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Derek Sparks Wins Tournament

Foul weather held turnout at the February 15 tournament to a near record low. But we had a good tournament anyways, and a fast one - all the rounds began early enough that the end of the tourney came soon enough to allow most participants to drive home while the light held.

Eleven players, plus a houseman, played. The winner of the event was Derek Sparks, of Middletown, who scored 3.5 points out of 4. Second place and the C-D prize were split, and they went to Randy Ryner, of Springfield, and Jerry Bennett, of Decatur. They scored 3 points. The first A-B player, with 2.5 points, was Kyle Miles, of Mattoon.

James Ruth, of Springfield, won the E prize with 2 points. Finally, the unrated prize went to Cole Taylor, of Springfield, who scored one point.

Complete results of the tournament are on page 4.

Get Ready for Quick Chess!

Mark your calendars! The St. Patrick's Day quick tournament will be held Saturday, March 15, at Jerome United Methodist Church (corner of Reed & Leonard Streets, three blocks north of Ace Hardware on Wabash). Registration ends at 10:15, and the first of nine rounds is at 10:30. There will be an hour-long break at noon. Time control is G/10. Entry fee is \$10 for SCC members (\$12 for non-members.)

Will anyone be brave enough, or Irish enough, to venture the legendary Irish Gambit? (1. P-K4 P-K4 2. N-KB3 N-QB3 3. NxP???)

April 12: Back to the Old Room

Our next regular tournament will be held Saturday, April 12 at the Signature Inn. The tournament will be back in the old room (the FCC room). All details are the same as usual. Time control is G/80, first round at 9. Entry fees for SCC members: \$15 in advance, \$16 at the door (\$2 more for non-members.)

Dr. K Six-Peats Jacksonville

The sixth annual Jacksonville city championship was held at the Jacksonville Chamber of Commerce on February 22-23, and was attended by 16 chess players. Scoring five points out of a possible six, Richard Kujoth won the tournament. Second place was shared by Greg Moses, Brad Reese, Bob Cockrell, and Steve Seaton. They each scored four points. Steve won the second place trophy on tiebreaks, while Brad took the under-1400 trophy. Dave Eilering won the under-1200 trophy with 3 points, and Jared Silsby won the unrated trophy with 2 points.

All the aforementioned players are from Jacksonville except Steve Seaton, who lives in Tennessee.

The club also bid a farewell to Greg Dales, who will be moving to Indiana soon.

Complete results of the tournament are on page 4.

SCC Bids for Illinois Class

The Springfield Chess Club has entered a bid to host the 2003 Illinois Class Championships this November. One other bid, from the Chicago area, has also been made. At press time it's in the ICA's hands.

MORE LATER.

Welcome New Members

The Springfield Chess Club added four new members in February. They are Barney Bruzetti, Michael Grounds, and Frank Darnelle, all of Springfield, and Kyle Niles, of Mattoon. Welcome to the club! The membership total is now 37.

Ladder Standings - March 12, 2003

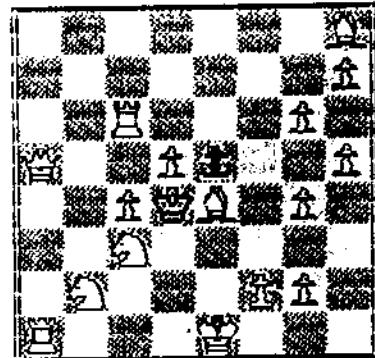
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| 1. BRIAN CREASEY | 7. TOM KNOEDLER |
| 2. DAVID LONG | 8. ED BOYD |
| 3. JONATHAN HOFFSUEMMER | 9. DAVID BRAUNFELD |
| 4. JAMES RUTH | 10. MICHAEL SHORES |
| 5. GARALD BUMGARDNER | 11. BRIAN ALTMAN |
| 6. DAVID MOTE | |

Absurdity, Part II

A retro-analysis problem by Karl Fabel and Theodore Steudel. For those readers who are unfamiliar with retro-analysis, you must use logic to figure out things about the history of the game, and what moves *must* have made, however implausible or outrageous.

White to play and mate in one. How many solutions? What are they? Careful now!

For a really obvious hint, see the bottom of page 4. Solution is on page 6.



