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**April 12. PSCF Pittsburgh Quads.** 3-RR. G/60. Dining Rooms A & B, 1st Floor, William Pitt Union, Univ. of Pittsburgh, 5th Ave. & Bigelow Blvd., Pittsburgh PA 15213. **EF:** \$10, PSCF required \$5 OSA. \$\$ 20 to 1st in each quad. Reg ends 10:30am. Rds 11am - 1:15pm - 3:30pm. **Info:** 412-681-7590. **Ent:** Tom Martinak, 320 N. Neville St. Apt 22, Pittsburgh PA 15213-1656. Checks payable to University of Pittsburgh CC. W. *Sponsored & Organized by the University of Pittsburgh Chess Club.*

**April 13 (QC). Pittsburgh Chess League April Quick Quads.** 3-RR. G/15. Lower Lounge, Main Floor, William Pitt Union, Univ. of Pittsburgh, 5th Ave. & Bigelow Blvd., Pittsburgh PA 15213. **EF:** \$10, \$3 discount to age 18 & Under. \$\$ 20 to 1st in each quad. **Morning:** Reg. ends 11:15am. 11:30am - Noon - 12:30pm. **Afternoon:** Reg ends 1:15pm. Rds 1:30pm - 2pm - 2:30pm. **Info:** 412-681-7590. **Ent:** Tom Martinak, 320 N. Neville St. Apt 22, Pittsburgh PA 15213-1656. Checks payable to Pittsburgh Chess League. W. *Sponsored by the University of Pittsburgh Chess Club & Organized by the Pittsburgh Chess League.*

## 1st 2002-2003 PCL Quick Quads - October 13, 2002

### Quad 1

#	Name	Pre Rat	Post Rat	Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd 3	Score	Prize
1	Magar, Thomas P	2106	2111	W3	W4	W2	3	\$20
2	Sher, Mikhail	1651	1690	W4	W3	L1	2	
3	Fetahagic, Denis	1765	1754	L1	L2	W4	1	
4	Klein, Charles W Jr	1639	1615	L2	L1	L3	0	

### Quad 2

#	Name	Pre Rat	Post Rat	Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd 3	Score	Prize
1	Jampole, Ezra A	1316	1430	D3	W4	W2	2½	\$20
2	Zhu, Xiaojun	1347/10	1401/13	W4	D3	L1	1½	
3	Clary, Earl Jr	1600	1600	D1	D2	L4	1	
4	Jones, Lawrence P	1530	1504	L2	L1	W3	1	

### Quad 3

#	Name	Pre Rat	Post Rat	Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd 3	Score	Prize
1	Green, Kevin R	1365	1418	W4	W2	W3	3	\$20
2	Zhu, Allen	1195	1208	D3	L1	W4	1½	
3	Shultz, Robert D	1452	1406	D2	D4	L1	1	
4	Jampole, Marc	974/19	982/22	L1	D3	L2	½	

**White: FM Stanislav G. Kriventsov (Phalanx I)**

**Black: William M. Hughes (Rocky's Rooks I)**

Pittsburgh Chess League, round 3, November 11, 2001  
Philidor's Defense

### 1 e4 e5 2 Nf3 d6

In Pittsburgh, Kimball Nedved has been the strongest exponent of the Philidor. Bill recalls Kimball and himself playing many Philidor Defenses against Jim Castine and the late Charlie Nowe.

### 3 d4

After 3 Bc4 Black must not play 3 ... Nf6? 4 Ng5. The books mostly give 3 ... Be7, and now after 4 d4 there's another trick: 4 ... Nd7? 5 dxe5 Nxe5 (5 ... dxe5 6 Qd5) 6 Nxe5 dxe5 7 Qh5 wins. Instead, Black must play 4 ... exd4, and now 5 Nxd4 Nf6 6 Nc3 O-O 7 O-O is an important position, where Black has reasonable chances. But going back to the third move, 3 ... Be6!? is interesting; after 4 Bxe6 fxe6 5 d4 exd4 6 Nxd4 Nf6! is a significant refinement.

### 3 ... Nf6 4 Nc3

Black must also be ready for 4 dxe5 Nxe4 5 Qd5 (5 Bd3 and 5 Nbd2 are easier to meet) 5 ... Nc5 6 Bg5 Be7 7 exd6 Qxd6 8 Nc3 Qxd5 9 Nxd5 Bd6. White's lead in development is dangerous, and Black must walk a tightrope, at least for a while.

