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LIICL Olympians!

Team Results - Round 6

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Olympians Are "U.S.!"

The International Correspondence Chess Federation (ICCF) has announced that the 17th Correspondence Chess Olympiad will commence in January 2006. There will be more than 50 member countries vying for the gold medal. The ICCF-US has announced its team for the preliminary round. The LIICL is well represented on the US Team accounting for two of the six boards. Invitations were sent out to and accepted by ICCF IM Keith Rodriguez and ICCF IM Bob Rizzo. Both have played in the LIICL for NGC this year. Keith will be our board 3 player while Bob will contest board 4.

There are currently plans to have a website that will follow the team's progress. The rest of the team is made up of SIM Jason Bokar, Ken Reinhart, IM Michael Millstone and IM Corky Schakel. J. Franklin Campbell is team captain. The tournament will be played via the ICCF Chess Server. This is the latest development in correspondence technology. A step beyond email, the server keeps all records of time accumulated by each player and the moves. Updates will appear in this newsletter.

NGC -----	CCC -----	PRA -----	LSF -----
Berg G 1.0 0.0	Viale R	Wisbauer R 0.5 0.5	Leone D
Wilkie C 1.0 0.0	Dorsky M	Hom D 0.0 1.0	Celauro S
Rizzo R 1.0 0.0	Montenero P J	Dwulit J 1.0 0.0	Kolczynski J
Marley K 1.0 0.0	Forfeit	Sommese A 1.0 0.0	Greenwald J
	4.0 0.0		2.5 1.5
EDO -----	Alumni E -----	Alumni C -----	LIRR -----
Chipkin L 1.0 0.0	Hodos J	Kingsley J 0.0 1.0	Pappaceno M
Romero S 0.5 0.5	Celaru A	Goldman M 0.0 1.0	Hellenschmidt A
Alikakos G 1.0 0.0	Goldstein C	Watnick M 0.0 1.0	Guevara R
Spreckles C 1.0 0.0	Thomas W	Loshin A 0.0 1.0	Johnson W
	3.5 0.5		0.0 4.0
Alumni D -----	Honeywell/KSF -----	Unscheduled, Rated	
Frohreich F 0.0 1.0	Muttreja S	White	Black
Shattuck J 0.0 1.0	Ogen T	-----	-----
Rusch E 1.0 0.0	Insogna M	Zunino H 0.0 1.0	Panico NIII
Hartten E 1.0 0.0	Forfeit	Hartten E 0.0 1.0	Schilling P
		Panico NIII 1.0 0.0	Zunino H

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2005-2006 LIICL Regular Season Team Standings

Team	Team LIICL			—Games—				—Match—				F
	Rating	Pts	TB's	W	L	D	Pts	W	L	D	Pts	
LIRR	2084	116	47.75	22	0	2	23.0	6	0	0	6.0	0
NGC	2015	86	35.00	13	6	5	15.5	3	2	1	3.5	0
LSF	1861	84	29.50	14	8	2	15.0	4	2	0	4.0	0
EDO	1848	79	39.00	12	8	4	14.0	3	1	2	4.0	1
PRA	1925	77	48.25	13	9	2	14.0	4	1	1	4.5	3
CCC	1715	71	25.00	12	12	0	12.0	2	2	2	3.0	1
Alumni E	1601	58	8.50	8	14	2	9.0	2	3	1	2.5	2
Honeywell/KS	1692	52	14.75	6	15	3	7.5	1	4	1	1.5	2
Alumni D	1601	45	12.50	5	18	1	5.5	0	4	2	1.0	1
Alumni C	1517	42	4.50	4	19	1	4.5	0	6	0	0.0	0

