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## WCCC Schedule

Date(s)	Event (Director)
June 28	Summer Swiss I (Jay)
July 5	Summer Swiss I (Jay)
July 12	Summer Swiss I (Jay)
<b>July 14 *</b>	<b>1st Saturday Quad (White)</b>
July 19	Summer Swiss I (Jay)
July 26	<b>Michael Bury Lecture</b> / Summer Swiss II (Eikerenkoetter)
Aug 2	Summer Swiss II (Eikerenkoetter)
<b>Aug 4</b>	<b>1st Saturday Quad (White)</b>
Aug 9	Summer Swiss II (Eikerenkoetter)
Aug 16	Summer Swiss II (Eikerenkoetter)
Aug 23	Summer's End Swiss (Anderson)
Aug 30	Summer's End Swiss (Anderson)
<b>Sept 1</b>	<b>1st Saturday Quad (White)</b>
Sept 6	Summer's End Swiss (Anderson)
Sept 13	Summer's End Swiss (Anderson)
Sept 20	Fall Swiss (Jay)
Sept 27	Fall Swiss (Jay)
Oct 4	Fall Swiss (Jay)
<b>Oct 6</b>	<b>1st Saturday Quad (White)</b>
Oct 11	Fall Swiss (Jay)

\* Deferred due to World Open during July 4<sup>th</sup> weekend.

## Proposed Event Changes

It has been suggested that we increase the minimum number of games required to play in the Club Championships for the grand prize. Anyone can participate in the event but you have to be a member in good standing to be eligible to be the champ. Right now a minimum of 12 games is required for eligibility. It has been suggested that we raise the requirement to 20 or 24 games. The objective of this is to incent out strongest players to play at the club more.

I suggest that we open the Morphy prize to all our tournament games. We could make it an annual event ending with the Morphy Open. The prize, \$20, could be given to the best tactic for the whole year. We could even offer a 2<sup>nd</sup> prize of \$10. I would even entertain increasing the prizes to \$30 and \$20, respectively.

Included in this issue are 3 games (U B D Judge ) submitted for this year's Morphy Swiss prize (\$20 to one player); two from Mucerino and one from Eikerenkoetter. On our website is a pgn file of the games if you wish to play through them. Let me know which of the 3 you think offers the best tactical play. Let me know what you think of these 2 ideas.

~ Your Editor

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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: **Roy Eikerenkoetter – 1697**

Black: **Nikolai Van Beek - 1666**

Event: Delaware Quads

Date: November 25, 2006

Notes by Roy Eikerenkoetter

Early on, I sacrificed a bishop for two pawns. This may not have been sound, but I took a chance that Nikolai would not find the best replies, and when he did not, I won.

A45: Trompowsky Attack **1.d4 ♖f6 2.♗g5 e6 3.♗d2 c5 4.e3 cxd4 5.exd4 ♗c6 6.♗gf3 ♗e7 7.c3 d6** If 7...d5, Black's queen's bishop is hampered. **8.♗e2 ♗d7 9.0-0 a6 10.a4 0-0 11.♗c4 ♗d5** I had expected 11...♗d5 12.♗xe7 ♗xe7= (If 11...♗e4? 12.♗xe7 ♗xe7 13.♗b6!), but then I analyzed the tempting 12.♗xd6! I would win two pawns for my g5 bishop, and possibly Black's a-pawn, too. After 10 to 15 minutes' study, I went for it. **12.♗xd6 ♗xg5 13.♗xb7 ♗e7 14.♗c5...** Two threats here: 1. ♗xd7 or 15.♗xg5, winning my piece back and 2. 15.♗xa6... Black's best defense is either 14. ♗c8 or ♗b8. Some players hate to put developed pieces back on their home squares, especially in the opening. **14...♗f4? 15.♗xa6 ♗d6** I now had sufficient material for the piece and my passers gave me winning chances. **16.♗xd7 ♗xd7 17.♗b5 ♗c7 18.♗fe1 ♗fd8 19.g3...** This removed pressure from my h-pawn while denying the f4 square to Black's knight. It was not yet time to start marching my passed pawns. **19...♗ce7 20.♗d3...** I spurned 20.c4! ♗b4 21.cxd5, etc. because I wanted to keep both my rooks. **20...♗f6 21.♗e5!...** If Black permitted my rook on c5, I would have the advantage. Van Beek must have panicked here. He quickly blundered on his

