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Berg Wins Individual

Topalov-Radjabov!

Apparently there will be another match next year for the World Championship should Topalov prevail in September over Kramnik first. That first match will be held in Kalmykia.

FIDE had stated that anyone rated over 2700 who could raise a guaranteed \$1M purse could challenge Topalov for the FIDE title. Well now the young Azerbaijani, Teimour Radjabov, who is currently rated at 2720 has done just that! The prospective match would likely take place in April in Baku which means that Radjabov would enjoy "home court advantage."

Election Nominations

Several nominations have been received and seconded for prospective LIICL officers. They are Steve Romero for President, Mike Pappaceno for Rules Director and Paul Montenero for Treasurer.

Kamsky Leads MTel Masters

With 6 rounds of 10 complete, Gata Kamsky has apparently finally found his old form. He leads the field by 1/2 point and has a record of 4-1-1 against the likes of Anand, Svidler, Topalov, Bacrot and Ponomarev. Gata recently qualified for the next world championship cycle by finishing 9th in FIDE's last elimination tournament.

Mate with Seconds Left

George Berg pulled off a real Houdini act to win his last round Individual Swiss game against Nick Panico III. George had only seconds on his clock when he created a mating net and won with just 3 second left. The win earned George the Individual Swiss title. Clay Wilkie was second while Bob Rizzo took third on tie-breaks over several others.

Results for Round I5 5-May-2006

White	Result	Black
Nick III Panico	0 1	George Berg
Clayton Wilkie	1 0	Kolman Turiy
Rich Viale	½ ½	Steve Romero
Tony Sommese	0 1	Dave Leone
Hugo Zunino	0 1	Robert Rizzo
Suresh Muttreja	1 0	Robert Mastandrea
Darren Lustig	1 0	Ed Rusch
John Shattuck	0 1	Sal Celauro
Adrian Celaru	½ ½	Paul Montenero
Ed Hartten	1 0	Justin Greenwald
Al Loshin	1 0	Mel Goldman

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Final 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	2199	202	222.50	33	4	11	38.5	9	1	2	10.0	0
NGC	2015	174	186.00	25	10	13	31.5	7	3	2	8.0	0
EDO	1848	162	165.25	25	15	8	29.0	6	2	4	8.0	2
LSF	1861	156	140.25	24	18	6	27.0	6	4	2	7.0	0
CCC	1715	150	133.75	25	21	2	26.0	6	3	3	7.5	2
PRA	1925	146	144.25	24	19	5	26.5	7	4	1	7.5	8
Honeywell/KS	1692	130	74.00	18	23	7	21.5	5	6	1	5.5	4
Alumni D	1655	105	38.75	14	32	2	15.0	2	7	3	3.5	3
Alumni E	1601	100	51.25	11	31	6	14.0	2	9	1	2.5	4
Alumni C	1517	88	48.50	9	37	2	10.0	0	11	1	0.5	0

**LIICL Speed Ratings
June 4, 2005**

<u>Rating</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Rating</u>	<u>Name</u>
1670	Alikakos G	1762	Mahoney K
1702	Anthony M	1805	Marley K T
1301	Ben-Ami V	1519	Mastandrea R
1824	Berg G	1566	Montenero P
1221	Bilkis S	1666	Muttreja S
1872	Bonfante C	2144	/12 Nahoczky G
1568	Cecchini R	1617	Ogen T
1678	Celaru A	2054	Panico D
1934	Chipkin L	2013	Panico N III
1872	Cohen N	1711	Parenti R
1752	/7 Cranston T	1984	Pour D
1203	Cretaro A	UNR	Proffman P
1777	DePrisco V	1124	Ragonnet A
1679	DiMaio J	1908	Rizzo R
1692	Dwulit J	1917	Romero S
1790	/12 Frohreich F	1729	Rusch E
1199	Giarrusso R	1546	Shattuck J
1547	Giuliano P	1884	Solomon S
1452	Goldfarb S	1514	Solomon Z
1583	Goldman M	1596	Sommese A
1515	Goldstein C	1686	Spinnato C
1476	Greenwald J	1537	Spreckles C
1454	Hartten E	1499	Standing R
1898	Hodos J	1569	Sussman Dan
1851	Hom D	1808	Turiy K
1533	/12 Hurwitz R	1655	Ulfers E
1724	Insogna M	1277	Union R
1692	Jarosinski M	1913	Valys A
1858	Johnson W	1837	Viale R
1824	Kaye L	UNR	Vitelli R
1442	Kingsley J	1410	Warnock A
1793	Kolczynski J	1463	/12 Watnick M
1622	Lamb T	1822	Wilkie C
1908	Leone D	1700	/14 Willmott P
1286	Loshin A	1636	Wisbauer R
		1544	Wu D
		1173	/12 Zunino H

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Best Game & Combo

This year, an expert committee consisting of USCF Postal Master Peter Cullen and ICCF IM and IA, Keith Rodriguez, was drafted to evaluate our submitted games. They were supplied with games stripped of all player information. The following are this year's consensus Ronnie winners for Best Game and Best Combination. Congratulations to Steve Romero and to Bob Standing for these fine efforts. The LIICL thanks Keith and Peter for their contribution to the LIICL.

