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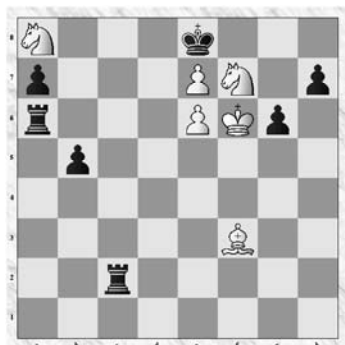
Winter 2003

Donald Anderson, Editor

WCCC Schedule

Date(s)	Event (<i>Director</i>)
Jan 15, 22, 29	January Swiss (Eikerenkoetter)
Feb 1	1 st Saturday Quad (White)
Feb 5, 12, 19, 26	Club Championship (White)
March 1	1 st Saturday Quad (White)
Mar 5, 12, 19, 26	Club Champ Lect./Dollar Swiss I (Anderson)
Apr 2, 9, 16, 23	Dollar Swiss II (Eikerenkoetter)
April 5	1 st Saturday Quad (White)
May 3	1 st Saturday Quad (White)
Apr 30, May 7, 14	Spring Swiss (Anderson)
May 17, 18	West Chester Open (White)
May 24, 28, Jun 4	Summer Swiss (Eikerenkoetter)

White to Mate in 3



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We're Back. (Almost, sort of)

On Wednesday nights we are still meeting at the YWCA, 123 N. Church St. However, for the 1st Saturday Quads we are back in the United Methodist Church, High and Barnard Sts. The facility is very nice. We are meeting in the remodeled choir room on the first floor. You will be impressed by this new playing venue. We still have some negotiations to do regarding security. If all goes well we will be back at the United Methodist Church for club meeting in full by spring. However, don't be surprised if we have to go back to the Episcopal Church. Then we may have to explore sites for a permanent Club home.

Please note the new schedule. The Club Championship begins soon. We encourage everyone to participate. In March and April we are having the Dollar Swiss. The Club will sponsor cash prizes for the winners (no entry fee). This is a great chance to pick up some cash while clobbering some of your fellow chess players. The West Chester Open will be held at the Holiday Inn this year. This event attracts players from all over the Delaware Valley and as far south as Washington, DC. The Open allows you to test your skills against experts and even a master or two. So, come on and support this great event.

Finally, the Club officers from 2002 were re-elected for 2003 (see page 2).

WCCC Officers

Keith Johnson, President
 Jim White, Chief TD
 Rob Upleger, Secretary
 Jim White, Treasure

White to Mate in 3

Front Page

Answer: 1. ♖c6 ♜ac6 2. ♗c7 ♜c7 3. ♗d6# 1-0

Your Moves

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

White: Charles Jay (1449)
 Black: Tom Clauson (1922)
 Event: Unknown
 Date: 2002

1.c4 ♗f6 2.♗c3 e6 3.♗f3 d5 4.cxd5 exd5 5.e3 ♗e7 6.♗e2 0-0 7.0-0 c5 8.d4 ♗c6 9.♞e1 a6 10.b3 cxd4 11.exd4 ♗f5 12.a3 ♜c7 13.♗h4 ♗g6 14.♗xg6 hxg6 15.♗f3 ♞ad8 16.♗g5? ♗e4 17.♗xd5? ♞xd5 18.♗xe7 ♗xe7 19.♗xe4 ♞h5 20.d5 ♜xh2+ 21.♗f1 ♞e8 22.d6 ♗c6 23.♜d3 ♜h1+ 24.♗e2 ♜xg2 25.♗d2 ♜xf2+ 26.♞e2 ♜f4+ 27.♗c2 ♞c5+ 28.♗b2 ♜f6+ 29.♗a2 ♞c3 30.d7



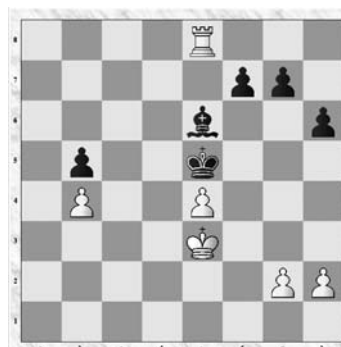
♞d8 31.♗xc6 ♜xc6 (see diagram)

[31...♞xd3? 32.♞e8+ ♗h7 (32...♞xe8 33.dxe8♜+ ♗h7 34.♞h1+) 33.♞h1+ ♞h3 34.♞xh3+ ♜h4 35.♞xh4#] 32.♞e8+ ♗h7 33.♜xc3! ♜g2+

