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Chess Club News

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A sizeable contingent from the Springfield Chess Club went to St. Louis to play in the Mike Sarnoff Memorial Tournament on April 9, 1994. Local players competing included David Mote, Doug VanBuskirk, Thomas Barnard, Tom Knoedler, Lenny Ferguson, David Bononi, Bill Wendling and David Sculley. Tom Knoedler had the best result of the Springfield players, scoring 3.5-.5 in the under 1800 section. Doug Van Buskirk won his first two games in the open section before falling to IM Michael Brooks on board 1 in the last round. For those who may be interested, Doug opened with the Vienna, which transposed into a Falkbeer Countergambit to the King's Gambit as follows: 1. e4 e5 2. Nc3 Nf6 3. f4 d5 4. e:d5 e4.

Roger Schmidt (1530) - Thomas Knoedler (1686), Rd. 1., Queen Pawn Opening. 1. d4 Nf6 2. c3 d5 3. Nf3 e6 4. Bg5 Nbd7 5. Nbd2 c5 6. e3 Be7 7. Bd3 cd 8. ed h6 9. Bf4 O-O 10. h3? (Postmortem analysis suggests 10. Be3) Nh5 11. Bh2 Qb6 12. Rb1 Bd6 13. Bxd6? (Better may have been 13. O-O) Qxd6 14. O-O e5 15. de Nxe5 16. Nxe5 Qxe5 17. Qf3? (Better may have been 17. Re1) Nf6 18. Rb1 Qd6 19. Re3 Bd7 20. Rfe1 Rfe8 21. Rxe8+ Rxe8 22. Rxe8+ Bxe8 23. Nb3 Qe5 24. Qe2 1/2-1/2

Thomas Knoedler (1686) - Stan Wierciszewski (1574), Round 2, Ruy Lopez 1. e4 e5 2. Nf3 Nc6 3. Bb5 a6 4. Ba4 Bc5 5. c3 b5 6. Bc2 Nf6 7. d4 ed 8. cd Bb6 (Better was 8...Bb4) 9. O O d6 10. h3 Bb7? (Better was 10...O-O) 11. Nc3 Nb4 12. Bg5 Nxc2 13. Qxc2 Qd7 14. Racl h6 15. Bxf6 gf 16. Nd5 Bxd5 17. ed O-O-O 18. Qc6 Qxc6? (Better was 18...Kb8) 19. Rxc6 Kb7? (Better was 19. ... Rhe8) 20. Rfc1 Rde8 21. Kf1 Re4 22. b3 Rc8? (Better was 22. ... Rde8) 23. Rd1 Rce8 24. a4 b4 25. Rc4 a5 26. Rdcl Re2 27. Rlc2 Rxc2 28. Rxc2 c5 ?? 29. d5xc+ Kc7 30. d5 Re4 31. Re2 f5 32. Nd2 ? (Better was 32. Rxe4, followed by Nd2 and Nc4) Rd4 33. Re7+ Kd8 34. Rd7+ Kc8 35. Nc4 Rxc4 36. bc Bd4 37. Rxd6 ?! (better was Rb7; this move puts the win in jeopardy) b3 38. Rd7 Bc3 (to give the pawn a bridge) 39. d6 b2 40. Rc7+ (Much better is 40. Rb7! The Bishop bridge is illusory since Black is in a mating net) Kd8 41. Rd7+ Ke8 42. Rb7 Kf8 43. Rxb2 Resigns

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Thomas Knoedler (1686) - Andrei Zaitsev (1795), Rd. 4, French Defense 1. e4 e6 2. d4 d5 3. Nc3 de (Unusual.) 4. Nxe4 Nf6 5. Bg5 Be7 6. Nxf6+ Bxf6 7. Bxf6 Qxf6 8. Nf3 c5 (the possibility of ...Qxb2 was unappealing, so ...) 9. c3 cd 10. Qxd4 Qxd4 11. Nxd4 e5 ? (I was expectingBd7) 12. Nb5 Na6 13. Nd6+ Ke7 14. Nxc8+ Rhxc8 15. Bxa6 ba 16. O-O-O a5 ? (Better was 16....Ke6 or 16....Rd8) 17. Rd5 a4 ? (In order to save the doubled a- pawn in exchange for the king side pawn majority !?) 18. Rxe5+ Kf6 19. Ra5 Rc4 20. Kc2 Re4 21. Rd1 Re2+ 22. Rd2 Re4 23. Ra6+ Ke5 24. Rad6 (Is he truly giving me a middle of the board mate?) f5 25. g3 Re1 26. f4+ Ke4 27. Re6+ Resigns

