

# THE OUTPOST

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### Our Club's Newsletters

by Roger Pagel

The Springfield Park Board Chess Club has a long history of producing within its ranks various types of newsletters. From the beginning (and you can find some of these renditions on our archival website) our members have enjoyed seeing their games displayed in print with commentary and analysis.

From the beginning members such as Henry Wetzler and Arliss Snyder ('72-'73) would manually type their games with notes and analysis and provide those to Club members. In the mid-70s the Club created chess teams such as the *Kingsmen*, *SMS*, *Pawnrollers*, and *Cheap Shots* with matches held most Saturdays at the Meador Park Swim House and a Chess League Bulletin was distributed among the players. Later, in the 80s the Club published *The Informant*, and then changed the name to *The OutPost* because another publication in Europe used the former name. It should be noted Marty Phillips was the driving force behind both these publications with help from Mark Trevor Smith. And finally in the late 90s, the Club passed around the unofficial Club Newsletter. The one thing all these had in common were games played at the Club by its members. Of course everyone wants to see a game he played on the winning side. Additionally, many of the games contained in the newsletters

were by those creating the documents as it is difficult at times for players to submit games.

Then in 2017 *The OutPost* was resurrected by Dylan Mounts which featured our Ladder games. Now, in 2018, we wish to continue *The OutPost* and would like to welcome aboard new Club member Jon McClenahan as our editor-in-Chief. Our hope is to continue the Club tradition of featuring our Club's members and their games, win or lose. Of course, unlike the early days, we have the help of computers for analysis even though we can make our own comments and express our thoughts as the games were played. We hope you enjoy *The OutPost* and hope to produce at least two issues a year featuring Ladder play, Ladder Tournament games, and the Club Championship held in March of each year.

On a final note, we are pleased to see four young men joining the Club and all fine players in their own right: Brayden Miao, Sam Weiner, Kai Schaefer, and Quentin Fitzpatrick. We wish the best to these players and we're excited to witness as they grow in their chess abilities.

RP



### A Note from the New Editor

by Jon McClenahan

It's been great for this "newbie" to get to meet some of you very talented chess players here in Springfield in recent weeks. I look forward to meeting more of you ...

... and also *hearing* from more of you! I'm really hoping this latest run at making an interesting newsletter is something you can all get invested in!

To do that, let me encourage you all to submit any and all games that you're proud of, or that you feel are particularly instructive. Our goal is, of course, to make the Springfield Chess Club better and better all the time!

A note (or two) about the game commentaries. I'm certainly not at a skill level where I can sit in judgment of the moves & strategies of some of you top players. So in the absence of more competent comments from other players, I run them through a Fritz program and look for ideas in the variations it provides.

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## GAME A

Stan Jackson (1637) – Afzal Chowdhury (1764)  
Springfield Ladder Tournament  
November 11, 2017

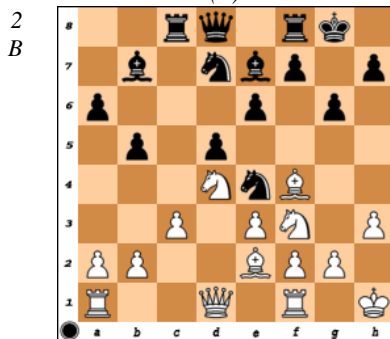
Queen's Bishop Game

1. Nf3 d5  
2. d4 e6  
3. Bf4 c5  
4. e3 a6 (1)



5. c3 Nf6  
6. Nbd2 b5  
7. dc Bxc5  
8. Nb3 Be7  
9. Nbd4 Bb7  
10. h3 ...  
11. ... Nbd7  
12. Be2 Rc8  
13. Kh1 Ne4  
14. Bh2 g6  
15. Bf4 (2) ...

Secures g4 against attack.



The bishop moves back to its previous square as opportunities open up around the Black king.

