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Welcome to the autumn edition which features excellent contributions from both domestic and international spheres.

On the domestic front, we salute two rising stars. First, Tom Matheis secured his 3rd and final IM Norm very quickly after his 2nd and, following some fast administration from George Pyrich, was elevated to the peerage at the recent Antalya ICCF Congress. Tom contributes biographical notes here and promises us some game scores next time.

Second, Stuart Graham has captured the Championship for 2010-11 with an unbeaten 6/7 (86%), his first win. Stuart isn't long back after a bout of ill-health, so it's good to see him in such impressive form. He's also provided a biopic plus a short game, and hopes to send more for issue 112.

Regular contributor Bernard Milligan's CD review section is packed with material from Chessbase, Viktor Bologan, Jan Gustafsson, Nigel Davies, Karsten Mueller, Alexej Shirov, and Andrew Martin. The usual suspects form the line-up in the games column but they're all worth a good squint!

The Commonwealth Games from Delhi has been a recent topical event, so we follow suit with two articles featuring games from India and Canada. Dr Ambar Chatterjee sends a short update from AICCF, and Ralph Marconi weighs in with games selected from recent editions of the Canadian Check! e-magazine.

Finally, George Pyrich maintains the balance between domestic and international material by taking us through the fourth ICCF rating list of 2010 and annotating a couple of his own games from friendly matches.

We've recently begun a further international match against Sweden, including some postal boards for those of that persuasion. The Hong Kong match has been delayed, but we still hope it can start fairly soon. Finland are keen to renew friendly rivalry, so that match should get under way before year-end.

Richard Beecham tells me he's about to start play in the RCCA Gold section organised by Sergey Grodzensky, president of the Russian federation. It's a category 11 GM event, with 17 players and a GM norm of 10½, so it will be tough going. Very best wishes to Richard!



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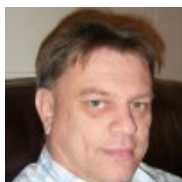
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September	W H Cormack	G W G Livie
August	R W M Baxter	S R Mannion
July	R Heathwood	A P Borwell

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IM Title

By Tom Matheis



It seems that Iain is a bit short of interesting articles for the next magazine as he asked me to say a few words about myself to accompany the announcement of my IM-title.

Well, there's probably not much that really jumps out, I suppose. I'm 44 years old, married with 2 children - a 13-year old daughter and a 5-year old son who both try their best to keep me from analysing my correspondence chess games in the evening. I'm sure you will all be envious when you hear that I live in what must be one of Scotland's most beautiful towns: Paisley. No, I'm not stuck in a time-warp, I guess you just develop a cynical vein after so many years in this place.

I work for a medical software company just around the corner. I am originally from Germany so don't expect any attempts from my part to be funny in this short resume. However, I do sometimes surprise even myself when laughing(!) at Yes Minister, Fawlty Towers etc - no prizes for guessing which episode is my favourite! I came to Scotland in 1988 to study at Stirling University. After my graduation I was lucky to find a job straightaway as a modern languages teacher in a High School. A few years down the line I changed my career path to IT and the rest is history as they say.

My main interests apart from chess are sport in general, reading and film music. I won't even allow you one guess as to what my favourite sport is - I played it at club level for more than 20 years. I haven't forgotten my German roots, but let me assure you that I will be shouting for Scotland against Spain at Hampden next month! I also enjoy all sorts

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of other sports. In fact if you're ever asked in a pub quiz about the only German to like and be an expert on both, snooker and cricket, well, you now know the answer! Hey, I can even tell you where I was when Boris Becker won Wimbledon in 1985 - I was actually in the middle of a Blitz-chess tournament! With regard to film music, for those of you who know a wee bit about it, I'm a huge fan of Ennio Morricone's wonderful and inspiring music. If you don't know who I'm talking about - well, you will have at least heard of Google.

I can't remember when exactly my father taught me my first chess moves. But I do remember that at the age of 12 I had a rather grotesque sledging accident which meant that I couldn't play football for several months, so my dad suggested that I should maybe consider visiting the chess club as an alternative. I got hooked instantly and have enjoyed over-the-board chess ever since. Maybe I should substitute the word 'enjoyed' as I have never 'enjoyed' a defeat and never will. In my student days I played for Stirling University in the Central League either on Board 1 or 2 - this was highly enjoyable, but looking back it also fills me with sadness as the club fell by the wayside in my final year and to my knowledge never entered a team in the Central League again - but somebody may prove me wrong here.

After moving to Paisley I joined Paisley Chess Club when it was still successful. I started off at Board 5 and gradually moved up as one strong player after another left the club. With absolutely no hope of Paisley rising like Phoenix from the Ashes in the near future, I decided to join Inverclyde Central where we had a few good and bad years. The emphasis is on 'had' really as I have hardly played any games in the last couple of years due to work and family commitments.

To begin with I never had big ambitions with regard to correspondence chess. When I acquired my first PC in 1997 I began playing the odd game in Compuserve purely for fun. I never thought for a minute that one day I would see these games appear in my grading history! I suppose this explains why my first ever ICCF grading was much lower than expected. In late 2004, a former team colleague from my home team in Germany asked me if I wanted to represent my home team in the newly-formed Champions League. Looking for a new challenge and having always been a far more successful player in team events I joined and eventually won my group with an unbeaten 7.5/10 on Board 3.

There's no denying that this result forms the basis of my ongoing interest in correspondence chess. If I remember correctly I joined SCCA in 2005. It proved to be a most rewarding decision and I will be forever grateful for the many opportunities that SCCA have provided me with.

I have entered about a dozen events as an SCCA member since joining, 6 of which presented me with title norm opportunities. I have always considered representing a country in any event an honour and therefore tried my hardest when part of a team.

In my first big tournament under the Scottish flag, the 7th European Team Championships in 2006, I scored my first IM norm straightaway with an unbeaten 6.5/10 on Board 5. Needless to say, I was keen to achieve a title at some point after this promising start. Despite missing out on another norm by a point in my second tournament, the Olympiad 17 Preliminaries, I was more than happy that I remained unbeaten again with 6.5/10. I didn't fire on all cylinders in the BFCC-45 Invitational and finished in mid-table on a disappointing 6.5/13. Having said that, I experimented with new openings at the time and my only two losses when representing SCCA came in this tournament after 1.Nc3 opening disasters. Without a shadow of a doubt, the best

tournament I played so far was the NATT-VI which started in mid-2008. It was my first Category 9 tournament and the first time I represented Scotland on top board. With such an incentive, I was very keen to pay back the trust that SCCA put in me and I was over the moon when I shared first place in this strong and experienced group with an unbeaten 6/10.

Not only had I secured my second IM norm, but also my first SIM norm at the same time. It was also the first time I had beaten a 2500+ player - the American Jerry Weisskohl. I fulfilled my third and final IM norm this September in the Olympiad 18 Preliminaries where a draw with Black in my last game against strong GM Kuiper secured the required 4/8. Having acquired the IM title is a major personal achievement which would have been impossible without all the support and trust that SCCA put into my ability over the years. It's been great and an invaluable experience to get the opportunity to play tournaments at such high levels and hopefully I will be able to give SCCA a new SIM in the not too distant future.

CCO18/S2		ICCF Olympiad 18 Preliminaries - Section 02 board 3				TD Millstone, Dr. Michael												
Category 9 GM=6 SIM=5 IM=4						1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	Score	SB	RG	Place
1	EST	930270	IM	Talpak, Tõnu	2446		■	½	½	½	½	½	1	1	4.5	12.5	1	1
2	ITA	240191	SM	Poli, Giuseppe	2483		½	■	½	½	½	½	½	1	4.5	12	0	2
3	SCO	620588		Matheis, Thomas	2414		½	½	■	½	½	½	½	½	4	11.5	0	3
4	BEL	40210	SM	Cottegnie, Francis	2435		½	½	½	■	½	½	½	½	3.5	11.25	1	4
5	NED	370247	GM	Kuiper, Jacques	2550		½	½	½	½	■	½	½	½	3.5	11.25	1	4
6	ISR	270145	GM	Elyakim, Daniel	2539		½	½	½	½	½	■	■	■	2.5	10	3	6
7	PER	400146	SM	Sosa Patino, Carlos	2434		0	½	½	½	½	■	■	■	2	7.75	3	7
8	HKG	780073		Hall, Graeme	2282		0	0	½	½	½	■	■	■	1.5	5.5	3	8
9	FIN	460575	SM	Mannermaa, Dr. Jari	2495		■	½	½	■	■	■	■	■	1	4.25	6	9

NATT/6		North Atlantic Team Tournament VI board 1				TD Ruch, Eric															
Category 9 GM=7 SIM=6 IM=5 LGM=3 LM=1½						1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	Score	SB	RG	Place	
1	FRA	180342	SM	Muneret, Maurice	2494		■	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	1	½	1	6	28.25	0	1
2	SCO	620588		Matheis, Thomas	2386		½	■	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	1	1	6	27.75	0	2
3	POR	390138	SM	Quaresma, Eng. Luís Manuel T.	2314		½	½	■	½	0	½	½	1	½	1	6	27.5	0	3	
4	ESP	160211	IM	Cuadrado Wentworth-Hyde, Guillermo	2434		½	½	½	■	1	½	½	½	½	½	½	5.5	27.5	0	4
5	ESP	160740	IM	Martí Pericot, Juan Manuel	2437		½	½	1	0	■	½	½	½	1	½	½	5.5	27.25	0	5
6	NOR	360341	GM	Haugen, Arild	2566		½	½	½	½	½	■	½	½	½	½	½	5	25	0	6
7	IRL	210369		Windebank, Garry H.	2577		½	½	½	½	½	■	½	½	½	½	½	5	25	0	6
8	ENG	210788	IM	Lumley, W. F. (Bill)	2401		½	½	0	½	½	½	■	½	1	½	5	23.75	0	8	
9	ISL	300134	SM	Halldórsson, Jón Árne	2476		0	½	½	½	0	½	½	½	■	½	1	4.5	21	0	9
10	CAN	90173	SM	Ruben, Gary	2452		½	0	0	½	½	½	½	0	½	■	½	3.5	17.25	0	10
11	USA	511551	SM	Weisskohl, Jerry	2522		0	0	0	½	½	½	½	½	0	½	■	3	14.75	0	11

CL/2004/C2		Champions League 2004 C Group 2 board 3				TD Schmelz, Thomas															
Rated						1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	Score	SB	RG	Place	
1	SCO	620588		Matheis, Thomas	2187		■	1	½	½	½	1	½	½	1	1	1	7.5	30.5	0	1
2	GER	85144		Kötz, Andreas	2276		0	■	1	½	½	½	1	1	1	1	½	7	31.5	0	2
3	GER	81440		Müller, Willy	2300		½	0	■	1	½	½	½	1	1	1	1	7	26.75	0	3
4	RUS	141428		Eremin, Nikolay Ivanovich	2172		½	½	0	■	½	½	1	1	1	½	½	6	27.25	0	4
5	NOR	360397		Haidahl, Erik	2453		½	½	½	½	■	½	½	½	1	½	1	6	27	0	5
6	ITA	240297	IM	Petrillo, Michele	2378		0	½	½	½	½	■	0	½	½	½	1	4.5	20	0	6
7	ROM	440491		Tudor, Vasile	2262		½	0	½	0	½	1	■	0	1	0	1	4.5	19.75	0	7
8	GER	88125		Faber, Hans-Alban	2171		½	0	0	0	½	½	1	■	0	1	1	4.5	15	0	8
9	ESP	83746		Gutiérrez Dopino, José María	2120		0	0	0	0	0	½	0	1	■	1	1	3.5	8.25	0	9
10	SUI	100391		Baumgart, Lothar	2000 ^P		0 ⁰	0	0 ⁰	½	½	½	1	0 ⁰	0 ⁰	■	½	3	13.5	0	10
11	ITA	240834		Oldrati, Pietro	2048		0	½	0	½	0	0	0	0	0	½	■	1.5	8	0	11



2010/4 Grading List

By George Pyrich

The fourth ICCF grading list for 2010 has been published and the new grades are based on 3 months' results from 1 June 2010 to 31 August 2010. The grades will apply to internationally graded games starting between 1 October and 31 December 2010. You need to complete 12 ICCF-eligible games to obtain a provisional rating (* below). Provisional ratings apply until 30 games have been processed. Rating changes are denoted by arrows. Email grader@scottishcca.co.uk if you have any queries.

