



Chess Chatter

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Gregg ties for 2nd in 2015 Michigan Action Tournament

by Alan Gregg (Edited by Lon Rutkofske):

I decided to play in the 2015 Michigan Action Tournament (12-12-15) in the last week before the start. I used to play a lot of tournaments at this time control in the 1970's and early 1980's before taking a long break from regular chess. In those days it was a straight 30 minute time control for each player with no delay, and I used to enjoy it. There were no ratings involved in those days except for pairing purposes, so I played some of the best players around London, most of the time losing. But I also had my share of success. I was curious to see how I would do now that I am a little (:-)..???) **Ed.**) older. Base on USCF ratings, I was seeded 3rd, so it was not surprising that I finished joint 2nd. Most of the games went to the wire; in fact I played so badly in the first round, I was in danger at one stage of drawing a 1196 rated player!

One of my hardest games was against **Ayush Das**. I was a pawn up in a rook and pawn ending but managed to win in the end. My one loss was against **Manis Davidovich** who is a national master. He offered a piece for three pawns, making me think a long time before accepting the offer, but then I went wrong and lost. We were both low on time.

In three other games I won a piece early which took a lot of pressure off, but in every case, save one who resigned by standing up and waving his hands before he walked off forcing me to check with him to ensure he had resigned, I had to force mate.

You always need a lot of luck with the draw to do well in most tournaments and I came away happy with my results.

Pair Num	Player Name USCF ID / Rtg (Pre->Post)	Total Pts	Round 1	Round 2	Round 3	Round 4	Round 5	Round 6
1	MANIS DAVIDOVICH MI 12744534 / R: 2236 ->2244 Q: 2040 ->2055	6.0	W 22	W 8	W 11	W 2	W 3	W 7
2	MANMOHAN DAS MI 12664593 / R: 1963 ->1986 Q: 1818 ->1852	5.0	W 18	W 31	9	L 1	W 4	W 8
3	ALAN MICHAEL GREGG MI 12824548 / R: 1972 ->1981 Q: 1817 ->1835	5.0	W 17	W 14	W 12	7	L 1	W 9
4	KEVIN NOREN MI 10299128 / R: 2229 ->2210 Q: 2129 ->2106	4.5	W 23	W 20	D 5	W 12	L 2	W 13
5	MICHAEL MOTOC MI 14369076 / R: 1778 ->1800 Q: 1513 ->1586	4.5	W 40	W 21	D 4	L 6	W 14	W 19
6	CHRIS SCHMIDT MI 12890522 / R: 1860 ->1836 Q: 1745 ->1722	4.0	W 24	L 9	W 13	W 5	L 7	W 22
7	AYUSH DAS MI 13990485 / R: 1635 ->1688 Q: 1504 ->1562	4.0	W 34	W 42	W 19	L 3	W 6	L 1
8	ALEX GUO MI 14848606 / R: 1636 ->1658 Q: 1556 ->1574	4.0	W 28	L 1	W 24	W 21	W 19	L 2
9	EUGENE L MCCLURE MI 12405534 / R: 1529 ->1617 Q: 1578 ->1611	4.0	W 36	W 6	L 2	W 22	W 11	L 3
10	CHRIS LOCRICCHIO MI 15901647 / R: Unrated->1375P6 Q: Unrated->1307P6	4.0	L 16	W 26	L 15	W 39	W 23	W 20
11	ANTHONY BEE MI 11306136 / R: 1772 ->1742 Q: 1605 ->1582	3.5	W 39	W 15	L 1	W 16	L 9	D 17
12	FREDERICK KUNG MI 11222412 / R: 1700 ->1700 Q: 1700P10->1657P16	3.5	W 32	W 25	L 3	L 4	D 17	W 26
13	JOHN SMALEC MI 10301513 / R: 1600 ->1600 Q: 1601P19->1578P25	3.5	D 29	W 27	L 6	W 18	W 15	L 4
14	GARY DEE SWATHELL MI 11146376 / R: 1563 ->1548 Q: 1509 ->1500	3.5	W 37	L 3	W 25	D 15	L 5	W 27
15	GREGORY SULISZ MI 15589322 / R: 1380P22->1396 Q: 1157P11->1224P17	3.5	W 35	L 11	W 10	D 14	L 13	W 28
16	DONALD K JONES MI 12493958 / R: 1343 ->1357 Q: 1401P11->1386P17	3.5	W 10	L 19	W 32	L 11	W 25	D 18
17	BEN LI MI 15006561 / R: 1196 ->1217 Q: 1056 ->1085	3.5	L 3	D 28	W 42	W 29	D 12	D 11
18	ALEXANDER GLENN BOYD MI 14936548 / R: 1022 ->1191 Q: 1010 ->1178	3.5	L 2	W 37	W 20	L 13	W 31	D 16

