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*Denver Chess Club Spring Classic*





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The Denver Chess Club Spring Classic at the Aurora library  
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## From the Editor

Summer has arrived after a very wet Spring and chess shows no signs of slowing down. We have a great issue of coverage from our Spring tournaments along with some great article submissions. Please keep them coming in as they help make our Informant a great platform to highlight all the chess around us. I have met many new people this past quarter at different chess events and would like to thank all those volunteers that help make them happen.

- John Brezina

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## CSCA President – Earle Wikle’s Message

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Hi everyone, I hope you have enjoyed the chess over the past Spring and now with Summer finally here, I hope you are ready for more chess with the Denver Open July 22-23, the Colorado all Girls Championship August 19, and the Colorado Open & Blitz September 1-3. Don’t miss out on the early entry discount for the Denver Open and Colorado Open.

We had some great tournaments this past Spring: The DCC Spring Classic, DCC Club Championship, Colorado Quick Championship, Colorado State Senior Championship along with the Under 50, and the Colorado Class Championships. Congratulations to all the winners.

I am often asked, what is the CSCA membership for? To answer that question, in short the CSCA is the State sanctioning organization that organizes all the State championships. The membership helps fund the State Scholastic championship, the Colorado Closed championship, the Colorado Quick championship, the Senior championship, the Class championships, the all-Girls championship, the Blitz championship, and the Colorado Open State championship. Without your support and the help of many volunteers and donations these events would not take place. Hotels and sites are going up in price, and we are doing our best to maintain great events and keep the price down. I want to thank all of you for making Colorado chess a fun and fantastic place to play chess. Please continue to help the Colorado State Chess Association.

- Earle



DuWayne  
Langseth

Jesse  
Cohen

Andrew  
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# Colorado State Chess Association Board Meeting



## CSCA Board Meeting 2023-05-17

### 1. Attending

CSCA Officers: Earle Wikle, Jesse Cohen, Scott Lett, Andrew Starr

CSCA Board members: Neil Bhavikatti, DuWayne Langseth, Shirley Herman

CSCA Member, non-voting: John Brezina, Tom Nelson

### 2. Business

#### 1. Membership

1. Scott reported current membership is 120, down from 208 at the beginning of the year and from 258 at the Colorado Open. There was agreement that this was of great concern.
  - Earle suggested outreach via email to expired members, and asked if the dip from the Colorado Open is a normal seasonal occurrence. (Scott will research)
  - Several people talked about "value for money" via the Informant and higher value (\$\$\$) tournaments.
  - Some questions about whether CSCA memberships are required on the website.
  - No actions or votes taken, but a lively brainstorm ensued, and the board will continue to take this up as an important issue.

#### 2. Financial

1. Andy reported that the current balances total \$34,236, an increase from last meeting of about \$5000 over the last 5 months; Earle pointed out that some of that will be spent as stipends for players.

#### 3. Tournaments

1. Earle gave a recap on Senior/Under 50, Quick Championship, and Girls Scholastic tournaments.
  - Girls State Scholastic: Aurora Library August 12<sup>th</sup>, 2023. The top two girls go to the Susan Polgar invitational and all girls pay CSCA dues.

#### 4. Denver Chess Club & Denver Open

1. **The board voted unanimously to offer a guarantee to the DCC to cover losses, if any, from the Denver Open, matching the amount from last year.**

#### 5. USCF Delegates

1. DuWayne and Earle will represent Colorado as Delegates at the US Open.

#### 6. Playoffs

1. DuWayne outlined his amended proposal for a playoff (rather than the current tiebreak system) for state titles, in the case of tied perfect scores.
  - **The board voted unanimously to amend the proposal to use tiebreaks after the playoff in the case of a drawn playoff game and approved the proposal.**

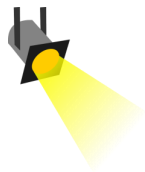
### 3. Actions taken

1. The board took two unanimous decisions regarding the Denver Open and a new state title playoff framework, as listed in **bold**, above.
2. The board agreed Earle and DuWayne should represent Colorado as delegates at the national meeting at the US Open.

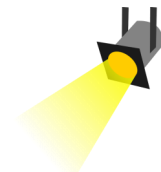
### 4. Action Items

1. Scott agreed to investigate the seasonality of CSCA membership fluctuations.





## Spotlight on Colorado Chess Clubs



### Colorado Springs Chess Club

I recently paid a visit to the Colorado Springs Chess Club where they meet in the old historic Acacia Park apartment building every Tuesday evening. President Paul Anderson has been running the club for many years and has a long history with Colorado chess. Upon entering the ballroom, you see the club is affiliated with Chess.com and Paul has been hosting Sunday evening quick and blitz online tournaments through their platform. The ballroom is quite spacious and they have a great collection of chess books for players and even an old grand piano in the corner for those feeling their inner Horowitz. Rated games start at 7:00pm at G90+30 for those looking to improve their classical rating. Well worth paying a visit to the club or joining if you are in the area.



