/23735997). Or mail in and if siblings play take \$5 off and if team list sent in take \$5 Disc for each team member. Send registration and check payable to Chess-Ed., c/o A. Holt, 729 Colby Ct., Gurnee, IL. 60031. Information/registration form: [aholt729@earthlink.net](mailto:aholt729@earthlink.net) .