

# COLORADO CHESS INFORMANT



*DCC Tribute to MLK Tournament  
Colorado State Scholastic Championships  
Colorado Closed Championships  
DCC Spring Classic  
FIDE World Championship Singapore  
A Legend "Retires"*





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**2025 Colorado Closed Champion Griffin McConnell**

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## From the Editor

Spring has arrived with a record turnout at the DCC Spring Classic! It is great to see such a wide range of ages playing chess. Colorado chess has a bright future with so many strong young players and I'm honored to be able to photograph them. A big thanks to Lloyd Gauthier who has been working hard to update our chess clubs which are at the end of this issue. These clubs are essential to plant the seeds for future players. He is also been doing a great job posting on our CSCA Facebook page so check it out. Another action packed issue here thanks to the people who all volunteer to organize and run these great tournaments that we are lucky to have here in our state.

- John Brezina

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## CSCA President Earle Wikle's Message

Winter was challenging this year with weather conditions impacting the Denver Chess Club's annual tournament a tribute to Martin Luther King Jr. and the CSCA Closed Championships. Despite the weather, the turnouts for the two events were not heavily affected. Five tied for first in the MLK Premier section, NM EAMON MONTGOMERY (2243), NM CHRISTOF PETERSON (2234), LM BRIAN D WALL (2228), NM ABHISHEK MALLELA(2148), NM DANIEL HERMAN (2115). The Colorado State Scholastic Championship was held at the beginning of February, and the DCC Spring Classic was held at the end of March, to officially kickoff the arrival of Spring. Congratulations to all the winners. There are many upcoming Colorado chess events schedule from here to June, so make sure to check the tournament calendar and make your plans to play chess in Colorado.

### CSCA President, Earle Wikle

When I took over as DCC president 2 years ago, I thought it was just supposed to be temporary. As time has continued, I wanted to help build the attendance at DCC weekend tournaments and even added the Spring Classic. Which has increased in attendance every year since starting it. This years turnout was 164 players with five sections of play, and 50 players in the Premier section. Peter Barlay and I had our work cut out for us running around keeping everything going. There were many upset and strong new players winning many prizes. Many players like the ability to win a prize for top upset in their section. This was something I took from the club's Monthly tournaments on Tuesday and Thursday nights. In the first round, JEREMY ROLDAN score top upset in the Premier section against NM DANIEL HERMAN. JASON NIGATU scored two upset against two masters (NM GRIFFIN MCCONNELL and LM BRIAN WALL), and finished with a last round with a draw against CM RHETT LANGSETH to tie for 2<sup>nd</sup> through 5<sup>th</sup> place. LM SULLIVAN MCCONNELL and NM EAMON MONTGOMERY tied for first in the Premier section with 4½ points, and three tied for 3<sup>rd</sup> through 5<sup>th</sup>, with 4 points. Great job everyone and congratulations. Thank you to all the players and congratulations to all the winners. I hope everyone had an enjoyable time and will want to come again in May for the Denver Open.

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DuWayne Langseth   Jesse Cohen   Andrew Starr   Earle Wikle



## Colorado State Chess Association (CSCA) Members Meeting January 16, 2025

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**Participants:**

Earle Wikle (President)  
Jesse Cohen (Vice President)  
Duwayne Langseth  
Dean  
Todd  
Nicholas Brookins (Secretary)

**New Business:**

Earle switched meeting to Thursday so Tom could participate.

Earle asked if anyone would be interested in participating in the children's chess: Peter and Benny reached out for the kindergartners, and they were excited to participate again.

Earle and Jesse both sent out scholastic state representatives and 200+ rated K-12 players in Colorado to inform them of the scholastic tournament coming up. Earle is considering sending it out to those who have played in the last three years. Jesse is interested in putting together a budget for this year for advertising.

Jesse said George came up with a list of schools and people that were representatives, and the people he contacted had a high turnover and it was difficult to get a handle on.

Concerns of not allowing other states players participating in our scholastic championships to represent Colorado at a national level. The Wyoming children should be allowed since they are such a small contingent. They just can't win the championship, related to being from out of state.

Todd stated he should arrive at 4pm on Friday to start setting up for the scholastic championship. He has all the boards, numbers, and should be receiving the awards in the next few days. Tables are set up per Todd.

Recommended that at the start of the event we let participants and parents know what vendors will be present for food and the trucks and where they will be located.

The flyer in the past was blank on the last page, and the concern is that it might cost it more for adding on an additional printed page. Todd said it would not cost an additional amount. Earle asked Jesse to provide a list of vendors to Todd to have it placed in the booklet (flyer).

There is a new protocol; to have the Fire Marshall check each vendor out just once and they don't have to come every day.

Barbecue, Indian, and Pizza are the three vendors who will be participating.

Earle will be present at the scholastic championship running the DGT boards. Duwayne will not be present, Karthika was present last year. Earle is asking how many TD's, and Todd is saying 4 TDs. Checking the kids in and maneuvering the tables. Jesse, Karthika, Todd, and Pete and Penny may be able to be talked into helping. Dean will be at the computer and doing all the pairings. WIFI access, laser printer, and extra paper Is all Dean is asking for.



The fairground, Sharmila, made the payment, and Earle received an email.

The table configuration should be the same. Earle discussed dividing up the DGT boards for each of the four sections. That way people can watch the top players on a large screen and to be pushed out to the internet so people can watch online. Earle may have to expand by an extra table to fit in a few new boards. Earle will call Jessica Heights and ask for an extra stack of chairs and tables to ensure we have enough. If we use them, we will be charged. They have cameras to watch us, but Earle reported how many tables and chairs we utilized last year.

Commentary: Earle is asking what to do? Griffin possibly? Kevin or Griffin may be approached to see if they want to do it for a couple of rounds. Jesse would like to do a couple of rounds as far as commentary.

Dean is set up for accommodations and already set up through Todd.  
The Fairfield hotel is the closet hotel next to the venue.

Ensure that the parents and children are aware that they not have cell phones during the tournament.

Earle would like a posting of the, "Byes", and the parents need to stick around for trophies, or an address so we can send them to the participants.

Dean: last time ensure that memberships are up to date before the first round. There are already 5 people that need to update their memberships to participate.

The tournament starts the first weekend of February 1-2.  
The dues have gone up for adults and children.

Todd left the meeting since we are done with the scholastic portion of the meeting. Tom Nelson is also out of the meeting.

Safe play: there is a refresher course. 7 questions.

Website: No new updates on the website. Earle was meaning to speak with Marmar concerning the website. Daniel Marmar makes websites, and to see if he could do it and what he would charge to make it. Stripe is the avenue to use a payment process. Just like using Caisa. Chess is considered a form of gambling, and we may have to switch platforms instead of using Stripe to transition into using, "Square". Speak with Chris Peterson to see if he may be able to assist in making the website. Dean stated using WordPress would be the easiest to use.

Earle asked Jesse to get with his guys, and Jesse stated he would connect the website guy Jesse knows and let Earle speak with him.

MLK this weekend on Jan 18-19, 2025.

**Financials:** No updates at this time.

With no new further business to discuss, the meeting will adjourn.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_  
Nicholas Brookins, Colorado State Chess Association Secretary  
January 16, 2025

# Colorado State Chess Association Members Meeting Minutes

November 14, 2024

The CSCA 284 Current members as of November 14, 2024.

## Actions Election of officers:

**(All by unanimous voice vote as of Sept 2024).**

President: Earle Wikle

Vice President: Jesse Cohen

Treasurer: Sharmilah Prabhua

Secretary: Nicholas Brookins



## Election of other board members: (All by unanimous voice vote)

At Large: DuWayne Langseth

Second member at large: Tom Nelson (state scholastic coordinator).

Scholastic coordinator on the board: Tanya Prabhua

## NEW BUSINESS:

### State Scholastic Championship:

Contract for Fairgrounds for state scholastic championship. Earle sent it out for review for the board. Earle presented the contract during the meeting via ZOOM. We get the deposit back if no damages, and we don't get charged if we don't use additional chairs. The charges this year are the same as prior years to reflect similar charges, and only has increased a little bit. Earle does believe he can reduce the cost of security. Earle would like two games on each table instead of three games. Hotels are starting to add security to all events, large events across the U.S. for the USCF level. Jesse asked if anyone is looking around for venues to compare prices. The parent room is the challenging aspect with the youth chess tournaments. Jesse is mentioning that another venue could save us a considerable amount of money by charging us only \$375 for a three-day event. Earle is wanting to agree to finalize the contract for the Fairground and state scholastic championship. The board unanimously voted to approve the contract.

Jesse was contacted by Paradise Inn, and they were wanting to offer same prices as last year. We charged them \$500 last time. Jesse also wants to consider contacting "What Would Cheesus Do" as a food contractor.

T-Shirts: would like a decision to be made write away. They are awaiting us to sign a contract. It is a percentage of sales. Plus they do a shirt for everyone. We pay them for the shirts. They have been a longtime partner and we have a valuable relationship with the T-shirt manufacturer. Tom has the contract and is the scholastic coordinator. Earle's signature is required. Earle states he will sign it ASAP and get it sent off.

Duwayne wants to not participate as a TD, but rather just being a computer assistant.

Booklet: Tom is going to work on a booklet. Earle would like a cut off date, Tom stated January 10, 2025 is the cut off date for the booklet.

Future meetings: Another meeting in December and January Earle is recommending additional meetings. Trailer, T-shirts, Trophies (Tom, Earle is sending an email to order the trophies).



Marketing: Jesse mentioned wanting to possibly change the marketing plan by making flyers and distribute them to students in schools. Maybe print off several thousand flyers and market the scholastic tournament and attract more participants.


\*Project: Jesse: Title 1's. Two schools, they both got approved to get 8 chess sets, and 16 youth memberships for each school. Possibly keep the ones that the schools do not use, and have kids that come to the scholastics that we could get them registered and get the youth rated. Three schools can be sanctioned by the USCF through the Title 1 program. Jesse is wanting to possibly get 2-3 additional schools involved. Chess Club Starter Kit; 10 chess sets and a demo board for \$119 before discounts. \$90 for this deal for one school. Jesse would like to consider having a larger impact on our community to get more chess involvement. Possibly a budget of \$1,000. Unanimously voted on providing \$1,000 to Jesse to acquire chess sets for the Title 1 schools.

Website: Dean. No one can get in touch with Dean concerning the website. The Chess Informant was uploaded to the website, but otherwise, no changes have occurred. Duwayne stated he will try to contact Dean to see if he would consider giving us the keys to the website so we can take over the site.

## Financials

Sharmila: US Bank, wanted to go tomorrow and put things together with the bank. Earle states it requires the meetings. Asking for Nicholas to send Sharmila for the September 2024 notes. The official notes should suffice for Sharmila to get the bank issue.

With no new further business to discuss, the meeting will adjourn.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_  \_\_\_\_\_  
Nicholas Brookins, Colorado State Chess Association Secretary  
November 14, 2024.

Check out Todd Bardwick's latest special issue on the History of Denver Chess  
that dates all the way back to 1859!

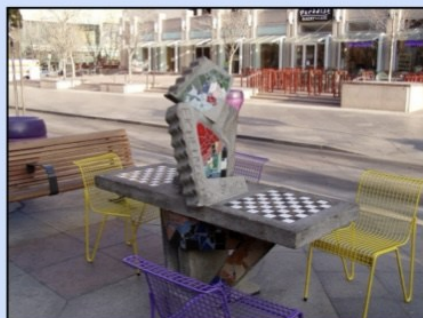
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## DCC Tribute to Martin Luther King Tournament

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### ...at any DCC tournament you will find competition.

A tribute is a statement intended to show gratitude, respect, and admiration. Today, countless people would express exactly that when speaking of Martin Luther King. The Denver Chess Club naming a chess tournament in his honor is a small thing compared to what he did for countless people of color. Racism was once accepted as perfectly okay, particularly in the southern states. Rural country stores would have two water fountains. One for "Whites Only" and another set at a lower level, grungy, and labeled for "Coloreds". Which I've seen with my own eyes. The heading and all the photos used in this report are by John Brezina. Also note that his excellent photography is not necessarily related to the text.



***Not Rosa Parks, but Kaavya Sakthisaranan would not have gone to the back of the bus either***

When Rosa Parks refused to give up her seat to a white man and go to the back of a Montgomery, Alabama bus, Reverend King, and his friend Ralph Abernathy, organized a na-

tionwide civil rights movement, which led to the Civil Rights Act of 1964. A law that was intended to right the wrongs of racism. We have come a long way, but to say racism has been eradicated from American society would be wishful thinking.



### ***A record attendance of wall to wall chess players at the MLK***

I am pleased to note that the 2025 MLK attendance had a record registration of 154 players. Despite a cold snowing winter storm blowing outside. A significant increase from the 2024 registration of 134 players, when there wasn't a cold snowing winter storm blowing outside :-)

Chess continues to grow in popularity here in America and worldwide. Chess.com has a registration of over 100 million members!! Internet chess is all well and good, but over the board, face to face against an opponent, in a tournament for prize money and USCF rating points is the real thing.



### ***NM Brian Wall (w) vs. NM Eamon Montgomery (b)***

So then on to who won what at the DCC 2025 Tribute to MLK.

The **Premier section** was especially strong with no less than six National Masters, and I'm sure Candidate Master, Rhett Langseth, will soon have the National Master title. So it is no surprise that NM Eamon Montgomery, NM Chris Peterson, NM Abhishek Mallela, NM Daniel Herman, and LM Brian Wall all finished with 4 points. LM is not a typo. Mr. Colorado Chess has been playing good chess for so long that he has earned the USCF Life Master title. Each player took home 290 dollars. Not bad money for sitting down and doing what they like to do anyway.



***Griffin McConnell is not at all camera shy***

Shirley

Expert Luis Jimenez, Amitia Sebba, and Jason Nigatu all ended up with 3.5 points and they share the U2100 prize of 249 dollars and 99 cents. Luis had to hold NM Griffin McConnell to a last round draw to earn his share of the prize money. The 100 dollar Premier section Upset Prize went to Clifton Ford (1800) for his round 2 win against Daniel Herman (2115) Mr. Ford's other two wins were also big upsets. He only lost in the last round to NM Mallela.



### ***Poking at my brain helps me think***

Krish Mathimaran ruled the **U1800 section**. Taking 1st place with 4.5 points that included two Upset wins and an Upset draw. This fine performance put 400 dollars in his pocket. Emmett Lignell and Enrico Moss finished with 4 points and share the combined 2nd and 3rd place prize of 500 dollars. All of Enrico's points, except for his last round win, were Upsets. The rating point difference totaled up to 413.5 points. (when it's a draw the rating point difference is halved.) The 100 dollar U1800 Upset Prize went to Neel Yadatore(1471) for his round 4 win against Andrew Starr (1765) Neel's other points were also from winning against higher rated players.



### ***Nick Hvizda - who I only recognize because he has been winning all his games at the DCC monthly Thursday night tournament***

Nick Hvizda has been winning all his games at the DCC Thursday night monthly tournament and here at the MLK he allowed a last draw to end up taking 1st place in the **U1600 section** with 4.5 points and he took home 350 dollars. Joseph Reininger and Ryan Hajjali both finished with 4 points and incredibly their points were all from upsetting their opponents. The combined rating point difference of both players totaled up to an astounding 1177.5 points. Mr. Hajjali (1240) also won the 100 dollar U1600 Upset prize for his last round win against Andrew Robinchard (1578).

In the **U1400 section**, there was a three way tie for 1st place. Thus, Tarun Karthikeyan, Tristan Heikes, and Lucas Vasquez each won 216 dollars and 67 cents. Turan didn't have to upset anyone. Tristan (1323) had a last round Upset win over Devin Banks. (1326) and Lucas (1288) had to earn his prize money by upsetting three of his opponents. The rating point difference totaled up to 172 points. Not a big difference but upsetting is upsetting. The 100 dollar

Upset prize went to Shri Sha Ramkumar (1057) when he won his round 4 against Nathan Hight (1337).



### ***I know there is a good move somewhere in this position***

Jason Wu only allowed a last round draw to Noah Keene and won the **U1200 section** with 4.5 points. Which put a prize check of 300 dollars in his wallet. Mr. Keene, Jeremy Piech, and Viaan Kandelwal all won 100 dollars by scoring four out of five points. Anirudh Saibalian (831) won the 150 dollar U1200 prize by winning against higher rated Anaya Medu in round 4. The 100 dollar U1200 Upset prize was won by Seam Matthews (367) for his round 1 win over Jonathan Reinhard (973). Mr. Matthews also had huge upset wins against Nicholas Brookins (843) and Dan Ruparel (703).

By my count, there were 119 upset wins or draws at this DCC event. I like to highlight Upsets because anytime a player wins, or holds a draw against a higher rated player, it had to have been a good game. I think it's safe to say at any DCC tournament you will find competition.





***It was good to see Madeleine Finch, back at the chess board, pink hair and all :-)***



***Youngster Charlie Kovacs playing USCF rated tournament chess. A possible future GM at the board***



***Shirley Herman is increasingly becoming a better player***

I've said before that the more women that get involved in chess the better it will be for the royal game. I'd like to see a single chess world championship and have a woman take the title from a man. It could happen and why not?

Thanks to DCC President Earle Wikle for organizing the tournament and setting up the DGT boards. Thanks to the Tournament Directors, Tom Nelson, and Peter Barlay. They got the pairings correct and the rounds started on time. Thanks to John Brezina for the photos used in this report. See all of Mr. Brezina's photos here:

<https://photos.app.goo.gl/9znoiQAAPdLuhD7L7>

Thanks especially to the 154 players who registered to play in the tournament. We hope to see y'all at the 2026 MLK. Thanks to Chris Peterson for selecting a Best Game in addition to analyzing his own games from the tournament.

***Thanks again to all,***

***JC Macneil***



## **Best Game**

***by NM Christofer Peterson***

There were many great games played at the tournament over the weekend. Some great struggles were being displayed live on DGT boards. Those games can be viewed on this website: [DGT board games](https://www.dgtboardgames.com). I picked a game from one of those DGT broadcast games to be the best game of the MLK tribute tournament. The game features many complicated tactical positions that provide lessons on how to approach those kinds of situations. It also concludes with a satisfying king hunt.

**Sebba, Amitai (1865)**

**Sakthisaravanan, Kaavya (1767)**

Round 5 of DCC Tribute to MLK 2025 [ 2025.01.18 ]

[1. e4 c5](#) [2. d4 cxd4](#) [3. c3](#) The Smith-Morra is an interesting gambit. It is one of the more sound, true gambit openings. It is also a very popular anti-sicilian weapon. A black player with any sicilian in their repertoire needs to have a response to this gambit. [3... Nf6](#) This is one of many mainlines against the Smith-Morra because it transposes into the Alapin Sicilian. Studying the Alapin as black and using this transposition will allow you to consolidate your studying. This opening has the seal of approval of players like Carlsen, Giri, and Praggnanandhaa who all essayed it with success in recent years. [\( 3... dxc3](#) My preferred method is to meet the gambit headon by capturing. My general plan is known as the Pin defense, where I rapidly play e6, Bb4, and castle kingside. A lot of the times I end up trading the bishop for the knight and playing a quick d5 or f5. I have had quite a bit of success with it, even against leading Smith-Morra theoreticians like IM Marc Esserman. [4. Nxc3 Nc6](#) [5. Nf3 e6](#) [6. Bc4 Bb4](#) [7. O-O Nge7](#) [8. Bg5 h6](#) [9. Bh4 Bxc3](#) [10. bxc3 O-O](#) I think black is doing very well here. White has to two bishops so some complications need to be navigated but black is solid and has many counterattacking possibilities. [\)\( 3... d3](#) This is another, more conservative option. It does not score as well as the other two. [\) 4. e5](#) Which ever response you decide to go with, make sure you look up the key ideas and main lines. Anyone who plays the Smith-Morra from the white side will be familiar with them. [4... Nd5](#) [5. Nf3 Nc6](#) [6. cxd4 d6](#) [7. Bc4 Nb6](#) [8. Bb3 g6?](#) This move is a bit slow. It is important in the Alapin for black to play decisively in the center of the board quickly to avoid a plethora of traps. [\( 8... dxe5](#) [9. d5 Na5](#) [10. Nc3 Nxb3](#) [11. Qxb3 e6](#) [12. Nxe5 exd5](#) [13. Be3 Bd6](#) [14. Qb5+](#) This is the line Anish Giri used as black to defeat Shakhriyar Mamedyarov. [\) 9. Ng5](#) Putting immediate pressure on black's position. [9... e6?](#) An understandable reaction but it is better to close lines rather than maintain the tension. Black's king is in danger and that overrides the principle of keeping tension in the position. [\( 9... d5](#) [10. Nc3 h6](#) This is the way to navigate the pressure and complications. White will be better due to the space advantage and superior

piece coordination. [11. Nf3 Bg7 12. h3 Bf5 13. O-O+](#) [10. Qf3! f5](#) An over-reaction but other moves don't provide much safety either. ( [10... Qc7 11. Nc3](#) Threatening Nb5 [11... dxe5 12. O-O Nxd4 13. Qf6 Rg8 14. Nxb7 Bg7 15. Bg5!! Bxf6 16. Nxf6+ Kf8 17. Bh6+ Rg7\( 17... Ke7 18. Nxb8+ Ke8 19. Nf6+ Ke7 20. Bg5 Kf8 21. Rac1+-](#) Despite having a queen and pawn for a rook and bishop, black is completely lost. ) [18. Bxg7+ Ke7\( 18... Kxg7 19. Ne8+ Kf8 20. Nxc7+- \)](#) [11. ex-f6 Nxd4 12. f7+ Ke7 13. Qe4](#) It is hard to say which square is best for the queen. I am partial to g3 as it keeps the queen sheltered from most of the attacks. [13... Nxb3??](#) Black does not have time to capture this bishop. The king is too exposed. ( [13... Bg7](#) This defends the knight and protects the exposed h4-d8 diagonal. [14. O-O d5 15. Qd3 Kf8](#) It is scary having the king so exposed but black is mitigating the damage in this line. ) [14. axb3](#) White missed a big opportunity here. Skewer tactics are in the air due to the black king and queen being lined up on the h4-d8 diagonal. ( [14. Nxe6! Bxe6](#) There is no way to save the queen. ( [14... Qd7 15. Nc5+](#) ) [15. Bg5+ Kxf7 16. Bxd8 Nxa1 17. Qxb7+ Kg8 18. Bxb6 Re8 19. O-O axb6 20. Nd2 Nc2 21. Qe4+-](#) White will pick up the knight and be up a queen, knight, and pawn for rook and two bishops. Not the easiest material advantage to convert but white is clearly winning. ) [14... Bg7 15. O-O \( 15. Nc3](#) Games with an exposed king and many open lines are great because of the complex tactical ideas the come out of them. Studying these games helps you recognize tactical patterns which will help you win in the future. [15... d5 16. Qb4+ Qd6 17. Qh4 Kf8 18. Nb5 Qe7 19. Bd2](#) Threatening Bb4 [19... d4 20. Qg3](#) Threatening Nc7 and eyeing d6. [20... h6 21. Nf3 Kxf7 22. Nd6+ Kg8 23. Nh4 e5 24. Nxc8 Nxc8 25. Nxb6](#) Of course none of this is forced but there are so many complicated lines that the screen would be flooded and our brains would be overwhelmed. ) [15... e5?\( 15... Kf8](#) It is important to get the king and queen off the same diagonal. ) [16. Nxb7??](#) Throwing away the advantage by giving black an easy plan to untangle and possibly counter attack down the h-file. ( [16. Nc3 Kf8 17. Qb4 Qe7 18. Rd1 d5](#) There are a ton of lines that could be explored because each move opens a new set of candidate moves. I wanted

to show this one because of the queen sacrifice. [19. Qxb6!! axb6 20. Rxa8 Qxg5](#) Black has nothing better ( [20... Qd8 21. Rxd5+-](#) ) ( [20... Bf6 21. Rxc8+ Kg7 22. Rxh8 Kxh8 23. Nxd5 Qd6 24. Ne4+-](#) Absolutely devastating for white. ) [21. Bxg5 Kxf7 22. Nxd5+-](#) White is just up a full rook. ) [16... Rxh7 17. Qxg6 Qh8 18. Bg5+ Kd7??](#) It is counterintuitive to put the king in a box but here it is necessary. f8 is the only square where the king finds safety as black has all of his pieces nearby. Running the queenside is a mistake because there is no shelter over there. White has many open lines: the a-file, c-file, the f3-c6 diagonal, the h3-c8 diagonal plus many pieces to use those open lines. ( [18... Kf8](#) Here black is boxed in, yes, but there are no direct open lines to the king. Black will be able to consolidate and with a little care, round up the f-pawn. White also needs to beware of checkmating attacks down the h-file. [19. Nc3 Rxh2 20. Qxd6+ Kxf7 21. Qe7+](#) Now white has nothing better than a perpetual. [21... Kg6\( 21... Kg8 22. Qe8+ Bf8 23. Qg6+ Bg7 \) 22. Qd6+ Kf7 23. Qe7+ Kg6 24. Qd6+](#) ) [19. Qf5+](#) And now the king hunt begins. [19... Kc7 20. Rc1+ Kb8 21. Be7\( 21. Qc2](#) Wins a little faster [21... Nd5 22. Be7 Rh6 23. f8=Q Qxf8\( 23... Bxf8 24. Qxc8# \) 24. Bxf8 Bd7\( 24... Bxf8 25. Qxc8# \) 25. Bxg7+-](#) White is up a tremendous amount of material and still has a mating attack. ) [21... Rh6\( 21... a6](#) The last chance for black to maintain a little hope. [22. Bxd6+ Ka7 23. Nc3 Bd7\( 23... Bxf5 24. Nb5# \) 24. Bc5 Rd8\( 24... Bxf5](#) It is a little funny how the queen is immune from capture. [25. Nb5+ Kb8 26. Bd6# \)](#) ) ( [21... Bxf5 22. Bxd6# \) 22. Qc2 a6\( 22... Nd5 23. f8=Q Qxf8 24. Bxf8 Bd7 25. Bxg7 Re6 26. Ra5 Re8 27. Rxd5 Rc8 28. Nc3](#) I mean, do we really have to go through this? White is up a queen and a piece. ) [23. Qc7+ Ka7 24. Nc3\( 24. Rc6](#) Checkmates a little faster as Rxa6 and Qxb6# cannot be stopped. ) [24... Bd7 25. Rxa6+](#) And white found the checkmating sequence. [25... Kxa6 26. Ra1+ Ba4 27. Nxa4 Nxa4 28. Rxa4+ Kb5 29. Qxb7+ Kc5 30. Rc4#](#) **1-0**

An excellent attacking game from Amitai Sebba. There were many teachable moments within the complications and it was a pleasure going through the game. The key takeaways are to be afraid of open lines near your king and avoid trading when you are attacking. Amitai did a great job maintaining the pressure and continuing the attack. Garry Kasparov said if you maintain the initiative long enough, eventually your opponent will make a fatal mistake.