22nd move. **21...♗xe5 22.♗xe5 ♗xe5?? 23.dxe5! ♗xd3 24. exf6 1-0**

White: **Charles Jay -**

Black: **John Howard -**

Event: Tri State Game

Date: 2006

A01: Nimzowitsch–Larsen Opening **1.b3 b6 2.♗b2 ♗b7 3.d3 d6 4.♗d2 ♗d7 5.e3 e5 6.♗e2 g6 7.♗e4 f5 8.♗4g3 ♗g7 9.♗c3 ♗gf6 10.♗e2 0-0 11.h3 d5 12.♗d2 a6 13.h4 h5 14.♗ge2 c5 15.f3 b5 16.♗g1 b4 17.♗ce2 a5 18.f4 ♗g4 19.fxe5 ♗dxe5 20.d4 ♗c6 21.♗f3 ♗e8 22.0-0-0 ♗f2 23.♗h2 ♗xd1 24.♗xd1 ♗xe3 25.♗f4 ♗h6 26.g3 cxd4 27.♗b1 ♗xf4 28.gxf4 ♗e7 29.♗c1 ♗e6 30.♗e2 ♗xe2 31.♗xe2 ♗e8 32.♗b5 ♗c5 33.♗xc6 ♗xc6 34.♗e5 ♗b6 35.♗b2 d3 36.cxd3 ♗h7?? 37.♗d7 ♗e3 38.♗f6+ ♗h6 39.♗xe8 ♗xe8 40.♗g1 ♗h7 41.♗b6 ♗c6?? [41...♗e7=] 42.♗d4+- ♗c7 43.♗h8# 1-0**

White: **Roy C. Eikerenkoetter – 1614**

Black: **Nikolai Van Beek – 1646**

Event: WCCC First Saturday Quads, Rd. 3

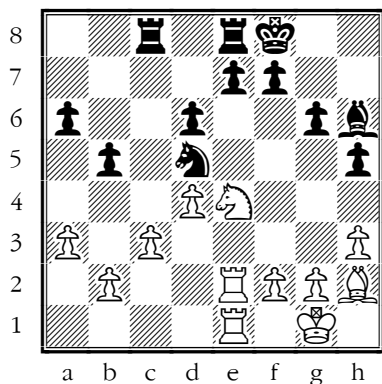
Date: April 7, 2007

I had won my first two games. Nikolai yielded a draw in the first round and won his second game, so he was a half-point behind me and needed to win to take first place. Over the years, I have found it difficult to handle this situation when I am the leader. Sometimes I have tried too hard to win (and lost!) or I have played too passively trying to draw (and lost!). On this occasion, after I won the white pieces, the only thing I wanted to do was **make it impossible for my opponent to win**. I would play sound chess and wait for an opportunity to pounce on a weakness or blunder. Meanwhile, my opponent most likely would go all out for a win, shun a draw, and perhaps take undue risks. That should be enough for me to win the quad.

**1.d4 ♖f6 2.♗f3 g6 3.♗f4 ♗g7 4.h3 0-0 5.e3 c5 6.c3 cxd4 7.exd4 d6 8.♗e2 a6 9.0-0 ♗bd7 10.♗h2 ♗a5 11.♗bd2 b5 12.a3**

If I had been determined to win, I would have played 12.a4 opening the file and giving White the advantage, but I was playing it coy, preferring to maintain the equilibrium.

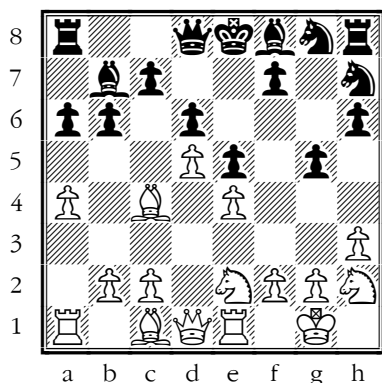
12..Qb7 13.Qd3 Bxc8 14.Bc1 Bfe8 15.Qe4 Cc7  
 16.Cd2 Qxe4 17.Qxe4 Qf6 18.Qxb7 Cxb7  
 19.Cd3 Bcd8 20.Cc2 Bc8 21.Cd3 Cd5 22.Bad1  
 Qd7 23.Ce4 Qf6 24.Cxd5 Qxd5 25.Qg5 h6  
 26.Qe4 h5 27.Bc2 Qf8 28.Bde1 Qh6??



