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NB printed copies no longer available

Two knights back to back, from Skye, mid-13th century
National Museum of Scotland <https://www.nms.ac.uk>



Welcome to the autumn edition of our 2024 magazine set. We seem to be cursed at present; no sooner had we said our farewells to David Cumming and Graham Morrison than we are mourning the passing of founder member Dr Val Nye and CCM Colin Beveridge within a few short weeks of each other.

As previously, we've highlighted some of the memories and play our departed friends have left us. I'm indebted yet again to John Hawkes for researching the material and annotating selected games by Val and Colin.

John has also found time to supply us with another of his Miniature Masterpiece series of games. A fascinating series if you haven't yet enjoyed it... As well as his other talents, John is an accomplished proof-reader, a talent which he brings to bear on my jumbled ramblings each issue...

The final ICCF rating list of 2024 is analysed by our grader Alistair Maxwell, who reports several healthy grading increases from our members.

Our Chess Art pages feature an extended selection of images by M C Escher, an artist I've been meaning to cover for ages now. As well as the visuals, there are links to articles on his life, ideas, influences and studies. Most of the images selected here are chess-themed in some way, but he also interwove mathematics, surrealism, and relativity into his extensive work.

We review the ICCF voting at the recent Congress in Wales and there are brief updates from Domestic Secretary Mickey Blake and International Secretary David Kilgour.

Awani Kumar has been doing some original research on Knights Tours on 4x6x6 boards and presents his findings in this edition.

Alastair Dawson features the multi-talented Jonathan Penrose OBE who achieved GM titles in both over-the-board and in correspondence play. We are treated to three fine wins in this selection.

Enjoy the read and thanks once again to Val Nye for his leadership in getting the SCCA up and going and to both Val and Colin Beveridge for the fine play and memories they have left us.

SCCA Membership

Annual: £10/year buys you entry to all SCCA domestic events and friendly international matches, plus 4 quarterly e-magazines.

Life: £100 gets you annual membership for the rest of your days (plus a year's worth of printed magazines to try out).

Patron: £125 (+ any further donation you care to make) gets you life membership and your name on something commemorative.

SCCA 100 Club

The 100 Club has been and continues to be an important revenue-earner for our Association, with many long-standing subscribers.

However, in recent years we have lost a number of subscribers through death and replacing them has been a challenge that, as yet, we have been unable to fully meet.

Could you help us address our challenge by agreeing to take one, two, three or more units each month?

Responsibility for the 100 Club rests with our Treasurer, Ian Whittaker. Units cost £1 with some members taking one unit while others take as many as 10 units per month. From the Association's perspective paying by Bankers Order is most convenient.

If you don't already subscribe to the 100 club please consider if you can help the SCCA by making contact with Ian to sign up for some units (contact details below).

Recent 100 Club Winners

2024	1st	2nd
September	A P Borwell	J S Murray
August	I Mackintosh	Mrs D Livie
July	I Mackintosh	K B McAlpine

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1st German Open for ICCF Players Elo 1000-1899



Eligibility

The 1st. German Open for players Elo 1000-1899 is open to all players from the Federations belonging to ICCF, and players from countries that do not have their own federation, but who have Elo

1000-1899

The tournament will be organised by TO Manfred Scheiba and IA Michael Schirmer using the SILLI system with 10 games per player. The tournament will be played on the ICCF server.

Entries

All entries have to go through the sever – they cannot be sent via email ! Players may enter via the ICCF Direct Entry system or they can be entered on the server as NF Entries. Entries should be made via the server from the “New Events-Germany page.

Closing date for Direct Entry is 17th October 2024

Closing date for NF entries is 15th October 2024

Prizes

Electronic certificates will be awarded for the first 20 places.

Administration

The Event will start on 25th October 2024 This is a server event and there is no end date.

ICCF standard time control 10 moves in 50 days with duplication after 20 days is used.

45 days of leave per year are available to each player.

There is no special leave in this event.

Linear conditionals can be entered.

This tournament allows claims based on the seven piece tablebase.

The event will be rated.

Tie -Breaking

Standard tie-breaking procedures will be used: If the tie still remains, the order is determined by the higher rating (fixed or unfixed) in previous ranking lists until broken. If needed, adjudicators will be selected by the server.

Visibility of Games

Other participants can see the games after 10 games are finished in the event. and games are finished.

The public can see the games after 10 games are finished in the event. and games are finished

Registration

Each player can play in 1 or 2 tournaments with 10 games in each.

Register in tournament G with 10 games:

<https://www.iccf.com/EventAnnouncement.aspx?id=106903> and

Register in tournament G1 with 10 games:

<https://www.iccf.com/EventAnnouncement.aspx?id=106904>

2024 Congress Voting Summary

Summary

Voting results for each proposal are appended, with SCCA votes shown. Refer ICCF website for proposals.

2024-001a	33	7	SCO ✓
2024-001b	36	2	SCO ✓
2024-002a	16	21	SCO X
2024-002b	29	8	SCO X
2024-003	26	9	SCO ✓
2024-004	28	10	SCO X
2024-020	32	7	SCO ✓
2024-021	28	10	SCO ✓
2024-022	37	3	SCO ✓
2024-023	37	3	SCO ✓
2024-024	32	5	SCO ✓
2024-025	27	9	SCO ✓
2024-026	26	3	SCO ✓
2024-027	36	3	SCO ✓
2024-028	35	3	SCO ✓
2024-029	36	3	SCO ✓
2024-030	24	12	SCO ✓
2024-031	35	3	SCO ✓
2024-040	10	22	SCO X
2024-041	18	18	SCO ✓
2024-042	35	3	SCO ✓
2024-043	15	23	SCO X
2024-044	10	26	SCO X
2024-045	22	17	SCO X
2024-046	35	5	SCO ✓
2024-047	36	2	SCO ✓
2024-048	13	21	SCO X
2024-049	34	1	SCO ✓
2024-050	12	27	SCO X
2024-051	4	33	SCO X
2024-052	3	31	SCO X
2024-053	39	1	SCO ✓
2024-054	2	29	SCO X

ICCF World Cup 24 Announced



ICCF, in association with the Bulgarian Correspondence Chess Association (Bulgarian CCA), is pleased to announce World Cup 24.

Organisation

Registration will begin immediately and will close on 10th November 2024.

Rating list 2024/4 will be applied.

All Preliminary groups will finish on 25th October 2026.

The Semifinal round will be started on 25th November 2026. Each group will consist of 9-15 players.

All Semifinal groups will finish on 25th October 2028

The Final round will be started on 25th November 2028

With 13-17 players

All groups of the Preliminary and Semifinal stages start on the same day.

Each group winner will be promoted to the next round together with the best runners-up of the groups (as decided by the tournament organiser).

For multi-round and promotion tournaments (including the WCCC series of events), a positive score is required for a first-place finish to be awarded. If no player in these types of tournaments (for any specific place, whether first, second, etc.) achieves a positive score, then no player is awarded qualification (for that place) to the next round or to the next higher class (1.3.1.).

Tie-breaking Procedures

- number of wins by each tied player in the tournament (the Baumbach tie-breaking system)
- if after "a" the tie persists, then the points evaluation by the Sonneborn-Berger-System,
- if after "b" the tie persists, then the results of the tied players against each other.

Prizes

The group winners of the Preliminary stage and of the Semifinal stage win a prize, paid as ICCF Vouchers or suitable prizes provided by our sponsors.

Cash prizes are only available to those with a acceptable route of payment, otherwise in ICCF vouchers.

Tie-breaks will not be applied in respect of these cash prizes and instead those players scoring equal points will equally share any prize money due.

Qualification

The winner of the Final round has the right to take part in the Final round of the next correspondence chess World Cup tournament without paying any entry fee.

Participants in the Final stage have the right to take part in the intermediate stage of the next correspondence chess World Cup tournament.

Domestic Notes

Mickey Blake reports that, in the Championship, Derek Price has the early lead, but the tournament has suffered the sad unexpected and sudden loss of two players.

The Premier sees both Andrew Taylor and Colin MacGregor qualify for the Championship next season.

The Open A section saw yet another strong performance from Andrew MacMillen who may achieve a 100% score.

In Open B we congratulate Colin MacGregor for his excellent 100% score. Meanwhile in Open C we have another 100% recorded this time by Robert Bruce -well done Robert!.

The Challengers event has recorded 26 games completed with just 4 draws, a quite astonishing result when compared to the frequently seen 90% plus draw rate recorded in a many ICCF events nowadays. Long may the Challengers continue to provide a competitive and friendly atmosphere!. The 2024 Scottish League was very fortunate to gain the support of 6 teams from England after the loss of both Civil Service and BCCA due to those bodies ceasing to exist. My sincere thanks to all competitors for keeping the league alive and to IA Clive Murden for his continued support as

Tournament Director. In Division One we have one team in this league, Knights of the Board A. The team comprises, CCM Allan Buchan, CCM Iain Sneddon, CCM Robert S. Montgomery and Raymond J. Burrige. In Division Two we have two Scottish teams in the top division of the league, Brutal Realism and SCCA Claymores. Our Brutal Realism team are fierce competitors in the league and have had some great results here. SCCA Claymores are relatively fresh to the league but are doing very well to hold their own against very strong competition. Brutal Realism comprise, SIM Gordon Anderson, CCE Wilf Taylor, James S. Murray and Robert Gilbert. SCCA Claymores comprise, CCE Ian Whittaker. CCM Geoffrey Lloyd, Derek Price and CCE Robert Bruce. In Division Three we competition remains strong against England, White Rose (Yorkshire) and of course our long-standing supporters the Social CCA. Our team in this division are Knights of the Board B and they comprise of Andrew N. MacMillen, David Carswell, Alan Sedstrem and John Dunn. The league may be followed at:

<https://www.iccf.com/event?id=104809>

Final Thoughts. The League is a great advertisement for Scotland and would greatly benefit from a stronger Scottish presence. Teams of four players are welcome to enter and please note that entry for Scottish players remains free! England have agreed to fund 6 teams for the 2025 season, and it would be a fantastic statement from Scottish players if we could do something similar and put in a challenge to win our own league. If you would like to play in the Scottish League but as yet do not have a team, please let me know and I will do my best to get everybody a team to play in for 2025. Email me at membership@scottishcca.co.uk

David Kilgour reports that friendly matches against US and Poland are now both ongoing. Teams for the next NATT should be entered soon.

