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PRA & NGC to Vie for Title

Team Results - Round P3

15-Apr-2005

Photon	EDO	LSF	NorthGrum
Cranston T	0.5 0.5	ChipkinL	Leone D 0.5 0.5
Panico N III	1.0 0.0	RomeroS	Bonfante C 0.0 1.0
Wisbauer R	0.5 0.5	AlikakosG	Kolczynski J 0.0 1.0
HomD	1.0 0.0	Spreckles C	Greenwald J 0.0 1.0
	3.0 1.0		0.5 3.5

Both Favorites Advance

It will be seed number one vs. number two in the LIICL finals. NGC and PRA met twice this season, each winning a match. The teams are so closely rated that this should prove to be one of the most competitive finals in a while. The risk that NGC faces is that they are not as deep a squad as PRA. Should one of the NGC starting four not be able to make the match, this would tip the balance greatly to the PRA boys. Nick Panico III is trying for his second consecutive title as he was one of the players who was a member of last year's champion, the now retired, Long Island Railroad team.

Individual Swiss Results - Round I3

15-Apr-2005

White	Black	White	Black
Rusch E	0.0 1.0	Turiy K	Viale R 1.0 0.0
Lamb T	0.0 1.0	Lustig D	Insogna M 1.0 0.0
Shattuck J	0.0 1.0	Goldman M	Zunino H 0.0 1.0
Thomas W	0.0 1.0	Kingsley J	Mastandrea R 0.0 1.0
Loshin A	0.0 1.0	Frohreich F	Watnick M 1.0 0.0
			Celaru A
			Goldstein C
			Standing R
			Muttreja S
			Bilkis S

FIDE's Fall Follies?

Have we seen the last of Gary Kasparov at the chessboard? Not if FIDE President Kirsan Ilyumzhinov has his way. FIDE has just announced a new format for its 2005 World Championship. Apparently Argentina's Chess Federation has come up with the \$1M prize fund. It would be staged

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Results Rated Only - Round P3

15-Apr-2005

White	Black
Sommese A	0.0 1.0
	Dwulit J

2004-2005 LIICL Final Regular Season Team Standings

Team	Team LIICL		Games				Match				F
	Rating	Pts/Rd	W	L	D	Pts	W	L	D	Pts	
NGC	1952	16.80	28	4	8	32.0	9	1	0	9.0	0
PRA	1961	15.50	27	9	4	29.0	9	1	0	9.0	1
EDO	1866	13.90	20	10	10	25.0	7	3	0	7.0	1
LSF	1819	13.00	20	15	5	22.5	5	4	1	5.5	0
CCC	1574	10.40	15	22	3	16.5	2	5	3	3.5	2
Ademco/KSF	1698	10.40	14	21	5	16.5	5	5	0	5.0	2
Alumni E	1569	10.00	12	22	6	15.0	2	6	2	3.0	0
Alumni D	1659	9.00	12	26	2	13.0	2	7	1	2.5	2
Alumni C	1448	7.80	8	29	3	9.5	0	9	1	0.5	0

The Mystery of the Changing Rating

Hey dude did someone steal my USCF identity? What is that you say, your rating has changed yet you haven't played a rated USCF game in a couple of months? Well before you flood the USCF with calls read on. This is perfectly normal! Okay so maybe it isn't what you are used to, that is, seeing a constant rating until you play again. But it is all explainable as a result of the new rating system installed at the USCF in February.

For most of our lives ratings were handled either by hand or fed into a mainframe with a COBOL compiler. Until this year, the USCF ratings have been processed in COBOL! Isn't that language taught with the antiquities such as Roman and Greek? Anyway the heirarchal databases have been replaced by relational ones and the system has been modernized to allow for almost instantaneous ratings. Now if a director sends an electronic report to the USCF, it is possible to see the results of that tournament reflected in the on-line USCF website ratings within 1/2 an hour!!! Remarkable.

So how does this explain why one's rating has changed without a shot having been fired? Well first a revelation is in order. Ratings in the past were not necessarily posted in order that they were earned. Rather they were recorded and calculated based upon the order that tournaments were submitted and processed. Also if an error was found many times the rating of the player in question might be corrected but not all of the subsequent affected opponents. It often proved too onerous a task to rerate all progeny of that game or games. But the new system does allow batch runs which cum correct forward from a mistake or a tournament that is out of rating order.