Minor Event News

All minor events will begin at 7:30 p.m. unless otherwise specified.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Entry Fee</u>
March 12	Blitz Tournament, Part 3	\$2
March 19	Gruenfeld Defense Thematic	\$3
April 16	Blitz Tournament, Part 4	\$2
April 23	Albin Countergambit Thematic	\$3
May 14	Blitz Tournament, Part 5	\$2
May 21	From's Gambit Thematic	\$3

January 15 Blitz

<u>Pl#</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>Month</u>	<u>Year</u>
1	James Ruth	x	L	L	W	W	2.0	2.0
2	David Long	W	x	W	W	W	4.0	4.0
3	Tom Knoedler	W	L	x	W	W	3.0	3.0
4	Gaylon Richards Jr.	L	L	L	x	L	0.0	0.0
5	Gaylon Richards Sr.	L	L	L	W	x	1.0	1.0

February 12 Blitz

<u>Pl#</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>Month</u>	<u>Year</u>
1	James Ruth	x	W	W	W	L	W	4.0	8.0
2	Cole Taylor	L	x	W	L	L	L	1.0	1.0
3	John Taylor	L	L	x	L	L	D	0.5	0.5
4	Kyle Churchill	L	W	W	x	L	L	2.0	2.0
5	Tom Knoedler	W	W	W	W	x	W	5.0	8.0
6	Michael Shores	L	W	D	W	L	x	2.5	2.5

Cumulative Blitz Standings

1 Tom Knoedler	8.0 (9)	88.9	6 Gaylon Richards Sr.	1.0 (4)	25.0
2 James Ruth	6.0 (9)	66.7	7 Cole Taylor	1.0 (5)	20.0
3 David Long	4.0 (4)	100.0	8 John Taylor	0.5 (5)	10.0
4 Michael Shores	2.5 (5)	50.0	9 Gaylon Richards Jr.	0.0 (4)	0.0
5 Kyle Churchill	2.0 (5)	40.0			

January 22 - Staunton Gambit Thematic

<u>Pl#</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Victories</u>
1	James Ruth	x	W	L	L	1.0	<u>by Color:</u>
2	David Braunfeld	L	x	D	L	0.5	White - 2
3	Tom Knoedler	W	D	x	L	1.5	Black - 3
4	David Long	W	W	W	x	3.0	Draws - 1

February 19 - Balogh Defense Thematic

<u>Pl#</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Victories</u>
1	Cole Taylor	x	W	L	L	L	1.0	<u>by Color:</u>
2	Kyle Churchill	L	x	L	L	L	0.0	White - 7
3	David Braunfeld	W	W	x	W	W	4.0	Black - 3
4	John Taylor	W	W	L	x	L	2.0	Draws - 0
5	Michael Shores	W	W	L	W	x	3.0	

Oops!

Where did *that* come from? The point total for the November thematic was all messed up. The totals should have been 0, 1.5, 1.5, and 3, respectively. (It would be unusual to score 4.5 out of 3, eh?)

Complete Results, February 15, 2002

1st place: Derek Sparks 1st AB: Kyle Miles
2nd place-1st CD: Randy Ryner, Jerry Bennett
1st E: James Ruth 1st unrated: Cole Taylor

<u>Rank</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Rating</u>	<u>Rd 1</u>	<u>Rd 2</u>	<u>Rd 3</u>	<u>Rd 4</u>	<u>Total</u>
1	Derek Sparks	1780	W--3	W--5	D--4	W--6	3.5
2	Randy Ryner	1543	W-10	W--9	L--5	W--4	3.0
3	Jerry Bennett	1362	L--1	W--8	W--7	W-10	3.0
4	Kyle Miles	1769	W--7	W--6	D--1	L--2	2.5
5	Kevin Guo	1523	W--8	L--1	W--2	----	2.0
6	Greg Moses	1503	W-11	L--4	W--9	L--1	2.0
7	Brian Creasey	1254	L--4	W-11	L--3	W-12	2.0
8	James Ruth	1067	L--5	L--3	W-10	W-11	2.0
9	Tom Knoedler	1500	W-12	L--2	L--6	HALF	1.5
10	Jack Heller	1249	L--2	W-12	L--8	L--3	1.0
11	Cole Taylor	unr.	L--6	L--7	W-12	L--8	1.0
12	John Taylor	unr.	L--9	L-10	L-11	L--7	0.0