Fernschach 2024 CC Database



Herbert Bellmann writes to advise that Fernschach 2024 offers a CC games database in addition to ICCF and commercial products. In summary:

- Database available annually since 2000
- Nearly 1,933,000 games (from 1991)
- Over 95,000 new games since 2023
- Over 10,000 annotated (320 new)
- German letters ä, ö, ü and ß are not counted in names
- Games from all main chess servers + post + email All tournaments marked correspondence so that CC games can be recognised in a larger database

The price is €14.00 (shipping within Germany) and €16 (shipping elsewhere). Email version €12.

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<https://www.bdf-fernschachbund.de/news/fernschach-cd-2023-erschienen.html>

ICCF Games Archive Updates



June updates to the Games Archive have now been added. You can now download all annual archives to end-December 2023.

SCCA on Twitter



Mickey Blake sends a reminder that we are now on Twitter at

<https://twitter.com/scotcorrchess>

The account is linked to

membership@scottishcca.co.uk

If you are a Twitter user, feel free to follow us and retweet our news items. We'll retweet news from ICCF to broaden the reach of their tournament announcements etc., and our posts will carry the tag #CorrespondenceChess

Our page looks like this:



If you're a Twitter user, feel free to get in touch!

SCCA on Facebook



Mickey Blake continues as our FB editor.

If you prefer to get your updates from Social Media, then the page to visit is:

<https://www.facebook.com/scottishcca>

You can help Mickey by posting your own comments on the page, and 'Liking' anything which catches your eye!

For reference, ICCF are on Facebook at:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/168419426514337>



2024/4 Grading List

By Alistair Maxwell

The final ICCF grading list of 2024 is published and new grades are based on 3 months' results reported between 1 Jul and 30 Sep 2024. The grades will apply to internationally graded games starting between 1 Oct and 30 Dec 2024.

The only change to titles is Robert Montgomery's Scottish Master title ratification. Congratulations to Robert!

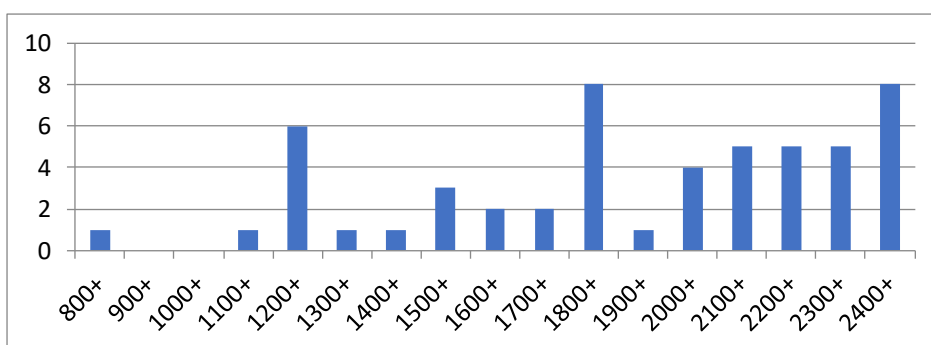
There was 1 addition to the list as Andrew Robinson got to the 30-game threshold for a fixed rating. Again sadly, we have lost another from the list as Colin Beveridge has passed away. My thoughts are with his family. Martin Hardwick has transferred his allegiance to England and also drops from our list.

The most significant rating moves were Ian Whittaker (+69), Charles O'Neill-McAleenan (+67), Benjamin Major and Wilf Taylor (+51), James Murray (+46), Andrew Taylor (+41), Robert Gilbert (+30) and Thomas Matheis (+22).

New games centurions were Carlos Almarza Mato (2600+) and Robert Bruce (1200+). Highest recorded games this quarter were Carlos Almarza Mato (58), Iain Sneddon and Robert Bruce (45), and Michael Blake (21).

You need to complete 12 ICCF-eligible games to obtain a rating. Fixed ratings are based on at least 30 games and only these are shown below. Rating changes are denoted by arrows. Email grader@scottishcca.co.uk if you have any queries.

No.	Name	Results	Grade	No.	Name	Results	Grade
317	Almarza Mato, C (CCE)	2644	2157 ↑	532	Mackintosh, I (SIM)	873	2447 ↑
518	Anderson, G M (CCM, SM)	425	2322 ↑	216	MacMillen, A N	1540	1714 ↓
	Anderson, T R	74	1811 ↔		Major, B	123	1273 ↑
	Antunes, A	56	2205 ↔	566	Marshall, I H	940	2263 ↓
313	Armstrong, J McK	579	1242 ↓	434	Matheis, T (IM)	329	2472 ↑
511	Beecham, C R (SIM)	564	2478 ↓		Maxwell, A	75	2060 ↔
599	Bell, A D (IM)	285	2429 ↔		Miles, A	106	1231 ↔
501	Bennett, P G (CCM, SM)	513	2378 ↔	598	Montgomery, R S (CCM, SM)	421	2373 ↑
472	Blake, M J (CCM)	999	2403 ↑		Moss, R	47	1778 ↔
509	Borwell, A P (IM)	1105	2197 ↔		Munro, P R	104	2159 ↑
	Bruce, R (CCE)	1211	1883 ↓	474	Murden, C (IM)	689	2467 ↔
486	Buchan, A W (CCM)	480	2455 ↔	564	Murray, J S	122	2067 ↑
602	Burridge, R J	2029	1691 ↓	603	O'Neill-McAleenan, C	258	1649 ↑
	Carswell, D	65	1506 ↓	604	Paine, Prof K A (CCM, SM)	260	2333 ↔
247	Cormack, W H	139	1820 ↔		Pettigrew, S	207	1333 ↓
422	Dawson, Prof A G (CCE)	179	2144 ↔	432	Price, D	545	2080 ↑
478	Dunn, J	573	1281 ↓		Rafferty, F	52	1181 ↓
371	Edney, D	339	1818 ↔		Robinson, A	33	1569 N
	Foote, I	280	1805 ↑		Ross, Derek I	57	1808 ↔
462	Gilbert, R	353	1515 ↑		Sedstrem, A	122	1289 ↓
548	Kilgour, D A (GM)	381	2288 ↔	477	Smith, M J (CCE)	134	2239 ↔
260	Knox, A	431	1266 ↔	439	Sneddon, I (CCM, SM)	877	2409 ↓
	Lima, J	30	2039 ↔	057	Taylor, A	55	1883 ↑
264	Lloyd, G (CCM, SM)	1249	2243 ↔		Taylor, R	82	1425 ↔
	MacDonald, M	143	863 ↑		Taylor, W (CCE)	247	2161 ↑
584	MacGregor, C A	549	1965 ↑	605	Whittaker, I P (CCE)	360	2386 ↑
				480	Wicht, D	82	1890 ↔



Statistical Analysis

Total listed	53
New entrants	1
Deletions (inactive, lapsed, non-members etc.)	2
Grading increases (↑)	18
Grading decreases (↓)	12
Grading static (↔)	22

Top 30 Grades

Beecham, C R (SIM)	2478	Lloyd, G (CCM, SM)	2243
Matheis, T (IM)	2472	Smith, M J (CCE)	2239
Murden, C (IM)	2467	Antunes, A	2205
Buchan, A W (CCM)	2455	Borwell, A P (IM)	2197
Mackintosh, I (SIM)	2447	Taylor, W (CCE)	2161
Bell, A D (IM)	2429	Munro, P R	2159
Sneddon, I (CCM, SM)	2409	Almarza Mato, C (CCE)	2157
Blake, M J (CCM)	2403	Dawson, Prof A G (CCE)	2144
Whittaker, I P (CCE)	2386	Price, D	2080
Bennett, P G (CCM, SM)	2378	Murray, J S	2067
Montgomery, R S (CCM, SM)	2373	Maxwell, A	2060
Paine, Prof K A (CCM, SM)	2333	Lima, J	2039
Anderson, G M (CCM, SM)	2322	MacGregor, C A	1965
Kilgour, D A (GM)	2288	Wicht, D	1890
Marshall, I H	2263	Bruce, R (CCE)	1883

Top 10 Rated Games

Almarza-Mato, C (CCE)	2644	Borwell, A P (IM)	1105
Burridge, R J	2029	Blake, M J (CCM)	999
MacMillen, A N	1540	Marshall, I H	940
Lloyd, G (CCM, SM)	1249	Sneddon, I (CCM, SM)	877
Bruce, R (CCE)	1211	Mackintosh, I (SIM)	873

Selected Personal Best Grades 2024/2

	New	Previous		Gain
Matheis, T (IM)	2472	2459	2020/2	13
Blake, M J (CCM)	2403	2397	2024/3	6
Whittaker, I P (CCE)	2386	2317	2024/3	69
Montgomery, R S (CCM, SM)	2373	2355	2024/3	18

Other Notes

Senior International Master (SIM) title norms are held by:

Matheis, T (1), Murden, C (1)

International Master (IM) title norms are held by:

Anderson, G M (1), Bennett, P G (1), Sneddon, I (2)

Scottish Master (SM) title norms are held by:

Buchan, A (1), Whittaker, I P (1)

Correspondence Chess Master (CCM) title norms:

Whittaker, I P (1), Taylor, W (1)

Correspondence Chess Expert (CCE) title norms:

Burridge, R J (2).

This list includes a number of our members who are registered with other countries. Members who have played <30 games are not shown.