15. ... Bf6  
16. Bh6 Re8  
17. Nd2 Nec5  
18. N4b3 Bh4  
19. Nxc5 Nxc5

20. g3 Bf6

21. Kh2 Qc7

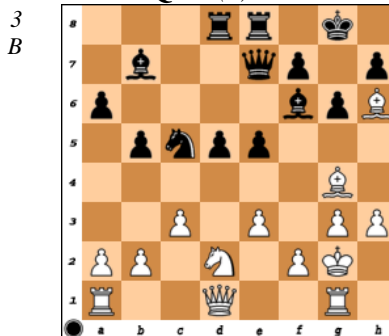
“Preparing for the e5 push.” AC

22. Rg1 e5

23. Bg4 Rcd8

24. Qf3 Qe7

25. Qd1 (3) ...



“After Black’s next move, White will have a hard time defending the pawns at b2 and f2.” AC

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## GAME B

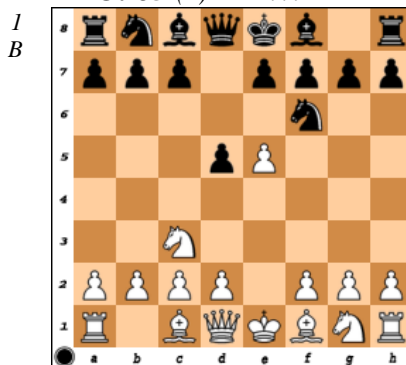
Isaac Drum - Roger Pagel  
Springfield Ladder Tournament  
January 19, 2018

Alekhine's Defense – Scandinavian Variation

1. e4 Nf6

2. Nc3 d5

3. e5 (1) ...



3. ... d4!?

The typical continuation for Black is 3. ... Nfd7 4. e6 fe and now Black's pawn structure is in the toilet. Pagel was having none of that.

4. exf6 dxc3

5. fxg7 cxd2+

Not 5. ... cxb2, which loses after 6. gxh8=Q bxa1=Q 7. Qxa1.

6. Bxd2 Bxg7

7. c3 Qd6

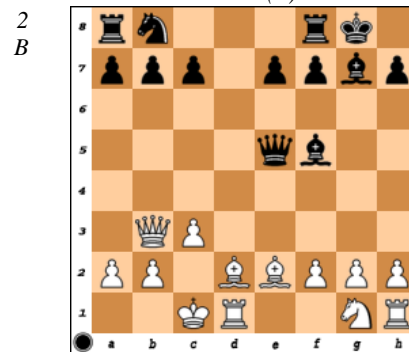
8. Qc2 Qe5+

9. Be2 Bf5

10. Qb3 O-O

Black isn't concerned about 11. Qxb7 because after 11. ... Be4 12. f4 Qe6 13. Qb3 Bd5 14. f5 Qd6 and the threat has been reversed!

11. O-O-O (2) ...



11. ... Qe4!

12. Be3 ...

The only defense against 12. ... Qb1#.

12. ... Qb1+

13. Kd2 Rd8+

14. Bd4 Bxd4!

15. Rxb1 Bxf2+

You can't blame White for the 15<sup>th</sup> move, but in this case, it wasn't the best. By offering his queen, Black remembered something important: It doesn't matter what is *off* the board; it's what's *on* the board that counts! The immediate threat is that if the King looks for safety, 16. Kc1 Be3#.

16. Bd3 Bxd3!

17. Qb4 Nc6!

Retaining the initiative by harrying the White Queen. If Black takes the free rook, the attack stalls, albeit with a material advantage. Now White is on the run, desperately searching for a plan of attack!

18. Qg4+ Kf8

19. Qg5 ...

The queen *must* move. At this point Pagel made the comment: “I was most proud of forcing the queen onto a dark square on *two separate occasions to prevent losing it to a discovered check*” (here and on move

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## GAME C

Afzal Chowdhury (1815) – Ethan Stech (1701)  
2018 Springfield Ladder Tournament  
(Round 3 ... date uncertain)

Queen's Gambit Declined

1. d4 d5
2. c4 e6
3. Nc3 Nf6
4. Nf3 Be7
5. e3 O-O
6. Bd3 dc
7. Bxc4 c6
8. a4 Nbd7
9. O-O b6 (1)

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10. Qe2 Bb7
11. h3 a6
12. e4 b5
13. Bd3 b4 (2)

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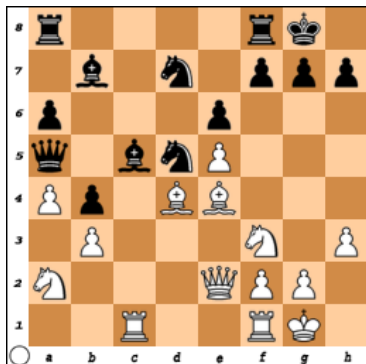


14. Na2 ...

“This is the wrong square for the knight. Better was 14. Nd1 followed by the Ne3-Nc4-Ne5 path.” AC

14. ... c5
15. e5! Ne8
16. Be3 cd
17. Bxd4 Qa5
18. b3 Nc7
19. Be4 Nd5
20. Rac1 Bc5 (3)

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21. Rc4 ...