34.♜b2 ♜xb2+ 35.♗xb2 1-0

White: Greg Nolan (2121)
 Black: Mel Ross (1789)
 Event: 1st Saturday Quad
 Date: May 4, 2002

1.d4 ♗f6 2.c4 e5 3.dxe5 ♗g4 4.♗f4 ♗c6 5.♗f3 ♗b4+ 6.♗bd2 ♜e7 7.a3 ♗xd2+ 8.♜xd2 ♗gxe5 9.♗xe5 ♗xe5 10.e3 d6 11.♗e2 0-0 12.♞c1 b6 13.0-0 ♗b7 14.♞fd1 a5 15.b4 axb4 16.axb4 ♞fd8 17.♜c3 h6 18.c5 ♗g6 19.cxd6 cxd6 20.♗g3 ♞ac8 21.♜d4 ♞xc1 22.♞xc1 ♜e4 23.♜xe4 ♗xe4 24.f3 ♗a8 25.♞c7 ♗f8 26.♞a7 ♗e6 27.♗xd6 ♗xf3 28.♗e7 ♗xe2 29.♗xd8 ♗xd8 30.♞a8 ♗f8 31.♞xd8+ ♗e7 32.♞b8 b5 33.♗f2 ♗c4 34.e4 ♗f6 35.♗e3 ♗e5 36.♞e8+ ♗e6 (see diagram)



37.h4 h5 38.♞g8 g6 39.♞b8 ♗c4 40.♞c8 ♗f1 41.g3 ♗c4 42.♞c5+ ♗f6 43.♗f4 ♗e2 44.♞c6+ ♗e7

45.♗e5 ♗d7 46.♗d5 ♗f1 47.♞b6 ♗c7 48.♗c5 ♗d3 49.e5 ♗c4 50.♞xb5 1-0

White: Pavolic, Steve (1763)
 Black: Johnson, Keith (1742)
 Event: 1st Saturday Quad
 Date: March 8, 2002

1.d4 ♗f6 2.♗f3 g6 3.♗g5 ♗g7 4.e3 0-0 5.♗d3 d6 6.♗bd2 c5 7.c3 ♗d7 8.♜c2 ♗c6 9.h4 h5 10.0-0-0 b5 11.♗xf6 exf6 12.♞dg1 c4 13.♗e2 f5 14.♗g5 d5 (see diagram)



15.♗xh5 f6 16.♗e6 ♜e8 17.♗xf8 gxh5 18.♜xf5 ♗xf8 19.g4 a5 20.gxh5 ♞a7 21.h6 ♗xh6 22.♜xf6+ ♞f7 23.♜d6+ ♞e7 24.♜xh6++ 1-0

Classic Games

This section of *The West Chess* showcases classic games of the masters. It is hoped that these gems will be of help you in improving your game. This one is the King's Indian Defense opening. It is a sharp opening with many tactical chances and surprise blows available to both sides.

White: **Botvinnik, Mikhail (2700)**

Black: **Tal, Mikhail (2640)**

Event: World Championship, Game 6, Moscow

Date: 1960

1.c4 ♖f6 2.♗f3 g6 3.g3 ♕g7 4.♕g2 0-0 5.d4 d6
 6.♗c3 ♗bd7 7.0-0 e5 8.e4 c6 9.h3 ♖b6 Black
 threatens ..exd4; Nxd4 Nxe4 winning a pawn.
 10.d5 cxd5 11.cxd5 ♗c5 12.♗e1 ♕d7 13.♗d3
 ♗xd3 14.♖xd3 ♖fc8 15.♖b1 ♗h5 16.♕e3 ♖b4
 [16...♖d8?! 17.♗b5 ♕xb5 18.♖xb5] 17.♖e2 ♖c4
 18.♖fc1 ♖ac8 19.♗h2 f5 20.exf5 ♕xf5 21.♖a1?!
 [21.a3! ♖b3 22.♗e4 ♕xe4 (22...♕f8 23.♗d2 ♖xc1
 24.♗xb3 ♖xb1 25.g4; 22...♖c2 23.♖xc2 ♖xc2)
 23.♕xe4 ♖xc1 24.♖xc1 ♖xc1 25.♕xc1 ♗f6 26.♕d3]
 21...♗f4!? 22.gxf4 exf4 23.♕d2 ♖xb2? [23...♕e5!
 24.f3 (24.♕f3 ♖xb2 25.♗d1 ♖a3! 26.♖xc4 ♖xc4
 27.♖xc4 ♖xf3; 24.♗g1 ♖xb2 25.♖ab1 ♕xb1
 26.♖xb1 ♖c2 27.♖c1 ♖f5 28.♖f3 ♖h5) 24...♖xb2
 25.♗d1! ♖d4 26.♖xc4 ♖xc4 27.♖c1 ♖xc1 28.♕xc1
 ♖xd5 29.♕f1=] 24.♖ab1! f3 25.♖xb2? [25.♕xf3!
 ♕xb1 26.♖xb1 ♖c2 27.♖c1 ♖b2 28.♖b1] 25...fxe2
 26.♖b3 ♖d4! 27.♕e1 ♕e5+ 28.♗g1 ♕f4 [28...♖xc3!
 29.♖bxc3 ♖d1!!] 29.♗xe2 ♖xc1 30.♗xd4 [30.♗xc1
 ♖d1] 30...♖xe1+ 31.♕f1 ♕e4 32.♗e2 [32.♖xb7?
 ♕d3] 32...♕e5 33.f4 ♕f6 34.♖xb7 ♕xd5 35.♖c7
 [35.♖xa7? ♖xe2! 36.♕xe2 ♕d4+] 35...♕xa2
 (see diagram)



