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### Chess Humor ... from the Good Old Days

by Marty Phillips

*"It's only a flesh wound."*

*"Run away! Run away!"*

You might think you were in the movie theatre watching *Monty Python & The Holy Grail*, but no, in fact, you were simply spending a Friday evening at the Springfield Park Board Chess Club ... back in 'the good old days.'

**Walt Ressmeyer** (Springfield's Club President for Life) is a better historian than I am, but I'm pretty good at remembering some of the funny things that happened during the years that I ran the club, which was the middle '80's to middle '90's. And there were a lot of them ... but the funniest one had to be the 'Blue Phone Incident.' That one could take a couple pages to tell by itself. (Ed. Note: for legal reasons we need to avoid putting that one in print!)

There were others like the one year in the championship, **John Last** went for one of his super-duper all-in tactical shots and won my queen. At first, naturally, I freaked out ... and then, after deep study, I realized that John's pieces were left so discombobulated that I could win his queen in three moves myself. I remember seeing the look on **David Scott's** face. I think David & Walt were laughing in the "backroom" of the old Ray Kelly Center because I dropped my queen. He was totally baffled when he came out and saw me playing on, a queen down, and then they saw what I saw and began laughing anew (at least they kept it in the backroom)! When we played "Up & Down Blitz", we laughed all evening long. It was contagious. Everything was funny, no matter how silly it was!

Oh, and the Ladder was very serious, but during the Blitz games (back then, I believe, Blitz was every 5<sup>th</sup> Friday of a month) we would be sure to *announce* everything. Flatulence, for instance, was "*establishing a passer*" or "*a line-clearing maneuver*"! And if you ever got double-check on your opponent, you announced it loudly as, "*Check! NO!! Double-check!*" Certain situations were announced in our best **Afzal Chowdhury** voices, "*I peeen you!*" or, "*Beeg hole!*" Sometimes **Jim Baumlin** (Ed. Note: check out his game on p. 3) would spontaneously break out in song. We would literally laugh all night. In fact, one year after the last game of the Springfield Championship, we went to Jim Baumlin's house and played blitz until dawn!

Personally, one of my favorite stories happened when I was just beginning to get pretty good. It happened during a tournament and I was playing **Mark Trevor Smith**. Meanwhile, Master **Ron Luther** was sitting on Mark's side of the table playing against the famous **Greg Williamson**, who was sitting next to me on my side. Early in the game, I managed to break through Mark's defenses and queen a pawn. With few pieces off the board I had no piece to use as a queen (in those days, sets did not come with extra queens).

But I noticed that Greg and Ron had already exchanged queens, so I waited for an opportune moment and quietly asked Greg, "May I borrow your queen?" It was kind of a 'Grey Poupon Moment.' Greg thought this rather humorous, and answered in that same Grey Poupon type of voice, "Why yes, you may borrow my queen!"

Well, that got Ron Luther laughing, and, I admit, I was being a little too giddy as all of this unfolded, but tried to focus myself back on the game.

And of course, Mark was not laughing.



Marty Phillips, our Chief Propaganda Officer

A couple moves later, Greg announced, somewhat loudly for a quiet chess room, "*J'adoube!*" That got everybody's attention and then picks up *his* queen off of *my* board and places it on his board where, as it happened, he had just queened his own pawn!

Yes, even Mark laughed at that!

Being early in my chess career, I just could not refocus. Later in that game, I allowed Mark to fork *both* of my queens – with check (now, *that's* a family fork)! Yes, I went on to lose that game, but a good lesson was learned: "*A man who tries to keep two queens happy will have both snatched away!*"

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## GAME A

*Zac Schuh – Jared Bray  
Springfield Ladder Tournament  
August 24, 2018*

Réti Opening

In the fall, college students return to their studies, and Zach Schuh, one of our club's most promising wunderkind returned from Kansas to MSU. His first week back saw him pitted head-to-head against Jared Bray who has been enjoying marked success at the club over the last year. Both players generously offered their comments, from which we would all benefit, no doubt, since both are rated in the 1800's. Students of the game would do well to study their solid play, and corresponding thoughts. Here is the record of that battle!

1. Nf3 Nf6
2. g3 g6
3. b3 Bg7
4. Bb2 c5

*"Not a bad move, but the wrong plan. It's too hard to fight for both color complexes in the center. With Zac's selection of fianchettoes, 4. ... d5 was the way to go. I was ambitious (I'm always ambitious)."* JB

5. Bg2 Nc6
6. d4 ...

Mr. Schuh comments here that he *"should have played 6. c4 ... to stop ... d5."* Mr. Bray mentioned that he should have played that move earlier, around move #4.

