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Fritz Humbles Kramnik

The Check is in the e-Mail

Some of our members may have noted major changes in the USCF magazine, Chess Life. Among those changes were the dropping of several popular columns that were mainstays of the periodical. One such favorite was the Alex Dunne column, The Check is in the Mail. However all is not lost for this check has proven hard to bounce.

The column now appears on-line and one can write to Alex by simply sending an email request and he will provide you with his e-column. The December column has always been of interest because it includes postal miniatures. Yes there are postal games that incredibly have been lost in the first 20 moves!

This December treat has been a traditional Holiday present from Alex to his readers. It is your chance to return this favor by logging on and requesting to get on the mailing list. It is no cost and will provide much enjoyment to the reader.

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Mid-Season Upon Us

As the LIICL completes week 6, it marks the half-way point of the regular season. And per our rules, a new rating list will be issued to reflect first half performance. The LIICL Mid-Season Rating List will be used for board order determination in rounds 7 through 12. After the regular season all players will be re-rated again for the playoffs.

Anyone receiving a provisional rating for the first time will be placed in an Individual category based upon that rating if, and only if, they did not have a USCF rating already assigned. All others will remain in their original Individual class despite any first half changes to their rating.

The LIICL rating system is similar to the USCF except that regular ratings in the LIICL are earned after only 15 games. Up to that point, ratings are calculated on a rolling performance basis.

So if you are playing a person with a provisional rating, the change to your rating may be quite different from what you calculate since their rating may have changed considerably since last published.

The Big Blunder

On November 25, a six-game match commenced between the computer program Fritz 10 and World Champion Vladimir Kramnik. Several years ago he had played a prior version of Fritz to a 4-4 deadlock. He may now be hoping to achieve a drawn match in Bonn, Germany also. You see, after 3 games (game 4 will have been played by the time you read this) the World Champ is down 1-2. He lost game 2 by missing a mate-in-one threat! (see Jimocz article on page 5). Not only that but game one was his to be had and he could not score the full point. He should have been ahead 2-1!

This all seems like the same fate that Kasparov experienced vs. the machines. The human in each case was more clever and had a better grasp of the game only to miss a single shot which turned the tide. If Kramnik can come back from a deficit, it will be the first time that has happened in a match against these monsters. But if anyone can, Vladimir is the guy. He came back from the brink vs. Topalov and if he does again, he will have one-upped none other than Kasparov himself.

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2006-2007 LIICL Regular Season Team Standings

Team	Team Rating	LIICL PPR	TB's PR	Games				Match				F
				W	L	D	Pts	W	L	D	Pts	
LSF	1874	18.0	4.50	13	1	2	14.0	4	0	0	4.0	0
NGC	1977	17.0	4.19	12	2	2	13.0	4	0	0	4.0	0
PRA	1976	12.5	5.06	7	6	3	8.5	2	2	0	2.0	0
Alumni D	1702	12.0	4.05	8	8	4	10.0	2	3	0	2.0	0
CCC	1829	12.0	3.19	7	7	2	8.0	1	1	2	2.0	0
EDO	1869	11.3	4.50	6	7	3	7.5	1	2	1	1.5	1
Alumni E	1570	10.3	1.25	6	9	1	6.5	2	2	0	2.0	1
Honeywell/KS	1703	9.6	1.80	7	11	2	8.0	1	3	1	1.5	4
Alumni C	1464	4.5	0.19	0	15	1	0.5	0	4	0	0.0	0

