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Club Champion: David Mote

## Alex Stannov Wins June Tourney

Turnout increased again for the June 7 tournament, with 30 paid entries. First place in the tournament went to Aleksandar Stannov, of Chicago, who scored a perfect 4-0. Second place, with 3.5 points, went to Chris Merli, of Urbana.

There was a three-way tie for the first A-B player. Those three tied were Richard Kujoth, of Jacksonville; Kyle Miles, of Mattoon; and Chris Baumgartner, of Chicago. They each scored 3 points.

Tied for first C-D player were Kevin Guo, of Chesterfield, Mo.; and Rob Nunez, hometown unknown. They scored 2.5 points. The E prize was won by Ian Wanda, of Glen Carbon, with 1.5 points. Also scoring 1.5 points was Wayne Clark, hometown unknown. He won the unrated prize.

For complete results, see page 5.

## July Quick Canceled

The quick tournament scheduled for July 12 has been canceled, the main reason being previous poor turnouts at these events. The September quick may or may not be held. More details to follow...

## Next Tournament August 23

Our next regular tournament will be held Saturday, August 23, at the Signature Inn. All details are the same as usual. Time control is 6/80, first round at 9. Entry fees for SCC members: \$15 in advance, \$18 at the door (\$2 more for non-members.)

This event will also be the SCC championship tournament! The title of city champion goes to the highest-finishing SCC member. The current defending champion is David Mote.

Remember! In addition to USCF membership, ICA membership is required for this and all subsequent regular tournaments.

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Mark your calendars today! - Illinois Class Championships - Nov. 28-30

## Illinois Class Preparations Continue

The SCC is negotiating with possible book vendors for the Illinois Class tournament.

There will be seven issues of the Chess Club *Observer* this year. The November-December issue will be split into two issues: the regular issue (November) and a special issue (December) devoted entirely to the Illinois Class Championships.

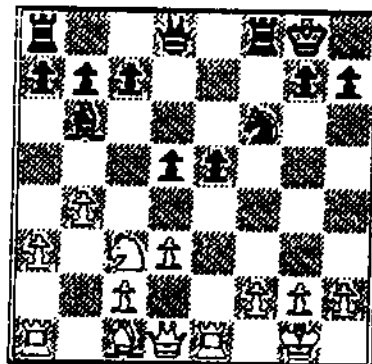
## Reminder!!

Starting in August, all of the SCC's regular tournaments will become the first ICA Tour events in a very long time to be held south of the I-74 corridor. This means that every player will earn ICA Tour Points (and Ex-Urban Tour Points) by playing, but all participants must be ICA members if they are Illinois residents.

If you are not an ICA member, consider joining. Current ICA dues are \$18 a year. Members receive the bimonthly *Illinois Chess Bulletin*. See Tom or David for membership forms.

## Games

White: Mark Nibbelin (1045)  
 Black: James Ruth (1099)  
 Opening: [328] Four Knights Opening  
 Normal, Ill. - May 17, 2003

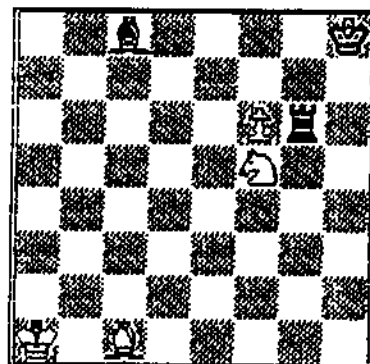


After White's 14th move

1. P-K4 P-K4    2. N-KB3 N-KB3    3. N-B3 N-B3
  4. P-QR3 B-B4    5. B-N5 N-Q5    6. P-QN4 B-N3
- Also possible is 6...NxR 7. NxN B-N3, gaining the bishop pair. 7. PxR? allows ...NxN 8. PxN and White's pawn structure is in shambles.
7. B-B4 P-Q3    8. N-KN5 B-K3    9. BxB NxR
  10. NxN PxN    11. O-O P-Q4    12. PxP PxP
  13. R-K1 O-O    14. P-Q3 (diagram) BxPch!
  15. KxB N-N5 dbl ch    16. K-N1 Q-R5    17. P-R3 N-B7    18. Q-Q2 Q-N6
  19. R-K3 Allows mate in 2, but an indifferent move allows ...NxRPch followed by ...R-B7. NxRPch    20. K-R1 R-B8, checkmate.

## Absurdity, Part 12

No tricks or conny catches to this one!  
 A study by Vladimir Korolkov, a Soviet chess problemist. White to play and win. For a hint, see the bottom of page 3. Solution on page 5!