No.	Name	Results	Grade	No.	Name	Results	Grade
318	Almarza Mato, C	471	2083 ↑	256	Lennox, C J (SM)	153	2287 ↔
518	Anderson, G M	180	2322 ↑	503	Livie, G W G (IM)	189	2349 ↑
121	Anderson, J	174	1786 ↑	264	Lloyd, G	384	2268 ↑
049	Armstrong, A	116	1888 ↑	337	Loughran, R	95	1596 ↓
313	Armstrong, J McK	120	1614 ↑	441	MacCaellich-Young, Ms J	15	1517 ↔ *
015	Baxter, R W M (SM)	59	2332 ↔	433	MacDonald, M	26	1583 ↔ *
511	Beecham, C R (IM)	321	2508 ↓	367	MacDonald, P H	39	1952 ↔
599	Bell, A D	72	2345 ↑	584	MacGregor, C A	256	1943 ↓
501	Bennett, P G	61	2172 ↑	532	Mackintosh, I (IM)	466	2338 ↓
431	Binnie, J	22	1620 ↓ *	216	MacMillen, A N	447	1947 ↓
022	Bird, A G E	10	0 ↔ *	457	Mahony, J	18	1460 ↔ *
520	Bird, Prof G H	47	2078 ↔	566	Marshall, I H	304	2081 ↑
509	Borwell, A P (IM)	708	2164 ↓	434	Matheis, T (SM)	143	2427 ↑
427	Brooksbank, Dr K	48	1879 ↓	083	Maxwell, A	45	2183 ↔
215	Brown, Dr A C (SM)	206	2318 ↔	591	May, M A	78	2283 ↔
424	Burridge, R J	25	1791 ↓ *	352	McDonald, G R	79	1921 ↔
458	Burton, C	16	1611 ↔ *	391	McIntee, C I	82	1716 ↔
435	Cairney, J	22	2082 ↑ *	525	McKerracher, D	4	0 ↔ *
423	Calder, H	96	2055 ↔	412	McKinstry, J	36	1604 ↓
096	Campbell, A W I	32	1798 ↔	001	McNab, Dr C A (SIM)	144	2452 ↔
585	Collins, S	22	1828 ↔ *	409	Miller, S	28	1720 ↔ *
173	Cook, W M	67	1909 ↓	401	Moir, P J	73	1640 ↓
364	Coope, D W	427	2044 ↑	438	Montgomery, J	10	0 ↔ *
247	Cormack, W H	37	2003 ↑	598	Montgomery, R S	166	2289 ↑
527	Craig, T J (SM)	331	2356 ↓	338	Morrow, J	10	0 ↔ *
332	Crawley, J	13	1912 ↔ *	564	Murray, J S	24	1952 ↑ *
166	Cumming, D R	397	2299 ↑	440	Neil, C	53	1717 ↓
422	Dawson, Prof A G	49	2235 ↔	453	Newton, A	16	1796 ↓ *
422	Dawson, J	8	0 ↔ *	429	O'Neill-McAleenan, C	66	1938 ↓
572	Dempster, D	537	1834 ↑	444	Paine, Dr K A	76	2154 ↑
430	Doherty, T	19	1706 ↔ *	1012	Paulin, A	21	2040 ↑ *
595	Domnin, M	6	0 ↔ *	379	Phillips, G H	210	2107 ↑
371	Edney, D	144	1959 ↓	432	Price, D	86	2029 ↑
372	Flockhart, H	25	2122 ↑ *	048	Pyrich, G D (IM)	735	2256 ↓
459	Fraser, R A	21	1868 ↑ *	343	Rawlinson, J	10	0 ↔ *
086	Gillam, S R (SM)	123	2340 ↔	136	Reeman, I F	127	2306 ↔
551	Giulian, P M (SIM)	451	2426 ↔	437	Roberts, A	126	1777 ↓
124	Goodwin, B J	109	2027 ↔	407	Ross, D W	26	1920 ↔ *
445	Graham, S	243	2310 ↑	398	Rough, R E	26	1900 ↑ *
399	Grant, J	20	1785 ↓ *	522	Savage, D J	74	1956 ↔
596	Hardwick, M E	138	1370 ↔	449	Scott, A	46	1871 ↔
556	Hartford, Mrs E A	168	1912 ↔	454	Sheridan, N	12	1535 ↔ *
063	Harvey, D	74	2036 ↓	439	Smith, M J	26	1885 ↑ *
510	Hislop, A T	169	1998 ↔	1125	Spencer, E A	12	1877 ↔ *
515	Jack, J P E	24	1783 ↔ *	448	Sreeves, C	12	1887 ↔ *
447	Jamieson, I M	26	2026 ↑ *	546	Stewart, Dr K W C	123	2095 ↓
322	Jessing, M	26	2111 ↔ *	442	Swan, I	55	2394 ↔
415	Kerr, A	10	0 ↔ *	1120	Taylor, W	18	2092 ↓ *
548	Kilgour, D A (GM)	288	2361 ↓	1121	Thomson, D	4	0 ↔ *
260	Knox, A	59	1674 ↔	452	Toye, D T	38	1713 ↓
1117	Laing, D	14	2101 ↔ *	065	Young, S M	46	1903 ↔
419	Lees, J A	81	2072 ↔				

Statistical Analysis

Total listed	103
New entrants	0
Deletions (inactive, lapsed or non-members)	0
Full grades (30+ games)	66
Provisional grades (<30 games)	37
Grading increases (↑)	28
Grading decreases (↓)	25
Grading static (↔)	50

Top 30 Grades

Beecham, C R (SIM)	2508	Reeman, I F	2306
McNab, Dr C A (SIM)	2452	Cumming, D R	2299
Matheis, T (SM)	2427	Montgomery, R S	2289
Giulian, P M (SIM)	2426	Lennox, C J (SM)	2287
Swan, I	2394	May, M A	2283
Kilgour, D A (GM)	2361	Lloyd, G	2268
Craig, T J (SM)	2356	Pyrich, G D (IM)	2256
Livie, G W G (IM)	2349	Dawson, Prof A G	2235
Bell, A D	2345	Maxwell, A	2183
Gillam, S R (SM)	2340	Bennett, P G	2172
Mackintosh, I (IM)	2338	Borwell, A P (IM)	2164
Baxter, R W M (SM)	2332	Paine, Dr K A	2154
Anderson, G M	2322	Phillips, G H	2107
Brown, Dr A C	2318	Stewart, Dr K W C	2095
Graham, S	2310	Bird, Prof G H	2078

Top 30 Games Played

Pyrich, G D (IM)	735	Graham, S	243
Borwell, A P (IM)	708	Phillips, G H	210
Dempster, D	537	Brown, Dr A C (SM)	206
Almarza-Mato, C	471	Livie, G W G (IM)	189
Mackintosh, I (IM)	466	Anderson, G M	180
Giulian, P M (SIM)	451	Anderson, J	174
MacMillen, A N	447	Hislop, A T	169
Coope, D W	427	Hartford, Mrs E A	168
Cumming, D R	397	Montgomery, R S	166
Lloyd, G	384	Lennox, C J (SM)	153
Craig, T J (SM)	331	McNab, Dr C A (SIM)	144
Beecham, C R (SIM)	321	Edney, D	144
Marshall, I H	304	Matheis, T (SM)	143
Kilgour, D A (GM)	288	Hardwick, M E	138
MacGregor, C A	256	Reeman, I F	127

Other Notes

This list includes a number of our members who are registered with other countries, and members who have played <12 games and have yet to receive a provisional rating. Players registered as SCO with ICCF, but who are not SCCA members, have been filtered out.

To check your rating online at any time, go to the ICCF webserver site (<http://www.iccf-webchess.com/>), click on the Rating list link then complete the search boxes.

The main ICCF website (<http://www.iccf.com/>) allows you to download a free program which allows you to analyse your previous and future rating performance.

Go to ICCF Ratings on the main menu then click on the Download Eloquery link. Various zip files are available, containing the program, ratings database, historical and tournament data.



SCCA Champion 2010-11

By Stuart Graham



I was born on 25/11/1961 and was raised in Higher Openshaw, Manchester. I lived in the same house for over 30 years. I considered myself to be quiet and shy, and I was given to spending a lot of time on my own. I read quite a lot which has since served me very well as I find it easy to spend hours at a time in front of my Chessboard with a good book.

It was while attending St. Clements Primary School that I first started to play Chess, when I say play chess what I really mean is I learned how the pieces moved. At secondary School (Wright Robinson High School) I joined the after school Chess club which both my parents approved of as it kept me out of their way for a couple of hours twice a week. The interest in Chess soon fizzled out as I discovered that I was quite good at both Cross Country running and Rugby, not at the same time of course. I did manage to play Rugby for my School for one year.

In 1978 I left secondary school and joined the Army, however an injury to both knees soon cut short my career in the Armed Forces. After many visits to the Hospital it was decided that surgery was required on both of my knees. Nerve damage I received during one operation meant that I had to wear a caliper on my left leg for a little under 2 years, which cut short any ideas of me either going Cross country running or playing Rugby again.

With all this in mind I decided to join the local Snooker club. I was never any good at Snooker, in fact I was told that I couldn't play any worse if I used a Tennis Racket rather than a cue. It was on a visit to the Snooker club that I found a bag that somebody had left behind, all that was in the bag was a Chess set and a book by Janos Flesch on the Smith-Morra Gambit. Later that same day I met Steve Pope the

owner of the Chess set and book, and after having a game with him I discovered that I had no idea of how to play Chess. Over the next 6 or 8 months I was taught the very basic endgames before ever touching the openings. He also gave me some of the best Chess advice I've ever heard, and that was play through the games of the Masters (I played through the games of Morphy, Steinitz, Lasker et al) as you will learn such a lot, he also told me, and rather than memorising a long list of moves understanding the position on the board is more important! Which is advice I give to beginners and improvers alike.

