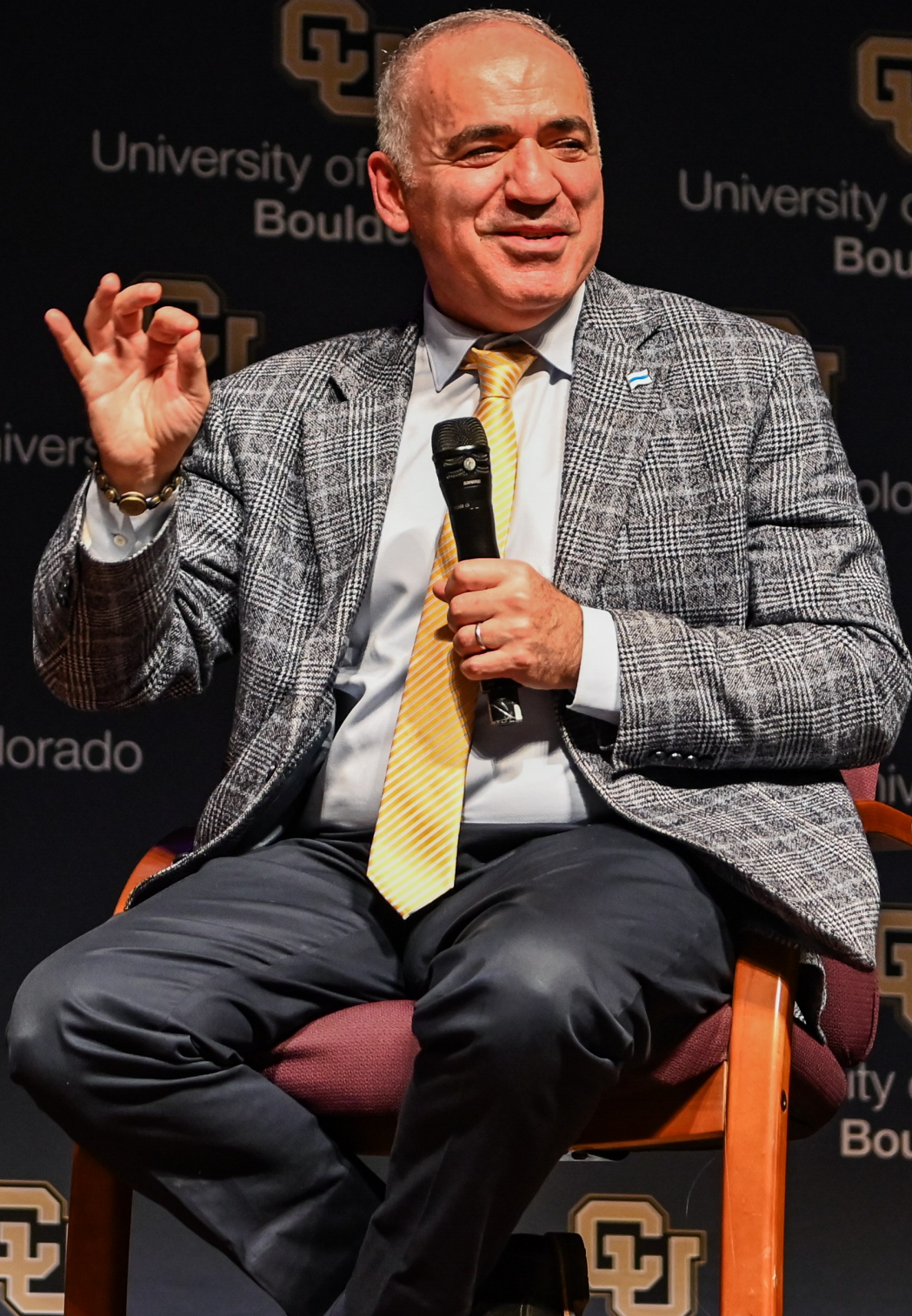


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Garry Kasparov speaking at CU Boulder campus

By John Brezina

From the Editor

Happy New Year Colorado! Another chess year has passed and what a chess year it has been. From Sullivan McConnell taking the K-12 Scholastic title to Eamon Montgomery becoming the State Champion, and a lot of Colorado chess in between. From an 18 year old Gukesh Dommaraju becoming World Champion to a former World Champion Garry Kasparov visiting Colorado. We have a great current chess scene in Colorado but also an incredible rich history that our historian Todd Bardwick documents nicely. I encourage anyone today to share stories and photos from current State tournaments or chess events (big or small) to be published here so we can continue this long chess tradition in Colorado.

- John Brezina

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CSCA President Earle Wikle's Message

Happy New Year everyone!

As we look back at a successful year of chess for Colorado, with many successful events and even a visit by the 13th World Chess Champion Garry Kasparov at the University of Colorado at Boulder on Oct. 8. Unfortunately, there was limited access to Garry because of security, and the CSCA was only able to take some pictures and listen to the university students ask questions. Prior to the event, I reached out to the event organizers with the contact information provided, but did not receive any reply. Despite not getting a chance to ask Garry some questions for the CSCA Informant, it was still an enjoyable evening to listen to Garry.

We are working to get all the CSCA events scheduled for 2025. The Colorado State Scholastic Championship is coming up February 1 – 2, at the Arapahoe County Fairgrounds. The Colorado Closed championship will be March 7-9, at Sheraton Hotel DTC, and signup will begin in February. The Senior Championship will be in Colorado Springs, and the Class Championship will be in Loveland or Greeley. The All Girls will be in Denver, and I am still looking for a site in Denver for the Colorado Open.

I look forward to getting everything setup, so we can continue to have successful events for Colorado chess in the coming year. I hope to see everyone and make chess fun and competitive for everyone.

CSCA President, Earle Wikle

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Colorado State Chess Association (CSCA) Board Zoom Meeting

Meeting Information

Event name	CSCA Board Zoom Meeting
Time	Oct 2, 2024, 07:25 PM - 08:41 PM (MST)
Participants	@Earle Wikle@Jesse Cohen@Duwayne Langseth@Sharmila Kamath @Todd Barwick

Meeting notes

Old business:

- Approval of meeting notes from General meeting on Sept. 1, 2024 – board approved minutes from Sept. 1
- Treasure report – Andy assist with transition to Sharmilla
- Membership – 286 members
- Summary of past year events – Board reviewed past year events (State Scholastic Champ., Closed Champ., Class Champ. Quick Champ., Senior Champ., Blitz Champ., and the Colorado Open Champ.)

New business:

- Discussion of new website – Getting with Dean, and finding web designer to complete the project.
- Discussion on planning for State Scholastic Champ.
- Dates of coming year proposed events.

FEB 1-2 State Scholastic Champ
MAR 7-9 Closed Champ
APR 26-27 Class Champ
MAY 3-4 Senior Champ
MAY 31 All Girls Champ
AUG 29-31 Blitz and Colorado Open

- Working with Jesse and USCF to provide title 1 schools with chess starter kit. – USCF has a program with grant money.

Jesse will assist schools with applying for USCF program. The program only allows for three schools. The board voted and passed 4-0 with helping fund additional schools up to \$2000 in supplies to help get title one schools started. Jesse will purchase and be reimbursed for starter kit. The **(Basic Scholastic Chess Club Starter Kit - For 10 Members)** for each of those schools.

Meeting Information

Event name	CSCA Board Zoom Meeting
Time	Dec 11, 2024, 07:25 PM - 08:41 PM (MST)
Participants	@Earle Wikle@Dean Clow@Jesse C@Sharmila Kamath

Meeting notes

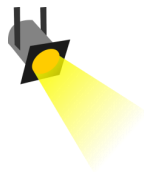
- The board meeting did not have enough board members to form a quorum. The members present had discussion for planning on the State Scholastic Championship and website change over.

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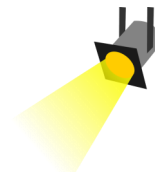
- Rescheduling for Jan. 9



Spotlight on Colorado Chess Clubs



Oprah's Rook Club



Oprah's Rook Club by Earle Wikle

If you find yourself in Denver on a Wednesday night, the Oprah's rook club meets at the Woods Boss brewery at 2210 California St. from 7:00pm-10:00pm. This is an unrated chess club that likes to play chess and have fun. With a parity, the club pokes some fun at the Oprah's book club, by naming their event Oprah's rook club. There is a league competition with two prizes at the end. Everyone has a good time and the competition is really good. Many of the players compete online and have learned a great deal since the club started up three years ago. Go check out Oprah's rook club and maybe encourage some of the players to come play in rated events.



If you'd like your chess club under the spotlight here please contact me. You can write up your own caption with your club info and send any pictures you'd like to share to highlight your club. skibrezina@gmail.com

"INTERNATIONAL SUCCESSES AT HOME"

By Ken Regan (Originally printed in the Apr/May 1979 CSCA Bulletin)

The past several years have seen a wonderful increase in the number of international tournaments held on U.S. soil. These events enable our rising players to gain experience against top masters, including those from foreign lands. Many have achieved FIDE title norm performances. The improving standard of U.S. chess owes much to the efforts of sponsors such as Louis D. Statham ('Lone Pine'), and William Goichberg, who has probably brought about more games of chess than any other organizer in history. (Who does it for Russia?)

Most recently, two young players have made norms in N.Y. "Swiss System Internationals". Michael Wilder, 16, of Princeton, N.J., had an IM result in the Thanksgiving International. He may be the world's youngest norm holder. And at the just-concluded Marshall Chess Club International, Michael Rohde, a freshman at Yale who recently moved from New Jersey to Georgia, scored 8 out of 10 to make his first GM norm, winning the tournament to boot.

Rohde obtained the title of international master two years ago in N.Y. and has since represented the United States at the World Junior Championship (held at the same time as the U.S. Junior in Denver), at the Maccabiah Games, and in the World Student Team Championship. The following game, in which he adeptly reverses an adventurous gambit by senior master Orest Popovych, illustrates his aggressive, but accurate, style:

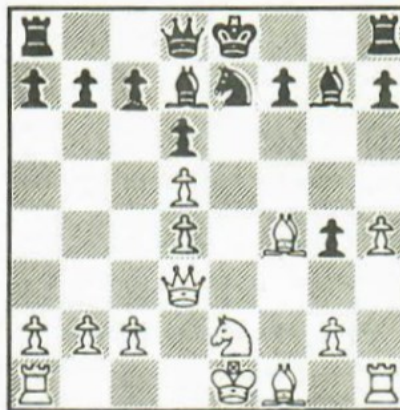
1979 Marshall Chess Club International

White: POPOVYCH Black: ROHDE

King's Gambit Accepted

1 P-K4 P-K4 2 P-KB4 PxP 3 N-KB3 P-Q3
4 P-Q4 P-KN4 (Fischer and Gligoric both advocate supporting the thorn in White's kingside this way, although it does allow White to provoke fresh weaknesses. 5 P-KR4 P-N5 6 N-N1 B-R3 (A highly unconventional position! White will try to penetrate Black's screening pawn duo and inundate his exposed kingside. However, his lag in development enables Black to group his forces) 7 N-QB3 N-QB3 8 Q-Q3!? B-Q2 (To stop Q-N5ch after N-N5, and in general consolidate Black's position. Now White tries to recapture the f-pawn) 9 N-Q5 N-KB3 (If now 10 BxP BxB 11 NxB Q-K2 12 O-O-O 13 R-K1 B-B4! hurts, or 13 N-Q5 QxP!

14 NxN Q-B5ch. 10 NxP first is just as bad: ...Q-K2 11 N-Q5 NxN 12 BxB N4-N5! So White adds another attacker) 10 KN-K2 NxN 11 PxN N-K2 12 BxP B-N2! (Played with finesse. Exchanging bishops only weakens Black's kingside and aids White's development. Black needs only one more move to complete his, and already exerts strong pressure on the center. He threatens NxP; how should White react?)



One way is to continue the Wild West style of play and castle, daring Black to take the d-pawn. Perhaps bringing out his men is a more important concern than the pawn. But it seems Black can come out unscathed after 13...NxP 14 Q-K4ch B-K3 15 B-N5 B-B3!, or 14 R-K1 O-O 15 B-N5 P-B3 16 Q-N3 P-B3. Better - and probably best - is the compromise measure 14 N-QB3, freeing the KB. If after ...O-O 15 O-O-O, Black goes for the pawn on d4 with ...N-B4, he could run into trouble with 16 B-N5! Q-B1 17 N-K4! NxP - ...BxP 18 B-B6 - 18 N-B6ch BxN 19 BxB N-B4 20 Q-K4. A better idea for Black would be to try to pry the center open with e.g. 15...B-B4 16 Q-Q2 P-QB4, although this also involves some risks. The move Popovych actually chose looks very solid...) 13 P-QB4?! (...but it neglects development, opens lines for Black's men, and gives him many more targets to attack. Black probably has more than just a slight edge now) 13...O-O 14 P-R5? (Attack!!! yells White with sword upraised and plunges into the enemy's midst. But where are his supporting armies? - Still idle in the reserve stations, waiting to be sent to the front. Advisable was either N-B3 or N-N3. Black's eight defenders need not even stoop to hold off White's minor incursion)

When you're ahead in development, or your opponent has potentially assailable weaknesses, try to open up the position.

Rohde's aggressive instincts lead him to retaliate immediately, scattering White's disorganized rearguard) 14...P-QN4!

15 P-N3 PxF 16 PxF P-QB3! 17 BxP PxF 18 P-B5 R-K1 (Notice how sparse White's position seems, whereas Black's compact, well-coordinated ranks are ready to go on the march) 19 P-R6 B-B3 20 R-R5 N-B3 (How White wishes he had not advanced the c-pawn and could play P-QB3!) 21 O-O-O Q-R4 22 P-QR3 (Now Black blasts away White's last line of defense)



22...RxN! 23 BxR NxP (Threatens ...NxBch 24 QxB QxPch) 24 B-B1 Q-R5 25 B-K5 (A pinky in the dike) 25...N-N6ch 26 K-N2 NxP 27 Q-Q2 R-N1ch (White resigns just as the flood waters inundate his camp)

The following game features a less powerful, but more artful, reversal of an opponent's attack. Wilder, now a junior in high school, was the "youngest master since Bobby Fischer" at age 13½. (It is a good sign for U.S. chess that several juniors have held that distinction in recent years.) He has won the Greater New York Open and several smaller tournaments and has defeated several IMs. His most recent success earned him a 2351 rating and a place in Lone Pine. Here is his game with Sunil Weeramantry from the Thanksgiving event. Weeramantry, a strong master who resides in Westchester County, N.Y., had an impressive record on first board for Sri Lanka at the recent Olympiad.

White: WILDER Black: WEERAMANTRY

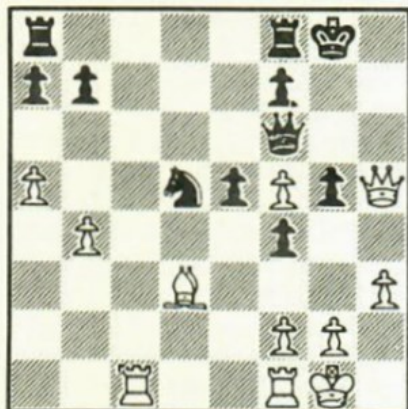
King's Indian Defense

1 P-Q4 N-KB3 2 P-QB4 P-KN3 3 N-QB3 B-N2 4 P-K4 P-Q3 5 N-KB3 O-O 6 B-K2 P-K4 7 O-O N-B3 8 P-Q5 N-K2 (With the center locked, White looks to the queenside, Black to the kingside) 9 P-QN4 N-R4 10 P-B5 N-B5 11 BxN PxB 12 R-QB1 (Black's advanced f-pawn has elements of weakness ((White threatens to win it with Q-Q2)) and strength, in that Black can try a kingside pawn storm) 12...P-KR3 13 P-QR4 P-KN4 14 P-KR3 N-N3 15 PxF PxF 16 N-N5 B-Q2!? ("An interesting innovation. Theory gives 16...P-QR3!? 17 N-B7 R-N1 18 P-N5, with the idea of ensconsing the knight by P-N6, and White is slightly better. But now if White takes the d-pawn, Black can take either RP with his bishop with unclear consequences." ((Wilder)) White eschews the bait and marches on) 17 P-QR5 B-K4



Black anchors his center to prepare the thrust ...P-KR4 - P-KN5. Control of the g4 square is often crucial in King's Indians. White brings his QN over to plug up Black's access to that square) 18 N5-Q4 P-KR4!? (Now Black threatens the immediate P-N5, since after NxB PxN, White's QN would be attacked. But White arrives just in time. It is hard enough to believe that White, not Black, will shortly storm the enemy kingside; but can you guess which White pawn will play the star role in the onslaught?) 19 NxB PxN 20 N-B5! BxN (Rather than save his h-pawn with the ugly P-R5, Black wisely tries to recapture one of White's) 21 PxB N-K2 22 B-Q3! NxQP (Not ...QxP? 23 P-B6 N-N3 ((else 24 B-R7ch! wins the queen)) 24 QxRP, and Black

cannot stop both BxN and Q-R6) 23 QxP Q-B3 (To stop P-B6. Black seems to have plugged up the dike quite thoroughly. Wilder deserves much credit for spotting the only leak in Black's position. Can you?)



24 P-R6!! (A R6 move to clear one B6 square to clear the other B6 square to clear KR7! If ...PxP, 25 R-B6!! QxR 26 P-B6 NxBP 27 QxPch K-R1 28 Q-R6ch K-N1, and now the whole point: 29 B-R7ch!, and White wins the queen after ...NxB 30 QxQ, or ...K-R1 30 B-K4 dis ch. Moreover, after 24...QR-N1 25 PxP Black cannot recapture the pawn for the same reason, and White will support it with 26 B-K4. Instead Black goes after the troublesome KB but cannot avert his fate) 24...NxP 25 PxP NxB!? (Else ...QR-N1 26 B-K4, and White's advanced pawn will probably decide in the long run. But now comes the "anyway" move) 26 R-B6!! QxR (If ...QxP 27 R-R6 K-N2 28 PxR(Q) RxQ 29 P-KN4! PxP e.p. 30 PxP does the trick) 27 QxPch K-R1 28 P-B6 1-0

It's mate after ...R-N1 29 Q-R5. A splendid finish. Several other rising players have made norms and titles in the past few years: e.g. Mark Diesen, John Fedorowicz, Yasser Seirawan, Walter Morris, yours truly among juniors, as well as Michael Valvo, Bruce Rind, John Watson, Larry Kaufman, Robert Gruchacz. John Peters, Kenneth Rogoff, Sal Matera, and Andrew Soltis have recently made GM norms. Many of these and other players have gained valuable experience in Europe as well. One looks forward to the soon approaching day when the U.S. will be a full part of the international chess circuit.

SPEED CHESS TOURNAMENT! The North Jeffco Chess Club will hold a speed chess tournament Thursday, May 3rd. Registration will be from 6:30 to 7:00 PM. The entry fee will be 50¢, and club membership will be required (\$3 per year). First prize will be a chess set and board. A chess set will be awarded for the best score by an under-1500 player. The tournament will be held at the Secrest Recreation Center, 64th Av. and Pierce St. in Arvada. The club meets every Thursday at the same location. For more details call 423-9336.



Ken Regan is an American professor, chess player, statistician, and computer scientist who is also an expert in anti-cheating in chess. I met him at the St. Louis Chess Conference this past October where he gave a talk on cheating in chess. I spoke with him about chess after bringing up his Buffalo Bills hat he was wearing, turns out he is quite a fan of the Bills. After mentioning I was the editor of the Informant, he mentioned that he had written articles for the Informant many years ago! So we spoke at length about many of his early chess tales and he was quite thrilled to know we have many years of the Informant posted online which I shared with him. I also shared that we're working on getting all past 50 years of the Informant online and that I was starting a new section of past articles of early issues which I have just posted the first here. Appropriate that it would be one of his!

- John Brezina (editor)

DCC 2024 Fall Classic

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I will certainly not complain about a record registration of 134 players...



NM Chris Peterson's Best Game selection, along with some other games, has been added to the Games Section. When the Denver Chess Club was thinking about adding a weekend tournament to our yearly calendar - in addition to the MLK and the Denver Open - long time DCC player Randolph Schine came up with the perfect name for the event: The DCC Fall Classic. We have since also added the DCC Spring Classic which had a 2023 inaugural registration of 90 players. followed by a registration of 133 players this year. Increasing attendance in all DCC tournaments shows the increasing interest in chess worldwide. The first DCC Fall Classic was in 2016. That report has this comment: "...a great tournament, with a total of 84 players taking part." So all these years later I will certainly not complain about a record registration of 134 players at the 2024 DCC Fall Classic.



As usual, I couldn't resist another room shot



Daniel Herman is quite pleased to be receiving his prize check from TD Peter Barly

Note: This photo is by Shirley Herman. All other photos are by John Brezina.

So then, on with who earned USCF rating points and won prize money at the 2024 DCC Fall Classic. First, let me say that DCC President Earle Wikle could not have been more fair with how he allocated the nearly 5000 dollar prize fund, which included an Upset prize for each section. As usual at a DCC tournament any player, regardless of their rating, has a chance to take home prize money. We'll start out this DCC report with a few pictures of special guest, FM Issak Parpiev. Brian Wall played the youngster at an IHOP tournament in Colorado Springs shortly after Issak came to America, and had this to say, "I messed up the opening against Young Master Parpiev and... I just couldn't recover". Also saying, "Richard Shtivelband constructed a winning bind against Isaak. Isaak wriggled out and won anyway." I believe it's safe to say we have another real strong player in Colorado.



The game between FM Isaak Parpiev (w) against NM Daniel Herman (b) is about to begin...



... and FM Parpiev may be thinking Mr. Herman has some verve invading his side of the board with a pawn...



...and here the star of the tournament is checking out some other games

In the **Premier** section, FIDE Master Isaak Parpiev had no trouble with our local Colorado players. His 5-0 perfect score took 1st place, and he took home 665 dollars. USCF National Masters Daniel Herman and Eamon Montgomery, along with Candidate Master Rhett Langseth all ended up with 4 points. Each player only lost to the young FM Parpiev. They share the combined 2nd and 3rd place prize of 951 dollars for their fine play. Forest Lundstrom (1830) won the 95 dollar Premier Upset Prize when he won his round 1 game against NM Abhishek Mallela (2160)



Grayson Manuel is in full focus mode

Of note is the young, and fast rising Colorado chess star, Grayson Manuel (1768), who finished with 3 points that were all from upsetting much higher rated players. The rating difference totaled up to 554 points!! Ben DeGuire's 3 points were also from winning against higher rated players.



Ben DeGuire making sure he doesn't talk out loud about what he is thinking :-)

In the **U1800** section, Incredibly five players all finished with 4 points. Thus, Wyatt Backhouse, John Schoenke, Theodore Hood, Joseph Pelso, and Austin Battles each won 171 dollars. In addition, Mr. Battles (1409) also won the 95 dollar U1800 Upset Prize for his win against Eli Cohrs (1769) in the last round. Mr. Hood was higher rated than all his opponents. The other players combined to have 11 Upset wins. Once again proving you can't look at a player's rating and predict the result of the game.



TDs Earle W and Peter B in the background keeping an eye on things...



... and here they are on the job at the registration table

Triston Cruz ruled the **U1600 section**. His perfect 5-0 score put 333 dollars in his pocket. Karthikeyan Kannan only lost to Mr. Cruz to end up with 4 points and win the 2nd place prize of 214 dollars. Zephyr Zink finished with 3.5 points and won 119 dollars for 3rd place. Wow, clear 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winners. The young Navid Singhal (1236) won the 95 dollar U1600 Upset Prize when he beat Conner McKenzie (1394) in round 3. This is the same Navid Singhal who ruled the DCC September Tuesday night U1500 section.

In the **U1400 section**, Neel Yadatore and Danie Hunninghake both finished with 4 points. Neel had a forced 1st round 1 point bye and Danie only lost to Neel, but otherwise had three Upset wins. Tying for 1st place they each won 257 dollars. Justin Barhite and Henry Dejesse both finished with 3.5 points and share the 3rd place prize of 105 dollars. Mr. Dejesse's points include an upset win and two upset draws. One of the draws earned a split of the 95 dollar U1400 U1400 Upset Prize. The other half went to Ryan Hajjali for his 194 point rating difference win over Lan Truong in round 1.



My bad for not being able to properly identify these players, and in the following photos

In the **U1200 section**, Nick Hvizda and Tarun Karthikeyan both had 4 points going into the last round and were paired against each other. Their game ended in what I'm sure was a hard fought draw and they both won 237 dollars and 50 cents. Jonah Platt's USCF rating of 834 is going to take a big jump. He finished with 4 points, which were all upsets totally up to a 735 rating point difference. This earned Mr. Platt the U1000 place prize of 143 dollars, in addition to the 95 dollar Upset Prize for his round 2 win against Tim Wendel (1148). The 3rd place prize of 95 dollars. was won by Unrated Zach Andriese who had also ended up with 4 points.



The youngster is about to make what I'm sure will be a good move...



... and this youngster is making a good move against John Rose

So many players, so much prize money, and so much of a great DCC tournament. Thanks first and foremost to all the players who make DCC tournaments successful and exciting. Thanks to DCC President Earle Wikle for making all the arrangements and directing the tournament.

Thanks to TD Peter Barlay for making sure Mr. Wikle got things right :-). Thanks also to John Brezina for the pictures. See all of John Brezina's great photography from rounds 2 and 5 below. As an appetizer, here is a selection of his black and white pictures from the tournament. Round 2: <https://photos.app.goo.gl/zqGM56yyAsdKDWQ66> Round 5: <https://photos.app.goo.gl/B8jQ5aNHPv4KbRb28>

Thanks again to all,
J.C. MacNeil



I've got to keep my head together



I've got to think about this



Let's see here...



Ok, I'm off to a good start

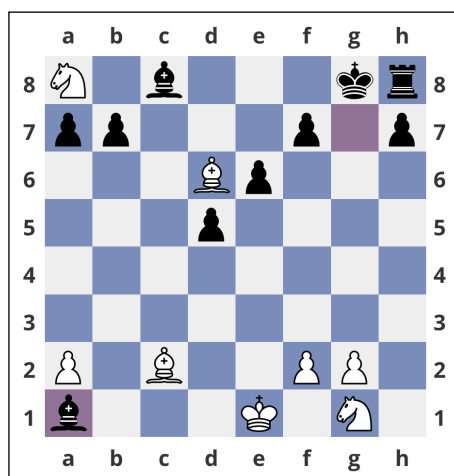
Best Game of the Fall Classic

by NM Christopher Peterson

Congratulations to everyone who won prizes! Clicking through the games on the DGT boards was a joy. There were so many interesting games to look at. If you have a chance, take a look at the games and find the one you found most interesting. For me, it was the round 5 struggle between Marmer and Wilcox on board 5 of the premier section. It was an intriguing game as it features an opening weapon usually used by stronger players to torture weaker players but this time it is turned on its head. It also includes an early sacrifice, extreme material imbalances, creative piece play, and enough blunders to make your head spin. Despite the flaws, it is my pick for the best game because of all of the interesting lessons that can be learned from it. It is a wild ride so let's jump into the analysis.

