

# New Contest - "LIICL Quiz 2006"

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## New Ratings After Round 6

### Team Results - Round 5

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<b>EDO</b> -----	<b>CCC</b> -----	<b>LSF</b> -----	<b>PRA</b> -----
Chipkin L    1.0 0.0	Viale R	Leone D    1.0 0.0	Hom D
Romero S    0.0 1.0	Lamb T	Bonfante C 0.0 1.0	Dwulit J
Alikakos G 0.0 1.0	Dorsky M	Celauro S  1.0 0.0	Sommese A
Spreckles C 1.0 0.0	Proffman P	Standing R 1.0 0.0	Forfeit
2.0 2.0		3.0 1.0	

<b>Alumni E</b> -----	<b>Alumni C</b> -----	<b>LIRR</b> -----	<b>NGC</b> -----
Hodos J    1.0 0.0	Kingsley J	Pappaceno M 0.5 0.5	Berg G
Celaru A    1.0 0.0	Goldman M	Guevara R  1.0 0.0	Wilkie C
Forfeit    0.0 1.0	Watnick M	Panico N III 1.0 0.0	Mahoney K
Thomas W   1.0 0.0	Mastandrea R	Johnson W  1.0 0.0	Marley K
3.0 1.0		3.5 0.5	

<b>Honeywell/KSF</b> -----	<b>Alumni D</b> -----	<b>Unscheduled, Rated</b>	
Solomon S   1.0 0.0	Frohreich F	<b>White</b>	<b>Black</b>
Muttreja S  1.0 0.0	Shattuck J	-----	-----
Forfeit    0.0 1.0	Rusch E	Rusch E    0.0 1.0	Standing R
Insogna M  1.0 0.0	Hartten E	Montenero P 1.0 0.0	Greenwald J
3.0 1.0		Wu D       0.0 1.0	Kolczynski J
		Zunino H    ?? ??	Egert G

### Mid-Season List Next Week

Round 6 marks the half-way point of the LIICL regular season. After the completion of play, the Mid-Season Rating List will be issued. This will reflect the results of all rated games played since the beginning of the season. The board order for each team for the remainder of the regular season will be determined by this list. Captains must refer to the list to ensure that their lineups are correct. Any team sitting out of position is subject to one or more forfeits. Team captains are solely responsible for their team lineups.

Any player who was previously unrated will have a provisional rating if they have played at least 4 rated games. Any provisionally rated player will now have a regular rating if they have now played a minimum of 15 rated games. Any unrated players who have not earned a provisional rating must remain at the same level assigned at the start of the season. For some this will mean that their USCF rating at the beginning of the season is their assigned rating until the regular season is completed.

The new rating list will be posted on the LIICL website and also in the next issue of this newsletter.

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### 2005-2006 LIICL Regular Season Team Standings

Team	LIICL Rating	Pts	Games				Match				F
			W	L	D	Pts	W	L	D	Pts	
LIRR	2084	96	18	0	2	19.0	5	0	0	5.0	0
LSF	1861	74	13	6	1	13.5	4	1	0	4.0	0
CCC	1715	68	12	8	0	12.0	2	1	2	3.0	0
NGC	2015	66	9	6	5	11.5	2	2	1	2.5	0
PRA	1925	63	11	8	1	11.5	3	1	1	3.5	3
EDO	1848	61	9	8	3	10.5	2	1	2	3.0	1
Alumni E	1601	52	8	11	1	8.5	2	2	1	2.5	2
Honeywell/KSF	1692	41	4	13	3	5.5	1	4	0	1.0	1
Alumni C	1517	38	4	15	1	4.5	0	5	0	0.0	0
Alumni D	1601	33	3	16	1	3.5	0	4	1	0.5	1