Then, due to circumstances beyond my control I moved to Ashton-Under-Lyne where on the odd occasion I went to the local Chess club, my worsening health often forced me to stay at home for long periods of time. I was forced by the powers that be to go on a back to work scheme, I did however become a licensed Fork lift truck driver, a job I managed to keep for 5 years, when my health problems re-surfaced and was forced to leave that job.

2005 was a momentous year for me as in the April I met Pauline, my future wife, we were married on June 3rd 2006, and we spent a happy honeymoon in Edinburgh.

It was at the 1994 Chorley August Bank holiday Congress that I was introduced to the idea of playing CC, over the next 4 years or so I played many friendly CC games but I developed a competitive spirit and I wanted to play in 'serious' Competitions. Something with which I didn't get around to until 2004 when I joined the BCCA, then in 2006 I joined the SCCA (and stopped playing in the BCCA) I feel that it has been while I have been playing in the SCCA that I feel my Chess has improved the most. I have the honour of representing the SCCA in friendlies against Equador, Scheming Mind, Lithuania, and Sweden.

Outside of Chess, I like to play a game of Backgammon online. I am also studying the history of the Bridgewater Canal, and the Manchester Ship Canal, both of which are local to where I live. I also like to read the occasional Science Fiction novel.

Now, I feel that I should pay tribute to certain people. George Pyrich who is always willing to help, Iain Mackintosh for all his help, and also to David Cumming for his encouragement, but most of all I must thank Pauline my long suffering wife who always seems to understand when I need to spend hours with my head in a book, or at my Chessboard.

God bless you one and all!!

[Ed – Stuart tells me he had a Scottish paternal grandfather who lived in central Edinburgh. Can't be long before Craig Levein gets in touch...]

Graham,S (2210) – Macmillen,A (1998) [B30]

SCCA Championship 2010-11

[Notes by Stuart Graham]

1.e4 c5
2.Nf3 Nc6
3.Bb5

Not wanting to play against the Pelikan. Sveshnikov, or the Taimanov in this game, so I decided to keep things simple by playing the Rossolimo, one of the more favoured anti-Sicilians.

3... e6
4.0-0

[4.Bxc6 is also playable for White.]

4... Nge7
5.Nc3

[5.c3 is the more favoured move here but I prefer Nc3.]

5... a6
6.Bxc6 Nxc6
7.d4 cxd4
8.Nxd4 Be7
9.Nxc6 bxc6



[Slightly better than 9...dxc6 but Black has nothing to fear with the exchange of Queens as 10.Qxd8+ Bxd8 leads to an equal game.]

10.e5 0-0
11.Ne4 Qc7

Threatening Qxe5.

12.Bf4

[Better than 12.f4 as 12...Bb7= (or 12...Qb6+=)]

12... Rb8
13.b3 c5
14.Qg4



14... Rd8??

[14...Kh8 is probably best here.]

15.Nf6+- Kh8
16.Rfd1 Rb4?

[Another possibility might have been 16...Bb7 17.Rd3 gxf6 18.exf6 but White is still winning.]

17.c4 Qc6
18.Rd3

With the intention of getting the Rook to the g or h file.

18... Bxf6

[Not 18...gxf6 as 19.Rg3 and mates.]

19.exf6 g6

The only good move for Black.

20.Rh3 Qe4

[After 20...Bb7 21.f3 and mate follows quickly.]



21.Rxh7+!

[21.Rxh7+ Kxh7 (21...Kg8 22.Rg7+ Kf8 23.Bd6+ Ke8 24.Rg8#) 22.Qh4+ Kg8 23.Qh6 and mates.]

1-0

SCO/C2010		Scottish CCA Championship 2010/11				TD Maxwell, Alistair											
Rated						1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	Score	SB	RG	Place
1	SCO	211864		Graham, Stuart	2210	█	½	½	1	1	1	1	1	6	12	0	1
2	SCO	620426		Cumming, David R.	2276	½	█	½	½	1	1	.	1	4.5	11	1	2
3	SCO	620345	IM	Mackintosh, Iain	2325	½	½	█	½	1	.	1	.	3.5	10	2	3
4	SCO	620522		Cormack, William H.	2005	0	½	½	█	½	.	1	1	3.5	5.5	1	4
5	SCO	620410		Goodwin, Brian J.	2035	0	0	0	½	█	½	1	1	3	2.5	0	5
6	SCO	210729		Coope, Derek William	1939	0	0	.	.	½	█	.	1	1.5	1.5	3	6
7	SCO	620454		MacMillen, Andrew N.	1998	0	.	0	0	0	.	█	.	0	0	3	7
8	SCO	620639		Jamieson, Ian M.	2035	0	0	.	0	0	.	█	.	0	0	2	8



Fit for the French My Complete White Repertoire By Viktor Bologan



On this DVD Viktor Bologan presents his repertoire against the French Defence. The only way to combat this opening is to choose an aggressive plan and according to Bologan the best such plan starts with 3.Nc3. The Moldovan grandmaster has had this continuation in his armoury for 20 years, since he was initiated into the secrets of this move by the top trainer Zigurds Lanka, and he has been extremely successful with it.



And he goes on to recommend only the main lines and once again his choice falls on the most aggressive ones, such as, for example, Qg4 in the Winawer lines. Video running time: 5hrs 20 min. Viktor Bologan is a pupil of the top Moldovan trainer Vecheslav Chebanenko. For many years Bologan has been the number 1 in Moldova and has represented his country in nine chess Olympiads. His greatest successes were in 2003, when he first of all won the Aeroflot Open and then the famous Dortmund Tournament, ahead of Kramnik and Anand. The Moldovan has extensive experience as a trainer and has also published his first books.



The Marshall Attack By Jan Gustafsson



The Marshall Attack is one of the most dynamic replies Black has at his disposal against 1.e4. At the cost of a pawn, Black takes over the initiative from the get - go and goes after the white king. Wrongly considered to be mainly a drawing weapon by some, this DVD offers many new ideas for Black, showing how to keep the queens on the board and to play for a win in almost all cases.



Unfortunately White is not obliged to enter the Marshall. This is part 1 of a two-part series that will provide the viewer with a complete repertoire against 1.e4. The disk deals with all white options after 1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 Be7 6.Re1 b5 7.Bb3 0-0. In 17 chapters with a total runtime of three hours and 45 minutes, all the subtleties of the Marshall and Anti-Marshall will be revealed. Video running time: 3 h 45m.

Corr Database 2011



Corr Database 2011 is an extensive collection of correspondence games, featuring classical correspondence games played by mail as well as email games.

This is a must for all serious Correspondence Chess players. The games and annotations are top notch and will help improve your grade to no end.

Bamboozle Your Opponents With 1.g3 By Nigel Davies



Opening a game with 1.g3 appears rather quiet and unpretentious yet many of the greatest players in history have chosen to play this way. Bent Larsen, Victor Korchnoi, Leonid Stein and Pal Benko have all wielded this move with considerable success whilst in more recent times Mikhail Gurevich has been using it highly effectively.

The idea behind this opening is to leave White with the greatest possible flexibility for his pieces and pawns and indeed the game can transpose into openings as diverse as the Closed Sicilian, the King's Indian Defence and the Catalan Opening. Yet White can also choose to tread new ground by adopting formations such as a reversed Leningrad Dutch, reversed Alekhine's Defence or even a reversed Pirc or Modern Defence.



All of these formations contain far more poison with White's extra tempo. On this DVD Davies explains key concepts and ideas behind these unique approaches, whilst also showing how White can transpose into more regular openings if he show chooses. This can provide many opportunities for throwing the opponent on his own resources as well as wrong footing him into something he does not know. Video running time: 4 hours

Nigel Davies has been an International Grandmaster since 1993 and is a former British Open Quickplay and U21 Champion. Besides his playing accomplishments he is an experienced chess coach with an ability to explain chess ideas players of

any level. He is an acknowledged expert on 1.g3 having played it on numerous occasions in his own games.

Chess Endgames 6 By Karsten Mueller



Karsten Mueller's endgame course has already taken its place amongst the modern classics in the study of the endgame. Whereas the first 4 DVDs of his series were systematically organised according to the distribution of material, Volume 6 continues the explanation of general endgame principles begun in Volume 5. The principles dealt with in this DVD are domination and prophylaxis, don't be over-hasty, zugzwang and schematic thinking.



Domination is the goal of methods involving restraint and restriction. Gradually keep on forcing your opponent on to the back foot – that is often the simplest route to victory. Strategies for the restraint of the individual pieces are demonstrated, with a lot of emphasis on keeping knights on a short leash.

Prophylaxis is an individual and extremely important way of thinking. You spot your opponent's ideas and plans early on, so that you can take counter-measures in good time. The principle "don't be over-hasty" is one that has to be observed not only in the ending. Let Karsten Mueller show you the conditions under which you should take heed of it and specifically how you should employ it.

Zugzwang, on the other hand, is a typical endgame phenomenon. Important techniques such as triangulation and the battle for reserve tempi are dealt with in detail. Schematic thinking is one of the few areas in which the human being is still superior to the computer.

But be careful! No amount of schematic thinking can ever replace concrete calculation, and every rule of thumb has its exceptions. This DVD will help you learn what you must watch out for. Video running time: 5 hours.

Sicilian Najdorf 6.Bg5 By Alexej Shirov



There are few opening systems which have been undergoing such a fast and furious renaissance as the 6.Bg5 Variation of the Najdorf System. Inspired by Radjabov's victories over Anand and Karjakin in 2006, a great number of games have been played since then, meaning that the theory has developed enormously.

But even before then it stretched to such distant horizons that makes it all the more important to have someone who can explain the ideas which underlie the variations. That is exactly what Alexei Shirov does on his DVD.

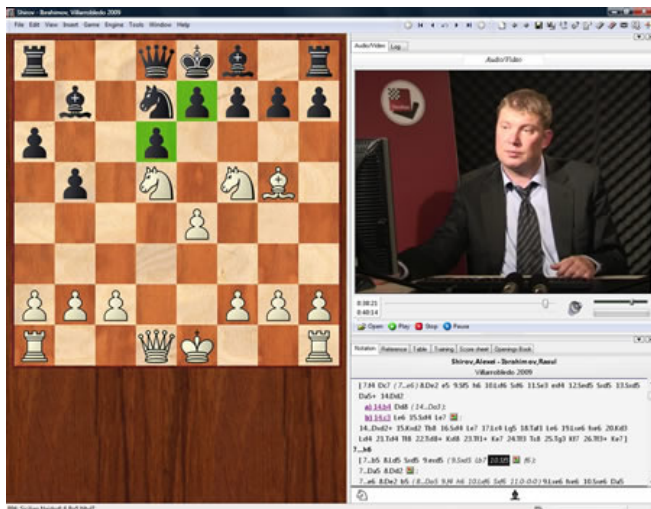
His explanations are all the more valuable because they are delivered by a player who himself has been responsible for developing the theory of the Najdorf. The author also makes use of games played by others in lines where he himself has not played any. Video running time: more than 5 hours.



