



MetroWest Chess Club

Largest Chess Club in New England

Serving the MetroWest Boston chess community since 1983

Happy Halloween



This month we celebrate the coming of Fall with the Trick or Treat Swiss monthly tournament.

October 2009 Newsletter

COMMUNITY: About the Club

About the MetroWest Chess Club

MetroWest Chess Club is a 501(c)7 club incorporated in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts on November 20, 2002. MetroWest Chess Club is a continuation of Framingham Chess Club started on May 3, 1983.

- Web address: www.MetroWestChess.org
- Street address: Natick Senior Center, 117 E. Central St. (Rt. 135), Natick MA 01760
- Phone number: 508 – 788 – 3641
- Email address: Info_Requests AT MetroWestChess DOT org

Playing at MetroWest Chess Club

- Remember, we are guests at the Natick Senior Center, please keep the facility safe and clean.
- Play starts at 7:30pm every Tuesday night. A new tournament starts every month, Round 1 on the 1st Tuesday. Arrive early! Onsite registration ends at 7:20 PM sharp. Register on the round you will start playing.
- Both Players are responsible to make sure that their game result is recorded on the pairing sheet. If we do not have your result, you may not be paired the next round.
- A **BYE** can be requested ONLY by (a) Request in advance on paper (see a TD), or (b) Call **508-788-3641** before 7:00pm on the night in question. After 7:00pm we cannot check messages and you will forfeit.
- A **FORFEIT** is if you are paired, and you do not request a BYE, and you do not play. A forfeit results in immediate withdrawal from the tournament until the fine is paid. The fine must be paid before end of registration (7:20pm) on the night you want to play again. Fine for 1st forfeit = \$10. Multiple forfeits results in serious fines. See the pamphlet below.
- A tri-fold 2-sided pamphlet “New MCC Players Essential Information” is at: http://www.metrowestchess.org/Community/Knowledge/FAQs/About_the_Club/FAQ_New_MC_C_Players_Essential_Information.pdf
- Club & Class Championships are explained in detail, including the current standings at the end of every newsletter.

About the MetroWest Chess Club Newsletter

- This newsletter is published monthly and posted on the MetroWest CC website, by following the “Newsletter” link. The MetroWest CC newsletter has been published continuously since November 2002, coinciding with incorporation.
- Older newsletters, historical flyers, articles, simuls and more, dating back to the opening night of Framingham CC in May 3, 1983, are available on the MetroWest CC website, by following the “History” link

COMPETE: Results of Last Tournament

Stanley Crowe Memorial Swiss Results

Congratulations to the winners!

- OPEN Igor Foygel,
Ilya Krasik
(4.0/5.0)
- U2000 Robert L Harvey,
Alexander J Hu
(4.0/5.0)
- U1700 Alexander S Jones
(4.0/5.0)
- U1400 Alex G Fauman
(5.0/5.0)



**Perfect score of the
month
Alex G Fauman,
U1400**



COMMUNITY : Game Collection

We are starting the process to make a major update to the MetroWest CC Game Collection. The game collection already has 856 games, but hasn't been updated since March of 2007. As the new Program Manager (starting 2009) for the game collection, I am starting to catch up and breathe new life into it. In addition to the games I've collected in 2009, David Harris has games from 2008 that he has collected. If you have any games which should be included, please send them to gamearchive AT MetroWestChess DOT org.



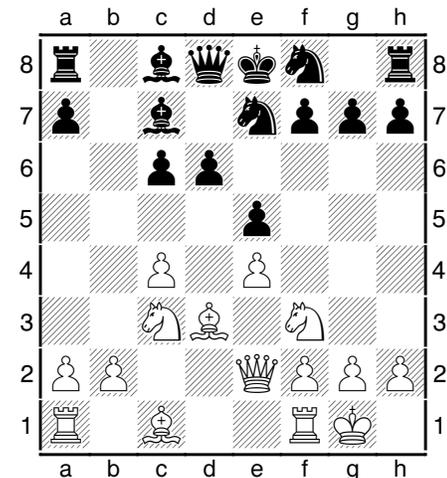
Warner Smith
Program Manager,
Games Collection

Below is an example of a hard fought game that led to a draw that I collected from players like you. In future issues, we will be bring you more games, more annotations and uploading the raw downloads on the web, so that you can use them in your future tournament preparations.