To check your rating online at any time, go to the ICCF webserver site (www.iccf.com), click on the ICCF Ratings link then complete the search boxes.

A number of useful online rating enquiry facilities are available, including a personal forecasted rating as your results come in.



Obituaries

By John E. Hawkes

Introduction

2024 continues in its sorrowful way with a further two deaths to record – founding member Dr Val Nye and CCM Colin Beveridge – both through heart failure.

Dr Val Nye



(Recent photograph kindly sent by Valerie Nye)

Val Armstrong Nye was born in Surrey in 1937, having a Scottish connection in that his mother came from the Kilmacolm area in Renfrewshire.

He took up chess at school and joined the local Mitcham Chess Club whose championship he won while studying for his 'Highers'. Instead of going to university.

Val opted to do his national service in the RAF as a Radar Fitter. After that, he then went to Imperial College, London, taking a degree in Mathematics. With this expertise he joined the Aircraft Research Bedford Association, whose work required mathematical computation in the testing of new designs in aircraft. Interestingly, at one stage, 'Concorde' was involved in his work.

Val, now married, came to Scotland as an Assistant Lecturer at

Strathclyde University. His wife Valerie, has a degree in Domestic Science, as it was then called, and the SCCA Committee was indebted to her hospitality when they met at Val's home!

Joining the Glasgow Chess Club, he established himself as a strong player and his grading allowed him to play in the Scottish Championships in 1968, 69 and 71. He meanwhile took his PhD in Mathematics and was 'capped' in 1968.

With a young family growing up Val still found time to help organise regional chess in Scotland and was the captain of the Renfrewshire team, playing in many tournaments, including West of Scotland events.

Val was interested in CC and it was no surprise when he was among those who rallied to the call to set up a properly constituted SCCA and volunteered to be its first Secretary and Treasurer. He held the post from 1977-83 and was presented with an engraved chess clock on his retirement.

(Refer also Allan Hislop article in SCCA News Bulletin 3, 1980).

White: Nye, Dr Val

Black: Marshall, Claud

Dutch Defence, Leningrad [A87]

SCCA Championship 1973

[Notes by John E Hawkes]

1.d4	f5
2.g3	Nf6
3.Bg2	g6
4.c4	Bg7
5.Nc3	e6
6.Nf3	d6
7.0-0	0-0
8.b3	Ne4
9.Bb2	Nc6
10.Nxe4	fxe4
11.Ne1	d5
12.Nc2	Ne7
13.Ne3	c5
14.cxd5	exd5
15.Rc1	cxd4
16.Bxd4	Bxd4

17.Qxd4	Be6
18.Qe5	Qb6
19.Rc7	Rae8



20.Nxd5!	Bxd5
21.Rxe7	Rxe7
22.Qxe7	Qc6
23.Rd1	Re8
24.Qg5	Be6
25.h4!	Qc7
26.Rd2	Qc6
26...Bf5	
27.h5	Bf7
28.h6	Qc3
29.Rd8!	e3



30.Rxe8+

After 30.Rxe8+ Bxe8 Val had a fantastic mating finish; 31.Qd5+!! Kh8 (31...Kf8 32.Qd6+ Kf7 33.Bd5#; 31...Bf7 32.Qd8+ Be8 33.Qxe8#) 32.Qe6! exf2+ 33.Kh2 f1N+ 34.Bxf1 Qc6 35.Qe5+ Kg8 36.Qg7#

1-0



White: Seyfried, Jack

Black: Nye, Val

Giuoco Piano C53]

SCCA Premier 1979

[Notes by John E Hawkes]

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|---------|------|
| 1.e4 | e5 |
| 2.Nf3 | Nc6 |
| 3.Bc4 | Bc5 |
| 4.c3 | Qe7 |
| 5.d4 | Bb6 |
| 6.0-0 | d6 |
| 7.h3 | h6 |
| 8.Re1 | g5 |
| 9.d5 | Nd8 |
| 10.Bb5+ | Kf8! |
| 11.Be3 | g4 |
| 12.hxg4 | Bxg4 |
| 13.Nbd2 | Nf6 |
| 14.Nf1 | Nd7 |
| 15.N1h2 | h5 |
| 16.Qd2 | f5! |
| 17.Bg5 | Qh7 |



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|---------|--------|
| 25... | Rxg2+! |
| 26.Nxg2 | Kd7 |
| 27.Rfe1 | Rg8 |
| 28.Kf1 | Rxg2 |
| 29.Re3 | Bxe3 |
| 30.Bxe3 | Qg4 |
| 31.f3 | Qxf3+ |
| 32.Bf2 | Rh2! |
- and Rh1 mate is unstoppable!

0-1



White: Nye, Val

Black: Gillam, Simon

Gruenfeld Defence, D93

SCCA Candidates 1980-81

[Notes by John E Hawkes]

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|-------|-----|
| 1.d4 | Nf6 |
| 2.c4 | g6 |
| 3.Nc3 | d5 |
| 4.Bf4 | |
- The Brinckmann Attack.
- | | |
|----------|------------|
| 4... | Bg7 |
| 5.e3 | |
| 5.Rc1 | dx4!? |
| 6.e4 | (6.e3 Be6) |
| 6...c5 | |
| 7.dxc5 | Qa5 |
| 8.Bxc4 | 0-0 |
| 9.f3 | Nc6 |
| 10.Nge2 | Nd7! |
| 11.Be3 | Nde5 |
| 12.Bb5 | Rd8 |
| 13.Bd2 | a6 |
| 14.Bxc6 | Nd3+ |
| 15.Kf1 | Nxc1 |
| 16.Nd5 | Qxc5 |
| 17.Bxc1 | bxc6 |
| 18.Nf6+ | Bxf6 |
| 19.Qxd8+ | Kg7 |
| 20.h4 | h5 |
- and Black won convincingly in Tolonen L. v Trapl J., XV CC World Championship SF.
- | | |
|-------|-----|
| 5... | 0-0 |
| 6.Nf3 | c6 |
- The most solid defence - Carl Ahues in the Dyckhoff Memorial book.
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| 7.Rc1 | |
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- G.Auer - K.Poller in Dyckhoff Memorial section 12/M 1954-56 went: 7.Qb3 dxc4 8.Bxc4 Nbd7 9.Ng5? Qe8 10.0-0 Nb6 11.Bd3 h6 12.Nf3 Be6 13.Qc2 Nbd5 14.Bg3 Nb4 15.Qb1 Nxd3 16.Qxd3 Nh5



18.exf5?

An imprecision, when 18.Bxd8 Rxd8 19.Ng5 was logical and good.

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| 18... | Bxf5 |
| 19.Nh4 | Nf7 |
| 20.Nxf5 | Qxf5 |
| 21.Nf3? | |

A second imprecision. 21.Bh4 was even chances.

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| 21... | Rg8 |
| 22.Bxd7? | |

And a third - fatal! 22.Nh4 was the only move.

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| 22... | Qxd7 |
| 23.Bh6+ | Ke8 |
| 24.Rf1 | Qh3 |
| 25.Ne1 | |

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| 17.Nh4? | f5 |
| 18.f4 | b5 |
| 19.Rfd1 | Rd8 |
| 20.Nf3 | Nxg3 |
| 21.hxg3 | b4 |
| 22.Na4 | Bd5 |
| 23.Nc5 | Bxf3!? |
| 24.gxf3 | Qf7 |
| 25.Qb3! | Rd5! |
| 26.Qxb4 | Rfd8 |
| 27.Kf2 | e5 |
| 28.fxe5 | Bxe5 |
| 29.Qa4 | Bd6 |
| 30.Nb3? | (30.Nd3±) |
| 30...Bxg3+ | |
| 31.Kxg3 | f4+! |
| 32.exf4 | Rf8 |
| 33.Nd2 | Qxf4+ |
| 34.Kf2 | Re8!! |
| 35.Qc4 | Kg7 |
- and White resigned [Annotation by Ahues]

7...

Bg4



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| 8.Qd2 | Bxf3 |
| 9.gxf3 | Nbd7 |
| 10.cxd5 | Nxd5 |
| 11.Nxd5 | cx5 |
| 12.Bc7 | Qe8 |
| 13.Be2 | |

13.Qb4 could have been tried a move earlier: 13...Nb6 (13...e5 14.Bb5 exd4 15.Qd6) 14.Bb5 Qc8 15.Qxe7 Qh3 16.Ke2 and White is better.

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| 13... | f5 |
| 14.Qb4 | Nb6 |
| 15.Bb5 | Qf7 |
| 16.f4 | Bf6 |
| 17.0-0 | Qe6 |
| 18.Be5 | |

I didn't like the look of Qe4 then g5 (Nye).

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| 18... | Bxe5 |
| 19.dxe5 | |
| 19.fxe5 | f4! (Nye) |
| 19... | Rac8 |



20.a4

What else? (Nye)

20... Rxc1

21.Rxc1 Rc8

22.Rxc8+ Nxc8

22...Qxc8? 23.Qxe7 Qc1+ 24.Kg2

Qd1 25.h3! No perpetual and Be8 is a deadly threat [Nye]

23.Qc5 a6

24.Be2 Qd7

After e6 Black's position would be impregnable, therefore.... (Nye)

25.e6! Qxe6

26.Bf3 Kg7!

26...Nb6 27.a5 Nd7 28.Qc8+ Kg7

29.Qxb7 and if 29...Nc5 30.Qxd5

Qxd5 31.Bxd5 Nd3 32.Bc4 Nb4

33.Kf1+-

27.Bxd5

The obvious move, but there was also; 27.Qc3+ Kg8 (27...Kh6?

28.Qh8! threatens Qf8 mate.) 28.Qb3

Nb6 29.a5 Nc4 30.Qxb7 and the

desperate 30...Nxe3 can be more than answered by 31.Qb6!

