



## The Check Is in the Mail

October 2008

### SIM KEN REINHART



Ken Reinhart earned both the IM and SIM titles which were awarded to him at the ICCF Congress in Spain in 2007. Ken's play is strongly influenced by Capablanca and Karpov. One of the first chess books he studied while in high school was Capablanca's Best Games by Golombek. By the time he graduated from college his library had grown considerably as had his OTB rating. But the pressures of raising a family (three boys) and work (Manager of Industrial Hygiene at Con Ed in NYC) caused Ken to forgo OTB for the pleasures of CC. And the pleasures brought honors as well – In 1992 he began playing USCF postal and quickly made Master playing in the Golden Knights. His Master's

rating gained him an invitation to the US Championship where he finished second in the 15<sup>th</sup> US Correspondence Chess Championship. These successes gained him an invitation to his first international event, the XV Anniversary of FECAP (Cuba) where he finished an undefeated second place. Seasoned, Ken then accepted an invitation to play second board for the US in the 17<sup>th</sup> Olympiad. This US team qualified for the finals.

### GAME OF THE MONTH

Facing an opponent who would be happy to draw, Ken pushes the game toward a winning endgame.

#### FRENCH DEFENSE (C01)

**White; Hamlet Danilo Garcia(2346)**

**Black: Kenneth Reinhart (2463)**

XVII Olympiad 2006

**1.e4 e6 2.Nf3**

Already an indication of White's pacific nature. 2. Nc3 could transpose into more standard lines by 2...d5 3. d4

**2...d5 3.exd5 exd5 4.d4 Bg4 5.Be2 Bd6 6.Ne5**

Certainly an odd TN -- White is seeking simplification but this eases Black's game too much;

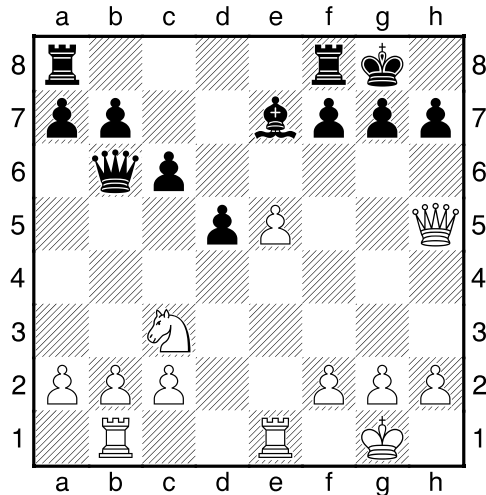
**6...Bxe2 7.Qxe2 Ne7 8.0-0 0-0 9.Qh5**

Garcia certainly has an original approach to the opening, but not one that should be duplicated. Simple chess would expect 9. Nc3, 9. Bf4, 9. Be3 or even 9. f4 here, White has no reasonable expectation of a kingside attack here.

**9...Nd7 10.Nc3 c6 11.Re1 Nxe5 12.dxe5 Bc5 13.Bg5 Qb6!**

This forces a possible endgame of Bishop vs. Knight where the Bishop is better.

**14.Bxe7 Bxe7 15.Rab1**



The result of White's passive play... an unbalanced position (Pawn structure and B vs. N) superficially even, where the future belongs to Black.

**15...Rae8 16.a3 Bd8 17.Re3 Bc7 18.b3**

White has to untangle his queenside somehow, but this leads to the loss of the c-Pawn.

**18...Qc5 19.b4 Qc4 20.Rbe1 d4 21.Rh3 h6 22.Rg3 Re6 23.Nd1 Qxc2 24.Qg4 Rg6**

Also winning for Black is 24...g6 25. f4 d3 26. f5 Rxe5 27. Ne3 d2 28. Rd1 Bb6

**25.Qxd4 Rd8 26.Ne3 Qxf2+!**

Desperado !

**27.Kxf2 Rxd4 28.Nf5 Rxc3 29.hxc3 Rd2+ 30.Kg1 Rd3 31.a4 Kf8 32.g4 g6!**

Now Black simplifies further and the point is pocketed.