6. ... cd
7. Nxd4 O-O
8. O-O Qc7 (1)



The position is equal. But Mr. Bray disliked his last move as giving *"too much ground. Black needs to limit the e4 and c4 breaks. I was playing for b6*

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*and getting my light-square bishop out ... but Black doesn't have time for it after 8. ... Qc7."* Indeed, White applies a steady amount of pressure throughout the game.

9. c4 Nxd4
10. Bxd4 Rd8

*"Zac's bishops are magnificent."* JB

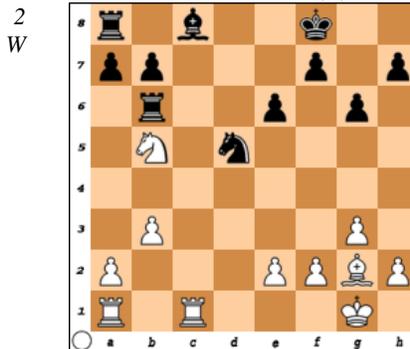
11. Bb2? ...

Neither player thought much of this move, as Black gains a little time. Said Mr. Bray: *"A mistake! It seems natural to back the bishop away from potential pawn pushes and Zac wants his knight on c3."* Said Mr. Schuh: *"It probably would've been better to develop my knight here."* The computer concurs: 11. Nc3 would've been better. Now Black makes his central presence felt.

11. ... d5!
12. cd e6
13. d6 Rxd6
14. Qc1 Nd5
15. Qxc7 Nxc7
16. Bxg7 Kxg7
17. Na3 Kf8

*"Chasing away ghosts."* JB

18. Rfc1 Nd5
19. Nb5 Rb6 (2)



20. Nc7! ...

With this move, White reserves a spot for his rook on the seventh rank; the alternative for Black is immediately losing a pawn. White has maintained

the initiative throughout, and Black has been forced to react. The battle is slow and methodical; there are no 'zingers.' White aims for an advantageous endgame. Mr. Bray called this, *"Clear, crisp play."*

20. ... Nxc7

21. Rxc7 e5

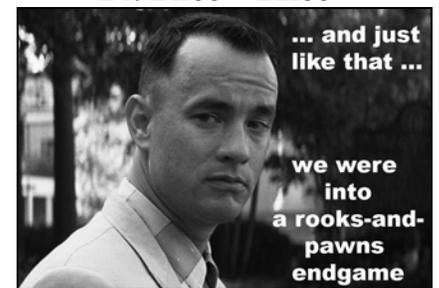
22. Rac1 ...

As per Fritz, a stronger move here is 22. Rd1, threatening to win a piece. Black then must play 22. ... Be6 and White wins a pawn. But White is able to score a pawn anyway.

22. ... Bg4

23. Bd5 Be6

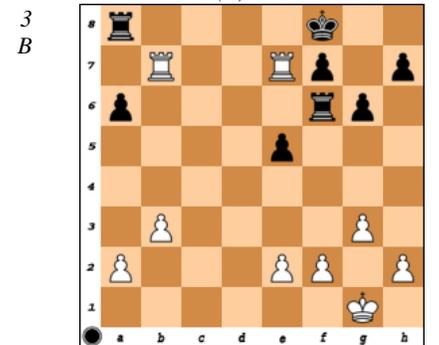
24. Bxe6 Rxe6



25. Rxb7 a6

26. Rcc7 Rf6

27. Re7 (3) ...



27. ... Re8

28. Rxe8+ ...

*"I think here 28. f3 or 28. e4 would have been better. Later on his advanced e-pawn ended up restricting my king."* ZS

28. ... Kxe8

29. Kf1 Rc6

30. Ke1 ...

It's essential in such an endgame to activate one's king.



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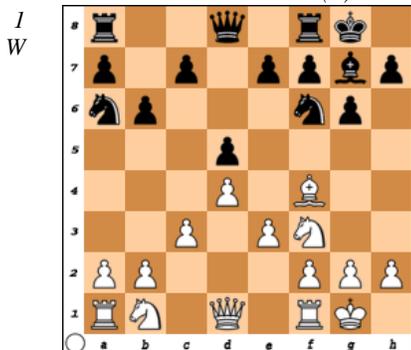
## GAME B

Brian Rude – Jim Baumlin  
Springfield Ladder Tournament  
June 15, 2018

London System

Jim Baumlin, currently rated at 2038, is a NINE-time SPBCC champion. But he's only played in one game in the Ladder Tournament this year, and this is that game. And his opponent, Brian Rude, about a 500-point ratings underdog, gave him a terrific game!