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**DCC TRIBUTE TO MLK 2025 Cross Tables****Organizer EARLE P WIKLE****Chief TD THOMAS NELSON****Chief Ast. TD PETER BARLAY****Assist. TD EARLE P WIKLE****Section 1-Open**

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1	EAMON CURCHIN MONTGOMERY CO   15755701 / R: 2246 ->2249	4.0	W	41D	12W	20W	10D 3
2	CHRISTOFER PETERSON ID   12859076 / R: 2234 ->2243	4.0	W	39W	31H	D	6W 10
3	BRIAN D WALL CO   10923344 / R: 2200 ->2207	4.0	W	26W	13D	19W	17D 1
4	DANIEL HERMAN CO   14345456 / R: 2114 ->2115	4.0	W	42L	19W	35W	12W 13
5	ABHISHEK MALLELA IN   12888811 / R: 2095 ->2100	4.0	L	13W	26W	8W	19W 11
6	GRIFFIN THOMAS MCCONNELL CO   14692997 / R: 2202 ->2196	3.5	W	37D	21W	14D	2D 7
7	LUIS A JIMENEZ CO   14736983 / R: 2016 ->2025	3.5	D	38W	15D	12W	21D 6
8	AMITAI SEBBA CO   15807085 / R: 1865 ->1899	3.5	W	32D	11L	5W	34W 22
9	JASON NIGATU CO   30595735 / R: 1785 ->1845	3.5	L	12W	41H	W	36W 23
10	RHETT LANGSETH CO   13392987 / R: 2165 ->2158	3.0	W	35W	27W	22L	1L 2
11	CHRISTOPHER MOTLEY CO   16231534 / R: 1961 ->1964	3.0	H	D	8W	38W	27L 5
12	GRAYSON MANUEL CO   16746206 / R: 1906 ->1937	3.0	W	9D	1D	7L	4W 27
13	SEAN EVAN PEARSON CO   30888353 / R: 1837P24->1893	3.0	W	5L	3W	31W	18L 4
14	WILL OSBORNE NE   12763146 / R: 1874 ->1884	3.0	D	30W	24L	6D	25W 29
15	VEDANT PRAVIN MARGALE CO   16018722 / R: 1863 ->1868	3.0	D	23L	7W	24D	22W 30
16	VEDANTH PEESAPATY CO   30753657 / R: 1789 ->1800	3.0	L	34L	36B	W	37W 25
17	ALEXANDER STEGER CO   12597213 / R: 2117 ->2115	2.5	W	28W	29H	L	3U
18	TURPANA MOLINA CO   12761501 / R: 1952 ->1933	2.5	L	19W	42W	29L	13D 21
19	CLIFTON P FORD CO   10384591 / R: 1800 ->1885	2.5	W	18W	4D	3L	5U
20	DEREK JUNWEN YIN   16493370 / R: 1879 ->1876	2.5	D	24W	30L	1L	23W 34
21	WILLARD DAVIS CO   12780420 / R: 1805 ->1847	2.5	W	33D	6H	L	7D 18
22	KAAYVA SAKTHISARAVANAN CO   16909357 / R: 1768 ->1800	2.5	W	36W	34L	10D	15L 8
23	BENJAMIN DEGUIRE CO   30412244 / R: 1769 ->1784	2.5	D	15D	38D	25W	20L 9
24	TED DOYKOS CO   12724380 / R: 1753 ->1768	2.5	D	20L	14L	15W	31W 36
25	KEITH JAY OXMAN CO   12459346 / R: 1900 ->1900	2.0	L	29W	28D	23D	14L 16
26	AARON GINDI CO   14947376 / R: 1849 ->1848	2.0	L	3L	5L	28W	42W 37
27	TANYA GURPUR MADKE PRABHU CO   16349446 / R: 1794 ->1816	2.0	W	40L	10W	33L	11L 12
28	DANIEL MARMER CO   12889369 / R: 1816 ->1811	2.0	L	17L	25W	26L	29W 38
29	SAI SWANITH DASARI CO   16623300 / R: 1763 ->1778	2.0	W	25L	17L	18W	28L 14
30	WILL EVANS CO   31398957 / R: 1681 ->1693	2.0	D	14L	20H	W	38L 15
31	BENJAMIN SIMBERG CO   30017727 / R: 1677 ->1677	2.0	B	L	2L	13L	24W 42

32	WILLIAM L WOLF CO   14762885 / R: 1623 ->1646	2.0	L	8B	W	36U	U
33	JAROD D HEAP UT   15118541 / R: 2009 ->1979	1.5	L	21W	37L	27H	U
34	FORREST R LUNDSTROM CO   12771495 / R: 1931 ->1892	1.5	W	16L	22H	L	8L 20
35	SHUBH MISRA CO   16824026 / R: 1889 ->1895	1.0	L	10W	40L	4U	U
36	EVAN MCCORMICK CO   31167718 / R: 1901 ->1839	1.0	L	22W	16L	32L	9L 24
37	JEREMY BRIAN ROLDAN CO   15475345 / R: 1848 ->1817	1.0	L	6L	33W	42L	16L 26
38	HENRY WALLACE KOVACS CO   17262461 / R: 1779 ->1749	1.0	D	7D	23L	11L	30L 28
39	EARLE P WIKLE CO   12126030 / R: 1843 ->1840	0.5	L	2H	U	U	U
40	MR. BRANDON MICHAEL STOYANOVICH FL   14515232 / R: 1991 ->1955	0.0	L	27L	35U	U	U
41	ANTHONY R WHITT CO   12877251 / R: 1879 ->1859	0.0	L	1L	9U	U	U
42	REYANSH AGARWAL CO   30165332 / R: 1832 ->1769	0.0	L	4L	18L	37L	26L 31

**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	KRISH MATHIMARAN CO   30150019 / R: 1675 ->1778	4.5	W	32D	2W	26W	16W 8
2	EMMETT LIGNELL CO   30624060 / R: 1780 ->1805	4.0	W	17D	1W	21W	8D 4
3	ENRICO MOSS CO   31294947 / R: 1602 ->1724	4.0	W	13D	4D	22W	14W 12
4	KYLE LUO CO   30588060 / R: 1705 ->1729	3.5	W	24D	3D	15W	23D 2
5	KENNETH DOYKOS CO   10358086 / R: 1700 ->1713	3.5	W	31L	21H	W	19W 9
6	NEEL YADATORE CO   30026420 / R: 1471 ->1623	3.5	W	11L	14D	13W	26W 16
7	KRISTOPHER ZELKIN CO   30155254 / R: 1806 ->1791	3.0	D	15L	9H	W	24W 21
8	SAMUEL BIELER CO   30648523 / R: 1748P10->1753P15	3.0	W	23W	25W	14L	2L 1
9	LOGAN STEWMON CO   32113992 / R: 1624P7 ->1697P11	3.0	D	10W	7H	W	22L 5
10	JOHN SCHOENKE CO   30689481 / R: 1675 ->1673	3.0	D	9L	27W	31D	21W 23
11	LEIF PAUL MCFADDEN CO   30596924 / R: 1669 ->1664	3.0	L	6L	12W	28W	30W 22
12	ARIE FEIGIN CO   30714233 / R: 1564 ->1618	3.0	L	14W	11W	29W	15L 3
13	ELI COHRS CO   30399807 / R: 1760 ->1733	2.5	L	3D	24D	6W	29D 17
14	MARK BRANDAO CO   12990917 / R: 1714 ->1706	2.5	W	12W	6L	8L	3D 15
15	RAGUL THIYAGARAJAN CO   30232537 / R: 1654 ->1654	2.5	D	7W	28D	4L	12D 14
16	MICHAEL JOSEPH SILBERBERG CO   32183484 / R: 1658P6 ->1648P11	2.5	W	30D	26W	19L	1L 6
17	DARSHAN SATISHKUMAR CO   16961241 / R: 1641 ->1640	2.5	L	2D	31D	24W	25D 13
18	JAMES WILLIAM NEWBY JR. CO   12699600 / R: 1625 ->1637	2.5	L	26W	32W	25H	U
19	SUMANTH NAGASAI KAJA CO   30657770 / R: 1619 ->1627	2.5	W	20D	22L	16L	5W 27
20	NIALL RIAN CASE CO   30894700 / R: 1521 ->1527	2.5	L	19L	29W	32D	27W 28
21	LEE ANDREW PETTERSON CO   31367810 / R: 1445 ->1491	2.5	B	W	5L	2D	10L 7
22	CHARLIE W ZETTEROWER CO   10232368 / R: 1772 ->1733	2.0	W	29D	19D	3L	9L 11

23	ASHWIN MATHIMARAN	2.0	L	8 W	30 W	27 L	4 L	10
CO	17295785 / R: 1587	->1583	N:3	W	B	W	W	B
24	ROBERT CARLSON	2.0	L	4 D	13 D	17 L	7 W	30
CO	14678120 / R: 1575	->1577	N:3	B	W	B	W	B
25	ABHIJAY BALAMURUGAN	2.0	W	27 L	8 L	18 L	17 W	29
CO	16913354 / R: 1560	->1563	N:3	W	B	B	W	B
26	ANDREW STARR	1.5	W	18 D	16 L	1 L	6 U	
CO	15828028 / R: 1765	->1734	N:4	B	W	B	W	
27	JEFFREY BAFO	1.5	L	25 W	10 L	23 D	20 L	19
CO	10340195 / R: 1713	->1700	N:4	B	W	B	W	B
28	ERIC NUNCIO	1.5	H	L	15 L	11 X	L	20
CO	31862122 / R: 1508P10->1443P13			B	W		B	
29	GREG WHEELER JR.	1.0	L	22 W	20 L	12 L	13 L	25
CO	31475075 / R: 1631P10->1553P15		B	W	B	B	W	
30	SARVESH RAJESH	1.0	L	16 L	23 B	L	11 L	24
CO	16925315 / R: 1454	->1408		B	W		B	W
31	AAROH ANAND ANASPURE	0.5	L	5 D	17 L	10 F	U	
CO	30589243 / R: 1545	->1526		B	W	B		
32	RUSSELL N WATTERSON	0.5	L	1 L	18 L	20 H	U	
CO	12443282 / R: 1500	->1500		B	W	B		

## Section 3 - U1600

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	NICK EVAN HVIDZA 30977338 / R: 1509 -->1600	4.5  N:3	W  B	14 W  W	13 W  B	7 W  W	3 D  B	2 L 
2 CO	JOSEPH J REININGER 16305137 / R: 1412 -->1567	4.0  N:2	W  B	4 W  B	8 H 	W  W	7 D  W	1 L 
3 CO	RYAN HAJJALI 31590689 / R: 1240 -->1409	4.0  N:3	B 	W  B	9 W  W	15 L  B	1 W  B	8 L 
4 CO	KARTHIKEYAN KANNAN 31472391 / R: 1591 -->1593	3.5  N:3	L  W	2 W  B	16 W  B	6 W  W	13 D  B	5 L 
5 CO	TREVOR LEE BRADFORD 30570869 / R: 1441 -->1491	3.5  N:4	H 	D  W	18 W  B	12 W  B	10 D  W	4 L 
6 CO	JOHN BLOEMKER 30988278 / R: 1252 -->1413	3.5  N:3	W  B	19 D  W	15 L  B	4 W  B	9 W  W	12 L 
7 CO	CARTER GRAVES EDWARDS 30555397 / R: 1452P24-->1473	3.0  N:4	W  B	17 W  W	10 L  B	1 L  W	2 W  W	13 L 
8 CO	ANDREW ROBICHAUD 30154062 / R: 1578 -->1548	2.5  N:4	W  B	16 L  W	2 H 	W  B	15 L  W	3 L 
9 CO	JONATHAN REX JENKINS 30086439 / R: 1448 -->1436	2.5  N:4	D  B	18 L  W	3 W  B	11 L  W	6 W  B	15 L 
10 CO	SHANKAR N PARASURAM 16967084 / R: 1392 -->1411	2.5  N:4	W  B	12 L  B	7 W  B	14 L  W	5 D  B	11 L 
11 NM	CHRISTOPHER JONATHAN CRUZ 12866056 / R: 1588 -->1528	2.0 	L  W	13 D  B	14 L  W	9 W  B	17 D  W	10 L 
12 CO	DANIEL SEAN DUGGAN 30457886 / R: 1479 -->1437	2.0 	L  W	10 W  B	17 L  W	5 W  B	18 L  B	6 L 
13 CO	JUSTIN ALBERT BARHITE 14745807 / R: 1405 -->1413	2.0  N:4	W  B	11 L  B	1 W  B	19 L  W	4 L  B	7 L 
14 CO	PRANAV MALE 30742195 / R: 1415 -->1401	2.0 	L  W	1 D  W	11 L  B	10 W  W	16 D  B	17 L 
15 CO	DEAN W BROWN 10224098 / R: 1400 -->1400	1.5 	W  W	20 D  B	6 L  B	3 L  W	8 L  W	9 L 
16 CO	WESTON ALEXANDER TAYLOR 30776543 / R: 1362 -->1332	1.5 	L  W	8 L  W	4 H 	L  B	14 W  W	20 L 
17 CO	MADELEINE FINCH 30219070 / R: 1346 -->1319	1.5 	L  W	7 L  W	12 W  B	20 L  W	11 D  W	14 L 
18 CO	ZANDER JAMES MCELHINNEY 31076730 / R: 1264 -->1275	1.5 	D  W	9 D  B	5 H 	L  W	12 U 	L 
19 CA	DREW H CLARK 30178041 / R: 1450 -->1411	1.0 	L  W	6 W  B	20 L  B	13 U 	U 	L 
20 CO	BRETT GERALD MARLOWE 32163421 / R: 1359P3 -->1132P7	1.0 	L  B	15 L  W	19 L  W	17 B 	L  B	16 L 

## 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	LUCAS VAZQUEZ 16200106 / R: 1288P18->1414P23	4.0 N:4	W N:4	9W W	4W W	8W W	7L B	3 B
2	TRISTAN HEIKES IL 30878907 / R: 1322P8 ->1385P13	4.0 N:4	W B	21W W	18L B	7W W	17W B	8 B
3	TARUN BALA KARTHIKEYAN CO 30684949 / R: 1330 ->1381	4.0 N:4	L B	11W W	19W B	9W W	15W W	1 B
4	KEN BECKRICH CO 12883634 / R: 1343P8 ->1366P13	3.5 N:4	W N:4	25L B	1W B	23D W	6W B	11 W
5	MITCHELL BEYER CO 30744020 / R: 1325 ->1357	3.5 N:4	W N:4	27W W	17H B	L W	8W B	7 B
6	RYAN HAIG CO 30755385 / R: 1301P16->1323P21	3.5 N:4	W B	12L W	8W B	24D W	4W B	17 B
7	WILLIAM WHITWORTH CO 31651247 / R: 1423P22->1410	3.0 N:4	W W	22W B	23W W	2L B	1L W	5 B
8	DEVIN BLANKS CO 31163522 / R: 1386P14->1392P19	3.0 N:4	W W	20W B	6L W	1W B	5L W	2 B
9	RHYS ANDREW KELLY CO 31316908 / R: 1039 ->1171	3.0 N:4	L B	1W B	25L W	3W W	19W B	18 B
10	JOHN LESSARD CO 16689027 / R: 1147 ->1138	3.0 N:4	L B	18L W	21B W	W W	22W W	20 B
11	ARIANA E DANI CO 31363347 / R: 1162 ->1215	2.5 N:4	W W	3D B	14D B	15D W	18L B	4 B
12	SHRI SHARAN RAMKUMAR CO 30445829 / R: 1056 ->1097	2.5 N:4	L W	6D B	20D W	25W B	16D W	13 B
13	BRIAN BURWELL CO 14905551 / R: 890P16->1009P21	2.5 N:4	L W	23W B	22L W	17W W	21D B	12 B
14	SHAURYA MISRA CO 16824011 / R: 1329 ->1321	2.0 N:4	D B	19D W	11W B	21U B	U B	 B
15	NIVID SINGHAL CO 31390713 / R: 1280 ->1281	2.0 N:4	H B	W B	16D W	11L B	3U B	 B
16	NATHAN KENDALL HIGHT CO 14743246 / R: 1337 ->1276	2.0 N:4	H B	L W	15D B	19L W	12W B	26 B
17	CALEB M KNEDLIK CO 32148414 / R: 1268P6 ->1220P11	2.0 N:4	W B	24L W	5W B	13L B	2L W	6 B
18	TYLER G HICKS-WRIGHT CO 12825344 / R: 1202 ->1185	2.0 N:4	W W	10L B	2H B	D B	11L W	9 B
19	JAYSON AMBROSE CO 30436950 / R: 1174P21->1173	2.0 N:4	D W	14L B	3D W	16L B	9W W	24 B
20	KENNY WEINREIS CO 30597004 / R: 1180P14->1155P18	2.0 N:4	L B	8D W	12H W	W B	24L B	10 B
21	HANSIT RAJ RAVADA CO 30635255 / R: 1073 ->1077	2.0 N:4	L W	2W B	10L W	14L B	13W B	27 B
22	DONALD WILBUR HILLMAN CO 15332472 / R: 1063 ->1056	2.0 N:4	L B	7L W	13W W	27L B	10W W	25 B
23	TOM CRABB CO 30282592 / R: 1201 ->1187	1.0 N:4	W B	13L W	7L B	4U B	U B	 B
24	SHIRLEY HERMAN CO 14812654 / R: 1161 ->1097	1.0 N:4	L W	17W B	27L W	6L B	20L B	19 B
25	HEYMANATH KUMAR MANIKHANDAN CO 30451349 / R: 1164 ->1092	1.0 N:4	L B	4L W	9D B	12D W	26L B	22 B
26	JOHN E ROSE JR. CO 12548439 / R: 1080 ->1066	1.0 N:4	H B	U W	U B	D B	25L W	16 B
27	PETRA LAMBERT-GORWYN CO 15689074 / R: 1079 -> 997	1.0 N:4	L B	5L W	24L B	22B B	L W	21 B

## Section 5 - U1200

Pair Num	Player Name USCF ID / Rtg (Pre->Post)	Total Pts	Round 1	Round 2	Round 3	Round 4	Round 5
1	JASON WUU CO   16168111 / R: 1195 ->1264	4.5	W	13W	14W	10W	3D 2
			B	W	B	W	B
2	NOAH D KEENE CO   31905596 / R: 1186P19->1230P24	4.0	W	19W	4D	5W	8D 1
			W	B	W	B	W
3	JEREMY PIECH CO   14850826 / R: 1051P11->1136P16	4.0	W	21W	11W	18L	1W 5
			W	B	W	B	W
4	VIAAN KHADELWAL CO   31323282 / R: 1030 ->1098	4.0	W	24L	2W	19W	13W 14
			B	W	B	W	B
5	RYAN GUPTA CO   31190040 / R: 1046 ->1079	3.5	W	28W	22D	2W	9L 3
			B	W	B	W	B
6	VERONICA IRIS PINNA CO   31397274 / R: 1053P20->1057P25	3.5	D	7W	16L	8W	24W 11
			B	W	B	W	W
7	ANIRUDH SAIBALAN CO   30519650 / R: 830 -> 943	3.5	D	6X	D	17W	10H
			W		B	W	
8	ALEXANDER V BRIK TX   12636318 / R: 1110 ->1097	3.0	L	11W	23W	6L	2W 19
			W	B	W	W	B
9	DON M HENRY CO   12748605 / R: 1115 ->1087	3.0	D	16W	15H	L	5W 20
			B	W		B	W
10	ANANYA MEDU CO   30451801 / R: 1000 -> 999	3.0	W	27W	26L	1L	7W 18
			W	B	W	B	W
11	CHRISTIAN HARDY CO   31895060 / R: 852 -> 962	3.0	W	8L	3W	12W	15L 6
			B	W	B	W	B
12	JUDE HEFFERN CO   16462946 / R: 983 -> 949	3.0	W	31L	18L	11W	21W 22
			W	B	W	B	W
13	JARED W COBURN CO   32008587 / R: 885P14-> 946P19	3.0	L	1W	30W	25L	4W 17
			W	B	W	B	B
14	STEPAN ARTEMOVICH ROSTOVTSSEV CO   31215371 / R: 913 -> 940	3.0	W	30L	1W	26W	18L 4
			W	B	W	B	W
15	SEAN MATTHEWS CO   31565416 / R: 449P19-> 723P24	3.0	W	20L	9W	16L	11W 24
			W	B	W	B	B
16	NICHOLAS F BROOKINS CO   31349512 / R: 843 -> 841	2.5	D	9L	6L	15W	30W 26
			W	B	B	W	B
17	GABRIEL BRIONES NV   31920138 / R: 1022 -> 952	2.0	L	18W	21D	7D	22L 13
			W	B	W	B	W
18	CHARLIE KOVACS CO   30767851 / R: 929 -> 924	2.0	W	17W	12L	3L	14L 10
			B	W	B	W	B
19	RAMESH PEESAPATY CO   31727474 / R: 903P10-> 895P15	2.0	L	2W	31L	4W	25L 8
			B	W	W	B	W
20	JONATHAN REINHARD CO   16428233 / R: 973 -> 893	2.0	L	15L	24W	28W	26L 9
			B	W	B	W	B
21	CAMERON MCCANLESS CO   32151796 / R: 803P4 -> 763P9	2.0	L	3L	17W	31L	12W 28
			B	W	B	W	W
22	MICHAEL-VAN NGUYEN DINH CO   30916616 / R: 623 -> 715	2.0	W	25L	5H	D	17L 12
			W	B		W	B
23	ALISON WALKER CO   31230760 / R: 813 -> 816	1.5	H	L	8U	U	W 30
				W			B
24	DAN M RUPAREL CO   30064098 / R: 702 -> 706	1.5	L	4W	20H	L	6L 15
			W	B		B	W
25	BENJAMIN SMITH CO   31136582 / R: 986 -> 891	1.0	L	22W	28L	13L	19U
			B	W	B	W	
26	ANAY GUPTA CO   31356867 / R: 835 -> 750	1.0	X	L	10L	14L	20L 16
				W	B	B	W
27	ERIC CHARLES MCROBERTS CO   30422661 / R: 693P10-> 682P11	1.0	L	10B	U	U	U
			B				
28	DHEERAN DINESH CO   30530682 / R: 709 -> 648	1.0	L	5L	25L	20B	L 21
			W	B	W	B	B
29	BRUCE CLEVELAND AUTRY CO   13732198 / R: 876 -> 876	0.5	H	F	U	U	U
30	ANNJELA LANE CO   31998473 / R: Unrated-> 604P9	0.5	L	14L	13H	L	16L 23
			B	W		B	W
31	GRANT DEAN NEWBY CO   31271372 / R: 409P10-> 394P13	0.5	L	12L	19L	21H	U
			B	B	W		
32	JOSEPH DIAZ CO   30347830 / R: 1085 ->1085	0.0	F	U	U	U	U



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## Games from the DCC MLK Tournament

### Round 5

**LM BRIAN D WALL 2228**

**NM EAMON MONTGOMERY 2243**

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.f3 Bg7 4.e4 d6 5.Nc3 0-0 6.Bg5 c5 7.d5 Na6 8.Qd2 Nc7 9.a4 Bd7 10.h4 h5 11.Nh3 e6 12.Nf2 exd5 13.cxd5 Re8 14.Be2 a6 15.0-0 b5 16.Rfe1 bxa4 17.Nxa4 ½-½

**CM RHETT LANGSETH 2134**

**NM CHRISTOF PETERSON 2234**

1.d3 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.e4 g6 4.Be3 Bg7 5.c3 d6 6.Qc1 b5 7.d4 c4 8.a4 Qa5 9.Nbd2 Nf6 10.axb5 Qxb5 11.Nxc4 Qb8 12.d5 Nd8 13.Bd3 0-0 14.0-0 e6 15.Bf4 Nb7 16.Ne3 Nc5 17.Qc2 a5 18.Nc4 Nxd3 19.Bxd6 Qb5 20.Qxd3 exd5 21.Bxf8 dxc4 22.Qd4 Kxf8 23.Qd6+ Kg8 24.Nd4 Qd7 25.Qc6 Bb7 26.Qxd7 Nxd7 27.f3 Nc5 28.Rfd1 Kf8 29.Nb5 Be6 30.Nc7 Ra7 31.Nd5 Nd3 32.Nb6 Bb5 33.Nc8 Ra6 34.Ra3 Bd7 35.b3 Bxc8 36.bxc4 Be6 37.Rxd3 Bxc4 38.Rd8+ Ke7 39.Rc8 Be6 40.Rc5 a4 41.Kf2 Kd7 42.Rb5 Bf8 43.Ra1 Kc6 44.Rb8 Bd6 45.Rbb1 a3 46.Ke3 Kc5 47.Kd3 Bc4+ 48.Kc2 h5 49.g3 Be2 50.f4 Kc4 51.Kd2 Bd3 52.Rb7 Bxe4 53.Rxf7 Be5 54.Rc7 a2 55.Kc1 Bb1 56.Rxb1 ax-b1Q+ 57.Kxb1 Re6 58.Kc1 Kd5 59.Kd2 Bg1 60.f5 gxf5 61.Rh7 Be3+ 62.Kd3 Bh6 63.c4+ Ke5 64.h3 Rg6 65.Ke2 h4 66.gxh4 Kf4 67.c5 Bf8 68.Rc7 Rg2+ 69.Kd3 Rg3+ 70.Kd2 Rxh3 71.c6 Rxh4 72.Rf7 Bd6 73.c7 Rh2+ 74.Kd3 Rh3+ 75.Kc4 Rh8 76.Kd5 Bxc7 77.Rxc7 Re8 78.Rc1 Kg3 79.Rc3+ Kg4 80.Kd4 f4 81.Rc1 f3 82.Rg1+ Kf4 83.Kd3 Rd8+ 84.Kc2 f2 85.Rg7 Rd5 86.Kc3 f1Q 87.Rf7+ Rf5 88.Rd7 Rc5+ 89.Kb2 Qc1+ 90.Kb3 Qb1+ 91.Ka3 0-1

**NM GRIFFIN MCCONNELL 2198**

**LUIS JIMENEZ 2016**

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.d3 b5 6.Bb3 Be5 7.Nc3 h6 8.a4 Rb8 9.axb5 axb5 10.0-0 d6 11.Be3 Bg4 12.h3 Bxe3 13.fxe3 Be6 14.Bxe6 fxe6 15.Qe1 0-0 16.Qh4 b4 17.Ne2 Nh7 18.Qg4 Qe8 19.Ra6 Nf6 20.Qh4 Ra8 21.Rfa1 Rxa6 22.Rxa6 Ne7 23.Qe1 Qb5 24.Ra1 ½-½

**CHRISTOPHE MOTLEY 2039**

**NM ABHISHEK MALLELA 2148**

1.e4 Nf6 2.e5 Nd5 3.d4 Nb6 4.c4 d6 5.f4 dxe5 6.fxe5 Nc6 7.Be3 Bf5 8.Nc3 e6 9.Nf3 Bg4 10.Be2 Bxf3 11.gxf3 Qh4+ 12.Bf2 Qf4 13.c5 Nd5 14.Nxd5 exd5 15.Rg1 Be7 16.Rg4 Qxh2 17.Qb3 0-0-0 18.Bg1 Qh6 19.Be3 Qh1+ 20.Rg1 Qh4+ 21.Bf2 Qh6 22.Be3 Qh4+ 23.Bf1 Qh2 24.Qe3 Bh4 25.Rf1 Bxf2+ 26.Rxf2 Qg1+ 27.Bf1 Qg6 28.0-0-0 f6 29.Bd3 Qh6 30.Qxh6 gxh6 31.Bf5+ Kb8 32.e6 Ne7 33.Be2 Rde8 34.f4 f5 35.b4 Rhg8 36.b5 Rgf8 37.Rh1 Rf6 38.Rfh2 Ng8 39.Rh5

Ref8 40.Re1 Ne7 41.Re5 c6 42.Rhx f5 Nxf5 43.Bxf5 Rxf5 44.Rxf5 Re8 45.Re5 Rh8 0-1

**SEAN EVAN PEARSON 1838**

**NM DANIEL HERMAN 2115**

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Nf6 4.Ng5 d5 5.exd5 Na5 6.Bb5+ c6 7.dxc6 bxc6 8.Qf3 Qb6 9.Bd3 h6 10.Ne4 Nd5 11.Ng3 g6 12.Nc3 Nf4 13.0-0 Bg7 14.Re1 Nxd3 15.Qxd3 0-0 16.b3 f5 17.Bb2 e4 18.Qe3 Ba6 19.Na4 Qxe3 20.dxe3 Bxb2 21.Nxb2 c5 22.Rad1 Rad8 23.Rxd8 Rxd8 24.Rd1 Rxd1+ 25.Nxd1 Nc6 26.a3 Kf7 27.f3 exf3 28.gxf3 Ne5 29.Kf2 Bb7 30.e4 fxe4 31.Nxe4 Bxe4 32.fxe4 g5 33.Ne3 h5 34.Nf5 Kf6 35.h3 g4 36.hxg4 Nxg4+ 37.Kf3 Ke5 38.Ng3 Nf6 39.Ke3 h4 40.Nf5 h3 41.Ng3 h2 42.Nh1 Nxe4 43.b4 c4 44.a4 Nc3 45.a5 Nd5+ 46.Kd2 Nxb4 47.Kc3 Nxc2 Kd4+ 0-1

**AMITAI SEBBA 1865**

**KAANYA SAKTHISARAVANAN 1767**

1.e4 e5 2.d4 cxd4 3.c3 Nf6 4.e5 Nd5 5.Nf3 Nc6 6.cxd4 d6 7.Bc4 Nb6 8.Bb3 g6 9.Ng5 e6 10.Qf3 f5 11.exf6 Nxd4 12.f7+ Ke7 13.Qe4 Nxb3 14.axb3 Bg7 15.0-0 e5 16.Nxh7 Rxh7 17.Qxg6 Qh8 18.Bg5+ Kd7 19.Qf5+ Kc7 20.Rc1+ Kb8 21.Be7 Rh6 22.Qc2 a6 23.Qc7+ Ka7 24.Nc3 Bd7 25.Rxa6+ Kxa6 26.Ra1+ Ba4 27.Nxa4 Nxa4 28.Rxa4+ Kb5 29.Qxb7+ Kc5 30.Rc4# Kd5 1-0

**KYLE LUO 1717**

**EMMETT LIGNELL 1786**

1.Nf3 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.g3 b6 4.Bg2 Bb7 5.0-0 Bg7 6.Nc3 0-0 7.d4 d5 8.Ne5 c6 9.Be3 Nbd7 10.Nxd7 Qxd7 11.cxd5 cxd5 12.Bg5 e6 13.Bxf6 Bxf6 14.Rc1 Rac8 15.Qd3 Bg7 16.e3 Rfd8 17.Rfd1 Bc6 18.h4 Rc7 19.Rc2 Rdc8 20.Rdc1 Bb5 21.Nxb5 Rxc2 22.Rxc2 Rxc2 23.Qxc2 Qxb5 24.Bf1 Qd7 25.b3 h5 26.a4 Bf6 27.Bd3 Kg7 28.f4 Qd6 29.Kf2 Qb4 30.Bb5 Qd6 31.Bd3 a5 32.Be2 Be7 33.Bd1 Qa3 34.Ke2 Bb4 35.Kf2 Be7 36.Ke2 Qd6 37.Kf2 Qd7 38.Be2 Bb4 39.Bf1 Bd6 ½-½

