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Round 3 of the Scholastic State Championships
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From the Editor

Spring has arrived and brought with it warmer weather, flowers, green grass, budding trees and of course, more chess. The start of this year had some great tournaments as showcased in our latest issue here. Chess has become a 24 hours a day 365 days a year game around the clock and on the calendar. It is daunting trying to keep up with all there is going on in the chess world. A great thanks to Earle and others here contributing to this issue and their tireless work in bringing us such great chess to Colorado - *John Brezina*

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CSCA President – Earle Wikle’s Message

Spring has arrived and many Colorado chess events have already taken place before Spring got here. The Denver Chess Club’s annual tournament a tribute to Martin Luther King Jr. had three GMs show up from Texas (GMs, Sorokin, Khanin, and Matviishen). The GM’s dominated the top boards until round 3, when the two of the three played each other. The GMs came to play each other as their games were hard fought, resulting in one draw between Sorokin and Khanin, and then Sorokin and Khanin, both defeated Matviishen. Sorokin and Khanin tied for first, while Colorado NM Neil Bhavikatti came back to finish third. MLK was a great tournament and provided Colorado players a chance to watch and play some very competitive chess.

Colorado State Scholastic tournament was held Feb. 11-12 at the Arapahoe county fairgrounds with 212 scholastic chess players competing for top trophies in each section. Much thanks go out to all the volunteers and dedicated workers: Chief Tournament Director Todd Bardwick, Assistant Directors Tom Nelson, Dean Clow, Andrew Starr, Jesse Cohen, DuWayne Langseth, and Karthika Sakthisaravanan. Much thanks to our volunteers Penny and Peter Canacci. Without everyone’s help the tournament would not have been successful. Winners this year will receive an \$800 stipend.

Winners for this years national events are:

NM Neil Bhavikatti – 2023 CSCA Denker Qualifier Champion

Vedant Margale – 2023 CSCA Barber Qualifier Champion

Shubh Misra – 2023 CSCA Rockefeller Qualifier Champion

Tanya Prabhu – 2023 CSCA Haring Qualifier Champion

On February 25, the DCC held an under 1800 tournament with a three way tie for first between Jordan Edmonson, Owen Christ, and Abhijay Balamurugan. On March 4th the DCC brought back the Clone Wars. NM Richard Shtivelband finished first and Brian Wall was second.

On March 17-19 the Colorado Closed Championship was held. Congratulations to Colorado’s newest National Master Matthew Wofford for winning the Closed Championship. Congratulations to Rhett Langseth for winning the Challenger Closed and Congratulations to Caleb Koeller.

There is a lot more chess coming, so get out there and enjoy some chess this Spring.

Earle P. Wikle

President of Colorado State Chess Association



DuWayne
Langseth

Jesse
Cohen

Andrew
Starr

Earle
Wikle





Colorado State Chess Association Board Meeting



CSCA Board Meeting 2023-01-11

Attendees

- Earle Wikle
- Scott Lett
- Andrew Starr
- Jesse Cohen
- Vinai M
- Karthika Sakthi (attending as the parent of a CSCA scholastic player)

Business Conducted:

Jesse:

Discussing Fundraising – Scott expressed will to support the organization and chip in for what it would take to do the flyers. Scott and Jesse will talk on the side to discuss creating flyers.

Andy

Andy confirms we are up to date on insurance premiums.

Earle

All boxes are checked for the Arapahoe County Fairgrounds as the State Scholastic Championship site. Earle is scheduled to do a walkthrough with the fairgrounds on the 17 Jan. that will finalize everything with the fairground site.

Jesse:

Jesse would like to see a consistent girls championship date – Suggesting it to be paired with another tournament. DuWayne has suggested having its own location – perhaps a library. Earle suggested the Aurora Library. We can merge many championships for economics. Scott points out this has to be done with advance notice, before July-August if it determines Ruth Haring. The Ruth Haring is determined by Scholastic State so should be an issue – this is a very fun event. Andrew suggests pairing with Senior.

DuWayne:

DuWayne proposed Armageddon as the tiebreaker format and clarified that it is a rare situation where two perfect scores and players have never played. Scott, Jesse and Andrew opposed this as the first tiebreaker. Karthika Sakthi joined the meeting as a parent and states opposition to Armageddon. We are agreeing to survey the CSCA membership to find out their preference.

Action Items:

- Earle will conduct a walkthrough and finalize the scholastic tournament site.
- Earle will finalize the rest of the tournament schedule for 2023.
- Jesse and Scott will coordinate on sponsorship.
- Board will canvas membership about tiebreakers. (Scott will get DuWayne's written proposal out)
- Andy leaves the meeting due to a schedule conflict. 8:30
- Scott leaves due to a schedule conflict 9:00
- Board agrees to schedule another meeting on 22 January.
- We will have an all girls championship in the future. Closed Championship will be held at the Hoffman Library March 24th, 25th, and 26th.
- Haring will be determined by Scholastic State Championship, not the girls' event.
- Close Meeting.



Colorado State Chess Association Board Meeting



CSCA Board Meeting 2023-01-22

In Attendance:

- Earle Wikle (CSCA President)
- Jesse Cohen (Vice-President)
- Neil Bhavikatti (Junior Representative)
- Richard Shtivelband (outgoing board member, left meeting after resigning)
- Shirley Herman (incoming board member)
- DuWayne Langseth

Joined later:

- Tom Nelson (Board Member)
- Scott Lett (Secretary)

The meeting started with Earle, Jesse, Neil, and Richard Shtivelband present. Richard informed us that he will be stepping down off the board. Earle motioned to nominate Shirley Herman for member at large, and Jesse second. Before Richard stepped down, all present board members voted 4-0 in favor to have Shirley Herman as Richard's replacement. Richard dropped from the call. (NB: Scott Lett later voted to ratify Shirley Herman's position on the board).

We then conducted business with Earle, Jesse, Neil, and Shirley. (Tom Nelson had joined the meeting)

Earle discussed the walk through of the fairgrounds and discussed the following:

- Layout of tournament and rooms. (Jesse provided historical information of layout)
 - Insurance has been paid for, and the certificate sent to Lexi at Arapahoe County Fair Ground.
 - Payment for the fairgrounds was paid.
 - Food trucks and inspection of trucks (DuWayne Langseth joined the meeting)
 - The qualifiers for the Denker, Haring, Barber, and Rockefeller are to be determined by the State Scholastic Championships as they were before COVID. Tom Nelson corrected the tournament announcement.
 - Tom informed us of the list of volunteers.
 - Scorebooks and advertisements in the scorebooks were discussed. Tom will inquire with the printer as to the cost.
 - Brad Lundstrom will bring chess boards and pieces next week to Tom.
 - Tom Nelson will purchase new board numbers and CSCA will reimburse him.
- The Closed Championships will be held at the Hoffman Library in Aurora on March 17-19.
- All closed sections will be held at the same time for championship and scholastics closed sections.

The State Class championship

- Planning for April 15-16 or 22-23, at the Loveland 4H building. Not set yet.

The State Senior championship

- Will be June 3-4 in Colorado Springs at the Hyatt Place hotel on Garden of the Gods;

The Colorado all female championship was discussed

- Earle will look into a site and date. If none can be found, the Senior championship will host it.



Colorado State Chess Association Board Meeting



CSCA Board Meeting 2023-03-15

Earle Convenes Meeting

Attendees:

- Earle
- Jesse
- Scott
- Andy
- Shirley
- DuWayne
- Tom
- Neil

Business

Colorado Closed

- Earle asked about history of prizes, in particular interested in addition funding over the 100%
- Shirley opposed changing prizes, Earle agreed.
- Earle proposed lunch for attendees. The vote failed, 3-4 (Earle, DuWayne, Tom in favor, Jesse, Andy, Neil, Shirley against)
- **After discussion, Jesse moved to provide coffee and breakfast items in the morning. Scott seconded, motion passed 5-2 (Scott, Earle, Neil, Jesse, Andy in favor, DuWayne and Shirley against.)**
- **Earle requested hotel expense reimbursement as TD. Jesse seconded, vote passed all in favor (Earle abstained).**

Colorado Scholastic

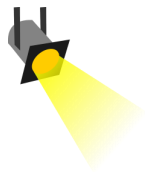
- Earle began a lessons learned discussion.
- Unexpected costs were the main topic of discussion.
- Tom brought up needing clarity for section assignments for age groups.

Stipend motion.

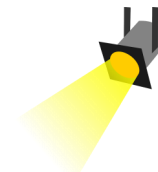
- Travel stipends for scholastic event winners \$800 (4 players) DuWayne motioned, Earle seconded. All voted in favor.

Board members CSCA memberships

- The board instructed Scott to update board members' CSCA memberships per the bylaws. (Scott later confirmed the changes have been made.)
- Jesse pressed for locking down the date and place for the girls tournament.



Spotlight on Colorado Chess Clubs



Aurora Public Library Chess Club

The Aurora Public Library Chess Club meets every Wednesday from 4:00pm-6:00pm at the Hoffman branch. It is located just south of Colfax on Peoria St. and is run by librarian Cori Iannaggi. She is new to our game but her passion and quick learning makes this a great place to meet for chess. Cori was inspired to take up the game after watching the Queen's Gambit mini-series and taught herself. As a librarian it seemed natural for her to start a chess club there. She recently teamed up with the Denver Chess Club to host an U1800 rated tournament at her club in addition to helping with the Tribute to MLK tournament. Please stop by and meet Cori and support her new venture. I hope she will inspire others to start chess clubs in their neighborhoods and local libraries.



Chess outside the library when the weather warms



Head downstairs at the library entrance



A great space for chess in the basement



Cori helping teach the kids



Cori Iannaggi at the board



DCC manager JC Macneil (left) at the club



Hosting the DCC U1800 rated tournament



Great to see a full room for the tournament

Hoffman Library: Aurora Public library - 1298 Peoria St, Aurora, CO 80011

Contact: Cori Iannaggi by email: ciannaggi@auroragov.org

If you would like to see your chess club in the Spotlight here or have news about your club for future issues, please contact me. skibrezina@gmail.com

NM Lior Lapid's Message to Colorado

A letter of gratitude from Lior Lapid to the Colorado chess community

December 1, 2022, was the day my first child Emanuel was born. On that day, filled with unspeakable joy coupled with overwhelming anxiety, I received a life-changing call from Sunil Weeramantry, the founder and executive director of the National Scholastic Chess Foundation. Little did I know then that his call would herald a new chapter in my life. A few weeks later, I accepted the position of executive director of the NSCF, setting me on a path that will bring me and my family to South Florida in May, where I look forward to a full year of training under Sunil's guidance.

Looking back on my journey as director and head coach of PALS Chess Academy, I am filled with gratitude for the relationships I've built with my students, their families, and the Colorado chess community at large. I cherish memories of teaching chess to thousands of PALS students since 2012, from kindergarteners to high schoolers and beyond. Some of the little kindergarteners I used to enjoy entertaining are now in high school. Some of my former middle school students are now married. Those who have stayed connected with me are all still playing the timeless game that brought us together over the past decade.

I am filled with gratitude for dear friends like Ann Davies, Paul Covington, Brad Lundstrom, Kenneth and Laura Fleenor, Shrikkanth Raghunathan, and countless others who believed in me and encouraged me to pursue my dream despite the many challenges that would have felt insurmountable without their guidance and support. My dear friend John Brezina (founder of the Parker Chess Club, local chess photographer, chess journalist extraordinaire, and editor of this Colorado Chess Informant) was the one who introduced me to Sunil Weeramantry four years ago. John and his wife Michelle have shown me nothing but unconditional support and generosity over the years, and I am forever indebted to them for their kindness.

I also want to express my appreciation for the school principals, teachers and administrators who put their trust in me and opened their doors to PALS Chess Academy, allowing our coaches to bond with and mentor their students both on and off the chessboard. And speaking of the PALS coaches, they were always the beating heart of our program. I was incredibly lucky to have had the opportunity to work with such wonderful and kind-hearted instructors over the years.

I am beyond excited to serve the National Scholastic Chess Foundation, a 501c3 non-profit organization whose mission is to enrich the lives of children through chess education. Since 1990, under the leadership of the inimitable Sunil Weeramantry, the organization has time and again proven its commitment to inspiring positive social change, shining the light of chess education on the lives and futures of children from diverse backgrounds across the country. Sunil will be leaving impossibly big shoes to fill when he retires next year. Nevertheless, under his guidance, I am committed to doing my best to carry on his legacy, making chess education available for all children and working towards his lifelong dream of incorporating chess education within the national elementary school curriculum.

I feel mixed emotions as I prepare for this bittersweet transition in my life, but I am comforted and heartened by the knowledge that Kevin McConnell, a true visionary with a tireless work ethic, will take my place as PALS Chess Academy's new director. With the support of his wonderful wife Kori, the McConnell's will help our team continue providing high-quality chess education to thousands of children in Colorado over the coming years. It goes without saying that two of the head coaches will be my friends and students Griffin and Sullivan McConnell, rising stars who despite their young age, have brightened and enhanced our chess community for years. Under the capable leadership of the McConnell family, I'm confident that PALS Chess Academy could not be left in better hands. As for me, I will also remain a part of the organization I founded over 10 years ago, continuing to develop the curriculum and train new coaches for years to come.

What a blessing and incredible ongoing journey this has been, combining my love of chess with my passion for children's education. If my life was somehow depicted as an unfinished chess game, there would undoubtedly be many blunders. On the other hand, some of the game's most memorable moments would include an opening with over 10 moves (years) as a volunteer chess coach in New Mexico and Israel, a middle game with over 10 moves as director and head coach of PALS Chess Academy in Colorado, and (though the moves have yet to be played) a late mid-game and endgame with over 20 moves establishing meaningful connections with children in Florida and across the country through the National Scholastic Chess Foundation.

Dear friends, students, and colleagues, you are all my mentors. Some of you helped make me a better teacher, others made me a better player, most made me a better man. I will always treasure the shared smiles and laughter, the lessons learned, the games played, the unforgettable moments, and the joy you've brought into my life. I hope our paths cross again someday. I hope to stay connected with many of my students through online group lessons and occasional summer camps when my family manages to escape the Florida summers. Here's to old friendships and new beginnings, to teachers enriching the lives of their students with new knowledge and to students enriching the lives of their teachers with new meaning. Here's to the unwavering power of chess, the beautiful game that transcends time and distance, delighting and uniting us all.

Sincerely, Lior



Lior Lapid Lecture at the Parker Chess Club

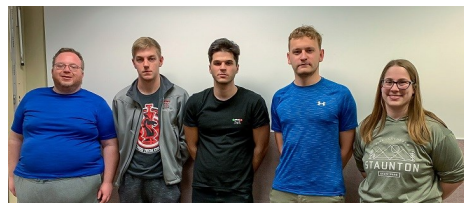
Join Lior Lapid for a lecture at the Parker Chess Club on Monday April 17 from 6:15pm - 8:00pm where we can thank him for all his dedication to Colorado chess and so many students. I invite all his friends and students to attend a very special lecture and evening where we can wish him well on a wonderful new chapter in his life. It will be at the Parker library on Mainstreet. Email me with any questions - John Brezina skibrezina@gmail.com

DCC 2023 Tribute to Martin Luther King

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Colorado doesn't see players of this caliber often...

As always it is an honor for the Denver Chess Club to have a chess tournament as a tribute to Martin Luther King on his national holiday weekend. In cooperation with the Aurora Library system - and in particular, with Librarian Corina Iannaggi.



Super organizer Richard Shtivelband on the left, three super Grandmasters from Texas in the center, and super librarian Corina Iannaggi on the right. made a super DCC tournament :-)

Tournament organizer, Richard Shtivelband in an interview with Channel 9 News had this to say: "Although it's not certain if he ever played chess or not, the weight and thought with which MLK chose his words in his powerful and moving speeches is something a chess player could definitely relate to. No doubt, MLK thought deeply and with intense focus about how he could most effectively achieve his goals of social change and greater racial equality for all of us. Perhaps, similarly, a chess player uses deep thought, intense focus, and plays the game move by move to achieve the goal of checkmate on the chessboard. So, even if MLK never got a chance to play a game of chess in his life, we as chess players can see in him someone who would probably have enjoyed the game a great deal if he wasn't otherwise occupied doing the great things he did with his life."



9News interviewing Richard Shtivelband

Reflecting on what Mr. Shtivelband said, I would guess Mr. King perhaps played casual chess to relax, when he was not too busy at his work to put an end to segregation, degradation, and blatant racism. Achieving that goal is similar to how a chess player goes about winning a serious game. By overcoming strong opposition, with deep thought and perseverance, voting and civil rights for so many African American citizens came primarily from Mr. King's efforts. Martin Luther King may have been inspired to begin his crusade when Rosa Parks refused to sit in the back of a Montgomery Alabama bus.

Rosa Parks was awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom by Bill Clinton.

In addition, "This collaboration with Denver Chess Club speaks to the purpose of the library to improve lives with learning opportunities for all," said Midori Clark, director of Library and Cultural Services. "As a source of self-improvement, Chess not only fosters intellectual and creative abilities but also creates connections among community members, values that align perfectly with those at Aurora Public Library" Let me just say that in general all libraries are great, but with this attitude towards chess the Aurora library system is special. Thank you kindly, Ms. Clark. Also, I can't thank John Brezina enough for the following photos.



Richard Shtivelband vs. GM Semen Khanin

Thanks to NM Shtivelband we had another DCC record attendance tournament. A DCC tournament that was talked about on Channel 9 News!!

Thanks are also due to CSCA President, Earle Wikle, for setting up the DGT boards, so move by move on the top boards could be displayed throughout the tournament on the big screen. Aside from a record MLK attendance of 110 players, this year's tournament was also special in that we had the Texas Tech University Knight Riders chess team in attendance. Much credit is due to Mr. Shtivelband for bringing the team to Colorado. Richard was contacted by Ryan McCrea expressing interest in coming up to play in the MLK in January. Mr. Shtivelband got to talking with Ryan and, "Out of curiosity I asked him if he had any ideas about how we could attract more players to come up to Denver from Texas for the club's events and that's when I learned he was president of the TTU Knight Riders Chess Team."



Texas Tech University Knight Riders President, Ryan McCrea.

"From there I asked if they had any titled players on his college chess team and it turned out they had 3 super strong GMs! And by good fortune they were all interested in coming up to play in Denver for the MLK!" And lo and behold they appeared here in Denver for the 2023 Tribute to Martin Luther King tournament.

GM Semen Khanin, GM Alexsey Sorokin, and GM Viktor Matviishen added prestige and class to this DCC event. Colorado doesn't see players of this caliber often, and we certainly hope they'll be back for the 2024 MLK tournament. We were also pleased to have the other members of the team in attendance: Mr. McCrea, Jackson Greener, Noah Phillips, and Santiago Henderson. Thank you all very much!!

So then, on to who won a share of the huge 5575 dollar prize fund. In the Championship section, surprisingly the three GMs did not take the top three place prizes. GM Viktor Matviishen had the swiss system pairing misfortune of being forced to play against his GM teammates in rounds 4 and 5 and lost both games. Leaving newly minted USCF Master, Neil Bhavikatti, to take 3rd place with 4 points and win 250 dollars.

Neil Bhavikatti's 3rd place finish shares prize money with two Grand Masters!! Neil only lost to Earle Wikle, in Round 1. Which was a big upset win for Mr. Wikle. GM Semen Khanin and his teammate GM Alexsey Sorokin played to a draw in their round 3 game and won all their other games, to finish with 4.5 points and they share the combined 1st and 2nd place of 1500 dollars.

A crowd has gathered for the end of the fascinating Neil Bhavikatti vs. Matthew Wofford game. (photo below)

USCF Experts Matthew Wofford, and Vedanth



Sampath ended up with 3 points and they share the combined 1st and 2nd U2200 prize of 800 dollars. Former CSCA President, Brad Lundstrom, Earle Wilke, Sara Herman, and way underrated William Wolf all win 150 dollars for the combined 1st and 2nd U2000 prize. Mr. Wolf can be most pleased since his 2.5 points were all upsets against much higher rated players. Sara's brother and Colorado's newest USCF master, Daniel Herman only lost to GM Khanin, and Neil Bhavikatti to end up with 3 points.

The U1800 section was won by Nate Getz with a 4.5 point score. Mr. Getz only gave up a round 3 draw to the strong Caleb Koellar. His fine performance won 450 dollars. The combined 2nd and 3rd place prize was shared by

Amitai Shebba and Alec Newport. Each player won 275 dollars. Amitai won his last round game against DCC Treasurer, Luis Jimenez. Who I know from personal experience is a really strong player. Notable upset points in this section were Nolan Ottele, 3.5 points. Sai Dasari, 3 points. Kaavya Sakthisaravanan, 3 points. Aysuh Vispute 3 points. Abhijay Balamurugan, 3 points. These players' games were all big rating difference wins and one upset draw. I don't know Nolan, but the others are youngsters that I'm guessing are all under 12 years old. I think :-)



Sara Herman next to GM Alexsey Sorokin

The U1600 section was won by Jon Sealander with a perfect 5-0 score. This can't do better than that performance won 350 dollars. 2nd place was taken by Brian Miller who finished with 3.5 points and won 225 dollars. Eli Cohrs had to work for his 3 point 3rd place finish by upsetting 3 players who were a total of over 600 points higher rated!! Certainly a hard earned 150 dollars. Darshan Satishkumar also had notable upset games.

In the U1400 section Ari Wang also had a can't do better than a 5 point final score, and thus won the 1st place prize of 250 dollars. The combined 2nd and 3rd place prize of 250 dollars was shared by Gnaneswar Doppalapudi and Andrew Bueche with both players ending up with 4 points. Tom Needham's 3 points were all big upset wins. The U1200 and Unrated section was won by Emmet Lignell with 4.5 points that included a big upset win against the strong Karthika Sakthisaravanan (Kaavya's mom). Mr. Lignell takes home 200 dollars for his 4.5 final score. The combined 2nd and 3rd place prize was won by Ms. Sakthisaravanan, Aaroh Anaspure, and Ryan Bliven. They each finished with 4 points, and each player won 66 dollars and 67 cents. Isodore Grotewiel and Sofiia Gainullina each had two big upset wins in their final 3 point final score.



Karthika Sakthisaravanan organizes and directs tournaments at her Kings of Chess club

So, when all was said and done 22 players won prize money. I must say I'd like the DCC in future tournaments to shave a little prize money off the top and apply it to the lower rated players. I know it's traditional for the higher rated players to get the lion's share of the pot, but maybe not such a bigger chunk. Just saying. Anyway, congratulations to all 22 players that won money by playing chess well against players who were often much higher rated.

I do like to point out upset wins and draws because that is what garners the most USCF rating points. I believe most players are playing for the rating points, and maybe not so much for the prize money. After all, to go from one rating class to the next higher level is difficult to do and is a real accomplishment when done. It might be said that the resulting sense of pride has more meaning than winning prize money. It is regretful that NM Brian Wall, the president of the Denver Chess Club, was unable to play in this event due to serious medical issues that required immediate hospitalization the day before the tournament began. Currently, he is out of the Intensive Care Unit at St. Joseph's hospital and hopefully will be home within a few days. I, and the DCC, along with I'm sure all his friends everywhere, hope for a complete and total recovery.



Colorado Master Daniel Herman

I would be negligent if I didn't mention what an outstanding Tournament Director Tom Nelson is. His tournament rounds always start on time, results are entered correctly, and submitted to the USCF promptly. Any disputes are always resolved quickly, quietly, and fairly. And again, thanks to John Brezina for all the tournament photos used in the report. See all of his excellent photography of the tournament with these links:

Round 1 - <https://photos.app.goo.gl/swHKY3GcaiB57sR98>

Round 2—<https://photos.app.goo.gl/8veZCcPM3WVfhvs79>

Round 5—<https://photos.app.goo.gl/DoQ1Lb8dKTkhSmFL8>

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Games Section: Thanks to CSCA President, Earle Wike, all of the games played on the top 4 boards in the Championship section can be found here: [MLK 2023: round 5, game 1 \(livechesscloud.com\)](https://livechesscloud.com) In the upper right corner, click "Round" and then select the game you wish to view. Do not miss John Brezina's videos of several Championship games: [MLK tournament videos - YouTube](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MLK_tournament_videos) In addition, Sara Herman's games and interesting commentary can be found here: Youtube channel: [@zefcatt](https://www.youtube.com/@zefcatt) or here; Twitch channel: <https://www.twitch.tv/zefcatt> and here: MLK video: https://youtu.be/iE2JYvCI7_Y - Sara has thousands of followers across these channels.

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A great turnout at the 2023 MLK Tournament

To start this section, Daniel Herman gives an excellent summary of what it's like to play against a Grandmaster. Quoting Daniel Herman: "Playing my 3rd GM in classical otb I perform better than the first 2 against Jesse Kraai and Conrad Holt. Though I did have a winning position in the game with Kraai, poor calculation and terrible endgame play seeped in and the veteran came back to win, so I think overall I played better in this game. After White's 24th move Ng1! my mind is blown. White's plan is to squeeze me to death like a boa constrictor with his space advantage and I have to just shuffle and sort and wait and see what his plan to breakthrough will be. This is a very long and arduous task, especially for a human playing an opponent 450 points above them. With my time already dwindling, I start to already feel the pressure and make a snap decision with 24...h6."

"Yes, I see that the pawn can be taken, but after 25. Bxh6 my plan is to reply with ...25. Nf4+. If 26. gxf4 black is already better after 26...Bxh6 as the dark squares have collapsed. (see diagram #1) But of course, my GM opponent plays the correct 26. Bxf4 and comes ahead 2 pawns. If I were to play the resulting position against anyone below 2000 USCF I think I would still have decent chances as my strong bishop can become a lot to handle if White is not precise."

"My GM opponent snuffs out the fire breathing dragon Bishop in short order and drives through e5. Soon all my pieces, not just my Bishop, suffocate under the weight of White's center. One could argue that I resigned prematurely, but I felt I would be disrespecting my opponent to play on any more against someone of his caliber. Overall, I enjoyed playing my 3rd and highest-rated GM in classical and I think I can take a lot from this experience. 24...h6 is my only objectively bad move and against many other players I would stand a chance after making the error, but these guys give you no chances. The 2023 DCC MLK was a fun event and I think I learned a lot about chess."

Games from the Tribute to Martin Luther King Tournament

Herman,Sara (1978) - GM Khanin,Semen (2646)

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.g3 Bg7 4.Bg2 0-0 5.Nc3 d6 6.Nf3 Nbd7 7.0-0 e5 8.e4 exd4 9.Nxd4 Re8 10.h3 Ne5 11.Re1 a6 12.Rb1 h6 13.b4 Ne6 14.Be3 Ng5 15.Bxg5 hxc5 16.Nd5 c6 17.Nc3 Nd7 18.Re3 Ne5 19.Qe2 g4 20.hxg4 Bxg4 21.f3 Bd7 22.e5 a5 23.Na4 axb4 24.Rxb4 dxc5 25.Nxc5 Qa5 26.Rxb7 Qxc5 27.Nb3 Qa3 28.f4 Bc8 29.Rc7 Ba6 30.Qc2 Qd6 0-1

Sorokin,GM Aleksey (2663) - Lundstrom,Brad (1973)

1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.Nf3 Nf6 4.e3 e6 5.Qc2 Bd6 6.b3 0-0 7.Bd3 Nbd7 8.Bb2 g6 9.Nbd2 Qe7 10.Ne5 Ne8 11.0-0 f6 12.Nxd7 Bxd7 13.e4 Re8 14.Rae1 Qg7 15.h3 f5 16.e5 Be7 17.f4 Ne7 18.Nf3 e5 19.dxc5 Bxc5+ 20.Bd4 Na6 21.Bxc5 Rxc5 22.Qf2 Rf8 23.a3 dxc4 24.Bxc4 Qe7 25.Rd1 Bb5 26.Bxb5 Rxb5 27.b4 Nc7 28.Rc1 Ra8 29.Rc4 Nd5 30.Rf1 a5 31.Nd4 Rb6 32.bxa5 Rxa5 33.a4 Rb4 34.Rxb4 Nxb4 35.Rc8+ Kf7 36.Nb5 Nc6 37.Rc7 1-0

Motley,Chris (2007) - GM Matviishen,Viktor (2626)

1.c4 e5 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nc6 5.Nc3 e6 6.Bf4 d5 7.Ndb5 e5 8.Bg5 d4 9.Nd5 Nxd5 10.cxd5 Qxg5 11.a3 Qd8 12.e4 a6 13.Qa4 Bd7 0-1

Bhavikatti,Neil (2263) - Wikle,Earle (1933)

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 Bg7 4.Bg5 d6 5.Nf3 Nbd7 6.e3 c6 7.Be2 0-0 8.0-0 h6 9.Bh4 g5 10.Bg3 Nh5 11.Qc2 Nxc3 12.hxg3 e5 13.Rad1 f5 14.d5 c5 15.e4 f4 16.g4 Nf6 17.Nh2 h5 18.f3 Kf7 19.Rd2 Rh8 20.Nd1 hxg4 21.fxg4 Rxh2 22.Kxh2 Bxg4 23.Kg1 Qh8 24.Qd3 Bd7 25.g3 Qh7 26.gxf4 exf4 27.Bf3 Rh8 28.e5 Bf5 29.Qe4 dxc5 30.Qxe5 Nd7 31.Qe2 g4 32.d6 gxf3 33.Qxf3 Bd4+ 34.Rf2 Qh2+ 35.Kf1 Bh3+ 36.Ke2 Re8+ 37.Ne3 Rxe3+ 38.Qxe3 Bg4+ 39.Kd3 Qh7+ 40.Qe4 Ne5+ 0-1

GM Khanin,Semen (2656) - Shtivelband,Richard (2206)

1.e4 g6 2.d4 Bg7 3.Nf3 c6 4.Bd3 d6 5.0-0 Bg4 6.c3 Nd7 7.Nbd2 e5 8.h3 h5 9.Nc4 Bxf3 10.Qxf3 Qe7 11.Be3 Ngf6 12.dxc5 dxe5 13.b4 h4 14.Rfd1 Nh5 15.Bf1 0-0 16.Rd2 Rfd8 17.Rad1 Nf8 18.Be5 Qg5 19.Nd6 Rd7 20.Be4 Nf4 21.Nxf7 Rxf7 22.Rd7 Nxd7 23.Rxd7 Kh7 24.Rxf7 Rd8 25.Be7 Rd1+ [25...Rd1+ 26.Kh2 Qh6 27.Qxd1] 26.Qxd1 1-0

Wofford,Matthew (2137) - GM Sorokin,Aleksey (2671)

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 a6 6.Be2 e5 7.Nb3 Be7 8.0-0 0-0 9.Re1 Be6 10.Bf3 Nbd7 11.a4 Re8 12.a5 Qc7 13.Be3 Qc6 14.Re2 Rfe8 15.h3 Nc5 16.Nxc5 dxc5 17.Bg5 Rec8 18.Qe1 Rd4 19.Nd5 Nxd5 20.exd5 Bxd5 21.Rxe5 Bxf3 22.gxf3 f6 23.Rxe7 Rxe7 24.Qxe7 fxg5 25.Ra3 h6 26.Rb3 Rd7 27.Qe8+ Kh7 28.Rb6 0-1