[1. d4 Nf6](#) [2. Nc3 d5](#) [3. Bf4](#) The Jobava London has become really popular at all levels. It has proven to be a dangerous weapon in the hands of aggressive attacking players. It sides steps a lot of classical opening theory and has some nasty traps. If black is familiar, though, he can often come out of the opening in a relatively easy to play position. Sometimes the traps backfire, too. As GM Hans Niemann found out when he lost in just 12 moves to GM Shamsiddin Vokhidov at the World Rapid in 2022. [3... g6](#) [4. e3 Bg7](#) [5. h4 c5](#) [6. h5](#) [6. Nb5 Na6](#) [7. Be2](#) It is probably better to support the h5 move rather than play it immediately. A common chess adage is "the threat is better than the execution". Leaving the h5 break in the air means black has to worry about it. Pretty soon black will have to deal with it by playing h6 or h5 himself. If the timing is wrong, white can play h5 and open up lines of attack. [6... Nxh5](#) [7. Rxb5 gxf5](#) [8. Qxh5](#) White has sacrificed an exchange for pawn but now his pieces are on menacing squares and he has a huge lead in development. Black must play precisely to avoid major trouble. [8... e6??](#) It seems like a natural move to bolster the center but it critically weakens the d6 square. Black's lack of development is already hurting him. It would be better to get some pieces developed or distract in the center: ([8... Nc6](#)) ([8... cxd4](#)) [9. Nb5](#) The threats are Nc7 and Nc6. [9... Kf8](#) ([9... Bd7??](#)) [10. Nd6+ Ke7](#) [11. Qxf7#](#) ([9... Nc6](#)) [10. Nd6+ Ke7](#) ([10... Kd7](#)) [11. Nxf7 Qe8](#) [12.](#)

[Bb5](#) Black's king is staggering around and exposed. [11. Qxf7#](#) [10. Nc7](#) ([10. Nd6](#)) [Qd7](#) [11. Bb5 Nc6](#) [12. Nf3 f6](#) [13. c4](#) [10... Nc6](#) [11. Nxa8 cxd4](#) [12. exd4 Nxd4](#) [13. Be7](#) ([13. O-O-O](#)) Castling here makes a lot of sense. Sometimes you need to take a pause from your initiative to remove counterplay. Kasparov was a master of prophylactically eliminating counterplay before seizing the initiative. [13... Qf6](#) [14. Bd3 Nxc2+](#) [15. Bxc2 Qxb2](#) [16. Bd6+ Kg8](#) [17. Qd1??](#) ([17. Rd1](#)) Material is being lost anyway, I am not sure why white decided to give up a whole rook rather than just a bishop. [17...](#)



[Qxc2](#) [18. Ne2](#) [17... Qxa1](#) [18. Qxa1 Bxa1](#)

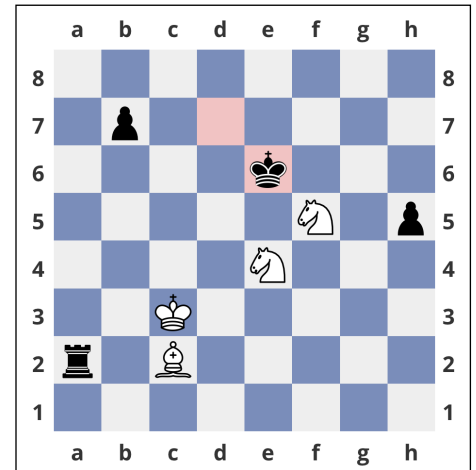
Position after 18...Bxa1

My general theory of chess is that the game is won through imbalances. In the analysis of a previous best game, we talked about different types of positional advantages: space, pawn structure, king safety, material, initiative, lead in development, and control of key squares. Each of these positional aspects can have varying levels of advantage and disadvantage as the game progresses. Typically to get beyond a winning threshold, you will need a cumulative advantage in these categories that outweighs the disadvantages. In this position, black has a clear material advantage by pure numbers. It is two knights vs a rook and three pawns. That is roughly 6 points vs 8 points. With proper control of the other positional aspects, black should be able to steer the game to victory. [19. Nc7](#) ([19. Bb8 Bd7](#)) ([19... a6](#)) [20. Nb6](#) And black will have a hard time devel-

oping his light squared bishop [20. Bxa7](#) [19... Bd7](#) [20. Nf3 f6](#) [21. Bd3 a6](#) Black is working hard to prevent the white knight from escaping. It is not entirely clear how the knight will be won but limiting your opponent's piece flexibility is usually not a bad idea. [22. Na8 Bc3+](#) [23. Ke2 Kf7](#) [24. Nb6 Bc6](#) ([24... Bb5](#)) Black should be looking for trades. Every trade increase the value of his material advantage. This is best understood as a ratio. Before the bishop trade, the ratio of material is 15:17 in black's favor. After the trade, the ratio is 12:14 or 6:7 which is a slightly larger gap. [25. Bxb5 axb5](#) it does not feel great to double the b-pawns but the game is going to be won with the center pawns, not the queen side pawns. [25. Bc5 e5?](#) The e-pawn was doing a good job keeping pieces away from the light squares. ([25... h5](#)) [26. Bf5 Ba5](#) [27. Nc8 Bc7](#) [28. Nh4](#) ([28. Nd6+](#)) [Bxd6](#) [29. Bxd6](#) Trades aren't good for white but it may be worth getting rid of black's bishop pair and the precarious knight. [28... Rd8](#) [29. Bg4 Bd7?](#) ([29... d4](#)) White's pieces are firmly under control, black can start advancing the center pawns to gain more space and pressure white's king. [30. Bh5+ Kg7](#) [31. Ne7 Kh6?](#) Somehow black has managed to get his king in trouble. Now with the king safety compromised, black's material advantage is insignificant. Fortunately for black, the king is not lost. [32. g4](#) ([32. Bf3 e4](#)) [33. Be3+ Kg7](#) [34. Bh5](#) White is setting up to blockade the center pawns and push black's king to the back rank. [34... b5](#) [35. Nhf5+ Bxf5](#) [36. Nxf5+ Kg8](#) And there may be nothing better for either side than perpetual check. [37. Ne7+ Kg7](#) [38. Nf5+ Kg8](#) [39. Ne7+ Kg7](#) [40. Nf5+](#) [32... d4](#) A nice idea to shut out the darksquared bishop. It also sets up a nice tactical idea but the calculation is flawed. [33. Bb4](#) ([33. Nhf5+ Kg5](#)) [34. Kf3 Bxf5](#) [35. Nxf5 Rd5](#) White is still fighting for a draw but all of black's advantage is lost. [33... Bxg4+??](#) [34. Bxg4 Kg5](#) [35. f3](#) Black must have missed this move which defends the h4 knight indirectly thanks to black's weakened king. Taking stock of the new material imbalance, it is roughly even at three minors vs a rook and four pawns. Considering white's superior piece placement and black's weak-

because the tactics can be difficult to spot. [35... e4](#) ([35... Kxh4](#) [36. Be1+ Kg5](#) [37. Bd2+ Kh4](#) [38. Nf5#](#)) [36. Nef5??](#) Oh no! White throws the advantage away. ([36. Nhf5](#) [d3+](#) ([36... ex-f3+??](#) Actually gets checkmated [37. Kxf3 Bf4](#) [38. Be1 Bg3](#) [39. Bd2+ Bf4](#) [40. Bxf4#](#)) [37. Kd1 exf3](#) [38. Bxf3 Kf4](#) [39. Bg2 Kg4](#) [40. Ne3+ Kg5](#) [41. N7d5](#) these knights are going to blockade the entire center) [36... Bf4](#) [37. Ng2??](#) ([37. Ng7!](#) The knight on h4 is still immune. [37... Kxh4](#) [38. Be1+ Kg5](#) [39. Ne6+](#) And black loses the rook) [37... d3+](#) Suddenly black is back in the driver's seat as the initiative as shifted. [38. Kd1 exf3](#) [39. Nge3 f2??](#) Here is an example of why endings like this are so difficult. Black has an easy tactic here to win the game. The problem is the piece configuration obfuscates the tactic. ([39... Bxe3!](#) [40. Nxe3 Rd4!](#) This tactic may have been seen by black over the board but he was unsure if all the possible outcomes still lead to winning endgames. These can be very difficult to calculate, especially if time is running low. It is why I always try to emphasize studying endgames. Having a solid foundation in the endgame will allow you to make decisions like this with more confidence.) [40. Bh3](#) Ok now we are back to some form of equality. Even now black has managed to snag another pawn for his material advantage, white has plenty of compensation. Black's king is exposed, the pawns are fractured, and white's pieces are actively placed. [40... Re8](#) [41. Bd2](#) ([41. Kd2](#) could send the rook back to d8 and limit black's activity.) [41... Re5](#) [42. Nd4??](#) I am assuming this is to threaten the fork on f3. It is a terrible blunder, though, as black could win the knight on e3. ([42. Bf1](#)) [42... Kh5??](#) I can see on the DGT board that both players were in time pressure, white with less than 1 minute on the clock and black with less than 90 seconds. Considering the complex nature of the position, we have to forgive some tactical mistakes. Seeing the winning moves [Rxe3](#) or [Bxe3](#) should be automatic, however. Missing this speaks to either a lack of experience playing endgames with these types of imbalances or inexperience in time pressure.

Typically when you are short of time and wining, you want to simplify the position as much as possible. Instead, black opts to keep it complicated which helps white. Now white can keep pieces on the board which, considering he has the four minor pieces, helps him in maintaining relative chaos. ([42... Bxe3](#) [43. Nf3+](#) [Kf4](#) [44. Nxe5 fxe5](#) pawns vs a single minor piece, plus three of the pawns are well advanced. Black should be winning easily.) ([42... Rxe3](#) [43. Bxe3 Bxe3](#) [44. Nb3 Kh4](#) [45. Bf1 Kg3](#) Again black is going to be winning this easily. There is a simple, unstoppable plan of playing the king to g1 and winning white's bishop. Afterwhich the h-pawn will be uncontested.) [43. Nf1 Kh4](#) [44. Bg2](#) ([44. Bf5 Kh5](#) ([44... h6](#) [45. Nf3+](#) [Kh5](#) [46. Nxe5 Bxd2](#) [47. Nxd3 Be1](#) [48. Bc8](#) White should be winning) ([44... h5](#) [45. Nf3#](#) A funny little checkmate) [45. Bxh7 Bxd2](#) [46. Kxd2 Ra5](#) [47. Bg8 Re5](#) [48. Bc4 f5](#) [49. Bxd3](#) White has gotten rid of the scariest parts of black's position and should be winning.) [44... Bxd2??](#) [45. Kxd2??](#) ([45. Nf3+](#) [Kh5](#) [46. Nxe5 fxe5](#) [47. Kxd2](#) And white should be winning) [45... Kh5](#) The rest of the game is a time pressure struggle of black trying to convince himself he is winning. White does a great job picking off pawns as they become loose and keeping his pieces defended. [46. Bf3+](#) [Kg6](#) [47. Kxd3 Re1](#) [48. Be2 Ra1](#) [49. Ke3 Rxa2](#) [50. Kxf2](#) Black, at just about any time, could sacrifice the rook for the knight to force a draw. [50... a5](#) ([50... Rxe2+](#) [51. Nxe2](#) With two rook pawns to defend against, white still has to be careful. Knights are really bad at defending against rook pawns.) [51. Ke3 a4](#) [52. Bd3+](#) [Kh6](#) [53. Nd2 Ra3](#) [54. Nc4 Ra1](#) [55. Nc2 Rh1](#) [56. N4a3 Kg5](#) ([56... Rh3+](#) [57. Ke2 Rxd3](#)) [57. Kf2 Kf4](#) [58. Bb5 Rh2+](#) [59. Ke1 Ke4](#) [60. Bxa4 Kd3](#) [61. Nb4+](#) [Kd4](#) [62. Nac2+](#) [Ke5](#) [63. Nd3+](#) [Kd5](#) [64. Bb3+](#) [Kd6](#) [65. Nf2 f5](#) [66. Ke2 Rh4](#) [67. Ne3 Rb4](#) [68. Nxf5+](#) [Kd7](#) [69. Bc2 Rb2](#) [70. Kd2 h5](#) [71. Kc3 Ra2](#) ([71... Rxc2+](#)) [72. Ne4 Ke6](#) White wins on time ([72... Ke6](#) [73. Bb3+](#) [Kxf5](#) [74. Nd6+](#) [Ke5](#) [75. Nf7+](#) [Kf6](#) [76. Bxa2](#) If white knows the knight and bishop check-mate pattern it should be a win.) **1-0**



*Final position after 72...Ke6
(White wins on time)*

And so I must congratulate Daniel Marmer on this excellent victory over Craig Wilcox. It is a 267 point upset which is already rare but the addition of the attacks, material imbalance, and all the unique features of the game, it is absolutely one of a kind. If any of the blunders were capitalized on in a serious way, it would have removed the luster from the game. Continue striving for these imbalances and continue to see your rating skyrocket as you upset the stronger players.



DCC Fall Classic Cross Table

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Section 1 - PREMIER (+1600 USCF)

Pair Num	Player Name USCF ID / Rtg (Pre->Post)	Total Pts	Round 1	Round 2	Round 3	Round 4	Round 5
1	ISAAC PARPIEV CO 32049136 / R: Unrated->2440P15	5.0	W	19 W	15 W	4 W	2 W 3
2	EAMON CURCHIN MONTGOMERY CO 15755701 / R: 2230 ->2238	4.0	W	8 W	25 W	13 L	1 W 6
3	DANIEL HERMAN CO 14345456 / R: 2164 ->2179	4.0	W	11 W	21 W	16 W	5 L 1
4	RHETT LANGSETH CO 13392987 / R: 2089 ->2110	4.0	W	20 W	32 L	1 W	10 W 9
5	MATTHEW WOFFORD CO 12812582 / R: 2193 ->2185	3.5	W	31 D	30 W	10 L	3 W 13
6	NICKOLAS PETERSEN CO 13072431 / R: 2021 ->2038	3.5	W	26 W	27 H	W	7 L 2
7	CHRISTOPHER MOTLEY CO 16231534 / R: 2004 ->2012	3.5	H	W	33 W	30 L	6 W 20
8	DANIEL MARMER CO 12889369 / R: 1793 ->1860	3.5	L	2 D	36 W	33 W	27 W 12
9	ABHISHEK MALLELA NM 12888811 / R: 2132 ->2116	3.0	L	30 W	14 W	31 W	16 L 4
10	GRAYSON MANUEL CO 16746206 / R: 1821 ->1891	3.0	W	28 W	12 L	5 L	4 W 25
11	BENJAMIN DEGUIRE CO 30412244 / R: 1786 ->1849	3.0	L	3 W	29 H	D	17 W 24
12	CRAIG D WILCOX CO 12418845 / R: 2060 ->2036	2.5	W	37 L	10 H	W	25 L 8
13	CALEB PE A CO 30080070 / R: 1982 ->1979	2.5	W	36 W	35 L	2 H	L 5
14	LUIS A JIMENEZ CO 14736983 / R: 1936 ->1928	2.5	D	33 L	9 H	D	26 W 32
15	OWEN SEBASTIAN CURTIS CO 17334272 / R: 1911 ->1911	2.5	W	22 L	1 H	L	20 W 33
16	KYLIE ZHANG WA 16733661 / R: 1905 ->1908	2.5	W	34 W	23 L	3 L	9 D 19
17	KEITH JAY OXMAN CO 12459346 / R: 1909 ->1900	2.5	L	27 W	26 D	32 D	11 D 21
18	DEREK JUNWEN YIN 16493370 / R: 1880 ->1880	2.5	L	23 W	22 H	W	32 U
19	VEDANT PRAVIN MARGALE CO 16018722 / R: 1875 ->1877	2.5	L	1 D	34 W	36 D	21 D 16
20	REYANSH AGARWAL CO 30165332 / R: 1803 ->1839	2.5	L	4 W	24 H	W	15 L 7
21	VEDANTH PEESAPATY CO 30753657 / R: 1776 ->1803	2.5	W	29 L	3 H	D	19 D 17
22	KAAVYA SAKTHISARAVANAN CO 16909357 / R: 1755 ->1772	2.5	L	15 L	18 H	W	36 W 29
23	THOMAS HAMMONS CO 31646590 / R: 1621 ->1702	2.5	W	18 L	16 H	W	30 U
24	JAROD D HEAP UT 15118541 / R: 2020 ->1978	2.0	L	32 L	20 W	34 W	31 L 11
25	MICHAEL MUNAFO CO 12625903 / R: 1891 ->1878	2.0	W	38 L	2 W	35 L	12 L 10
26	SHUBH MISRA CO 16824026 / R: 1859 ->1848	2.0	L	6 L	17 W	37 D	14 D 27
27	JASON NIGATU CO 30595735 / R: 1749 ->1760	2.0	W	17 L	6 H	L	8 D 26
28	EVAN MCCORMICK CO 31167718 / R: 1907 ->1901	1.5	L	10 W	37 H	U	U
29	MATTHEW ABRAHAM CO 31326521 / R: 1923P21->1865P25	1.5	L	21 L	11 H	W	35 L 22

30	FORREST R LUNDSTROM CO 12771495 / R: 1819 ->1829	1.5	W	9 D	5 L	7 L	23 U
31	KENZIE L MOORE CO 13028820 / R: 1835 ->1827	1.5	L	5 W	38 L	9 L	24 H
32	EMMETT LIGNELL CO 30624060 / R: 1787 ->1789	1.5	W	24 L	4 D	17 L	18 L 14
33	TANYA GURPUR MADKE PRABHU CO 16349446 / R: 1785 ->1777	1.5	D	14 L	7 L	8 W	34 L 15
34	TED DOYKOS CO 12724380 / R: 1772 ->1753	1.5	L	16 D	19 L	24 L	33 W 35
35	ABHIRAM PALLE CO 17054842 / R: 1622 ->1593	1.0	B	L	13 L	25 L	29 L 34
36	SAI SWANITH DASARI CO 16623300 / R: 1795 ->1763	0.5	L	13 D	8 L	19 L	22 U
37	DUWAYNE LANGSETH CO 11197175 / R: 1800 ->1800	0.0	L	12 L	28 L	26 U	U
38	MAXIM SEBASTIAN MILLAN CO 30600784 / R: 1736 ->1712	0.0	L	25 L	31 U	U	U

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	WYATT BACKHOUSE CO 30191128 / R: 1696 ->1764	4.0	W	16 W	4 W	2 D	9 D 3
2	THEODORE HOOD CO 31899848 / R: 1675P10->1758P15	4.0	W	29 W	27 L	1 W	17 W 11
3	JOHN SCHOENKE CO 30689481 / R: 1644 ->1728	4.0	W	30 W	14 D	9 W	6 D 1
4	JOSEPH F PLESO WY 14387135 / R: 1594 ->1672	4.0	X	L	1 W	20 W	19 W 10
5	AUSTIN BATTLES CO 12845430 / R: 1409 ->1550	4.0	L	11 B	W	30 W	21 W 9
6	KRISTOPHER ZELKIN CO 30155254 / R: 1787 ->1784	3.5	B	W	19 H	L	3 W 17
7	KRISH MATHIMARAN CO 30150019 / R: 1666 ->1675	3.5	D	28 D	22 W	13 D	15 W 18
8	DANIEL THEODORE SMITH CO 16820573 / R: 1659 ->1666	3.5	L	24 W	35 D	28 W	20 W 15
9	ELI COHRS CO 30399807 / R: 1769 ->1761	3.0	W	13 W	11 D	3 D	1 L 5
10	KENNETH DOYKOS CO 10358086 / R: 1700 ->1700	3.0	L	27 W	29 W	18 W	12 L 4
11	ANDREW SEBASTIAN PLATT VA 30644854 / R: 1620 ->1638	3.0	W	5 L	9 W	23 W	14 L 2
12	DARSHAN SATISHKUMAR CO 16961241 / R: 1615 ->1615	3.0	L	18 W	34 W	24 L	10 W 22
13	ABHIJAY BALAMURUGAN CO 16913354 / R: 1563 ->1590	3.0	L	9 W	33 L	7 W	23 W 21
14	ENRICO MOSS CO 31294947 / R: 1497 ->1563	3.0	W	20 L	3 W	22 L	11 W 24
15	SETH LICHTENSTEIN CO 30244195 / R: 1593 ->1601	2.5	H	D	23 W	26 D	7 L 8
16	MICAH PENA CO 30081553 / R: 1556 ->1562	2.5	L	1 W	25 L	19 H	W 29
17	TIMUR PARPIEV CO 32048492 / R: Unrated->1537P15	2.5	W	33 D	18 W	21 L	2 L 6
18	BENJAMIN USADI VT 16671615 / R: 1405 ->1480	2.5	W	12 D	17 L	10 W	28 L 7
19	KUBAT RAHATBECK CO 31947338 / R: 1648P12->1640P16	2.0	W	35 L	6 W	16 L	4 U
20	ROHAN JACOB DAVID WY 30456709 / R: 1640 ->1609	2.0	L	14 W	30 L	4 L	8 W 33
21	ASHWIN MATHIMARAN CO 17295785 / R: 1626 ->1587	2.0	W	25 W	24 L	17 L	5 L 13
22	JACOB THOMAS ZIRIN CO 15359044 / R: 1591 ->1569	2.0	D	23 D	7 L	14 W	33 L 12

23 NIAL RIAN CASE CO 30894700 / R: 1543 -->1518	2.0 D 22 D 15 L 11 L 13 B
24 FELIX MCMILLAN CO 30251494 / R: 1507 -->1517	2.0 W 8 L 21 L 12 W 26 L 14 N:4 W B W B W
25 SARVESH RAJESH CO 16925315 / R: 1464 -->1437	2.0 L 21 L 16 L 33 B W 35 W B W B
26 JEFF NOHRDEN CO 30350883 / R: 1743 -->1673	1.5 D 32 D 28 L 15 L 24 D 30 N:4 B W B W B
27 TYLER A POOLE CO 12612558 / R: 1604 -->1616	1.5 W 10 L 2 H U U W B
28 ANDREW ROBICHAUD CO 30154062 / R: 1545 -->1542	1.5 D 7 D 26 D 8 L 18 U N:4 W B W B
29 JACK ADIN GOTTLIEB CO 30962561 / R: 1534 -->1511	1.5 L 2 L 10 H W 35 L 16 W B B W
30 ADAM DAWDY CO 30472762 / R: 1536 -->1501	1.5 L 3 L 20 L 5 X D 26 B W B W
31 SANDEEP MATHEW CO 15620507 / R: 1637 -->1647	1.0 W 34 U U U U B
32 RYAN UMARI CO 12460443 / R: 1550 -->1558	1.0 D 26 H U U U W U U U
33 ANTONY E BROWN CO 17328111 / R: 1548 -->1495	1.0 L 17 L 13 W 25 L 22 L 20 B W B W B
34 JEFFREY COHEN CO 12412650 / R: 1479 -->1453	0.5 L 31 L 12 H F U W B
35 SETH B MUSSELMAN CO 12733704 / R: 1511 -->1445	0.5 L 19 L 8 H L 29 L 25 B B W W
36 LEVI KAKLAUSKAS CO 30142630 / R: 1771 -->1771	0.0 F U U U U U

Section 3 - U1600

Pair Num	Player Name USCF ID / Rtg (Pre->Post)	Total Pts	Round 1	Round 2	Round 3	Round 4	Round 5	Round 6
1	TRISTAN CRUZ CO 15385193 / R: 1543 -->1647	5.0 N:3	W W	16 W B	7 W W	2 W B	5 W B	6 W B
2	KARTHIKEYAN KANNAN CO 31472391 / R: 1463P20->1534P25	4.0 N:3	W B	9 W W	15 L B	1 W W	12 W W	5 W B
3	ZEPHYR ZINK CO 31641669 / R: 1391P5 -->1467P9	3.5 N:4	L W	4 W B	17 H 	W B	10 W W	9 W B
4	CHRISTOPHER JONATHAN CRUZ NM 12866056 / R: 1569 -->1566	3.0 N:4	W B	3 W W	12 L B	5 D W	6 H 	W B
5	TODD BURGE CO 20002495 / R: 1511 -->1526	3.0 N:3	W W	13 W B	8 W B	4 L W	1 L B	2 W B
6	ERIC NUNCIO CO 31862122 / R: 1449P6 -->1508P10	3.0 N:4	H 	W B	11 W W	7 D B	4 L W	1 W B
7	KEVIN EATON CO 17095156 / R: 1383P24->1419	3.0 N:4	W B	14 L W	1 L B	6 W W	11 W B	12 W B
8	DEAN W BROWN CO 10224098 / R: 1411 -->1404	3.0 	W B	17 L W	5 L B	9 W W	13 W B	14 W B
9	BHASKAR CHANDRA RAJAGOPAL CO 30670828 / R: 1360P13->1385P18	3.0 N:4	L W	2 W B	16 W W	8 W B	15 L B	3 W B
10	MATTHEW R MILLER CO 30218424 / R: 1458 -->1435	2.5 	L W	11 W B	13 H 	L W	3 W W	15 W B
11	WESTON ALEXANDER TAYLOR CO 30776543 / R: 1348 -->1357	2.5 	W B	10 L W	6 H B	L B	7 W W	16 W B
12	GARRETT LYCETT CA 15765996 / R: 1401 -->1369	2.0 	X 	L B	4 W W	14 L B	2 L W	7 W B
13	SHAURYA MISRA CO 16824011 / R: 1362 -->1325	2.0 	L B	5 L W	10 W W	17 L B	8 W W	18 W B
14	MITCHELL BEYER CO 30744020 / R: 1324 -->1282	2.0 	L W	7 B B	L B	12 W B	18 L W	8 W B
15	NIVID SINGHAL CO 31390713 / R: 1236 -->1225	2.0 	B 	L B	2 W W	16 L W	9 L B	10 W B
16	CONNOR SEAMUS MCKENZIE CO 31942574 / R: 1394P5 -->1220P10	1.0 	L B	1 L W	9 L B	15 W W	17 L B	11 W B
17	ROCCO SHRINIVAS CO 32039733 / R: Unrated-> 574P4	1.0 	L W	8 L W	3 L B	13 L B	16 B B	W B
18	JOHN E ROSE JR. CO 12548439 / R: 1154 -->1122	0.5 	F 	U 	H 	L W	14 L B	13 W B

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	DANIEL HUNNINGHAKE CO 31708887 / R: 1201P11->1376P16	4.0 N:4	W B	5 W W	9 L B	2 W W	6 W W	3
2	NEEL YADATORE CO 30026420 / R: 1253 ->1320	4.0 N:4	X 	W B	13 W W	1 L B	3 W B	7
3	JUSTIN ALBERT BARHITE CO 14745807 / R: 1370P24->1405	3.5 N:4	H 	W B	7 W W	10 W W	2 L B	1
4	HENRY DEJESSE TX 30992807 / R: 1260 ->1300	3.5 	D W	7 D B	5 W W	13 W B	9 H 	
5	BRENDAN WELLS CO 30416610 / R: 1301P25->1303	3.0 	L W	1 D W	4 H 	W B	13 W B	8
6	ARJUN NANDA YARLAGADDA CO 30940715 / R: 1072 ->1135	3.0 	L B	9 B 	W W	11 L B	1 W W	12
7	PRANAV MALE CO 30742195 / R: 1316 ->1308	2.5 	D B	4 L W	3 W B	12 W B	10 L W	2
8	RYAN HAJJALI CO 31590689 / R: 1183 ->1200	2.5 	W W	12 D B	10 L W	9 W B	11 L W	5
9	GEORGE PESCHKE CO 15618142 / R: 1300 ->1300	2.0 	W W	6 L B	1 W B	8 L W	4 U 	
10	MR. ROHAN DAMARLA UT 16652788 / R: 1327 ->1293	2.0 	W B	11 D W	8 L B	3 L W	7 H 	
11	SHAWN WILLIAM QUINN CO 31277186 / R: 1230P14->1183P19	2.0 	L W	10 W B	12 L B	6 L W	8 W W	13
12	LAN TRUONG CO 30588843 / R: 1257 ->1155	1.0 	L B	8 L W	11 L W	7 B 	L B	6
13	ANAY GUPTA CO 31356867 / R: 852 -> 833	1.0 	B 	L W	2 L B	4 L W	5 L B	11
14	SETH GLASSER CO 30294262 / R: 1060P7 ->1060P7	0.0 	F 	U 	U 	U 	U 	

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	NICK EVAN HVIZDA CO 30977338 / R: 1268 -->1325	4.5	W	6 W	11 W	10 W	7 D
2	TARUN BALA KARTHIKEYAN CO 30684949 / R: 1132 -->1201	4.5	W	18 W	19 W	13 W	14 D
3	ZACH ANDRIESE CO 31632502 / R: Unrated->1296P5	4.0	W	21 L	9 W	8 W	10 W
4	JONAH PLATT CO 31297896 / R: 834P14->1078P19	4.0	W	16 W	20 L	14 W	9 W
5	LONDON WILLIAMS CO 31994872 / R: Unrated->1159P5	3.5	W	15 L	10 D	6 W	22 W
6	RYAN GUPTA CO 31190040 / R: 890 -->1079	3.5	L	1 W	16 D	5 W	21 W
7	ANDREW JEFFREY NOHRDEN CO 30993654 / R: 1192 -->1192	3.0	W	27 W	8 W	9 L	1 L
8	STEPAN ARTEMOVICH ROSTOVTSSEV CO 31215371 / R: 1035 -->1054	3.0	W	25 L	7 L	3 W	18 W
9	VERONICA IRIS PINNA CO 31397274 / R: 1032P15->1053P20	3.0	W	17 W	3 L	7 L	4 W
10	YING-TE YEN CO 31670384 / R: 1004 -->1046	3.0	W	24 W	5 L	1 L	3 W
11	GABRIEL BRIONES NV 31920138 / R: 872P24->1022	3.0	W	14 L	1 W	15 W	17 L
12	GLEN ANTHONY HOLGUIN CO 30373052 / R: 1164 -->1105	2.5	W	22 L	13 H	W	19 L
13	MAX BIERMAN CO 31560387 / R: 900P7 -> 931P10	2.5	X	W	12 L	2 H	L
14	NOAH D KEENE CO 31905596 / R: 1130P10->1073P15	2.0	L	11 W	27 W	4 L	2 L
15	LOGAN GRIMES CO 31319517 / R: 1081 -->1057	2.0	L	5 W	18 L	11 W	20 U
16	SHIRLEY HERMAN CO 14812654 / R: 1068 --> 999	2.0	L	4 L	6 L	21 B	W
17	GAUTAM AATHI CO 31074968 / R: 965 --> 927	2.0	L	9 B	W	20 L	11 L

18	SHAYAAN EHAN OBAIDULLAH	2.0	L	2 L	15 W	27 L	8 W	23
CO	31268553 / R: 880 -> 893		B	W	B	W	B	
19	RAMSUNDAR SHARMA	2.0	B	L	2 W	24 L	12 L	9
CO	30880731 / R: 105P5 -> 172P9			W	B	W	B	
20	TIM WENDEL	1.5	W	23 L	4 L	17 L	15 H	
CO	31968131 / R: 1026P11-> 958P15		B	W	B	W		
21	RISHABH UNMESH NAIR	1.5	L	3 D	23 W	16 L	6 U	
CO	30414867 / R: 939 -> 939		B	W	B	W		
22	DAVID PAUL GREAVES	1.5	L	12 D	24 W	23 L	5 L	16
CO	31380559 / R: 881 -> 837		B	W	B	W	W	
23	ANIRUDH SAIBALAN	1.5	L	20 D	21 L	22 W	24 L	18
CO	30519650 / R: 904 -> 831		W	B	W	B	W	
24	TIMOTHY JOHNSON	1.0	L	10 D	22 L	19 L	23 H	
CO	30065866 / R: Unrated-> 236P4		B	B	W	W		
25	MARILYN FULLMER	0.5	L	8 H	U	U	U	
CO	17104632 / R: 567P3 -> 567P4		B					
26	WILLIAM WHITWORTH	0.0	F	U	U	U	U	
CO	31651247 / R: 1208P3 ->1208P3							
27	NICHOLAS F BROOKINS	0.0	L	7 L	14 L	18 U	U	
CO	31349512 / R: 912 -> 854		W	B	W			



Section 6 - EXTRA GAMES

Pair Num	Player Name USCF ID / Rtg (Pre->Post)	Total Pts	Round 1	Round 2	Round 3	Round 4	Round 5
1	WILLIAM L WOLF CO 14762885 / R: 1600 ->1600	2.0	W	10 L	3 L	6 L	4 W 11
			W	W	W	W	W
2	REYANSH AGARWAL CO 30165332 / R: 1839 ->1841	1.0	W	9 U	U	U	U
			B				
3	AUSTIN BATTLES CO 12845430 / R: 1550 ->1571	1.0	U	W	1 U	U	U
				B			
4	ADAM DAWDY CO 30472762 / R: 1501 ->1525	1.0	U	U	U	W	1 U
						B	
5	NIALL RIAN CASE CO 30894700 / R: 1518 ->1518	1.0	U	U	U	U	W 13
							B
6	MITCHELL BEYER CO 30744020 / R: 1282 ->1325	1.0	U	U	W	1 U	U
					B		
7	ARJUN NANDA YARLAGADDA CO 30940715 / R: 1135 ->1144	1.0	U	W	12 U	U	U
				B			
8	ANAY GUPTA CO 31356867 / R: 833 -> 835	1.0	W	14 U	U	U	U
			B				
9	GARRETT LYCETT CA 15765996 / R: 1369 ->1366	0.0	L	2 U	U	U	U
			W				
10	NIVID SINGHAL CO 31390713 / R: 1225 ->1217	0.0	L	1 U	U	U	U
			B				
11	SHIRLEY HERMAN CO 14812654 / R: 999 -> 996	0.0	U	U	U	U	L 1
						B	
12	NICHOLAS F BROOKINS CO 31349512 / R: 854 -> 843	0.0	U	L	7 U	U	U
				W			
13	ROCCO SHRINIVAS CO 32039733 / R: 574P4 -> 574P5	0.0	U	U	U	U	L 5
						W	
14	RAMSUNDAR SHARMA CO 30880731 / R: 172P9 -> 170P10	0.0	L	8 U	U	U	U
			W				



Games from the DCC Fall Classic

ROUND 1

FM ISAAK PARPIEV (2305)

VEDANT MARGALE (1875)

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 Bg7 4.e4 d6 5.Be2 0-0 6.h4 h5 7.Nf3 Nbd7 8.Ng5 e5 9.d5 a5 10.Be3 b6 11.f3 Qe7 12.a3 Re8 13.b4 Nf8 14.Rc1 N6h7 15.c5 bxc5 16.bxc5 Bd7 17.c6 Bc8 18.Qd2 f5 19.Nxh7 Nxh7 20.Rb1 Bf6 21.Bf2 g5 22.hxg5 Bxg5 23.Be3 Bh4+ 24.Kd1 f4 25.Bg1 Qg5 26.Bf1 Bg3 27.Nb5 Re7 28.Na7 Re8 29.Qxa5 Re7 30.Rb7 Qg7 31.Qb4 Re8 32.Rxh5 Nf6 33.Rh1 Qf7 34.Qb3 Kg7 35.a4 Rf8 36.Be2 Re8 37.a5 Rf8 38.a6 Re8 39.Qb5 Rf8 40.Qa5 Ne8 41.Nb5 Bxb7 42.cxb7 Rb8 43.a7 Nf6 44.axb8Q Rxb8 45.Qa7 Qf8 46.Nxc7 1-0

DANIEL MARMER (1858)

NM EAMON MONTGOMERY (2228)

(Daniel Marmer played a nice Jobava London getting a nice attack, but unfortunately missed a chance to pull off a first round upset.)