[Category: **Best Game**]

[White: Dwulit, Jim (PRA)]

[Black: Romero, Steve (EDO)]

[ELORating: A00]

[Event: LIICL]

[Round: Quarterfinals]

[Location: Huntington, NY]

[Date: 2006]

[Result: 0-1]

[PlyCount: 55]

[Annotation: Rodriguez, Keith & Cullen, Peter]

Black sets up the combination on moves 19 and 20 and sacrifices on h2 ripping apart White's defenses. **1.b4 d5 2.Bb2 e6 3.a3 Nf6 4.e3 Bd6 5.Nf3 Nbd7 6.c4 c6 7.d4** [RR 7.Be2 e5 8.cxd5 cxd5 9.0-0-0 10.Nc3 a6 11.Qb3 Nb6 12.Na4 Nc4 13.Bc3 b5 14.Nc5 e4 15.Nd4 Qc7 16.h3 Re8 17.a4 Bxc5 18.bxc5 bxa4 19.Rxa4 Nd7 20.Bb4 Rb8 21.Qc3 Nde5 Kuzov, D-Burmakin, V/Sochi RUS 2004/1-0 (44)] **7...0-0 8.Nbd2 Re8** [RR 8...Ne4 9.Bd3 f5 10.c5 Bc7 11.a4 Qf6 12.Qc2 e5 13.dxe5 Nxe5 14.Be2 Bd7 15.0-0 Nxf3+ 16.Nxf3 Qh6 17.Be5 Bxe5 18.Nxe5 Qe6 19.Nf3 Rae8 20.Nd4 Qf6 21.f3 Ng5 22.Qd3 Re7 23.f4 Amor Alcaide, M-Dischinger, F/Valencia 1998/EXT 2000/1-0 (61)] **9.Qc2 e5 10.cxd5 exd4 11.Nxd4 cxd5 12.Be2 Ne5 13.0-0 Bd7 14.Rac1 Rc8 15.Qb1 Rxc1 16.Rxc1 Ne4 17.Nxe4 dxe4 18.Nb5 Bb8 19.Rd1 Qg5! 20.Nd4?** [20.Nd6 Nf3+ 21.Bxf3 exf3 22.g3 Qh6 23.Nf5 Qh3 24.Nh4=] **20...Ng4! 21.g3 Nxh2! 22.Kxh2 Qh4+ 23.Kg1 Bxg3 24.fxg3 Qxg3+ 25.Kh1 Re5 26.Nf5 Qh3+ 27.Kg1 Rxf5 28.Rxd7 0-1**

Despite the fact that he ultimately lost this game to a subsequent miscalculation, Bob Standing's fine speculative sacrifice was judged as the Best Combination of this season!

[Category: **Best Combination**]

[White: Standing, Robert (LSF)]

[Black: Rizzo, Robert (NGC)]

[ELORating: B24]

[Event: LIICL]

[Round: 6]

[Location: Huntington, NY]

[Date: 2005]

[Result: 0-1]

[PlyCount: 78]

[Annotation: Rodriguez, Keith & Cullen, Peter]