Chowdhury points out a couple of missed opportunities here:

A) 21. Bxc5 Nxc5 22. Bxh7+ Kxh7 23. Ng5+ Kg6 (23. ... Kg8 24. Qh5 Rfe8 25. Qxf7+ followed by lifting the rook from c1 → c4 → h4 and Black's game is over) 24. Qg4 f5 25. Qg3 Nxb3 26. Nxe6+ Kf7 27. Ng5+ Ke8 28. Qxb3 Qb6 29. e6 Nf4 30. Qc4 b3 31. Qxf4 bxa2 and White stands relatively better.

B) 21. Bxh7+ Kxh7 22. Bxc5 Nxc5 23. Ng5+ (Fritz recommends 23. Qc2+ Kg8 24. Qxc5 Qxc5 25. Rxc5 Rfc8 26. Rxc8 Rxc8 and White is slightly better) Kg6 (as in the previous variation, 23. ... Kg8 doesn't work out well for Black) 24. Rc4 f5 25. ef e.p. Nxf6 26. Re1 Rfc8 27. h4 Nce4 28. Rxb4 Nxc5 29. Rxb7 Qd5 30. hxg5 Qxb7 31. gxf6 gf and White is up materially.

21. ... Bxd4
22. Rxd4 Nc5

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## ... from the New Editor

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Unless otherwise noted, all the comments are mine. But wherever possible, I add notes from the players themselves. When I do that, their words will be in quotes, with their initials added afterwards (e.g. “Bad move!” RP). I think it's always fascinating to read the afterthoughts of the players themselves. As for format, I use the simple column-convention for pawn-pawn captures; e.g. “bc” represents the b-pawn taking the c-pawn (instead of “b5xc4”).

Lastly, I'd encourage you to submit games without spending a lot of time on “presentation,” *per se*. As editor, I'm gonna redo everything at my desk, including the diagrams. It's a matter of consistency. Not saying your way is wrong ... just saying “Let's give them all the same look.”

By all means send us any and all feedback, particularly when you spot an error! (Hey, it can happen.) We look forward to hearing from you!

JM

## The Mystery of Chess: SOLVED

A story – not necessarily true – told by the great J. R. R. Capablanca:

“I was playing in a tournament in Germany one year when a man approached me. Thinking he just wanted an autograph, I reached for my pen, when the man made a startling announcement ...”

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## Blast From the Past!

NOTE: Whenever we can get our hands on the material, we will include a game from way back when.

*Arliss Snyder – D. Lemons  
King-Pawn Tournament  
June 21, 1973*

Sicilian Defense – Unusual Lines

Here's a game from the earliest days of Springfield Park Board Chess Club (see Roger Pagel's historical comments on p. 1 of this issue), featuring founder **Arliss Snyder** squaring off against **D. Lemons** in a tournament match from 1973. All of Mr. Snyder's comments were rendered on a manual electric typewriter in the old English Descriptive notation system (converted here to the Algebraic system) and with ONE hand-drawn diagram (shown at the end of this article, corresponding with Diagram 1). Naturally we've added a couple more diagrams, since today's 21<sup>st</sup> Century technology can so easily generate them!

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|-------------|------|
| 1. e4       | c5   |
| 2. Nf3      | d6   |
| 3. d4       | cd   |
| 4. Nxd4     | Nf6  |
| 5. Bd3      | a6   |
| 6. Bg5      | e6   |
| 7. Nd2      | Be7  |
| 8. O-O      | Qc7  |
| 9. c4       | Nbd7 |
| 10. b4      | b6   |
| 11. Qa4     | Bb7  |
| 12. f4      | O-O  |
| 13. Rf3 (1) | ...  |



13. ... b5?