## Individual Class Standings After Round 5

Rating	Name	Team	PPR	G	W	L	D
<b>Class A</b>							
1911	Johnson, Willie	LIR	5.00	5	5	0	0
2105 /12	Pappaceno, Mike	LIR	4.60	5	4	0	1
1980	Panico, Nick III	LIR	4.60	5	4	0	1
2060	Chipkin, Len	EDO	4.20	5	3	0	2
1900	Hom, Dennis	PRA	4.20	5	4	1	0
2160	Berg, George	NGC	3.80	5	2	0	3
1967	Hodos, Julian	ALE	3.40	4	3	1	0
1913	Romero, Steve	EDO	3.40	4	3	1	0
1909	Bonfante, Charles	LSF	3.40	4	3	1	0
1981	Rizzo, Robert	NGC	3.00	4	2	1	1
2021 USCF	Guevara, Robert	LIR	2.60	2	2	0	0
1980	Leone, Dave	LSF	2.60	2	2	0	0
1927	Wisbauer, Robert	PRA	2.20	3	1	1	1
2165 USCF	Critelli, James	LIR	1.80	1	1	0	0
2046 USCF	Hellenschmidt A	LIR	1.80	1	1	0	0
1924	Panico, Danny	LIR	1.80	1	1	0	0
1935	Rodriguez, Keith	NGC	1.40	1	0	0	1
1982	Wilkie, Clayton	NGC	1.00	3	0	3	0
1981	Cranston, Tim	PRA	1.00	1	0	1	0
<b>Class B</b>							
1890	Dwulit, James	PRA	4.20	4	4	0	0
1817	Marley, Ken T	NGC	4.20	5	4	1	0
1719 /6	Lamb, Terry	CCC	4.20	5	4	1	0
1762	Viale, Richard	CCC	3.40	5	3	2	0
1755	Standing, Robert	LSF	3.00	5	2	2	1
1800 EST	Celauro Sal	LSF	2.60	2	2	0	0
1788	Sommese, Anthon	PRA	2.60	4	2	2	0
1724	Kolczynski, Jim	LSF	2.60	3	2	1	0
1700 EST	Dorsky Michael	CCC	2.60	2	2	0	0
1817	Solomon, Steve	HON	2.20	5	1	3	1
1803	Alikakos, George	EDO	2.20	4	1	2	1
1894	Mahoney, Kevin	NGC	1.00	1	0	1	0
1790	Frohreich, Frank	ALD	1.00	5	0	5	0
<b>Class C</b>							
1559	Celaru, Adrian	ALE	3.00	5	2	2	1
1678	Montenero, Paul	CCC	2.60	3	2	1	0
1619	Insogna, Matt	HON	2.60	5	2	3	0
1614	Spreckles, Charle	EDO	2.60	5	2	3	0
1571	Rusch, Ed	ALD	2.60	5	2	3	0
1691	Muttreja, Suresh	HON	2.20	5	1	3	1
1649	Kingsley, John	ALC	1.80	5	1	4	0
1534 /5	Egert, George	NGC	1.80	1	1	0	0
1500	Watnick, Mel	ALC	1.80	5	1	4	0
1642	Ogen, Tom	HON	1.40	4	0	3	1
1586	Shattuck, John	ALD	1.40	3	0	2	1
1552	Goldman, Mel	ALC	1.40	5	0	4	1
1678	Wu, Danny	NGC	1.00	0	0	0	0
1617	Cecchini, Richard	EDO	1.00	1	0	1	0
<b>Class D</b>							
1425	Greenwald, Justin	LSF	2.60	4	2	2	0
1392 /9	Thomas, Walter	ALE	2.60	5	2	3	0
1367	Mastandrea, Robe	ALC	2.60	3	2	1	0
1486	Goldstein, Carrie	ALE	1.80	4	1	3	0
1478	Proffman, Paul	CCC	1.80	3	1	2	0
1072 /12	Zunino, Hugo	ALD	1.80	3	1	2	0
UNR /3	DePrisco, William	ALD	1.00	1	0	1	0
1458	Hartten, Ed	ALD	1.00	1	0	1	0
1420 EST	Caracciolo J	LSF	1.00	1	0	1	0
1334	Loshin, Al	ALC	1.00	2	0	2	0
1154	Cretaro, Tony	CCC	1.00	2	0	2	0

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## LIICL Team Tie-Breaks Through Rnd. 5