So take the example of one having played in the USATE in February and then seeing a rating of 1797 (I did). But alas several weeks later that rating slipped to 1796! The rating of older tournaments played prior to the USATE meant that the players who I opposed in NJ had slightly lower ratings and as such, so did I. Many others would be affected and continue to be affected by this phenomenon. So if you make a master rating of 2200, don't rejoice to hard. In a matter of minutes you could be back at Expert, all in the name of progress.

FIDE's Fall Follies?

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as an 8-man double-round robin in San Luis, Argentina from September 27 to October 16. Games would be conducted at classical time controls of 40/2 hours, followed by 20/1 hour, followed by 15 minutes + 30 seconds for all remaining moves. The schedule shows free days after rounds four, eight and twelve. The initial list of invitees include:

Michael Adams (ENG)
Viswanathan Anand (IND)
Rustam Kasimdzhanov (UZB)
Garry Kasparov (RUS)
Vladimir Kramnik (RUS)
Peter Leko (HUN)
Alexander Morozevich (RUS)
Veselin Topalov (BUL)

If anyone should decline their invitation then they will be replaced by the next highest player as determined by their average rating on the last two FIDE rating lists. In essence this would be a combination of the Candi-

dates and Finals matches all rolled into one.

But given FIDE's recent track record it is highly doubtful that the event will even be staged. Surely a protest will be heard from Ponomarev who is left out of the original invitee list. Even still would Kramnik put his title on the line given he has a one in eight chance of winning rather than having the drawing odds as defending champion in a head-to-head match? And certainly if Kramnik isn't playing and the true linear title is not on the line then there is no incentive for Kasparov to come out of retirement.

In short (by the way where is he in this?), this has to be filed away as another case of fool me once, fool me twice and a third time and so on. Like the ill-fated Prague agreement, the no where to be seen promised annual Man vs. Machine contests and the never held Kasparov-Ponomarev FIDE championship match, this has to be considered as nothing more than a bad publicity stunt. Don't put any money on Kasparov returning.

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Rules of Conduct for LIICL Match Play

- 1) Games are played under USCF rules unless otherwise stated in the LIICL Constitution.
- 2) Time Control is game/90, with time delay clock it is game/85 +5 sec/move.
- 3) All play will start promptly at 6:50 PM. Any player not appearing by 7:50 PM, forfeits the game.
- 4) A primary Tournament Director (D) will be announced before the onset of play each round. A secondary TD (S) will be announced at that time who will preside over any match that the involves a team which belongs to the same organization as the primary TD.
- 5) Each team is responsible to provide two boards, two sets and two chess clocks.
- 6) All moves must be recorded except if either player has less than five minutes remaining. If moves are not recorded, any claim of repetition is void.
- 7) Clocks must face outward toward the aisle and away from any wall. The TD must have clear visibility. Black has choice of which side he/she wishes to place the clock. Once this is established, then players must rotate the board so as to satisfy the visibility requirement. This may require that not all members of any team will be sitting on the same side of the table.
- 8) Players must sit in order of LIICL rating. If a player is late, the team may postpone assigning players to boards since alternates, if available, must sit in board order. In any case, clocks will start at 6:50 PM. If a board is unfilled and forfeit, this shall not cause the forfeit of any lower board (this is an exception from USCF rules).
- 9) If both opponents are late, the elapsed time should be divided evenly among them upon arrival of the first player.
- 10) If an error was made in setting the clocks or if the clock is not functioning correctly, the time error shall corrected if it can be determined what the correct times should be. If a determination cannot be made, then the elapsed error shall be divided between the players. If this puts a player in severe time trouble or would cause a player to lose on time, then the time will be proportioned at the discretion of the TD.
- 11) To claim a win on time, you must have mating material. Otherwise the game is a draw. According to USCF laws, you must call your opponent's flag. If both flags are down, the game is a draw. Check-mate ends the game but it is always a good idea to stop your clock anyway just to eliminate any arguments.
- 12) With less than five minutes remaining on your clock, you must hit the clock with the same hand which moves the pieces.
- 13) If an illegal move is made, stop the clocks and call the TD. Two minutes will be added to your time if the TD establishes that the opponent has made an illegal move.
- 14) All players must move away from the playing table when their game is concluded. Loud post mortems, kibitzing and any other form of interference are prohibited and can be penalized by the ouster of the guilty party(ies) and/or banishment from the league.
- 15) Table numbers are assigned for each match on the playing schedule.
- 16) Match results, along with names of participants on each board, must be recorded on the results sheet provided and must be submitted to the Rules Director at the end of play.
- 17) A team captain may, without looking at or considering the board position of a game in progress:
 - a) ask a teammate to offer a draw,
 - b) instruct his teammate to accept or refuse a draw offer,or
 - c) tell his teammate the results of any completed games.
- 18) A player may ask his captain if he/she may:
 - a) tender a draw offer,
 - b) accept or reject a draw offer,or
 - c) the score of the match.
- 19) Any conversation among team members not specified in (17) or (18) is illegal.