36.♖xa7 ♕c4 37.♖a8+
 ♗f7?! [37...♗g7!
 38.♖e8 (38.♖a7+
 ♗h6) 38...♕d4+]
 38.♖a7+ ♗e6?
 [38...♗f8 Enabling the
 King to get to g7.]
 39.♖a3 d5 40.♗f2
 ♕h4+ 41.♗g2 ♗d6
 42.♗g3 ♕xg3

43.♕xc4 dxc4 44.♗xg3 ♗d5 45.♖a7 c3 46.♖c7
 ♗d4 0-1

The Master's Corner



On December 18, 2002
 Pennsylvania State Champ and
 FIDE Master Rodion
 Rubenchik held a chess
 simultaneous at the West
 Chester Chess Club, playing 8
 boards and winning them all.
 His toughest game was against
 Mel Ross but Rubenchik
 ultimately prevailed.

To demonstrate his chess talents each issue in this
 newsletter for 2003 we will highlight a Rubenchik
 game with annotations by the master himself.

White: **Rubenchik, Rodion (2307)**

Black: **Rosario, Salvador (2150)**

Event: [A33] Eastern Open Washington, DC,

Date: December 22, 2002

1.♗f3 c5 2.c4 ♗c6 3.d4 cxd4 4.♗xd4 ♗f6 5.♗c3
 e6 6.♗db5 ♕b4 [6...d5 7.♕f4 (7.cxd5 exd5 8.♗xd5
 ♗xd5 9.♖xd5 ♕b4+ 10.♕d2 ♖e7) 7...e5 8.cxd5
 exf4 9.dxc6 bxc6 10.♖xd8+ ♗xd8 11.♖d1+ ♕d7
 12.♗d6 ♕xd6 13.♖xd6 ♗c7 14.♖d2=; 6...d6 7.♕f4
 e5 8.♕g5±] 7.♕f4 d5?!



(see diagram)

[7...0-0 8.♕d6 ♕xd6
 9.♗xd6 ♗e8 10.e3±]
 8.♗c7+ ♗e7 9.♗xa8
 d4 10.♕c7! [10.a3?
 ♕a5 11.b4 ♗xb4
 12.axb4 ♕xb4-+]
 10...dxc3 11.♕xd8+
 ♖xd8 12.♖xd8+
 ♗xd8 13.0-0+ ♕d7=

Despite being down two exchanges, Black has
 active piece play, since White's knight is trapped on
 a8 and White is behind in development.

14.bxc3 ♕xc3 15.♖d3! White has decided to
 activate his rook via the 3rd rank to attack Black's
 kingside. 15...♕b4 16.g4!? After his longest think of
 the game, White decides he has to do something
 drastic to change its course. The text tempts Black
 into opening lines for White's rooks. 16...♗e4
 17.♖g1 ♗xf2?! 18.♖f3 ♗e4 19.♖xf7 ♗d4 Black is

planning Ba3+ followed by Ba4 and/or Nd2 with all kinds of nasty threats against White's king. With the text, White offers to give back one exchange to quell Black's initiative. 20.♞g3! ♕d2+ 21.♖b2 ♜d6 (see diagram)