“This loses a pawn.” AS

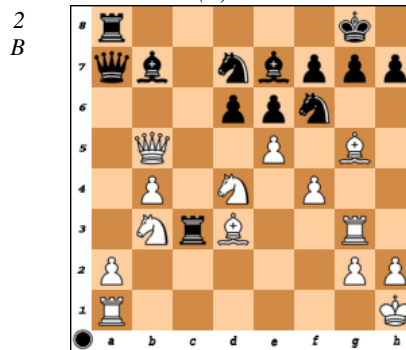
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| 14. cb    | Qb6 |
| 15. N2b3  | ab  |
| 16. Qxb5! | ... |

“White strips Black's queenside pawns.” AS

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| 16. ... | Qa7  |
| 17. Qa5 | Qb8  |
| 18. Qb5 | Qa7  |
| 19. Rg3 | Rfc8 |
| 20. Kh1 | ...  |

“20. P-KR3 may have been better” since “Black threatens a concentration at QB8.” AS

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|-------------|-----|
| 20. ...     | Rc3 |
| 21. e5! (2) | ... |



21. ... Rb8??

As per Mr. Snyder, “Black's move is a blunder ...” and it was, but he did not suggest a good alternative. Fritz, however, suggests 21. ... Rxd3 22. Rxd3 Ba6! and afterwards, any way you play it, Black ends up a piece ahead.

22. Qa5? ...

“White forces the exchange of queens, but 22. PxN wins spectacularly.” AS Specifically, 22. exf6 Nxf6 23. Qa5 Qxa5 24. Nxa5 and White is up a piece.

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| 22. ...  | Qxa5 |
| 23. Nxa5 | Rbc8 |

“Black again threatens.” AS

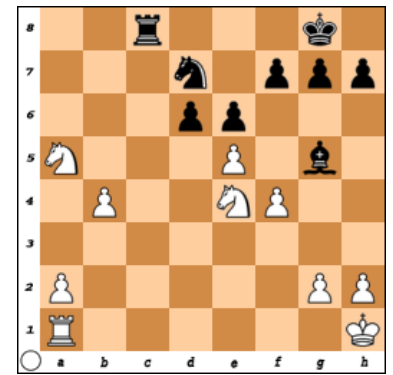
24. Ne2 Ne4?

“Black gives up a piece.” AS. Perhaps an additional question-mark is warranted ...

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| 25. Bxe4 | Rxg3     |
| 26. Nxd3 | Bxe4     |
| 27. Nxe4 | Bxg5 (3) |

“Black's simplification must favor White.” AS

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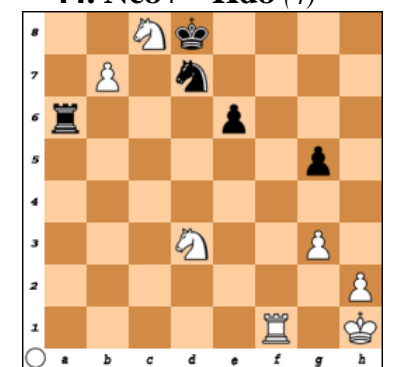


28. Nxd5 d5?

“28. ... PxP would at least gain a pawn.” AS

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|----------|---------|
| 29. b5   | d4      |
| 30. Nb3  | d3      |
| 31. Nf3  | h6      |
| 32. Rc1  | Ra8     |
| 33. Ne1  | d2      |
| 34. Nxd2 | Rxa2    |
| 35. Nc4  | Ra4     |
| 36. Nd3  | g5      |
| 37. g3   | Kg7     |
| 38. b6   | f5      |
| 39. ef+  | Kxf6    |
| 40. fg+  | hg      |
| 41. b7   | Ra7     |
| 42. Nd6  | Ra6     |
| 43. Rf1+ | Ke7     |
| 44. Nc8+ | Kd8 (4) |

4  
W



45. Nc5!! ...

And Black resigned. A terrific ending! 1-0.

And below you can see what Snyder's original hand-drawn diagram looked like. Count your blessings, all you 21<sup>st</sup> Century Whipper-snappers!



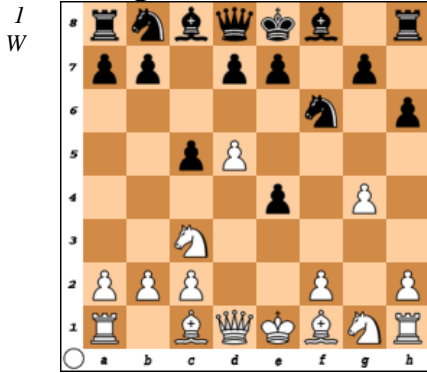


## GAME D

Ethan Stech – Roger Pagel  
Springfield Ladder Tournament  
March 2, 2018

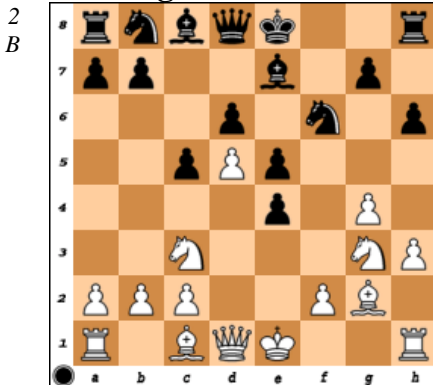
Old Benoni – Schmid's System

1. d4 c5
2. d5 f5
3. e4 fe
4. Nc3 Nf6
5. g4 h6 (1)