The Slav and Semi-Slav Revisited By Alexej Shirov

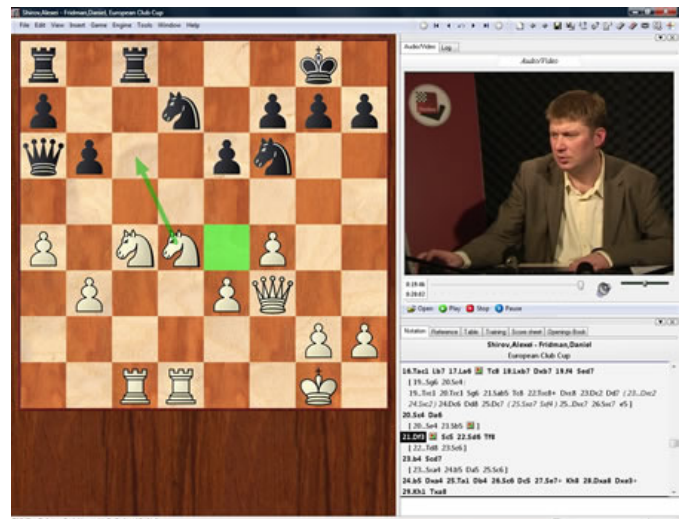


The Slav and Semi-Slav revisited For Shirov the Slav and the Semi-Slav form one huge and common opening. Of course it is a mighty opening complex and the DVD cannot give a complete picture of it, but in the areas he chooses to highlight our author is an absolute expert and capable of giving the deepest possible insights into the secrets of this extremely solid opening.



Alexej Shirov was born in Riga just like world champion Mihail Tal, and also his playing style reminds many chess fans of the young Tal. In the beginning of the 90ies, a comet-like rise brought the young Latvian to the world top within the shortest of time.

Being no older than 22 years, he already had an Elo rating of nearly 2750 and belonged to the absolute elite. Since then Shirov has been one of the best players in the world, delighting all chess fans with original and amazing ideas on the board.



First, Shirov deals with the pure Slav. A lot of his time is spent on the modern treatment of it with 3.Nf3 Nf6 4.Nc3 dxc4 5.a4 e6, which Kramnik brought back into fashion and which since then has been employed by several world class players. In the second part the author turns to the Semi-Slav. In his intro he explains the latest discoveries in the Shirov/Shabalov Attack with 7.g4.

Then come some games with a quiet setup for White (6.Qc2 or 6.Bd3), before at the close he presents three games in the Botvinnik System, a setup which obviously suits Shirov since in his great success in Sofia 2009 he was able to stand fast against Carlsen and Topalov with it. Video running time: 8 hours.



O'Kelly Sicilian By Andrew Martin



The variation 1 e4 c5 2 Nf3 a6!? does not have an especially good reputation in the theory books. Competitive players can use this unjustified assessment to their advantage because the variation is entirely playable, as International Master Andrew Martin shows on this new Chessbase DVD.



With careful selection of variations, Black players can make the O'Kelly work and work well. In fact the O'Kelly was first played by Savielly Tartakower, but it was the repeated adoption of 2...a6 by O'Kelly de Galway after World War Two that gave the variation its name.

Club players will enjoy adding the O'Kelly to their repertoire and many opponents will be unfamiliar with the unusual problems that Black is posing. Video running time: 4 hours.



International Master Andrew Martin is 52 years old. He is a Senior FIDE Trainer and Manager of Coaching for the English Chess Federation. This is his 19th DVD for Chessbase.



In the next issue of the Magazine I hope to be able to provide you with information on the Database program Chessbase 11. The last variation made great strides in video instruction for players so I am looking forward to even greater improvements.

In my opinion I have not yet found a greater program from which Correspondence Chess Players can research their games.

From past experience the improvements are so varied that it may take me a few Magazines to highlight the vast majority of them.



Games Column

by Bernard Milligan

Hi everyone. I hope you are all well and enjoying your games are going. I received an Email from Iain Mackintosh asking for the material for this magazine only to have to tell him no one had sent any games in.

Once again However I have got there and many thanks to those who responded to my requests for last minute contributions to the Games Column.

SCCA Championship 10-11, 2010

White: I Mackintosh (2325)

Black: A Macmillen (1998)

Sicilian Defence [B45]

[Annotator I Mackintosh]

1.e4	c5
2.Nf3	Nc6
3.Nc3	e6
4.d4	cxd4
5.Nxd4	Nf6
6.Nxc6	

6.Ncb5 is more common, but I don't like 6...Nxe4 7.f3 Nf6 8.Nxc6 dxc6 9.Qxd8+ Kxd8 when there doesn't seem full compensation for the pawn.

6...	bx c6
7.e5	Nd5
8.Ne4	Qc7
9.f4	

9.Nd6+ Bxd6 10.exd6 Qxd6 11.c4 Qe5+ 12.Qe2 Qxe2+ 13.Bxe2 Nf6 looks flat for White.

9...	Qb6
10.c4	Ne3
11.Qd3	Nf5



11...Bb4+ 12.Bd2 0-0 13.c5 Bxc5 14.Nxc5 Nxf1 15.Na4=

12.g4	Nd4
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13.b3	c5
14.Bg2	Bb7
15.Be3	Nc6?

Concedes the initiative as the Black Knight becomes marginalised and White builds pressure on the d- and f-files. [15...h5 16.g5 Nf5 17.0-0 0-0 was maybe worth a try.

16.0-0	Nb4
17.Qd2	Qc7
18.Rad1	Na6
19.f5	0-0-0
20.fxe6	fxe6
21.Rxf8!	



Removing a defender of d6 and activating all the White pieces.

21...	Rdx f8
22.Nd6+	Kb8
23.Nxb7	Qxe5
24.Nxc5	Nxc5
25.Qb4+	Kc7
26.Bxc5	

And with mate threats looming, Andrew resigned. 1-0



SCCA Webserver Open 2, 2010

White: I Mackintosh (2335)

Black: A Roberts,A (1836)

Modern Benoni [A40]

[Annotator Iain Mackintosh]

1.d4	Nf6
2.c4	e6
3.Nf3	c5

3...d5 and; 3...b6 are more common.

4.d5

The most aggressive continuation.

4...	exd5
5.cxd5	d6
6.Nc3	g6
7.Bf4	a6

7...Bg7 here was more in keeping with Black's Benoni-type development.

8.a4	Bg7
9.e4	0-0
10.Be2	Re8

10...Nh5 was an interesting alternative: 11.Bg5 f6 12.Bd2 f5 13.exf5 Bxf5.

11.Nd2

With f3 in hand if required.

11... Qb6?

11...Qe7 is safer, though White maintains a space advantage.

12.Nc4!

Winning at least a pawn.

12... Qb4?



This compounds Black's error on move 12. White's b-pawn is unguarded if Nxd6 is played, but the Black queen is now short of squares...

13.Bd2	Bd7
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13...b5 isn't much better: 14.Nxd6 c4 15.Nxe8 Nxe8 16.Qc2

14.Nb1	Qxc4
15.Bxc4	Nxe4
16.Qb3	Ng3+
17.Be3	Nxh1
18.Qxb7	Nc6

18...Bxb2 19.Qxb2 Bf5 is objectively better, but Black has no good moves.

19.dxc6 Be6
 20.Bxe6 fxe6
 21.c7 c4
 22.Nc3 d5
 23.0-0-0 Rec8
 24.Nxd5! exd5



Black plays on to the bitter end.

25.Qxd5+ Kh8
 26.Qd8+ Bf8

26...Rxd8 27.cxd8Q+ Rxd8 28.Rxd8+ Bf8
 29.Bh6 and mate next move.

27.Bd4+ Kg8
 28.Qd5#

Not many CC games finish with mate, so I was grateful to Anthony for allowing this conclusion. 1-0



Scottish CCA, 2nd Webserver Open A, 2010

White: G Blake (1800)
 Black: D R - Cumming (2286)
 Queen's Gambit Accepted [D20]

1.d4 d5
 2.c4 Nc6
 3.Nc3 dxc4
 4.Nf3 Nf6
 5.e3 e5
 6.Bxc4 exd4
 7.exd4 Bd6
 8.0-0 0-0
 9.h3 h6
 10.Re1 Re8
 11.Be3 a6

RR 11...Bf5 12.a3 Qd7 13.b4 Ne4 14.Nb5
 Rad8 15.Nh4 Bh7 16.Qb3 a6 17.Nc3
 Nxc3 18.Qxc3 Qe7 19.Nf3 Qf6 20.Nd2
 Bf5 21.Rac1 Re7 22.Nb3 Qg6 23.Bd2
 Be4 24.Bf1 Bd5 25.Be3 Rde8 26.Nc5
 Klim,K-Kurkijarvi,M/Sibenik 2007/CBM
 120 ext/1/2-1/2 (34)

12.a3 Bf5
 3.Nh4

RR 13.Rc1 Ne7 14.Qb3 Qd7 15.Bxf7+ 1-

0 Merrell,W-Davis,J/04N17 USCF 2004/
 Openim Master 1.22

13... Bh7=
 14.d5?N



Advancing the d-pawn only cedes Black the central e5 square, an unnecessary concession at this early stage of the game.

RR 14.Qf3 Qd7 15.g4 Rad8 (RR 15...Bf8
 16.Red1 Ne4 17.Nf5 Nd6 18.Nxd6 Bxd6
 19.Bd5 Re7 20.Rac1 Rae8 21.g5 Qf5
 22.gxh6 gxh6 23.Bxh6 Kh8 24.Kh1 Rg8
 25.Be3 Qxf3+ 26.Bxf3 Rxe3 27.fxe3 Rg3
 28.Bg2 Rxe3 29.Re1 Rg3 30.Ne4
 Korotylev,A-Fominyh,A/St Petersburg
 2000/1-0 (51)) 16.Red1 Bf8 17.Ng2 Ne4
 18.Bd3 Nd6 19.Bxh7+ Kxh7 20.Bf4 g6
 21.Bxd6 cxd6 22.Rd3 Bg7 23.Rad1 Rf8
 24.Ne3 f5 25.gxf5 gxf5 26.Kh2 Rde8
 27.Ned5 f4 28.b4 Qf7 Short,N-Bareev,E/
 Pula 1997/CBM 057 ext/1/2-1/2

14... Ne5
 15.Be2 Ne4
 16.Nf3 Nxc3
 17.bxc3 Be4
 18.a4 Qf6!
 19.Bd4??

This unnecessarily blunders away the d-pawn, and in turn grants Black a full, nearly winning advantage according to Deep Junior!

19... Bxd5
 20.Nxe5 Bxe5
 21.Bxe5 Rxe5+
 22.c4 Bc6
 23.Bf1 Rxe1
 24.Qxe1 Re8!



Grabbing control of the e-file with gain of tempo.

25.Qd1 a5
 26.c5?

On c4 the pawn held a sort of Queenside bind which would have taken Black some time and effort to break this blockade. On c5, away from the Bishop's protection, the pawn surrenders its life needlessly.

26... Qg5
 27.Qg4

White tries to cut and run by attempting to exchange Queens.

27... Qxc5
 28.Qc4 Qxc4



This time, having digested the c-pawn and with a 2 pawn's worth winning endgame advantage/Queenside pawn majority, it suits Black to exchange off Queens!

29.Bxc4 Re4
 30.Bb5 Bd5
 31.Bd3 Rb4
 32.Bc2 c6
 33.Re1 g5
 34.g4 Kg7
 35.Ra1 Rb2
 36.Bf5 Ra2

Further exchanges to eliminate White's resistance.....