<u>Team</u>	<u>TBs</u>	<u>Game Pts</u>	<u>LIRR 5.0</u>	<u>LSF 4.0</u>	<u>CCC 3.0</u>	<u>NGC 2.5</u>	<u>PRA 3.5</u>	<u>EDO 3.0</u>	<u>ALE 2.5</u>	<u>HON 1.0</u>	<u>ALC 0.0</u>	<u>ALD 0.5</u>
LIRR	40.50	19.0		4.0		3.5			4.0	4.0		3.5
LSF	16.00	13.5	0.0				3.0			3.5	3.0	4.0
CCC	18.00	12.0					2.0	3.0			3.0	4.0
NGC	17.25	11.5	0.5				1.5	2.0		3.5	4.0	
PRA	32.75	11.5		1.0	2.0	2.5		3.0	3.0			
EDO	26.00	10.5			5.0	2.0	1.0			2.5		
ALE	4.50	8.5	0.0				1.0				5.5	2.0
HON	9.25	5.5	0.0	0.5		0.5		1.5				3.0
ALC	13.25	4.5		1.0	1.0	0.0			2.5			
ALD	8.50	3.5	0.5	0.0	0.0				2.0	1.0		

### What Are Your Chances?

*by Robert Rizzo*

*(This article is reprinted from a past League Leader - Ed.)*

Have you ever entered into a contest against an opponent you didn't know and wondered what your chances of winning or drawing were? Of course different styles and color do play a role in this determination but the biggest driver by far is the rating difference of the two players. The USCF, and the LIICL rating system for that matter, are statistically based. The normal distribution is the model where the standard deviation is 286 points. For those techies out there it is the Error function or ERF(x) which is used to calculate the probability or percentage of scoring over a series of games with another rated player.

For the layman, a rating difference of 200 points means that the higher rated player will score about 3/4 of the points available in a match between them. For a difference of 800 points, the higher rated player will score at a 99% rate. But this is just part of the story. For if a person scores say 50%, it doesn't say how. It could mean that that player wins half of all games with no draws all the way to the other

extreme where all games are drawn. To develop the breakout of how these points are earned, a theory is needed which calculates the probability of drawing a game between two players.

Such a statistic is best derived from empirical data. Observation and experience tell us that GM's draw at a much greater frequency than do beginners. The sampling of a large database reveals that players at the 1000 level draw about 5% of the time while Masters draw at about a 50% rate. Using this information it is a simple matter to generate the functions which let us know what the winning and drawing percentages are which make up the scoring expectancy.

Using numerical methods which calculate the Error Function accurately to 5 significant figures, and employing the drawing data described, a model has been generated which will indeed answer the questions originally posed. For instance, a player rated 2225 playing against another rated at 2113 will score at 65.4%. This breaks down into a win

51.9% of the time, a draw 27.0% of the time and a loss 21.1% of the time for the higher rated player. If the higher rated player is rated 2113 and the lower rated checks in at 1325, then the scoring percentage of the 2113 player will be 99.7%, with only 0.1% of the games ending in a draw. One may ask if there are any practical applications for this model. There are a couple that come to mind. Used in conjunction with a random number generator, a tournament can be replayed over and over in a computer simulation to determine the theoretical chances of each player winning the tournament. Another is to answer the question as to what the advantages are to stacking the boards in a team of four competition. Indeed it does pay to do so as the model shows. For instance a team of 4 players all rated 2113 will only score about 50% against a team which averages 2000 if the players on that team are rated 2225, 2225, 2225 and 1325. The breakdown would be a match win 35.9% of the time, a 2-2 tie 28.4% of the time and a match loss 35.7% of the time for the higher rated team.