**33.Nxh6 Bb6+ 34.Kf1 Rd4 35.Re3**

Hoping for 35...Rxb4 36. Rf3 with some counterplay, but Reinhart didn't read Capablanca without sharpening his endgame skill..

**35...Rd1+ 36.Re1 Rxe1+ 37.Kxe1 Bd8!**

Now White must waste a move to save the Knight when ...b5 will lock the b4 Pawn on a dark square.

**38.g5 b5! 39.axb5 cxb5 40.Ng4 Be7 41.Nf6 Bxb4+ 42.Kd1 Be7 43.Ne4 Ke8 44.Kc2 Kd7 45.Kd3 Kc6 46.Kd4 a5 47.Kd3 a4 48.g3 Bb4 49.Nf6 Be1 50.Ng4 Bxc3 51.Kc3 Kc5 52.Kb2 b4 53.Nh6 Bxe5+ 54.Ka2 b3+ 55.Kb1 a3 0-1**

## TOP TEN ICCF RATED PLAYERS

1. Joop van Oosterom HOL 2741
2. Ulf Andersson SWE 2737
3. Hans Berliner USA 2726
4. Hans-Marcus Elwert GER 2719
5. Jalil Davietov RUS 2707
6. Joachim Neumann GER 2704
7. Wolfram Schon CAN 2703
8. Ron Langeveld HOL 2698
9. Gert Timmerman HOL 2696
10. Harald Tarnowiecki AUT 2688

**Quote:** Nothing is easy in correspondence chess – Dan Fleetwood

## SIM FOR TED BRANDHORST



Ted Brandhorst was awarded the SIM title at the ICCF Congress in Pleven, Bulgaria for his results in the Chessfriends Rochade 5171 and the 10<sup>th</sup> North American Invitational Championship.

### GRUNFELD DEFENSE (D97)

**White: Ted Brandhorst (2443)**

**Black: Thomas Cuno (2523)**

Chessfriends Rochade 5171 2005

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 d5 4.Nf3 Bg7  
5.Qb3 dxc4 6.Qxc4 0-0 7.e4 Na6 8.Be2  
c5 9.d5 e6 10.0-0 exd5 11.exd5 Bf5  
12.Be3 Qb6 13.b3 Rfe8 14.Rad1 Rad8  
15.Rfe1 Qa5 16.Bd2 Nb4 17.d6 Be6  
18.Qb5 Qxb5 19.Bxb5 Nc2 20.Re2 Bd7  
21.Rxe8+ Bxe8 22.Bxe8 Nxe8 23.Nb5  
a6 24.Nc7 Nf6 25.Ba5 Nd4 26.Nb5  
Nxf3+ 27.gxf3 Rd7 28.Nc3 b5 29.Bc7  
h6 30.Kg2 Kh7 31.Ne4 Nxe4 32.fxe4 c4  
33.bxc4 bxc4 34.Rd5 Bb2 35.Rc5 c3  
36.e5 c2 37.Rxc2 Bxe5 38.Rc6 a5 39.a4  
Kg7 40.Bxa5 Bxd6 41.Bc3+ f6 42.a5 g5  
43.a6 Be5 44.Bxe5 fxe5 45.Rc4 Ra7  
46.Ra4 Kf6 47.Kf3 Kf5 48.Ke3 h5  
49.Kd3 Ke6 50.Ke4 g4 51.Ra5 Kd6  
52.Kf5 Kc7 53.Kxe5 Kb8 54.Kf4 Rf7+  
55.Rf5 Rh7 56.Kg5 Ka7 57.Kg6 Rh8  
58.Rf6 h4 59.Kg5 Rg8+ 60.Kxh4 Rg7  
61.Kh5 Rg8 62.Rg6 Rh8+ 63.Kxg4 1-0