GM Matviishen,Viktor (2615) - Langseth,Rhett (2127)

1.c4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d6 3.d4 Nbd7 4.Nf3 e5 5.e4 exd4 6.Nxd4 Nc5 7.f3 a5 8.Be3 Be7 9.Be2 0-0 10.0-0 Re8 11.Qd2 c6 12.Rad1 Qc7 13.g4 Bf8 14.g5 Nfd7 15.Nf5 Re6 16.h4 g6 17.Nh6+ Bxh6 18.gxh6 b6 19.Bf4 Qd8 20.Qe1 Qf8 21.Qg3 Nf6 22.Bxd6 Nh5 23.Bxf8 Nxc3 24.Bxc5 Ba6 25.Bxb6 Nxf1 26.Kxf1 Re5 27.f4 Ree8 28.e5 Be8 29.Ne4 Bh3+ 30.Kf2 Reb8 31.c5 Be6 32.a3 Rb7 33.Rd6 1-0

Herman,Daniel (2218) - Bhavikatti,Nei (2263)

1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.Bg5 Be7 5.Nf3 h6 6.Bh4 0-0 7.e3 Nbd7 8.Bd3 dxc4 9.Bxc4 e5 10.0-0 a6 11.Qe2 b5 12.Bd3 Bb7 13.Rfd1 Qb6 14.Bc2 Rac8 15.e4 exd4 16.Nxd4 Ne5 17.Rac1 Rfd8 18.Nf3 Nxf3+ 19.Qxf3 b4 20.Na4 Qb5 21.Bxf6 Bxf6 22.b3 Rxd1+ 23.Qxd1 Qc6 24.Qf1 e5 25.f4 Qc7 26.Nb2 Bxe4 27.Nc4 Bxc2 28.Rxc2 exf4 29.Rd2 Rd8 30.Rxd8+ Qxd8 31.Qe1 Be3 32.Qe4 Qd1+ 33.Kf2 Bf6 34.Qxf4 Bd4+ 35.Kg3 Qe1+ 36.Kh3 Qe6+ 0-1

GM Sorokin,Aleksey (2671) - GM Khanin,Semen (2656)

1.c4 e6 2.Nc3 d5 3.d4 Nf6 4.Nf3 Bb4 5.g3 0-0 6.Bg2 dxc4 7.0-0 Nc6 8.Qa4 Rb8 9.Ne5 Nd5 10.Nxc6 bxc6 11.Ne4 a5 12.a3 Nb6 13.Qc2 Be7 14.Rd1 Bd7 15.Nc5 Be8 16.Bd2 a4 17.Bc3 Ra8 18.Nb7 Qe8 19.Na5 Nd5 20.Nxc4 Qa6 21.Be1 c5 22.dxc5 Bb5 23.Rac1 Bxc5 24.Bxd5 exd5 25.Rxd5 Ba7 26.Ne5 Bxe2 27.Ra5 Qh6 28.Ra1 Bxf2+ 29.Bxf2 Rxa5 30.Nc6 Ra6 31.Ne7+ Kh8 32.Qxe2 Re6 33.Qf3 Rxe7 34.Bc5 Ree8 35.Bxf8 Rxf8 36.Re1 Kg8 37.Re2 Qc1+ 38.Kg2 h6 39.Qd5 c6 40.Qd4 Rb8 41.Rf2 ½-½

WIKLE,EARLE (1933) - MATVIISHEN,VIKTOR (2626)

1.c4 e5 2.Nc3 Nf6 3.g3 d5 4.cxd5 Nxd5 5.Bg2 Ne7 6.e3 Nc6 7.Nge2 e5 8.a3 Be7 9.0-0 h5 10.h3 Be6 11.f4 Qd7 12.Kh2 f5 13.fxe5 h4 14.gxh4 Rxh4 15.Nf4 g5 16.Nxe6 Qxe6 17.Qf3 Qxe5+ 18.Kg1 g4 19.Qxf5 Qxf5 20.Rxf5 gxh3 21.Bf3 0-0 22.Ne4 h2+ 23.Kh1 Rg8 24.Bg2 Rg2 25.Nc3 0-1

MOTLEY,CHRISTOPHER (1914) - HERMAN,DANIEL (2207)

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.c3 Nf6 5.d4 exd4 6.cxd4 Bb4+ 7.Nc3 Nxe4 8.0-0 Bxc3 9.d5 Bf6 10.Re1 Ne7 11.Rxe4 d6 12.Bg5 Bxg5 13.Nxg5 0-0 14.Nxh7 Kxh7 15.Rh4+ Kg8 16.Qh5 f5 17.Qh8+ Kf7 18.Qh5+ Ng6 19.Rd4 Rh8 20.Qe2 Bd7 21.Bd3 Qg5 22.Rc4 Rae8 23.Qc2 Ne5 24.f4 Nf3+ 25.Kf2 Qe7 26.Kg3 Ne1 0-1

BHAVIKATTI,NEIL (2258) - LUNDSTROM,BRAD (1973)

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 Bg7 4.Bg5 d6 5.e3 h6 6.Bh4 0-0 7.Nf3 Nbd7 8.Qc2 c6 9.Be2 a6 10.0-0 b5 11.b4 Nb6 12.c5 Nbd5 13.Nxd5 cxd5 14.a4 Bf5 15.Qb3 g5 16.Bg3 dxc5 17.bxc5 bxa4 18.Qxa4 Ne4 19.Rfc1 Nxc3 20.hxg3 a5 21.c6 Qd6 22.Re5 Rf8 23.Rac1 Kh7 24.Nd2 e5 25.Nb3 exd4 26.exd4 Be4 27.Nd2 Qf6 28.Nxe4 dxe4 29.Bg4 Rc7 30.d5 Qe5 31.Bf5+ Kg8 32.Bxe4 Bf8 33.Rxa5 Rxa5 34.Qxa5 Bd6 35.Bf3 Qd4 36.Qc3 Qxc3 37.Rxc3 Kg7 38.g4 Kf6 39.g3 Ke5 40.Kg2 f5 41.Re3+ Kd4 42.gxf5 Ke5 1-0

PETERSEN,NICKOLAS (2021) - SOROKIN,ALEKSEY (2656)

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 Bg7 5.cxd5 Nxd5 6.e4 Nxc3 7.bxc3 c5 8.Rb1 0-0 9.Be2 cxd4 10.cxd4 Qa5+ 11.Bd2 Qxa2 12.0-0 Bg4 13.Rxb7 Bxf3 14.Bxf3 Bxd4 15.Rxe7 Nc6 16.Rd7 Rad8 17.Rd5 Ne7 18.Rxd8 Rxd8 19.Be3 Nc6 20.Qc1 Bxe3 21.Qxc6 Bb6 22.Qf6 Rd2 23.Bd1 Bxf2+ 24.Kh1 Qc4 0-1

MATVIISHEN,VIKTOR (2626) - KHANIN,SEMAN (2668)

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 d5 4.Nc3 Nbd7 5.cxd5 exd5 6.a3 Be7 7.Bg5 c6 8.e3 h6 9.Bf4 Nh5 10.Be5 Nxe5 11.dxe5 g6 12.h3 Ng7 13.Bd3 h5 14.Qc2 Ne6 15.Rd1 Qc7 16.0-0 Bd7 17.b4 g5 18.Bf5 g4 19.hxg4 hxg4 20.Bxg4 0-0-0 21.Rc1 Kb8 22.Bxe6 Bxe6 23.Ne2 Bg4 24.Ng3 Rdg8 25.Nd4 Qxe5 26.Qxc6 Bd6 27.Qb5 Ka8 28.Nb3 Qe7 0-1

WOFFORD,MATTHEW (2117) - BHAVIKATTI,NEIL (2258)

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 Be7 6.Re1 b5 7.Bb3 0-0 8.a4 b4 9.a5 b6 10.d3 Bg4 11.Be3 d5 12.Nbd2 h6 13.c3 bxc3 14.bxc3 d4 15.cxd4 exd4 16.Bf4 Bb4 17.h3 Bxf3 18.Qxf3 Nxa5 19.Ba2 c6 20.Rab1 Be3 21.Re2 Kh8 22.Nf1 c5 23.Ng3 Ne8 24.Bd5 Ra7 25.Nf5 Qf6 26.Rb8 Rd7 27.Bd6 Nxd6 28.Rxf8+ Kh7 29.e5 Qxf5 30.Be4 Qxe4 31.dxe4 d3 32.Qxd3 Bxe5 33.g3 Nc6 34.Qxa6 Nd4 35.Re3 Ne6 36.Ra8 c4 37.Kg2 c3 38.Re1 c2 39.Qd3 Rc7 40.Rc1 Rc3 41.Qd5 Bf4 42.e5 Bxc1 43.exd6 Rc5 44.Qd3+ g6 45.d7 Bg5 46.Qf3 Kg7 47.Ra1 c1Q 48.Rxc1 Rxc1 49.Qa3 Rd1 50.Qa4 Rd2 51.Kf3 Bf6 52.Ke3 Rd6 53.f4 Nc5 54.Qb4 Re6+ 55.Kf3 Nxd7 56.Qb5 Rd6 57.g4 g5 58.h4 gxh4 59.g5 hxg5 60.hxg5 Bd4 61.Kxf4 Ne5 62.Kf5 Ng6 63.Qb7 Be5 64.Qh1 Re6 65.Qh6+ Kg8 66.Qh1 Bf4 67.Qa8+ Kg7 68.Qa1+ Re5+ 69.Kg4 Bxg5 70.Qb2 Bf6 71.Qb8 Rxd5+ 72.Kf3 Be5 73.Qd8 Kh6 74.Qd2 f5 75.Qc1 Kh5 76.Qc5 Kg3+ 77.Kf2 Kg5 78.Qd5 Rg4 79.Qd8+ Bf6 80.Qd2+ Nf4 81.Kf3 Rh4 82.Qc1 Rh3+ 83.Kf2 Bd4+ 84.Ke1 0-1

HERMAN,DANIEL (2207) - SHTIVELBAND,RICHARD (2204)

1.d4 e6 2.e4 d5 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.e5 Ne7 5.Qg4 Nf5 6.Nf3 h5 7.Qf4 c5 8.a3 Qa5 9.axb4 Qxa1 10.bxc5 Bd7 11.Bd3 g6 12.0-0 Qa5 13.Bd2 Qd8 14.b4 a6 15.Ra1 Nc6 16.Na4 g5 17.Nxg5 Nxd4 18.Nb6 Rb8 19.Be3 Rg8 20.Nh7 Bb5 21.Nf6+ Kf8 22.Bxd4 1-0

SOROKIN,ALEKSEY (2656) - MATVIISHEN,VIKTOR (2626)

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.e3 0-0 5.Bd3 c5 6.Nge2 cxd4 7.exd4 d5 8.cxd5 Nxd5 9.0-0 Nc6 10.a3 Be7 11.Be2 b6 12.Qd3 g6 13.Bh6 Re8 14.f4 Bf6 15.Ne4 Bg7 16.Bxg7 Kxg7 17.g4 a5 18.Rae1 Ba6 19.Qd2 Qh4 20.g5 Bxe2 21.Rxe2 Rd8 22.Bd1 b3 23.Rg2 hxg5 24.Rg4 h3 25.Bf3 gxh4 26.Ng5 Qh8 27.Rxf4 Nxf4 28.Qxf4 Nxd4 29.Qxf7+ Kh6 30.Qf4 Nxf3+ 31.Nxf3+ g5 32.Qxg5+ Kh7 33.Kh1 Rg8 34.Qh5+ Kg7 35.Qe5+ Kh6 36.Qe3+ Kg7 37.Ng5 Rge8 38.Nxe6+ Rxe6 39.Qxe6 1-0

BHAVIKATTI,NEIL (2258) - PETERSEN,NICKOLAS (2021)

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 d5 4.cxd5 exd5 5.Bg5 Be7 6.Qc2 0-0 7.e3 Nbd7 8.Bd3 Re8 9.Nge2 Nf8 10.0-0 Ne6 11.Bxf6 Bxf6 12.Bxh7+ Kh8 13.Bd3 c5 14.dxc5 Nxc5 15.Bb5 Re5 16.Ng3 Ne4 17.Ncxe4 dxe4 18.Be4 Qe7 19.Qb3 g6 20.Bxf7 Kg7 21.Bd5 Be6 22.Bxe6 Rxe6 23.Rad1 Be5 24.Qa4 Qh4 25.Rd7+ Kh6 26.f4 Bxb2 27.Rxb7 Bf6 28.f5 Re5 29.fxg6 Kxg6 30.Qd7 Be7 31.Nf5 1-0

KHANIN,SEMAN (2668) - HERMAN,DANIEL (2207)

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 b5 6.Bb3 Be7 7.d4 d6 8.c3 0-0 9.h3 Bb7 10.Re1 Na5 11.Be2 c5 12.d5 Ne4 13.a4 Nb6 14.a5 Nbd7 15.c4 b4 16.Nbd2 g6 17.Nf1 Nh5 18.Bh6 Re8 19.Qd2 Bf8 20.Bg5 Qc7 21.g3 Bg7 22.Nh2 Ndf6 23.Kg2 Be8 24.Ng1 h6 25.Bxh6 Nf4+ 26.Bxf4 exf4 27.Qxf4 b3 28.Bd3 Rb8 29.Qd2 Rb4 30.f4 Nd7 31.Ng3 Qd8 32.Ng4 Nf8 33.e5 Bxg4 34.hxg4 Rb7 35.Re2 Rbe7 36.Rae1 Qd7 37.g5 1-0

WOFFORD,MATTHEW (2117) - WIKLE,EARLE (1933)

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1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 c5 4.c3 Nc6 5.Nf3 Bd7 6.Be2 Nge7 7.Na3 cxd4 8.cxd4 Nf5 9.Nc2 Qb6 10.0-0 Na5 11.Bd3 Bb5 12.Ne3 Nxe3 13.fxe3 Be7 14.Rf2 Bxd3 15.Qxd3 0-0 16.Bd2 Ne6 17.Bc3 f6 18.exf6 Bxf6 19.b4 Nxb4 20.Qb1 Nc6 21.Rb2 Qa6 22.Rb5 b6 23.a4 Rab8 24.e4 dxe4 25.Qxe4 Qc8 26.Rc1 Qd7 27.d5 exd5 28.Rxd5 Qe7 29.Qd3 Qa3 30.Qd2 Qxa4 31.Bxf6 Rxf6 32.Rd7 Qe4 33.Ng5 Qf5 34.Qa4+ Kf8 35.Nxh7+ Qxh7 36.Rxc6 Rf1+ 37.Kxf1 Qf5+ 38.Qf2 Qh7 Qa2 Qf5+ Kg1 1-0

Crosstables from the Tribute to MLK Tournament

Section 1 - CHAMPIONSHIP (+1800 USCF)

Pair Num	Player Name USCF ID / Rtg (Pre->Post)	Total Pts	Round 1	Round 2	Round 3	Round 4	Round 5	
1 TX	ALEKSEY SOROKIN 17003082 / R: 2663 ->2671	4.5 N:S	W W	10 B	6 D W	2 W B	8 W W	4 W
2	SEMEN KHANIN 17346301 / R: 2646 ->2656	4.5 N:S	W B	9 W	13 D B	1 W B	4 W W	5 W
3 CO	NEIL BHAVIKATTI 14919064 / R: 2258 ->2263	4.0 N:C	L W	11 B	5 W W	10 W B	6 W W	8 W
4 TX	VIKTOR MATVISHEN 30176249 / R: 2626 ->2615	3.0 N:C	W B	14 W W	18 W B	11 L W	2 L B	1 L
5 CO	DANIEL HERMAN 14345456 / R: 2212 ->2218	3.0 N:C	W B	15 L W	3 W B	14 W W	13 L B	2 L
6 CO	MATTHEW WOFFORD 12812582 / R: 2131 ->2137	3.0 N:1	W B	16 L W	1 W B	9 L W	3 W W	11 W
7 CO	VEDANTH SAMPATH 15543043 / R: 2097 ->2090	3.0 N:1	W B	12 L W	8 L B	13 W W	17 W B	14 W
8 CO	NICKOLAS PETERSEN 13072431 / R: 2020 ->2031	2.5 N:2	W W	20 W B	7 H W	L W	1 L B	3 L
9 CO	SARA HERMAN 14345441 / R: 1978 ->1985	2.5 N:1	L W	2 W B	19 L W	6 W B	15 D W	10 L
10 CO	BRAD LUNDSTROM 10410347 / R: 1973 ->1980	2.5 N:2	L B	1 W B	16 L W	3 W W	12 D B	9 L
11 CO	EARLE P WIKLE 12126030 / R: 1878 ->1933	2.5 N:C	W B	3 H W	L W	4 W W	18 L B	6 L
12 CO	WILLIAM LEO WOLF 14762885 / R: 1677 ->1748	2.5 N:2	L W	7 W W	15 D B	18 L B	10 W W	19 L
13 CO	RICHARD SHTIVELBAND 12630593 / R: 2208 ->2206	2.0 N:1	W W	19 L B	2 W W	7 L B	5 U W	U
14 CO	CHRISTOPHER MOTLEY 16231534 / R: 2007 ->2001	2.0 N:2	L W	4 W B	17 L W	5 W B	16 L W	7 L
15 CO	DUWAYNE LANGSETH 11197175 / R: 1875 ->1869	2.0 N:2	L W	5 L W	12 B W	20 L W	9 W B	18 L
16 CO	VEDANT PRAVIN MARGALE 16018722 / R: 1756 ->1756	2.0 L	L W	6 L B	10 W W	19 L W	14 B W	U
17 NC	RYAN ALEXANDER MCCREA 13974684 / R: 1748 ->1743	2.0 L	L B	18 L W	14 B W	L B	7 W W	20 L
18 CO	RHETT LANGSETH 13392987 / R: 2127 ->2088	1.5 N:3	W W	17 L B	4 D W	12 L B	11 L W	15 L
19 CO	HARSH MALI 16022473 / R: 1815 ->1776	1.0 L	L B	13 L B	9 L B	16 W W	20 L B	12 L
20 CO	BRADFORD C BLAKE 11052533 / R: 1600 ->1600	1.0 L	L B	8 B W	L W	15 L B	19 L B	17 L

Section 2 - U1800

Pair Num	Player Name USCF ID / Rtg (Pre->Post)	Total Pts	Round 1	Round 2	Round 3	Round 4	Round 5	
1 WA	NATE GETZ 14077108 / R: 1688 ->1785	4.5 N:2	W B	11 W	12 D	4 W	14 W	6 W
2 CO	AMITAI SEBBA 15807085 / R: 1699 ->1751	4.0 N:2	W W	25 B	6 W	8 D	4 W	9 W
3 CO	ALEC CHRISTOPHER NEWPORT 30219040 / R: 1625 ->1674	4.0 N:3	L B	14 W	30 W	27 W	13 W	18 W
4 CO	CALEB NOAH KOELLER 30341176 / R: 1764 ->1780	3.5 N:2	W B	22 W	20 D	1 D	2 D	5 W
5 CO	ROWEN OREGEL 17314325 / R: 1711 ->1736	3.5 N:2	W B	32 W	17 H	D B	9 D	4 W
6 CO	NOLAN CHRISTOPHER OTTELE 16045214 / R: 1486 ->1632	3.5 N:2	W B	10 D	2 W	21 W	7 L	1 L
7 CO	TED DOYKOS 12724380 / R: 1713 ->1723	3.0 N:3	D W	8 W	26 H	L B	6 W	22 W
8 CO	DEREK YIN 16493370 / R: 1711 ->1715	3.0 N:3	D B	7 W	24 L	2 D	12 W	19 W
9 CO	LUIS A JIMENEZ 14736983 / R: 1698 ->1709	3.0 N:2	W B	31 W	27 D	14 D	5 L	2 L

10 CO	KRISTOPHER ZELKIN 30155254 / R: 1685 ->1680	3.0 N:3	L W	6 L	11 W	25 W	27 W	24 W	24 W
11 CO	SAI SWANITH DASARI 16623300 / R: 1641 ->1665	3.0 N:3	L W	1 W	10 W	20 L	15 W	23 W	23 W
12 CO	KAAYYA SAKTHISARAVANAN 16909357 / R: 1531 ->1587	3.0 N:3	B B	L B	1 D	28 D	8 W	26 W	26 W
13 CO	PHINEAS HAGG 30173046 / R: 1490 ->1561	3.0 N:3	H B	D W	19 W	23 L	3 W	20 W	20 W
14 CO	JEREMY BRIAN ROLDAN 15475345 / R: 1793 ->1789	2.5 N:3	W W	3 W	23 D	9 L	1 U	U	U
15 CO	GARY BAGSTAD 10924031 / R: 1706 ->1709	2.5 L	L W	17 W	31 H	W W	11 U	U	U
16 CO	JEFFREY ALAN BAFFO 10340195 / R: 1700 ->1700	2.5 N:3	L W	27 W	25 D	18 D	24 D	17 D	17 D
17 CO	DON EUGENE WISDOM JR. 12631931 / R: 1598 ->1618	2.5 N:3	W B	15 L	5 H	D W	19 D	16 D	16 D
18 CO	AYUSH VISPUTE 16045256 / R: 1467 ->1548	2.5 N:3	U W	32 D	16 W	21 L	3 L	3 L	3 L
19 CO	KENNETH DOYKOS 10358086 / R: 1700 ->1700	2.0 N:4	D B	24 D	13 H	D B	17 L	8 L	8 L
20 CO	GRAYSON MANUEL 16746206 / R: 1643 ->1626	2.0 N:3	W W	29 L	4 L	11 W	28 L	13 L	13 L
21 CO	SHUBH MISRA 16824026 / R: 1633 ->1620	2.0 N:3	D W	26 W	28 L	6 L	18 D	27 D	27 D
22 CO	ROGER WILLIAM REDMOND 12044380 / R: 1620 ->1600	2.0 N:4	L W	4 D	29 H	W W	30 L	7 L	7 L
23 CO	MARK WESTON 30614763 / R: 1598P14->1572P19	2.0 N:4	W B	30 L	14 L	13 W	29 L	11 L	11 L
24 CO	ABHIJAY BALAMURUGAN 16913354 / R: 1530 ->1552	2.0 N:3	D W	19 L	8 W	26 D	16 L	10 L	10 L
25 CO	MS. TANYA GURPUR MADKE PRABHU 16349446 / R: 1539 ->1525	2.0 L	L B	2 L	16 L	10 B	W W	31 W	31 W
26 CO	DANIEL MARMER 12889369 / R: 1836 ->1768	1.5 N:4	D B	21 L	7 L	24 W	31 L	12 L	12 L
27 LA	MILES MCGUIRE 13173830 / R: 1579 ->1565	1.5 N:4	W B	16 L	9 L	3 L	10 D	21 D	21 D
28 CO	ROBERT BLAHA 13473723 / R: 1798 ->1743	1.0 L	H W	L B	21 D	12 L	20 U	U	U
29 CO	TIMOTHY J MENDOZA 15262893 / R: 1479 ->1458	1.0 L	L B	20 D	22 H	L B	23 U	U	U
30 CO	BENJAMIN DEGUIRE 30412244 / R: 1482P12->1430P15	1.0 L	W B	23 L	3 B	L B	22 U	U	U
31 CO	JAMES MACNEL 12532599 / R: 1600 ->1600	0.5 L	L W	9 L	15 H	L B	26 L	25 L	25 L
32 CO	ROBERT CARLSON 14678120 / R: 1613 ->1577	0.5 L	L W	5 L	18 H	U U	U U	U U	U U

Section 3 - U1600

Pair Num	Player Name USCF ID / Rtg (Pre->Post)	Total Pts	Round 1	Round 2	Round 3	Round 4	Round 5	
1 CO	JONATHAN SEALANDER 30348127 / R: 1592P19->1655P24	5.0 N:3	W B	11 W	5 W	2 W	8 W	4 W
2 CO	BRIAN RAY MILLER 30249276 / R: 1458P8 ->1519P13	3.5 N:3	W B	8 W	4 L	1 W	5 D	6 W
3 CO	ELI MATTHEW COHRS 30399807 / R: 1249 ->1339	3.0 N:4	L W	5 W	7 L	6 W	11 W	8 W
4 CO	ANDREW SHELTON 30265051 / R: 1401P8 ->1426P13	2.5 N:4	W B	6 L	2 D	8 W	7 L	1 L
5 CO	DANIEL CHRISTIAN PFEIL 17117142 / R: 1446P16->1447P20	2.0 N:4	W B	3 L	1 W	9 L	2 U	
6 CO	LEV SHULMAN 30180261 / R: 1448 ->1414	2.0 L	L W	4 L	8 W	3 D	9 D	2 D
7 CO	LEIF PAUL MCFADDEN 30596924 / R: 1407P13->1380P18	2.0 L	L B	10 L	3 W	11 L	4 W	9 W
8 CO	DEAN W BROWN 10224098 / R: 1400 ->1400	1.5 L	L W	2 W	6 D	4 L	1 L	3 L

9	DARSHAN SATISHKUMAR	1.5	U	W	11	L	5	D	6	L	7
CO	16961241 / R: 1262	->1270		W	B				W		
10	AYUSH VISPUTE	1.0	W	7	U	U	U	U			
CO	16045256 / R: 1548	->1560		W							
11	GEORGE PESCHKE	0.0	L	1	L	9	L	7	L	3	U
CO	15618142 / R: 1426	->1342		W	B	W	W				

Section 4 - U1400

Pair Num	Player Name USCF ID / Rtg (Pre->Post)	Total Pts	Round 1	Round 2	Round 3	Round 4	Round 5
1	ARI WANG CO 15656142 / R: 1319	5.0 N:3	W 25	W 8	W 7	W 10	W 4
2	MR. GNANESWAR KUSHAL DOPPALAPUDI CO 30402217 / R: 1273	4.0 N:4	W 24	W 6	W 4	W 17	W 8
3	ANDREW BUECHE CO 30327958 / R: 1267	4.0 N:4	L 6	W 21	W 9	W 16	W 10
4	JOHN TREUTH CO 30539986 / R: Unrated->1543P4	3.5 N:4	H	W 20	W 2	W 15	L 1
5	KAMRON WESLEY CORREIA CO 30171816 / R: 1336	3.5 N:4	W 13	L 7	D 15	W 12	W 14
6	RYAN P CHMIELEWSKI CO 30160416 / R: 1311	3.0	W 3	L 2	L 8	W 22	W 16
7	MITCHELL BEYER CO 30744020 / R: 1268P8	3.0 N:4	W 18	W 5	L 1	L 8	W 15
8	TOM NEEDHAM CO 12743781 / R: 1200	3.0 N:4	W 19	L 1	W 6	W 7	L 2
9	ROCCO JAN DEGEEST CO 30438419 / R: 1250	3.0	L 11	W 19	L 3	W 18	W 17
10	MICHAEL T TOTH CO 30338558 / R: 1241P24->1267	3.0	W 23	W 12	W 17	L 1	L 3
11	PETER STANTON NEEDHAM CO 15457024 / R: 1351	2.5	W 9	L 17	H	L 14	W 20
12	SHAURYA MISRA CO 16824011 / R: 1331	2.5	D 20	L 10	W 18	L 5	W 21
13	JACKSON HERBERT GREENER TX 30358229 / R: 1239	2.5	L 5	L 18	W 20	D 21	W 22
14	SARVESH RAJESH CO 16925315 / R: 1239	2.5	L 15	W 23	D 22	W 11	L 5
15	MR. NOAH RIVERS PHILLIPS TX 30161387 / R: 1317	2.0	W 14	D 16	D 5	L 4	L 7
16	TYLER A POOLE CO 12612558 / R: 1305	2.0	W 21	D 15	H	L 3	L 6
17	SANTIAGO HENDERSON CO 14312221 / R: 1279P8	2.0	W 22	W 11	L 10	L 2	L 9
18	AARON BLAIR CO 30628722 / R: 1281P25->1237	2.0	L 7	W 13	L 12	L 9	B
19	STEVEN D BUTCHER CO 12480161 / R: 1306	1.5	L 8	L 9	H	L 20	W 23
20	VEDANT RATNAKAR CO 17127917 / R: 1219	1.5	D 12	L 4	L 13	W 19	L 11
21	AYRAT GAYNULLIN CO 30521406 / R: 1226P22->1180	1.5	L 16	L 3	W 23	D 13	L 12
22	WESTON ALEXANDER TAYLOR CO 30776543 / R: 1124P15->1086P19	1.5	L 17	X	D 14	L 6	L 13
23	DAN G NOLAN CO 30378351 / R: 749	1.0	L 10	L 14	L 21	B	L 19
24	ANDREW ROBICHAUD CO 30154062 / R: 1355	0.0	L 2	F 22	U	U	U
25	DARSHAN SATISHKUMAR CO 16961241 / R: 1270	0.0	L 1	U	U	U	U

Section 5 - U1200 AND UNRATED

Pair Num	Player Name USCF ID / Rtg (Pre->Post)	Total Pts	Round 1	Round 2	Round 3	Round 4	Round 5
1	EMMETT LIGNELL CO 30624060 / R: 837P9	4.5	W 12	W 3	D 9	W 6	W 10

2	RYAN PATRICK BLIVEN CO 30901935 / R: Unrated->1158P5	4.0	L 7	W 18	W 11	W 13	W 6
3	KARTHIKA SAKTHISARAVANAN CO 17129234 / R: 1132	4.0	W 15	L 1	W 8	W 5	W 13
4	AAROH ANAND ANASPURE CO 30589243 / R: 1099	4.0	W 18	W 7	L 6	W 14	W 9
5	DEREK C SCHRAG CO 15399207 / R: 908P25-> 921	3.0	W 14	L 6	W 12	L 3	W 15
6	ISADORE GROTEWIEL CO 16243695 / R: 816	3.0	W 16	W 5	W 4	L 1	L 2
7	JASON C KING CO 30468871 / R: 819P8	3.0	W 2	L 4	H	D 8	W 14
8	TANAY KATARU CO 30436408 / R: 845	3.0	W 22	D 10	L 3	D 7	B
9	SOFIYA GAINULLINA CO 30666704 / R: 758P20-> 833P25	3.0	W 13	W 20	D 1	D 10	L 4
10	ZACHARIAH DOUGLAS PETERS CO 30645275 / R: 468P2	3.0	W 11	D 8	W 20	D 9	L 1
11	SHIRLEY HERMAN CO 14812654 / R: 1071	2.5	L 10	W 22	L 2	B	D 12
12	NYJAH X MUNN CO 30908248 / R: Unrated-> 837P5	2.5	L 1	W 15	L 5	W 16	D 11
13	GLEN HOLGUIN CO 30373052 / R: 1087	2.0	L 9	W 19	W 17	L 2	L 3
14	VIK VAD CO 30899392 / R: 754P1	2.0	L 5	W 16	W 19	L 4	L 7
15	SUMANTH NAGASAI KAJA CO 30657770 / R: 731P15-> 693P19	2.0	L 3	L 12	B	W 20	L 5
16	LONDON RICE CO 30895671 / R: Unrated-> 508P4	2.0	L 6	L 14	W 22	L 12	X
17	SEAN T YILMAZ CO 30141886 / R: Unrated-> 662P3	1.5	L 19	H	L 13	W 18	F 16
18	JERRY DANIELS CO 30481202 / R: 547P12-> 529P16	1.5	L 4	L 2	H	L 17	W 20
19	JAMES ALEX MANNING CO 30349185 / R: 863P20-> 827P23	1.0	W 17	L 13	L 14	U	U
20	HATCHER TURNER CO 30927224 / R: Unrated-> 134P4	1.0	X	L 9	L 10	L 15	L 18
21	ASHRITH ARJUN NISTALA CO 16876534 / R: 913	0.0	F 20	U	U	U	U
22	DAVID PHILLIP HAMM JR. CO 30919949 / R: Unrated-> 166P3	0.0	L 8	L 11	L 16	U	U



2023 Scholastic State Chess Championships

By Jesse Cohen
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As the head director of the high school section of the 2023 Scholastic State Chess Championships, I am pleased to say that this year's event was an absolute success. Everything was perfect from the staff to the food, from the weather to the atmosphere.