19	JUSTIN M ALDRICH	3.0	W	26	W	16	L	7	W	31	L	8	L	5
MI	20048033 / R: 1815	->1766	N:4	W	B	W	B	W	B	W	B			
	Q: 1655	->1607												
20	BRIAN BEZRUTCH	3.0	W	41	L	4	L	18	W	28	W	24	L	10
MI	12545525 / R: 1545	->1492		B	W	B	W	B	W	B	W			
	Q: 1535	->1478												
21	MICHAEL R ALDRICH	3.0	W	33	L	5	W	36	L	8	L	26	W	32
MI	13469010 / R: 1358	->1319		W	B	W	W	W	B	W				
	Q: 1252	->1212												
22	ERIC LOGAN BOYD	3.0	L	1	W	34	W	33	L	9	W	32	L	6
MI	14936527 / R: 1290	->1290		W	B	W	W	W	B	W				
	Q: 1189	->1193												
23	ROBBY RILES	3.0	L	4	L	32	W	40	W	37	L	10	W	36
MI	14005827 / R: 1319	->1269		B	W	B	W	W	B	W				
	Q: 1181	->1133												
24	MAIEN MI	3.0	L	6	W	41	L	8	W	36	L	20	W	33
MI	15681810 / R: 895P4	-> 963P10		B	W	B	W	W	W	B	W			
	Q: 895P4	-> 958P10												
25	SEAN M MC CORMICK	3.0	W	38	L	12	L	14	W	42	L	16	W	35
MI	12841036 / R: 872	-> 951		W	B	W	B	W	B	W	B			
	Q: 766	-> 862												
26	CHRISTOPHER JOHN AGEE	3.0	L	19	L	10	W	41	W	35	W	21	L	12
MI	15421018 / R: 863P23	-> 943		B	W	B	W	W	W	W	B			
	Q: 830P23	-> 908												
27	VIRAJ MOHILE	2.5	H		L	13	L	28	W	30	W	29	L	14
MI	14700365 / R: 941	-> 913			B	B	W	W	W	W	W			
	Q: 858	-> 838												
28	AUSTIN S KIBBY	2.5	L	8	D	17	W	27	L	20	W	39	L	15
MI	15393585 / R: 518P7	-> 714P13		B	B	W	B	W	B	W	W			
	Q: 518P7	-> 698P13												
29	JACK HAUPTMAN	2.5	D	13	L	38	W	30	L	17	L	27	W	40
MI	15575055 / R: 631P15	-> 707P21		W	B	B	W	W	B	B	W			
	Q: 621P15	-> 689P21												
30	ZHENZE ZHU	2.5	L	31	H		L	29	L	27	W	42	W	41
MI	15189577 / R: 354P23	-> 399		B		W	B	W	B	W	B			
	Q: 345P23	-> 391												
31	DR ED MANDELL	2.0	W	30	L	2	W	39	L	19	L	18	U	
MI	12731684 / R: 1426	->1390		W	B	W	W	W	B					
	Q: 1343	->1305												
32	EVA ERHARDT	2.0	L	12	W	23	L	16	W	33	L	22	L	21
MI	14601450 / R: 742	-> 861		W	B	W	B	W	B	W	B			
	Q: 623	-> 762												
33	BRENDEN ELTON CAMPBELL	2.0	L	21	W	40	L	22	L	32	W	37	L	24
MI	15784761 / R: 933P5	-> 845P11		B	W	B	W	W	B	B	W			
	Q: 921P5	-> 821P11												
34	KEI MURAKAMI	2.0	L	7	L	22	L	35	W	40	L	36	B	
MI	15349775 / R: 728P9	-> 666P14		B	W	B	W	W	B	B				
	Q: 725P9	-> 658P14												
35	FRANK SHEFFIELD	2.0	L	15	L	39	W	34	L	26	W	41	L	25
MI	15901632 / R: Unrated	-> 649P6		W	B	W	B	W	B	W	W			
	Q: Unrated	-> 617P6												
36	KATELYN LU	2.0	L	9	B		L	21	L	24	W	34	L	23
MI	15657386 / R: 419P20	-> 483P25		W		B	B	B	W	B				
	Q: 417P20	-> 479P25												
37	JAY VIJAN	2.0	L	14	L	18	B		L	23	L	33	W	42
MI	15772128 / R: 410P5	-> 436P10		B	W		B	W	B	W	B			
	Q: 402P5	-> 426P10												