## SEPTEMBER RESULTS

### JOHN COLLINS

Solomon Leibowitz	06C17	4 ½-1 ½
Charles Truax	07C22	6-0
Ben Witz	07C48	6-0
Gary Tressler	07C06	5 ½-½
Steven Fering	06C12	6-0
Matt Appleton	06C13	4 ½-1 ½

### SWIFT QUADS

Joseph Slossar	08SQ03	5-1
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### WALTER MUIR

Joseph Slossar	08W15	6-0
Harry Van Buren	08W24	5 ½-½
Benjamin Aldag	08W29	6-0
Gary Gilberd	08W31	5-1
Lloyd Allred	08W33	5 ½-½

### TROPHY QUAD

Richard Mahon	07Q03	5 ½-½
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“The passed Pawn is a criminal who should be kept under lock and key”. – Nimzovich. Drawing by J.P.Denham

### US International Arbiters

IA Title	year awarded
D. R. Adamson	1987
G. S. Benner	1975
Ted Bullockus	1982
J. Franklin Campbell	2004
Maurice Carter	1990
T. Dougherty	1997
Grayling Hill	2003
A. A. Jones	2000
B. Koppin	1968
Keith Rodriguez	2005
Jim Skeels	2005
Wesley Underwood	2005
A. Wright	2000
Max Zavanelli	1993

### Leibowitz first in 06C37

Leibowitz	2018		11	=1	10	4 ½
Funston	2269	00		11	11	4
Birt	2003	=0	00		=1	2
Fairbairn	2091	01	00	=0		1½

Whirlwinds don't often leave many survivors on the chessboard Black's King, nearly caught up in one, is one of the fortunate ones!

### RUY LOPEZ (C70)

**White: David Funston (2269)**

**Black: Solomon Leibowitz (2018)**

John Collins 2006

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 b5  
 5.Bb3 Nf6 6.Ng5 d5 7.exd5 Nd4 8.0-0  
 Nxb3 9.axb3 h6 10.Nf3 e4 11.Re1 Be7  
 12.Ne5 Qxd5 13.d4 exd3 14.Nc3 Qb7  
 15.Qxd3 0-0 16.Bf4 Rd8 17.Qe3 Bd6  
 18.Bxh6 Ne8 19.Bf4 Bf5 20.Re2 Nf6  
 21.Bg5 Re8 22.Bxf6 gxf6 23.Qf4 Qc8  
 24.g4 b4 25.Nd5 Bxe5 26.Rxe5 fxe5  
 27.Nf6+ Kf8 28.Qh6+ Ke7 29.Nd5+  
 Kd7 30.Rd1 Re6 31.Qg5 Kc6 32.Qxf5  
 Kb7 33.Qxf7 Rc6 34.Qf3 Qf8 35.Qe4 a5  
 36.Rd3 Re8 37.Rf3 Qc5 38.c3 bxc3  
 39.bxc3 Kb8 40.c4 a4 41.Qf5 a3 42.Qd7  
 Rh8 43.b4 Qd6 44.Qg7 Qh6 45.Qxe5 a2  
 46.Ra3 Qc1+ 47.Kg2 Qxa3 48.Qxh8+  
 Kb7 49.Ne7 Qa8 0-1

**CORRESPONDENCE CHESS WORLD CHAMPIONS**

1953	1	Cecil John Seddon Purdy †	AUSTRALIA	
1958	2	Vyacheslav Vasilyevich Ragozin †	USSR	
1962	3	Albéric O'Kelly de Galway †	BELGIUM	
1965	4	Prof. Vladimir Pavlovich Zagorovsky †	USSR	
1967	5	Hans Jack Berliner	USA	
1971	6	Horst Robert Rittner	GERMANY	
1975	7	Yakov Borisovich Estrin †	USSR	
1980	8	Jørn Sloth	DENMARK	
1982	9	Tõnu Õim	USSR	
1984	10	Dr Vytautas Victor Palciauskas	USA	
1988	11	Dr Fritz Baumbach	GERMANY	
1990	12	Grigory Konstantinovich Sanaikov	USSR	
1995	13	Mikhail Markovich Umansky	RUSSIA	
1999	14	Tõnu Õim	ESTONIA	
2001	15	Gert Jan Timmerman	NETHERLANDS	
2004	16	Tunc Hamarat	AUSTRIA	
2005	17	Joop J van Oosterom	NETHERLANDS	