[28...Bcd8=] 29.Qxd6! Qf4 [29..exd6 30.Qxd6+ Qe7  
 31.Qxe7+..] 30.Qxe8 Qxh2+ 31.Qxh2 Bxe8 32.g3  
 e6 33.f4 Qe7 34.Bc5 Qf6?? 35.Bxd5 1-0

White: Joe Casey - 1697  
 Black: Charles Jay - 1597  
 Event: Newark Quads  
 Date: April 12, 2007

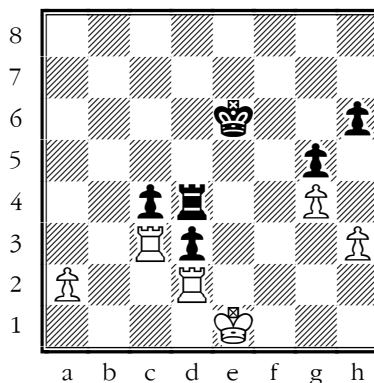
1.e4 b6 2.d4 Qb7 3.Qc3 d6 4.Qf3 Qd7 5.Qc4 e6  
 6.0-0 h6 7.Bc1 a6 8.a4 g5 9.d5 e5 10.h3 Qdf6  
 11.Qh2 Qh7 12.Qe2 We see the patented Jay  
 pawn storm position.



12...h5 13.Qg3 Qgf6 14.Qxh5 Qxh5 15.Cxh5  
 Qg7 16.Qg4 Qf6 17.Cxg5 Qf8 18.Qxf6 Qxf6  
 19.Cg3 Qc8 20.Qe2 Qh4 21.Cd3 Bg8 22.Qh6+  
 Qe8 23.Qh5 Qf6 24.Qd2 Qxh3 25.Qh2 Qxg2  
 26.Bg1 Qg5 27.Qxg5 Bxg5 28.Qxf7+?? Qxf7  
 29.Bxg2 Bh8+ 30.Qg1 Bxg2+ 31.Qxg2 Qg6+  
 32.Qf3?? [32..Cg3] 32...Bh3+ 33.Qe2 Qg4+ 0-1

White: Larry Saxby - 1756  
 Black: Donald Anderson - 1597  
 Event: Spring Swiss II  
 Date: May 17, 2007

A45: Trompowsky Attack 1.d4 Qf6 2.Qf4 e6 3.e3  
 Qe7 4.Qf3 b6 5.h3 Qb7 6.Qbd2 0-0 7.Qd3 Qc6  
 8.c3 d6 9.Cc2 h6 10.0-0-0 a6 11.Bdg1 b5 12.e4  
 Qa5 13.b4 Qc4 14.Qxc4 bxc4 15.g4 e5 16.dxe5  
 dxe5 17.Qxe5 Cd3 I needed to do something  
 drastic to take away some of White's firepower. I  
 decided to play aggressively. 18.Cxd3 cxd3  
 19.Qxf6 Qxf6 20.Qd4 Qg5 21.f3 a5 22.b5 a4  
 23.Qd1 Qe3 24.Bg2 Qxd4 25.cxd4 Ba5 26.Qc4  
 Bxb5 27.Bb2 Qa6 28.Bhh2 Bd8 29.d5 f6  
 30.Bhd2 Bc5 31.Qe3 Qb5 32.Qf5 a3 33.Bb4  
 Qf7 34.Qd4 Qc4?? [34...Rc4 35.Rxb5 Rxd4+-]  
 35.Qe6 Bdxd5 36.exd5 Bxd5 37.Bxc4 Qxe6  
 38.Ba4 c5 39.f4 g5 40.Bxa3 c4 41.fxg5 fxg5  
 42.Bc3 Bd4 43.Qe1 [43.Rf2+- and White wins]



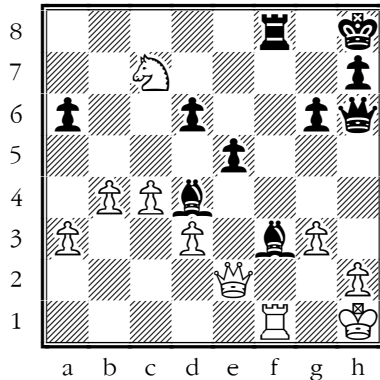
43...Be4+ 44.Qf1 Qd5 45.Bc1 Qd4 46.a4 Bf4+  
 47.Qg2 c3 48.Bdd1?? [48.Ba2+ would bring relief]  
 48...d2 49.Ba1 Qd3 50.a5 c2 51.Bg1 Qe2 52.a6  
 Bf8 53.a7 [53.Ba2 d1 C 54.Bxd1 Qxd1 55.Bxc2 Qxc2]  
 53...d1 C 54.a8 C Bxa8 55.Bxa8 Qd5+ 0-1