The event had an impressive turnout with approximately 225 students from across Colorado competing for the title of State Champion. Each participant demonstrated the skills they had honed throughout the year, making the competition fierce and exciting. The title of State Champion comes with bragging rights and a personal invitation to represent Colorado in a national invitational tournament where the best players from each state compete. The state also provides a generous stipend to help cover the expenses of the winners.

The event took place at the beautiful Arapahoe County Fairgrounds, providing a spacious and comfortable environment for participants, their friends, and their families. The weather was perfect, and everyone enjoyed the experience thoroughly. This year, we secured a demonstration room for the leaders of our chess community to share their wisdom and insight for the highest boards in each division.

The lunch options were excellent, catering to both vegetarian and vegan clients. I, personally, loved getting Indian food from Paradise Tavern and having my own custom t-shirt made with "Coach Jesse" on the back. The t-shirt guy really stepped up his game this year.

The event was not only a great success in terms of chess but also in terms of fundraising. We took in approximately \$500 in partnerships this year, which will help us to provide value and opportunities to our beloved chess community.

I want to express my gratitude to all the people behind the scenes who made this tournament unbelievably smooth. Thanks to the parents who camped for two days as their children battled it out. The event would not have been possible without their support. Lastly, I'd like you to please keep an eye out for the all-girls championship coming soon. The 2023 Scholastic State Chess Championships was a resounding success, and I cannot wait to see more and more as the years go by. This event is the biggest and best event of the year, and I am proud to have been a part of it. Thanks again to everyone who made it possible, and I look forward to seeing you again next year, if not sooner.

(Pictures by John Brezina)



The main playing hall at the fairgrounds



225 Colorado students competing



The start of Round 2



DuWayne Langseth in the analysis room

Games from the State Scholastic Championships

POKHAREL,NEEL (421) - LLIRIS (1921)

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.Bc4 Nxe4 5.Nxe4 d5 6.Bd3 dxe4 7.Bc4 exf3 8.Qxf3 Qf6 9.Qe4 Bc5 10.Rf1 0-0 11.Bd3 g6 12.Be2 Nd4 13.d3 Nxc2+ 14.Kd1 Nxa1 15.g4 Rd8 16.Bd2 Rd4 17.Qg2 Qc6 18.f3 Bb4 19.Bxb4 Rxb4 20.Ke1 Nc2+ 21.Kd1 Ne3+ 22.Ke1 Nxc2+ 23.Kf2 Nf4 24.a3 Qc5+ 25.Kg3 Nxe2+ 26.Kh4 Qe7+ 27.Kh3 Nf4+ 28.Kg3 Rxb2 29.Rf2 Rxf2 30.Kxf2 Nxd3+ 31.Kg3 Qc5 32.Kh4 Qf2+ 33.Kg5 Kg7 34.h4 f6# 0-1

MALLHARSH (1777) - DESAI,SHRIHAN (693)

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.d4 d6 4.dxe5 dxe5 5.Qxd8+ Kxd8 6.Bb5 a6 7.Bxc6 bxc6 8.Nxe5 Ke8 9.Nc3 Bb4 10.Bd2 Bd7 11.a3 Bd6 12.Nxd7 Kxd7 13.0-0-0 Nf6 14.e5 Bxe5 15.Bh6+ Nd5 16.Nxd5 exd5 17.Rxd5+ Ke6 18.Rxe5+ Kxe5 19.Bxg7+ Kf5 20.Bxh8 Rxb8 21.Re1 Kf6 22.Re3 Rb8 23.Rh3 Kg6 24.Kd2 Rd8+ 25.Rd3 Re8 26.Rd7 c6 27.Rd6+ Re6 28.Rxe6+ fxe6 29.b4 Kf5 30.Kd3 Ke5 31.c4 Kd6 32.a4 e5 33.Ke4 h6 34.b5 axb5 35.axb5 Kc5 36.bxc6 Kxc6 37.Kxe5 Kc5 38.f4 Kxc4 39.f5 Kc5 40.Ke4 Kd5+ 1-0

BHAVIKATTI 2263,NEIL (2263) - PEESAPATY,VEDANTH (810)

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.Qc2 0-0 5.a3 Bxc3+ 6.Qxc3 d5 7.Bg5 h6 8.Bh4 Nbd7 9.e3 c5 10.dxc5 Nxc5 11.Bxf6 gxf6 12.cxd5 Ne4 13.Qd4 exd5 14.Ne2 Re8 15.Nf4 Bd7 16.Bd3 Bf5 17.0-0 Bh7 18.Qxd5 Qxd5 19.Nxd5 Rad8 20.Bxe4 Rxe4 21.Nxf6+ Kh8 22.Nxe4 Bxe4 23.Rfd1 Rg8 24.g3 Bf3 25.Rd4 Re8 26.Rf4 Bh5 27.g4 Bg6 28.Rb4 b6 29.Kg2 Rg8 30.Kf3 Kh7 31.Rd1 h5 32.h3 hgx4+ 33.hxg4 Kh6 34.Kf4 Re8 35.Rd2 Re1 36.e4 Kg7 37.Rd7 Re6 38.Rxa7 Rf6+ 39.Ke3 Rc6 40.f4 Rc2 41.f5 Bh7 42.Rxb6 Rg2 43.Kf4 Rf2+ 44.Kg5 Re2 45.f6+ Kh8 46.Rb8+ Bg8 47.Raa8 Kh7 48.Rxg8 Rxe4 49.Rg7# 1-0

PFEFFER,EMERY (226) - SHRIKKANTH,AVYUKTH (917)

1.e4 e5 2.Qh5 e6 3.Be4 Nf6 4.Qe5 Ne6 5.Qf4 Qe7 6.Nc3 d5 7.exd5 exd5+ 8.Nce2 dxc4 9.Qf3 Nb4 10.c3 Nc2+ 11.Kd1 Nxa1 12.Nf4 Bg4 13.Qe2 Bxe2+ 14.Ngxe2 Ng4 15.f3 Nf2+ 16.Ke1 Nxb1 17.g4 Qh4+ 18.Kd1 Nf2+ 19.Ke1 Nd3+ 20.Kd1 Qe1# 0-1

MATTHEW,ELI (1340) - BHAVIKATTI 2263,NEIL (2263)

1.b3 c5 2.e4 Nc6 3.Bb2 d6 4.Nf3 Bg4 5.Be2 Nf6 6.Nc3 e6 7.d4 Bxf3 8.Bxf3 exd4 9.Ne2 e5 10.Qd2 Re8 11.0-0 Be7 12.Rac1 0-0 13.c3 Nd7 14.cxd4 Bg5 15.Qd3 Bxc1 16.Rxc1 exd4 17.Nxd4 Nde5 18.Qe3 Nxd4 19.Bxd4 Qa5 20.Ra1 Re2 21.a3 Rf8 22.Bd1 Re1 23.b4 Qc7 24.Bxe5 dxe5 25.Qxc1 Qxc1 26.Rxc1 Rxc1 27.Kf1 Rxd1+ 28.Ke2 Ral 0-1

LLIRIS (1921) - THIESZEN,TREVOR (795)

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Nf6 4.Ng5 d5 5.exd5 Nd4 6.c3 Nxd5 7.cxd4 Qxg5 8.Bxd5 exd4 9.Qf3 Qe5+ 10.Qe4 Qxe4+ 11.Bxe4 Bd6 12.d3 0-0 13.0-0 Re8 14.Nd2 f5 15.Bf3 c6 16.Nb3 Rd8 17.Re1 Kf7 18.Bd2 h6 19.g3 Be6 20.Bh5+ Kf6 21.Nxd4 Be5 22.Nxe6 Kxe6 23.Bc3 Rd5 24.f4 Rad8 25.Rxe5+ Rxe5 26.Bxe5 Rxd3 27.Rd1 Re3 28.Kf2 Re4 29.Rd4 1-0

SHRIKKANTH,AVYUKTH (917) - SPINUZZI,BRODY (221)

1.e4 c5 2.Qh5 e6 3.Be4 Nf6 4.Qe5 Ne6 5.Qf4 Qe7 6.Nc3 d5 7.exd5 exd5+ 8.Nce2 dxc4 9.Qf3 Nb4 10.c3 Nc2+ 11.Kd1 Nxa1 12.Nf4 Bg4 13.Qe2 Bxe2+ 14.Ngxe2 Ng4 15.f3 Nf2+ 16.Ke1 Nxb1 17.g4 Qh4+ 18.Kd1 Nf2+ 19.Ke1 Nd3+ 20.Kd1 Qe1# 1-0

KOVACS,HENRY (1117) - MALLHARSH (1777)

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.exd5 exd5 4.Nf3 Nf6 5.Bg5 Bd6 6.Be2 c6 7.h3 Bf5 8.Nbd2 Nbd7 9.a3 h6 10.Be3 Ne4 11.c4 Ndf6 12.c5 Be7 13.Rc1 Nxd2 14.Nxd2 0-0 15.0-0 Qd7 16.Re1 Rfe8 17.Rc3 Ne4 18.Nxe4 Bxe4 19.Bd3 b6 20.Re2 b5 21.f3 Bg6 22.Bxg6 fxe6 23.Bf2 Qf5 24.Rce3 Kf8 25.Qe1 Rxe3 26.Rxe3 Qf4 27.g3 Qf7 28.Kg2 a5 29.Re6 Re8 30.Rxe8+ Qxe8 31.Qxe8+ Kxe8 32.b4 Kf7 33.Be3 Kf6 34.f4 g5 35.fxe5+ hxe5 36.g4 axb4 37.axb4 Bf4 38.Bxf4 gxf4 39.Kf3 Kg5 40.h4+ Kxh4 41.Kxf4 Kh3 42.Kf5 Kh4 43.g5 Kh5 44.g6 Kh6 45.Ke6 Kxg6 1-0

BHAVIKATTI 2263,NEIL (2263) - FINDLEY,JACOB (1607)

1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.cxd5 exd5 5.Bg5 c6 6.Qc2 Be7 7.e3 h6 8.Bh4 0-0 9.Bd3 Na6 10.Bxa6 bxa6 11.Nf3 Qd7 12.0-0 Rb8 13.Ne5 Qc7 14.Bxf6 Bxf6 15.Nxd5 Qd6 16.Nxf6+ Qxf6 17.Nxc6 Bf5 18.Qxf5 Qxc6 19.Rf1 Qd6 20.b3 Rfe8 21.Re5 g6 22.Qc2 Rb7 23.Re1 Re7 24.Qc4 Rb6 25.d5 Qe5 26.Rc6 Rb5 27.Rd1 Qh5 28.Qd4 Re4 29.Rc8 1-0

LLIRIS (1921) - STUTZ,TYWIN

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 e6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nc6 5.Nc3 Bc5 6.Be3 Nxd4 7.Bxd4 Bxd4 8.Qxd4 Qf6 9.e5 Qd8 10.Be2 Ne7 11.Ne4 0-0 12.0-0 Nf5 13.Qc3 b6 14.Bg4 d5 15.exd6 Nxd6 16.Nxd6 Qxd6 17.Bf3 Rb8 18.Rad1 Qe7 19.Qe5 Bb7 20.Be2 Rbc8 21.c3 Rc5 22.Qe3 Rg5 23.Bf3 Bxf3 24.Qxf3 Rf5 25.Qc6 Qh4 26.Rd4 Qh5 27.Qe4 Rg5 28.Rfd1 Rg6 29.Rd8 f5 30.Rxf8+ Kxf8 31.Qa8+ Kf7 32.Rf7+ Kf6 33.Qd8+ Ke5 34.Qc7+ Kf6 35.Rf7+ Kg5 36.Qd8+ Kh6 37.Qd2+ Rg5 38.Re7 Qg4 39.g3 f4 40.Kf1 Qh3+ 41.Ke1 Re5+ 42.Kd1 Rd5 43.Kc2 Rxd2+ 44.Kxd2 Qf5 45.Rxa7 Qd5+ 46.Kc2 fxe3 47.hxe3 Qe4+ 48.Kb3 Qe2 49.f4 Qd4 50.Rb7 Qd1+ 51.Ka3 Qd6+ 52.b4 Qe6 53.Ra7 Qxc3+ 54.Ka4 Qxg3 55.Rb7 Qxf4 56.Rxb6 Qe4 57.Ka5 g5 58.a4 g4 59.b5 g3 60.Rb8 g2 61.Rg8 Qe1+ 62.Ka6 g1Q 63.Rxg1 Qxg1 64.b6 Qg8 65.Ka7 e5 66.b7 e4 67.b8Q Qxb8+ 68.Kxb8 e3 69.a5

e2 70.a6 e1Q 71.a7 Kg5 72.Kc7 Qe7+ 73.Kb6 Qxa7+ 74.Kxa7 h5 75.Kb6 h4 76.Kc5 h3 77.Kd4 h2 78.Ke3 h1Q 79.Kd4 Qf3 80.Kc5 Qe4 81.Kd6 Qf5 82.Kc6 Qe5 83.Kd7 Qf6 84.Kc7 Qe6 85.Kb7 Qd6 86.Kc8 Qe7 87.Kb8 Kf6 88.Kc8 Ke6 89.Kb8 Kd6 90.Ka8 Kc6 91.Kb8 Qb7# 0-1

MARGALE 1757,VEDANT (1757) - SATISHKUMAR,DARSHAN (1258)

1.e4 e5 2.Bc4 Nc6 3.Nf3 Bc5 4.d3 h6 5.c3 Nf6 6.0-0 0-0 7.h3 d5 8.exd5 Nxd5 9.Re1 Re8 10.d4 Nb6 11.Bxf7+ Kxf7 12.dxc5 Nd7 13.b4 Kg8 14.Na3 a5 15.b5 Na7 16.Qd5+ Kh8 17.Nxe5 Nxe5 18.Qxd8 Nf3+ 19.gxf3 Rxd8 20.Kg2 Bd7 21.c4 c6 22.b6 Nc8 23.Bf4 Rf8 24.Bg3 Rf5 25.Rad1 Rf7 26.Nb1 Bf5 27.Bd6 Nxd6 28.cxd6 Rd8 29.c5 Bg6 30.Nd2 Bh5 31.Re3 Bg6 32.Nb3 a4 33.Na5 Bf5 34.Re7 Rd7 35.Rde1 Kg8 36.Rxd7 Rxd7 37.Re7 Rd8 38.Nxb7 Rb8 39.Na5 Bb1 40.a3 Bf5 41.Nxc6 Rc8 42.b7 Rxc6 43.b8Q+ Rc8 44.Re8+ Rxe8 45.Qxe8+ Kh7 46.d7 Bxh3+ 47.Kxh3 g5 48.Qf7+ Kh8 49.d8Q# 1-0

LI,AUDREY (668) - SHRIKKANTH,AVYUKTH (917)

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 a6 6.Be4 e5 7.Nf3 Nc6 8.a3 Qb6 9.Bb3 Ng4 10.0-0 Nd4 11.Nxd4 Qxd4 12.Qxd4 exd4 13.Ne2 Nf6 14.f3 d5 15.exd5 Bc5 16.Kh1 Bd7 17.Bg5 0-0 18.Bxf6 gxf6 19.Rad1 Bb5 20.Rfe1 Rfe8 21.Ng3 d3 22.cxd3 Bxd3 23.h3 Rxe1+ 24.Rxe1 Bf2 25.Rd1 Bb5 26.Ne4 Bh4 27.g3 Be2 28.Re1 Bxf3+ 29.Kh2 Bxe4 30.Rxe4 Bg5 31.h4 Bc1 32.Re7 Bxb2 33.a4 b5 34.Re2 bxa4 35.Rxb2 axb3 36.Rxb3 Rd8 37.Rd3 a5 38.Kg2 a4 39.Kf3 a3 40.Rxa3 Rxd5 41.Ke4 Re5+ 42.Kf4 Kg7 43.g4 h6 44.Rg3 Ra5 45.g5 Ra4+ 46.Kf5 fxe5 47.hxe5 Ra5+ 48.Kf4 h5 49.Rh3 Kg6 50.Rg3 Rf5+ 51.Ke3 Rxg5 52.Rf3 f5 53.Rh3 Rg4 54.Kf3 Kg5 55.Ke3 h4 56.Kf3 f4 57.Ke4 Rg3 58.Rxg3+ hxe3 59.Kf3 Kf5 60.Kg2 Ke4 61.Kf1 f3 62.Kg1 g2 63.Kf2 Kf4 64.Kg1 Ke3 65.Kh2 Kf2 66.Kh3 g1Q 67.Kh4 Qg3+ 68.Kh5 Ke3 69.Kh6 f2 70.Kh5 f1Q 71.Kh6 Qh3# 0-1

KOVACS,HENRY (1117) - MARGALE 1757,VEDANT (1757)

1.e4 e5 2.d4 cxd4 3.c3 d3 4.Bxd3 d6 5.Nf3 Nc6 6.0-0 Nf6 7.Be3 Bg4 8.h3 Bh5 9.Nbd2 e6 10.Qc2 Qc7 11.Rac1 Be7 12.Rfe1 d5 13.exd5 Nxd5 14.Bc4 Nxe3 15.Rxe3 0-0 16.Bd3 Bg6 17.Bxg6 hxe6 18.Ne4 Ne5 19.Nxe5 Qxe5 20.Ng3 Qc7 21.Rce1 Bc5 22.R3e2 Qxg3 23.a4 Qc7 24.Re4 Be7 25.Qb3 Rfe8 26.Rc4 Qb6 27.Qc2 Rac8 28.Rce4 Bf6 29.Rb4 Qxb4 0-1

SHRIKKANTH,AVYUKTH (917) - FEE 713,JUDE (713)

1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.e3 c6 5.Nf3 Bd7 6.Qb3 Qb6 7.Na4 Qxb3 8.axb3 Bb4+ 9.Bd2 Bxd2+ 10.Nxd2 Na6 11.cxd5 exd5 12.Bxa6 bxa6 13.Ne5 Bb5 14.Nxa6 Rc8 15.Nb4 0-0 16.Rxa7 Rc1# Nb1 Rcc8 Nd2 Rc1# 0-1

PARASURAM,SHANKAR (966) - NIGATU 1195,JASON (1195)

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Nc3 Bc5 4.Nxe5 Nxe5 5.d4 Bd6 6.dxe5 Bxe5 7.Bc4 d6 8.0-0 Nf6 9.Bg5 0-0 10.Qd3 Re8 11.f4 Bxc3 12.Qxc3 Rxe4 13.Rfe1 d5 14.Bxf6 gxf6 15.Rad1 Rxe1+ 16.Qxe1 c6 17.Bd3 Bd7 18.Qg3+ Kh8 19.Qh4 f5 20.Qh5 Qf6 21.g4 Qg6 22.Qxg6 hxe6 23.g5 Re8 24.Kf2 Kg7 25.Re1 Rxe1 26.Kxe1 f6 27.h4 fxe5 28.hxe5 Kf7 29.Qe2 c5 30.Kd2 d4 31.c3 Bc6 32.Bc4+ Ke7 33.cxd4 cxd4 34.Kd3 Kd6 35.Kxd4 a5 36.Bf7 ½-½

ROERTY,ANDREW (1734) - BHAVIKATTI 2263,NEIL (2263)

1.e4 e5 2.Be4 Nc6 3.Nf3 Bc5 4.c3 Nf6 5.d4 exd4 6.e5 d5 7.exf6 dxc4 8.Qe2+ Be6 9.fxg7 Rg8 10.Bg5 Qd5 11.Nbd2 d3 12.Qe4 Rxg7 13.Qh4 Be7 14.Bxe7 Nxe7 15.Ne4 0-0-0 16.0-0-0 Rxg2 17.Nfg5 Rg4 18.Qh6 Rxe4 19.Nxe4 Qxe4 20.Rhe1 Qc6 21.Qe3 Qa4 22.Kb1 Nd5 23.Qd2 Qc6 24.Re5 Ne7 25.Rde1 Rg8 26.Qe3 Kb8 27.Rh5 Qd6 28.Kc1 Nd5 29.Qd4 c5 30.Qh4 d2+ 31.Kxd2 Nf4+ 0-1



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FEIGIN,ARIE (1040) - MISRA 1620,SHUBH (1620)

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 e6 3.Nc3 a6 4.Be2 Qc7 5.0-0 d6 6.d3 Nf6 7.Bg5 Be7 8.h3 0-0
9.Qd2 h6 10.Bh4 Nc6 11.a3 Nd4 12.Nxd4 cxd4 13.Na2 Nxe4 14.dxe4 Bxh4
15.Bd3 Bf6 16.Qf4 Bg5 17.Qg3 e5 18.Rab1 Qe7 19.Nb4 Be6 20.b3 a5 21.Nd5
Bxd5 22.exd5 e4 23.Rfe1 Bh4 24.Qf4 Qf6 25.Qxf6 Bxf6 26.Rxe4 Rfe8 27.Rbe1
Re5 28.Rxe5 dxe5 29.Re4 Re8 30.f4 Kf8 31.fxe5 Bxe5 32.d6 Bxd6 33.Rxd4 Bc5
34.c3 Rd8 35.Kh2 Bxd4 36.cxd4 Rxd4 37.Be4 a4 38.Kg3 axb3 39.Bxb3 Rd3+
40.Kf4 Rxb3 41.Ke5 Rxa3 42.Kd5 Rc3 43.Kd4 Re8 44.Kd3 b5 45.Kd4 b4
46.Kd5 b3 47.Kd6 b2 48.Kd7 Re1 49.Kd6 b1Q 50.Ke5 Qb4 Kd6 Re5 Kd7 Qb6
Kd8 Re7 0-1

FEE 713,JUDE (713) - REGOLI,BEAU (866)

1.d4 d5 2.Bf4 Nc6 3.Nf3 Bf5 4.c3 Nf6 5.e3 e6 6.Nbd2 Bd6 7.Bg3 Qd7 8.Be2 Ne4
9.Nh4 Bg6 10.Bf3 Nxd2 11.Qxd2 Be7 12.0-0 Qd8 13.Nxg6 hxg6 14.h3 Bd6
15.Bh2 Bxh2+ 16.Kxh2 Qh4 17.Rae1 f5 18.Be2 g5 19.Rh1 g4 20.Kg1 Ke7
21.Rf1 gxh3 22.Rxh3 Qg5 23.Rxh8 Rxh8 24.f4 Qh4 25.Qe1 Qh2+ 26.Kf2 Rh3
27.Bf3 Nd8 28.Rh1 Qxh1 29.gxh3 Qxe1+ 30.Kxe1 Kf6 31.Bh5 g6 32.Bf3 g5
33.Kf2 Nf7 34.Kg3 Nd6 35.fxg5+ Kxg5 36.h4+ Kf6 37.h5 Kg5 38.Kf2 Ne4
39.b3 Nd6 40.Ke2 Ne4 41.Kd3 Nf2+ 42.Kc2 Ne4 43.c4 c6 44.Kb2 Nd2 45.Be2
b6 46.Kc3 Nb1+ 47.Kc2 Na3+ 48.Kb2 a6 49.Kxa3 Kh6 50.c5 b5 51.Kb4 f4
52.exf4 Kh7 53.Ka5 Kh8 54.Kxa6 b4 55.Kb6 e5 56.fxe5 Kg7 57.e6 Kg8 58.Kxc6
Kf8 59.Kd7 Kg7 60.e7 Kh6 61.e8Q Kg5 62.Qg6+ Kf4 63.h6 Ke3 64.Bh5 Kf4
65.h7 Ke3 66.h8Q Kd2 67.Qe5 Kc3 68.Qgg3+ Kb2 69.Qe2+ Ka3 70.Qa6+ Kb2
71.Qg2+ Ka1 72.Qaf1# 1-0

BHAVIKATTI 2263,NEIL (2263) - YIN 1927,DAVIN (1927)

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 Bg7 4.Bg5 0-0 5.e3 d6 6.Be2 Nbd7 7.Nf3 e5 8.0-0 h6
9.Bh4 c6 10.Qc2 Qc7 11.Rfd1 Re8 12.Rac1 exd4 13.exd4 Nb6 14.Re1 Nh5 15.c5
dxc5 16.dxc5 Nd5 17.Nxd5 exd5 18.Qd2 Qf4 19.Qxf4 Nxf4 20.Bb5 Rxe1+
21.Rxe1 Be6 22.Bg3 a6 23.Bf1 Nh5 24.Be5 Nf6 25.Nd4 Ne4 26.Bxg7 Kxg7
27.Bd7 Bd7 28.f3 Nf6 29.Kf2 Re8 30.Re1 Ng8 31.Nb3 Ne7 32.Na5 Be6 33.Re1
Kf6 34.Bxa6 Ra8 35.Bxb7 Bxb7 36.Nxb7 Rxa2+ 37.Re2 Rxe2+ 38.Kxe2 Ne6
39.Kd3 Nxb4+ 40.Kd4 Ke6 41.Na5 Ne2+ 42.Kc3 Ne1 43.Kb4 Nxg2 44.Kb5 Kd7
45.Kb6 Ke8 46.c6 Ne3 47.Nb7 Ne4+ 48.Ke5 Kc7 49.Kxd5 Ne3+ 50.Kc5 Nf5
51.Na5 Ne7 52.h3 f6 53.Kb5 f5 54.Kc5 h5 55.f4 h4 56.Kb5 Ne8 57.Ne4 Na7+
58.Kc5 Nxc6 59.Kd5 Kd7 60.Nb6+ Kc7 61.Nc4 Kd7 62.Nb6+ Kc7 63.Nc4 Kd7
Ke4 ½-½

MARGALE 1757,VEDANT (1757) - SEBBA 1752,AMITAI (1752)

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 e6 4.0-0 Nge7 5.Re1 a6 6.Bf1 Ng6 7.c3 d5 8.exd5 Qxd5
9.d4 cxd4 10.cxd4 Bb4 11.Nc3 Qd6 12.a3 Bxc3 13.Bxc3 0-0 14.a4 Rd8 15.Ba3
Qc7 16.Bd3 e5 17.Bxg6 hxg6 18.Nxe5 Nxe5 19.Rxe5 Qxc3 20.Bc5 Bf5 21.Qe1
Qxe1+ 22.Raxel Bd7 23.a5 Re8 24.Rxe8+ Rxe8 ½-½

SAMPATH 2090,VEDANTH (2090) - BHAVIKATTI 2263,NEIL (2263)

1.d4 d5 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.g3 c5 4.Bg2 cxd4 5.0-0 g6 6.Nxd4 Bg7 7.c4 0-0 8.exd5
Nxd5 9.Nb5 Be6 10.N1c3 Nxc3 11.Nxc3 Ne6 12.Qa4 Qb6 13.Nd5 Bxd5 14.Bxd5
Nd4 15.Be4 Rac8 16.Be3 Qxb2 17.Rab1 Qc2 18.Qxc2 Nxc2 19.Bb3 Nxe3
20.fxe3 e6 21.Rfd1 Rfd8 22.Kf2 Kf8 23.Rd3 Ke7 24.Ba4 b6 25.Rbd1 Rxd3
26.exd3 h5 27.d4 Kd6 28.Bb3 h4 29.e4 hxg3+ 30.hxg3 Rc3 31.d5 e5 32.Rh1 Bf6
33.Rh7 Rc7 34.Ba4 Bg5 35.Be6 f5 36.Rxc7 Kxc7 37.exf5 gxf5 38.g4 fxg4
39.Kg3 e4 40.Kxg4 e3 41.Kf3 Kd6 42.a4 Ke5 43.Ke2 Kd4 44.Bb7 Bf4 45.Kf3
Bd6 46.Ke2 Be5 47.Kf3 Ke5 48.Ke2 Kd4 49.Kf3 Kd3 50.Ba6+ Kd2 51.Bb5 Kc3
52.d6 Kd4 53.d7 Be7 54.Ke2 Bg5 55.Kf3 Bd8 56.Ke2 Ke4 57.Bc6+ Kf4 58.Bb5
Be7 59.Bd3 Bd8 60.Bb5 Ke4 61.Bc6+ Kd4 62.Bb5 Bg5 63.Kf3 Bd8 64.Ke2 Ke4
65.Bc6+ Kf4 66.Bb5 Bg5 67.Bd3 Ke5 68.d8Q Bxd8 69.Kxe3 Kd5 70.Kd2 Bf6
71.Bb5 Kc5 72.Kc2 Kb4 73.Be8 a6 74.Kb1 Bd4 75.Bd7 Ka3 76.Be8 Kb4 77.Bd7
b5 78.axb5 a5 79.Ka2 a4 80.b6 Bxb6 81.Bxa4 Kxa4 ½-½

TURNER 135,HATCHER (135) - FEE 713,JUDE (713)

1.e4 e6 2.Nf3 d5 3.exd5 exd5 4.d4 Bd6 5.Nc3 Nf6 6.Bd3 Qe7+ 7.Be3 Be6 8.0-0
Nbd7 9.Re1 Ng4 10.Bd2 Qf6 11.Nxd5 Bxh2+ 12.Nxh2 Qxf2+ 13.Kh1 Qh4
14.Bf4 Nf2+ 15.Kg1 Nxd1 16.Nxc7+ Kd8 17.Nxe6+ fxe6 18.Raxd1 Qxf4
19.Rxe6 Qxd4+ 20.Kf1 Rf8+ 21.Nf3 Qxb2 22.Ke2 Qxa2 23.Re5 Qb2 24.Rb5 Qf6
25.Bxh7 Rh8 26.Be4 Rh2 27.Nxh2 Qa6 28.Bd3 Re8 29.Kd2 Qh6+ 30.Ke1 Qxh2
31.Rxb7 Qxg2 32.Bf1 Qxb7 0-1