**KRISH MATHIMARAN 1675**

**SAMUEL BIELER 1748**

1.c4 c5 2.g3 Nc6 3.Bg2 e6 4.Nc3 Nf6 5.Nf3 a6 6.0-0 d5 7.cxd5 exd5 8.d4 Be6 9.Bg5 Be7 10.Bxf6 Bxf6 11.dxc5 Bxc3 12.bxc3 Qe7 13.Qb1 Qxc5 14.Qxb7 0-0 15.Qb2 Rab8 16.Qd2 Na5 17.Nd4 Nc4 18.Qg5 h6 19.Qh5 Qa3 20.Rfd1 Rb2 21.Bxd5 Rxa2 22.Rxa2 Qxa2 23.Nxe6 1-0

**JOSEPH REININGER 1412**

**NICK HVIKZA 1497**

1.d4 f5 2.c4 Nf6 3.Nf3 e6 4.g3 b6 5.Bg2 Bb7 6.0-0 Be7 7.Nc3 0-0 8.Bf4 Ne4 9.d5 Nxc3 10.bxc3 Bf6 11.Qb3 Na6 12.Be3

Qe7 13.Rad1 Rad8 14.Ne1 Nc5 15.d6 Qf7 16.Bxc5 Bxg2 17.dxc7 Bxf1 18.Bd6 Bxe2 19.cxd8Q Rxd8 20.Rd2 Bh5 21.Nd3 Be7 22.Bf4 d6 23.Nb4 Qe8 24.c5 dxc5 25.Nd3 Bf7 26.Qc2 c4 27.Ne5 Rxd2 28.Qxd2 Qd8 29.Qe2 Qd5 30.Nxf7 Kxf7 31.Qh5+ Kg8 32.Qe8+ Bf8 33.h4 b5 34.Bg5 Qd6 35.Qxb5 h6 36.Be3 Qd5 37.Qe8 Qd1+ 38.Kh2 Qd6 39.Bxa7 f4 40.Qg6 fxg3+ 41.Qxg3 Qxg3+ 42.Kxg3 Bd6+ 43.Kf3 Kf7 44.a4 Bc7 45.Ke4 g5 46.hxg5 hxg5 47.Kd4 g4 48.Kxc4 g3 49.fxg3 Bxg3 50.a5 Ke7 51.a6 Kd7 52.Bb6 Kc8 53.a7 Kb7 54.Be3 Be1 55.Kd3 e5 56.c4 Bb4 57.Ke4 Ba3 58.Kxe5 Bf8 59.Ke6 Ba3 60.Kd5 Bf8 61.Bc5 Bh6 62.Ke4 Bg5 63.Kf5 Bh4 64.Ke6 Be1 65.Kd7 ½-½

**TREVOR L BRADFORD 1441**

**KARTHIKEYA KANNAN 1591**

1.d4 d5 2.Bf4 Nf6 3.Nc3 c6 4.e3 Qa5 5.Bd3 Nbd7 6.Nf3 h6 7.0-0 Nh5 8.Be5 Nxe5 9.Nxe5 Nf6 10.Qf3 Be6 11.Ne2 g5 12.Bf5 Bxf5 13.Qxf5 Bg7 14.Ng3 e6 15.Qf3 Qc7 16.c4 0-0-0 17.cxd5 Rxd5 18.Rfc1 Ne8 19.Nd3 h5 20.Nb4 g4 21.Nxd5 exd5 22.Qf5+ Kb8 23.Nxh5 Bf8 24.Qxg4 Bd6 25.Ng3 Be7 26.Qe2 Nf6 27.b4 Ne4 28.b5 c5 29.dxc5 Bf6 30.b6 axb6 31.cxb6 Qd6 32.Rab1 Nc3 33.Rxc3 Bxc3 34.Rc1 Ba5 35.Qb2 Rh7 36.h3 Bxb6 37.Rb1 Ka7 38.Nf5 Qc5 39.a4 Qc7 40.Nd4 Bxd4 41.Qxd4+ Ka8 42.Qxd5 Rh6 43.a5 Ra6 44.Ra1 Ka7 45.h4 Qe7 46.h5 Qf6 47.Qd4+ Qxd4 48.exd4 Rd6 49.Ra4 Ka6 50.Rb4 Rd7 51.h6 f5 52.Rb6+ Kxa5 53.Rg6 Rxd4 54.h7 Rh4 55.Rg7 b5 56.g3 Rh5 57.Kg2 b4 58.Kf3 Ka6 59.g4 fxg4+ 60.Kxg4 Rh2 61.f4 b3 62.Kf5 b2 63.Rg1 Rxh7 64.Kg6 Rb7 65.Rb1 Ka5 66.f5 Rb6+ 67.f6 Ka4 68.Kg7 Ka3 69.f7 Rb7 70.Rxb2 Kxb2 71.Kg8 Rxf7 72.Kxf7 ½-½

**TARUN KARTHIKEYAN 1330**

**LUCAS VAZQUEZ 1288**

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.Bc4 Nf6 4.Nc3 e6 5.d3 Be7 6.b3 a6 7.a4 0-0 8.Bd2 Nc6 9.d4 cxd4 10.Ne2 Nxe4 11.Nfxd4 Nxd4 12.Nxd4 d5 13.Be2 Bf6 14.c3 e5 15.Nf3 d4 16.cxd4 exd4 17.Bd3 Nxd2 18.Nxd2 Re8+ 19.Ne4 Bf5 20.f3 Qa5+ 21.Qd2 Qxd2+ 22.Kxd2 Bxe4 23.Bxe4 Rad8 24.Kd3 Bg5 25.h4 Bh6 26.g4 Bf4 27.Rae1 b5 28.axb5 axb5 29.Re2 Be3 30.Ra1 Rc8 31.Rc2 Rxc2 32.Kxc2 Rc8+ 33.Kd1 g6 34.b4 Rc4 35.Rb1 Kg7 36.Bd3 Rc3 37.Bxb5 d3 38.Ba4 d2 39.Be2 Bf4 40.Rb3 Rxb3 41.Bxb3 Kf6 42.b5 h6 43.Ke2 g5 44.h5 Ke7 45.Kd3 f6 46.Ke4 Kd6 47.Kf5 Kc5 48.Kg6 Kxb5 49.Kxh6 Kb4 50.Bd1 f5 51.Kg6 fxg4 52.fxg4 Kc3 53.h6 Kb2 54.h7 Be5 55.Kxg5 Kc1 56.Bf3 d1Q 57.Bxd1 Kxd1 58.Kf5 1-0

# Colorado State Scholastic tournament

By Earle Wikle

The Colorado State Scholastic tournament was held Feb. 1-2 at the Arapahoe county fairgrounds with 196 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, Jesse Cohen, DuWayne Langseth, and Karthika Sakthisaravanan. Also, 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 year's national events are:

**GRAYSON MANUEL** – 2025 CSCA Denker Qualifier Champion  
**KRISH MATHIMARAN** – 2025 CSCA Barber Qualifier Champion  
**FELIX MCMILLAN** – 2025 CSCA Rockefeller Qualifier Champion  
**TANYA PRABHU** – 2025 CSCA Haring Qualifier Champion



## 2025 SCHOLASTIC STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS Cross Tables

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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	GRAYSON MANUEL CO   16746206 / R: 1932 ->1960	5.5 N:1	W W	24W B	7W W	19W B	9D W	2W B
2	DEREK JUNWEN YIN CO   16493370 / R: 1876 ->1901	5.0 N:1	W W	43W B	22W W	4W B	8D B	1D W
3	VEDANTH PEESAPATY CO   30753657 / R: 1800 ->1803	4.5 N:3	D W	25W W	35W B	23W B	29D W	5D B
4	JOHN SCHOENKE CO   30689481 / R: 1737 ->1743	4.5 N:3	W B	39W W	38L B	2W W	17W B	20D W
5	LEIF PAUL MCFADDEN CO   30596924 / R: 1664 ->1703	4.5 N:2	W W	45W B	31D W	29W B	19D B	3D W
6	BENJAMIN SIMBERG CO   30017727 / R: 1682 ->1667	4.5 N:4	W W	44L W	23W W	24W B	38W B	13D B
7	ABHIJAY BALAMURUGAN CO   16913354 / R: 1563 ->1621	4.5 N:3	W B	47L W	1W B	42W W	14W W	9D B
8	AMITAI SEBBA CO   15807085 / R: 1899 ->1888	4.0 N:2	W B	26W W	30W B	21L W	2W B	11L W
9	TANYA GURPUR MADKE PRABHU CO   16349446 / R: 1816 ->1807	4.0 N:3	W B	15W W	14W B	11L W	1L B	7W W
10	COLE STRONG CO   30488223 / R: 1689 ->1652	4.0 N:4	L B	14W W	39D B	26W W	32W B	16D W
11	NOLAN CHRISTOPHER OTTELE CO   16045214 / R: 1649 ->1647	4.0 N:4	W W	46W B	13L W	9W B	31L W	8W B
12	RAGUL THIYAGARAJAN CO   30232537 / R: 1654 ->1636	4.0 N:4	L B	35W W	47W B	15D W	23W B	29D B
13	ARI MELTZER CO   16460976 / R: 1380 ->1467	4.0 N:3	W B	37L W	11W B	34W W	21L B	6W B
14	QUINN LEDUC CO   31150817 / R: 1141 ->1378	4.0 N:3	W W	10L B	9W W	18L B	7W B	38W B
15	MARK DAVID THOMPSON CO   30449721 / R: 1071P18->1226P24	4.0 N:3	L W	9W B	46L W	12W B	40W W	22W W
16	SARVESH RAJESH CO   16925315 / R: 1393 ->1389	3.5 1	W W	28L B	29D W	33W B	25L W	10W B
17	KARL THOMAS KRULL CO   30963361 / R: 1374P21->1367	3.5 1	B W	L W	19W W	44L B	4D W	31W B
18	PARKER J BRUNKAN CO   31690739 / R: 1360P6 ->1316P12	3.5 1	W B	41L W	21L B	14D W	34W B	42W W
19	SAI SWANITH DASARI CO   16623300 / R: 1778 ->1733	3.0 N:4	W B	34W W	17L B	1L W	5W B	23L W
20	REYANSH AGARWAL CO   30165332 / R: 1774 ->1722	3.0 1	L W	31W B	45W W	25W B	22L W	4L B
21	ELI COHRS CO   30399807 / R: 1733 ->1676	3.0 1	W W	33W B	18L W	8L B	13W B	26L W
22	OLIVER HASSELKUS CO   16591543 / R: 1483 ->1450	3.0 1	W B	27L W	2W B	35L W	20L B	15W W
23	DAVID RANDALL KENT V CO   31651012 / R: 1211P10->1299P16	3.0 N:4	W B	48W W	6L W	3D B	12L W	19D B

24	ARIANA E DANI CO   31363347 / R: 1215 ->1218	3.0	1L	1W	37L	6W	45W	27L	11
		1	1B	1W	1B	1W	1B	1W	1
25	EVAN SUN CO   17182225 / R: 1040 ->1168	3.0	1D	3W	32L	20L	16W	35D	23
		1	1B	1W	1B	1W	1B	1W	1
26	LINCOLN MOTT CO   32084246 / R: 1139P18->1159P24	3.0	1L	8W	36D	10D	33L	21W	41
		1	1W	1B	1W	1B	1B	1W	1
27	MICHAEL-VAN NGUYEN DINH CO   30916616 / R: 715 -> 819	3.0	1L	22L	43W	28W	46L	24W	40
		1	1W	1B	1W	1B	1W	1B	1
28	ZACHARY THOMAS MASON CO   16602550 / R: 601P24-> 748	3.0	1L	16L	42L	27B	1W	44W	38
		1	1B	1W	1B	1	1W	1W	1
29	VEDANT PRAVIN MARGALE CO   16018722 / R: 1865 ->1823	2.5	1W	42W	16D	5L	3L	12U	1
		N:4	1B	1W	1B	1W	1B	1	1
30	AAROH ANAND ANASPURE CO   30589243 / R: 1526 ->1456	2.5	1W	36L	8L	31W	44D	33L	14
		1	1W	1B	1W	1B	1W	1W	1
31	JON PAUL JUST CO   31025617 / R: 1079 ->1226	2.5	1W	20L	5W	30L	11D	17L	16
		N:4	1B	1W	1B	1W	1B	1W	1
32	MAXWELL LAW AITKEN CO   32274715 / R: Unrated->1093P5	2.5	1H	1L	25W	39L	10W	43L	18
		1	1B	1W	1B	1W	1B	1W	1
33	TANISHKA TAGARE CO   16788310 / R: 1036 ->1082	2.5	1L	21W	41D	16D	26D	30L	17
		1	1B	1W	1B	1W	1B	1W	1
34	YING-TE YEN CO   31670384 / R: 1054 ->1076	2.5	1L	19W	40L	13D	18W	36L	22
		1	1W	1B	1W	1B	1W	1B	1
35	GAVIN SNYDER CO   31430705 / R: 904 ->1024	2.5	1W	12L	3L	22D	43L	25W	42
		1	1W	1B	1W	1B	1W	1W	1
36	AUSTIN H EVANS CO   15310671 / R: 624 -> 754	2.5	1L	30L	26W	41D	42L	34W	43
		1	1B	1W	1B	1W	1B	1B	1
37	JIVITESH SASIKUMAR CO   31935206 / R: 432P16-> 539P22	2.5	1L	13L	24D	46L	39W	48W	44
		1	1W	1B	1W	1B	1W	1B	1
38	ANDREW JEFFREY NOHRDEN CO   30993654 / R: 1335 ->1279	2.0	1W	40L	4W	43L	6L	14L	28
		1	1W	1B	1W	1W	1B	1B	1
39	REBECCA GELFER CO   16523591 / R: 986 -> 941	2.0	1L	4L	10L	32W	37L	40W	48
		1	1W	1B	1B	1W	1W	1B	1
40	VAUGHN DORNAN CO   32268581 / R: Unrated-> 867P6	2.0	1L	38L	34W	47L	15W	39L	27
		1	1B	1W	1B	1W	1B	1W	1
41	VINCE NGUYEN MCCUSH CO   32274722 / R: Unrated-> 445P5	2.0	1L	18L	33L	36W	48X	1L	26
		1	1W	1B	1W	1B	1	1B	1
42	ANANTHAJIT P PARASURAM CO   16967078 / R: 1125 ->1071	1.5	1L	29W	28L	7D	36L	18L	35
		1	1W	1B	1W	1B	1W	1B	1
43	AHAS SANUTH WEERAPURA CO   30441832 / R: 1073 ->1011	1.5	1L	2W	27L	38D	35L	32L	36
		1	1B	1W	1B	1W	1B	1W	1
44	CONNOR ROMERO CO   30982593 / R: 1019 -> 929	1.0	1L	6W	48L	17L	30L	28L	37
		1	1B	1W	1B	1W	1B	1W	1
45	VISHNUPRIYA BALAJI CO   30312108 / R: 874 -> 867	1.0	1L	5L	20W	48L	24F	1U	1
		1	1B	1W	1B	1W	1	1	1
46	JAIDEN PAUL TANG HWANG CO   30259853 / R: 656P10-> 630P14	0.5	1L	11L	15D	37L	27U	1U	1
		1	1B	1W	1B	1W	1	1	1
47	EVAN SAMUEL HOLMQUIST CO   30789183 / R: 703 -> 682	0.0	1L	7L	12L	40U	1U	1U	1
		1	1W	1B	1W	1	1	1	1
48	MATTEO RAPHAEL DOGUE CO   32238909 / R: Unrated-> 104P6	0.0	1L	23L	44L	45L	41L	37L	39
		1	1W	1B	1W	1B	1B	1B	1

## Section 2 - K-8

## Chief TD KARTHIKA SAKTHISARAVANAN

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	SHUBH MISRA 16824026 / R: 1895 -->1875	5.0 N:4	1W	21W	40W	39W	18W	10W	7
2 CO	KAAVYA SAKTHISARAVANAN 16909357 / R: 1796 -->1805	5.0 N:2	1W	31W	18W	7W	4L	3W	9
3 CO	KRISH MATHIMARAN 30150019 / R: 1778 -->1786	5.0 N:3	1W	46W	17D	6W	8W	2D	5
4 CO	HENRY WALLACE KOVACS 17262461 / R: 1749 -->1748	5.0 N:3	1W	38W	13W	15L	2W	24W	11
5 CO	DARSHAN SATISHKUMAR 16961241 / R: 1658 -->1665	5.0 N:3	1W	39W	12D	16W	30W	6D	3
6 CO	SHANKAR N PARASURAM 16967084 / R: 1431 -->1460	4.5 N:4	1W	27W	14D	3W	16L	5W	1
7 CO	ARIE FEIGIN 30714233 / R: 1618 -->1611	4.0 N:4	1W	51W	25L	2W	23W	13L	1
8 WY	ROHAN JACOB DAVID 30456709 / R: 1567 -->1546	4.0 N:4	1W	22W	23W	24L	3L	9W	19
9 CO	RYAN HAJJALI 31590689 / R: 1433 -->1439	4.0 N:4	1W	34D	21W	19D	10W	8L	2
10 CO	BRANDON MOORE 31599392 / R: 1362 -->1366	4.0 N:4	1W	45D	20W	21D	9L	1W	23
11 CO	TARUN BALA KARTHIKEYAN 30684949 / R: 1381 -->1361	4.0 N:4	1L	26W	35W	22W	25W	12L	4
12 CO	AARAV JAYANTA TRIPATHI 30415886 / R: 1211 -->1263	4.0 N:4	1W	44L	5W	28W	15L	11W	24
13 CO	JASON WUU 16168111 / R: 1232 -->1241	4.0 N:4	1W	29L	4W	32W	42L	7W	25
14 CO	ANANYA MEDU 30451801 / R: 999 -->1016	4.0 N:4	1W	43L	6L	42W	21W	28W	30
15 CO	ASHWIN MATHIMARAN 17295785 / R: 1583 -->1531	3.5 N:4	1W	32W	37L	4L	12W	31D	18
16 CO	ELIJAH S. KADRICH 30937565 / R: 1331 -->1305	3.5 N:4	1W	41W	36D	5L	6L	19W	31
17 CO	ANDONI MICHAEL RUIZ WEBER 31785148 / R: 1165 -->1169	3.5 N:4	1W	40L	3W	27D	31W	30L	6
18 CO	HEYMANTH KUMAR MANIKHANDAN 30451349 / R: 1092 -->1124	3.5 N:4	1W	42L	2W	45L	1W	26D	15
19 CO	LOGAN GRIMES 31319517 / R: 994 -->1116	3.5 N:4	1W	50D	30L	9W	20W	16L	8
20 CO	SHRI SHARAN RAMKUMAR 30445829 / R: 1070 -->1064	3.5 N:4	1W	47D	10L	30L	19W	33W	32
21 CO	ASHRITH ARJUN NISTALA 16876534 / R: 871 --> 985	3.5 N:4	1W	1D	9L	10L	14W	34W	35
22 CO	BEN MICHAEL GOTTRY 31659724 / R: 713P5 --> 762P11	3.5 N:4	1L	8W	47L	11D	33W	45W	36
23 CO	JOHN LESSARD 16689027 / R: 1235 -->1217	3.0 N:4	1W	48L	8W	26L	7W	29L	10
24 CO	SIMON STEELE 16362431 / R: 1190 -->1176	3.0 N:4	1W	35W	26L	8W	29L	4L	12
25 CO	HANSIT RAJ RAVADA 30635255 / R: 1077 -->1060	3.0 N:4	1W	49L	7W	34L	11W	42L	13
26 CO	SORBILEG BAYASGALAN 31673343 / R: 650P6 --> 842P12	3.0 N:4	1W	11L	24L	23W	37L	18W	40
27 CO	WALTER HEFTER 31659891 / R: 673P21-> 674	3.0 N:4	1L	6W	38L	17L	36W	43W	42
28 WY	ANDREYES MONTOYA 17180228 / R: 641P20-> 664	3.0 N:4	1L	30W	49L	12W	40L	14W	44
29 WY	MATTHEW CHIRCHIR 30438831 / R: 407 --> 650	3.0 N:4	1L	13W	46W	37L	24L	23W	39
30 CO	SHAURYA MISRA 16824011 / R: 1321 -->1253	2.5 N:4	1W	28D	19W	20L	5L	17L	14
31 WY	DANIEL HAYDEN 17180207 / R: 744 --> 780	2.5 N:4	1L	2W	41W	36D	17L	15L	16
32 CO	MIHIKA TAGARE 16788325 / R: 687 --> 695	2.5 N:4	1L	15W	44L	13W	38D	36L	20
33 CO	LUKE JAMES BIZZARRI 32258273 / R: Unrated-> 662P6	2.5 N:4	1L	37L	34W	48D	22L	20W	46
34 WY	VICTOR WEN 30438897 / R: 538P9 --> 653P15	2.5 N:4	1L	9W	33L	25D	46L	21W	45
35 CO	SAILOCHAN RAMANATHAN 30674624 / R: 415P22-> 548	2.5 N:4	1L	24L	11W	43D	45W	46L	21
36 CO	CHACE REINHARDT 31664403 / R: 168P6 --> 347P11	2.5 N:4	1L	16L	31W	27D	32L	22W	22

37	MEIR E. NEUSTADT CO 31694543 / R: 1039 --> 927	2.0 N:4	1W B	33L W	15L W	29L B	26L W	40W B	47
38	SHARVI SHAHI CO 32026088 / R: 834P21-> 726	2.0 N:4	1L W	4L B	27W W	47L B	32L W	44W B	48
39	DAVID ALLISON CO 30360539 / R: 665 --> 620	2.0 N:4	1L B	5W W	43L B	1L W	41W B	47L W	29
40	KATELYN GRAHAM CO 30616754 / R: 518 --> 569	2.0 N:4	1L B	17L W	1W B	44L W	28W B	37L W	26
41	SOLOMON LEE CHAPPELL CO 17271360 / R: 421P23-> 493	2.0 N:4	1L W	16L B	31W W	50W B	39U B	U B	
42	ARAV HANKS CO 31681423 / R: 351P6 --> 460P12	2.0 N:4	1L W	18W B	50W W	14L B	13L W	25L B	27
43	STANLEY CROW WY 32261816 / R: Unrated-> 386P6	2.0 N:4	1L W	14L B	39L W	35W B	48L W	27W B	49
44	RAMSUNDAR SHARMA CO 30880731 / R: 317P14-> 367P20	2.0 N:4	1L W	12L B	32L W	40W B	50W B	38L W	28
45	MASON GARCIA WY 17180193 / R: 747 --> 679	1.5 N:4	1L W	10W B	48L W	18D B	35L W	22L B	34
46	NIYA GOKUL SUGUNA CO 31852112 / R: 760 --> 656	1.5 N:4	1L W	3L B	29W W	49D B	34L W	35L B	33
47	JACE DIXON WY 32261806 / R: Unrated-> 365P6	1.0 N:4	1L B	20L W	22L B	38W B	49L W	39L W	37
48	BRYCE PORTER CO 30453492 / R: 343P10-> 308P16	1.0 N:4	1L B	23L W	45L B	33L W	43W B	50L W	38
49	ALEX CHAHAL CO 31630144 / R: 196P10-> 155P15	1.0 N:4	1L B	25L W	28L B	46L W	47L B	U W	43
50	HAYDEN WOODARD WY 32261786 / R: Unrated-> 101P5	1.0 N:4	1L B	19L W	42L B	41L W	44L W	48B W	
51	LUCAS AHN CO 16978131 / R: 674 --> 673	0.0 N:4	1L W	7U B	U W	U B	U W	U B	
52	NOAH T COHEN CO 31677071 /	0.0 N:4	1U B	U W	U B	U W	U B	U W	



## Section 3 - K-5

## Chief TD THOMAS NELSON

## Chf. Asst. TD KARTHIKA SAKTHISARAVANAN

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	FELIX MCMILLAN 30251494 / R: 1719 -->1708	5.0 N:4	1W W	17W B	16W W	7L B	2W W	3W W	4
2 CO	NEEL YADATORE 30026420 / R: 1623 -->1621	5.0 N:4	1W B	26W W	20W B	5W W	1L B	4W W	7
3 CO	BEAU REGOLI 30076633 / R: 1342 -->1373	5.0 N:4	1W B	40W W	13W B	8W W	6L B	1W W	9
4 CO	NIVID SINGHAL 31390713 / R: 1281 -->1342	5.0 N:4	1W W	27W B	18W W	11W B	10W W	2L B	1
5 CO	NAGA SHAILESH REDDY PALLE 30952688 / R: 1068 -->1141	5.0 N:4	1W W	32W B	19L W	2W B	25W W	14W W	6
6 CO	JUDE FEE 30832248 / R: 1446 -->1400	4.0 N:4	1W W	14W B	12W W	15L B	3W W	11L B	5
7 CO	JAMES CORBETT III 30453606 / R: 1205 -->1216	4.0 N:4	1W B	28W W	21L B	1W W	19W B	8L B	2
8 CO	STEPAN ARTEMOVICH ROSTOVTSOV 31215371 / R: 1017 -->1025	4.0 N:4	1W W	35W B	22L W	3W B	17L W	7W B	18
9 CO	JOHN MANZANARES 32243392 / R: Unrated-> 997P6	4.0 N:4	1L W	18W B	27W W	33W B	12W W	15L B	3
10 CO	AIDEN CHAN 30310580 / R: 975 --> 976	4.0 N:4	1W W	34D B	29W W	16L W	4W B	20D B	15
11 CO	CALEB GRAHAM 30616736 / R: 944 --> 962	4.0 N:4	1W B	36W W	24L B	4W B	23L W	6W W	21
12 CO	ANIRUDH SAIBALAN 30519650 / R: 943 --> 933	4.0 N:4	1W B	39L W	6W B	26L W	9W B	30W W	24