David Mote (2232) - Cameron Feltner (1904) King's Gambit. 1. e4 e5 2. f4 e:f4 3. Nf3 d6 4. d4 g6?! (book is g5) 5. B:f4 Bg7 6. Nc3 (an alternative means of developing for white is 6. Nd2 followed by 7. c3, 8. Bc4 and perhaps Qb3) Ne7 7. Qd2 O-O 8. Bh6 Bg4 9. O-O-O Nbc6 10. B:g7 K:g7 11. h3 B:f3 12. g:f3 a6 13. d5 Ne5 14. f4 Nd7 15. h4 h5 16. Be2 Rh8 17. Rdg1 Qf8 18. Bf3 Kh7 19. Ne2 Qh6 20. Rg5 Raf8 21. Rhg1 Rhg8 22. Nd4 Re8 23. Rlg2 Rgf8 24. Qc3 Rc8 25. B:h5 Ne5 26. f:e5 d:e5 27. Kb1 g:h5 28. Nf5 f6 29. Rg7+ Black resigns.

David Bononi (1608) - Andrei Zaitsev (1795) 1. f4 f5 2. Nf3 Nf6 3. Nc3 e6 4. e3 Nc6 5. b3 Be7 6. d3 (d4 looks better) Bb4 7. Bb2 Nd5 8. Qd2 Qf6 9. d4 O-O 10. Bc4 (a3 is a good alternative) Nce7 11. O-O Bxc3 (premature, if black wants this exchange, he may as well wait for white to force the exchange or spend a tempo breaking the pin) 12. Bxc3 Nxc3 13. Qxc3 Ng6 14. Qd2 d5 15. ad3 Nh4 16. Nxf4 Qxf4 17. Qf2 (Rf3 deserved serious consideration) Qh6 18. Rac1 b6 19. c4 Bb7 20. cxd5 Bxd5 21. Rxc7 Rf6 22. Rf1 Rg6 23. Bf1 Qh3 24. Rc8+ Rxc8 25. Rxc8+ Kf7 26. Rc7+ Kf6 27. Rc8? (better is Rxa7 snagging a pawn and keeping the black king immobile) h5 28. g3 Qg4 29. Be2 Qh3 30. Bf1 Qg4 31. Be2 Qh3 1/2-1/2.

Deanere (1231) - Bill Wendling (1226) 1. d4 Nf6 2. c4 d6 3. Nc3 e6 4. e3 Nbd7 5. Bd3 b6 6. Nf3 Bb7 7. Bd2 c5 8. d5? exd5 9. cxd5 Nxd5 10. Nxd5 Bxd5 11. O-O Nf6? (better is Be7) 12. Bb5+ Nd7 13. Re1 (better is e4) Be7 14. b4 O-O 15. bxc5 Nxc5 16. Bb4 Bb7 17. Bxc5 bxc5 18. Nd2 a6 19. Bc4 Bf6 20. Qb3 Qe7 21. Rad1 Rad8 22. Qb6 Bc8 23. Bxa6 Bxa6 24. Qxa6 Ra8 25. Qe2 Rfb8 and black won.

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On May 21, 1994, the Evening Kiwanis, Dubois Middle School, and U.S. Grant Middle School co-sponsored a youth chess tournament. Open to Sangamon County students, this tournament was divided into three sections (K - 3, 4 - 5, 6 - 8) and it was held at U.S. Grant Middle School. Andy Skaar and Thomas Knoedler, Springfield Chess Club members, directed the tournament while Jim Larson and the Evening Kiwanis provided a lunch of pizza and soft drinks. A total of 35 young chessplayers were in attendance.

The Springfield Chess Club meets on Wednesday evenings from 6 PM to 10 PM at the American Legion hall on South Fifth street. Please enter from the doorway on American Legion Drive.

The Springfield Chess Club holds a monthly exhibition and instruction session on the second Friday of each month in the cafe of the Barnes & Noble bookstore on Veterans Parkway (just southwest of White Oaks Mall).

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Upcoming events

July 16 Springfield Summer Tournament, Springfield, IL
July 30-31 U.S. Action Championship, Bloomington, IL
August 6 U.S. Game 10 Championship, Bloomington, IL
August 7-19 U.S. Open, Chicago, IL
August 20 U.S. Game/15 Championship, Rosemont, IL
August 26-28 Mid-America Open, St. Louis
September 2-4 Illinois Open, Chicago
October 28-30 Midwest Class Championships, Oak Brook
November 19-20 Illinois Class Championship, Chicago