**Victor Palciauskas invited to 1000 Years of Lithuanian History Tournament**

Victor Palciauskas, the 10<sup>th</sup> World Corres. Champion has accepted an invitation to play in the Lithuanian Tournament. The tournament will honor the 1000<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the name “Lithuania” appearing in written documents. Victor said he could not resist accepting the invitation as it would be too long to wait for the next anniversary, the 2000<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Lithuania. Go get ‘em, Victor !

Both players speak the same foreign language in this game -- and the result is a draw

**DUTCH DEFENSE (A96)**  
**White: John W. Lutes (2114)**  
**Black: Ethan Civan (1808)**  
**2007 Golden Knights**

1.d4 f5 2.g3 e6 3.Bg2 Nf6 4.Nf3 Be7 5.0-0 0-0 6.c4 d6 7.Nc3 Ne4 8.Qc2 Nxc3 9.Qxc3 a5 10.Re1 Nc6 11.e4 e5 12.exf5 Bxf5 13.dxe5 dxe5 14.c5 Bf6 15.Qb3+ Kh8 16.Qxb7 Nb4 17.Nxe5 Nc2 18.Bf4 g5 19.Rad1 Nxe1 20.Rxd8 Raxd8 21.Qxc7 Rd1 22.Bf1 Be4 23.Bxg5 Bxg5 24.f4 Bf6 25.Kf2 Nc2 26.Nf7+ Kg8 27.Nh6+ ½-½

Black essays an interesting gambit of a Pawn on move 8 and White later chokes on the Pawn.

**Ruy Lopez (C60)**  
**WHITE: Mark Robledo (2200)**  
**Black: Joseph Shipman (2210)**  
**18<sup>th</sup> USCCC Semifinals 2008**

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 Nge7 4.0-0 Ng6 5.d4 exd4 6.Nxd4 Bc5 7.c3 0-0 8.Be3 d6 9.Nxc6 bxc6 10.Bxc6 Rb8 11.Bxc5 dxc5 12.Qxd8 Rxd8 13.b3 Rb6 14.Ba4 Nf4 15.f3 Rg6 16.g3 Nh3+ 17.Kg2 Ng5 18.Kf2 Rf6 19.Ke3 Nxe4 20.Bb5 Nd6 21.Na3 Re6+ 22.Kf2 Nxb5 23.Nxb5 Ba6 24.c4 Rd2+ 25.Kg1 Ree2 26.Rfd1 Rg2+ 27.Kf1 Rdf2+ 28.Ke1 h5 29.Rd8+ Kh7 30.Rad1 Bxb5 31.cxb5 Re2+ 32.Kf1 Rxa2 33.h4 Rxb3 34.Rd3 Rh3 0-1

Our newest Grandmaster demonstrates his technique.