38	WILLIAM CALDWELL FLEMING	1.0	L	25 W	29 U	U	U	U	
MI	12529433 / R: 1831 ->1799		B	W					
	Q: 1717 ->1682								
39	NOLAN DONOVAN	1.0	L	11 W	35 L	31 L	10 L	28 U	
MI	14749692 / R: 711 -> 704		B	W	B	W	B		
	Q: 662 -> 658								
40	PAUL HARMON	1.0	L	5 L	33 L	23 L	34 B	L	29
MI	15860997 / R: 800P5 -> 631P10		W	B	W	B		B	
	Q: 795P5 -> 621P10								
41	CLARA HARMON	1.0	L	20 L	24 L	26 B	L	35 L	30
MI	15860982 / R: 433P5 -> 346P10		W	B	W		B	W	
	Q: 460P5 -> 359P10								
42	CLAIRE Y WANG	1.0	B	L	7 L	17 L	25 L	30 L	37
MI	15657564 / R: 211P8 -> 173P13			W	B	W	B	W	
	Q: 207P8 -> 169P13								

2016 PHCC Club Championships Begin January 14th

Crosstable for 2016 PHCC Championships

Dates: 1/14 1/21 1/28 2/4 2/11 2/18 2/25 3/3 3/10

#	Name/Rtng/ID	Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd 3	Rd 4	Rd 5	Rd 6	Rd 7	Rd 8	Rd 9
1	Alan Gregg	B 9	W 8	B 7	W 6	B 5	W 4	B 3	W 2	W 10
	1981 12824548 (1941)	1								
2	Tony West	B 8	W 7	B 6	W 5	B 4	W 3	W 10	B 1	W 9
	1934 12565951 (1912)	0								
3	Stewart Wilkinson	B 7	W 6	B 5	W 4	W 10	B 2	W 1	B 9	W 8
	1880 12454555 (1907)									
4	Matthew Morabito	B 6	W 5	W 10	B 3	W 2	B 1	W 9	B 8	W 7
	1859 12577179 (1891)	.5								
5	Lonnie Rutkofske	W 10	B 4	W 3	B 2	W 1	B 9	W 8	B 7	W 6
	1800 10288347 (1851)	1								
6	William Wingrove	W 4	B 3	W 2	B 1	W 9	B 8	W 7	B 10	B 5
	1606 12181760 (1637)	.5								
7	G.Avery Jones	W 3	B 2	W 1	B 9	W 8	B 10	B 6	W 5	B 4
	1566 12577178 (1651)									
8	Noel Bedy	W 2	B 1	W 9	B 10	B 7	W 6	B 5	W 4	B 3
	1421 12626193 (1577)	1								
9	David Boucher	W 1	B 10	B 8	W 7	B 6	W 5	B 4	W 3	B 2
	1306 12412595 (1507)	0								
10	Chuckie Heinrich	B 5	W 9	B 4	W 8	B 3	W 7	B 2	W 6	B 1
	619 15902222 (1000)	0								

As the above crosstable can attest to, the 2016 PHCC Championships are now underway boasting a very strong field complete with some well played games and even a first round upset to spice up the competitive spirit and wariness of all the contestants.

Despite the "top heavy" character of the field, the round robin format enables all participants a "shot" at being in the hunt for the title. Perusal of first round

game scores (See Members Games Section) illustrate the competitiveness of the players and quickly dismisses the myth that rating differences matter much. It looks like this year's contests may come down to the final round for a true champion to emerge. You can follow the weekly progress of the tournament on our website. Alan Gregg has successfully incorporated an app from Chess Base that permits viewers to play over the game while online!

