

## Tactical Combat on Veterans Day Weekend

Commentary by Wyoming Chess President Brian Walker

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“Swashbuckling Sacrifices” to “Solid Technique that Slams the Door” were bashes that happened in Cheyenne. Two Masters, Two Experts and Four “A” players topped the weekend. The players came from Colorado to New York City to sit in battle. Openings came forth from the “Wild Sokolsky to the Two-Edged Caro-Kann”, “Fiery Sicilians to Iron-Clad Pirc’s”. The, “Quiet Giant Slayer”, young Ryan Swerdlin barreled through the tactical minefields of the 64 squares. Although not favored, he proved his steel is tempered and skill unmatched by all. I have chosen the “Cream of the Crop”. Please forgive me, if you don’t agree. Enjoy the Dodges, Parries and Weaving of the greatest woodpushers that the tournament could find. Enjoy!

Round #3 Brian Wall 2250 vs James Kulbacki 1914

Caro-Kann Defense

1. d4, c6 2. e4, d5 3. Nd2, de 4. Nxe4, Bf5 5. Ng3, Bg6 6. Bc4, e6 7. N/ge2, Qc7 8. h4, h6 9. Nf4, Bh7 10. 0-0, Nf6 11. Bxe6?!, Bd6 12. Qf3, fxe6 13. Nxe6, Qf7 14. Re1, Kd7 15. c4, Re8 16. d5, Re7 17. Bf4, Bxf4 18. Qxf4, Kc8 19. Nf5, Bxf5 20. Qxf5, Nd7 21. b4, b6 22. dxc6, ... Black resigned

Round #3 Robert Cousins 2151 vs Ahshat Jain 1640

King’s Indian Defense

- d4, Nf6 2. c4, g6 3. Nc3, Bg7 4. e4, d6 5. f3, 0-0 6. Be3, e5 7. d5, Nh5 8. Qd2, f5 9. exf5, gxf 10. 0-0-0, f4 11. Bf2, Nd7 12. Ne4, N/hf6 13. Bd3, Nxe4 14. fxe4, Qg5?! 15. g3!, Bh6 16. Nf3, Qh5 17. g4!, Qf7 18. g5, Bg7 19. Nh4, Nc5 20. Bc2, Qh5 21. R/dg1, Kh8 22. Nf5, Bxf5 23. exf5, Rf7 24. h4, R/af8?? 25. f6, Bxf6 26. gxf6, Rxf6 27. Bxc5!, dxc5 28. Rg5, Qf3 29. Re1, Qh3 30. Qf2, Rh6 31. Qxc5, Rf7 32. Qxa7, Qc8 33. R/gxe5, Rf8 34.

Qd4, Kg8 35. Rg5+, Kf7 36. Rg7++

Round #4 Ryan Swerdlin 2049 vs Brian Wall 2250

Pirc Defense?

1. c4, g6 2. Nc3, Bg7 3. d4, c5 4. d5, Bxc3+ 5. Bc, f5 6. Qd3, d6 7. h4, Nf6 8. g3, N/bd7 9. Nf3, Ng4 10. Bf4, N/de5 11. Bxe5, de 12. Ng5, e4 13. Qc2, h6 14. Nh3, Qa5 15. Nf4, Ne5 16. Qb3, Bd7 17. a4, Kf7 18. h5, g5 19. Ng6, Nxc6 20. hxg6, Kxc6 21. g4, f4 22. Bg2, Bxc4 23. Bxe4+, Kg7 24. Kd2, R/ab8 25. R/hg1, Bd7 26. Qc2, Qc7 27. Bf5, R/hf8, 28. Bxd7, Qxd7 29. Qe4, Rf6 30. Rg2, R/bf8 31. Rh1, Rg6 32. Qe5+, R/ff6 33. R/hg1, Kf7 34. Rb1, Rd6 35. e4, fe+ E.P. 36. fe, R/gf6 37. Qe4, Kg7 38. Qe5, R/de6 39. Qb8, Rxe3!? 40. Kxe3!, Qf5 41. R/1g1, e5 42. Qxb7+, Kg6? 43. Qb1!!, Qxb1 44. Rxb1, h5 45. R/1g1, g4 46. Ke4, Kf7 47. Kxe5, Ke7 Black Resigned

Round #4 James Kulbacki 1914 vs Dennis Balshakov 1740

Benko's Opening

1. Nf3, d5 2. b3, Nf6 3. e3, c6 4. Be2, Bg4 5. Ne5, Bxe2 6. Qxe2, Nbd7 7. f5, e6 8. Bb2, Bd6 9. 0-0, Qc7 10. Nxd7, Qxd7 11. d3, Qc7 12. Nd2, 0-0-0 13. c4, e5 14. c5, Bxc5 15. fxe5, Ne8 16. d4, Bb4 17. a3, Bxd2 18. Qxd2, Qe7 19. b4, Nc7 20. a4, a6 21. b5, cxb5 22. Ba3, Qe6 23. R/fc1, Kb8 24. Bd6, Rxd6 25. exd6, Qxd6 26. Rc2, Bxa4 27. Rxa4, g5 28. e4, b5 29. e5, Qg6 30. Ra3, h5 31. R/ac3, Rc8 32. Rc6, Qg7 33. Qc3, g4 34. Rxc7, Rxc7 35. Qxc7+, Ka8 36. Qd8+, Kb7 37. Qc8+, Ka7 38. Qc7+, Ka8 39. Qd8+, Kb7 40. Rc7+, Kb6 41. Rc8+, Kb7 42. Qc7++

