



Chess Club Observer

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Pete Karagianis Sweeps Hopedale

The First Annual Land of Lincoln Open, organized by the SCC in Hopedale, proved moderately successful as 26 chess players arrived in this small Tazewell County town in August. Pete Karagianis, of Ankeny, Iowa, swept his second SCC-sponsored tournament in a row by going 5-0 and winning first place.

There was a four-way tie for second and third place, which also involved portions of the Class X, A, and C prizes. Calvin Terlizzi, of Salem; Gordon Ruan, of Champaign; Michael Maloney, of Waukegan; and Josito Dondon, of Bloomington, each scored 3½ points.

Three Class B players scored 3 points and tied for first in that class. They were Peter Stroyan, of Bloomington, and Wayne Zimmerle and Peter Michlik, both of Peoria. Meanwhile, the remainder of the Class C prize was split between Nicolau Dos Santos, of Lagrange Park, and Eric Wildman, of Williamsville. They each scored 2½ points.

Evan Dorosheff, of Greenview, scored 2 points to win Class D outright. Two points was also the score attained by George Ruan, of Champaign, and Geoffrey Beck, of Urbana. They shared the prize for Class E and under. Beck also received the Biggest Upset prize, by toppling Carl Dolson, who was rated 558 points higher, in the third round.

No unrateds participated. That prize, and parts of the Class X and A prizes that had no qualified recipients, were kept by the club, enabling it to *almost* break even on this tournament and make it likely that the same or a similar event will be held next year.

More commentary on this tournament, including complete results, is on page 3.

Next Tournament October 15

The Springfield Chess Club's next regular tournament will be held Saturday, October 15, at the Signature Inn. Registration ends at 8:45, and the four rounds are at 9, 12, 3, and 6. Time limit is G/80. Entry fee is \$17 in advance, \$20 at the door, \$2 discount for club members.

Minor Events

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

Blitz dates: September 14 (8 p.m.), October 12, November 16 (\$2 entry fee)

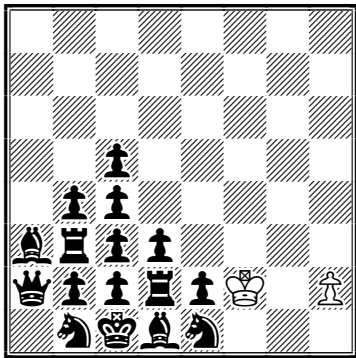
3-Round Swiss dates: September 21, October 19, November 23 (\$3 entry fee)

Both Blitz tournaments and both three-round Swiss tournaments for the past two months were CANCELED because of LACK OF TURNOUT!

Cumulative Blitz Standings

Rank	Name	Score	Pos	Pct	Rank	Name	Score	Pos	Pct
1	Matt Cremeens	17.0	22	77.3	7	Jared Silsby	3.5	7	50.0
2	Evan Dorosheff	13.0	22	61.1	8	Jake Surratt	2.0	7	28.6
3	Tom Knoedler	12.0	25	52.4	9	Robert Soucie	2.0	12	16.7
4	David Long	7.5	10	75.0	10	James Ruth	2.0	14	14.3
5	Leonard Ferguson	5.0	11	45.5	11	Jay Hawks	1.0	5	20.0
6	Joe Rottman	4.0	4	100.0					

Absurdity, Part 24



Here is another chess problem by that composer of chess monstrosities, Oscar Blathy.

White to play and win.

The problem isn't really that hard, as long as you remember to count.

Games

This game was submitted by Evan Dorosheff. He had Chessmaster 10000 analyze his game against Dennis Bourgerie from the Hopedale tournament.

White: Evan Dorosheff (1215)

Black: Dennis Bourgerie (1759)

Opening: [311] Giuoco Piano
Hopedale, Ill. – August 13, 2005

1. P-K4 P-K4 2. N-KB3 N-QB3 3. B-B4 B-B4
4. P-B3 N-B3 5. P-Q4 PxP 6. PxP B-N5ch 7. B-Q2
BxBch 8. NxB P-Q4 9. PxP KNxP 10. 0-0 0-0
11. Q-N3 N/3-Q2 12. KR-K1 P-QB3 13. QR-B1
Q-N3 14. QxQ PxQ 15. P-KR3 B-K3 16. N-N5
B-B4 17. P-R3 P-R3 18. N/5-K4 QR-Q1 19. N-N3 B-N3 20. N-B3 N-B1 21. N-K5 B-R2
22. N-K4 N-B5 23. QR-Q1 N-Q3 Here, CM10K gives 23...N-K2 24. N-QB3 N/2-Q4
25. NxN NxN 26. BxN RxB 27. N-B3, maintaining equality. White continued: 24. NxN RxN
25. NxKBP R-B3 (25...RxN?? 26. R-K8, checkmate) 26. NxPch K-R1 27. N-N4 R-Q3

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Special Thanks to...