### U B D Judge

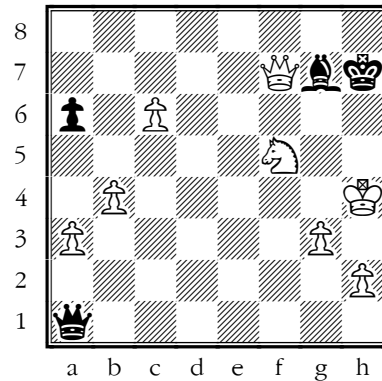
White: Roy Eikerenkoetter - 1722  
 Black: Michael Bury - 2218  
 Event: Morphy Swiss, Rd 2  
 Date: June 7, 2007

A25 1.c4 e5 2.Qc3 Qc6 3.g3 f5 4.d3 Qf6 5.Qg2  
 Qc5 6.e3 0-0 7.Qge2 d6 8.0-0 a6 9.a3 Qe8  
 10.b4 Qa7 11.Qd5 Qxd5 12.Qxd5+ Qh8 I  
 prefer 12..Qe6 to the text. 13.Bb2 Qh5 14.Nc3 Qh6  
 15.Bg2 f4?! The beginning of Black's troubles. He  
 needed to connect his rooks first. 16.Qd5 fxe3  
 17.fxe3 Qxe3+ 18.Qh1 Qd7 19.Qxc7 The  
 immediate 19..Qe2 is strong. 19..Bab8 20.Qe2  
 Qd4? This drops Black's b-pawn. 21.Qxd4  
 Qxd4 22.Bxf8+ Bxf8 23.Bf1 g6 24.Qxb7 Qg4!

Black's best move. I studied this position for a while and finally made what I thought was the best response, though it felt incorrect: 25. Bf3??, but this actually led to a forced mate of my king! (I was unaware of this at that moment). Bury then analyzed for some time, which, in a situation like this, generally means big trouble for his opponent. 25.. ♖xf3+??



Phew!! With great relief, I felt that I had dodged a bullet and possibly could win this game from here on. Here is what we both missed: If 25. ♖xf8+ ♗xf8 26. ♖g2 ... or 25. ♖e1, White is still ahead. But after the fatal 25. ♖f3?? ♖xf3!! 26. ♖xf3 ♖c1+ 27. ♖f1 (27. ♖g2 ♖g1#) ♖xe2!! 28. ♖xc1 ♖f3#!! 26. ♖xf3 ♖c1+? Too late. But Black could have drawn with 26.. ♖xf3! 27. ♖xf3 ♖c1+ 28. ♖g2 ♖d2+! and White could not escape perpetual checks by Black's queen. 27. ♖g2 ♖f5 27.. ♖xf3 ♖xf3! 28. ♖xf5 gxf5 29. ♖e6 ♖g1+ 30. ♖h3 (not ♖f3?? ♖h1+! 31. ♖g2 e4+ easily wins for Black!) 30.. e4 31. dxe4 fxe4 32. ♖g5 ♖f6 33. ♖f7+ ♖g7 34. ♖xd6 e3 35. ♖f5+ ♖f7 36. ♖xe3 ♖a1 37. ♖d3 I was being very careful, trying not to screw up this "won" ending by letting Bury swindle me with perpetual checks or something else, like a stalemate, etc. 37.. ♖g7 38. c5 ♖e5 39. ♖f5+ ♖g6 40. ♖d6+ ♖g7 41. ♖e4 ♖a1 42. ♖g4+ ♖f8 43. ♖f5 43. ♖c4! wins faster. 43.. ♖e7 44. ♖xh7+ ♖e6 45. ♖f5+ ♖e7 46. ♖e4+ ♖f8 47. ♖e8+ ♖g7 48. ♖f7+ ♖h6 49. ♖f8+ ♖h7 50. ♖e8 ♖g7 51. ♖e4+ ♖g8 52. ♖e6+ ♖h7 53. ♖f5+ ♖g8 54. c6 ♖c1 55. ♖f7+ ♖h7 56. ♖f5 Bury refused to quit. He appeared to be aiming for a possible stalemate. With time running short for both of us in the Sudden Death time control, my play from here to checkmate was sloppy, but I finally got the job done. 56.. ♖f1+ 57. ♖h4 ♖a1



