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Club Champion: Matt Cremeens

Mc Gowan Wins Tournament

Seventeen chess players and a houseman participated in the October tournament, the first annual David Pote memorial tournament. It just so happened that Dave's good friend and colleague, Andy Mc Gowan, of Peoria, won the tournament with a perfect score of 4-0.

In a complicated tie, second place plus half of the first D-D prize and half of the first B prize was split between Wayne Zimmerle, of Peoria, and Brad Schlosser, of Crestfield, Mo. They scored 3 points each. The remainder of the D-D prize went to Laszlo Naszodi, of Peoria, who scored 2.5 points.

The other half of the D prize was halved again, with James Ruth, of Auburn, and Ivan Borosheff, of Springfield, each scoring 1.5 points. Finally, the H-B prize was split three ways between Dennis Bourgerie, of Normal; Gary Blickhan, of Quincy; and Leonard Ferguson, of Springfield. No unrateds participated.

For complete results, see page 5.

Matt Cremeens is City Chess Champion!

On September 18, the Springfield Chess Club held its annual championship tournament at Lincoln Library, downtown. Matt Cremeens, of Springfield, won all three games, and became champion! There was a three-way tie for second place, with David Long and Leonard Ferguson, of Springfield, and Robert Soucie, of Taylorville, each having two points.

The title of first beginner was shared between James Ruth, of Auburn, and Don Dorosheff, of Springfield. They each scored one point.

For complete results, see page 5.

Next Tournament December 11

Our next regular tournament will be held Saturday, December 11, at the Signature Inn. All tournament details are the same as usual: registration ends at 8:45, the first round begins at 9, entry fee \$15 in advance or \$16 at the door, \$2 more for non-SCC members.

Time To Renew!

All SCC memberships expire on December 31. Please renew yours today! Annual dues are \$12, and they bring you the bimonthly newsletter plus a \$2 discount on all regular rated SCC tournaments. Here is a membership form on page 5.

(A few members are already paid through 2005. These are indicated by a red "05" on their mailing label.)

Tentative 2005 Schedule Set

The September board meeting set a tentative tournament schedule for next year. These dates are subject to change! *February 19, April 16, June 11, August 27, October 15, and December 18* for our regular tournaments.

The February tournament will be an experimental 6:00 tournament, starting slightly later and finishing two hours earlier than normal, in accordance with the surveys, many of which said tournaments should finish earlier. If the format is successful, look for two such tournaments a year.

The club also plans a two-day, five-round "regional" tournament to be held in early November. Details later.

The city championship will be held *September 17*.

Election Time

It's time again for the SCC's election cycle. Nominations for the five club offices will be held on **November 10** at 7:30 p.m. (The blitz tournament will follow immediately.) Current offices and incumbents are listed on the top of page 1.

Elections for contested club offices will be held on **December 1** at 7:30 p.m. *Mark your calendar, there will be no mailing of reminders!* To find out who is running (if you miss nominations), or to request an absentee ballot, see David.

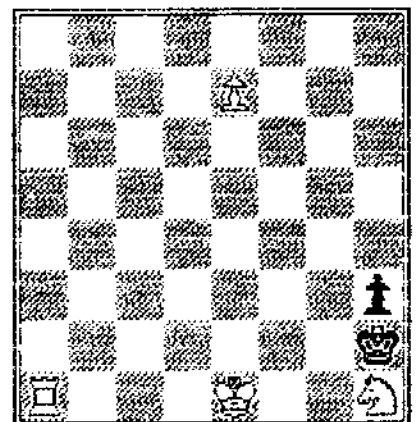
Absurdity, Part 19

The solution to this John Beasley problem is truly revolting!

This unorthodox problem is virtually unsolvable without at least a small hint. Like all sets of laws, the rules of chess are not perfectly airtight: People sometimes find a way to violate the spirit of the rules on technicalities. Such is the case with this problem.

White to play and mate in 2.

For a little clearer hint, see the bottom of page 3. Solution on page 6.



