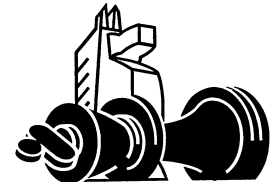


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WCCC Schedule

Date	Event (<i>Director</i>)
6/13	June Swiss (<i>Anderson</i>)
6/20	June Swiss (<i>Anderson</i>)
6/27	June Swiss (<i>Anderson</i>)
7/4	CLOSED – 4th of July
7/11	Quick Rated Multi Game (<i>Shaffer</i>)
7/14	Saturday Quads (<i>Upleger</i>)
7/18	Quick Rated Multi Game (<i>Shaffer</i>)
7/25	CLOSED – Room Unavailable
8/1	August Swiss (<i>Upleger</i>)
8/4	Saturday Quads (<i>Shaffer</i>)
8/8	August Swiss (<i>Upleger</i>)
8/15	August Swiss (<i>Upleger</i>)
8/22	August Swiss (<i>Upleger</i>)
8/29	Open
9/1	Saturday Quads (<i>Eikerenkoetter</i>)
9/5	September Swiss (<i>Larsen</i>)
9/12	September Swiss (<i>Larsen</i>)
9/19	September Swiss (<i>Larsen</i>)
9/26	September Swiss (<i>Larsen</i>)
October 3, 10, 17, 24	Haendiges Memorial (<i>White</i>)

Bury Wins Club Championship

After beating the rest of the field, Michael Bury agreed to a draw with Greg Shaffer to secure the 2001 club championship title. Shaffer's two and half point score was good enough to tie Dave Bolig for second place. The championship was a six man round robin event. Jim Larsen, Mike Tamburro, and Mel Ross rounded out the field for the event.

In the reserve section, Jim White scored three wins to take top spot in the four round swiss event. Tony Bowden, Rob Upleger, and Charles Jay each finished with two points to share second place. ♙

Chester County Open A Success

There were no masters and few experts participating, but a total of thirty players turned out to make the 2001 Chester County Open a success. Sergei Kanevsky (2073) defeated Charles Jay (1281), James White (1627), Zachary White (1657), Daniel Reinert (1746), and Akeem Gregory-Thompson (1468) to take top prize.

Akeem Gregory-Thompson tied Joseph Mucerino (1961) for second place after losing only to Sergei in the final round. In earlier rounds he beat Jacob Hartwig (unr), Steve Pavolic (1746), Jim Larsen (1832), and Eric Brandt (1749). Nine-year-old Alisa Melekhina (1236) won the upset prize after drawing both Mucerino and Larsen on her way to a 3 point score. ♙

West Chester Chess Club June 2001 Ladder Ratings

By Margaret Brakel

WCCC Rank	Name	WCCC		USCF	
		6/2001	+/-	ID #	Jun-01
1	Bury, Michael	2135	12	10182964	2236
2	Polka, Brian	1649	-30	12521490	1860
3	Larsen, Jim	1635	3	11445811	1821
4	Tamburro, Mike	1594		12394162	1901
5	Bolig, Dave	1567	26	12532090	1765
6	Shaffer, Greg	1548	17	12402490	1790
7	Jin, Sunny	1504		12837125	1658/08*
8	Johnson, Keith	1482	17	10165504	1729
9	Clark, Scott	1444		12715093	1551
10	Ross, Mel	1443	-46	12530794	1793
11	White, Jim	1439	-10	12548044	1548
12	Josephson, Matt	1412		12542308	1473
13	Bowden, Tony	1405	22	12457871	1664
14	Upleger, Rob	1403	-24	12564275	1535
15	Eikerenkoetter, Roy	1380	-45	10159130	1619
16	Flynn, Patrick	1295	-14	12472883	1473
17	Anderson, Donald	1263	47	12411156	1347
18	Jay, Charles	1262	10	12467954	1462
19	Thoman, Ron	1230		12587520	1331/15
20	Brakel, Margaret	1090	-43	11191177	1148
21	Lucas, Mark	1045	21	12714044	1214

This month's Ladder Champion is Don Anderson with +47!

To stay on the club rating list, play in the club events! Directors – please remember to mark all club games in the ratings book. *Unofficial rating – no official rating available.