1. d4 Nf6
2. Bf4 g6
3. e3 Bg7
4. Nf3 d5
5. c3 O-O
6. Bd3 b6
7. O-O Ba6
8. Bxa6 Nxa6 (1)



Black's knight is sidelined, but by design. The position is about equal.

9. Nbd2 c5
10. h3 Nc7
11. Rc1 Ne6!?
12. Be5 Qd7
13. Re1 Rfd8
14. c4 cd
15. ed Rac8
16. Qb3 dc
17. Rxc4 Rxc4
18. Qxc4 Rc8
19. Qd3 Qd5
20. Qa3 Qb7
21. b3 Nd5
22. Rc1 Nc3 (2)

(diagram in next column)

2  
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Threatening to fork.

23. Kh1 f6
24. Bg3 Ne2
25. Rxc8+! Qxc8

Fritz now likes White's position a little better, because Black has two undefended pawns. Mr. Rude chooses the one in the middle.

26. Qxe7 N6xd4
27. Bc7 ...

Keeping the bishop and keeping Black's queen from an incursion. But Black has regained equality.

27. ... Ne6
28. Bg3 Bf8?!

28. ... f5 would've been better.

29. Qxf6 Bg7
30. Qe7 N6d4
31. Bc7 Ne6

Chess *déjà vu*: Haven't we been here before?

32. Bg3 Bf8?!
33. Qxa7 (3) ...

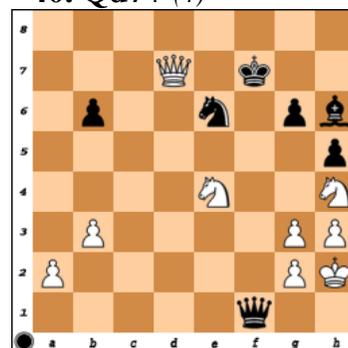
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33. ... Nxc3+
34. fxc3 Qc5
35. Ne4 Qf5
36. Qb7 h5
37. Nh4 Qf1+
38. Kh2 Bh6
39. Qc8+ Kf7

## 40. Qd7+ (4)

4  
B



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Jim Baumlin had to resign here, already down two pawns and about to lose a knight. Of this game Brian said, "He hadn't played for a while, so maybe he was a little rusty." Nonetheless, well played, Mr. Rude.

## GAME C

Ed Karabiev – Joe Brozovich  
Springfield Ladder Tournament  
May 9, 2009

French Defense

Players who find the French Defense to be tough will enjoy this quick game, submitted by our friend Joe Brozovich.

1. e4 e6
2. d4 d5
3. Nc3 Bb4
4. e5 c5
5. Qg4 Ne7
6. Qxg7 (1) ...

1  
B



White snatches the pawn, and already this game has taken a turn toward utter recklessness!

6. ... Rg8
7. Qh6 cd

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## GAME D

*Ben Elliott – Sam Weiner  
Springfield Ladder Tournament  
August 24, 2018*

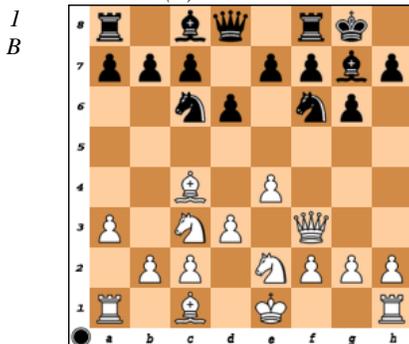
Pirc Defense

Young Sam Weiner took on the hard-boiled veteran Ben Elliott ... and learned a few hard-boiled lessons.

**1. e4 d6**  
**2. Qf3 ...**

In this unusual continuation, White comes out swinging!

**2. ... Nf6**  
**3. Nc3 g6**  
**4. Bc4 Bg7**  
**5. Nge2 O-O**  
**6. d3 Nc6**  
**7. a3 (1) ...**



**7. ... Be6?**

Up until now, Black had a favorable position. He doesn't like White's bishop staring down the diagonal at f7, but this move allows doubled pawns – a structural weakness. Instead, 7. ... Ne5 would've traded off for the offending piece (after White's bold queen does the necessary sidestep), and then it is White who would have the doubled pawns.

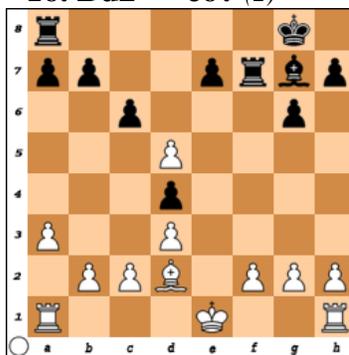
**8. Bxe6 fxe6**  
**9. Qh3! e5**  
**10. Be3 d5?**

It's not obvious, but allows White to win a pawn because of his 9<sup>th</sup> move. Perhaps clearing the White queen with an offer to exchange (10. ... Qc8) would've made sufficient preparation for this move.