Individual Class Standings After Round 6

Rating	Name	Team	PPR	G	W	L	D
Class A							
1933	Johnson, Willie	LIR	5.00	6	6	0	0
2111	Pappaceno, Mike	LIR	4.67	6	5	0	1
2087	Chipkin, Len	EDO	4.33	6	4	0	2
2150	Berg, George	NGC	4.00	6	3	0	3
1986	Panico, Nick III	LIR	4.00	5	4	0	1
1902	Hom, Dennis	PRA	3.67	6	4	2	0
1967	Rizzo, Robert	NGC	3.33	5	3	1	1
1924	Romero, Steve	EDO	3.33	5	3	1	1
2021	USCF Guevara, Robert	LIR	3.00	3	3	0	0
1948	Hodos, Julian	ALE	3.00	5	3	2	0
1912	Bonfante, Charles	LSF	3.00	4	3	1	0
1998	Leone, Dave	LSF	2.67	3	2	0	1
2046	USCF Hellenschmidt A	LIR	2.33	2	2	0	0
1927	Wisbauer, Robert	PRA	2.33	4	1	1	2
2165	USCF Critelli, James	LIR	1.67	1	1	0	0
1959	Wilkie, Clayton	NGC	1.67	4	1	3	0
1925	Panico, Danny	LIR	1.67	1	1	0	0
1922	Rodriguez, Keith	NGC	1.33	1	0	0	1
1968	Cranston, Tim	PRA	1.00	1	0	1	0
Class B							
1945	Dwulit, James	PRA	4.33	5	5	0	0
1835	Marley, Ken T	NGC	4.33	6	5	1	0
1862	/11 Lamb, Terry	CCC	3.67	5	4	1	0
1800	EST Celauro Sal	LSF	3.00	3	3	0	0
1769	Sommese, Anthon	PRA	3.00	5	3	2	0
1779	Viale, Richard	CCC	3.00	6	3	3	0
1813	Alikakos, George	EDO	2.67	5	2	2	1
1744	Standing, Robert	LSF	2.67	5	2	2	1
1742	Kolczynski, Jim	LSF	2.33	4	2	2	0
1700	EST Dorsky Michael	CCC	2.33	3	2	1	0
1822	Solomon, Steve	HON	2.00	5	1	3	1
1881	Mahoney, Kevin	NGC	1.00	1	0	1	0
1724	Frohreich, Frank	ALD	1.00	6	0	6	0
Class C							
1616	Spreckles, Charle	EDO	3.00	6	3	3	0
1569	Rusch, Ed	ALD	3.00	6	3	3	0
1586	Celaru, Adrian	ALE	3.00	6	2	2	2
1720	Muttreja, Suresh	HON	2.67	6	2	3	1
1698	Montenero, Paul	CCC	2.33	4	2	2	0
1593	Insogna, Matt	HON	2.33	6	2	4	0
1645	Ogen, Tom	HON	2.00	5	1	3	1
1628	Kingsley, John	ALC	1.67	6	1	5	0
1398	/6 Egert, George	NGC	1.67	1	1	0	0
1466	Watnick, Mel	ALC	1.67	6	1	5	0
1576	Shattuck, John	ALD	1.33	4	0	3	1
1522	Goldman, Mel	ALC	1.33	6	0	5	1
1664	Wu, Danny	NGC	1.00	0	0	0	0
1612	Cecchini, Richard	EDO	1.00	1	0	1	0
Class D							
1429	Greenwald, Justin	LSF	2.33	5	2	3	0
1387	Thomas, Walter	ALE	2.33	6	2	4	0
1376	Mastandrea, Robe	ALC	2.33	3	2	1	0
1485	Goldstein, Carrie	ALE	1.67	5	1	4	0
1467	Proffman, Paul	CCC	1.67	3	1	2	0
1434	Hartten, Ed	ALD	1.67	2	1	1	0
1149	Zunino, Hugo	ALD	1.67	3	1	2	0
1542	/5 DePrisco, William	ALD	1.00	1	0	1	0
1420	EST Caracciolo, J	LSF	1.00	1	0	1	0
1403	USCF Schilling, Pete	IND	1.00	0	0	0	0
1315	Loshin, Al	ALC	1.00	3	0	3	0
1142	Cretaro, Tony	CCC	1.00	2	0	2	0

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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. The prizes will be announced soon. Answers to each question can be submitted either via email to 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 second question appears on the following page. Good Luck.

Tentative Dates for 2006

The following dates have been requested of the Huntington Library. They are not official until approved by the Library Board of Directors. These are presented here for planning purposes only. A new Rev. of the LIICL schedule will appear in the League Leader as well as on the LIICL website as soon as they are confirmed.

Jan. 06 - Round 9

Jan. 20 - Round 10

Feb. 03 - Round 11

Feb. 24 - Round 12

Mar. 10 - Playoff Rd 1/Individual Rd 1

Mar. 24 - Playoff Quarter Finals/Individual Rd 2

Apr. 07 - Playoff Semi Finals/Individual Rd 3

Apr. 28 - Playoff Final/Individual Rd 4

May 05 - Individual Final Rd 5

May 19 - Awards Evening

LIICL QUIZ 2006 Answer Form

LIICL Quiz 2006 Question #2:

At what location did the match in this picture take place?

Who was the match arbiter?

Is it possible that this was the first game of the match?