See Seirawan-Mamedyarov 2011 A43 World Chess Team Championship. It turned out both players had prepared by searching the web for this particular opening! Pagel had been exploring options to 1. d4 and the Old Benoni appeals to his particular taste. GM Jon Levitt had dubbed this "The Clarendon Court" – though others have called it all sorts of things. Both players followed the lines in that Seirawan and Mamedyarov had played in 2011. This tipped Pagel off that his opponent had studied this particular opening ... and so the fun continued.

6. h3 e5
7. Nge2 d6
8. Bg2 Be7
9. Ng3 ... (2)

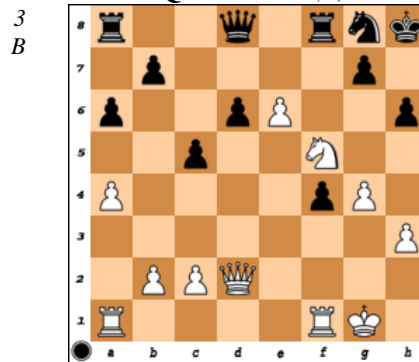


So the question on everyone's mind at this point has to be: "Will e4 fall?"

9. ... O-O
10. O-O a6
11. a4 Nbd7
12. Ncxe4 Nxe4
13. Bxe4 Bg5
14. Bf5 Bxc1
15. Be6+ ...

The bishop finds a great little parking space ... at least for the moment!

15. ... Kh8
16. Qxc1 Nf6
17. f4 Bxe6
18. dxc6 ef
19. Nf5 Ng8
20. Qd2 ... (3)



White is down a pawn but now exerts pressure on the backward pawn at d6.

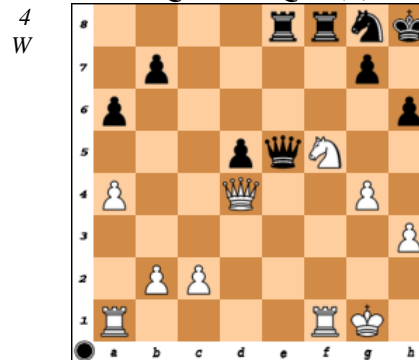
20. ... d5
21. Qxf4 Qf6
22. Qd6 ...

The immediate 22. Qd7 would've been stronger here for White.

22. ... Rad8
23. Qc7 Rde8

Finally "removing the bone."

24. Qxc5 Qxe6
25. Qd4 Qe5 (4)



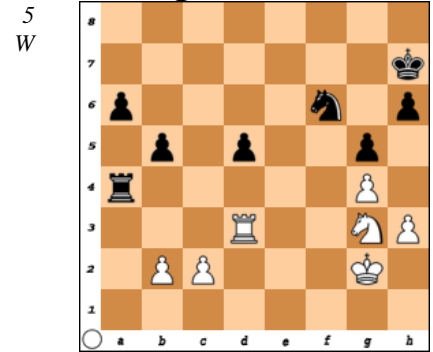
26. Rad1? ...

Fritz considers 26. Qxe5 to be a better move here, after which White can achieve equality: 26. ... Rxe5 27. Rae1 Rfe8 29. Rxe5 Rxe5.

26. ... Nf6
27. Qxe4 Rxe4
28. Nd4! ...

This knight makes a solid blockade, not easily driven away.

28. Nd4! ...
28. ... Rfe8
29. Rd3 Re3
30. Rfd1 Kh7
31. Kf2 R3e4
32. Rb3 R8e7
33. Rbd3 g5
34. R1d2 Rf4+
35. Kg2 Re1
36. Re2 Rxe2+
37. Nxe2 Rxa4
38. Ng3 b5 (5)



Whereas many players will offer a draw in a lost position to avert a loss, here Black, with a one-pawn advantage and a good position, offered a draw ... on ethical grounds. After 39. Nf5 a5, there was no clear winner.