Minor Events

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

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Entry fee</u>
November 10	Blitz, Part 5 (8 p.m.)	\$2
November 17	3-Round Swiss	\$5
December 15	Blitz, Part 7	\$2
December 22	3-Round Swiss	\$3
January 12	2005 Blitz, Part 1	\$5

September 15 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	Tom Knoedler	*	W	L	W	L	L	2.0	23.5
2	Evan Dorosheff	L	*	L	W	L	L	1.0	22.5
3	Robert Soucie	W	W	*	W	D	L	3.5	3.5
4	Mark Maisenbacher	L	L	L	*	L	L	0.0	0.5
5	Matt Cremeens	W	W	D	W	*	L	3.5	23.5
6	David Long	W	W	W	W	W	*	5.0	22.5

October 13 Blitz

C A N C E L L E D

Cumulative Blitz Standings

1 Tom Knoedler	23.5 (32)	79.7	9	John Taylor	1.5 (7)	21.4
2 Matt Cremeens	23.5 (36)	65.3	10	Kyle Churchill	1.5 (7)	21.4
3 David Long	22.5 (27)	83.3	11	Larry Grammer	1.0 (5)	20.0
4 Evan Dorosheff	22.5 (43)	52.3	12	David Braunfeld	0.5 (5)	10.0
5 James Ruth	12.0 (32)	37.5	13	Michael Shores	0.5 (5)	10.0
6 Dante Carter	7.5 (12)	62.5	14	Cole Taylor	0.5 (7)	7.1
7 Leonard Ferguson	7.0 (13)	53.8	15	Mark Maisenbacher	0.5 (8)	6.3
8 Robert Soucie	3.5 (5)	70.0	16	John Voigts	0.0 (13)	0.0

September 22 - 3-Round Swiss

<u>Rank</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Rating</u>	<u>Rd 1</u>	<u>Rd 2</u>	<u>Rd 3</u>	<u>Total</u>
1	Matt Cremeens	1570	W--8	W--4	W--3	3.0
2	Leonard Ferguson	1659	L--4	W--3	W--6	2.0
3	Tom Knoedler	1500	W--5	W--6	L--1	2.0
4	Evan Dorosheff	1088	W--2	L--1	W--7	2.0
5	David Long	1953	L--3	W--7	---	1.0
6	Gerald Bunigandner	1878	W--7	L--3	L--2	1.0
7	Robert Soucie	1338	L--6	L--5	L--4	0.0
8	John Voigts	unn.	L--1	L--2	---	0.0

October 20 - 3-Round Swiss

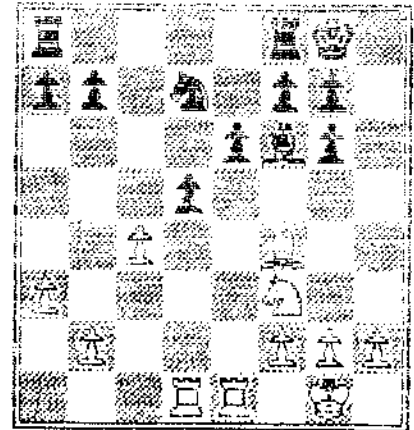
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1	David Long	1961	W--3	W--4	W--2	3.0
2	Don Dorosheff	unn.	D--4	W--3	L--1	1.5
3	Evan Dorosheff	1132	L--1	L--2	W--4	1.0
4	Robert Soucie	1338	D--2	L--1	L--3	0.5

ABSURDITY HINT: Notice the king and rook, and think about long castling.

Games

Here's one from the City Championship.

White: Evan Dorosheff (1046)
 Black: Matt Cremeens (1570)
 Opening: C441 Danish-Rank Defense
 Springfield 2004 City Championship, Round 1
 September 16, 2004

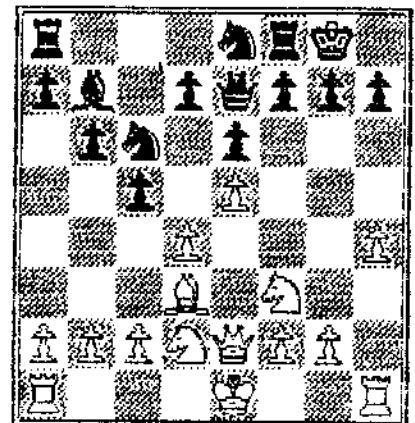


1. P-K4 P-QB3
2. P-Q4 P-Q4
3. N-QB3 PXP
4. NxP B-B4
5. B-Q3?! QXP Oops!
6. N-KB3 Q-Q4
7. N-QB3 Q-K3ch
8. B-K3 BxB
9. QxB Q-KN3