Due Date: Dec. 16, 2005

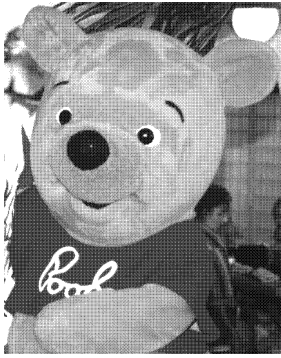
Value: 6 Points (2 points for each correct answer)



Your Name: _____

Your Answer: _____

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

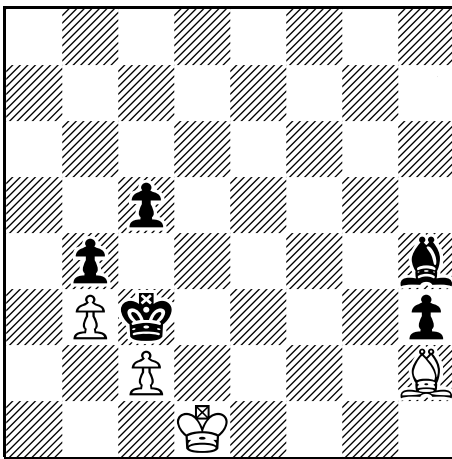


Zwischenzug with Jimocz

A couple of weeks ago Jim Kolczynski was contemplating chess over a couple of slices of Pizza. He came up with the philosophical remark, "Chess is unforgiving." I thought about this and realized his keen insight is quite right. You can play a chess game struggling and finally gaining an advantage – just to throw it away in a single move. I have done it many times myself, my most painful being in a position with mate-in-two on the board just to make an easily seen mate-in-three move.

Unfortunately I missed my opponent's mate-in-one. That game haunts me to this day because I knew I had a win but I did not take the extra 30 seconds to uncover it. A few games of this ilk have been played in the league recently.

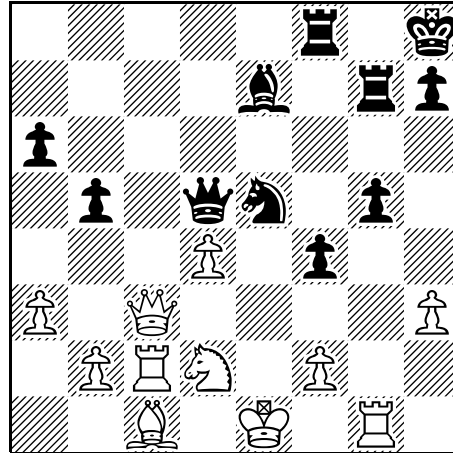
The first game is Dwulit-Bonfante. This game illustrated a tough struggle until Dwulit got into time trouble. Dwulit achieved a lost position but the luck fairy was hanging around the board and Bonfante played 46...Kc3



Black has just played 46...Kc3

White has a simple 47. Be5 !! Chess is unforgiving.

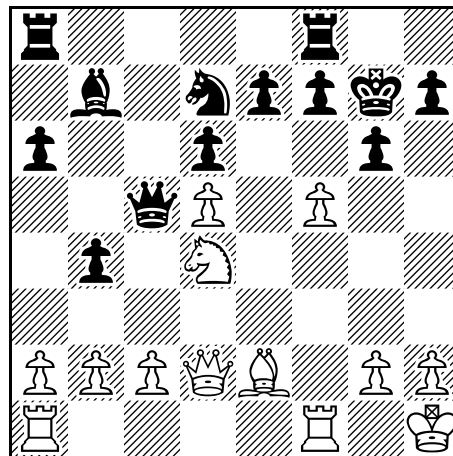
Another game to illustrate this point is the game Celauro-Hom. In this game Black struggled into a promising position having played 29...Nxe5! followed by white's 30.Qc3.



White has just played 30. Qc3

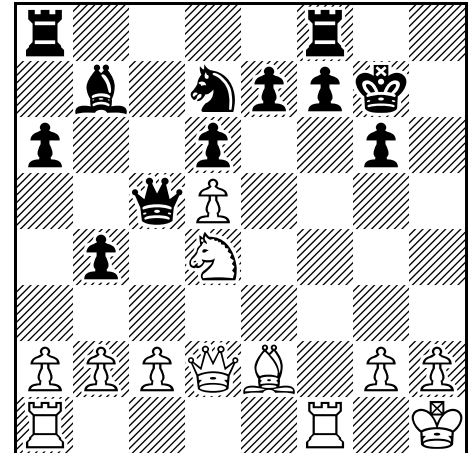
Black played 30...Ng6 to protect the knight after which he went on to lose the game due to time trouble. However Black had a great shot in the diagramed position — 30...b4! After which black will gain material and break through for a probable win. Chess is unforgiving.

Still another example involves the sage himself. Jim Kolczynski played the black side of a Sicilian against Dwulit in round 6 and played a seemingly innocuous move 16...Bb7



Black has just played 16 ... Bb7

At first blush it seems to be an okay move; it might even win white's d- pawn. However White has some powerful moves; 17. eg hg.