1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5 3.Bf4 g6 4.e3 Bg7 5.h4 h5 6.Qd2 0-0 7.Nf3 c5 8.Ne5 Nc6 9.f3 Be6 10.Bb5 Qc8 11.Bxc6 bxc6 12.Na4 cxd4 13.exd4 Nd7 14.Nxd7 Bxd7 15.Nc5 Bf5 16.0-0-0 a5 17.a4 Re8 18.Rde1 Qd8 19.g4 hxg4 20.h5 gxh5 21.Rxh5 Bg6 22.fxg4 Bxh5 23.gxh5 e6 24.Rg1 Kh7 25.Qd3+ Kh8 26.Nb7?? (Daniel misses either 26.Rxg7!! or 26.h6!, either creates a winning attack, ripping open the king position.) 26...Qf6 27.Be5 Qh6+ 28.Kb1 Bxe5 29.dxe5 Rg8 30.Rh1 Rf8 31.Nd6 f6 32.Rf1 f5 33.Qd4 f4 34.Qa7 Qg7 35.Qxa5 Qxe5 36.Qc7 Qe2 37.Rc1 Rg7 38.Qxc6 Qxh5 39.a5 f3 40.Qb5 f2 41.Ne4 Qh6 42.Nxf2 Rxf2 43.a6 Qxc1+ 44.Ka2 Rf8 45.Qc5 Qf4 46.b3 Rc7 0-1

NM MATTHEW WOFFORD (2176)

KENZIE MOORE (1835)

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 c5 4.c3 Nc6 5.Nf3 Bd7 6.Be2 Rc8 7.0-0 g6 8.dxc5 Bg7 9.Bf4 f6 10.exf6 Nxf6 11.Nbd2 Ne7 12.Re1 0-0 13.Nd4 Rxc5 14.Bd6 Rc8 15.Bf3 Rf7 16.Nxe6 Bxe6 17.Rxe6 Nf5 18.Bf4 d4 19.c4 Qd7 20.Qe1 d3 21.Rd1 Qa4 22.Be5 Rd8 23.b3 Qd7 24.Bxf6 Rxf6 25.Bd5 Kh8 26.Rxf6 Bxf6 27.Ne4 Be5 28.Ng5 Re8 29.Nf7+ 1-0

FORREST LUNDSTROM (1830)

NM ABHISHEK MALLELA (2160)

1.e4 Nf6 2.e5 Nd5 3.c4 Nb6 4.d4 d6 5.f4 g6 6.Nc3 Bg7 7.Be3 Be6 8.b3 dxe5 9.dxe5 0-0 10.Nf3 Nc6 11.Be2 f6 12.exf6 Bxf6 13.Rc1 Bf5 14.0-0 Qxd1 15.Rfxd1 Bxc3 16.Rxc3 Nb4 17.Rd2 Bb1 18.Rc1 Be4 19.Ng5 Bf5 20.g4 h6 21.gxf5 hxg5 22.a3 Nc6 23.c5 gxf4 24.Bxf4 Nc8 25.Bc4+ Kg7 26.Bxc7 Rxf5 27.b4 a5 28.b5 Ne5 29.Bxe5+ Rxe5 30.Bf1 b6 31.c6 Rg5+

32.Kh1 Nd6 33.c7 Ne4 34.Bg2 Rxg2 35.Rxg2 Nd6 36.Rf2 a4 37.Rc6 Rc8 38.Rb2 Kf7 39.Rb4 Ke6 40.Rxb6 Rxc7 41.Rxa4 Rc2 42.Rg4 Kf5 43.Rg2 Rc1+ 44.Rg1 Rc2 45.Rxd6 exd6 46.Rb1 d5 47.b6 Rc8 48.b7 Rb8 49.a4 d4 50.a5 d3 51.a6 d2 52.a7 Rxh7 53.Rf1+ Kg4 54.a8Q Rf7 55.Qe4+ Kh3 56.Rd1 g5 57.Qe6+ g4 58.Qxf7 Kh4 59.Qh7+ Kg5 60.Rxd2 g3 61.Qg7+ Kh5 62.Rd6 g2+ 63.Kg1 1-0

NM DANIEL HERMAN (2134)

BENJAMIN DEGUIRE (1810)

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 a6 6.h3 e6 7.g4 h6 8.Bg2 Be7 9.0-0 0-0 10.f4 Nc6 11.Be3 Nh7 12.Qd2 Qc7 13.Nf3 Na5 14.b3 Rd8 15.Na4 Nc6 16.Bb6 Qb8 17.Bxd8 Bxd8 18.Rad1 Bc7 19.Kh1 b5 20.Nc3 Bb7 21.Ne2 Nf6 22.Ng3 Ne7 23.Nh4 Qa7 24.g5 hxg5 25.fxg5 Ne8 26.Qf4 f6 27.Qg4 f5 28.exf5 Bxg2+ 29.Nxg2 e5 30.f6 Ng6 31.f7+ Kf8 32.fxe8Q+ 1-0

ABHIJ BALAMURUGAN (1593)

ELI COHRS (1769)

1.e4 e6 2.Nc3 d5 3.exd5 exd5 4.d4 Bf5 5.Nf3 Nf6 6.Bf4 Bb4 7.Bd3 Ne4 8.Bxe4 Bxe4 9.0-0 Bxc3 10.bxc3 0-0 11.Rb1 b6 12.Ne5 Nd7 13.Nd3 Rc8 14.Qh5 c5 15.f3 Nf6 16.Qh3 Bg6 17.dxc5 bxc5 18.Rf2 Qa5 19.Bd6 Rfd8 20.Be7 Re8 21.Nc1 Qxc3 22.Rb3 Qe1+ 0-1

TRISTAN CRUZ (1589)

CONNOR MCKENZIE (1394)

1.Nf3 c6 2.c4 Nf6 3.d4 d5 4.Nc3 Bf5 5.e3 Nbd7 6.Be2 c5 7.cxd5 e6 8.dxe6 Bxe6 9.0-0 Qc7 10.d5 Bg4 11.Nb5 Qb6 12.d6 Bxf3 13.Nc7+ Kd8 14.Nxa8 Bxe2 15.Nxb6 Bxd1 16.Nxd7 Kxd7 17.Rxd1 Bxd6 18.e4 Kc6 19.f3 b5 20.Be3 Nd7 21.Rd2 Ne5 22.b3 Rd8 23.Rad1 f6 24.Bf4 Rd7 25.Bxe5 fxe5 26.f4 c4 27.Kf1 a6 28.fxe5 Rf7+ 29.Rf2 Rxf2+ 30.Kxf2 Bxe5 31.bxc4 bxc4 32.Rd5 c3 33.Ke2 Bxh2 34.Kd3 Bg3 35.Kxc3 Bd6 36.Kc4 h6 37.e5 Be7 38.e6 g5 39.Rd7 Bf6 40.Rf7 Be5 41.Ra7 Bd6 42.Rxa6+ Kc7 43.Ra7+ Kc8 44.e7 1-0

ZEPHYR ZINK (1391)

CHRISTOPHER CRUZ (1569)

1.e4 d6 2.d4 Nf6 3.Nc3 g6 4.Nf3 Bg7 5.h3 0-0 6.Bc4 Nbd7 7.0-0 Nb6 8.Bb3 a5 9.a4 Nfd7 10.Ne2 e5 11.c3 Kh8 12.Ng3 c5 13.Re1 c4 14.Bc2 Qc7 15.Bd2 Rd8 16.Qc1 Nf8 17.Bh6 Ne6 18.Qe3 Bd7 19.Bxg7+ Kxg7 20.dxe5 dxe5 21.Nxe5 Bxa4 22.Bxa4 Nxa4 23.Rxa4 Qxe5 24.Rxc4 Rd6 25.Ra4 Qb5 26.Re1 Rd3 27.Qe1 Qxb2 28.R1a2 Qb6 29.Nf1 Nc5 30.Rd4 Qb3 31.Rxd3 Qxa2 32.Rd5 Ne6 33.Rb5 Nd8 34.Qe3 Qc4 35.Rc5 Qa6 36.Nd2 Ne6 37.Rc4 a4 38.Rb4 a3 39.Nb3 a2 40.Na1 Rd8 41.Qc1 Qe2 42.Qb2 Rd2 0-1

SHAWN WILLI QUINN (1230)

ROHAN DAMARLA (1327)

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Bxc6 dxc6 5.0-0 Bd6 6.c3 c5 7.d4 Qe7 8.d5 Bg4 9.Nbd2 Nf6 10.Nb3 Nxe4 11.Na5 Rb8 12.c4 0-0 13.Qb3 Qf6 14.Nd2 Nxd2 15.Bxd2 e4 16.Qe3 Rfe8 17.Be3 Qf5 18.Nb3 Bf4 19.Qxc5 Qh5 20.g3 Bf3 21.Qd4 Be5 22.h4 Bxd4 23.Nxd4 Qg4 24.Kh2 e3 25.Rae1 exf2 26.Rxe8+ Rxe8 27.Rxf2 Re3 28.Bd2 Qxd4 0-1

BRENDAN WELLS (1301)

DANIE HUNNINGHAKE (1201)

1.e4 e6 2.b3 Nf6 3.e5 Nd5 4.c4 Nb6 5.Nf3 d5 6.d3 d4 7.Ba3 c5 8.Nbd2 N6d7 9.Ne4 Qa5+ 10.Nfd2 Qxa3 11.Qg4 Nxe5 12.Qf4 Nbc6 13.Be2 Ng6 14.Nd6+ Bxd6 15.Qxd6 Qa5 16.Bf3 Nce5 17.h4 Qb6 18.Qxb6 ax-b6 19.Be2 Nf4 20.g3 Nexd3+ 21.Bxd3 Nxd3+ 22.Ke2 Ne5 23.f4 Ng4 24.Ne4 Ke7 25.Rhe1 g6 26.Kf3 h5 27.Reb1 Bd7 28.b4 cxb4 29.Rxb4 Bc6 30.Rxb6 f5 31.Rxc6 bxc6 0-1

GLEN HOLGUIN (1194)

DAVID GREAVES (925)

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 d6 5.Bb5 Bd7 6.0-0 Nf6 7.Nc3 g6 8.Re1 Bg7 9.h3 0-0 10.Nf3 a6 11.Bd3 b5 12.Ne2 Nb4 13.c3 Nxd3 14.Qxd3 Bc6 15.Nf4 Qc7 16.e5 Bxf3 17.exf6 Bxf6 18.Qxf3 Rfe8 19.Nd5 Qa7 20.Nxf6+ exf6 21.Bh6 Re6 22.Rxe6 fxe6 23.Qxf6 Qf7 24.Qxf7+ Kxf7 25.g4 Ke7 26.Rd1 e5 27.f4 exf4 28.Bxf4 Rd8 29.Bg5+ Kd7 30.Bxd8 Kxd8 31.Rxd6+ 1-0

NICHOLAS BROOKINS (912)

ANDREW JE NOHRDEN (1192)

1.e4 d6 2.d4 Nf6 3.Nc3 g6 4.Bc4 Nxe4 5.Nxe4 d5 6.Nf6+ exf6 7.Qe2+ Be6 8.Bd3 Nc6 9.c3 Bg7 10.Nf3 0-0 11.Be3 Qd7 12.h3 Ne7 13.0-0-0 Rac8 14.c4 b6 15.c5 Bf5 16.cxb6 cxb6+ 17.Kb1 Qb5 18.Ka1 Qb4 19.Bxf5 Nxf5 20.Bd2 Qa4 21.Bc3 b5 22.g4 Rfe8 23.Qd3 Nd6 24.b3 Qa3 25.Bb2 Qb4 26.a3 Qa5 27.Rc1 Ne4 28.Rxc8 Rxc8 29.Rf1 Bf8 30.b4 Qa4 31.Rc1 Rxc1+ 32.Bxc1 Bxb4 33.Ka2 Nc3+ 34.Kb2 Qxa3+ 35.Kc2 Qa2+ 36.Bb2 Qb1+ 37.Kd2 Qxb2+ 38.Ke3 Qc1+ 39.Nd2 Nd1+ 40.Ke2 Nc3+ 41.Ke3 Qe1+ 42.Kf3 Qh1+ 43.Kf4 Bd6+ 44.Ke3 Qxh3+ 45.f3 Qh6+ 46.Kf2 Qh2+ 47.Kf1 Bg3 Ke1 0-1



ROUND 2**OWEN CURTIS (1911)****FM ISAAK PARPIEV (2305)**

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 d5 4.g3 Bb4+
 5.Bd2 a5 6.Bg2 0-0 7.0-0 dxc4 8.b3 cxb3
 9.Qxb3 Nc6 10.e3 Qe7 11.Nc3 Bd7
 12.Rfe1 Rfb8 13.Nb5 Be8 14.e4 Bxd2
 15.Nxd2 e5 16.d5 Nb4 17.Bf1 Bxb5
 18.Bxb5 Qe5 19.Bf1 a4 20.Qb2 a3 21.Qb3
 Qe7 22.Nc4 Na6 23.Qxa3 Qxa3 24.Nxa3
 Nb4 25.Reb1 Nbx5 26.exd5 Rxa3 27.Bc4
 Ne4 28.Re1 Nd6 29.Bb3 Re8 30.Rac1 Re7
 31.Kg2 Ra8 32.Rc2 f5 33.Rec1 Rc8 34.f3
 Kf7 35.g4 Kf6 36.h4 h6 37.Kh3 e4 38.fxe4
 fxe4 39.Kg3 Ke5 40.Re1 Rf8 41.Rec1
 Rf3+ 42.Kg2 Rff7 43.Re2 g6 44.Kg3 h5
 45.Re3 Rf4 46.Rec3 Rxcg4+ 47.Kh3 Rf7
 48.Rxc7 Rf3+ 49.Kh2 Rxh4+ 50.Kg2
 Rg4+ 51.Kh2 Nf5 52.R1c3 Rf2+ 53.Kh1
 e3 0-1

NM EAMON MONTGOMERY (2228)**MICHAEL MUNAFO (1891)**

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 d5 4.Nf3 Bg7
 5.Bf4 0-0 6.e3 c5 7.dxc5 Be6 8.Ng5 Bg4
 9.Qb3 h6 10.Nf3 Bxf3 11.gxf3 Nbd7
 12.cxd5 Nh5 13.c6 bxc6 14.dxc6 Nc5
 15.Qc4 Nxf4 16.Qxc5 Ne6 17.Qc4 Rb8
 18.Bd3 Rxb2 19.0-0 Ng5 20.Be4 e6 21.c7
 Qc8 22.f4 Bxc3 23.Qxc3 Nxe4 24.Qxb2
 Qxc7 25.Qe5 Qb7 26.Rab1 Qa8 27.Rb2
 Rd8 28.Rfb1 Qd5 29.Rb8 Kh7 30.Rxd8
 Qxd8 31.Qxe4 1-0

FORREST LUNDSTROM (1830)**NM MATTHEW WOFFORD (2176)**

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.Be3
 e5 10.Nf5 g6 11.Ng3 Nbd7 12.Qe2 b4
 13.Nd5 Nxd5 14.exd5 Bg7 15.0-0 0-0
 16.Qd2 Nf6 17.Rfd1 Kh7 18.Qxb4 Qd7
 19.c4 a5 20.Qd2 Rfe8 21.b3 Ng8 22.Be4
 Ne7 23.Kh2 f5 24.gxf5 gxf5 25.Bc2 e4
 26.f3 Be5 27.fxe4 Rg8 28.Rg1 Rxc3
 29.Rxc3 Bxa1 30.exf5 Bf6 31.Bd4 Ng8
 32.Rg6 Rf8 33.Be3 Qe7 34.Bxh6 Re8
 35.Bd3 Bc8 36.Bf4 Qe1 37.Qg2 Be5
 38.Rg4 Nh6 39.f6+ Kh8 40.Rh4 Bxf4+
 41.Rxf4 Rg8 42.Qf2 Qxf2+ 43.Rxf2 Nf7
 44.Rf4 Rg5 45.Rh4+ Kg8 46.a3 Ne5
 47.Be2 Bf5 48.Rd4 Kf7 49.h4 Rg8 50.b4
 a4 51.c5 dxc5 52.bxc5 Rb8 53.Bd1 Kxf6
 54.c6 Rb2+ 55.Kg3 Ra2 56.Rxa4 Rd2
 57.Bf3 Rd3 58.Rf4 Rxa3 59.c7 Rc3 60.h5
 Rxc7 61.Be4 Rg7+ 62.Kf2 Ng4+ 63.Ke2
 Nh6 64.Bxf5 Nxf5 65.Kd3 Ke5 66.Rf3
 Rd7 67.Kc4 Nd6+ 68.Kc5 Ne4+ 69.Kc6
 Rd6+ 70.Kc7 Rxd5 71.h6 Ng5 72.Rg3
 Ne6+ 73.Kc6 Rd6+ 74.Kb5 Ne7+ 75.Kc5
 Rxh6 76.Re3+ Kf4 77.Re1 Ne6+ 78.Kd5
 Ng5 79.Re8 Rf6 80.Re1 Rf5+ 81.Kd6
 Ne4+ 82.Kc6 Rh5 83.Rf1+ Ke5 84.Re1
 Rh6+ 85.Kb5 Re6 86.Rh1 Rd6 87.Re1
 Rd3 88.Rh1 Nd6+ 89.Kc6 Rc3+ 90.Kd7
 Rd3 91.Rh5+ Nf5+ 92.Kc6 Ke6 93.Kc7
 Rc3+ 94.Kb6 Ne3 95.Rh6+ Ke5 96.Rh5+
 Kd4 97.Rh4+ Kd3 98.Rh3 Kc2 99.Rh2+

Kb3 100.Rh4 Nf5 101.Rh5 Ne7 102.Rb5+
 Kc2 103.Rc5 ½-½

VEDANTH PEESAPATY (1776)**NM DANIEL HERMAN (2134)**

1.e4 c5 2.Nc3 Nc6 3.f4 g6 4.Nf3 Bg7 5.a3
 d6 6.Bb5 Bd7 7.0-0 e6 8.Bxc6 Bxc6 9.d3
 Ne7 10.Qe1 b5 11.Rb1 0-0 12.Qh4 Nc8
 13.Qh3 Bd7 14.g4 f5 15.gxf5 exf5 16.e5
 Re8 17.Re1 Bc6 18.e6 Qf6 19.Ng5 h6
 20.Nf3 b4 21.axb4 cxb4 22.Na2 a5 23.b3
 Rxe6 24.Be3 Qe7 25.Bf2 Na7 26.Qg3 Nb5
 27.Nh4 Nd4 28.Nxg6 Rxe1+ 29.Rxe1
 Qxe1+ 30.Bxe1 Ne2+ 31.Kf2 Nxg3
 32.Ne7+ Kf7 33.Nxc6 Nh5 34.Nc1 Rc8 0-1

CM RHETT LANGSETH (2075)**EMMETT LIGNELL (1787)**

1.d3 d5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Nbd2 e5 4.e4 dxe4
 5.dxe4 a6 6.c3 Be6 7.Qc2 Bc5 8.b4 Ba7
 9.a4 f6 10.Ba3 Nb8 11.Be2 c6 12.Rd1 Qc7
 13.Nc4 Bxc4 14.Bxc4 b5 15.Be6 Ne7 16.0-0
 Ng6 17.Qa2 Nf8 18.Rd2 Qe7 19.Bh3
 Nbd7 20.Rfd1 0-0-0 21.axb5 axb5 22.Bb2
 Kb7 23.c4 Ra8 24.c5 Rd8 25.Ra1 Ra8
 26.Qa6+ Kc7 27.Rd6 1-0

ELI COHRS (1769)**ANDREW PLATT (1620)**

1.b3 d5 2.Bb2 Nf6 3.e3 Nbd7 4.f4 e6
 5.Nf3 Bd6 6.Be2 Qe7 7.Ne5 Ne4 8.0-0 c6
 9.d3 Nef6 10.Qe1 Be5 11.Qg3 0-0 12.a3
 Re8 13.Nd2 Nf8 14.Kh1 Ng6 15.Rae1
 Bxa3 16.Ba1 Bb4 17.c3 Ba5 18.Ndf3 Nd7
 19.d4 Ndf8 20.Bd3 f5 21.Qh3 Bc7 22.Rg1
 Nxe5 23.fxe5 Ng6 24.g4 Rf8 25.Qh5 f4
 26.Ng5 h6 27.Nh3 Nh4 28.g5 hxg5
 29.Bh7+ 1-0

KRISTOPHER ZELKIN (1750)**KUBAT RAHATBECK (1661)**

1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5 3.Bf4 a6 4.e3 Bf5 5.f3
 c5 6.dxc5 Nc6 7.g4 Bg6 8.h4 h6 9.h5 Bh7
 10.g5 e5 11.Bxe5 Nxe5 12.gxf6 Qxf6
 13.Nxd5 Qc6 14.Qd4 0-0-0 15.Nb6+ Qxb6
 16.cxb6 Rxd4 17.exd4 Nd7 18.Bc4 Bb4+
 19.c3 Re8+ 20.Kf2 Ba5 21.Bxf7 Re7
 22.Re1 Kd8 23.Rxe7 Kxe7 24.Bd5 Bxb6
 25.Bxb7 a5 26.Ne2 Ne5 27.Nf4 Kd6
 28.Rg1 Bg8 29.b3 Bf7 30.Rg3 g5 31.Rxg5
 Be8 32.Rg7 Nf7 33.Kg2 Kc7 34.Rg6 Kxb7
 35.Nd5 Ka7 36.Rxb6 1-0

JOSEPH PLESO (1615)**WYATT BACKHOUSE (1696)**

1.e4 c6 2.Nc3 d5 3.d4 g6 4.Be3 Bg7 5.Qd2
 a5 6.0-0-0 b5 7.exd5 b4 8.Ne4 Qxd5 9.Nc5
 Qxa2 10.Nb3 a4 11.Bc4 axb3 12.cxb3
 Qa1+ 13.Kc2 Bf5+ 14.Bd3 Bxd3+
 15.Qxd3 Qa6 16.Qd2 Qb5 17.Ne2 Qf5+
 18.Qd3 Qxd3+ 19.Kxd3 Nf6 20.Ra1 Rxa1
 21.Rxa1 0-0 22.Ra4 Nd5 23.Nf4 Nxe3
 24.fxe3 c5 25.Nd5 e6 26.Ne7+ Kh8
 27.Ra8 cxd4 28.exd4 Rd8 29.Kc4 Bf6
 30.Ra7 Rxd4+ 31.Kb5 Rd7 32.Rxd7 Nxd7
 33.Nc6 Bxb2 34.Nxb4 e5 35.Kc6 Nf6
 36.Nc2 e4 37.b4 Be5 38.g3 Kg8 39.b5 Kf8

40.b6 Ke7 41.Ne3 Ke6 42.Nc4 Nd7 43.b7
 f5 44.Nxe5 Nxe5+ 45.Kc7 Nd7 0-1

KEVIN EATON (1442)**TRISTAN CRUZ (1589)**

1.d4 Nf6 2.Nf3 d6 3.Bf4 g6 4.c4 Bg7
 5.Nc3 c6 6.Qd2 0-0 7.g3 Bf5 8.Nh4 Qd7
 9.Bg2 Nh5 10.0-0 Nxf4 11.Nxf5 Qxf5
 12.gxf4 Nd7 13.e4 Qg4 14.Qe3 e5 15.fxe5
 dxe5 16.d5 f5 17.f3 Qh5 18.Rad1 Bh6
 19.Qe2 Bf4 20.h3 Rad8 21.dxc6 bxc6
 22.Qf2 Qg5 23.h4 Qh6 24.Rd6 Be3 0-1

CHRISTOPHER CRUZ (1569)**GARRETT LYCETT (1401)**

1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.Nc3 dxe4 4.Nxe4 Bf5
 5.Ng3 Bg6 6.Nf3 Nd7 7.Bc4 e6 8.0-0 Ngf6
 9.Re1 Be7 10.Qe2 0-0 11.Ng5 Nd5
 12.Bxd5 cxd5 13.Nxe6 fxe6 14.Qxe6+ Rf7
 15.Qxd5 Nb6 16.Qb3 Qxd4 17.Rxe7
 Qxf2+ 18.Kh1 Bxc2 19.Rxf7 Qxf7
 20.Qxc2 Rc8 21.Qb3 Nc4 22.Be3 Nxe3
 23.Qxe3 Qc4 24.Qb3 Qxb3 25.axb3 Rc2
 26.Rb1 Kf7 27.Kg1 g6 28.Ne4 Ke7
 29.Nc3 Kd6 30.Nb5+ Kc5 31.Na3 Rd2
 32.Rc1+ Kb4 33.Nc4 Rd3 34.Ne5 Rd5
 35.Nf3 Rd7 36.Rc3 a5 37.Kf2 g5 38.g4 h6
 39.Kg3 Rd1 40.h4 gxh4+ 41.Kxh4 Rh1+
 42.Kg3 Rd1 43.Rc7 b5 44.Rc6 Kxb3
 45.Rxh6 Kxb2 46.Rh5 b4 47.Rxa5 b3
 48.Ne5 Kc3 49.Rc5+ Kd4 50.Rb5 b2
 51.Rxb2 Kxe5 52.Rf2 Rg1+ 53.Kh4 Rh1+
 54.Kg5 Rh8 55.Re2+ Kd6 56.Kf6 Rh4
 57.Rd2+ Kc7 58.g5 Rf4+ 59.Kg7 Rg4
 60.g6 Kc6 61.Kf7 Rf4+ 62.Kg8 Rf1 63.g7
 Kc5 64.Rh2 Rb1 65.Kh8 Kd4 1-0

ROHAN DAMARLA (1327)**RYAN HAJJALI (1063)**

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6
 5.Nc3 a6 6.f3 e5 7.Nb3 Be6 8.Be3 Be7
 9.Qd2 h5 10.0-0-0 Nbd7 11.f4 Ng4 12.f5
 Bxb3 13.cxb3 Nxe3 14.Re1 Nxf1 15.Qf2
 Ne3 16.Rxe3 Bg5 17.Kb1 Bxe3 18.Qxe3
 Nf6 19.h3 Rc8 20.Rd1 Qc7 21.a3 b5 22.b4
 Kd7 23.Qg3 Nxe4 24.Qxe5 Nxc3+
 25.bxc3 Rhe8 26.Qxg7 Qxc3 27.Qxf7+
 Re7 28.Qd5 Qc2+ 29.Ka1 Qc6 30.Qxc6+
 Rxc6 31.g4 Rf7 32.Rf1 Rc4 33.g5 Rc3
 34.g6 Rf6 35.Rg1 Rxf5 36.g7 Rcl+
 37.Rxc1 Rg5 ½-½

DANIE HUNNINGHAKE (1201) -**GEORGE PESCHKE (1300)**

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1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.Bg5 Be7 5.c5
 c6 6.Nf3 h6 7.Bh4 0-0 8.e3 Qa5 9.a3 Re8
 10.Bxf6 Bxf6 11.b4 Qc7 12.Be2 Nd7
 13.e4 e5 14.exd5 exd4 15.d6 Qd8 16.Nxd4
 Ne5 17.0-0 Bd7 18.Ne4 Bh4 19.g3 Bf6
 20.Nxf6+ Qxf6 21.f4 Ng6 22.Bf3 Bh3
 23.Bg2 Bxg2 24.Kxg2 a6 25.Qd3 Rad8
 26.Rfe1 Nf8 27.Nf5 Qb2+ 28.Kh3 Nd7
 29.Ne7+ Kh8 30.Qc4 Qf6 31.Ra2 Nf8
 32.Rae2 Ne6 33.Kg2 Nd4 34.Ng6+ fxg6
 35.Rxe8+ Rxe8 36.Rxe8+ 1-0

ROUND 3**FM ISAAK PARPIEV (2305)****CM RHETT LANGSETH (2075)**

1.e4 d6 2.d4 Nf6 3.Nc3 e5 4.Nf3 Nbd7
5.Bc4 Be7 6.0-0 0-0 7.a4 h6 8.h3 c6 9.Re1
Re8 10.a5 Qc7 11.b3 Nf8 12.Bf1 Ng6
13.g3 Bd7 14.Bb2 b5 15.Bg2 Rad8 16.Nb1
b4 17.Nbd2 c5 18.d5 Rf8 19.Nc4 Nh7
20.h4 Bg4 21.Ne3 Bd7 22.Nd2 Rb8
23.Nf5 Rb5 24.Nc4 Bxf5 25.exf5 Nh8
26.Bxe5 Rd8 27.Bf4 Bf6 28.Rb1 Rbb8
29.Qd3 Bc3 30.Re2 Nf6 31.Bf3 Ne8 32.g4
f6 33.Rxe8+ Rxe8 34.Bxd6 Qd7 35.Bxb8
Rxb8 36.d6 Nf7 37.Bd5 Re8 38.Be6 Rxe6
39.fxe6 Qxe6 40.Qf5 Qe2 41.d7 Bd4
42.Kg2 Nd8 43.Nd6 Be5 44.Ne4 Kf8
45.Nxc5 Kf7 46.Qe4 Qd2 47.Nd3 Ne6
48.Qd5 Ke7 49.Qxe6+ Kxe6 50.d8Q Qxc2
51.Rc1 Qe2 52.Nf4+ 1-0

