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75th MA Open

George Mirijanian

Grandmaster Alexander Ivanov demonstrated once again why he is the strongest player in the commonwealth by winning the 75th Massachusetts Open, held May 27-29 at the Hotel Marlborough. In a field of 29 players in the Open section, the 50-year-old Newton resident chalked up a score of 5½-½ and finished a full point ahead of his closest rival.

It was Ivanov's fifth straight state championship title, which equals FM John Curdo's record of consecutive MA Open wins. Ivanov now has eight titles to his credit, having won his first in 1988, when he shared top honors with GM Ilya Gurevich.

In this year's event, Ivanov paved the way to victory by defeating Massachusetts high school champion and expert Joshua Bakker of Orleans (Round 1), national master Josef Friedman of New Jersey (Round 2), FM Boris Privman of New Jersey (Round 3), drawing FM Paul MacIntyre of Malden (Round 4), and beating FM Braden Bournival of Manchester, NH (Round 5) and national master Alexander Cherniack of Watertown (Round 6).

FM Christopher Chase of Somerville took clear second place with a score of 4½-1½. Tying for 3rd place with 4-2 performances were IM Igor Foygel of Brookline, FM Paul MacIntyre (who, along with Ivanov and Chase, was undefeated), FM Braden Bournival



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Scott Didham

and national master Avraam Pismenny of Lynn. The last two players also shared the top Under 2300 prize money, while Libardo Rueda of Winthrop, Joshua Bakker, and Jason Rihel of Cambridge shared the top Under 2200 prize money with scores of 3½-2½.

In the 27-player Under 2000 section, John Elmore of Hampton Falls, NH, finished first with a score of 5½-½. Scott Didham of Quincy was 2nd and won the state championship title with a 4½-1½ tally. Tying for 3rd place with 4-2 results were Stephen Brudno of Brookline, Valentin Levin of Lynn, Stuart Finney of Barrington, RI, and Philip Nutzman of Cambridge.

Mark Kaprielian of Framingham, and the mastermind of the successful Metrowest Chess Club in Natick, scored 5-1 to win in the 19-player Under 1750 section. In a crucial final-round game, Kaprielian transformed his king and rook vs. opponent's king,

Mark Kaprielian

Photo: Bob Oresick



rook and two connected passed pawns into an unstoppable mate on the back rank to achieve victory. Joshua Haunstrup of Brighton took 2nd place with a 4½-1½ tally. Tying for 3rd place with 4-2 performances were Aleksander Veksler of Marblehead, Severine Wamala of Nashua, NH, David Yasinovsky of Newton, and Avery Chen of Woodbridge, CT.

Bruce Stone of Auburn, NH, posted a 5-1 score to win the Under 1500 section, where 21 players competed. Gaining the state championship title and trophy on tiebreak points with a tie for 2nd-3rd place and a 4½-1½ tally was Christopher Garos of Brighton. Sharing in that 2nd-3rd place tie was Charliam He of Cambridge. Sharing the top Under 1250 prize with scores of 3-3 were Zacary Welch of Westborough, Clara Wang of Sharon, and Timothy Lung of Lexington.

One-day events were held on May 27. They included a 27-player Under 2000 section, which was won by Matthew Owen of Stonington, CT, who scored 4-0. Robert Campbell of Chicopee was 2nd with a 3½-½ result, while Mark Marshall of Worcester captured the Under 1600 prize with a 3-1 tally. Only



Matthew Owen

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nine players competed in an Under 1300 section, which saw Edward Lafferty of Waltham, James Doyle of Niantic, CT, and newcomer Srinivasalu Ambati of Ashland tie for 1st-3rd place with 3-1 scores.

Other one-day events were held on May 28. In a K-3 Under 1200 section that drew only eight players, Danny Angermeier of Franklin won the first-place trophy on tiebreak over Tucker Penney of Acton. Both tallied 3-1. Nicholas Zhang of Lexington scored 2½-1½ and won the third-place trophy on tiebreak over Adam Yee of Andover. A total of 23 students competed in the K-3 Under 600 section, which was won by Jacob Fong of Wayland with a perfect 4-0 score.