A wonderful game. White appears to build his positionally too slowly, allowing Black to close the position with 16... g5, then inexplicably White breaks through with 19.Bxg5!? a speculative sacrifice. Black defends energetically, and precisely, though White does not give up continuing a knight maneuver (moves 24 & 25) in an attempt to regain the upperhand. White misses the winning shot 27.Rxf4, and Black efficiently has a chance to put the game away. **1.e4 c5 2.Nc3 Nc6 3.g3 d6 4.Bg2 Nf6 5.Nge2 g6 6.d3 Bg7 7.h3 0-0 8.Be3 e5 9.Qd2** [RR 9.0-0 b5 10.Nxb5 Rb8 11.a4 a6 12.Na3 Rxb2 13.Nc4 Rb8 14.f4 exf4 15.Nxf4 Na5 16.Nd2 Bd7 17.Ra2 Bc6 18.Nf3 Ba8 19.c4 Nd7 20.Raf2 Nb3 21.h4 Nd4 22.Bh3 Nxf3+ 23.Qxf3 Ne5 Adams, M-Kasparov, G/Linares 1999/CBM 70/0-1 (59)] **9...Nd4** [RR 9...Be6 10.g4 Nd4 11.Ng3 d5 12.g5 Ne8 13.exd5 Bd7 14.Nd1 f5 15.gxf6 Nxf6 16.c3 Qe7 17.d6 Qe8 18.0-0 Ne6 19.Bxb7 Nf4 20.Bxf4 exf4 21.Qxf4 Bxh3 22.Qc4+ Kh8 23.Bxa8 Qxa8 24.Ne3 Cottarelli, F-Del Giudice, S/Salsomaggiore ITA 2005/1-0 (32)] **10.0-0 Rb8 11.f4 Nxe2+N** [RR 11...Ne8 12.Rf2 b5 13.a3 a5 14.Raf1 b4 15.axb4 axb4 16.Nd1 Nxe2+ 17.Qxe2 Ba6 18.f5 f6 19.fxg6 hxg6 20.Bf3 Bc8 21.Bg4 Bd7 22.h4 Qc8 23.Bxd7 Qxd7 24.h5 g5 25.Bd2 Rb7 26.Ne3 Ostojic, P-Memic, M/Wiesbaden 1994/GER/1-0 (55)] **12.Nxe2 Ne8 13.f5** [strong was 13.fxe5! clearing the c1-h6 diagonal and the f-file in one move. 13...Bxe5 14.c3 Bg7 15.d4 Qe7 16.Bf4±] **13...Bd7 14.g4 Qc8 15.Rf2 f6 16.Raf1 g5 17.Ng3 Nc7 18.Nh5 Rf7 19.Bxg5!? fxe5 20.Qxg5 Qd8 21.f6 Ne6 22.Qe3 Bh8 23.g5 Nf8 24.Ng3! Ng6 25.Nf5 Bxf5 26.exf5 Nf4 27.Qg3** [27.Rxf4! exf4 28.Qe6! Qd7 29.Bd5±] **27...Kf8 28.Qg4 Bxf6 29.gxf6 Qxf6 30.Rxf4 too late 30...exf4 31.Qxf4 Qd4+ 32.Qxd4 cxd4 33.Rf4** [33.Bd5 Rf6 34.Be6 with good prospects to hold] **33...Rc8 34.Rf2 Rfc7 35.Rf4 Rxc2 36.Rxd4 Rxb2 37.Rg4 Rc1+ 38.Kh2 Rcc2 39.Kg1 Rxa2 0-1**

2006 LIICL Post-Season Ratings

by Team

Team	Name	Post
ADE	Steve Solomon	1829
ADE	Suresh Muttreja	1724
ADE	Tom Ogen	1649
ADE	Matt Insogna	1608
ALC	John Kingsley	1615
ALC	Mel Goldman	1443
ALC	Robert Mastandrea	1397
ALC	Mel Watnick	1385
ALC	Al Loshin	1305
ALD	Frank Frohreich	1729
ALD	Ed Ulfers	1696
ALD	Ed Rusch	1606
ALD	William DePrisco	1571/6
ALD	John Shattuck	1550
ALD	Ed Hartten	1420
ALD	Hugo Zunino	1227
ALE	Julian Hodos	1909
ALE	Adrian Celaru	1582
ALE	Carrie Goldstein	1419
ALE	Walter Thomas	1385
CCC	Terry Lamb	1891
CCC	Rich Viale	1871
CCC	Mike Dorsky	1849/9
CCC	Paul Montenero	1704
CCC	Paul Proffman	1482
CCC	Tony Cretaro	1142
EDO	Len Chipkin	2061
EDO	Steve Romero	1940
EDO	George Alikakos	1870
EDO	Rich Cecchini	1612
EDO	Charles Spreckles	1604
IND	Jeremy Mandelkern	1932EST
IND	Kolman Turiy	1859
IND	Darren Lustig	1690EST
IND	Pete Schilling	1403USCF
LIR	Anna Zatonskih	2479USCF
LIR	James Critelli	2165USCF
LIR	Mike Pappaceno	2113
LIR	Nick III Panico	1996
LIR	Andy Hellenschmidt	1988/5
LIR	Willie Johnson	1943
LIR	Danny Panico	1941
LIR	Robert Guevara	1897
LIR	Frank Paciulli	1844USCF
LIR	Nick Sr. Panico	1655
LSF	Dave Leone	2003
LSF	Charlie Bonfante	1902
LSF	Sal Celauro	1849/11
LSF	Robert Standing	1743
LSF	Jim Kolczynski	1722
LSF	Justin Greenwald	1432
LSF	J Caracciolo	1420
NGC	George Berg	2171
NGC	Clayton Wilkie	1993
NGC	Robert Rizzo	1940
NGC	Keith Rodriguez	1922
NGC	Kevin Mahoney	1881
NGC	Ken Marley	1795
NGC	Danny Wu	1664
NGC	George Egert	1398
PRA	Tim Cranston	1979
PRA	Robert Wisbauer	1937
PRA	Jim Dwulit	1930
PRA	Dennis Hom	1864
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ALD	John Shattuck	1550
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IND	Pete Schilling	1403USCF
NGC	George Egert	1398
ALC	Robert Mastandrea	1397
ALE	Walter Thomas	1385
ALC	Mel Watnick	1385
ALC	Al Loshin	1305
ALD	Hugo Zunino	1227
CCC	Tony Cretaro	1142