Individual Class Standings After Round 5

Rating	Name	Team	PPR	G	W	L	D	Bye
Class A								
1940	Rizzo, Robert	NGC	5.00	4	4	0	0	1
1902	Bonfante, Charles	LSF	5.00	4	4	0	0	1
1903	USCF Pour, Darius	ALD	4.20	4	4	0	0	0
2061	Chipkin, Len	EDO	4.00	4	3	1	0	1
2003	Leone, Dave	LSF	4.00	4	2	0	2	1
2171	Berg, George	NGC	3.50	4	2	1	1	1
1993	Wilkie, Clayton	NGC	3.50	4	2	1	1	1
1940	Romero, Steve	EDO	3.50	4	1	0	3	1
1930	Dwulit, James	PRA	3.50	3	2	0	1	1
2113	Pappaceno, Mike	PRA	3.00	4	1	1	2	1
1996	Panico, Nick III	PRA	2.00	2	1	1	0	1
1909	Hodos, Julian	ALE	2.00	3	1	2	0	1
Class B								
1849	/11 Celauro Sal	LSF	5.00	4	4	0	0	1
1849	/9 Dorsky Michael	CCC	3.50	4	2	1	1	1
1729	Frohreich, Frank	ALD	3.40	5	1	0	4	0
1871	Viale, Richard	CCC	3.00	4	2	2	0	1
1812	Sommese, Anthon	PRA	3.00	3	2	1	0	1
1805	Marley, Ken T	NGC	3.00	2	2	0	0	1
1743	Standing, Robert	LSF	3.00	2	2	0	0	1
1724	Muttreja, Suresh	HON	2.60	5	2	3	0	0
1870	Alikakos, George	EDO	2.00	4	1	3	0	1
1864	Hom, Dennis	PRA	2.00	4	1	3	0	1
1704	Montenero, Paul J	CCC	2.00	2	1	1	0	1
1829	Solomon, Steve	HON	1.40	2	0	1	1	0
1891	Lamb, Terry	CCC	1.00	1	0	1	0	1
1807	/6 Lustig, Darren	IND	1.00	0	0	0	0	0
Class C								
1608	Insogna, Matt	HON	3.40	4	3	1	0	0
1664	Wu, Danny	NGC	3.00	2	2	0	0	1
1649	Ogen, Tom	HON	3.00	5	2	2	1	0
1550	Shattuck, John	ALD	2.60	4	2	2	0	0
1582	Celaru, Adrian	ALE	2.50	4	1	2	1	1
1604	Spreckles, Charle	EDO	2.00	3	1	2	0	1
1606	Rusch, Ed	ALD	1.80	4	1	3	0	0
1664	USCF Kubelle, Matt	IND	1.00	0	0	0	0	0
1626	USCF Soto, Jorge	IND	1.00	0	0	0	0	0
1615	Kingsley, John	ALC	1.00	3	0	3	0	1
1571	/6 DePrisco, William	ALD	1.00	1	0	1	0	0
Class D								
1403	USCF Schilling, Pete	ALE	3.00	4	2	2	0	1
1385	Thomas, Walter	ALE	3.00	4	2	2	0	1
1482	Proffman, Paul	CCC	2.50	2	1	0	1	1
1432	Greenwald, Justin	LSF	2.00	2	1	1	0	1
1142	Cretaro, Tony	CCC	2.00	3	1	2	0	1
1443	Goldman, Mel	ALC	1.50	4	0	3	1	1
UNR	/0 Kelly, Dave	IND	1.00	0	0	0	0	0
1420	Hartten, Ed	ALD	1.00	2	0	2	0	0
1419	Goldstein, Carrie	IND	1.00	0	0	0	0	0
1400	EST Roman, C	ALC	1.00	1	0	1	0	1
1397	Mastandrea, Robe	ALC	1.00	3	0	3	0	1
1385	Watnick, Mel	ALC	1.00	3	0	3	0	1
1305	Loshin, Al	ALC	1.00	2	0	2	0	1

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2006-07 LIICL Pre-Season Ratings

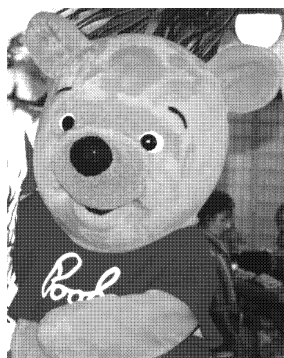
by Team

Team	Name	Post
ADE	Steve Solomon	1829
ADE	Suresh Muttreja	1724
ADE	Tom Ogen	1649
ADE	Matt Insogna	1608
ALC	John Kingsley	1615
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CCC	Rich Viale	1871
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EDO	Len Chipkin	2061
EDO	Steve Romero	1940
EDO	George Alikakos	1870
EDO	Rich Cecchini	1612
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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
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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
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Zwischenzug with Jimocz

So what is going on here? “Whatever do you mean?” you ask. Glad you asked! You probably wouldn’t ask but I’ll pretend you did like the LIICL Webmaster pretends you are sending in your games for display. I am referring to the man-machine match that is currently being played by Kramnik against Deep Fritz. Kramnik reached an advantageous position in the first game but let the win slip into a draw. In the second game he let a draw slip into a loss when he missed a mate-in-one. A mate-in-one!!! How can a 2800 player miss a mate in one? I know I have done it several times but then again I have yet to crack the 1900 barrier in USCF rating. The diagram to the right shows the mate-in-one position. Kramnik just played 34...Qe3. Oops!

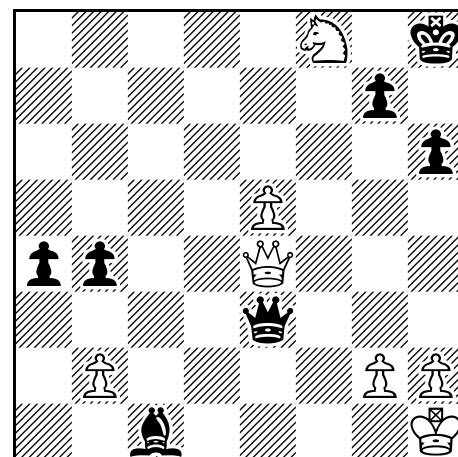
Do you see the white winning move? The Chessbase web site offers a weak explanation of this oversight. They claim that the mating pattern with the knight on f8 and the queen threatening to mate on h7 is quite rare in a chess game. Thus Kramnik’s pattern recognition algorithm did not detect the mate and he did not feel like he was in any trouble.

Whoops! At the press conference he said he was playing well and did not have any reason for missing the winner. Oh well. In my opinion Kramnik will have to pull off a miracle to win the match (2 wins in 3 games) and has to get very lucky to tie it. He does have an advantage – he gets to see what the machine is planning while it is in its opening book. This allows him to steer into favorable positions. Kind of an unfair advantage for the man. The computer has agreed not to complain about his trips to the bathroom in return for missing the occasional mate in one attack on h7. Sort of compensates for the opening disadvantage.