CALEB PEÑA (1982)**NM EAMON MONTGOMERY (2228)**

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 Bg7 4.e4 d6 5.Nf3
0-0 6.Be2 e5 7.dxe5 dxe5 8.0-0 Nbd7
9.Bg5 h6 10.Be3 Ng4 11.Qd2 Nxe3
12.Qxe3 c6 13.Rad1 Qb6 14.Qxb6 axb6
15.Nd2 Nc5 16.Nb3 Ne6 17.Bd3 Nf4
18.Nc1 Bg4 19.f3 Be6 20.b3 Rfd8 21.Bb1
Re8 22.Na4 Bxc4 23.bxc4 Rxa4 24.Rd7
Rxc4 25.Rxb7 Rxc1 26.Rxc1 Ne2+ 27.Kf2
Nxc1 28.Rxb6 Ra8 29.Rb2 Bf8 30.Ke3
Ba3 31.Rc2 Rb8 32.Rc3 Bb2 33.Rxc6
Bd4+ Kxd4 0-1

NM DANIEL HERMAN (2134)**KYLIE ZHANG (1924)**

1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.g3 Nf6 4.Bg2 c5 5.cxd5
Nxd5 6.Nf3 Nc6 7.0-0 Qb6 8.e4 Nf6 9.d5
Nd4 10.Nc3 Be7 11.Re1 Nxf3+ 12.Qxf3 0-
0 13.d6 Qxd6 14.e5 Qb6 15.exf6 Bxf6
16.Rb1 Qa5 17.Bf4 Rd8 18.Rbd1 Rd4
19.Ne4 Be7 20.Be5 Rd5 21.Bc3 Qxa2
22.Rxd5 exd5 23.Nf6+ gxf6 24.Rxe7 d4
25.Re8+ Kg7 26.Rxc8 Rxc8 27.Qg4+ 1-0

NM MATTHEW WOFFORD (2176)**GRAYSON MANUEL (1768)**

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 c5 4.c3 Nc6 5.Nf3
Bd7 6.Be2 f6 7.0-0 fxe5 8.dxe5 Qc7 9.Bf4
Nge7 10.Bd3 h6 11.Bg3 0-0-0 12.Qe2 g5
13.a4 Bg7 14.Re1 Be8 15.Nbd2 Bg6
16.Bxg6 Nxg6 17.b4 Qe7 18.bxc5 h5
19.Qd3 Rh6 20.h3 g4 21.Nd4 h4 22.Nxc6
bxc6 23.Rab1 Qxc5 24.Qa6+ Kd7 25.Ne4
dxe4 26.Red1+ Ke7 27.Rb7+ Rd7
28.Rbxd7+ 1-0

CHRISTOPHE MOTLEY (2005)**FORREST LUNDSTROM (1830)**

1.Nf3 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.d4 d5 4.cxd5 Nxd5
5.e4 Nb6 6.Nc3 Bg7 7.h3 0-0 8.a4 a5
9.Bf4 Be6 10.Be2 c6 11.0-0 Na6 12.Qd2
Nb4 13.Bh6 Nc4 14.Bxc4 Bxc4 15.Bxg7
Kxg7 16.Rfe1 Qc7 17.Ne5 Ba6 18.Ng4
Rad8 19.e5 f5 20.exf6+ exf6 21.Re6 g5
22.Rae1 Rd7 23.Nxf6 Rdf7 24.Qxg5+ Kh8
25.Re8 Bd3 26.Qg8+ 1-0

JOHN SCHOENKE (1683)**ELI COHRS (1769)**

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.exd5 exd5 4.Nf3 Bd6
5.Nc3 Nf6 6.Bg5 Be7 7.h3 Bf5 8.Bd3
Bxd3 9.Qxd3 c6 10.0-0 Nbd7 11.Rfe1 0-0
12.Ne5 Rc8 13.Re2 h6 14.Bh4 Nxe5
15.Rxe5 Qd7 16.Rae1 Bd8 17.f3 Re8
18.Qe3 Rxe5 19.Qxe5 Bc7 20.Qe7 Re8
21.Qxd7 Rxe1+ 22.Bxe1 Nxd7 23.Ne2
Bd6 24.Bg3 Bxg3 25.Nxg3 g6 26.Kf2 Kf8
27.Ne2 Nb6 28.b3 Ke7 29.Nc1 Kd6
30.Nd3 Nd7 31.Ke3 b5 32.f4 f6 33.g4 c5
34.dxc5+ Nxc5 35.Nxc5 Kxc5 36.c3 a5
37.a3 a4 38.bxa4 bxa4 39.Kd3 f5 40.g5
hxg5 41.fxg5 Kd6 42.Ke2 f4 43.Kf2 Ke6
44.h4 Ke5 45.Ke2 Ke6 46.Kf2 Kf5 47.Kf3
Ke5 48.Ke2 Ke4 49.h5 Kf5 ½-½

WYATT BACKHOUSE (1696)**THEODORE HOOD (1675)**

1.d4 f5 2.Nf3 c6 3.g3 Nf6 4.Bg2 e6 5.c4
Be7 6.Nc3 Ne4 7.0-0 Nxc3 8.bxc3 d5
9.Bf4 Nd7 10.Qb3 1-0

TIMUR PARPIEV (1644)**ASHWIN MATHIMARAN (1626)**

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Nf6 4.Nc3 Bc5
5.d3 h6 6.0-0 d6 7.h3 0-0 8.Be3 Bb6 9.Ne2
Re8 10.Ng3 Bd7 11.Qd2 Bxe3 12.fxe3
Be6 13.Bxe6 Rxe6 14.c4 Re8 15.Nf5 Ne7
16.N3h4 Ng6 17.Qf2 c6 18.Nxg6 fxe6
19.Nxh6+ Kh7 20.Qh4 Nh5 21.Qxd8
Raxd8 22.Ng4 Re7 23.Rf3 d5 24.Raf1
dxe4 25.dxe4 Rd2 26.Rf8 Ng3 27.R1f3
Nxe4 28.h4 Rxb2 29.Ra8 Nd6 30.Rff8 Nf7
31.Rxa7 Rb4 32.Raa8 Rxc4 33.Nxe5 Rxe5
34.Rxf7 Rxh4 35.Rxb7 Rxe3 36.Raa7 Rg4
37.Rxg7+ Kh6 38.Rh7+ Kg5 39.Ra5+ Kf4
40.Kf2 Re5 41.Rf7+ Ke4 42.Ra4+ 1-0

TRISTAN CRUZ (1589)**KARTHIKEYAN KANNAN (1463)**

1.Nf3 Nc6 2.c4 e5 3.d3 Bc5 4.g3 Nf6
5.Bg5 h6 6.Bxf6 Qxf6 7.Nc3 Nd4 8.Bg2
c6 9.0-0 d6 10.Ne4 Nxf3+ 11.Bxf3 Qg6
12.Nxc5 dxc5 13.Kg2 h5 14.h4 Qf5
15.Rh1 g5 16.e4 Qg6 17.hxg5 Qxg5
18.Bxh5 Be6 19.Qf3 Ke7 20.Rh2 Rh6
21.Rah1 Rah8 22.Rh4 b6 23.R4h2 Qg7
24.g4 Qg5 25.Qe3 Rg8 26.Qxg5+ Rxg5
27.f3 b5 28.b3 b4 29.Kg3 Rg8 30.f4 f5
31.exf5 Bxf5 32.Re1 Bxd3 33.Rxe5+ Kd6
34.Rd2 Kc7 35.Rxd3 Kb6 36.Rd7 a5
37.Re8 Rxe8 38.Bxe8 Re6 39.Rd8 Kc7
40.Ra8 Kb7 41.Rxa5 Rxe8 42.Rxc5 Ra8
43.Re5 Rxa2 44.Re3 Rc2 45.g5 Rc3
46.Kf3 Kc7 47.g6 Rc1 48.Kf2 Rd1 49.f5
Rd8 50.f6 Rf8 51.f7 Kd7 52.Re8 Rxe8
53.fxe8Q+ Kxe8 54.Ke3 Kf8 55.Kd4 Kg7
56.Kc5 Kxg6 57.Kxc6 Kf6 58.Kd6 Kf7
59.Kd7 Kf6 60.c5 Ke5 61.c6 Kd4 62.c7
Kc3 63.c8Q+ Kxb3 64.Qc1 Ka2 65.Qc2+
Ka3 66.Qb1 b3 67.Kd6 Kb4 68.Kd5 Kc3
69.Ke4 Kc4 70.Qb2 Kb4 71.Kd4 Ka4
72.Kc5 Ka5 73.Qa1# 1-0

TODD BURGE (1511)**CHRISTOPHER CRUZ (1569)**

1.c4 e5 2.Nc3 Nf6 3.d3 b6 4.Bg5 Be7
5.Nf3 d6 6.g3 Bb7 7.Bg2 h6 8.Bxf6 Bxf6
9.Nd5 Bxd5 10.cxd5 e4 11.Qa4+ Nd7
12.Qxe4+ Qe7 13.Qxe7+ Bxe7 14.Rc1 0-0
-0 15.d4 Nf6 16.Nd2 h5 17.0-0 h4 18.Rc6
h3 19.Bf3 Rdg8 20.Rfc1 Ne8 21.a4 f5
22.e3 g5 23.b4 Bd8 24.b5 Kb7 25.Nb3 Nf6
26.a5 g4 27.Bh1 Rg7 28.Nd2 Ng8 29.R6c3
Bg5 30.Nc4 Kb8 1-0

VERONICA IR PINNA (1032)**ANDREW JE NOHRDEN (1192)**

1.d4 Nf6 2.Bf4 g6 3.Nf3 Bg7 4.e3 0-0
5.Bd3 d6 6.0-0 Nbd7 7.Nbd2 Qe8 8.c3 e5
9.dxe5 dxe5 10.Bg5 e4 11.Bxf6 Nxf6
12.Nxe4 Nxe4 13.Nd4 a6 14.Qf3 Nd2
15.Qg3 Nxf1 16.Bxf1 Be5 17.Qh4 Qd8
18.Qxd8 Rxd8 19.Bc4 b5 20.Nc6 bxc4
21.Nxd8 Bd7 22.Nb7 Rb8 23.Nc5 Bf5
24.e4 Be6 25.Nxe6 fxe6 26.b3 cxb3
27.axb3 Rxb3 0-1

ROUND 4**NM EAMON MONTGOMERY (2228)****FM ISAAK PARPIEV (2305)**

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.Qc2 0-0
5.Nf3 c5 6.dxc5 Na6 7.g3 Nxc5 8.Bg2
Nce4 9.0-0 Bxc3 10.bxc3 d5 11.Ng5 Nd6
12.Ba3 h6 13.Nh3 Re8 14.cxd5 exd5
15.Nf4 Bf5 16.Qb3 Be4 17.Rad1 Nc4
18.Bc1 Bxg2 19.Kxg2 Qc7 20.Qb5 Qc6
21.a4 a6 22.Qxc6 bxc6 23.e3 Ne4 24.Ne2
Ne5 25.Nd4 Rac8 26.a5 Nxa5 27.Ba3 Ne4
28.Ra1 Nc4 29.Rfc1 a5 30.Rc2 Rc7
31.Bc1 Rb8 32.h3 Rb6 33.g4 Nc5 34.Kg3
Ra7 35.Ba3 Ne4+ 36.Kf4 c5 37.Nf5 Rf6
38.g5 hxg5+ 39.Kg4 Ne5+ 0-1

NM MATTHEW WOFFORD (2176)**NM DANIEL HERMAN (2134)**

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-
0 Be7 6.Re1 b5 7.Bb3 0-0 8.a4 b4 9.a5 d6
10.d3 Be6 11.Nbd2 Bxb3 12.Nxb3 Qc8
13.h3 Re8 14.Bg5 h6 15.Bd2 Bf8 16.Nh4
g6 17.Kh2 d5 18.Qf3 dxe4 19.dxe4 Qe6
20.g4 Kh7 21.Qe2 Red8 22.Nf3 Bd6
23.Rad1 Kg7 24.Rg1 Rh8 25.Nh4 Nd4
26.Qe3 Qc4 27.Nf5+ gxf5 28.gxf5+ Kf8
29.Qg3 Ne2 30.Qg7+ Ke7 31.Rg6 Nh5
32.f6+ Ke6 33.Rxh6 Nxg7 34.fxg7+ Rxh6
0-1



NICKOLAS PETERSEN (2021)
CHRISTOPHE MOTLEY (2005)

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 d5 4.e3 Be7 5.Bd3 b6 6.Nge2 Bb7 7.0-0 0-0 8.Qc2 c5 9.Bd2 Nc6 10.cxd5 Nb4 11.Qb1 Nxd3 12.Qxd3 exd5 13.Ng3 a5 14.a4 Re8 15.b3 Ne4 16.Rfc1 Bf6 17.Be1 g6 18.f3 Nxb3 19.Bxg3 Rxe3 20.Qxe3 Bxd4 21.Qxd4 cxd4 22.Nb5 d3 23.Rd1 Qf6 24.Bf2 Bc6 25.Nd4 Re8 26.Rxd3 Bd7 27.Rad1 h5 28.h4 Be6 29.Nb5 Rc8 30.R3d2 Bf5 31.Rxd5 Bc2 32.Rd6 Qe7 33.Re1 Qf8 34.Rxb6 Bxb3 35.Na7 Rb8 36.Ra6 Bxa4 37.Rxa5 Bd7 38.Rd5 Be6 39.Rd2 Qe8 40.Rc2 Qa4 41.Rec1 Bf5 42.Rd2 Qa3 43.Rcd1 Re4 44.Nb5 Qa5 45.Nd6 Rd8 46.Rd5 Qa4 47.R1d4 Qa1+ 48.Rd1 Qa4 49.R1d4 Qa1+ 50.Kh2 Be6 51.Rd1 Qa2 52.R5d2 Qb3 53.Rd3 Qb2 54.R1d2 Qb4 55.Rd4 Qc5 56.Ne4 Qe5+ 57.Kg1 Bd5 58.Rxd5 Qa1+ 59.Kh2 Rf8 60.Bd4 Qa8 61.Bf6 Qb8+ 62.g3 1-0

NM ABHISHEK MALLELA (2160)
KYLIE ZHANG (1924)

1.Nf3 d5 2.e3 Nf6 3.c4 e6 4.b3 c5 5.Bb2 Nc6 6.cxd5 exd5 7.d4 cxd4 8.Nxd4 Bb4+ 9.Bc3 Qa5 10.Qd2 Bxc3 11.Nxc3 0-0 12.Be2 Nxd4 13.Qxd4 Bf5 14.0-0 Rfd8 15.b4 Qc7 16.Rac1 Qd7 17.Rfd1 a6 18.Bf3 Be6 19.h3 Rac8 20.Be2 h6 21.a4 Ne4 22.Nxe4 Rxc1 23.Nf6+ gxf6 24.Rxc1 Kg7 25.b5 axb5 26.axb5 Rc8 27.Rc5 Qd8 28.Rxc8 Qxc8 29.b6 Qc6 30.Bf3 Qd6 31.g4 Kg6 32.Kg2 Kg7 33.h4 Kg6 34.e4 Qf4 35.Qe3 Qd6 36.exd5 Bd7 37.Be4+ f5 38.gxf5+ Bxf5 39.h5+ Kxh5 40.Bxf5 Qxd5+ 41.Qf3+ Qxf3+ 42.Kxf3 Kg5 43.Bc8 1-0

CM RHETT LANGSETH (2075)
GRAYSON MANUEL (1768)

1.d3 d5 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.Nbd2 c5 4.e4 Nc6 5.c3 e5 6.Be2 Be7 7.0-0 0-0 8.Re1 d4 9.a4 Qc7 10.Nc4 Be6 11.Qc2 Bxc4 12.dxc4 dxc3 13.bxc3 b6 14.Nd2 Na5 15.Nf1 Rfe8 16.Ne3 Bf8 17.Nd5 Nxd5 18.cxd5 c4 19.Be3 Be5 20.Bg4 Rad8 21.Rab1 Rd6 22.Bxc5 Qxc5 23.Be2 Rc8 24.Rb4 Qc7 25.Qc1 Rf6 26.Bg4 Rd8 27.Re3 Qc5 28.Rb5 Qf8 29.Bf5 Nb7 30.Rh3 h6 31.g4 g5 32.Kh1 Nc5 33.Qc2 Nd3 34.Qa2 a6 35.Rb1 Qc5 36.Rf3 Kg7 37.Kg1 Rdd6 38.Ra1 Rd8 39.Qd2 Rfd6 40.h4 Nf4 41.Kh2 Rh8 42.Kg3 Rdd8 43.Rh1 Qa3 44.Qc2 b5 45.axb5 axb5 46.Rb1 h5 47.hxg5 hxg4 48.Bxg4 Qe7 49.Rxf4 exf4+ 50.Kxf4 Qd6+ 51.Kf3 Qe5 52.Qd2 Rh4 53.Rxb5 Rdh8 54.Qd4 Qxd4 55.cxd4 Rh1 56.Rc5 Re1 57.d6 Rd8 58.e5 Kg6 59.Kf4 Rc2 1-0

ELI COHRS (1769)
WYATT BACKHOUSE (1696)

1.b3 d5 2.Bb2 Bg4 3.h3 Bh5 4.Nf3 Nd7 5.e3 Ngf6 6.Be2 c6 7.d4 Ne4 8.Nbd2 Ndf6 9.Ne5 Bxe2 10.Qxe2 Nxd2 11.Qxd2 Ne4

12.Qe2 e6 13.0-0 Be7 14.Rac1 0-0 15.c4 Qa5 16.a3 Qd2 17.Rc2 Qxe2 18.Rxe2 f5 19.Rc1 Bd6 20.b4 Bxe5 21.dxe5 dxc4 22.Rxc4 Rad8 23.Bd4 f4 24.Bxa7 f3 25.Ra2 Rd1+ 26.Kh2 Nd2 27.Rd4 Nf1+ 28.Kg1 ½-½

KRISTOPHER ZELKIN (1750)
JOHN SCHOENKE (1683)

1.d4 d5 2.Nc3 Nf6 3.Bf4 c6 4.e3 Bf5 5.f3 Qb6 6.Rb1 Nbd7 7.g4 Bg6 8.h4 h6 9.Bd3 Bxd3 10.cxd3 e6 11.Nge2 Be7 12.Kf2 Nh7 13.Qc2 Qd8 14.Bg3 Nb6 15.b4 Bd6 16.Na4 Bxg3+ 17.Nxg3 Nxa4 18.Qxa4 a6 19.Qc2 Rc8 20.Qc5 Nf8 21.Nh5 g6 22.Nf4 Nd7 23.Qc2 0-0 24.a4 Qe7 25.g5 h5 26.Rhc1 Kh7 27.e4 dxe4 28.dxe4 e5 29.dxe5 Qxe5 30.Nh3 Qh2+ 31.Ke3 Qxh3 0-1

THEODORE HOOD (1675)
TIMUR PARPIEV (1644)

1.e4 e6 2.f4 d5 3.e5 Nc6 4.d4 Nh6 5.Nf3 Nf5 6.c3 Bd7 7.Be2 Be7 8.a4 h5 9.Bd3 h4 10.Na3 Rh6 11.Kf2 g6 12.b4 Rg6 13.Rf1 fxe5 14.fxe5 Kf8 15.Kg1 Kg8 16.Nc2 h3 17.g3 Qe8 18.Kh1 Nd8 19.Ng1 Nxg3+ 20.hxg3 Rxg3 21.Ne3 Bg5 22.Rf3 Rxf3 23.Qxf3 h2 24.Nh3 Bh6 25.Qg3 Qh5 26.Ng4 Kh8 27.Bxh6 1-0

TODD BURGE (1511)
TRISTAN CRUZ (1589)

1.e4 d6 2.d4 Nf6 3.Nc3 g6 4.Bg5 Bg7 5.Bc4 0-0 6.Nf3 c6 7.Bb3 Bg4 8.h3 Bxf3 9.Qxf3 Qa5 10.Bd2 Qc7 11.0-0-0 b5 12.g4 a5 13.a3 a4 14.Ba2 Na6 15.Bf4 e5 16.dxe5 dxe5 17.Bg5 Nd7 18.Be7 b4 19.Bxf8 Rxf8 20.Nxa4 bxa3 21.Qxa3 Bh6+ 22.Kb1 c5 23.Rxd7 Qxd7 24.Nxc5 Nxc5 25.Qxc5 Qb7 26.Qxe5 Bg7 27.Qxg7+ Kxg7 28.Bd5 Qb6 29.f4Rb8 30.b3Qd4 31.Kc1 Qa1+ 0-1

CHRISTOPHER CRUZ (1569)
ERIC NUNCIO (1449)

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 d6 3.Bc4 Be7 4.d3 Nf6 5.h3 0-0 6.0-0 b6 7.Re1 Bb7 8.Nbd2 Nbd7 9.Nf1 Re8 10.Ng3 g6 11.Ng5 d5 12.exd5 Bxd5 13.Bxd5 Nxd5 14.Qf3 Bxg5 15.Qxd5 Bxc1 16.Rac1 Nf6 17.Qxd8 Raxd8 18.Ne4 Nxe4 19.Rxe4 Rd4 20.Rce1 Rxe4 21.Rxe4 c5 22.f4 f5 23.Rxe5 Rxe5 24.fxe5 Kf7 25.c3 Ke6 26.d4 g5 27.g4 f4 28.Kf2 a5 29.b3 cxd4 30.cxd4 Kd5 31.a4 h6 32.Kf3 Ke6 33.Ke4 Kd7 34.d5 Ke7 35.h4 Kd7 36.hxg5 hxg5 ½-½

JUSTIN AL BARHITE (1370)
NEEL YADATORE (1253)

1.e4 e5 2.Nc3 Bc5 3.Bc4 Nc6 4.Qg4 g6 5.Qf3 Nf6 6.Nge2 d6 7.h3 Qe7 8.d3 h6 9.0-0 Nb4 10.Bb3 Be6 11.Be3 Bxb3 12.cxb3 Nxd3 13.Rfd1 Nb4 14.Nb5 Bxe3 15.fxe3 Nh7 16.Rac1 Nc6 17.Nec3 Rc8 18.Nd5 Qd8 19.Rf1 0-0 20.Rc2 Ng5 21.Nf6+ Kg7 22.Qg4 a6 23.Nc3 Nh7 24.Ncd5 Ne7 25.Nxh7 Kxh7 26.Nf6+ Kg7 27.Rcf2 Ng8

28.Nh5+ Kh8 29.Rxf7 Rxf7 30.Rxf7 Ne7 31.Nf6 Qg8 32.Nxg8 Rxg8 33.Rxe7 c5 34.Qd7 Rg7 35.Rxg7 h5 36.Rh7+ Kg8 37.Qg7# 1-0

GEORGE PESCHKE (1300)
HENRY DEJESSE (1106)

1.e4 g6 2.d4 Bg7 3.Nf3 d6 4.Be2 b6 5.Nc3 Bb7 6.Be3 Nd7 7.Rb1 e6 8.a4 a6 9.0-0 Ne7 10.Nd2 0-0 11.Re1 h6 12.Nf1 Kh7 13.Ng3 f5 14.Qd2 e5 15.exf5 Nxf5 16.Nxf5 Rxf5 17.d5 Nc5 18.b4 Nd7 19.Ne4 Rf8 20.c4 Nf6 21.Ng3 Bc8 22.h3 Qe8 23.Qc2 a5 24.b5 Qf7 25.Rb3 Ng8 26.Nh5 Bf5 27.Bd3 gxh5 28.Kh1 Bxd3 29.Qxd3+ Qf5 30.Qe2 Nf6 31.f3 Qg6 32.Bf2 Rae8 33.Rc3 Rg8 34.Rg1 Bh8 35.Qe1 Qc2 36.g3 Qf5 37.Kh2 Qg6 38.Kh1 Qc2 39.Rg2 Qf5 40.Kh2 Nd7 41.f4 Nf6 42.fxe5 Rxe5 43.Rxe5 Qxe5 44.Qb1+ Qe4 45.Qd1 Qf5 46.Be1 Ne4 47.Qd3 Qg6 48.h4 Rf8 49.Qe3 Re8 50.Qf3 Nf6 51.Bc3 Ng4+ 52.Kh3 Re3 53.Qf8 Rxc3 54.Re2 Re3 55.Rxc3 Nxe3 56.Qe7+ Qg7 57.Qxe3 Qd7+ 58.Kh2 Be5 59.Qe4+ Kg7 60.Qe3 Qg4 61.Kg2 Qd4 62.Qe2 Qb2 63.Qxb2 Bxb2 64.Kf3 Kg6 65.g4 hxg4+ 66.Kxg4 h5+ 67.Kf4 Be5+ 68.Kf3 Kf5 69.Kg2 Kg4 0-1

NOAH KEENE (1130)
TARUN KARTHIKEYAN (1132)

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 d6 4.0-0 Nf6 5.Re1 Ng4 6.d4 Bd7 7.c3 a6 8.Bc4 h6 9.Nbd2 Qe7 10.a3 g5 11.b4 Bg7 12.h3 Nf6 13.Nh2 exd4 14.cxd4 Nxd4 15.Bb2 Nc6 16.Bd5 0-0 17.Qc2 Rac8 18.Ba2 Ne5 19.Nhf3 g4 20.Nxe5 dxe5 21.hxg4 Nxg4 22.f3 Nf6 23.Kf2 Nh5 24.Rh1 Qg5 25.Nf1 Bb5 26.Bc4 Bxc4 27.Qxc4 Rcd8 28.g3 Rd6 29.Rh4 Rfd8 30.Bc3 Rc6 31.Qb3 Rd3 32.Rg4 Rxc3 33.Rxg5 Rxf3+ 34.Kg2 Rxb3 35.Rxh5 Rxa3 36.Rd1 Rfd3 37.Re1 Rac3 38.Rb1 Rd4 39.Rh4 Rcc4 40.Ne3 Rxb4 41.Rbh1 Rxe4 42.Rxe4 Rxe4 43.Nf5 a5 44.Kf3 Rb4 45.Rd1 Kh7 46.Rd7 Kg6 47.Nh4+ Kf6 48.Rxc7 a4 49.Rc5 b5 50.Rc6+ Kg5 51.Rc7 a3 52.Rxf7 Bf6 53.Rf8 a2 54.Rg8+ Kh5 55.Ra8 Ra4 56.Rd8 Bxd8 0-1



ROUND 5**FM ISAAK PARPIEV (2305)****NM DANIEL HERMAN (2134)**

1.d4 d5 2.c4 dxc4 3.Nf3 Nf6 4.e3 b5 5.a4 b4 6.Bxc4 e6 7.0-0 Be7 8.Qe2 Bb7 9.a5 a6 10.Nbd2 c5 11.Bd3 0-0 12.e4 cxd4 13.e5 Nfd7 14.Nb3 Nc6 15.Bf4 g6 16.Rfc1 Qb8 17.h4 Rd8 18.Rc2 Qa7 19.Rac1 Rac8 20.Ng5 Bf8 21.h5 Ne7 22.Qg4 Rxc2 23.Rxc2 Bd5 24.hxg6 hxg6 25.Nd2 Bg7 26.Qh4 Nc5 27.Rxc5 Qxc5 28.Nde4 Bxe4 29.Qh7+ Kf8 30.Nxe4 Qc7 31.Bh6 Qxe5 32.f4 Nf5 1-0

NM EAMON MONTGOMERY (2228)**NICKOLAS PETERSEN (2021)**

1.Nf3 d5 2.g3 c5 3.Bg2 Nc6 4.0-0 Nf6 5.d4 e6 6.b3 Nxd4 7.Nxd4 cxd4 8.Qxd4 Qc7 9.Bf4 Be5 10.Qxf6 1-0

CM RHETT LANGSETH (2075)**NM ABHISHEK MALLELA (2160)**

1.d3 d5 2.Nf3 b6 3.c3 Bb7 4.Nbd2 Nf6 5.Qc2 e6 6.g4 d4 7.Qa4+ Qd7 8.Qxd4 Qxd4 9.cxd4 Nc6 10.Rgl Rd8 11.e3 Nb4 12.Kd1 Ba6 13.a3 Nbd5 14.b4 h5 15.g5 Ng4 16.Ke1 Ngxe3 17.fxe3 Nxe3 18.Ke2 Nc2 19.Ra2 Nxd4+ 20.Nxd4 Rxd4 21.Ke3 Rg4 22.Nf3 c5 23.Bh3 Rxl 24.Nxgl Be7 25.Nf3 0-0 26.Bf1 Bb7 27.b5 Bd5 28.Ra1 f6 29.g6 f5 30.Bb2 f4+ 31.Kf2 Bf6 32.Bxf6 gxf6 33.Nh4 Kg7 34.Be2 Rd8 35.a4 Kh6 36.Rgl Kg7 37.Ng2 Bxg2 38.Kxg2 Kxg6 39.Kf3+ Kf7 40.Kxf4 Rd4+ 41.Ke3 Rxa4 42.Bxh5+ Ke7 43.Rg7+ Kd6 44.Rg4 Ra2 45.h4 a6 46.bxa6 Rxa6 47.Bf7 Ra1 48.h5 Rh1 49.Rg8 Ke7 50.Bg6 f5 51.Rb8 Rh3+ 52.Kd2 Rh2+ 53.Kc3 Kf6 54.Rxb6 f4 55.Rb7 Kg5 56.Rf7 Ra2 57.Be4 Rf2 58.Rh7 Rh2 59.Rg7+ Kf6 60.Rg6+ Kf7 61.Rg4 e5 62.Rg5 Kf6 63.Rg6+ Kf7 64.Rg2 Rh4 65.Rgl f3 66.Rg3 f2 67.Rf3+ Rf4 68.Rxf4+ exf4 69.Bg2 f3 70.Bf1 Kf6 71.Kd2 Kg5 72.Ke3 Kxh5 73.Kxf3 Kg5 74.Kxf2 Kf4 75.Be2 Ke5 76.Ke3 Kd5 77.Bf1 Ke5 78.Kd2 Kd4 79.Ke2 Ke3 80.Ke3 Kf2 81.Bh3 Ke3 82.Kc4 Kd2 83.Bf5 1-0

CALEB PEÑA (1982)**NM MATTHEW WOFFORD (2176)**

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.Qc2 d5 5.a3 Bxc3+ 6.Qxc3 dxc4 7.Qxc4 0-0 8.g3 Nbd7 9.Nf3 a6 10.Bg2 b5 11.Qc2 Bb7 12.0-0 Rc8 13.b4 Nb6 14.Rd1 Be4 15.Qb3 h6 16.Ne5 Bd5 17.Bxd5 exd5 18.Nd3 Re8 19.Ra2 Nfd7 20.Nc5 Nxc5 21.dxc5 Nc4 22.a4 c6 23.axb5 axb5 24.e3 Qd7 25.Bb2 Qf5 26.Rd4 Ra8 27.Bc3 Ne5 28.Rf4 Qd3 29.Rxa8 Rxa8 30.Qb2 Qd1+ 31.Kg2 Nd3 32.Qd2 Nxf4+ 33.exf4 Qxd2 34.Bxd2 Ra2 35.Be1 Ra3 36.g4 f5 37.g5 Kf7 38.h4 h5 39.g6+ Kxg6 40.Bd2 d4 41.Be1 Rb3 42.Bd2 Kf6 43.Kf1 Ke6 44.Ke2 Kd5 45.f3 Ke5 0-1