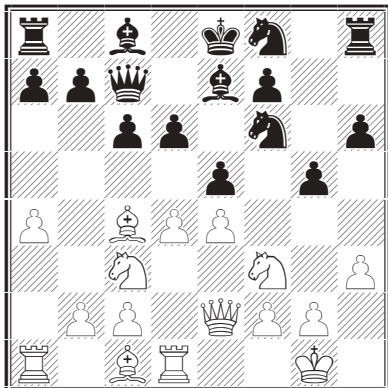
Black can't avoid this line by 3 ... Nd7 because of 4 Bc4 c6 5 O-O Be7 6 dxe5 dxe5 7 Ng5! Bxg5 8 Qh5 Qe7 9 Qxg5 (or 9 Bxg5) Qxg5 10 Bxg5 Ngf6 11 f3, with a pleasant edge for White.

### 4 ... Nbd7 5 Bc4 h6!??

What's this for? After 5 ... Be7 there are some tricky tactics after 6 Ng5 O-O 7 Bxf7+, or 6 dxe5 dxe5 7 Bxf7+ (or 7 Ng5). But Black can handle all these variations if he knows what he's doing, and he should welcome them, rather than spending a tempo to prevent them. The real reason Bill played 5 ... h6 is to lead into his "pet variation". We'll see shortly what that is.

### 6 O-O Be7 7 Qe2 c6 8 a4 Qc7 9 h3 Nf8!? 10 Rd1 g5!?

How's that for brass? Instead of castling, Black just flings



his kingside forward. For better or worse, this is the setup that Kimball Nedved has specialized in, but my library also includes games featuring Walter Shipman, Hans Ree, Ian Rogers, and (going back 80-plus years) Georg Marco on the Black side. White has spent precious tempi with his h-pawn and his queen and rook, so he can't sacrifice or even threaten to sacrifice on e5; he just has to tough it out.

### 11 dxe5 dxe5 12 Nh2 Ng6 13 Ng4?

White may have thought he was strengthening his defense, but it's the opposite. 13 Nf1, to start the knight on its way to f5, is premature because of 13 ... g4 14 hxg4 Bxg4 15 f3 Bd7. White should play 13 Be3 and see what Black has to offer.

### 13 ... Nxc3 14 hxg4 Nf4 15 Bxf4?

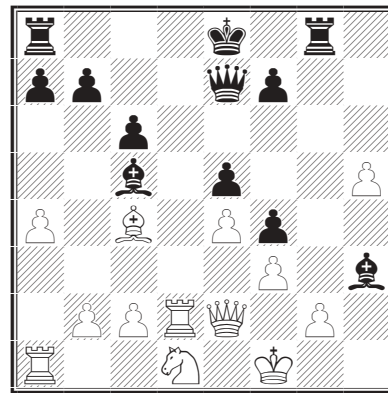
15 Qf3 h5 16 gxh5 g4 is ugly, but forced.

### 15 ... gxf4 16 Kf1 Rg8 17 f3

There was no other way to defend the g-pawn, but now Black's attack plays itself.

### 17 ... Bc5 18 Rd2 Qe7 19 Nd1 h5 20 gxh5 Bh3!

20 ... Qh4 21 Nf2 Qh2 22 Bxf7+ is unconvincing.



### 21 b4 Bxb4 22 gxh3 Qg5 23 Bxf7+ Kxf7 24 Qc4+ Kf6 25 Nf2 Qg2+ 26 Ke2 Bxd2 27 Qc5 Rad8 28 Rd1 Rg3

Not 28 ... Be3 29 Rd6+ and White miraculously comes to life.

### 29 Qa3 Rxh3

29 ... Qxf2+ wins immediately: 30 Kxf2 Be3+ 31 Ke2 Rg2+ 32 Kf1 Rg1+ 33 Ke2 Rxd1.

### 30 a5 c5 31 a6 b6 32 Qb3 Rh2 33 Rf1 Be3 34 Qb5 Bxf2?

Bill points out 34 ... Rd2+! 35 Ke1 Bxf2+! 36 Kxd2 Bd4+ with mate. After the text, it takes great ingenuity to escape perpetual check.

35 Qc6+ Ke7 36 Qc7+ Ke6 37 Qc6+ Rd6 38 Qe8+ Kf6 39 Qf8+ Kg5 40 Qe7+ Kh5 41 Qe5+ Qg6 42 Qh8+ Rh6 43 Qe8+ Kh4 44 Rxf2 Rxf2+ 45 Kxf2 Qg3+ 46 Ke2 Qg2+ 47 Ke1 Kg3 48 Qg8+ Kf3 49 Qb3+ Kg4 50 Qg8+ Kh3 51 Qd5 Rh4 52 Qd7+ Kh2 53 Qa7 f3 54 Qc7+ Qg3+, White Resigns.