Remember; tell ‘em Jimocz sent you! Here is the score of game 2 courtesy of the Chessbase web site.

Deep Fritz 10
 Kramnik, V (2750)
 [D10]
 Man vs. Machine
 Bonn, Germany
 27.11.2006
1.d4 d5 2.c4 dxc4 3.e4 b5 4.a4 c6 5.Nc3 b4 6.Na2 Nf6 7.e5 Nd5 8.Bxc4 e6 9.Nf3 a5

10.Bg5 Qb6 11.Nc1 Ba6 12.Qe2 h6 13.Be3 Bxc4 14.Qxc4 Nd7 15.Nb3 Be7 16.Rc1 0-0 17.0-0 Rfc8 18.Qe2 c5 19.Nfd2 Qc6 20.Qh5 Qxa4 21.Nxc5 Nxc5 22.dxc5 Nxe3 23.fxe3 Bxc5 24.Qxf7+ Kh8 25.Qf3 Rf8 26.Qe4 Qd7 27.Nb3 Bb6 28.Rfd1 Qf7 29.Rf1 Qa7 30.Rxf8+ Rxf8 31.Nd4 a4 32.Nxe6 Bxe3+ 33.Kh1 Bxc1 34.Nxf8. Now 34...Kg8 35.Ng6 Bxb2 36.Qd5+ Kh7 37.Nf8+ Kh8 38.Ng6+ is the forced draw. But Kramnik played **34...Qe3?? 35.Qh7# 1-0.**



Position after 34 . . . Qe3????

Team Results - Round 5

10-Nov-2006

Honeywell/KSF		CCC		LSF		PRA	
Forfeit	0.0	1.0	Viale R	Leone D	0.5	0.5	Pappaceno M
Muttreja S	0.0	1.0	Dorsky M	Bonfante C	1.0	0.0	Panico N III
Ogen T	0.5	0.5	Proffiman P	Celauro S	1.0	0.0	Hom D
Insogna M	1.0	0.0	Cretaro A	Greenwald J	0.0	1.0	Sommese A
	1.5	2.5			2.5	1.5	

Alumni D		Alumni E
Pour D	1.0	0.0
Frohreich F	0.5	0.5
Rusch E	0.0	1.0
Shattuck J	0.0	1.0
	1.5	2.5

Individual Results - Round 5

10-Nov-2006

White		Black
Lustig D	1.0	0.0
Goldman M	0.0	1.0
Hartten E	0.0	1.0
Romero S	1.0	0.0
		Standing R
		Kingsley J
		Mastandrea R
		Montenero PJ

2006-2007 LIICL Regular Season Schedule, Rev. D November 7, 2006

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

Round	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Date	15-Sep	29-Sep	13-Oct	27-Oct	10-Nov	01-Dec	05-Jan	19-Jan	02-Feb	09-Feb	23-Feb	09-Mar
Location	LIB	LIB	LIB	LIB	LIB	LIB	LIB	LIB	LIB	LIB	LIB	LIB
1AluE	8 W	2 W	4 B	BYE	2 B D	9 B	3 B	5 W C	BYE	7 B D	6 W S	4 W
2AluD	7 W C	1 B	3 W	9 W S	1 W	8 B	BYE	4 B D	5 B D	6 B	5 W	BYE
3EDO	6 W	9 B D	2 B S	8 W	BYE	7 B	1 W C	BYE	8 B	5 B	4 W	7 W D
4AluC	5 W	8 B S	1 W	7 W	BYE	6 B C	9 W D	2 W S	9 B	BYE	3 B	1 B
5Hon/KSF	4 B S	7 B C	9 B	6 W	9 W	BYE	8 W	1 B	2 W S	3 W	2 B D	BYE
6PRA	3 B	BYE	8 B	5 B C	7 B C	4 W D	BYE	9 W	7 W S	2 W	1 B	8 W
7LSF	2 B	5 W	BYE	4 B D	6 W S	3 W	BYE	8 W	6 B	1 W	9 B C	3 B S
8NGC	1 B D	4 W	6 W C	3 B	BYE	2 W	5 B	7 B	3 W	9 W S	BYE	6 B C
9CCC	BYE	3 W	5 W D	2 B	5 B	1 W S	4 B	6 B	4 W C	8 B C	7 W	BYE
Playoffs:	Round 1: 23-Mar LIB		Quarters: 13-Apr LIB		Semis: 20-Apr LIB		Finals: 20-Apr LIB		Individual Final: 04-May LIB			
Events:	All-Star Match: TBD TBD			Charity Blitz: TBD TBD		GM Simul: TBD TBD		Awards Evening: 01-Jun LIB				
Key:	D = Director S = Secondary Director C = Coffee Duty				CCH= The Congregational Church of Huntington LIB= Huntington Library ENL= East Northport Library				W= White on Board 1 B= Black on Board 1 TBD= To Be Determined			