After 17 ... hg

White has the winning shot 18. Nf5+ !! It is all over and Black must resign. Chess is unforgiving! The score for these games follows:

[Event "LIICL"]
 [Site "Huntington"]
 [Date "2005.11.18"]
 [Round "06"]
 [White "S. Celauro [LSF]"]
 [Black "D. Hom [PRA]"]
 [Result "1-0"]
 [ECO "B01"]

1.e4 d5 2.e5 Bf5 3.d4 e6 4.Nf3 c5 5.c3 Nc6 6.Be3 cxd4 7.cxd4 a6 8.a3 Rc8 9.Nc3 Be7 10.Rc1 Bg4 11.Be2 f5 12.h3 Bh5 13.Nh2 Bf7 14.g4 g5 15.gxf5 exf5 16.Rc2 f4 17.Bc1 Nh6 18.Bh5 O-O 19.Bxf7+ Rxf7 20.Nf3 Nf5 21.Rg1 Kh8 22.Rd2 Na5 23.Qe2 Nc4 24.Rc2 Rg7 25.Qd3 Qd7 26.Nxd5 Qxd5 27.Qxf5 Rf8 28.Qd3 b5 29.Nd2 Nxe5 30.Qc3 Ng6 31.b4 Nh4 32.Bb2 Bf6 33.Kd1 g4 34.hxg4 Rxc4 35.Re1 Rg6 36.Qc5 Qg2 37.Qxf8+ 1-0

[Event "LIICL"]
 [Site "Huntington"]
 [Date "2005.11.04"]
 [Round "5"]
 [White "Dwulit [PRA]"]
 [Black "Bonfante [LSF]"]
 [Result "1-0"]

1.e4 e5 2.f4 d6 3.Bc4 Be7 4.Nf3 Nc6 5.O-O

h6 6.d4 exd4 7.Nxd4 Nxd4 8.Qxd4 Bf6 9.e5 dxe5 10.Qxd8+ Bxd8 11.Re1 Ne7 12.fxe5 O-O 13.Nc3 c6 14.Ne4 Ng6 15.Nd6 Bc7 16.Nxc8 Raxc8 17.e6 Nh8 18.Bd2 Bb6+ 19.Kh1 Rfe8 20.exf7+ Nxf7 21.Rxe8+ Rxe8 22.Rf1 Re7 23.Bc3 Bc5 24.h4 b5 25.Bb3 Bb6 26.a4 a6 27.g4 c5 28.axb5 axb5 29.Bd5 b4 30.Be1 g6 31.Bg3 Kg7 32.Bxf7 Rxf7 33.Be5+ Kg8 34.Rxf7 Kxf7 35.Kg2 h5 36.gxh5 gxh5 37.Kf3 Ke6 38.Bg7 Bd8 39.Bf8 Kd5 40.b3 Bxh4 41.Ke2 Bf6 42.Bh6 h4 43.Bf4 h3 44.Bh2 Bh4 45.Kd2 Kd4 46.Kd1 Kc3 47.Be5# 1-0

[Event "LIICL"]

[Site "Huntington"]

[Date "2005.11.18"]

[Round "6"]

[White "J. Dwulit [PRA]"]

[Black "J. Kolczynski [LSF]"]

[Result "1-0"]

[ECO "B92"]

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 a6 6.Be2 g6 7.Be3 Bg7 8.O-O O-O 9.f4 Nbd7 10.Qd2 Qc7 11.f5 b5 12.Bh6 b4 13.Bxg7 Kxg7 14.Nd5 Nxd5 15.exd5 Qc5 16.Kh1 Bb7 17.fxg6 hxg6 18.Nf5+ gxf5 19.Qg5+ Kh8 20.Rf3 Nf6 21.Rh3+ Nh7 22.Qh6 1-0

What do you think the score for a 12-game chess match would be if the players are 3 former FIDE world champions versus 3 powerful computers. If you said the world champs would win, have your time ship examined – this is the 21st century. Of course the computers won, 8-4. The unusual thing is that the humans won a game! And a computer blundered in a won position! This happened in the recent Bilbao People (Ruslan Ponomariov, Alexander Khalifman, and Kasimdzanov) vs. Computers (Hydra, Fritz 9, and Deep Junior) match. Yeah, they are really FIDE ex-World Champions. Nokidding. Really. It looks like the machines are just getting better and better. Remember Hydra's drubbing of World #7 Michael Adams (5.5-0.5). I was just surprised that Ponomariov won for the humans against Fritz 9. He also drew a 156-move marathon against Deep Junior. Computers don't get tired. The decisive games from this tourney are below.

So if you have a tough struggle, think before making that move because Chess is unforgiving! And tell 'em Jimocz sent you!