*The chess club entrance*



*The playing hall as you enter*



*The rated games have started*



*Paul keeping an eye on the games*



*A great place to work on your rating*



*Clinton Eads at the board*



*The president at the board*



*Paul giving Mark McGough a think  
(The grand piano in the corner)*

**More info on the Colorado Springs Chess Club:** Meets every Tuesday at 104 E. Platte Ave, Colorado Springs, CO at 6:00 pm. They 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 7:00pm. For more info call or text Paul at 719-551-9833 or email [cschess@juno.com](mailto:cschess@juno.com). Follow Paul on Twitter: [@cschesnews](https://twitter.com/cschesnews) / [Twitter](https://twitter.com/cschesnews) Website: [Home - Colorado Springs Chess News \(webs.com\)](http://Home-ColoradoSpringsChessNews.webs.com)

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# Tanya Prabhu competes at 2023 All-Girls National Championship

By Sharmila Kamath (Tanya's Mom)

## 2023 KCF All Girls Chess Nationals - A Throwback

This year the 2023 KCF All-Girls Chess Nationals attracted about 471 players from about 40 states from the USA who flocked to downtown Chicago for the 19th Annual All-Girls National Championship held April 28-30, 2023. The tournament has taken place since 2004, conducted by the Kasparov Chess Foundation (KCF), Renaissance Knights Chess Foundation, and the US Chess Federation. Girl chess players competed in six age-based sections in addition to the traditional blitz and bughouse side events. Personally, we love the KCF All-Girls Chess Nationals and we look forward to this event despite our busy schedules. Tanya was very excited to be there again this year and compete with some of the best girls from all over the USA and we met old friends and made some new ones as well.



*The playing hall at the historic Palmer House Hotel*

This year, the Chicago downtown historic Palmer House Hotel hosted this event. It was a great change in venue as we didn't have to travel as much and rent a car for commuting. It provided much easier access to public transits, a wider variety of food choices within walking distance, and many fun things to do in between rounds or simply take a stroll. Palmer house is very iconic and there is so much to see from their world-famous entrance door called peacock doors to their majestic grand walls, paintings, and the very famous first ever brownie in the USA. Did you know who invented the first brownie in the USA? We had to try Bertha's famous brownie and were not at all disappointed! The best decadent brownie I've ever had! Invented in 1893 for the Columbian World's Fair, it was the first ever chocolate brownie in USA. Palmer house brownie is a century old brownie recipe which is even sold today in the restaurant, and they are sold in no time!



*Tanya with her trophy*



*Tanya with her friend Ella (also from Colorado)*

The playing area was well organized according to age groups and divisions in different Salon rooms. A grand piano had been placed right in the center of the elevator bay on one of the floors to the tournament hall. And throughout the tournament, the girls would blow off steam after their games by playing songs or simply let the stress out after a long game and everyone would watch them play and have some fun. There is a special energy in the corridors outside all tournament halls. Busy, chirpy, giggly, and full of life with all these chess players running around with their chess bags and rushing in and out of elevators. Then looking at pairings on the walls for their boards and spaces. But believe me, it was a well-run tournament and less chaos even though there were so many attendees! After the rounds we could see some of the younger girls running around and playing little games with each other. Some were playing the piano, others celebrating their victories while some had meltdowns getting very emotional over their defeats. And then some of them were just analyzing each other's games. There is so much chess energy and high vibes here that it makes for a great feeling.

It's a proud feeling for parents to see how even the young girls sit around a chess board on the ground and are very much ready to engage in so much passionate discussions about strategies, tactics and everything about chess. The blitz games also were very interesting, and it was a good warm up before the main event. Tanya Prabhu from the Colorado Springs Chess Club, who just turned 13, competed in the Under 14 age bracket. Time Control: G/90:d5 with 6 rounds and there was a total of 74 girls in the U14 group. Tanya scored 4 points. 3 wins, 1 loss and 2 draws to make it to the top 15 in her division.

After every round Tanya would come to discuss and analyze her games. Her favorite thing is to see if there were any brilliant moves in the games she played. Over time Tanya has learned to be resilient and always tries to learn from her mistakes and see how she can be a better chess player. It's not just about trophies and medals, it's the love of the game, travel experience, takeaways, learnings, and bonding with other players that we really look forward to!

Today, chess is undergoing a profound transformation in many schools across the USA. The lessons learned during these events will help and nurture these young women throughout their lives, helping them achieve proficiency in math and science, as well as in raising self-esteem, determination, self-motivation, and sportsmanship.

