



MetroWest Chess Club

Largest Chess Club in New England

Serving the MetroWest Boston chess community since 1983

September 2005 Newsletter

Highlights

Summer Vacation Swiss Results

Congratulations to the winners:

Open IM Igor Foygel
U1800 Robert Harvey
U1450 Yutaka Seki

MetroWest CC Fall Swiss This Month

Come and enjoy the fall colors with us... Black and White, that is, in the Fall Swiss. Tuesdays in September at 7:30 pm. Sept. 6, 13, 20, 27.

Guest Lecturers at Weekly Group Lesson

Tues, Sept. 20, 6:30 pm: **George Mirijanian** will present a game from days gone by.
Tues, Sept. 27: **Joe Perl** will lecture on piece activity and development
Thanks to George and to Eugene Perelshteyn for their interesting talks in August.

Introducing Reader Contribution Pages:

The “**Kibitzes**” section is for reader-contributed essays, annotated positions and games.
A “**Letters to the Editor**” page will appear– as soon as we get any letters!
(Information on contributing to the newsletter and to the website appears on the “**Kibitzes**” page.)

Chess School Session 4 Coming Up...

on Thursday, September 8 at 7:00 pm
Brush up your Meran in a thematic speed tournament to start things off.

US Chess League Underway

The Boston Blitz will play this season’s first full month in September, Wednesdays at 7:30 pm. Come and watch our team play!

Skittles Email Group...

Is an email chess forum for club members. To sign up, email to [info AT MetroWestChess.org](mailto:info@MetroWestChess.org) and request to join.
Once signed up, you can send email to [Skittles AT MetroWestChess.org](mailto:Skittles@MetroWestChess.org).
Your email will go to every Skittles member, and replies will go to the whole group.
To reply just to a particular person, put his email address in the “To:” field instead.

Skittles Email Group Guidelines

The “Subject” line should reflect your discussion topic.

Skittles email is not for entries or byes.

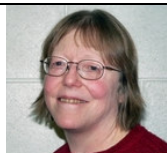
Please be courteous.

Please stay away from non-chess topics.

From the Editor

Volunteer opportunity! ☺ If you have computer skills, Fritz or ChessBase, are familiar with MS Word, and would like to help format “Kibitz” contributions for the newsletter, please email [News_Staff AT MetroWestChess.org](mailto:News_Staff@MetroWestChess.org).

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“Retooling” Your Opening

by Mark LaRocca

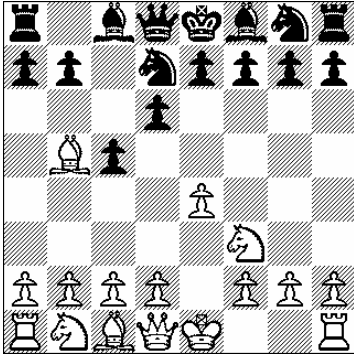
No matter what your game or sport, making changes is never an easy task and seldom are the rewards reaped immediately. Just ask Tiger Woods; his retooling of his golf swing cost him his rating and a yearlong slump. And so it goes... “No pain, no gain” is the old axiom.

It’s in this spirit that I present a game played by a courageous member of our Chess School group. Plamen Krastev was the first member of the group to submit a game played as White using the Moscow variation against the Sicilian: 1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.Bb5+. Officially, this is characterized as an Anti-Sicilian because it prevents Black from reaching the vast complications of the more common Open Sicilian... 1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4... After just a few short weeks of study, Plamen boldly proffered the following effort

Plamen Krastev (1501) - Fred Harvey (1402)

June 2005 Metrowest, 2005

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.Bb5+ Nd7 (D)



IM Larry Kaufman, in his book *“The Chess Advantage in Black and White”* considers this the main variation.

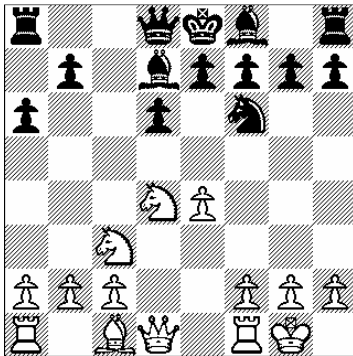
4.0–0

4.d4 is standard and better if your idea is to transpose to an open Sicilian. The game move order allows Black many good options; for example, 4... e5 could lead to a closed Ruy Lopez-type game. I prefer the move played; however, I usually intend to follow it with c3 and d4 if I can.

4...Ngf6 5.Nc3 a6 6.Bxd7+ Bxd7 7.d4

This seems best and now transposes back to IM Kaufman’s recommended variation that could have been initiated with 4.d4.

7...cxd4 8.Nxd4 (D)



This move transposes to standard lines and Fritz evaluates the resulting position as += (+0.28). White has a slight advantage.