[Event "Match Mundial Personas vs. Computadoras"]

[Site "Bilbao"]

[Date "2005.11.21"]

[Round "2"]

[White "Ponomariov"]

[Black "Fritz"]

[Result "1-0"]

[ECO "A45"]

[PlyCount "95"]

1.d4 Nf6 2.c3 d5 3.Bf4 Bf5 4.e3 e6 5.Qb3 Nbd7 6.Qxb7 Bd6 7.Bxd6 cxd6 8.Qa6 Rb8 9.Qa3 Qb6 10.b4 O-O 11.Nd2 e5 12.Ngf3 Qc7 13.Ba6 e4 14.Ng1 Rb6 15.Rc1 Nb8 16.Be2 Rc8 17.Bd1 Bd7 18.Ne2 Bb5 19.O-O Nbd7 20.Nb3 h5 21.Re1 h4 22.h3 Rb7 23.Na5 Rbb8 24.Ba4 a6 25.Bb3 Nb6 26.Qb2 Qd7 27.a3 Rc7 28.Qa2 Rbc8 29.Nf4 Qf5 30.a4 Bd3 31.g4 hxg3 32.fxg3 g5 33.g4 Qh7 34.Nh5 Nxh5 35.gxh5 Qxh5 36.Qh2 Qh4 37.Kg2 Rxc3 38.Rxc3 Rxc3 39.Qg3 Bc2 40.Qxh4 gxh4 41.Rc1 Rxb3 42.Nxb3 Bxb3 43.a5 Nc4 44.b5 Ba4 45.bxa6 Bc6 46.a7 Kg7 47.a6 Ba8 48.Rb1 1-0

[Event "Match Mundial Personas vs. Computadoras"]

[Site "Bilbao"]

[Date "2005.11.20"]

[Round "1"]

[White "Hydra"]

[Black "Kasimdzanov"]

[Result "1-0"]

[ECO "E92"]

[PlyCount "77"]

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 Bg7 4.e4 d6 5.Nf3 O-O 6.Be2 e5 7.Be3 Na6 8.O-O c6 9.d5 Ng4 10.Bg5 f6 11.Bh4 c5 12.Ne1 Nh6 13.a3 Bd7 14.Nd3 g5 15.Bg3 Qe7 16.f3 f5 17.Bf2 f4 18.b4 b6 19.h3 Nf7 20.Rb1 h5 21.Rb2 Nh6 22.Be1 Bf6 23.Nf2 Kh8 24.Qd3 Rg8 25.Nb5 Rg6 26.Bd1 Rag8 27.Nxa7 g4 28.fxg4 Bh4 29.Nc6 Qg7 30.Bc3 hxg4 31.Nxg4 Nxg4 32.Bxg4 Bxg4 33.Rxf4 Bh5 34.Qf1 Bg3 35.Rf7 Qh6 36.Bd2 Bf4 37.Bxf4 exf4 38.Rxf4 Rg3 39.Ne7 1-0

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[Site "Bilbao"]

[Date "2005.11.20"]

[Round "1"]

[White "Fritz"]

[Black "Khalifman"]

[Result "1-0"]

[ECO "C66"]

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1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 Nf6 4.d3 d6 5.c3 Be7 6.O-O O-O 7.Nbd2 a6 8.Ba4 b5 9.Bc2 Re8 10.Re1 Bf8 11.d4 h6 12.Nf1 Bb7 13.Ng3 g6 14.a4 Bg7 15.Bd3 bxa4 16.Qxa4 exd4 17.cxd4 Nd7 18.Be3 Nb6 19.Qb3 a5 20.Bb5

Rf8 21.d5 Nb4 22.Bd4 Bxd4 23.Nxd4 Bc8 24.Nc6 Nxc6 25.Bxc6 Ra7 26.Ne2 Bd7 27.Nd4 a4 28.Qd3 Bc8 29.Qe3 Kh7 30.f4 Qe7 31.Qc3 Qf6 32.e5 dxe5 33.fxe5 Qe7 34.Nb5 Ra6 35.Rad1 a3 36.bxa3 Ra4 37.d6 cxd6 38.Nxd6 Ra6 39.Bb5 Ra8 40.Qd4 Qa7 41.Bc6 Rb8 42.Rb1 Be6 43.Bb7 Rxb7 44.Nxb7 Qxb7 45.Rxb6 Qa7 46.a4 Rc8 47.Rb4 Qa8 48.Qf2 Rc3 49.Rf4 Qb7 50.Rf1 Kg7 51.a5 Qc7 52.Qd4 Kg8 53.a6 1-0

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[Site "Bilbao"]

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[Round "1"]

[White "Ponomariov"]

[Black "Junior"]

[Result "0-1"]

[ECO "A06"]