1/2-1/2

### Mystery ...

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"I've solved chess!" he blurted. I sensibly started to back away, in case the man was dangerous as well as insane, but the man continued: "I'll bet you 50 marks that if you come back to my hotel room I can prove it to you." Well, 50 marks were 50 marks, so I humored the fellow and accompanied him to his room.

"Back at the room, we sat down at his chess board. 'I've worked it all out ...

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## GAME E

Mark T. Smith – Joe Brozovich  
Springfield Ladder Tournament  
(date unknown) 2004

French Defense – Winawer Variation

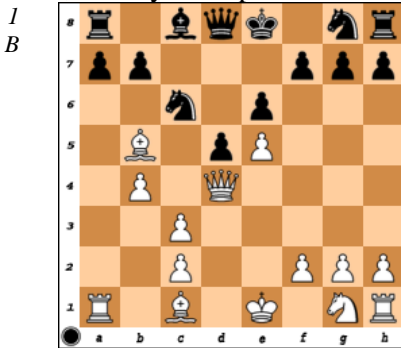
This comes from an old game between Mark T. Smith and Joe Brozovich that “Joe Bro” remembers fondly, “The Winawer Variation is one of my favorites.”

1. e4 e6  
2. d4 d5  
3. Nc3 Bb4  
4. e5 c5  
5. a3 cd!?

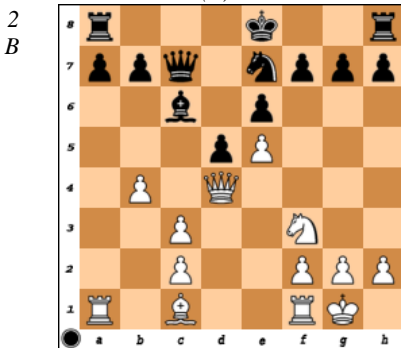
“I don’t think Mark was expecting this move since he seemed surprised when I made it.” JB

6. axb4 dxc3  
7. bxc3 Qc7  
8. Qd4 Nc6  
9. Bb5 (1) ...

Preventing Black from winning material, namely the e-pawn.



9. ... Bd7  
10. Bxc6 Bxc6  
11. Nf3 Ne7  
12. O-O (2) ...



12. ... Bb5!

By attacking White’s rook, Black saves his a-pawn.

13. Re1 a6  
14. Be3 Nf5  
15. Qc5 ...

Black’s king is stuck in the middle.

15. ... Rc8  
16. Qxc7 Rxc7  
17. Bc5 Kd7

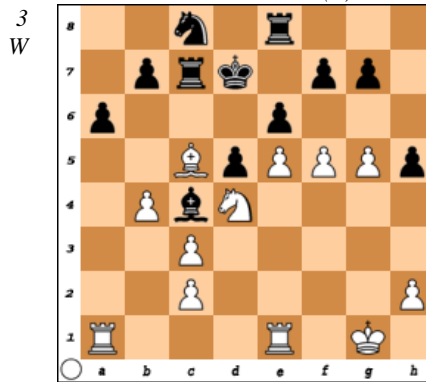
Fritz offered some interesting alternatives here:

A) 17. ... b6 18. Bxb6 Rxc3  
B) 17. ... b6 18. c4 Bxc4 19. Bxb6 Rc6

18. g4 Ne7  
19. Nd4 Bc4

Black doesn’t like the idea of giving up his bishop, and leaving doubled pawns on the b-file.

20. f4 h5  
21. g5 Nc8  
22. f5 Re8 (3)



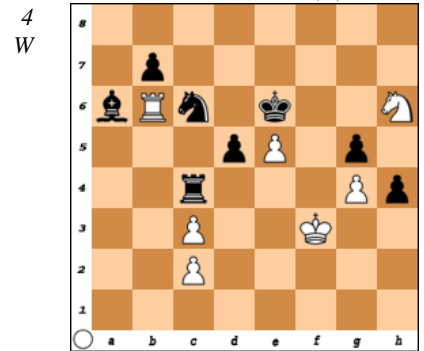
23. b5?? ...

A fatal blunder in the heat of battle. Perhaps 23. g6 was a viable move here.

22. ... Rxc5  
24. ba Bxa6  
25. g6 fg  
26. fg+ Ke7  
27. Re3 g5  
28. Rg3?! g4  
29. h3 g5  
30. Ra3 Rf8  
31. hg h4  
32. Re3 ...