27... Qd7



28.Kg2

28.Qc3+ Kh6 29.Bf3 e6 30.Qf6! kept up the pressure with 30...Qe7

31.Qxe7 Nxe7 32.Bxb7 a5 33.Kf1

then a simplifying possibility in White's favour.

28... Nd6

29.Qd4+ Kh6

The only move: 29...Kf8 30.Qh8# of course.

30.Bf3 Qe6

31.Qh8

31.a5 could [should?] at last have come into the story, but 31...Qf6

(31...Nb5? 32.Qd8! White should win: queen dominating the board and

Black's b7 pawn vulnerable.) 32.Qb6

Ne4 is not quite winning for White,

as 33.Qxb7? Qh4! 34.Bxe4 Qg4+ and Black has wangled a draw by

that aforementioned perpetual check on the d1-h5 diagonal!

31... Qf6!

31...Qf7 32.Qa8

32.Qxf6 exf6

And a draw was agreed soon after.

"My Most Frustrating Game" - lamented Val Nye in his SCCA Bulletin 10 commentary on the game.

1/2-1/2



Colin Beveridge



White: Beveridge, Colin
Black: Pommrich, Rainer
Sicilian Rossolimo, B31
WS/M/643 e-mail 2017
[Notes by John E Hawkes]

1.e4

2.Nf3

3.Bb5

4.Bxc6

5.d3

6.h3

7.a4

8.0-0

9.Na3

10.Be3

11.Nc4

c5

Nc6

g6

dx6

Bg7

b6

e5

a5

Ne7

0-0

Qc7



12.b4?!

13.a5

14.Bxc5

15.Ra4

16.dxc4

16...f5 was worth considering.

17.Bxb4

Refusing the exchange offer; 17.Bxf8

Bxf8 18.Qa1 Qa7! 19.Nxe5 (19.Qxe5

Nb6) 19...Bg7 with compensation.

17... c5

18.Bc3 Ne7

19.Qe2 Nc6

20.Rfa1 Rfd8

21.Kh1 Ra7

22.Nd2 Qe7

∩22...Nd4

23.Qe3 Bf8

24.Kh2 Nd4

25.R1a2 Qf6

26.Nb3 Rad7

27.Bd2 Nxb3

28.cxb3 Rd3

29.Qg5 Qd6

30.Be3 Be7

31.Qg3 Qc6

32.Rxa5 Qxe4=

33.Ra7 Kf8?

33...Bh4 got the queens off.

34.Re2 Qf5

The only move; 34...Qc6? 35.Rxe7!

Kxe7 36.Bxc5+! Qxc5 37.Rxe5+ and

White is winning.

35.Bh6+

Kg8



36.Rxe7!

And not 36.Rxe5 Qxe5! 37.Qxe5 Bd6 and Black will be the exchange up.

36... Rxc3

37.fxg3 f6

37...Qh5 38.Rd2!! Rb8 39.Rb7! Ra8 40.Be3±

38.Ra2! g5

In order to protect h7.

39.Rg7+ Kh8

40.Ra6! Rf8

40...e4 41.Rf7 Qc8 (41...Qg6

42.Raxf6 Qg8 43.Rf8+-) 42.Raxf6

e3 43.Ra7! e2 (43...Rg8 44.Rff7 Rg6

45.Rf8+ Qxf8 46.Bxf8 Re6 47.Ra1 e2

48.Re1+-) 44.Rff7 e1Q and White

mates in three moves.

41.Rf7!

1-0



White: Beveridge, Colin

Black: Traut, Gerhard

Sicilian - Rossolimo B31

Champions League e-mail 2019

[Notes by John E Hawkes]

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|---------|-------|
| 1.e4 | c5 |
| 2.Nf3 | Nc6 |
| 3.Bb5 | g6 |
| 4.Bxc6 | dxex6 |
| 5.d3 | Bg7 |
| 6.h3 | e5 |
| 7.0-0 | Qc7 |
| 8.Be3 | b6 |
| 9.a3 | Nf6 |
| 10.Nbd2 | 0-0 |



11.b4

Undoubling Black's pawns but opening the a-file.

11... cxb4

12.axb4 Nd7

13.Nc4 c5

14.c3 Rd8

15.Re1 h6

16.Qd2 Kh7

17.Qe2 Bb7

18.bxc5 Nxc5

19.Bxc5 Qxc5



20.Nxe5!? Bxe5

21.d4 Qxc3

22.Rac1 Qb4

23.Nxe5 Rxd4

24.Ng4 Rf8

Play has become very interesting and highly tactical. If 24...h5 25.Rc7!

25.Qe3 Qd2!



26.Qa3! Kg7

27.Rcd1

Another line was 27.Qa1 pinning 27...Rfd8 28.Ne5 (28.Red1 Qb4 29.f3 a6=) 28...Qa5! with a possible continuation; 29.Qxa5 bxa5 30.Rc7

Rd1 31.Rxf7+ Kg8 32.Rf1 Bxe4

33.Rxa7 Rxf1+ 34.Kxf1 Ra8!±

27...Qxd1

28.Rxd1 Rxd1+

29.Kh2 h5

30.Nf6 Rfd8

31.e5 a5

32.Qe7 Bc8

33.Ne4 Kg8?

33...Be6 34.Ng5 Kh6 was to be considered.

34.Nd6 Rf8

35.f4 Rd5

35...Rf1 was better.

36.Nxc8 Rxc8

37.f5 Rdd8

38.e6 Rf8

39.Qg5 Rc5

40.g4



40... hxg4

41.hxg4 a4

42.exf7+ Rxf7

43.Qxg6+ Kf8

43...Rg7 44.Qe8+ Kh7 45.f6!

44.Qd6+ Kg8

45.Qd8+ Kh7

46.Qxb6 Rc2+

47.Kg3

47.Kg3 If 47...Rg7 queen

centralisation proves decisive, e.g.

48.Qd4! Rc1 49.f6 Rgc7 50.Qe4+!

Kh6 51.Kh4! R1c5 52.Qe8 a3 53.f7

etc.

1-0





Chess Art 1

By Iain
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M C Escher

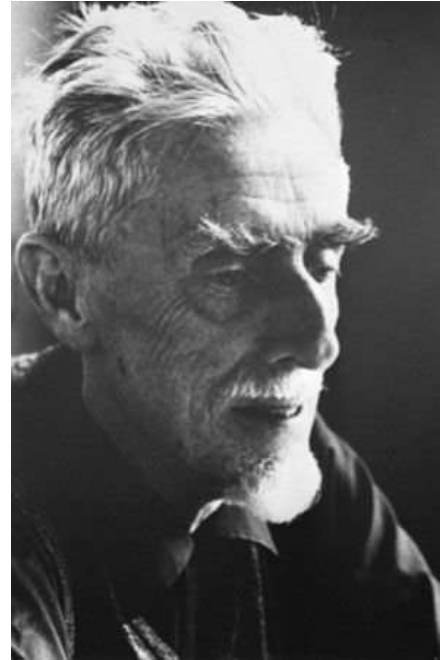
Our featured artist this time is Maurits Cornelis Escher, born in 17 June 1898 in Leeuwarden, Netherlands and died on 27 March 1972, in Hilversum, also Netherlands.

Escher made woodcuts, lithographs and mezzotints, many of which were inspired by mathematics. He had no formal training in the subject, but his work features explorations of infinity, hyperbolic geometry and mosaic tessellations (which he studied on visits to the Alhambra Palace in Spain).

Escher lived in Italy, Switzerland and Belgium before returning to the Netherlands in 1941.

Escher loved playing chess. The strategic board game was a pleasant form of entertainment for him. He was a member of several chess clubs during his life, but he also found chess a pleasant way to pass the time on his many boat trips.