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1.Nf3 d5 2.d3 Nf6 3.g3 c6 4.Nbd2 Nbd7 5.Bg2 e5 6.O-O Bd6 7.e4 O-O 8.Kh1 Re8 9.Qe1 a5 10.a4 b6 11.Nh4 Nc5 12.f3 g6 13.Rf2 Ra7 14.Re2 Rae7 15.Qf1 Nh5 16.Bh3 Ne6 17.Nb3 Ra7 18.Ng2 Rc7 19.Be3 Nef4 20.Bxf4 Bxh3 21.Bd2 f5 22.Qg1 fxe4 23.fxe4 Rf7 24.Rf1 Rxf1 25.Qxf1 Be7 26.exd5 Qxd5 27.Kg1 Nf6 28.Qe1 Ng4 29.Ne3 Nxe3 30.Bxe3 Rf8 31.Rf2 Rxf2 32.Qxf2 e4 33.Nc1 c5 34.b3 g5 35.c4 Qc6 36.Ne2 exd3 37.Nc3 Bd8 38.Nd5 Qe6 39.Bd2 Qe4 40.Nc3 Qg4 41.Nd5 h5 42.Qe3 Qd1+ 43.Be1 Kg7 44.Kf2 Bg4 45.Bc3+ Kf7 46.Qd2 Qxd2+ 47.Bxd2 Bd1 48.Ke3 Bxb3 49.Kxd3 Bxa4 50.h4 gxh4 51.gxh4 Bb3 52.Kc3 a4 53.Bg5 Bxg5 54.hxg5 b5 55.Nf4 b4+ 56.Kb2 Bxc4 57.Nxh5 a3+ 0-1

[Event "Match Mundial Personas vs. Computadoras"]

[Site "Bilbao ESP"]

[Date "2005.11.22"]

[Round "3"]

[White "COMPHydra"]

[Black "Ponomariov, Ruslan"]

[Result "1-0"]

[ECO "C05"]

[PlyCount "57"]

1.d4 e6 2.e4 d5 3.Nd2 Nf6 4.e5 Nfd7 5.Bd3 c5 6.c3 Nc6 7.Ne2 a5 8.O-O c4 9.Bc2 b5 10.b3 Nb6 11.bxc4 bxc4 12.Rb1 Kd7 13.Nf4 Kc7 14.Qf3 Rb8 15.Nh5 Qe7 16.Re1 Ba6 17.Qg3 g6 18.Nf6 Kb7 19.Nde4 Ka7 20.Nd6 Nc8 21.Ba3 Rxb1 22.Rxb1 Nxd6 23.Bc5+ Ka8 24.Ba4 Bb7 25.exd6 Qxf6 26.Bxc6 Bxc6 27.d7 Bxc5 28.Qc7 e5 29.dxc5 1-0

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[Event "Match Mundial Personas vs. Computadoras"]

[Site "Bilbao"]

[Date "2005.11.22"]

[Round "3"]

[White "COMP Junior"]

[Black "Khalifman, Alexander"]

[Result "1-0"]

[ECO "C90"]

[Ply Count "129"]

1.e4e2.Nf3Nc63.Bb5Nf64.d3d65.c3Be7
6.O-O O-O 7.Re1 a6 8.Ba4 b5 9.Bb3 Na5
10.Bc2 c5 11.Nbd2 Nc6 12.Nf1 Re8 13.Ng3
Bf8 14.h3 g6 15.a3 Bg7 16.Be3 Qe7 17.b4
Bb7 18.Bb3 h6 19.Qe2 Kh7 20.Reb1 Nb8
21.Qa2Rf8 22.bxc5 dxc5 23.a4Nbd7 24.Qb2
Bc6 25.axb5 axb5 26.Rxa8 Rxa8 27.Ra1
Rxa1+ 28.Qxa1 c4 29.dxc4 bxc4 30.Bc2 Bf8
31.Qa6 Qe6 32.Nd2 Nc5 33.Qxc4 Qxc4
34.Nxc4 Nxe4 35.Nxe5 Nxc3 36.fxc3 Be4
37.Bxe4 Nxe4 38.c4 Nxc3 39.Nd7 Kg8
40.Nf6+ Kg7 41.Ne8+ Kg8 42.c5 Nf5 43.c6
Ne7 44.c7 f5 45.Nd6 Bg7 46.Kf2 Be5
47.c8=Q+ Nxc8 48.Nxc8 Kg7 49.Ke2 g5
50.Ne7 Kf6 51.Nc6 Bd6 52.Bd4+ Ke6 53.Bg7
Kf7 54.Bc3h5 55.Bb4Bc7 56.Nd4Kf6 57.Kd3
Ke5 58.Bc3Kf6 59.Bd2Bb6 60.Kc4f4 61.Kd5
Bxd4 62.Kxd4 Kf5 63.Be1 g4 64.hxg4+ hxg4
65.Kd3 1-0

FIDE Ratings Leaders

The current top GMs on FIDE's list includes the now retired Gary Kasparov:

1. 2812 Kasparov (RUS)
2. 2788 Anand (IND)
3. 2782 Topalov (BUL)
4. 2751 Leko (HUN)
5. 2748 Ivanchuk (UKR)
6. 2740 Sviicler (RUS)
7. 2739 Kramnik (RUS)
8. 2735 Polgar (HUN)
9. 2725 Bacrot (FRA)
10. 2720 Aronian (ARM)

Machines Pummel GMs

The People vs. Computers World Chess Team Match was contested from November 20 through November 23 in Bilbao, Spain under the auspices of David Levy's International Computer Games Association (ICGA). For the humans, three of FIDE's World Champions competed, Ruslan Ponomarev (2003), Rustan Kasimdzhanov (2004) and Alexander Khalifman (1999). The computer programs were represented by Junior, Fritz and Hydra. The first two are variants of popular commercially available software programs. Hydra is a one of a kind combination of hardware (32 processors) and software in the genre of Deep Blue. It was that machine which recently humiliated GM Michael Adams. For humanity this result was not pretty either as when the dust settled the score was 8 to 4 in favor of the machines.

In round 1 all three GMs went South giving the machines an insurmountable 3-0 lead. It looked as if the humans may have them figured out in round 2 but some promising positions did not quite convert to a win and only Ponomarev could manage a full point against Fritz. The 2-1 score for the humans brought the overall tally to 4-2 in favor of the machines. But any thoughts of a comeback were squelched in round 3 as this time only Fritz was nicked for a ½-point by Kasimdzhanov. The 2-1/2 to ½ margin increased the machine lead to 4 full points making the final round moot. All three games were drawn which accounted for the final score. The final score for each competitor was:

- 3.0 Junior
- 3.0 Hydra
- 2.0 Fritz
- 1.5 Ponomarev
- 1.5 Kasimdzhanov
- 1.0 Khalifman

Ever since Kasparov lost his match to Deep Blue II in 1997 the top human players have been barely hanging on against the best chess playing computer programs. We can now conclude that the pendulum has finally swung over to the side of the machine. If allowed to play at classical time controls, there is little doubt that the machine would now be favored in a match vs. the human World Champion, be it Kasparov, Topalov, Kramnik or the next wunderkind.

Some selected games from that event can be found in the Zwischenzug with Jimocz column in this newsletter.

Grandmaster Igor Ivanov Passes (1947-2005)

On November 17th GM Igor Ivanov died after a battle with cancer at the age of 58. He was born in Leningrad in 1947. Igor was one of the many Soviet born players to emigrate to the West. He actually asked for asylum in Canada in 1980. He eventually settled in Utah.

The USCF press release regarding his death notes that Ivanov achieved the GM title in 1981 but nobody realized it at the time. That fact was overlooked until this year when he was awarded the long overdue honor by FIDE. His most amazing achievement was winning the USCF's Grand Prix nine times! Despite his illness he was active through most of this year participating in a number of major events.

FIDE World Cup Commences

The 128-player knockout tournament formerly known as the FIDE Knockout World Championship will be held in Russia from November 26 to December 18. This is now billed as a qualifying event to the next world championship.

Eight GMs are representing the USA in this tournament. As we went to press round 1 was just completed. For the USA we had mixed results. Four won their matches and four were on the losing end. Gata Kamsky beat Yun Zhao of China (1.5-0.5), Yuri Shulman outlasted Vadim Zvjaginsev of Russia (3.5-3.5) by drawing the time odds game with the black pieces, Alexander Onischuk prevailed over Valerij Popov of Russia (1.5-0.5) and Alexander Ivanov eliminated Julio Granda of Peru (1.5-0.5).

The rest of the Americans are on their way home. Sergey Kudrin was worn down by Pavel Eljanov of the Ukraine (1.5-2.5), Hikaru Nakamura was shutout by Surya Sekar Ganguly of India (0.0-2.0), Alexander Stripunsky also failed to score vs. Alexander Areshchenko (0.0-2.0) of the Ukraine and Gregory Kaidanov fell to Ruben Felgaer of Argentina (0.5-1.5). Several years ago Gata Kamsky was considered a possible challenger for the world title. He lost as a favorite in this event. He then left chess to pursue a career as a doctor. Perhaps he can make up for that loss with a win in this event. Good luck to him and the other three remaining Americans. The aging US Chess community of GMs certainly could use a hero.

