

**McGARVEY vs.
KENNEDY MATCH**

James McGarvey challenged Joe Kennedy in a USCF rated chess match which began May 23, 1984 in Boise, Idaho, and was won by McGarvey on October 10, 1984, by a score of six to three with one draw. This proved to be a very exciting match, due primarily to the close playing strengths of the two principals. All things considered, their chances were about even, and the games were certainly not one-sided, as so many chess matches are.

It was the editor's opinion that McGarvey seemed the stronger defender, while Kennedy seemed weaker in defense. But this was compensated for by Kennedy's knack for sharp attack. Since both attack and defense are essential in a well-played chess game, no one player had a 'patent' for winning games.

Chess matches of this kind can be played by mutual arrangements of the two players; the conditions are very flexible - to suit the players wishes. A certified tournament director is needed to turn in the report of the match for rating, but outside of that, it is pretty much a 2-man event.

In the present contest, the players had set the following rules:

The time limit was 40 moves in 2 hours, with a secondary time limit of 20 moves per hour. It was to be USCF rated. And the first player to win six games, (draws not counting), was to be the winner.

The Idaho Chess Association is proud to present all of the games of this match and feels that the study of these games will be beneficial to all.

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Game 1: May 23, 1984

James H. McGarvey (1778) - Joseph J. Kennedy (1729), English vs. King's Indian

1 c4 Nf6 2 Nf3 g6 3 Nc3 Bg7 4 g3 d6 5 Bg2
O-O 6 O-O Nc6 7 d3 e5 8 Bg5 h6 9 Bxf6 Bxf6
10 Qd2 Bg7 11 Rab1 Nd4 12 b4 c6 13 e3 Ne6
14 d4 Qe7 15 d5 Nc7 16 dxc6 bxc6 17 Rfd1
Rd8 18 Ne1 d5 19 cxd5 cxd5 20 Nxd5 Nxd5
21 Bxd5 Be6 22 e4 Rab8 23 a3 Bxd5 24 exd5
Rd6 25 Nc2 Qd7 26 Ne3 Rd8 27 Rbc1 Qa4 28
Qa2 Kh7 29 Rc5 Ra6 30 Nc2 f5 31 Rc7 Rad6
32 Qc4 R8d7 33 Rc5 Rd8 34 Ra5 Qd7 35 Rc5
Qe8 36 b5 e4 37 a4 Qe5 38 Nb4 f4 39 Nc6 **1-0**
on time

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Game 2: June 20, 1984

Joseph J. Kennedy (1729) - James H. McGarvey (1778), Sicilian Defense

1 e4 c5 2 Nf3 e6 3 d4 cxd4 4 Nxd4 Nf6 5 Nc3
d6 6 g4 h6 7 g5 hxg5 8 Bxg5 a6 9 Bg2 Be7
10 h4 Qc7 11 Qe2 Bd7 12 O-O-O Nc6 13 f4
O-O-O 14 f5 Rhe8 15 fxe6 fxe6 16 Bh3 Nxd4
17 Rxd4 d5 18 exd5 exd5 19 Qd3 Bxh3 20 Qxh3+
Kb8 21 Rhd1 Rc8 22 Qg2 Bd6 23 Bxf6 gxf6
24 Nxd5 Qc6 25 Qd2 Be5 26 Nb4 Qb6 27 Rd7
Rc4 28 Nd3 Bd4 29 Qf4+ Ka8 30 Kb1 Rec8 31
Rd6 Qc7 32 Rxd4 Rxd4 33 Qf2 Rxh4 34 a3 Rh2
35 Qf3 Qxc2+ 36 Ka1 Rc3 37 Rc1 Rxa3+ **0-1**