# 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>
July 16	Blitz Tournament, Part 6	\$2
July 23	Alekhine Defense Thematic	\$3
August 13	Blitz Tournament, Part 7	\$2
August 20	Drangutan Opening Thematic	\$3
September 10	Blitz Tournament, Part 8	\$2
September 17	English Opening Thematic	\$3

<u>P1#</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>May 14 Blitz</u>												<u>Month</u>	<u>Year</u>
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12		
1	Josh Rohrscheib	x	W	L	L	W	W	W	W	L	W	W	L	7.0	7.0
2	James Ruth	L	x	L	W	W	W	W	L	L	W	L	W	6.0	17.0
3	Gerald Bumgardner	W	W	x	D	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	10.5	10.5
4	Tom Knoedler	W	L	D	x	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	L	8.5	25.5
5	Kyle Churchill	L	L	L	L	x	L	L	L	L	W	L	L	1.0	5.0
6	Cole Taylor	L	L	L	L	W	x	W	L	L	L	L	L	2.0	10.0
7	John Taylor	L	L	L	L	W	L	x	L	L	L	L	L	1.0	3.5
8	Evan Dorosheff	L	W	L	L	W	W	W	x	L	W	L	L	5.0	5.0
9	Matt Cremeens	W	W	L	L	W	W	W	W	x	W	L	W	8.0	8.0
10	Barney Bruzetti	L	L	L	L	L	W	W	L	L	x	L	L	2.0	3.0
11	Daunte Carter	L	W	L	L	W	W	W	W	W	W	x	L	7.0	7.0
12	David Long	W	L	L	W	W	W	W	W	L	W	W	x	8.0	19.0

<u>P1#</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>June 11 Blitz</u>								<u>Month</u>	<u>Year</u>
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8		
1	James Ruth	x	W	L	L	W	W	W	L	4.0	21.0
2	Matt Cremeens	L	x	L	L	W	W	W	L	3.0	11.0
3	Josh Rohrscheib	W	W	x	L	W	W	L	L	4.0	11.0
4	Daunte Carter	W	W	W	x	W	W	W	L	6.0	13.0
5	Cole Taylor	L	L	L	L	x	W	L	L	1.0	11.0
6	Kyle Churchill	L	L	L	L	L	x	L	L	0.0	5.0
7	Tom Knoedler	L	L	W	L	W	W	x	L	3.0	28.5
8	David Long	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	x	7.0	26.0

<u>Cumulative Blitz Standings</u>											
1	Tom Knoedler	28.5	(36)	79.6	9	David Braunfeld	7.0	(9)	77.8		
2	David Long	26.0	(31)	83.9	10	Michael Shores	5.5	(14)	39.3		
3	James Ruth	21.0	(36)	58.3	11	Evan Dorosheff	5.0	(11)	45.5		
4	Daunte Carter	13.0	(18)	72.2	12	Kyle Churchill	5.0	(32)	15.6		
5	Josh Rohrscheib	11.0	(18)	61.1	13	John Taylor	3.5	(25)	14.0		
6	Matt Cremeens	11.0	(18)	61.1	14	Barney Bruzetti	3.0	(20)	15.0		
7	Cole Taylor	11.0	(32)	34.4	15	Michael Grounds	2.0	(9)	22.2		
8	Gerald Bumgardner	10.5	(11)	95.5	16	Gaylon Richards Sr.	1.0	(4)	25.0		

ABSURDITY HINT: In the main line, White is able to give checkmate.

May 21 - From's Gambit Thematic

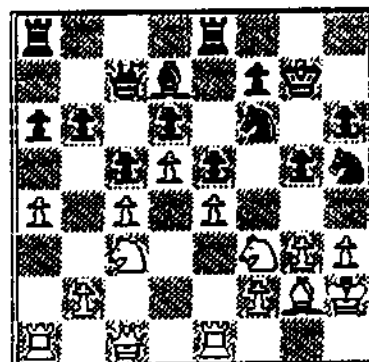
Pl#	Name	1	2	3	4	5	Total	Victories by Color:
1	Tom Knoedler	x	L	W	W	W	3.0	White - 5
2	Jonathan Hoffsuemmer	W	x	W	W	W	4.0	Black - 5
3	Daunte Carter	L	L	x	W	W	2.0	Draws - 0
4	Evan Dorosheff	L	L	L	x	W	1.0	
5	David Braunfeld	L	L	L	L	x	0.0	