LIICL 2004-05 Playoff Ratings

<u>by Rating</u>			<u>by Name</u>			<u>by Team</u>		
Rating	Name	Team	Rating	Name	Team	Rating	Name	Team
2142	Berg, George	NGC	1800	Alikakos, George	EDO	1817	Solomon, Steve	ADE
2061	Chipkin, Len	EDO	2142	Berg, George	NGC	1712	Muttreja, Suresh	ADE
1983	Cranston, Tim	PRA	1244	Bilkis, Sy	ALE	1646	Ogen, Tom	ADE
1979	Leone, Dave	LSF	1916	Bonfante, Charles	LSF	1615	Insogna, Matt	ADE
1976	Rizzo, Robert	NGC	1556	Celaru, Adrian	ALE	1476	Solomon, Zack	ADE
1969	Wilkie, Clayton	NGC	2061	Chipkin, Len	EDO	1588	Kingsley, John	ALC
1966	Hodos, Julian	ALE	1983	Cranston, Tim	PRA	1556 /11	Watnick, Mel	ALC
1958	Panico, Nick III	PRA	UNR /2	DePrisco, William	ALD	1506	Goldman, Mel	ALC
1954	Romero, Steve	EDO	1886	Dwulit, James	PRA	1399	Mastandrea, Robe	ALC
1936	Wisbauer, Robert	PRA	1534 /5	Egert, George	NGC	1311	Loshin, Al	ALC
1916	Bonfante, Charles	LSF	1837 /11	Frohreich, Frank	ALD	1837 /11	Frohreich, Frank	ALD
1909	Hom, Dennis	PRA	1506	Goldman, Mel	ALC	1674	Ulfers, Ed	ALD
1886	Dwulit, James	PRA	1485	Goldstein, Carrie	ALE	1603	Shattuck, John	ALD
1837 /11	Frohreich, Frank	ALD	UNR /1	Gray, Glenn	IND	1589	Rusch, Ed	ALD
1817	Solomon, Steve	ADE	1425	Greenwald, Justin	LSF	1054 /9	Zunino, Hugo	ALD
1816	Sommese, Anthon	PRA	1966	Hodos, Julian	ALE	UNR /1	Hoteplopez, Angel	ALD
1800	Alikakos, George	EDO	UNR /1	Hodos, Remir	ALE	UNR /2	DePrisco, William	ALD
1774	Marley, Ken T	NGC	1909	Hom, Dennis	PRA	1966	Hodos, Julian	ALE
1754	Viale, Richard	CCC	UNR /1	Hoteplopez, Angel	ALD	UNR /1	Hodos, Remir	ALE
1723	Standing, Robert	LSF	1615	Insogna, Matt	ADE	1556	Celaru, Adrian	ALE
1712	Muttreja, Suresh	ADE	1588	Kingsley, John	ALC	1485	Goldstein, Carrie	ALE
1707	Kolczynski, Jim	LSF	1707	Kolczynski, Jim	LSF	1453 /7	Thomas, Walter	ALE
1690	Montenero, Paul	CCC	1501 USC	Lamb, Terry	CCC	1244	Bilkis, Sy	ALE
1674	Ulfers, Ed	ALD	1979	Leone, Dave	LSF	1754	Viale, Richard	CCC
1646	Ogen, Tom	ADE	1595	Lichioveri, Domini	EDO	1690	Montenero, Paul	CCC