MISRA 1620,SHUBH (1620) - NIGATU 1195,JASON (1195)

1.d4 Nf6 2.Bf4 e5 3.c3 cxd4 4.cxd4 d5 5.e3 Ne6 6.Nc3 a6 7.Nf3 Qb6 8.Qb3
Qxb3 9.axb3 Bf5 10.Nb5 Rc8 11.Nc7+ Kd7 12.Ne5+ Nxe5 13.Bxe5 Rxc7
14.Bxc7 Kxc7 15.Re1+ Kd7 16.Be2 e6 17.0-0 Bd6 18.Rfd1 Re8 19.Rxc8 Kxc8
20.Bd3 Bxd3 21.Rxd3 Kd7 22.f3 Ne8 23.e4 Ne7 24.e5 Be7 25.f4 Nb5 26.Kf2
Nxd4 27.Rxd4 Be5 28.Ke3 Kc6 29.Kd3 Bxd4 30.Kxd4 g6 31.g4 h6 32.b4 b6
33.h3 Kb5 34.Kc3 d4+ 35.Kb3 d3 36.Kc3 d2 37.Kxd2 Kxb4 38.Kc2 a5 39.h4 a4
40.Kb1 Kb3 41.Kc1 a3 42.bxa3 Kxa3 43.Kb1 Kb3 44.h5 g5 45.fxg5 Kc4 1-0



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Barber Qualifier K-8 Champion*



*Shubh Misra
Rockefeller Qualifier K-5 Champion*



Jude Fee K-3 Champion



Owen Li K-1 Champion



*Tanya Prabhu
2023 CSCA Haring Qualifier Champion*

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Section 1 - K-12

Pair Num	Player Name USCF ID / Rtg (Pre->Post)	Total Pts	Round 1	Round 2	Round 3	Round 4	Round 5	Round 6	
1 CO	NEIL BHAVIKATTI 14919064 / R: 2263 ->2254	5.0 N:2	W W	29 B	10 B	13 B	4 W	3 B	2
2 CO	VEDANTH SAMPATH 15543043 / R: 2090 ->2088	5.0 N:2	W B	57 B	16 B	20 B	5 W	8 D	1
3 CO	DAVIN YIN 15610124 / R: 1927 ->1939	5.0 N:2	W W	37 B	25 W	12 B	6 D	1 W	4
4 CO	ANDREW ROERTY 15280973 / R: 1734 ->1767	4.5 N:2	W B	24 W	15 B	18 W	1 B	5 D	3
5 CO	ROWEN OREGEL 17314325 / R: 1731 ->1740	4.5 N:3	W W	31 B	21 W	19 D	2 L	4 W	15
6 CO	CHARLIE FLAXBEARD 17308584 / R: 1613 ->1627	4.5 N:3	W W	46 B	9 W	7 L	3 W	14 D	10
7 CO	MS. TANYA GURPUR MADKE PRABHU 16349446 / R: 1528 ->1519	4.5 N:3	X B	58 W	30 B	6 W	23 B	25 D	9
8 CO	CHRISTOPHER E LEE 17030150 / R: 1466 ->1513	4.5 N:3	W W	48 B	42 D	36 W	12 L	2 W	20
9 CO	EDWARD YAO-WEI TAY 30872603 / R: 1377P9 ->1476P15	4.5 N:4	W B	44 L	6 W	11 B	26 W	17 D	7
10 CO	ELI MATTHEW COHRS 30399807 / R: 1316 ->1386	4.5 N:3	W B	56 L	1 W	41 W	28 W	11 D	6
11 CO	OWEN EMERSON CHRIST 15562723 / R: 1666 ->1624	4.0 N:2	W W	43 B	22 L	9 W	36 L	10 W	21
12 CO	MR. SHIVEN SAXENA 15978962 / R: 1632 ->1613	4.0 N:4	W B	35 W	17 L	3 L	8 W	22 W	25
13 CO	JACOB FINDLEY 15865664 / R: 1607 ->1584	4.0 N:2	W B	47 W	28 L	1 W	16 L	15 W	26
14 CO	MR. BENJAMIN SIMBERG 30017727 / R: 1361 ->1344	4.0 N:2	L W	36 W	52 W	37 W	27 L	6 W	28
15 CO	HANS P KRULL 15505738 / R: 1296 ->1330	4.0 N:2	W W	54 L	4 W	31 B	29 W	13 L	5
16 CO	NATHANIEL LASAGA-IVEY 30222836 / R: 1246 ->1248	4.0 N:2	W W	45 B	2 W	46 L	13 W	44 W	29
17 CO	RYAN CALABRESE 30418489 / R: 1148P6 ->1245P12	4.0 N:2	W W	55 B	12 W	42 B	19 L	9 W	27
18 CO	PHINEAS HAGG 30173046 / R: 1622 ->1574	3.5 N:2	W W	52 B	53 L	4 D	22 L	21 W	36
19 CO	TYLER THIESZEN 15425488 / R: 1574 ->1519	3.5 N:2	W B	50 W	41 L	5 L	17 D	37 W	35
20 CO	KAAYYA SAKTHISARAVANAN 16909357 / R: 1530 ->1510	3.5 N:2	W W	51 B	27 L	2 D	21 W	36 L	8
21 CO	TANISHKA TAGARE 16788310 / R: 1102 ->1191	3.5 N:4	W B	33 W	5 W	47 D	20 W	18 L	11
22 CO	ANANTHAJIT P PARASURAM 16967078 / R: 1036 ->1062	3.5 N:2	W B	40 L	11 W	50 D	18 L	12 W	41
23 CO	BRADY MOWBRAY 30515222 / R: 966P25-> 948	3.5 N:2	L B	30 W	39 W	44 L	7 D	24 W	37
24 CO	JOHN SCHOENKE 30689481 / R: 683P24-> 707	3.5 N:2	L W	4 B	43 W	55 B	45 D	23 W	40
25 CO	MOHAN NARIN GOPAL 15638736 / R: 1261 ->1251	3.0 N:2	W B	32 W	3 W	43 W	53 L	7 L	12
26 CO	OLIVER HASSELKUS 16591543 / R: 1042 ->1049	3.0 N:2	W W	34 B	36 W	45 L	9 W	31 L	13
27 CO	ISADORE GROTEWIEL 16243695 / R: 943 -> 963	3.0 N:2	W B	39 L	20 W	30 L	14 W	43 L	17
28 CO	DEEPTHA MIRRA SRIDHAR 30685074 / R: 863 -> 912	3.0 N:2	W W	38 L	13 W	34 L	10 W	42 L	14
29 CO	VEDANTH PEESAPATY 30753657 / R: 844P16-> 905P22	3.0 N:2	L B	1 W	32 W	38 L	15 W	41 L	16
30 CO	ADHVAITH RAVINDRAN 30980420 / R: 782P5 -> 790P11	3.0 N:2	W W	23 B	7 L	27 L	31 W	46 W	53
31 CO	MARK DAVID THOMPSON 30449721 / R: 669P6 -> 771P12	3.0 N:2	L B	5 W	56 L	15 W	30 L	26 W	45

32	MATTHEW PROCTOR CO 30978903 / R: Unrated-> 770P6	3.0 N:2	L	25	L	29	W	51	L	37	W	49	W	42
33	RAGUL THIYAGARAJAN CO 30232537 / R: 970P3 -> 768P9	3.0 N:2	L	21	L	38	L	35	W	55	W	51	W	43
34	PRAHLAD YASHVANT GOPI CO 30990977 / R: Unrated-> 732P6	3.0 N:2	L	26	W	35	L	28	L	41	W	47	W	44
35	REBECCA GELFER CO 16523591 / R: 550P25-> 601	3.0 N:2	L	12	L	34	W	33	X	52	W	48	L	19
36	KARL THOMAS KRULL CO 30963361 / R: Unrated->1364P6	2.5 N:4	W	14	W	26	D	8	L	11	L	20	L	18
37	LIAM PATRICK NEWELL CO 16113278 / R: 726 -> 796	2.5 N:2	L	3	W	40	L	14	W	32	D	19	L	23
38	OWEN ISAAC BACON CO 30968476 / R: 775P5 -> 771P9	2.5 N:2	L	28	W	33	L	29	W	46	H			
39	AIDAN SALIGER CO 30943819 / R: Unrated-> 709P4	2.5 N:2	L	27	L	23	H				W	55	W	49
40	NICK EVAN HVIZDA CO 30977338 / R: Unrated-> 467P6	2.5 N:4	L	22	L	37	D	56	W	54	W	53	L	24
41	AUSTIN HALLOCK EVANS CO 15310671 / R: 677 -> 692	2.0 N:2	W	53	L	19	L	10	W	34	L	29	L	22
42	LEVI STAR WOOLDRIDGE CO 30928971 / R: Unrated-> 679P6	2.0 N:2	W	49	L	8	L	17	W	50	L	28	L	32
43	AIDAN RICENBAW CO 16780224 / R: 604 -> 627	2.0 N:2	L	11	W	24	L	25	W	48	L	27	L	33
44	LUCAS BARUN CO 14889648 / R: Unrated-> 624P6	2.0 N:2	L	9	W	51	L	23	W	47	L	16	L	34
45	CONNOR ROMERO CO 30982593 / R: 606P4 -> 618P10	2.0 N:2	L	16	W	49	L	26	L	24	W	50	L	31
46	MICHAEL-VAN NGUYEN DINH CO 30916616 / R: 474P8 -> 486P14	2.0 N:2	L	6	W	54	L	16	L	38	L	30	W	50
47	AIDEN JAMES REDUBLADO CO 16314497 / R: 430P13-> 422P19	2.0 N:2	L	13	W	55	L	21	L	44	L	34	W	54
48	GABRIEL EMMETT ANTHO CURCIO CO 30997065 / R: Unrated-> 356P6	2.0 N:2	L	8	L	50	W	54	L	43	L	35	W	51
49	MS. ROHANNA I HASSELKUS CO 30439642 / R: 824P7 -> 598P13	1.0 N:2	L	42	L	45	L	53	W	56	L	32	L	39
50	AUDREY GRACE BELMON CO 30266582 / R: 399 -> 384	1.0 N:2	L	19	W	48	L	22	L	42	L	45	L	46
51	MRS. GWYNETH S HAYES CO 30416024 / R: 424P19-> 362P24	1.0 N:2	L	20	L	44	L	32	B		L	33	L	48
52	ARAGON JAMES WALKER CO 30722595 / R: 350P10-> 350P12	1.0 N:2	L	18	L	14	B		F		U			
53	EVAN HOLMQUIST CO 30789183 / R: 159P14-> 210P20	1.0 N:2	L	41	L	18	W	49	L	25	L	40	L	30
54	AESOP MAXWELL PELTA-TILLER CO 30964484 / R: Unrated-> 101P5	1.0 N:2	L	15	L	46	L	48	L	40	B		L	47
55	DREW ROBINSON CO 30986441 / R: Unrated-> 101P5	1.0 N:2	L	17	L	47	L	24	L	33	L	39	B	
56	ROBERT JOHN MANOOGIAN CO 30963886 / R: Unrated-> 349P4	0.5 N:2	L	10	L	31	D	40	L	49	U			
57	SEBASTIAN PEI CO 16974431 / R: 760 -> 760	0.0 N:2	L	2	U		U		U		U			
58	NOAH ZACH WIMBERLY CO 30908315 / R: 238P5 -> 238P5	0.0 N:2	F		U		U		U		U			

Section 2 - K-8

Pair Num	Player Name USCF ID / Rtg (Pre->Post)	Total Pts	Round 1	Round 2	Round 3	Round 4	Round 5	Round 6		
1 CO	AMITAI SEBBA 15807085 / R: 1751 ->1764	5.5 N:3	W B	36 W	25 B	W W	4 B	2 W	8 B	
2 CO	VEDANT PRAVIN MARGALE 16018722 / R: 1720 ->1738	5.5 N:3	W W	44 B	15 W	W B	11 W	D B	5 B	
3 CO	DEREK YIN 16493370 / R: 1715 ->1690	5.0 N:2	W W	32 L	14 W	46 B	W W	24 B	13 W	15 B
4 CO	ROCCO JAN DEGEEST 30438419 / R: 1280 ->1435	5.0 N:3	W W	54 B	20 W	9 B	1 W	7 W	11 B	

5	ABHIRAM PALLE	4.5	W	38	W	18	D	17	W	16	W	6	L	2
CO	17054842 / R: 1591	N:4		B		W		B		W		B		W
6	AYUSH VISPUTE	4.5	W	47	W	27	D	14	W	17	L	5	W	16
CO	16045256 / R: 1562		W		B		W		B		W		W	
7	HARSH MALI	4.0	W	46	L	11	W	19	W	14	L	4	W	25
CO	16022473 / R: 1776		W		B		W		B		W		W	
8	GRAYSON MANUEL	4.0	W	48	W	26	L	11	W	31	W	23	L	1
CO	16746206 / R: 1606		W		B		W		B		W		B	
9	SAI SWANITH DASARI	4.0	X	58	W	24	L	4	W	26	L	11	W	28
CO	16623300 / R: 1591			B		W		B		W		W		
10	ABHIJAY BALAMURUGAN	4.0	W	41	L	16	W	36	W	18	L	15	W	24
CO	16913354 / R: 1573			B		W		B		W		B		
11	HENRY WALLACE KOVACS	4.0	W	33	W	7	W	8	L	2	W	9	L	4
CO	17262461 / R: 1176	N:3		B		W		B		W		B		W
12	DARSHAN SATISHKUMAR	4.0	W	35	W	28	L	2	W	30	L	16	W	27
CO	16961241 / R: 1294			B		W		B		W		B		W
13	KRISH MATHIMARAN	4.0	W	50	W	31	L	1	W	27	L	3	W	30
CO	30150019 / R: 1248			W		B		W		B		W		B
14	ARI MELTZER	4.0	W	34	W	3	D	6	L	7	W	19	D	17
CO	16460976 / R: 1052	N:4		B		W		B		W		W		W
15	EMMETT LIGNELL	4.0	W	40	L	2	W	38	W	29	W	10	L	3
CO	30624060 / R: 1135P22->1190			B		W		B		W		B		
16	JAYKE COLLIER	4.0	W	37	W	10	W	23	L	5	W	12	L	6
CO	30284870 / R: 941	N:4		W		B		W		B		W		B
17	OSEL MORGAN TSERING YEH	4.0	W	49	W	21	D	5	L	6	W	20	D	14
CO	17251366 / R: 1112			W		B		W		B		W		B
18	VISANT PRAJAN SANKARANARAYANAN	4.0	W	43	L	5	W	49	L	10	W	47	W	23
CO	17214134 / R: 984			W		B		W		B		W		B
19	RUHAN SHARMA	3.5	D	39	W	45	L	7	W	47	L	14	W	33
CO	30862306 / R: 1220P4 ->1061P10			W		B		W		B		W		B
20	KENNETH FLEENOR III	3.5	W	22	L	4	W	40	H		L	17	W	39
CO	17305872 / R: 858			B		W		B				W		B
21	SEBASTIAN PEI	3.5			L	17	D	22	L	25	W	34	W	40
CO	16974431 / R: 760					W		B		W		B		W
22	ADITYA RAI	3.5	L	20	W	50	D	21	L	39	W	52	W	42
CO	30904179 / R: Unrated-> 628P6			W		B		W		B		W		B
23	SARVESH RAJESH	3.0	W	53	W	30	L	16	W	28	L	8	L	18
CO	16925315 / R: 1201			B		W		B		W		B		W
24	EVAN SUN	3.0	W	42	L	9	W	41	L	3	W	45	L	10
CO	17182225 / R: 1036			W		B		W		B		W		B
25	THOMAS THIESZEN	3.0	W	52	L	1	L	47	W	21	W	39	L	7
CO	15574512 / R: 1060			W		B		W		B		W		B
26	SIMON STEELE	3.0	W	29	L	8	W	35	L	9	L	33	W	48
CO	16362431 / R: 1011			B		W		B		W		B		W
27	AN ANDY GIA HOANG	3.0	W	56	L	6	W	33	L	13	W	29	L	12
CO	30554313 / R: 969			B		W		B		W		B		W
28	TANAY KATARU	3.0	W	51	L	12	W	52	L	23	W	49	L	9
CO	30436408 / R: 928			W		B		W		B		W		B
29	NINAD KARAMBELKAR	3.0	L	26	W	42	W	45	L	15	L	27	W	46
CO	30979790 / R: Unrated-> 813P6			W		B		W		B		W		B
30	ROBERT-MICHAEL SALASKO	3.0	W	57	L	23	W	37	L	12	W	31	L	13
CO	16275561 / R: 779			W		B		W		B		W		W
31	MAXIM KAIKOV	3.0	W	59	L	13	W	34	L	8	L	30	W	47
CO	17024162 / R: 798			B		W		B		W		B		W
32	KAYDEN LHALAKHA	3.0	L	3	L	34	W	57	D	40	W	38	D	35
CO	16936707 / R: 662P12-> 631P18			B		W		B		W		B		W
33	DONOVAN CAL BELMON	3.0	L	11	W	51	L	27	W	46	W	26	L	19
CO	30266598 / R: 419			W		B		W		B		W		B
34	JACKIE MORALES	3.0	L	14	W	32	L	31	W	48	L	21	W	45
WY	17293045 / R: 367P12-> 576P18			W		B		W		B		W		B
35	AUSTIN BAYLIE	3.0	L	12	W	43	L	26	W	37	D	42	D	32
WY	16827403 / R: 455P22-> 536			W		B		W		B		W		B
36	ARYAN S KALLA	2.5	L	1	W	54	L	10	L	49	W	55	D	37
CO	30453863 / R: 679			W		B		W		B		W		B
37	LILA ELISE WILLIAMSEN	2.5	L	16	W	53	L	30	L	35	W	50	D	36
CO	30993668 / R: Unrated-> 567P6			B		W		B		W		B		W
38	IGNAZI HOLLON	2.5	L	5	W	44	L	15	D	52	L	32	W	54
CO	16973710 / R: 557P18-> 541P24			W		B		W		B		W		B

39	GRANT MCKAY STEELE	2.5	D	19	L	46	W	54	W	22	L	25	L	20
CO	16370116 / R: 424P21-> 531			B		W		B		W		B		W
40	GIANCARLO FERRERO	2.5	L	15	W	48	L	20	D	32	W	44	L	21
WY	30439122 / R: 389P6 -> 490P12			W		B		W		B		W		B
41	COLE ALLEN	2.5	L	10	W	57	L	24	W	51	H			
CO	30575247 / R: 384P24-> 438			W		B		W		B				
42	MATTHEW DEAN HANS	2.5	L	24	L	29	W	56	W	43	D	35	L	22
CO	16971672 / R: 338P11-> 389P17			B		W		B		W		B		W
43	KRISHAV GOVINDARAJ	2.5	L	18	L	35	D	44	L	42	W	57	W	49
CO	30580854 / R: Unrated-> 372P6			B		W		B		W		B		W
44	REGINA MORI	2.5	L	2	L	38	D	43	W	54	L	40	W	52
WY	16592840 / R: 152P22-> 296			B		W		B		W		B		B
45	RISHABH UNMESH NAIR	2.0	W	55	L	19	L	29	W	50	L	24	L	34
CO	30414867 / R: 734P23-> 676			B		W		B		W		B		W
46	SHRIHAN HRIDAY DESAI	2.0	L	7	W	39	L	3	L	33	W	51	L	29
CO	30416531 / R: 692P15-> 670P21			B		B		W		W		B		W
47	CARLOS MORALES	2.0	L	6	W	55	W	25	L	19	L	18	L	31
WY	17293051 / R: 500P15-> 559P21			B		W		B		W		B		B
48	SHAMNA PEI	2.0	L	8	L	40	W	59	L	34	W	56	L	26
CO	16974446 / R: 596	-> 537			B		W		B		W		B	
49	MAGGIE USAGANI	2.0	L	17	W	56	L	18	W	36	L	28	L	43
CO	30447342 / R: 418P6 -> 449P12			B		W		B		W		B		W
50	BRODY PORTER	2.0	L	13	L	22	W	55	L	45	L	37	W	56
WY	16501543 / R: 450	-> 422			B		W		B		W		W	
51	KEVIN MORALES-GONZALEZ	2.0	L	28	L	33	W	53	L	41	L	46	W	55
WY	30997016 / R: Unrated-> 391P6			B		W		B		W		B		W
52	MILES GEDNEY	1.5	L	25	W	59	L	28	D	38	L	22	L	44
CO	30804854 / R: 382P5 -> 342P11			B		W		B		W		B		W
53	TANVI BHARADWAJ	1.0	L	23	L	37	L	51	B					
CO	30445276 / R: 439P13-> 374P16			W		B		W						
54	HAYLEY VAUGHN	1.0	L	4	L	36	L	39	L	44	B		L	38
WY	16507516 / R: 460	-> 360			B		W		W		B			W
55	LEO LIANG	1.0	L	45	L	47	L	50	W	59	L	36	L	51
CO	30995301 / R: Unrated-> 175P6			W		B		W		W		B		B
56	BROOKLYN PORTER	1.0	L	27	L	49	L	42	W	57	L	48	L	50
WY	30993230 / R: Unrated-> 153P6			W		B		W		W		B		B
57	JULIANNA WIDDIFIELD	1.0	L	30	L	41	L	32	L	56	L	43	B	
WY	30997072 / R: Unrated-> 101P5			B		W		W		B		B		
58	REYANSH AGARWAL	0.0												
CO	30165332 / R: 930	-> 930												
59	KHLOE PIPKINS	0.0	L	31	L	52	L	48	L	55	U			
WY	30997049 / R: Unrated-> 101P4			W		B		W		B				

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1 CO	SHUBH MISRA 16824026 / R: 1649 ->1638	5.5	W 39	D 10	W 7	W 14	W 17	W 3
			W B	B B	W B	W B	W B	
2 CO	OM AMIT THAKEKAR 16862760 / R: 943 -> 981	5.0	W 45	W 26	L 17	W 23	W 22	W 9
			B B	W B	W B	W B	W B	
3 CO	JASON NIGATU 30595735 / R: 1159 ->1183	4.5	W 33	W 31	W 5	D 15	W 4	L 1
			W B	W B	W B	W B	W B	
4 CO	TYWIN STUTZ 30944004 / R: 902P5 ->1068P11	4.5	W 12	W 36	W 35	D 17	L 3	W 15
			W W	W B	W B	W B	B B	
5 WY	JACOB DAVID 30456709 / R: 853 -> 999	4.5	W 49	W 16	L 3	W 27	D 8	W 14
			B W	B B	W B	W W	W B	
6 CO	ASHRITH ARJUN NISTALA 16876534 / R: 907 -> 931	4.5	W 47	L 9	W 21	W 24	D 7	W 16
			W B	W B	W B	W B	W B	
7 CO	MR. AARAV JAYANTA TRIPATHI 30415886 / R: 693P24-> 925	4.5	W 28	W 8	L 1	W 13	D 6	W 17
			W B	W B	W B	W B	W B	
8 CO	SHAURYA MISRA 16824011 / R: 1329 ->1271	4.0	W 24	L 7	W 10	D 22	D 5	W 18
			B W	W W	W W	W B	W B	
9 CO	ARJUN SUNDARESAN 30279152 / R: 1002 -> 987	4.0	L 43	W 6	W 26	W 11	W 15	L 2
			W W	W B	W B	W W	W B	
10 CO	ASHWIN MATHIMARAN 17295785 / R: 947 -> 964	4.0	W 37	D 1	L 8	D 20	W 26	W 23
			B W	W B	W B	W W	W W	

11	SHRI SHARAN RAMKUMAR	4.0	L	16	W	29	W	45	L	9	W	30	W	24
CO	30445829 / R: 597 -> 715		B		W		B		W		W		B	
12	LUCAS AHN	4.0	L	4	W	49	L	16	W	37	W	29	W	22
CO	16978131 / R: 561 -> 673		B		W		B		W		B		W	
13	ISAAC LUCAS	4.0	L	30	W	48	W	37	L	7	W	28	W	27
CO	16489723 / R: 540 -> 594		B		W		B		W		B		W	
14	GEORGE LIN	3.5	W	42	W	18	D	22	L	1	W	20	L	5
CO	30209820 / R: 1119 ->1090		B		W		B		B		W		W	
15	SHANKAR N PARASURAM	3.5	W	46	W	20	W	27	D	3	L	9	L	4
CO	16967084 / R: 1106 ->1064		B		W		B		W		B		W	
16	ARJUN NANDA YARLAGADDA	3.5	W	11	L	5	W	12	W	31	D	18	L	6
CO	30940715 / R: 1214P5 ->1036P11			W		B		W		B		W		W
17	ARIE FEIGIN	3.5	W	40	W	23	W	2	D	4	L	1	L	7
CO	30714233 / R: 1026 ->1026			W		B		W		B		W		B
18	TYLER JAMES MARSHALL	3.5	W	25	L	14	W	32	W	30	D	16	L	8
CO	30202629 / R: 853 -> 879			W		B		W		B		B		W
19	TREVOR THIESZEN	3.5	W	41	L	35	L	24	W	43	D	21	W	34
CO	16127290 / R: 794 -> 748			W		B		W		B		W		B
20	ANANYA MEDU	3.5	W	32	L	15	W	25	D	10	L	14	W	33
CO	30451801 / R: 697P21-> 736			W		B		W		B		B		W
21	DANIEL HAYDEN	3.5	L	27	W	44	L	6	W	41	D	19	W	36
WY	17180207 / R: 453P10-> 525P16			B		W		B		W		B		W
22	ABHIRAM KALLA	3.0	W	44	W	30	D	14	D	8	L	2	L	12
CO	30453853 / R: 808 -> 826			B		W		W		B		W		B
23	MR. HEYMANTH KUMAR MANIKHANDAN	3.0	W	34	L	17	W	36	L	2	W	25	L	10
CO	30451349 / R: 591P25-> 637			W		W		B		B		W		B
24	JULIA SIENA KOVACS	3.0	L	8	W	28	W	19	L	6	W	36	L	11
CO	17262455 / R: 392P6 -> 558P12			W		B		B		W		B		W
25	ANDREYES MONTOYA	3.0	L	18	W	46	L	20	W	38	L	23	W	42
WY	17180228 / R: Unrated-> 541P6			B		W		B		W		B		W
26	DAVID ALLISON	3.0	W	50	L	2	L	9	W	47	L	10	W	37
CO	30360539 / R: 514 -> 530			W		B		W		B		W		B
27	BLAKE MORRIS	3.0	W	21	W	43	L	15	L	5	W	31	L	13
CO	30020646 / R: Unrated-> 500P8			W		B		W		B		W		B
28	MASON GARCIA	3.0	L	7	L	24	W	49	W	39	L	13	W	38
WY	17180193 / R: Unrated-> 487P6			B		W		B		W		B		W
29	VINCENT WIDDIFIELD	3.0	L	31	L	11	W	48	W	40	L	12	W	39
WY	30996994 / R: Unrated-> 487P6			W		B		B		W		W		B
30	ADHVIK MENON JR.	2.5	W	13	L	22	W	43	L	18	L	11	D	31
CO	30952462 / R: 1171P4 -> 844P10			W		B		W		B		B		B
31	JASON WUU	2.5	W	29	L	3	W	38	L	16	L	27	D	30
CO	16168111 / R: 642 -> 631			B		W		B		W		B		W
32	LIAM B SUGDEN	2.5	L	20	W	42	L	18	D	46	L	33	W	40
CO	30973350 / R: Unrated-> 410P6			B		W		B		W		W		B
33	MATTHEW CHIRCHIR	2.5	L	3	D	47	W	34	L	36	W	32	L	20
WY	30438831 / R: 363P6 -> 400P12			B		W		B		W		B		B
34	KETON A. RIEGEL	2.5	L	23	D	40	L	33	W	45	W	46	L	19
CO	30980393 / R: Unrated-> 369P6			B		W		B		W		B		W
35	IRIS LI	2.0	W	38	W	19	L	4	U		U		U	
CO	16934084 / R: 1921 ->1893			B		W		W						
36	XIMENA GONZALEZ	2.0	W	48	L	4	L	23	W	33	L	24	L	21
WY	30454955 / R: 818P5 -> 613P11			W		B		W		B		W		B
37	MAXINE SANCHEZ	2.0	L	10	W	39	L	13	L	12	W	43	L	26
WY	30996139 / R: Unrated-> 405P6			W		B		W		B		W		W
38	NEEL RAYMOND POKHAREL	2.0	L	35	W	41	L	31	L	25	W	45	L	28
CO	17305625 / R: 420P16-> 391P22			W		B		W		B		W		B
39	MARCO ROBERT THAM	2.0	L	1	L	37	W	44	L	28	W	41	L	29
CO	17263945 / R: 410P11-> 363P17			B		W		B		W		B		W
40	SIDDHARTH PEESAPATY	2.0	L	17	D	34	D	47	L	29	W	44	L	32
CO	30753678 / R: 412P19-> 352P25			B		W		B		W		W		W
41	NOVAK ANTON	2.0	L	19	L	38	W	42	L	21	L	39	W	46
CO	30997446 / R: Unrated-> 286P6			B		W		B		B		W		W
42	PHILLIP JOHNSON-ROUSE	2.0	L	14	L	32	L	41	W	48	W	47	L	25
WY	17180151 / R: 340P6 -> 285P12			W		B		W		B		W		B
43	CALLAN MARTIN	2.0	W	9	L	27	L	30	L	19	L	37	W	49
CO	30459725 / R: 201P6 -> 282P12			B		W		B		W		B		W
44	JACK WORSHAM	2.0	L	22	L	21	L	39	W	49	L	40	W	47
CO	30997451 / R: Unrated-> 236P6			W		B		W		B		B		B

45	PARKER ASHTON YOUNGBERG	2.0	L	2	W	50	L	11	L	34	L	38	W	48
CO	16587552 / R: 126P5 -> 175P11			W		B		W		B		W		B
46	EDEN NAKIELA EBERLE	1.5	L	15	L	25	B		D	32	L	34	L	41
CO	17288155 / R: 241P9 -> 196P14			W		B			B		W		B	
47	BENJAMIN SMITH	1.0	L	6	D	33	D	40	L	26	L	42	L	44
CO	31002715 / R: Unrated-> 140P6			B		B		W		W		B		W
48	CALEB BRASHER	1.0	L	36	L	13	L	29	L	42	B		L	45
CO	30997477 / R: Unrated-> 101P5			B		B		W		W			B	
49	ROWAN NOBLE	0.5	L	5	L	12	L	28	L	44	H		L	43
CO	31002648 / R: Unrated-> 101P5			W		B		W		B			B	
50	REID BECKETT	0.0	L	26	L	45	U		U		U		U	
CO	30969745 / R: Unrated-> 100P2			B		W		B		W		B		W