**11. Nxd5 Nxd5**  
**12. Qe6+! Rf7**  
**13. Qxd5 Qxd5**  
**14. exd5 Nd4**

**15. Nxd4 exd4**  
**16. Bd2 c6? (2)**

2  
W



Throwing another pawn on a fire that might have been more thriftily extinguished with 16. ... Rd8.

**17. dc bc**  
**18. Rf1 ...**

Telegraphing his intent to castle queenside. Black is down a pawn and can't really do much about it.

**18. ... c5**  
**19. O-O-O Raf8**  
**20. f3 h5**  
**21. Rfe1 Kh7**  
**22. Bg5 (3) ...**

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White threatens to grab the e-pawn. The natural 22. Re8 addresses this threat but leaves Black's position disorganized.

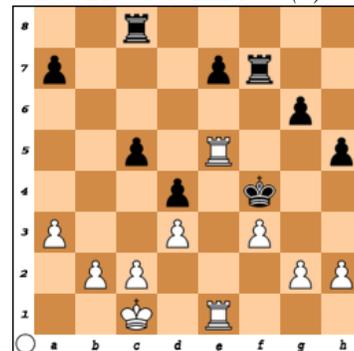
**22. ... Bh6!**  
**23. Bxh6 Kxh6**  
**24. Re6 Rc8**

**25. Rde1 Kg5?**

Black's king is apparently named 'Lion-Heart!' However, more sensible in this situation would be 25. ... Rc7.

**26. R6e5+ Kf4?? (4)**

4  
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Walking straight into the knock-out punch.

**27. R1e4# 1-0**

Here again we saw gutsy play from the young man. Mr. Weiner will continue to improve as he is exposed to more tough opponents like Mr. Elliott, who knows how to press the attack.

## GAME C

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**8. a3 (2) ...**

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Trying to figure out which king will find a safe haven ... the answer is, "None."

**8. ... Qa5**  
**9. axb4 Qxa1**  
**10. Nb5 ...**

For the record, Fritz absolutely HATES the next three moves as played. Nonetheless, we will dispense with the computer's analysis (and question marks). We'll leave it to the reader to find better moves ... obviously something other than sound chess strategy was at play here!



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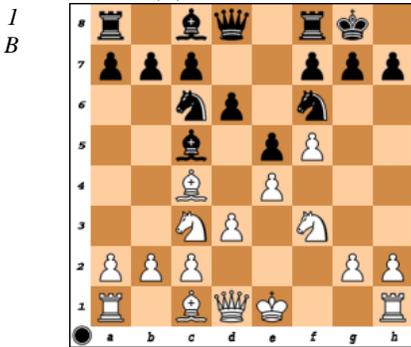
# Blast From the Past!

**Bobby Fischer – Erwin Puto**  
*Simultaneous, Cicero II*  
 May 20, 1964

King's Gambit Declined

The game that follows was submitted by our friend Joe Brozovich, featuring one of his chess club pals from Chicago playing against, yes, the great Bobby Fischer (also a Chicago native, incidentally) in a simultaneous exhibition back in 1964. Fischer, 21 yrs old at the time, was already the reigning US Champion.

- 1. e4 e5
- 2. Nc3 Nc6
- 3. Bc4 Nf6
- 4. f4 Bc5
- 5. Nf3 d6
- 6. d3 O-O
- 7. f5 (1) ...



Fischer grabs more space and cramps Black's light-squared bishop. However, Black's position is sound.

- 7. ... Nd4
- 8. Bg5 c6
- 9. a3 h6
- 10. Bh4 b5
- 11. Ba2 a5
- 12. g4 g5
- 13. fg e.p. ...

Puto makes a queenside demonstration.

One wonders how, in a simultaneous exhibition, after looking at so many boards, a player can know that the "en passant" capture is in play! White has the advantage now.

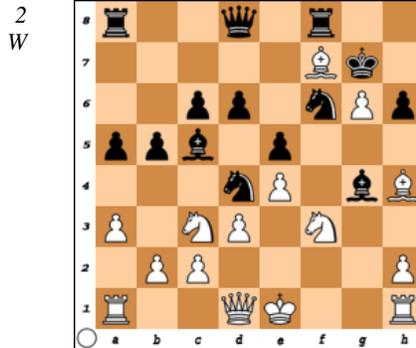
- 13. ... Bxg4!?
- 14. Bxf7 Kg7 (2)

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Fritz considers White to have a sizeable advantage at this point. The computer suggests Black would've stood better by playing 14. ... Rxf7!? 15. gxf7 Kxf7. As it is, that bishop makes a severe thorn in the flesh for Black. But Mr. Puto had something up his sleeve.