13	BRODY SPINUZZI	4.0	W	38	L	3	L	14	W	34	W	29	W	19	
CO	30562948 / R: 826 -> 824			W	B		W	B		W		B			
14	JORDAN WEIGEL	4.0	L	6	W	39	W	13	W	20	L	5	W	29	
CO	31646557 / R: 499P6 -> 705P12			B		W	B		W	B		W			
15	ADHVIK MENON JR.	3.5	W	42	W	23	L	6	W	21	L	9	D	10	
CO	30952462 / R: 980P19-> 969P25			B		W	B		W	B		W			
16	AUGUST HODGE	3.5	W	41	L	1	L	10	W	42	W	23	D	17	
CO	31706792 / R: 850 -> 848			B		W	B		W	B		W			
17	MAXWELL CALE	3.5	L	1	W	41	W	31	L	8	W	25	D	16	
CO	31608284 / R: 809 -> 820			B		W	B		W	B		W			
18	MAXWELL ORION HOWARD	3.0	W	9	L	4	L	28	W	36	W	26	L	8	
CO	30426034 / R: 717 -> 728			B		W	B		W	B		W			
19	PRASID VEMURI	3.0	W	31	L	5	W	24	L	7	W	32	L	13	
CO	30444972 / R: 716 -> 725			B		W	B		W	B		W			
20	ANAY GUPTA	3.0	W	37	L	2	W	29	L	14	L	10	W	34	
CO	31356867 / R: 738 -> 723			W	B		W	B		W	B		W		
21	HUDSON ALEXANDER MCMAHON	3.0	W	44	L	7	W	38	L	15	W	28	L	11	
CO	32203902 / R: 724P5 -> 707P11			B		W	B		W	B		W			
22	RYAN JAMES ALDER	3.0	W	25	L	8	L	23	L	32	W	33	W	37	
CO	31486651 / R: 882P4 -> 698P10			W		B		B		W		B			
23	KIMI ZHANG	3.0	W	43	L	15	W	22	L	11	L	16	W	35	
CO	31684390 / R: 695P19-> 694P25			W	B		W	B		W	B		W		
24	KARTHIK PEDDI	3.0	W	33	L	11	L	19	W	35	W	31	L	12	
CO	31966834 / R: 618P14-> 620P20			W	B		W	B		W	B		W		
25	MIA JIMENEZ	3.0	L	22	W	35	W	30	L	5	L	17	W	38	
CO	30655649 / R: 620 -> 607			B		W	B		W	B		W			
26	MITHA SAKTHISARAVANAN	3.0	L	2	W	37	L	12	W	33	L	18	W	32	
CO	30726311 / R: 503 -> 533			W	B		W	B		W	B		W		
27	RUE AMA WEERAPURA	3.0	L	4	L	9	W	42	L	30	W	39	W	31	
CO	31120859 / R: 518 -> 511			B		W	B		W	B		W			
28	BENJAMIN APPLGATE	3.0	L	7	W	43	W	18	L	29	L	21	W	30	
CO	31690923 / R: 426P6 -> 501P12			W	B		W	B		W	B		W		
29	KRITHVIK RAVI	2.5	W	30	D	10	L	20	W	28	L	13	L	14	
CO	31330496 / R: 646 -> 636			B		W	B		W	B		B			
30	LUIS JASIEL SILLER	2.0	L	29	W	34	L	25	W	27	L	12	L	28	
CO	31717750 / R: Unrated-> 437P6			W	B		W	B		W	B		B		
31	SKANDHA SRIDHAR	2.0	L	19	W	32	L	17	W	40	L	24	L	27	
CO	32259233 / R: Unrated-> 433P6			W	B		W	B		W	B		B		
32	COLTON VONFELDT	2.0	L	5	L	31	W	41	W	22	L	19	L	26	
CO	30997486 / R: 370P12-> 387P18			B		W	B		W	B		W			
33	ETHAN THOMAS DUNN	2.0	L	24	W	36	L	9	L	26	L	22	W	42	
CO	32275558 / R: Unrated-> 364P6			B		W	B		W	B		W			
34	WILLIAM MCCANDLESS	2.0	L	10	L	30	W	39	L	13	W	36	L	20	
WY	31688781 / R: 285P6 -> 324P12			B		W	B		W	B		W			
35	HARRISON CARPENTER	2.0	L	8	L	25	W	37	L	24	W	40	L	23	
WY	31688778 / R: 187P6 -> 286P12			B		W	B		W	B		W			
36	FATIMA MORI	2.0	L	11	L	33	W	44	L	18	L	34	W	40	
WY	30438807 / R: 259P12-> 265P18			W	B		W	B		W	B		W		
37	BRIAN PATRICK ECK II	2.0	L	20	L	26	L	35	W	44	W	42	L	22	
CO	30759601 / R: 105P5 -> 172P11			B		W	B		W	B		W			
38	THEO POLO RIVIEZZO	2.0	L	13	W	40	L	21	L	41	B		L	25	
CO	32162286 / R: 102P8 -> 132P13			B		W	B		W	B			B		
39	AARNAV NAMBURI	2.0	L	12	L	14	L	34	W	43	L	27	B		
CO	31877187 / R: 101P5 -> 131P10			W	B		W	B		W					
40	JAX JALLOH	1.0	L	3	L	38	W	43	L	31	L	35	L	36	
CO	31005099 / R: 493 -> 337			W	B		W	B		W	B		B		
41	VANDER GIANNOTTI	1.0	L	16	L	17	L	32	W	38	U		U		
CO	31012592 / R: 142 -> 161			W	B		W	B							
42	RYAN BOUTELLE	1.0	L	15	W	44	L	27	L	16	L	37	L	33	
WY	32261476 / R: Unrated-> 105P6			W	B		W	B		W	B		B		
43	CADE WITTMAN	0.0	L	23	L	28	L	40	L	39	U		U		
WY	32261554 / R: Unrated-> 101P4			B		W	B		W						
44	AUGUSTINE SANGALIS	0.0	L	21	L	42	L	36	L	37	U		U		
CO	32264660 / R: Unrated-> 101P4			B		W	B		B						



## Section 4 - K-3

Chief TD KARTHIKA SAKTHISARAVANAN

Chf. Asst. TD JESSE COHEN

Pair Num	Player Name USCF ID / Rtg (Pre->Post)	Total Pts	Round 1	Round 2	Round 3	Round 4	Round 5	Round 6	Round 7					
1	VIAAN KHADELWAL CO   31323282 / R: 1100 ->1159	5.5	W	25	W	14	W	2	W	7	W	5	D	3
2	ANISH PANDA CO   31033263 / R: 852 -> 952	5.0	W	20	W	16	L	1	W	18	W	7	W	5
3	SRII RUPPESH BEZAWADA CO   31348115 / R: 1231 ->1194	4.5	W	11	W	17	L	13	W	10	W	14	D	1
4	VEIYAA BALAJEE CO   31362388 / R: 814 -> 859	4.5	W	21	W	10	L	5	W	15	W	13	D	8
5	RUSHIITHA BEZAWADA CO   31982625 / R: 1054 ->1035	4.0	W	12	W	8	W	4	W	13	L	1	L	2
6	ELLA ZHANG CO   31528580 / R: 889 -> 877	4.0	W	22	W	15	L	7	U		W	12	W	18
7	DYLAN ALBERT KOVACS CO   30425364 / R: 550 -> 772	4.0	W	28	W	9	W	6	L	1	L	2	W	13
8	KRISH J RAVI CO   31330508 / R: 720 -> 744	4.0	W	24	L	5	D	22	W	21	W	11	D	4
9	SRIRAM GORIPARTHI CO   31074318 / R: 763 -> 736	4.0	W	31	L	7	W	18	L	11	W	19	W	15
10	ISAAC BEGLEE CO   31764729 / R: 702 -> 715	4.0	W	33	L	4	W	16	L	3	W	21	W	20
11	REBECCA EIRIAN MADEL DAVID WY   31530738 / R: 401P16-> 598P22	4.0	L	3	W	27	W	30	W	9	L	8	W	14
12	GRIFFIN CHAN CO   32002088 / R: 472P4 -> 510P10	3.5	L	5	D	29	W	31	W	23	L	6	W	22
13	LAKE YANG CO   30707950 / R: 844 -> 825	3.0	W	30	W	26	W	3	L	5	L	4	L	7
14	JIYAN SATHISHKUMAR CO   31085773 / R: 658 -> 659	3.0	W	29	L	1	W	20	W	24	L	3	L	11
15	LAURA HAYDEN WY   30995364 / R: 551P6 -> 557P12	3.0	W	32	L	6	W	26	L	4	W	16	L	9
16	GRAY BASS CO   31561926 / R: Unrated-> 550P6	3.0	W	19	L	2	L	10	W	25	L	15	W	23
17	DUNCAN COBALT HOWARD CO   30544856 / R: 575 -> 520	3.0	W	27	L	3	L	21	W	22	L	20	W	29
18	BAILEY SMITH WY   30995805 / R: 504P6 -> 517P12	3.0	W	34	W	23	L	9	L	2	W	26	L	6
19	JJ MERRITT CO   30510427 / R: 518 -> 457	3.0	L	16	L	20	B		W	30	L	9	W	27
20	RUVAANSH ROHITH GOWDA CO   31707106 / R: 271P8 -> 385P14	3.0	L	2	W	19	L	14	W	32	W	17	L	10
21	JACOB CHIRCHIR WY   30995919 / R: 253P6 -> 363P11	3.0	L	4	B		W	17	L	8	L	10	W	28
22	JOSHUA NORTH CO   30941618 / R: 317P14-> 346P20	2.5	L	6	W	32	D	8	L	17	W	29	L	12
23	MICAH KAI CORBETT CO   31004195 / R: 333P17-> 341P22	2.5	H		L	18	W	29	L	12	W	25	L	16
24	AIDEN NISHANTH CO   32160228 / R: 665P5 -> 577P9	2.0	L	8	W	31	W	25	L	14	U		U	
25	EMBER SKINNER CO   31899479 / R: 330P5 -> 300P11	2.0	L	1	W	28	L	24	L	16	L	23	W	33
26	KNOX JALLOH CO   31005114 / R: 213P15-> 228P19	2.0	B		L	13	L	15	W	27	L	18	U	
27	DAYLAN GIUSEPPE ROSENBERG ADAMIK CO   31610226 / R: Unrated-> 215P6	2.0	L	17	L	11	W	28	L	26	W	32	L	19
28	DREYKEN RATCLIFF WY   32280427 / R: Unrated-> 145P6	2.0	L	7	L	25	L	27	W	33	W	31	L	21
29	SAMUEL LONG WY   32261399 / R: Unrated-> 209P6	1.5	L	14	D	12	L	23	W	31	L	22	L	17
30	XANDER CROSSMAN WY   32261521 / R: Unrated-> 264P4	1.0	L	13	W	33	L	11	L	19	U		U	
31	ALEKSANDAR BURSE WY   32261407 / R: Unrated-> 105P6	1.0	L	9	L	24	L	12	L	29	L	28	W	32
32	ARKA V YELASWARAPU CO   32275537 / R: Unrated-> 105P6	1.0	L	15	L	22	W	33	L	20	L	27	L	31
33	AISHA BAIMISHOVA CO   32273936 / R: Unrated-> 101P5	1.0	L	10	L	30	L	32	L	28	B		L	25
34	SEBASTIAN MORRIS-STEARNS	0.0	L	18	U		U		U		U		U	

## Games from the State Scholastic Championships

## ROUND 6

AMITAI SEBBA 1899

GRAYSON MANUEL 1912

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nd2 Nf6 4.e5 Nfd7  
5.Bd3 c5 6.c3 Nc6 7.Ne2 cxd4 8.cxd4 f6  
9.exf6 Nxf6 10.Nf3 Bd6 11.0-0 Qc7  
12.Bg5 0-0 13.Bh4 Nh5 14.Qc2 h6  
15.Bh7+ Kh8 16.Bg6 Rxf3 17.Bxh5 Rf8  
18.Bg3 Bd7 19.Rac1 Rad8 20.Rfe1 e5  
21.dxe5 Bxe5 22.Nd4 Bxg3 23.hxg3 Qd6  
24.Rcd1 Qf6 25.Qd2 Ne5 26.Qf4 Qxf4  
27.gxf4 Nc6 28.g3 Rf6 29.Bf3 Nxd4  
30.Rxd4 Bc6 31.Re5 Rfd6 32.Kf1 Kg8  
33.Rf5 g6 34.Re5 Kf7 35.g4 Kf6 36.g5+  
hxg5 37.Rxg5 b6 38.Kg2 Bb7 39.Kg3 Rh8  
40.Be2 Rh1 41.Kg2 Rh4 42.Rg3 Rd7  
43.Bd3 Rg7 44.f3 Rh8 45.Bc2 Re8 46.Kf2  
Ba6 47.Bd3 Bxd3 48.Rxd3 Rd7 49.Rg1  
Rh8 50.Rg2 Rc8 51.Ke3 Rc4 52.Rgd2 Ke6  
53.Rg2 Kf6 54.Rg5 d4+ 55.Ke4 Rc1  
56.Rd5 Rxd5 57.Kxd5 Rc2 58.Rb3 Rd2  
59.Ke4 Rd1 60.Rb4 d3 61.Rd4 d2 62.Ke3  
Ra1 63.Kxd2 Rxa2 64.Kc3 Ra1 65.Rd7  
Ra4 66.Rd6+ Kf5 67.Rc6 Rxf4 68.Rc7  
Ra4 69.Kd3 Kf4 70.Rf7+ Kg5 71.Re7 0-1



DEREK YIN 1880

VEDANTH PEESAPATY 1789

1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.Nc3 dxe4 4.Nxe4 Nf6  
5.Nxf6+ exf6 6.Nf3 Bd6 7.Bd3 Bg4 8.Be3  
0-0 9.0-0 Re8 10.c4 Nd7 11.h3 Bh5  
12.Rc1 Rc8 13.a3 a6 14.Be2 Nf8 15.Re1  
Qd7 16.d5 Bb8 17.dxc6 Qxc6 18.Nd4  
Bxe2 19.Qxe2 Qc7 20.g3 Ng6 21.Rc2 Ba7  
22.c5 Qd7 23.Qg4 Qxg4 24.hxg4 Rxc5  
25.Rxc5 Bxc5 26.Rc1 Bxd4 27.Bxd4 h6  
28.f4 Re7 29.Kf2 Rd7 30.Be3 Nf8 31.Ke3  
Ne6 32.Rc2 Nc7 33.Ba5 Nb5 34.Rc8+  
Kh7 35.Rc4 Na7 36.Rc7 Rxc7 37.Bxc7  
Nc6 38.Ke4 g6 39.Kd5 f5 40.gxf5 Ne7+  
41.Kc5 Nc8 42.fxg6+ Kxg6 43.Bd8 h5  
44.Kd5 Kf5 45.Bh4 f6 46.b4 Ne7+ 47.Kd6  
Ng6 48.Kc7 Nxh4 49.gxh4 Kxf4 50.Kxb7  
Kg4 51.Kxa6 f5 52.b5 f4 53.b6 f3 54.b7 f2  
55.b8Q f1Q+ 56.Ka5 ½-½

JOHN SCHOENKE 1686

ABHIJAY BALAMURUGAN 1530

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.Bc4 Bc5  
5.d3 h6 6.0-0 d6 7.h3 0-0 8.Be3 Bb6  
9.Qd2 Be6 10.Bb3 Nd4 11.Bxd4 Bxd4  
12.Nxd4 exd4 13.Ne2 c5 14.f4 Qb6 15.f5  
Bxb3 16.axb3 Rfe8 17.Nf4 Re5 18.Kh1 d5  
19.Nxd5 Nxd5 20.exd5 Qf6 21.Qf4 Qe7

22.f6 Qxf6 ½-½

LEIF MCFADDEN 1669

BENJAMIN SIMBERG 1677

1.e4 e5 2.f4 d6 3.Nf3 Nc6 4.Bc4 Bg4 5.0-0  
Nf6 6.d3 Nd4 7.Nbd2 b5 8.Bb3 Nxb3  
9.axb3 Be7 10.h3 Bc8 11.Qe1 0-0 12.Kh1  
exf4 13.Nb1 Nh5 14.Nc3 Ng3+ 15.Kg1  
Nxf1 16.Qxf1 c6 17.Bxf4 Bf6 18.Qf2 b4  
19.Na4 Qe7 20.Qg3 Rd8 21.Nb6 axb6  
22.Rxa8 Qb7 23.Ra2 Be7 24.Ra1 c5  
25.Nd2 b5 26.Rf1 Be6 27.Nf3 c4 28.Nd4  
Qd7 29.bxc4 bxc4 30.Bg5 Bxg5 31.Qxg5  
h6 32.Qf4 cxd3 33.cxd3 Qa7 34.Qf2 Rc8  
35.Nf5 Qxf2+ 36.Rxf2 Rd8 37.g4 b3  
38.Rd2 Kf8 39.Kf2 d5 40.Ke3 Rc8 41.Nd4  
dxe4 42.Nxe6+ fxe6 43.dxe4 Ke7 44.Rd3  
Rb8 45.Kd4 Rb4+ 46.Kc5 Rxe4 47.Rxb3  
Re2 48.Rb7+ Kf6 49.b4 Rc2+ 50.Kd4 e5+  
51.Kd3 Rh2 52.Ke4 Re2+ 53.Kf3 Re1  
54.Rb8 Rb1 55.b5 Rb3+ 56.Kg2 e4 57.b6  
Rb2+ 58.Kg3 Rb3+ 59.Kf4 e3 60.Kf3 Kg5  
61.Re8 Kf6 62.Rb8 ½-½

COLE STRONG 1689

RAGUL THIYAGARAJAN 1654

1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 Bf5 4.Nf3 e6 5.Bd3  
Bxd3 6.Qxd3 h6 7.0-0 Ne7 8.Re1 Nf5  
9.Nbd2 Nd7 10.Nf1 g5 11.g4 Ng7 12.Ng3  
Be7 13.h3 Qc7 14.c3 c5 15.a4 c4 16.Qc2  
a5 17.Bd2 Nb8 18.Nh2 Nc6 19.f4 gxf4  
20.Bxf4 Bg5 21.Qd2 Qe7 22.Nf3 Bh4  
23.Kg2 Bxg3 24.Kxg3 Kd7 25.Bxh6 Rag8  
26.Bg5 Qf8 27.Qf4 Ne8 28.Bf6 Nxf6  
29.exf6 Rg6 30.Ne5+ Nxe5 31.dxe5 Qc5  
32.Qd4 Qf8 33.h4 Qh6 34.g5 Rxg5+  
35.Kh3 Rh5 36.Re4 Rf5 37.Rg4 Rf3+  
38.Kg2 Rd3 39.Qf4 Rd2+ 40.Kf3 Ke8 ½-½

TANYA PRABHU 1782

REYANSH AGARWAL 1832

1.e4 Nf6 2.e5 Nd5 3.c4 Nb6 4.d4 d6  
5.exd6 cxd6 6.Nf3 g6 7.Be3 Bg7 8.Nc3  
Nc6 9.h3 Bf5 10.Bd3 Bxd3 11.Qxd3 Rc8  
12.Nd5 Nxd5 13.cxd5 Nb8 14.0-0 0-0  
15.Rfc1 Qb6 16.b3 Nd7 17.Rc4 Nf6  
18.Rac1 Rcd8 19.Bg5 Rd7 20.Bxf6 Bxf6  
21.R1c2 a6 22.a4 Qa7 23.Nd2 Qa8 24.Ne4  
Bg7 25.Qc3 f5 26.Ng5 Bf6 27.Ne6 Rb8  
28.Rc8+ Rxc8 29.Qxc8+ Qxc8 30.Rxc8+  
Kf7 31.Rf8# 1-0



KRISH MATHIMARAN 1675

DARSHAN SATISHKUMAR 1641

1.c4 e6 2.Nc3 d5 3.cxd5 exd5 4.d4 Nf6  
5.Bg5 Be7 6.Nf3 c6 7.e3 Bf5 8.Bd3 Bxd3  
9.Qxd3 Nbd7 10.Rc1 Nb6 11.0-0 0-0  
12.Ne2 Rc8 13.Ng3 Ne4 14.Bxe7 Qxe7  
15.Nd2 Nxd2 16.Qxd2 Nc4 17.Qc2 b6  
18.b3 Nd6 19.Qd3 Rc7 20.Rc2 Rfc8  
21.Rfc1 Qe6 22.Ne2 Ne4 23.Nf4 Qd7  
24.h3 h6 25.f3 Nf6 26.e4 dxe4 27.fxe4  
Re8 28.e5 Nd5 29.Qg3 Nxf4 30.Qxf4 Rd8  
31.Rd2 Qe6 32.Rc3 Rcd7 33.b4 f6 34.Re3  
Re8 35.Rde2 Red8 36.Rg3 f5 37.Rd2 c5  
38.Rgd3 cxd4 39.Rxd4 Rxd4 40.Rxd4  
Rxd4 41.Qxd4 Kf7 42.Qb2 ½-½



HENRY KOVACS 1779

TARUN KARTHIKEYAN 1330

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.d3 h6 5.0-0  
Nf6 6.c3 0-0 7.Be3 Bb6 8.Nbd2 d5  
9.Bxb6 axb6 10.exd5 Nxd5 11.Re1 Nf4  
12.Nxe5 Nxe5 13.Rxe5 Nxd3 14.Rd5  
Nxb2 15.Rxd8 Nxd1 16.Rxf8+ Kxf8  
17.Rxd1 Bf5 18.Nf3 Ra3 19.Nd4 Bd7  
20.Bb3 Ra5 21.Nc2 Bf5 22.Ne3 Bg6  
23.Rd7 Rc5 24.Nd5 Ke8 25.Rxc7 Ra5  
26.Rxb7 Be4 27.Re7+ Kd8 28.Rxe4 Rc5  
29.g3 f5 30.Rd4 Ke8 31.Nxb6 Rxc3  
32.Kg2 g5 33.Nd5 Rc5 34.h4 g4 35.Nf4  
Ke7 36.Rd5 Rc6 37.Rxf5 Ke8 38.Re5+  
Kd8 39.Re6 Rc7 40.Rxh6 Kc8 41.Rg6  
Kb7 42.Rxg4 Re7 43.h5 Rh7 44.Rg6 Kc7  
45.Rg7+ Rxg7 46.Ne6+ Kd6 47.Nxg7 Kd5  
1-0

KAAVYA SAKTHISARAVANAN 1768

RYAN HAJJALI 1240

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.a3 Bxc3+  
5.bxc3 c5 6.f3 d5 7.e3 b6 8.cxd5 exd5  
9.Bd3 Bb7 10.Ne2 0-0 11.0-0 Nbd7  
12.Ng3 h5 13.Ra2 Re8 14.Re2 Nf8 15.Qe1  
Ne6 16.Bb2 Rc8 17.Qf2 a5 18.e4 Nf4  
19.Bb5 Nxe2+ 20.Qxe2 Bc6 21.Ba6 Rb8  
22.Bd3 dxe4 23.fxe4 h4 24.Nh5 Nxh5  
25.Qxh5 g6 26.Qf3 Qe7 27.d5 Bxd5  
28.exd5 Qe3+ 29.Qxe3 Rxe3 30.Bb5 Rd8  
31.c4 Re2 32.Bf6 Rd6 33.Bxh4 g5 34.Bg3  
1-0

## Colorado Closed Championships

*By Earle Wikle*

The closed championship was held March 7-9 at the Sheraton. Despite the delayed start due to terrible weather Friday night, the tournament had great competition. For the past three years the tournament has produced a new Colorado Master. Well this year it was not the championship section but the challenger section. PATRICK ZIJLSTRA finished with a perfect 5-0 score to make his rating go to 2216 with 20 provisional games. Five more games at master level and he will have achieved his USCF Master certificate. Maybe that will be soon.

Thank you to all the players and Congratulations to all the winners. Here is the top finisher per section:

- 1 **NM GRIFFIN MCCONNELL** 4 : 1st Championship  
 2 **LM SULLIVA MCCONNELL** 3½ : 2nd Championhip  
 3 **NM EAMON MONTGOMERY** 3½ : 2nd Championship

- 1 **PATRICK ZIJLSTRA** 5 : 1st Challenger  
 2 **NM DANIEL HERMAN** 3 : 2nd Challenger

- 1 **AMITAI SEBBA** 3½ : 1st Scholastic Closed  
 2 **GRAYSON MANUEL** 3 : 2nd Scholastic Closed  
 3 **SHUBH MISRA** 3 : 2nd Scholastic Closed  
 4 **TANYA PRABHU** 3 : 2nd Scholastic Closed

- 1 **KRISH MATHIMARAN** 3½ : 1st-2nd Scholastic Challenger  
 2 **JOHN SCHOENKE** 3½ : 1st-2nd Scholastic Challenger



**NM Griffin McConnell**

### 2025 COLORADO CLOSED CHAMPIONSHIPS Cross Tables

Chief TD EARLE P WIKLE  
 Chief Ast. TD SHIRLEY HERMAN

#### Section 1 - 2025 COLORADO CLOSED CHAMPIONSHIP

Pair Num	Player Name USCF ID / Rtg (Pre->Post)	Total Pts	Round 1	Round 2	Round 3	Round 4	Round 5
1	GRIFFIN THOMAS MCCONNELL CO   14692997 / R: 2177 ->2215	4.0	W	2L	3W	5W	6W 4
2	SULLIVAN MAC MCCONNELL CO   14696346 / R: 2342 ->2341	3.5	L	1W	6W	4W	5D 3
3	EAMON CURCHIN MONTGOMERY CO   15755701 / R: 2264 ->2273	3.5	D	5W	1W	6D	4D 2
4	RHETT LANGSETH CO   13392987 / R: 2107 ->2124	2.5	W	6W	5L	2D	3L 1
5	MATTHEW WOFFORD CO   12812582 / R: 2162 ->2151	1.5	D	3L	4L	1L	2W 6
6	BRIAN D WALL CO   10923344 / R: 2200 ->2200	0.0	L	4L	2L	3L	1L 5

#### Section 2 - 2025 COLORADO CLOSED CHALLENGER

Pair Num	Player Name USCF ID / Rtg (Pre->Post)	Total Pts	Round 1	Round 2	Round 3	Round 4	Round 5
1	PATRICK JAN ZIJLSTRA CO   31983589 / R: 2046P15->2216P20	5.0	W	4W	3W	2W	6W 5
2	DANIEL HERMAN CO   14345456 / R: 2175 ->2169	3.0	W	6D	5L	1W	3D 4
3	LUIS ALBERTO DE AVILA CO   15806097 / R: 2021 ->2030	2.5	W	5L	1W	4L	2D 6
4	CHRISTOPHER MOTLEY CO   16231534 / R: 1970 ->1989	2.5	L	1W	6L	3W	5D 2
5	ROBERT BUCHOLTZ CO   12698120 / R: 2050 ->2032	1.5	L	3D	2W	6L	4L 1
6	ALEXANDER STEGER CO   12597213 / R: 2041 ->2002	0.5	L	2L	4L	5L	1D 3

#### Section 3 - 2025 COLORADO CLOSED SCHOLASTIC CHAMPIONSHIP

Pair Num	Player Name USCF ID / Rtg (Pre->Post)	Total Pts	Round 1	Round 2	Round 3	Round 4	Round 5
1	AMITAI SEBBA CO   15807085 / R: 1888 ->1905	3.5	D	5L	2W	4W	3W 6
2	GRAYSON MANUEL CO   16746206 / R: 1954 ->1945	3.0	D	6W	1D	3W	5L 4
3	SHUBH MISRA CO   16824026 / R: 1877 ->1884	3.0	D	4W	6D	2L	1W 5
4	TANYA GURPUR MADKE PRABHU CO   16349446 / R: 1776 ->1810	3.0	D	3D	5L	1W	6W 2
5	VEDANT PRAVIN MARGALE CO   16018722 / R: 1852 ->1837	2.0	D	1D	4W	6L	2L 3
6	REYANSH AGARWAL CO   30165332 / R: 1722 ->1692	0.5	D	2L	3L	5L	4L 1

#### Section 4 - 2025 COLORADO CLOSED SCHOLASTIC CHALLENGER

Pair Num	Player Name USCF ID / Rtg (Pre->Post)	Total Pts	Round 1	Round 2	Round 3	Round 4	Round 5
1	JOHN SCHOENKE CO   30689481 / R: 1787 ->1802	3.5	D	2D	3D	6W	4W 5
2	KRISH MATHIMARAN CO   30150019 / R: 1786 ->1800	3.5	D	1D	4D	3W	5W 6
3	HENRY WALLACE KOVACS CO   17262461 / R: 1746 ->1741	2.5	D	5D	1D	2D	6D 4
4	FELIX MCMILLAN CO   30251494 / R: 1684 ->1695	2.5	W	6D	2D	5L	1D 3
5	ASHWIN MATHIMARAN CO   17295785 / R: 1531 ->1571	2.0	D	3W	6D	4L	2L 1
6	KAAYVA SAKTHISARAVANAN CO   16909357 / R: 1803 ->1744	1.0	L	4L	5D	1D	3L 2



## Games from the Colorado Closed Championships

### ROUND 5

**CM RHETT LANGSETH 2165**

**NM GRIFFIN MCCONNELL 2202**

1.d3 d5 2.e4 dxe4 3.dxe4 Qxd1+ 4.Kxd1  
Nc6 5.Be3 Nf6 6.f3 e5 7.Bc4 Na5 8.Bb5+  
c6 9.Bd2 cxb5 10.Bxa5 Be6 11.Bd2 0-0-0  
12.a3 Bc5 13.Ne2 Rd7 14.b3 Rhd8 15.Kc1  
Ne8 16.Nec3 Nc7 17.Re1 a5 18.Re2 f6  
19.Na2 a4 20.Kb2 axb3 21.cxb3 Rd3  
22.Bc3 Na6 23.Rd2 Bg1 24.Rxd3 Rxd3  
25.Kc2 Rd8 26.h3 Nc5 27.Nc1 h5 28.Nd2  
Be3 29.Rb1 b6 30.b4 Na4 31.Nf1 Nxc3  
32.Kxc3 Bd4+ 33.Kc2 Kb7 34.Ne2 Bf2  
35.Nc3 Bc4 36.Nd5 Bxd5 37.exd5 Rxd5  
38.Rd1 Kc6 39.Rc1 f5 40.Kb3+ Kd7  
41.Rc2 Rd3+ 42.Ka2 Bd4 43.Rd2 Rxd2+  
44.Nxd2 Kc6 45.Kb3 Kd5 46.a4 bxa4+  
47.Kxa4 e4 48.fxe4+ fxe4 49.Kb5 e3  
50.Nf3 e2 51.Ka6 Bf2 52.Kb5 e1Q  
53.Nxe1 Bxe1 54.g4 h4 55.Kxb6 Bxb4  
56.Kc7 g5 57.Kd7 Ke4 58.Ke6 Bc3  
59.Kf7 Kf3 60.Kg6 Bd2 61.Kf5 Kg2  
62.Ke4 Kxh3 63.Kf3 Be1 64.Ke2 Kg2  
65.Ke3 h3 66.Ke4 h2 67.Kf5 Bd2 68.Kg6  
h1Q 69.Kf5 Qe1 70.Kg6 Qe6+ 71.Kh5  
Ba5 72.Kxg5 Bd2+ 73.Kh4 Qh6# 0-1