Thanks to all the sponsors and organizers for this wonderful national event and we look forward to the upcoming one in 2024.

- Sharmila



*Tanya Prabhu with Michael Khodarkovsky (Grand Chess Tour Executive Director)*



## Chess Art & Poems by Tanya Prabhu

Tanya lives in Colorado Springs and attends the D20 Challenger middle school. She is in seventh grade and enjoys playing quick chess and the classical games at the local Colorado Springs chess club. Although she doesn't have a formal chess club in her middle school, she encourages other students and friends to play chess and teaches them the strategies of the game. Next academic year she said she wants to lead and form a chess club/team in her school so that more and more students can start learning and meet on a regular basis.

It is still a work in progress and would need support from her school management as well. In addition to playing chess, Tanya also does inline speed skating and takes part in competitive racing and league that meets in and outside of Colorado. She also participated in Brain Bowl and her team won the regional competition. She loves taking pictures and was a part of her year-book club in the school. During her free time, she makes her own sketches and manga/anime art as a natural self-taught artist. She loves making comics and also writing poetry as well!  
- Sharmila (Tanya's mom)



### **The Chess Queens**

This is an original art themes by Tanya Prabhu. She has depicted the chess board in the background and the white and black queens. Tanya says "The white queen is wearing a pendant which shows the crown and it's a precious one given by her king"

### **Sicilian Defense**

A good opening for chess  
To try to impress  
Is the Sicilian Defense  
It can get very intense  
And perhaps you would progress

### **Queen Machine**

The chess queen  
Is the most powerful piece  
It has a complex routine  
And the risk would increase  
If you find her near your king  
And can't see what's closer  
The Queen would spring  
And the game would be over  
She moves diagonally  
Sideways, backward, and forward  
She slides passionately  
Around the chess board.

### **Pawns**

The little pawn  
Seems quite useless  
use them correctly  
They will be ruthless  
The Little Pawns go  
Storming through the track  
Once they move  
They cant turn back  
The little pawns  
the start of an attack  
The key to a defense  
Can break through anything  
With or without a fence  
The little pawns go step by step  
To race to the edge of the board  
They try to survive until  
They have received their reward  
The little pawns always change the game  
Because without them, chess would be lame

### **The Little Pawns**

### **Chess tournament**

All the boards on the table.  
All the pieces are unstable.  
From the shaking of all the players.  
Some of them are doing prayers.  
I had to wait.  
My opponent was late!  
I should have brought my clock.  
Alas finally, he came.  
10 minutes through the game.  
He shuddered in his chair.  
And looked in despair.  
When he made a big mistake when he moved.  
I captured his queen.  
And it was seen.  
Off the chess board.  
He took my two rooks.  
But that is all he took.  
Because then...  
Because then...  
Because then...  
I finished off the game!  
- By Tanya Prabhu

## Young Coloradan shines at National Elementary K-3 Blitz Chess Championship

*By Shrikkanth Raghunathan (Avyukth's dad)*



*Avyukth and his proud father*



*The enormous playing hall in Baltimore Maryland May 12-14, 2023*

One of Colorado's young rising talents, Avyukth Shrikkanth, won first place in the 1100-1199 section of the K-3 National Blitz Championship! Avyukth is a former Colorado state champion in the K-1 division, and he tied for 2nd place in this year's K-3 Colorado State Championship. He has won numerous regional scholastic tournaments, including several in the K-8 division. Avyukth is truly passionate about chess, studying and playing for several hours every day, and we're sure these impressive results are just the beginning. We are excited to follow his growth and future victories as he continues elevating his game and proudly representing Colorado for many years to come.



*Our Colorado representatives*



*Yes it's real!*





## George Krasnopolskiy's Scholastic Chess Tournament

*By John Brezina*

I had the pleasure of attending a scholastic chess tournament in Colorado Springs hosted by George Krasnopolskiy of Orca Financial Group. He ran a completely free non-rated tournament for kids K-8 with donations from his company and other local businesses. It was held at the 21C library in the Pikes Peak district where 44 kids competed. CSCA president Earle Wikle helped out as tournament director and many other volunteers including Jason & Rebecca Graham who helped to make it a fun afternoon of chess. Orca Financial Group donated many prizes to be raffled off afterwards and even had local channel 13 news show up to take video and interview George about his passion for chess and giving back to the community. Between the six rounds of chess kids could enjoy free Italian Ice provided by Jonathan Tatum of Rita's Ice-Custard Happiness. And for lunch free pizza was provided by Adrian Smith of Pikes Peak Security and TRU-Project LLC. Both were enjoyed by the kids and adults on the library patio that afforded incredible views of Pikes Peak. A great way for local business to give back to the community and get them involved in our wonderful game of chess and its many benefits.