- 15. Nxd4! ...

If this knight is not now captured, e.g. 15. ... Bxd1? then ... Ne6+ with a "family fork," and White goes up a piece.

- 15. ... Bxd4

- 16. Ne2 ...

Fritz suggests that after 16. Bxf6+ Qxf6 17. Qxg4 Qf2+ 18. Kd1, White stands better.

- 16. ... Bxb2

- 17. Rb1? ...

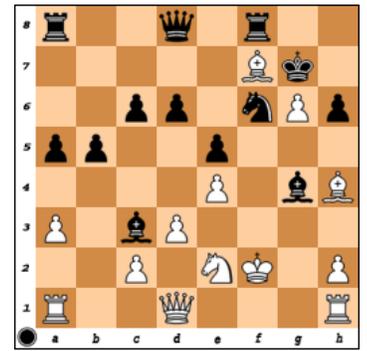
If 17. Rf1 Bc3+ 18. Nxc3 Bxd1 19. Nxd1 Rxf7 20. gxf7 Kxf7 21. Ne3 Ke6 22. Rxf6 Kd7 23. Rf7+ Ke8 24. Bxd8 Kxf7 25. Bc7, White emerges with a winning game. But you can't blame Fischer for missing some of these moves in the exhibition!

- 17. ... Bc3+

- 18. Kf2 (3) ...

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- 18. ... Nxe4+!!

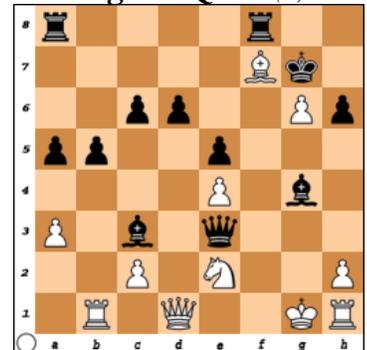
Yes, demolishing White's pawn structure, but also initiating the final attack sequence. Black's pieces are working together like a symphony!

- 19. dxe4 Qxh4+

- 20. Kg2 Qh3+

- 21. Kf1 Qe3+ (4)

4  
W



Yes, Mr. Fischer is now finished. White has two possible moves (22. Kf1 or Kg2) and regardless, Black ends it with 22. ... Bh3#. A very nice game for Mr. Puto!

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## GAME C (continued from p. 4)

- 10. ... Qa4

- 11. Nd6+ Kd7 (3)

3  
W



- 12. Bb5+

Black resigned. "Ed knew I played the French Defense and so he prepared a trap for me. I fell for it – hook, line, and sinker!" JB

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# GAME E

Martin Phillips – Charles Burrow  
Springfield Ladder Tournament  
November 11, 2017

King's Indian Defense –  
Sämisch Variation

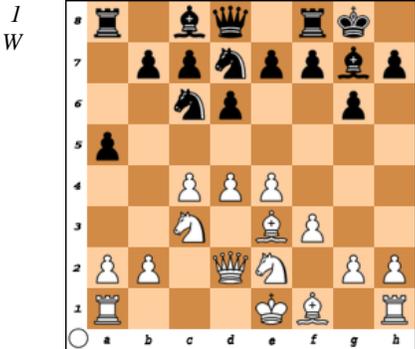
Our friend Charles Burrow gave Marty Phillips quite a run for his money in this exciting game, in which Black seized an early initiative and White had to fight for all he was worth!

- 1. d4 g6
- 2. c4 Bg7
- 3. Nc3 Nf6
- 4. e4 d6
- 5. f3 ...

This last move constitutes the Sämisch Variation, named after the German GM Friedrich Sämisch. Marty cites Drazen Marovic (*“Play the King's Indian Defense”* 1984):

*“It differs from the Four Pawns Attack just slightly, with a pawn at f3 instead of f4. Although this slight change makes ... White's pawn formation less mobile, the e-pawn is firmly defended.”*

- 5. ... O-O
- 6. Be3 Nc6
- 7. Nge2 a5
- 8. Qd2 Nd7 (1)



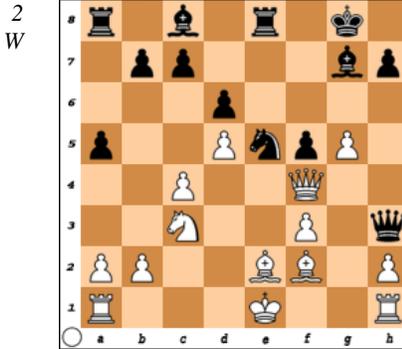
- 9. g4 e5
- 10. d5 Nd4



- 11. Nxd4 exd4
- 12. Bxd4 Ne5
- 13. Be2 Qh4+
- 14. Bf2 Qh3
- 15. Qf4 ...