June 18 - Dunst Opening Thematic

Pl#	Name	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	Total	Victories by Color:
1	David Braunfeld	x	W	W	W	W	L	L	L	4.0	White: 13
2	Evan Dorosheff	L	x	W	D	W	W	L	L	3.5	Black: 14
3	John Taylor	L	L	x	W	L	L	L	L	1.0	Draws: 1
4	Cole Taylor	L	D	L	x	W	L	L	L	1.5	
5	Kyle Churchill	L	L	W	L	x	L	L	L	1.0	
6	James Ruth	W	L	W	W	W	x	L	W	5.0	
7	Matt Cremeens	W	W	W	W	W	W	x	L	6.0	
8	Daunte Carter	W	W	W	W	L	W	x		6.0	

## More Games

White: Dennis Bourgerie (1770)  
 Black: Paul Fambro (1461)  
 Opening: [132] Benoni Gambit Declined  
 Springfield, Ill. - June 7, 2003 - Round 4



After Black's 20th move

1. P-Q4 P-QB4    2. P-Q5 Better than taking the pawn. P-KN3    3. N-KB3 P-Q3    4. P-B4 N-KB3
5. N-B3 B-N2    6. P-KR3 0-0    7. P-K4 P-QR3
8. P-QR4 Q-R4    9. B-Q2 Q-B2    10. B-K2 QN-Q2
11. 0-0 R-K1    12. R-K1 P-N3    13. Q-B1 P-K3
14. B-R6 P-K4 The dark-squared bishop is going; Black might as well push the pawn into the center and block the diagonal.    15. BxB KxB
16. B-Q3 N-R4    17. P-KN3 Preventing ...N-B5.    N/2-B3    18. B-B1 B-Q2
19. B-N2 P-R3    20. K-R2 P-KN4 (diagram)    21. NxNP! PxN    22. QxPch K-It1
23. P-KN4 Regains the piece.    NxNP    24. PxN N-B5    25. K-N3 N-N3
26. R-R1 K-N2    27. R-R5 R-KN1    28. QR-KR1 K-B1    29. Q-B6 BxNP
30. KxB Q-Q2ch Black has no meaningful discoveries. ...N-B5 dis ch is met by 31. R-N5.    31. K-B3 N-B5    32. R-N5 N-N3    33. R-R6 K-K1
34. B-R3 Q-B2    35. B-B5 N-K2    36. RxRch NxR    37. R-R8 K-B1
38. Q-N5, Black resigns. ...P-B3 allows 39. RxNch and 40. Q-N7 mate.

## Ladder Standings - July 9, 2003

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

# Complete Results, June 7, 2003

1st place: Aleksandar Stannov      2nd place: Chris Merli

1st A-B: Richard Kujoth, Kyle Miles, Chris Baumgartner

1st C-D: Kevin Guo, Rob Nunez

1st E-F: Ian Wanda      1st unrated: Wayne Clark

Rank	Name	Rating	Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd 3	Rd 4	Total
1	Aleksandar Stannov	2257	W-15	W-14	W--7	W--4	4.0
2	Chris Merli	2068	W-16	W-11	D--8	W--6	3.5
3	Richard Kujoth	1946	W-18	D-10	D--5	W--8	3.0
4	Kyle Miles	1727	W-27	W-24	W-23	L--1	3.0
5	Chris Baumgartner	1717	FWIN	D--6	D--3	W-14	3.0
6	Dan Vasto	2092	W-13	D--5	W-10	L--2	2.5
7	Kevin French	1824	W-19	W-12	L--1	D-13	2.5
8	Derek Sparks	1786	W-20	W-21	D--2	L--3	2.5
9	Dennis Bourgerie	1770	L-21	W-30	D-19	W-16	2.5
10	Joe Swindler	1669	W-25	D--3	L--6	W-19	2.5
11	Gary Blickhan	1619	W-28	L--2	D-20	W-21	2.5
12	Kevin Guo	1572	W-29	L--7	D-21	W-20	2.5
13	Rob Nunez	1504	L--6	W-26	W-22	D--7	2.5
14	Jonathan Bonwell	1698	W-26	L--1	W-18	L--5	2.0
15	Jeremy Griffith	1515	L--1	L-27	W-28	W-24	2.0
16	Paul Fambro	1461	L--2	W-28	W-24	L--9	2.0
17	Randy Ryner	1576	L-22	L-20	W-25	D-18	1.5
18	Paul Holland	1380	L--3	W-25	L-14	D-17	1.5
19	Jeff Smith	1304	L--7	W-29	D--9	L-10	1.5
20	Larry Coulter	1248	L--8	W-17	D-11	L-12	1.5
21	Ian Wanda	1170	W--9	L--8	D-12	L-11	1.5
22	Wayne Clark	unr.	W-17	L-23	L-13	D-28	1.5
23	Tom Knoedler	1508	HALF	W-22	L--4	----	1.5
24	Chris Leveque	1018	W-30	L--4	L-16	L-15	1.0
25	Brad Reese	994	L-10	L-18	L-17	W-29	1.0
26	Dave Wiedman	1009	L-14	L-13	W-29	----	1.0
27	Calvin Terlizzi	1101	L--4	W-15	----	----	1.0
28	Jared Silsby	975	L-11	L-16	L-15	D-22	0.5
29	Evan Dorosheff	unr.	L-12	L-19	L-26	L-25	0.0
30	Bob Juranek	1295	L-24	L--9	----	----	0.0
31	Michael Shores	1070	FORF	----	----	----	0.0

