



MetroWest Chess Club

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April 2006 Newsletter

Highlights

March Forward Swiss Results

Congratulations to the winners:

Open	IM Igor Foygel, FM John Curdo, and Jacob Wamala (3.0/4)
U1850	Nikita Konovalchuk (4.0/4)
U1600	Chris Garos (4.0/4)
U1300	William Luff (4.0/4)

MetroWest CC Spring Swiss This Month

Spring like a Knight into the Spring Swiss.

4 sections: Open, U1900, U1650, and U1350.
Tuesdays at 7:30 pm. April 4, 11, 18, 25.

From the Editor

Kibbitzes returns this month with another great article by Mark LaRocca, **The Game of the Century**. Don't miss it!

Kate Gasser
Newsletter Editor



Kate Gasser

The Game of the Century, by Mark LaRocca

I am not one to exaggerate; therefore, I should explain that the century is very young, and in naming this article, I only included games at which I was physically present, and of those, only ones in which I actually helped move the pieces. That said, the following game is certainly my favorite of the 2005 US Chess League season.

IM Larry Kaufmann (Baltimore)– FM Paul McIntyre (Boston)
US Chess League 2005

Ruy Lopez Exchange Variation

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Bxc6 dxc6

5.0-0 (diagram)

Supposedly, this variation, 5.0-0 was revived by Fischer. At this point, Fischer's opponents (Spassky included) seemed to invariably play 5... f6. Strangely, Fischer never faced the most challenging move...

5... Bg4!

What I wouldn't give to know Fischer's ideas in response to this move and the even more obscure gambit that Paul now initiates.

6. h3 Bh5!? (diagram)

IM Kaufman, in his book *The Chess Advantage in Black and White*, calls this "a dubious pawn sacrifice," citing analysis by GM Tom Wedberg that follows our game for the next four moves.

7.g4 Bg6 8.Nxe5 Bd6 9.Nxg6 hxg6 10.Qf3 Qh4 11.Kg2 (diagram)

Here GM Wedberg's analysis departs from our game. He gives 11... Bf4 12.d3 g5 13.Bxf4 gxf4 14.Nd2 Ne7 15.Rh1 Ng6 16.Qe2 (diagram), saying Black's compensation looks inadequate.

But FM MacIntyre has concocted a more effective attack, starting with the more obvious.

11... 0-0-0 12.Nc3 (= Fritz)

IM Kaufman used Fritz to analyze variations for his book. FM MacIntyre told me after the game that he had prepared his variations here also using Fritz. So, naturally, I used Fritz to look at this position.

Here Fritz's recommendations for Black are 12...c5. ...Nf6, ...Re8, or ...Be5, all holding a tenuous equality. Paul plays a much more aggressive and more human move

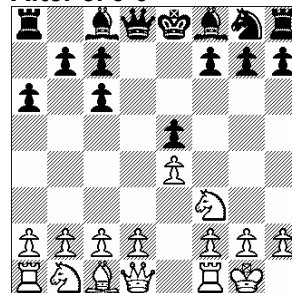
12... Ne7!? (=0.22 Fritz)

Still equal but threatening to blow the kingside open with

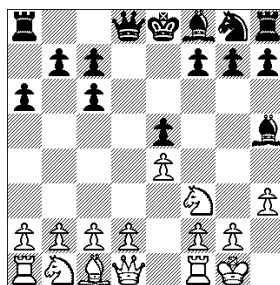
13. Ne2?! f5! (=+0.44 Fritz)

White's last move was an inaccuracy handing over the initiative. 13.d4 or 13.Rh1 was better.

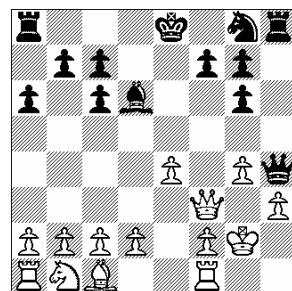
After 5. 0-0



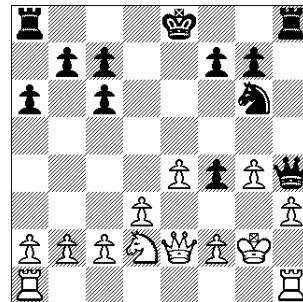
After 6.h3, Bh5!?