Coming Soon:

Bob Duncan Memorial Edition of Chess Chatter

Members' Games

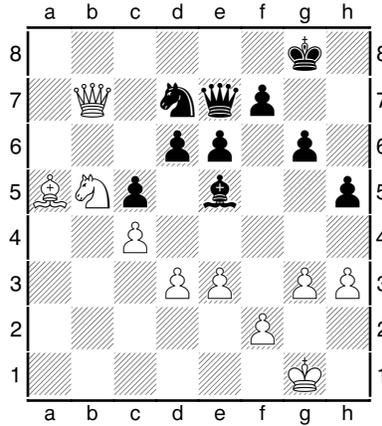


Please send me what you consider your best games, annotated or not, so that I might be able to showcase them. The following games represent contests that have been available at the time of this printing. Email them to me or give them to me personally, if you wish. Majority of analyses is done by Fritz 12, unless otherwise indicated.

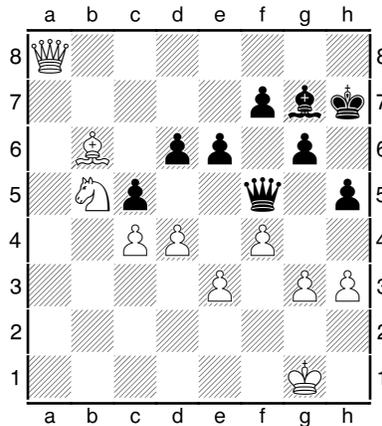
Rutkofske, Lonnie - Haley, Phillip

Challenge Match Port Huron, 05.05.1976

1.Nf3 Nf6 This was a very interesting contest in light of the fact that this was our first head to head encounter as can be seen by the relative calm in the first eleven opening moves. Caution was the keynote with each of us carefully sizing each other up. However, Phil found himself short of time later in the game (having to make 9 moves in 5 minutes) and I managed to win a piece. This was not the end however for in my haste to "end it all", I left my king exposed! See What happens! **2.g3 g6 3.Bg2 Bg7 4.0-0 0-0 5.d3 d6 6.Nbd2 c6 7.c3 Nbd7 8.Qc2 Qc7 9.a4 a5 10.h3 h6 11.Rb1 Rb8** This is the standard symmetrical variation. Usually these types of moves by Black will cause him trouble because he is a tempo behind. **12.b4 c5 13.bxa5 Qxa5 14.Nc4** 14.Rb5 appears to be stronger coupled with Qb3 and threats along the a and b files. **14...Qc7 15.Bd2 b6 16.Na3 Ba6 17.c4?** 17. Nh2 seems stronger since it prevents Ra8 and possibly forcing the exchange of the white squared bishops at b7. **17...Bb7 18.Nb5 Qd8 19.Rb3** 19. Bc3 helps is a better answer for the liberating move of 19....Ne8. **19...Ra8 20.Ra3 Ne8! 21.Rb1 Nc7 22.Ne1 Nxb5 23.Rxb5 Bxg2 24.Nxg2 Qc7** Black establishes equality with this move. **25.Ne3** With dual threats at d5 and g4. **25...e6 26.Qa2 h5** Preventing Nh4, but providing White with the much needed tempo for his Q-side push! **27.a5 bxa5 28.Rbxa5** White gets what he want, or, does he? **28...Rxa5 29.Rxa5 Rb8** Seeking counter play along the b-file and hoping to get in a shot with Rb2! **30.Rb5 Qc8 31.Qb3 Ra8** It appears the tide is beginning to shift in favor of Black, but time is on White's side, and his attempt at counter-attack requires more thought than the initial time control will permit, and I began moving more rapidly to reduce his think time and all of a sudden my pieces spring to life! **32.Nc2 Rb8 33.Na3 Ra8 34.Ra5 Rxa5 35.Bxa5 Qf8 36.Qb7 Qe7 37.Nb5 Bd4** Hoping for counter chances along the f-file. **38.e3 Be5** Diagram



39.f4?? Exposing White's king! **39...Bg7** 17...Bf6 seems like it is the saving move here but 18.Bc7, Nf8 19.Nd6, Qd7 20.Bb8 leaves Black little hope! **40.Qc8+ Kh7 41.Bd8 Nb6 42.Bxb6** Actually, 42.Qb8 is the better response. because it maintains control of the back rank and any penetration along the f-file and still seems to win the N. **42...Qf6 43.d4 Qf5!!** The shot heard round the world! White's pieces are too far removed from protecting his King. It was at this point that White sealed his move. Things look bad for White now. **44.Qa8** Diagram