## Keith Rodriguez Awarded International Arbiter Title

ICCF (International Correspondence Chess Federation) IM Keith Rodriguez was recently awarded another title, that of International Arbiter. Keith has previously held a Club Level director's title from the USCF. But this title is internationally recognized and is equivalent to the status of a Carol Jarecki, Bill Goichberg or Harold Stenzel. Keith earned this honor because of his 5 years of continuous service acting as a tournament director for the ICCF. He was drafted for this duty by the US-ICCF President, Max Zavanelli. Meanwhile Keith has been quite active in correspondence play. He recently completed his assignment in a section of the 29th World Champion Semifinals and also compiled a positive score against tough International competition in the Rochade team tournament. Keith is now preparing for the correspondence chess Olympiad. Keith has been invited to represent the USA and will play on board 3 in that event which is scheduled to start within the next few weeks.

Keith recently surprised many of the LIICL players by making a personal appearance for the Northrop Grumman team on October 21. The accompanying picture is of Keith relaxing before that match. We wish Keith good chess in representing the USA in the Olympiad and congrats for earning another well deserved title.



Contributing NICBase Author, ICCF IM, ICCF IA and LIICL member, Keith Rodriguez  
(Photo by Bob Rizzo)

## Willie Johnson Still Perfect



Willie Johnson of LIRR  
(Photo by Bob Rizzo)

Willie Johnson is now clear of the field by 1/2 game in the race for LIICL MVP. After 5 rounds, Willie is the only undefeated, untied player who has contested every round. There have been very few perfect seasons in LIICL history, the competition is just too tough to go unscathed.

In recent years the task is increasingly difficult because position rounds have been added. For a top team like Willie's LIRR, this equates to three additional matches against the better performing teams in the league. However Willie seems to be in top form and that is a bad omen for his future opponents.

If anyone can go undefeated and untied, GM Maurice Ashley's "Second" may just be the one. The only question we have is - Who was the student and who was the teacher?

GM Maurice Ashley  
(Photo by Bob Rizzo)



## **Announcing LIICL Quiz 2006!**

Starting with the Vol. XVI, No.6 edition of the League Leader, a new LIICL chess contest is being launched. It will consist in total of 12 chess related questions, one in each newsletter up until the LIICL Finals. The points will vary depending upon the level of difficulty. There will be prizes for the 5 contestants who compile the most total points. Prizes will be announced soon. Answers to each question can be submitted either via email to [liicl@yahoo.com](mailto:liicl@yahoo.com) or in person to Bob Rizzo using one of the entry sheets provided during each round. Time is of the essence. To earn full points, your answer must be received no later than midnight of the following round of play. Due to the fact that the time between rounds is not always the same, this will mean that you will have more time to answer some questions than others. For each round that an answer is late, one point will be deducted from your score (assuming your answer is correct). Your answer must contain your name, the quiz problem number and your answer. If submitting by email, please put "LIICL Quiz 2006" in the title. All decisions of the judges are final. The first question appears on the following page. Good Luck!

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### **Topalov-Kramnik Match Derailed**

This past week there was some movement toward the possibility of unifying the world chess title. But as usual with both sides claiming that they were the rightful defending champion and with FIDE getting in their two cents, the whole thing fell apart. The victory by Topalov recently over a super-GM field has established him as the number one player in the world. He has been winning tournaments where Kramnik has had mediocre results. Clearly Topalov's win against Kasparov in Garry's last game before retirement was not a fluke. Topalov may have improved to Kasparov's level and maybe the latter player sensed that his time at the top was short-lived. Few will now argue that Veselin is the best active player in the world today.

On the other hand, Kramnik has fallen to seventh place based upon rating.

Both men now lay claim to the drawing odds that the champion would enjoy in

any match for the title. Maybe sensing that he now needed to really defend before his chances of winning entirely slipped away, negotiations were initiated with a \$1.4M purse for such a championship match.

Topalov's manager explained why the negotiations hit a roadblock. First they did not recognize Kramnik's claim to be champion, that he had abdicated by refusing to play in the recent San Luis, Argentina FIDE invitational to determine same. So Topalov should have drawing odds. Secondly he wrote that under FIDE laws, under which such a match must be conducted, that FIDE must be paid 20% of the purse. Third Kramnik was only 7th rated in the world and was not playing the sort of chess that merited any special consideration. In fact the press release by Topalov's agent challenged any 2700+ player to come forth for a match given that they come up with a sponsor for the

purse, pay FIDE the 20% and agree to the position of challenger.