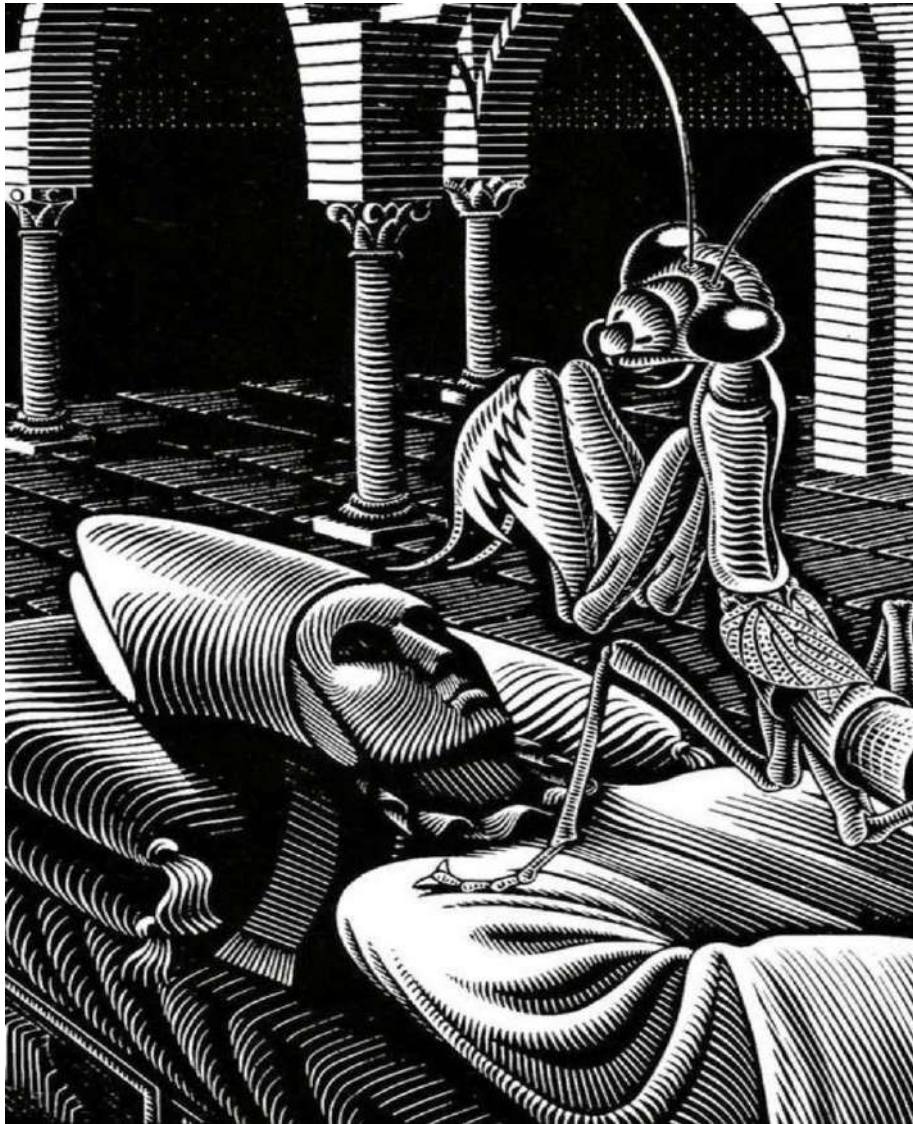
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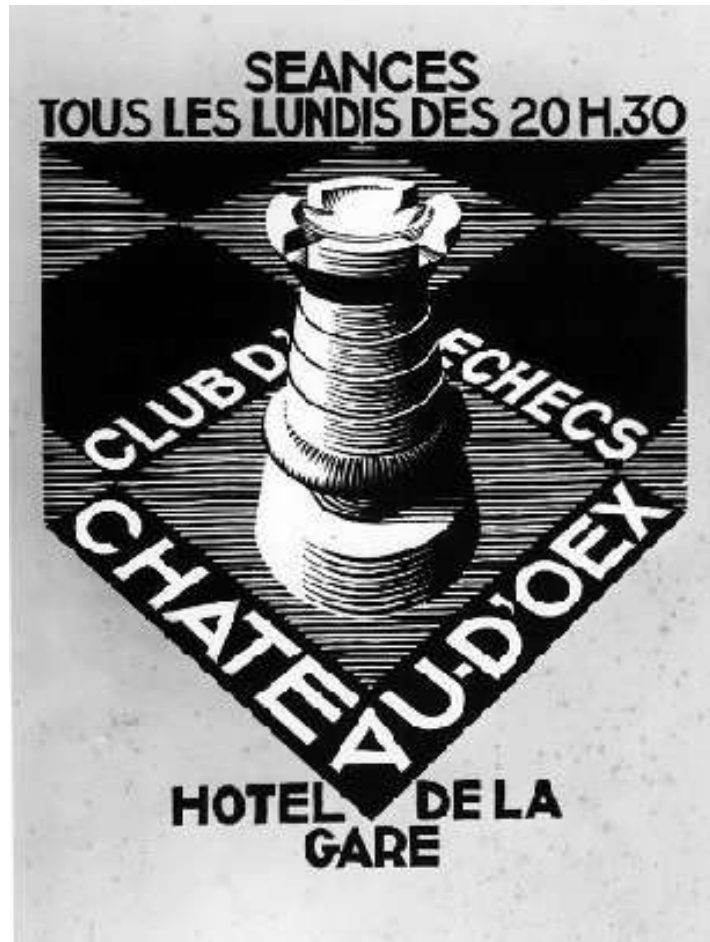
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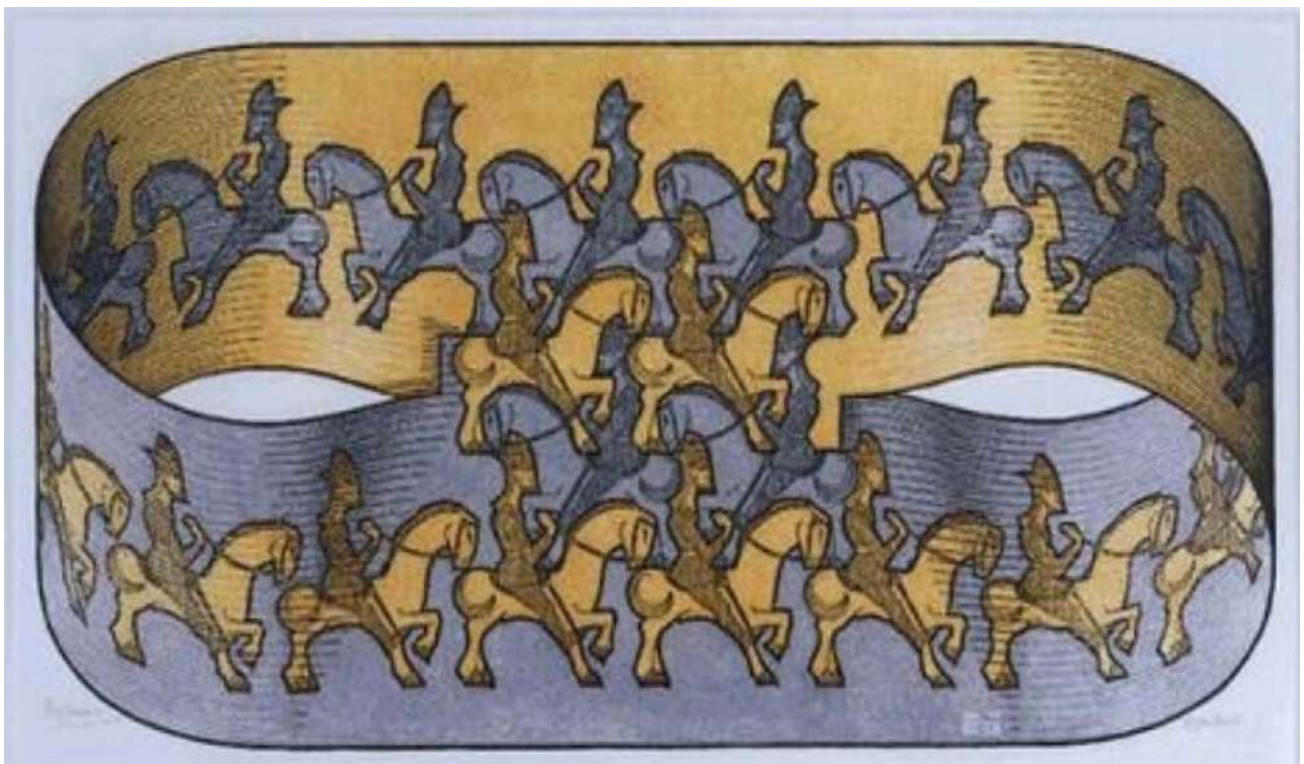
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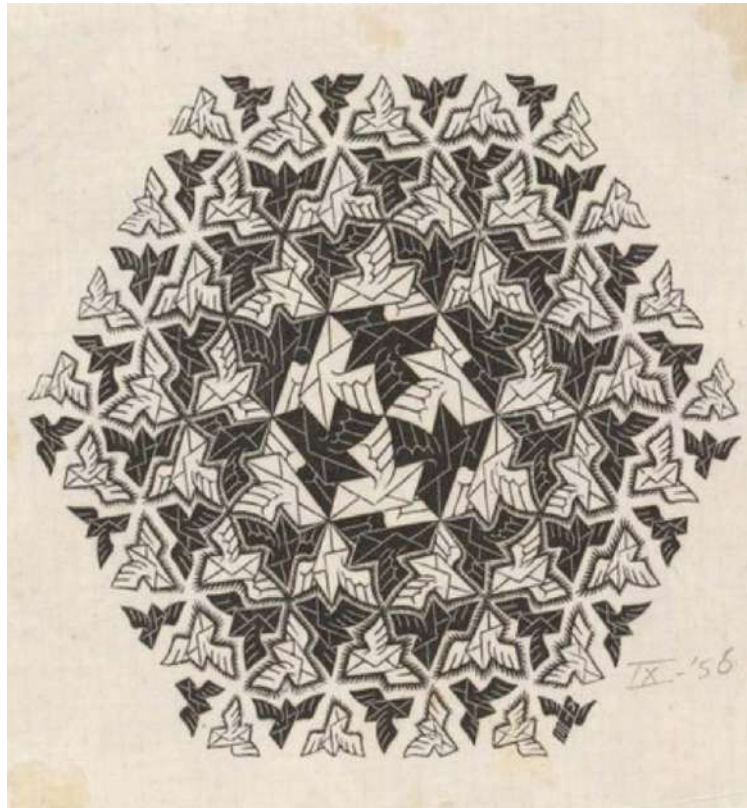
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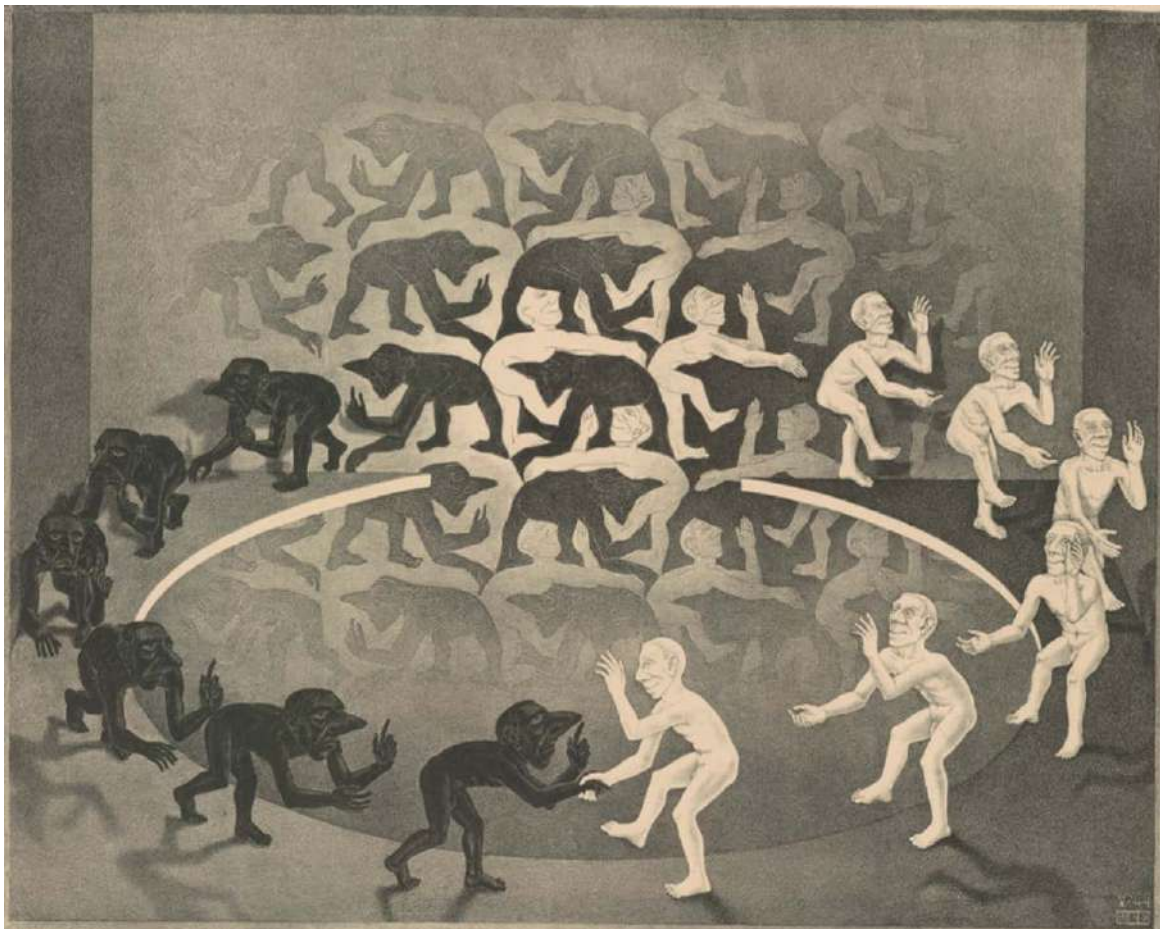
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Encounter