Not 44. Qc6??d5! and White is lost. **44...Qxh3??** The worst possible move, but Phil was moving rapidly....best was 44...Qb1+, 45. Kh2 , d5! **45.Qf3 h4 46.Nxd6 hxg3 47.Qh1 Qxh1+ 48.Kxh1 cxd4 49.Bxd4 f6 50.Ne8 e5 51.fxe5 1-0**

Boucher,David (1306) - Gregg,Alan (1981) [B21] Sicilian Defense

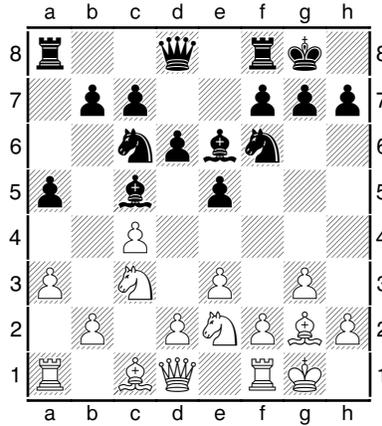
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1.e4 c5 2.d4 cxd4 3.c3 dxc3 4.Nxc3 e6 5.Nf3 a6 6.Bd3 d6 7.0-0 Be7 8.Be3 Nf6 9.h3 0-0 10.Rc1 Nbd7 11.Qe2 b5 12.b4 Bb7 13.Rc2 d5 14.e5 Ne4 15.a3 Nxc3 16.Rxc3 Rc8 17.Rxc8 Qxc8 18.Bxh7+ Kxh7 19.Ng5+ Bxg5 20.Bxg5 Kg8 21.Rc1 Qb8 22.Be7 Rc8 23.Rxc8+ Qxc8 24.Bd6 Qc4 25.Qe3 d4 26.Qg5 Qc8 27.Be7 d3 28.Bf6 Qf8 29.Be7 d2 0-1

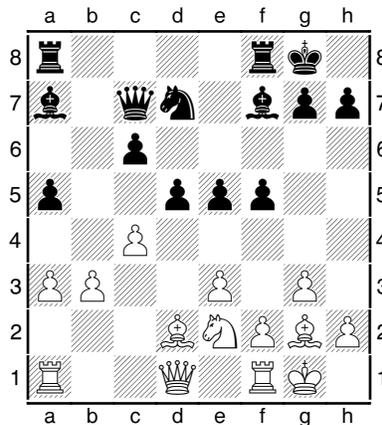
Rutkofske,Lonnie (1800) - Heinrich,Chuckie (619) [A25] English Opening

2016 PHCC Championships Port Huron (1), 14.01.2016 [Lonnie Rutkofske]

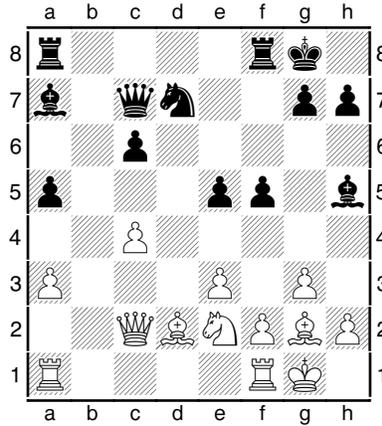
1.c4 e5 2.g3 Nf6 3.Bg2 Bc5 4.a3 a5 A very savvy move here, preventing White from driving away the KB with 5.b4. **5.Nc3 0-0 6.e3 Nc6 7.Nge2 d6 8.0-0 Be6** Diagram