1618	Spreckles, Charle	EDO	1311	Loshin, Al	ALC	1501 USC	Lamb, Terry	CCC
1615	Insogna, Matt	ADE	1774	Marley, Ken T	NGC	1480	Proffman, Paul	CCC
1603	Shattuck, John	ALD	1399	Mastandrea, Robe	ALC	1427	Warnock, Andy	CCC
1595	Lichioveri, Domini	EDO	1690	Montenero, Paul	CCC	1111 /6	Montenero, Paul R	CCC
1589	Rusch, Ed	ALD	1111 /6	Montenero, Paul R	CCC	2061	Chipkin, Len	EDO
1588	Kingsley, John	ALC	1712	Muttreja, Suresh	ADE	1954	Romero, Steve	EDO
1556 /11	Watnick, Mel	ALC	1646	Ogen, Tom	ADE	1800	Alikakos, George	EDO
1556	Celaru, Adrian	ALE	1958	Panico, Nick III	PRA	1618	Spreckles, Charle	EDO
1534 /5	Egert, George	NGC	1480	Proffman, Paul	CCC	1595	Lichioveri, Domini	EDO
1506	Goldman, Mel	ALC	1976	Rizzo, Robert	NGC	UNR /1	Gray, Glenn	IND
1501 USC	Lamb, Terry	CCC	1954	Romero, Steve	EDO	1979	Leone, Dave	LSF
1485	Goldstein, Carrie	ALE	1589	Rusch, Ed	ALD	1916	Bonfante, Charles	LSF
1480	Proffman, Paul	CCC	1603	Shattuck, John	ALD	1723	Standing, Robert	LSF
1476	Solomon, Zack	ADE	1817	Solomon, Steve	ADE	1707	Kolczynski, Jim	LSF
1453 /7	Thomas, Walter	ALE	1476	Solomon, Zack	ADE	1425	Greenwald, Justin	LSF
1427	Warnock, Andy	CCC	1816	Sommese, Anthon	PRA	2142	Berg, George	NGC
1425	Greenwald, Justin	LSF	1618	Spreckles, Charle	EDO	1976	Rizzo, Robert	NGC
1399	Mastandrea, Robe	ALC	1723	Standing, Robert	LSF	1969	Wilkie, Clayton	NGC
1311	Loshin, Al	ALC	1453 /7	Thomas, Walter	ALE	1774	Marley, Ken T	NGC
1244	Bilkis, Sy	ALE	1674	Ulfers, Ed	ALD	1534 /5	Egert, George	NGC
1111 /6	Montenero, Paul R	CCC	1754	Viale, Richard	CCC	1983	Cranston, Tim	PRA
1054 /9	Zunino, Hugo	ALD	1427	Warnock, Andy	CCC	1958	Panico, Nick III	PRA
UNR /1	Hoteplopez, Angel	ALD	1556 /11	Watnick, Mel	ALC	1936	Wisbauer, Robert	PRA
UNR /1	Hodos, Remir	ALE	1969	Wilkie, Clayton	NGC	1909	Hom, Dennis	PRA
UNR /1	Gray, Glenn	IND	1936	Wisbauer, Robert	PRA	1886	Dwulit, James	PRA
UNR /2	DePrisco, William	ALD	1054 /9	Zunino, Hugo	ALD	1816	Sommese, Anthon	PRA