Final 2006 LIICL Individual Swiss Standings

#	Name	Rtng	Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd 3	Rd 4	Rd 5	Tot	TBrk[S]	TBrk[C]
1	George Berg	2162	W57	W30	D22	W2	W10	4.5	14.0	13.5First
2	Clayton Wilkie	1978	W52	W11	W20	L1	W9	4.0	15.0	13.0Second
3	Robert Rizzo	1951	D27	W34	L13	W54	W32	3.5	12.5	9.5Third
4	Dave Leone	2012	L9	D25	W24	W59	W19	3.5	12.5	8.0
5	Steve Romero	1934	W24	W20	D9	H—	D6	3.5	11.5	11.5
6	Rich Viale	1843	H—	W21	D7	W51	D5	3.5	11.5	10.0
7	Mike Pappaceno	2111	H—	W55	D6	W22	H—	3.5	8.0	9.5
8	Frank Paciulli	1844	H—	W60	H—	W19	H—	3.5	4.5	9.0
9	Kolman Turiy	1849	W4	D62	D5	W12	L2	3.0	15.5	10.5
10	Nick III Panico	2000	W29	W35	W31	L20	L1	3.0	14.0	12.0
11	Suresh Muttreja	1736	W65	L2	L51	W56	W53	3.0	10.0	8.01st U1800
12	Darren Lustig	1671	H—	W66	D26	L9	W51	3.0	8.0	8.52nd U1800
13	Robert Wisbauer	1929	H—	D57	W3	H—	H—	3.0	5.5	7.5
14	Danny Panico	1939	H—	H—	W52	D23	H—	3.0	4.5	7.5
15	Nick Sr. Panico	1654	H—	H—	D53	W62	H—	3.0	3.5	7.0
16	Anna Zatonskih	2479	H—	H—	W25	H—	H—	3.0	2.5	7.0
17	Willie Johnson	1941	H—	W51	H—	H—	H—	3.0	2.0	7.5
18	Jeremy Mandelkern	1930	H—	W54	H—	H—	H—	3.0	2.0	7.5
19	Tony Sommese	1805	W21	H—	W28	L8	L4	2.5	12.0	9.5
20	Jim Dwulit	1935	W63	L5	L2	W10	H—	2.5	11.5	7.0
21	Sal Celauro	2008	L19	L6	W58	D55	W62	2.5	11.5	5.0
22	Tim Cranston	1969	H—	W26	D1	L7	H—	2.5	10.5	7.5
23	Dennis Hom	1865	L26	W27	D33	D14	H—	2.5	10.5	6.5
24	Ed Hartten	1379	L5	H—	L4	W65	W63	2.5	8.5	4.5
25	Terry Lamb	1888	W56	D4	L16	H—	H—	2.5	8.0	7.5
26	Len Chipkin	2073	W23	L22	D12	H—	H—	2.5	8.0	7.0
27	Charles Spreckles	1585	D3	L23	W62	H—	H—	2.5	7.5	6.0
28	Matt Insogna	1600	W53	D33	L19	H—	H—	2.5	7.0	7.5
29	Robert Standing	1751	L10	L31	W66	W63	H—	2.5	7.0	5.0
30	Steve Solomon	1827	W61	L1	H—	H—	H—	2.5	6.5	6.5
31	Mike Dorsky	1842	H—	W29	L10	H—	H—	2.5	5.5	6.5
32	Hugo Zunino	1202	H—	W56	H—	H—	L3	2.5	5.0	7.5
33	Ken Marley	1799	H—	D28	D23	H—	H—	2.5	5.0	6.0
34	Tom Ogen	1648	W66	L3	H—	H—	H—	2.5	4.0	6.5
35	Ed Ulfers	1700	X—	L10	H—	H—	H—	2.5	3.0	5.5
36	Julian Hodos	1914	D55	H—	H—	H—	H—	2.5	2.0	5.5
37	James Critelli	2165	H—	H—	H—	H—	H—	2.5	0.0	5.0
38	Andy Hellenschmidt	1988	H—	H—	H—	H—	H—	2.5	0.0	5.0
39	Keith Rodriguez	1922	H—	H—	H—	H—	H—	2.5	0.0	5.0
40	Charlie Bonfante	1902	H—	H—	H—	H—	H—	2.5	0.0	5.0
41	Robert Guevara	1897	H—	H—	H—	H—	H—	2.5	0.0	5.0
42	Kevin Mahoney	1881	H—	H—	H—	H—	H—	2.5	0.0	5.0
43	Jim Kolczynski	1722	H—	H—	H—	H—	H—	2.5	0.0	5.0
44	Danny Wu	1664	H—	H—	H—	H—	H—	2.5	0.0	5.0
45	Rich Cecchini	1612	H—	H—	H—	H—	H—	2.5	0.0	5.0
46	Paul Proffman	1482	H—	H—	H—	H—	H—	2.5	0.0	5.0
47	J Caracciolo	1420	H—	H—	H—	H—	H—	2.5	0.0	5.0
48	Pete Schilling	1403	H—	H—	H—	H—	H—	2.5	0.0	5.0
49	George Egert	1398	H—	H—	H—	H—	H—	2.5	0.0	5.0
50	Tony Cretaro	1142	H—	H—	H—	H—	H—	2.5	0.0	5.0
51	Ed Rusch	1599	W58	L17	W11	L6	L12	2.0	14.5	8.0
52	Paul Montenero	1714	L2	W63	L14	H—	D54	2.0	10.0	5.0
53	Robert Mastandrea	1378	L28	W64	D15	H—	L11	2.0	9.5	6.0
54	Adrian Celaru	1574	H—	L18	W65	L3	D52	2.0	9.0	5.5
55	Frank Frohreich	1717	D36	L7	H—	D21	H—	2.0	8.5	4.5
56	Al Loshin	1307	L25	L32	B—	L11	W65	2.0	8.5	3.0
57	George Alikakos	1871	L1	D13	H—	H—	H—	2.0	7.5	3.5
58	Walter Thomas	1372	L51	D65	L21	W66	H—	2.0	5.5	4.0
59	Twin Celaru	1574	H—	U—	B—	L4	H—	2.0	3.5	4.0
60	William DePrisco	1589	H—	L8	H—	H—	H—	2.0	3.5	3.5
61	John Kingsley	1621	L30	H—	H—	H—	H—	2.0	2.5	3.0
62	John Shattuck	1556	W64	D9	L27	L15	L21	1.5	12.0	7.0
63	Justin Greenwald	1447	L20	L52	W64	L29	L24	1.0	10.5	3.0
64	Carrie Goldstein	1468	L62	L53	L63	H—	H—	1.0	4.5	0.5
65	Mel Goldman	1510	L11	D58	L54	L24	L56	0.5	11.0	2.0
66	Mel Watnick	1421	L34	L12	L29	L58	H—	0.5	10.0	0.0