Sabrina Zhang of Lexington won the second-place trophy with a 3½-½ result, while William Nemirovsky of Boston tallied 3-1 to win the third-place trophy on tiebreak over four other players who received medals. They included Matthew Lee of East Walpole, Xiaoke Jeremy Gan of North Attleboro, Ben Weinberg of Newton, and Vishnu Amrit of Lexington.

In the Massachusetts Speed Championship held on May 28, Joshua Bakker posted a score of 8½-1½ to win the state title. FM Boris Privman was 2nd with an 8-2 tally. Philip Nutzman won the Under 2000 prize with a 5½-4½ performance, while David Yasinovsky captured the Under 1600 prize with a 4½-5½ result. A total of 18 players competed.

The final two one-day events were held on May 29. In a 13-player K-6 Under 1400 section, first place with a score of 3½-½ went to Nicholas Zhang of Lexington. Taking the second-place trophy on tiebreak with a 3-1 tally was Zachary Spitz of Westborough. Also scoring 3-1 and winning the third-place trophy

on tiebreak was Billy Ma of Acton. Winning a medal was Andrew Robinson of Jamaica Plain, who was the other 3-1 scorer. The K-6 Under 800 section saw only 9 players in competition. Tiebreaks were used to award the trophies to those scoring 3-1. Winning 1st place was Nelson Pang of Westborough. Second place went to Nelson Barnett of Belmont, while Jerry Seel-Morel of Plainville took third place. Winning a medal with a 3-1 result was Kai Chern of Wayland.

The turnout of 96 players in the three-day tournament was two more than last year. All in all, 181 players competed in one or more sections of the Memorial Day weekend extravaganza. Ken Ballou of Framingham was the chief director for the tournament, assisted by fellow senior TD Robert Messenger of Nashua, NH. MACA vice president Steve Frymer of Lexington assisted both TDs with the one-day events. A highlight of this year's championship was the awarding of "Pillsbury prizes" for the most interesting games in each section. The winners will receive cash prizes as well as copies of the celebrated book, *Harry Nelson Pillsbury: American Chess Champion* by Jacques N. Pope. The prizes were made possible by the generous donation from MACA life member Walter Champion of Wellesley.

Another highlight of this year's event was the MACA Auction of Books and Magazines, held on May 27. A total of 216 lots were sold, auctioned off by yours truly - taking about four hours and raising close to \$1,400 - with great bookkeeping help from MACA treasurer Bob Messenger. The major contributors to the auction were Robert Barry of Plymouth, Robert Supnik of Carlisle, Walter Champion of Wellesley, Harold Dondis of Belmont, John Curdo of Auburn, and Larry Kleine of Hanover. The majority of the funds will be used to pay for the memorial grave marker for Harry Nelson Pillsbury that will be placed in Laurel Hill Cemetery in Reading. An unveiling ceremony was held there on Saturday, June 17, the 100th anniversary of Pillsbury's death.

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Joshua Bakker

Recent Massachusetts State Champions

- 1990 Alexander Ivanov
- 1991 Ilya Gurevich
- 1992 Igor Foygel / William Kelleher
- 1993 Bobby Seltzer / Oleg Cheiner
- 1994 William Paschall
- 1995 Charles Hertan
- 1996 Eugene Perelshteyn
- 1997 Igor Foygel
- 1998 Allan Bennett
- 1999 David Tylevich
- 2000 Igor Foygel
- 2001 Igor Foygel
- 2002 Alexander Ivanov
- 2003 Alexander Ivanov / William Paschall
- 2004 Alexander Ivanov
- 2005 Alexander Ivanov / Igor Foygel

Chess Horizons

Pillsbury Prize Games Courtesy of Hal Terrie

In the Open Section, I have selected the game Saidel-Goley-Curdo. They both contributed to a fascinating (and very instructive) endgame struggle.

White: Saidel-Goley, Isaac (1951)

Black: Curdo, John (2233)

75th MA Open Marlborough (1) [C56]

27.05.2006

Notes by NM Hal Terrie

**1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.d4 exd4 4.Bc4 Nf6
5.0-0 Nxe4 6.Re1 d5 7.Bxd5 Qxd5
8.Nc3 Qh5 9.Nxe4 Be6 10.Bg5 Bd6**

The complicated way to play it is with 10...h6 but that can be perilous; for instance, 11.Bf6 Qg6 12.Nh4 Qg4 13.Qd3 Qh5 14.Qg3 Qa5 15.b4! Bxb4 16.Qxg7 Kd7 17.Bxd4 Nxd4 18.Qxd4+ Kc6 19.c3 Be7 20.Nf6 Bxf6 21.Qxf6 b6 22.Re5 Qa4 23.Qf3+ Kd7 24.Rd1+ Ke7 25.Nf5+ Kf6 26.Nd4+ Ke7 27.Rdel 1-0, Friedel-Curdo, 2002.