Although the gambit was probably an oversight, white's significant lead in development is *almost* enough compensation for the pawn. Here, he could try 10. Q-Q2, when 10...QxNP?? 11. Q-Q-Q is crushing. Black would have to develop, and white can follow up with 11. Q-Q-Q and 12. KQ-K1. A pawn down, it's his best shot! 10. QxQ? RPxQ Now, of course, the extra pawn counts for a lot more. White should still try 11. Q-Q-Q. 11. Q-Q N-Q2 12. QR-Q1 P-K3 13. P-QR3 KN-B3 14. B-N5 N-Q4 15. NxN BPxN 16. B-B4 B-K2 17. KR-K1 Q-Q 18. P-B4 B-B3 (See diagram.) White must ignore the bishop, and press ahead with 19. f3!, which equalizes material and gives white the advantage of activating his rooks sooner. Instead... 19. P-QN3 N-N3 20. PXP NxP Too late. The knight is solid now. 21. B-K5 QR-B1 22. R-QB1 P-R3 23. BxB PxB 24. K-B1 K-N2 25. P-KN3 P-QN4 26. P-QN4 P-N4 27. R-B5 RxR 28. PXR R-QB1 29. R-B1 N-N3 30. N-Q4 N-B5 Another unassailable square for the knight, cutting off the pawn's protection. 31. P-QR4 RXP 32. PXP This almost works, if white's king was not where it was, then after 32...PXP, 33. NxNP RxN 34. RxN salvages drawing chances. But, black can play ...N-Q7ch 33. K-K2 RxR 34. KxN R-QN8, white resigns.

Here's one from a Peoria tournament. The sacrifice is probably not quite sound, but it did work ... and it's entertaining, if nothing else!

White: David Long (1961)
 Black: Richard Hornor (1403)
 Opening: [214] Larson Defense
 Weekend tournament, Peoria, Ill., round 1
 October 30, 2004



1. P-K4 P-QN3
2. P-Q4 B-N2
3. B-Q3 P-K3
4. Q-K2 N-KB3
5. B-KN5 B-K2
6. N-KB3 Q-Q
7. QN-Q2 P-B4
8. P-KR4 N-B3
9. P-K5 N-K1
10. BxB QxB (See diagram.) No guts, no glory!
11. BxPch!? KxB
12. N-N5ch (I had considered this sacrifice on my eighth move) ...K-R3 Of course not ...K-N1, which allows 13. Q-R5.
13. Q-K4 R-KR1 Here, ...P-N3 looks better, because 14. P-R5 QxN 15. FxP dis ch K-N2 16. R-R7ch (16. PXP KXP) K-N1 17. PXPch RxP isn't quite enough, and 14. QN-B3 K-N2 15. P-R5 R-R1 16. Q-Q-Q N-B2 looks inauspicious. 14. Q-B4 looks somewhat more promising. 14. Q-Q-Q P-B3 White can ignore the threat. 14...P-KN3 is much

16a. effective mate, since white castled, he now has 17. P-R5 QxR
 16. PxB dbl ch K-N3 17. RxB KxR 18. PxB! N-N3 19. N-N3 19. P-B5-Qxh
 RxB 20. R-Rich K-N3 21. Q-R7, checkmate! 19. R-Rich N-R6 20. Q-B3!,
 threatening both 21. P-R5-Q and 21. RxB, will at least recover the
 sacrificed material. 1b. QN-B3 P-Q4 16. Q-B4 PxB?? 16...K N3 makes
 white's job harder. 17. PxB dbl ch K-N3 18. RxB N-B3 Black moves
 into forced checkmate. 19. N-R4ch, black resigns. in view of 19...K-B3
 20. P-N6, checkmate.