58. ♖xg7+ ♖xg7 59. ♖xg7 a5 60. c7 a4 61. ♖e6 ♖g6 62. ♖f4+ ♖f5 63. c8(♖)+ ♖e4 64. ♖c3 ♖f5 65. b5 ♖e4 66. b6 ♖f5 67. b7 ♖e4 68. b8(♖) ♖f5 69. ♖f8+? ♖e4 70. ♖fg7 ♖f5 71. ♖ce5# 1-0

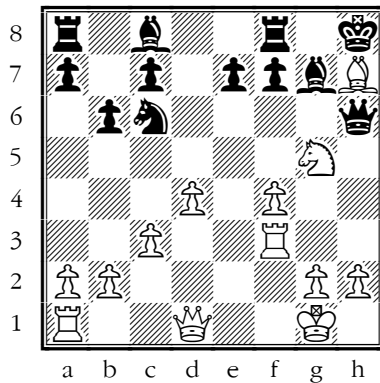
White: Joe Mucerino - 2068

Black: Hal Marmorstein - 1700

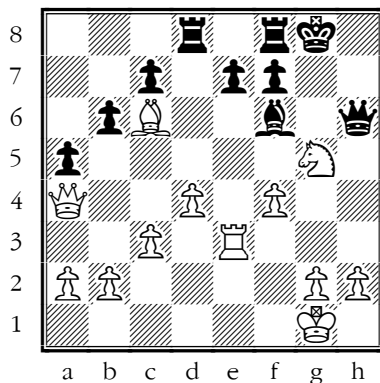
Event: Morphy Swiss, Rd 2

Date: June 7, 2007

1. d4 d5 2. ♖f3 ♖f6 3. e3 g6 4. ♖bd2 ♖g7 5. ♖d3 0-0 6. c3 ♖c6 7. 0-0 b6 8. e4 dxe4 9. ♖xe4 ♖b7 10. ♖g5? ♖xe4 Black could have won a pawn with 10... ♖xd4. 11. ♖xe4 h6 12. ♖h4 12.. ♖f4, with the idea of ♖d2, putting pressure on the pawn on h6 was better. I had an idea in mind so that is why I played the text. 12...g5 This is what I was hoping black would do. Black could win the bishop pair with 12...f5 13. ♖b3+ ♖h8 14. ♖xc6 (necessary because black was threatening to trap the other bishop with 14...g5 and 15...f4) 14... ♖xc6. 13. ♖xg5? h×g5 14. ♖xg5 This was my whole idea, trying to score a spectacular checkmate to win the prize of best game/combination of the Paul Morphy Swiss. When I played the move, I thought it was somewhat dubious, and Fritz confirms that. 14... ♖d6! A great defensive move. 15. ♖h7+ Forcing the king to the h file because I was planning to maneuver my rook to h3. 15... ♖h8 16. f4 ♖h6 17. ♖f3 ♖c8



Black now has two threats: obviously, one is 18...g4. The other is 18...f6, attacking the knight which defends the bishop on h7. 18.g4 I had my longest think on this move; over fifteen minutes. If white loses more material for nothing, the game may be over. 18...g4 19.g4?! I wanted to play 19.g3, keeping the queen on the b1-h7 diagonal, but I did not feel I had enough compensation if black took the exchange. However, I missed the fact that the knight is not properly defended. If 19.g3 gxf3 20.gxf3 fad8, the knight is hanging because black cannot recapture after 21.gxc6 gxc6 because of 22.h7 mate. 19...g4 20.g4 a5 Black loses less material after 20...b5 21.gxb5 dxd4 22.cxd4 gxd4+ 23.h1 fad8, with advantage to black. 21.gxc6 Now white is better. It is difficult for black to prevent the rook from landing on h3. 21...fad8 22.g1 g6 23.g3 g8?