**11.Nxd6+ exd6 12.Bf4 Qd5 13.c3 0-0
14.Nxd4 Nxd4 15.Qxd4 Qxd4**

I had this position (with white) against Curdo in 2002. He offered a draw with this move, which I accepted. For Isaac there was no such offer, as John wanted to play on. Objectively the position is even, but that is not always the same thing as drawn.

These are the hard tests that experienced Masters administer to young, developing players: "Show me the proof that your technique is up to the challenge of facing me!" The experience of such tests is a better education than any chess book ever written.

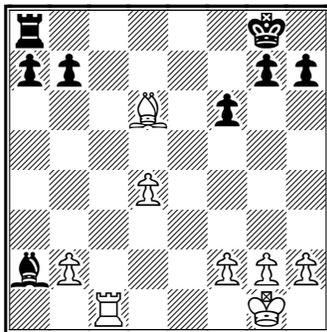
16.cxd4 Rfc8!?

A very interesting attempt to keep play in the position. I can find no record of it having been played before. The idea is simple – Black hopes to exchange the d6-pawn for one of White's queenside pawns, creating an imbalance that might be exploited. 16...d5 would have lead to a dead drawn position, even for Class B level players.

17.Rec1

White might do well with 17.Bxd6 Rc2 18.b3, leaving Black to prove compensation for the pawn.

17...Rxc1+ 18.Rxc1 Bxa2 19.Bxd6 f6



This looks like the critical moment.
20.Bf4?!

Perhaps 20.Be7 Re8 (20...Kf7 21.Rc7 Bd5 22.Bc5+ Kg6 23.Rd7) 21.Rc7 Bd5 22.f3 would keep Black tied up.

20...Rd8 21.Be3

Not a good idea to go passive like this. Black has a clear plan – blockade on d5 and advance the queenside pawns.

21...Bd5 22.f3 Rd6 23.Ra1 a6 24.Bd2 Kf7 25.Kf2 Rb6 26.Bc3 Ke6 27.Ra5 Kd6 28.Rc5 Rb3 29.Ra5 Bc4 30.Ke3 b6 31.Ra3 a5 32.Rxb3 Bxb3

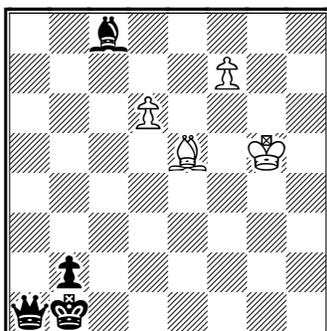
Now it's a pure opposite bishop ending, but White is not out of danger.

33.Be1 Kd5 34.Bg3 b5 35.Bc7 a4 36.Bd8 Kc4 37.Be7 Bc2 38.Bf8 g6 39.Be7 f5 40.g3 Bd1 41.h4 Bc2

The idea 41...Bxf3? 42.Kxf3 Kxd4 is much too slow. White wins all the kingside pawns and can stop all queenside queening attempts with his bishop.
42.Bf8 Bd1 43.Be7 Bc2 44.Bf8 Kb3

Black finally gets his king to a square he has surely been looking at since about move 18. Both sides queen now for a wild finish.

45.d5 Kxb2 46.d6 f4+ 47.Kxf4 Bf5 48.h5 a3 49.hxg6 hxg6 50.g4 Bc8 51.Bg7+ Kb1 52.Kg5 a2 53.f4 b4 54.f5 gxf5 55.gxf5 b3 56.Be5 b2 57.f6 a1Q 58.f7



Black can't stop White from queening. However ...

58...Qa5

... forces him to part with his bishop.

59.f8Q Qxe5+ 60.Kh6 Qe6+ 61.Kg5 Qg4+ 62.Kh6 Ka2 63.Qf2 Bf5 64.Qa7+ Kb1 0-1

In the Under 2000 Section, I have selected the game Andrew Wang vs. James Shao, which features two of the top ten year olds in the country slugging it out.