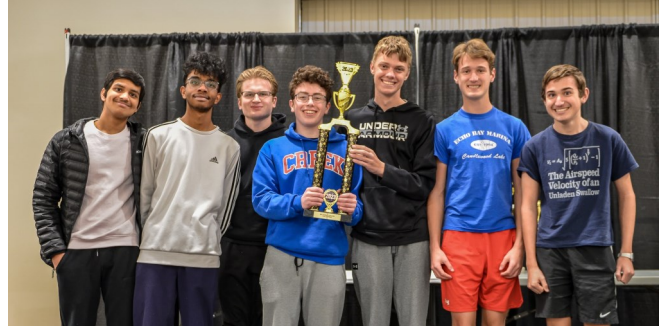
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Pair Num	Player Name USCF ID / Rtg (Pre->Post)	Total Pts	Round 1	Round 2	Round 3	Round 4	Round 5	Round 6	
1 CO	JUDE FEE 30832248 / R: 738P19-> 946P25	6.0	W W	45 B	22 W	13 B	3 W	2 B	4
2 CO	BEAU REGOLI 30076633 / R: 1124 ->1102	5.0	W B	26 W	17 B	12 W	10 B	1 W	8
3 CO	AVYUKTH SHRIKKANTH 30495983 / R: 965 -> 963	5.0	W B	36 W	18 B	8 W	1 B	17 W	10
4 CO	HATCHER TURNER 30927224 / R: 134P4 -> 604P10	5.0	W B	30 W	46 B	15 W	7 B	6 L	1
5 CO	DUY TUONG NGUYEN 30581110 / R: 761 -> 765	4.5	W B	44 W	42 B	10 W	12 B	18 D	7
6 CO	ELLA WIKIEL 30379582 / R: 694 -> 716	4.5	W B	38 W	35 B	7 W	9 L	4 W	15
7 CO	JAMES CORBETT III 30453606 / R: 842 -> 800	4.0	W W	29 B	19 D	6 L	4 W	27 D	5
8 CO	AUDREY LI 17312162 / R: 690P19-> 724P25	4.0	W B	28 W	14 L	3 W	13 W	20 L	2
9	FELIX MCMILLAN 30251494 / R: 702 -> 680	4.0	L W	11 B	41 W	22 L	6 W	21 B	19
10 CO	REYANSH YADAV 30319352 / R: 560 -> 675	4.0	W W	21 B	39 W	5 L	2 W	14 L	3
11 CO	NAGA SHAILESH REDDY PALLE 30952688 / R: Unrated-> 672P6	4.0	W B	9 L	12 W	42 L	18 W	23 W	17
12 CO	SIMON ROETTER 30788694 / R: 590P19-> 649P25	4.0	W W	41 B	11 L	2 L	5 W	25 B	20
13 CO	ERIC N GESSLER 30728749 / R: 513P17-> 569P23	4.0	W B	33 W	31 L	1 L	8 W	34 W	28
14 WY	AARON RUAN 30438796 / R: 388P11-> 563P17	4.0	W B	16 B	8 W	21 W	31 L	10 W	18
15 CO	ANIRUDH SAIBALAN 30519650 / R: 625 -> 597	3.5	W B	24 D	27 L	4 W	19 B	29 L	6
16 CO	CALEB OH 30653044 / R: 103P1 -> 303P7	3.5	L W	14 B	21 W	37 W	43 D	35 W	29
17 WY	PAISLEY HEARN 30438273 / R: 463P6 -> 576P12	3.0	W W	20 B	2 W	23 W	30 L	3 L	11
18 CO	BRODY SPINUZZI 30562948 / R: 496P10-> 517P16	3.0	W W	37 B	3 W	33 W	11 L	5 L	14
19 CO	GIANSH BASU 30720362 / R: 516P20-> 511	3.0	W B	34 L	7 W	24 L	15 W	33 L	9
20 CO	JAX JALLOH 31005099 / R: Unrated-> 498P6	3.0	L B	17 W	34 W	26 W	32 L	8 L	12
21 CO	NATHAN HECHT 30988739 / R: Unrated-> 422P6	3.0	L B	10 W	16 L	14 W	36 L	9 W	40
22 CO	MAXWELL ORION HOWARD 30426034 / R: 412 -> 407	3.0	W B	23 W	1 L	9 L	34 W	38 W	39
23 CO	COLTON VON FELDT 30997486 / R: Unrated-> 401P6	3.0	L W	22 B	45 L	17 W	24 L	11 W	35
24 CO	THEODORE KLOSTERMAN 30951550 / R: Unrated-> 359P6	3.0	L W	15 W	40 L	19 L	23 W	36 W	33
25 WY	LILLY GORDON 30995839 / R: Unrated-> 336P6	3.0	L W	42 B	44 L	32 W	39 L	12 W	34

26	FATIMA MORI	3.0	L	2	W	38	L	20	L	29	W	37	W	27
WY	30438807 / R: 182P6 -> 259P12				W	B	W	B	W	B				
27	MARCUS AHN	2.5	W	40	D	15	L	30	W	28	L	7	L	26
CO	17123846 / R: 403 -> 393				W	B	W	B	W	B	W			
28	NICOLAS WALTHALL	2.5	L	8	D	29	W	39	L	27	W	41	L	13
CO	30979303 / R: Unrated-> 303P6				W	B	W	W	W	B	B			
29	ASHLYNN GRACE PFEFFER	2.5	L	7	D	28	W	46	W	26	L	15	L	16
CO	30789510 / R: 230P19-> 255P25				B	W	B	W	W	B	W			
30	CALVIN NIMITZ VONNE	2.0	L	4	W	43	W	27	L	17	U		U	
CO	17349934 / R: 809P17-> 729P21				W	B	B	W						
31	DIYA THOUTEM	2.0	X	32	L	13	W	35	L	14	U		U	
CO	30230521 / R: 583P10-> 521P13				B	B	W	B	B	U				
32	MR. PRASID VEMURI	2.0	F		W	37	W	25	L	20	U		U	
CO	30444972 / R: 442P8 -> 442P11				W	B	W	B						
33	RYAN BOUTELLE	2.0	L	13	W	36	L	18	W	42	L	19	L	24
WY	30995884 / R: Unrated-> 308P6				W	W	B	B	W	W	B			
34	SHANE STIMSON	2.0	L	19	L	20	W	44	W	22	L	13	L	25
WY	30995199 / R: Unrated-> 271P6				W	B	W	B	W	B				
35	WESLEY THAM	2.0	W	43	L	6	L	31	D	41	D	16	L	23
CO	30456208 / R: 296P11-> 264P17				W	B	B	W	B	B	W			
36	EMERY FAITH PFEFFER	2.0	L	3	L	33	W	38	L	21	L	24	W	41
CO	30738839 / R: 240P20-> 227				W	B	W	B	W	B	W			
37	ROXANNE SANCHEZ	2.0	L	18	L	32	L	16	W	45	L	26	W	44
WY	30995182 / R: Unrated-> 160P6				B	W	B	W	B	B	W			
38	KYLER LIHALAKHA	2.0	L	6	L	26	L	36	W	44	L	22	W	43
CO	30982228 / R: Unrated-> 149P6				W	W	B	B	W	B	W	B		
39	ADITA DANDE	2.0	B		L	10	L	28	L	25	W	43	L	22
CO	30431953 / R: 107P6 -> 112P11					W	B	B	W	W	B			
40	MANU MAHON	2.0	L	27	L	24	L	41	X		W	45	L	21
CO	31004247 / R: Unrated-> 105P5				B	W	B	B			W	B		
41	CHEZHIAN RAJESH	1.5	L	12	L	9	W	40	D	35	L	28	L	36
CO	30955226 / R: 230P5 -> 183P11				B	W	W	B	B	W	B			
42	ETHAN SOE	1.0	W	25	L	5	L	11	L	33	U		U	
CO	30440609 / R: 465P5 -> 402P9				B	B	W	W						
43	MADLINE JOHNSON-ROUSE	1.0	L	35	L	30	W	45	L	16	L	39	L	38
WY	30995875 / R: Unrated-> 105P6				B	W	B	W	B	B	W			
44	VANDER GIANNOTTI	1.0	L	5	L	25	L	34	L	38	W	46	L	37
CO	31012592 / R: Unrated-> 105P6				W	W	B	W	W	W	B			
45	ATHARV GUPTA	1.0	L	1	L	23	L	43	L	37	L	40	B	
CO	30943301 / R: Unrated-> 101P5				B	W	W	B	B	B				
46	NATHANIEL KORNFELD	0.5	H		L	4	L	29	F	40	L	44	U	
CO	31013987 / R: Unrated-> 101P3					B	W	B	B	B				



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Penny and Peter Canacci with all the K-1 players

CLONE WARS

First impressions: *By Life Master Brian Wall*

The week before I had a Chess week from hell where I threw away 5 months of rating gains and made no progress towards my third 40 move challenge. Five Clones went much better, I retired seven 40 move challenge moves, a record for one tournament. Brian Wall vs Richard Shtivelband, Round 3, 5 Clones, my only loss. Clone War concept by DCC's only Life Member, Kevin Seidler 7 years ago, instantly embraced by Chris Peterson and Brian Wall. This is our fifth.

Richard Shtivelband organized the tournament and scored 8/9, clear-first. I took clear second, 7.5/9. Librarian Cori Iannaggi has been a god-send to the Denver Chess Club. The last round the Masters had to play each other and no one escaped unscathed. Richard had his only loss to Rhett Langseth. Nikolas Theiss lost to Richard and I.

It seemed comical to see Richard and I huffing and puffing between 3 boards so I offered a draw on Move 6. Richard did nothing for 15 minutes so I assumed that was acceptance. I was shocked half an hour later when I realized Richard had moved and I never noticed. I couldn't complain to my ride home. I thought the game was over. Richard ended up with 2 minutes to Langseth's 30 minutes. Clone Vulture Rhett always wins rating points by playing one or two boards despite being a bullet specialist.

I won a piece against Nikolas early but was trying to be super precise. Theiss had a big time advantage all game. I resigned against Richard a little early so I could focus on converting the Theiss game. Richard was exuberant despite never having played a Clone Wars before. He is a natural since he plays so fast anyway. I think Tim Brennan is the only capable Clone Wars TD so if anyone else in the world wants to try it, you better consult the Tactics Time co-author.



March 4, 2023 Round 3

White: Brian Wall 2200 also playing Mike Henchen 1407 and Top seed Nikolas Theiss 2245

Black: Richard Shtivelband 2236 also playing Rhett Langseth 2101 and Top seed Nikolas Theiss 2245

1. d3 e5 2. Nf3 Nc6 3. c4 Bc5 4. Nc3 d6 5. g3 Bg4 6. Bg2 Qd7 7. O-O O-O 8. a3 h5 9. b4 Bb6 10. Nd5 h4 11. Nxb6+ axb6 12. b5 Bxf3 13. exf3 Nd4 14. a4 hxg3 15. fxg3 Ne7 16. a5 Ng6 17. axb6 cxb6 18. Be3 Kc7 19. Rf2 Rh7 20. Bf1 Rdh8 21. Raa2 Nf5 22. Rfe2 Nxg3 23. hxg3 Rh1+ 24. Kf2 R8h2+ 25. Ke1 Qh3 26. Kd2 Rxf1 27. Qxf1 Qxf1 28. Rxh2 f5 29. Bf2 e4 30. fxe4 fxe4 31. dxe4 Ne5 0-1

Brian retires Queenside Lemming vs Will Wolf

In 2014 I played 1 ... Na6 all year.

The computer liked the idea of ... d5 and Na6-b4-d5.

White Will Wolf 1759 also playing 1443 Dean Brown and 1999 Christopher Motley

Black Brian Wall 2200 also playing 1560 Charles Larimer and barely drawing 1787 teen Caleb Noah Koeller

Round 2

1. e4 Na6 2. d4 d5 3. Nc3 dxe4 4. f3 exf3 5. Nxf3 Nf6 6. Bc4 e6 7. O-O Be7 8. Bg5 O-O 9. Qe2 Nb4 10. Rad1 c6 11. a3 Nbd5 12. Ne5 Nxc3 13. bxc3 Nd5 14. Rxf7 Rxf7 15. Nxf7 Kxf7 16. Qh5+ Kg8 17. Bd3 Nf6 18. Bxf6 Bxf6 19. Bxh7+ Kf8 20. g4 Qd5 21. Bf5 Qf3 0-1

1 g4 vs Top seed Nikolas Theiss Five Clones and 40 Move Challenge Highlight First impressions: *By Life Master Brian Wall*

This was the final round where the rubber meets the road, The Chessmasters had to play each other. I had tried 1 g4 in Colorado Springs the week before against Rhett Langseth and got a great position but somehow only drew. Everything went wrong that week. This made me less afraid to play the Spike and I was running out of good moves anyway. I have many Grob blitz battles with IM Joe Fang and the Mikhail/Philipp Ponomarev duo under my belt. I once beat Mikhail on the Black side in a classical game. Beating a Chessmaster with 1 g4 is a highlight in my 35 year history of 40 move challenges although beating Jack Young with 1 ... h6 and Jesse Kraai with 1 Na3 in 1988 was more satisfying. Nikolas put up maximum resistance, I was trying to be precise. Half-way through the game I had 6 minutes to Nick's 30. Nick's board was farthest from the other two. I wiped out Mike Henchen and resigned against Shtivelband so I could focus on just one board. I clung to my last wrong colored rookpawn and won by one tempo.

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Black: Nikolas Theiss 2245 also playing 1560 Charles Latimer and Tournament Winner Richard Shtivelband

1. g4 h5 2. g5 e5 3. d4 exd4 4. Nf3 Bc5 5. Nxd4 Nc6 6. c3 Nge7 7. Bg2 d5 8. h4 Bg4 9. Bf4 Bxd4 10. cxd4 Nf5 11. f3 Ncxd4 12. fxg4 hxg4 13. Nc3 c6 14. e4 dxe4 15. Bxe4 Qe7 16. O-O O-O 17. Qxg4 Qc5 18. Be3 g6 19. Rad1 Rxh4 20. Bxf5+ Nxf5 21. Rxd8+ Kxd8 22. Bxc5 Rxg4+ 23. Kf2 Rxg5 24. Bxa7 Kc7 25. Be3 Rh5 26. Bf4+ Kb6 27. Ne4 Rh4 28. Ke2 Nd4+ 29. Kd3 c5 30. b4 Ne6 31. Be3 Kc6 32. Nxc5 Rxb4 33. Nxe6 fxe6 34. Kc2 Re4 35. Bd2 Re2 36. a3 Re5 37. Rf6 g5 38. Rg6 Kb5 39. Bxg5 Kc4 40. Kd2 Rd5+ 41. Kc2 Re5 42. Bd2 Rc5 43. Bb4 Re5 44. Rg4+ Kd5 45. Kd3 Rh5 46. Rd4+ Ke5 47. Bd6+ Kf5 48. Rf4+ Kg6 49. Ke4 Rd5 50. Bb4 Rb5 51. Rf8 Kg7 52. Rf2 Kg6 53. Kd4 Rd5+ 54. Ke4 b5+ 55. Kb3 e5 56. Rc2 Kf5 57. Bc5 Rd7 58. Kb4 Rb7 59. Bg1 Ke6 60. Rc5 e4 61. Rxb5 Rxb5+ 62. Kxb5 Kd7 63. Kb6 Kc8 64. Ka7 Kc7 65. a4 Kc8 66. Bb6 Kd7 67. Kb7 1-0

Sara Herman's Clone Wars Stream

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Was a very fun tournament! - Tim Brennan

Clone Wars V Round 1

White Brennan, Tim 1800**Black Theiss, Nikolas 2245**

1. d4 Nf6 2. Bg5 Ne4 3. Bh4 g5 4. f3 gxh4 5. fxe4 d5 6. e5 Bg4 7. Nf3 e6 8. e3 c5 9. c3 Nc6 10. Bd3 h3 11. gxh3 Bxh3 12. Rg1 Qb6 13. Qc2 Bh6 14. Ke2 Rc8 15. Nbd2 cxd4 16. exd4 Nb4 17. Qa4+ Nc6 18. Qc2 Ke7 19. a3 Rhf8 20. Rg3 Rg8 21. Rxh3 Nxd4+ 22. Nxd4 Rg2+ 23. Ke1 Rxd2 24. Rxh6 Rxc2 25. Bxc2 Qxb2 26. Rb1 Qxc3+ 27. Ke2 Qxd4 28. Rxb7+ Kf8 29. Bxh7 Qxe5+ 30. Kd1 Qg5 0-1
I missed 21. Rag1 which the computer gives as winning for White.

Round 3

White Koeller, Caleb 1780**Black Brennan, Tim 1800**

1. c4 e5 2. Nc3 Nc6 3. Nf3 f5 4. d3 Nf6 5. g3 Be7 6. Bg2 O-O 7. O-O Qe8 8. a3 a5 9. Qc2 d6 10. Rb1 f4 11. Nd5 Bd8 12. Nxf6+ Rxf6 13. b4 axb4 14. axb4 Qh5 15. b5 Ne7 16. Nd2 Rh6 17. Nf3 Bg4 18. h4 Nf5 19. Nh2 Bxe2 20. Re1 Nd4 21. Qd2 fxg3 22. fxg3 Bxh4 23. gxh4 Qxh4 24. Rxe2 Nxe2+ 25. Qxe2 Qxh2+ 26. Kf1 Rf6+ 27. Ke1 Qg1+ 28. Bf1 Raf8 29. Be3 Qxf1+ 0-1

**Brian retires 1 b3 from 40 move challenge against Tim Brennan**

White Brian Wall 2200 also playing 1166 Jackson Wade Creason and 1443 Dean Brown

Black Tim Brennan 1800 playing Chessmaster Brian Wall at TD table, Sara Herman on DGT boards and Nick Theiss in between

Round 1

1. b3 e5 2. Bb2 Nc6 3. c4 Bc5 4. e3 d6 5. Nf3 Bg4 6. d3 f5 7. Be2 Nf6 8. a3 a5 9. Nc3 O-O 10. O-O Qe8 11. h3 Bh5 12. Nh2 Qg6 13. Bxh5 Nxf5 14. Nd5 Rf7 15. d4 Ba7 16. b4 Raf8 17. b5 Nd8 18. dxe5 dxe5 19. Bxe5 Ne6 20. Nf4 Nhf4 21. exf4 Qg3 22. Qf3 Qxf3 23. Nxf3 h6 24. h4 Nc5 25. Rad1 Ne4 26. Bd4 Bxd4 27. Rxd4 Re8 28. Rfd1 Rfe7 29. Rd8 Kf8 30. Ne5 Re6 31. h5 Nd6 32. Rd7 Rxe5 33. fxe5 Rxe5 34. Rxc7 Ne8 35. Rd8 Re1+ 36. Kh2 Re7 37. Rxe7 Kxe7 38. Rxe8+ Kxe8 39. Kg3 Ke7 40. Kf4 Kd6 41. Kxf5 Kc5 42. Kg6 Kxc4 43. Kxg7 Kb3 44. f4 Kxa3 45. f5 a4 46. f6 Kb2 47. f7 a3 48. f8=Q a2 1-0

Brian Wall retires 1...a5 from third 40 move challenge, Charles Latimer. The opening became a favorable Benoni for Black

Round 2

White Charles Latimer 1787 also playing 1311 Brian Ledsworth and 2101 Rhett Langseth who scored 5.5/6 on two boards and gained 45 points

Black Brian Wall 2200 also playing 1759 Will Wolf and barely drawing 1787 teen Caleb Noah Koeller

1. d4 a5 2. c4 Nf6 3. Nc3 d6 4. g3 g6 5. Bg2 Bg7 6. Qc2 Na6 7. a3 c5 8. d5 O-O 9. e4 e6 10. Nge2 Nc7 11. O-O exd5 12. cxd5 b5 13. f4 Ba6 14. Be3 b4 15. axb4 axb4 16. Na4 Re8 17. Rael Nfxd5 18. Bxc5 Bxe2 19. Rxe2 dxc5 20. exd5 Bd4+ 21. Kh1 Rxe2 22. Qxe2 Rxa4 23. b3 Ra6 24. f5 Rd6 25. fxg6 hxg6 26. Qf3 Rf6 27. Qe2 Rxf1+ 28. Qxf1 Nxd5 29. Qf3 Ne3 30. Bh3 Qf6 31. Qe4 Qf2 0-1

Pictures courtesy of Cori Iannaggi**Pawn Wave Guy retires 1... Nh6 against Mike Hennen, Round 3**

Who steals my purse steals trash; 'tis something, nothing; 'twas mine, 'tis his, and has been slave to thousands;
but he that filches from me my good name robs me of that which not enriches him and makes me poor indeed.

- William Shakespeare, 1564-1616, Othello, Act 3, scene 3

Ed Yasutake called me after 5 Clones ended to retrieve a nice Smith Morra Gambit scoresheet he left behind.

To my horror I discovered that the cleaning crew threw all the remaining pgns in the garbage.

I was able to salvage my Mike Hennen game plus a few others from the banana peels. Otherwise I would be forced to play 1 ... Nh6 again.

The best Chess book ever written is

<https://www.amazon.com/Life-Games-Mikhail-Tal/dp/1857442024>

where I stole the 9 ... d5, 11 ... b5, 12 ... b4 idea I used against Mike Hennen

Round 3

White Mike Hennen 1407 also playing 1443 Dean Brown and 1560 Charles Larimer

Black Brian Wall 2200 also playing 1 g4 against Top Seed 2245 Nikolas Theiss and 1 d3 vs Tournament Winner Richard Shtivelband 2236

1. e4 Nh6 2. d4 g6 3. Nc3 Bg7 4. Be3 d6 5. h3 f5 6. Qd2 Nf7 7. Nf3 O-O 8. Be4 c6 9. Ng5 d5 10. Nxf7 Rxf7 11. exd5 b5 12. Bb3 b4 13. Na4 cxd5 14. Qxb4 f4 15. Bd2 Na6 16. Qb5 Ne7 17. Qe2 Bxd4 18. c3 Bg7 19. O-O-O e5 20. c4 d4 21. c5 Be6 22. Bxe6 Nxe6 23. Qc4 Qf6 24. Kb1 e4 25. Ba5 Re8 26. c6 Nd8 27. Bxd8 Rxd8 28. Rhe1 e3 29. fxe3 fxe3 30. Rf1 Qe7 31. Rxf7 Qxf7 32. Qxf7+ Kxf7 33. b3 e2 34. Re1 d3 35. Nb2 Bxb2 36. Kxb2 d2 37. c7 Rc8 0-1





Top Seed 2023 Colorado Closed Scholastic Section Caleb Noah Koeller terrorizes Brian Wall's Borg by Brian Wall

Despite such a fine opening as 1 ... g5!! the tide reached tsunami proportions when I continued to sac pawns. My grim battles the week before at the Colorado Springs IHOP where I reached drawn positions in dead lost Bishop vs Rook endings vs 1313 Reynold Peronneaux Mackey Junior and 10 year old 1002 Iris Lee flashed through my mind. When I saw 29 Rxf7!!! was possible I copied Tal vs Fischer and left the table.

Thankfully all the other wins distracted Caleb.

In general Noah took his time to find the best moves.

The 2023 Colorado Closed Scholastic Section has little hope against Koeller's near perfect move technique.

This is how Brian wins, he hangs on miserably forever until you make a mistake. - Daniel Herman

15 years ago John Nunn tried to explain in New in Chess how Queen plus rookpawn, knightpawn side by side don't win against a lone Queen with computer help.

Duda managed to defend this against an angry Magnus Carlsen last year. So I knew theoretically I had stumbled onto a drawn ending against Caleb but he could still force me to find 100 Only Moves.

Round 2

White Caleb Noah Koeller 1787 also playing Airplane Pilot 1981 Nickolas Peterson and 1407 Mike Henchen

Black Brian Wall 2200 also playing 1560 Charles Latimer and 1759 Will Wolf

1. c4 g5 2. d4 h6 3. Nc3 Bg7 4. e4 c5 5. d5 d6 6. h3 Nf6 7. Be2 a6 8. f4 gxf4 9. Bxf4 Nbd7 10. Nf3 b5 11. cxb5 axb5 12. Bxb5 Qa5 13. O-O O-O 14. Be6 Rb8 15. Qc2 Rxb2 16. Qxb2 Nxe4 17. Qe2 Nxc3 18. Qxe7 Nf6 19. Bxh6 Bxh6 20. Qxf6 Ne2+ 21. Kh1 Ng3+ 22. Kh2 Bg7 23. Qxd6 Nxf1+ 24. Rxf1 Bf5 25. Ne5 Rd8 26. Qe7 Bxe5+ 27. Qxe5 Bg6 28. d6 Qa6 29. Qf6 Rxd6 30. Qxd6 Qxf1 31. Qb8+ Kh7 32. Qe5 c4 33. Be4 Bxe4 34. Qxe4+ Kg7 35. Qd4+ Kf8 36. a4 Qd3 37. Qc5+ Kg8 38. a5 c3 39. a6 Qxa6 40. Qxc3 Kf8 41. Qc5+ Kg7 42. Qe5+ Kf8 43. h4 Qg6 44. Qb8+ Ke7 45. Qa7+ Kf8 46. Qa3+ Ke8 47. Qe3+ Kf8 48. Qg3 Qh6 49. Qb8+ Kg7 50. Qg3+ Kf8 51. Qg5 Qd6+ 52. g3 Qd1 53. Qc5+ Kg8 54. Qf2 Qg4 55. Qd2 Qf3 56. Kh3 Qf5+ 57. Kh2 Qf3 58. Qg5+ Kh7 59. Qd2 Kg8 60. Qg2 Qg4 61. Qb2 Qf3 62. Qb8+ Kh7 63. Qb1+ Kg8 64. Qb4 Qf2+ 65. Kh3 Qf1+ 1/2-1/2



White Nick Petersen 1981

Black Daniel Herman 2233

Round 2 (analysis by Nick Petersen)

1. d4 Nf6 2. Nf3 g6 3. g3 Bg7 4. Bg2 O-O 5. O-O d6 6. c4 Nc6 7. d5 {An old line, arguing that clarifying the center is okay as black's knight heads either home or on high adventure} 7... Na5 8. Qc2?! The queen could become a target on the c2 square, better was simply to develop with either Na3 or Nbd2} 8... c5 9. dxc6 {played with the thought of opening the diagonal for the g2 bishop, though giving black a stronger presence in the center} 9... Nxc6 10. Ne3 Bg4 11. h3 Bxf3?! (11... Be6! puts pressure on white as after)} 12. exf3! This capture is preferable to the bishop capture, and has been used by Alekhine on several occasions with the following logic. Firstly, white gains the open e-file for his rooks. Secondly, the h-pawn remains protected by the bishop, and thirdly, the doubled f-pawn can be used to thrust forward without having to push the f2 pawn, often a key part in the defense around the white king.} 12... Rc8 13. b3 a6 14. Bb2 b5 15. cxb5 axb5 16. Qd2 b4 17. Na4 {How should one evaluate the present position? It has plenty of nuance on both sides. At first glance, it would seem black has a protected passed d-pawn and a b4 pawn which stabs into the white position, seeking to control c3 as well as weaken the a2 by locking it backwards. White's a4 knight may be thought of as "dim" and he has doubled f-pawns to boot. However, all is not as it first seems, as the a4 knight stops black's rooks from pressuring the a-file as well as contests key squares on b6, c5, and c3. White boasts the two bishops for the moment, or at least his g2 bishop seems to have a bright future as a trade of bishops along the long diagonal appears all but inevitable. And white also has the c, d, and e files for his rooks and queens, giving his pieces much greater freedom of movement.} 17... d5 18. Rac1 e6 19. Rc2 Qd6 20. Rfc1 Nd7 21. Bxg7 Kxg7 22. f4 Rc7 23. Ne5! Looking to trade the knight and further increase the pressure down the c-file and against b4} 23... Nxc5 24. Rxc5 Rfc8 25. f5!? An interesting try, though not objectively best. Better would have been to bring the Bishop into the action on the queenside via Bf1 with Bb5 to follow} 25... Ne5 26. Rxc7 Rxc7 27. Rxc7 Qxc7 28. Qxb4?! {[%c_effect b4;square;b4;type;Interesting;persistent;true] Missing white's best shot in order to eliminate black's annoying b-pawn. This move guides the game toward much more drawish territory} (28. fxe6! {Was white's most ambitious try, at the time I was worried about what to do after} 28... Qc3 29. Qxc3 (29. Qxd5! Was the move I completely overlooked, not realizing the d5 pawn would be temporarily undefended, now white has real chances} 29... fxe6 30. Qd6 Qe1+ 31. Kh2 {with real chances for white}) 29... bxc3 30. e7 c2 31. e8=Q c1=Q+ 32. Kh2 Qe1 {With black's Q+N combo able to create dangerous threats}) 28... gxf5 29. a4 Qc1+ 30. Kh2 Qb2 31. Qf4 f6 {defending the knight and avoiding any perpetual} 32. g4!? {an interesting try, leading to forcing things into an endgame} 32... fxe4 33. hxe4 Qxb3 {but this allows white's idea} 34. g5 Nd7 35. gxf6+ Nxf6 36. Qg3+!? {The safe option, as the ending is very likely a draw with so few pawns remaining, but I felt perhaps white could press a little with the passed a-pawn and bishop} 36... Qxg3+ 37. Kxg3 Nd7 38. a5 Nb8 39. Bf1 Nc6 40. a6 Kf6 41. f4 h6 42. Kg4 d4 43. Bb5 Na7 44. Bd3 Nc8 45. Kh5 Kg7 46. Bc4 Kf6 47. Kxh6 Nb6?! {Allowing white one more opportunity to press for a win} 48. a7?! {but not with this move} (48. Bd3! {The point being that after the knight returns to blockade the pawn black's king cannot come to f5 and white will have time to return his own king to the action} 48... Nc8 49. Kh5 Na7 50. Kg4 Nc6 51. Kf3 Na7 52. Ke4 {soon the d4 pawn will fall, white's king will come to the a-file to escort the passed pawn, and black will no longer be able to hold}) 48... Kf5 49. Kg7 Kxf4 50. Bxe6 d3 51. Kf7 d2 52. Bb3 Kc5 53. Ke7?! While not spoiling the draw, this move clearly eliminates all of white's winning chances and makes things much more difficult} 53... Ne8+ 54. Kd7 Nxa7 {So why is this position still a draw? The problem for black is that the bishop has too many squares from which to keep an eye on d1. In such positions, the winning method involves bringing the king over the pawn, on say c1,e1, c3, d3, or e3, followed by maneuvering the knight to either c2 or e2, dependent upon which square can be used to cut off the bishops diagonal. However, in the present position, by bringing the bishop to d1, white has two options of diagonals for his bishop, and the knight cannot cut off both at once. Furthermore, should white be able to have his king reach the f1 or f2 squares, then the d1-h5 diagonal can never be safely cut off by the knight, as white will retain control of e2. This was my theoretical evaluation of the situation at least, but now I had to prove it.} 55. Kc7 Kd4 56. Kb6 Kc3 57. Bd1 Nc8+ 58. Kc5 Ne7 59. Kd6 Ng6 60. Ke6 Kd4 61. Kf5 Ne7+ 62. Kf4! {Now my king will be able to get to f2 and f1, which should secure the draw, though white still has to be wary of a few tricks and forks} 62... Nd5+ 63. Kf3 Nc3 64. Be2 Nd5 65. Bd1 Kd3 66. Kf2 {White has complete control of e2 and the d1-h5 diagonal} 66... Nc3 67. Bf3 Kd4 68. Be2 {A tricky try for a quick draw as} 68... Ke4 (68... Nxe2 69. Kxe2 Kc3 70. Kd1 Kd3 {leads to stalemate}) 69. Bf3+ Kf4 70. Bd1 {another tricky offer as} 70... Ke4 (70... Nxd1+ 71. Ke2 {and black cannot defend the pawn}) 71. Bf3+ Kd3 72. Bg4 Ne4+ 73. Kf1 {with the king on f1 white must be wary avoid potential forks on e3 or g3} 73... Ke3 74. Bd1 Ng3+ 75. Kg2 Ne2 76. Kf1 Nf4 77. Bg4 Nd5 78. Bd1 Nf6 79. Be2 Nh5 80. Bd1 Ng3+ 81. Kg2 Ne4 82. Kf1 Nc3 83. Be2 Kd4 84. Kf2 Nb1? {One last trick shot, though now white can force the draw} 85. Ke2 1/2-1/2