After setting up getting all the kids registered, the games began after George gave a brief introduction along with his "Orca" mascot. The kids were divided into two sections: K-3 and 4-8. Channel 13 news videotaped during the first round and it was fun watching the kids play in such a setting. There were several family members playing that later created some sibling rivalry. Brothers Krish and Ashwin Mathimaran, who both remained undefeated, faced off in round 5. A tough game ensued where elder brother Krish entered the endgame up the exchange, rook and pawns vs. bishop and pawns. He converted his advantage to a victory and went on to win his section undefeated at 6-0 while his brother Ashwin took second place. In the K-3 section Caleb Graham took first on tie-breaks with a 5-1 score along with Lettie Egolf.

A very fun yet competitive day of chess. George plans to hold these type of tournaments quarterly and get more community involvement. Thanks to everyone that helped make this happen and letting me be a part of it.



*Parents help setup and get the kids ready*



*What's better than chess, pizza, and ice cream!*



*Smile, you're on camera!*



*Adrian Smith & George Krasnopolskiy*



*Jonathan Tatum's Italian Ice was a big hit*



*Tournament winner Krish Mathimaran*



*George being interviewed by channel 13news*



*A family of chessplayers*



# NM Lior Lapid's Farewell Lecture

By John Brezina

April 17, 2023 - NM Lior Lapid gave a farewell lecture to Colorado friends as he is about to embark on a new and exciting chapter of his chess career. And as a surprise to Lior and many others, Sunil Weeramantry was in attendance along with many friends, students and family.



*A large crowd gathered to see Lior Lapid's lecture*

Also joining us at the Parker Chess club was Colorado Springs chess club president Paul Anderson, Denver chess club president Richard Shtivelband, and Hikaru Nakamura's second Kris Littlejohn. In addition, the McConnell family joined us as they will be taking over PALS Chess Academy from Lior Lapid. It is exciting to see Kevin and Kori take the helm while Griffin and Sullivan become coaches. But perhaps most importantly in the audience were Lior's wife Maria and son Emanuel. A truly special evening for all in attendance.



*The McConnell family will be taking over PALS Chess Academy*

We held his lecture during our regular scheduled chess club meeting time from 6-8pm. Setting up our large room was a team task preparing tables and chairs for an audience of about 65 attendees. I also videotaped and photographed the entire lecture which are included below.

Lior opened up with a bit of history about how he came to chess. He also acknowledged the McConnell family and thanked them for taking over his other baby, PALS Chess Academy. After his heartfelt and thankful introduction, he lectured first over his favorite game played with his father when Lior was 21 years old. A beautiful game that took many twists and allowed Lior to engage the audience with many questions and stories. The endgame was especially entertaining as it could have gone off in so many different directions. It was here in the game with his father that Lior played his most beautiful move ever in a game of chess after a forty minute think. The simple, yet crushing and winning move, h3. A mere pawn move that ends up being his most beautiful move ever, artistry on the board.



*Lior kept the audience engaged and kids ready to answer*

He then moved onto a composition from a Soviet player who won first place in a contest in Moscow 1933. A game that intrigued Lior as a young boy and exemplified the beauty of chess. He was in his element here as a teacher and coach. His ability to engage the audience and keep them part of the lecture was truly inspiring to watch. The chess knowledge and storytelling in between highlighted by Lior shows why he has been such a successful coach all these years. His passion for the game and skills in communicating with the audience came through wonderfully as we were all treated to another great lecture.



*Lior Lapid in his element teaching and lecturing*

The time flew by quickly and as we came to a close, Lior had so much more to share. But as in a chess game, the clock eventually runs out and the game ends. Before ending, he shared a very emotional moment and tribute to his mother who recently passed away. His mother was fortunate enough to see her newest grandson and also acknowledged how proud she was of Lior's new chapter in his chess career. And thus, he dedicated this special lecture to his beloved mother. What a blessing Lior Lapid has been to the chess community here in Colorado and we wish him well in his new adventures in Florida.