White plays a remarkable tactical sequence and wins the exchange (though he could have done still better). The exchange up ending that results really fascinated me. I spent hours going over it before I could force myself to move on to the games from the next section. The prize goes to Andrew Wang.

White: Wang, Andrew (1826)

Black: Shao, James (1721)

75th MA Open/U2000 Marlborough, (4)

28.05.2006 [B18]

Notes by NM Hal Terrie

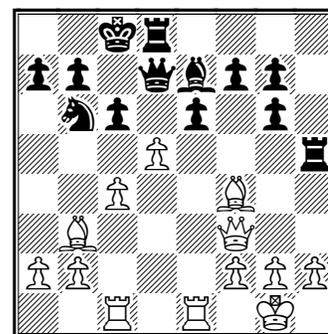
1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.Nc3 dxe4 4.Nxe4 Bf5 5.Ng3 Bg6 6.Bc4 Nf6 7.N1e2 Nbd7 8.Nf4 Nb6

Another common way to play it is 8...e5 9.Nxg6 hxg6 10.Qe2 Qe7.

9.Bb3 Nbd5 10.Nxg6 hxg6 11.c4 Nb6 12.Bf4 e6 13.0-0 Qd7 14.Re1 0-0-0 15.Qf3

Boldly offering the d-pawn. Black can definitely take, but he prefers not risk it.

15...Nh5 16.Nxh5 Rxh5 17.Rac1 Be7 18.d5



White insists on opening the position. I'm not so sure it should be good, but making threats is what aggressive ten year olds do.

18...exd5 19.cxd5 Nxd5 20.Rcd1 Bf6



20...Rf5 looks like a fairly nasty counter.

21.g4!

The beginning of a very imaginative sequence that wins the exchange, but could have led to more.

21...Rh4 22.Bg3 Qxg4 23.Bxd5 Rxd5 (23...Qxf3 24.Bxf3) 24.Rxd5!

The point! White's queen cannot be taken because of a mate threat with Re8.

24...cxd5 25.Rc1+ Kd8 26.Qxd5+ Qd7

Just a little more precision would finish the game at once – all you have to do is follow the old dictum of examining all the captures and checks. Or maybe the one that goes, “if you see a good move, look for a better one!”

27.Qxd7+

White goes for his original idea without looking further. Instead 27.Bc7+ Ke8 (27...Kc8 28.Ba5+) 28.Re1+ Be7 29.Bd6 wins a piece in a few moves.

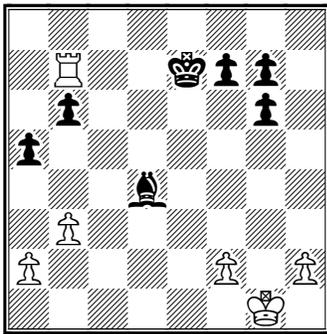
27...Kxd7 28.Bxh4 Bxh4

White has won the exchange, for a pawn, but a good defense would make the win very difficult.

29.Rc3 Bf6 30.Rd3+ Kc7 31.b3 b6 32.Rh3 Kd7 33.Rh8 a5

Good defense so far. Black has placed the queenside pawns so they can easily be defended by the bishop.

34.Rf8 Ke7 35.Rb8 Bd4 36.Rb7+



36...Kf6

This may not be the best defense. This position really captured my attention. In the game, Black rushes his king to h6 and then advances the kingside pawns. The question is whether it would be better to try the pawn advances with the king in the center.

I prefer 36...Ke6, and if 37.a4 (as in the game) 37...g5 and now: 38.h3 f5 39.Kf1 Kd6 40.Ke2 Ke6 41.f3 g6 42.Kd3 Bc5 43.Kc4. I spent hours looking for a way to deprive Black of absolutely all

counterplay. White can't just play Kb5 and Rxb6 because ...Ke5-f4 is too quick.

So there are other ways to proceed, like trying to get access to d5: 43...Bf2 44.Rg7 Kf6 45.Rg8 Kf7 46.Rb8 Ke6 47.Re8+ Kf7 48.Re2 Bc5 49.Kd5. However, it's still not clear how to achieve the final breakthrough. Anyway, this is a good position for study. I'm not done with it yet!