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Game 3: June 27, 1984

James H. McGarvey (1778) - Joseph J. Kennedy (1729), English vs. Dutch

1 c4 f5 2 Nf3 Nf6 3 Nc3 g6 4 g3 d6 5 Qc2
e5 6 d3 Bg7 7 Bg2 O-O 8 Bd2 c6 9 O-O h6

10 Rab1 Qe8 11 b4 g5 12 e3 Qh5 13 h3 f4 14 g4 Nxc4 15 hxg4 Bxc4 16 Nh2 f3 17 Bh1 Nd7 18 Ne4 Qg6 19 Nxc4 h5 20 Nh2 g4 21 Ng3 h4 22 Ne4 d5 23 cxd5 cxd5 24 Qb3 Nb6 25 Be1 Kh8 26 Nc5 Rf7 27 a4 Raf8 28 a5 g3 29 fxg3 f2+ 30 Bxf2 Rxf2 31 g4 Qg5 32 Rxf2 Qxe3 33 Rf1 Qg3+ (Adjourned) **1-0** (6-30-84)

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Game 4: July 8/August 15, 1984

Joseph J. Kennedy (1729) - James H. McGarvey (1783), Sicilian Defense

1 e4 c5 2 Nf3 e6 3 d4 cxd4 4 Nxd4 Nf6 5 Nc3 d6 6 g4 h6 7 Rg1 Nc6 8 Be3 a6 9 h4 Be7 10 Be2 Qc7 11 Qd2 Nxd4 12 Bxd4 e5 13 Be3 Be6 14 g5 hxg5 15 hxg5 Nd7 16 g6 fxg6 17 O-O-O Bf7 18 Nd5 Qc6 19 Nxe7 Kxe7 20 Kb1 Nf6 21 Bd3 (sealed) Rhd8 22 f4 Nxe4 23 Bxe4 Qxe4 24 dxe5 Kf8 25 exd6 Rd7 26 Rh1 Kg8 27 Qh2 Kf8 28 Bc5 Bg8 29 Rhf1+ Rf7 30 d7+ **1-0**

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Game 5: July 25, 1984

James H. McGarvey (1783) - Joseph J. Kennedy (1729), English Opening

1 Nf3 Nf6 2 c4 c5 3 Nc3 g6 4 g3 Bg7 5 Bg2 O-O 6 O-O Nc6 7 a3 b6 8 Rb1 Bb7 9 b4 cxb4 10 axb4 d5 11 c5 d4 12 Nb5 d3 13 Ne5 Nd5 14 Nxd3 a6 15 Bxd5 Qxd5 16 Nc7 Qd7 17 Nxa8 Bxa8 18 cxb6 Rb8 19 Nc5 Qh3 20 b7 Rxb7 21 Nxb7 Bxb7 22 f3 Be5 23 Rf2 Bd6 24 Ba3 Nd4 25 e3 Nb5 26 Bb2 Bxb4 27 Ba1 Bd6 28 Qe2 Qf5 29 e4 Qc5 30 d4 Qb6 31 Kg2 h5 32 Qe3 Kh7 33 Qc3 e5 34 Qc4 exd4 35 Bxd4 Qc7 36 Qxc7 Bxc7 37 Bf6 Bc8 38 Rc2 Bd7 39 Rxb5 **1-0**

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Game 6: August 22, 1984

Joseph J. Kennedy (1729) - James H. McGarvey (1783), Sicilian Defense

1 e4 c5 2 Nf3 Nc6 3 d4 cxd4 4 Nxd4 Nf6 5 Nc3 d6 6 Bc4 e6 7 Be3 Qc7 8 Qe2 a6 9 O-O-O Be7 10 Bb3 Bd7 11 Rhg1 Rc8 12 g4 Nxd4 13 Bxd4 O-O 14 g5 Ne8 15 f4 b5 16 f5 b4 17 Na4 exf5 18 Nb6 Bb5 19 Qe2 Rb8 20 g6 Bf6 21 gxh7+ Kh8 22 Nd5 Bxd4 23 Rxd4 Qc5 24 Rxb4 Qxe3+ 25 Nxe3 Nf6 26 Nxf5 Kxh7 27 Rxc7+ Kh8 28 e5 Be2 29 Rxb8 Rxb8 30 Rxf7 Ne4 **1-0**