37.Rxa2 Bxa2
 38.Bc8 b5
 39.axb5 cxb5
 40.Ba6 Bc4
 0-1



Scottish CCA, 2nd Webserver Open B, 2010

White: D R Cumming (2286)
 Black: A Roberts,(1836)
 Modern Benoni [A70]

1.d4 Nf6
 2.c4 c5
 3.d5 e6
 4.Nc3 exd5
 5.cxd5 d6
 6.e4 g6
 7.Nf3 Bg7
 8.h3 a6
 9.a4 0-0
 10.Bd3 Re8
 11.0-0 Nbd7
 12.Bf4



RR 12.Re1 Qc7 13.Bg5 h6 14.Be3 g5
 15.Qd2 Qd8 16.Rad1 Nh5 17.Nh2 Nf8
 18.h4 Nf4 19.Bf1 Qf6 20.g3 Nh3+
 21.Bxh3 Bxh3 22.hxg5 hxg5 23.Bxg5
 Qg6 24.f3 b5 25.g4 bxa4 26.Ra1 Rab8
 Georgiev,K-Gashimov,V/Crete, Greece
 2007/Opennm Master 1.22/0-1 (40)

12... Qb6

RR 12...Ne5 13.Nxe5 dxe5 14.Be3 Qc7
 15.b3 Rd8 16.a5 Bd7 17.Qc2 Rac8
 18.Rfc1 Bf8 19.Na4 Bxa4 20.Rxa4 Nd7
 21.b4 c4 22.Qxc4 Qxc4 23.Rxc4 Rxc4
 24.Bxc4 Rc8 25.b5 Nc5 26.Ra1 axb5
 27.Bxb5 Gaitzsch,M-Hoffmann,P/
 playchess.com INT 2009/Opennm Master
 1.22/1-0 (35)

13.a5 Qc7
 14.Nd2N

Deep Junior judges this to be fully
 advantageous for White. [RR 14.Re1 Rb8
 (RR 14...Nh5 15.Bh2 Bh6 16.Bf1 f6
 17.Nb1 Ne5 18.Nbd2 Bd7 19.Nxe5 fxe5
 20.Nc4 Bb5 21.Nb6 Rad8 22.Bxb5 axb5
 23.b3 Rf8 24.Qe2 Qf7 25.Ra2 b4 26.Nc4
 Bf4 27.g3 Bh6 28.Kg2 Qf6 29.a6
 Kistella,R-Scalisi,C/Goch 1999/Opennm
 Master 1.22/1-0 (34); RR 14...b5 15.axb6
 Qxb6 16.Na4 Qc7 17.Nd2 Nh5 18.Bh2
 Ne5 19.Be2 Rb8 20.f4 Nd7 21.Bxh5 gxh5
 22.Nc4 Rb4 23.Rc1 Bd4+ 24.Kh1 Nf6
 25.e5 dxe5 26.fxe5 Nxd5 27.e6 Qe7
 28.Nxc5 Bxc5 29.exf7+ Masek,M-Borik,J/
 Prague 2002/Opennm Master 1.22/1-0
 (35)) 15.Nd2 b5 16.axb6 Rxb6 17.Nc4
 Nh5 18.Nxb6 Nxf4 19.Nxc8 Qxc8
 20.Bxa6 1-0 Muschalek,I-Wassermann,F/

Germany email 2001/Opennm Master
 1.22

14... Rb8
 15.Nc4



Classical Knight play from White in the
 Modern Benoni, re-routing from f3 via d2
 to c4, eying Black's vulnerable b6 square!

15... Ne5
 16.Bxe5 dxe5
 17.Qf3!

Vacating d1 for the King's Rook, making
 sure not to get in the way of the
 Queenside at this stage of the game, on b3
 the Queen is being X-rayed by the Rb8,
 on a4 it's occupying a square intended for
 White's Queen's Knight, whilst on c2 it
 wouldn't be adding it's protection to
 White's Kingside, hence f3 was the ideal
 candidate square for the White Queen at
 this stage of the game.

17... Nh5
 18.Rfd1 Nf4
 19.Bf1! Bd7
 20.g3!+- Nh5

20...Nhx3+? 21.Bxh3 Bxh3 22.g4 traps
 the Bishop thereby winning material!

21.d6!



Breakthrough!!

21... Qd8
 22.Qe3 Rc8
 23.Nb6 Rc6
 24.Nca4 f5?!

Desperation! Black struggles for
 counterplay to my strong central and
 Queenside initiative, and in the process
 fatally weakens himself on the g8-a2 light
 squared diagonal.

25.Nxc5 f4
 26.Qb3+

A handy in-between move to have at this
 point.

26... Kh8
 27.Nbx7 fxe3
 28.fxe3 Qg5
 29.Ra3 Bf8
 30.Qf7 Rcc8
 31.Ne6

There's the distinct whiff of mate in the
 air!!

31...Qf6? 32.Nxf6



Now there's a definite mate. The finish
 would be...32.Nxf6 Nxf6 33.d7 Bc5+
 34.Rd4 Bf8 35.Qxf6+ Kg8 36.dxc8Q
 Rxc8 37.Rd7 Bc5+ 38.Nxc5 Rxc5
 39.Rd8# 1-0



Olympiad 18 - Prelims. Board 1
White: C R Beecham
Black: C Champion
 King's Indian Defence [E73]
 [AnnotatorC R Beecham]

My opponent is an Australian, who was
 living in Hong Kong as a journalist and
 writer when this event started. Playing
 against H.K. reminded me of the famous
 military strategist Suh Tzu who once said,
 "Make it impossible for the enemy to
 know where to prepare.... release the
 attacks like a lightning bolt from above
 the nine layered heavens".

B.M. A good few years ago Iain Sneddon
 got me interested in researching
 my family history. I could almost kill him
 as there is one person in my Grandfathers
 grave that I still can't identify but then
 again I have learnt so much more. My

family lost many members in the 2nd world war as did the Australians. We have created this nation by deporting people who have done simple things like stealing bread. We may have done it for the wrong reasons but we can be proud of the results. Richard has my greatest respect in that he can look at history and look at both the good and bad of many cultures.

1.d4 Nf6
2.c4 g6
3.Nc3 Bg7
4.e4 d6
5.Be2 0-0
6.Bg5

I bought a book in Russian on the K.I.D. by M.Yudovich back in 1967!! and I have never used it, even though I have a little Russian. We have had too many developments in the classical main line with 9.b4, so my choice of the Averbakh variation seemed more prudent. It's a line that gives White a nice plus in most variations. [6.c5]

6... Na6



In a Scotland v France match Board 1 the game C R Beecham v E Stavostianoff (I.M.) continued with the more popular 6...c5 7.d5 h6 8.Be3 e6 9.Qd2 exd5 10.exd5 Kh7 11.h3 Re8 12.Bd3 Bf5!? 13.Nf3 Bxd3 14.Qxd3 Nbd7 15.0-0 a6 16.a4 Ne5 17.Nxe5 Rxe5 18.Rae1 h5 19.Bd2 Nd7 20.Ne4 Kg8 21.Bc3 f5 22.Nxd6! Qc7 23.Nb5!! axb5 24.d6 Qd8 25.Bxe5 Bxe5 26.Qd5+ Kh7 27.Rxe5 Nxe5 28.Qxe5 bxc4 29.Re1 b6 30.a5 bxa5 31.Qxc5 Qf6 32.Qc7+ Kh6 33.d7 Qd8 34.Qc6 Ra7 35.Rd1 c3 36.bxc3 (1-0) Black Resigns.

7.Qd2 e5

Another interesting line is 7...c6 8.Nf3 e5 9.0-0 exd4 (9...Bg4 10.Rfd1 Bxf3 11.Bxf3 exd4 12.Qxd4 h6 13.Bh4 g5 14.Bg3 Nd5 as in Sasikiran - Radjabov, Spanish Team Ch. 2005 which ended in a draw.) 10.Nxd4 Nc5 11.Qf4 Qe7 12.Rad1 Qe5 13.f3 Ne6 14.Nxe6 Bxe6 Grischuk -

Svidler, Sochi 2005 which also ended in a draw.

8.d5 Nc5
9.f3 a5
10.h4



The other popular move is 10.g4 followed by 11.h4 viz... 10.g4 c6 11.h4 cxd5 12.cxd5 Bd7 13.Nh3 a4 14.Nf2 Qa5 15.h5 b5 and very complex play. I have a different idea in mind, Black's K.I. Bishop is nearly always bad so my idea was to bury it for the rest of the game by closing the h file rather than the usual exchange, hxg6 etc.

10... c6
11.h5 Qb6

The main alternative was 11...cxd5 12.Nxd5 Be6 13.Nc3 Qd7 14.h6 Bh8 15.0-0-0 when white still has a good plus.

12.h6 Bh8
13.g4 Bd7
14.Nh3 a4
15.Nf2 Qa5
16.Rd1 Rfc8



This is inaccurate both 16...Rfd8 or 16...Rfb8 (best) were better. The Rook on b8 can support a b5 push. 17.0-0 [Another interesting line was 17.dxc6 Bxc6 18.Be3 Ne8 19.Nd5 Qxd2+ 20.Bxd2 Bxd5 21.cxd5 Bf6 22.Bb5 Nc7 23.Bf1 N7a6 24.g5 Be7 25.Bh3 with an easy end game for white.]

17... Ne8
18.Rb1 Rcb8

Chris admits his mistake! [However I thought I thought he had better chances now with 18...Ra6!? 19.Kg2 Rca8]

19.Kg2 cxd5

Releasing the tension but 19...Qc7 20.b4 axb3 21.axb3 Na6 22.b4 c5! was best.



20.exd5!

Taking this way gives white the e4 square for a Knight and prevents blacks counter play on the Qside with b5.

20... f6
21.Be3 f5
22.gxf5 Bxf5
23.Nfe4 b6



Looking at the position you can see that all white's pieces are on the best squares, whereas blacks are poorly co-ordinated. Time to attack.

24.b4!

Earlier I had the idea of playing 24.Bg5!? aiming at the d6 pawn viz... 24...Qa7 25.Nb5 Qd7 26.Qe3 Nb7 27.Rh1 (preventing Bh3) 27...Nd8 28.Qa3 but it is well defended by 28...Nf7!]

24... axb3
25.axb3 Qa3

The Black Queen is exposed with the immediate 25...Qa3, better was 25...Qb4 26.Qc2 Bd7 27.Bd2 Qa3 28.Bg5 Qb4

26.Nb5 Qa6



27.Nbxd6!!

Nxd6

28.Nxd6
29.Rxb1
30.Rb2
31.Ne4

Bxb1
Qa2
Qa1
Rf8

Relatively best was 31...Nxe4 32.fxe4 Bf6 33.d6 Rf8 34.d7 Rad8 35.Bg4 Bh4 , but Black is loosing whichever way he goes.

32.Bxc5
33.d6

bxc5

Black Resigns. A Possible continuation

would be 33...Bf6 34.b4! Rab8 35.Ra2 Qd4 36.bxc5 and the pawns supported by the Knight are unstoppable. 1-0



AICCF Renaissance

Following Magazine 110, Dr Ambar Chatterjee wrote to me to say that the AICCF was enjoying something of a renaissance after the introduction of their own webserver.