Newest Member Has Sensational Start

by Roy C. Eikerenkoetter

On Wednesday, April 25, 2001, thirteen-year-old **Sunny Jin** first visited our club with his parents. They learned of our club through the internet! He is an 8th grade student at Strathhaven Middle School, near Media, PA. Immediately, he joined WCCC and USCF and registered to play in his first rated game, as the “houseman,” in a tournament that was just ending, and he won from **Margaret Brakel (1148)**. A week later, May 2, he entered our four-week May Swiss and promptly raised eyebrows when he drew **Rob Upleger (1535)**. That Saturday, May 5, he showed up to play in the First Saturday Quads. He shared first place in his section with **Don Anderson (1347)** with a score of 2.5 - .5. On May 9 he upset **Matt Josephson (1473)** in round 2 of the May Swiss. The next Wednesday, May 16, he defeated **Dave Bolig (1765)**! By this time, everyone knew that this kid is no fluke; that indeed, he is a strong opponent. It is almost unheard of for a new USCF player to go undefeated in his first seven rated games! Finally, in the last round of the May Swiss, he lost a bruising, long endgame to **Keith Johnson (1729)**.

Sunny was born in China in 1987, in the southern city of **Chong Qing**. He is the only child of **Hua Jin**, his mother, who is a professional sushi expert, and his father, **Lang Jin**, who is majoring in computer engineering at Widener University. They came to America in May 2000 and intend to apply for American citizenship in the near future.

His dad (an average player) taught him the moves when he was four years old. When Sunny was six, he took what amounted to a five-year sabbatical leave from chess, but resumed playing only two years ago. He says that, at age eleven, his interest was so strong that his parents arranged for him to study for three months with **Qi Yi Tian**, a grandmaster. “This,” says Sunny, “is when I got good!” (Chess has become extremely popular in China, and quite a few grandmasters are emerging over there.) When asked what it is about chess that attracts him, Sunny says he immensely enjoys “lots of thinking” that is involved in the chess struggle. To improve his game, Sunny reads chess books and studies chess on the internet.

Sunny has set two major goals for himself: to become a computer professional (like his father), and to earn the Grandmaster title in chess. He certainly is off to a great start!

Below are two of Sunny’s recent games.

White: **Sunny Jin**

Black: **Matt Josephson**

Event: WCCC May Swiss

Date: May 9, 2001

1.e4 c5 2.♘f3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.♗xd4 ♘f6 5.♗c3 a6 6.♙e2 ♗c6 7.♙g5 e6 8.0-0 ♙e7 9.♗b3 0-0 10.f4 b5 11.a3 ♙b7 12.♙d3 ♚e8 13.♙d2 ♙b6+ 14.♙h1 ♗d4 15.♙ae1 ♗xb3 16.cxb3 d5 17.f5 e5 18.exd5 ♗xd5 19.♗xd5 ♙xd5 20.♙e4 ♙xg5 21.♙xg5 f6 22.♙xd5+ Black resigns 1-0

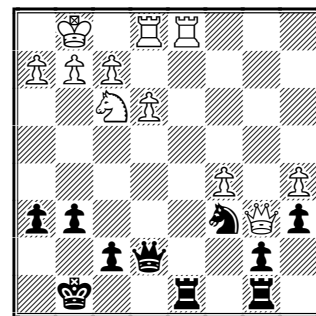
White: **Rob Upleger**

Black: **Sunny Jin**

Event: WCCC May Swiss

Date: May 2, 2001

1.d4 ♗f6 2.c4 e6 3.♗c3 d5 4.♗f3 c5 5.♙g5 ♙e7 6.e3 0-0 7.♙e2 ♗c6 8.dxc5 dxc4 9.0-0 ♗d5 10.♙xe7 ♙xe7 11.♗xd5 exd5 12.♙xd5 ♙e6 13.♙d6 ♙f6 14.♙f4 ♙xb2 15.♙xc4 ♙xc4 16.♙xc4 ♙f6 17.a4 ♙fd8 18.a5 a6 19.♙b3 ♙ab8 20.♙b6 ♙e7 21.♙ad1 h6 22.♙fe1 g6 23.e4 ♙xd1



24.♙xd1 ♙xe4 25.♙c7 ♙c2 26.♙e1 ♙xc5 27.♗e5 ♙e7 28.♙xe7 ♗xe7 29.♗c4 ♗c6 30.♙f1 ♙g7 31.♙d1 ♙d8 32.♙xd8 ♗xd8 33.♙e2 ♗c6 34.♙e3 f5 35.h3 ♙f6 36.f3 h5 37.h4 g5 38.g3 f4+ 39.♙f2 gxh4 40.gxh4 ♙e6 41.♙e2 ♗d5 42.♙d3 ♗b4+ 43.♙c3 ♗a2+ 44.♙d3 ♗c1+ 45.♙c3 ♗e2+ 46.♙d3 ♗c1+ 47.♙c3 ♗a2+ 48.♙d3 ♗c1+ Draw ½ - ½ ♙

A Little West Chester Chess History by Jay T. Ryan

About a year after I helped found the West Chester Chess Club, we were able to get a nice article about the club published in the Daily Local News. As a result of that article, I was introduced to a fine gentleman named John Chamberlin.