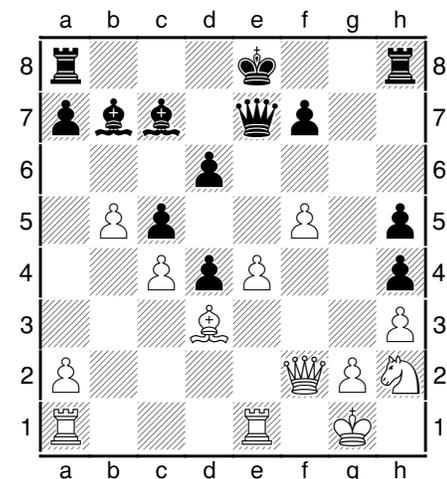
(57) Cousin,Neil (1931) – Ward,Al (1811) [C01]

MCC Independence Day Swiss:U2000 Natick MA (3),
21.07.2009

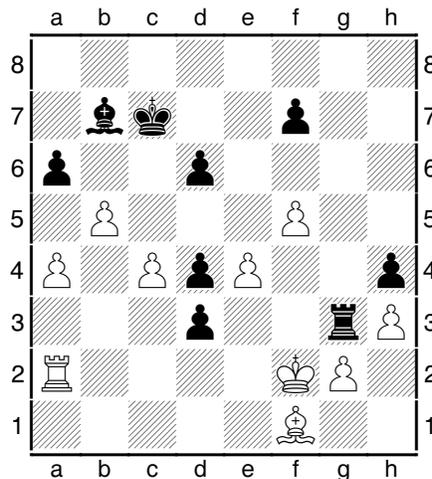
1.e4 e6 2.d4 c6 3.c4 Bd6 4.Nf3 Bc7 5.Nc3 d6 6.Bd3 Ne7 7.0-0 Nd7 8.d5 Nf8 9.Qe2 e5 10.dxc6 bxc6



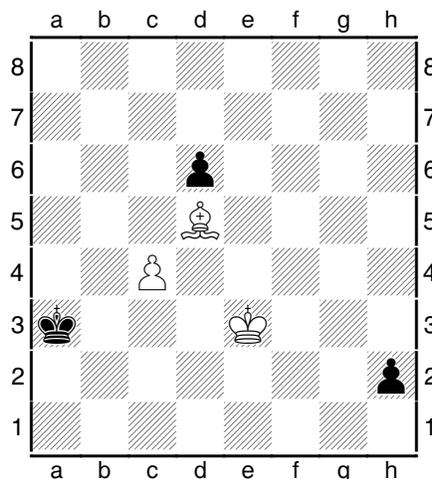
11.h3 Ne6 12.Qc2 Ng6 13.Ne2 h6 14.b4 Ng5 15.Nh2 Nh4
16.f4 Ne6 17.f5 Nd4 18.Nxd4 exd4 19.Bf4 g5 20.Bg3 h5
21.Qf2 c5 22.b5 Bb7 23.Rfe1 Qe7 24.Bxh4 gxh4



25.Nf3 0-0-0 26.Qxh4 Qxh4 27.Nxh4 Rdg8 28.Nf3 Rg3 29.Kf2
Rhg8 30.Bf1 Ba5 31.Re2 Bc3 32.Rd1 Kd7 33.Ne1 h4 34.Rd3
a6 35.a4 Kc7 36.Rxg3 Rxg3 37.Nf3 d3 38.Ra2 Bd4+ 39.Nxd4
cxd4



40.a5 Bxe4 41.bxa6 Rg5 42.Rd2 Kb8 43.Ke1 Rg3 44.f6 Ka7
45.Ra2 Kxa6 46.Kd1 Rg5 47.Ra3 Rxa5 48.Rxa5+ Kxa5
49.Kd2 Kb4 50.Bxd3 Bxg2 51.Bg6 Bxh3 52.Bxf7 Bd7 53.Bd5
Be8 54.Kd3 Bg6+ 55.Kxd4 h3 56.f7 Bxf7 57.Bxf7 h2 58.Bd5
Ka3 59.Ke3



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COMPETE : Stanley Crowe Achievement Award

On September 22, 2009, before a crowd of MetroWest CC players eager to play Round 4 of the 2009 Stanley Crowe Memorial tournament, Mark Kaprielian, President, and Warner Smith, Program Director of Championships presented the Stanley Crowe Achievement Award for the first time ever.

This lifetime achievement award is: “In recognition of club players who have achieved 14 tournament wins”.