All of the speculation about the proper place for Black's king may be irrelevant if, after 36...Ke6, White can just play 37.h4! restricting the Black kingside pawns.

37.a4

Now 37.h4 may be even stronger than with the king on e6. Black's kingside pawns are stuck.

37...Bc5 38.Kf1 g5 39.f3 Kg6 40.Ke2 f5 41.h3 Kh6 42.Rc7 g6 43.Kd3

You see the difference – Black could have had this with the king on e6 instead.

43...g4

43...Bf2 44.Kc4 Be3 45.b4 would be similar to the game. Black would have to try ...g4 eventually anyway.

44.hxg4 fxg4 45.fxg4 Kg5 46.Rc6 Bg1 47.Kc4 Bf2 48.b4 Be1

48...axb4 49.Kxb4 Kxg4 50.Rxg6+ Kf5 51.Rc6 Ke5 52.Kb5 Kd5 53.Rxb6. **49.b5! Bf2 50.Kd5 Be3 51.Re6 Bc5 52.Kc6 Bf2 53.Kb7 Bc5 54.Rxb6 Bxb6 55.Kxb6 Kxg4 56.Kxa5** and White eventually won.

In the Under 1750 Section, the most entertaining game was Dondis-Chen. After some inaccurate play by White, Black builds up a nice kingside attack and finally breaks through. So the prize goes to Avery Chen.

White: Dondis, Harold (1705)

Black: Chen, Avery (1479)

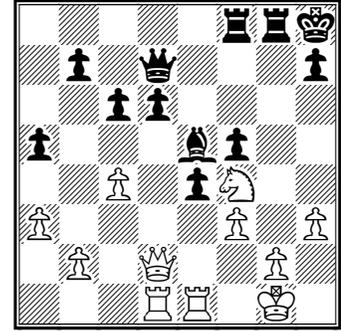
75th MA Open/U1750 Marlborough, (4) 28.05.2006 [E90]

Notes by NM Hal Terrie

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 Bg7 4.e4 d6 5.Nf3 0-0 6.Bd3 e5 7.d5 Nbd7 8.0-0 a5 9.Be3 Ne8 10.Bg5 f6 11.Bd2 Nc5 12.Bc2 f5 13.Bg5 Nf6 14.exf5 Bxf5 15.Bxf5 gxf5 16.Qc2 Qd7 17.Bxf6 Rxf6 18.Rfe1 Raf8 19.a3 e4 20.Nd4 Rg6 21.Ne6

Apparently desperation. 21.Rad1 Bxd4 22.Rxd4 Qg7.

21...Nxe6 22.dxe6 Qxe6 23.Nd5 Qd7 24.Rad1 c6 25.Nf4 Rg4 26.Nh5 Be5 27.h3 Rg6 28.Qd2 Kh8 29.Nf4 Rg7 30.Nh5 Rg6 31.Nf4 Rgg8 32.f3



White cracks under the pressure, but trying to wait quietly would also fail; for example, 32.b3 Qg7 33.g3 Qh6 34.Kh2 Rf6 35.Qe3 Rg4! threatening ...Rxf4, but if 36.Ng2 f4.

32...Qg7 33.Ne6 Qg3 34.Nxf8?

The only move to keep White in the game was 34.f4 and now 34...Rf6 35.fxe5 Rxe6 36.exd6 Rxd6 should win for Black, but White can still play on.

34...Qh2+ 35.Kf1 Qh1+ 36.Ke2 Qxg2+ 37.Ke3 Qxf3# 0-1

In the Under 1500 section, I have selected the game Masiki-Hong. Black has to give up a pawn, but gets some pressure for it and launches an attack. It's a classic lower section struggle, where White fails to defend actively and gets in some trouble. Despite the fact that it was not objectively correct, Black's attack succeeds in the end and he finishes with a nice tactical flourish. Very entertaining, and instructive for what was missed. The prize goes to Hong.