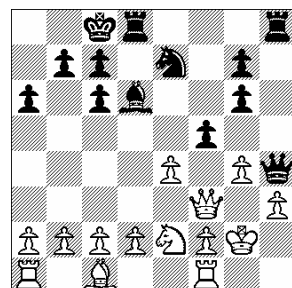
After 11. Kg2



(Analysis) After 16.Qe2



After 13... f5!



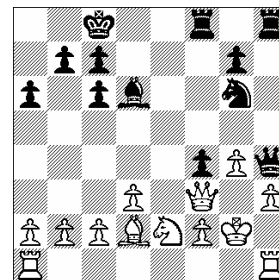
14.exf5 gxf5 15.d3 Rdf8 16.Bd2 f4!? (=+0.34 Fritz)

White's moves have been adequate given the position, but now Black prefers the bind to the more computer-like 16... Ng6 17.gxf5 Qa4 (threatening a nasty check on h4 forking the queen) 18.Bg5 Ne5 19.Qe3 Qxc2 (=+0.66 Fritz)
White is still under attack and many pawns are hanging.

17.Rh1?!

After this move Fritz thinks Black is winning (-+0.91) It prefers 17.Bc3 or 17.Rfe1 (=+0.34) and Black has the initiative. **17... Ng6** (Diagram)

After 17... Ng6



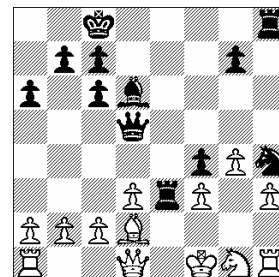
18.Bc3?!

Another inaccuracy pushing Black's edge to -+1.25. 18.d4 keeps the edge down to -+0.84. Black should win in either case.

18... Qg5 19.Kf1 Re8 20.Ng1 Nh4 21.Qd1 Qd5 22.f3 Re3 23.Bd2? (Diagram) (-+4.56) White falters badly in a losing position.

After 23.Bd2

Black to play and win



Can you see the best move now for Black? (Answer elsewhere in this newsletter) No matter, Paul missed it too.

Who can blame him for playing the safer but winning **23... Re7.24.Be1 Bc5 25.Bxh4 Rxh4 26.Rh2 Qd4 27.Kg2 Qxb2 28.Kh1 g5 29.Re2 Qh8 30.Kg2 Rxe2+ 31.Qxe2 Bxg1 32.Rxg1 Rxh3 33.Kf1** (diagram)

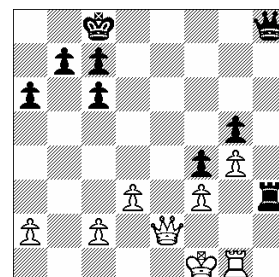
This position makes a nice puzzle... Black mates or wins two pawns. But, can you see the mate without moving the pieces?

33... Qa1+ 34.Kf2

If 34.Qe1, then 34... Rxf3+ 35.Kg2 Qxe1 36.Rxe1 Rg3+ 37.Kf2 Rxe4 leaves Black up three pawns in a Rook endgame. IM Kaufman chooses instead to fall on his sword.

34... Rh7+ 35.Rg7 Qd4+ 36.Ke1 Rh1+ 37.Kd2 Qb4+

After 33.Kf1



White resigns, as 38.c3 Qb2# mates.

In his book, IM Kaufman recommends the Ruy Lopez Exchange largely based on the fact that this gambit is unsound. But, is it???

What do you think? Game of the Century, or what?

Note to Readers: How to contribute annotated games & positions; essays; letter to editor.

Contributions to Kibitzes and Letters to Editor

Email to News_Staff AT MetroWestChess.org.

Deadline for next newsletter: April. 20

Contributions to Website (MCC members only)

Email to Games AT MetroWestChess.org

COMMUNITY :: Club and Partner Calendar

Tuesday, April 4 7:30 pm	Round 1 – MCC Spring Swiss Weekly group lesson – John Chamberlain on basic tactics. Emanuel Rasin with Books from Europe.
Tuesday, April 11 7:30 pm	Round 2 – MCC Spring Swiss Weekly group lesson – John Chamberlain on basic tactics
Tuesday, April 18 7:30 pm	Round 3 – MCC Spring Swiss Weekly group lesson – John Chamberlain on basic tactics
Tuesday, April 25 7:30 pm	Round 4 – MCC Spring Swiss Weekly group lesson – John Chamberlain on basic tactics

COMMUNITY :: Club and Partner Activities and Info

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COMPETE:: MCC Spring Swiss

NEXT TOURNAMENT!