- **Matt Cremeens**, who did most of the arrangements for getting the site, and got many of the supplies for this tournament, including the food!
- **Keith and Candy Cremeens**, aka Matt's parents, who were immensely helpful in the organization of the tournament, hosted Matt, Evan, and David for the weekend, made the sandwiches, and collected the money from the food sales.
- **Debbie Cremeens**, aka Matt's wife, who also helped behind the scenes.
- **Wayne Zimmerle**, who brought a disk with the USCF's master rating list, which made my first attempt to run a tournament with Swis-Sys much easier!
- **Dennis Bourgerie**, whose donations brought the tournament much closer to the break-even point than it might otherwise have been.
- **Everyone who played!**

Complete Results, August 13-14, 2005

Rank	Name	Rating	Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd 3	Rd 4	Rd 5	Total
1	Pete Karagianis	2218	W17	W16	W3	W2	W6	5.0
2	Josito Dondon	2000	W21	W23	W7	L1	D3	3.5
3	Michael Maloney	1927	W5	W8	L1	W16	D2	3.5
4	Gordon Ruan	1869	W15	D12	W9	L6	W8	3.5
5	Calvin Terlizzi	1456	L3	D20	W18	W13	W15	3.5
6	Alex Stannov	2309	W13	L7	W12	W4	L1	3.0
7	Peter Michlik	1778	W26	W6	L2	L8	W17	3.0
8	Wayne Zimmerle	1729	W24	L3	W14	W7	L4	3.0
9	Peter Stroyan	1651	W20	W22	L4	D12	Half	3.0
10(H)	David Long	2028	L23	Half	Half	W18	Half	2.5
11	Dennis Bourgerie	1753	L18	Half	--	W25	W21	2.5
12	Jason Chien	1712	W25	D4	L6	D9	D14	2.5
13	Matt Cremeens	1647	L6	W18	D21	L5	W20	2.5
14	Nicolau Dos Santos	1535	L22	W24	L8	W19	D12	2.5
15	Eric Wildman	1444	L4	W25	D17	W21	L5	2.5
16	Barney Getz	1715	W19	L1	W23	L3	--	2.0
17	Thomas Knoedler	1619	L1	W26	D15	D20	L7	2.0
18	Evan Dorosheff	1215	W11	L13	L5	L10	W24	2.0
19	George Ruan	1199	L16	L21	W24	L14	W26	2.0
20	Geoffrey Beck	751	L9	D5	W26	D17	L13	2.0
21	Laszlo Naszodi	1466	L2	W19	D13	L15	L11	1.5
22	Bill Naff	2000	W14	L9	--	--	--	1.0
23	Bruce Michel	1600	W10	L2	L16	--	--	1.0
24	Larry Coulter	1122	L8	L14	L19	W26	L18	1.0
25	Niresh Kuganeswaran	897	L12	L15	Half	L11	--	0.5
26	Carl Dolson	1309	L7	L17	L20	L24	L19	0.0

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28. R-K7 P-QN4 29. B-B1 R/1-Q1 30. N-K5 B-N3 31. RxQNP RxP 32. RxR RxR
33. NxP CM10K prefers 33. P-N3, and called the text move white's only meaningful error of
the game. ...R-Q8 34. N-K5 B-B7 35. R-N8ch K-R2 36. P-B3 N-Q6 37. R-QB8 B-N8
38. R-Q8 NxP Here, 38...RxBch 39. KxR NxN would give black two pieces for a rook, but
white's extra pawns will probably still be too much for the pieces to handle. 39. RxR NxR
40. BxP N-B6 41. B-Q3ch BxB 42. NxB, **Black resigns.** White is up three pawns for nothing.

Board Meeting September 14

The SCC's annual September board meeting, for planning the coming year, is scheduled for Wednesday the 14th. Afterward, the meeting will be opened to the entire membership. If anyone has anything to bring up at a general meeting, be sure to attend! The meeting will be immediately followed by the blitz tournament, if turnout permits.

Absurdity Solution

The first move is obvious: **1 KxN Q-R8** And now it gets a little trickier. **2 P-R3!** Black can do nothing except shuttle his queen back and forth. White continues with **7. P-R8=N Q-R8**
8. N-B7 Q-R7 9. N-Q8 Q-R8 10. N-K6 Q-R7 11. NxP Q-R8 12. N-K4 Q-R7 13. N-Q6 Q-R8
14. NxP Q-R7 15. N-R5 Q-R8 16. NxR, checkmate.

If White tries to win too fast, by playing 9. N-Q6, 10. NxP, and 11. N-R5, intending to capture the rook next (after 11...Q-R8), Black loses a move with 11...P-B5. Because he did not move his queen this move, White will never be able to put his knight into a position to capture the rook at a time when the queen is not defending it. The same thing happens if white advances too eagerly with 2. P-R4.

Meetings

The SCC meets Wednesday nights, from 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 second Friday of each month, we meet from 6 to 10 p.m. in the café section of Barnes & 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>
Sept. 10	Peoria, Ill.	8:45	Fred Malcome	(309) 367-4833
Sept. 24	Quincy, Ill.	9:50	Gary Blickhan	(217) 222-0304
Oct. 8	Normal, Ill.	8:45	Dennis Bourgerie	(309) 454-3842
Oct. 15	Springfield, Ill.	8:45	Tom Knoedler	(217) 523-7265
Oct. 22	Peoria, Ill.	8:45	Fred Malcome	(309) 367-4833