*The newest addition to the Lapid family enjoyed his first chess lecture*

Watch his entire lecture here & see photos:  
[Lior Lapid Lecture April 2023 - YouTube](https://photos.app.goo.gl/YkAugwDwSyNEFPQJ6)  
<https://photos.app.goo.gl/YkAugwDwSyNEFPQJ6>



# 2023 Colorado Quick Championship

By John Brezina

The 2023 Colorado Quick Championship took place in Colorado Springs on June 2 at the Hyatt Place hotel as a prelude to the State Senior Championship. Thirty eight players showed up for battle which lasted late into the evening with six rounds at game 15 and a 5 second delay. This was my first time playing in this event and I enjoyed meeting some old friends and tried to capture some photos. Organizer Earle Wikle, president of the CSCA, did a great job running the tournament along with chief TD Peter Barlay



*The playing hall at the Hyatt Place hotel*

The field was headed by the highly rated Daniel Herman, and his mother Shirley played as well. Other notables were the strong father and son duo, DuWayne and Rhett Langseth. And keeping the family theme going was father Jason Graham and his children Katelyn and Caleb, all playing in the same tournament. It was also nice to see "Tactics Time" Tim Brennan along with former CSCA president Brad Lundstrom. The young Iris Lee and 2023 CSCA Haring qualifier Tanya Pradhu also joined the competitive field.



*Robert Carlson & tournament winner Daniel Herman*

After some last minute registrations and old friends catching up, round one was posted and players jockeyed for position to see their opponents. Daniel Herman started on board one and stayed there for the entire night. A young Jason Yaevsky gave Tim Brennan a tough first round game and a crowd began forming as they were the last to finish. Tim somehow managed to escort his pawns to promotion despite being down a rook. The only big upset came from Scott Raevsky who beat Will Osborne, a 600 point difference.

Round two had an exciting game between the number two seed Rhett Langseth and Scott Massey. A crowd gathered as they reached an equal pawn and rook endgame and played out to a draw with just the kings on the board. My only loss in the tournament came from Daniel Marmer in round two, our first time meeting.

In round three, William Wolf handed Brad Lundstrom his first loss while the young Iris Li upset veteran player Jeffrey Baffo. Then in round four with three players remaining undefeated, Rhett Langseth delivered William Wolf his only loss. Iris Li had another upset win over Daniel Marmer and Tanya Pradhu won her game to put them both at 3 points each.



*Iris Li in full concentration mode against Jeffrey Baffo*

Round five paired long-time rivals Rhett Langseth and Daniel Herman together for the top spot where Daniel came out the victor. Iris Li continued her upsets with a win over DuWayne Langseth while William Wolf upset Chris Motley.

Going into the final round Daniel was still on top with 5 points while Brad Lundstrom, Iris Li and William Wolf each had 4 points. Four of us had 3.5 points which paired me against Earle Wikle while Rhett Langseth played Rowen Oregel. Brad Lundstrom had the difficult task of facing Daniel Herman where a win would tie them both for first. Daniel finished on top going undefeated and pushing his quick rating over the 2200 barrier. William Wolf stopped the Iris Li upsets and took clear second place with only one loss. Rhett defeated Rowen to finish with 4.5 points where I matched him with a win over Earle Wikle to share third place. I managed to swindle a bishop from Earle in the endgame while he was in a little time pressure where we later analyzed the drawn position. Six players ended with 4 points including two who split the under 1400 prize, Iris Li and Scott Raevsky.



*CSCA President Earle Wikle vs. CCI Editor John Brezina*

With so many well fought games and full use of the clock time, the tournament ended a bit later than expected but was very well run and organized. Earle Wikle congratulated and handed out prize money to the winners and then had to prepare for the senior championship the next day. Thanks to Earle and Peter for their work in putting this tournament together.