I worked with Ambar on the development of the ICCF system, and most of you will have used his handiwork by now—every time you drag and drop a piece on the game board, you are executing Ambar's program code.

Ambar and Santhosh Matthew Paul have developed a system for domestic use, while AICCF continue to use the ICCF server for international matches.

Magazine editor Lalit Kapoor reports: "The most exciting thing about this issue is the Results Section. It has started to be nicely filled again. We can see results and new tournaments increased up to 300% with respect to last year. The major part of Results Section is from webserver tournaments."

Of course, a couple of other factors have helped. The Indian postal service is notably unreliable, and there is the small matter of a successful world championship defence made by Viswanathan Anand earlier this year!

You can view the AICCF webserver at: <http://www.aiccf-chess.com/server/> and AICCF bulletins can be downloaded from the main website at: <http://www.aiccf.net/> Here is a game played on the AICCF webserver.

P.B.Dhanish — Vijay Shivdasani
AICCF, 2010

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 Bg7 4.e4 d6 5.Be2 0-0 6.Nf3 e5 7.0-0
[King's Indian, Classical]
7...Nbd7 8.Be3 a5 9.dxe5 dxe5 10.Qc2 c6
[No better is 10...Ng4 11.Bd2 c6 12.Na4 h6 13.h3 Ngf6 14.Be3
Nh5 15.Rfd1 Qe7 16.g3 Re8 17.Kh2 Qe6+/-]
11.Na4 b6 12.c5

[Seizes the initiative at once, but the more patient 12.Rad1 is equally good.]

12...bxc5

[12...b5 13.Nb6 Rb8 14.Rfd1 Qc7 15.a4+/-]

13.Rfd1

[Also promising for White is 13.Nxc5 Ng4 14.Bg5 Qc7 15.Nxd7 Bxd7]

13...Qc7 14.h3 Re8

[White has an edge. There is no hurry to recapture on c5.]

15.Rd2 Bf8 16.Rad1 Kg7 17.Bc4 Nb6 18.Nxb6

[Better than 18.Nxc5 Nxc4 19.Qxc4 Rb8]

18...Qxb6 19.Bg5 Qc7 20.Bxf6+ Kxf6



21.Nxe5!

[It is interesting to observe that computers cannot find this move without prodding. Both Crafty 20.14 and Rybka 2.2n2 give 21.Qc3 +/- at a depth of 17. But once 21. Nxe5 is suggested, Rybka immediately see that it wins (Crafty does not).]

21...Rxe5

[21...Qxe5 22.f4 Qc7 23.Qc3+ Ke7 24.Qh8! Be6 25.e5 wins; Of course not 21...Kxe5 22.Qc3+ and mate follows.]

22.f4 Bh6

[22...Rh5 23.Qc3+ Ke7 24.g4 Rh4 25.Rd6 (With the threat of Qe5) 25...Qxd6 26.Rxd6 Kxd6 27.Qf6+ wins]

23.fxe5+ Kg7

[Black plays on for a few more moves, but could well have resigned here.]

24.Rd6 Be3+ 25.Kh1 Rb8 26.Rf1 Be6 27.Bxe6 fxe6 28.Qc4

Qc8 29.Rxe6 Qc7 30.Qe2 Bd4 31.Qg4 Kh8 32.Qg5 Qg7

33.Re7 h6 34.Qf6 Qxf6 35.exf6 Rf8 36.e5 Bxb2 37.Rb1 Bxe5

38.Rxe5 Rxf6 39.Rxc5 g5 40.Rb7 a4 41.Ra5 Rf1+ 42.Kh2

Kg8 43.Ra8+ Rf8 44.Rxf8+ Kxf8 45.Rc7

1-0



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[Ed – one of the many nice things about editing chess magazines is the interchange between people doing the same work in other countries. I'm grateful to Ralph for allowing me to reprint a few Canadian games from Check! here]

**Deidun, J (2237) – Rotaru, D (2358) [D00]
KE65, 2009**

[Notes by Michael Egan]

**1.d4 d5
2.e4**

The Blackmar–Diemar Gambit has a phenomenal cult following. It also has just as many nay–sayers who insist that the opening just loses by force. How can White possibly justify the loss of a central pawn with little or no compensation? Aggressive players with White, however, point to the crucial tempo in the opening and the potential for a lightning attack on the Black position. Regardless of whether or not the gambit is "correct," one of two things typically happens in the BDG: either White scores a very rapid win (often after sacrificing more material along the way) or Black manages to hold onto the extra material and White suffers before eventually conceding the game. Very few draws abound...

**2... dxe4
3.Nc3 Nf6**

[3...c6; 3...e6 transpose into the Caro Kann and French Defences, respectively.]

**4.f3 exf3
5.Nxf3 g6
6.Bc4 Bg7
7.0-0 0-0
8.Bf4 Nc6
9.Qd2 Bg4**

The general premise behind White's gambit is to take advantage of speedy development and mount a strong attack on the Black king. In response, Black has managed to develop fairly quickly and actively, which is an important first step in consolidating with the material superiority.

**10.Rad1 Ne8
11.Ne2 Bxf3
12.Rxf3 e5
13.Bg5 Qd7
14.d5 e4
15.Rb3 Ne5
16.Bb5 Qd6**

**17.Bf4 b6
18.Nc3 f5**



Black is starting to impose his will in the middle of the board.

**19.Bc6 Rd8
20.Nb5 Qc5+**

White's aggression on the queenside looks misplaced, and has the added disadvantage of moving several of his pieces away from the defence of his king.

**21.Be3 Qe7
22.Nxa7 Nd6
23.Bg5 Bf6
24.Bf4 Nec4
25.Qb4 Be5
26.Bxe5 Nxe5
27.Ba4 f4
28.Nc6 Qg5
29.Rd2**

[29.Nxd8 f3 30.Qd2 e3 31.Rxe3 f2+ is winning for Black. White's alternatives aren't that much better, however.]

29... Rde8

[29...f3 All roads lead to Rome at this point for Black, but this might have been the more direct route. 30.Nxe5 f2+ 31.Kf1 e3 32.Rxe3 Qxg2+ is one pretty option.]

**30.Nxe5 Rxe5
31.Rf2 e3
32.Rf3 Re4**



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Joe Deidun Jnr, played against David Cumming on postal board 2 during our international friendly which started back in 2003 and which the Canadians won handsomely.

The next game features Ed Thompson, who was paired against Tom McAinsh on email board 17 in the same match.

**Thompson,E (1774) – Carley,B (1800) [A05]
WS/O/255, 2009**

[Notes by Michael Egan]

1.Nf3 c5
2.g3
[2.c4 transposes into the Sicilian.]
2... Nc6
3.Bg2 g6
4.0-0 Bg7
5.d3 Nf6
6.Nc3

Something of a decisive move: White could still have played 6.c4, transposing into the English Opening. Instead, he opts for a more compact plan of development, refusing to commit his pawns and exerting pressure on the centre with his pieces.

6... 0-0
7.a3 d6
8.Rb1

Preparing to push b2–b4.

8... e5

The position almost looks like a variation of the English in reverse.

9.Bg5 Be6?!

[9...h6 Letting White bring his queen's knight over to the kingside before challenging the bishop is a bad idea. White is already significantly better.]

10.Ne4! h6?
11.Nxf6+ Bxf6
12.Bxh6 Re8
13.Qd2

Now White just needs time and technique to convert this advantage into victory.

13... Bg7
14.b4 cxb4
15.axb4 f6
16.c4 Qd7
17.b5 Ne7

Black has absolutely no compensation for the pawn. White now completely dominates the queenside.

18.Bxg7 Kxg7
19.Rfc1 Rh8
20.d4 e4
21.d5 Bh3
22.Nd4 Bxg2



23.Ne6+! Kg8
24.Kxg2 Nf5
25.h4 b6
26.Qf4 Qh7
27.Qxe4 g5
28.Qg4 Nh6
29.Qd4 gxh4
30.Qxh4 Qf5
31.Rh1 Nf7
32.Qf4 Qg6
33.Rxh8+ Nxh8
34.Rh1 Re8
35.Rh6

1-0



And now a game from the recently crowned Canadian Champion Richard Labonte. This comes from a friendly international against Latvia.

**Skrodelis,U (2275) – Labonte,R (2365) [B97]
Canada–Latvia, 2007**

[Notes by Richard Labonte]

1.e4 c5
2.Nf3 d6
3.d4 cxd4
4.Nxd4 Nf6
5.Nc3 a6
6.Bg5 e6
7.f4 Qb6
8.Nb3

The idea is to force Black to lose a tempo with the Queen by returning to c7 in order to make the ...b5 push. On the other hand, White removes a knight from the center, which gives Black some counter-play.

8... Nbd7
9.Qf3 Be7
10.0-0 Qc7
11.Kb1

Rarely played. [11.Bd3 b5 is the main line. 12.a3 (12.Rhe1 Bb7 13.Qh3 b4 14.Nb1 Rc8 15.N1d2 e5 16.Nc4 0-0 17.Nca5 Ba8 18.Nc4 Rfe8 19.Rd2 exf4 20.Bxf4 Ne5 21.Bxe5 dxe5 22.Qf5 Bf8 23.g4 Bc6 24.h3 Bd7 25.Qf3 Be6 26.Ne3 Bxb3?! 27.axb3 Qa5? 28.Kb1 h6 29.h4 Nh7 30.Bc4+- Re7 31.g5 hxg5 32.hxg5 Rc6 33.Rg2 g6 34.Rh1 Bg7 35.Rxh7 1-0 Roach–Labonté, M–97.) 12...Rb8

13.Rhe1 b4 14.axb4 Rxb4 15.Kb1 Bb7 16.Qh3 Nc5
 17.Nxc5 Qxc5 18.Na2 Rb6 19.f5 Qe5 20.c3 Bc8 21.Nb4 h6
 22.Bh4 Qa5 23.Bf2 Rb7 24.Qg3 0-0 25.Nc6 Qxc3
 26.Nxe7+ Kh8 27.Re2 Qb3 28.Rc2 Rxe7 29.e5 dxe5
 30.Bc5 Ree8 31.Bxf8 Rxf8 32.Qxc5 exf5 33.Qc5 Kg8
 34.Bxf5 Be6 35.Bxc6 Qxc6 36.Rd6 and White won in 61
 moves, Roose–Labonté, Canada–Belgium 2007.]

11... b5
12.Bd3 b4
13.Ne2

[13.Bxf6 Nxf6 14.Ne2 e5 15.h3 0-0 16.g4 a5±]
13... Bb7



14.Rhf1

In this position, the rook usually goes to e1; it looks misplaced on f1. [14.Rhe1 h6 15.Bh4 a5 16.Ned4 a4 17.Nb5 Qb8 18.N3d4 Nc5 19.g4 b3 20.c4 Kamsky–Sakaev 2005.]

14... a5
15.g4 0-0

This move is not for the king's safety, but rather to bring the second rook into play.

16.Bxf6 Bxf6

[16...Nxf6 17.g5 Nd7 18.Qh3 e5 19.Ng3 a4 20.Nf5 would have given White too much counter–play.]

17.g5

[17.Qh3 e5 18.g5 Bd8 19.Nd2 Nc5 20.Qh5 a4± There is no time to retreat, and all tempi saved are important.]