Complete Results, City Championship

Rank	Name	Rating	Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd 3	Total
1	Matt Dremeens	1370	W--8	W--6	W--2	3.0
2	David Long	1553	W--5	W--4	L--1	2.0
3	Leonard Ferguson	1659	L--6	W--8	W--7	2.0
4	Robert Soucie	1500*	W--7	L--2	W--6	2.0
5	Tom Knoedler	1500	L--2	L--7	W--8	1.0
6	James Ruth	1131	W--3	L--1	L--4	1.0
7	Don Dorosheff	1000*	L--4	W--5	L--3	1.0
8	Evan Dorosheff	1048	L--1	L--3	L--5	0.0

Club Champions

1993-1994: David Mote
 1994-1998: David Mote
 1998-1999: Doug Van Buskirk
 2004- : Matt Dremeens

1999-2001: (vacant)
 2001-2003: David Mote
 2003-2004: Doug Van Buskirk

Complete Results, October 9, 2004

Rank	Name	Rating	Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd 3	Rd 4	Total
1	Andy Mc Dowan	1940	W-10	W--2	W--9	W--6	4.0
2	Wayne Zimmerle	1551	W-10	L--1	W-10	W--9	3.0
3	Brad Schlosser	1120	W--8	D--6	D--8	W-10	3.0
4	Dennis Bourgerie	1726	D--7	W-14	D--5	HALF	2.5
5	Gary Blickhan	1684	W-11	D-12	D--4	HALF	2.5
6	Leonard Ferguson	1659	W-15	D--3	W-12	L--1	2.5
7	Laszlo Naszodi	1327	D--4	L--8	W-13	W-15	2.5
8	Tom Barnard	1750	W-17	L--9	D--3	HALF	2.0
9	Jerry Bennett	1416	W-13	W--8	L--1	L--2	2.0
10	Dan Tuttle	1376	L--1	W-15	L--2	D-14	1.5
11	Daniel Ladd	1247	L--5	L-13	D-14	W-17	1.5
12	Evan Dorosheff	1132	W-14	D--5	L--6	L--3	1.5
13	James Ruth	1106	L--9	W-11	L--7	HALF	1.5
14	John Renze	1629	L-12	L--4	D-11	D-10	1.0
15	Larry Coulter	1244	L--6	L-10	W-17	L--7	1.0
16	Calvin Terlizzi	1131	L--2	W-17	L--8	----	1.0
17	Robert Soucie	1338	L--8	L-16	L-15	L-11	0.0
H	Tom Knoedler	1500	L--3	W--7	W-16	----	2.0

Welcome New Members

Robert Louche, of Taylorville, and Don Dorosheff, of Springfield, have joined the Springfield Chess Club. Welcome to the club! Membership total is now 44.

Absurdity Solution

White plays 1. P-K8=R. Black may play either ...K-N7, ...K-N8, or ...KxN. White responds with 2. Q-Q-Q-Q-Q-Q, checkmate.

Everyone knows that when castling, the king may not move into, out of, or through check, that the squares between the king and rook must be vacant, and that both the king and the rook involved cannot have moved. Until someone tried this "vertical castling" in a real game, no one thought to state the rule that the king and rook be on the same file!

Meetings

Our 1981 meets Wednesday nights, 6 to 10 p.m., at the American Legion Post 24, 2600 S. Wabash Ave. (about 1/2 mile south of Capitol Ave., downtown).

Our one special Friday afternoon, we meet 7:00 to 10:00 a.m. at Barnes and Noble, near the corner of Route 9 and Wabash Ave.

Area Tournament Schedule

<u>Date</u>	<u>City</u>	<u>Reg Ends</u>	<u>Contact</u>	<u>Phone</u>
November 23	Florissant, Mo.	9:30	Al Howlett	(314) 337-5127
December 11	Springfield, Ill.	8:45	Tom Knoedler	(217) 523-7265
January 1	Columbia, Ill.	10:15	Russell Day	(618) 281-5283
January 8	Normal, Ill.	9:30	Dennis Bourgerie	(309) 454-3842
January 21-23	St. Louis, Mo.	7 p.m.	Continental Chess	(845) 496-9658

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Membership Form

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