**Event 2023 COLORADO QUICK CHAMPIONSHIP**  
**Sponsoring Affiliate COLORADO STATE CHESS ASSOCIATION**  
**Organizer: EARLE P WIKLE**  
**Chief TD PETER BARLAY**  
**Time Control: G/15;d5**  
**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
1	DANIEL HERMAN CO 14345456 / Q: 2199 ->2210	6.0	1W	23W	8W	15W	5W	3W 6
2	WILLIAM LEO WOLF CO 14762885 / Q: 1587 ->1734	5.0	1W	32W	11W	6L	3W	5W 9
3	RHETT LANGSETH CO 13392987 / Q: 2017 ->2017	4.5	1W	21D	13W	12W	2L	1W 11
4	JOHN BREZINA CO 12870487 / Q: 1559 ->1643	4.5	1W	29L	7W	24W	15D	11W 12
5	CHRISTOPHER MOTLEY CO 16231534 / Q: 1906 ->1899	4.0	1W	27W	17W	7L	1L	2W 18
6	BRAD LUNDSTROM CO 10410347 / Q: 1802 ->1804	4.0	1W	24W	22L	2W	17W	14L 1
7	DANIEL MARMER CO 12889369 / Q: 1723 ->1716	4.0	1X	1W	4L	5L	9W	20W 19
8	DWAYNE LANGSETH CO 11197175 / Q: 1719 ->1709	4.0	1W	35L	1W	21W	29L	9W 17
9	IRIS LI CO 16934084 / Q: 1347 ->1503	4.0	1L	25W	32W	18W	7W	8L 2
10	SCOTT RAEVSKY CO 31127746 / Q: 1113P6 ->1369P12	4.0	1W	16L	12D	22D	13W	29W 24
11	ROWEN OREGEL CO 17314325 / Q: 1829 ->1813	3.5	1W	33L	2W	13W	19D	4L 3
12	EARLE P WIKLE CO 12126030 / Q: 1800 ->1800	3.5	1H	1W	10L	3W	22W	15L 4
13	SCOTT F MASSEY CO 12059850 / Q: 1700 ->1700	3.5	1W	31D	3L	11D	10W	27D 14
14	MS. TANYA GURPUR MADKE PRABHU CO 16349446 / Q: 1647 ->1652	3.5	1W	28L	15W	27W	16L	6D 13
15	NOAH EZEKIEL FALKOVICH CO 17104083 / Q: 1753 ->1733	3.0	1W	34W	14L	1L	4L	12W 27
16	WILL OSBORNE NE 12763146 / Q: 1728 ->1670	3.0	1L	10W	35W	23L	14L	17W 30
17	KYLE LUO CO 30588060 / Q: 1619 ->1615	3.0	1W	37L	5W	33L	6W	16L 8
18	JEFFREY BAFFO CO 10340195 / Q: 1615 ->1600	3.0	1W	36L	26L	9W	33W	23L 5
19	TIMOTHY E BRENNAN CO 12718954 / Q: 1608 ->1600	3.0	1W	30L	25W	20L	11W	28L 7
20	DEAN W BROWN CO 10224098 / Q: 1414 ->1407	3.0	1L	26W	36L	19W	37L	7W 28
21	KOEN PAZDAN BEAVER CO 30356574 / Q: 1428 ->1398	3.0	1L	3W	30L	8L	28W	36W 29
22	BILL WEIHMILLER CO 12515063 / Q: 1560 ->1508	2.5	1W	39L	6D	10L	12L	24W 31
23	ROBERT CARLSON CO 14678120 / Q: 1489 ->1463	2.5	1L	1W	31L	16D	24L	18W 33
24	ADAM DAWDY CO 30472762 / Q: 1237 ->1265	2.5	1L	6W	39L	4D	23W	22L 10
25	NICKOLAS PETERSEN CO 13072431 / Q: 1928 ->1934	2.0	1W	9W	19U	U	U	U
26	DANIEL PATRICK AVERY CO 12405387 / Q: 1928 ->1933	2.0	1W	20W	18U	U	U	U
27	NATHANIEL A HEITHOFF CO 14568538 / Q: 1362 ->1346	2.0	1L	5W	37L	14W	31L	13L 15
28	CHARLES DAVID RAITSEV CO 31285177 / Q: Unrated->1212P6	2.0	1L	14L	33W	36W	21L	19L 20
29	CONNOR E TRAN CO 31095147 / Q: Unrated->1144P6	2.0	1L	4W	34W	39L	8L	10L 21
30	JASON RAEVSKY CO 31129329 / Q: 623P8 -> 722P14	2.0	1L	19L	21L	37W	35W	33L 16
31	BRAYDEN GARNER CO 31092524 / Q: 696P10 -> 709P16	2.0	1L	13L	23W	32L	27W	37L 22
32	SOWBHAGYA VELAGALA CO 30916380 / Q: 130P4 -> 380P10	2.0	1L	2L	9L	31L	36W	35W 37
33	JOSEPH MARTIN CO 30457943 / Q: 1305 ->1258	1.0	1L	11W	28L	17L	18L	30L 23
34	SHIRLEY HERMAN CO 14812654 / Q: 1073 ->1068	1.0	1L	15L	29W	35U	U	U
35	CALEB GRAHAM CO 30616736 / Q: 1140 ->1031	1.0	1L	8L	16L	34L	30L	32W 36
36	JASON GRAHAM CO 30616719 / Q: 634 -> 636	1.0	1L	18L	20L	28W	32L	21L 35
37	KATELYN GRAHAM CO 30616754 / Q: 419 -> 426	1.0	1L	17L	27W	30L	20L	31L 32
38	BRIAN BENJAMIN POMERANTZ CO 13035550 / Q: 970 -> 970	0.0	1F	7U	U	U	U	U
39	ADAM ROSENLOF CO 31283891 / Q: Unrated-> 533P3	0.0	1L	22L	24L	29U	U	U



*Jason Raevsky must be reading Tim's books as he put up quite a struggle*



*Rhett Langseth and Scott Massey draw a crowd and their game in round 2*



*Jason Graham and Jeffrey Baffo attract some young kibitzers*



*Congratulations to Colorado Quick Champion Daniel Herman*



# 2023 COLORADO STATE SENIOR CHAMPIONSHIP & UNDER 50

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The Colorado Senior championship along with the Under 50 section was held in Colorado Springs at the Hyatt Place hotel off I-25 on Garden of the Gods road June 3-4. The two tournaments were not large, but the competition and strength made for some good chess.