White’s rook is out of its element defending against White’s pawn advances. “Now I have to secure the kingside and keep my bishop advantage to win.” JB

32. ... Rf4!  
33. Nf5+ Kxe6  
34. Nh6 Re4  
35. Rf3 Rf4  
36. Re3 Ne7  
37. Rb3 Rcc4  
38. Rb6+ Nc6  
39. Kg2 Rce4  
40. Rxe4 Rxe4  
41. Kf3 Rc4 (4)



White stands to lose the e-pawn immediately. “Down a bishop and with the poor pawn structure, Mark decided to resign.” JB

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## Mystery ...

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“White mates in 12 no matter what.’ I played black, perhaps a bit incautiously, but I found to my horror that white’s pieces coordinated very strangely, and that I was going to be mated on the 12th move!”

“I tried again, and I played a completely different opening that couldn’t possibly result in such a position, but after a series of very queer-looking moves, once again I found my king surrounded, with mate to fall on the 12th move. I asked the man to wait while I ran downstairs and fetched Emmanuel Lasker, who was world champion before me. He was extremely skeptical, but agreed to at least come and play. Along the way we snagged Alekhine, who was then world champion, and the three of us ran back up to the room.” ...

**Be sure to get your next copy of *The Outpost* to read the exciting conclusion to this story!**

## GAME A

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25. ... Nd3!  
 26. Qe2 Nxb2  
 27. Ne4 Nc4  
 28. Nf6+ Qxf6  
 29. h4! ...

Chowdhury saw the legitimate threat 30. Bg5, but as Marty Phillips notes, this also stops 30. ... g5!

29. ... Qe7  
 30. a4 Ra8  
 31. Bh3 e4  
 32. Qd1 Ne5  
 33. Rf1 Bc6  
 34. Kh1 ba  
 35. Qd4 f6  
 36. Rfb1 Nf3  
 37. Qb6 Bb5  
 38. Bf4 Ne5 (4)

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“Black, already up two pawns, is happy to exchange the remaining pieces, but for now White has other plans.” AC

39. d4 Bb6  
 40. Bg5 O-O  
 41 Rxa4?! ...

Dealing with time trouble, White has essentially resigned himself to defeat with this series of exchanges.

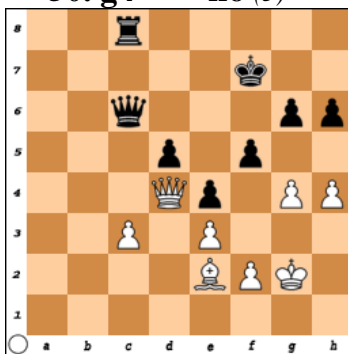
41. ... Rxa4  
 42. Qxa4 Rb8  
 43. Bxe5 Qxe5  
 44. Qc6 f5

“Forcing the h3 bishop to find another route back into the game.” AC

45. Bf1 Rd8  
 46. Kg2 Qd6

47. Qa4 Rc8  
 48. Qd4 Qc6  
 49. Be2 Kf7  
 50. g4 h6 (5)

5  
W



White’s flag fell here, but Chowdhury felt confident that Black, ahead by the exchange, would’ve been able to convert this position into a full point. Notice that Black had the only check in the game, at move 28.

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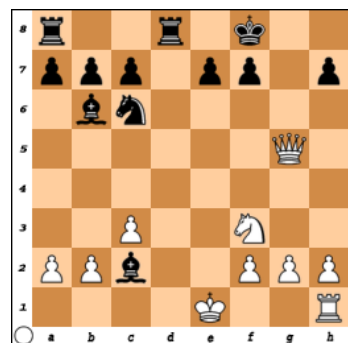
## GAME B

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number 17). “These two tempos, along with the mate threats, allowed me to give up my queen for the attack.”

19. ... Bxb1+  
 20. Ke2 Bb6  
 21. Nf3 Bd3+  
 22. Ke1 Bc2 (3)

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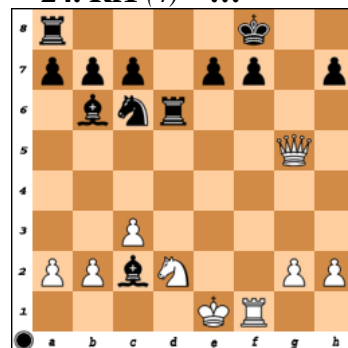


In this position, White is looking for light at the end of the tunnel. The immediate check by the rook on e1 will gain more material, so White’s first order of business is stopping that. Black’s attacking prospects remain extremely robust,

starting with mobilization of his rooks.