**LM BRIAN WALL 2200**

**NM MATTHEW WOFFORD 2185**

1.Nf3 Nf6 2.g3 d5 3.c4 dxc4 4.Qa4+ Nbd7  
5.Bg2 e6 6.0-0 a6 7.Qxc4 b5 8.Qc2 Bb7  
9.b3 c5 10.Bb2 Be7 11.d3 0-0 12.Nbd2  
Qb6 13.Rac1 Rac8 14.Ne5 Bxg2 15.Kxg2  
Nxe5 16.Bxe5 Nd5 17.Nf3 f6 18.Bb2 e5  
19.Kg1 Qe6 20.a4 Nb4 21.Qd1 Rfd8  
22.axb5 0-1

**NM EAMON MONTGOMERY 2246**

**LM SULLIVA MCCONNELL 2302**

1.d4 d5 2.c4 Nc6 3.Nf3 Bg4 4.Bg5 Nf6  
5.Nc3 Ne4 6.h3 Bxf3 7.exf3 Nxc3 8.bxc3  
Na5 9.Bd3 Nxc4 10.Bxc4 dxc4 11.Qa4+  
c6 12.Qxc4 Qd5 13.Qxd5 cxd5 14.Kd2 e6  
15.Rhb1 b6 16.a4 Bd6 17.a5 Kd7 18.axb6  
axb6 19.Rxa8 Rxa8 20.Rxb6 Ra2+ 21.Ke1  
Ra1+ 22.Ke2 Ra2+ 23.Ke1 Ra1+ 24.Ke2  
1/2-1/2

**PATRICK ZIJLSTRA 2046**

**ROBERT BUCHOLTZ 2050**

1.d4 d5 2.Bf4 c5 3.Nf3 Nc6 4.e3 cxd4  
5.exd4 Bg4 6.c3 Qb6 7.b3 Nf6 8.Bd3 e6  
9.0-0 Be7 10.h3 Bh5 11.Nbd2 0-0 12.g4  
Bg6 13.Bxg6 hxg6 14.Ne5 Rfd8 15.Ndf3  
Ne4 16.Qd3 Rac8 17.Rfe1 Ba3 18.Rc2 a5  
19.Nxc6 Qxc6 20.Ne5 Qe8 21.f3 Nd6  
22.Kg2 g5 23.Bg3 f6 24.Ng6 Kf7 25.h4  
gxh4 26.Nxh4 Ke7 27.Re1 Kd7 28.Rce2  
Qf7 29.Bxd6 Bxd6 30.Qb5+ 1-0

**NM DANIEL HERMAN 2114**

**CHRIS MOTLEY 1961**

1.Nf3 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.b4 Bg7 4.Bb2 0-0  
5.g3 b6 6.Bg2 Bb7 7.0-0 c5 8.b5 d5 9.cxd5  
Bxd5 10.Nc3 Bb7 11.Qc2 Qc7 12.Rac1

Nbd7 13.Qb1 Rad8 14.d3 Qb8 15.Qa1 Qa8  
16.a4 Ne5 17.Ne1 c4 18.Bxb7 Qxb7 19.d4  
Neg4 20.Nf3 Ne4 21.Nxe4 Qxe4 22.Rfe1  
Rc8 23.h3 Nh6 24.Nd2 Qe6 25.Kg2 Nf5  
26.e4 Nd6 27.d5 Bxb2 28.Qxb2 c3  
29.Rxc3 Qe5 30.Rc2 Qxb2 31.Rxb2 Nc4  
32.Ra2 Nxd2 33.Rxd2 Rc4 34.e5 Rxa4  
35.d6 exd6 36.exd6 Rd8 37.Re7 Kf8  
38.Rc7 a6 39.bxa6 Rxa6 40.Rb7 b5 41.d7  
Ke7 42.Re2+ Re6 43.Rxe6+ Kxe6  
44.Rxb5 Rxd7 45.h4 h5 46.Ra5 Ke5 1/2-1/2



*Patrick Zijlstra—Challenger 1st place*

**ALEXANDER STEGER 2117**

**LUIS ALB DE AVILA 2021**

1.e4 c5 2.c3 Nf6 3.e5 Nd5 4.Nf3 1/2-1/2

**GRAYSON MANUEL 1906**

**TANYA PRABHU 1794**

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 d5 4.cxd5 exd5  
5.Bg5 c6 6.Qc2 Be6 7.e3 Bd6 8.Bd3 Nbd7  
9.f4 Nb6 10.Nf3 Be7 11.0-0 Ng4 12.Bxe7  
Qxe7 13.Rae1 0-0-0 14.Na4 Nxa4  
15.Qxa4 Kb8 16.b4 Rc8 17.Ne5 h5  
18.Qb3 Nxe5 19.fxe5 Rh6 20.a4 f6  
21.exf6 Rxf6 22.Rf3 Rf5 23.Rxf5 Qf6  
24.Rxf6 0-1

**REYANSH AGARWAL 1832**

**AMITAI SEBBA 1865**

1.e4 c5 2.b4 cxb4 3.a3 d5 4.e5 d4 5.f4 e6  
6.Nf3 Nc6 7.Bd3 Nge7 8.Ng5 Ng6 9.Qh5  
Nce7 10.g4 h6 11.Nxf7 Kxf7 12.0-0 Kg8  
13.Bxg6 Nxg6 14.Qxg6 d3 15.Qxd3 Bc5+  
16.Kg2 Qxd3 17.cxd3 Bd4 18.Ra2 b3  
19.Rb2 Bxb2 20.Bxb2 Bd7 21.Nc3 Bc6+  
22.Kg3 Rd8 23.Rf2 Rxd3+ 24.Kh4 g5+  
25.fxg5 hxg5+ 26.Kxg5 Rh7 27.Nd1 Rdh3  
28.Rf6 Rg7+ 29.Rg6 Rxg6+ 30.Kxg6  
Rxh2 31.Bc3 Bf3 32.Ne3 Rxd2 0-1



*Amitai Sebba  
Scholastic Closed 1st place*

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**Round 1:**

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**Round 5:**

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*John Schoenke  
Scholastic Challenger Tied first place*



*Krish Mathimaran  
Scholastic Challenger Tied first place*





## Denver Chess Club Spring Classic

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### So many sections, so many prize winners.

Note that all the pictures used in this report were taken by John Brezina. Also, the photos are not necessarily related to the text but were selected mainly to show the incredible range of people who play chess.



*Of course, I had to use another room shot to show the record attendance :-)*

Another DCC record tournament registration. The inaugural DCC Spring Classic in 2023 attracted a not bad 90 players. Last year, 138 players signed up. This year, 164 players registered to participate with high hopes of winning a share of the over 5000 dollar prize fund. Over because DCC President Earle Wikle announced in the TLA that if more than 135 registered the prize fund would grow and did it ever. 6000 dollars was paid out to the winners by DCC Treasurer Niall Case. If a prize winner could not wait for the last round to finish, Mr. Case would have the prize check in the mail the next day. 27 players went home with money in their pocket, or in their mailbox within a few days. Any amount won over the entry fee I consider to be free money, and with six sections, every player has a chance for that free money.



*Last room shot, i promise :-)*

All that said, the truth is most players are gladly paying an entry fee just to test their skill or to gain USCF rating points. Trying to move up to the next higher USCF rating bracket. Simply because to do that results in a real sense of accomplishment. I've

been a "b" player for 40 years and only have a 1600 floor because I briefly went over 1800 many, many years ago. Yet, the fascination with chess remains. No bells, no whistles, no cards, no dice, and everything is in plain sight, and still, I usually have no idea what the best move is in any given position all these years later.



*Everyone who plays chess in Colorado knows who this is:  
Mr. Colorado chess, Brian Wall*

So then, on to who won what at the 2025 DCC Spring Classic. In the Premier Section, only Rhett Langseth held Sullivan McConnell to a draw in Round 4, and Sullivan won all his other games. Ending up tied with Eamon Montgomery, who only gave up a draw to Kayie Zang in Round 3. Rhett and Sullivan both took home the tidy sum of 657 dollars and 57 cents.



*Dean Brown is another player who has been playing in Colorado since forever*

Rhett Langseth, a USCF Candidate Master, tied for 3rd place with Jason Nigatu and Emmett Lignell. Each player scored 4 points, but Mr. Nigatu's (1869) other than in round 1, were all upset wins. Namely, against Griffin McConnell (2177), Brian Wall (2204), and a last round draw against Mr. Langseth (2154).

Mr. Lignell's points were also Upsets, but all were less than a 100 point rating difference. Just my arbitrary definition of not a real Upset. Nevertheless, Jason, Rhett, and Emmett each won 213 dollars and 13 cents. Jermei Roldan (1821) won the 115 dollar Upset Prize for his Round 1 win against Daniel Herman (2168).



*This youngster, Jason Nigatu, will likely be playing chess in Colorado forever....*



*....and it's likely this youngster will too  
Charlie Kovacs*

In the U1800 section with a 1st round forfeit win (his opponent didn't show up) Henry Kovacs went on to take 1st place and win 450 dollars with 4.5 points. Only allowing a last round draw to John Schoenke. . Mr. Schoenke finished with 4 points and took home 350 dollars. Ethan Crane won the 3rd place prize of 250 dollars with 3.5 points. The 115 dollar U1800 Upset Prize was won by Adan Dawdy (1525) for his Round 1 win over Charlie Zetterower (1733)

This kid looks like he has some experience.

Unrated Vincent Kiftenbled ruled the U1600 section. Only allowing a Round 1 draw to Owen Christ, and otherwise winning all his games, to take home 400 dollars. Rohan David scored 4 points and won the 2nd place prize of 260 dollars. Jack





*Henry Kovacs looks like he has some experience*

Unrated Vincent Kittenbled ruled the U1600 section. Only allowing a Round 1 draw to Owen Christ, and otherwise winning all his games, to take home 400 dollars. Rohan David scored 4 points and won the 2nd place prize of 260 dollars. Jack Gottlibe and James LaMorgese each won 75 dollars by scoring 3.5 points. Karthick Sakthisaravanan won the 115 dollar Upset Prize when she won against Mr. Gottlibe in Round 4.



*This gentleman has probably been playing since before he could grow a beard*

In the U1400 section again, an Unrated player took 1st place. Jothan Buck had a last round bye and won all his other games to take home 375 dollars. Truan Karthikeyan, Zander Mcelhinney, and Jonathan Olson all finished with 4 points and each player won 95 dollars. Jonathan Reinhard (893) won the 115 dollar Upset prize when he won against Carter Worcester (1300) in round 4.



*Joe Aragon didn't have a mustache when he started playing chess*

Simon Steel scored a perfect 5-0 to take 1st place in the U1200 section and win 350 dollars. Eric Zhang (654) took 2nd place by winning against higher rated players in every round, to end up with 4.5 points and take home 230 dollars. Big bucks and lots of rating points makes a good tournament. Jude Heffern won the 3rd place prize of 115 dollars with 4 points. Rishabh Nair and James Goodin share the 170 dollar U1000 prize. The 115 dollar Upset prize was won by Tyler Amick (451) for his Round 2. win over Frank Atwood (945).



*Shirley Herman is improving her game by leaps and bounds*

See all of John Brezina's fine photography:

**Round 2:**

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**Round 5:**

<https://photos.app.goo.gl/BWYW7oqmBQ5WcuVRA>

So many sections, so many prize winners. DCC President Earle Wikle spreads the prize money as far and wide as possible in all the DCC tournaments he arranges and directs along with TD Peter Barley. Thank you both, and especially thanks to the players who play in DCC tournaments. Congratulations to all the prize winners. Chris Peterson plans to select a Best Game from the DGT boards and add it here when he has time apart from his medical school studies.

*Thanks again to all,  
J.C. MacNeil*



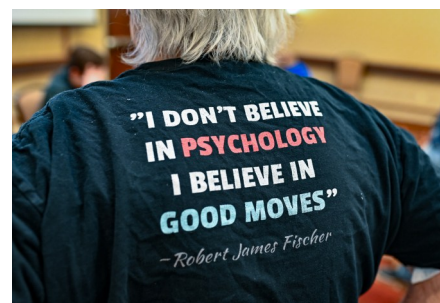
*DCC Manager J.C. MacNeil*



*Eamon Montgomery tied for first in the Premier section*



*Sullivan McConnell tied for first in the Premier section*





**DCC SPRING CLASSIC 2025 Cross Tables**

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 Chief TD EARLE P WIKLE  
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**Section 1-Open**

Pair Num	Player Name USCF ID / Rtg (Pre->Post)	Total Pts	Round 1	Round 2	Round 3	Round 4	Round 5
1	SULLIVAN MAC MCCONNELL CO   14696346 / R: 2336 ->2339	4.5	W	38 W	45 W	12 D	3 W 8
2	EAMON CURCHIN MONTGOMERY CO   15755701 / R: 2257 ->2259	4.5	W	19 W	33 D	10 W	13 W 9
3	RHETT LANGSETH CO   13392987 / R: 2118 ->2130	4.0	W	39 W	15 W	22 D	1 D 4
4	JASON NIGATU CO   30595735 / R: 1869 ->1978	4.0	W	30 W	44 H	W	6 D 3
5	EMMETT LIGNELL CO   30624060 / R: 1805 ->1878	4.0	L	9 W	43 W	33 W	23 W 19
6	BRIAN D WALL CO   10923344 / R: 2200 ->2200	3.5	W	46 D	16 W	26 L	4 W 20
7	DANIEL HERMAN CO   14345456 / R: 2152 ->2139	3.5	L	15 W	14 W	45 D	25 W 24
8	MATTHEW WOFFORD CO   12812582 / R: 2137 ->2137	3.5	D	26 W	27 W	23 W	10 L 1
9	CHRISTOPHER MOTLEY CO   16231534 / R: 1991 ->2008	3.5	W	5 W	17 H	W	29 L 2
10	KYLIE ZHANG WA   16733661 / R: 1899 ->1943	3.5	W	41 W	11 D	2 L	8 W 25
11	TANYA GURPUR MADKE PRABHU CO   16349446 / R: 1810 ->1856	3.5	W	21 L	10 D	24 W	40 W 29
12	SKANDER BAKER-NAGAR CO   16973491 / R: 2006 ->2004	3.0	W	18 W	25 L	1 L	20 W 33
13	BRAD LUNDSTROM CO   10410347 / R: 1935 ->1942	3.0	W	34 W	35 H	L	2 D 17
14	SEAN EVAN PEARSON CO   30888353 / R: 1893 ->1894	3.0	D	27 L	7 D	28 W	42 W 34
15	JEREMY BRIAN ROLDAN CO   15475345 / R: 1867 ->1886	3.0	W	7 L	3 L	20 W	43 W 32
16	OMAR BELTRAN UT   15913840 / R: 1865 ->1872	3.0	W	48 D	6 L	29 W	27 D 18
17	MICHELLE ZHANG WA   16640681 / R: 1839 ->1849	3.0	W	43 L	9 W	48 D	32 D 13
18	VEDANTH PEESAPATY CO   30753657 / R: 1803 ->1821	3.0	L	12 W	31 H	W	30 D 16
19	DANIEL MARMER CO   12889369 / R: 1793 ->1818	3.0	L	2 W	49 W	35 W	22 L 5
20	AUSTIN BATTLES CO   12845430 / R: 1652 ->1761	3.0	L	45 W	46 W	15 W	12 L 6
21	MARK KROWCZYK CO   12496393 / R: 1974 ->1949	2.5	L	11 W	34 L	25 W	47 D 23
22	KEITH JAY OXMAN CO   12459346 / R: 1900 ->1900	2.5	W	42 W	40 L	3 L	19 D 28
23	FORREST R LUNDSTROM CO   12771495 / R: 1898 ->1891	2.5	W	47 W	50 L	8 L	5 D 21
24	MARK OVERTON BROWN CO   17089483 / R: 1886 ->1875	2.5	L	40 W	42 D	11 W	41 L 7
25	OWEN SEBASTIAN CURTIS CO   17334272 / R: 1856 ->1872	2.5	W	31 L	12 W	21 D	7 L 10
26	LEVI KAKLAUSKAS CO   30142630 / R: 1819 ->1856	2.5	D	8 W	28 L	6 U	W 40
27	MARK BRANDAO CO   12990917 / R: 1768 ->1793	2.5	D	14 L	8 W	36 L	16 W 37
28	LEIF PAUL MCFADDEN CO   30596924 / R: 1703 ->1742	2.5	D	36 L	26 D	14 W	45 D 22
29	THOMAS HAMMONS CO   31646590 / R: 1702 ->1741	2.5	H	W	36 W	16 L	9 L 11
30	BENJAMIN SIMBERG CO   30017727 / R: 1661 ->1706	2.5	L	4 W	37 H	L	18 W 45
31	ABHIJAY BALAMURUGAN CO   16913354 / R: 1663 ->1700	2.5	L	25 L	18 D	37 W	36 W 41

32	MIKE MALONEY CO   12318730 / R: 1907 ->1900	2.0	L	35 D	47 W	50 D	17 L 15
33	SHUBH MISRA CO   16824026 / R: 1872 ->1861	2.0	W	49 L	2 L	5 W	35 L 12
34	BENJAMIN DEGUIRE CO   30412244 / R: 1780 ->1776	2.0	L	13 L	21 W	38 W	50 L 14
35	WILLIAM L WOLF CO   14762885 / R: 1727 ->1729	2.0	W	32 L	13 L	19 L	33 W 50
36	CLIFTON P FORD CO   10384591 / R: 1885 ->1822	1.5	D	28 L	29 L	27 L	31 B
37	VEDANT PRAVIN MARGALE CO   16018722 / R: 1843 ->1811	1.5	L	44 L	30 D	31 W	46 L 27
38	DUWAYNE LANGSETH CO   11197175 / R: 1836 ->1800	1.5	L	1 L	41 L	34 W	49 D 42
39	BILL SLICHENMYER CO   12411509 / R: 1794 ->1742	1.5	L	3 L	48 L	42 B	D 43
40	FELIX MCMILLAN CO   30251494 / R: 1745 ->1735	1.5	W	24 L	22 H	L	11 L 26
41	GUILLERMO DAVID LOZANO CO   12859075 / R: 1741 ->1724	1.5	L	10 W	38 H	L	24 L 31
42	REYANSH AGARWAL CO   30165332 / R: 1692 ->1691	1.5	L	22 L	24 W	39 L	14 D 38
43	NEEL YADATORE CO   30026420 / R: 1617 ->1603	1.5	L	17 L	5 B	L	15 D 39
44	GRIFFIN THOMAS MCCONNELL CO   14692997 / R: 2230 ->2216	1.0	W	37 L	4 U	U	U
45	ALEXANDER WANG CA   12888061 / R: 1882 ->1846	1.0	W	20 L	1 L	7 L	28 L 30
46	KENZIE L MOORE CO   13028820 / R: 1821 ->1800	1.0	L	6 L	20 H	L	37 D 49
47	MAXIM SEBASTIAN MILLAN CO   30600784 / R: 1710 ->1702	1.0	L	23 D	32 H	L	21 U
48	SANDEEP MATHEW CO   15620507 / R: 1647 ->1653	1.0	L	16 W	39 L	17 U	U
49	WILL EVANS CO   31398957 / R: 1632 ->1612	1.0	L	33 L	19 H	L	38 D 46
50	ARIE FEIGIN CO   30714233 / R: 1611 ->1577	1.0	B	L	23 L	32 L	34 L 35

**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	HENRY WALLACE KOVACS CO   17262461 / R: 1763 ->1818	4.5	X	W	6 D	2 W	7 W 8
2	JOHN SCHOENKE CO   30689481 / R: 1791 ->1823	4.0	W	12 W	10 D	1 W	8 D 4
3	ETHAN CRANE CO   32385569 / R: Unrated->1789P4	3.5	L	11 W	19 W	21 W	13 H
4	KRISH MATHIMARAN CO   30150019 / R: 1774 ->1771	3.0	W	20 L	8 W	17 D	11 D 2
5	KAAYVA SAKTHISARAVANAN CO   16909357 / R: 1740 ->1741	3.0	D	9 W	22 L	8 D	10 W 11
6	ADAM KINSEY CO   30751175 / R: Unrated->1695P10	3.0	W	18 L	1 D	15 W	17 D 7
7	LOGAN STEWMON CO   32113992 / R: 1671P16->1694P20	3.0	W	14 W	11 H	L	1 D 6
8	ENRICO MOSS CO   31294947 / R: 1637 ->1684	3.0	W	16 W	4 W	5 L	2 L 1
9	TRISTAN CRUZ CO   15385193 / R: 1657 ->1666	3.0	D	5 L	17 W	22 D	15 W 16
10	MAX HIGA CO   12864407 / R: 1681 ->1681	2.5	W	15 L	2 H	D	5 D 13
11	DARSHAN SATISHKUMAR CO   16961241 / R: 1665 ->1675	2.5	W	3 L	7 W	14 D	4 L 5
12	COLE STRONG CO   30488223 / R: 1652 ->1652	2.5	L	2 L	15 W	18 D	14 W 17
13	BRADFORD C BLAKE CO   11052533 / R: 1600 ->1604	2.5	D	22 D	21 W	16 L	3 D 10
14	ADAM DAWDY CO   30472762 / R: 1525 ->1558	2.5	L	7 W	18 L	11 D	12 W 15

15   SHANKAR N PARASURAM CO   16967084 / R: 1553 ->1560	2.0  L 10 W 12 D 6 D 9 L 14     B  W  B  B  W
16   RYAN HAJJALI CO   31590689 / R: 1486 ->1496	2.0  L 8 W 20 L 13 W 21 L 9     W  B  W  W  B
17   JEFFREY BAFFO CO   10340195 / R: 1700 ->1700	1.5  D 21 W 9 L 4 L 6 L 12     B  W  B  W  B
18   CHARLIE W ZETTEROWER CO   10232368 / R: 1733 ->1668	1.5  L 6 L 14 L 12 B  D 19     B  W  B    W
19   JUSTIN T DOUNCE CO   14257431 / R: 1649 ->1638	1.5  F  L 3 D 20 D 22 D 18       W  D  B  B
20   JAMES URQUHART ROBERTSON CO   31821417 / R: 1654 ->1607	1.5  L 4 L 16 D 19 H  D 21     B  W  B    W
21   NIALL RIAN CASE CO   30894700 / R: 1438 ->1445	1.5  D 17 D 13 L 3 L 16 D 20     W  B  W  B  B
22   KENNETH DOYKOS CO   10358086 / R: 1713 ->1700	1.0  D 13 L 5 L 9 D 19 U      W  B  W  W

## 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	VINCENT KIEFTENBELD 32380923 / R: Unrated->1862P5	4.5 	D  B	16W  W	18W  B	15W  B	5W  W
2 WY	ROHAN JACOB DAVID 30456709 / R: 1552 ->1585	4.0 	W  W	11L  B	5W  B	10W  W	14W  B
3 CO	JACK ADIN GOTTLIEB 30962561 / R: 1565 ->1570	3.5 	D  B	9L  W	14W  B	11W  B	6W  W
4 CO	JAMES LAMORGESE 15455006 / R: 1461 ->1542	3.5 	H 	W  W	9W  B	14W  W	12L  B
5 CO	NICK EVAN HVIDZA 30977338 / R: 1621 ->1632	3.0 	W  B	8W  W	2W  B	12L  W	1L  B
6 CO	LUCAS VAZQUEZ 16200106 / R: 1408 ->1431	3.0 	L  B	12W  W	19W  B	13L  W	3W  B
7 CO	ASHWIN MATHIMARAN 17295785 / R: 1608 ->1553	2.5 	L  B	14L  W	10W  B	19W  W	17D  B
8 CO	ERIK KNUDSEN 12631175 / R: 1467 ->1460	2.5 	L  W	5D  B	11H 	W  W	13D  B
9 CO	DEAN W BROWN 10224098 / R: 1407 ->1437	2.5 	D  W	3L  B	4W  B	18D  W	10D  W
10 CO	SOFIIA GAINULLINA 30666704 / R: 1372 ->1409	2.5 	H 	W  B	7L  W	2D  B	9D  W
11 CO	RYAN HAIG 30755385 / R: 1323P21->1327P25	2.5 	L  B	2D  W	8L  W	3B 	W  B
12 CO	KARTHIKEYAN KANNAN 31472391 / R: 1593 ->1552	2.0 	W  W	6W  B	17L  W	5L  B	4L  W
13 CO	QUINN LEDUC 31150817 / R: 1414 ->1387	2.0 	D  B	18D  W	16L  W	6L  B	8B 
14 CO	KARTHIKA SAKTHISARAVANAN 17129234 / R: 1272 ->1336	2.0 	W  W	7W  B	3L  W	4L  B	2L  W
15 CO	ANDREW ROBICHAUD 30154062 / R: 1545 ->1546	1.5 	W  B	19H 	L  W	1U 	U 
16 CO	OWEN EMERSON CHRIST 15562723 / R: 1500 ->1500	1.5 	D  W	1D  B	13D  W	17U 	U 
17 CO	SRII RUPPESH BEZAWADA 31348115 / R: 1177 ->1170	1.5 	B 	L  W	12D  B	16L  B	7L  W
18 CO	BRAD HENSLEY 15059323 / R: 1549 ->1509	0.5 	D  W	13L  B	1L  W	9U 	U 
19 CO	ARIANA E DANI 31363347 / R: 1324 ->1288	0.0 	L  W	15L  B	6L  W	7U 	U 

## 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	JONATHAN MICHAEL BUCK CO   31359423 / R: 1217P3 ->1495P7	4.5	W	6W	21W	14W	2H
			B	W	B	B	
2	ZANDER JAMES MCELHINNEY CO   31076730 / R: 1325 ->1425	4.0	W	23W	15W	4L	1W
			B	W	B	W	B
3	MATTHEW SOLIDAY CO   17031498 / R: 1216P9 ->1418P14	4.0	W	29W	8W	11W	12L
			B	W	B	W	B
4	JONATHAN OLSON CO   32197946 / R: 1259P10->1409P15	4.0	W	26W	10L	2W	11W
			W	B	W	W	B

5   TARUN BALA KARTHIKEYAN CO   30684949 / R: 1361 ->1387	4.0  L 22 W 30 W 23 W 14 W 3     B  W  B  W  W
6   JON EISEN CO   32279842 / R: Unrated->1466P4	3.5  L 1 W 26 H  W 22 W 16     W  B    W  B
7   RYLAN CARTER KNOPP WY   30289902 / R: 1241 ->1295	3.0  W 19 L 11 W 21 W 10 L 2     B  W  B  W  W
8   LINCOLN MOTT CO   32084246 / R: 1302 ->1294	3.0  W 16 L 3 L 9 W 25 W 20     W  B  W  B  W
9   DONALD WILBUR HILLMAN CO   15332472 / R: 1056 ->1141	3.0  W 25 X  W 8 U  U      W    B
10   SARVESH RAJESH CO   16925315 / R: 1389 ->1366	2.5  W 13 L 4 H  L 7 W 24     B  W    B  W
11   ALEX GUYLAY CO   32032087 / R: 1325P5 ->1325P10	2.5  W 17 W 7 L 3 L 4 D 15     W  B  W  B  W
12   BRENDAN WELLS CO   30416610 / R: 1303 ->1303	2.5  W 30 W 22 H  L 3 L 4     B  W    B  W
13   JOHN LESSARD CO   16689027 / R: 1268 ->1250	2.5  L 10 D 18 W 26 L 16 W 25     W  B  W  B  W
14   JASON WUU CO   16168111 / R: 1249 ->1241	2.5  W 24 W 20 L 1 L 5 D 17     W  B  W  B  W
15   GREG B RICHARDSON CO   12551431 / R: 1211 ->1227	2.5  W 18 L 2 H  D 19 D 11     W  B    W  B
16   HEYMANATH KUMAR MANIKHANDAN CO   30451349 / R: 1124 ->1192	2.5  L 8 W 29 D 22 W 13 L 6     B  W  B  W  W
17   VIAAN KHADELWAL CO   31323282 / R: 1164 ->1178	2.5  L 11 D 19 D 25 W 27 D 14     B  W  W  B  B
18   ALEX MCCLARY CO   32259689 / R: Unrated->1135P14	2.5  L 15 D 13 D 27 W 23 H      B  W  B  W
19   KEN BECKRICH CO   12883634 / R: 1366P13->1323P17	2.0  L 7 D 17 W 20 D 15 U      W  B  W  B
20   JONATHAN REINHARD CO   16428233 / R: 893 -> 929	2.0  B  L 14 L 19 W 21 L 8       W  B  W  B
21   CARTER ALLAN WORCESTER WY   31230468 / R: 1299 ->1231	1.5  W 27 L 1 L 7 L 20 D 23     W  B  W  B  W
22   NOAH D KEENE CO   31905596 / R: 1230P24->1229	1.5  W 5 L 12 D 16 L 6 U      W  B  W  B
23   SHIRLEY HERMAN CO   14812654 / R: 1182 ->1152	1.5  L 2 W 24 L 5 L 18 D 21     W  B  W  B  B
24   STEVE MERRICK CO   32274683 / R: Unrated->1018P4	1.5  L 14 L 23 H  W 26 L 10     B  W    B  B
25   JOSEPH ARAGON CO   11345409 / R: 1300 ->1300	1.0  L 9 D 27 D 17 L 8 L 13     B  W  B  W  B
26   ZACH ANDRIESE CO   31632502 / R: 1296P5 ->1152P10	1.0  L 4 L 6 L 13 L 24 W 27     B  W  B  W  W
27   SHRI SHARAN RAMKUMAR CO   30445829 / R: 1052 ->1022	1.0  L 21 D 25 D 18 L 17 L 26     B  B  W  W  B
28   PHILIP LESKO IL   12776050 / R: 1339 ->1339	0.5  H  F  U  U  U   
29   NIVID SINGHAL CO   31390713 / R: 1300 ->1253	0.0  L 3 L 16 U  U  U      W  B
30   SHAY BOSSIE CO   31102843 / R: 1128 ->1101	0.0  L 12 L 5 U  U  U      W  B