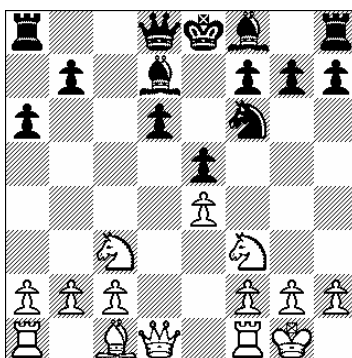
However, 8. Qxd4 is more in keeping with the 3.Bb5 strategy since the Queen is not easily attacked, and at d4 it controls a lot of squares.

8...e5 9.Nf3 (D)

After this move, we can see clearly that 8.Qxd4 would have given us a tempo.

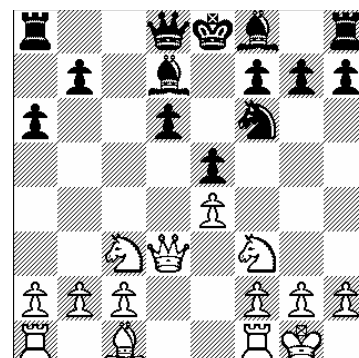
This position is reached in the game Grund-Fridman (Germany 2002), and is game 9 of the Sicilian Moscow chapter in IM Kaufman's book, except that White's Queen is on d3. (This game is available in full in the Chess School course materials on the MCC website.)

So in our game, White is essentially one tempo behind.



Krastev-Harvey

After 8...e5 9.Nf3



Grund-Fridman

After 8.Qxd4 e5 9.Qd3

Let's assess our opening at this point. White is now playing an open Sicilian. Black has gained the two bishops and White missed the opportunity to activate his Queen as compensation. The game is now equal (+0.25 Fritz)

9...Be7

9... h6 was preferable, preventing 10. Bg5

10.Re1 0-0 11.Bg5!

A good move. White is not afraid to exchange his other Bishop since he will control d5 (he threatens 12. Bxf6, Bxf6 13. Nd5) and always has the option to exchange his Knight on d5 for the Bishop.

11...Qc7?!

This is doubtful. It allows White to carry out his plan of 13. Bxf6, Bxf6 14. Nd5 with tempo and the initiative (+0.59 Fritz). Strangely, with 11...Be6 the game would have transposed to a Sicilian Shveshnikov. (The complexity of the Open Sicilian rears its ugly head).

12.Nd5?!

Now Black could have gained the initiative with 12... Nxd5 13. exd5, f6 14.Bc1 Bg4 15.Qd3 f5 =+ (-0.56 Fritz)

12...Qd8?! 13.Qd2 Rc8 14.c3 Bc6 15.Rad1 Re8 16.Nxe7+

Since Black has refused to play Nxd5, White finally plays this very good move and should win.

16...Rxe7 17.Qxd6?

But this should lose. Better and winning was 17.Bxf6, gxf6 18.Nh4.

17...Rd7 18.Qxd7 Bxd7 19.Nxe5 Qc7 20.Bxf6 gxf6?

20... Be6 would leave White with only a Rook for the Queen and Black would be winning; after the move played, White is actually winning (+1.50 Fritz).

21.Nxd7 Qc6 22.Rd5 f5 23.exf5

Very nice. The Rook cannot be taken, due to Nf6+. Now White, with Rook + Knight and 3 pawns for the Queen, is winning +- (+1.75 Fritz). The rest of the game is given without comment since there are many tactical mistakes on both sides. Black plays very resourcefully and takes home the point. (Queens are such tricky pieces.)

23...Rd8 24.Red1 Re8 25.h3 Re2 26.R1d2 Rxd2 27.Rxd2 Qh6 28.Re2 Qc1+ 29.Kh2 Qf4+ 30.g3 Qxf5 31.Ne5 Qe6 32.Re3 Qxa2 33.b4 Qxf2+ 0-1

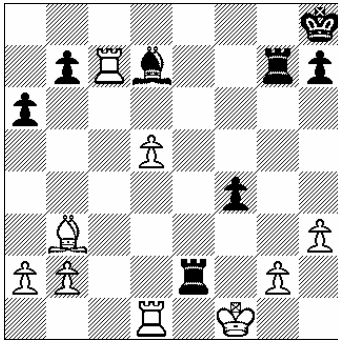
A nice first effort with 3.Bb5+. Well, this was the "pain" part. I should mention that the "gain" came several weeks later when Plamen won a nice Rossolimo (1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5).

Black to Play and Win

(Submitted by Mark LaRocca)

LaRocca – Chamberlain, July 2005

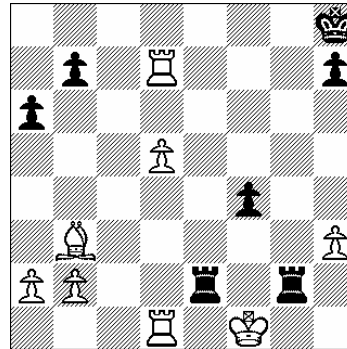
Black to play and win...



