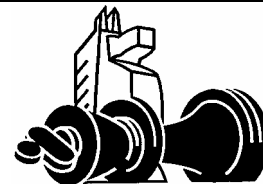


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WCCC Schedule

Date(s)	Event (<i>Director</i>)
May 5	Spring Swiss II (Anderson)
May 7	1st Saturday Quad (Ekerenkoetter)
May 12	Spring Swiss II (Anderson)
May 19	Spring Swiss II (Anderson)
May 26	Spring Swiss II (Anderson)
Jun 2	Dollar Swiss (Ekerenkoetter)
Jun 4	1st Saturday Quad (White)
Jun 9	Dollar Swiss (Ekerenkoetter) ¹
Jun 16	Dollar Swiss (Ekerenkoetter)
Jun 23	Dollar Swiss (Ekerenkoetter)
Jun 30	4 Game 15 Swiss - Unr (Anderson)
July 7	Summer Swiss I (Anderson)
July 9	1st Saturday Quad (White)²
July 14	Summer Swiss I (Anderson)
July 21	Summer Swiss I (Anderson)
July 28	Summer Swiss I (Anderson)
Aug 4	Summer Swiss II (Ekerenkoetter)
Aug 6	1st Saturday Quad (White)

1 – No entry fee. 1st place - \$20. 2nd place - \$10.

2 – Moves to 2nd Saturday due to World Open, July 4th weekend.

Club Champion Retains Crown

Joe Mucerino turned back a field of 11 challengers to retain the title of Club Champion for 2005 with 3 ½ points. The draw was to Mel Ross who finished with 2 ½ points. Mel finished in a 3 way tie for second along with Roy Ekerenkoetter and Rob Upleger.

FYI

The Anderssen-Kolisch match in 1861 was the first time a time-limit was used. An hour-glass gave each player 2 hours to make 24 moves.

The number of possible ways of playing the first four moves per side in a game of Chess is 318,979,564,000.

There are 169,518,829,100,544,000 ways to play the first ten moves in a game of Chess

There are 400 different possible positions after one move each. There are 72,084 different possible positions after two moves each. There are over 9 million different possible positions after three moves each. There are over 288 billion different possible positions after four moves each. The number of distinct 40-move games is far greater than the number of electrons in the observable universe.

Source: Chess Live Wire Newsletter, 11/19/04

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Donald Anderson, President
Jim White, Chief TD and Treasurer

Your Moves

This section of *The West Chess* showcases games played by our members. All members are encouraged to submit *any* game or combination they have played, with or without commentary.

White: **Donald Anderson – 1653**

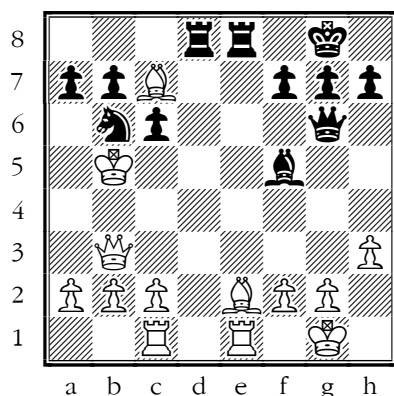
Black: **Joe Mucerino - 2065**

Event: March Madness Swiss

Date: March 10, 2005

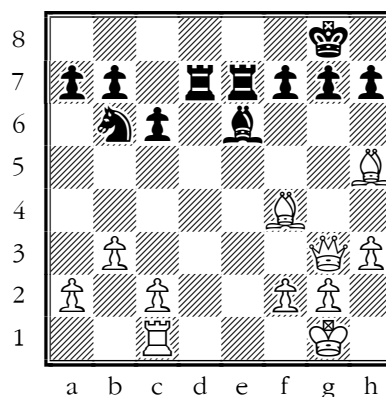
1.e4 d5 2.exd5 ♟f6 3.♙e2 ♟xd5 4.h3 Prevents intrusion on g4 4...e5 5.d3 ♙c5 6.♟f3 ♖d6 [6...♟c6] 7.0-0 0-0 8.♟bd2 ♟c6 9.♟e4 ♖e7 10.♟xc5 ♖xc5 11.♟xe5 ♟xe5 12.d4 ♖e7 13.dxe5 ♖xe5 14.♙e1 ♙e8 15.♖d3 ♙f5 16.♖b3 ♟b6 17.♙d2 ♖f6 18.♙ad1 ♖g6 Threatening both ...♙xc2 winning the Rook and winning the pawn at h3 if the 3rd rank gets blocked by say ♙e3. 19.♙c1 ♙ad8 20.♙f4 c6!? 21.♙c7

(see diagram)



♙d7?? [21...♙a8 Black needs to keep both Rooks on the back rack until his kingside castle has some luff such as ..h6.] 22.♙h5!! Attacking the queen and more importantly clearing the file for the backrack move ♙xe8# 22...♖e6 23.♙xe6 ♙xe6 24.♖g3 ♟c4 If black was heading to d2 it doesn't appear to what end.