DANIEL MARMER (1858)**CRAIG WILCOX (2060)**

1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5 3.Bf4 g6 4.e3 Bg7 5.h4 c5 6.h5 Nxh5 7.Rxh5 gxh5 8.Qxh5 e6 9.Nb5 Kf8 10.Nc7 Nc6 11.Nxa8 cxd4 12.exd4 Nxd4 13.Bc7 Qf6 14.Bd3 Nxc2+ 15.Bxc2 Qxb2 16.Bd6+ Kg8 17.Qd1 Qxa1 18.Qxa1 Bxa1 19.Nc7 Bd7 20.Nf3 f6 21.Bd3 a6 22.Na8 Bc3+ 23.Ke2 Kf7 24.Nb6 Bc6 25.Bc5 e5 26.Bf5 Ba5 27.Nc8 Bc7 28.Nh4 Rd8 29.Bg4 Bd7 30.Bh5+ Kg7 31.Ne7 Kh6 32.g4 d4 33.Bb4 Bxg4+ 34.Bxg4 Kg5 35.f3 e4 36.Nef5 Bf4 37.Ng2 d3+ 38.Kd1 exf3 39.Nge3 f2 40.Bh3 Re8 41.Bd2 Re5 42.Nd4 Kh5 43.Nf1 Kh4 44.Bg2 Bxd2 45.Kxd2 Kh5 46.Bf3+ Kg6 47.Kxd3 Re1 48.Be2 Ra1 49.Ke3 Rxa2 50.Kxf2 a5 51.Ke3 a4 52.Bd3+ Kh6 53.Nd2 Ra3 54.Nc4 Ra1 55.Nc2 Rh1 56.N4a3 Kg5 57.Kf2 Kf4 58.Bb5 Rh2+ 59.Ke1 Ke4 60.Bxa4 Kd3 61.Nb4+ Kd4 62.Nac2+ Ke5 63.Nd3+ Kd5 64.Bb3+ Kd6 65.Nf2 f5 66.Ke2 Rh4 67.Ne3 Rb4 68.Nxf5+ Kd7 69.Bc2 Rb2 70.Kd2 h5 71.Kc3 Ra2 72.Ne4 Ke6 1-0

WYATT BACKHOUSE (1696)**JOHN SCHOENKE (1683)**

1.d4 d5 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.g3 Nc6 4.Bg2 Bf5 5.0-0 e6 6.c4 Be7 7.Nc3 0-0 8.Ne5 Bd6 9.cxd5 exd5 10.Nxd5 Nxe5 11.Nxf6+ Qxf6 12.dxe5 Bxe5 13.Qb3 Rab8 14.a4 b6 15.f4 Bd4+ 16.Kh1 Qe6 17.Qxe6 Bxe6 18.e3 Bc5 19.Bd2 a5 20.Rfe1 Rfd8 21.Bc3 Bd5 22.Bxd5 Rxd5 23.e4 Rdd8 24.Rad1 Kf8 25.Kg2 g6 26.Be5 Rbc8 27.Kf3 Rxd1 28.Rxd1 Ke7 29.Kg4 h5+ 30.Kg5 Ke6 31.Bf6 Rg8 32.h3 Bd6 33.e5 Be7 34.Bxe7 Kxe7 35.Kh6 Ke6 36.Kh7 Re8 37.g4 hxg4 38.hxg4 Re7 39.Kh6 Rd7 40.f5+ gxf5 41.gxf5+ Ke7 42.Rxd7+ Kxd7 43.Kg5 Ke7 44.Kf4 c6 45.Kd4 Kd7 46.Kd4 Kc7 47.Kc4 Kd7 48.b4 axb4 49.Kxb4 c5+ 50.Kb5 Kc7 51.a5 bxa5 52.Kxa5 Kc6 53.Ka4 Kd5 54.e6 fxe6 55.f6 Kd6 56.Kb5 e5 57.f7 Ke7 58.Kxc5 Kxf7 59.Kd5 Kf6 60.Ke4 Ke6 61.Ke3 Kd5 62.Kd3 e4+ 63.Ke3 Ke5 64.Ke2 Kd4 65.Kd2 e3+ 66.Ke2 Kc4 67.Kxe3 ½-½

AUSTIN BATTLES (1409)**ELI COHRS (1769)**

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nc3 dxe4 4.Nxe4 Bd7 5.Nf3 Bc6 6.Bd3 Nd7 7.Qe2 Ngf6 8.Bf4 h6 9.Nxf6+ Nxf6 10.Bb5 Bd7 11.Ne5 c6 12.Bc4 a5 13.0-0 Be7 14.a4 0-0 15.Bg3 Rc8 16.Rfe1 Qb6 17.Nxd7 Nxd7 18.Bxe6 fxe6 19.Qxe6+ Rf7 20.Qxd7 Rd8 21.Bc7 Qxd4 22.Qxd4 Rxd4 23.Bxa5 Rc4 24.Bc3 Bc5 25.Re2 Rc4 26.Be1 Rd7 27.g3 Rfd4 28.c3 Rd3 29.a5 Be7 30.a6 bxa6 31.Rxa6 R3d6 32.Kg2 Kf7 33.c4 Rb7 34.c5 Rd5 35.b4 Bxc5 36.bxc5 Rxc5 37.Re3 Rc2 38.Rc3 Rxc3 39.Bxc3 Rc7 40.Be5 Re7 41.Bd4 Rd7 42.Ra7 Rxa7 43.Bxa7 Ke6 44.Kf3 Kd5 45.Kf4 g6 46.h4 c5 47.h5 gxh5 1-0

KENNETH DOYKOS (1700)**JOSEPH PLESO (1615)**

1.e4 Nc6 2.Nf3 d6 3.Bc4 e5 4.c3 Be7 5.d4 Bg4 6.d5 Nb8 7.Qa4+ Nd7 8.Be2 f5 9.exf5 Bxf5 10.c4 h6 11.Be3 Ngf6 12.h3 0-0 13.Nc3 b6 14.Qd1 Bh7 15.Nh2 a5 16.Ng4 Qe8 17.Nxf6+ Nxf6 18.0-0 Qg6 19.Nb5 Bd8 20.a3 Nd7 21.b4 axb4 22.axb4 Rxa1 23.Qxa1 Qc2 24.Qc1 Qxe2 25.Re1 Qc2 26.Na7 Bg5 27.Bxg5 Qxf2+ 28.Kh1 hxg5 29.Nc6 Bd3 30.Rg1 Rf4 31.Qa3 Bxc4 32.Qa8+ Nf8 33.Qe8 Rh4 34.Ne7+ Kh7 35.Ra1 Bf1 0-1

ERIC NUNCIO (1449)**TRISTAN CRUZ (1589)**

1.e4 d6 2.d4 Nf6 3.Nc3 g6 4.Bg5 Bg7 5.Qd2 0-0 6.0-0-0 c6 7.Kb1 b5 8.Bd3 a5 9.h3 b4 10.Nce2 Ba6 11.f4 h6 12.Bh4 Bxd3 13.Qxd3 Nbd7 14.e5 Nh7 15.exd6 Ndf6 16.dxe7 Qxe7 17.Nf3 Qe4 18.Qc4 Nd5 19.Bf2 Qe6 20.Qd3 a4 21.Rhe1 Qd6 22.Bg3 f5 23.Ne5 a3 24.b3 Bxe5 25.fxe5 Qe6 26.Qc4 f4 27.Bf2 0-1

KARTHIKEYAN KANNAN (1463)**TODD BURGE (1511)**

1.e4 d5 2.e5 d4 3.Bc4 Bf5 4.Qf3 Qc8 5.d3 e6 6.h4 c5 7.g4 Ne7 8.gxf5 Nxf5 9.Bb5+ Nc6 10.Bxc6+ bxc6 11.Nd2 Be7 12.Nc4 a5 13.Nb6 Qb7 14.Nxa8 Nxh4 15.Qg4 g5 16.Rb1 h5 17.Qe4 Nf5 18.Ne2 h4 19.c4 dxc3 20.Nxc3 h3 21.Qg4 Rh4 22.Qf3 g4 23.Qd1 h2 24.Bf4 Nd4 25.Bg3 Nf3+ 26.Kf1 Rh3 27.Ne4 Qb4 28.Qb3 Nd2+ 29.Nxd2 Qxd2 30.Rd1 Qh6 31.Qb8+ Bd8 32.Qd6 f5 33.exf6 Qxf6 34.Rxh2 Be7 35.Nc7+ Kf8 36.Qf4 Kf7 37.Qxf6+ Bxf6 38.Rxh3 gxh3 39.b3 Ke7 40.Ke2 Kd7 41.Rh1 e5 42.Na6 Be7 43.Bxe5 Ke6 44.f4 Bd6 45.Bxd6 Kxd6 46.Rxh3 Kd5 47.Re3 Kd4 48.Kd2 a4 49.Re4+ Kd5 50.f5 axb3 51.axb3 c4 52.bxc4+ Kd6 53.f6 c5 54.f7 Kd7 55.f8Q Kc6 56.Qf6+Kb7 57.Re7+ 1-0

DANIE HUNNINGHAKE (1201)**JUSTIN AL BARHITE (1370)**

1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.Bg5 Be7 5.Nf3 0-0 6.e3 b6 7.cxd5 Nxd5 8.Bxe7 Nxe7 9.Rc1 Nd7 10.Bd3 Nf6 11.0-0 Bb7 12.b4 Ned5 13.a3 Rc8 14.Re1 Nxc3 15.Rxc3 Ne4 16.Rc1 Bd5 17.Qc2 c6 18.Bxe4 Qd7 19.Bxh7+ Kh8 20.Ne5 Qe7 21.Bd3 c5 22.Qe2 Qg5 23.e4 Ba8 24.bxc5 bxc5 25.Qg4 Qf6 26.Nf3 cxd4 27.Rxc8 Rxc8 28.e5 Bxf3 29.gxf3 Qd8 30.Qh5+ Kg8 31.Qh7+ Kf8 32.Qh8+ Ke7 33.Qxd8+ Kxd8 34.Rd1 Rc3 35.Be4 Rxa3 36.Rxd4+ Kc7 37.Kg2 Rb3 38.h4 Rb8 39.Rc4+ Kd8 40.Ra4 Ke8 41.Rxa7 Rb6 42.h5 Kf8 43.Ra8+ Ke7 44.Rg8 Rb7 1-0

Garry Kasparov Talk at CU Boulder

By John Brezina

A number of world chess champions have been to Colorado and the most recent was the 13th World Champion Garry Kasparov. He was invited by the student-run Distinguished Speakers Board at CU Boulder on October 8, 2024. Our CSCA President Earle Wikle reached out to and invited me to attend the event with him. Fortunately my schedule worked out as this is a rare opportunity to hear him speak anywhere let alone in our own backyard. And of course I brought my camera just in case I was allowed to photograph the event.



The beautiful Macky Auditorium

Earle and I met up at the DCC to carpool since it was on a Tuesday evening and from there Richard Shtivelband also joined us. We made our way to Boulder and the Macky Auditorium where the event was being held on campus. Fortunately I have been there a few times which made it easier to navigate. The program was made available to the public for \$15 and CU students for only \$2. Certainly a bargain for students to see and hear a world champion speak. As we made our way up the steps to the hall, we ran into other Colorado chess players attending.



The crowd intensely watching

Security screening was in place there and I was initially concerned after seeing a sign that said no cameras allowed. Fortunately they allowed mine in after x-raying everything. In the lobby was a table setup with info about the event and the speakers board that had invited him to speak. I inquired about photographing Mr. Kasparov since I had the president of the CSCA with me in attendance as well as my own editor credentials. The ladies were unsure at first and called the young man in charge,

Cooper Baldwin. A student himself, he was very generous in giving me a VIP band that allowed me in a section up front for the media. He escorted me in and gave me some ground rules which I kindly obliged to and mentioned that I have photographed Kasparov and many others before and know how to show them deserved respect. Cooper is also a chess player and asked for a copy of this article and Informant issue that we would be publishing.



The Moderators and Garry Kasparov

The Macky auditorium seats just over 2,000 and only the lower sections were used and no one was allowed in the balcony. It was better than half full as we arrived and surprisingly not sold out. The first two rows up front were reserved for VIP guests which I later learned were allowed backstage afterwards for a meet and greet. Only these lucky guests would be able to meet and perhaps have something signed by the legend.



Mr. Kasparov enjoying the moment

The stage was set simply with a seat for Mr. Kasparov and two more seats for the moderators who were both seniors at CU. Cooper Baldwin first appeared at the podium to introduce the two student moderators and then Mr. Kasparov himself. A warm welcome was given to the former world champion as he sat down to speak on an incredible amount of topics. The moderators took turns asking him questions on a range of topics which mostly related to chess. Questions toward the end were given by the audience through a QR code where they could be uploaded to the moderators. It was fascinating to hear his insights on many subjects including his infamous 1997 Deep Blue match. He had also mentioned that this was not his first

trip to Colorado either. Later in his talk global politics came up and of course the war in Ukraine.



A very intriguing evening as Mr. Kasparov can be quite fascinating and engaging as his passion for chess comes through quite brightly. As we exited to the lobby we ran into even more Colorado chess players and I was able to round up most of them to get a nice group photo. A follow up to this story is that I met Mr. Kasparov a few weeks later in St. Louis at their chess conference where I mentioned his talk at CU Boulder. He seemed surprised that I was there and when I showed him the photos I took, he excitedly asked for the photo album!

All my photos from the event are here:
<https://photos.app.goo.gl/fQEgoD7vp4zkacGh6>



Some familiar Colorado chess players came to hear Garry Kasparov speak



My encounter with Mr. Kasparov in St. Louis two weeks later where he mentioned enjoying his time in Boulder

2024 US Chess Championships

By John Brezina

The US Chess Championships were held for the fifteenth year in a row at the St. Louis Chess Club. Following this event was a special St. Louis Chess Conference tied into the closing ceremony. The top twelve players in each field battled for the coveted titles in the World Chess Hall of Fame across from the chess club that is currently under an incredible expansion. Perhaps next year we will see the players battle it out in the new expanded club.



The playing area in the Hall of Fame

The opening ceremony is something I look forward to each year as a different location is picked around the St. Louis area and has been open to the public. This year an eclectic hotel downtown was chosen and provided a unique setting with artwork on display. Before guests arrived, a players meeting was held that went over the rules for the tournament. Afterwards the players and guests socialized while many played blitz. A great opportunity to meet and greet your favorite players and others in the chess community.



A great opening event to meet the players or watch some blitz

Then everyone was ushered into another room for the official opening ceremony. St. Louis chess club founders Rex & Jeanne Sinquefield took the stage first to say a few words and officially kick off the evening. First, the latest members were inducted in the US Chess Hall of Fame with introductions by Yasser Seirawan and Sunil Weeramantry. The first US Champion crowned in 1845 was Charles Henry Stanley and deservedly inducted into the

hall of fame. After this the players were all called up to draw lots and determine pairings for round one the next day.



Yasser Seirawan speaks about inductee Charles Henry Stanley



Tatev Abrahamyan draws lot #1

In the open field, the big five headlined the group and were also the US Olympiad team in Budapest just a month earlier. Fabiano Caruana, Wesley So, Leinier Dominguez, Levon Aronian and Ray Robson led the rating list as well. In the women's field, Irina Krush led the field and rating list but defending champion Carissa Yip is right on her heels just a few rating points behind. The remaining women's Olympiad team were playing as well, including Begim Tokhirjonova, Alice Lee and Anna Zatonskih.



Nazi Paikidze is ready for round one

I was only able to attend the opening round and final round as the tournament ran over two weeks. Jeanne Sinquefield rang the opening bell for the start of the 2024 US Championships on the third floor of the World Chess Hall of Fame where

both fields competed side by side. Round one in the open started out quietly with all games ending in draws. Defending champion Fabiano Caruana faced Hans Niemann with the black pieces and was held to a draw. The women were split with three decisive games. Begim defeated former US champion Nazi Paikidze with the black pieces while the young Rose Atwell did the same against former US champion Anna Zatonskih. Defending champ Carissa Yip started an incredible streak with a win over Thalia Cervantes. She would go on to win the next seven games as well, setting up the possibility of capturing the Bobby Fischer bonus prize of \$64,000.



Hans Niemann is ready to start round one

Round five will go down as the infamous round of the 2024 US Championships. The 2024 US Junior champion Christopher Yoo faced Fabiano Caruana in round five. An intense game ensued where Yoo had an advantage at one point. The game slipped into a loss for the Junior champion as Caruana showed his endgame skills. A distraught Yoo became visibly upset afterwards and tore his scoresheet as the arbiter approached. It became worse when Yoo left the playing hall and struck a camera person on his way out. He was expelled from the tournament and the club where his score was wiped out and everyone forward received a bye.



Christopher Yoo at the start before getting removed after round five



Atousa Pourkashiyan: 7-time Iranian Champion and wife of Hikaru Nakamura

The better story of the tournament was the incredible performance of Olympiad individual gold winner and defending champion Carissa Yip. Round four she defeated grandmaster Irina Krush and continued her streak to eight straight wins until Megan Lee stopped her in round nine with a victory herself. Carissa would go on to lose in round ten as well with Begim on her heels. But a later round ten loss for Begim gave Carissa Yip the title with a round to spare.



Carissa Yip about to start her 8-game winning streak



A confident Awonder Liang walking the hall during round one

Fabiano led the pack going into the last round, but only by half a point ahead of Awonder Liang. Two others trailed a point behind, Sam Sevian and Hans Niemann who faced each other in the last round. The title was certainly open for grabs at the start but soon fizzled out for young Liang as he lost to the veteran Dominguez. Sevian & Niemann had a hard fought draw to leave Caruana in sole first even with a

loss. But the defending champ finished the tournament in style with a win over Sam Shankland to claim his fourth US championship title. Caruana was the only player to finish the tournament without a loss.



Fabiano Caruana watching the competitors in the last round



Fabiano Caruana finished strong with a win over Sam Shankland

The next day the biggest closing ceremony was held in the opulent Chase Park Plaza hotel. This was due in part to the closing being the start of the St. Louis Chess Conference taking place right after the championships. The closing was part of the conference so many extra guests were in attendance in addition to being open to the public. The ceremony was first rate as always with food and drink late into the evening and many great people to meet. A great way to unwind after a grueling two weeks of chess for the players. Of course some had to play more blitz while others sang karaoke late into the night.



Rex Sinquefeld addresses the crowd at the closing ceremony with the players



The Champions with their trophies

Congratulations to Fabiano Caruana and Carissa Yip for repeat championship titles. See all of my photos from the opening and closing along with rounds one and eleven here:

Opening ceremony:

<https://photos.app.goo.gl/kBAAt1PCkpbkbQb37>

Round 1:

<https://photos.app.goo.gl/PNVatviMgTZDza7t8>

Round 11:

<https://photos.app.goo.gl/92QTsh7w7ktYWU1r9>

Closing ceremony:

<https://photos.app.goo.gl/iSF5hYiTinnY2eXp9>



Hikaru Nakamura & Atousa Pourkashiyan at the closing ceremony

St. Louis Chess Conference 2024

By John Brezina

The inaugural St. Louis chess conference took place on October 24-26, 2024. It was advertised for the better part of the year and I bought my tickets early once I learned of it. Keynote speaker Maurice Ashley did many promos for the conference and joining him were none other than Garry Kasparov and Judit Polgar. With these three keynote speakers alone the ticket was well worth it. But it gets better as it was an entire weekend of chess, or as I later labeled it, the Disney World of chess. And a success it was as the conference sold out and had quite a waiting list from what I understand. It was held at the beautiful Chase Park Plaza and kicked off with the closing ceremony of the US Chess Championships the first night.



Maurice Ashley opens the conference

The next morning started with a buffet breakfast that gave a chance to meet fellow attendees. I ran into many old friends including our former DCC vice-president Lex Huberts. After the opening reception, Maurice Ashley kicked off the event with his keynote address of "The Life-Changing Magic of Chess". He told his story of becoming a Grandmaster and how chess had changed his life. He has an incredibly captivating way of telling a story and keeps the audience engaged. I was pleasantly surprised to see a familiar face behind one of the video cameras recording the conference. One of Colorado's strongest female players, Youtuber and streamer ZefCatt: Sara Herman.



Sara Herman in charge of the camera

Many people were scheduled to give talks on different subjects throughout the day. There were concurrent sessions about each hour that you could pick and choose from. One that was interesting was the "Chess

and Cheating" session that was headlined by professor Ken Regan. He was quite analytical in his data research about the subject and the floor was later opened up to questions. I was able to speak with him later at the conference where I learned he used to write for the Colorado Chess Informant over 40 years ago! See page 6 of this issue to see one of his early articles.



Judit Polgar takes the stage

After a lunch break the main ballroom hosted the keynote speech from Judit Polgar. She spoke of her rise through chess and also about the power of chess in education. An amazing career and legacy in chess that is unmatched. More speakers filled the afternoon and then a reception was held at the World Chess Hall of Fame. This provided a chance for many attendees to see the latest exhibits and hall of fame for the first time. It moved over to the Kingside Diner later where more socializing continued through the evening.



Dr. Sultan, Peter Doggers and Sunil Weeramantry take questions

The second day started again with a breakfast buffet and then led right into more sessions. The one of most interest to me that morning was "The Chess Book Club". Sunil Weeramantry started off by talking about his two books, Best Lessons of a Chess Coach and Great Moves: Learning Chess Through History. He would mix in stories of chess, history, and the process of how the books came to be. Next up was Peter Doggers who spoke about the writing of his recent book The Chess Revolution. It covers the ancient game of chess to the current digital age and how chess is perhaps more popular now than it has ever been. Next was Dr. Atiyab Sultan who

discussed her book Black & White: The Life of Chess Champion Sultan Khan. Her grandfather was the first Asian Grandmaster and she discussed a bit of his life and the process in writing it.



Rex Sinquefield introduces Garry Kasparov to the stage

After lunch was the big keynote address by former world champion Garry Kasparov. It was held in the theater room which was sold out. Those that could not watch it live could watch the livestream in another room. Rex Sinquefield took the stage first and introduced his friend and legend Garry Kasparov. He sized up the crowd and walked across the stage engaging the audience with many stories of his elaborate career in chess. It was announced here that next years chess conference would be held in New York City in September 2025. More sessions finished the afternoon before the closing reception at the nearby Maryland House. A great way to relax and network with other attendees and discuss the conference. Those that would stay up late into the evening could enjoy the Central West End Halloween party in the street in front of the World Chess Hall of Fame.

Enjoy all of my photos from the event here: <https://photos.app.goo.gl/mG8YvHzNgNR4wYAS7>



The closing reception and more chess of course!

2024 Chess 9LX & Ultimate Moves

By John Brezina



The Hall of Fame hosted the 9LX games

The Chess9LX tournament has become an annual favorite of mine in St. Louis as the game can become dangerous from move one with the shuffled pieces on the back rank. It is also a favorite as the best US players face the legendary former world champion Garry Kasparov over the board. In between rounds it is fascinating to watch the players study the new opening position, especially with Kasparov. And this year the entertaining Ultimate Moves exhibition kicked off the festivities. It originally started back with the Sinquefield Cup as a competition between Rex Sinquefield and his son Randy. Each would pick a team of five players and take turns making five moves at the board in blitz games.



Garry Kasparov returns to St. Louis



Mr. Monopoly faces Rex Sinquefield

It has since evolved to other players facing Rex and this year there was a very unique opponent. Parker Brothers game of Monopoly has had many editions, and to promote the release of the St. Louis edition, Mr. Monopoly himself faced Rex. The character in costume picked his team to face Rex and his team which included

Garry Kasaprov. It made for some interesting photos on the board for sure. While the games were casual and fun, the competitive spirit in the players came through along with some trash talking.



Maurice Ashley interviews the legend

The games became an intense back and forth struggle and time management was an issue. Maurice Ashley provided entertaining commentary throughout and interviewed players during the game. Playing the best of ten games, Team Mr. Monopoly pulled ahead and took the win with a 6-3 score. Afterwards the players all received a copy of the Monopoly game and posed with Mr. Monopoly. A fun time for everyone and quite a promotion for the latest edition of Monopoly.



Team Rex keeping an eye on the game



Rex Sinquefield: St. Louis Chess Club founder and purveyor of the American chess Renaissance



Mr. Chess with Mr. Monopoly



Everyone in good spirits posing for photos

Chess9LX is played over three days with three rounds each day. I attended the last two days in order to attend the World Chess Hall of Fame inductions that took place after the day two games. After day one, Fabiano Caruana led the field just ahead of the current and former Fischer Random World Champions, Hikaru Nakamura and Wesley So. Tied with them was the defending 9LX champion Sam Sevian. In round four Nakamura faced Sevian and took the win over last year's champion. Caruana led over Nakamura by only half a point after day two as they both pulled ahead of the field.



Garry Kasparov and Hikaru Nakamura study the new opening position



The leader after day 2: Fabiano Caruana

Later that evening was the World Chess Hall of Fame inductions of ten players: Nana Alexandria, Chen Zhu, Robert Hübner, Vladimir Kramnik, Irina Levitina, Elena Donaldson-Akhmilovskaya, Efim Geller, Fridrik Olafsson, Oscar Panno and Lev Polugaevsky. A wonderful event open to the public and held at the luxurious Chase Park Plaza hotel. Former women's world champion Nona Gaprindashvili was a special guest that spoke and would ring the opening bell for day three of the 9LX tournament. Some inductees provided a taped message for the attendees while others were present to speak. A nice evening to socialize and meet some of the inductees and their families.



The Hall of Fame ceremony at the Chase



Rex Sinquefeld with inductees



Former Women's World Champion Nona Gaprindashvili speaks

Day three and Nakamura came out strong with a win over Ray Robson to tie him with Caruana after his draw. Two rounds left and it became a race between these two. In round eight Fabiano faced Kasparov while Nakamura faced Grigoriy Oparin. Before the round, Hikaru and Garry studied the opening position together. It was incredible to be up close to watch and hear these two analyze together. Nakamura had to settle for a draw while Caruana pressed the former world champion and took the win to lead by half a point into the final round.



Nona Gaprindashvili rings the bell to start day three and round seven



Kasparov watches Nakamura win his crucial game over Ray Robson

Going into the final round, Nakamura was the only one that could catch the leader. He faced Sam Shankland while Caruana faced Ray Robson, both critical games for the title. Nakamura got a piece up in his game and forced Shankland to resign and put the pressure on Caruana to at least draw his game. But Caruana pushed his h-pawn up the board to force Robson to give up his knight. So with his extra bishop and pawn in the end, Caruana forced resignation and took the title as the only player without a loss.



Hikaru Nakamura keeps an eye on Fabiano Caruana's game

Congratulations to Fabiano for another victory after his US Championship title!

Enjoy all my photos and video clips from these two entertaining events:

Ultimate Moves:

<https://photos.app.goo.gl/ap2tJTSjtURZrF9h9>

WCHOF Inductions:

<https://photos.app.goo.gl/kvLXur6SqocFnmeG9>

9LX Day 2:

<https://photos.app.goo.gl/cfF2x48cixwjSbBm7>

9LX Day 3:

<https://photos.app.goo.gl/mQhpZc7hTfhZWtWx7>

Videos:

https://youtube.com/playlist?list=PLHRN9HSI3pFyIL8SOwRFC6dzKP CmX5pGL&si=RnEqSNNh_SWIUB2y



Hikaru Nakamura



Fabiano Caruana

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By Paul Anderson

End Of The Season

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You may not be aware that the chess year has an off-season, but it does. The chess season ends when the NFL season starts.

Oh sure, some die-hard chess fanatics keep playing all year round. In fact, I will be playing some myself. However, the games are far less newsworthy. So, as a chess news website, I am forced to switch my focus from updating this website each week to updating my football-related blog.

I know this news is very upsetting for all my readers. So, I have a couple of suggestions to help you make it through the next several months. If you can't do without my beautiful prose, check out my fantasy football league: <https://spamfootball.blogspot.com>

If it is more chess games you crave, check out:

https://www.chess.com/club/colorado-springs-chess-club?ref_id=7846680

Game Of The Year

For the final game of the year, I had a tough choice to make. I could have reprised one of the games I published earlier this year, but I didn't want to repeat myself. I could have pulled one from my stockpile of games other people have given to me, but I thought, "Who wants to see yet another Brian Wall victory?" So, I decided to pick one of my own games.

It has been making news on its own without the aid of my shameless self-promotion. Buck Buchanan selected it as one of the games from the Pikes Peak Open to go on the CSCA website, and he even gave me an exclamation point on move 26.

Brian Wall demanded I publish it. No really, he did. He even made it the topic of a couple emails he posted to his yahoo group. The reason he likes it so much is because I took the "System" from one of his emails. He listed four elements that are used as white in the Queen's Gambit Declined and gave an example that ended in 13 moves.

So when I got that opening in the Pikes Peak Open, I figured I could use a quick win. How hard could it be to get four elements into 13 moves?

Well, it is harder than you might think. Brian wrote, "Paul Anderson adopted one of my systems and has been having great results." Actually, I have played it twice (in a row) in USCF-rated play (40/2+60 and 90) and still haven't gotten all four elements. I am undefeated with it, but someday I would like to get the "Bishing Pole" element into a game. Nobody pushes h6 for me.



In this game, I castled queenside, pushed e4 in one move, got the king to b1, but my bishop got pushed off g5 and by the time I got my opponent to take my bait (knight) there the firing lines were clogged with knight and pawns.

But I was undaunted. Even though I was well past 13 moves, out of elements, and a stranger in a strange land, I put my trust in the "System." It had gotten me this far, and I wasn't going to abandon it now. I decided the "System" would require something bold.

So, my plan was to annihilate and demolish the stronghold around the king, and I did just that. Fritz liked it well enough to award me an exclamation point and a double exclamation point in the course of 4 moves. Not bad for the first time with the "System".