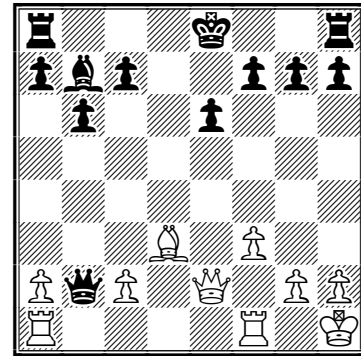
Mr. Chamberlin had been one of the leading players in the Brandywine Chess Club in the 1940s. When I met him, in about 1975, he was in his 80s and living in Exton. I visited him a couple times that year. He told me stories about the old club and let me borrow a few old newspaper clippings. It was heartening for me to know that there had been a chess club in West Chester before, and that we weren't trying to do something that had never been accomplished before in the area.

The Brandywine Chess Club met Monday nights at 8:00 in the lobby of the West Chester Y.M.C.A. They were actively involved with a chess league that included Royerstown, Germantown, Coatesville, and Wilmington. Mr. Chamberlin played first board for the team, and from the news clippings I have, did quite well. The teams consisted of 5 to 7 players, and the league was set up as a double round robin. Apparently the games were sometimes adjudicated after 2 1/2 hours of play.

Below is a game that Mr. Chamberlin played against the great American Champion Frank Marshall in a simultaneous exhibition held December 26, 1916. Marshall's record for this exhibition was 97 wins, 9 losses, and 23 draws.

White: Frank J. Marshall
Black: John R. Chamberlin

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.♘c3 ♘f6 4.♙g5 d×e4 5.♘×e4
♘bd7 6.♘f3 ♙e7 7.♙×f6 ♘×f6 8.♙d3 b6
9.♘e5 ♙b7 10.♘×f6+ ♙×f6 11.0-0 ♙×e5
12.d×e5 ♚d5 13.f3 ♚×e5 14.♙e2 ♚×b2
15.♙h1 Draw ♔



Odd Pieces

- 👍 Cheers to Jim White for running the Chester County Open. He took charge of all the planning and ran a very successful event. We also appreciate his efforts in electronically submitting our tournament results to reduce the rating fees we pay to the USCF.
- 👍 Thanks to Bob Jones and the Chester County Cultural Society for hosting the Chester County Open once again this year. It wouldn't be possible without their excellent facility and participation.
- 👍 My apologies to Y-u-r-y P-o-l-s-k-y for my repeated misspellings of his name in the past two issues of the West Chesser. Fortunately I am able to correct the online copies of the newsletter. If anyone spots this error again (or anything else), please email me ASAP!
- 👍 There will be no club meeting on July 4th. We will also be closed on July 25th because the church needs the room that night. Finally, please note that the July quads will be held on the 2nd Saturday of the month to avoid conflicting with the world open.

There was not enough space to include 'What Do You Think' in this issue. You are strongly encouraged to send both your comments on last issue's question and any questions you would like to see featured in future columns.

The WCCC Wednesday Night TD's for 2001

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Jim White, Chief TD
Rob Upleger, Secretary
Mark Lucas, Treasurer
Greg Shaffer, Newsletter Editor

Recent Crosstables – By Jim White

The following tables represent tournament scores as reported to the USCF. Because they are unrated, these results are technically 'unofficial'. Despite the shortcomings (no ratings, no final scores, and abbreviated names), this is the only text format that is available at this time. KEY: 5 = draw , f = forfeit loss, x = forfeit win, u= unplayed game.