## Section 5 - U1200

Pair Num	Player Name USCF ID / Rtg (Pre->Post)	Total Pts	Round 1	Round 2	Round 3	Round 4	Round 5
1	SIMON STEELE CO   16362431 / R: 1176 ->1289	5.0	W 23 W 20 W 12 W 3 W 5	B  W  B  W  W			
2	ERIC RUIYUAN ZHANG NH   30624180 / R: 728P9 ->1021P13	4.5	W 17 D 33 B  W 12 W 9	B  W    W  B			
3	JUDE HEFFERN CO   16462946 / R: 949 ->1152	4.0	W 19 W 37 W 10 L 1 W 13	B  W  B  B  W			
4	KENNY WEINREIS CO   30597004 / R: 1155P18->1199P21	3.5	W 41 W 13 H  W 7 U	B  B			
5	ARJUN NANDA YARLAGADDA CO   30940715 / R: 1186 ->1190	3.5	W 35 W 16 D 7 W 18 L 1	W  B  W  B			
6	YING-TE YEN CO   31670384 / R: 1163 ->1145	3.5	W 24 D 14 L 18 W 33 W 16	B  W  B  W  B			
7	DON M HENRY CO   12748605 / R: 982 ->1057	3.5	W 36 W 15 D 5 L 4 W 19	B  W  B  W  W			

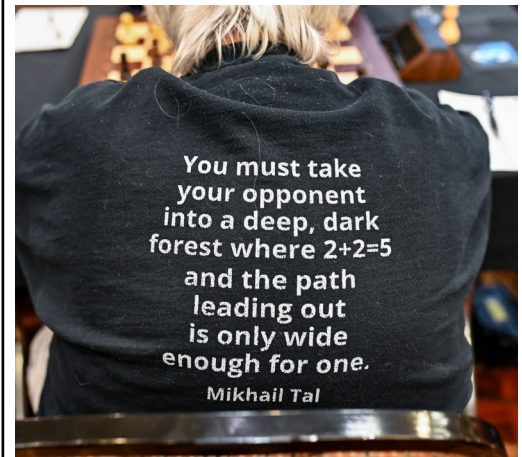
8	RISHABH UNMESH NAIR	3.5	D	22	W	40	H	W	15	D	11
CO	30414867 / R: 939 -> 982			B	W			W	B		
9	JAMES GOODIN	3.5	D	10	W	22	W	33	W	11	L
CO	31094924 / R: 787P5 -> 964P10			B	W	B		W	W		
10	ARTHUR TARATUTA	3.0	D	9	W	31	L	3	D	28	W
CO	30860696 / R: 1201P20->1148P25			W	B	W		B	B		
11	RYAN GUPTA	3.0	W	28	D	18	W	14	L	9	D
CO	31190040 / R: 1061 ->1045			W	B	W		B	W		
12	RUSHIITHA BEZAWADA	3.0	W	29	W	21	L	1	L	2	W
CO	31982625 / R: 974 -> 985			W	B	W		B	W		
13	GABRIEL BRIONES	3.0	W	27	L	4	W	29	W	21	L
NV	31920138 / R: 952 -> 976			W	B	W		B	B		
14	ANDREW WILLIAM ANDERSON	3.0	W	39	D	6	L	11	D	17	W
WY	32081491 / R: 947P5 -> 950P10			W	B	B		W	W		
15	DYLAN ALBERT KOVACS	3.0	W	32	L	7	W	27	L	8	W
CO	30425364 / R: 744 -> 871			W	B	W		B	W		
16	STEPAN ARTEMOVICH ROSTOVTSSEV	2.5	W	30	L	5	D	24	W	22	L
CO	31215371 / R: 1086 ->1046			B	W	B		W	W		
17	JEFFERSON ZHANG	2.5	L	2	W	25	D	28	D	14	D
CO	31467386 / R: 1056 ->1005			W	B	W		B	W		
18	JARED W COBURN	2.5	W	42	D	11	W	6	L	5	U
CO	32008587 / R: 946P19-> 994P23			B	W	W		B	B		
19	DENNIS LOBODA	2.5	L	3	W	23	W	26	H	L	7
CO	32013082 / R: Unrated-> 970P4			W	W	B			B		
20	PETRA LAMBERT-GORWYN	2.5	W	38	L	1	L	21	H	W	33
CO	15689074 / R: 953 -> 944			B	B	W			W		
21	TATE ELLIAH ELLSWORTH	2.5	W	34	L	12	W	20	L	13	D
WY	32344801 / R: Unrated-> 943P5			B	W	B		W	B		
22	ZACK MCMANN	2.5	D	8	L	9	W	31	L	16	W
CO	32349589 / R: Unrated-> 903P5			W	B	W		B	B		
23	ANIRUDH SAIBALAN	2.5	L	1	L	19	W	40	W	31	D
CO	30519650 / R: 877 -> 848			W	B	B		W	B		
24	EVAN SAMUEL HOLMQUIST	2.5	L	6	W	39	D	16	W	35	L
CO	30789183 / R: 682 -> 766			W	B	W		B	W		
25	DAVID KENNEDY	2.5	L	33	L	17	W	42	W	38	D
CO	31776456 / R: 541P4 -> 618P9			B	W	B		B	W		
26	BRUCE CLEVELAND AUTRY	2.0	L	37	W	38	L	19	L	29	W
CO	13732198 / R: 876 -> 831			B	W	W		B	W		
27	MATT JENSEN	2.0	L	13	W	41	L	15	W	30	L
CO	32389113 / R: Unrated-> 739P5			B	W	B		W	B		
28	SEAN MATTHEWS	2.0	L	11	W	42	D	17	D	10	L
CO	31565416 / R: 720P25-> 738			B	W	B		W	B		
29	TYLER AMICK	2.0	L	12	W	34	L	13	W	26	L
CO	32080636 / R: 450P5 -> 642P10			B	W	B		W	B		
30	GERALD FITZGIBBONS	2.0	L	16	L	35	W	39	L	27	W
CO	30675670 / R: 516P24-> 526			W	B	W		B	W		
31	JACKSON ZHANG	2.0	B	L	10	L	22	L	23	W	39
CO	31644160 / R: 138P12-> 191P16			W	B	B		B	W		
32	GLEN ANTHONY HOLGUIN	1.5	L	15	L	36	H	W	34	L	22
CO	30373052 / R: 1131 ->1018			B	W			B	W		
33	CHARLIE KOVACS	1.5	W	25	D	2	L	9	L	6	L
CO	30767851 / R: 927 -> 884			W	B	W		B	B		
34	FRANK F ATWOOD	1.5	L	21	L	29	H	L	32	W	42
CO	12117960 / R: 945 -> 856			W	B			W	B		
35	JASMIN T MAHONEY	1.5	L	5	W	30	D	36	L	24	L
WY	31740711 / R: 927P10-> 841P15			B	W	B		W	B		
36	SAMUEL RAMIREZ	1.5	L	7	W	32	D	35	U	U	
CO	31349262 / R: 631P5 -> 755P8			W	B	W					
37	SCOTT M VEGAS	1.0	W	26	L	3	U	U	U	U	
CO	12675081 / R: 1163 ->1143			W	B						
38	ZANE JENSEN	1.0	L	20	L	26	W	41	L	25	L
CO	32389167 / R: Unrated-> 495P5			W	B	B		W	B		
39	ANTHONY SOTO ARVIZO JR.	1.0	L	14	L	24	L	30	W	42	L
CO	32388324 / R: Unrated-> 151P5			B	W	B		W	B		
40	DAN M RUPAREL	0.5	H	L	8	L	23	U	U	U	
CO	30064098 / R: 689 -> 659				B	W					
41	NICHOLAS F BROOKINS	0.0	L	4	L	27	L	38	U	U	
CO	31349512 / R: 841 -> 743			W	B	W					
42	CALEB WAYNE CONLEY	0.0	L	18	L	28	L	25	L	39	L
CO	32149808 / R: Unrated-> 101P5			W	B	W		B	W		

**ROUND 3****KYLIE ZHANG 1932****NM EAMON MONTGOMERY 2244**

1.e4 c5 2.c3 d5 3.exd5 Qxd5 4.d4 Nf6 5.Nf3 e6  
6.Na3 a6 7.Nc4 Nbd7 8.Be2 Be7 9.0-0 0-0  
10.Nfe5 cxd4 11.Bf3 Qc5 12.cxd4 Qa7 13.Bf4  
Nb6 14.Nxb6 Qxb6 15.Nc4 Qd8 16.Qb3 Nd7  
17.Bxb7 Bxb7 18.Qxb7 Qc8 19.Qxc8 Raxc8  
20.Rac1 1/2-1/2

**LM BRIAN WALL 2204****LEVI KAKLAUSKAS 1819**

1.e4 e5 2.f4 Bc5 3.Nf3 d6 4.c3 Bg4 5.Bc4 Nc6  
6.d3 Nf6 7.h3 Bxf3 8.Qxf3 0-0 9.Bb3 Re8  
10.f5 d5 11.Bg5 h6 12.Bxf6 dxe4 13.Bxf7+  
Kxf7 14.Qh5+ Kxf6 15.Qg6+ Ke7 16.Qxg7+  
Kd6 17.Nd2 Qe7 18.Nxe4+ Kd7 19.Nxc5+  
Kc8 20.Qxe7 1-0

**JOHN SCHOENKE 1750****HENRY KOVACS 1748**

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.Bc4 Nxe4  
5.Nxe4 d5 6.Bd3 dxe4 7.Bxe4 Bd6 8.h3 0-0  
9.Bxc6 bxc6 10.d3 f5 11.Be3 f4 12.Bd2 Bd7  
13.Qe2 Qf6 14.Bc3 Rfe8 15.0-0-0 Re7 16.Nd2  
Qf7 17.Nc4 Qd5 18.f3 Qb5 19.a3 Rae8 20.Nd2  
Be6 21.Ne4 c5 22.Qf2 Bd5 1/2-1/2

**FORREST LUNDSTROM 1897****NM MATTHEW WOFFORD 2165**

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3  
a6 6.h3 h6 7.g4 b5 8.Bg2 Bb7 9.0-0 Nbd7  
10.Nd5 e5 11.Nf5 g6 12.Ng3 h5 13.g5 Nxd5  
14.exd5 Be7 15.h4 Rc8 16.f4 Rc4 17.Be3 exf4  
18.Rxf4 Ne5 19.Ne4 0-0 20.b3 Rc8 21.Bd4  
Bxd5 22.Nf6+ Bxf6 23.gxf6 Bxg2 24.Kxg2  
Re8 25.Qd2 Re6 26.Raf1 Qf8 27.Re4 Rce8  
28.Qf4 Ng4 29.Rfel Qh6 30.Qxh6 Nxh6  
31.Rxe6 Rxe6 32.Rxe6 fxe6 33.Be3 Nf5  
34.Bg5 Kf7 35.Kf2 d5 36.Kf3 e5 37.c4 dxc4  
38.bxc4 bxc4 39.Kc4 Ke6 40.f7 Nd6+  
f8=N+ 0-1



## Games from the DCC Spring Classic

## ROUND 5

LM SULLIVAN MCCONNELL 2342

NM MATTHEW WOFFORD 2165

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Qxd4 Nc6  
5.Bb5 Bd7 6.Qd3 g6 7.0-0 Bg7 8.c4 Nf6  
9.Nc3 0-0 10.h3 a6 11.Bxc6 Bxc6 12.Nd4  
Nd7 13.Be3 Nc5 14.Qc2 a5 15.Rad1 Bd7  
16.f3 Rc8 17.a4 f5 18.Nde2 Rf7 19.b3 Qf8  
20.Nd5 Rd8 21.Nc7 f4 22.Bxc5 dxc5  
23.Qd2 Rf6 24.Qxa5 b6 25.Qd2 Rd6  
26.Qxf4 Bd4+ 27.Kh1 Qg7 28.Nxd4 e5  
29.Qg5 Bc8 30.Nde6 Rxd1 31.Nxg7  
Rxf1+ 32.Kh2 Rdd1 33.Qxe5 Rf2 34.Nge8  
1-0

CHRISTOPHER MOTLEY 1973

NM EAMON MONTGOMERY 2244

1.e3 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.d4 Bg7 4.Nf3 0-0 5.Be2  
d6 6.0-0 Nbd7 7.Nc3 e5 8.Qc2 Re8 9.Rd1  
exd4 10.Nxd4 Nc5 11.f3 a5 12.e4 Nh5  
13.Be3 Bd7 14.b3 f5 15.a3 fxe4 16.fxe4  
Nf6 17.Bg5 h6 18.Bxf6 Qxf6 19.Nd5  
Qxd4+ 20.Rxd4 Bxd4+ 21.Nc3 Bxa1  
22.e5 Kg7 0-1

JASON NIGATU 1869

CM RHETT LANGSETH 2154

1.e4 d6 2.d4 Nf6 3.Nc3 e5 4.Nf3 Nbd7  
5.Be4 Be7 6.Ng5 0-0 7.Bxf7+ Rxf7 8.Ne6  
Qe8 9.Nxc7 Qd8 10.Nxa8 b6 11.Nb5 a6  
12.Nac7 axb5 13.Ne6 Qe8 14.Nc7 Qf8  
15.Ne6 Qe8 16.Nc7 Qf8 17.Ne6 Qe8  
18.Nc7 Qf8 19.Ne6 Qe8 20.Nc7 Qf8  
21.Ne6 Qe8 22.Nc7 Qd8 23.Ne6 Qe8  
24.Nc7 Qd8 25.Ne6 Qe8 ½-½

DANIEL MARMER 1834

EMMETT LIGNELL 1805

1.d4 d5 2.Nc3 Nf6 3.Bf4 a6 4.e3 Bf5  
5.Nf3 e6 6.Ne5 Bd6 7.Bd3 Bxd3 8.cxd3 0-  
0 9.0-0 Nfd7 10.e4 Bxe5  
11.Bxe5 Nxe5 0-1

AUSTIN BATTLES 1674

LM BRIAN WALL 2204

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Nf6 4.d3 Be7  
5.c3 0-0 6.h3 d5 7.exd5 Nxd5 8.Nbd2 Nb6  
9.Bb3 Qxd3 10.Be2 Qa6 11.Ne4 Rd8  
12.Bd2 Nc4 13.0-0 f5 14.Neg5 h6 15.Ne4  
fxe4 16.Bxe4 Be6 17.Qc2 Nxd2 18.Nxd2  
Kh8 19.b3 Qe2 20.Rad1 Qh5 21.Nf3 Rf8  
22.Rd2 Bxh3 23.Bg6 Qg4 24.Ne1 Qg5  
25.f4 exf4 26.Nf3 Qc5+ 27.Rff2 Bf5  
28.Bxf5 Qxf5 29.Qc1 Bc5 30.Nd4 Bxd4  
31.cxd4 Rad8 32.g4 Qxg4+ 33.Rg2 Qf3  
34.d5 Qxd5 35.Rxd5 Rxd5 36.Qc3 Rf7  
37.Rh2 Nd4 38.Kf2 Re7 39.Rh4 Rf7  
40.Qh3 Rdf5 41.Qc3 c5 42.b4 b6 43.bxc5  
bxc5 44.Qa5 Re5 45.Kf1 Kh7 46.Qc3 g5  
47.Rh2 g4 48.Qd3+ Kg7 49.Qa6 Re6  
50.Qc8 Rfe7 51.Rf2 f3 52.Kg1 g3 53.Rf1  
Ne2+ 54.Kh1 g2+ 55.Kh2 gxf1N+ 56.Kh1  
Re5 57.Qg8+ Kf6 58.Qg4 Rh5+ 59.Qxh5  
Nfg3+ 60.Kh2 Nxh5 61.a4 c4 62.a5 c3  
63.a6 c2 64.Kh3 c1B 65.Kh2 Kg6 0-1

KRISH MATHIMARAN 1786

JOHN SCHOENKE 1750

1.c4 e5 2.g3 Nf6 3.Bg2 Nc6 4.Nc3 Bb4  
5.Nd5 Bc5 6.Nc3 d6 7.e3 Bf5 8.d3 Bb8  
9.a3 Qd7 10.h3 a5 11.Nge2 h6 12.g4 Bg6  
13.d4 exd4 14.exd4 Bb6 15.Be3 0-0 16.0-0  
Ne7 17.b4 axb4 18.axb4 c6 19.Ng3 d5  
20.c5 Bc7 21.f4 Rfe8 22.Qd2 Nc8 23.Bf2  
Be4 24.Ngxe4 dxe4 25.f5 Ne7 26.Nxe4  
Nxe4 27.Bxe4 Nd5 28.Rae1 Nf4 29.h4  
Rbd8 30.Qe3 Re7 31.Qf3 Rde8 32.Kh1 f6  
33.Bg3 Qxd4 ½-½

ENRICO MOSS 1667

HENRY KOVACS 1748

1.e4 e5 2.Be4 Bc5 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.d3 h6 5.f4  
d6 6.h3 c6 7.fxe5 dxe5 8.Nf3 Qe7 9.Qe2  
b5 10.Bb3 Nh5 11.Rh2 Ng3 12.Qd1 a5  
13.a3 Qa7 14.Bxf7+ Qxf7 15.Qd2 Bg1 0-1

VINCENT KIEFTENBELD

JAMES LAMORGESE 1489

1.e4 c6 2.Nc3 d5 3.Nf3 dxe4 4.Nxe4 Bf5  
5.Ng3 Bg6 6.h4 h6 7.Ne5 Bh7 8.Qh5 g6  
9.Qf3 Nf6 10.Qb3 e6 11.Qxb7 Nbd7  
12.Nxc6 Nc5 13.Nxd8 Nxb7 14.Nxb7 Bg7  
15.Nd6+ Ke7 16.Nde4 Nd5 17.Be4 Nf4  
18.0-0 Be5 19.d4 Bc7 20.Re1 g5 21.h5  
Rab8 22.b3 Ba5 23.Bd2 Bc7 24.Bc3 Rbd8  
25.Bb4+ Kd7 26.Ba6 Nd5 27.Nc5+ Kc6  
28.Bd2 e5 29.Bb7+ Kb6 30.Bxd5 Rxd5  
31.Na4+ Kb7 32.c4 Rd6 33.Rxe5 Rxd4  
34.Rb5+ Kc8 35.Bc3 Rd3 36.Bxh8 Rxxg3  
37.fxxg3 Bxxg3 38.Be5 Bh4 39.Rd1 Bf5  
40.Rb8# 1-0

JACK GOTTLIEB 1590

NICK HVIKZDA 1599

1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 c5 4.dxc5 Nc6 5.f4  
Nh6 6.Nf3 Bg4 7.c3 e6 8.b4 a5 9.Bb5 Be7  
10.Be3 Nf5 11.Bf2 0-0 12.Bxc6 bxc6  
13.a3 f6 14.Nbd2 Qc7 15.Bd4 axb4  
16.axb4 Ra7 17.0-0 Rfa8 18.Rxa7 Qxa7  
19.Nb3 Bd8 20.Qa1 Qb8 21.Qb2 Bxf3  
22.Rxf3 fxe5 23.fxe5 Bc7 24.Rf2 Bxe5  
25.Bxe5 Qxe5 26.Na5 Qc7 27.Qe2 Qd7  
28.Qf3 Re8 29.Nxc6 Qxc6 30.g4 Nh6  
31.g5 Nf5 32.c4 g6 33.h4 Qa8 34.h5 dxc4  
35.Qc3 Qe4 36.h6 Qg4+ 37.Kf1 Qd1+  
38.Kg2 Qg4+ 39.Kf1 Ne3+ 40.Qxe3 Qd1+  
41.Qe1 Rd8 42.Qxd1 Rxd1+ 43.Ke2 Rd8  
44.Ke3 c3 45.Rc2 Kf8 46.Rxc3 Ke7 47.b5  
Rb8 48.Rb3 e5 49.Ke4 Ke6 50.b6 Kd7  
51.Kxe5 Kc6 52.Rc3 Re8+ 53.Kf6 Rb8  
54.Ke7 Rb7+ 55.Ke6 Rb8 56.Ke5 Rd8  
57.Rb3 Kb7 58.c6+ Kxc6 59.b7 Rb8  
60.Kf6 Kd6 61.Kg7 Ke6 62.Kxh7 Kf7  
63.Rb6 Ke8 64.Kxxg6 Kd7 65.h7 Kc7  
66.Rb2 Kd7 67.Kg7 Ke7 68.h8Q Rxxh8  
69.Kxxh8 Kd7 70.b8Q Kc6 71.Qc8+ Kd5  
72.Rd2+ Ke4 73.Qc1 Kf5 74.g6 Kxxg6  
75.Rf2 Kh5 76.Qg1 Kh4 77.Rh2# 1-0



## ROUND 4

CM RHETT LANGSETH 2154

LM SULLIVAN MCCONNELL 2342

1.d3 d5 2.e4 dxe4 3.dxe4 Qxd1+ 4.Kxd1  
Nc6 5.c3 e5 6.Be3 Be6 7.Nd2 0-0-0 8.Kc2  
Nge7 9.Ngf3 f6 10.Bc4 Bd7 11.b4 g5  
12.Nb3 Ng6 13.b5 Nce7 14.Nc5 Bg4  
15.h3 Bxf3 16.gxf3 Nf4 17.Bxf4 exf4  
18.Be6+ Kb8 19.Nd7+ Ka8 20.Nxf6 Ng6  
21.Rad1 Bd6 22.Bf5 Ne5 23.Nxh7 Be7  
24.Rxd8+ Rxd8 25.Rd1 Rxd1 26.Kxd1  
Nxf3 27.Kc2 Ne5 28.c4 c5 29.bxc6 bxc6  
30.c5 Kb7 31.Kc3 Bxc5 32.Nxg5 Bxf2  
33.Bg4 Kb6 34.Nf3 Kc5 35.Nxe5 Bd4+  
36.Kd3 Bxe5 37.Bd7 Bd4 38.Bxc6 f3  
39.Bd5 a5 40.h4 f2 41.Ke2 Kd6 42.h5 Ke5  
43.h6 Kf4 44.h7 Kg3 45.Kf1 Be5 46.Bc6  
Bf6 47.a4 Be5 48.Bd5 ½-½

NM EAMON MONTGOMERY 2244

CM BRAD LUNDSTROM 1935

1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 f5 4.g3 c6 5.Bg2  
Nf6 6.Nh3 Bd6 7.Bf4 0-0 8.0-0 Qe7 9.Qc2  
b6 10.Rfe1 Ba6 11.b3 Nbd7 12.Rad1 Rac8  
13.Qd2 Ne4 14.Bxd6 Nxd6 15.cxd5 exd5  
16.f3 Nf6 17.Nf2 Qf7 18.e4 fxe4 19.fxe4  
dxe4 20.Ncxe4 Ndxe4 21.Nxe4 Rcd8  
22.Ng5 Qh5 23.Ne6 Ng4 24.h3 Nf2  
25.Nxd8 Nxd1 26.Ne6 Re8 27.Nf4 Rxe1+  
28.Qxe1 1-0



## 2024 FIDE World Championship Singapore

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2024 was an incredible year for chess. For me it started out in Wijk Aan Zee in January for the 86th edition of Tata Steel. While former World Champion Magnus Carlsen was absent, the current World Champion Ding Liren was playing along with several future Candidates. One of those being a young Indian player named Gukesh Dommeranju who took second place in a tie-break thriller with Wei Yei. Then in April, the FIDE Candidates tournament took place in Toronto Canada to determine the challenger to the World Champion. Two American players were considered favorites, Hikaru Nakamura and Fabiano Caruana. But after 14 grueling rounds, the young Gukesh came out on top of the 8-player field by half a point to become the challenger to the crown!



**Gukesh at Tata Steel with two world champions at his back**



**Three months later in Toronto: World Champion Challengers**

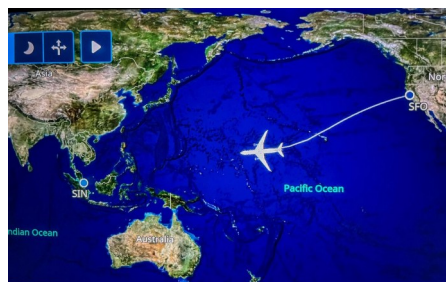
Summer had passed by and initially did not think I would attend the World Championship. Partly since no host city had been selected and scheduling can be difficult, and partly since there was not an American playing. I figured the host city would be somewhere difficult for me to attend since the players were from China and India. Later in the year when it was announced that Singapore would host the entire champi-

onships, I began to reconsider. Singapore had been on my list of places to visit for some time, and when I learned United flew direct from San Francisco, the planning began.



**Beautiful Singapore was chosen to host: Who could resist?**

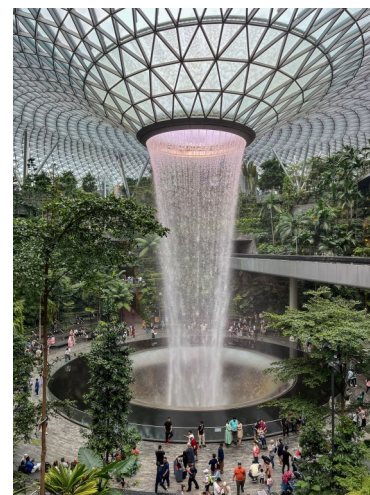
First was to apply for media accreditation through FIDE. Once this was approved, the real planning began. Which rounds would I try to attend? I certainly could not afford to attend all 14 games over three weeks. The early games started on Thanksgiving week, a no-go. So instead, I looked at the final games. I worked out my schedule to attend the final two games. Yes, be there for the crowning victory. But wait, what if there are enough decisive games and all 14 games are not played? What to do. After looking at my schedule again and flights, I settled on games 7-9 so I would at least see some of the matches in case it did not go the distance. With hotels finally booked and much research on Singapore in hand, I made my way halfway around the world. Approximately 10,000 miles from Denver!



**Nonstop across the Pacific Ocean: Amazing Airlines**

Flying into Singapore, you land at one of the best airports in the world, Changi. A stunning gateway to this

remarkable and beautiful city. On final approach you fly over one of the busiest sea lanes with ships lined up as far as you can see. I couldn't help but spend a little time checking out the airport as my flight arrived mid morning. A must see is the famed shopping complex called Jewel. A cavernous indoor greenhouse and playland with the largest indoor waterfall. And this is all surrounded by multi levels of shopping and dining on an enormous scale. Definitely the best airport for long layovers. Leaving the airport is incredibly easy on the train that links up with the city subway lines. A short two dollar ride brings you into the heart of Singapore where you can branch out all around the city. I headed south to Sentosa Island where the match was being held.



**Changi "Jewel" Not your typical airport**

The island is an incredible complex of hotels and resorts with Universal Studios at its epicenter. A monorail takes you onto the island into the heart of the Universal complex. It was a short walk through an array of shopping and dining areas to reach the Equarius Hotel where the match took place. I arrived early for game seven in order to pick up my credentials and learn the layout of the land. At the main entrance for fans there was a quick security screening and then into the main area that had an interactive display put on by Google, the main sponsor of the tournament. One of the main rooms was the fan zone where fans could relax, play chess, or watch the match on screens. At the back was



a nice historical display of past championship matches. Each day a special event or talk was scheduled before or during the main match.



**The main tournament entrance at the Equarius Hotel**

Of course, the main attraction was the viewing area which was for ticketed fans. That was in a theater-like room that seated quite a large number of fans. In the back was a VIP only room which would later become a gathering for a private closing. Fans were allowed phones for photos for only the first 30 minutes and then had to exit and then be screened for electronics upon re-entry. The main stage had a one-way mirror glass wall that separated the players from the fans, called the glass cube. This provided silence for the players and eliminated distractions. To the sides of the stage were large screens that displayed the game for fans to follow. The closest seats to the stage were reserved for special guests but there were plenty of seats that gave a good view of the players.



**The first view when entering the main hall**



**The theater-like viewing area**

The scheduled event at the start of round seven was a talk by former Women's World Rapid & Blitz Champion Anna Muzychuk. Before that I settled into the media room to organize my equipment and get my special wristband that was needed in order to go onto stage with the players for the start of the game. A nice surprise was seeing the popular chess streamer IM Eric Rosen in the media room being interviewed by Chessbase India. He was invited for special events during the match and even got back to his roots, as an official match photographer for several games. Many other familiar faces and friends gathered as time neared for game seven.