17... a4



[17...Be7 18.Qh5 a4 19.Nbd4 Rfc8 20.f5 exf5 21.b3±]

18.gxf6

[18.Nd2 Be7 19.Qg3 d5 20.exd5 Bxd5 21.f5 Qxg3±]

18... axb3

19.fxg7

[19.cxb3 Nxf6 20.Rg1 Qc5 21.Nc1 Rfc8±]

19... Rfc8

20.axb3

[20.cxb3 Nc5 21.Bc2 (21.Nc1 f5 22.Bc2 Nxe4 23.Qe2 Bd5±) 21...f5± 22.Nc1 Nxe4 23.Qe2 Kxg7±]

20... Nc5

21.Nd4

[21.c4 was better, but Black is still winning. 21...bxc3 22.Nxc3 Nxb3 23.Qe3 Qa5 24.Rc1 Qb4+ and Black's attack is too strong.]

21... Nxd3

22.Qxd3

[22.Rxd3 Qa5 23.Kc1 Bxe4 24.Qxe4 Qa1+ 25.Kd2 Qxf1-+]

22... Ba6

and White resigned: 23.c4 bxc3 24.Qxc3 Qb7 25.Qf3 Bxf1 26.Rxf1 Qa7 and mate is imminent.

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Bran Rade (Croatia) (1970) - Ralph Marconi (1935)

[C11]

1801-2000 CCF chessHere.com.,2009

[Notes by Ralph Marconi]

1.e4 e6
2.d4 d5
3.Nc3 Nf6
4.e5 Nfd7
5.Nce2



This is considered the most accurate move order to get to the f4 lines according John Watson.

5... c5
6.c3 cxd4!?

[6...Nc6]

7.cxd4□ f6

Immediately attacking White's center.

8.Nf4

The most aggressive approach [Other tries are: 8.f4 ; and 8.exf6]

8... Bb4+
9.Bd2 Qb6!?

[Not 9...Qa5 10.Qh5+ g6 11.Nxg6 Bxd2+ 12.Kd1 Rf8 13.Nxf8+ Kxf8 14.Nf3±]

10.Bxb4

[Better is 10.Qh5+!? g6 11.Nxg6 Bxd2+ 12.Kxd2 Qxb2+ 13.Kc3 Qxa1 14.Nxh8+ Kd8 15.Nc2 Nc6 16.f4 fxe5 17.fxe5 Qxa2 18.Qxh7 Qb3+ 19.Kf2 Kc7±]

10... Qxb4+
11.Qd2 Qxd2+
12.Kxd2 Ke7

[12...Nb6!? 13.Bb5+ Bd7 14.Bxd7+ Kxd7 15.cxf6 gxf6 16.Re1 e5]

13.cxf6+ gxf6
14.Re1 Nb6□
15.Nf3 Kd6!?
16.Bd3

[16.Kc1 Bd7 17.Kb1 Nc6 18.Bb5 a6 19.Bxc6 bxc6=]

16... Nc6
17.Nh5 Rf8!?

[17...e5?!∞ at this point.]

18.b3

[18.Bxh7 e5]

18... e5!±
19.Nxf6!?



[If 19.Bxh7 Bg4 20.Ng3 Bxf3 21.gxf3 Rh8 22.Bd3 Nxd4 23.Nf5+ Nxf5 24.Bxf5 Rh4 25.h3 Rf4 26.Bb1 Rxf3 27.Rh2 Rh8 28.h4 e4±; Or if 19.dxe5+ fxe5 20.Bxh7 Bg4 21.Ng3 Bxf3 22.gxf3 Rxf3 23.h4 Rxf2+ 24.Re2 Raf8±]

19... Rxf6

[On 19...c4!? 20.Nxc4+ dxc4 21.Bxc4 Bg4 (21...Nd5)]

20.dxe5+ Nxe5

21.Nxe5

[On 21.Rxe5 Rxf3 22.Rxd5+ Nxd5 23.gxf3 h5-+]

21... Rxf2+

22.Kc1 Rg2±

23.Bxh7 Be6

24.Nd3 Rf8!

[Bad is 24...Rc8+?! 25.Kb1 Rcc2 26.Nf4 Rb2+ 27.Kc1+-; Or 24...Rh8? 25.Nf4 Rf2 26.Rxc6±± (26.Re3)]

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The Power of the Press

Correspondence chess doesn't get a huge amount of coverage, so it was nice to see John Henderson taking the trouble to include this article in his *Scotsman* column back in August.

Good publicity for SCCA, webserver play and David Cumming!

Not quite so good for poor Roland Fraser, but he generously acknowledged that losing a game may have wider benefits sometimes!

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JOHN B HENDERSON

THE great Mikhail Tal, when once asked about his views on correspondence chess, came up with the instant rejoinder: "I drink, I smoke, I gamble, I chase girls - but postal chess is one vice I don't have." Although a few world-class masters have been avid postal players, the over-the-board and chess-by-mail types tend to live in parallel universes.

The 22nd World Correspondence Championship recently concluded after 31 months of play with the competition going to the wire of an extremely close competition. Aleksandr Surenovich Dronov of Russia edged Jurgen Bucker of Germany on tiebreak to win the title, as both finished on scores of 11.5/16. Two-time world champion and legendary chess patron Joop van Oosterom of the Netherlands, the highest-rated correspondence player

own judgment - it comes from such a tournament hosted on a webserver, and appeared in the Summer 2010 edition of the *Scottish Correspondence Chess Association* magazine. If you are interested in correspondence chess, contact secretary@scottishcca.co.uk, or visit www.scottishcca.co.uk.

D Cumming - R Fraser
Scottish CCA, 2nd Webserver Open
QGD, Tarrasch Defence
1 d4 d5 2 c4 e6 3 Nc3 c5 4 cxd5 exd5 5 Nf3 Nc6 6 g3 Nf6 7 Bg2 Be7 8 0-0 0-0 9 Bg5 cxd4 10 Nxd4 h6 11 Be3 Re8 12 Rc1 Bf8 13 Qa4 Bd7 14 Qd1 Be15 Qa4 Bd7 16 Nxd5 Nxd5 17 Bxd5 Na5 18 Nb5 a6 19 Qf4 Bxb5 20 Qxf7+ Kh7 21 QgB+ Kg6 22 h4 Qd7 23 h5+ Kf6 24 Bd4+ Kg5 25 Qh7 Kxh5 26 Bf6!! Qxd5 27 g4+ Kxg4 28 Qg6+ Kf4 29 e3+ Rxe3 30 fxe3+ Kxe3 31 Qg3+ Kd2 32 Qc3+ Ke2 33 Rce1# 1-0

How does White win?
In history, finished third on 11 points.
Correspondence chess, formerly played by postcards, now uses an Internet server. However, players still get plenty of thinking time - typically, 50 days for each ten moves. Adherents claim that top correspondence games are of higher quality than over-the-board masterpieces. Take a look at the dazzling game below and make your



Friendly International Matches

Our friendly international programme continues to be busy. We started a new 32-board match (23 server, 9 postal) against Sweden in September. Our new match against Hong Kong has been delayed, but hopefully play can begin before too long. Meantime, arrangements are nearing completion for a match versus Finland, possibly starting in November.

Play continues in server matches against Lithuania, Ecuador and Scheming Mind. Postal games remain in progress against Rest of the World (30th anniversary match), Spain, Australia & USA. Here are two games played on the webserver.

Pyrich,G (2251) – Rowley,L (2323) [D15]

Scotland – Australia 2009

[Notes by George Pyrich]

1.d4	d5
2.c4	c6
3.Nf3	Nf6
4.Nc3	a6
5.e3	

Most common here but [5.c5 and; 5.a4 also enjoy popularity]

5...	b5
6.c5	

[6.b3 is the other move here when one example is Phil Giulian's game against Sorensen in the Canadian CCA Anniversary event back in 1991 which continued 6...Bg4 7.Be2 e6 8.Ne5 Bxc2 9.Qxe2 Bd6 10.f4 but eventually 0-1]

6...	Nbd7
7.Bd2	

[7.b4 a5 8.bxa5 Qxa5 9.Bd2 b4 looks good for Black]

7...	e5!?
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[maybe Black should go with 7...a5]

8.b4	e4
9.Ng1	Be7

10.a4

[better than 10.Nge2 a5 when Black is fine]

10...	bx4
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11.f3	exf3
12.Nxf3	Ne4
13.Bd3	f5
14.0-0	0-0
15.Rxa4	Bb7
16.Qe2	Qc8
17.Rfa1	Nb8
18.b5	cxb5
19.Nxb5	

Played in preference to [19.Bxb5 when after the likes of 19...Bf6 20.Bd3 Re8 21.Ne1 Nxd2 22.Qxd2 Qe6 23.Nc2 Bg5 24.Re1 I'm not sure White can claim much of an advantage. The game now revolves around attempts to go after the a6 and d5 pawns whilst keeping an eye on e3]

19...	Bf6
20.Be1?!?	

Really a waste of time – both [20.Bxc4 fxe4 21.Ne1; and 20.Ne1 were better]

20...	Bc6
21.R4a3	Qd7
22.Nc3	g6
23.Bc2	Bg7
24.Ba4	Nxc3
25.Bxc3	Bxa4
26.Rxa4	Re8
27.Qd3	Ra7
28.Be1	Nc6



29.Bd2

[29.Rxa6 was tempting but I don't see a breakthrough after 29...Rxa6 30.Rxa6 Bh6 31.Qb5 Bxc3+ 32.Bf2 Bxf2+ 33.Kxf2 Rc8]

29...	Nb8
30.Ne1!	

At last!

30...	Rb7
31.Nc2	Re4
32.R4a3	Qb5?!

A surprise – I'd expected [32...f4 when after 33.Rb3 fxe3 34.Bxe3 Nc6 35.Rxa6 there's still a lot to do before clinching the win]

33.g3

A difficult choice. Black seemed very active after both [33.Nb4 f4 34.Nxd5 Qxd3 35.Rxd3 fxe3 36.Bxe3 Rd7 37.Rb1 Nc6 38.Nb6 Rf7; and 33.Qxb5 Rxb5 34.g3 g5 35.Rf1 f4 36.gxf4 gxf4 37.Rxf4 Rxf4 38.exf4 Rb2 39.Rc3 Nc6 40.Kf1 a5 and so I finally went for the text]

33... Qxd3

34.Rxd3



34... g5

[I expected 34...Bh6 but after 35.Ra4 Rb1+ 36.Kf2 Rb2 37.Rb4 White should be winning]

35.Nb4 Rxb4?!

Trying for tricks – however [35...f4 36.c6 Rc7 37.Nxd5 Rxc6 38.gxf4 gxf4 39.Nxf4 is clearly very good for White]

36.Bxb4 Rxe3

[36...f4 also loses after 37.Bc3 fxe3 38.Re1 Nc6 39.Rxe3 Rxe3 40.Rxe3 Nxd4 41.Kf2 Nf5 42.Bxg7 Nxe3 43.Kxe3 Kxg7 44.c6!]

37.Rxe3 Bxd4
38.Bd2 f4
39.Ra4 Bxe3+
40.Bxe3 fxe3
41.Rd4!

And Black resigned.