Miniature Correspondence Masterpieces No. 34



White: Betins, Karlis
Black: Lebedev, Sergey
 Ruy Lopez, Alapin variation [C60]
 Correspondence 1900
[Notes by John E Hawkes]

1.e4 e5
2.Nf3 Nc6
3.Bb5 Bb4
4.c3 Ba5
5.Na3

Baird v Alapin at the Vienna
 Tournament 1898 had gone; 5.0-0
 Nge7 6.b4 Bb6 7.Bxc6 Nxc6 8.b5
 Na5 9.Nxe5 0-0 10.Nf3 d5 11.e5
 Bg4 12.d4 f6 13.Ba3 Re8 14.exf6
 Qxf6 15.Nbd2 a6!

5... Bb6
6.Nc4 d6
7.d4 exd4

8.a4
 8.Nxb6 axb6 9.cxd4 d5 10.e5 Nge7
 and Black has no worries.

8... dxc3
9.a5 Bc5



10.b4!

10.bxc3 Nf6

10... Bxb4

An option was 10...Bxf2+ 11.Kxf2
 Nf6 and if 12.e5 Ne4+ and the only
 move to stop Black castling next
 move is 13.Ke3 well answered by
 13...d5

11.Qa4 Bc5

11...Kf8! looks playable, for
 example; 12.Bxc6 Bc5 13.Bd5 c6
 1.Bxf7 Kxf7 15.Ba3 g6 16.Qb3 Kg7
 17.Qxc3+ Nf6

12.a6 b6

13.Bxc6+ Bd7

14.0-0 Ne7

15.Bxd7+ Qxd7

16.Qb3 b5



Black would love to play b4, but
 seems to have overlooked
 something...

17.Nce5! dxe5

18.Nxe5 Qd4

Losing rapidly.

19.Qxf7+ Kd8

20.Qxg7 Rg8

21.Qf6 Qxe4

21...Kc8 22.Qe6+ Kb8 23.Nc6+
 Nxc6 24.Qxc6 Kc8 avoids mate - but
 loses both rooks!

22.Rd1+ Bd6

23.Bg5

1-0



David Ionovich Bronstein

2024 is the centenary of Bronstein's birth in Bila Tserkva, Ukraine on
 February 19, 1924. (He died on December 5, 2006). FIDE has a good
 biography on: <https://www.fide.com/news/2893>

The photograph on the left is the frontispiece of Bronstein's book "200
 Open Games". which he signed for John Hawkes at the Teesside Chess
 Event in 1975.

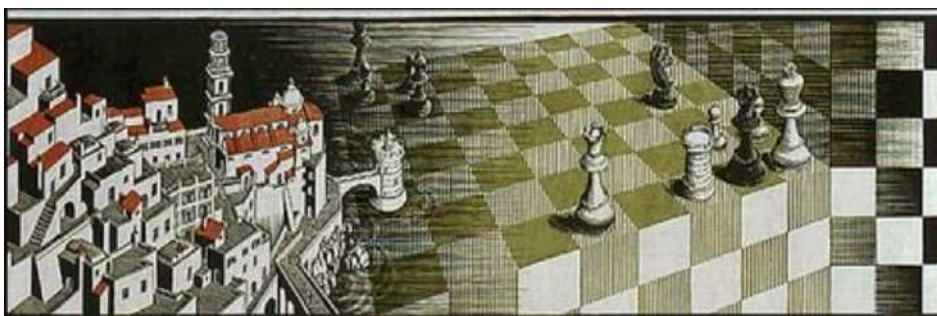
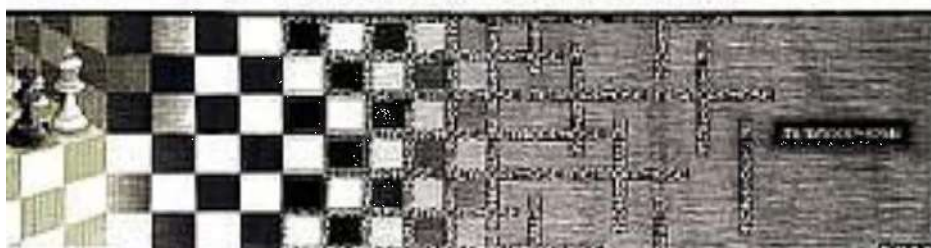
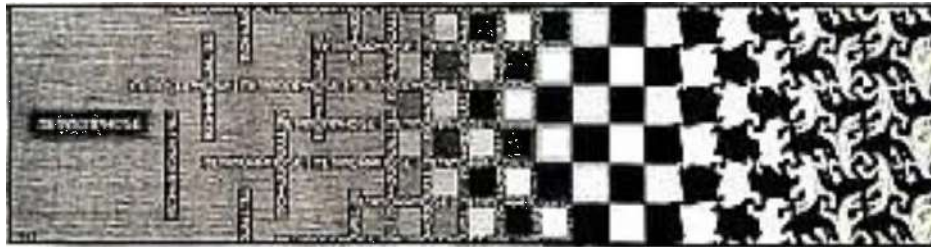




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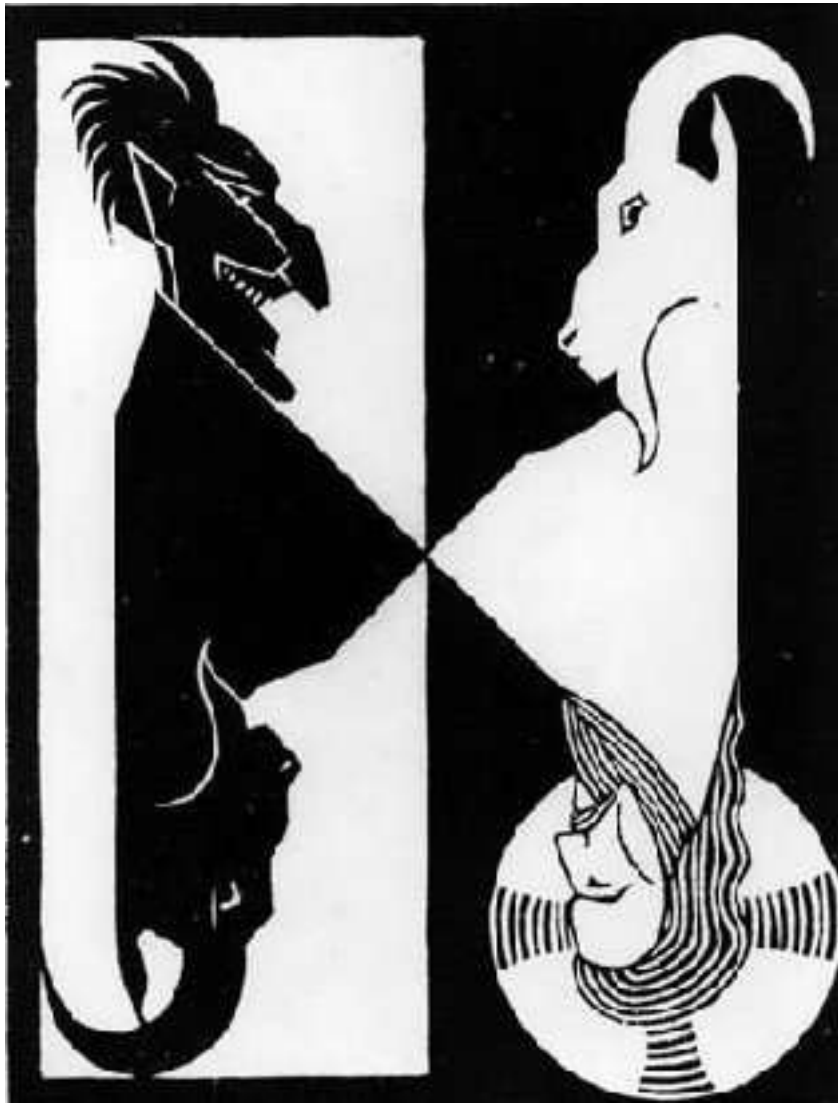
By Iain Mackintosh

Metamorphosis ii



A clearer image of the smothered mate.