Zwischenzug with Jimocz

Alas, the LIICL season has come to an end. It is always a bittersweet moment when things come to an end. The season has ended but the awards and blitz is next. Then next season comes around so quickly! There are always changes, some people go and some arrive. We hate to see the people go and joyfully welcome the new arrivals. Oh well – what’s this have to do with chess?!

Anyway, the imaginary mailbag was going to be filled this week but I finally received real inquiries! Actually, I was forwarded these inquiries from the editor. And they started Dear Bob, not Dear Jimocz. So I assume an alternate meaning for Bob is Sir or Grand Wizard or Ultimate Chess God or something along those lines. Great! Here are the letters (with the appropriate Salutation substitutions).

Dear Grand Chess Adroit,

In the Chipkin-Hom game, after 31...Rd3 (31...Rd6?! does nothing, so I assume W can play Rxa7 while leaving the threat of PxR on the board) what does B have after 32.Bc3? For example, 32...e5; 33.Rxa7, RxBc3+ 34.KxRc3, ed4+ 35.Kc4 and the mate is still there, so B must sac the B as well: 35...Bxc5; 36.KxBc5, Rd5+ 37.Kb4, Kc8. Are the B pawns then worth a whole Rook?

-Clayton Wilkie

Dear Clay,

Yeah, I had the old English Notation Syndrome when I wrote Rd6 — sort of like R-Q6. The correct move as you adroitly surmised was Rd3. (For those of you in the unknown zone – Clay is referring to the last ZZWJ column where I described the Chipkin-Hom individual game of round 1. See diagram one.)