White: Masiki, Trent (1426)

Black: Hong, Jenshiang (1450)

75th MA Open/U1500 Marlborough, (4) 28.05.2006 [A17]

Notes by NM Hal Terrie

1.c4 Nf6 2.g3 e6 3.Bg2 d5 4.Nc3 d4 5.Ne4 Nxe4 6.Bxe4 Nd7 7.d3 Bb4+ 8.Bd2 Be7 (8...Bxd2+ 9.Qxd2 0-0) 9.Bg2 0-0 10.Nf3 c5 11.0-0 Rb8 12.Rb1 b6 (12...e5) 13.Bf4

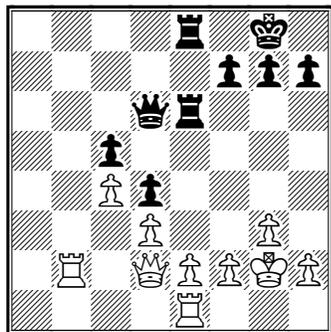
So, Black must give up a pawn to save the rook. However, this game is a fine illustration of the maxim, “There's no such thing as *just* winning a pawn.” At

the Class level, it seems like the opponent always gets strong pressure for it.

13...e5 14.Nxe5 Nxe5 15.Bxe5 Bd6 16.Bxd6 Qxd6 17.Qd2 Bb7 18.Rfe1 Bxg2 19.Kxg2 Rbe8 20.a3 a5 21.b3

Of course, 21.b4 at once is better.

21...Re6 22.b4 axb4 23.axb4 Rfe8 24.bxc5 bxc5 25.Rb2



It's a bad idea for White to adopt a passive setup. Maybe 25.e4 dxc3 26.Rxc3 should be tried. Another idea is offering an ending with 25.Qf4, now 25...Qc6+ can be met by 26.Qf3 covering up the kingside. If 25...Qxf4 26.gxf4 Kf8, White at least does not have to worry about a mating attack. Black still has some pressure for the pawn, but White can try to grind something out. Not 26...Rxe2?? 27.Rxe2 Rxe2 28.Rb8+ with a back rank mate.

25...Qc6+ 26.Kg1 h5

Black charges at the kingside. At the Class level, such moves frequently induce unjustified panic. In the moves that follow, a few forceful moves might put a stop to Black's ambitions, but White plays timidly until Black has a powerful attack.

27.Qf4 (27.h4) 27...Rf6 28.Qg5 g6 29.Qd5

White's fear leads him to offer the return of the pawn.

29...Qc7

...and Black declines, preferring to continue the attack. Very brave, though maybe not fully correct. 29...Qxd5 30.cxd5 Rd6 would regain the pawn.

30.Rb5

30.Rb7 Qc8 31.Reb1 looks more forceful.

30...Rf5 31.Qb7 Qe5 32.Qd5 Qf6 33.Qg2 h4 34.g4 Rg5 35.h3 Qf4 36.Rbb1?!

The correct move is 36.Qc6.

36...f5

This should lose outright, but White has to find the right moves. Not so easy when one is gripped by fear.

37.Qd5+ Kf8 38.Qxc5+ Kg7 39.Qd5? fxg4 40.Rb7+ Kh6 41.Qf7 gxh3+ 42.Kf1 Rg1+! 0-1

A nice finish! 42...Rg1+ 43.Kxg1 Qg4+.



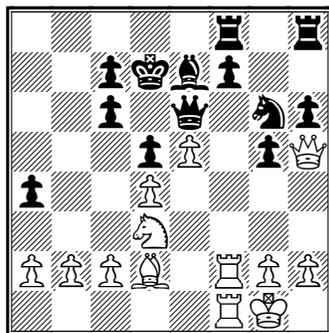
Joshua Haunstrup

White: Haunstrup, Joshua (1706)

Black: Wamala, Severine (1614)

75th MA Open (5), 28.05.2006

1.e4 Nc6 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 Nf6 4.Bb5 a6 5.Bxc6+ bxc6 6.Nc3 e6 7.0-0 Be7 8.e5 Nd7 9.Ne4 d5 10.Ng3 g5 11.Ne1 h6 12.Qh5 Nf8 13.f4 Ng6 14.Nd3 a5 15.f5 exf5 16.Nxf5 Bxf5 17.Rxf5 Qd7 18.Rf1 Qe6 19.Bd2 a4 20.Rf2 Kd7 21.Raf1 Raf8