Results - Jacksonville Championship

<u>Rank</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Rating</u>	<u>Rd 1</u>	<u>Rd 2</u>	<u>Rd 3</u>	<u>Rd 4</u>	<u>Rd 5</u>	<u>Rd 6</u>	<u>Total</u>
1	Richard Kujotn	1956	D--9	W-10	W-15	W--2	W--3	D--4	5.0
2	Steve Seaton	1455	W-11	W--7	W--3	L--1	L--4	W--6	4.0
3	Greg Moses	1503	W-12	W--8	L--2	W--6	L--1	W-11	4.0
4	Bob Cockrell	1530	L--7	W-14	HALF	W-15	W--2	D--1	4.0
5	Brad Reese	908	W-13	D-15	L--6	W--7	D--8	W-12	4.0
6	Collin Mizeur	1383	D-10	W--9	W--5	L--3	W-12	L--2	3.5
7	Joe Boyd	1228	W--4	L--2	L-12	L--5	W-10	W-13	3.0
8	Andrew Barfield	1315	W-16	L--3	W-11	D-12	D--5	L--9	3.0
9	Al Darr	1263	D--1	L--6	D-10	L-13	W-14	W--8	3.0
10	Dave Eilering	1176	D--6	L--1	D--9	W-16	L--7	FULL	3.0
11	Larry Coulter	1184	L--2	W-16	L--8	W-14	W-13	L--3	3.0
12	Brandon Turnbo	1195	L--3	W-13	W--7	D--8	L--6	L--5	2.5
13	Jared Silsby	unr.	L--5	L-12	W-16	W--9	L-11	L--7	2.0
14	Coy Summers	1085	L-15	L--4	FULL	L-11	L--9	D-16	1.5
15	Fred Ohles	1320	W-14	D--5	L--1	L--4	----	----	1.5
16	Kyson Mathieu	unr.	L--8	L-11	L-13	L-10	FULL	D-14	1.5

ABSURDITY HINT: In retro-analysis problems, castling is always presumed legal unless proven illegal. Conversely, en passant capturing is always presumed illegal unless proven legal.

Membership Roster

Membership total: 37

State is Illinois and area code is 217 unless otherwise noted.

Name

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City-State-Zip

Phone

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Absurdity Solution

Look at what Black might have done on his last move. The only possible previous move by black is ...e7-e5 (preceded by White's Rf6-c6 discovered check.) Therefore, White may play PXP e.p., mate.

White also has R-Q1, mate. But, he cannot give mate by castling. White's pawns have made 14 captures, all of Black's missing pieces, all west to east. They must have included Black's QRP. Since White is not missing any pieces, the pawn could not have taken anything, but advanced straight ahead and promoted on QR8, later moving and being captured elsewhere. Therefore, the white rook must have moved at some point.

So there are two mates in one from the position.

Meetings

The SCC meets Wednesday nights, 6 to 10 p.m., at the American Legion Post 32, between 5th and 6th Streets, half a block south of Capitol Ave., downtown. On the first Wednesday of each month, and sometimes other Wednesdays, we meet in a room upstairs (not our usual room.)

On the second Friday of each month, we meet from 6 to 10 p.m. at Barnes and Noble, near the corner of Route 4 and Wabash Ave.

Area Tournament Schedule

<u>Date</u>	<u>City</u>	<u>Reg. Ends</u>	<u>Contact</u>	<u>Phone</u>
March 15	Springfield, Ill.	9:30	David Long	(217) 522-0489
March 22	St. Louis, Mo.	9:45	Tony Rich	(314) 359-1209
March 23	Quincy, Ill.	1:00 p.m.	Gary Blickhan	(217) 223-8762
April 12	Springfield, Ill.	8:45	Tom Knoedler	(217) 523-7265
April 26	Peoria, Ill.	8:45	Fred Malcome	(309) 367-4833
May 3-4	St. Louis, Mo.	(tentative)		
May 10-11	Rock Island, Ill.	9:00	Matt Nemmers	(309) 786-2520
May 17	Normal, Ill.	8:45	Dennis Bourgerie	(309) 454-3842

Big Tuna's page will return next time!

Wanted: Used chess books on the
Center Counter Defense or the Pirc Defense.

Prices are negotiable.

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