2005 LIICL Individual Championship—Standings

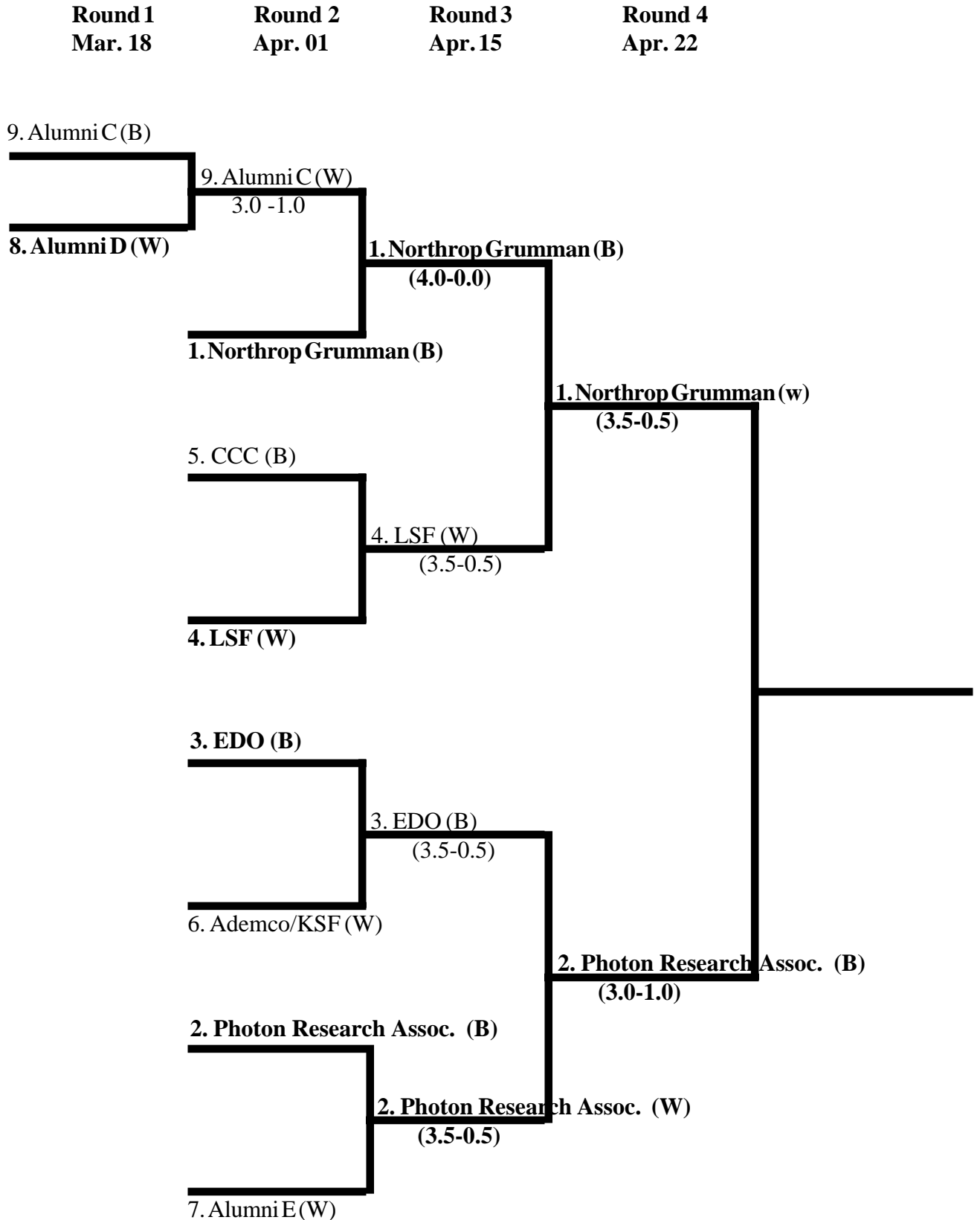
#	Name	Rtng	Team	Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd 3	Total	TB[S]	TB[C]	TB[O]
1	Clayton Wilkie	1969	NGC	W18	W8	W20	3.0	5.0	6.0	9.5
2	Robert Rizzo	1976	NGC	W39	W35	W21	3.0	3.0	6.0	5.0
3	George Berg	2142	NGC	W36	W9	D4	2.5	5.5	5.5	11.0
4	Dave Leone	1979	LSF	W33	W22	D3	2.5	5.0	5.5	9.0
5	Ken Marley	1774	NGC	H—	W30	W34	2.5	2.0	4.5	5.5
6	Kolman Turiy	1854	IND	H—	W29	W31	2.5	2.0	4.5	5.0
7	Dennis Hom	1909	PRA	H—	W43	W23	2.5	1.0	4.5	2.5
8	Mel Goldman	1506	ALC	W31	L1	W29	2.0	5.0	4.0	11.0
9	John Kingsley	1588	ALC	W19	L3	W37	2.0	5.0	4.0	10.0
10	Tim Cranston	1983	PRA	W32	D24	D14	2.0	4.5	4.5	8.0
11	George Alikakos	1800	EDO	W43	D18	D15	2.0	3.5	4.5	6.0
12	Nick III Panico	1958	PRA	L28	W41	W13	2.0	3.5	3.0	9.5
13	Steve Romero	1954	EDO	W44	W38	L12	2.0	3.0	5.0	5.0
14	Len Chipkin	2061	EDO	H—	W33	D10	2.0	3.0	4.0	5.5
15	Robert Wisbauer	1936	PRA	H—	W40	D11	2.0	2.5	4.0	6.0
16	Darren Lustig	1643	IND	H—	D19	W28	2.0	2.5	3.5	5.0
17	Jorge Soto	1620	IND	H—	W32	H—	2.0	1.0	4.0	1.0
18	Matt Insogna	1615	ADE	L1	D11	W40	1.5	5.5	2.0	12.0
19	Frank Frohreich	1837	ALD	L9	D16	W30	1.5	5.0	2.0	10.5
20	Jim Kolczynski	1707	LSF	H—	W28	L1	1.5	4.0	3.5	9.0
21	Charlie Bonfante	1916	LSF	H—	W39	L2	1.5	3.5	3.5	6.5
22	Rich Viale	1754	CCC	H—	L4	W41	1.5	3.0	2.5	7.0
23	Charlie Spreckles	1618	EDO	H—	B—	L7	1.5	2.5	2.5	4.5
24	Julian Hodos	1966	ALE	H—	D10	H—	1.5	2.0	3.0	4.5