A strict meeting time was twenty minutes before the match in order to be escorted into the glass cube by FIDE's head of public relations, Anna Volkova. There was a small group of us each day that made our way onto the stage as we lined up behind Anna with cameras ready. We left the media room and cut through the fans entering the lobby and made our way through security to the backstage entrance. It was like a Presidential motorcade making our way past any barrier with ease, finally coming up to the backstage door to the "cube". Upon entering, the beautiful chess board and table are the center of attention with the players' national flags proudly displayed. We were staged along the glass and instructed to stay low so as to not block the spectators' view nor the cameras. The arbiters had a table on each side of the stage and made final preparations along with a few instructions for us.



**The beautiful playing board of champions**

The match at this point was tied 3-3 after six games but with plenty of excitement. Game one and the world champion Ding Liren struck first with a victory over the young challenger. With a total of fourteen games now played,

every victory puts the pressure on the player behind as draws are the historical norm. Game two did end in a draw as players settled in for the long haul. Gukesh incredibly bounced back in game three after trapping a minor piece and coasting to victory to tie the match. Only three games played and two decisive results already. Perhaps the match will not go the entire fourteen games and my decision to arrive mid-match was a wise one. The next three games were draws and led us to game seven here where we await the players' arrival.



**Waiting for the players to arrive**

We were allowed only ten minutes to capture photos or video once the game began and were limited in our space to move around. Being in the right position from the start was important and all cameras were pointing at the back door where the players would appear. The exact moment that door opened was unknown and the challenger always came onstage first. Host and moderator Maurice Ashley entered first and got into position behind the board facing the audience. Shortly after, the door swung open and Gukesh hurried onstage to take his place at the board as cameras clicked away with the world champion following. Ding slowly made his way in and shook hands with the challenger before sitting down. Both gladiators adjusted their chairs and pieces to settle in for the lengthy battle.



**The cordial handshake before game 7**



With everyone in place at 3:00pm sharp, Maurice Ashley welcomed all the fans and guests to game seven with much fanfare. He then introduced each player individually where fans cheered loudly, the only time noise could be heard slightly in the "cube". As per tradition, a special guest was introduced to make the ceremonial first move. Today was Mr. Edwin Tong, Minister for Culture, Community & Youth of Singapore. He played 1.d4 for Gukesh and smiled for the cameras, but the challenger had something else in mind. Gukesh placed the pawn back home and instead grabbed the steed and played 1.Nf3 to start game seven.



**Mr. Edwin Tong making the ceremonial first move**

It is a surreal moment to be onstage next to the biggest game in the world of chess. I imagine and compare it to being onstage of a big rock band concert except the fans become exceptionally quiet after the start. Through the lens I see the players up close in thought and try to catch the moments as best I can. After capturing many photos which seemed to happen in a blink of an eye, we were all whisked away off stage. Most went back to the media room to start editing their work but I detoured to the viewing hall to capture the feel on the other side of the glass. It was like a darkened theater with fans watching their favorite movie. While there was only slow and controlled action on the "screen", each movement of the player and piece was analyzed in great depth by all in attendance.



**Game 7 is underway**



**A full house on the other side of the glass**

During the game there was plenty to do in the fan zone in addition to following the game itself. Many were playing chess themselves or trying to work out the next move of the match over the board with friends. A bonus today was a Q & A session with famous streamers Eric Rosen & Nemo along with Ukrainian Grandmaster Anna Muzychuk. Afterwards they took time to sign autographs and take photos with fans.



**Q & A with Eric Rosen, Anna Muzychuk and Nemo**

Later in the evening, the game neared the 40-move time control. With only seconds left on his clock, Ding made an error with his move 40...Ke5 and looked as though he let the draw slip away. But things are never easy at this level and Gukesh could not find the win. A draw was agreed after 72 moves and the players made their way to the press conference. This was interesting as the press conference was held a short distance from the hotel in the convention center nearby. Two vans were staged outside the hotel to take the players over to the press conference. Some attuned fans would line up to try and catch a glimpse of the players exiting but security was tight. Other fans lined up and waited on the other end at the convention center. A bus was available for the media but many of us would just make the quick run outside down the road as long as it wasn't raining.



**The entrance to the press conference and Singapore International Open**

I was able to arrive before the players and watch each entourage come down the escalator to the private room that held the conference. Fans lined up outside the room in the lobby in an orderly fashion for afterwards. All the media gathered inside as the players were brought up onto the stage along with the moderator Maurice Ashley. Family and parents of the players were there along with some of their teams. With cameras ready he opened up with his own questions and comments for the players.



**The players take questions**

Afterwards he opened up the floor to questions from the media which were lined up along the wall. After so many questions the line had to be cut off as it was a long day for the players, but not over as fans awaited outside the room. Chess.com's Mike Klein first caught the players as soon as they exited to give a quick interview. Then the players made their way through the throng of fans trying to catch a selfie or autograph. Both players obliged the fans as best they could as they made their way back up to the vans waiting to take them back to the hotel after a long day.



**Mike Klein interviews Ding Liren**





**Fans waiting for the world champion get their autographs**

We have reached the halfway point of the match, and we are still tied. Game eight had two special guests that made the unusual first two ceremonial moves. First to move was Mr. Kingston Kwek, founder of Academic Labs, a tournament sponsor. In response was Grandmaster Kevin Ming, CEO of the Singapore Chess Federation and eight-time Singapore National Champion. An intense game followed but a draw was agreed upon after 51 moves when neither player wanted to press on in a dangerous position.



**GM Ming makes move two after Mr. Kwek**



**Gukesh in full concentration mode**

During game eight, in the fan zone, a special event was held by Eric Rosen and Nemo. Both took turns playing fans in a blindfold blitz where each other made moves for one another. An incredible exhibition of chess skills by both. FIDE press officer Charlize van Zyl even showed up to interview Nemo as she played one of her blitz games blindfolded. As if playing blindfolded

was not hard enough, the added distraction of answering questions during the game was impressive as she still went on to win the game. And then Eric showed his impressive memory skills by challenging a fan to a blindfold blitz "duck" chess game. Not easy for either as calling out the duck squares compounded the difficulty.



**An impressive display of skill by Eric Rosen assisted by Nemo**



**Nemo playing blindfold blitz while being interviewed**

The Singapore International Open was taking place in the convention center during the match and concluded on the day of game nine. During the game, a trophy presentation for all the winners took place. Special guests helped hand out trophies including GM Anna Muzychuk, GM David Howell, GM Pavel Eljanov, and Filipino Grandmaster and friend of Bobby Fischer, Eugene Torre. Chinese Grandmaster Lu Shanglei won first place by half a point. All stayed around to take photos and talk with players and fans alike.



**Chinese GM Lu Shanglei took first in the Open**



**Meeting the Filipino legend**

Afterwards, a 9-round Singapore International Blitz open took place with quite a lineup of strong players including former Women's World Champion Alexandra Kosteniuk. This was another fun event to cover as it provided a plethora of photo opportunities. Eight players reached the knockout stage and a young eighteen year old came out on top, GM Volodar Murzin. A few weeks later in New York, this young man made headlines by becoming the FIDE World Rapid Champion.



**Volodar Murzin took the blitz champion title**

During game nine a special guest spoke in the fan zone. Friend and trainer of Garry Kasparov, GM Zurab Azmaiparashvili gave a talk and was assisted by Eric Rosen. I caught a short bit of it after taking photos at the start of the game. It was quite fascinating to hear stories from his vast knowledge of chess. Back to game nine where it steered into another draw and left only five games remaining. The next morning I traveled back home for a concert that was not to be missed as my wife was part of it. She then joined me in return to Singapore as we planned a vacation week during the final two games whether they were to take place or not. Game ten ended in a draw but game eleven was won by Gukesh. Under intense pressure, Ding Liren bounced back in game twelve with a victory as he did against Ian Nepomniachtchi in game twelve of their match in the previous year. Tied again with two games left.





**GM Zurab Azmaiparashvili speaks in the fan zone**

I arrived back in time for the final two games and the excitement was at a crescendo. Tickets for the playing hall were sold out once again as I believe they were for most games. Gukesh had the white pieces for game thirteen and FIDE President Arkady Dvorkavich made the ceremonial first move. Ding Liren seemed to be in slight trouble after eight moves and using nearly an hour off his clock while Gukesh had only used about one minute. He recomposed himself and was able to hold the draw after a long and arduous 68 moves. Tomorrow the world champion will have the white pieces for the final game. The chess world was abuzz with predictions on the final game. Most people expected the match to go into tie-breaks once again.



**An intense game 13 ended in a draw**

The final day I made sure to arrive plenty early to secure my ticket to be onstage for the finale. With my golden-ticket wristband, I awaited our escort onto the big stage. I followed my media brethren through a large crowd on our way to the stage. As we approached the back corridor, I noticed the Chessbase India logo on the back of the t-shirt in front of me as we were about to enter the door. It was reminiscent of the final walk on to the stage at the Toronto Candidates where I saw the same logo and Gukesh won that tournament. Deja vu? We huddled onstage for what could be the last time.

The final special guest to make the ceremonial first move was the President of the Singapore Chess Federation, IM Hsu Li Yang. Afterwards the players shook hands and game fourteen began. A well prepared Gukesh blitzed out his opening moves and both played accurately and carefully as the game went on late into the night. The media room was gearing up for tie-breaks as a draw looked imminent. I headed into the viewing hall where I joined my wife to watch the final moves of what appeared to be a draw. The room was full of fans trying to absorb every moment of the game. We sat and watched the screens with the moves highlighted and quietly discussed the drawish position.



**The final game is underway**

But then after Ding played move 55.Rf2 to exchange rooks, a bunch of whispers began to roll throughout the room. It soon became clear that Ding blundered as Gukesh got up from his seat and paced the room in disbelief. Ding sat at the board with his head in his hands realizing that the rook exchange now leads into a won endgame for black as his bishop is now forced off the board next. Gukesh sat back down and double checked and soon traded rooks and followed with 56...Bd5 to force the bishops off as well. After the second trade, Ding made his last move as the world champion and knew it, 58.Ke3. Gukesh responded 58...Ke5 with an extra pawn and the king's opposition. Knowing the inevitable, Ding stopped the clock and extended his hand to the new world champion!

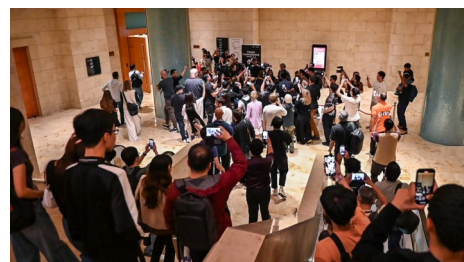


**The crowd watching the final game**



**Fans on the edge of their seats for the final moments**

The hall exploded in cheers as Gukesh sat at the board in tears for a moment. He then got up and raised his hands in victory as he faced the crowd to relieve the three intensive weeks of emotions. Fans darted for the doors in order to get a chance to meet the new champion. The vans awaited for the players a final time and security kept fans at bay. Understandably, it took a little longer for the players to exit as emotions were no doubt high. Gukesh's father waited outside and was the first to hug him before getting into the van. Part of his team was there too, trainer Gregorz Gajewski and mental coach Paddy Upton. I ran ahead to the convention center for the final press conference where the crowds swelled in anticipation just as they had after he won the Candidates in Toronto eight months earlier.



**A crowd follows the new champion to the final press conference**

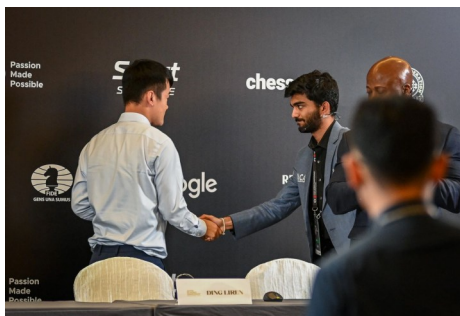
A mob of fans and media swarmed around the new champion as he tried to make his way down the escalator one last time. Fans were stopped short of the packed media room for the last press conference. Maurice opened up the last conference with his final words and then turned to Ding Liren who gave a few words. Gukesh then praised the now former world champion and spoke highly of his accomplishments and their intense match. The players got up and shook hands in respect and Ding Liren quietly exited the stage. Then the new world champion took many questions from the press



who formed a long line. A very happy and jubilant Gukesh praised his many helpers throughout the match and glowed in the realization that he is now the youngest world champion at only eighteen years old.



**A packed room and the media lines up to ask questions**



**Gukesh shows respect to the former world champion as he exits**



**A beaming new world champion takes questions**

After a long final press conference, fans lined up outside and waited for the door to open and reveal the new champion. Mike Klein was there first to catch a few words from a beaming Gukesh. Then with a seemingly endless sea of cameras and fans in tow, he slowly made his way to the exit. He was constantly stopped for a selfie or an autograph and he kindly took it all in stride. I have witnessed his sincerity to his fans numerous times now as he is a very humble champion. The escalator took the champion and his entourage up one final time with fans lining up along the stairs and all the way to his waiting van. Security was somehow able to maneuver the champion into

the van where an incredible day finally ended.

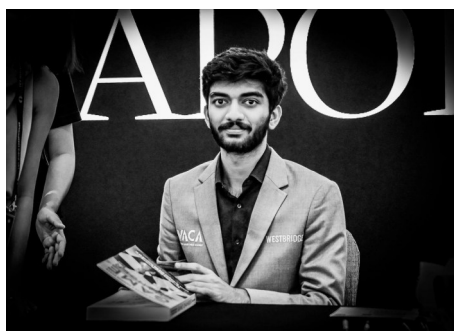


**Gukesh exits to a crowd of fans and media**

The next day was the closing ceremony which was open to the public in the same viewing hall that was now transformed. Staff worked overnight to prepare the room by removing the glass cube stage and preparing a new stage and seating arrangement. Two huge screens flanked the stage and front rows of seating were reserved for family and VIPs. The back half of the room was roped off for public viewing which filled up quickly. Dignitaries slowly made their way in as well as the two hosts, Maurice Ashley and Charlize van Zyl, prepared onstage for the opening. With a packed crowd, the fanfare began. Music and national anthems were played and many special guests spoke. Ding Liren was first called up for recognition and presented with the runner up medal.



**The closing ceremony is about to begin**



**Gukesh has an autograph session before the closing**



**A full house of fans trying to catch a glimpse of the world champion**



**Ding Liren gracious on the stage**

The new world champion was introduced next to a cheering crowd chanting "Gukesh". He was presented the winners medal along with the traditional laurels, tropical of course. Not to mention the prize money which amounts to the lion's share of the \$2.5 million purse. Finally the champions trophy that he held high in the air in triumph as cannons of confetti launched and temporarily blinded the view of the world champion. A microphone was handed to Gukesh where he gave a heartfelt speech to family, friends and fans that helped him on this incredible journey showing the heart of a champion. With the ceremony officially over, people made their way out while Gukesh and his team stayed longer for more interviews.



**Gukesh is called to the stage**





**The official congratulations and trophy presentation**



**A surprise confetti shower**



**Sharing the moment with his family**

Next door a VIP room was set up for a final farewell for many of those that helped make the tournament a success. Drinks and food were provided that allowed everyone to relax after a long three weeks of work. The team it takes behind the scenes to put on such an event is enormous. The technical aspects of broadcasting this around the world is no small task and FIDE did an incredible job. Singapore was an incredible host city and all the volunteers and staff were great. I was fortunate to attend four major FIDE tournaments in 2024 and was impressed with how well all were organized.



**The FIDE President recognizing some of the crew**

As I perused the room, I noticed Ding Liren and his family enjoying company and dinner in the back. They did not stay long and as they left, several people wished the former champion well. I did as well and spoke briefly with his parents, and learned why their interpreter was close by. He kindly took a photo of me and Ding Liren who seemed like a different person. Just an observation but he appeared to be almost relieved with the weight of the crown lifted from him. I then made my way around to say goodbye to some friends as I prepared to leave myself.



**Ding Liren sharing a quiet moment with his family**



**A final photo with the former World Champion**

Fortunately, I stayed just long enough to see the late arrival of the new world champion. He was greeted by many friends and well-wishers as he finally had the chance to relax among the crowd. I congratulated the champion as well and spoke with him briefly on what an incredible year it had been. From Tata Steel at the start of the year, to the Candidates in Toronto, the Olympiad in Budapest, and now becoming the world champion in Singapore. What a privilege for me to have attended all of these to watch and photograph him. He has always been kind and giving of his time and now was no different. I only spoke with him for a moment, but he gave his full attention in a crowded room, a humble champion indeed. One final photo for the day was with the world champion Gukesh himself, no better way to end this incredible tournament.



**Gukesh relaxing with friends after a long tournament**



**A picture with the new World Champion to end the day**

Enjoy all of my photo and video links below from the World Championship. This was one of the most incredible events I have covered and thanks to FIDE for the access to be able to share some of this history with you.

**Game 7 photos:**

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**Game 8 photos:**

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## A Legend "Retires"

By John Brezina

### "Celebrating the Vision and Impact of Sunil Weeramantry" The NSCF Founder's Benefit Dinner March 11, 2025

It was last year that I first learned of this special event that was going to be held in New York to honor the founder of the National Scholastic Chess Foundation, Sunil Weeramantry. I have been privileged to know Sunil and call him a friend. His contributions to chess and teaching are only matched by his kindness and generosity. So, when I learned of the "retirement" dinner that was to honor his vision and impact on chess, I marked my calendar. This celebration was a once in a lifetime experience and I was further honored to not only be invited but asked to photograph the event.



*Sunil Weeramantry before the start of the event*

After 35 years as the Executive Director since his founding of the NSCF, Sunil is stepping aside to the Founding Director role. As of July 2024, Matan Prilleltensky took over as the Executive Director. To honor Sunil, the NSCF Board of Directors established the Sunil Weeramantry Legacy Fund to help continue chess education programs and held this reception and dinner. The board along with Asuka & Hikaru Nakamura headlined the event with other notable speakers as well.

It took place at the historic Harvard Club of New York in midtown Manhattan near Bryant Park and Grand Central. I arrived early in New York to explore the area and enjoy a clear sunny day around the city before the evening gala. The Harvard Club was established in 1865 and while unassuming from the outside, a step inside revealed an entirely new "old" world. It is an exclusive private club that required an invitation to enter along with a dress code that enhanced the elegance of the evening.



*One of the stunning ballrooms inside*

The evening began with a reception upstairs in one of the many elegant ballrooms of the club. The room was decorated with many tables that included chess boards that would later become magnets for attendees. Beautiful old woodwork enhanced the room along with portraits of distinguished members that adorned the walls. Several bars were in place with a professional black tie staff that prepared an array of cocktails and hors d'oeuvres while a piano player in the back of the room enhanced the ambience as people mingled. Volunteer staff greeted attendees and handed out name tags for the many distinguished guests.



*The reception gallery being prepared*

The room began to fill up quickly with many longtime friends and Sunil made his way around to greet them. Crowds soon began to surround the chess boards to watch the many blitz games taking place that included some of Sunil's current and past students. I made my way around the room to capture as many photos of the games and guests. While there are too many to mention, some notable guests included another longtime chess coach and author, Bruce Pandolfini. He has been a longtime friend of Sunil's, and they have both been chess teachers for over 45 years. He spoke at the dinner later in the evening as well.



*Longtime friend and coach Bruce Pandolfini*

Rick and his son Will Trepp of Rockport Group have been longtime sponsors and friends along with their family. It was fun to capture Will and his son playing chess as the game is passed on to another generation. US Chess was represented by President Kevin Pryor while director Tony Rich and manager Joy Bray of the St. Louis Chess Club were in attendance. Another longtime friend and benefactor to chess attending was John Rockefeller V (yes that Rockefeller). I was happy to see someone we all know from Colorado chess there too, coach and trainer Lior Lapid.



*John Rockefeller V (left) and friends with Sunil*

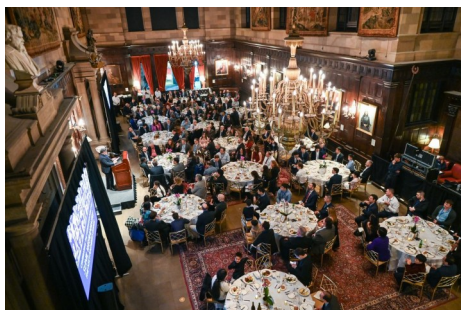
Hikaru Nakamura and his brother Asuka both arrived and received much attention. They made their way around the room and eventually to the chess boards. It looks like another chess player in the family as Asuka, his wife and young daughter kept a close eye on one of the kids' games. With a 13-time national champion father and an uncle Hikaru, she certainly has some good guidance. After many photos and autographs, Hikaru played a blitz game with the youngest Trepp. Quite a crowd gathered around to watch the number two player in the world do what he does best. Shortly afterwards the crowd was called to dinner downstairs.





***A crowd watches Hikaru Nakamura play some blitz***

It was hard to believe the night was just beginning as we all made our way down to the incredible dining hall. A beautiful high ceiling cathedral-like setting with stunning chandeliers and elegantly decorated tables that each seated ten guests. There was a stage with a podium that looked over the crowd that gathered where emotional testimonies would later be told. In the back was an old grand piano being played to add to the ambiance. As guests took their seats and became acquainted, waiters took orders for a delicious dinner. On the wall were two large projection screens that played slideshows and videos of the honored guest, Sunil Weeramantry.



***A bird's eye view of the grand dining hall***



***Uncle Hikaru and Aunt Atousa with Asuka and their niece***

The first to speak during dinner at the podium was Sunil's sister Ayoma. She has played an integral role at the NSCF and spoke kind words of her brother. I made my way around to photograph more people including the Mayor of Sunrise Florida, Michael Ryan. I first met him at one of his annual Mayors Chess Challenge communi-

ty events. A model I wished more cities would follow: bringing city leaders, council members, police & fire departments all together to meet with their community constituents and kids over the chess board. I also came across the Grand Chess Tour spokesperson Michael Khodarkovsky who was recognized during the evening as well.



***The Honorable Mayor of Sunrise Florida Michael Ryan flanked by friends***

Later in the evening, the new Executive Director Matan Prilleltensky took the podium to introduce himself and praise the man he is taking over for. He is a National Master with many years of teaching experience and successful students. Next up were the two step-sons of Sunil Weeramantry. First the elder brother Asuka Nakamura took the stage and spoke of his step-father's career. Asuka is an incredibly strong chess player in his own right and is now very successful in the financial world. Younger brother and more well known chess player Hikaru Nakamura followed up with more kind words for the man that helped teach and nurture him into the successful player that he is today.



***Asuka Nakamura at the podium with Lior Lapid up front***



***Hikaru Nakamura speaks about his stepfather Sunil's chess legacy***

A short pause in speakers allowed the next phase of dinner to be served. I made my way around the room for more photos and caught up with Sunil as he greeted many attendees. We made our way back to his table where we gathered his family together for a full group photo. As the main course was served, longtime friend and fellow chess coach Bruce Pandolfini took the podium. Another legend that spoke of their early days and friendship and the incredible course that chess had taken them both. Next up was a former student of Sunil's and son of famed arbiter Carol Jarecki, John Jarecki. Another testimony to the man being honored this evening.



***Sunil Weeramantry with his beautiful family***

And then to cap off the main course before dessert, the man of the hour himself took the stage to a standing ovation and cheers. He spoke of his long tenured career and thanked many of those that came along in his journey. A fitting tribute that the NSCF board setup a legacy fund in Sunil's honor to continue chess education that he helped pioneer. More speakers followed as dessert was served and awards presented to those that have contributed to the success of the foundation.



***Sunil Weeramantry takes the stage to a standing ovation***





***Sunil Weeramantry speaks to a large and grateful crowd***

The evening ended with long goodbyes to friends and family. A surreal night in a stunning setting that I did not want to end. I stayed until the last moment to capture as much on "film" as I could. It was a whirlwind night for me as the time flew by and I was so focused on photographing the event. A group of us afterwards finally got to sit down together to relax and cap off a stellar evening.



***Al Lawrence and Bruce Pandolfini say goodbye to their friend***

Sunil's ties to Colorado chess go further back to my time knowing him as he has played in tournaments here many years ago. Most recent was the 2019 Denver Open where I had the honor to "sponsor" him. It was a memorable tournament as we had many other great players join us including his friend and Colorado hall of famer John Watson and Chess.com's Danny Rensch. It was the only time I have had the privilege to photograph him at the board. Sunil has returned several times since then to give lectures at the Parker Chess Club which was an absolute honor for the Colorado chess community and myself.



***Sunil across the board at the 2019 Denver Open***



***Sunil gives a lecture at the Parker Chess Club in July 2022***

I titled this A Legend "Retires", but it is only one hat that this man is taking off. He still wears many other hats, and the chess world is the fortunate beneficiary of this. Chess is in the blood and being of this kind and generous man. I cannot envision him slowing down when his articulate voice and knowledge are so important in chess education and needed in our modern digital age. The future of chess is better with Sunil in it and I look forward to his next adventures and perhaps a return to Colorado...