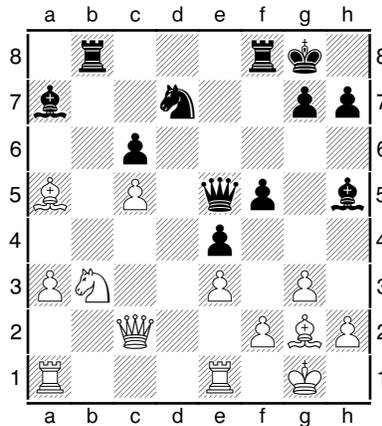
Many times, correct move order is essential, and better was probably 8...Bg4 first, and if 9.h3, Be6 10.b3, Qc8 puts pressure on h3. **9.Nd5** I really wanted to get rid of Black's irritating QB and thought this might be a good choice to force the issue and mix things up, giving Chuck an opportunity to err. **9...Nd7** This move took me by surprise. A better choice was probably the more traditional 9...,Ne8 leaving space at d7 for the QB while still permitting the f5 push that Black wanted. **10.d4 Ba7 11.b3?** This move was unnecessary...the simple 11.Nc7 saves a tempo keeping the immediate f5 at bay. I think this surprised Chuck as well, but I was determined to try to eliminate as many pieces as possible, and this would have forced Black to play B:d5, thus giving me the two bishop advantage and keeping his knights on the back three ranks. **11...f5!** Another good move further illustrating how a single tempo can change the complexion of the game! **12.Nxc7 Qxc7 13.d5 Bf7!** Another good choice. Thus far, Chuck has played a very solid game, although his KN is awkwardly placed. **14.dxc6 bxc6 15.Bd2** I was at odds as to which piece to move here. I liked having my N ready to jump into holes at f4 and d4 in case Black pushed e4 but chose Bd2 instead of the natural Bb2, because I wanted to be able to defend b3 with Rb1 and eventually place my B at c3 hitting the a5 pawn. **15...d5** Diagram



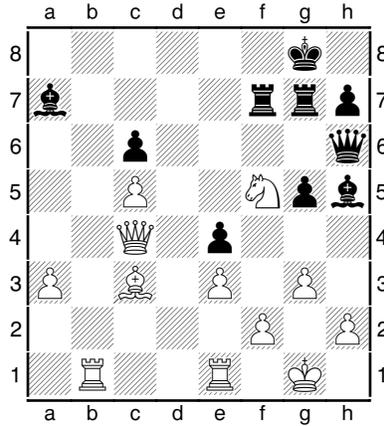
Premature. Black enjoys a strong pawn center and his pieces are better placed. Probably 15...,Rad8 followed up with Nf6. **16.Qc2 dxc4?** Had the QR moved to d8, this makes more sense because not only does it seize and open file, but it prevents threats along the h1-a8 diagonal. **17.bxc4 Bh5??** This is probably the single move that doomed Chuck's game! Diagram



A questionable move here. Why take the B away from a powerful square where it can put real pressure on White's weak c-pawn? A superior plan would be 17...Bc5!!! followed by Nb6 with huge Q-side threats while White's pieces are in disarray. **18.Rfe1 Rab8 19.Nc1 e4 20.Nb3** Now White gets some welcome counter play. **20...Bb6 21.c5 Ba7** Had the QR remained on a8, this whole line would be refuted by...18...,Bc5 19.Nc1, e4 20.Nb3, Bf7 21.Ba5, Ra5 22.Na5, Qa5 with a winning position. **22.Bxa5 Qe5!** Diagram



As you can see, had Black's QB remained on f7, he would have a smashing position! **23.Bb4 g5!?** Much too soon and a very loosening move, compromising the Black K which will later become fatal. Again, the QB belongs on f7!!! **24.Rac1 Qf6 25.Nd4 Ne5 26.Bf1** Despite both of his bishops being out of play on the edge of the board, Black has some very real threats and White must be careful. I thought a very long time on this sequence and felt I had to prevent Nd3 at all costs. Interesting is the fact that had the QB remained at f7, the move Qh6 looks devastating! **26...Rb7 27.Rb1 Rg7** A really bad plan...and there is little time to waste with all of this rook maneuvering! **28.Bc4+** I had to do something to get rid of the e5 Knight, but the simple retreat, 28...Bf7 would have been best, and both sides get rid of their bad bishops. Additionally, I wanted to trade down as many pieces as possible to create endgame chances for my extra pawn. **28...Nxc4??** This was a huge error....permitting the exchange of the well-placed N, for my bad bishop. **29.Qxc4+ [29.Qxc4+] 29...Rff7** Moving the King away or interposing the QB was the only correct move! **30.Bc3 Qh6?? 31.Nxf5** Diagram