Congratulations to Duwayne Langseth for winning the Colorado Senior championship with a perfect 4-0. It came down to a last round game between the unbeaten National Master Randy Canney and defending champ Duwayne Langseth. In the end Duwayne played hard and pull out a win to become Colorado Senior champion for the second year in a row, and will represent Colorado in the Irwin tournament of Senior State Champions.

Congratulation to Daniel Herman for winning the Under 50 section of the tournament. I hope everyone had fun and enjoyed all the events.

## Section 1 - SENIOR AGE 50+

Pair Num	Player Name USCF ID / Rtg (Pre->Post)	Total Pts	Round 1	Round 2	Round 3	Round 4
1	DUWAYNE LANGSETH CO   11197175 / R: 1869 ->1963	4.0	W	21 W	4 W	5 W 2
2	RANDY C CANNEY CO   10407443 / R: 2222 ->2215	3.0	W	15 W	10 W	6 L 1
3	JOSHUA SAMUEL CO   10408261 / R: 1982 ->1991	3.0	D	11 D	8 W	9 W 10
4	MARK KROWCZYK CO   12496393 / R: 1970 ->1967	2.5	W	16 L	1 W	15 D 7
5	MR. KEITH JAY OXMAN CO   12459346 / R: 1965 ->1953	2.5	W	12 D	9 L	1 W 14
6	BRAD LUNDSTROM CO   10410347 / R: 1949 ->1948	2.5	W	17 W	14 L	2 D 8
7	JAMES DREBENSTEDT CO   12478674 / R: 1944 ->1933	2.5	D	18 D	11 W	12 D 4
8	EARLE P WIKLE CO   12126030 / R: 1896 ->1909	2.5	H	D	3 W	16 D 6
9	BRIAN JOHN ROUNTREE CO   12477167 / R: 1854 ->1859	2.5	W	13 D	5 L	3 W 18
10	DOAK HEYSER CO   11106293 / R: 1933 ->1926	2.0	W	19 L	2 W	11 L 3
11	LARRY ALAN TURNER CO   10303931 / R: 1737 ->1751	2.0	D	3 D	7 L	10 W 19
12	SCOTT F MASSEY CO   12059850 / R: 1700 ->1700	1.5	L	5 W	19 L	7 D 13
13	DIERRICK DAVIS CO   31233721 / R: Unrated->1598P4	1.5	L	9 D	17 D	18 D 12
14	TOM NEEDHAM CO   12743781 / R: 1200 ->1220	1.5	B	L	6 D	17 L 5
15	IVAN WIJETUNGE MN   12511643 / R: 1805 ->1800	1.0	L	2 W	18 L	4 U
16	JEFFREY BAFFO CO   10340195 / R: 1729 ->1714	1.0	L	4 W	21 L	8 U
17	GARY BAGSTAD CO   10924031 / R: 1700 ->1700	1.0	L	6 D	13 D	14 U
18	ROBERT CARLSON CO   14678120 / R: 1577 ->1579	1.0	D	7 L	15 D	13 L 9
19	DEAN W BROWN CO   10224098 / R: 1417 ->1410	1.0	L	10 L	12 W	21 L 11
20	SHIRLEY HERMAN CO   14812654 / R: 1107 ->1141	1.0	U	U	U	W 21
21	MARK FISCHER CO   15913258 / R: 1194 ->1154	0.0	L	1 L	16 L	19 L 20