## 2nd 2002-2003 PCL Quick Quads - November 17, 2002

### Quad 1

#	Name	Pre Rat	Post Rat	Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd 3	Score	Prize
1	Fetahagic, Denis	1728	1754	D2	W4	D3	2	\$10
2	Sher, Mikhail	1785	1800	D1	D3	W4	2	\$10
3	Klein, Charles W Jr	1615	1627	L4	D2	D1	1	
4	Renk, Robert M	2157	2130	W3	L1	L2	1	

### Quad 2

#	Name	Pre Rat	Post Rat	Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd 3	Score	Prize
1	Jampole, Ezra A	1449	1469	W3	D4	D2	2	\$10
2	Shultz, Robert D	1406	1443	W4	D3	D1	2	\$10
3	Lelis, Tyler	1473	1470	L1	D2	W4	1½	
4	Jones, Lawrence P	1504	1464	L2	D1	L3	½	

### Quad 3

#	Name	Pre Rat	Post Rat	Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd 3	Score	Prize
1	Swed, David P	1286	1306	W4	D3	D2	2	\$20
2	Kamon, Joseph E	1303/15	1299/18	W3	L4	D1	1½	
3	Surma, Jeffrey F	1266	1272	L2	D1	W4	1½	
4	Berthoud, Kevin F	1298	1276	L1	W2	L3	1	

### Quad 4

#	Name	Pre Rat	Post Rat	Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd 3	Score	Prize
1	Mc Cord, Alec K	1229/22	1255/25	W4	W3	W2	3	\$20
2	Schreiber, Avi J	1100	1103	W3	W4	L1	2	
3	Jampole, Marc	982/22	960/25	L2	L1	W4	1	
4	Kriete, Pascal	563/11	553/14	L1	L2	L3	0	

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## 3rd 2002-2003 PCL Quick Quads - December 8, 2002

### Quad 1

#	Name	Pre Rat	Post Rat	Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd 3	Score	Prize
1	Martinak, Tom M	2245	2239	L2	W3	W4	2	\$20
2	Fetahagic, Denis	1773	1810	W1	L4	D3	1½	
3	Milisits, Ryan R	2085	2083	W4	L1	D2	1½	
4	Magar, Thomas P	2101	2090	L3	W2	L1	1	

### Quad 2

#	Name	Pre Rat	Post Rat	Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd 3	Score	Prize
1	Sher, Mikhail	1802	1806	W4	D2	W3	2½	\$10
2	Oxman, Ari	1619/14	1685/17	W3	D1	W4	2½	\$10
3	Green, Kevin R	1413	1429	L2	W4	L1	1	
4	Foreman, Fred D	1600	1600	L1	L3	L2	0	

### Quad 3

#	Name	Pre Rat	Post Rat	Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd 3	Score	Prize
1	Barbara, Matthew	1253	1384	W3	W2	W4	3	\$20
2	Kamon, Joseph E	1299/18	1334/21	W4	L1	W3	2	
3	Shultz, Robert D	1443	1406	L1	W4	L2	1	
4	Bashur, Michael F Jr	1278	1232	L2	L3	L1	0	

### Quad 4

#	Name	Pre Rat	Post Rat	Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd 3	Score	Prize
1	Barry, Herbert III	1234	1311	W3	W4	W2	3	\$20
2	Wong, John Jr	1119	1173	W4	W3	L1	2	
3	Berthoud, Kent	1144	1132	L1	L2	W4	1	
4	Barbara, Joshua	1203/20	1137/23	L2	L1	L3	0	

## 4th 2002-2003 PCL Quick Quads - January 12, 2003

### Quad 1

#	Name	Pre Rat	Post Rat	Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd 3	Score	Prize
1	Fetahagic, Denis	1728	1754	D2	W4	D3	2	\$10
1	Martinak, Tom M	2239	2222	W4	L3	D2	1½	\$5
2	Milisits, Ryan R	2083	2074	W3	L4	D1	1½	\$5
3	Sher, Mikhail	1806	1820	L2	W1	D4	1½	\$5
4	Niedelman, Avi	1625	1674	L1	W2	D3	1½	\$5

### Quad 2

#	Name	Pre Rat	Post Rat	Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd 3	Score	Prize
1	Lelis, Tyler	1464	1521	W4	W3	D2	2½	\$20
2	Jampole, Ezra A	1463	1489	W3	D4	D1	2	
3	Foreman, Fred D	1600	1600	L2	L1	W4	1	
4	Green, Kevin R	1429	1407	L1	D2	L3	½	

### Swiss

#	Name	Pre Rat	Post Rat	Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd 3	Score	Prize
1	Berthoud, Kevin F	1567	1582	W6	W4	W2	3	\$20
2	Guerrieri, Luis F	1331	1372	W4	W3	L1	2	
3	Kamon, Joseph E	1334/21	1332/24	W5	L2	W6	2	
4	Barry, Herbert III	1311	1301	L2	L1	W5	1	\$5
5	Buczowski, Vincent	1221	1196	L3	W6	L4	1	\$5
6	Jampole, Marc	959	941	L1	L5	L3	0	