1-0



**Pyrich,G (2251) – Guerra,L [E01]
 Scotland v Ecuador, 2010**

[Notes by George Pyrich]

1.d4 d5
2.c4 e6
3.Nc3 c6
4.Nf3 Nf6
5.g3

With the current popularity of the Catalan set-up, this is now being played as an alternative to the heavily analysed [5.e3; and 5.Bg5]

5... Nbd7
6.Bg2 dxc4
7.0-0 b5

8.e4 Bb7
 [8...b4 9.e5 is unclear!]
9.e5 Nd5
10.Ng5!?

More direct than [10.a4 b4 11.Nc4 Bc7 12.Qe2 a5]

10... Be7

[10...h6 is maybe the critical move when 11.Nge4 (11.Qh5 is tempting when 11...g6 12.Qh3 Be7 13.Nge4 Qb6 14.Rd1 0-0-0 15.a4 is unclear; 11.Nxe6? doesn't work when White doesn't have enough after 11...fxe6 12.Qh5+ g6 13.Qxg6+ Ke7) 11...Qb6 12.a4 a6 13.Qg4 (maybe 13.Be3) 13...0-0-0 14.Rd1 (again 14.Be3) 14...g5 15.Qh5 c5 Diamant v. Matsura, Brazilian Ch., 2009 when White eventually won]

11.Qh5 g6
12.Qh6 Bf8
13.Qh3 Nxc3
14.bxc3 Be7
15.Ne4



15... h5?!

Very dubious but [15...0-0 16.Qh6 is also good for White]

16.a4 a6
17.Bg5 0-0
18.Qh4 Bxg5
19.Nxg5 Kg7

[19...Qe7 is no better after the likes of 20.g4 f6 21.Nc4 hxg4 22.axb5 axb5 23.Rxa8 Bxa8 24.Ra1]

20.axb5 axb5
21.Rxa8 Bxa8

[If 21...Qxa8 22.g4 Rh8 (22...c5 23.Bxb7 Qxb7 24.gxh5 Rh8 25.Qf4 is no better) 23.Nxe6+ is crushing]

22.Ra1 Bb7
23.g4 Rh8
24.Ra7



24... hgx4
 [24...Bc8 also loses after 25.gxh5 Rxh5 26.Nxe6+; as does
 24...Qc8 after 25.Nxe6+ fxe6 26.Qe7+ Kg8 27.Rxb7 Qxb7
 28.Qxe6+ Kh7 29.Qf7+ Kh6 30.Be4]
 25.Nxe6+!

30.Rxd7+ Kf8
 31.d5 c3
 32.dxe6 c2
 33.e7+ Kf7
 34.Bd5+
 1-0

And wins

25... fxe6
 26.Qxd8 Rxd8
 27.Rxb7 c5
 28.Be6 cxd4
 29.cxd4 Rb8



Current Friendly Internationals

Start	Boards	Opponents	Mode	For	Against	Void	Result
Sep 2010n	32	Sweden	Server/Post				
Apr 2010	10	Lithuania	Server	1½	6½		
Mar 2010	20	Scheming Mind	Server	9½	12½		
Feb 2010	20	Ecuador	Server	14½	7½		
May 2009	25	Australia	Server/Post	13	31	2	L
Oct 2008	21	USA	Server/Post	19	21		
Oct 2008	28	England	Server/Post	17	39		L
May 2008	50	Rest of World	Server/Post	37	56	1	L
Oct 2007	20	Spain	Server	14½	23½		L
Jun 2007	14	Spain	Post	8	17		L

18th Olympiad Preliminaries

CCO18/S2		ICCF Olympiad 18 Preliminaries - Section 02										TD Millstone, Dr. Michael												
Nr.	Team	ELO	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	Score	%	+/-	Team results	FG	RG	B1	B2	B3	B4	B5	B6	Place
1	Italy	2482	3	1.5	2	3.5	2.5	3	3.5	5.5	24.5	62	10	8	39	9	3.5	4.5	4.5	3.5	4	4.5	1	
2	Israel	2529	3	1.5	1.5	3.5	2	3	2.5	3	20	58	6	5	34	14	3	5	2.5	4	4	1.5	2	
3	Estonia	2449	1.5	1.5	2	2.5	3.5	3	2	3	19	54	3	4	35	13	3.5	4.5	4.5	1.5	2.5	2.5	3	
4	Finland	2499	2	1.5	3	2.5	2	3	2	2.5	18.5	59	6	2	31	17	2.5	4	1	5	3.5	2.5	4	
5	Netherlands	2513	1.5	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5	2	2	2	17.5	46	-3	0	38	10	4	4	3.5	1	2.5	2.5	5	
6	Peru	2421	2.5	2	2.5	1	2.5	3	2.5	1	17	50	0	1	34	14	2.5	4.5	2	2.5	3	2.5	6	
7	Belgium	2371	2	2	2	1	2	2	2	3	16	44	-4	1	36	12	3	3.5	3.5	2.5	3.5	0	7	
8	Scotland	2376	1.5	1.5	2	2	2	2.5	2	2.5	16	48	-1	0	33	15	4	1.5	4	1	4.5	1	8	
9	Hong Kong	2254	0.5	0	1	0.5	2	0	1	0.5	5.5	19	-17	0	28	20	2	0.5	1.5	0	0.5	1	9	

8th European Team Championships

EU/TC8/sf3		8th European Team Championship - Semifinal 3										TD Klauner, Thed															
Nr.	Team	ELO	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	Score	%	+/-	Team results	FG	RG	B1	B2	B3	B4	B5	B6	B7	B8	Place
1	Russia	2375	3	5.5	5	3.5	4.5	5.5	5.5	4.5	5.5	42.5	64	19	14	66	6	4.5	4.5	5	3.5	6	5.5	6	7.5	1	
2	Slovakia	2449	3	4.5	4.5	4	4.5	2.5	5	3.5	6.5	38	60	13	11	63	9	4	4	4	3.5	6	6.5	5	5	2	
3	Czech Republic	2414	2.5	3.5	5.5	4	4	4	5	3.5	4.5	36.5	52	3	9	70	2	5	4	4.5	5.5	4	4.5	6	3	3	
4	Poland	2455	2	3.5	2.5	3.5	5	5.5	4	5	5	36	51	2	9	70	2	4.5	6	4.5	3	3.5	6	3	5.5	4	
5	Belarus	2373	2.5	3	3	3.5	3.5	5	4.5	5	5.5	35.5	53	5	8	66	6	4.5	4.5	4.5	3.5	4.5	4	4.5	5.5	5	
6	France	2334	3.5	2.5	4	3	4.5	3	4.5	3.5	6	34.5	49	-1	7	70	2	4	6	5.5	3.5	4.5	4	3	4	6	
7	Iceland	2420	2.5	2.5	4	2.5	3	5	3	5	5.5	33	48	-2	7	68	4	4	2.5	4	4	4.5	5.5	5	3.5	7	
8	Lithuania	2267	2.5	3	3	4	3.5	3.5	5	3	5	32.5	45	-7	5	72	0	2	3	4.5	5	4.5	3.5	5	5	8	
9	Scotland	2334	2.5	2.5	3.5	3	3	3.5	3	5	4.5	30.5	45	-6	4	67	5	4.5	1.5	4	2.5	5	4	4.5	4.5	9	
10	Israel	2260	2.5	1.5	3.5	3	1.5	2	1.5	3	3.5	22	31	-26	0	70	2	5	4	2.5	4	2.5	1.5	1	1.5	10	



General Information

Members of the Scottish CCA are eligible to play in ICCF postal, email and webserver tournaments, which cover European and World, Open (O - under 1900), Higher (H - 1900-2100) and Master (M - over 2100) classes. Entries to H or M class events for the first time require evidence of grading strength, or promotion from a lower class. O and H classes have 7 players/section, with M class having 11. It is usually possible to interchange between playing modes when promotion from a class has been obtained.

New World Cup tournaments start every 2-3 years, with 11-player sections of all grading strengths, and promotion to 1/2 finals and final. Winners proceed to the Semi-Finals, and winners of these qualify for a World Cup Final. The entry fee covers all stages, and multiple entries are allowed, though Semi-Finals are restricted to 2 places per individual.

Master and GM Norm tournaments with 13-player sections are available for strong players. Master entry level is fixed ICCF rating of 2300+, (2000 ladies); non-fixed ICCF 2350+ (2050 ladies); or FIDE 2350+ (2050 ladies); while medal winners (outright winners ladies) in national championships are also eligible. GM entry levels are 150 rating points higher. A player can enter only one section per playing mode per year. Section winners who do not achieve norms receive entry to a World Championship Semi-Final.

International numeric notation is the standard for postal events, while PGN is normal for email and webserver play. Playing rules and time limits are provided for each event, and the usual postal limit is 30 days per 10 moves, with 60 days for 10 moves in email and webserver. Players may take up to 30 days leave per calendar year.

Use air mail stickers to all destinations to speed postal play, and be aware that some patience is required, as games may take up to 3 years against opponents in countries with poor mail services. Silent withdrawal is bad etiquette! International CC postcards are recommended, and can be obtained from the SCCA. Email and webserver have speeded up many events, and made it cheaper to play. Generally, you play less email/webserver games simultaneously than postal because of the faster play.

A prerequisite for entry via the SCCA is that the player remains a full member of the SCCA for the duration of the tournament. We wish you great enjoyment from your overseas games, and from making new chess friendships!

Current tournament fees are shown on the Fees page of the SCCA website, and all Scottish players competing in ICCF events have bookmarks from the SCCA site to the relevant ICCF cross-table for easy checking of results. The SCCA international secretary can advise on all aspects of play, how to enter, current entry fees, etc.

Thematic Tournaments

Postal Events 2010-11

Theme 5/10: Nimzo-Indian, E20-49

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Bb4

Entries by 15 November; play starts 1 December

Theme 1/11: Alekhine, B02-05

1.e4 Nf6

Entries by 15 January; play starts 1 February

Webserver Events 2010-11

Theme 7/10: Ruy Lopez, Smyslov Variation, C93

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 Be7 6.Re1 b5 7.Bb3 d6 8.c3 0-0 9.h3 h6

Entries by 1 December; play starts 15 December

Theme 1/11: Reti-Nimzowitsch, Spassky Variation A05

1.Nf3 Nf6 2.g3 b5

Entries by 1 January; play starts 15 January

Note there are no Email Events in 2010-11.

News

- ❑ Aleksandr Dronov (RUS) is the 22nd World Champion, winning on tie-break from Jürgen Bückler (GER), with Joop van Oosterom (NED) finishing 3rd.
- ❑ The 3rd ICCF Veterans World Cup (VWC3) preliminary stage started in September with 364 players competing across 28 sections.
- ❑ The 2010 ICCF Congress in Antalya, Turkey is now closed. 64 delegates from 20 countries attended, and Tom Matheis (SCO) was awarded the IM title.
- ❑ The Congress agreed to contribute to Executive Board expenses – this will help SCCA delegates.
- ❑ The ICCF website will be moving to a new hosting service and the ICCF Forum is being discontinued (TCCMB will accommodate posts as before).
- ❑ Per Söderberg won the Congress Blitz event, and an ICCF team lost 7-14 to Antalya in the challenge match..

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