25.b3 ♙ee7 26.♙f4 ♟b6 (See diagram)



I was too focused on keeping the Knight out of the center and missed the key move of the game!

[27.♙h6!! f5 (27...g6 28.♖b8+) 28.♖b8+ ♟c8 29.♖xc8+ ♙d8 30.♖xd8+ ♙e8 31.♖xe8#]

My win is less interesting from here on. 27.c4 ♖f8 To avoid the move by white of ♙h6. 28.♙d6 g6 29.♙xe7+ ♖xe7 30.♙f3 a6 31.♙e1 ♟c8 32.♖h4+ ♖f8 33.♖xh7 Now to start taking off Black's pawns to reduce black's endgame chances. 33...♟e7 34.♖h6+ To keep the Knight off g8. 34...♖g8 35.♙e4 ♙d6 [35...f5 is no salvation 36.♙d5! cxd5 37.♙xe6] 36.g4 ♙c8 37.♖f1 ♙d7 38.f4 ♙e6 39.♙d3 ♙d6 40.♙b1 ♟c8 41.♙f5! It seemed for a second that this move was a mistake but then after further consideration it turns out not to be so bad. 41...gxf5 [41...♙xf5?? 42.♙e8#] 42.♖g5+ ♖h7? 43.gxf5 c5?! 44.f6!! 1- 0

White: **Charles Jay - 1548**

Black: **Bill Moyer - 1566**

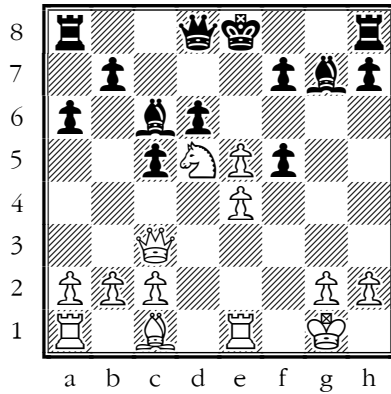
Event: 1st Saturday Quad

Date: March 5, 2005

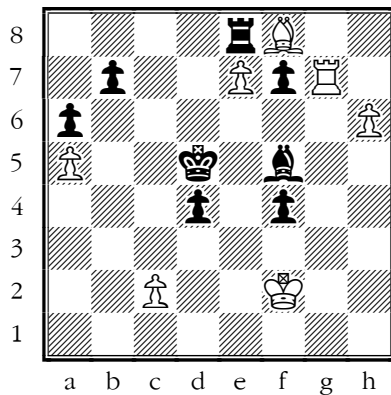
1.e4 e5 2.♟f3 d6 3.d4 exd4 4.♟xd4 ♟f6 5.♟c3 a6 6.♙d3 ♟bd7 7.0-0 ♟e5 8.♟de2 ♙d7 9.♟d4 c5 10.♟f5 ♟xd3 11.♖xd3 ♙c6 12.♙e1 ♟g4 13.♟d5 g6 14.♖c3 ♟e5 15.f4 gxf5 16.fxe5 ♙g7 (See diagram next page)

17.♟f6+? [17.exf5!! ♙xd5 18.exd6+ ♖f8 19.♖xc5 ♙c6 20.d7+ ♖g8 21.♙e8+] 17...♙xf6 18.exf6 ♙xe4 19.♙h6 ♖b6 20.a4 0-0-0 21.♙ad1 d5 22.a5 ♖c6 23.♙g7 ♙he8 24.b4 d4 25.♖c4 ♙xg2 26.♙e7 ♙d5 27.♖xc5 ♖xc5 28.bxc5 ♙e6 29.♙c1 ♙xe7 30.fxe7 ♙g8 31.♖f2 ♙d7 32.♙g1 ♙e8 33.♙f8 ♖c7 34.♙g7 ♙e6 35.♙xh7 ♖c6

Move after 16..Qg7



36.h4 ♖xc5 37.h5 ♖d5 38.h6 f4 39.♞g7 ♙f5
(See diagram)



40.♞xf7 [40.♞g5!! ♖e6 41.♞xf5 ♖xf5 42.h7!]
40...♙xc2 41.♞xf4 ♖e5 42.♞h4 ♙h7 43.♞h5+
♖f6 44.♞d5 d3 45.♞d8 ♖f7 46.♖e3 ♙g6
47.♞d7 ♖e6 48.♞xb7 ♖d5 49.♞b6 ♖c5??
50.♞xg6 1-0

The following game may be of some theoretical interest. In my recent game with Mel Ross, we explored the seldom seen Saemisch Variation of the Nimzo-Indian Defense.