Fritz considers this move to supposedly “forfeit the advantage” and prefers the move 15. Bg3 here, only because the text move allows the following tricky combinations: 15. ... Nxc4 16. Bf1 (if 16. fxc4 Bxc3+ and then if 17. bxc3 Qxc3+ and Black has compensation, and more) 16. ... Nxf2 17. Kxf2 (if 17. Bxh3 Nd3+ 18. Kd2 Nxf4 and Black is up a piece) 17. ... Bd4+ Ke2 Qh5, and Black stands better. However, this commentator will not give a ‘?’ to White’s 15<sup>th</sup> move!

- 15. ... f5
- 16. ef!? gf
- 17. g5! Re8! (2)



The threat, of course, is 18. ... Nd3+, winning White’s queen.

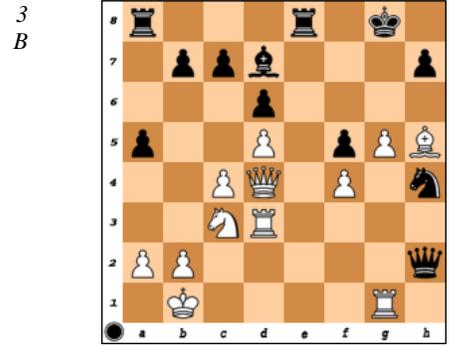
- 18. O-O-O! ...

“Not only does White avoid Black’s tactical shot, but he gets his king out of the center and threatens to steal the initiative.” MP

- 18 ... Ng6!?
- 19. Qd2 Be5!?
- 20. Kb1 Nh4
- 21. f4 Bg7
- 22. Bd4 Bd7
- 23. Bxg7 Kxg7
- 24. Qd4+ Kg8
- 25. Rd3 Qg2
- 26. Rg1!? Qxh2



- 27. Bh5 (3) ...

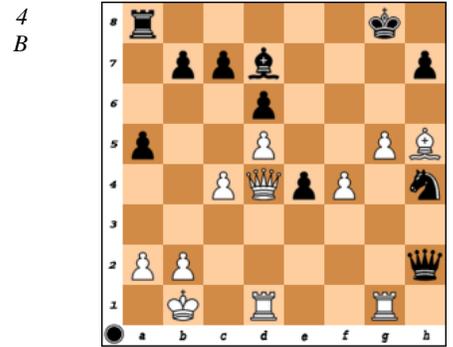


- 27. ... Re4!?

*“My heart stopped when Black played this move. At first it looks like this move wins for Black.” If now 28. Nxe4 fxe4 the queen cannot recapture the pawn or else 29. Qxe4 Qxg1 + 30. Kc2 Bf5 and Black wins. “But as I looked deeper into the position, I realized I had more pieces attacking than Black had defending. How does White not only avoid losing, but go on to have a winning attack?”* MP

- 28. Nxe4! fxe4

- 29. Rdd1! (4) ...



- 29. ... Nf5!

Now after the queen flees, the h5-bishop falls and Black is ahead. Marty said, “This move should have won the game for Black ...” However, Mr. Burrow never counted on White’s next move.

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## Great Players of Yesteryear: ADOLF ANDERSSSEN

Before there was Morphy, there was Adolf Anderssen.

Born in Prussia (now Germany) exactly two hundred years ago on July 6, he took responsibility at a young age, supporting his widowed mother and unmarried sister. He himself never married, but took up a job as a teacher at the local high school. Eventually he became a professor of mathematics ... but his passion was the game of chess, which he had learned from his father.

In 1842 (at the age of 24) he began to published a little book called, *“Aufgabe für Schachspieler”* (“Task for Chess Players”) which contained 60 chess problems. One of them is included at the end of this article ... see if you’re as good as this 19<sup>th</sup> century math teacher!

Nonetheless, it took him a while to develop as a serious player because as a math teacher he didn’t make enough money, nor did he have the time, to travel to the matches with the strongest players.

In 1846 however he was able to put up a good fight with fellow German Tassilo von Heydebrand und der Lasa (leave it to the Krauts to come up with a name like *that!*) and a couple of years later he scored a draw against local master Daniel Harrwitz. On the basis of those games, people began to take Anderssen seriously.