You also correctly uncovered Shredder’s best line of play: 32 Bc3 e5, Afterward Shredder awards the position a -5 score (which is to say Black has an easy win – it is the equivalent of being a Rook up!).

If White plays 33 Rxa7, the winning

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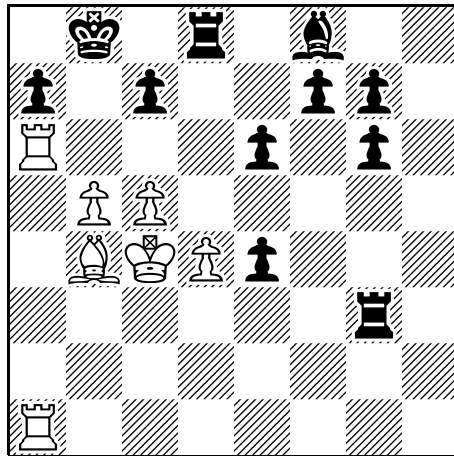


Diagram 1 White has just played 31. Kc4 in the Chipkin-Hom game

continuation (according to Shredder) is R3xd4+ .(See the second diagram). The black B will capture the c pawn and hold off the mate.

The analysis usually continues with Black eating all of the white pawns and he is left with a bishop and rook and 6 pawns to white’s 2 rooks. One of the kingside pawns will queen. It is rather an easy win for black at that point. Good question – at least you caught my slide into pseudo English Chess Notation!

-Jimocz
(Don’t call me Bob)

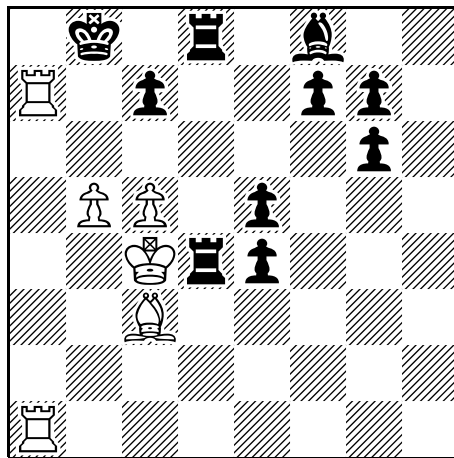


Diagram 2 Position after 33 ...R3xd4+

Our second letter:

Dear Crackerjack Chess Deity,
In figure 5, did Shredder have a

recommendation for white? 26Q-b2 was the best I could come up with, giving up the b pawn.

Sincerely,
George Egert

Dear George,

Thanks for writing. You are of course referring to the Panico-Dwulit game of last column (see diagram 3).

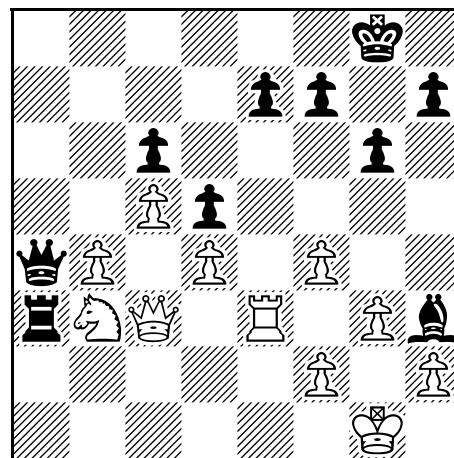


Diagram 3 Panico - Dwulit after 25...Bh3

You are of course correct; White’s best defense is 26 Qb2 after which Black can win the b pawn. However Black is still winning (although it is a long and unclear grind) since although white has staved off the mating threat, he is still in a difficult position. Shredder evaluates the position as slightly better for Black (=/+). So with the skills of our players, the result is entirely unclear. Had White played 26 Qb2, black intended to play 26...Ra2, which could conceivably result in a repeat of the position.

Good Question.

-Jimocz
(never formerly known as Bob).

Kudos to George Berg! Great job winning the individual tournament! I always find George to be the toughest opponent to face so it is not surprising he has won and is this years Grand Wizard Chess Champion Adroit!

Keep those letters coming! Tell’em Jimocz sent you (not Bob).

Cullen is LIICL Quiz 2006 Champ

Repeating his position, LIICL Alumnus, Pete Cullen, is again situated upon the LIICL puzzle throne. He beat the rest of the field by a wide margin to capture LIICL Quiz 2006. He was successful in solving the toughest of the puzzles. Numbers 8 through 10 represented a challenging retrograde analysis which Pete answered perfectly, earning a whooping 32 of his 42 points in the process.