## Absurdity Solution

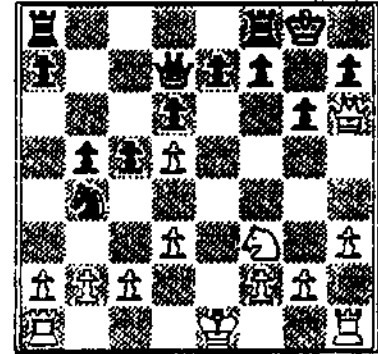
White begins with the obvious 1. P-B7. There follows ...R-QR3ch  
 2. B-R3! 2. K-N2? R-KB3 and White cannot pin the rook; 2. K-N1? BxNch.  
 ...RxBch 3. K-N2 R-R7ch 4. K-B1! 4. KxR B-K3ch and draws. White  
 must move his king to the kingside via the dark squares. ...R-R8ch  
 5. K-Q2 R-R7ch 6. K-K3 R-R6ch 7. K-B4 R-R5ch 8. K-N5 R-KN5ch  
 9. K-R6 Again, 9. KxR BxNch 10. KxB K-N2 11. K-K6 K-B1 and draws.  
 ...R-N1 10. N-K7 (PxR=Qch? KxQ, draw) ...B-K3 (...R-B1? 11. N-N6,  
 checkmate) 11. PxR=Qch (or PxR=Rch) ...BxQ 12. N-N6, checkmate.

## Results, Ruth vs. Shores match

James Ruth 1099 10 (9W 2D)  
 Michael Shores 1070 6 (5W 2D)

## More Games

**White: Larry Coulter (1181)**  
**Black: Jeremy Volkmann (1540)**  
 Opening: [266] Bishop Sicilian  
 Springfield, Ill. - April 12, 2003 - Round 1



After White's 16th move

1. P-K4 P-QB4 2. B-B4 N-QB3 3. N-KB3 P-Q3  
 4. N-B3 P-KN3 5. P-KR3 B-N2 6. N-KN5?! N-K4  
 7. B-N5ch B-Q2 8. BxBch QxB White gets away  
 with his unusual bishop moves. 9. N-KB3 N-QB3  
 10. P-Q3 N-B3 11. B-N5 0-0 12. Q-Q2 P-QN4?!  
 13. N-Q5 NxN 14. PxN N-N5 15. B-R6 BxB?  
 16. QxB (diagram) NxPch?? Black gets greedy!  
 17. K-Q2 NxR 18. N-N5 There is no way out of  
 checkmate! N-N6ch 19. PxN KR-N1 20. QxRPch, Black resigns. After  
 ...K-B1, 21. QxBP is checkmate. The moral of the story? Don't go  
 munching things if your king is not safe!!!

## 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. Sometimes 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>
July 12	St. Louis, Mo..	9:15	Tom Rohrbaugh	(314) 863-7606
July 19	Quincy, Ill	10:50	Gary Blickhan	(217) 223-8762
July 26	Collinsville, Ill	8:45	Paul Holland	(618) 288-4117
August 16	Peoria, Ill	8:45	Fred Malcome	(309) 367-4833
August 23	Springfield, Ill.	8:45	Tom Knoedler	(217) 523-7265
September 6	Urbana, Ill	8:45	Chris Merli	(217) 384-5530
September 13	Collinsville, Ill.	8:45	Paul Holland	(618) 288-4117
September 20	Springfield, Ill.	10:15	David Long	(217) 522-0489