Game Of The Year

[Event "Pikes Peak Open"]

[Site "https://cschessnews.blogspot.com/"]

[Date "2004.08.08"]

[Round "5.4"]

[White "Anderson, Paul"]

[Black "Krowczyk, Mark"]

[Result "1-0"]

[ECO "D53"]

[WhiteElo "1761"]

[BlackElo "1770"]

[PlyCount "97"]

[EventDate "2004.08.07"]

1. d4 d5 2. c4 e6 3. Nf3 Nf6 4. Bg5 Be7 5. Nc3 O-O 6. Qc2 c6 7. h4 Nbd7 8. O-O-O Ng4 9. e4 f6 10. Bf4 e5 11. Bg3 dxe4 12. Nxe4 Qa5 13. Kb1 f5 14. Neg5 e4 15. Nd2 Ndf6 16. Nb3 Qa4 17. d5 Nh5 18. Bc7 cxd5 19. cxd5 Bxg5 20. hxg5 g6 21. Bc4 b5 22. Bf1 e3 23. Rd4 b4 24. d6 Bd7 25. Qc4+ Kg7 26. Rxc4 fxc4 27. Qd4+ Nf6 28. gxf6+ Rxf6 29. Rxh7+ Kxh7 30. Qxf6 Qc6 31. Qe7+ Kh8 32. Qxe3 Bf5+ 33. Bd3 Re8 34. Qd4+ Kh7 35. a3 Re1+ 36. Ka2 bxa3 37. Bxf5 gxf5 38. Qc3 Qe4 39. Kxa3 Rd1 40. Qe3 Qb7 41. Qe7+ Kh6 42. Qf6+ Kh7 43. Qxf5+ Kh6 44. Qxg4 Rd3 45. Qe6+ Kg7 46. Qc4 Rd1 47. d7 Rxd7 48. Qg4+ Kf6 49. Qxd7 1-0

<https://www.chessvideos.tv/chess-game-replayer.php?id=57932>

Sunday Night Chess

By Paul Anderson
Colorado Springs Chess Club President



The Colorado Springs Chess Club is an affiliate of Chess.com and meets every Sunday night for online chess. We typically have a 30-minute, Blitz Arena at 6:15pm followed by a Rapid Swiss at 7:00pm (4SS, G/10+10).

https://www.chess.com/club/colorado-springs-chess-club?ref_id=7846680

This year I posted a one pound weight-loss. It may not seem like much. However, it marks 10 consecutive years with a loss, bringing me from a high of 295 pounds down to this year's low of 167. I had to make some major adjustments to my health habits in the final month to get that one pound. But the changes worked!

Now I am trying to find similar adjustments I can make to my chess habits to offset the 10 years of losses in those numbers as well. It is interesting to note that my peak rating of 2102 was in 2015 when I was my heaviest.

So, if you have any good chess habits that have worked for you, please send them my way.

Here is a list of my 2024 online chess habits:

I played over 81 Wallmails. Wallmails are the chess emails sent out by LM Brian Wall. I collected them into a library on chess.com after using the analyzer to go over them. So, if you aren't getting his emails, you can view the games here: <https://www.chess.com/c/nZQyrRqp>

I played one Rapid game per day until I got my rating to my personal best of 2159 on 12/9/24.

I also played a lot of Blitz games and got my rating to my personal best of 2269 on 12/15/24.

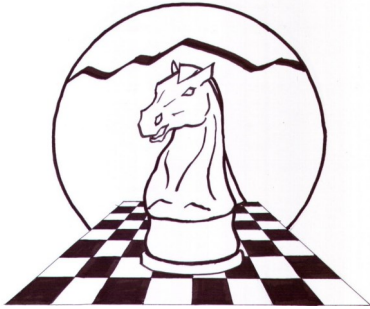
I moved 80 old blogs to my new website. This habit of writing blogs used to keep me motivated to go over my own games, especially the losses. Last year, I had 29 wins and 9 losses. The percentage wasn't bad. However, the upset wins were few and the upset losses were many, which put me on my ratings floor. <https://cschessnews.blogspot.com/>

I played in my fifth 40 Move Challenge. This habit started during the pandemic as a way to, hopefully, learn openings I never play. Each week in the Sunday Night Chess Rapid Swiss, I try to win with all 40 legal first moves in as few attempts as possible. After setting my record at 57 in 2023, I did pretty lousy this year.

Year	Color	Attempts	Score	Win %
2024	White	33	21.5	65.15 %
	Black	38	21.5	56.58 %
2024 Total		71	43.0	60.56 %
2023	White	24	20.0	83.33 %
	Black	33	22.0	66.67 %
2023 Total		57	42.0	73.68 %
2022	White	33	23.0	69.70 %
	Black	40	22.0	55.00 %
2022 Total		73	45.0	61.64 %
2021	White	29	22.0	75.86 %
	Black	31	21.5	69.35 %
2021 Total		60	43.5	72.50 %
2020	Black	32	22.0	68.75 %
	White	38	22.5	59.21 %
2020 Total		70	44.5	63.57 %
Grand Total		331	218.0	65.86 %

Tuesday Night Chess

By Paul Anderson
Colorado Springs Chess Club President



The Colorado Springs Chess Club is an affiliate of USCF and meets every Tuesday night for OTB chess. We typically have a month-long, Swiss tournament (G/90+30) at 6:00pm. See the calendar for details:

<https://sites.google.com/view/colorado-springs-chess-club>

While the online chess habits had some positive effects on my ratings by the end of the year, the Over-The-Board chess habits didn't have as much impact on my rating. Maybe age has a larger impact on slow chess. I did notice that all the old-timers at the club (Buck Buchanan, Dean Brown, Mark McGough, and I) were at their ratings floor some time this year.

Here is a list of my 2024 Over-The-Board chess habits:

I added 378 photos to the Colorado Springs Chess Club's album.
<https://photos.app.goo.gl/gaavHWG1X1crJE9y5>

I played over 374 tournament games. While the quality of my game analysis has deteriorated, the quantity has increased greatly. As the tournament director, I go over all the score sheets from the club. However, I don't spend as much time on any one game since I haven't been publishing games since 2021. Although, I have been asked to pick it back up again. Gary Vines was coming to the club when I first started to blog, and he is coming back again and mentioned the old blogs. I picked out a Game Of The Year blog for him (see below) since it might be awhile before I get caught up on my backlog and on to new material.



I directed the 58th City Chess Championship, which was won by Chris Motley for his 2nd title.



I won the 1st City Quick Chess Championship.



I won the 29th City Speed Chess Championship when Lawrence Scafuri and I agreed to share the title after tying for the best score.

2024 Winter Springs Open Cross Table

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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
1	RICHARD SHTIVELBAND CO 12630593 / R: 2212 ->2227	4.0	W	13 W	15 W	4 W 3
		N:C	W	B	W	B
2	RHETT LANGSETH CO 13392987 / R: 2126 ->2138	3.0	H	W	12 W	7 D 6
				B	W	W
3	DANIEL HERMAN CO 14345456 / R: 2090 ->2104	3.0	W	14 W	7 W	6 L 1
		N:1	B	W	B	W
4	MARK KROWCZYK CO 12496393 / R: 1937 ->1974	3.0	W	9 W	5 L	1 W 12
		N:1	B	W	B	W
5	DANIEL MARMER CO 12889369 / R: 1797 ->1827	3.0	W	11 L	4 W	13 W 9
		N:2	W	B	W	B
6	ALEXANDER STEGER CO 12597213 / R: 2096 ->2095	2.5	W	17 W	8 L	3 D 2
		N:1	W	B	W	B
7	ALEKSANDR BOZHENOV CO 15525004 / R: 1929 ->1931	2.0	W	10 L	3 L	2 W 14
		N:2	W	B	B	W
8	LAURENCE ROBERT WUTT CO 12745430 / R: 1899 ->1890	2.0	W	16 L	6 D	14 D 13
		N:3	B	W	B	W
9	DUWAYNE LANGSETH CO 11197175 / R: 1800 ->1811	2.0	L	4 W	17 W	15 L 5
		N:2	W	B	W	W
10	WILLIAM L WOLF CO 14762885 / R: 1705 ->1706	2.0	L	7 L	14 W	17 B
			B	W	W	
11	NEEL YADATORE CO 30026420 / R: 1320 ->1364	2.0	L	5 B	L	12 W 16
			B		W	B
12	CHRISTOPHER MOTLEY CO 16231534 / R: 2063 ->2039	1.5	H	L	2 W	11 L 4
				W	B	B
13	SHUBH MISRA CO 16824026 / R: 1846 ->1835	1.5	L	1 W	16 L	5 D 8
		N:3	B	W	B	B
14	JAMES DREBENSTEDT CO 12478674 / R: 1818 ->1816	1.5	L	3 W	10 D	8 L 7
		N:3	W	B	W	B
15	DAVID KASSIN CO 12649606 / R: 1928 ->1905	1.0	B	L	1 L	9 U
				W	B	
16	ARIE FEIGIN CO 30714233 / R: 1608 ->1564	1.0	L	8 L	13 B	L 11
			W	B		W
17	CLIFTON P FORD CO 10384591 / R: 1800 ->1800	0.0	L	6 L	9 L	10 U
			B	W	B	

Section 2 - U1800

Pair Num	Player Name USCF ID / Rtg (Pre->Post)	Total Pts	Round 1	Round 2	Round 3	Round 4
1	HENRY WALLACE KOVACS CO 17262461 / R: 1803 ->1821	3.5	W	3 W	7 W	5 D 2
		N:2	W	B	W	B
2	MAX HIGA CO 12864407 / R: 1644 ->1667	3.0	D	9 W	6 W	7 D 1
		N:3	W	B	W	W
3	KARTHIKEYAN KANNAN CO 31472391 / R: 1534P25->1591	3.0	L	1 W	9 W	8 W 7
		N:3	B	B	W	B
4	DEAN W BROWN CO 10224098 / R: 1400 ->1451	3.0	B	L	5 W	6 W 8
				B	W	B
5	JEFFREY BAFFO CO 10340195 / R: 1701 ->1700	2.0	D	6 W	4 L	1 H
			B	W	B	
6	NIAL RIAN CASE CO 30894700 / R: 1486 ->1464	1.5	D	5 L	2 L	4 B
			W	W	B	
7	ROBERT CARLSON CO 14678120 / R: 1609 ->1575	1.0	W	8 L	1 L	2 L 3
			B	W	B	W
8	ASHTON JOPIO CO 31713774 / R: Unrated->1362P13	1.0	L	7 B	L	3 L 4
			W		B	W
9	RILEY MICHEAL TOWNSEND CO 31728367 / R: 1479P15->1475P17	0.5	D	2 L	3 U	U
			B	W		

Section 3 - U1400

Pair Num	Player Name USCF ID / Rtg (Pre->Post)	Total Pts	Round 1	Round 2	Round 3	Round 4
1	TARUN BALA KARTHIKEYAN CO 30684949 / R: 1201 ->1330	4.0	W	21 W	4 W	5 W 3
		N:4	W	B	W	B

2	NATHANIEL A HEITHOFF CO 14568538 / R: 1370 ->1383	3.5	D	13 W	16 W	7 W 6
			W	B	W	B
3	TRISTAN HEIKES IL 30878907 / R: 1333P4 ->1323P8	3.0	W	14 W	17 W	12 L 1
			B	W	B	W
4	ARIANA E DANI CO 31363347 / R: 1152 ->1162	3.0	W	24 L	1 W	22 W 12
			B	W	B	W
5	LINCOLN MOTT CO 32084246 / R: 870P9 ->1150P13	3.0	W	9 W	19 L	1 W 11
		N:4	W	B	B	W
6	NIVID SINGHAL CO 31390713 / R: 1279 ->1280	2.5	W	25 D	7 W	8 L 2
			W	B	W	W
7	DAVID RANDALL KENT V CO 31651012 / R: 1176P6 ->1211P10	2.5	W	10 D	6 L	2 W 14
			B	W	B	W
8	JONATHAN CHANCE MCCORMICK CO 32199436 / R: Unrated->1199P4	2.5	D	20 W	13 L	6 W 17
			B	W	B	W
9	TIM FIRKS CO 31734768 / R: Unrated->1163P8	2.5	L	5 W	20 D	10 W 18
			B	W	B	W
10	JONATHAN REINHARD CO 16428233 / R: 834 -> 973	2.5	L	7 W	25 D	9 W 20
			W	B	W	B
11	DAVID BRYANT CO 30832125 / R: 1231 ->1185	2.0	W	18 L	12 W	15 L 5
			W	B	W	B
12	JONAH PLATT CO 31297896 / R: 1078P19->1081P23	2.0	W	23 W	11 L	3 L 4
			B	W	W	B
13	DONALD WILBUR HILLMAN CO 15332472 / R: 1056 ->1063	2.0	D	2 L	8 D	20 W 22
			B	B	W	W
14	STLAS Q DYER CO 31503491 / R: Unrated->1004P9	2.0	L	3 W	21 W	16 L 7
			W	B	W	B
15	GENE DIAL CO 31469179 / R: 898P5 -> 912P9	2.0	L	19 W	23 L	11 W 21
			W	B	B	W
16	EVAN SAMUEL HOLMQUIST CO 30789183 / R: 672 -> 669	2.0	B	L	2 L	14 W 23
				W	B	W
17	ZACHARY ALLEN TAYLOR CO 31765635 / R: Unrated->1055P9	1.5	W	22 L	3 D	18 L 8
			W	B	W	B
18	JARED W COBURN CO 32008587 / R: 890P10-> 885P14	1.5	L	11 W	24 D	17 L 9
			B	W	B	B
19	JOHNATHAN KYLE LOVELL CO 17108588 / R: 1280 ->1253	1.0	W	15 L	5 U	U
			B	W		
20	SHIRLEY HERMAN CO 14812654 / R: 1040 ->1005	1.0	D	8 L	9 D	13 L 10
			W	B	B	W
21	SAMUEL LEONARD CALKIN CO 31311459 / R: 854P9 -> 805P12	1.0	L	1 L	14 B	L 15
			B	W		B
22	EMERSON G DYER CO 31932912 / R: Unrated-> 719P8	1.0	L	17 B	L	4 L 13
			B		W	B
23	RYAN KELLEY BEATTY CO 32197360 / R: Unrated-> 287P3	1.0	L	12 L	15 X	L 16
			W	W		B
24	TAI MANIVONG CO 32017869 / R: Unrated-> 517P2	0.5	L	4 L	18 H	U
			W	B		
25	OLMAN SEBASTIAN ROJAS NUNEZ CO 32010188 / R: 896P23-> 867P25	0.0	L	6 L	10 F	U
			B	W		

Name	Winners	Amount Each
1st OPEN	(4) LM RICHARD SHTIVELBAND (2217)	\$325.00
2nd OPEN	(3) DANIEL MARMER (1873)	\$86.50
	(3) MARK KROWCZYK (1937)	\$86.50
	(3) CM RHETT LANGSETH (2104)	\$86.50
	(3) NM DANIEL HERMAN (2136)	\$86.50
1st U1800	(3.5) HENRY KOVACS (1785)	\$284.00
2nd U1800	(3) DEAN BROWN (1400)	\$95.00
	(3) KARTHIKEYAN KANNAN (1534)	\$95.00
	(3) MAX HIGA (1644)	\$95.00
1st U1400	(4) TARUN KARTHIKEYAN (1201)	\$224.00
2nd U1400	(3.5) NATHANIE HEITHOFF (1370)	\$122.00
3rd U1400	(3) ARIANA DANI (1152)	\$27.33
	(3) LINCOLN MOTT (870)	\$27.33
	(3) TRISTAN HEIKES (1309)	\$27.33
U1400	JONATHAN MCCORMICK (2½)	\$82.00
Unrated		

Winter Springs Blitz Cross Table

Sponsoring Affiliate LONG CASTLE / Chief TD EARLE P WIKLE Chief Assist. TD PETER BARLAY

Section 1 - OPEN

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	Round 8	Round 9	Round 10	Round 11
1	MR. BRANDON MICHAEL STOYANOVICH FL 14515232 / B: 1814 -->1886	9.5	W	3 D	8 W	7 W	9 U	W	4 W	10 W	2 W	5 W	6 W 11
			B	W	B	W		B	W	B	W	B	W
2	WILLIAM L WOLF CO 14762885 / B: 1784 -->1813	8.0	W	5 W	6 W	11 W	3 W	8 W	7 W	9 L	1 L	4 W	10 U
			B	W	B	W	B	W	B	W	B	W	
3	CHRISTOPHER MOTLEY CO 16231534 / B: 1819 -->1805	7.0	L	1 W	4 W	10 L	2 W	5 L	6 W	11 U	X	W	7 W 9
			W	B	W	B	W	B	W			W	B
4	ALEKSANDR BOZHENOV CO 15525004 / B: 1821 -->1792	6.0	W	11 L	3 L	8 W	7 W	9 L	1 U	W	10 W	2 L	5 W 6
			B	W	B	W	B	W		B	W	B	W
5	JOSE A LIACZA CO 14383991 / B: 1749 -->1725	6.0	L	2 U	W	6 W	11 L	3 X	L	7 W	9 L	1 W	4 W 10
			W		B	W	B		B	W	B	W	B
6	DANIEL MARMER CO 12889369 / B: 1631 -->1623	5.5	W	10 L	2 L	5 U	W	11 W	3 X	D	7 W	9 L	1 L 4
			W	B	W		B	W		W	B	W	B
7	NIALL RIAN CASE CO 30894700 / B: Unrated->1529P19	5.5	U	W	9 L	1 L	4 W	10 L	2 W	5 D	6 W	11 L	3 X
				B	W	B	W	B	W	B	W	B	
8	JEFFREY BAFFO CO 10340195 / B: 1769 -->1750	2.5	W	9 D	1 W	4 L	10 L	2 F	F	F	F	U	F
			W	B	W	B	W						
9	ASHTON JOPIO CO 31713774 / B: Unrated->1383P15	2.0	L	8 L	7 U	L	1 L	4 W	10 L	2 L	5 L	6 W	11 L 3
			B	W		B	W	B	W	B	W	B	W
10	ZACHARY MILES NIELSEN CO 31667019 / B: Unrated->1057P20	2.0	L	6 W	11 L	3 W	8 L	7 L	9 L	1 L	4 U	L	2 L 5
			B	W	B	W	B	W	B	W		B	W
11	SHIRLEY HERMAN CO 14812654 / B: 961 --> 940	1.0	L	4 L	10 L	2 L	5 L	6 U	L	3 X	L	7 L	9 L 1
			W	B	W	B	W		B		B	W	B

Games from the 2024 Winter Springs Open

RICHARD SHTIVELBAND (2217) SHUBH MISRA (1846)

1.g3 d5 2.Bg2 e5 3.c4 c6 4.d4 e4 5.Nc3
Nf6 6.Nh3 h6 7.0-0 Bb4 8.Qb3 Bxc3
9.bxc3 0-0 10.Ba3 Re8 11.e3 Nbd7
12.cxd5 cxd5 13.c4 dxc4 14.Qxc4 Nb6
15.Qb4 Bf5 16.Rfcl Qd7 17.Nf4 Rac8
18.Bfl Nfd5 19.Nxd5 Nxd5 20.Qb5 Bh3
21.Qxd7 Bxd7 22.h3 Nc3 23.Bc5 Na4
24.Bxa7 Ra8 25.Bc5 Nxc5 26.Rxc5 Ra3
27.Kg2 Rea8 28.Bc4 b5 29.Bxb5 Bxb5
30.Rxb5 Rxa2 31.Rxa2 Rxa2 32.Re5 Rd2
33.Re8+ Kh7 34.Rxe4 f6 35.Kf3 Kg6
36.Re6 Kf7 37.Rc6 h5 38.h4 Kg6 39.Rc1
Kf7 40.Re1 Ke6 41.Re2 Rd1 42.Ke4 g5
43.hxg5 fxg5 44.Ra2 h4 45.gxh4 gxh4
46.Ra6+ Kd7 47.Rh6 Rh1 48.Ke5 h3
49.Rh7+ Kc8 50.d5 h2 51.Ke6 Kb8 52.d6
Kc8 53.Ke7 Rd1 54.Rxh2 Kb7 55.e4 Kc6
56.e5 Re1 57.f4 Rd1 58.Rc2+ Kb7 59.d7
Rxd7+ 60.Kxd7 Kb6 61.e6 Kb5 62.e7 Kb4
63.e8Q Kb3 64.Rc7 Kb4 65.Qb8+ Ka5
66.Ra7# 1-0

JAMES DREBENSTEDT (1818) DANIEL HERMAN (2136)

1.e4 c5 2.c3 Nf6 3.e5 Nd5 4.Nf3 d6 5.Bc4
e6 6.d4 Nc6 7.0-0 Be7 8.Qe2 cxd4 9.cxd4
0-0 10.Nc3 Nxc3 11.bxc3 dxe5 12.dxe5
Qc7 13.Qe4 b6 14.Bd3 g6 15.Bh6 Rd8
16.Rfd1 Bb7 17.Qf4 Rd7 18.Be4 Rad8
19.Rxd7 Rxd7 20.h4 Nd8 21.Bxb7 Nxb7
22.h5 Nc5 23.hxg6 hxg6 24.Qh2 Ne4
25.Re1 Qxc3 26.Qf4 Nc5 27.Rc1 Qd3
28.Rc4 Qb1+ 29.Kh2 Rd1 30.Bg5 Rh1+

31.Kg3 Bxg5 32.Qxg5 Qd3 33.Rd4 Qxd4
0-1

ALEXANDER STEGER (2054) CLIFTON FORD (1800)

1.d4 Nf6 2.Nf3 e6 3.Bf4 c5 4.c3 Qb6
5.Qb3 Qxb3 6.axb3 cxd4 7.Nxd4 Nc6
8.Nb5 Nd5 9.Bg3 f5 10.e4 fxe4 11.Nd2
Be7 12.Be4 e3 13.fxe3 0-0 14.Bxd5 exd5
15.Nc7 1-0

DUWAYNE LANGSETH (1800) MARK KROWCZYK (1937)

1.d4 g6 2.e3 Bg7 3.Bd3 Nf6 4.c3 0-0
5.Nd2 Nc6 6.Qe2 e5 7.Ngf3 exd4 8.Nxd4
Nxd4 9.cxd4 d5 10.b3 Re8 11.Bb2 c6 12.0
-0 Bg4 13.Nf3 Ne4 14.Rfd1 Ng5 15.h4
Bxf3 16.gxf3 Nh3+ 17.Kf1 Qxh4 18.Qd2
Nf4 19.Ke1 Qh1+ 20.Bf1 Qxf3 21.Qc2
Re6 22.Rd2 Rae8 23.Qd1 Qh1 24.Qg4
Re4 25.Qg3 h5 26.f3 Rxe3+ 27.Kf2 g5
28.Ba6 Nh3+ 0-1

ALEKSANDR BOZHENOV (1929) WILLIAM WOLF (1623)

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 Nge7 4.Nc3 g6
5.d3 Bg7 6.Bg5 h6 7.Bxe7 Nxe7 8.0-0 0-0
9.Be4 c6 10.Bb3 d5 11.h3 Kh8 12.Re1 d4
13.Ne2 f5 14.exf5 Nxf5 15.Nd2 Nh4
16.Ne4 Bxh3 17.gxh3 Nf3+ 18.Kg2 Qh4
19.Rh1 Ng5 20.N2g3 Rf4 21.Qe2 Raf8
22.Raf1 Nf3 23.c3 g5 24.Bd1 g4 25.hxg4
Qxg4 26.Qc2 Nh4+ 27.Kg1 Rf3 28.Rxh4
Rxb3+ 29.fxg3 1-0

NIALL CASE (1511) JEFFREY BAFFO (1701)

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.Nxe5 d6 4.Nf3 Nxe4
5.d3 Nf6 6.Be2 Be7 7.0-0 0-0 8.h3 d5
9.Be3 c5 10.c3 Nc6 11.Nbd2 Bf5 12.Nb3
b6 13.Rc1 Qd7 14.Qd2 Rad8 15.Rfd1
Rfe8 16.Nh4 Be6 17.Nf3 Bf5 18.Nh4 Be6
19.Nf3 ½-½

MAX HIGA (1644) RILEY TOWNSEND (1479)

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 e6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nc6
5.Nc3 a6 6.Be3 Nge7 7.Be2 g6 8.Qd2 Bg7
9.h4 h6 10.g4 d5 11.exd5 Nxd5 12.Nxd5
Nxd4 13.Bxd4 Qxd5 14.0-0-0 Qxa2
15.Qb4 Bxd4 16.Qxd4 Qa1+ 17.Kd2 Qa5+
18.b4 Qd5 19.Qxd5 exd5 20.Kc1 Be6
21.Rd4 0-0 22.Rhd1 a5 23.Bf3 axb4
24.Rxb4 Ra1+ 25.Kd2 Rxd1+ 26.Kxd1
Be8 27.Rd4 Rd8 28.c4 Kg7 29.g5 hxg5
30.hxg5 f6 31.gxf6+ Kxf6 32.Rxd5 Rxd5+
33.Bxd5 b6 34.Kd2 Ke5 35.Ke3 b5 36.f4+
Kd6 37.Kd4 bxc4 38.Bxc4 Bb7 39.Bf7 g5
40.fxg5 Ke7 41.Be4 Bf3 42.Ke5 Kf8
43.Kf6 Bh5 44.Bd3 Be8 45.Bh7 Bf7
46.Bg6 Bxg6 ½-½

NATHANIE HEITHOFF (1370)**DONALD HILLMAN (1056)**

1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.exd5 cxd5 4.Bd3 Nf6
5.c3 e6 6.Bf4 Nc6 7.Nd2 Be7 8.Ngf3 0-0
9.Qe2 Bd7 10.Ne5 Rc8 11.Ndf3 h6
12.Nxd7 Qxd7 13.Ne5 Qd8 14.g4 Nxe5
15.dxe5 Ne4 16.Bxe4 dxe4 17.Qxe4 Bg5
18.0-0 f5 19.gxf5 Bxf4 20.Qxf4 Rxf5
21.Qe4 Qg5+ 22.Kh1 Rxe5 23.Qxb7 Rf8
24.Qxa7 Re2 25.Qb7 Rf7 26.Qb8+ Kh7
27.Qg3 Qd5+ 28.Kg1 Rf6 29.Rad1 Qb7
30.b4 Rg6 31.Qxg6+ Kxg6 32.a4 Re5
33.Rd3 Rg5+ 34.Rg3 Rxxg3+ 35.hxg3 Qc6
36.Ra1 Qxc3 37.Ra2 Qxb4 38.Ra1 Qb2
39.Re1 Kf6 40.Re3 Qa1+ 41.Kg2 Qxa4
42.Re1 Qc6+ 43.Kg1 g5 44.Re3 g4 45.Re1
h5 46.Re3 e5 47.Re1 Kf5 48.Re3 e4
49.Re1 Qh6 50.Re3 h4 51.gxh4 Qxh4
52.Kg2 Kf4 53.Rg3 Qe7 54.Re3 Qa7
55.Rg3 Qa2 56.Re3 Qd2 57.Rg3 Qe2
58.Kg1 e3 59.Rxe3 Qxe3 60.fxe3+ Kxe3
61.Kg2 Kf4 62.Kf2 Kg5 63.Kg3 Kf5
64.Kg2 Kf4 65.Kf2 g3+ 66.Kg2 Kg4
67.Kg1 Kf3 68.Kf1 Kg4 69.Kg2 Kh4
70.Kg1 Kh3 71.Kh1 g2+ 72.Kg1 Kh4 Kh1
½-½

SILAS DYER (975)**TRISTAN HEIKES (1309)**

1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 c5 4.c3 cxd4 5.cxd4
Nc6 6.Nf3 Bg4 7.Be3 e6 8.h3 Bxf3 9.gxf3
Qb6 10.b3 Bb4+ 11.Ke2 Qb5+ 12.Qd3
Qxd3+ 13.Kxd3 Nge7 14.Kc2 Rc8 15.a3
Ba5 16.Nc3 Bxc3 17.Kxc3 Nxe5+ 18.Kd2
Nxf3+ 19.Kd1 Nf5 20.Bb5+ Ke7 21.Ke2
N3xd4+ 22.Bxd4 Nxd4+ 23.Ke3 Nxb5
24.Rhg1 g6 25.a4 Nd6 26.Rgc1 Rxc1
27.Rxc1 Rc8 28.Rg1 Rc3+ 29.Ke2 Rxb3
30.h4 Rb4 31.Kf1 Rb1+ 32.Kg2 Rxxg1+
33.Kxxg1 b5 34.axb5 Nxb5 0-1

DAVID KASSIN (1928)**RICHARD SHTIVELBAND (2217)**

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Bc5 5.0-0
Nge7 6.c3 Ba7 7.d4 b5 8.Bc2 Ng6 9.a4
Bb7 10.axb5 axb5 11.d5 Nce7 12.Na3 0-0
13.Be3 Bxe3 14.fxe3 c6 15.Bb3 Qb6
16.Qd2 cxd5 17.exd5 Nf5 18.Rae1 Nd6
19.Kh1 f5 20.Nc2 Kh8 21.Qe2 Ne4
22.Nb4 Nd6 23.Nc2 Qc5 24.Nb4 Rae8
25.h4 Ne4 26.Kh2 Qd6 27.Ng5 Nxxg5
28.hxxg5 e4+ 29.Kh3 f4 30.Qg4 Ne5
31.Qh5 g6 32.Qh4 fxe3 33.Qxe4 Nf3
34.Qxf3 Rxf3+ 35.Rxf3 Re5 36.Rf6 Qb8
37.g4 e2 38.d6 Qe8 39.Nc2 Rxxg5 40.Nd4
Qe4 0-1

DANIEL HERMAN (2136)**ALEKSAND BOZHENOV (1929)**

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Bxc6 dxc6
5.h3 g6 6.0-0 Bg7 7.e5 h6 8.Nc3 Be6 9.d3
Qc7 10.Re1 a5 11.Bf4 a4 12.Ne4 b6
13.Qd2 Qd7 14.c4 h5 15.Nfg5 Nh6
16.Nf6+ exf6 17.exf6 Bxf6 18.Nxe6 fxe6
19.Bxh6 0-0-0 20.Rad1 Bd4 21.Be3 e5
22.Qc2 Qf5 23.Qxa4 Kb7 24.Bxd4 Rxd4
25.b4 Rf8 26.Re2 Ra8 27.Qb3 cxb4

28.Qxb4 c5 29.Qb5 Ra5 30.Qe8 Ra8
31.Qxe5 Qxe5 32.Rxe5 Rxa2 33.Re6 Ra3
34.Rb1 Ra6 35.Rb3 g5 36.Rg6 g4 37.hxxg4
hxxg4 38.Kh2 Kc7 39.Kg3 Ra2 40.Rgxb6
Rd2 41.Rf6 R2xd3+ 42.Rxd3 Rxd3+
43.Kxxg4 Rd4+ 44.Rf4 Kd6 45.Kf5 Rd2
46.g4 Re2 47.g5 Re5+ 48.Kg6 Re7 49.f3
Re8 50.Re4 Rg8+ 51.Kh6 Kd5 1-0