When asked how he did it, Pete went on about how he had navigated back in time, borrowing from the technology he picked up by watching hundreds of hours of Star Trek

re-runs. We have no doubt that this is true as Pete's email address contains the word "Spacey". Pete will take home a copy of Fritz 9.0 (or any software equivalent). George Berg was a distant second. Had George correctly answered the final of the retrograde problems, he would have tied Pete for first. George has won a copy of Kasparov's "My Great Predecessors; Vol. 4 (Fisher)". Jim Dwulit finished third. Rounding out the prize winners were Dennis Hom and Suresh Muttreja.

Congrats to the winners and thanks to all who participated!

LIICL Quiz 2006 Final Scores

Pete Cullen	42	1st
George Berg	26	2nd
Jim Dwulit	21	3rd
Dennis Hom	16	4th
Suresh Muttreja	9	5th
Tony Sommese	6	
George Egert	5	
Dave Leone	4	
Paul Montenero	2	
Mel Goldman	2	
Victor Ben-Ami	0	
Bob Wisbauer	0	

LIICL Quiz 2006 Rules and Contest Description

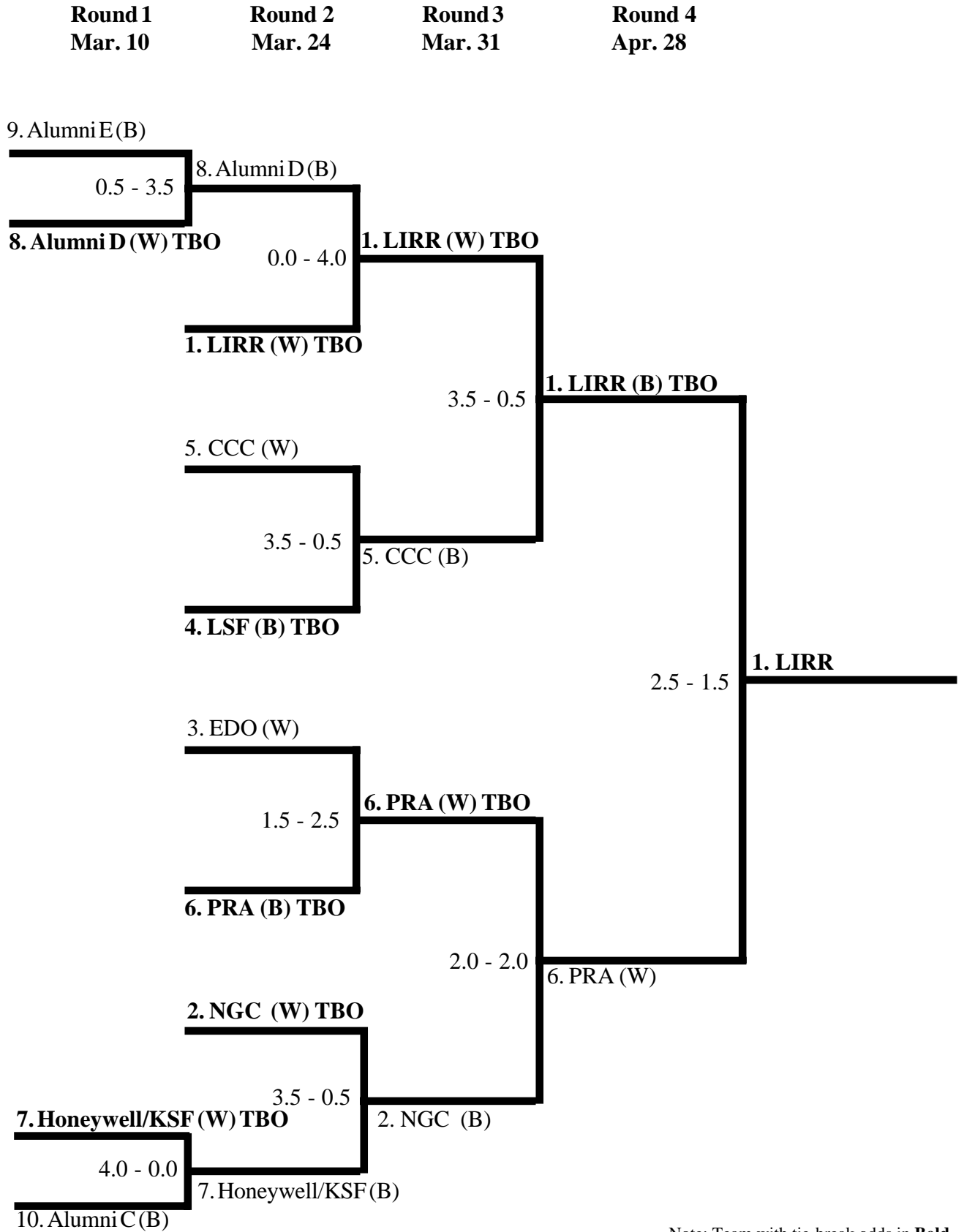
Starting with the Vol. XVI, No.6 edition of the League Leader, a new LIICL chess contest was launched. It consisted in total of 12 chess related questions, one in each newsletter up until the LIICL Finals. The points varied depending upon the level of difficulty. There were prizes established for the 5 contestants who compiled the most total points. Answers to each question were to 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 was of the essence. To earn full points, answers must have been received no later than midnight of the following round of play. Due to the fact that the time between rounds was not always the same, this meant that there was more time to answer some questions than others. For each round that an answer was late, one point was deducted from the available score (assuming the answer was correct). Each answer must have contained your name, the quiz problem number and your answer. All decisions of the judges was final. For a complete set of questions, refer to the league website at: www.liicl.com