**April 5 & 6. 43rd Golden Triangle Open.** 5-SS. Rds 1-3 G/90, Rds 4&5 G/120. Carnegie Library of Homestead, 510 East 10th Ave., Homestead PA 15120-1910. \$\$ (1010 b/50). 3 sections: **Open**, open to all: \$\$ 200-100, U2000 \$80. **Premier**, open to U1900: \$\$ 160-80, U1700 \$70. **Reserve**, open to U1500: \$\$ 140-70, U1300 \$60, U1100 \$50. **EF**: \$29 postmarked by 3/31, \$39 later, \$3 discount to PCC members. Reg 10-10:30am. Rds 11am - 2:30pm - 6pm, Noon - 4:30pm. **Info**: 412-421-1881. **Ent**: Pittsburgh Chess Club, Attn: Clyde Kapinos, 5604 Solway St. Suite 209, Pittsburgh PA 15217-1270. Checks payable to Pittsburgh CC. W. *Sponsored & Organized by the Pittsburgh Chess Club.*

## 43rd Annual Pittsburgh Chess League (2002-03) Division IV Preliminary Swiss

#	Team Name	Rating	Sep 15	Oct 13	Nov 17	Dec 8	Jan 12	Match:Game
1	Hill Carnegie III	1292	B 12	W 10	B 5	W 2	B 3	3½:13½
			W:4	W:4	W:2½	D:2	L:1	
2	Hill Carnegie IV	1266	B 8	W 4	B 6	B 1	W 5	3½:11½
			W:2½	W:3	W:3	L:1	D:2	
3	Monroeville Chess Club III	1283	W 7	B 12	W 11	B 10	W 1	3½:11½
			L:1	D:2	W:3	W:2½	W:3	
4	Phalanx VI	1332	W 11	B 2	W 7	B 9	W 8	3:12
			W:4	L:1	D:2	D:2	W:3	
5	Phalanx VII	1313	W 6	B 7	W 1	B 8	B 2	3:10½
			W:2½	W:2½	L:1½	D:2	D:2	
6	Phalanx V	1372	B 5	W 9	W 2	B 7	W 11	2½:11
			L:1½	W:2½	L:1	D:2	W:4	
7	Pitt IV	1352	B 3	W 5	B 4	W 6	W 9	2½:10½
			W:3	L:1½	D:2	D:2	D:2	
8	Weenies	1348	W 2	B 11	B 10	W 5	B 4	2:10
			L:1½	D:2	W:3½	D:2	L:1	
9	Monroeville Chess Club II	1280	B 10	B 6	W 12	W 4	B 7	2:9½
			L:1½	L:1½	W:2½	D:2	D:2	
10	To Be Decided	1266	W 9	B 1	W 8	W 3	B 12	2:7
			W:2½	L:0	L:½	L:1½	W:2½	
11	MCC - Gateway	1155	B 4	W 8	B 3	W 12	B 6	1½:6
			L:0	D:2	L:1	W:3	L:0	
12	Triple Threat III	1209	W 1	W 3	B 9	B 11	W 10	½:6
			L:0	D:2	L:1½	L:1	L:1½	

## PA State Team Championships - West

In other team activity, the PSCF (Pa State Chess Federation) held the PA State Team Championships - West here in Pittsburgh on Feb 1 & 2. This long-time event has traditionally been held in Philadelphia, but starting this year we are holding East and West versions. The Open Section was a 4-round, 2-day event using the same time controls as the PCL. And so we saw many familiar faces playing for their same teams as in the league. The Scholastic Reserve section was a 5-round, 1-day event played at Game/40 Minutes for teams with average team ratings U1400. We hope to see lots of these players on PCL teams in future years!

### Open Section

1st place	Carnegie Mellon	Sergey A Shchukin, Jeffrey L Quirke, Antonio J Ambrad & Gonzalo Castillo
2nd place	Pitt I	Thomas P Magar, Robert M Renk, Donald J Meigs & Yuan Wang
U2000	Roadkill	Gabriel N Petesch, Aaron J Schiff, Kevin Berthoud & Kevin R Green
U1800	Punxsutawney Phil-idors	John Caliguire, Bradley W Parker, Steven F White & Jason A Smith
U1600	Monroeville Chess Club 2	Andrew M Zinn, Joshua Barbara, Adam E Brnardic & Deniz B Unal
U1400	Monroeville Chess Club 1	Bryan G Joseph, Michael A Hickman, Ajit Singh & Mathew J Lederman
Top Scholastic Club	Monroeville Chess Club 2	Andrew M Zinn, Joshua Barbara, Adam E Brnardic & Deniz B Unal
Top Scholastic Group	North Pittsburgh HomeSchool	Alexander Heimann, Mark Heimann, Bob Waruszewski & Richard Thewes

For more information on the PSCF, see their website at <http://www.pscfchess.org/>