

## MY BEST MOVE

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**M**y “15 seconds of fame” occurred in the first round at the 1989 U.S. Open in Chicago. As luck would have it, I was paired on board one against the top-ranked grandmaster in the tournament Dmitry Gurevich. As one of the last games to finish, GM Arthur Bisguier reviewed it as the best game of the round given the David versus Goliath difference in our ratings. He published the score of the game in *Chess Life* and today it resides in the mega-databases.

#### BLACK'S KING IS IN BIG TROUBLE

Kevin Bachler (2210)

Jim Egerton (1863)

Master Challenge (5), St. Charles, Illinois, 06.23.1996



WHITE TO MOVE

The move I am most proud of over-the-board occurred in another tournament, the 1996 Oak Park Master Challenge. Despite my seemingly untenable position, I did not resign after 14 moves as black against Kevin Bachler. As covered in chapter 11 of *Business on the Board*, White sacrificed a bishop on e6 creating a position with the highest risk factor in chess, a king exposed to attack. To think I would be mating my opponent in 10 moves just doesn't seem possible given the current state of affairs. This game is in the mega-databases and the remaining moves were:

15. b3 Qa5 16. b4 Qxb4 17. Bd2 Qh4 18. Nd5+ Kd8 19. Qf7 Bc5 20. Ba5+ b6 21. g3 Bxf2+ 22. Kg2 Bxg3 23. Nxb6 Qxh2+ 24. Kf3 Qf2+ 25. Ke4 Nc5 mate.

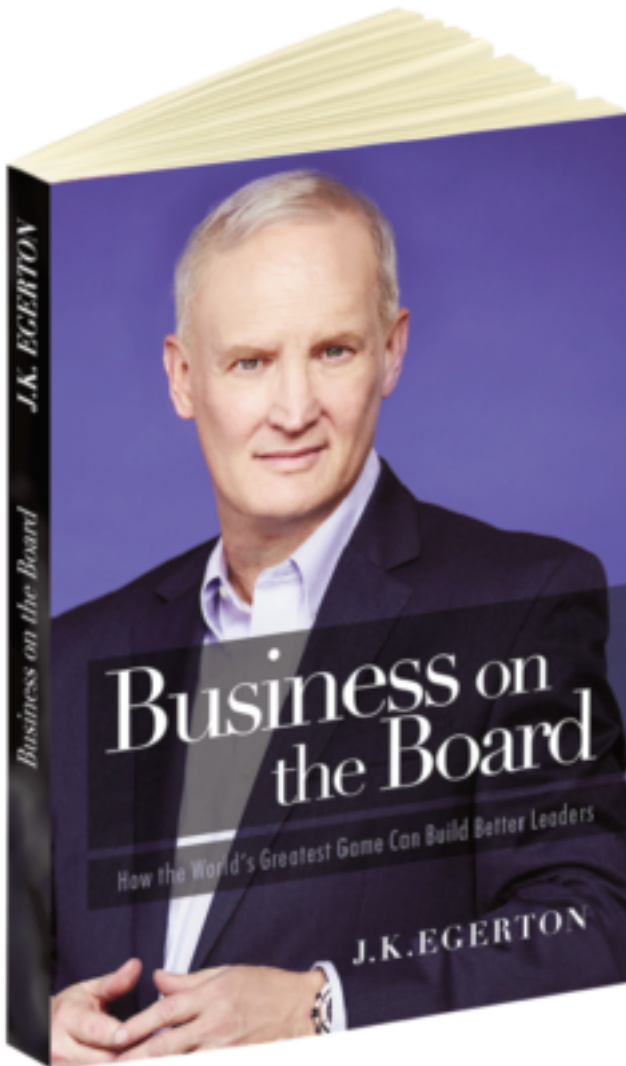
**My best career move** was realizing that chess could help me become a successful leader, manager, and teacher. For more than 45 years I've played competitive chess at many national events where I was able to practice and improve my strategic thinking and decision-making.

Today, I play chess for purpose with the intention of helping me succeed in my training business using better thinking, which produces better decisions, and better results. “Chess for purpose” is playing with the intent of knowing that what you learn from chess can help you succeed in business, sports, or

in education.

I am sharing my story so people in business can see how chess can improve their story. This book pulls back the curtain on how the games of business and chess are connected and how you can use both to your advantage. The same strategies and tactics that work on the chessboard work in the business world. I know because I used them during my 25-year corporate career and here is what I've learned. If you can't make 16 pieces of plastic work together how are you ever going to do it with real people? *Business on the Board* will give you the power to become strategically stronger, tactically sharper, and better prepared to face the battles of business. I hope you enjoy the read and enjoy the journey. ♠

*Business on the Board* is available on amazon.com. Whose Best Move would you like to see? Write to us at [letters@uschess.org](mailto:letters@uschess.org).



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