LIICL 2005-2006 Mid-Season Ratings

<u>by Name</u>			<u>by Rating</u>			<u>by Team</u>		
Rating	Name	Team	Rating	Name	Team	Rating	Name	Team
1813	Alikakos, George	EDO	2165	USCF Critelli, James	LIR	1628	Kingsley, John	ALC
2150	Berg, George	NGC	2150	Berg, George	NGC	1522	Goldman, Mel	ALC
1912	Bonfante, Charles	LSF	2111	Pappaceno, Mike	LIR	1466	Watnick, Mel	ALC
1420	EST Caracciolo, J	LSF	2087	Chipkin, Len	EDO	1376	Mastandrea, Robe	ALC
1612	Cecchini, Richard	EDO	2046	USCF Hellenschmidt A	LIR	1315	Loshin, Al	ALC
1586	Celaru, Adrian	ALE	2021	USCF Guevara, Robert	LIR	1724	Frohreich, Frank	ALD
1800	EST Celauro Sal	LSF	1998	Leone, Dave	LSF	1576	Shattuck, John	ALD
2087	Chipkin, Len	EDO	1986	Panico, Nick III	LIR	1569	Rusch, Ed	ALD
1968	Cranston, Tim	PRA	1968	Cranston, Tim	PRA	1542	/5 DePrisco, William	ALD
1142	Cretaro, Tony	CCC	1967	Rizzo, Robert	NGC	1434	Hartten, Ed	ALD
2165	USCF Critelli, James	LIR	1959	Wilkie, Clayton	NGC	1149	Zunino, Hugo	ALD
1542	/5 DePrisco, William	ALD	1948	Hodos, Julian	ALE	1948	Hodos, Julian	ALE
1700	EST Dorsky Michael	CCC	1945	Dwulit, James	PRA	1586	Celaru, Adrian	ALE
1945	Dwulit, James	PRA	1933	Johnson, Willie	LIR	1485	Goldstein, Carrie	ALE
1398	/6 Egert, George	NGC	1927	Wisbauer, Robert	PRA	1387	Thomas, Walter	ALE
1724	Frohreich, Frank	ALD	1925	Panico, Danny	LIR	1862	/11 Lamb, Terry	CCC
1522	Goldman, Mel	ALC	1924	Romero, Steve	EDO	1779	Viale, Richard	CCC
1485	Goldstein, Carrie	ALE	1922	Rodriguez, Keith	NGC	1700	EST Dorsky Michael	CCC
1429	Greenwald, Justin	LSF	1912	Bonfante, Charles	LSF	1698	Montenero, Paul	CCC
2021	USCF Guevara, Robert	LIR	1902	Hom, Dennis	PRA	1467	Proffman, Paul	CCC
1434	Hartten, Ed	ALD	1881	Mahoney, Kevin	NGC	1142	Cretaro, Tony	CCC
2046	USCF Hellenschmidt A	LIR	1862	/11 Lamb, Terry	CCC	2087	Chipkin, Len	EDO
1948	Hodos, Julian	ALE	1854	Turiy, Kolman	IND	1924	Romero, Steve	EDO
1902	Hom, Dennis	PRA	1835	Marley, Ken T	NGC	1813	Alikakos, George	EDO
1593	Insogna, Matt	HON	1822	Solomon, Steve	HON	1616	Spreckles, Charle	EDO
1933	Johnson, Willie	LIR	1813	Alikakos, George	EDO	1612	Cecchini, Richard	EDO
1628	Kingsley, John	ALC	1800	EST Celauro Sal	LSF	1822	Solomon, Steve	HON
1742	Kolczynski, Jim	LSF	1779	Viale, Richard	CCC	1720	Muttreja, Suresh	HON
1862	/11 Lamb, Terry	CCC	1769	Sommese, Anthon	PRA	1645	Ogen, Tom	HON
1998	Leone, Dave	LSF	1744	Standing, Robert	LSF	1593	Insogna, Matt	HON
1315	Loshin, Al	ALC	1742	Kolczynski, Jim	LSF	1854	Turiy, Kolman	IND
1881	Mahoney, Kevin	NGC	1724	Frohreich, Frank	ALD	1403	USCF Schilling, Pete	IND
1835	Marley, Ken T	NGC	1720	Muttreja, Suresh	HON	2165	USCF Critelli, James	LIR
1376	Mastandrea, Robe	ALC	1700	EST Dorsky Michael	CCC	2111	Pappaceno, Mike	LIR
1698	Montenero, Paul	CCC	1698	Montenero, Paul	CCC	2046	USCF Hellenschmidt A	LIR
1720	Muttreja, Suresh	HON	1683	/14 Panico, Nick Sr.	LIR	2021	USCF Guevara, Robert	LIR
1645	Ogen, Tom	HON	1664	Wu, Danny	NGC	1986	Panico, Nick III	LIR
1925	Panico, Danny	LIR	1645	Ogen, Tom	HON	1933	Johnson, Willie	LIR
1986	Panico, Nick III	LIR	1633	Willmott, Paul	LSF	1925	Panico, Danny	LIR
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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) TBD Quarters: (TBD) TBD Semis: (TBD) TBD Finals: (TBD) TBD Individual Final: (TBD) TBD

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