Scapegoat



Mobius Strip



Young Escher



Hands
Escher was left-handed





Magic Tour of Knight on 4x6x6 Board

By Awani Kumar

The Knight's Tour has been looked into at least since 9th century. It was confined on conventional (two-dimension) boards till Vandermonde [1], a mathematician, musician and chemist extended it, into a 4x4x4 board in 1771. Readers are aware of knight tours in three-dimensional board – view *SCCA Magazine* #163 Autumn 2023. Stertenbrink [2] went a step further and constructed a magic knight tour on 4x4x4 board in 2003. Kumar [3] has compiled 216 magic tours on 4x4x4 board.

It is easy to work on doubly-even boards, that is, 4m by 4n size but not so on singly-even boards, namely, 2(2m + 1) by 2(2n + 1) size. Jelliss [4] has proved that magic tours don't exist on boards with singly-even sides, say, 6x6, 6x10, 10x14 etc. The same logic can be extended for three-dimensional boards to prove that magic tours don't exist on 6x6x6 board. (The closest tour having 100 magic lines (out of 108) on 6x6x6 board has been constructed by Kumar [5].)

What about 4x6x6 board? Well, the possibility of magic tour on 4x6x6 board has not been looked into earlier and the author plans to do so now. Figure 1 is a magic knight tour on 4x6x6 board. Readers can visualise it by stacking four 6x6 boards, one over the other, as level 1 to level 4. Here sum of all the rows and columns is 435 and that of the pillars is 290. [Pillar sum is 31 + 38 + 115 + 106 = 290 and so on.] It is an open tour. Figure 2 and Figure 3 are closed magic tours. Their rows, columns and pillars also sum up to 435, 435 and 290 respectively.

They are 2-fold cyclic magic tours, that is, they remain magic if the tour starts from cell 73 and proceeds onward. Moreover, only 8 digits, namely, 34, 35, 42, 43, 102, 103, 110 and 111 change places on level 2 and level 3. Such almost identical magic tours, like 'twins', are rare thus interesting. Magic tours can also be constructed on 8x6x6, 12x6x6 and other boards of 4m by 6 by 6 size. Are there 4-fold cyclic magic tours on 4x6x6 board? Can there be tours with more than 100 magic lines on 6x6x6 board? Readers are urged to look into these questions.

31	114	51	78	63	98	435		38	107	58	103	54	75	435
28	117	66	95	46	83	435		119	26	43	86	71	90	435
113	32	77	52	97	64	435		108	37	104	57	76	53	435
118	27	96	65	84	45	435		25	120	85	44	89	72	435
1	142	11	8	135	138	435		14	129	24	17	124	127	435
144	3	134	137	10	7	435		131	16	121	128	21	18	435
435	435	435	435	435	435			435	435	435	435	435	435	
Level 1								Level 2						
115	30	79	50	99	62	435		106	39	102	59	74	55	435
34	111	94	67	82	47	435		109	36	87	42	91	70	435
29	116	49	80	61	100	435		40	105	60	101	56	73	435
112	33	68	93	48	81	435		35	110	41	88	69	92	435
143	4	133	140	9	6	435		132	15	122	125	22	19	435
2	141	12	5	136	139	435		13	130	23	20	123	126	435
435	435	435	435	435	435			435	435	435	435	435	435	
Level 3								Level 4						

(1)

77	8	67	138	39	106	435		66	139	80	5	32	113	435
10	143	76	61	108	37	435		73	64	11	142	115	30	435
71	82	133	4	33	112	435		134	3	72	81	42	103	435
132	57	14	87	120	25	435		15	86	129	60	45	100	435
51	126	89	24	109	36	435		92	21	50	127	102	43	435
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Level 1

Level 2

7	78	137	68	105	40	435		140	65	6	79	114	31	435
144	9	62	75	38	107	435		63	74	141	12	29	116	435
83	70	1	136	111	34	435		2	135	84	69	104	41	435
58	131	88	13	28	117	435		85	16	59	130	97	48	435
125	52	23	90	35	110	435		22	91	128	49	44	101	435
18	95	124	53	118	27	435		123	54	17	96	47	98	435
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Level 3

Level 4

(2)

77	8	67	138	39	106	435		66	139	80	5	32	113	435
10	143	76	61	108	37	435		73	64	11	142	115	30	435
71	82	133	4	33	112	435		134	3	72	81	110	35	435
132	57	14	87	120	25	435		15	86	129	60	45	100	435
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94	19	56	121	26	119	435		55	122	93	20	99	46	435
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Level 1

Level 2

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83	70	1	136	43	102	435		2	135	84	69	104	41	435
58	131	88	13	28	117	435		85	16	59	130	97	48	435
125	52	23	90	103	42	435		22	91	128	49	44	101	435
18	95	124	53	118	27	435		123	54	17	96	47	98	435
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Level 3

Level 4

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Conclusion: A long-standing question has been settled. Magic tours do exist on 4x6x6 board.

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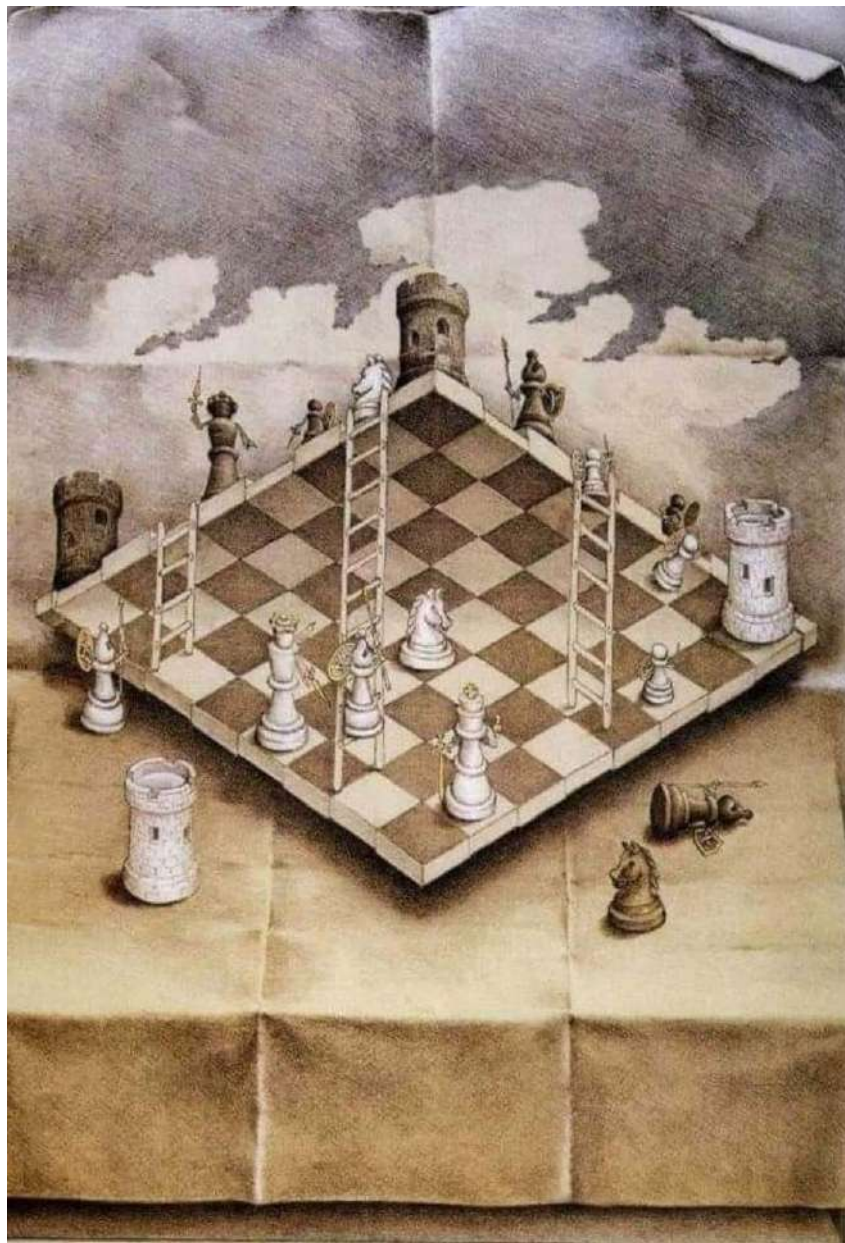
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Chess Art 3

By Iain Mackintosh

The Curved Chessboard



Looks like another Escher composition, but this is “The Curved Chessboard” by Sandro Del-Prete (b. 1937), a Swiss artist who creates illusionary and surrealistic paintings.