LIICL Quiz 2006 Answers

<u>Quiz #</u>	<u>Points</u>	<u>Source:</u>	<u>Solution</u>
1	2	Photo by Bob Rizzo	Garry Kasparov and Eliot Klein of the now defunct, X3D Technologies Corp.
	3		Picture was taken during the Karparov-X3DFritz match in NYC
2	2	Anand-Kasparov world ch. match	This took place at the World Trade Center
	2		The match Arbiter was Carol Jarecki
	2		Since Anand had the White pieces this could have been the initial game
3	2	Photo by Bob Rizzo	The man's name is Owen Williams - He was Kasparov's Agent
	2		His relationship to chess changed when Kasparov retired after Linares 2005

<u>Quiz #</u>	<u>Points</u>	<u>Source:</u>	<u>Solution</u>
4	4	Fisher/Spassky by Richard Roberts et al	This was the final position of game 21 of Fisher-Spassky, 1972 Spassky's resignation made Fisher the world champion
5	3 2	"From Russia with Love", Spassky-Bronstein	The first position was in one of the opening scenes from the second James Bond movie The second position was from Spassky-Bronstein, 1959. In the movie 2 pawns were removed from the board!
6	1 1 1 1 1	Jeff Sonas (Chess Metrics)	Kasparov 2875 Lasker 2854 Capablanca 2843 Botvinnik 2843 Fisher 2841 Almost: Karpov 2829, Alekhine 2827, Anand 2818, Kramnik 2812, Pillsbury 2799
7	5	L'Echiquier, 1929 (from T.R. Dawson's "Five Classics of Fairy Chess")	The answer is 2! The Black King marches over to capture the pawn on a5 and then goes back to b4 while one of the White Knights makes random moves. Note that the original problem was posed without help from the Black King. In that case the answer would have been 12.
8	6	Miodrag Petkovic, "Mathematics and Chess"	Black played e7 to e5 and White captured from d5 en passant
9	10	Miodrag Petkovic, "Mathematics and Chess"	Black played King to f6 and White replied d5+
10	16	Miodrag Petkovic, "Mathematics and Chess"	Black played f5 and White captured from e5 en passant The starting position was: White - Kg8, Qe3, Qg4, Ba1, Bh7, Pd4, Pe5 and for Black - Ke6, Pe7, Pf7 The total solution is 1 . . . f5, 2.ef e.p. Kf6, 3.d5+ e5, 4.de e.p.
11	10	Miodrag Petkovic, "Mathematics and Chess"	Assuming that the first file is the a-file White must start with 1.Bd4 to cut off the King from the a7-a8 section which would be a draw (pieces cannot xray across the missing squares). So Black can only answer 1 . . . Ka5. This can be accomplished in 12 moves. 2.Kb3 Ka6 3.Kc4 Ka5 4.Bc2 Ka6 5.Bd3 Ka5 6.Kc3 Ka4 7.Bb6 Ka3 8.Bb5 Ka2 9.Kc2 Ka3 [9...Ka1 10.Ba4 Ka2 11.Bb3+ Ka3 (11...Ka1 12.Bd4#) 12.Bc5#] 10.Bc5+ Ka2 11.Bc4+ Ka1 12.Bd4#
12	10	Miodrag Petkovic, "Mathematics and Chess"	17 moves is the minimum. The following is with Black's best defense: 1.Qh7 Ke8 2.Qg7 Kd8 3.Qf7 Kc8 4.Qe7 Kb8 5.Qd7 Ka8 6.Qd5+ Ka7 7.Qb5 Ka8 8.Qa6+ Kb8 9.Qc6 Ka7 10.Qc8 Kb6 11.Qd7 Kc5 12.Qe6 Kb5 13.Qd6 Ka5 14.Qb4+ Ka6 15.Qb8 Ka5 16.Qb7 Ka4 17.Qa6#

2005-2006 LIICL Playoff Brackets



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