2001 Club Championship Round Robin

Directed by Jim White

PLR#	NAME	1	2	3	4	5	6
1	BURY, M	*	1	1	1	1	5
2	TAMBUR	0	*	0	1	5	5
3	LARSEN	0	1	*	5	0	5
4	ROSS, M	0	0	5	*	0	0
5	BOLIG,	0	5	1	1	*	F
6	SHAFFE	5	5	5	1	X	*

2001 Club Championship Reserve Swiss

Directed by Jim White

PLR#	NAME	1	2	3	4
1	BOWDEN	W---5	X---0	W---2	L---7
2	WHITE,	W---6	W---7	L---1	W---5
3	EIKERE	L---7	W---6	L---5	B---0
4	CLARK,	W---8	F---0	F---0	U---0
5	UPLEGE	L---1	W---8	W---3	L---2
6	ANDERS	L---2	L---3	B---0	W---8
7	JAY, CH	W---3	L---2	X---0	W---1
8	BRAKEL	L---4	L---5	H---0	L---6

April 2001 1st Saturday Quads

Directed by Roy Eikerenkoetter

QUAD #1					
PLR#	NAME	1	2	3	4
1	CLAUSO	*	0	5	5
2	THOMPS	1	*	1	0
3	KOPPAN	5	0	*	5
4	WILLIA	5	1	5	*

QUAD #2					
PLR#	NAME	1	2	3	4
1	ROSS, M	*	5	1	1
2	MOSS, P	5	*	1	1
3	PAVOLI	0	0	*	5
4	BRANDT	0	0	5	*

(April 1st Saturday Quads continued)

QUAD #3					
PLR#	NAME	1	2	3	4
1	YOUNG,	*	0	5	0
2	HAYNES	1	*	5	1
3	DONOVA	5	5	*	0
4	SHEVIT	1	0	1	*

QUAD #4					
PLR#	NAME	1	2	3	4
1	PRATT,	*	0	0	0
2	CASEY,	1	*	1	5
3	ARCURE	1	0	*	1
4	FLYNN,	1	5	0	*

QUAD #5					
PLR#	NAME	1	2	3	4
1	ROBINS	*	0	1	1
2	THOMAN	1	*	0	0
3	ANDERS	0	1	*	0
4	MOYER,	0	1	1	*

QUAD #6					
PLR#	NAME	1	2	3	4
1	FREDER	*	5	5	1
2	BRAKEL	5	*	1	0
3	TCHIR,	5	0	*	0
4	BOVE, A	0	1	1	*

QUAD #7					
PLR#	NAME	1	2	3	4
1	SHAW, D	*	1	1	0
2	BARDWE	0	*	1	0
3	SNIDER	0	0	*	0
4	ALETRA	1	1	1	*

May 2001 1st Saturday Quads

Directed by Dave Bolig

2001 Chester County Open

Directed by Jim White

PLR#	NAME	1	2	3	4	5
1	KANEVS	W--16	W---9	W---8	W---6	W--12
2	MUCERI	D--17	W--16	D---5	W--11	W---6
3	LARSEN	W--18	W--10	L--12	D--17	W---7
4	BRANDT	W--19	W--11	B---0	L--12	W--17
5	PAVOLI	W--20	L--12	D---2	W--15	W--10
6	REINER	W--21	W--13	W--14	L---1	L---2
7	DONOVA	W--22	L--14	L--17	W--20	L---3
8	WHITE,	W--23	W--15	L---1	W--13	W--14
9	WHITE,	W--24	L---1	W--19	L--14	W--15
10	EIKERE	W--25	L---3	W--20	B---0	L---5
11	CASEY,	W--26	L---4	W--22	L---2	L--16
12	GREGOR	W--27	W---5	W---3	W---4	L---1
13	OLIVER	W--28	L---6	W--21	L---8	L--18
14	MOYER,	W--29	W---7	L---6	W---9	L---8
15	LIVING	W--30	L---8	W--25	L---5	L---9
16	JAY, CH	L---1	L---2	W--26	W--21	W--11
17	MELEKH	D---2	W--18	W---7	D---3	L---4
18	THOMPS	L---3	L--17	W--27	W--22	W--13
19	LUCAS,	L---4	W--26	L---9	F---0	U---0
20	ABDUL-	L---5	W--27	L--10	L---7	W--26
21	KUHN, M	L---6	W--28	L--13	L--16	L--25
22	MARION	L---7	W--29	L--11	L--18	W--27
23	PRAINO	L---8	L--30	W--28	X---0	L--29
24	AMWAY,	L---9	L--25	L--30	L--27	L--28
25	DE HAV	L--10	W--24	L--15	L--29	W--21
26	DE HAV	L--11	L--19	L--16	D--28	L--20
27	HARTWI	L--12	L--20	L--18	W--24	L--22
28	HARTWI	L--13	L--21	L--23	D--26	W--24
29	SNIDER	L--14	L--22	B---0	W--25	W--23
30	SHAW, D	L--15	W--23	W--24	U---0	U---0