Before 1886 there were of course no FIDE ratings, and there was no was no official world chess championship. But people still loved to talk about who was the best.

So in 1851 the great British grandmaster Howard Staunton organized the first International Chess Tournament to coincide with *“The Great Exhibition,”* a showcase for British industry and technology. Sixteen of the world’s top players were to be selected. The players included Staunton, Bernard Horwitz, Pierre Charles Fournier de Saint-Amant, Lionel Kieseritzky, Carl Friedrich von Jänisch, Henry Bird,



Adolf Anderssen

Johann Löwenthal, and Alexander Petrov (who eventually dropped out before the tournament).

Anderssen, at first, declined the invitation because of the travel costs, but Staunton himself graciously offered to pay the German’s expenses,

That year Anderssen worked hard to prepare for the tournament, and played against such strong opponents as Ernst Falkbeer and Max Lange, among others.

The tournament was a four-round knock-out (draws didn’t count) played in May, 1851. Anderssen beat Kieseritzky in the first round (during their spare time they played each other again in a game so amazing it was dubbed, *“The Immortal Game”* – check it out some day when you get a chance!), then Jozsef Szen in the second round, Howard Staunton himself (the odds-on favorite) in the third round, and finally a Brit named Marmaduke Wyvil in the Final.

Anderssen’s prize money was £500 which mightn’t seem like much, but in 1851 it was the equivalent of \$466,000 in today’s money!

In 1852 Anderssen played the famous *“Evergreen Game”* against the Frenchman Jean DuFresne, sometimes described as *“the most beautiful game of chess ever played.”*

Anderssen retained the reputation as best chess player in the world over the next seven years, until a little-known lawyer from New Orleans traveled to Paris and took the title away. That lawyer’s name was Paul Morphy.

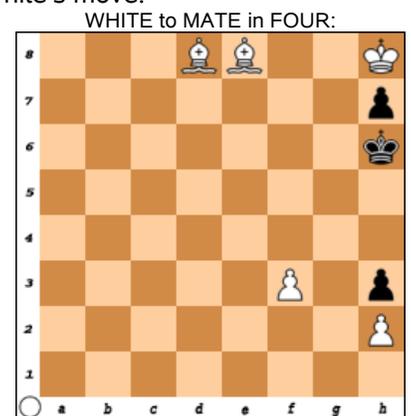
When Morphy retired from the game, Anderssen again won the International Chess Tournament in 1862 and continued to hold the title until 1866 when he was defeated in a hard-fought match against the Austrian Wilhelm Steinitz who would eventually (1886) become the first recognized World Chess Champion under modern rules.

Anderssen’s playing style was described as being of the *“Heroic Attacking School of Play.”* If you’ll take the time to study his games (and for entertainment’s sake, the reader is highly encouraged to look up the scores for *“The Immortal”* and *“The Evergreen”* games), you’ll discover exactly what that kind of play looks like.

Adolf Anderssen died of a heart attack on March 13, 1879. After World War II the place where he was buried became part of Poland and the Polish Chess Federation raised money to repair his grave, which had been damaged by Allied bombing raids.

Steinitz described him as follows: *“Anderssen was honest and honorable to the core.”* Reuben Fine, on the other hand, remarked: *“There is a curious contrast between his over-the-board brilliance and his uninspired, safety-first attitude in everyday affairs.”*

So here’s a puzzle for you, from our friend Adolf’s book (1842). The position looks like a possible stalemate, but it’s White’s move.



SOLUTION BELOW:

1. Bh5 ... Black’s only move is 1. ... Kxh5 2. Kg7  
Again Black has but one move: 2. ... h6. Then,  
3. Kf6 (blocking his own bishop) Kh4 (again  
forced) and now 4. Kg6#.

# Springfield Chess Calendar

## National Chess Day Blitz Tournament!

is on Saturday, October 13, 2018:  
 Registration: 9 AM Rounds begin @ 10 AM  
 G/10 d0 ... Prizes to top three finishers!  
 Entry Fee \$5 plus add'l donations welcome  
 to benefit our hosts, the Southside Senior Center  
 2215 S. Fremont, Springfield  
 See our ad in Chess Life Magazine



## Springfield Park Board Club Ladder Tournament

This is an ongoing cumulative tournament  
 every Friday (except the last of the month)  
 at 7:15 PM. 90-minute games, 5-second delay.  
 Members only: join the club  
 (\$10 annual fee) and join the fun!