When	Tuesdays at 7:30 pm April 4, 11, 18, 25		Prizes
Format	4-SS, 40/90, SD/30	Open	\$150-100-50
Sections	Open, U1900, U1650, U1350	U1900	\$90-60-30
Prize Fund	\$ 670 Guaranteed	U1650	\$60-40-20
Entry Fees	Masters Free MCC Members \$15 Others \$20	U1350	\$40-20-10
			Championship Points
		Open	64-32-16
		U1900	24-12
		U1650	8
			50% bonus for perfect score

COMPETE :: Monthly and Championship Tournaments

Section results below – Print them and show your friends 😊



Jim Krycka
Monthly Tournaments Director

Solution to “Black to Play and Win”.

The quickest and prettiest win is
 23... Rxf3+ 24.Nxf3 Nxf3 and White loses either the Rook on h1 or gets mated. For example, 25.Bc3 Nd2+ 26.Kg1 Bc5+ 27.d4 Bxd4+ 28.Bxd4 Qxd4+ 29.Kg2 Qe4+ 30.Kh2 Qe3 31.Qe1 Qxh3+ 32.Kg1 Qxh1+ 33.Kf2 Rh2#

A long and very computer-like win.



**MARCH 2006
TOURNAMENT
RESULTS**

OPEN SECTION

1st Place Tie 3.0 / 4 points



IM Igor Foygel



FM John Curdo



Jacob Wamala

Upsets over 200 points



Michael Kaye



FM John Curdo



**MARCH 2006
TOURNAMENT
RESULTS**

U1850 SECTION

1st Place 4.0 / 4 points



Nikita Konovalchuk

2nd Place 3.5 / 4 points



Hadrian Zbarcea

3rd Place Tie 3.0 / 4 points



Victor Herrera



Lior Rozhansky

Upsets over 200 points - None



**MARCH 2006
TOURNAMENT
RESULTS**

U1600 SECTION

1st Place 4.0 / 4 points



Chris Garos

2nd Place Tie 3.5 / 4 points



Anirudh Arun



Jack Appelmans

Upsets over 200 points



Vikas Shiva (2)



Jack Appelmans (2)



Gregory Cermak (2)



Tyler Cichowlas



**MARCH 2006
TOURNAMENT
RESULTS**

U1300 SECTION

1st Place 4.0 / 4 points



William Luff

2nd Place Tie 3.0 / 4 points



Daniel F Callahan



George Callahan

Upsets over 200 points - None

COMPETE:: Club and Class Championship Qualification Standings Through March 2006

The rosters for the 2006 Club and Class Championships have been finalized. Pairings for these 5-RR events in May are posted on the MCC web site. IM Igor Foygel (defending champion), David Harris, John Chamberlain, Ilya Krasik, Jacob Wamala, and Mark LaRocca will compete for the Club Championship. Playing for the Class Championship will be Neil Cousin, Severine Wamala, Nikita Konovalchuk (defending champion), Calvin Hori, Matt Phelps, and Bill Michael.

So far this year, three events have been played that contribute to the qualification cycle for 2007. All MCC regular time control events during the year offer championship points and the amounts are listed in the tournament announcement. To earn points you have to finish in 1st, 2nd, or 3rd place in the Open section, 1st or 2nd in the top class section, or 1st in the next highest class section. In case of a tie, players split the points which are rounded up to the next whole number.

The current 2007 championship qualification standings (in tie break order) are as follows:

Club Championship Qualifying Points

1.	IM Igor Foygel	196
2.	FM John Curdo	116
3.	David Harris	38
4.	Jacob Wamala	38
5.	Nikita Konovalchuk	36
6.	Larry Eldridge	30
7.	Robert Harvey	24
8.	Matthew Cater	15
9.	Hadrian Zbarcea	12
10.	Christopher Garos	12

Class Championship Qualifying Points

1.	Nikita Konovalchuk	36
2.	Larry Eldridge	30
3.	Robert Harvey	24
4.	Matthew Cater	15
5.	Hadrian Zbarcea	12
6.	Christopher Garos	12
7.	Alexander Paphitis	6
8.	Winston Huang	6
9.	Bill Michael	4
10.	Bill Stein	4
11.	Jerry Williams	4
12.	Thomas Simon	4