23. Nd2 Rd6!  
 24. Rf1 (4) ...

4  
B



24. ... Re6+!

Now after 25. Ne4 (forced) Bxe4, Black’s lead is too great, and White’s forces will continue to crumble. White resigned. Pagel considers this game his “magnum opus!” 0-1.

## GAME C

(continued from p.3)

Here Chowdhury points out that now the bishop sacrifice is even more deadly: 23. Bxh7 Kxh8 (23. ... Kxh7 loses to 24. Rh4+) 24. Rh4 Qd8 25. Bb1+ Kg8 26. Qc2 g6 27. Qxc5 and the game is in the bag.

23. ... Nxe4  
 24. Qxe4? Nc3! (5)

4  
W



25. Qxb7 Ne2!  
 26. Kh1 Nxd4  
 27. Nc4 Qc5  
 28. Qe4 ...

Missing 28. Qxb4, mainly preventing Black from gaining another pawn (black is currently ahead by the exchange).

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# Springfield Chess Calendar

## National Chess Day October 14, 2018

We are celebrating on Friday, Oct. 13, with a Fundraiser Tournament to benefit our hosts, the Southside Senior Center. Look for details on our Facebook page.



## Springfield Park Board Club Ladder Tournament

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

## Pillsbury at Hastings Memorial

Midtown Carnegie Library, 397 E Central, Springfield MO - upstairs conference room. July 7, 2018. 10 am to 3 pm. Register by 10. free entry. Dual-rated, four rounds Swiss, at 10:20, 11:30, 1:00, and 2:00. 30-minute games, 5 sec delay. U1200 and Open sections if possible. Contact adamgrantwhitaker@gmail.com

## Blitz Tournaments!

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

If you would like to notify us of an upcoming chess-related event in our area, contact Roger Pagel (see p. 3).

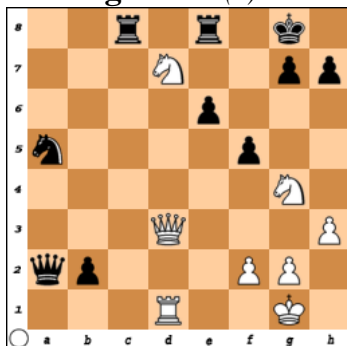
## GAME C

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28. ... Nxb3  
29. Qd3 Na5  
30. Ne3 b3  
31. Rc1 Qxe5?!

If 31. ... bxa2 32. Rxc5 a1=Q+ 33. Qd1 Qxd1+ 34. Nxd1 and then Black is up a whole rook.

32. Nb4 b2  
33. Rd1 Qf4  
34. Nxa6 Qxa4  
35. Nc5 Qa2  
36. Kh2 Rac8  
37. Nd7 Rfe8  
38. Ng4 f5 (4)



5  
B

Marty Phillips called this a “fascinating position” and preferred 39. Nf6+ gxf6 40. Nxf6+ over the text move that follows.

39. Nh6+! gxh6  
40. Nf6+? ...

This position was chock-full of tactical possibilities for White, but under time pressure, he failed to capitalize on the fact that Black’s king is open and short on defenders, and his Queen and knight on the other side of the board. In retrospect Chowdhury suggests this mate-in-8 continuation: 40. Qg3+ Kh8 41. Qe5+ Kg8 42. Nf6+ Kf7 43. Nh5 Rg8 44. Rd7+ Kg6 45. g4 Rfc8 46. Rg7+ Rxg7 47. Qxg7#.

Stech, on the other hand, suggested this avenue: 40. Qg3 Kf7 41. Ne5+ Kf8 42. Qh4 Rc7 43. Rd8 Qa4 44. Qxa4 Rxd8 45. Qxa5 Rdc8 46. Qb4+.

40. ... Kf7  
41. Nxe8 Rxe8  
42. Qf3 Rg8  
43. Rd7+ Ke8  
44. Rxh7? ...

It was more important to defend the back rank with 44. Rd1, but the pawn was going to promote anyway.

44. ... Qd5  
45. Qh5+ Kd8  
46. g3 b1=Q

White resigned, after a valiant, albeit slightly disorganized counter-assault. “(Stech) played well, as he capitalized on White’s miscalculations and errors ... also under time pressure, he responded nicely to come away with the full point.” AC

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