Round #4 Sean Scott 1924 vs Joshua Samuel 1931

French Defense

1. e4, e6 2. d4, d5 3. Nd2, de 4. Nxe4, Nf6 5. Nf6+, Qxf6 6. Nf3, h6 7. Bd3, Bd6 8. Qe2, Nc6 9. c3, Bd7 10. Bd2, a5 11. 0-0, Bf4 12. R/fe1,

Bxd2 13. Nxd2, 0-0 14. Qe4, g6 15. Re3, R/ab8 16. Rg3, Ne7 17. Qe3, Qg7 18. Qf4, Nd5 19. Qg4, Nf6 20. Qe2, Bc6 21. Ne4, Nh5 22. Re3, Nf4 23. Qd2, f5 24. Nc5, Bxg2 25. Rg3, e5 26. dxe5, Nxd3 27. Ne6, Qh7 28. Nxf7, Kxf8 29. Rxg2, Nxe5 30. Qd5, Qe7 31. Rd1, Re8 32. h3, g5 33. Kh1, Kg7 34. R/gg1, c6 White won in 25 moves

Round #1 Dean Brown 1445 vs Ryan Swedlin 2049

Caro-Kann Defense

1. e4, c6 2. d4, d5 3. Nc3, dxe 4. Nxe4, Nf6 5. Nxf6, gxf6 6. Bc4, bf5 7. Nf3, e6 8. a3, Rg8 9. Rg1, Qc7 10. Bd3, Bd6 11. Bxf5, Qa5+ 12. B4, Qxf5 13. g3, Nd7 14. h4, Nb6 15. Qe2, 0-0-0 16. Be3, Nd5 17. Kd2?, e5 18. c4, e4 19. cd, exf3 20. Qc4, Qxd5 21. R/ac1, Qxc4 22. Rxc4, Kb8 23. R/gc1, f5 24. Ke1, Rg4 25. Bg5, Re8+ 26. Kf1, f4 27. d5, cxd5 28. Rd4, ...

Round #1 Brian Wall 2250 vs Jasom Al-Adsani 1711

Ponziani's Opening

1. e4, e5 2. Nf3, Nc6 3. c3, Nf6 4. d4, d5 5. de, Nxe4 6. Bb5, a6 7. Ba4, Bc5 8. Nd4, Qh4 9. Be3, b5 10. Nf3, Qd8 11. Bxc5, Nxc5 12. Bc2, 0-0 13. 0-0, Bg4 14. h3, Bh5 15. Re1, Re8 16. g4, Bg6 17. Bxg6, hg 18. Qe2, Ne4 19. a4, Nxe5 20. N/bd2, Nxf3+ 21. Nxf3, Nf6 22. Qd3, Qd7 23. ab, Rxe1+ 24. Nxe1, a5 25. Nc2, c5 26. bc E.P., Qxc6 27. Nxd4, Qb7 28. Qb5, Qe7 29. g5, Nd7 30. Qxd5, Ra6 31. Nc6, Rxc6 32. Qxc6, Qxg5+ 33. Qg2, Qb5 34. Rd1, Nf8 35. Rd8, Qxb2 36. Qd5, Qxc3 37. Rxf8+, Kh7 Black resigned fifteen moves later

Round #5 James Kulbacki 1914 vs Paul Baxter 1817

Sokolsky's Opening

1. b4, e5 2. a3, d5 3. Bb2, Nd7 4. e3, N/gf6 5. c4, c6 6. Qb3, Bd6 7. Nc3, dxc4 8. Bxc4, 0-0 9. Nf3, Nb6 10. Be2, Be6 11. Qc2, h6 12. 0-0, Qc7 13. d3, a5 14. R/fc1, Qe7 15. b5, R/fc8 16. Qd1, Bd7 17. d4, e4 18. Nd2, c5

19. Na4, Nxa4 20. Qxa4, cxd5 21. Bxd4, Re8 22. Nc4, Bc7 23. Qb3, Be6 24. Qb2, Kh7 25. Rc2, Nd5 26. R/ac1, h5 27. Nd2, f5 28. Be5, Bxe5 29. Qxe5, Qg5 30. Nxe4, Qh6 31. Ng3, g6 32. Bf3, Bf7 33. Qd4, R/ad8 34. Bxd5, Rxd5 35. Qb6, R/ed8 36. Qxb7, Rd1+ 37. Nf1, Qg7 38. Rc7, Kg8 39. h3, Qf6 40. Rxd1, Rxd1 41. Rc8, Kg7 42. Rc7, Kg8 43. Qa8, Kg7 44. Qxa5, Kh6 45. b6, Qd8 46. Qc3, Be8 47. f4, Rxf1+ 48. Kxf1, Bb4+ 49. Kg1,... Black Resigned

Round #2 Brian Wall 2250 vs Ronald Rossi 1911

The Speculative "e4" Gambit (Not in MCO Just Yet)

1. d4, d5 2. e4, de 3. Nc3, Nf6 4. f3, ef 5. Nxf3, Bg4 6. h3, Bxf3 7. Qxf3, c6 8. Qf2, e6 9. Bd3, N/bd7 10. 0-0, Be7 11. Kh1, 0-0 12. Qh4, h6 13. Bxh6, gh 14. Qxh6, Qa5 15. Rf4, Qh5 16. Rg4+, Nxc4 17. Qxh5, Nf2+ 18. Kh2, Nxd3 19. cd, Nf6 20. Qg5+, Kh7 21. Qh4+, Kg6 22. Ne4, Rg8 23. Qg5+, Kh7 24. Nxf6, Bxf6 25. Qxf6, Rg7 26. Rf1, Rh8 27. Rf4, Kg8 28. Qd8+, ... Black Resigned