Upon the cessation of the negotiations, Kramnik allegedly blamed FIDE for the failure to reach an agreement. This led to a response by Georgios Makropoulos, FIDE Deputy President, who wrote that FIDE was not party to any negotiations therefore must be held blameless. Nevertheless, he added, FIDE would need to have the 20% of the purse paid to it ahead of time before it would officially sanction such a match. And if course Kramnik would have to recognize that Topalov is the FIDE champion. The Prague agreement is now just a memory. With a number of players having legitimate claims to challenge for the title having come and gone and with Kasparov now retired it appears that the vicious cycle that is now Professional chess is repeating itself. One wonders how long it will be before there is a unified champion.

# LIICL QUIZ 2006 Answer Form

## LIICL Quiz 2006 Question #1:

Who are these two people?

Due Date: Dec. 2, 2005

Value: 5 Points (2 points for one correct name, 5 points for both)



Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Your Answer: \_\_\_\_\_

(Please submit to Bob Rizzo or email to: [liicl@yahoo.com](mailto:liicl@yahoo.com))

## 2005-2006 LIICL Regular Season Schedule, Rev. B 10/22/05

*Starting time for the regular season is 6:50 PM. Time control is game/90 or game/85 + 5 sec/move.*

Round	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Date	09-Sep	23-Sep	07-Oct	21-Oct	04-Nov	18-Nov	02-Dec	16-Dec	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD
Location	LIB	LIB	LIB	LIB	LIB	LIB	LIB	LIB	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD
1LSF	A W	2 W	3 B	4 W	5 W S	5 B D	6 W C	7 B	TDB	8 W	9 B	TDB
2LIRR	9 W S	1 B	A W	3 W	7 W	4 B	5 W D	6 B C	TDB	7 W	8 B	TDB
3Alumni D	8 W	9 B S	1 W	2 B	A B	A W	4 W	5 B D	TDB	6 W C	7 B	TDB
4Alumni C	7 W	8 B	9 W S	1 B	9 B	2 W	3 B	A W	TDB	5 W D	6 B C	TDB
5PRA	6 W	7 B	8 W	9 B S	1 B C	1 W	2 B	3 W	TDB	4 B	A W D	TDB
6EDO	5 B C	A B	7 W	8 B	8 W D	9 W S	1 B	2 W	TDB	3 B	4 W	TDB
7NGC	4 B D	5 W C	6 B	A B	2 B	8 W	9 B S	1 W	TDB	2 B	3 W	TDB
8CCC	3 B	4 W D	5 B C	6 W	6 B	7 B	A B	9 W S	TDB	1 B	2 W	TDB
9Alumni E	2 B	3 W	4 B D	5 W C	4 W	6 B	7 W	8 B	TDB	A B S	1 W	TDB
A Honeywell/KS	1 B	6 W	2 B	7 W D	3 W	3 B C	8 W	4 B	TDB	9 W	5 B S	TDB

Explanation: Rounds 5, 9 & 12 are position rounds. Opponents will be determined based upon standings.  
 Pairings for Position Rounds are: First vs. Second, Third vs. Fourth, Fifth vs. Sixth, Seventh vs. Eighth and Ninth vs. Tenth  
 Pairings for Round 1 of the Playoffs: Seventh vs. Tenth and Eighth vs. Ninth, First through Sixth have Byes

*Starting time for the playoffs is 6:50 PM. Time control is game/90 or game/85 + 5 sec/move.*

Playoffs: Round 1: (TDB) TDB      Quarters: (TBD) TBD      Semis: (TBD) TBD      Finals: (TBD) TDB      Individual Final: (TBD) TDB

Events: Charity Blitz: (TBD) TBD      GM Simul: (TBD) TBD      Awards Evening: (TBD) TBD

Key:                      D = Director                      UMC= United Methodist Church                      W= White on Board 1  
                                  S = Secondary Director                      CCH= The Congregational Church of Huntington                      B= Black on Board 1  
                                  C = Coffee Duty                      LIB= Huntington Library                      TBD= To Be Determined