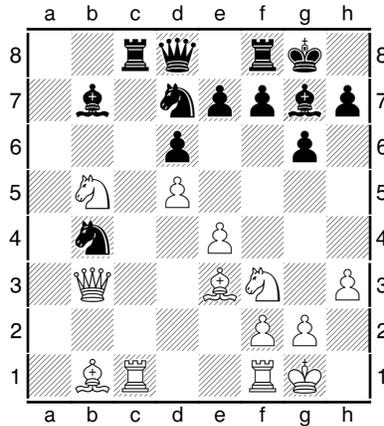


Black Resigns 1-0

Wingrove, William (1606) - Morabito, Matthew (1859) [B22] Sicilian Defense

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1.e4 c5 2.c3 g6 3.d4 cxd4 4.cxd4 Bg7 5.Nf3 d6 6.Nc3 a6 7.Be3 Nf6 8.h3 0-0 9.Be2 b5 10.a3 Bb7 11.d5 Nbd7 12.Rc1 Rc8 13.0-0 Nc5 14.Bd3 Nfd7 15.Bb1 a5 16.b4 axb4 17.axb4 Na6 18.Nxb5 [18.Qb3 ...is better, keeping White in charge.] 18...Nxb4 19.Qb3 Diagram



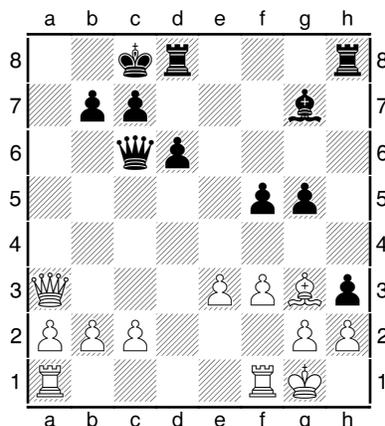
19.Qa4! 19...Qa5 20.Nbd4 Nc5 21.Qd1 Ba6 22.Re1 Ncd3 23.Rxc8 Rxc8 24.Bxd3 Nxd3 25.Re2 Nc5 26.Rc2 Nxe4 27.Rxc8+ Bxc8 28.Nc6 [28.Qc2 Nc5 29.Nc6 Qa1+ 30.Kh2 Bf8 31.Bxc5 dxc5 32.Qxc5 Qf6 33.Nxe7+ Qxe7 34.Qxc8 Qd6+ 35.g3 Qxd5 36.Kg2] 28...Qc7 29.Qa4 Nc3 30.Qc4 Bb7 31.Nfd4 Nxd5 32.Qxd5 Bxd4 [32...e5 Winning!] 33.Nxe7+ Qxe7 34.Qxd4 Qe4 White has a centralized Q, and some nasty threats on the black squares with Bd2 and eventually Bc3, so Black decides to see if his opponent is paying attention to the cheap shot against g2! [LWR] **35.Qxe4 Bxe4 36.f3 Bc6 37.Kf2 f6 38.g3 Kf7 39.f4 Ke6 40.Ke2 Kd5 41.Bb6 Ke4 42.Kf2 d5 43.Ba5 Bd7 44.h4 Bg4 45.Bb4 d4 46.Bc5 Kd3 47.Ba7 Kc4 48.Bb6 Kd3 49.Ba7 Ke4 50.Bb6 Kd3 51.Ba7 Kc3 52.Ke1 d3 53.Be3 f5 54.Bd2+ Kd4 55.Kf2 ½-½**

Bedy, Noel (1421) - West, Tony (1934) [A80] Dutch Defense

2016 PHCC Championships Port Huron (1), 14.01.2016 [Gregg, Alan]

This game was a surprise, and will possibly win the prize for the biggest upset. Noel's USCF rating is 1421 and Tony's was 1934. A 500+ point difference should have been an easy win for the higher rated, but Noel is difficult to play when he is on his game...

as evidenced by this game, it was his day! I was unable to beat him last year, only drawing him. His greatest shortcoming appears to be inconsistency. **1.d4 f5 2.Bf4 Nf6 3.e3 e6 4.Nf3 Nc6 5.Bd3 d6 6.0-0 Qe7 7.Bb5 Bd7 8.Nc3 h6 9.d5 exd5 10.Nxd5 Nxd5 11.Qxd5 g5 12.Bg3**...The game is now equal **12...0-0-0** [12...Bg7 Better] **13.Nd4** [13.Bxc6 Bxc6 14.Qxf5+ Kb8 15.Nd4 Bd7 16.Qd3] **13...Nxd4 14.Bxd7+ Qxd7 15.Qxd4 Bg7 16.Qxa7 Qc6 17.f3** [17.c3] **17...h5 18.Bf2 h4 19.Qa3 h3 20.Bg3** Diagram