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Game 7: August 29, 1984

James H. McGarvey (1783) - Joseph J. Kennedy (1729), Dutch Defense

1 Nf3 g6 2 c4 f5 3 g3 Bg7 4 d4 d6 5 Nc3 Nf6 6 Bg2 O-O 7 Qc2 Nbd7 8 Ng5 Nb8 9 e4 Nc6 10 Be3 e5 11 d5 Nd4 12 Qd2 Ng4 13 Bxd4 exd4 14 Ne2 Nxf2 15 O-O Ng4 16 Nxd4 Bxd4+ 17 Qxd4 Qxg5 18 Rae1 Qh6 19 h3 Ne5 20 Rf4 fxe4 21 Rfxe4 Qg5 22 g4 h5 23 c5 hxg4 24 hxg4 Bxg4 25 cxd6 Nf3+ 26 Bxf3 Bxf3+ 27 Rg4+ Bxg4 28 Re5 Bf5+ 29 Kh2 cxd6 **0-1**

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Game 8: September 12, 1984

Joseph J. Kennedy (1729) - James H. McGarvey (1783), Sicilian Defense

1 e4 c5 2 Nf3 Nc6 3 d4 cxd4 4 Nxd4 Nf6 5 Nc3 d6 6 Bc4 e6 7 Be3 a6 8 Qe2 Qc7 9 Bb3 b5 10 Nxc6 Qxc6 11 O-O-O Nxe4 12 Nd5 Nc5 13 Rhe1 Nxb3+ 14 axb3 exd5 15 Bd4+ Kd8 16 Rd3 Be6 17 Qf3 Be7 18 Bxc7 Re8 19 Qh5 b4 20 f4 Qd7 21 g4 Bxg4 22 Qxd5 Rc8 23 Bd4 Qc6 24 Qa5+ Kd7 25 c4 d5 26 Be5 Bd6 27 Rxd5 Re6 28 f5 Bxf5 29 Red1 Rxe5 30 Rxd6+ Qxd6 31 Qxe5 **Drawn**

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Game 9: September 19, 1984

James H. McGarvey (1783) - Joseph J. Kennedy (1729), King's Indian Defense

1 c4 d6 2 d4 Nf6 3 Nc3 g6 4 Nf3 Bg7 5 e4
O-O 6 Be2 e5 7 dxe5 dxe5 8 Qxd8 Rxd8 9 Nd5
Nxd5 10 cxd5 c6 11 Bc4 cxd5 12 Bxd5 Nc6 13
Ng5 Rf8 14 Be3 h6 15 Nf3 Nb4 16 O-O-O Nxd5
17 exd5 Bf5 18 Bd2 Rfd8 19 Bc3 Be4 20 d6
Rac8 21 Rha1 Bxf3 22 gxf3 Rd7 23 Kb1 Rc6
24 Bxe5 Bxe5 25 Rxe5 Roxd6 26 Rxd6 Rxd6 27
Re8+ Kg7 28 Re7 Rb6 29 Rc7 h5 30 Kc2 Rf6
31 Kd3 Rb6 32 b3 Kf6 33 Kc4 a5 34 a3 Ke6
35 b4 axb4 36 axb4 Rc6+ 37 Rxc6+ bxc6 38
h4 Kd6 39 f4 f6 40 Kd4 Kd7 41 Ke4 Ke6 42
f5+ gxf5+ 43 Kf4 Kd5 44 Kxf5 Kc4 45 Kxf6
Kxb4 46 Kg6 c5 47 f4 c4 48 f5 c3 49 f6 c2
50 f7 c1Q 51 f8Q+ Kb5 52 Qf5+ Kc6 53 Qc8+
1-0