QUAD #1

PLR#	NAME	1	2	3	4
1	QUIGLE	*	1	1	5
2	CINTRO	0	*	1	5
3	THOMPS	0	0	*	1
4	FISH, C	5	5	0	*

QUAD #2

PLR#	NAME	1	2	3	4
1	ROSS, M	*	5	0	0
2	MOSS, P	5	*	1	1
3	PAVOLI	1	0	*	5
4	JOHNSO	1	0	5	*

QUAD #3

PLR#	NAME	1	2	3	4
1	WHITE,	*	1	1	1
2	HAYNES	0	*	1	5
3	STARNE	0	0	*	0
4	DITALI	0	5	1	*

QUAD #4

PLR#	NAME	1	2	3	4
1	COURTR	*	1	0	1
2	SHEVIT	0	*	1	1
3	PRATT,	1	0	*	0
4	BELLIA	0	0	1	*

QUAD #5

PLR#	NAME	1	2	3	4
1	JOSEPH	*	5	1	1
2	BOOKLE	5	*	0	0
3	FLYNN,	0	1	*	1
4	THOMAN	0	1	0	*

SWISS #6

PLR#	NAME	1	2	3
1	ANDERS	W---4	W---2	D---6
2	MOYER,	W---5	L---1	L---4
3	STAATS	L---6	L---4	W---5
4	LAND, M	L---1	W---3	W---2
5	BRAKEL	L---2	L---6	L---3
6	JIN, S	W---3	W---5	D---1

Coming Soon!

A home on the web for WCCC.

Look for it at:

<http://greg.shaffer.net/wccc/>

Your Moves

This section of *The West Chess* showcases games played by our members. All members are encouraged to submit *any* game they have played, with or without commentary. The games need not be from club events.

White: **Polsky, Yury**

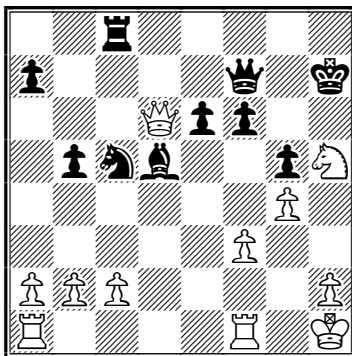
Black: **Buccino, Louis**

Event: West Chest Open, 4th Round

Date: 1990

Notes by Yury Polsky

1.e4 d5 2.exd5 ♖xd5 3.♗c3 ♖a5 4.d4 ♗f6
5.♗c4 ♗g4 6.f3 ♗d7 7.♗ge2 e6 8.0-0 b5
9.♗b3 c5 10.dxc5 ♗xc5+ 11.♖h1 ♗c6 12.♗g5
♗bd7 13.♗g3 h6 14.♗d2 ♖b6 15.♖e2 0-0
16.♗ce4 ♗d5 17.♗xc5 ♗xc5 18.♗xd5 ♗xd5
19.♗h5 f6 20.♗e3 ♖c6 21.♖f2 ♗ac8 22.♖g3
♖c7 23.♗f4! This move must win 23...♖f7
24.♗xh6 g5!? Probably the best chance to offer some
resistance 25.♗xf8 ♖xf8 26.♖d6+ ♖g8 27.g4
♖h7



28.♖g3 Perhaps ♖g1 is better. Maybe our readers will show a clear winning plan for white. I obviously failed to find one 28...♗d7 29.c3 ♗e5 30.♖g1 ♗c4 31.♖h3 ♖g8 32.♗ad1 a6 33.♗d4 ♗c6 34.♗xc4 ♗xc4 35.♗d1 ♗d5 36.♖g3 ♗e5 37.♗f1 ♖a7+ 38.♖g2 ♖f7 39.♖f2?? I should try h4 39...♖c7 ♗xf3 was good 40.♖d4 ♖b7 41.♖e3? ♗xg4 42.♖d3 f5 43.h3?? b3 necessary 43...♗c4 44.♖d6 ♗e3+ 45.♖f2 ♗xf1 46.♖d4 e5 47.♖xe5 ♖b6+ 48.♖g2 ♖e6 49.♖g7+ White resigned and Lou Buccino deservedly won the tournament with 4 out of 4. 0-1