LAURENCE WUTT (1899)**ALEXANDER STEGER (2054)**

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.Bd3 d6
5.a3 Ba5 6.Qe2 c6 7.0-0 0-0 8.Nd1 Re8
9.c4 d5 10.cxd5 cxd5 11.b4 Bb6 12.Nc3
Nc6 13.Be2 Bg4 14.h3 Nd4 15.Qd3 Nxf3+
16.gxf3 Bxh3 17.Re1 Nh5 18.f4 Nxf4
19.Qg3 Re6 20.exd5 Rh6 21.Ne2 Qxd5
22.Nxf4 exf4 23.Qh2 Qg5+ 0-1

MARK KROWCZYK (1937)**DANIEL MARMER (1873)**

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 d5 4.cxd5 Nxd5
5.e4 Nxc3 6.bxc3 Bg7 7.Be3 c5 8.Bc4 Nc6
9.Ne2 0-0 10.0-0 b6 11.a4 Bb7 12.Rb1
Qc7 13.Ba2 Rad8 14.d5 c4 15.Nd4 Ne5
16.Bf4 Qc8 17.Bxe5 Bxe5 18.f4 Bg7
19.Qd2 e6 20.dxe6 fxe6 21.e5 Be4
22.Rbe1 Bf5 23.Qe3 Rd5 24.h3 Bd3
25.Rf2 Rfd8 26.Bb1 Bxb1 27.Rxb1 Bf8
28.Rd2 Bc5 29.Rbd1 Qd7 30.Qf2 Qxa4
31.Qe2 Bxd4+ 32.cxd4 Qc6 33.Qe3 a5
34.g4 b5 35.f5 b4 36.Qh6 Qe8 37.Rf2
Rxd4 38.Rxd4 Rxd4 39.fxxg6 hxxg6 40.Rf6
Rd1+ 41.Kh2 c3 42.Rxxg6+ Qxxg6
43.Qxxg6+ Kh8 44.Qe8+ Kg7 45.Qe7+
Kh8 46.g5 Rd2+ 47.Kg3 c2 48.g6 Rd3+
49.Kh4 Rd4+ 50.Kh5 c1Q 51.Qf8# 1-0

CHRISTOPHER MOTLEY (2053)**RHETT LANGSETH (2104)**

1.e4 d6 2.f4 e5 3.d3 Nd7 4.Nf3 c6 5.a4
Ngf6 6.Nc3 Be7 7.Be2 a5 8.0-0 0-0 9.Kh1
Qc7 10.Be3 Ng4 11.Bg1 exf4 12.Qd2 Ne3
13.Rfb1 Ng4 14.Qxf4 Nde5 15.d4 Ng6
16.Qd2 f5 17.h3 fxe4 18.Nxe4 d5 19.Neg5
Nf6 20.Bd3 Nh5 21.Bh2 Ng3+ 22.Kg1
Bd6 23.Ne5 Bxe5 24.dxe5 Qb6+ Kh1
Qe7+ 0-1

ROBERT CARLSON (1609)**HENRY KOVACS (1785)**

1.d4 Nf6 2.Nf3 d5 3.Bf4 Bf5 4.Nbd2 e6
5.e3 c5 6.dxc5 Bxc5 7.Nb3 Bd6 8.Bxd6
Qxd6 9.Bb5+ Nbd7 10.0-0 0-0 11.Bd3
Bg4 12.h3 Bh5 13.Be2 Bxf3 14.Bxf3 Ne5
15.e4 Nxf3+ 16.Qxf3 Nxe4 17.Qd3 Rac8
18.c3 Qf4 19.Qe3 Qxe3 20.fxe3 Nc5
21.Nxc5 Rxc5 22.Rad1 Rfc8 23.Rd2 f6
24.Re1 f5 25.Kf2 Kf7 26.Kf3 R8c7 27.g4
g6 28.gxf5 gxf5 29.Rg1 Kf6 30.Rdgd2 Rc4
31.Rg8 Rf7 32.R1g2 a6 33.Rg1 Rh4
34.Kg3 Ra4 35.a3 Re4 36.Kf3 Rc4
37.R1g2 Rh4 38.Kg3 Rh6 39.Kh2 Rg6
40.Rc8 Rxxg2+ 41.Kxxg2 Ke5 42.Kf3 f4
43.exf4+ Rxf4+ 44.Kg2 Rf7 45.Rg8 Ke4
46.Rg3 e5 47.Rg4+ Kd3 48.Rb4 d4
49.cxd4 e4 50.Rb3+ Kd2 51.Rb6 e3

52.Re6 e2 53.Kg3 e1Q+ 54.Rxe1 Kxe1
55.Kg4 Ke2 0-1

JEFFREY BAFFO (1701)**DEAN BROWN (1400)**

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6
5.d3 Be5 6.0-0 0-0 7.Bxc6 dxc6 8.Nxe5
Re8 9.Nf3 Bg4 10.Be3 Bxe3 11.fxe3 Qd7
12.Nbd2 Bh5 13.Qe1 h6 14.Nh4 Bg6
15.Nf5 Bxf5 16.Rxf5 Rad8 17.Nf1 Qd6
18.Qg3 Nd7 19.Qxd6 cxd6 20.Ng3 g6
21.Rff1 Ne5 22.h3 Re6 23.Ne2 d5 24.exd5
cxd5 25.Nd4 Red6 26.Rae1 Kg7 27.Re2
Nd7 28.Ref2 Rf6 29.Rxf6 Nxf6 30.Rf3
Re8 31.Kf2 Re5 32.Nb3 Re7 33.a4 Rc7
34.Nd4 Nd7 35.Ke1 Ne5 36.Rf2 h5
37.Kd2 Nc6 38.Nxc6 Rxc6 39.Rf4 Rc7
40.Rd4 1-0

NIAL CASE (1511)**MAX HIGA (1644)**

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6
5.Nc3 a6 6.Bc4 e6 7.Be3 Be7 8.0-0 b5
9.Bb3 0-0 10.f4 b4 11.e5 dxe5 12.fxe5
bxc3 13.exf6 Bxf6 14.bxc3 Bb7 15.Qg4
Nc6 16.Rad1 Qe7 17.Nxc6 Bxc6 18.Qc4
Bb5 19.Bc5 Bxc4 20.Bxe7 Bxf1 21.Bxf8
Be2 22.Rd2 Bxc3 23.Rxe2 Kxf8 24.Re3
Bd4 25.Kf2 Ke7 26.c4 Kd6 27.Ke2 Bxe3
28.Kxe3 Kc5 0-1

TRISTAN HEIKES (1309)**ZACHARY TAYLOR (1165)**

1.e4 d6 2.d4 Nf6 3.Nc3 g6 4.Nf3 Bg7
5.Be2 0-0 6.0-0 Nc6 7.h3 e5 8.d5 Ne7
9.Bg5 h6 10.Bxf6 Bxf6 11.Qd2 Bg7
12.Nh2 f5 13.f4 exf4 14.Rxf4 g5 15.Rf2 f4
16.Bh5 Bd7 17.Raf1 Be5 18.Nf3 Be8
19.Bxe8 Qxe8 20.Nxe5 dxe5 21.d6 cxd6
22.Qxd6 Ng6 23.Nd5 Qc6 24.Qxxg6+ Qxxg6
25.Ne7+ Kg7 26.Nxxg6 Kxxg6 27.Rd2 Rad8
28.Rfd1 Rxd2 29.Rxd2 Rc8 30.Kf2 Kh5
31.Kf3 Kh4 32.c3 h5 33.Rd5 g4+ 34.hxxg4
hxxg4+ 35.Kf2 Re8 36.Rd7 Rb8 37.Re7
Rd8 38.Rh7+ Kg5 39.Ke2 f3+ 40.gxf3
gxf3+ 41.Kxf3 Rd2 42.Rxb7 Rc2 43.Rb5
Kf6 44.Ke3 a6 45.Rb6+ Ke7 46.Kd3 Rh2
47.Kc4 Rh4 48.Kd5 Rh5 49.c4 1-0

DAVID KENT 1176**NIVID SINGHAL 1289**

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 c5 4.c3 Nc6 5.Nf3
Nge7 6.g4 Ng6 7.Bd3 Qb6 8.0-0 h5
9.Bxxg6 fxxg6 10.Qd3 Ne7 11.g5 Nf5 12.h4
Bd7 13.a4 cxd4 14.cxd4 Rc8 15.Nc3 Rc4
16.Bd2 Kf7 17.Kg2 Qb3 18.Ne1 Rxd4
19.Qe2 Qxb2 20.Nf3 Nxxh4+ 21.Nxxh4
Rxxh4 22.Rfb1 Qc2 23.Rxb7 Qf5 24.Rh1
Rg4+ 25.Kf1 Ke8 26.Rb8+ Ke7 27.Rb7
Rc4 28.Rxa7 Kd8 29.Nb5 Qb1+ 30.Kg2
Qe4+ 31.Qf3 Rxa4 32.Qxe4 Rxe4 33.Ba5+
Ke7 34.Re1 Rc4 35.Rb1 Ke8 36.Nc7+ Kf7
37.Rb8 Bc6 38.Nxd5+ Kg8 39.Bd8 Bxd5+
40.Kf1 Kh7 41.Bf6 h4 42.Rxf8 Rxf8
43.Rxxg7+ Kh8 44.Rb7+ Kg8 45.Rg7+ Kh8
46.Ke1 ½-½

RICHARD SHTIVELBAND (2217)**MARK KROWCZYK (1937)**

1.e4 d6 2.d4 Nf6 3.Nc3 g6 4.Nf3 Bg7
5.Be3 0-0 6.h3 Nc6 7.d5 Ne5 8.Nxe5 dxe5
9.Bc4 a6 10.Qf3 b5 11.Bb3 Ne8 12.g4
Nd6 13.0-0-0 a5 14.a4 b4 15.Ne2 e6 16.h4
f5 17.dxe6 Qe7 18.Bg5 fxe4 19.Bxe7 exf3
20.Bxd6 fxe2 21.e7+ Kh8 22.exf8Q+ Bxf8
23.Bxe5+ 1-0

ALEXANDER STEGER (2054)**DANIEL HERMAN (2136)**

1.d4 d5 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.Bf4 c5 4.c3 Qb6
5.Qc2 Nc6 6.e3 Bf5 7.dxc5 Bxc2 8.cxb6
axb6 9.Na3 Rxa3 10.bxa3 e6 11.Bb5 Bxa3
12.Nd4 Bg6 13.Nxc6 bxc6 14.Bxc6+ Ke7
15.Rd1 Rc8 16.Ba4 Ne4 17.Rd2 f6 18.Bc2
Nxd2 19.Kxd2 Bxc2 20.Kxc2 Bb4 21.Kb3
Ba5 22.Rc1 Rc4 23.Rc2 e5 24.Bg3 b5
25.f3 Bb6 26.Re2 e4 27.f4 Ke6 28.Be1 f5
29.Bd2 Bc5 30.a3 Ra4 31.Bc1 Ra8 32.Ra2
Ra4 33.Re2 g6 34.Ra2 Be7 35.Kc2 Kd7
36.Kb3 Kc6 37.Rd2 Bf6 38.Bb2 Rc4
39.Rd1 g5 40.g3 g4 41.h4 Be7 42.Rd4 Bc5
43.Bc1 Bxd4 44.exd4 e3 45.Bxe3 Ra4
46.Be1 Ra8 47.Kc2 Re8 48.Kd2 Kb6
49.Kd1 Ka5 50.Bd2 Ka4 51.Be1 Kb3
52.Bd2 Kxa3 0-1

RHETT LANGSETH (2104)**ALEKSAND BOZHENOV (1929)**

1.d3 g6 2.e4 Bg7 3.Nf3 d6 4.c3 Nf6 5.Be2
0-0 6.0-0 e5 7.Bd2 Bg4 8.Qc1 Bxf3 9.Bxf3
Nfd7 10.Bh6 Nc6 11.b4 a6 12.a4 f6
13.Na3 Qe7 14.Bd2 Nd8 15.Nc4 Ne6
16.Na5 Nd8 17.Re1 b6 18.Nc4 Rb8
19.Ne3 Ne6 20.Nd5 Qd8 21.Bg4 f5
22.exf5 gxf5 23.Bh3 c6 24.Ne3 Nf4
25.Bxf5 Qg5 26.Bxd7 Nxd3 27.Nf5 Qd8
28.Be6+ Kh8 29.Bg5 Bf6 30.Qd1 Nxe1
31.Bh6 f5 32.Qg4 Qc7 33.Bxf8 Rxf8
34.Rxe1 e4 35.Re3 Be5 36.Rh3 Re8
37.Qg6 Rf8 38.Qh6 Rf6 39.Rg3 Rf7
40.Bxf7 Qxf7 41.Nd6 Qe7 42.Rg6 Bg7
43.Rxg7 Qxg7 44.Qf4 h6 45.Nf7+ Kh7
46.Ne5 c5 47.Qf5+ Kh8 48.bxc5 bxc5
49.Ng6+ Kg8 50.Qxd5+ Kh7 51.Ne5 1-0

DUWAYNE LANGSETH (1800)**DAVID KASSIN (1928)**

1.d4 c5 2.e3 e6 3.f4 b6 4.Nf3 Nf6 5.Bd3
Bb7 6.0-0 Qc7 7.Nbd2 d6 8.c3 Nbd7 9.e4
0-0-0 10.Ng5 Nb8 11.Qe2 h6 12.Ngf3 Be7
13.e5 Nd5 14.exd6 Bxd6 15.Ne5 Rhe8
16.Ndc4 Nc6 17.Nxd6+ Rxd6 18.Nxc6
Bxc6 19.f5 exf5 20.Bxf5+ Kb7 21.Qc2
Rf6 22.dxc5 Bb5 23.c4 Qxc5+ 24.Kh1
Bxc4 25.Rd1 Re2 26.Bd2 Bb5 27.Qxc5
bxc5 28.Bg4 Ref2 29.Bf3 Bc6 30.Kg1
R6xf3 31.gxf3 Rxf3 32.Rf1 Rxf1+
33.Rxf1 f6 34.Rc1 Kb6 35.Kf2 g5 36.Be3
Nxe3 37.Kxe3 f5 38.Kf2 Be4 39.Rd1 Kc7
40.a3 a5 41.Kg3 h5 42.h4 gxh4+ 43.Kxh4
Bf3 44.Re1 Kc6 45.Kg5 Bg4 46.Re8 Kd5
47.Ra8 Ke4 48.Rxa5 c4 49.Rc5 Kd4
50.Rc7 Ke3 51.Rxc4 1-0

JAMES DREBENSTEDT (1818)**LAURENCE WUTT (1899)**

1.e4 c5 2.c3 Nf6 3.e5 Nd5 4.Nf3 Nc6
5.Bc4 Nb6 6.Bb3 d5 7.exd6 Qxd6 8.d4
cxd4 9.cxd4 Bf5 10.0-0 e6 11.Nc3 Rd8
12.Qe2 Be7 13.Be3 0-0 14.Rfd1 Na5
15.d5 Nxb3 16.axb3 Nxd5 17.Nxd5 exd5
18.Rxa7 Qb4 19.Nd4 Bd7 20.Qd3 Bf6
21.Ne2 Qd6 22.Ra5 Qc7 23.Rc5 Qb8
24.Bd4 Bxd4 25.Qxd4 Be6 26.Ne3 Rd7
27.h3 Rfd8 28.f4 f6 29.b4 Qd6 30.b5 Qb8
31.b4 h6 32.Rdc1 Qd6 33.Kf2 Qb6 34.Rd1
Qd6 35.Rdc1 Qe7 36.Rd1 f5 37.Re1 Qh4+
38.Kf1 Re7 39.Nc4 Rde8 40.Ne5 Qf6
41.b6 g5 42.g3 gxf4 43.gxf4 Rg7 44.Rc7
Ree7 45.Rxe7 Qxe7 46.Ke2 Qh4 47.Rg1
Rg3 48.Qf2 Qh5+ 49.Qf3 Qxf3+ 50.Nxf3
Rxxg1 51.Nxxg1 Kg7 52.Kd3 Kf6 53.Kd4
Bf7 54.Nf3 Ke6 55.Nh4 Bh5 56.Ng2 Bf3
57.Ne3 Be4 Kxe4 Ke5+ 1/2-1/2

DANIEL MARMER (1873)**SHUBH MISRA (1846)**

1.d4 d5 2.Nc3 Nf6 3.Bf4 c6 4.e3 Bf5
5.Nf3 e6 6.Ne5 Bb4 7.g4 Bg6 8.f3 Nfd7
9.Nd3 Be7 10.Bg3 h6 11.Nf4 Bh7 12.Bd3
Bxd3 13.Nxd3 a6 14.Qd2 c5 15.h4 Nc6
16.Ne2 Re8 17.c3 b5 18.h5 Qa5 19.0-0
cxd4 20.exd4 Bf6 21.Qe3 0-0 22.f4 Qd8
23.Kg2 Nb6 24.Qf2 Nc4 25.Ng1 Nd6
26.Nc5 Ne4 27.Nxe4 dxe4 28.Qe3 Qd5
29.Rfe1 Na5 30.Qxe4 Qxe4+ 31.Rxe4 Nc4
32.Re2 b4 33.Nf3 bxc3 34.bxc3 Nb6
35.Re1 Nd5 36.e4 Be7 37.c5 Rfd8
38.Ree1 Nb4 39.Re2 Nc6 40.Bf2 Bf6
41.Re4 Nb4 42.Rc4 Nc6 43.a3 Rd5
44.Ne5 Bxe5 45.fxe5 Rcd8 46.Ra4 a5
47.Kf3 Kf8 48.Ke3 Rb8 49.Kd3 Rb7
50.Kc2 Ke7 51.Be1 Rbd7 52.Bc3 Kf8
53.Kb3 Ra7 54.Kc4 Rdd7 55.Re2 Rab7
56.Rb2 Rxb2 57.Bxb2 Rb7 58.Bc3 Rd7
59.Kb5 Na7+ 60.Kxa5 Rb7 61.Ka6 Rd7
62.Kb6 Nc8+ 63.Kc6 Ke7 64.Kb5 Na7+
65.Kb6 Nc8+ 66.Kb5 Na7+ 67.Kc4 Nc6
68.Ra6 Rc7 69.Rb6 g6 70.Kb5 Na7+
71.Ka6 Nc6 72.Rb7 Rxb7 73.Kxb7 Kd7
74.a4 Nd8+ 75.Kb6 Nc6 76.a5 Nb8
77.Kb7 Nc6 78.a6 Nd8+ 79.Kb6 Nc6
80.a7 Nxa7 81.Kxa7 Kc7 82.Bb2 g5
83.Bc3 Kc6 84.Kb8 f6 85.exf6 e5 86.dxe5
Kd7 87.Kb7 Kd8 88.e6 Ke8 89.c6 Kf8
90.e7 Kg8 91.c8Q+ Kh7 92.Qc7+ Kg8
93.Qg7# 1-0

HENRY KOVACS 1785 (1785)**JEFFREY BAFFO 1701 (1701)**

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.Nxe5 d6 4.Nf3 Nxe4
5.d3 Nf6 6.d4 d5 7.Bd3 Be7 8.Bf4 0-0 9.0-0
Bg4 10.h3 Bh5 11.Nbd2 Nbd7 12.c4 c6
13.e5 b6 14.b4 a5 15.a3 axb4 16.axb4
bxc5 17.bxc5 Rxa1 18.Qxa1 Bg6 19.Bxg6
hxg6 20.Re1 Ne4 21.Nxe4 dxe4 22.Rxe4
Bf6 23.Qe1 Qa8 24.g4 Qa3 25.Kg2 Bd8
26.Bd6 Ba5 27.Qe2 Nf6 28.Bxf8 Nxe4
29.Qxe4 Kxf8 30.Qxc6 1-0

MAX HIGA (1644)**ROBERT CARLSON (1609)**

1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 Bf5 4.h4 h6 5.g4 Bd7
6.Bd3 e6 7.f4 c5 8.c3 cxd4 9.cxd4 Bb4+
10.Nc3 Qa5 11.Bd2 Nc6 12.Nge2 Qb6
13.Nb5 a6 14.Bxb4 axb5 15.Bc5 Qa5+
16.Qd2 Qxd2+ 17.Kxd2 b4 18.Rhc1 Nge7
19.b3 0-0 20.f5 Rfe8 21.Rf1 Nc8 22.g5 b6
23.fxe6 Bxe6 24.Bb5 Bd7 25.Bxc6 Bxc6
26.Bxb4 Bb5 27.gxh6 Bxe2 28.Kxe2 gxh6
29.Rg1+ Kh7 30.a4 Ne7 31.Raf1 Nc6
32.Rxf7+ Kh8 33.Bc3 Rg8 34.Rxg8+
Rxg8 35.Rf6 Ne7 36.Rxh6+ Kg7 37.Rxb6
Nf5 38.Rb7+ Kh6 39.Rd7 Ng3+ 40.Kd3
Nh5 41.Bd2+ Kg6 42.Rxd5 Rf8 43.Bg5
Ng7 44.Rd6+ Kh5 45.Bh6 Rf3+ 46.Ke4
Rg3 47.Bxg7 Rxg7 48.e6 Rg1 49.Kd5
Kxh4 50.e7 1-0

KARTHIKEYAN KANNAN (1534)**ASHTON JOPIO (1430)**

1.e4 b6 2.d4 Bb7 3.Nc3 e6 4.a3 Nf6 5.Bg5
h6 6.Bxf6 gxf6 7.f3 d5 8.Bd3 dxe4 9.Bxe4
Bxe4 10.fxe4 Nc6 11.Nf3 Qd7 12.d5 Ne5
13.Nxe5 fxe5 14.dxe6 Qxe6 15.Qd5 Qxd5
16.Nxd5 0-0-0 17.Rf1 Rd7 18.Rf5 c6
19.Nb4 Bxb4+ 20.axb4 Re7 21.Ke2 Rg8
22.g3 Rg4 23.Kf3 Rg5 24.Rxg5 hxg5
25.h4 gxh4 26.gxh4 Kb7 27.Rd1 Re6
28.Rd7+ Ka6 29.Rxf7 Kb5 30.Kg4 Kxb4
31.Kg5 Kc4 32.Rf6 Re8 33.Rxc6+ Kd4
34.Kf5 Rf8+ 35.Rf6 Rh8 36.Rd6+ Ke3
37.Rd3+ Kf2 38.Kg5 Re8 39.h5 Rxc2
40.Rh3 Re8 41.h6 Kg2 42.Rh5 Kg3 43.h7
Rh8 44.Kg6 Kf4 45.Kg7 Re8 46.h8Q
Re7+ 47.Kf6 Rc6+ 48.Ke7 Rc5 49.Rh4+
Ke3 50.Qh6+ Kd4 51.Qd2+ Kc4 52.Rh3
Kb5 53.Kd6 Rc6+ 54.Kxe5 a5 55.Rb3+
Ka6 56.Qd3+ Kb7 57.Qd7+ Re7 58.Qd5+
Ka7 59.Qd6 Rb7 60.Kd5 b5 61.e5 b4
62.e6 a4 63.Rxb4 a3 64.Ra4# 1-0

JONAH PLATT**TRISTAN HEIKES (1309)**

1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 c5 4.c3 cxd4 5.cxd4
Nc6 6.Nf3 Bg4 7.Be2 e6 8.Bf4 Qb6
9.Nbd2 Bb4 10.0-0 Bxd2 11.Qxd2 Bxf3
12.Bxf3 Qxd4 13.Rfe1 Nge7 14.Rac1 Qb6
15.b3 0-0 16.h4 Ng6 17.Bg3 Nge7 18.Bg4
Rac8 19.h5 Qb4 20.Qd1 Nd4 21.h6 g6
22.Qd3 Ndf5 23.Bxf5 Nxf5 24.a3 Qe7
25.Bf4 Qxa3 26.g4 Qb4 27.gxf5 Qxf4
28.Rxc8 Rxc8 29.fxe6 fxe6 30.Qh3 Qf7
31.Qh4 Rc3 32.Qd8+ Qf8 33.Qd7 Rf3
34.Qxe6+ Kh8 35.Re2 Qxh6 36.Qe8+ Rf8
37.Qe7 Qg7 38.Qd6 Qg8 39.e6 Rd8
40.Qc7 d4 41.Qe5+ Qg7 42.e7 Re8
43.Qd5 h6 44.Qd8 Qf7 45.Qxd4+ Kh7
46.Qd7 b6 47.Qxa7 Qxb3 48.Qd7 Qf7
49.Qd8 b5 50.Qd6 Kg7 51.Qe5+ Qf6
52.Qxf6+ Kxf6 53.Rb2 Rxe7 54.Rxb5 Re5
55.Rxe5 Kxe5 56.Kg2 Kf4 57.f3 h5
58.Kf2 h4 59.Kg2 Ke3 60.Kh3 Kxf3
61.Kh2 g5 62.Kg1 Kg3 63.Kf1 Kh2
64.Kf2g4 65.Kf1 g3 66.Ke2 g2 67.Ke1 0-1

DANIEL HERMAN (2136)**RICHARD SHTIVELBAND (2217)**

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 b6 4.g3 Ba6 5.Qc2 c5 6.d5 exd5 7.cxd5 d6 8.Nc3 g6 9.e4 Bxf1 10.Kxf1 Bg7 11.Kg2 0-0 12.Bf4 Re8 13.Rhe1 Qd7 14.e5 Nh5 15.e6 Nxf4+ 16.gxf4 fxe6 17.dxe6 Qc6 18.Rad1 Na6 19.Nd5 Nc7 20.Nxc7 Qxc7 21.f5 gxf5 22.Qxf5 Re7 23.Ng5 Bxb2 24.Re4 Rg7 25.Qf7+ Qxf7 26.exf7+ Kf8 27.Rg4 Ke7 28.Re1+ Kd7 29.Kh3 h6 30.Rge4 Be5 31.f4 hgx5 32.fxe5 dxe5 33.Rxe5 Rxf7 34.Rxg5 Raf8 35.Re2 Kc6 36.Kg2 Rf5 37.Rg7 R8f7 38.Rg8 c4 39.h4 b5 40.Rb8 Rg7+ 41.Kh2 Kc5 42.Rb2 a6 43.a4 c3 44.Rc8+ Kd4 45.Rb4+ Kd3 46.Rb3 Rf2+ 47.Kh1 b4 48.Rxb4 c2 49.Rbc4 Rf1+ 50.Kh2 Rcl 51.Rc3+ Kd2 52.R3c6 Rd7 53.Rg6 Re7 54.Rd6+ Ke1 55.Rg6 Re2+ 56.Kh3 Rb1 57.Rgc6 Kd1 58.Rd8+ Rd2 59.Rf8 Rd3+ 60.Kg2 c1Q 61.Rf1+ Kd2 62.Rf2+ Ke3 63.Rxc1 Rxc1 64.Rf8 Ke4 65.Rf2 Rcd1 66.Rf8 R1d2+ 67.Kg1 Rg3+ 68.Kh1 Rf3 69.Re8+ Kf4 70.Kg1 Kg3 71.Re1 Rg2+ 72.Kh1 Kf2 0-1

RHETT LANGSETH (2104)**ALEXANDER STEGER (2054)**

1.d3 e5 2.e4 Nf6 3.Nf3 Nc6 4.Nbd2 d5 5.c3 a5 6.Be2 Be5 7.0-0 0-0 8.h3 Re8 9.Re1 h6 10.Qc2 Ba7 11.Rb1 Qd6 12.Nf1 Be6 13.Ng3 dxe4 14.dxe4 Bxa2 15.Ra1 Be6 16.Bb5 Bd7 17.Qe2 Ne7 18.Bxd7 Nxd7 19.Nh4 Qe6 20.Rd1 Nf8 21.Rd3 Nfg6 22.Nhf5 Nf4 23.Qg4 Qg6 24.Rd7 Qxg4 25.hxg4 Nxf5 26.Nxf5 Rad8 27.Rxd8 Rxd8 28.Be3 Bxe3 29.fxe3 Ne6 30.Rxa5 Rd1+ 31.Kh2 f6 32.Rd5 Rb1 33.Rd7 Rxb2 34.Re7 Rb6 35.Kg3 Kf8 36.Rd7 Ke8 37.Re7+ Kf8 38.Rd7 Rc6 39.Kh4 Nc5 40.Rxg7 Nxe4 41.Rh7 Nd6 42.Kh5 Nxf5 43.gxf5 Rxc3 44.Kg6 Rc6 45.Rxb6 b5 46.Rh4 Rb6 47.g4 b4 48.Rh8+ Ke7 49.Rh7+ Kd8 50.g5 fxe5+ 51.f6 b3 52.Kxg5 b2 53.Rh8+ Kd7 54.f7 b1Q 55.f8Q Qg6+ 56.Kh4 Qe4+ 57.Kh5 Qg6+ 58.Kh4 Qe4+ 59.Kh5 Qh1+ 60.Kg5 Qg2+ 61.Kh4 Qh2+ 62.Kg4 Qe2+ 63.Kh4 Qe1+ 64.Kh5 Qe2+ 65.Kh4 Qe1+ 66.Kh5 Qd1+ 67.Kh4 Qh1+ 1/2-1/2

DUWAYNE LANGSETH (1800)**DANIEL MARMER (1873)**

1.d4 d5 2.e3 g6 3.f4 Bg7 4.Nf3 c5 5.c3 c4 6.b3 b5 7.a4 Bf5 8.axb5 Bxb1 9.Rxb1 Qa5 10.bxc4 dxc4 11.Qc2 Nd7 12.Bxc4 Ngf6 13.Bd3 0-0 14.0-0 Rac8 15.c4 Rfd8 16.Bd2 Qb6 17.Qa4 Qe6 18.Ne5 Nxe5 19.fxe5 Ng4 20.Qb3 Bh6 21.Be2 Nxe5 22.Ba5 Nc6 23.bxc6 Bxe3+ 24.Kh1 Rxd4 25.Be3 Rh4 26.Be1 Rh6 27.Rf3 Bc5 28.Bg3 Qxe2 29.Re1 Qd2 30.Rd3 Rxh2+ 31.Kxh2 Qh6+ 32.Bh4 Qxh4+ 33.Rh3 Qxe1 34.Qb7 Bgl+ 0-1

MARK KROWCZYK (1937)**CHRISTOPHER MOTLEY (2053)**

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.Qc2 c5 5.Nf3 Nc6 6.e3 d6 7.Be2 0-0 8.0-0 Qe7 9.a3 Bxc3 10.Qxc3 e5 11.dxe5 dxe5 12.b4 e4 13.Nd2 cxb4 14.axb4 Qxb4 15.Qc2 Re8 16.c5 b6 17.Ba3 Qa5 18.Nc4 Nb4 19.Qd2 Qxc5 20.Bxb4 Qg5 21.f4 exf3 22.Bxf3 Ne4 23.Bxe4 Rxe4 24.Rf4 Bb7 25.Nd6 Rxf4 26.exf4 Qd5 27.Qxd5 Bxd5 28.Rd1 a5 29.Rxd5 axb4 30.Rb5 Ra4 31.Rxb6 g6 32.f5 b3 33.Rxb3 Rd4 34.f6 h5 35.Rb8+ Kh7 36.Nxf7 1-0