22.♞xd7+! ♔xd7
 23.♞d3 ♜xc4+
 24.♖b1 e5 25.♞g2 b5
 26.a4 b4? [26...a6]
 27.♞d5 ♜a3+ 28.♖a2
 ♞c1 29.e3 ♜e6
 30.♞b3+ ♖e7
 31.♞xe6 ♜xe6
 32.♜c7+- After

spending almost the entire game on a8, the knight comes back with decisive results. 32...♖f7 33.♖b3 e4 34.♞d7+ ♖f6? 35.♞d1! ♞xe3 36.♜d5+

Check out the knight's route in this game -- g1-f3-d4-b5-c7-a8-naptime-c7-d5-e3!!! 1-0

Haendiges Memorial

October 9 thru October 31, 2002

		Post Rating	Rd1	Rd2	Rd3	Rd4	Total
1	Mel Ross	1764	D3	B	W2	W5	3 ½
2	Donald Anderson	1659	W9	H	L1	W7	2 ½
3	Jim White	1558	D1	W7	D4	D9	2 ½
4	David Bolig	1750	H	W6	D3	U	2
5	Roy Eikerenkoetter	1613	L6	W9	B	L1	2
6	Lassaad Sanane	1520	W5	L4	H	U	1 ½
7	Margaret Brakel	1172	D8	L3	W9	L2	1 ½
8	Tony Bowden	1574	D7	F	U	U	½
9	Charles Jay	1418	L2	L5	L7	D3	½

U – Unplayed B – 1 Point Bye H – ½ Point Bye F- Forfeit

First Saturday Quad, November 2, 2002

(Edited. Club Member Results.)

Quad 2

		Post Rating	1	2	3	4	Total
1	Larry Dulany	1840	*	D	D	W	2
2	Henry Haynes	1828	D	*	D	D	1 ½
3	Michael Guber	1805	D	D	*	D	1 ½
4	Jim Larsen	1832	L	D	D	*	1

Quad 3

		Post Rating	1	2	3	4	Total
1	William Wong	1724	*	W	W	W	3
2	Mel Ross	1766	L	*	W	W	2
3	Larry Donovan	1652	L	L	*	W	1
4	Roy Eikerenkoetter	1600	L	L	L	*	0

Quad 4

		Post Rating	1	2	3	4	Total
1	Joe Casey	1611	*	W	D	D	2
2	John Crompton	1535	L	*	W	W	2
3	Albert Starner	1600	D	L	*	D	1
4	Jim White	1544	D	L	D	*	1

Quad 5

		Post Rating	1	2	3	4	Total
1	Will Moyer	1534	*	W	W	W	3
2	Charles Jay	1442	L	*	W	W	2
3	Tom Messineo	1454	L	L	*	W	1
4	Ron Thoman	1335	L	L	L	*	0

Swiss

		Post Rating	1	2	3	Total
1	Rod Bardwell	1363	W3	W2	W4	3
2	Margaret Brakel	1168	W6	L1	W5	2
3	Dom D'Angelo	1177	L1	W4	W6	2
4	Kevin Thomas	976	W5	L3	L1	1
5	Steven Rapino	783	L4	W6	L2	1
6	Jennifer Morro	452	L2	L5	L3	0

First Saturday Quad, December 7, 2002

(Edited. Club Member Results.)

Quad 1

		Post Rating	1	2	3	4	Total
1	Henry Haynes	1837	*	D	D	W	2
2	Mel Ross	1794	D	*	D	W	2
3	Robert Kampia	1751	D	D	*	W	2
4	Richard Harry	1841	L	L	L	*	0

Quad 2

		Post Rating	1	2	3	4	Total
1	Gary Wellmaker	1726	*	W	W	D	2 ½
2	William Wong	1735	L	*	D	W	1 ½
3	Roy Eikerenkoetter	1638	L	D	*	W	1 ½
4	Donald Anderson	1622	D	L	L	*	½

Quad 3

		Post Rating	1	2	3	4	Total
1	Lassaad Sanane	1522	*	W	W	W	3
2	Charles Jay	1453	L	*	W	W	2
3	Ron Thoman	1341	L	L	*	W	1
4	Robert Bellia	1502	L	L	L	*	0

Swiss

		Post Rating	1	2	3	Total
1	Guy Thomas	1389	W4	W2	W3	3
2	Andrew Wagner	1215	W6	L1	W5	2
3	Chris Farmer	1204	W5	W4	L1	2
4	Margaret Brakel	1124	L1	L3	W6	1
5	Steven Rapino	880	L3	W6	L2	1
6	Dominic D'Angelo	935	L2	L5	L4	0

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