See all of Nick Petersen's games with his analysis at this link:

<https://www.chess.com/c/qiVcRtyk>

Games from the Clone Wars Tournament

PETERSON 1990,NICKOLAS CLN2 (1990) - HERMAN 1985,SARA (1985)
 1.d4 Nf6 2.Nf3 g6 3.g3 Bg7 4.Bg2 0-0 5.0-0 d5 6.c4 c6 7.Nc3 Nbd7 8.b3 dxc4
 9.bxc4 Qa5 10.Qb3 e5 11.Bb2 exd4 12.Nxd4 Ng4 13.Rad1 Qh5 14.h3 Nc5
 15.Qa3 Ne5 16.g4 Bxg4 17.hxg4 Nxg4 18.Nf3 Be5 19.Rfe1 Bh2+ 20.Nxh2
 Qxh2+ 21.Kf1 b6 22.Ne4 Nxe4 23.Qf3 Ngxf2 24.Bd4 Nxd1 25.Qxe4 Rae8
 26.Qf3 c5 27.Bg1 Qd6 28.e4 Nb2 29.Qe2 Qd3 30.Bh2 Re6 31.e5 Rfe8 32.Bd5
 Rxe5 33.Bxe5 Rxe5 34.Qxd3 Rxe1+ 35.Kxe1 Nxd3+ 36.Kd2 Nb4 0-1

HERMAN 1985,SARA CLN2 (1985) - BRENNAN 1800,TIM CLN2 (1800)
 1.d4 b5 2.e4 a6 3.Bd3 Bb7 4.Ne2 Nf6 5.f3 e6 6.Bg5 h6 7.Bh4 g5 8.Bf2 d6 9.a4
 b4 10.e3 c5 11.Qb3 a5 12.Na3 Nbd7 13.cxb4 cxb4 14.Nb5 Rc8 15.Rd1 Be7
 16.Bg3 Nf8 17.Kd2 Ng6 18.Rc1 0-0 19.Rxc8 Bxc8 20.Rc1 Qb6 21.Qc4 Ba6
 22.Qc6 Qxc6 23.Rxc6 Bxb5 24.Bxb5 Rd8 25.Ra6 d5 26.e5 Nh5 27.Rxa5 Nxg3
 28.hxg3 b3 29.Nc3 Nf8 30.Ra7 Bb4 31.Rc7 Rb8 32.Kd3 Ng6 33.Bc6 Bxc3
 34.Kxc3 Kf8 35.a5 Ne7 36.Bb7 Ke8 37.a6 Kd8 38.Rxe7 Kxe7 39.a7 Rd8 40.a8Q
 Rxa8 41.Bxa8 Kd7 42.Bb7 Kc7 43.Ba6 1-0

HERMAN 1985,SARA CLN1 (1985) - KOGLER 675,JACOB (675)
 1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.g3 Bf5 4.Nf3 Nd7 5.Nc3 Ngf6 6.Qb3 dxc4 7.Qxb7 Qc8
 8.Qxc8+ Rxc8 9.Bg2 Nd5 10.Nd2 N7b6 11.e4 Nxc3 12.bxc3 Bg6 13.a4 a5
 14.Nf3 e6 15.Ne5 Be7 16.h4 h6 17.Nxg6 fxg6 18.Be3 c5 19.dxc5 Bxc5 20.Bxc5
 Rxc5 21.Rb1 Ne8 22.Ke2 0-0 23.Rhd1 e5 24.Rb7 Rc6 25.Rdd7 Re8 26.Rxg7+
 Kh8 27.Rh7+ Kg8 28.Bh3 Nd6 29.Rbg7+ Kf8 1-0

THEISS 2245,NIKOLAS CLN2 (2245) - HERMAN 1985,SARA CLN2 (1985)
 1.b4 Nf6 2.Bb2 g6 3.Nf3 Bg7 4.g4 h6 5.h4 d5 6.Rg1 0-0 7.g5 hxg5 8.hxg5 Ne4
 9.Bxg7 Kxg7 10.d3 Nd6 11.Nbd2 Bf5 12.Qb1 Rg8 13.Qb2+ Kf8 14.0-0-0 a5
 15.e4 dxe4 16.dxe4 Be6 17.e5 axb4 18.exd6 cxd6 19.Be4 Bxc4 20.Nxe4 b5
 21.Nce5 Qc7 22.Nd3 Nd7 23.Nxb4 Nb6 24.Nd5 Nxd5 25.Rxd5 Qc4 26.Rxb5
 Qf4+ 27.Nd2 Qxf2 28.Rf1 Qe3 29.a4 Qa7 30.a5 Re8 31.Rb7 Qc5 32.Rxf7+ Ke8
 1-0

MATHEW 1708,SANDEEP (1708) - HERMAN 1985,SARA CLN1 (1985)
 1.g3 Nf6 2.Bg2 g6 3.c4 Bg7 4.Nc3 0-0 5.d3 d6 6.e4 e5 7.Nge2 Be6 8.0-0 Qc8
 9.Nd5 Nxd5 10.cxd5 Bh3 11.Be3 Bxg2 12.Kxg2 c5 13.Rc1 f5 14.b4 b6 15.bxc5
 bxc5 16.f4 Qe8 17.Qc2 Nd7 18.Rb1 Nb6 19.a4 Qxa4 20.Qd2 exf4 21.Bxf4 Rad8
 22.Nc3 Bxc3 23.Qxc3 Qd4 24.Qxd4 cxd4 25.Rfc1 fxe4 26.dxe4 Rd7 27.Rd1 Re8
 28.Rxd4 Rc2+ 29.Rd2 Rc4 30.Rel a5 31.Rb2 Nc8 32.Rb8 Kf7 33.e5 dxe5
 34.Rxe5 Ne7 35.Bh6 Ne8 36.Ra8 a4 37.Bf4 Nb6 38.Rb8 Rc2+ 39.Kf3 Ne8
 40.Re2 Rc5 41.Ra8 Nb6 42.Rb8 Nxd5 43.Ree8 Nxf4 44.Rf8+ Ke7 45.Rbe8+
 Kd6 46.Rxf4 Rc3+ 47.Kg2 a3 48.Ra8 Rb7 49.Rfa4 Rb2+ 50.Kh3 Ra2 51.R8a6+
 Ke5 52.R6a5+ Kf6 53.Ra6+ Kg5 54.R6a5+ Kh6 55.Rh4+ Kg7 56.Ra7+ Kf6
 57.Rf4+ Ke6 58.Rf7+ Rcc2 59.Rae7+ Kd5 60.Rd7+ Kc4 61.Rc7+ Kb3 62.Rb7+
 Kc3 63.Rbc7+ Kd2 64.Rf2+ Kd1 65.Rexc2 Rxc2 66.Rf1+ Kd2 67.Rf7 a2 68.Ra7
 Kc1 69.Rxh7 a1Q 70.Rh4 Qa5 71.Rf4 Qh5+ 72.Rh4 Qf5+ 73.Rg4 Kb1 0-1

HERMAN, SARA (1985) - SHTIVELBAND RICHARD (2215) CLN2
 1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 Nf6 4.g3 c5 5.cxd5 exd5 6.Bg2 Nc6 7.0-0 cxd4 8.Nxd4
 Be5 9.Nxe6 bxe6 10.Bg5 h6 11.Qc2 Bxf2+ 12.Rxf2 hxg5 13.Qxc6+ Bd7 14.Qd6
 Qb6 15.Qxb6 axb6 16.Nc3 Be6 17.Rxf6 gxf6 18.Nb5 Ke7 19.Nd4 Rxc8 20.a3
 Rc4 21.e3 Rac8 22.Kf2 Rc1 23.Rxc1 Rxc1 24.a4 Rb1 25.b3 Rb2+ 26.Kf1 Kd6
 27.h4 Bg4 28.Kg1 Bd1 29.Bh3 Bxb3 30.h5 Ke7 31.Bf5 Kf8 32.Nb5 Bc2 0-1

HERMAN 1985,SARA CLN1 (1985) - MOTLEY 1984,CHRIS CLN1 (1984)
 1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 d5 4.g3 dxc4 5.Bg2 c6 6.Ne5 Be7 7.0-0 0-0 8.a4 Nbd7
 9.Nxc4 Nb6 10.Ne5 Nfd7 11.Nxd7 Nxd7 12.Bf4 Qb6 13.Nc3 Rd8 14.a5 Qxb2
 15.Qd3 e5 16.Rfb1 Nc5 17.dxc5 Rxd3 18.Rxb2 Rxc3 19.Bxe5 Rxc5 20.Bd4 Rc4
 21.e3 f6 22.Bf1 Rb4 23.Rxb4 Bxb4 24.Bc4+ Kf8 25.Kg2 c5 26.Bb2 Bd7 27.Bd5
 Rb8 28.Ba3 Bc6 29.e4 Bxd5 30.exd5 Bxa3 31.Rxa3 b5 32.axb6 axb6 33.Kf3 Ke7
 34.Ra7+ Kd6 35.Rxg7 Kxd5 36.Rxh7 b5 37.Ke3 Kc4 38.Kd2 Kb3 39.Rd7 Kb2
 40.h4 e4 41.h5 c3+ 42.Ke2 c2 43.Rc7 c1Q 0-1

ANASPURE 1116,AAROH ANAND (1116) - HERMAN 1985,SARA (1985)
 1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 Bg7 4.Nf3 0-0 5.Bg5 h6 6.Bxf6 Bxf6 7.e4 d6 8.e5 Bg7
 9.Be2 Nc6 10.exd6 cxd6 11.0-0 Bg4 12.d5 Bxf3 13.dxc6 Bxc6 14.Bf3 Qa5
 15.Re1 Rfe8 16.Nd5 e6 17.b4 Qd8 18.b5 Bxd5 19.cxd5 Bxa1 20.dxe6 Rxe6
 21.Qxa1 Rxe1+ 22.Qxe1 Qe8 23.Qxe8+ Rxe8 24.g3 b6 25.a4 Re1+ 26.Kg2 Ra1
 27.Bc6 Rxa4 28.Kf3 Kg7 29.h4 Kf6 30.g4 Ke5 31.Be8 g5 32.hxg5 hxg5 33.Bxf7
 Rf4+ 34.Ke3 Rxf7 Kd4+ 0-1

HERMAN 1985,SARA CLN2 (1985) - YASUTAKE 1919,EDWARD (1919)
 1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 Nf6 4.g3 Be7 5.Bg2 0-0 6.0-0 c6 7.Nbd2 b6 8.Qc2 Nbd7
 9.e4 dxc4 10.Nxc4 Bb7 11.Bf4 c5 12.Rfe1 b5 13.Nd6 Qb6 14.Nxb7 Qxb7
 15.Ng5 g6 16.d5 1-0



Crosstables for the Clone Wars Tournament

Pair Num	Player Name USCF ID / Rtg (Pre->Post)	Total Pts	Round 1	Round 2	Round 3
1 CO	RICHARD SHTIVELBAND 12630593 / R: 2225 ->2236	3.0 N:C	W B	22 W	18 W
2 CO	RICHARD SHTIVELBAND 12630593 / R: 2225 ->2236	3.0 N:C	W B	29 W	53 B
3 MD	NIKOLAS THEISS 12939772 / R: 2245 ->2235	3.0 N:1	W W	59 B	37 W
4 CO	BRIAN D WALL 10923344 / R: 2200 ->2200	3.0 N:1	W W	60 B	27 W
5 CO	RHETT LANGSETH 13392987 / R: 2066 ->2101	3.0 N:C	W W	24 B	20 W
6 CO	CHRISTOPHER MOTLEY 16231534 / R: 1967 ->1999	3.0 N:1	W W	44 B	15 B
7 CO	DANIEL HERMAN 14345456 / R: 2233 ->2202	2.5 N:2	W B	42 W	38 B
8 CO	BRIAN D WALL 10923344 / R: 2200 ->2200	2.5 N:1	W W	43 B	34 B
9 CO	RHETT LANGSETH 13392987 / R: 2066 ->2101	2.5 N:C	W W	26 B	41 W
10 CO	NICKOLAS PETERSEN 13072431 / R: 1981 ->1970	2.5 N:2	D B	11 W	57 B
11 CO	EDWARD YASUTAKE 12822260 / R: 1927 ->1948	2.5 N:1	D W	10 B	58 W
12 CO	RICHARD SHTIVELBAND 12630593 / R: 2225 ->2236	2.0 N:C	W B	47 W	40 B
13 MD	NIKOLAS THEISS 12939772 / R: 2245 ->2235	2.0 N:1	W W	46 B	19 B
14 MD	NIKOLAS THEISS 12939772 / R: 2245 ->2235	2.0 N:1	W B	33 W	45 B
15 CO	DANIEL HERMAN 14345456 / R: 2233 ->2202	2.0 N:2	W B	66 W	6 W
16 CO	BRIAN D WALL 10923344 / R: 2200 ->2200	2.0 N:1	W W	55 B	25 W
17 CO	SARA HERMAN 14345441 / R: 2008 ->2014	2.0 N:1	W W	54 B	39 W
18 CO	SARA HERMAN 14345441 / R: 2008 ->2014	2.0 N:1	W B	21 W	1 B
19 CO	SARA HERMAN 14345441 / R: 2008 ->2014	2.0 N:1	W W	32 B	13 W
20 CO	CHRISTOPHER MOTLEY 16231534 / R: 1967 ->1999	2.0 N:1	W B	64 W	5 B
21 CO	NICKOLAS PETERSEN 13072431 / R: 1981 ->1970	2.0 N:2	L W	18 B	60 W
22 CO	DANIEL MARMER 12889369 / R: 1827 ->1803	2.0 N:1	L B	1 W	X W
23 CO	DANIEL MARMER 12889369 / R: 1827 ->1803	2.0 N:1	L B	40 W	50 B
24 CO	WILLIAM LEO WOLF 14762885 / R: 1735 ->1759	2.0 N:2	L B	5 W	44 B
25 CO	WILLIAM LEO WOLF 14762885 / R: 1735 ->1759	2.0 N:2	W W	62 B	16 B
26 CO	OWEN EMERSON CHRIST 15562723 / R: 1714 ->1708	2.0 N:4	L B	9 W	59 B
27 CO	MR. CHARLES F LARIMER 11424040 / R: 1532 ->1560	2.0 N:3	W B	52 W	4 B
28 CO	MR. CHARLES F LARIMER 11424040 / R: 1532 ->1560	2.0 N:3	W B	49 W	48 B
29 CO	MIKE HENCHEN 30598183 / R: 1231 ->1407	2.0 N:3	L W	2 B	55 W
30 CO	DANIEL HERMAN 14345456 / R: 2233 ->2202	1.5 N:2	L W	37 B	31 W
31 CO	NICKOLAS PETERSEN 13072431 / R: 1981 ->1970	1.5 N:2	L B	38 W	30 W
32 CO	TIMOTHY E BRENNAN 12718954 / R: 1800 ->1800	1.5 N:1	L B	19 W	66 H

33 CO	TIMOTHY E BRENNAN 12718954 / R: 1800 ->1800	1.5 N:1	L W	14 H	W B
34 CO	CALEB NOAH KOELLER 30341176 / R: 1787 ->1738	1.5 N:1	W B	63 D	8 B
35 CO	MIKE HENCHEN 30598183 / R: 1231 ->1407	1.5 N:3	H B	W B	56 L
36 CO	SHIRLEY HERMAN 14812654 / R: 1145 ->1169	1.5 N:1	L B	53 W	42 H
37 CO	EDWARD YASUTAKE 12822260 / R: 1927 ->1948	1.0 N:1	W B	30 L	3 L
38 CO	WILLIAM LEO WOLF 14762885 / R: 1735 ->1759	1.0 N:2	W W	31 L	7 L
39 CO	SANDEEP MATHEW 15620507 / R: 1708 ->1703	1.0 N:1	W W	61 L	17 L
40 CO	JAMES WILLIAM NEWBY JR. 12699600 / R: 1568 ->1589	1.0 N:1	W W	23 L	12 L
41 CO	MR. CHARLES F LARIMER 11424040 / R: 1532 ->1560	1.0 N:3	W B	65 L	9 L
42 CO	DEAN W BROWN 10224098 / R: 1443 ->1407	1.0 N:1	W L	7 L	36 W
43 CO	DEAN W BROWN 10224098 / R: 1443 ->1407	1.0 N:1	L B	8 W	64 L
44 CO	DEAN W BROWN 10224098 / R: 1443 ->1407	1.0 N:1	L B	6 L	24 W
45 CO	MIKE HENCHEN 30598183 / R: 1231 ->1407	1.0 N:3	W W	51 L	14 L
46 CO	MARK ZERINGUE 12499151 / R: 1414 ->1400	1.0 N:1	L W	13 L	54 W
47 CO	MARK ZERINGUE 12499151 / R: 1414 ->1400	1.0 N:1	L W	12 L	51 W
48 CO	BRIAN LEDSWORTH 12882510 / R: 1300 ->1311	1.0 N:1	W W	50 L	28 L
49 CO	BRIAN LEDSWORTH 12882510 / R: 1300 ->1311	1.0 N:1	L W	28 W	62 L
50 CO	HAYDEN SPICER HOLLIS 30968835 / R: 1508P4 ->1226P13	1.0 N:1	L B	48 L	23 W
51 CO	AARON ANAND ANASPURE 30589243 / R: 1136 ->1173	1.0 N:1	L B	45 W	47 L
52 CO	SHIRLEY HERMAN 14812654 / R: 1145 ->1169	1.0 N:1	L W	27 W	61 L
53 CO	AARON BLAIR 30628722 / R: 1173 ->1166	1.0 N:1	W W	36 L	2 L
54 CO	JACOB KOGLER 30440347 / R: 675P5 -> 835P8	1.0 N:1	L B	17 W	46 L
55 CO	TIMOTHY E BRENNAN 12718954 / R: 1800 ->1800	0.5 N:1	L B	16 L	29 H
56 CO	CALEB NOAH KOELLER 30341176 / R: 1787 ->1738	0.5 N:1	H B	L W	35 L
57 CO	CALEB NOAH KOELLER 30341176 / R: 1787 ->1738	0.5 N:1	H B	L B	10 L
58 CO	OWEN EMERSON CHRIST 15562723 / R: 1714 ->1708	0.5 N:4	H B	L W	11 L
59 CO	AARON BLAIR 30628722 / R: 1173 ->1166	0.5 N:1	L B	3 L	26 D
60 CO	JACKSON WADE CREASON 31088645 / R: Unrated->1166P3	0.5 N:1	L B	4 L	21 D
61 CO	HAYDEN SPICER HOLLIS 30968835 / R: 1508P4 ->1226P13	0.0 N:1	L B	39 L	52 L
62 CO	HAYDEN SPICER HOLLIS 30968835 / R: 1508P4 ->1226P13	0.0 N:1	L B	25 L	49 L
63 CO	SHIRLEY HERMAN 14812654 / R: 1145 ->1169	0.0 N:1	L W	34 U	L B
64 CO	AARON BLAIR 30628722 / R: 1173 ->1166	0.0 N:1	L W	20 L	43 L
65 CO	FERNANDO BOTELLO 31019925 / R: Unrated->1152P1	0.0 N:1	L W	41 F	U U
66 CO	KEILIN KIRWIN 31033659 / R: Unrated-> 997P3	0.0 N:1	L W	15 L	32 L

Colorado Closed Championships

by Earle Wikle

The Colorado Closed Championships this year were held at the Aurora Hoffman public library on March 17-19. The venue was perfect for the size of the tournament, and the library administrator Cori Iannaggi helped out tremendously, and even kept the building open after hours for the tournament.

The tournament consisted of the top players in Colorado that signed up before the deadline. There were three 6 player round robins, the Championship section, the Challenger section, and the Championship Scholastic section. All games were very competitive under a time control of G/90;+30. With the exception of Friday, there were two games a day. Therefore, giving the players time to relax a little before the next round.

Sara Herman, was able to use one of the DGT boards and setup her phone to stream her games live on her Twitch channel Zefcatt. For the most part everything worked out, but there were glitches every now and then. Hopefully every one of her viewers enjoyed the stream. If you missed the stream you may be able to find Sara's recap under her Twitch stream. Colorado has such talented players that help promote chess.

In the Championship section, Dr. Matthew Wofford, placed 1st with a score of 4-1, and became Colorado's newest National Master. National Master Neil Bhavikatti, placed 2nd with a score of 3.5-1.5, and both finished well in a nearly all master field. In the Challenger section, Expert Rhett Langseth, placed 1st with a score of 4-1, and Expert Nick Petersen placed 2nd with a score of 3-2. In the Scholastic section, Caleb Koeller placed 1st with a score of 4-1, and Amitai Sebba placed 2nd with a score of 3.5-1.5. Congratulations to all the winners and thank you to all that played.



(Pictures courtesy of Cori Iannaggi)

Colorado Closed Championship & Challenger Games

BATSAIKHAN, ORGIL (2156) - WOFFORD, MATTHEW (2150)

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 a6 6.Bg5 e6 7.f4 Be7 8.Qf3 Qc7 9.0-0 Nbd7 10.g4 h6 11.Bxf6 Bxf6 12.h4 Nb6 13.g5 Bxd4 14.Rxd4 Qc5 15.Qd3 hgx5 16.b4 Qc7 17.fgx5 Bd7 18.Rxd6 Rc8 19.Be2 Nc4 20.Rxd7 Qxd7 21.Qxd7+ Kxd7 22.Na4 Ke7 23.Nc5 a5 24.Rd1 Ne5 25.Nxb7 axb4 26.h5 Rc3 27.Rd4 Rhc8 28.Bd1 Rg3 29.Rxb4 Nd3+ 0-1

HERMAN, DANIEL (2216) - WALL, BRIAN (2237)

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.e5 c5 5.a3 Bxc3+ 6.bxc3 Ne7 7.Qg4 Qc7 8.Qxg7 Rg8 9.Qxh7 cxd4 10.Ne2 dxc3 11.f4 Bd7 12.Qd3 Nbc6 13.Nxc3 a6 14.g3 Rc8 15.Bd2 Na5 16.Ne2 Nc4 17.Nd4 Nc6 18.Nxc6 Bxc6 19.Qh7 Rf8 20.Bb4 Nxe5 21.Bxf8 Nf3+ 22.Kf2 Kxf8 23.Bd3 Nd2 24.Qh8+ Ke7 25.Qd4 Ne4+ 26.Bxe4 dxe4 27.Qc5+ Qd6 28.Qxd6+ Kxd6 29.Rhd1+ Bd5 30.c4 Rxc4 31.Rac1 Ra4 32.Rc3 b5 33.h4 a5 34.h5 b4 35.h6 bxc3 36.h7 c2 37.Rc1 Rxa3 38.h8Q Rf3+ 39.Kg2 e3 40.Qd8+ 1-0

BHAVIKATTI, NEIL (2254) - SHTIVELBAND, RICHARD (2200)

1.e3 g6 2.Bb5 Bg7 3.e4 c6 4.Ba4 d5 5.h3 dxe4 6.Ne2 Nd7 7.0-0 Nc5 8.Bb3 Nf6 9.Nec3 0-0 10.Re1 b5 11.Qe2 a5 12.Qe3 Qd6 0-1

HERMAN, SARA (2014) - BRENES SALGADO, JUAN (2119)

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.g3 Bg7 4.Bg2 d6 5.Nc3 0-0 6.Nf3 Nbd7 7.0-0 e5 8.e4 exd4 9.Nxd4 a6 10.h3 Re8 11.Re1 Rb8 12.Rb1 c5 13.Nc2 Qc7 14.Ne3 b5 15.Ned5 Nxd5 16.Nxd5 Qd8 17.cxb5 axb5 18.b4 c4 19.a4 bxa4 20.Qxa4 Bb7 21.Bg5 Qxg5 22.Qxd7 Bxd5 23.exd5 Red8 24.Qa4 Ra8 25.Qe2 c3 26.Re2 Re8 27.Rbe1 Rxe2 28.Rxe2 Bd4 29.Qd3 Qc1+ 30.Kh2 Bf6 31.Re2 Qa3 32.Qb5 Qb3 33.Be4 Ra1 34.Qb8+ Kg7 35.Qxd6 Qb1 36.h4 Ra4 37.h5 Qxb4 38.Bxg6 Qxd6 39.Be4 Qb4 40.h6+ Qxe4 0-1

HERMAN, SARA (2014) - STEGER, ALEX (2001)

1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 Nf6 4.g3 Be7 5.Bg2 0-0 6.0-0 c6 7.Nbd2 b6 8.Qc2 Na6 9.a3 Bb7 10.e4 Rc8 11.e5 Nd7 12.b4 c5 13.dxc5 bxc5 14.b5 Ne7 15.a4 f6 16.Bb2 d4 17.Ng5 ffxg5 18.Bxb7 Nxe5 19.Bxc8 Qxe8 20.Qe4 Bd6 21.a5 Ne8 22.a6 Nf6 23.Qb7 Qe8 24.b6 axb6 25.a7 Qa8 26.Qxb6 Nc6 27.Ra6 Rc8 28.Rfa1 Ne8 29.Ne4 Nb4 30.Nxd6 Nxd6 31.Qxd6 1-0

WALL, BRIAN (2237) - BHAVIKATTI, NEIL (2254)

1.d4 d5 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.g3 Bf5 4.Bg2 e6 5.0-0 c6 6.b3 h6 7.Bb2 Nbd7 8.e4 Be7 9.Ne5 Nxe5 10.dxe5 Ne4 11.Nc3 Nxc3 12.Bxc3 0-0 13.cxd5 cxd5 14.Qd2 Rc8 15.Rfc1 Ba3 16.Bb2 Qe7 17.f4 Bb4 18.Qd1 Be5+ 19.Bd4 Ba3 20.Rxc8 Rxc8 21.Qd2 b6 22.Bf3 Rc2 23.Qe3 Qc7 24.g4 Bg6 25.f5 exf5 26.gxf5 Bxf5 27.Bxd5 Qd7 28.Bf3 Be1 29.Qf2 Bg4 30.Be3 Qd1+ 31.Kg2 Bxf3+ 32.Kxf3 Qd5+ 33.Kf4 Bb2 34.Rg1 Bxe5+ 35.Kg4 Qe4+ 36.Kh5 0-1

WOFFORD, MATTHEW (2150) - HERMAN, DANIEL (2216)

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 e6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 a6 5.Bd3 Bc5 6.Nb3 Be7 7.Nc3 d6 8.0-0 Nf6 9.f4 Nbd7 10.Qf3 Qc7 11.a4 b6 12.Bd2 Bb7 13.Rae1 0-0 14.g4 Ne5 15.g5 Nfd7 16.Qh3 Nxd3 17.cxd3 Rfe8 18.f5 exf5 19.Rxf5 f6 20.Nd4 Bf8 21.Ref1 Rac8 22.R1f3 Ne5 23.Rg3 ffxg5 24.Rfxg5 Kh8 25.Nf5 Qf7 26.d4 Nc4 27.Rxg7 Bxg7 28.Rxg7 Qxg7+ 29.Nxg7 Nxd2 30.Nxe8 Rxe8 31.d5 Be8 32.Qh6 Nf3+ 33.Kf2 Ne5 34.Qxd6 Ng4+ 35.Ke2 b5 36.Qe6 Rf8 37.axb5 axb5 38.Qc5 Kg8 39.h3 Ne5 40.d6 Ng6 41.Nd5 Bxh3 42.e5 Bf1+ 43.Ke1 Be4 44.Nf6+ Rxf6 45.exf6 Nf8 46.Qg5+ 1-0

PETERSON, NICK (2031) - HERMAN, SARA (2014)

1.d3 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.g3 g6 4.Bg2 Bg7 5.0-0 Nf6 6.c3 0-0 7.Nbd2 Rb8 8.a4 a6 9.d4 cxd4 10.Nxd4 e5 11.Nxc6 dxc6 12.Nc4 Nd5 13.e4 Ne7 14.Bg5 f6 15.Be3 Be6 16.Qe2 b5 17.axb5 cxb5 18.Na5 Qc8 19.b4 Nc6 20.Rfd1 Nxa5 21.Rxa5 Qxc3 22.Be5 Rfd8 23.Rxa6 Bc4 24.Qe1 Qxe1+ 25.Rxe1 Ra8 26.Rb6 Bf8 27.Bxf8 Kxf8 28.Bf1 Ke7 29.Rb7+ Rd7 30.Rxd7+ Kxd7 31.Re1 Rc8 32.Bh3+ f5 33.exf5 Kd8 34.fxxg6 Re7 35.Rd1+ Ke8 36.Rd7 Rxd7 37.Bxd7+ Kf8 38.gxh7 Kg7 39.Bf5 Be2 40.h4 Bf3 41.Kh2 e4 42.g4 Kh8 43.Kg3 Be2 44.Bxe4 Bc4 45.Kf4 Kg7 46.g5 Bf7 47.Ke5 Kh8 48.f4 Bb3 49.Kd6 Bc4 50.Ke7 Be2 51.g6 Bg4 52.Kf8 Bf5 53.g7+ Kxh7 54.g8Q+ Kh6 55.Qg5+ Kh7 56.Qg7# 1-0

BHAVIKATTI, NEIL (2254) - BATSAIKHAN, ORGIL (2156)