Fourteen tournament wins is a rarified level of achievement, but it is doable, and in fact several MetroWest CC players received the award that night. Since this was the first award, the Club went back in the records all the way to 1983 searching for who qualified, and the year of qualification. Here is the list, with a note if they were present to receive the award:

| | |
|------------------------|-------------|
| Stanley Crowe, 1995 | Posthumous |
| FM John Curdo, 1995 | Present |
| IM Igor Foygel, 1999 | Present |
| Neil Cousin, 2007 | Present |
| NM Denys Smeylov, 2009 | Not present |



L-R: FM John Curdo, IM Igor Foygel, Mark Kaprielian, Neil Cousin, Warner Smith



L-R: IM Igor Foygel, Mark Kaprielian, Neil Cousin



L-R: FM John Curdo, IM Igor Foygel, Mark Kaprielian, Neil Cousin

COMPETE: Next Tournament

MCC Trick or Treat Swiss

| | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|---|---|--|-------------------|--|-------------|------|--|-------------|------|--|----------------------------|--|
| When | Tuesdays at 7:30 pm October 6, 13, 20, 27 2009 | Prizes | | | | | | | | | | |
| Format | 4-SS, 40/90, SD/30 | Open | \$ 120 - 80 - 60 | | | | | | | | | |
| Sections | Open, U2000, U1700, U1400 | U2000 | \$ 80 - 60 - 40 | | | | | | | | | |
| Prize Fund | \$ 630 100% Guaranteed | U1700 | \$ 60 - 40 - 20 | | | | | | | | | |
| Entry Fee | <table style="width: 100%; border: none;"> <tr> <td style="width: 30%;">Masters</td> <td style="width: 30%;">Free</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>MCC Members</td> <td>\$20</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Non-members</td> <td>\$25</td> <td></td> </tr> </table> | Masters | Free | | MCC Members | \$20 | | Non-members | \$25 | | Championship Points | |
| Masters | Free | | | | | | | | | | | |
| MCC Members | \$20 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Non-members | \$25 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | Open | 64 - 40 - 24 - 16 | | | | | | | | | |
| | | U2000 | 32 - 20 - 12 | | | | | | | | | |
| | | U1700 | 16 - 10 - 6 | | | | | | | | | |
| <p>Checkout the Possible Events of Interest link on the Club homepage for other events in the area,</p> | | 25% bonus for winning all games | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | 15 point bonus for upset win/draw over an 1800+ player and 300/600 rating diff | | | | | | | | | | |

Bookseller

Emanuel Raisin will have a large collection of chess books for sale during Round 1.

Weekly Group Lessons

| Topic | Instructor | Date |
|------------------------------|--------------|-----------------|
| On Blitz Chess and Rapidplay | Felix Yang | Round 1, Oct 6 |
| Dynamic vs. Static | Felix Yang | Round 2, Oct 13 |
| Tricks in the Sicilian | David Harris | Round 3, Oct 20 |
| A Real Treat | Felix Yang | Round 4, Oct 27 |

COMPETE: 2010 Club and Class Championship Qualification Standings Through September 2009

The current 2010 championship qualification standings (in tie break order) are as follows:

Club Championship Qualifying Points

| | | |
|-----|--------------------|-----|
| 1. | NM Denys Shmelov | 354 |
| 2. | IM Igor Foygel | 320 |
| 3. | IM David Vigorito | 186 |
| 4. | FM Charles Riordan | 160 |
| 5. | NM Lawyer Times | 146 |
| 6. | Neil Cousin | 98 |
| 7. | NM Ilya Krasik | 92 |
| 8. | Winston Huang | 72 |
| 9. | Ethan Thompson | 72 |
| 10. | Warner Smith | 59 |

Class (U2000) Championship Qualifying Points

| | | |
|-----|----------------|----|
| 1. | Neil Cousin | 98 |
| 2. | Ethan Thompson | 72 |
| 3. | Warner Smith | 59 |
| 4. | Al Ward | 58 |
| 5. | Tian Rossi | 58 |
| 6. | Mika Brattain | 55 |
| 7. | Calvin Hori | 51 |
| 8. | Jenshiang Hong | 38 |
| 9. | Robert Harvey | 37 |
| 10. | Alexander Hu | 37 |

The 2010 MCC Club and Class Championships

The 2010 MCC Club Championship and the MCC Class Championship (for U2000 players) will be held in March 2010 as separate 6-player 5-RR events run in parallel with the regular monthly sections.