Friendly Internationals

By Iain
Mackintosh

	Poland		W	B	W	B	Scotland	
1	IM Szerlak, Andrzej	2400					SIM Mackintosh, Iain	2431
2	IM Woźnica, Mirosław	2380					CCM Sneddon, Iain	2410
3	CCM Bartkiewicz, Bronisław	2374					CCE Whittaker, Ian P	2317
4	Fiedor, Paweł	2359					CCM Lloyd, Geoffrey	2301
5	Wiaderek, Piotr	2170					CCE Taylor, Wilf	2110
6	Grochol, Kamil	2123					Price, Derek	2063
7	Makosiej, Władysław	2050					Murray, James S	2021
8	IM Lew, Tadeusz	2042					MacGregor, Colin A	1957
9	Rabczewski, Adam	1901					CCE Bruce, Robert	1899
10	Głowiński, Daniel	1849	0	½	½	1	Cormack, William H	1820
11	Bobrova, Yevheniia	1800					Anderson, Thomas R	1811
12	Mańczuk, Dominik	1800		½	½		Burridge, Raymond John	1776
13	Grabowski, Benedykt	1798					MacMillen, Andrew N	1736
14	Domaraczeńko, Krzysztof	1712					White, Richard	1548
15	Stryjek, Damian	1709					Gilbert, Robert	1485
16	Krupacz, Maciej	1687					Dunn, John	1327
17	Kamiński, Janusz	1789					Sedstrem, Alan	1327
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	Scotland		W	B	W	B	USA	
1	SIM Beecham, C. Richard	2479	½	½	½	½	IM Biedermann, Kyle	2465
2	SIM Mackintosh, Iain	2431					CCM Tedesco, Matthew	2432
3	CCM Sneddon, Iain	2410					IM Meiners, Edwin	2414
4	CCM Beveridge, Colin	2353	C	C	C	C	CCM Ralls, Richard	2346
5	CCE Whittaker, Ian P	2317	½			½	CCM Price, Brennan	2318
6	CCM Lloyd, Geoffrey	2301					CCM Relyea, Alexander	2314
7	CCE Taylor, Wilf	2110	1	1	0	0	Nurmi, Ronald	2102
8	Price, Derek	2063					Quirk, Michael	2056
9	Murray, James S	2021					Helmbrecht, John R	2014
10	MacGregor, Colin A	1957					Capron, Mark	1948
11	CCE Bruce, Robert	1899					Aiken, Joseph	1948
12	Cormack, William H	1820	1	0	1	0	Schoenwald, Ira	1821
13	Anderson, Thomas R	1811					Ott, Paul B	1809
14	Burridge, Raymond John	1776	½			½	Messinger, Bruce	1778
15	MacMillen, Andrew N	1736					Korman, Joseph	1708
16	White, Richard	1548					Stack, James	1575
17	Gilbert, Robert	1485		1	0		Braider, Christopher	1475
18	Sedstrem, Alan	1327					Niemi, Greg	1475
19	Dunn, John	1327		0	1		Cadarett, Joseph	1357
20	Armstrong, John M	1307	0	½	½	1	Jakubas, Ed	1321
21	Hardwick, Martin E	761	1	0	1	0	Ellis, Roscoe	782
			7.5		6.5			



Jonathan Penrose OBE had a fabulous chess career. He obtained the title of Grandmaster in 1993 but 10 years earlier, was awarded the title of International Correspondence Chess Grandmaster.

Not only are such achievements remarkable in themselves but he also won the British Chess Championship ten times between 1958 and 1969. In 1993 his peak ICCF rating reached the dizzy heights of 2724.

Here we celebrate these achievements with 3 of his games, each with the White pieces. Far be it from being qualified to comment in detail on some of the key lines played, instead we provide general comments on the progression of each game as it evolves. Enjoy.

White: Penrose, Jonathan
Black: Salm, Maxwell Charles
13th World Championship ICCF, 1989

Sicilian Scheveningen [B85]
[Notes by Alastair Dawson]

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| 1.e4 | c5 |
| 2.Nf3 | e6 |
| 3.d4 | cxd4 |
| 4.Nxd4 | Nc6 |
| 5.Nc3 | d6 |
| More common is the Taimanov variation with ...a6. | |
| 6.Be3 | Nf6 |
| 7.Be2 | Be7 |
| 8.0-0 | 0-0 |
| 9.f4 | a6 |
| 10.Qe1 | Qc7 |
| 11.Qg3 | Bd7 |

12.Kh1

A fairly standard position has been reached. Black is planning to loosen the White centre starting with ...b5. White, on the other hand, has to be careful in judging how to prosecute an attack - for example by playing f5 will hand over the e5 square to a Black knight.

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| 12... | b5 |
| 13.a3 | b4 |
| 14.axb4 | Nxb4 |
| 15.e5 | |

White initiates an assault starting with e5.

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| 15... | Ne8 |
| 16.Ne4 | Nd5 |
| 17.Bd2 | dxex5 |
| 18.fxe5 | |

White has, as in many of his games with White, gained a significant space advantage and the Rf1 sits menacingly on f1.

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| 18... | f6 |
| 19.exf6 | Nexf6 |
| 20.Qd3 | e5 |
| 21.Nf5 | Bxf5 |
| 22.Nxf6+ | Nxf6 |
| 23.Qxf5 | Qd6 |
| 24.Rfd1 | |

White now switches the attack, releasing pressure along the f-file to new targets along the d-file as well as new pressures on the White squares.

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| 24.. | .g6 |
| 25.Qf3 | Qe6 |
| 26.Bc3 | Rfc8 |
| 27.Ra5 | e4 |
| 28.Qe3 | Qc6 |
| 29.Re5 | Bf8 |
| 30.Rf1 | Rc7 |
| 31.Bd4 | |

The White bishops exhibit wonderful coordination while the Black knight on f6 has turned into a problem piece.

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| 31... | Rb8 |
| 32.Ra5 | Nd5 |
| 33.Qxe4 | Nb4 |



34.Rxf8+

And this is such a nicely-timed exchange sacrifice, and with Qe5 to follow, Black will suffer horribly on the Black squares around his king.

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| 34... | Rxf8 |
| 35.Qe5 | Rf5 |
| 36.Qh8+ | Kf7 |
| 37.Rxf5+ | gxf5 |
| 38.Bh5+ | |

Such an elegant finish.

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Whgite: Penrose, Jonathan
Black: Zilberberg, Alik Samulovich

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QGD Declined: Semi-Tarrasch [D42]

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|---|-------------|
| 1.e4 | c6 |
| 2.d4 | d5 |
| 3.exd5 | cxd5 |
| 4.c4 | Nf6 |
| 5.Nc3 | |
| A classical line played many times. | |
| 5... | e6 |
| 6.Nf3 | Be7 |
| 7.cxd5 | Nxd5 |
| White accepts the IQP in return for dynamic play. | |
| 8.Bd3 | Nc6 |
| 9.0-0 | 0-0 |

10.Re1 Bf6
 11.Be4 Nce7
 12.Ne5 Nc6
 13.Nf3 Nce7
 14.Ne5 Nc6

After some skirmishing White now bites the bullet.

15.Qd3 h6
 16.a3 Nxc3
 17.Nxc6 bxc6
 18.bxc3 Qa5

White has now secured a sizeable space initiative with pressure along the h1-a8 diagonal.

19.Bf4 Ba6
 20.Qf3 Rac8



And here comes the attack against the Black king.

21.Bxh6
 Black cannot take the bishop because the White rook on e1 will soon create an irresistible attack.

21... c5
 22.Qh5 Rfd8
 23.Bf4 Qxc3
 White strives to open the e-file.

24.d5 Kf8
 25.Rac1 Qb2
 26.dxe6 fxe6
 The White pieces coordinate beautifully.

27.Bg6 e5
 28.Rb1 Qxb1
 29.Bxb1 exf4
 30.Bf5 Rc7
 31.Be6 f3
 The noose tightens on the Black position.

32.Qh8+ Ke7
 33.Bc4+ Kd6
 34.Rd1+ Kc6
 35.Rxd8 Bxd8
 36.Bxa6 Rd7
 37.Qh3 Rd1+
 38.Bf1 Rd4
 39.Qxf3+

And now a simple technical conclusion.

39... Kb6
 40.Qb3+ Kc7
 41.Qg3+ Rd6
 42.Qxg7+ Kb6
 43.Qe5 Bc7
 44.Qb2+

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White: Penrose, Jonathan (2715)
 Black: Goldenberg, Richard (2590)

13th World Championship ICCF, 1989

Scandinavian Defence [B01]

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1.e4 d5
 2.exd5 Nf6
 3.d4

Black makes use of a well-established plan of developing the f6 knight instead of the normal queen manoeuvres.

3... Nxd5
 4.Nf3 Bg4

Penrose allows the knight to recapture on d5 and continues with his development.

5.c4 Nb6
 6.Be2 Nc6
 7.0-0 e6
 8.Nc3

White allows Black to capture on f3 and dares his opponent to win the pawn on c4.

8... Be7
 9.d5

And now is the time to grab some space in the centre of the board.

9...exd5 Nb4
 10.cxd5
 11.Qd4

This move confers White a considerable advantage with Bg4 threatened.

11... Bxf3
 12.Qxg7

A lovely in-between move. Black had anticipated that ...Bf6 was the move to equalise but White had seen further.

12... Bf6
 13.Bb5+ c6
 14.Re1+ Kd7
 15.dxc6+

White is well ahead but here even stronger may be 15. Qf7+ Kc8 16. Qe6+ Nd7 17. dc6 etc.

15... bxc6
 16.Qg3 Bxc3
 17.bxc3 cxb5
 18.Bg5 f6
 19.Qxf3 N4d5
 20.Be3 Kc7

This melee in the middle of the board tends to suggest that White will have all the play due to the exposed nature of the Black king.

21.Rad1 Re8
 22.a4 Qd6
 23.a5 Red8
 24.axb6+ axb6

White is well-ahead again, this time due to the pins along the d-file.

25.g3 Qc6
 26.Bf4+ Kb7
 27.Rd3 Rd7
 28.Red1 Rad8
 29.h4 h5
 30.Qe4 Kc8
 31.Rd4 Kb7
 32.Kh2



All the White pieces are beautifully centralised - and even if all the pieces were removed from the board the resulting king and pawn ending is easily in White's favour.

32... Qc5
 33.Qf5 Qc6
 34.R4d2 Qc4
 34...Ka6
 35.Qxh5 Qe4
 36.Qg4 f5
 37.Qg6 Nxf4
 38.Rxd7+ Rxd7
 39.Rxd7+ Kc8
 40.Rd8+ Kxd8
 41.Qd6+ Kc8
 42.Qxf4 Qe6
 43.h5

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