Tony is now winning, but fails to find the best move. **20...Qxc2** [20...hxg2 21.Rf2 Kb8] **21.Rf2** White is back in charge! **21...Qc6 22.Qd3 Rdf8** [22...f4 23.exf4 Qc5 24.fxg5 Bxb2 (24...Bd4 25.f4) 25.Rd1] **23.Rc2 Qd7 24.Bxd6 Rd8 25.Rxc7+ Qxc7 26.Qxf5+ Qd7** [26...Kb8 27.Bxc7+ Kxc7 28.Qf7+ Rd7 29.Rc1+ Kd8 30.Qg6] **27.Rc1+...** A very nice combination! **1-0**

Calendar of Events: Note the change for the First Thursday of Each Month.

First Thursday of Each Month - Chess Clinics- 6:30 to 7:00 PM - \$7.50 per person. From 7:00 until 10:00. Players wishing to play Challenge matches with longer time controls of G/60 with 5 sec delay can choose to play match games if they so desire. Participants will be required to follow the rules and regulations for **Challenge Play** (As outlined in Chess Chatter, our website under "Club Member Ratings Lists", or posted at the club.) and colors will be selected by lot. PHCC club ratings will be used. Players should turn their game scores into Lon, so he can adjust ratings appropriately and showcase the games in *Chess Chatter*.

2016 PHCC Championships - January 14 thru March 17th 2016.

This year's event will feature a 9-round, Round Robin style tournament depending on entries. Players will be paired after registration ends at 7:00 PM on Wednesday, January 13th. All games will be USCF and PHCC rated.

Rounds and Pairings: **Tournament games will be held Thursdays during the tournament schedule** Rounds: (January 14th, 21rd, January 28th, February 4th, 11th, 18th; 25th, March 3rd, 10th, (make-up dates are the responsibility of the players but March 17th can be used for make-up) with Awards night on March 17th.

PHCC Rating Lists

The following list represents only current members of the Port Huron Chess Club. Current USCF ratings were used for members that had them, in order to establish the initial club rating list. The USCF rating format is used as the basis for calculating our club rating list. Members that had no USCF ratings are given a provisional rating based on their performances against regular club members who had USCF ratings. Club rated events will use these ratings for pairing purposes.

PHCC Rating List as of 1/18/16

<u>Name</u>	<u>Rating</u>
Gregg, Alan	1941
West, Tony	1912
Wilkinson, Stew	1907
Morabito, Matt	1891
Rutkofske, Lon	1851
Jones, G. Avery	1651
Wingrove, Bill	1637
Bedy, Noel	1577
Oriel, Paul	1569
Boucher, Dave	1507
Beneker, Gerrit	1483
Heinrich, Chuckie	1000
Nowiski, Adam	969
Allen, Nathan	957
Day, Owen	300

USCF Ratings as of 1/18/16

<u>Name</u>	<u>Rating</u>
Gregg, Alan	1981
West, Tony	1934
Wilkinson, Stew	1880
Morabito, Matt	1859
Rutkofske, Lon	1800
Wingrove, Bill	1606
Jones, G. Avery	1566
Bedy, Noel	1421
Boucher, Dave	1306
Nowiski, Adam	673P7
Heinrich, Chuckie	619P

PHCC Speed Rating List as of 1/18/16

<u>Name</u>	<u>Rating</u>
Rutkofske, Lon	1947
Wilkinson, Stew	1938
Gregg, Alan	1933
West, Tony	1801
Morabito, Matt	1724
Jones, G. Avery	1590
Wingrove, Bill	1561
Bedy, Noel	1503
Beneker, Gerrit	1500
Oriel, Paul	1500
Nowiski, Adam	1364
Heinrich, Chuckie	1000
Allen, Nathan	984

Dues News:

While dues are not required for anyone interested in playing at the club, they are required for those competing in tournament play. Annual Dues are \$20.00 for adults and \$10.00 for those under 19. Dues funds are used to offset miscellaneous expenses not funded by the Recreation Department. **Gerrit Beneker (Feb. 2016).**