Qualification for the 2010 MCC championships is based on performance in MCC regular time control events during 2009. The top 6 players from the Championship Points List (who accept the invitation) compete for the Club Championship. The remaining top 6 players rated U2000 (who accept the invitation) play for the Class Championship. The 2009 USCF Annual Rating List (published in December) is used to determine whether or not a player is eligible for the Class Championship.

Championship points are earned by placing 1st-2nd-3rd-4th in the Open section and 1st-2nd-3rd in the Upper and Middle sections during the year. Points are awarded on a graduated scale. Also, a perfect score bonus is given for all wins and an upset bonus is granted for scoring a very large upset. In addition, to qualify for the championships a player must compete in at least 4 MCC regular time control tournaments during 2009 and must be a member of the club on December 31, 2009.

Championship Qualification Points List for 2010 - Current Standings

| Player's Name | USCF Rating | Jan | Feb | Mar | Apr | May | Jun | Jul | Aug | Sep | Oct | Nov | Dec | Point Total | Tmt Req | Ranking by Club/Class | |
|--------------------|-------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-------------|---------|-----------------------|----|
| NM Denys Shmelov | 2492 | | 32 | 100 | | 64 | 54 | 52 | 52 | | | | | 354 | Met | 1 | |
| IM Igor Foygel | 2495 | | | 50 | 27 | 20 | 54 | 52 | 52 | 65 | | | | 320 | Met | 2 | |
| IM David Vigorito | 2464 | 52 | 64 | 50 | | 20 | | | | | | | | 186 | Met | 3 | |
| FM Charles Riordan | 2397 | 52 | | 30 | | | 54 | 10 | 14 | | | | | 160 | Met | 4 | |
| NM Lawyer Times | 2292 | | 4 | 20 | 64 | 20 | 3 | 10 | | 25 | | | | 146 | Met | 5 | |
| Neil Cousin | 1966 | 16 | | | | 16 | 40 | 26 | | | | | | 98 | Met | 6 | 1 |
| NM Ilya Krasik | 2251 | | 4 | 20 | | | 3 | | | 65 | | | | 92 | Met | 7 | |
| Winston Huang | 2066 | | 32 | 40 | | | | | | | | | | 72 | Met | 8 | |
| Ethan Thompson | 1727 | | | | | 40 | | | 32 | | | | | 72 | Met | 9 | 2 |
| Warner Smith | 1657 | | 11 | | 8 | 8 | 25 | | | 7 | | | | 59 | Met | 10 | 3 |
| Al Ward | 1853 | 16 | | | 16 | | | 26 | | | | | | 58 | Met | 11 | 4 |
| Tian Rossi | 1828 | | 11 | 15 | 32 | | | | | | | | | 58 | Met | 12 | 5 |
| Mika Brattain | 1989 | 40 | | 15 | | | | | | | | | | 55 | Met | 13 | 6 |
| Calvin Hori | 1796 | | | | | | 25 | 10 | 16 | | | | | 51 | Met | 14 | 7 |
| FM John Curdo | 2227 | 20 | 4 | 20 | | | 3 | | | | | | | 47 | Met | 15 | |
| John Chamberlain | 2071 | | | | | 20 | | | | 25 | | | | 45 | Met | 26 | |
| GM Arthur Bisguier | 2228 | 20 | | 20 | | | | | | | | | | 40 | Met | 17 | |
| Jenshiang Hong | 1622 | 6 | | | | 20 | 12 | | | | | | | 38 | Met | 18 | 8 |
| Robert Harvey | 1876 | | 4 | | | | | | | 33 | | | | 37 | Met | 19 | 9 |
| Alexander Hu | 1822 | | | | | | | 4 | | 33 | | | | 37 | Met | 20 | 10 |
| Mark Fins | 1846 | | | 15 | | 16 | | 4 | | | | | | 35 | Met | 21 | 11 |
| Danny Angermeier | 1792 | | 32 | | | | | | | | | | | 32 | Met | 22 | 12 |
| CM Derek Slater | 2128 | | 4 | | 27 | | | | | | | | | 31 | Met | 23 | |
| Alexander Paphitis | 1731 | | | 30 | | | | | | | | | | 30 | Met | 24 | 13 |
| Rolf Wetzell | 2000 | | | | 27 | | | | | | | | | 27 | Met | 25 | |
| Jesse Nicholas | 1920 | | | 25 | | | 3 | | | | | | | 27 | Met | 26 | 14 |
| William Stein | 1711 | | | | | 8 | | 2 | 16 | | | | | 26 | Met | 27 | 15 |
| Dave Rivera | 1699 | | 11 | 15 | | | | | | | | | | 26 | 2 | 28 | 16 |
| Elliot Strassman | 1650 | | | | 16 | | | | | 8 | | | | 24 | Met | 29 | 17 |
| Richard Han | 1726 | | | | | | | 20 | | | | | | 20 | 1 | 30 | 18 |
| Alexander Jones | 1473 | | | | | | | | | 20 | | | | 20 | Met | 31 | 19 |
| Leonard Gruenberg | 1506 | | | 8 | | | 3 | | 6 | | | | | 17 | Met | 32 | 20 |
| Larry Pratt | 1781 | | | | | | | | 16 | | | | | 16 | Met | 33 | 21 |
| Robert Holmgren | 1768 | | | | 16 | | | | | | | | | 16 | Met | 34 | 22 |
| Henry Clark | 1549 | 16 | | | | | | | | | | | | 16 | Met | 35 | 23 |
| Charlie Fauman | 1703 | | | | | | 15 | | | | | | | 15 | Met | 36 | 24 |
| Milad Afdasta | 1701 | 15 | | | | | | | | | | | | 15 | 2 | 37 | 25 |
| NM Alex Cherniack | 2297 | | | | | | | | 14 | | | | | 14 | 1 | 38 | |
| David Plotkin | 2094 | | | | | | | | 14 | | | | | 14 | 1 | 39 | |