White: **Bolig, Dave**

Black: **Eikerenkoetter, Roy**

Event: WCCC Spring Swiss

Date: April 4, 2001

1.c4 e5 2.g3 ♗f6 3.♗g2 c6 4.♗c3 d5 5.cxd5
cxd5 6.d3 ♗b4 7.♗d2 0-0 8.♖b3 ♗c6 9.e3
♗xc3 10.♗xc3 d4 11.♗d2 dxe3 12.fxe3 ♖d6
13.♗h3 ♗f5 14.♗f2 ♗fd8 15.♗c1 ♗ab8 16.e4
♗e6 17.♖a4 a6 18.0-0 ♗d4 19.♖h1 ♗bc8
20.♗xc8 ♗xc8 21.♗c1 ♗xc1+ 22.♗xc1 h6
23.♗e3 b5 24.♖a5 ♗c2 25.♗d2 ♖d4 26.♖c3
♖xf2 27.♖xc2 ♗g4 28.♖c1 ♗f3 29.♖c8+
♖h7 30.♖f5+ ♖h8 31.♗xf3 ♖f1# 0-1

White: **Eikerenkoetter, Roy**

Black: **Upleger, Rob**

Event: WCCC Fall Swiss

Date: September 6, 2000

1.e4 g6 2.d4 ♗g7 3.♗c4 c5 4.♗f3 cxd4 5.♗xd4
♗c6 6.♗e3 ♗f6 7.♗xc6 bxc6 8.♗c3 ♗xe4
9.♗xe4 d5 10.0-0 0-0 11.♗c5 dxc4 12.♖xd8
♗xd8 13.♗xe7 ♗f5 14.♗xd8 ♗xe4 15.♗fe1 f5
16.♗ad1 ♗d5 17.♗e8+ ♖f7 18.♗de1 ♗e4
19.♗e7+ ♖f8 20.♗d7 ♗xb2 21.♗a5 ♗f6
22.♗xh7 ♗g7 23.c3 ♗b8 24.♗b4+ ♖g8 25.♗h3
♗d8 26.f3 ♗d5 27.♗e7 a5 28.♗xa5 ♗a8
29.♗b4 ♗xa2 30.♗g3 ♗f7 31.♗c7 ♗e5
32.♗c8+ ♖g7 33.♗f8+ ♖f6 34.♗xc6+ ♗e6
35.♗xg6+ ♖xg6 36.♗xe6+ ♖f7 37.♗xe5 ♖xf8
38.♗xf5+ ♖e7 39.♗c5 ♗a4 40.h4 ♖d6 41.♗c8
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Solution to Just Solve It:

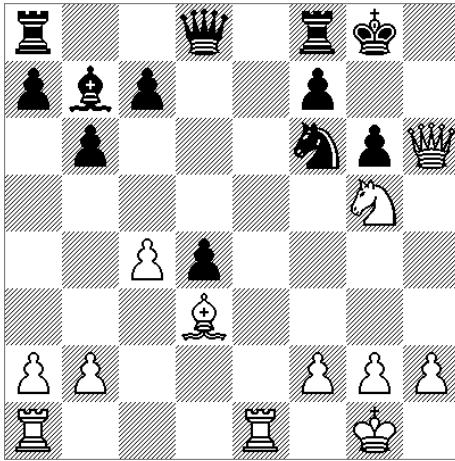
1.♗e6! fxe6 1...♗e8 2.♗xg6 fxe6 3.♖xg6+ ♖h8
4.♗f7# 2.♖xg6+ ♖h8 3.♖h6+ ♖g8 3...♗h7
4.♖xh7# 4.♗h7+ ♖h8 5.♗f5+ ♖g8 6.♗xe6+
♗f7 7.♗xf7#

Black can delay by one more move by interposing
1...♖d5 2.cxd5, which leads to the same variations.
Here is the actual game score:

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1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.♗d2 dxe4 4.♗xe4 ♗d7 5.♗f3 ♗e7
6.♗d3 ♗gf6 7.♖e2 0-0 8.0-0 ♗xe4 9.♖xe4 ♗f6
10.♖h4 b6 11.♗g5 g6 12.c4 ♗b7 13.d5 exd5
14.♗fe1 h6 15.♖xh6 ♗g4 16.♖h4 ♗xg5 17.♗xg5 ♗f6
18.♖h6 d4 19.♗e6 ♗e8 20.♗xg6 1-0

Just Solve It



White to Mate in 4, 7, and 8!