White: Mel Ross, 1810

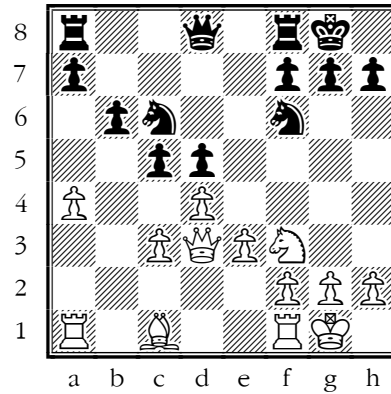
Black: Roy Eikerenkoetter, 1670

Event: WCCC Spring Swiss

Date: April 21, 2005

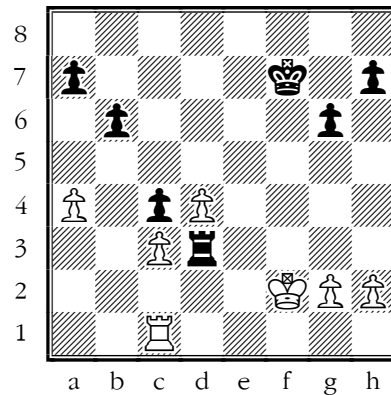
[E24] 1.d4 ♘f6 2.c4 e6 3.♘c3 ♙b4 4.a3 ♙xc3+
5.bxc3 c5 6.♖c2 0-0 7.e3 ♘c6 8.♙d3 d5 9.♘f3
b6 10.0-0 ♙a6 11.cxd5 ♙xd3 12.♖xd3 exd5
13.a4... White's plan is to exploit his advantage of
having the bishop. My idea is to handcuff the
bishop with my strong queen's knight. I consider

this position to be equal. I never thought I had
winning chances. (See diagram)

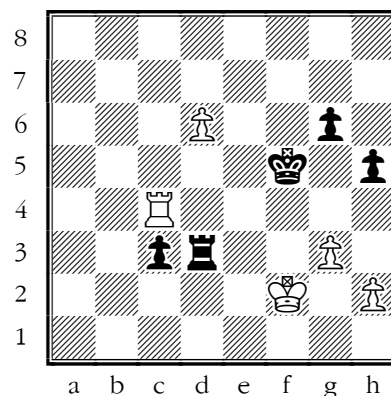


13...c4 14.♖c2 ♞fe8 15.♙a3 ♘e4 16.♘d2 f5
17.f3 ♘xd2 18.♖xd2 ♘a5 19.♞ae1 ♘b3 20.♖c2
♖d7

To keep White's bishop impotent, Black must deny
it access to the d6 square. 21.♙b2 g6 22.e4... This
begins the endgame. 22...fxe4 23.fxe4 dxe4
24.♞xe4 ♞xe4 25.♖xe4 ♞e8 26.♖f4 ♖e7 27.♙a3
♖e3+ 28.♖xe3 ♞xe3 29.♙c1 ♘xc1 30.♞xc1 ♞d3
31.♖f2 ♖f7 (See diagram)



32.a5 bxa5 33.♞a1 ♞xc3 34.♞xa5 ♖e6 35.♞xa7
h5 36.♞a6+ ♖f5 37.d5 ♞d3 38.♞c6 c3 39.d6 ♖f4
40.g3+ ♖g4 41.♞c4+ ♖f5 Draw (See diagram)



West Chester Club Championship, Feb 3 – Mar 3, 2005

		Pre Rating	Post Rating	1	2	3	4	Total
1	Joe Mucerino	2090	2088	W4	W6	W5	D2	3 ½
2	Mel Ross	1798	1794	L10	W11	W6	D1	2 ½
3	Roy Eikerenkoetter	1671	1662	L7	W9	D4	W12	2 ½
4	Rob Upleger	1639	1651	L1	W12	D3	W7	2 ½
5	Jim White	1711	1710	W11	B	L1	U	2
6	Donald Anderson	1636	1637	W12	L1	L2	W9	2
7	Leo Munley	1659	1596	W3	L8	W12	L4	2
8	Jim Merickel	1672	1678	D9	W7	U	U	1 ½
9	Charles Jay	1545	1534	D8	L3	W11	L6	1 ½
10	Craig Dalton	1500	1532	W2	U	U	U	1
11	Lassaad Sanane	1281	1267	L5	L2	L9	U	0
12	Margaret Brakel	698	696	L6	L4	L7	L3	0

U – Unplayed B – 1 Point Bye H – ½ Point Bye

First Saturday Quad, March 5, 2005 (Edited)