White has just played **32.Kf1...**

Black now played **32... Rg7xg2!** the winning move. However, he followed this up with **33.Rxd7 f3?** This allows a draw after **34.Rc1** and the threat of mate forces Black to take the perpetual check.

But there is a win in the position after **33.Rxd7...**



(The solution appears later in this issue.)

Recent MCC Website Member Contributions

George Duval
Howard Goldowsky
Ilya Krasik
Derek Slater

Two essays
Two book reviews
Three position analyses
Twenty annotated games

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Note to Readers: How to contribute annotated games & positions; essays; letter to editor.

Contributions to Kibitzes
Must be readable by Microsoft Word

Email to News_Staff AT MetroWestChess.org.
Deadline for October newsletter: Sept. 13

Letters to Editor
We want your feedback!

Email to News_Staff AT MetroWestChess.org.
Deadline for October newsletter: Sept. 20

Contributions to Website (MCC members only)

Email to Games AT MetroWestChess.org

Announcement from Donna Alarie

The Whiz and Chesspals will be hosting two new weekly chess clubs on Wednesdays at The Whiz Store, 276 Turnpike Road, Westborough, MA starting in the fall!

The Westborough Chess Whizzards Club will meet from 4:30 - 6 p.m. It will be aimed towards kids who want to learn to play tournament chess. Players to provide their own boards and sets.

Westborough Chess Club 10/5 thru 10/26, 6:30-8:30PM.

The Westborough Chess Club will have a rated chess format (Game 60 - USCF rated, both regular and quick). Players to provide their own boards, sets, clocks.

Questions Donna Alarie at (508) 847-8574 or Donnachesspals@aol.com. Also see "Club and Partner Calendar."

COMMUNITY:: Special 2005 Calendar Announcement

Chess School

Second Thursdays
at 7:00 PM, June-
November

Register NOW –
it's never too late!
Mark_LaRocca AT
cca-int.com

Class 4	Thurs. September 8
Class 5	Thurs. October 13
Class 6	Thurs. November 10 with IM James Rizzitano !!

US Chess League

Weds. at 7:30 p.m.
Aug. 30 – Nov. 17



Watch the “Boston Blitz” play at the Club!

Team

1. GM Larry Christiansen - 2622
2. IM Eugene Perelshteyn - 2576
3. IM Igor Foygel – 2535
4. IM (elect) Josh Friedel – 2508
5. FM William Kelleher - 2386
6. FM Lou Mercuri - 2365
7. FM Paul Mac Intyre - 2315
8. NM Charles Riordan - 2283
9. Ilya Krasik - 2153

For info on US Chess League,
click [here](#)

Latest results and game analysis at
www.uschessleague.com

Schedule

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| 8/30 | New York Knights |
| 9/7 | Philadelphia Masterminds |
| 9/14 | Carolina Cobras |
| 9/21 | Baltimore Kingfishers |
| 9/28 | San Francisco Mechanics |
| 10/5 | Miami Sharks |
| 10/12 | New York Knights |
| 10/19 | Dallas Destiny |
| 10/26 | Philadelphia Masterminds |
| 11/2 | Baltimore Kingfishers |
| 11/9 | Divisional Playoffs |
| 11/16 | League Championship Rd 1 |
| 11/17 | League Championship Rd 2 |

COMMUNITY :: Club and Partner Calendar

<p>Tuesday, September 6 7:30 pm</p>	<p>Round 1 – MCC Fall Swiss Weekly group lesson – John Chamberlain on basic tactics</p>
<p>Wednesdays in September 7:30 pm</p>	<p>US Chess League, Rounds 2-5 Come and watch our team take on teams from Philadelphia, North Carolina, Baltimore, and San Francisco</p>
<p>Thursdays in September 7:30 pm</p>	<p>GWCC September's Supreme Swiss September 1, 8, 15, 22, 29; 2005 For information, click here</p>
<p>Thursday, September 8 7:00 pm</p>	<p>Chess School, Openings, Class 4 For all course material, click here</p>
<p>Tuesday, September 13 7:30 pm</p>	<p>Round 2 – MCC Fall Swiss Weekly group lesson – John Chamberlain on basic tactics BooksFromEurope Proprietor Emanuel Rasin</p>
<p>Sunday, September. 18</p>	<p>NorthEast Chess One-Day G/5, G/55, G/90 Radisson Hotel, Marlboro More info.</p>
<p>Tuesday, September 20 7:30 pm</p>	<p>Round 3 – MCC Fall Swiss Weekly group lesson – George Mirijanian presents a game from club archives.</p>
<p>Saturday, September 24 10:00 am</p>	<p>The Whiz Whirlwind #1, The Whiz Store, 276 Turnpike Road, Westborough, MA: More info.</p>
<p>Tuesday, September 27 7:30 pm</p>	<p>Round 4 – MCC Fall Swiss Weekly group lesson – Joe Perl on piece activity and development</p>