## 2018 Springfield Open Scholastic

October 27, 2018

Saturday from 8 AM to 6 PM at  
 MSU's Plaster Student Union  
 (1110 E Madison, Springfield MO 65807  
 sponsored by SPBCC and the Joplin Chess Club

FOR TICKETS go to: [www.joplinchess.org](http://www.joplinchess.org)

## Blitz Tournaments!

On the LAST Friday of every month.  
 10-minute games, no delay.  
 Entry fee \$1 - all proceeds go to  
 our hosts, Southside Senior Center.  
 Be there by 7:15 PM  
 to register for pairings.

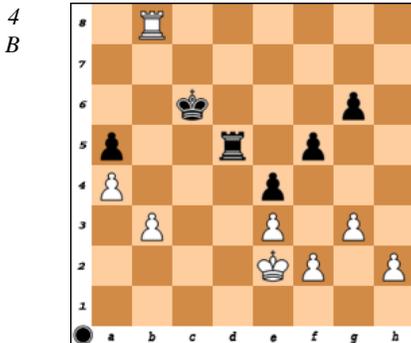
If you would like to notify us of an upcoming chess-related event in our area, contact Roger Pagel: [brevcamp@yahoo.com](mailto:brevcamp@yahoo.com)

### GAME A

(continued from p. 2)

- 30. ... Rd6
- 31. e3 e4!
- 32. Rb4 f5
- 33. Rb8+! Kd7
- 34. Rb7+ Kc6
- 35. Rxh7 Kc5
- 36. Rb7 a5
- 37. a4 Kc6
- 38. Rb5 Rd3
- 39. Ke2 Rd5
- 40. Rb8 (4) ...

Stronger was 40. Rxd5 Kxd5 41. f3 and White could probably phone it in. But both players were hurting for time at this point and it was turning into a blitz match.



- 40. ... Rd7
- 41. Rg8 Rd6
- 42. Rb8 Rd7
- 43. b4 ab

- 44. Rxb4 Kc5

- 45. Rd4! Rb7

Mr. Bray: "Not 45. ... Rxd4? losing quickly."

- 46. Kf1 Rb1+

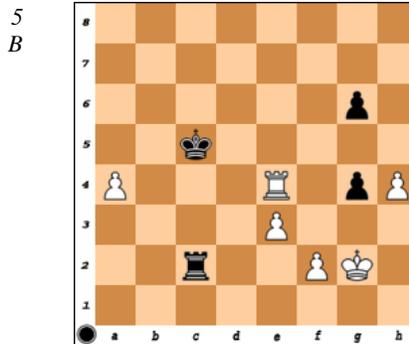
"I'm down to just seconds on my clock now and Zac finds a very convincing breakthrough." JB

- 47. Kg2 Rb2

- 48. h4 Rc2

- 49. g4! fg

- 50. Rxe4 (5) ...



Here Black's flag fell. The end to an desperate strategic battle.

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### GAME E

(continued from p. 6)

- 30. Bf7+!! Kxf7

- 31. Qf6+! Ke8

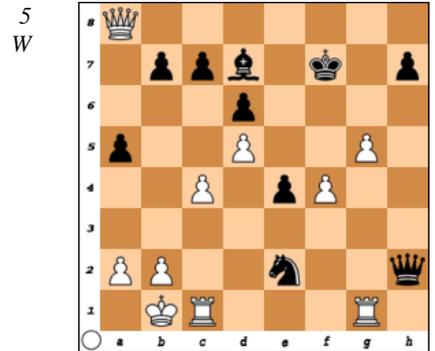
- 32. Qh8+ Kf7

- 33. Qxa8 Nd4

- 34. Rc1! ...

Mr. Phillips saw the upcoming knight fork, but also saw the possible continuation if he didn't pay attention, i.e. 34. Qxb7, as follows: 34. ... Qc2+ 35. Ka1 Qxc4 36. Rc1 Nc2+ 37. Kb1 e3 38. b3 Qc3 Rxc2 Bf5 with chances to get back into the game.

- 34. ... Ne2? (5)



White is up two rooks to a bishop and a knight, and Black hopes to get some of that back here. ... but unfortunately because of the vulnerability of Black's queen, it won't play out.

- 35. Rh1 Qxf4?

Terrible, but even after 35. ... Qg3, Black's position "has disintegrated. 36. Rxh7+ Kg6 37. Qg8+ Kf5 38. Qf7+ Kg4 39. Qxd7+ Kxf4 (or if 39. ... Kf3 40. Rh3) 40. Rf1+ and Black is left with the horrible choice of giving up the queen" one way or another (40. ... Qf3 or 40. ... Ke3 41. Rh3" MP

- 36. Rcf1 ...

Black resigned.

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