LAURENCE WUTT (1899)**SHUBH MISRA (1846)**

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 e6 4.0-0 Nge7 5.Re1 a6 6.Bf1 Ng6 7.c4 Be7 8.Nc3 0-0 9.d4 cxd4 10.Nxd4 Bf6 11.Nxc6 bxc6 12.Qc2 Bb7 13.Be3 d5 14.exd5 cxd5 15.Rad1 Qc7 16.c5 Rfd8 17.Na4 d4 18.Be1 Qc6 19.f3 Rac8 20.b4 Ne5 21.Nb2 Rd5 22.Nd3 Nxd3 23.Bxd3 Rh5 24.Bf4 a5 25.a3 axb4 26.axb4 Ba6 27.Ra1 Bxd3 28.Qxd3 Qd5 29.Ra6 Be5 30.Bxe5 Rxe5 31.Re4 Rxe4 32.fxe4 Qg5 33.Qxd4 Qc1+ 34.Kf2 Qe2+ 35.Kf3 Qb3+ 36.Ke2 Qc2+ 37.Kf3 Qb3+ 38.Kg4 Qc2 39.Rd6 Qxg2+ 40.Kf4 Qxh2+ 41.Kf3 Qh4 42.e5 Qh5+ 43.Ke3 Qg5+ 44.Kd3 Ra8 45.Kc4 Qc1+ 46.Qc3 Qb1 47.Rd2 h6 48.Rb2 Qf1+ 49.Kb3 Qd1+ 50.Qc2 Qd5+ 51.Kc3 Ra3+ 52.Rb3 Qxe5+ 53.Kd2 Ra2 54.Qxa2 Qh2+ 55.Kc3 Qxa2 56.b5 Qa5+ 57.Kc4 Qa4+ 58.Kc3 e5 59.c6 Qd4+ 60.Kc2 Qc5+ 61.Rc3 Qxb5 62.c7 Qe2+ 63.Kb3 Qb5+ 64.Kc2 Qe2+ 65.Kb3 Qd1+ 66.Kb2 Qe2+ 67.Kb3 Qb5+ 68.Kc2 1/2-1/2

ALEKSAND BOZHENOV (1929)**JAMES DREBENSTEDT (1818)**

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MAX HIGA (1644)**HENRY KOVACS (1785)**

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 Nxe4 6.d4 b5 7.Bb3 d5 1/2-1/2

ROBERT CARLSON (1609) -**KARTHIKEYAN KANNAN (1534)**

1.d4 Nf6 2.Nf3 d5 3.Bf4 Nc6 4.e3 a6 5.Be2 h6 6.Nbd2 g5 7.Be5 Bg7 8.h3 Nxe5 9.Nxe5 Ne4 10.Nef3 Bf5 11.Nxe4 Bxe4 12.Bd3 f5 13.c4 e6 14.Bxe4 fxe4 15.Nd2

Qf6 16.Qh5+ Ke7 17.h4 Raf8 18.f3 Kd7 19.0-0 gxh4 20.fxe4 Qg5 21.Qxg5 hxg5 22.cxd5 exd5 23.e5 Bh6 24.Rxf8 Rxf8 25.Rf1 Ke6 26.Rxf8 Bxf8 27.Nf3 Be7 28.Kf2 Kf5 29.Nd2 Bb4 30.Nf1 c5 31.a3 Ba5 32.e6 Kxe6 33.dxc5 Ke5 34.Nh2 Ke4 35.Ke2 Bd8 36.Nf3 Bf6 37.b4 g4 38.Nd2+ Kf5 39.a4 Bc3 40.b5 axb5 41.axb5 h3 42.gxh3 gxh3 43.Nf3 Be5 44.c6 Bc7 45.Kf2 Kg4 46.cxb7 h2 47.Nxh2+ Bxh2 48.Ke2 Kf5 49.Kd3 Be5 50.b8Q Bxb8 51.Kd4 Ke6 52.e4 Be5+ 53.Kd3 d4 54.Kc4 Kd6 55.b6 Kc6 56.b7 Kxb7 57.Kd5 Bg7 58.e5 d3 59.e6 Bf8 60.Ke5 d2 61.Kf6 d1Q 62.Kf7 Bb4 0-1

ASHTON JOPIO (1430)**DEAN BROWN (1400)**

1.g3 d5 2.Bg2 e5 3.d4 exd4 4.Qxd4 Nf6 5.Bg5 Be7 6.Nc3 c5 7.Qd2 Be6 8.Bxf6 Bxf6 9.Nxd5 Bxb2 10.Rb1 Bxd5 11.Bxd5 Qb6 12.Qe3+ Kf8 13.Bb3 Qb4+ 14.Kf1 Bf6 15.Nf3 Nc6 16.Kg2 Re8 17.Qc1 Rxe2 18.Re1 Rxe1 19.Nxe1 Qe4+ 20.f3 Qe2+ 21.Kh3 Qf1+ 22.Ng2 Qxf3 23.Qa3 Qf5+ 0-1

TRISTAN HEIKES (1309)**TARUN KARTHIKEYAN 1201**

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.c3 Bb6 5.d4 exd4 6.cxd4 d6 7.h3 h6 8.Nc3 Nf6 9.0-0 0-0 10.e5 dxe5 11.dxe5 Nh7 12.Qc2 Nd4 13.Nxd4 Qxd4 14.Bd3 Ng5 15.Bxg5 hxg5 16.Rfel c6 17.Rad1 Qh4 18.Re4 Qg3 19.Kf1 Qh2 20.Rdel Qh1+ 21.Ke2 Qxg2 22.Kd1 Bf5 23.Kc1 Bxe4 24.Bxe4 Qxf2 25.Re2 Qf1+ 26.Nd1 Rad8 27.Bg2 Qf4+ 28.Kb1 Rd4 29.Re1 Rfd8 30.Rf1 Qd2 31.Bf3 Qxc2+ 32.Kxc2 Rd2+ 33.Kb1 Rh2 34.Bg4 Re8 35.Re1 Bd4 36.e6 fxe6 37.Rxe6 Rxe6 38.Bxe6+ Kf8 39.a3 Ke7 40.Bc8 b6 41.Ka2 Rd2 0-1



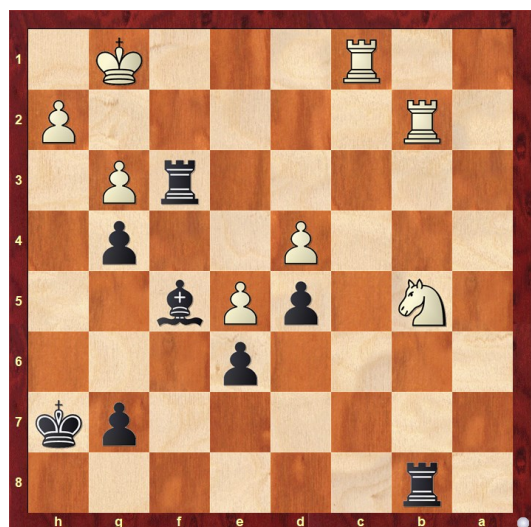
Benko vs. Petrosian Curacao 1962

By Jeffrey Baffo Dec 2024

Benko, Pal C - Petrosian, Tigran V [A07]

Candidates Tournament Curacao (19), 08.06.1962 [Fritz 17 and authors]

1.g3 d5 2.Nf3 c6 3.Bg2 Bf5 4.0-0 e6 5.d3 Nf6 6.Nbd2 Nbd7 7.Qe1 h6 8.e4 Bh7 9.Qe2 Be7 10.e5 Ng8 11.Nb3 Bf8 12.c4 Ne7 13.Nbd4 Nf5 14.Nxf5 Bxf5 15.cxd5 cxd5 16.d4 [The authors call 16.Nd4 "more active." This is very interesting. In the Keene and Simpole book, Petrosian vs. the Elite, the human author(s) state that 17.B:d5 "fails to 18...Nc5". However, while the silicon monster, F17 agrees that the Bishop move is inadequate, it shows this is so for a different reason, namely that it can simply be taken, as the bold sequence below shows. 16...Bh7 17.Bxd5 exd5 (17...Nc5=) 18.e6 Nc5 19.exf7+ Kxf7 And Black is close to winning. White has no attack beyond a temporary initiative. He'd be lucky (and happy!) to draw this, for example 20.b4 Bxd3! Always investigate further when a human author makes a definitive claim about an unclear position verbally, but fails to give any analysis.] **16...a5 17.Be3 Be7 18.Rfc1 0-0 19.Qb5** [White makes one move threats that are defended easily. But this is no great shame to Benko. This happened to everyone when they were playing Petrosian in his prime; White or Black, you've made no discernable error, Petrosian has no threats, yet you suddenly find you have no good moves while he can keep making small improvements.] **19...a4 20.Nd2 Ra7 21.Nb1 Nb8 22.a3 Nc6 23.Nc3 Qa5 24.Bf1 f6 25.f4 fxe5 26.fxe5 Bg5 27.Bxg5 hxg5 28.Qxa5 Rxa5 29.Rd1 Raa8 30.Bb5 Na5 31.Bxa4 Nc4 32.b3 Nb2 33.Rdc1 Nxa4 34.Nxa4 Bh3 35.Ra2 Rf3 36.Rf2 Rxb3 37.Nc5 Rbxa3 38.Nxb7 Rd3 39.Nd6 Kh7 40.Nb5 Rb8** (Pin to Win. Another reminder that Knights need outposts.) **41.Rb2 Rf3 42.Rbb1 Bf5 43.Rb2 0-1**



A beautiful position, more like a composed study than a real game. White's surrender is fully justified due to;

- "Superior Minor Piece". Black's Bishop acts all over the board; defense and attack. Compare to the pathetic punching-bag that is White's unsupported Knight.
- Too many weaknesses. White has the impossible job of watching both his seventh and eighth ranks and also somehow find a way to defend his Knight.
- And finally, lack of any threats or counterplay. White simply has no active possibilities.

Batsford Press, (sadly now defunct) GM Ray Keene, Julian Simpole **Petrosian Vs the Elite: 71 Victories by the Master of Manoeuvre 1946-1983 – February, 2007**

The Meal

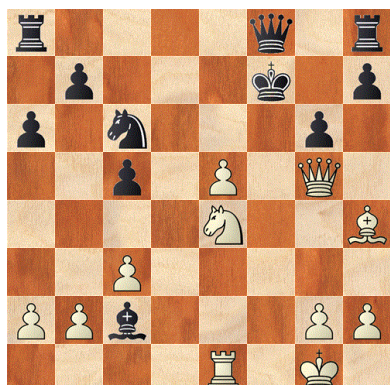
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The start of the battle he'd committed a sin
Now stood the task; to die or to win
The warrior at bay only a man
Desperate now for a masterful plan
Forward or back, defense or attack?
Nothing was clear, nothing was sure save
Fighting his fear and the need to endure
Fearsome enemy in a fearsome mood
So stood our hero, and had thought for his food

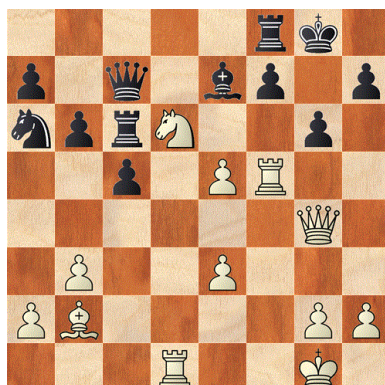


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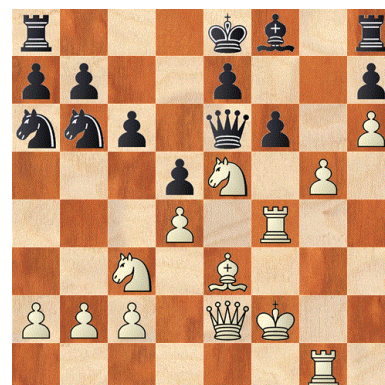
These positions came from recent games played in Colorado. Answers on the next page. *By Tim Brennan*



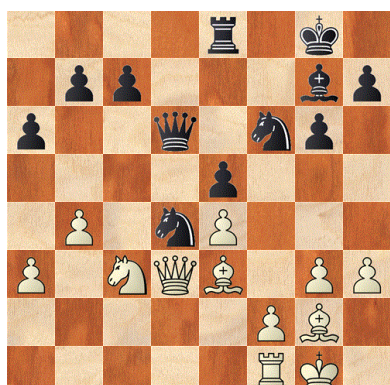
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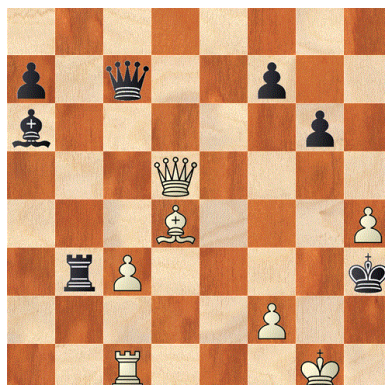
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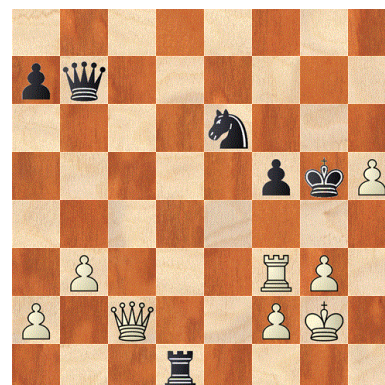
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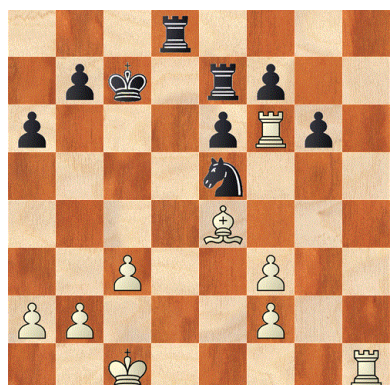
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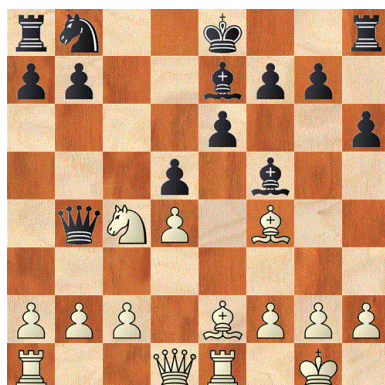
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White to Move



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White to Move

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**Answers:**

1. **27.Rf1+** skewers the Black King and Queen
2. **20.Rxf7! Rxf7 21.Nxf7 Kxf7 22.Qc4+ Ke8 23.Qxa6** picking up the loose Knight with interest.
3. Black tried kicking the knight on his previous move with **21...f6** but this allowed **22.Qh5+ Kd8 23.Nf7+ Kc7 24.Nxh8** winning the Rook.
4. **22...Nf3+** discovered attack on the White Queen.
5. The White King got bitten by a Wolf with **34...Qh2#**
6. **47...Qxf3+ 48.Kxf3 Nd4+** forking the King and Queen.
7. **29...Nd7! 30.Rf4 g5 31.Rg4 f5** forks the Bishop and Rook
8. **13.c3** and Black has no safe squares for the Queen. If **13...Qb5 14.Nd6+** discovered attack
9. **18.hxg5 Bxg5 19.f4 Bf6 20.g5** traps the Black Bishop

SACRIFICING TO REACH THE ENDZONE

By NM Todd Bardwick

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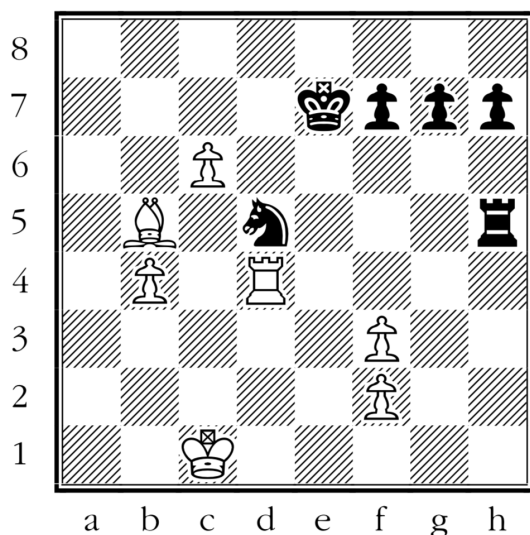
Promoting a pawn in chess is analogous to scoring a touchdown in football.

In the endgame, the main objective and often the most difficult task is to promote a pawn to a queen. Of course, the opponent's main goal is to prevent the pawn from scoring.

When a player is ahead in material, he has the luxury of giving some material back, with the goal of simplifying the game to a winning position.

Consider this position from Ciudad de Leon XVIII in 2005.

GM Magnus Carlsen



GM Viswanathan Anand

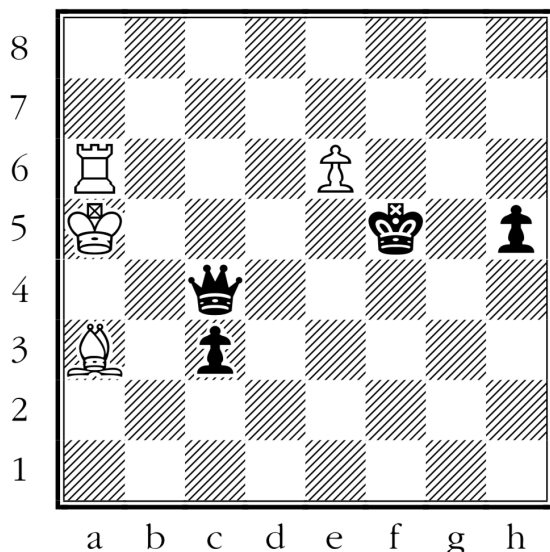
Position after 29...Ke7

First, let's pick up clues to determine what is going on. White has a bishop against a knight and is up a pawn in material. He has two connected passed pawns on the queenside and doubled, isolated pawns on the f-file. The c6-pawn is close to promoting, but Black's king is in its square. Black's passed pawn on h7 has a long journey to promote and is blocked by his rook, which is out of play.

To clear the path for the c6-pawn, White sacrifices the exchange by playing **30.Rxd5! Resigns** If Black recaptures with 30...Rxd5, White wins with 31.c7.

Here is another example from the 1995 Colorado Closed.

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Position after 73.Ka5

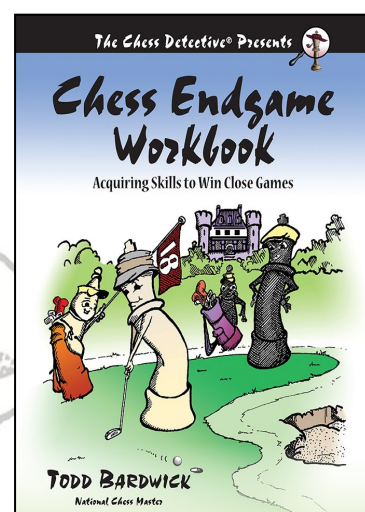
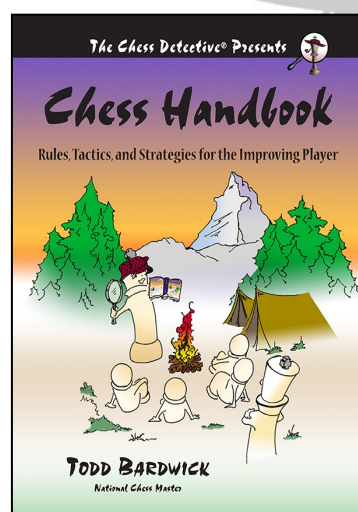
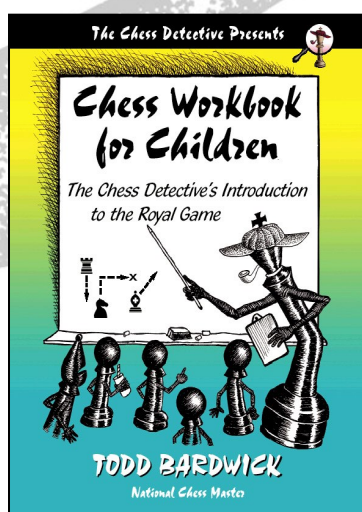
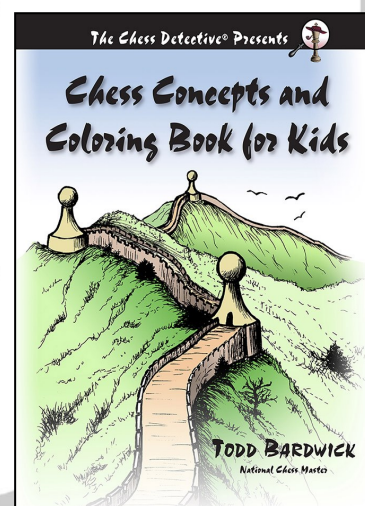
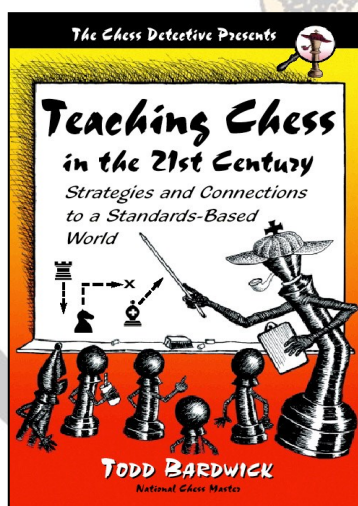
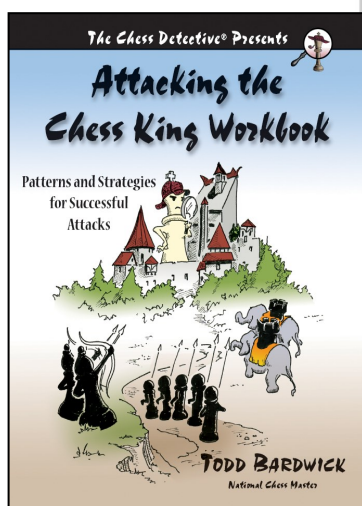
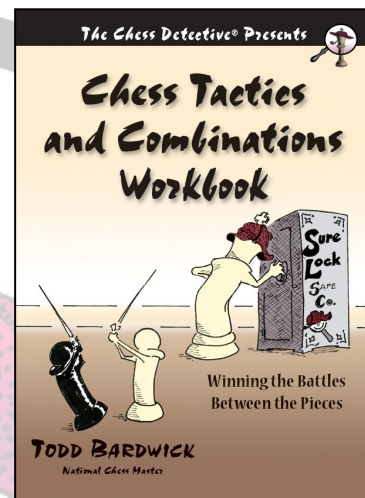
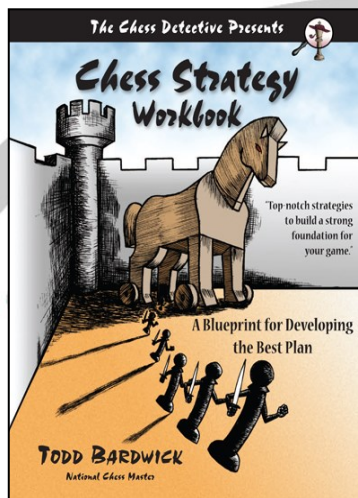
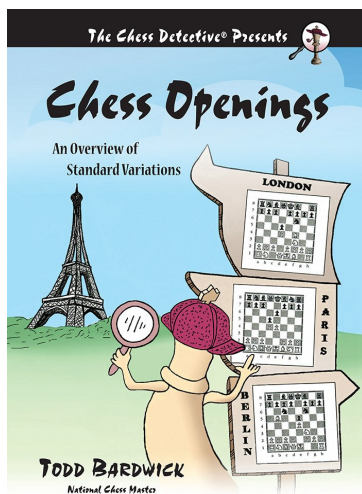
In this position, Black is up a queen and a pawn to a rook and bishop and would like to simplify the position to a clearing winning endgame. The passed pawns on c3 and e6 are particularly dangerous. Note that White's king is far from the action.

Black sacrifices the queen by playing **73...Qxa6+! 74.Kxa6 Kxe6 75.Resigns**

White cannot stop both of Black's pawns. For example, if he tries 75.Kb5, Black can respond 75...h4 76.Bc1 h3 77.Bf4 c2 and one of the pawns will promote.

Remember that when you are ahead, you should always look for ways to simplify the position to make your life easier. When you are behind, you want to create chaos and confusion. Sacrificing material to clear the path for an easy promotion should always be considered as a potentially winning idea.

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MAY THE BEST PLAYER WIN

By Kyla Zhao

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On September 17, 2024, G.P. Putnam's Sons Books for Young Readers will publish **MAY THE BEST PLAYER WIN** by *Fraud Squad* author Kyla Zhao (Hardcover; 9780593615867; Ages 8-12; \$17.99). This fast-paced STEM-inist middle grade tackles the overwhelming feelings of performance anxiety in one of the world's the fastest-growing games: Chess.

Chess is more popular now than ever according to outlets ranging from *The Washington Post* to *PBS*. Demand for chess clubs continues to rise in schools across the country, and, in 2023, Chess.com saw the biggest growth among players in the youngest age bracket. **MAY THE BEST PLAYER WIN** taps into this excitement and brings young readers love for the game to the page.

About Kyla Zhao

After graduating from Stanford University in 2021, Kyla's now a Silicon Valley techie by day and an author by night. Her books have been featured by CBS, NBC, Good Morning America, Vogue, Elle, BuzzFeed, South China Morning Post, and more. Kyla was also selected as a Forbes 30 Under 30 honoree, a Tatler Leader of Tomorrow, and awarded a Certificate of Recognition by the California State Assembly for her contributions to Asian media representation.



The clock is ticking for May Li, whose middle-school chess team just earned a victory at the state championship—and with it, a ticket to nationals. What's even more exciting is that May got an award for being the top female player and a splashy feature in the biggest chess magazine in the country. May should be thrilled. But some of her teammates, including her supposed-to-be-friend Ralph, aren't too pleased with the attention she's getting—and they're even questioning her skills. Backed into a corner, but not one to back down, May makes a move as bold as any of her chess tactics: She bets Ralph she can win the school's internal tournament and be chosen as team captain for nationals. The crown is May's for the taking... except she's starting to crumble under the weight of everyone's expectations. Anxious feelings begin to affect her performance and, what's worse, eat away at her love for the game. Now May is left to wonder: Can you still play for fun when you're playing to win?

Historically chess has been a male-dominated sport, but the number of women playing the game continues to rise. Using a kid-friendly touch this STEM-inist story examines the gender bias that surrounds the sport and celebrates the female players who, like May, are changing the game.

While fast-paced and humor-filled, **MAY THE BEST PLAYER WIN** addresses the reality of the high expectations often placed on children to perform well in and out of school. With rates of anxiety in children on the rise, young readers can relate to May's struggles to cope with her performance anxiety.

Author Kyla Zhao delivers a story with authenticity and charm, writing from her own experience as a former member of Singapore's Junior Chess Squad. **MAY THE BEST PLAYER WIN** is Kyla's middle grade debut and is perfect for fans of Kelly Yang and Celia C. Pérez

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Kyla Zhao reached out to me several months ago to talk about her new book which has received much acclaim. These pages are from her publisher and asked to be shared here. I then had the fortune to meet her in Singapore at the World Chess Championship where she had a booth setup to show her new book. I captured this photo of her at the booth where she was signing copies for fans. I mentioned the Colorado Chess Informant to her and how we published this advertisement and she was very grateful. She was also working for the Singapore chess federation as a journalist and asked questions during the press conferences of the championship match.

- John Brezina (editor)



Kyla Zhao in Singapore



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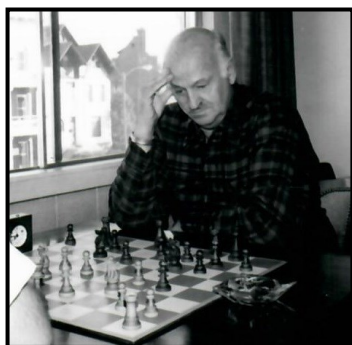
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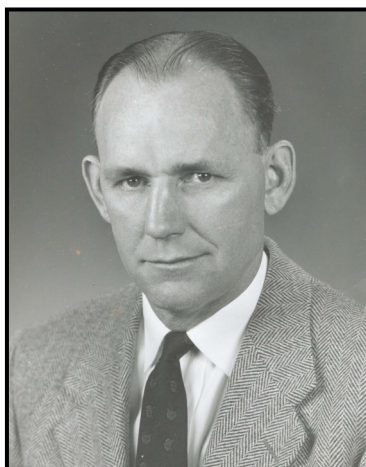
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Kings of Chess Tournament - January 4, 2025 Aurora
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 Denver Scholastic Chess Series #5 January 11, 2025 Englewood
 Kings of Chess UNRATED Tournament - January 18, 2025 Fairfield Inn & Suites Aurora
 Summit School of Chess Series #5 January 25, 2025 Golden
 2025 Colorado Scholastic Championship February 1 - 2, 2025 Aurora
 PALS February 2025 Scholastic Chess Tournament February 8, 2025 Denver
 Denver Scholastic Chess Series #6 February 8, 2025 Englewood
 Kings of Chess Tournament - SUNDAY February 9, 2025 (Fairfield Inn & Suites) Aurora
 Summit School of Chess Series #6 February 15, 2025 Golden
 PALS March 2025 Scholastic Chess Tournament March 8, 2025 Denver
 Denver Scholastic Chess Series #7 March 8, 2025 Englewood
 Summit School of Chess Series #7 March 15, 2025 Golden
 Kings of Chess Tournament - SUNDAY March 16, 2025 (Fairfield Inn & Suites) Aurora

Denver Chess Club's Tribute to MLK 2025

January 18-19, 2025

Onsite Registration: Sat 9:00-9:30am

Round times: Sat 10:00am/2:30pm/7:00pm

Sun 10:00am/3:00pm

Time Control: G/90; +30

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

\$5,200 in PRIZES (Based on 140 paid entries)

Premier

1st \$700, 2nd \$450, 3rd \$300, U2100 \$250

U1800

1st \$400, 2nd \$300, 3rd \$200

U1600

1st \$350, 2nd \$225, 3rd \$125

U1400

1st \$325, 2nd \$215, 3rd \$110

U1200

1st \$300, 2nd \$200, 3rd \$100, U1000 \$150

\$100 Upset Prize in each section

Entry Fee: \$65-75 if registered by 1/11. \$75-95 after & onsite.

Online Registration: <https://caissachess.net/online-registration/index/5216>

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

USCF membership required - 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.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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