Quad 4

		Pre Rating	Post Rating	1	2	3	4	Total
1	Donald Anderson	1618	1667	*	D	W	W	2 ½
2	Roy Eikerenkoetter	1656	1671	D	*	W	D	2
3	Jim Fisher	1738	1714	L	L	*	W	1
4	Albert Starner	1602	1600	L	D	L	*	½

Quad 5

		Pre Rating	Post Rating	1	2	3	4	Total
1	Greg Pratt	1614	1676	*	W	W	W	3
2	Larry Donovan	1695	1682	L	*	D	W	1 ½
3	Robert Frey	1569	1576	L	D	*	W	1 ½
4	Leo Munley	1596	1492	L	L	L	*	0

Quad 6

		Pre Rating	Post Rating	1	2	3	4	Total
1	Charles Jay	1548	1571	*	D	W	W	2 ½
2	Joe Casey	1472	1523	D	*	W	W	2 ½
3	Will Moyer	1566	1538	L	L	*	W	1
4	Ken Pytel	1341	1312	L	L	L	*	0

Swiss

		Pre Rating	Post Rating	1	2	3	Total
1	Alex Hallenbeck	1398	1425	D6	W2	W3	2 ½
2	Nicholas Strauss	1456	1438	W4	L1	W5	2
3	Ron Thoman	1441	1424	W5	W6	L1	2
4	John Pytel	881	869	L2	L5	W6	2
5	David Hallenbeck	755	807	L3	W4	L2	1
6	Margaret Brakel	828	827	D1	L3	L4	½

March Madness Swiss, March 10 – March 31, 2005

		Pre Rating	Post Rating	1	2	3	4	Total
1	Jim Merickel	1626	1686	W7	W10	W4	D2	3 ½
2	Mel Ross	1806	1810	D6	D5	W9	D1	2 ½
3	Donald Anderson	1667	1698	W5	L4	H	W9	2 ½
4	Roy Eikerenkoetter	1644	1660	W11	W3	L1	D5	2 ½
5	Joe Mucerino	2067	2041	L3	D2	W6	D4	2
6	Charles Jay	1540	1555	D2	D9	L5	W11	2
7	Lassaad Sanane	1232	1233	L1	W11	H	U	1 ½
8	Keith Johnson	1697	1715	U	U	U	W12	1
9	Jim White	1710	1681	H	D6	L2	L3	1
10	Rob Upleger	1651	1637	H	L1	H	U	1
11	Margaret Brakel	819	812	L4	L7	B	L6	1
12	Charles Shaw	1798	1782	U	U	U	L8	0

U – Unplayed B – 1 Point Bye H – ½ Point Bye

First Saturday Quad, April 2, 2005 (Edited)

Quad 1

		Pre Rating	Post Rating	1	2	3	4	Total
1	Keith Thompson	1940	1949	*	L	W	W	2
2	Henry Haynes	1913	1925	W	*	L	W	2
3	Jim Larsen	1949	1937	L	W	*	L	1
4	Dan Hauser	1914	1905	L	L	W	*	1

Quad 2

		Pre Rating	Post Rating	1	2	3	4	Total
1	Larry Dulany	1856	1874	*	D	W	W	2
2	Ray Cintron	1800	1804	D	*	W	L	1 ½
3	Todd Kennedy	1841	1828	L	L	*	W	1
4	Mel Ross	1810	1800	L	W	L	*	1

Quad 3

		Pre Rating	Post Rating	1	2	3	4	Total
1	Eric Brandt	1735	1748	*	D	D	W	2
2	Keith Johnson	1715	1731	D	*	W	D	2
3	Arthur Ellis	1769	1764	D	L	*	W	1 ½
4	Gary Wellmaker	1724	1700	L	D	L	*	½

Quad 4

		Pre Rating	Post Rating	1	2	3	4	Total
1	Jim Merickel	1686	1696	*	W	L	W	2
2	Greg Pratt	1676	1687	L	*	W	W	2
3	Larry Donovan	1651	1667	W	L	*	W	2
4	Rodney Bardwell	1627	1589	L	L	L	*	0

Quad 5

		Pre Rating	Post Rating	1	2	3	4	Total
1	Joe Casey	1523	1608	*	W	W	W	3
2	Charles Jay	1555	1571	L	*	W	W	2
3	Albert Starner	1600	1600	L	L	*	W	1
4	Julian Smyth	1518	1477	L	L	L	*	0

Quad 8

		Pre Rating	Post Rating	1	2	3	4	Total
1	Joel Rice	989	1098	*	W	W	W	3
2	William Frame	1226	1203	L	*	W	W	2
3	Margaret Brakel	812	822	L	L	*	W	1
4	David Hallenbeck	807	765	L	L	L	*	0

Correction

In the last issue, the game between Roy Eikerenkoetter and Jim White was incorrectly scored as a win for Roy. Jim White actually won the game.

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