22.Rf6 Qxf6 23.exf6 Bd6 24.Qg4+ Kd8 25.Bb4 Re8 26.Bxd6 cxd6 27.Qg3 Re6 28.Re1 Rxf6 29.Nb4 Kd7 30.Qc3 Re8 31.Qh3+ Kc7 32.Qxh6 g4 33.Qg5 Rf4 34.c3 Re4 35.Rxe4 dxe4 36.c4 Re8 37.Nc2 Re6 38.Ne3 Kb6 39.c5+ dxc5 40.Qxc5+ Kb7 41.Qf5 Re7 42.Qxg4 Nf8 43.h4 Nd7 44.h5 Nf6 45.Qf5 Ng8 46.Qg5 Re8 47.h6 f6 48.Qg7+ Ka6

49.h7 Ne7 50.h8Q Rxxh8 51.Qxh8 Nd5 52.Nxd5 cxd5 53.Qxf6+ Kb5 54.Qd6 Kc4 55.Qc5+ Kd3 56.Kf1 e3 57.Qc3+ Ke4 58.Ke2 a3 59.g3 Kf5 60.bxa3 Kg4 61.Qxe3 Kh3 62.Qf4 Kh2 63.g4+ Kh1 64.g5 Kg2 65.Qg4+ Kh2 66.Kf2 Kh1 67.Qg2# 1-0

White: Bakker, Joshua (2158)

Black: Chase, Chris (2326)

MA Open (6), 2006

1.e4 g6 2.Nc3 Bg7 3.Bc4 d6 4.d3 c6 5.a4 Nf6 6.Bg5 d5 7.Bb3 0-0 8.Nge2 Nbd7 9.exd5 cxd5 10.0-0 h6 11.Bh4 g5 12.Bg3 Nc5 13.Ba2 d4 14.Nb1 Nd5 15.Nd2 e5 16.Nc4 Re8 17.c3 dxc3 18.bxc3 Bg4 19.f3 Bh5 20.Bf2 Ne6 21.d4 exd4 22.cxd4 Nef4 23.Re1 Rxe2 0-1

White: Friedman, Joseph (2217)

Black: Ivanov, Alexander (2664)

75th MA Open Marlborough, (2) 27.05.2006 [B06]

1.e4 g6 2.d4 Bg7 3.Nc3 c6 4.Be3 Qb6 5.a3 d6 6.Bc4 e6 7.Nge2 d5 8.Bb3 Nf6 9.Ng3 h5 10.e5 Ng4 11.0-0 Nd7 12.Bg5 c5 13.h3 cxd4 14.Nxd5 exd5 15.hxg4 h4 16.Ne2 Nxe5 17.Nf4 Bxg4 18.Qe1 h3 19.Nxh3 Bxh3 20.gxh3 Qe6 21.Bxd5 Qxd5 0-1

"Knights are the Soul of Chess"

White: Brudno, Steve (1922)

Black: Didham, Scott (1955)

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1.d4 g6 2.e4 c6 3.c4 d6 4.Nc3 Nd7 5.f4 e5 6.fxe5 dxe5 7.d5 Nh6 8.Nf3 f6 9.Be2 Nf7 10.Be3 a5 11.0-0 Bc5 12.Bxc5 Nxc5 13.Kh1 0-0 14.Nd2 Nd6 15.g4 Qe7 16.Qe1 Bd7 17.Qf2 b6 18.Qh4 Kg7 19.Rf3 Nf7 20.Re3 Rae8 21.Rf1 Ng5 22.Nf3 h6 23.Ne1 Rf7 24.Nd3 Ref8 25.a3 Nb3 26.Bd1 Nd2 27.Rf2 Nxc4 28.Re1 Nd6 29.Bb3 c5 30.Bc2 c4 31.Nc1 b5 32.Qg3 Nh7 33.Bd1 Rb8 34.Qe3 Qd8 35.Rg2 Qb6 36.Qxb6 Rxb6 37.h3 Be8 38.Kh2 Rfb7 39.N3a2 b4 40.axb4 axb4 41.b3 c3 42.Nd3 Ng5 43.Nf2 c2 44.Be2 Ngxe4 45.Nxe4 Nxe4 46.Bd3 Nc5 47.Bc4 Bb5 48.Rxc2 Bxc4 49.Rxc4 Nxb3 50.Nc1 Nd2 0-1 Black noted that 18 out of his 50 moves were with the knights.