25	Paul Proffman	1480	CCC	H—	D34	H—	1.5	1.0	3.0	2.5
26	Jim Dwulit	1886	PRA	H—	H—	H—	1.5	0.0	3.0	0.0
27	Victor Ben-Ami	UNR	NGC	H—	H—	H—	1.5	0.0	3.0	0.0
28	Terry Lamb	1501	CCC	W12	L20	L16	1.0	5.5	3.0	10.0
29	John Shattuck	1603	ALD	W35	L6	L8	1.0	5.5	3.0	9.5
30	Al Loshin	1311	ALC	W42	L5	L19	1.0	4.5	3.0	7.5
31	EdRusch	1589	ALD	L8	W44	L6	1.0	4.5	2.0	8.5
32	Robert Standing	1723	LSF	L10	L17	W42	1.0	4.5	1.0	9.5
33	Suresh Muttreja	1712	ADE	L4	L14	W44	1.0	4.5	1.0	9.5
34	Justin Greenwald	1425	LSF	H—	D25	L5	1.0	4.0	2.5	7.5
35	Mel Watnick	1556	ALC	L29	L2	W43	1.0	4.0	1.0	9.0
36	Tony Sommese	1816	PRA	L3	H—	H—	1.0	2.5	1.5	5.5
37	Walter Thomas	1453	ALD	H—	H—	L9	1.0	2.0	2.5	4.0
38	Tom Ogen	1646	ADE	H—	L13	H—	1.0	2.0	2.0	5.0
39	Paul Montenero	1690	CCC	L2	L21	H—	0.5	4.5	0.5	9.5
40	Carrie Goldstein	1485	ALE	H—	L15	L18	0.5	3.5	1.5	6.0
41	Adrian Celaru	1556	ALE	H—	L12	L22	0.5	3.5	1.5	5.5
42	Hugo Zunino	1054	ALD	L30	H—	L32	0.5	2.0	1.0	4.0
43	Sy Bilkis	1244	ALE	L11	L7	L35	0.0	5.5	0.0	10.0
44	Bob Mastandrea	1399	ALC	L13	L31	L33	0.0	4.0	0.0	8.0

TB(S) = The first tie-break is Solkov. This adds all of the scores of your opponents except those points gained through a bye.

TB(C) = The second tie-break is Cumulative. This adds all of your scores at the end of each round.

TB(O) - The third tie-break is Opponents Cumulative tie-break. This adds the TB(C) scores of all of your opponents.

2004-2005 LIICL Playoff Brackets



Note: Team with tie-break odds in **Bold**