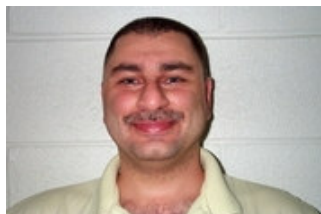
COMMUNITY :: Club and Partner Activities and Info

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Board of Directors

To learn more about our governance, visit http://www.metrowestchess.org/Community/Club/Governance/Top_Governance.htm

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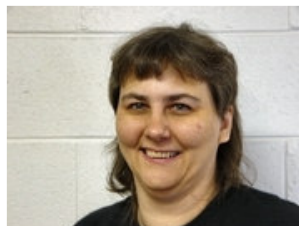
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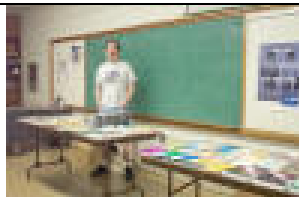
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COMPETE:: MCC Fall Swiss

NEXT TOURNAMENT!

When	Tuesdays at 7:30 pm September 6, 13, 20, 27		Prizes
Format	4-SS, 40/90, SD/30	Open	\$150-100-50
Sections	Open, U1900, U1650, U1350	U1900	\$90-60-30
Prize Fund	\$ 670 Guaranteed	U1650	\$60-40-20
Entry Fees	Masters Free MCC Members \$15 Others \$20	U1350	\$40-20-10
			Championship Points
		Open	64-32-16
		U1900	24-12
		U1650	8
			50% bonus for perfect score

COMPETE :: Monthly and Championship Tournaments

Section results below – Print them and show your friends 😊



Jim Krycka
Monthly Tournaments Director

Solution to “Black to Play and Win”.
33...Ref2+ 34.Ke1 Rxb2 35.Kf1 Rh2 36.Kg1 Rbg2+ 37.Kf1 f3
and there is no defense against 38.Rh1#
An elegant and very instructive checkmate!



**AUGUST 2005
TOURNAMENT
RESULTS**

OPEN SECTION

1st Place 4.5 / 5 points



IM Igor Foygel

2nd Place 4.0 / 5 points



FM John Curdo

3rd Place Tie 3.5 / 5 points



Navan Ruthramoorthy



Jacob Wamala

Upsets over 200 points



John Valentine



Larry Eldridge



George Winsor



**AUGUST 2005
TOURNAMENT
RESULTS**

U1800 SECTION

1st Place 4.5 / 5 points



Robert Harvey

2nd Place 4.0 / 5 points



Walter Champion

3rd Place Tie 3.5 / 5 points



Severine Wamala



Mark Kaprielian



Bennet Pellows



George Duval

Upsets over 200 points



Genesis Lung



Robert Matthews



Yowana Wamala



Justin Grimes



James Lung



**AUGUST 2005
TOURNAMENT
RESULTS**

U1450 SECTION

1st Place 5.0 / 5 points

No picture on file

Yutaka Seki

2nd Place Tie 4.0 / 5 points



John McLaughlin



Jay Po

Upsets over 200 points



Jay Po (3 times)



Vishrut Gupta (2)



Jeremiah Campanelli



Tim Bromley



John McLaughlin

COMPETE:: Club and Class Championship Qualification As of End of August 2005

Four tournaments remain in the qualification cycle for the 2006 Club and Class Championships. The August results did not change the Club qualification standings except to further distance Igor Foygel and John Curdo from the rest of the pack. The Class qualification race tightened a bit as Robert Harvey and Jacob Wamala broke into the top 10. The current standings (in tie break order) are as follows:

Club Championship Qualifying Points

1.	IM Igor Foygel	475
2.	FM John Curdo	259
3.	John Chamberlain	136
4.	Ilya Krasik	76
5.	IM James Rizzitano (1)	60
6.	David Harris	54
7.	Severine Wamala	53
8.	Nick Konovalchuk	50
9.	Charles Riordan (1)	48
10.	Mark LaRocca	45

Class Championship Qualifying Points

1.	Severine Wamala	53
2.	Nick Konovalchuk	50
3.	Calvin Hori	42
4.	Matthew Phelps	42
5.	Larry Eldridge	36
6.	William Michael	36
7.	Tarmo Saar	35
8.	Robert Harvey	30
9.	Jacob Wamala	26
10.	Farzad Abdi (1)	23
11.	John Stengrevics (3)	23

Everyone listed above has met the 4-tournament qualifying rule except for those marked as having played in one (1) or three (3) tournaments this year.