Point Allocation Rules:

Points are given for placing 1st-2nd-3rd-4th in the Open section and 1st-2nd-3rd in the Upper and Middle Unnnn sections:

- >> For 3-round events the usual allocation is: 48 - 30 - 18 - 12 / 24 - 15 - 9 / 12 - 8 - 4
- >> For 4-round events the usual allocation is: 64 - 40 - 24 - 16 / 32 - 20 - 12 / 16 - 10 - 6
- >> For 5-round events the usual allocation is: 80 - 50 - 30 - 20 / 40 - 25 - 15 / 20 - 12 - 8
- >> For 6-round events the usual allocation is: 96 - 60 - 36 - 24 / 48 - 30 - 18 / 24 - 15 - 9

However, during the month in which the Championships are held in parallel to the regular sections the allocation is less:

- >> For 5-round event in championship month: 50 - 30 - 20 - 10 / 30 - 20 - 10 / 15 - 10 - 5

The allocation may be different to accommodate special circumstances or it may be reduced if one or more rounds is cancelled (e.g., bad weather). Championship points are awarded only for events where 3 or more rounds are played.

Points are given for placing 1st-2nd-3rd-4th in the Club Championship and 1st-2nd-3rd in the Class Championship:

- >> For MCC Championship events the allocation is: 80 - 50 - 30 - 20 / 40 - 25 - 15

For a placement tie, the available points are divided equally among the players and rounded up to the next whole number. For example, if there is a 3-way tie for 1st in the Open section of a 5-round event, each player receives 54 points based on $(80 + 50 + 30) / 3 = 160 / 3 = 53.33$ which is 54 when round up to the next whole number.

In addition, a perfect score bonus (PSB) of 25% of the points earned is awarded to any player who posts a win in each round. Note that forfeit wins and full point byes do not count; a player must play a game in each round and win each game. For example, a player who scores 4-0 in the Upper section of a 4-round event would earn $1.25 * 32 = 40$ points.

Also, an upset bonus (UWB) of 15 points is awarded for a win against an 1800 or higher rated player where the winner is rated at least 300 points lower (or at least 600 points lower for a draw). Both players must be fully rated at the start of the event.

Tie Break Rules:

Most points earned in the Open and Club Championship sections combined.

Most points earned in the Upper and Class Championship sections combined.

Most events in which points were awarded.

Highest rating from the December USCF Annual Rating List; full rating takes precedence over a provisional rating.

Coin toss.