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 Bg7 4.Bg5 c5 5.d5 d6 6.e4 Qa5 7.f3 a6 8.Qd2 h6 9.Be3 Nbd7 10.Rc1 Rb8 11.a3 Ne5 12.h3 Nh5 13.Kf2 g5 14.g3 Ng6 15.Bd3 Bd7 16.Nge2 b5 17.cxb5 axb5 18.b4 cxb4 19.axb4 Qxb4 20.Ra1 Rc8 21.Rhb1 Bxc3 22.Rxb4 Bxd2 23.Bxd2 0-0 24.Bxb5 Bxb5 25.Rxb5 Rc2 26.Rd1 Ne5 27.Nd4 Ra2 28.Nf5 Na4 29.Ke1 Kh7 30.g4 e6 31.Nd4 Ng3 32.Ne2 Nxe2 33.Kxe2 Rc8 34.dxe6 fxe6 35.Rb7+ Kg6 36.h4 gxh4 37.f4 h3 38.f5+ exf5 39.exf5+ Kf6 40.Rh7 Re8+ 41.Kf3 Nxd2+ 42.Kg3 Ne4+ 43.Kh4 Rg8 44.Rxh6+ Ke5 45.Re1 Kf4 46.Rxe4+ Kxe4 47.Kxh3 Kf4 0-1

WOFFORD, MATTHEW (2150) - WALL, BRIAN (2237)

1.e4 b6 2.d4 e6 3.Bd3 d5 4.c3 Nf6 5.e5 Nfd7 6.Ne2 Ba6 7.Be2 c5 8.0-0 Nc6 9.Rd1 cxd4 10.Nxd4 Rc8 11.Nxe6 fxe6 12.Qh5+ Ke7 13.Bg5+ Nf6 14.Nd2 Kd7 15.Qh3 Be7 16.exf6 Bxf6 17.Bf4 Ke8 18.Rxe6+ Kf7 19.Rae1 Nd4 20.Rd6 Re8 21.Rd7+ 1-0

LANGSETH, RHETT (2088) - HERMAN, SARA (2014)

1.d4 d5 2.Bf4 Nf6 3.e3 e6 4.Nf3 c5 5.c3 Bd6 6.Ne5 c4 7.Nd2 0-0 8.g4 Nc6 9.g5 Bxe5 10.Bxe5 Nd7 11.f4 Nxe5 12.dxe5 Qb6 13.Kf2 Qxb2 14.Rc1 Ne5 15.Rc2 Qb6 16.Rg1 Bd7 17.Qc1 Rab8 18.Rb2 Qc7 19.Rg3 b5 20.Rh3 Be8 21.Qb1 f5 22.gxf6 Bg6 23.Qd1 gxf6 24.exf6 Rxf6 25.Kg1 Na4 26.Rc2 Bxc2 27.Qxc2 Rg6+ 28.Kh1 Qg7 29.Nf3 Nxc3 30.Ng5 h6 31.Nf3 Ne4 32.Bg2 Qa1+ 33.Ng1 Rb7 34.Rf3 Rbg7 35.f5 Rxb2 36.Qxg2 Rxb2 37.Kxg2 Qxa2+ 38.Kh3 Ng5+ 39.Kg4 Nxf3 40.Nxf3 exf5+ 41.Kxf5 Qf2 42.Kg4 h5+ 43.Kf4 c3 44.h4 c2 45.Kg5 Qxf3 46.Kh6 Qg4 47.e4 c1B# 0-1

STEGE, ALEX (2001) - PETERSON, NICK (2031)

1.d4 Nf6 2.Bf4 e6 3.Nf3 c5 4.e3 b6 5.Nbd2 Be7 6.h3 0-0 7.c3 d5 8.Bd3 Ba6 9.Bxa6 Nxa6 10.Qe2 Nb8 11.Ne5 Nfd7 12.0-0 Nxe5 13.Bxe5 Nd7 14.Bg3 f5 15.c4 Qe8 16.Rac1 Qf7 17.cxd5 exd5 18.dxc5 bxc5 19.Nf3 Bf6 20.Rfd1 Rac8 21.Rc2 Qe6 22.Qd2 Nb6 23.b3 Rfd8 24.Rdc1 Qe7 25.Qa5 c4 26.Nd2 Re5 27.Qb4 Rdc8 28.a4 d4 29.exd4 Nd5 30.Qa3 Bxd4 31.bxc4 f4 32.Qd3 Nb4 33.Qxd4 Nxc2 34.Qxf4 Nb4 35.Qd6 Qe2 36.Rc3 Nd5 37.Rf3 Qxd2 38.Be5 Qe1+ 39.Kh2 Nf6 40.Bxf6 gxf6 41.Rg3+ Rg5 42.Re3 Qxf2 43.Qe6+ Kg7 0-1

BATSAIKHAN, ORGIL (2156) - HERMAN, DANIEL (2216)

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 e6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 a6 5.Bd3 Bc5 6.Nb3 Be7 7.Nc3 d6 8.0-0 Nf6 9.f4 Nbd7 10.Qf3 Qc7 11.a4 b6 12.Bd2 Bb7 13.Rae1 0-0 14.g4 d5 15.e5 Ne4 16.Nxe4 dxe4 17.Bxe4 Bxe4 18.Qxe4 Rac8 19.Bc3 b5 20.axb5 axb5 21.Re2 b4 22.Bd4 Rfd8 23.f5 Nc5 24.Bxc5 Bxc5+ 25.Kg2 Bf8 26.Rf3 Qc4 27.Rf4 Qxe4+ 28.Rfxe4 Rd1 29.fxe6 fxe6 30.Nd4 Rc1 31.Nxe6 R8xc2 32.Nf4 b3 33.e6 Be7 34.Nd5 Kf8 35.Rf2+ Rxf2+ 36.Kxf2 Rc2+ 37.Re2 Bc5+ 38.Ke1 Rxe2+ 39.Kxe2 Bd4 40.Kd3 Bxb2 41.Kc4 Be5 42.Kxb3 Bxh2 43.Kc4 Ke8 44.Kd3 Bd6 45.Ke4 Ba3 1/2-1/2

BHAVIKATTI, NEIL (2254) - WOFFORD, MATTHEW (2150)

1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 a6 4.cxd5 exd5 5.Bf4 Nf6 6.e3 Bd6 7.Bxd6 Qxd6 8.Bd3 Be6 9.Nf3 h6 10.0-0 Nbd7 11.Qc2 0-0 12.b4 b5 13.a4 c6 14.Rab1 Nb6 15.a5 Nc4 16.Bxc4 bxc4 17.Ne5 Ng4 18.Nxg4 Bxg4 19.Na4 g6 20.Qc3 Rfe8 21.Nc5 Bc8 22.Rfe1 Ra7 23.f3 Rae7 24.e4 Qf6 25.Re3 Qg5 26.Rbe1 h5 27.g3 h4 28.f4 Qf6 29.exd5 cxd5 30.Re5 Kg7 31.Kf2 Rxe5 32.Rxe5 Rxe5 33.dxe5 Qf5 34.e6+ f6 35.e7 Kf7 36.Qe1 Ke8 37.Kg1 h3 38.Kf2 Qc2+ 39.Qe2 Qxe2+ 40.Kxe2 Kxe7 41.Ke3 Kd6 42.Kd4 Kc6 43.Na4 Kb5 44.Nc3+ Kxb4 45.Nxd5+ Kb3 46.Nc3 Bb7 47.g4 g5 48.fxxg5 ffxg5 49.Nb1 Bf3 50.Nd2+ Kb2 51.Nxf3 c3 52.Ne1 c2 53.Nxc2 Kxc2 54.Kc5 Kd3 55.Kb6 Ke4 56.Kxa6 Kf3 57.Kb5 Kxg4 58.a6 Kf3 59.a7 Kg2 60.a8Q+ Kxh2 61.Qf3 1-0

HERMAN, SARA (2014) - MOTLEY, CHRIS (2001)

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.g3 d5 4.Nf3 Be7 5.Bg2 0-0 6.0-0 dxc4 7.Qc2 b6 8.Bg5 Nd5 9.h4 b5 10.a4 b4 11.Bxe7 Qxe7 12.Ng5 g6 13.Qxc4 Ba6 14.Qc2 Rc8 15.Ne4 Nd7 16.Qb6 Bxe2 17.Re1 Bd3 18.Ng5 Qd6 19.Qc1 c5 20.Qd1 c4 21.b3 Rab8 22.bxc4 Bxc4 23.Nd2 Nc3 24.Qf3 Qe7 25.Nxc4 Rxc4 26.Bh3 Qf6 27.Qxf6 Nxf6 28.Nxf7 Rxd4 29.Bxe6 b3 30.Ne5+ Kg7 31.Nc6 b2 32.Nxd4 bxa1 Q 33.Rxa1 Rb4 34.Nb5 Rxa4 1/2-1/2

LANGSETH, RHETT (2088) - STEGER, ALEX (2001)

1.c3 e5 2.e4 Nf6 3.d3 d5 4.Qc2 Nc6 5.Nf3 a5 6.Be2 Bc5 7.0-0 0-0 8.Nbd2 Ba7 9.Re1 Ng4 10.Rf1 f5 11.h3 Nf6 12.exd5 Nxd5 13.Re1 Kh8 14.Nc4 e4 15.dxe4 fxe4 16.Qxe4 Bf5 17.Qh4 Qxh4 18.Nxh4 Bxh3 19.Bf3 Bd7 20.Re4 Nf6 21.Re2 Ng4 22.Bg5 Rae8 23.Rd2 Bc8 24.Bxc6 bxc6 25.Nf3 a4 26.Nd4 Ba6 27.Ne3 Ne5 28.Rad1 c5 29.Ndc2 c4 30.Nb4 Bb7 31.Bh4 Ba4 32.Bg3 Bxc3 33.fxc3 Ng4 34.Re1 c5 35.Na6 Rf5 36.Nc7 Rg8 37.Ne6 Bd3 38.e4 Rf6 39.Nxc5 Rd8 40.Bh4 Rg8 1-0

WALL, BRIAN (2237) - BATSAIKHAN, ORGIL (2156)

1.e4 c5 2.Nc3 d6 3.g3 g6 4.Bg2 Bg7 5.Nge2 Nf6 6.Nf4 Nc6 7.0-0 0-0 8.h3 Rb8 9.a4 a6 10.d3 e5 11.Nfd5 Nxd5 12.Nxd5 Be6 13.c3 f5 14.exf5 gxf5 15.f4 Ne7 16.Nxe7+ Qxe7 17.Be3 1/2-1/2

HERMAN, DANIEL (2216) - BHAVIKATTI, NEIL (2254)

1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Be7 4.cxd5 exd5 5.Bf4 c6 6.e3 Bd6 7.Bxd6 Qxd6 8.Bd3 Ne7 9.Qc2 b6 10.Nge2 Ba6 11.Bxa6 Nxa6 12.0-0 0-0 13.Rac1 Nc7 14.Nf4 Ne6 15.Nd3 c5 16.dxc5 bxc5 17.Rfd1 Rfd8 18.b3 Rac8 19.Qb2 c4 20.bxc4 Rxc4 21.Ne2 Ne6 22.Ndf4 Rxc1 23.Qxc1 Nxf4 24.Nxf4 d4 25.h3 1/2-1/2



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KOELLER,CALEB (1749) - SAKTHISARAVANAN,KAAYYA (1427)

1.c4 e5 2.Nc3 Nf6 3.f4 Nc6 4.fxe5 Nxe5 5.d4 Nxc4 6.e4 Nb6 7.Bd3 Be7 8.Nf3 0-0 9.0-0 c5 10.e5 Nfd5 11.Nxd5 Nxd5 12.dxc5 Bxc5+ 13.Kh1 Ne3 14.Bxe3 Bxe3 15.Bxh7+ Kxh7 16.Qd3+ Kg8 17.Qxe3 Re8 18.Ng5 f6 19.Qb3+ Re6 20.Nxe6 dxe6 21.Rad1 Qe7 22.exf6 gxf6 23.Rf4 Kf8 24.Rh4 Qg7 25.Qh3 e5 26.Rh8+ Kf7 27.Qh5+ Ke6 28.Re8+ Qe7 29.Rxe7+ Kxe7 30.Qh7+ Ke6 31.Rd8 b6 32.Qg8+ Kf5 33.Rxc8 Rxc8 34.Qxc8+ Kf4 35.Kg1 f5 36.Kf2 e4 37.g3+ Kg4 38.Ke3 b5 39.Qe7 a6 40.h4 Kh3 41.h5 a5 42.h6 1-0

VISPUTE,AYUSH (1543) - SABBA,AMITIA (1718)

1.e4 c5 2.Nc3 Nc6 3.g3 g6 4.Bg2 Bg7 5.d3 Nf6 6.f4 d6 7.Nf3 Rb8 8.a4 a6 9.0-0 0-0 10.h3 b5 11.axb5 axb5 12.f5 gxf5 13.exf5 Bxf5 14.g4 Bg6 15.g5 Nd7 16.h4 Bh5 17.Nd5 Nde5 18.Nxe5 Bxd1 19.Nxc6 Qd7 20.Nxb8 Rxb8 21.Rxd1 Qg4 22.Bf4 Bxb2 23.Rab1 Bd4+ 24.Kf1 e6 25.Ne7+ Kh8 26.Bxd6 Qxh4 27.Rd2 Rd8 28.Nc6 Rxd6 29.Nxd4 Rxd4 30.Rxb5 Rf4+ 31.Ke2 Rf2+ 32.Kd1 Rxd2+ 0-1

OREGEL,ROWEN (1728) - SABBA,AMITIA (1718)

1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5 3.Bf4 c5 4.e4 Qb6 5.dxc5 Qxb2 6.Nb5 Qb4+ 7.c3 Qxe4+ 8.Be3 Na6 9.Be2 Bf5 10.Bf3 Qd3 11.Qb3 e6 12.Ne2 Qc2 13.Nd6+ Bxd6 14.Qb5+ Nd7 15.cxd6 Bd3 16.Qxb7 Rb8 17.Qc6 Bb5 18.Nd4 Qb2 19.Nxb5 Qxa1+ 20.Bd1 Qxa2 21.Bxa7 Rd8 22.Bb6 Rb8 23.Ba7 Rd8 24.Bb6 ½-½

SAKTHISARAVANAN,KAAYYA (1427) - OREGEL,ROWEN (1728)

1.d4 Nf6 2.Nf3 g6 3.c4 Bg7 4.Nc3 0-0 5.g3 d6 6.Bg2 Nbd7 7.0-0 e5 8.e3 Re8 9.Re1 c6 10.Ng5 Nb6 11.Qd3 exd4 12.Nce4 Nxe4 13.Nxe4 Bf5 14.g4 Bxg4 15.Nd2 Nd7 16.Nf3 Qf6 17.Nxd4 Qxd4 18.exd4 Rxe1+ 19.Bf1 Be2 20.Qxe2 Rxe2 21.Bxe2 Bxd4 22.Rb1 Re8 23.Bd3 Re1+ 24.Kg2 Ne5 25.Bd2 Rxb1 26.Bxb1 Nxc4 27.Bc1 Bxb2 28.Bxb2 Nxb2 29.Kf3 Kg7 30.Ke4 Kf6 31.Be2 Nc4 32.Kf4 Ne5 33.h3 g5+ 34.Ke3 Ng6 35.Bd1 Nf4 36.Bg4 Ke5 37.a3 f5 38.Bf3 Nxb3 39.Bg2 g4 40.Bf1 f4+ 41.Ke2 f3+ 42.Ke3 Nf4 43.Bc4 h5 44.Kd2 h4 45.Ke3 h3 46.a4 h2 47.a5 h1 Q48.Kd2 Qb1 49.a6 Qb2+ 50.Ke3 Qc3+ 51.Bd3 Ng2# 0-1

SABBA,AMITIA (1718) - SAKTHISARAVANAN,KAAYYA (1427)

1.e4 c5 2.d4 cxd4 3.c3 dxc3 4.Nxc3 Nc6 5.Nf3 d6 6.Bc4 Bg4 7.Bxf7+ Kxf7 8.Ng5+ Ke8 9.Qxg4 Nf6 10.Qe2 a6 11.0-0 Qd7 12.Nd5 Nxd5 13.exd5 Nd8 14.Qf3 g6 15.Re1 Bg7 16.Ne6 Be5 17.Rxe5 Nxe6 18.Rxe6 Rf8 19.Qe2 Rc8 20.Bg5 Rf7 21.Re1 Rc7 22.h3 Kf8 23.Qe3 Ke8 24.Qd4 Kd8 25.Qh8+ Qe8 26.Rxd6+ Rd7 27.Rxd7+ Kxd7 28.Qe5 Qf8 29.Qe6+ Kd8 30.Rc1 Rxf2 31.Rc8# 1-0

OREGEL,ROWEN (1728) - VISPUTE,AYUSH (1553)

1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5 3.Bf4 g6 4.e3 Bg7 5.Nb5 Na6 6.h3 0-0 7.Nf3 Bd7 8.a4 c5 9.Be2 cxd4 10.exd4 Ne4 11.0-0 f6 12.Re1 Bxb5 13.Bxb5 Nc7 14.Bd3 Ne6 15.Bh2 N4g5 16.c3 Nxf3+ 17.Qxf3 Ng5 18.Qe2 e5 19.dxe5 fxe5 20.Rad1 e4 21.Bc4 Nxb3+ 22.gxh3 Qg5+ 23.Bg3 dxc4 24.Qxc4+ Kh8 25.Qxe4 Rf5 26.Qxb7 Raf8 27.Qg2 h5 28.h4 Qg4 29.Re4 Qxd1+ 30.Kh2 Qf3 31.Qxf3 Rxf3 32.Re6 Kh7 33.Ra6 R3f7 34.Kg2 Rb7 35.Bd6 Rf6 36.c4 Rxb2 37.c5 Rxf2+ 38.Kg3 Rg2+ 39.Kf3 Rg4 40.c6 Rb3+ 41.Ke2 Rg2+ 0-1

KOELLER,CALEB (1749) - OREGEL,ROWEN (1728)

1.a3 d5 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.b3 c5 4.e3 Nc6 5.Bb2 Bf5 6.Be2 g6 7.0-0 Bg7 8.Nh4 Bd7 9.f4 0-0 10.d3 Re8 11.Nf3 Ng4 12.Bxg7 Nxe3 13.Qc1 d4 14.Bh6 Nxf1 15.Qxf1 f6 16.h3 e6 17.g4 Ne7 18.Nbd2 Nd5 19.Ne1 Bc6 20.Bf3 Kh8 21.Bxd5 Qxd5 22.Qf3 Qd8 23.Qg3 Qd5 24.Qf3 Qd8 25.Qg3 Qd5 26.Qf3 ½-½



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Section 1 - COLORADO CLOSED CHAMPIONSHIP 2023

Pair Num	Player Name USCF ID / Rtg (Pre->Post)	Total Pts	Round 1	Round 2	Round 3	Round 4	Round 5
1	MATTHEW WOFFORD CO 12812582 / R: 2196 -->2216	4.0	W	4 W	3 W	5 L	2 X 6
2	NEIL BHAVIKATTI CO 14919064 / R: 2254 -->2265	3.5	W	6 W	5 L	4 W	1 D 3
3	DANIEL HERMAN CO 14345456 / R: 2216 -->2214	3.0	W	5 L	1 X	D	4 D 2
4	ORGL BATSAIKHAN CO 13214543 / R: 2156 -->2162	3.0	L	1 X	6 W	2 D	3 D 5
5	BRIAN D WALL CO 10923344 / R: 2200 -->2200	1.5	L	3 L	2 L	1 X	D 4
6	RICHARD SHTIVELBAND CO 12630593 / R: 2236 -->2227	0.0	L	2 F	F	3 F	5 F

Section 2 - COLORADO CLOSED CHALLENGER 2023

Pair Num	Player Name USCF ID / Rtg (Pre->Post)	Total Pts	Round 1	Round 2	Round 3	Round 4	Round 5
1	RHETT LANGSETH CO 13392987 / R: 2084 -->2107	4.0	W	2 W	3 W	5 L	4 W 6
2	NICKOLAS PETERSEN CO 13072431 / R: 1993 -->2013	3.0	L	1 D	5 W	4 W	6 D 3
3	JUAN CARLOS BRENES SALGADO CO 16135827 / R: 2130 -->2115	2.5	W	4 L	1 L	6 W	5 D 2
4	SARA HERMAN CO 14345441 / R: 2014 -->2018	2.5	L	3 W	6 L	2 W	1 D 5
5	CHRISTOPHER MOTLEY CO 16231534 / R: 1999 -->1983	1.5	D	6 D	2 L	1 L	3 D 4
6	ALEXANDER STEGER CO 12597213 / R: 1983 -->1970	1.5	D	5 L	4 W	3 L	2 L 1

Section 3 - COLORADO CLOSED SCHOLASTIC CHAMPIONSHIP 2023

Pair Num	Player Name USCF ID / Rtg (Pre->Post)	Total Pts	Round 1	Round 2	Round 3	Round 4	Round 5
1	CALEB NOAH KOELLER CO 30341176 / R: 1738 -->1749	4.0	W	5 D	4 W	2 X	D 3
2	AMITAI SEBBA CO 15807085 / R: 1719 -->1718	3.5	W	4 D	3 L	1 W	5 X 6
3	ROWEN OREGEL CO 17314325 / R: 1749 -->1728	3.0	X	6 D	2 W	5 L	4 D 1
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Tata Steel 2023: "The Wimbledon of Chess"

By John Brezina

The year 2023 starts with the 85th edition of the "Wimbledon of Chess": Tata Steel Chess in the quaint little village of Wijk Aan Zee held January 13-29. After a two-year absence, spectators were allowed back and anxious to see the best players in the world once again. In addition the amateur sections returned and filled the Dorpshuis de Moriaan building to its rightful chess glory. It's always an adventure getting to this seaside village which is a short drive or train ride from Amsterdam. This year my brother and nephew joined me which made for an extra special tournament. As my second time attending this event, I can attest the chess atmosphere here is second to none.



The seaside village Wijk Aan Zee

We stayed in the heart of Wijk Aan Zee near the playing hall where everything is easy to walk about and reach. Signs everywhere remind you that the Tata Steel tournament is taking place with side events for kids and adults. At the main playing hall there is a restaurant and bar attached to unwind during and after the tournament. It was always a full house with chess boards strewn about with fans of all ages analyzing the top games or playing their own with a pint or two always nearby. A favorite time of mine meeting people from all over coming together for our beloved game of chess. It was here we met the "Chess Buccaneer" Manuel Bosboom. A Dutch IM who created many brilliant creative games including a blitz win over Garry Kasparov. This and many more stories in his recently released book by New in Chess, *The Chess Buccaneer*. I picked up my copy next door where chess books were being sold during the tournament.

Now for the main event. The two top fields were the Masters and Challengers where each had fourteen players which accounted for thirteen rounds of play. Players in the Masters group included three American players: Fabiano Caruana, Wesley So, and Levon Aronian. All of which have previously won Tata Steel. But the main contender is World Champion Magnus Carlsen who has won Tata an

impressive eight times. In the Challengers section the lone American player was the extremely talented Grandmaster Abhimanyu Mishra at only 13 years old. The Amateur section completed the field throughout the hall which provided an immense number of games to watch.



Entrance to the tournament hall

Fans came out in droves as lines were long to get into the playing hall. Reservations online were required to attend and helped with the vast amount of chess fans. Very well organized though and once inside, a nice reception desk awaited with friendly attendants to answer questions or sell items related to Tata Steel. Inside the playing hall was a nice area in the back with food and refreshments and also a separate bar and restaurant to enjoy the day-long festivities. Cameras and phones were limited to only seven minutes of use once the round started throughout the playing hall at 2:00pm sharp. Doors opened at 1:30pm for fans and the early birds were lucky enough to get up front near the top boards for the start of the round to get photos of their favorite players. An elevated platform allowed fans a better view but came to capacity quickly in hopes of catching a glimpse of World Champion Magnus Carlsen or number two player in the world Ding Liren. A small upper level provided a bird's eye view of the hall where some of the amateur players competed. The organizers did a fantastic job creating an experience players and fans alike will certainly remember. 85 years of experience running this tournament and it definitely shows in the professionalism displayed throughout.



The magnificent main playing hall



13 year old GM Abhimanyu Mishra

While we were only able to attend rounds seven and eight in person, I followed the entire tournament online where the young Nodirbek Abdusattorov came out of the gate in round one with a win and maintained the lead throughout. Ding Liren shared the lead until round four where he tripped up against the young Praggnanandhaa. Dutch number one Anish Giri shocked the world champion Magnus Carlsen with a win to continue sharing the lead with Nodirbek. Round five saw a change of venue and the unthinkable. Magnus Carlsen lost his second game in a row of classical chess to sole tournament leader, Nodirbek Abdusattorov, who never looked back. Round six and Wesley So and Fabiano Caruana were the only two with victories to keep them close to the leader.



Old rivals Magnus Carlsen & Fabiano Caruana

The halfway point of round seven saw four decisive games by tournament leader Nodirbek, So, Carlsen, and Praggnanandhaa. But the game to watch was the marathon battle between Fabiano Caruana and Parham Maghsoodloo. The Iranian GM was a late addition to the tournament replacing Jan-Krzysztof Duda and he showed great defensive skills in this seven hour battle with the top American player. While all other games in the entire hall had finished, Fabiano pressed his one pawn advantage late into the evening. A few hard core fans stayed until the end, including myself, to see a stalemate play out on the board. Then the handshake after

nearly seven hours and fifteen minutes of play. With the privilege of media access, I was able to capture a moment in the back room afterwards where the exhausted players made a quick analysis together over the computer.



High caliber analysis in the backroom

Round eight and four more decisive games. Richard Rapport, Dommaraju Gukesh, and Jorden Van Foreest all scored their first victories. But the main game to watch was between 2018 World Championship match players, Magnus Carlsen and Fabiano Caruana. Magnus scored a fairly quick victory in thirty three moves, perhaps due to an exhausted Fabiano from the previous night's marathon. This would be Fabiano's only loss and by drawing his next five games, he would not catch the leader. Parham also lost his round eight game after the previous night's marathon game. With a victory in round nine, Anish Giri trailed leader Nodirbek by just half a point. In round twelve, Magnus with the white pieces, had a chance to still catch the lead with a win. But the young Indian prodigy Praggnanandhaa held the world champion to a draw with a perpetual check in the end. Anish Giri was held to a draw by his Dutch colleague and former 2021 Tata Steel winner Jorden Van Foreest.



Interviewing Nodirbek Abdusattorov

The final round and the tournament was still up for grabs. Nodirbek still led with 8 points, followed by Anish Giri with 7.5, and close behind was Wesley So and Magnus with 7.0 points each. A last round loss or draw by Nodirbek and the tournament

was open for the other three players. Wesley So was held to a draw by Praggnanandhaa with just the Kings remaining on the board. With this draw Wesley was one of only two players to finish without a loss. Next up was Anish Giri with the white pieces against Richard Rapport. After 34 moves it looked as though a draw could be held, but then Rapport blundered by moving his King out of check to g6. A stunned Giri looked on in disbelief and carefully took his time to find the killer tactic he suspected was there. Giri found the winning move Rd6! and a few short moves later with a forced exchange of queens leading to mate, Richard resigned and put Anish in the lead with 8.5 points. While this put Magnus out of a chance for first, he fought a double bishop and queen ending against Arjun Erigaisi where he came out on top and tied currently for second depending on the last game. The pressure mounted on Nodirbek to at least draw in order to secure a playoff. But Jorden already had the advantage in the game with the black pieces and looked to become the tournament spoiler for the young Uzbekistani player. With an unstoppable three pawn advantage in the endgame, Van Foreest handed Abdusattorov his only heartbreak



First time Tata Steel winner Anish Giri

loss of the tournament. With this an exuberant Anish Giri won his first Tata Steel without a loss. What a finish!

On the Challengers side, another incredible tournament in its own right. Many more decisive games in this field including the last round where all games finished with a victory. Of special note was Praggnanandhaa's older sister in the field, Rameshbabu Vaishali. The only time I can remember siblings competing in the top two fields. Four Dutch players in the field included veteran Erwin L'Ami who finished at fifty percent with 6.5 points. Erwin was the only player to hand tournament winner Alexander Donchenko a loss. Turkish player Mustafa Yilmaz came closest to catching Alexander in the end. Going into the last round, Yilmaz had 8

points while Donchenko led with 9 points. Only a win by Mustafa and a loss by Alexander would harbor a playoff. But while



Challengers winner Alexander Donchenko

the Turkish Grandmaster won his game, the red hot leader continued his streak and won his last four games in a row and therefore winning the tournament. A phenomenal performance with a total of eight wins.



*Dutch colleagues
Erwin L'Ami and Thomas Beerdsen*

Chess fans would do well by attending Tata Steel once to experience all the best chess has to offer. Cafe De Zon next door was a great pub to watch commentary, albeit in Dutch mostly, in addition to enjoying some late night chess and great company. And with the North Sea beach a short walk away, a wonderful way to relax and enjoy some great scenery. The people and hospitality of the Netherlands make this a favorite place of mine to visit. Tot ziens! Until next time....



Commentator Fiona Steil-Antoni

USCF Top 100 Players in Colorado

All regular rated members are shown

Rank & Rating as of 3/10/2023

1 IM STEVEN M ODENDAHL 2507	51 LIKA KOBESHAVIDZE 2154
2 GM DASHZEGVE SHARAVDORJ 2502	52 DEBAYAN MAJUMDAR 2151
3 ALEXEI NOVIKOV 2459	53 VLADIMIR KARASIK 2150
4 IM MICHAEL A MULYAR 2457	54 MATTHEW WOFFORD 2150
5 JOSH S BLOOMER 2442	55 MORGAN ROBB 2149
6 GUNNAR ANDERSEN 2356	56 JAMES VAN BUSKIRK 2147
7 JAMES MANN DE TOLEDO 2353	57 SO VANG 2140 1998-12-01
8 JERRY KEARNS 2343	58 FRANCISCO SALESA GREUS 2140
9 FM MATT HASSEN 2338	59 ROBERT FORDON 2139
10 PHILIPP PONOMAREV 2328	60 SCOTT WICKER 2138
11 LIOR LAPID 2322	61 ANTONIO CARAVACA AGUIRRE 2137
12 SULLIVAN MAC MCCONNELL 2303	62 STEPHAN KROLL 2132
13 ZK25 COMPX 2275	63 EAMON CURCHIN MONTGOMERY 2132
14 CHARLIE SWAN 2259	64 STEVEN L HENDERSON 2131
15 JAMES M MC CARTY 2256	65 JUAN M FONG 2129
16 NEIL BHAVIKATTI 2254	66 CM MITESH SHRIDHAR 2128
17 THOMAS STORAAS 2246	67 ERIC K ANDERSON 2119
18 IM BUNMI OLAPE 2246	68 JUAN CARLOS BRENES SALGADO 2119
19 BRUCE A MONSON 2242	69 ANDY FORSTER 2118
20 RYAN DAVID SWERDLIN 2242	70 DAVID HARTSOOK 2115
21 DIEGO GARCIA 2239	71 KEVIN SEIDLER 2115
22 ADAM MARKOS 2238	72 MATTHEW DENNIS O'HARA 2113
23 FM RENARD ANDERSON 2237	73 CRAIG GALLO 2109
24 BRIAN D WALL 2237	74 WILLIAM A ENGELS 2106
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42 ZACHARY BEKKEDAH 2168	92 DMITRY KISHINEVSKY 2071
43 ROBERT B KARNISKY 2166	93 CRAIG D WILCOX 2069
44 IGOR B KAPLANSKY 2166	94 PAVAN PRABHAKAR 2069
45 ROBERT W RAMIREZ 2164	95 JAMES R DAVIES 2068
46 DAVID BASTIAN WELLNITZ 2162	96 JAMES M ROODE 2067
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48 MR. JOSHUA RYAN ROMERO 2158	98 CHESTER RICHEY 2060
49 MICHAEL B GINAT 2156	99 ALVA L LARSEN 2058
50 ORGIL BATSAIKHAN 2156	100 ANDRZEJ SWIATEK 2058



Chess and the “Hawthorne Effect”

by Jeffrey A. Baffo, February 2023

In the Behavioral Sciences, there is a foundational concept called the Hawthorne Effect. Its summarized “big idea” is that the study of a behavior changes that behavior and the more conscious of that study the “subjects” are, the more potential for change there is and therefore attempts to find “cause and effect” relationships are contaminated or ineffective.