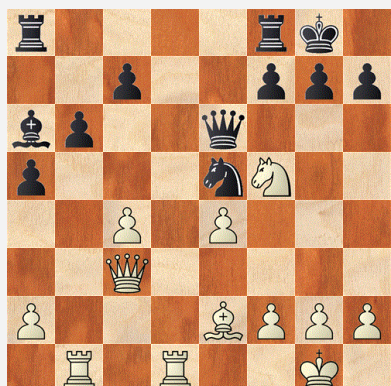
***Hikaru Nakamura & Sunil Weeramantry interviewed by Rick Trepp at The Rockport Group office next day***



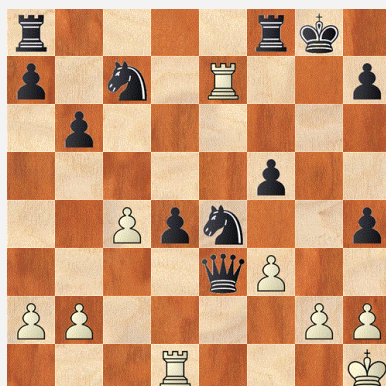


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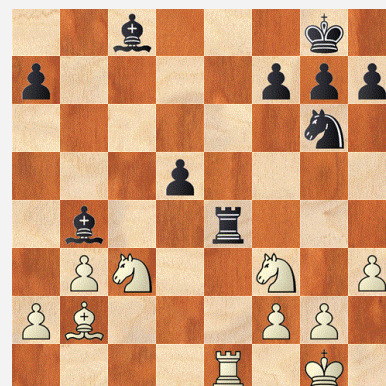
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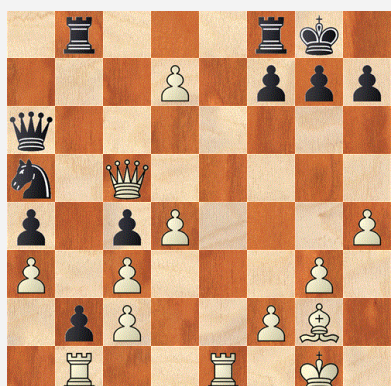
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*Denver Chess Club 2023*  
 White to Move



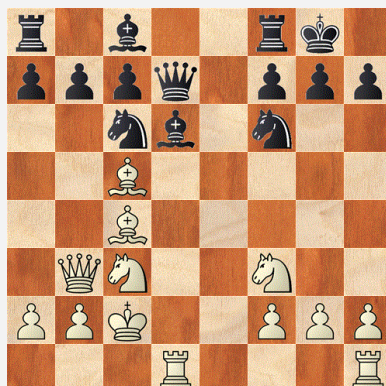
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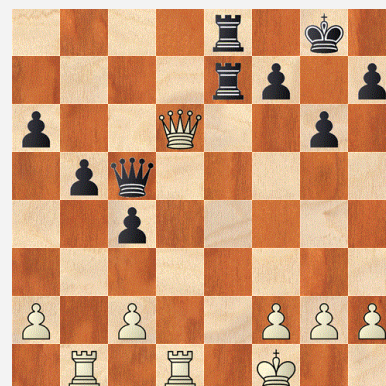
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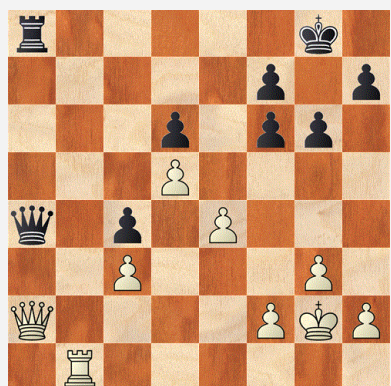
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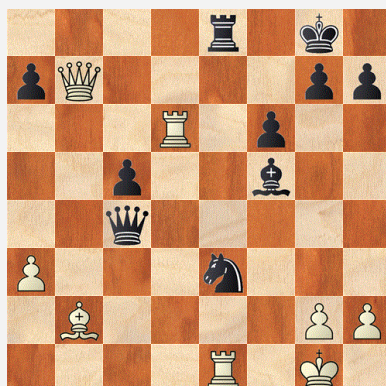
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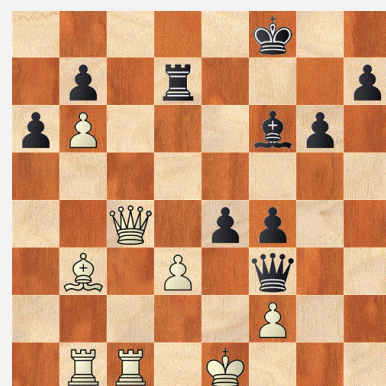
**6. K. Zelkin - Andrew Robichaud**  
*Denver Chess Club July 2023*  
 Black to Move



**7. Daniel Herman - Brian Wall**  
*Denver Chess Club Sept 2023*  
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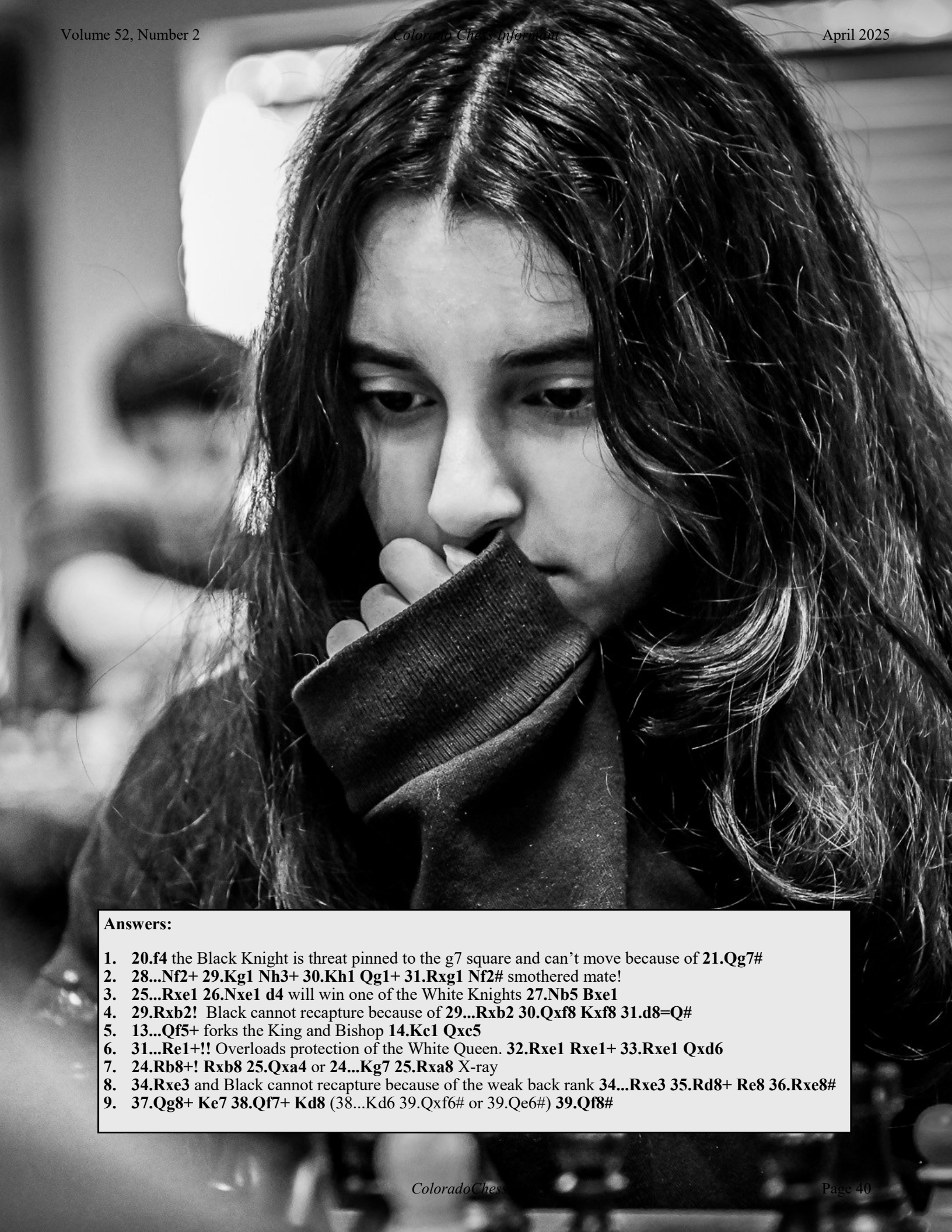
**8. Christopher Motley - Mai Coco**  
*Denver Open 2023*  
 White to Move



**9. Turpana Molina - Matthew Wofford**  
*Denver Open 2023*  
 White to Move

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 Find his books here: <https://www.amazon.com/Tactics-Time-Chess-Everyday-Players/dp/9056914383>



**Answers:**

1. **20.f4** the Black Knight is threat pinned to the g7 square and can't move because of **21.Qg7#**
2. **28...Nf2+ 29.Kg1 Nh3+ 30.Kh1 Qg1+ 31.Rxg1 Nf2#** smothered mate!
3. **25...Rxe1 26.Nxe1 d4** will win one of the White Knights **27.Nb5 Bxe1**
4. **29.Rxb2!** Black cannot recapture because of **29...Rxb2 30.Qxf8 Kxf8 31.d8=Q#**
5. **13...Qf5+** forks the King and Bishop **14.Kc1 Qxc5**
6. **31...Re1+!!** Overloads protection of the White Queen. **32.Rxe1 Rxe1+ 33.Rxe1 Qxd6**
7. **24.Rb8+! Rxb8 25.Qxa4** or **24...Kg7 25.Rxa8** X-ray
8. **34.Rxe3** and Black cannot recapture because of the weak back rank **34...Rxe3 35.Rd8+ Re8 36.Rxe8#**
9. **37.Qg8+ Ke7 38.Qf7+ Kd8** (38...Kd6 39.Qxf6# or 39.Qe6#) **39.Qf8#**

# SACRIFICING THE LADY

**By NM Todd Bardwick**

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The most powerful and coveted piece on the chessboard is the queen. Losing her strikes fear into the heart of the beginner player.

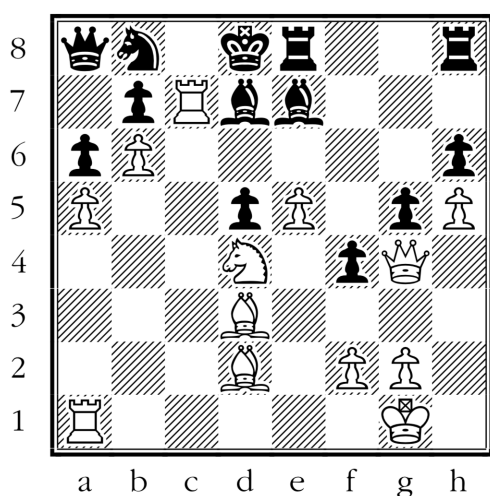
Whereas material is important in chess, king safety is, ultimately, the most important factor to consider.

When attacking the opponent's king, all checks and sacrifices are candidate moves, because checkmate is the goal.

To safely sacrifice a piece, you should either see a forced checkmate, find a way to regain the sacrificed material, or gain some other advantage to justify the sacrifice. Giving up your lady is the ultimate sacrifice and when it works, creates the beauty in chess.

This position occurred in Kristianstad, Sweeden, in 1922.

Hakansson

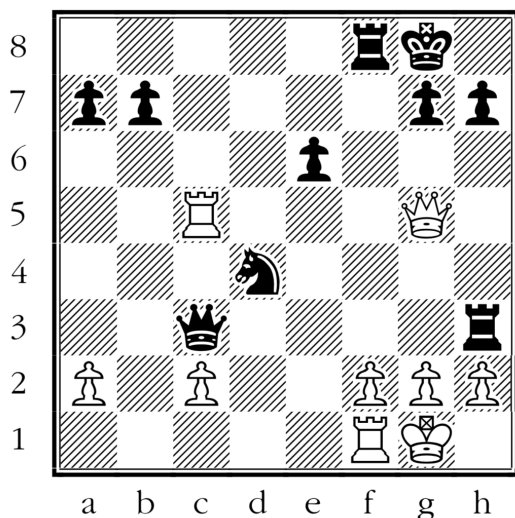


Nimzowitsch  
Position after 26...ex(N)d5

Picking up the clues, material is even; but White has more space and a huge advantage in king safety and piece activity. He senses that the end is near and looks at all checks and sacrifices. Nimzowitsch plays **27.Qxd7+!** and after **27...Nxd7 28.Ne6** is checkmate.

Here what many people consider the most brilliant chess move and queen sacrifice of all time by Frank Marshall from a game in Breslau in 1912.

Frank Marshall



Stefan Levitsky

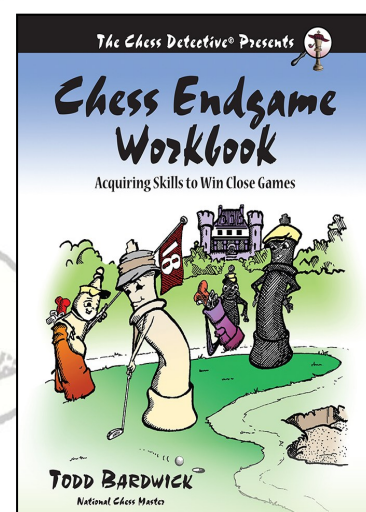
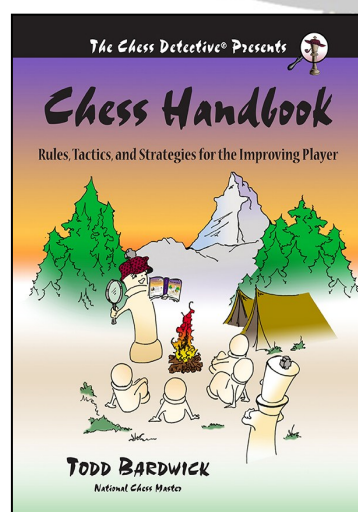
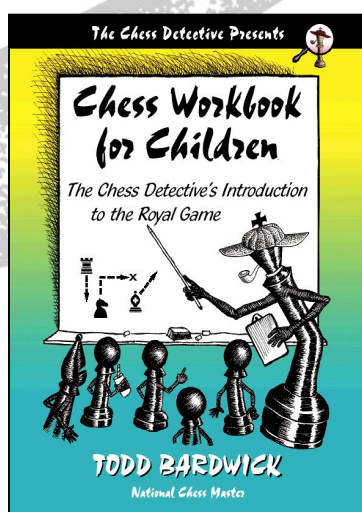
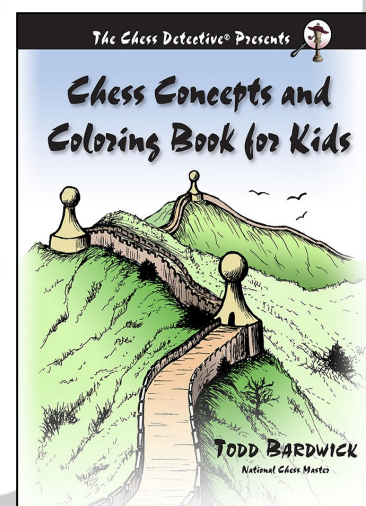
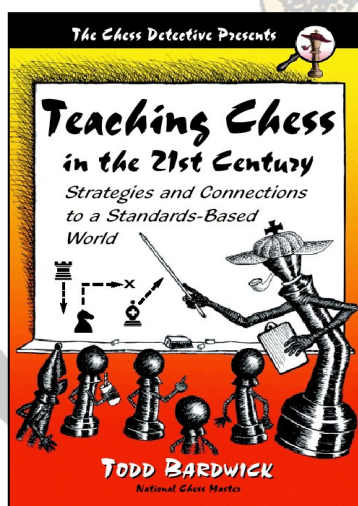
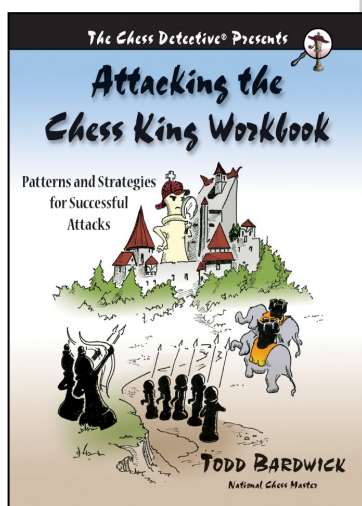
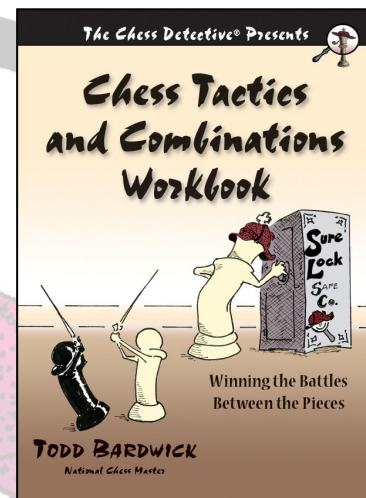
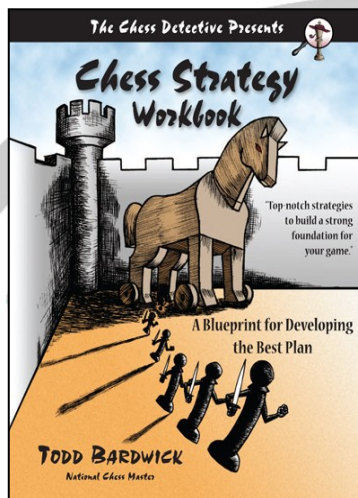
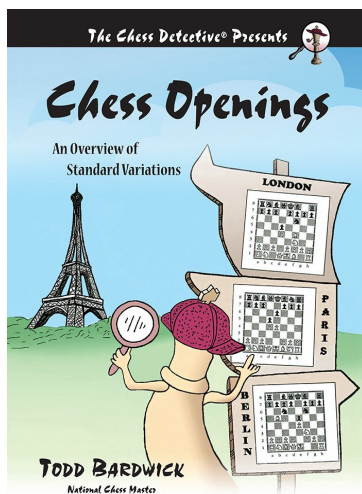
Position after 23.Rc5

**23...Qg3!! 24.Resigns** Black threatens 24...Qxh2 mate and offers the queen three (!) different ways. Here are the possible variations for White: 24.hxg3 Ne2 mate; 24.fxg3 Ne2+ 25.Kh1 Rxf1 mate; or 24.Qxg3 Ne2+ 25.Kh1 Nxc3+ 26.Kg1 Nxf1 27.gxh3 Nd2 and Black's knight escapes, resulting in an easily won endgame a piece ahead.

Remember, the ultimate sacrifice is your powerful queen and you should either find a forced check-mate or a winning position that justifies giving up your special lady.

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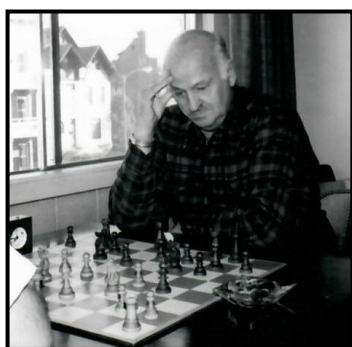
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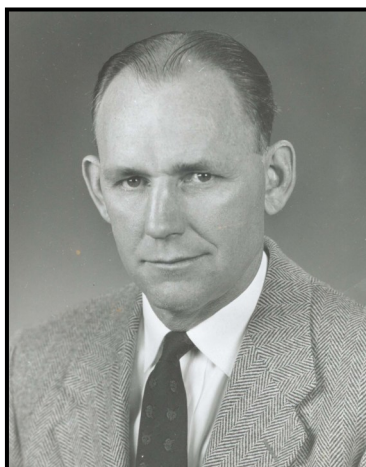
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## UPCOMING COLORADO TOURNAMENTS

**Denver Chess Club - DCC April Tuesdays 2025 (DCC Championship) April 1 - 29, 2025** Denver  
**DCC Thursdays April '25 April 3 - 24, 2025** Denver  
**IHOP Stetson Hills Saturday Evening Quick Quads April 5, 2025** Colorado Springs  
**IHOP Quick Quad Mondays in April 2025 April 7 - 28, 2025** Colorado Springs  
**Kings of Chess Tournament - April 12 Saturday Premier Open - Hoffman Library April 12, 2025** Aurora  
**Summit School of Chess Open Division #8 April 12, 2025** Golden  
**IHOP Stetson Hills Saturday Evening Quick Quads April 19, 2025** Colorado Springs  
**2025 Colorado Senior Championship and the Under Age 50 Championship Tournaments**  
CSCA Event April 26 - 27, 2025 Colorado Springs  
**DCC Thursdays May '25 May 1 - 29, 2025** Denver  
**IHOP Quick Quad Mondays in May 2025 May 5 - 26, 2025** Colorado Springs  
**Kings of Chess Tournament - May 10 Saturday Premier Open - Hoffman Library May 10, 2025** Aurora  
**PALS May 2025 Chess Tournament - Open Section May 10, 2025** Denver  
**Denver Open 2025 May 16 - 18, 2025** Denver  
**Summit School of Chess Open Division #9 May 17, 2025** Golden  
**IHOP Quick Quad Mondays in June 2025 June 2 - 30, 2025** Colorado Springs  
**DCC Thursdays June '25 (Don't Bug Me!) June 5 - 26, 2025** Denver  
More info can be found online at <https://www.coloradochess.com/newtoun.shtml>

### Scholastic Tournaments

**Kings of Chess Tournament - Saturday April 12, 2025 Hoffman Library April 12, 2025** Aurora  
**Summit School of Chess Series #8 April 12, 2025** Golden  
**Denver Scholastic Chess Series #8 April 12, 2025** Englewood  
**PALS April 2025 Scholastic Chess Tournament** April 19, 2025 Parker  
**Denver Scholastic Chess Series #9 May 3, 2025** Englewood  
**Kings of Chess Tournament - Saturday May 10, 2025 Central Library May 10, 2025** Aurora  
**PALS May 2025 Scholastic Chess Tournament May 10, 2025** Denver  
**Summit School of Chess Series #9 May 17, 2025** Golden  
More info can be found online at <https://www.coloradochess.com/tournament/scholastic>

# 2025 Colorado State Senior Championship & Under 50 Open

## April 26-27, 2025

**4 Round Swiss Chess Tournament**

**Round Times:** Sat & Sun 10am & 3pm

**Time Control:** G/90; +30

Prizes based on # of entries

**The Top Senior will be invited to the 2025 US Open's John T. Irwin  
National Tournament of Senior State Champions**

**Entry Fee:** \$55 if registered by 4/20 | \$60 after | \$65 at the door



**Location:** Hyatt Place Colorado Springs, Garden of the Gods  
503 Garden of the Gods Rd, Colorado Springs, CO

**Registration:** <https://caissachess.net/online-registration/index/5971>

**Contact:** Earle Wikle: 719-208-0909 - ColoradoCSCA@mail.com

**USCF** membership required - [www.uschess.org](http://www.uschess.org)



# Denver Open 2025

## May 16-18

**5 Round Swiss Tournament:** 3 days (Fri-Sat-Sun) or 2 days (Sat-Sun)

**3 Day Times:** Fri 7pm - Sat 1pm & 6pm - Sun 10am & 3pm

**2 Day Times:** Sat 10am (G70; +30), 1pm & 6pm - Sun 10am & 3pm

**Time Control:** G/90; +30 (except 2 Day round 1 Sat 10am)

**Entry Fee:** \$80 if registered by 5/11 - \$90 after

+\$10 for non DCC members | +\$10 to play up a section

GM/IM/WGM/WIM Free if complete tournament. Championship Section is USCF & FIDE rated.



<b>\$8,500 in Prizes</b> (based on 185 entries)					
Section	1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup>	
<b>Championship</b>	\$1,200	\$750	\$500	\$400	U2000 \$300
<b>U2000</b>	\$600	\$400	\$250	\$150	
<b>U1700</b>	\$550	\$350	\$225	\$125	
<b>U1400</b>	\$500	\$300	\$200	\$100	
<b>U1100</b>	\$500	\$300	\$200	\$100	
\$100 Upset Prize in each section					

**Location:** Sheraton Denver Tech Center Hotel  
7007 S Clinton St. Greenwood Village, CO 80112

**Registration:** Online only @ <https://caissachess.net/online-registration/index/5767>  
No onsite registration

**Contact:** Earle Wikle: 719-208-0909 - Earle.Wikle7@Gmail.com

**USCF** membership required - [www.uschess.org](http://www.uschess.org)

# COLORADO CHESS CLUB DIRECTORY

**Aurora Chess Club:** Meets every Saturday at the Aurora Public Library Central branch at 10:30am. 14949 E Alameda Pkwy, Aurora, CO 80012. Contact info: Al Skarie 303-364-4903

**Boulder Chess Club:** Meets every Wednesday. Players of all skills welcome. We meet in the UMC building on the CU Boulder campus in colder months, and when it's warm we move to a beautiful area of Foothills Community Park. For detailed information about all of our event locations and times please join our Meetup group: <https://www.meetup.com/boulderchess/>

**Carbondale Chess Club:** Meets every Tuesday from 6:00pm until the wee hours at Kahhak Fine Arts & School, 411 Main Street, Carbondale, 81623. All levels and ages are welcome and chess coaching is available. Please contact Majid Kahhak at (970) 704-0622 or email: [Mkahlhak@sopris.net](mailto:Mkahlhak@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. [www.castlerockchessclub.org](http://www.castlerockchessclub.org)

**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](http://HighlandsRanchLibraryChess.org). Contact: Frank Atwood (720) 260-1493 by email: [FrankAtwood@HighlandsRanchLibraryChess.org](mailto: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](mailto:info@chessmatesfc.com) or go to [www.chessmatesfc.com](http://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](mailto: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](http://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/](http://www.Meetup.com/Learn-to-Play-Chess/). Players must join in order to receive information and sign up for events. Contact: David Costantino at [avslcup@yahoo.com](mailto:avslcup@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](mailto:ChessCoach2014@gmail.com).

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

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

**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](mailto: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](mailto:skibrezina@gmail.com) <https://parkerchessclub.godaddy.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....

**The South Metro Denver Chess Club:** Presently we meet at The Half-Penny Brewery on Thursdays from 6pm until closing. This unique venue is at 5150 East Arapahoe Road in Centennial. Call or text Dan Ruparel at 303-570-5931 for more info or here: [Learn to Play Chess! Events \(meetup.com\)](http://Learn to Play Chess! Events (meetup.com))

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

I am trying to update our chess club directory for Colorado. If you know of any clubs not listed or have updated info for any here, please contact me at [skibrezina@gmail.com](mailto:skibrezina@gmail.com)



## Colorado Chess Clubs

*Updated Feb 28, 2025 by Lloyd Gauthier*

- Aurora Chess Club** [www.aurorachessclub.com](http://www.aurorachessclub.com) Saturday
- Boulder Chess Club** [www.meetup.com/boulderchess](http://www.meetup.com/boulderchess) Wednesday
- Canon City Library Chess Club** Wednesday  
[www.canoncity.org/calendar.aspx?CID=0&Keywords=&startDate=&endDate=&](http://www.canoncity.org/calendar.aspx?CID=0&Keywords=&startDate=&endDate=&)
- Castle Rock Chess Club** [www.castlerockchessclub.org](http://www.castlerockchessclub.org) Monday
- Colorado Springs Briargate Chess Club** [www.facebook.com/briargatechess](http://www.facebook.com/briargatechess) Thursday
- Colorado Springs Chess Club** <https://sites.google.com/view/colorado-springs-chess-club/home> Tuesday
- Colorado Springs Kids Chess Club** [www.facebook.com/groups/131445216496856](http://www.facebook.com/groups/131445216496856) Monday
- Denver Chess Club** [www.DenverChess.com](http://www.DenverChess.com) Tuesday | Thursday
- Denver MeetUp: Learn to Play Chess** [www.meetup.com/Learn-to-Play-Chess](http://www.meetup.com/Learn-to-Play-Chess) Misc
- Denver Oprah's Rook Club** [www.meetup.com/Learn-to-Play-Chess](http://www.meetup.com/Learn-to-Play-Chess) Wednesday
- The South Metro Denver Chess Club** [www.meetup.com/Learn-to-Play-Chess](http://www.meetup.com/Learn-to-Play-Chess) Thursday
- Durango Chess Club** [www.guildhousegames.com/event-calendar.html](http://www.guildhousegames.com/event-calendar.html) Monday
- Fort Collins Chess MeetUp Group** [www.meetup.com/fort-collins-chess-meetup-group](http://www.meetup.com/fort-collins-chess-meetup-group) Wednesday
- Fort Collins Northern Colorado Chess** <https://noco chess.weebly.com/> Tuesday | 2nd & 4th Saturday
- Greeley Chess Club** Contact Brad Lundstrom: chesscoach2014@gmail.com Thursday
- Highlands Ranch Chess Knights** [www.HighlandsRanchLibraryChess.org](http://www.HighlandsRanchLibraryChess.org) 2nd & 4th Wednesday
- Lafayette Chess Club** [www.facebook.com/groups/840770652747409](http://www.facebook.com/groups/840770652747409) Thursday
- Montrose Library Chess Club** <https://www.montroselibrary.org/series/chess-club-2/> Tuesday
- Parker Chess Club** <https://parkerchessclub.godaddysites.com/club-info> Monday
- Pueblo Chess Club** [www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61564615604163](http://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61564615604163) Monday
- Steamboat Springs Sunday Chess Club** [https://www.steamboatpilot.com/explore-steamboat/calendar/?\\_escaped\\_fragment\\_=/show?start=2023-10-09#!/details/sunday-chess-club/14423200/2025-04-27T12](https://www.steamboatpilot.com/explore-steamboat/calendar/?_escaped_fragment_=/show?start=2023-10-09#!/details/sunday-chess-club/14423200/2025-04-27T12)
- Summit County Chess Club** [www.facebook.com/people/Summit-County-Chess-Club/100064653976129/](http://www.facebook.com/people/Summit-County-Chess-Club/100064653976129/)  
 Tuesday | Wednesday | Friday

## Library Clubs (Temporary?)

**Elbert Library Chess Club** <https://allevents.in/elbert/200027635475753?ref=sharer>

2nd Tuesday Scheduled thru April 2025

**Erie Adult Social Chess Club** <https://highplains.libcal.com/event/13353851>

1st Thursday Scheduled thru June 2025

**Firestone Chess Club** @ Firestone Police Department <https://highplains.libcal.com/event/13941388>

2nd Tuesday Scheduled thru April 2025

**Glenwood Springs Library Chess Club** <https://gcpld.org/events/>

3rd Thursday Scheduled thru June 2025

**Granby Library Chess Club** <https://gclld.librarycalendar.com/events/month>

Tuesday Scheduled thru May 2025

## Chess Lessons In & Around Denver

**Chess Academy of Denver** <https://coloradomasterchess.com/>

**Chess Wizards** <https://chesswizards.com/>

**Chessmates Chess Club** [www.chessmatesfc.com/](http://www.chessmatesfc.com/)

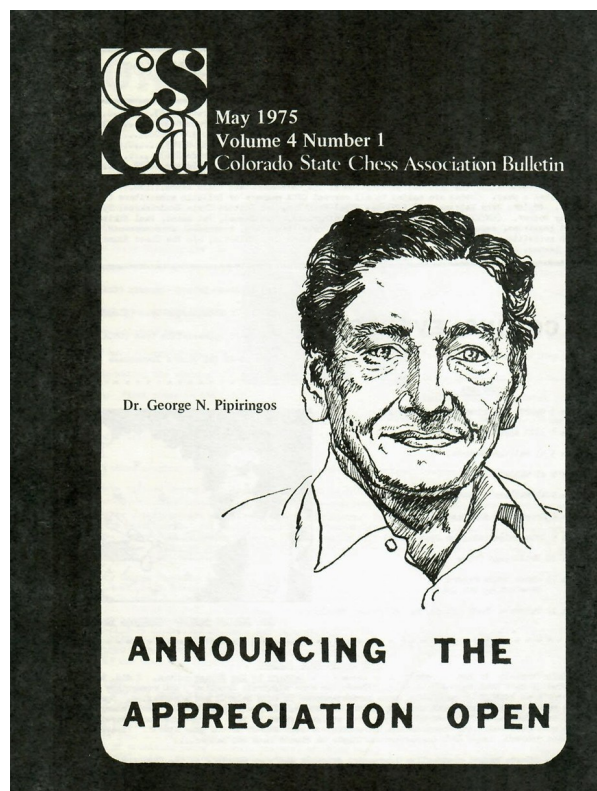
**Mile High Chess** <https://milehighchess.com/>

**PALS Chess Academy** <https://palschess.com/>

**Summit School of Chess** <https://summitschoolofchess.com>

**The Knight School** <https://www.theknightschool.com/denver-chess>





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