### **SICILIAN DEFENSE (B90)**

**White: GM Dan Fleetwood (2565)**

**Black: SM Maciej Jedrzejowski (2502)**

**15 Olympiad**

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6  
5.Nc3 a6 6.Be3 e5 7.Nb3 Be6 8.f3 Nbd7  
9.Qd2 Be7 10.g4 0-0 11.0-0-0 b5 12.g5  
b4 13.Ne2 Ne8 14.f4 a5 15.f5 a4  
16.Nbd4 exd4 17.Nxd4 b3 18.Kb1  
bxc2+ 19.Nxc2 Bb3 20.axb3 axb3  
21.Na3 Ne5 22.h4 Ra4 23.Qg2 Qa8  
24.f6 Bxf6 25.gxf6 Nxf6 26.Bb5 Rb4  
27.Bd3 h5 28.Bh6 Nfg4 29.Bf4 Ra4  
30.Bxe5 dxe5 31.Rc1 Rd8 32.Rh3 Nf6  
33.Re3 Rad4 34.Qf3 Ng4 35.Rc7 Rf8  
36.Re2 Nf6 37.Rc3 Rb8 38.Kc1 Kf8  
39.Bc4 Rxe4 40.Bxb3 Rxe2 41.Qxe2  
Qh1+ 42.Qd1 Qxd1+ 43.Bxd1 Nd5  
44.Rb3 Rc8+ 45.Kd2 g6 46.Rb7 Rd8  
47.Bb3 Ne7+ 48.Kc3 Rd4 49.Nc4 Nd5+  
50.Kc2 f6 51.Na5 Ne3+ 52.Kc3 Nd1+  
53.Bxd1 Rxd1 54.b4 e4 55.Nc4 Rd3+  
56.Kc2 Rd4 57.Ne3 f5 58.Ng2 e3  
59.Kc3 Re4 60.Rc7 f4 61.Ne1 Re5  
62.Rc4 Rf5 63.Nf3 Ke7 64.Rd4 Ke6  
65.Kd3 Ke7 66.Ke2 Ke6 67.Ng5+ Ke5  
68.Rc4 Rf8 69.Kf3 Kd5 70.Re4 Rf6  
71.Nh3 Rf5 72.Nxf4+ Kd6 73.Re6+ Kd7  
74.Rxg6 e2 75.Rg1 Kc6 76.Ke4 Rb5  
77.Rc1+ Kd6 78.Nd3 Rb7 79.Kf3 Re7  
80.Re1 1-0

Jacob's attacking play in this game demonstrates why the Ponziani isn't played more often.

### **Ponziani Opening (C44)**

**White: E. Fischvogt (2350)**

**Black: Robert Jacobs (2391)**

**2004 Absolute**

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.c3 Nf6 4.d4 exd4  
5.e5 Ne4 6.Qe2 f5 7.exf6 d5 8.Nxd4  
Nxd4 9.cxd4 Kf7 10.fxg7 Bb4+ 11.Kd1  
Re8 12.Qh5+ Kg8 13.Be3 Be6 14.Nc3  
Bf7 15.Qf3 c5 16.Bd3 Bxc3 17.bxc3  
Nxc3+ 18.Kc1 Ne4 19.Rb1 Qa5 20.Rb2  
Qc3+ 21.Bc2 cxd4 22.Bf4 Rac8 23.Kb1  
Bg6 24.Ka1 Qxc2 25.Rxc2 Rxc2 26.Bc1  
Rxf2 27.Qb3 Nc3 28.Bb2 Ree2 29.Bxc3  
dxc3 30.Qxd5+ Bf7 31.Qd8+ Re8  
32.Qa5 Rxa2+ 33.Qxa2 Bxa2 34.Kxa2  
Re2+ 0-1

A very smooth performance by Black.

### **ENGLISH OPENING (A28)**

**White: Edward Daley (1489)**

**Black: Jean Moeckel (1421)**

**2006 Express Tournament**

1.c4 e6 2.Nc3 Nf6 3.e4 Nc6 4.Nf3 e5  
5.g3 Bc5 6.Bg2 d6 7.0-0 Bg4 8.d3 0-0  
9.Bg5 h6 10.Bxf6 Qxf6 11.Nd5 Qd8  
12.h3 Bxf3 13.Qxf3 Nd4 14.Qd1 c6  
15.Ne3 Qg5 16.h4 Qg6 17.Qg4 Qxg4  
18.Nxg4 f5 19.exf5 Nxf5 20.Kh2 h5  
21.Ne3 Bxe3 22.fxe3 Nxe3 23.Rf3 Rxf3  
24.Bxf3 Rf8 25.Bxh5 Rf2+ 26.Kh3  
Rxb2 27.Re1 Nc2 28.Re2 Rxa2 29.Rf2  
Nb4 30.Bf7+ Kf8 31.Bg6+ Rxf2 0-1