This is relevant to chess players struggling to find a good method to improve their chess play. The analogy I wish to put forward is this; Almost any study of chess leads to some improvement and belief in a particular method can enhance that effect. Therefore (within reason) whatever a person does, **when motivated by the strong desire to improve in chess will likely have (some) positive effect.**

Objective clinical data on any casual relationship is extremely rare but especially so when that activity is seen as essentially a game or hobby. In that case, what is a chess player to do? The Silman method? The Botvinnik Method? The more recent and somewhat controversial “Move First, Think Later” method? And how is this applied? To “real” chess tournaments, conducted in-person, with physical equipment or in the on-line electronic venues? Or both?

In all cases the importance of a chess rating is key. But is it enough? Is this “ELO rating” of a player good enough to be accepted as a reliable, stable, and accurate reflection of a chess player’s strength or is it only a hindsight reflection of current performance? If we say “Yes” to the chess ratings value, then a possible answer presents itself; this rating could be evaluated with online play and then studied with the diverse and powerful data analytics available thereon. Any of the major “full service” chess sites provide this feature-rich environment, the two widest available and best known are Chess.com or LiChess. Of course, the devilish details have, to my knowledge, yet to be worked out to any wide agreement. The variables are practically limitless; the time allowed for each player (Rapid, Blitz, Classical, Correspondence and infinite gradations in-between), the outside assistance (legal and illegal) that either player may or may not avail themselves of, and numerous other factors come into play. The potential here is also close to being limitless; that a player may see, over time, when his playing strength (measured by “rating”) goes up or down, and then attempt training and practice methodology to improve it. Analysis of the success or failure has the potential to unlock the “perfect” training protocol, customized for any person’s particular needs and circumstances. Can it be done? What do you think? Do you play online chess and also use online chess training tools to improve?

From the Wikipedia entry; The **Hawthorne effect** is a type of reactivity in which individuals modify an aspect of their behavior in response to their awareness of being observed. The effect was discovered in the context of research conducted at the Hawthorne Western Electric plant; however, some scholars feel the descriptions are apocryphal. The original research involved workers who made electrical relays at the Hawthorne Works, a Western Electric plant in Cicero, Illinois. Between 1924 and 1927, the lighting study was conducted. Workers experienced a series of lighting changes in which productivity was said to increase with almost any change in the lighting. One of the later interpretations by Landsberger suggested that the novelty of being research subjects and the increased attention from such could lead to temporary increases in workers' productivity.¹ This interpretation was dubbed "the Hawthorne effect"

Rules are for Fools

by Jeffrey A. Baffo, February 7, 2023

Chess is a hard game and this is the thing;
Rules are for fools and calculation is King
Clues can be false and lead you to loss
Analysis done well is the absolute boss.
Every field has mountains high and valleys low
Fight your battle on ground that you know
In each contest what will be is what you willed
Make sure of your path or it could get you killed
Know the points on the map and signs in the sky
But trust what you see with your own naked eye
Words of the wise or blood of the fool
What other have done is only one tool
What you know and have known, what you have seen and now see
Brings you closer to success and the final victory
Captain, Leader and Soldier of the Line
All these you will be in the passage of time.
Don't be a slave to what others have done
Think for yourself and try to have fun
Remember these words as you roll with the fight
Your own vision is your center, the one true light
Chess is a hard game and this is the thing;
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Exchange Sacrifice Saves the Day! (?)

by Jeffrey A. Baffo

The setting; USA Chess Championship, 1948. Not one of the more celebrated events in our National Championship's storied past, and details are difficult to find. Nonetheless, this was a powerful event filled with almost all the leading US players of its day. The game; a smashing victory for White using a deadly pawn tactic, and featured in a high-profile book. But should it have been?

Evans, Larry – Sandrin, Albert [E17]

USA-Ch, 1948

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 b6 4.g3 Bb7 5.Bg2 Be7 6.0-0 0-0 7.Qc2 Qc8 8.Nc3 c5 9.d5 exd5 10.cxd5 d6 11.e4 Nbd7 12.Bf4 Re8 13.Rfe1 a6 14.Rad1 Bf8 15.Bh3 Qb8 16.Bg5 h6 17.Bc1 b5 18.Nh4 c4 19.Bf1 Qc7 20.f3 Rac8 21.Be3 g6 22.Bd4 Bg7 23.Bh3 Rb8 24.Qf2 Re7 25.e5 dxe5 26.Ba7 Qd6 27.Bxb8 Qxb8 28.d6 Re8 29.Ne4 Rd8 30.Nxf6+ Nxf6 31.Qc5 g5 32.Nf5 Bxf3 33.Ne7+ Kh8 34.Nc6 Bxc6 35.Qxc6 Ne8 36.d7 Qa7+ 37.Kh1 Nc7 38.Rf1 Kg8 39.Qf3 Qa8 40.Qxa8 Nxa8 41.Rd6 Kf8 42.Rxa6 Ke7 43.Rc6 f6 44.a4 bxa4 45.Ra1 Rf8 46.Bf5 Rd8 47.Rxa4 Bf8 48.Re6+ Kxd7 49.Ra7+ Nc7 50.Rb6+ Ke8 51.Rxc7 Bd6 52.Rh7 1-0



White to play here. Evans chose 25.e5 and awarded it !! I put the question to you, dear reader: should it be 25.e5?!

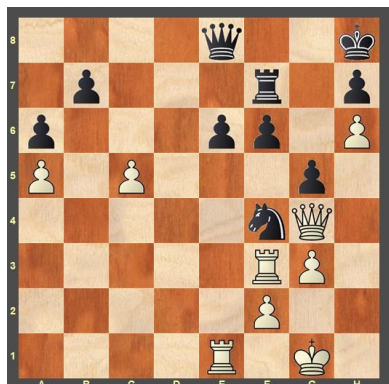
Evans uses this game as an example of the power of the mobile pawn center, or more precisely, something he dubs the “semi-mobile center”, i.e. a pawn duo that is not unopposed but is, at least, numerically superior. In this case 2-to-1. His (entirely valid!) point is that this pawn-center can be a very powerful force when it does finally begin moving forward and this strength is even worth a potential sacrifice. Here Evans proudly points to 25.e5 going so far as to adorn it with the gaudy “double exclamation” punctuation. Black responds with 25...dxe5, Evans flatly stating “There is nothing better”. He gives two alternatives, 25...N:d5 and 25...Ne8 broadly hinting that White is doing very well, without giving much analysis. In fact, the only move he bothers to refute analytically is the obvious blunder 25...N:e5 26.Bb6 winning Black’s Queen. However, with the one move that Evan’s doesn’t mention at all, things could have ended very differently. This move is a cold-blooded, utterly ruthless “Petrosian-Style” exchange defensive sacrifice. However, I say it’s even more than that. Black can totally derail White’s would-be steamroller pawn center and even grab the initiative. 25...R:e5, IMHO, dear reader, *this is the move that truly deserves the vaunted “!!” punctuation. To maximize the learning value for the student, I would advise you to take up the White pieces. Fight against any decent human opponent or even an engine, if you must. Try to prove any sort of superiority. You’ll be in for a long day. A sample line might be; 26.B:e5 N:e5 27.Bf1 b4 28.Ne4 N:d5 29.b3 when Black has an embarrassment of riches with no less than 3 moves giving him a winning or near-winning attack; 29...Nc3, c3, or cb3 all giving White huge problems.* So, dear reader, does this thunderous counter sac save the day? Let me know your thoughts.

'New Ideas in Chess, Larry Evans, Pitman Publishing Corp 1970, pg. 30

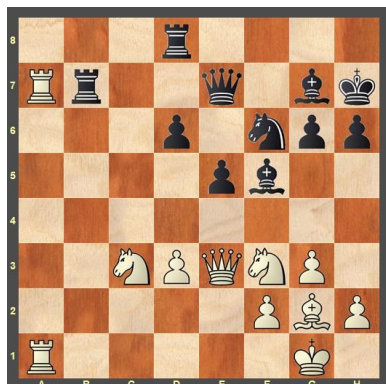
Tactics Time!

by Tim Brennan

These positions came from recent games played in Colorado. Answers on the next page.



1. Iris Li – Brian Wall
Denver Open 2022
Black to Move



2. Austin Okray – Seth Fortinsky
Denver Open 2022
White to Move



3. Gary Jelinek – A. Robichaud
Denver Open 2022
Black to Move



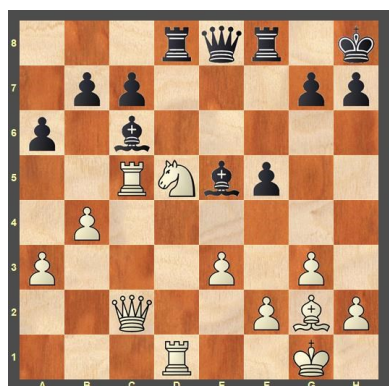
4. Mike Maloney – Rowen Oregel
May DCC 2022
Black to Move



5. H. Mueller-Omar – Glen Holgun
May DCC 2022
White to Move



6. Sarvesh Rajesh – G. Lozano
July DCC 2022
White to Move



7. John Krue – Jason McEwen
September DCC 2022
Black to Move



8. Jason McEwen – Drew Tuck
September DCC 2022
White to Move



9. Daniel Herman – Kenzie Moore
September DCC 2022
White to Move



Answers:

1. **34...f5!** Traps the White Queen. If **35.Qxg5 Nh3+** forking the King and Queen.
2. **25.Rxb7** and Black cannot recapture because of **25...Qxb7 26.Ng5+ hxg5 27.Bxb7**
3. **14...Bxe5** removes the defender of the White Queen on c4, while defending the Black Queen on c7, winning a piece.
4. **14...a6** and there are no good squares for the White Bishop. If **15.Ba4 Qa5+** forks the King and Bishop. If **15. Bc4 Bxc4 16.Qxf4 Bf2+** discovered attack on the Queen.
5. **31.Qxa6+! Bxa6 32.Ra7#**
6. **8.Bxb5+!** The a-pawn is pinned to the Rook.
7. **23...Ba4** skewers the White Queen and Rook
8. **24.Nxe6!** Clearance, threatening the Black Queen and **25.Qxg7#**
9. **25.Rg6+** Double discovered check! **25...Kf8 26.Rg8#** Very nice!

THE CHESS DETECTIVE: SOLVING THE MYSTERY OF THE WEAK DARK SQUARES

By NM Todd Bardwick

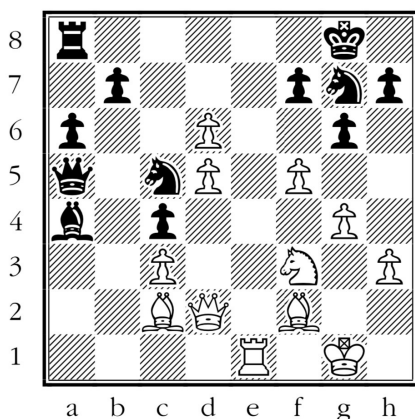
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An old chess saying goes, “Amateurs play for pieces, Masters play for squares.”

The outcome of the game sometimes hinges on a single key square, especially when the square is near the king.

The chess master is required to play the role of a detective and correctly identify key squares. Consider this position from the 1993 Colorado Closed with White to move.

Michael Ginat (2349)



Bob Fordon (2251)

White to move

What squares do you think are important?

Notice that there is a knight, not a fianchettoed bishop, on the g7 square. It is normally not good practice to trade off a fianchettoed bishop in front of your king because the squares on that color will be weakened without the bishop to guard them.

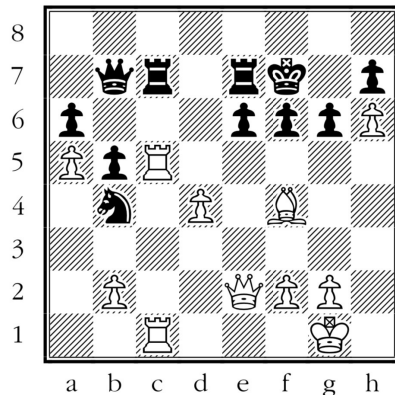
The key squares in this position are the dark squares around the black king. This is a clue for White, who should ask himself, “Can I invade on the dark squares?”

White played, **25.f6** and **Black resigned**.

The only safe move for the knight is 25...Ne8. White can then play 26.Rxe8+ Rxe8 27.Qh6 with the threat of 28.Qg7 mate. If 25...Bxc2, White plays 26.Qh6 with the same mating idea on g7.

Here is a position from Game 6 of the 2000 World Championship Match between Vladimir Kramnik and Garry Kasparov.

Garry Kasparov



Vladimir Kramnik
Position after 31.Bf4
Black to move

In this position, Kasparov played **31...Rxc5** and after 35 more moves, the game ended in a draw.

Notice that Black has some potentially weak black squares around his king.

What would happen if Kasparov instead played 31...Rcd7?

Kramnik could offer the bishop for the opportunity to invade on Black's dark squares with 32.Be5!

Here are some sample variations showing how White could utilize the weak dark squares around Black's king.

If Black accepts the sacrifice with 32...fxe5, then 33.Qxe5 with the multiple threats of 34.Qg7+, 34.Rc8, and possibly even invading on the 7th rank with one of the rooks.

For example,

33...Kf8 (or 33...Ke8) 34.Qh8+ Kf7 35.Qg7+ Ke8 36.Qg8 mate

33...Re8 34.Qg7 mate

33...Rd8 34.Rc7 threatening Black's queen and Qg7+

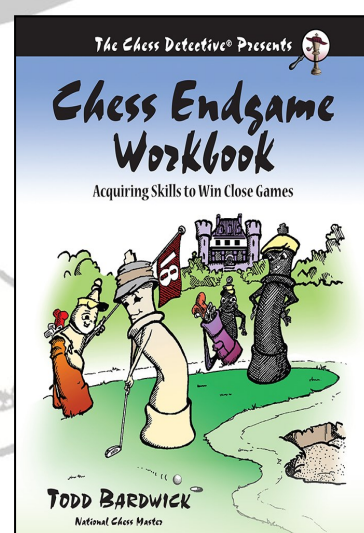
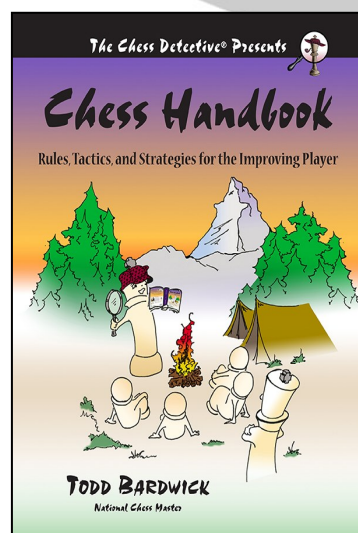
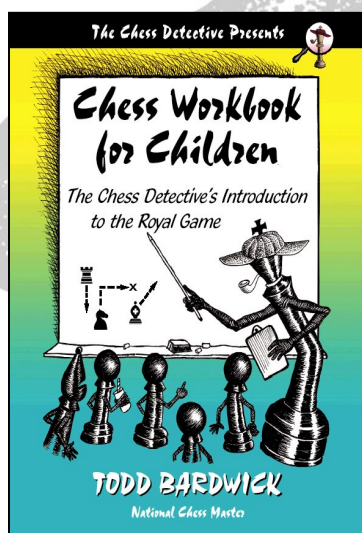
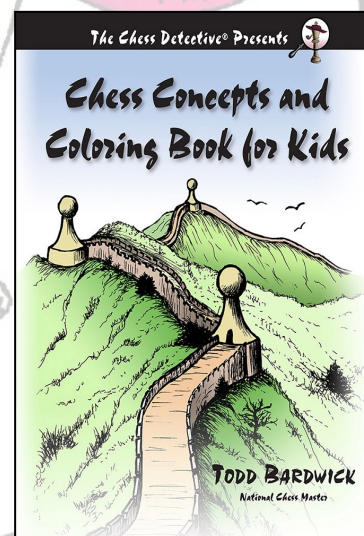
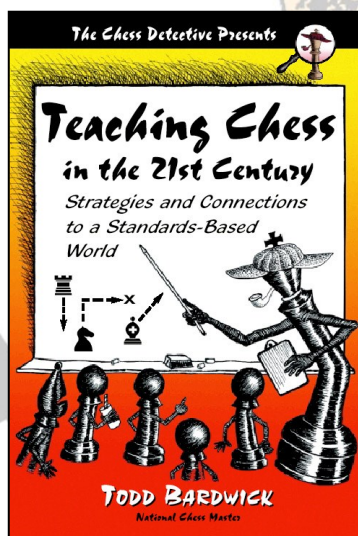
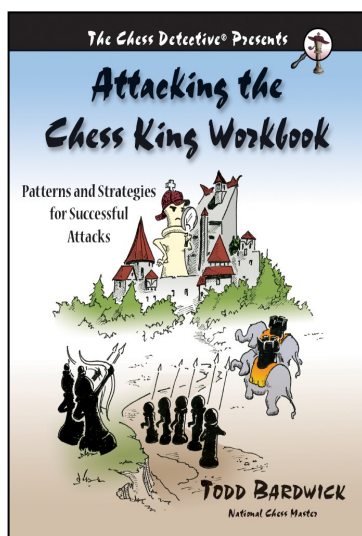
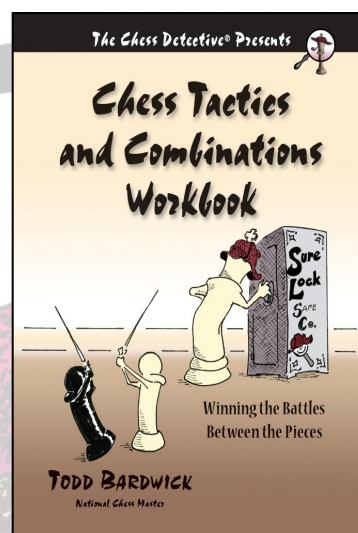
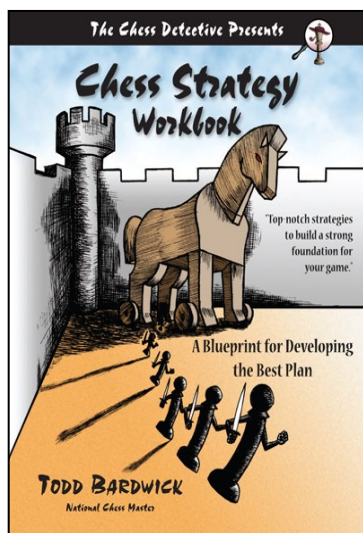
Note that after 32.Be5, White threatens 33.Bxf6 Kxf6 34.Qe5+ with similar ideas.

If Black tries 32...f5, then White could play 33.Rc8 (possibly heading for h8) and Black has too many weaknesses on his first and second ranks, as well as the dark squares around his king. Invading with Qe5 is a potential threat for White in many variations.

Another possibility for Black would be to defend the critical f6 square with 32...Nd5. White could then continue his attack on the dark squares by playing 33.Qf3 (threatening 34.Rxd5 and 35.Qxf6+) f5 34.Rc8 Nf6 (34...Re8 35.R8c7 taking advantage of the pinned knight on d5) 35.Qxb7 Rxb7 36.Bd6 Re8 (36...Red7 37.Rf8 mate!) 37.R1c7+ Rxc7 38.Rxc7+ Kg8 39.Rg7+ Kh8 40.Be5 Rf8 41.Ra7 is winning for White.

Remember to always be on the lookout for weak squares to use as invasion points into your opponent's position.

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Grandmaster Simultaneous Exhibitions in Colorado

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Denver:

George Koltanowski - 1958 or 1959
 Hans Berliner – 1959
 Larry Evans - January 20, 1963 and October 4, 1969
 Samuel Reshevsky - February 26, 1963 and February 16, 1964
 Bobby Fischer - April 26, 1964
 William Lombardy - March 23, 1968 (Pal Benko was originally scheduled to give the simul but had to cancel the week before. Lombardy was a last-minute replacement.)
 Robert Byrne - March 31, 1968
 Bent Larsen - September 18, 1968 and July 18, 1974
 Svetozar Gligoric - March 24, 1971
 Lubomir Kavalek - July 31, 1971
 Lajos Portisch - September 1972
 Walter Browne - October 22, 1975 and April/May 1976
 Anatoly Lein - February 28, 1977
 Laszlo Szabo - April 6, 1977
 Victor Korchnoi - September 14, 1977
 Tigran Petrosian - April 17, 1978
 Larry Christiansen - September 14, 1978 and October 15, 2001
 Larry Christiansen - March/April 1980 (Blindfold Simul)
 Roman Dzindzichashvili - July 2, 1997 and 2002
 Alexander Shabalov - September 18, 2003
 Alex Fishbein - June 23, 2011
 Alex Yermolinsky - August 31, 2012
 Timur Gareyev - November 2, 2013 (Blindfold Simul)
 Gata Kamsky - June 12, 2015
 Timur Gareyev - October 23, 2015 -Photos link: <https://goo.gl/photos/wd8YKVVsa4LUm36WA>

Colorado Springs:

Larry Evans - January 21, 1963 and October 1969 (right after the Denver Simul)
 Samuel Reshevsky - February 25, 1963 and February 17, 1964
 Bobby Fischer - April 28, 1964
 Stefan Djuric - April 28, 1992 (in Boulder April 27, 1992, in Denver April 29, 1992)

Boulder:

Walter Browne - February 1, 1982
 Dmitry Gurevich - February 13, 1985

Ft. Collins:

Timur Gareyev - May 3, 2014 (Blindfold Simul)
 Alex Fishbein - June 27, 2015
 Timur Gareyev – June 17, 2022

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Timur Gareyev - October 3, 2017 (Blindfold Simul)

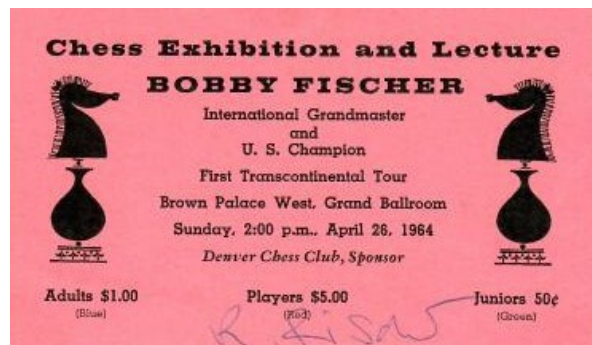
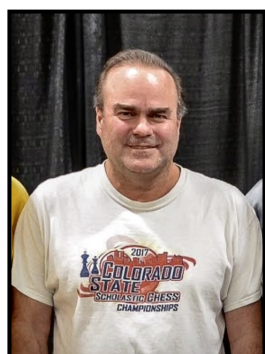


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John Harris

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 IHOP Quick Quads Mondays in April 2023 April 3 - 24, 2023 Colorado Springs
 Denver Chess Club - DCC April Tuesdays 2023 April 4 - 25, 2023 Denver
 Denver Chess Club - DCC April Thursdays 2023 April 6 - 27, 2023 Denver
 Open Section (with Under Prize!) at Summit Chess Series #8 April 8, 2023 Golden
 Northern Colorado Chess Club: Saturday Swiss (every 2nd and 4th Saturday of the Month) April 8, 2023 Fort Collins
 Northern Colorado Chess Club: Saturday Swiss (every 2nd and 4th Saturday of the Month) April 22, 2023 Fort Collins
 IHOP Chess April 2023, Quads @ 2pm April 22, 2023 Colorado Springs
 IHOP Sunday Quick Chess April 2023 April 23, 2023 Colorado Springs
 Sheridan Wyoming FIDE Open: USCF Grand Prix Points: 100; \$7,575 Guaranteed Prize Fund. Featuring GMs Jimenez and Fishbein. May 5 - 7, 2023 Sheridan, Wyoming
 Open Section (with Under Prize!) at Summit Chess Series #9 May 13, 2023 Golden
 Northern Colorado Chess Club: Saturday Swiss (every 2nd and 4th Saturday of the Month) May 13, 2023 Fort Collins
 DCC: Spring Classic 2023 May 20 - 21, 2023 Denver, CO
 Northern Colorado Chess Club: Saturday Swiss (every 2nd and 4th Saturday of the Month) May 27, 2023 Fort Collins
 2023 Colorado Quick Chess Championship June 2, 2023 Colorado Springs
 2023 Colorado Senior Open and the Under Age 50 Championship Tournaments June 3 - 4, 2023 Colorado Springs
 2023 Colorado Class Championships June 10 - 11, 2023 Loveland

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 Kings of Chess Tournament - April 2, 2023 Aurora
 2022-2023 Summit School of Chess Series #8 April 8, 2023 Golden
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 Denver Scholastic Chess Series #9 April 29, 2023 Englewood
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Boulder Chess Club: Meets Wednesdays at the University Memorial Center (First Floor) on the CU Boulder campus, 6:30-9:30pm. 1669 Euclid Avenue, 80309. www.BoulderChess.com.

Carbondale Chess Club: Meets every Tuesday from 6:00pm until the wee hours at Kakhak Fine Arts & School, 411 Main Street, Carbondale, 81623. All levels and ages are welcome and chess coaching is available. Please contact Majid Kakhak at (970) 704-0622 or email: Mkakhak@sopris.net.

Castle Rock Chess Club: Meets every Monday from 6:00-8:00pm at the Philip S. Miller Library, 100 South Wilcox Street, Castle Rock, 80104.

Chess Knights: (Highlands Ranch) Meets on the 2nd & 4th Wednesday evenings from 6:00-8:00pm. Highlands Ranch Library, 9292 Ridgeline Boulevard, 80129. Information is also available on the Chess Knights' Web site at HighlandsRanchLibraryChess.org. Contact: Frank Atwood (720) 260-1493 or by email: FrankAtwood@HighlandsRanchLibraryChess.org.

Chessmates Chess Club: (Fort Collins) 4825 South Lemay Avenue, 80525. Mondays & Thursdays 5:00-6:30pm for Advanced players, Tuesdays for Beginners from 5:15-6:15pm. Instructed by Zachary Bekkedahl. For more information contact Zachary Bekkedahl by email at info@chessmatesfc.com or go to www.chessmatesfc.com.

Colorado Springs Chess Club: Weekly on Tuesday 104 E. Platte Ave, Colorado Springs, CO at 6 pm. We meet in the Ballroom of the Acacia Apartment Building, which is just across the hall from the front door. Please knock if no one is at the door. USCF-rated games start at 7pm. For more info call or text Paul at 719-551-9833 or email cschess@juno.com.

Craig Chess Club: Call Rick or Mary Nelson, (970) 824-4780 to schedule play.

Denver Chess Club: Meets on Tuesdays, 6:00-10:00pm at the Third Christian Reformed Church, 2400 South Ash Street, Denver. (303) 733-8940. www.DenverChess.com.

Denver Chess / Meetup.com: This group is run through the social site *Meetup.com*, and our page is www.Meetup.com/Learn-to-Play-Chess/. Players must join in order to receive information and sign up for events. Contact: David Costantino at avs1cup@yahoo.com or through the group's *Meetup.com* page.

Durango Chess Club: Meets on Wednesdays from 6:00-9:00pm at Durango Joe's Coffee Shop, 732 East College Drive.

Fort Collins Chess Club: This is an online club and also a place to advertise face-to-face club meetings. We are having problems with a consistent site to play at. Until further notice go to <https://lichess.org/team/fort-collins-co-chess-club> to get weekly information on the next club meeting.

Fort Lewis College Chess Club: Meets Thursday nights in the X-treme room which is located the College Union Building, the club is sponsored by the school and is a USCF affiliate club. For more info, contact Andrea Browne at (970) 247-6239

Grand Junction Chess Club: Meets Mondays at 6:30pm in the Safeway at Starbucks, 2901 Patterson Road. Call Rick Lovato at (970) 243-1073

Grand Junction Junior Chess Club: Meets every 3rd Saturday of the month at the Knights of Columbus Building, 2853 North Avenue. Call Rand Dodd at (970) 245-4015.

Greeley Chess Club: Meets Thursday's, 6:00-9:00pm at *Zoe's Cafe* located at 715 10th Street in Greeley. Club is informal and free of charge. Please show support of Zoe's by purchasing food and drinks - tips are donated to charity projects they support. Club is directed by Brad Lundstrom - he can be reached at (970) 415-3855 or at ChessCoach2014@gmail.com.

Lafayette Chess Club: Looking for new venue....

Longmont Chess Club: Meets Wednesdays from 6:30-9:00pm. Check www.LongmontChess.com for current meeting location. Email Todd Burge at Admin@LongmontChess.com or call (720) 220-5240.

North Jeffco Chess Club: Meets Thursdays from 7:00-10:00pm at the Grandview Tavern & Grill, 7427 Grandview Avenue in Arvada. Email James Therrien at james.therrien@swimlane.com for more information.

Northeast Denver Chess Club: Meets Mondays and Thursdays from 4:00-8:00pm at 2575 Vine Street, Denver. Call (303) 320-6716 for more info.

Pagosa Springs Chess Club: Meets on Tuesdays (6:00-9:00pm) and on Saturday mornings (9:00-Noon) at Nello's Restaurant, 135 Country Center Drive, #A. For more information contact Anthony Steventon by email at asteveton@centurytel.net or at (970) 731-3029.

Parker Chess Club: Meets every Monday from 6:00-8:00pm at the Parker library in Parker, CO. All levels and ages welcome. Contact John Brezina at skibrezina@gmail.com <https://parkerchessclub.godaddysites.com/>

Pueblo Chess Club: Mondays from 5pm to 8pm at the Williams Pavilion (Admin building near the fountain) in the City Park. For further info: John Shriver, 719-821-2402 or Liz Nickovich, 719-696-0497 Quarterly non-rated tournaments.

Rifle Chess Club: Please contact with any info....

Stonebridge Games Chess Club: (Longmont) Meets Tuesdays at 5:00pm. 449 Main Street, Longmont. Call (303) 776-3796 for more info.

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