Championship Points Earned for 2010 by Tournament in 2009

| 2009 Events | Open Section | Upper Section | Middle Section |
|--|--|--|---|
| January 4-SS ChPts: 64-40-24-16 / 32-20-12 / 16-10-6 | 1. D.Vigorito (52), C.Riordan (52) 3. J.Curdo (20), A.Bisguier (20) | 1. M.Brattain (32+8 PSB) 2. N.Cousin (16), A.Ward (16) + M.Afdasta (15 UWB) | 1. H.Clark (16) 2. A.Moyer (6), J.Hong (6), R.Matthews (6) |
| February 4-SS ChPts: 64-40-24-16 / 32-20-12 / 16-10-6 | 1. D.Vigorito (64) 2. D.Shmelov (32), W.Huang (32) 4. J.Curdo (4), L.Times (4), I.Krasik (4), D.Slater (4), R.Harvey (4) | 1. D.Angermeier (32) 2. N.Konovalchuk (11), L.Eldridge (11), T.Rossi (11) | 1. D.Rivera (11), W.Smith (11), J.Dorfman (11) |
| March Club and Class Championships 5-RR ChPts: 80-50-30-20 40-25-15 | 1. D. Smelov(80 + 20 PSB) 2. D. Vigorito (50) 3. C. Riordan (30) 4. I. Krasik (20) | 1. W. Huang (40) 2. J. Nicholas(25) 3. M. Brattain (15) | |
| March 5-SS ChPts: 50-30-20-10 / 30-20-10 / 15-10-5 | 1. I. Foygel (50) 2. J. Curdo (20) L. Times (20) A. Bisguier (20) | 1. A. Paphitis (30) 2. M. Finns (15) T. Rossi (15) | 1. D. Rivera (15) 2. W. Champion (8) L. Gruenberg(8) |
| April 4-SS ChPts: 64-40-24-16 / 32-20-12 / 16-10-6 | 1. L. Times (64) 2. I. Foygel (27) D. Slater (27) R. Wetzell (27) | 1. T. Rossi (32) 2. A. Ward (16) R. Holmgren (16) | 1. E. Strassman (16) 2. W. Smith (8) S. Schnair (8) |
| May 4-SS ChPts: 64-40-24-16 / 32-20-12 / 16-10-6 | 1. D. Shmelov (64) 2. I. Foygel (20) D. Vigorito (20) L. Times (20) J. Chamberlain (20) | 1. E. Thompson (32 + 8 PSB) 2. N. Cousin (16) M. Fins (16) | 1. J. Hong (16 + 4 PSB) 2. W. Stein (8) W. Smith (8) |
| June 5-SS ChPts: 80-50-30-20 / 40-25-15 / 20-12-8 | 1. I. Foygel (54) D. Shmelov (54) C. Riordan (54) 4. J. Curdo (3) L. Times (3) I. Krasik (3) E. Astrachan (3) F. Yang (3) J. Fauman (3) J. Nicholas (3) | 1. N. Cousin (40) 2. C. Hori (25) 3. C. Fauman (15) | 1. W. Smith (20 + 5PSB) 2. J. Hong (12) 3. L. Gruenberg (3) D. Thompson (3) P. Fleurant (3) |
| July 4-SS ChPts: 64-40-24-16 / 32-20-12 / 16-10-6 | 1. I. Foygel (52) D. Shmelov (52) 3. C. Riordan (10) L. Times (10) J. Perl (10) G. Xu (10) | 1. N. Cousin (26) A. Ward (26) 3. M. Fins(4) A. Hu (4) G. Goulding(4) | 1. R. Han (16 + 4PSB) 2. C. Hori (10) 3. W. Stein (2) R. King (2) C. Neogy (2) |
| August 4-SS ChPts: 64-40-24-16 / 32-20-12 / 16-10-6 | 1. I. Foygel (52) D. Shmelov (52) 3. C. Riordan (14) A. Cherniack (14) D. Plotkin (14) | 1. E. Thompson (32) 2. C. Hori (16) L. Pratt (16) | 1. W. Stein (16) 2. L. Gruenberg (6) D. Thompson (6) B. Abelis (6) |
| September 5-SS ChPts: 80-50-30-20 / 40-25-15 / 20-12-8 | 1. I Foygel (65) I. Krasik (65) 3. L. Times (25) J. Chamberlain (25) | 1. R. Harvey (33) A. Hu (33) 3. W. Xu (8) E. Stassman (8) | 1. A. Jones (20) 2. W. Smith (7) A. Sorets (7) S. Rangan (7) |
| October 4-SS ChPts: 64-40-24-16 / 32-20-12 / 16-10-6 | 1. 2. 3. 4. | 1. 2. 3. | 1. 2. 3. |
| November 4-SS | 1. | 1. | 1. |

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|---|----------------------|----------------|----------------|
| ChPts: 64-40-24-16 / 32-20-12 / 16-10-6 | 2. 3. 4. | 2. 3. | 2. 3. |
| December 5-SS ChPts: 80-50-30-20 / 40-25-15 / 20-12-8 | 1. 2. 3. 4. | 1. 2. 3. | 1. 2. 3. |