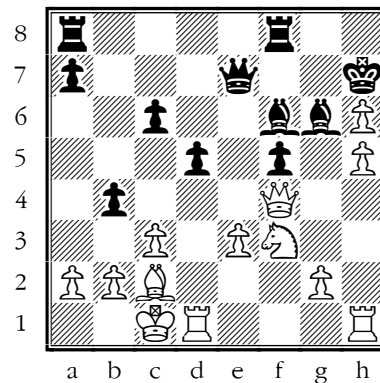


Black's best bet is 23...g5 24.fxg5 g6 (not 24...g5? 25.fh3+ king moves and then 26.g3). Black can use white's pawn on g5 as a shield. 24.fh3 g6? Black was getting into time pressure. He should play 24...g7 right away. 25.g4 g7 26.g3 gxd4+ Black might as well. He has nothing better. 27.cxd4 gxd4+?? 27...fad8

postpones the inevitable. 28.gxd4 fxd4 29.g6+ 1-0

White: Joe Mucerino - 2068  
 Black: Keith Johnson - 1789  
 Event: Morphy Swiss, Rd 4  
 Date: June 21, 2007

1.d4 f6 2.f3 g6 3.g5 g7 4.bd2 d5 5.e3 0-0 6.gd3 dc6 7.c3 h6 8.g4 g5 9.g3 d7 10.g2 e5 11.gxe5 dxe5 12.dxe5 dxe5 Black has gained the bishop pair, but white can attack black's advanced kingside pawns. 13.g2 White does not want to trade off this bishop because it points all the way down to h7. 13..g4 14.f3 gh5 15.0-0-0 c6 16.h4 g4 17.gxe5 gxe5 Black could save a pawn by flicking in 17..gxf3, but it would mean allowing white to open up the g file down towards the black king with 18.gxf3. 18.fxg4 gh6 19.g5 White is happy to give the pawn back if it opens up lines to the enemy monarch. 19..b5 20.gxh6 I never captured on g6 because I did not want black to be able to play ..fxg6, blocking the g file and opening the f file for black's rook. 20..ge7 Too slow. Black should play 20..a5, 20..ga5, 20..b4, or any move that launches an attack. 21.g4 gh7 22.f3 f5 23.g5 gf6 24.g4 b4 Now it's a bit late to play this. Fritz suggests 24..gh8, vacating the h7 square for the bishop. 25.h5 gf7??



25..ge8 was necessary. After the game, Johnson and I analyzed 25..bc3, but, with the help of Fritz, that move falls short. Now white has 26.hxg6+ gh8 27.gxf5! (A strong subtle move that Johnson and I missed. It helps support the pawns' march) 27..fab8 28.g7 and white wins. 26.gxf5+ gh8 27.g7# 1-0

Spring Swiss II, May 3 thru May 24, 2007

		Pre Rating	Post Rating	1	2	3	4	Total
1	Rosti Grinberg	1625	1694	W21	W10	W4	W3	4
2	Michael Bury	2221	2223	X	H	W12	W7	3 ½
3	Donald Anderson	1598	1639	W22	W11	W8	L1	3
4	Jim Merickel	1546	1599	W19	W7	L1	W9	3
5	Steve Volpone	1460	1540	L7	W19	W10	W8	3
6	Gabriel Bury	1178	1181	L9	H	W19	X	2 ½
7	Mel Ross	1777	1764	W5	L4	W13	L2	2
8	Larry Saxby	1756	1723	W16	X	L3	L5	2
9	Hal Marmorstein	1700	1700	W6	F	W18	L4	2
10	Roy Eikerenkoetter	1702	1677	W14	L1	L5	W16	2
11	Keith Johnson	1789	1769	H	L3	W14	L15	1 ½
12	Jim White	1687	1686	W18	H	L2	U	1 ½
13	Francis McDyer	1315	1342	H	W16	L7	F	1 ½
14	Mark Melvin	1336	1328	L10	D17	L11	W18	1 ½
15	Joe Mucerino	2057	2060	U	U	U	W11	1
16	Charles Jay	1500	1500	L8	L13	W22	L10	1
17	Praneeth Denduluri	1262	1267	H	D14	U	U	1
18	Pranav Ranganathan	958	953	L12	W22	L9	L14	1
19	Margaret Brakel	798	796	L4	L5	L6	W22	1
20	Andrew Fleming	1479	1479	F	U	U	U	0
21	Peter Mason	868	867	L1	U	U	U	0
22	Ashish Kumbhardare	426	416	L3	L18	L16	L19	0

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