## Section 2 - UNDER AGE 50

Pair Num	Player Name USCF ID / Rtg (Pre->Post)	Total Pts	Round 1	Round 2	Round 3	Round 4
1	DANIEL HERMAN CO   14345456 / R: 2213 ->2213	3.5	W	11 W	4 D	3 W 5
2	RHETT LANGSETH CO   13392987 / R: 2116 ->2116	3.0	W	12 H	W	6 D 3
3	KENZIE L MOORE CO   13028820 / R: 1937 ->1955	3.0	W	7 W	9 D	1 D 2
4	WILLIAM LEO WOLF CO   14762885 / R: 1851 ->1854	3.0	W	13 L	1 W	7 W 9
5	WILL OSBORNE NE   12763146 / R: 1885 ->1897	2.5	W	8 D	6 W	10 L 1
6	ROWEN OREGEL CO   17314325 / R: 1752 ->1807	2.5	W	10 D	5 L	2 W 12
7	AYUSH VISPUTE CO   16045256 / R: 1543 ->1562	2.0	L	3 W	15 L	4 W 14
8	ADAM DAWDY CO   30472762 / R: 1368 ->1375	2.0	L	5 L	11 W	14 W 13
9	KYLE LUO CO   30588060 / R: 1137P11->1312P15	2.0	W	15 L	3 W	12 L 4
10	CHRISTOPHER MOTLEY CO   16231534 / R: 1992 ->1957	1.0	L	6 W	14 L	5 U
11	CALVIN BRYAN JACKSON WY   12909901 / R: 1742 ->1744	1.0	L	1 W	8 U	U
12	KOEN PAZDAN BEAVER CO   30356574 / R: 1772 ->1726	1.0	L	2 W	13 L	9 L 6
13	MAXWELL FISCHER CO   15913243 / R: 1186 ->1170	1.0	L	4 L	12 B	L 8
14	JOHN BLOEMKER CO   30988278 / R: 906 -> 901	1.0	B	L	10 L	8 L 7
15	DANIEL MARMER CO   12889369 / R: 1755 ->1697	0.0	L	9 L	7 U	U

Name	Winners	Total	Amount Each
Senior: 1st	(4) DUWAYNE LANGSETH (1869)	\$225.00	\$225.00
Senior: 2nd	(3) JOSHUA SAMUEL (1982)	\$225.00	\$112.50
	(3) RANDY C CANNEY (2222)		\$112.50
Senior: U1800 & UNR	(2) LARRY ALAN TURNER (1737)	\$80.00	\$80.00
Senior: U1600 & UNR	(1.5) DIERRICK DAVIS (U)	\$80.00	\$40.00
	(1.5) TOM NEEDHAM (1200)		\$40.00
Under 50: 1st	(3.5) DANIEL HERMAN (2205)	\$150.00	\$150.00
Under 50: 2nd	(3) KENZIE L MOORE (1885)	\$170.01	\$56.67
	(3) RHETT LANGSETH (2129)		\$56.67
	(3) WILLIAM WOLF (1814)		\$56.67
U50: U1800 & UNR	(2.5) ROWEN OREGEL (1752)	\$70.00	\$70.00
U50: U1500 & UNR	(2) ADAM DAWDY (1368)	\$70.00	\$35.00
	(2) KYLE LUO (1137)		\$35.00

## Games from the 2023 Colorado State Senior Championship & Under 50

**JACKSON,CALVIN 1776**  
**HERMAN,DANIEL 2205**

1.e4 c5 2.Be2 Nc6 3.f4 g6 4.Nf3 Bg7 5.c3 d5  
6.d3 e6 7.0-0 Nge7 8.Be3 b6 9.Qc2 0-0  
10.Nbd2 Bb7 11.g4 Rc8 12.Nh4 Nd4 13.Qd1  
Nxe2+ 14.Qxe2 dxe4 15.dxe4 Nd5 16.Ndf3  
Nxe3 17.Qxe3 Qe7 18.Rae1 Rcd8 19.f5 exf5  
20.gxf5 Rfe8 21.e5 Rd5 22.e6 fxe6 23.fxg6 h6  
24.Ng2 Qf6 25.Nf4 Rf5 26.Nxe6 Qxg6+  
27.Kh1 Qg4 28.Nxg7 Rxe3 29.Rxe3 Rxf3  
30.Re8+ Rf8+ 0-1

**SAMUEL,JOSHUA 1982**  
**TURNER,LARRY 1737**

1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 Bf5 4.Nf3 e6 5.Be2 Nd7  
6.0-0 c5 7.c4 exd4 8.Nxd4 Bxb1 9.Rxb1 dxc4  
10.Bxc4 Rc8 11.Bb5 a6 12.Bxd7+ Qxd7  
13.Be3 Ne7 14.Qd2 Nd5 15.Rfd1 Be7 16.Nf5  
exf5 17.Qxd5 Qxd5 18.Rxd5 Rd8 19.Rbd1  
Rxd5 20.Rxd5 g5 21.g3 h5 22.Kf1 Rh6 23.f4  
gxf4 24.gxf4 Rc6 25.a3 Rc2 26.Rd2 Rxd2  
27.Bxd2 Kd7 28.Kg2 Ke6 29.Kh3 f6 30.Be3  
fxe5 31.Bxe5 b5 32.Be3 Kd5 33.Kg3 Ke4  
34.Be5 Bd8 35.Kf2 Bb6+ 36.Kg3 Bd8 37.Bg7  
h4+ 38.Kh3 Kxf4 39.Bc3 Ke4 40.Kg2 f4 41.h3  
f3+ 42.Kf1 Bb6 43.Bf6 Bd4 44.Bxh4 Bxb2  
45.Be7 Bd4 46.Bb4 Kf4 47.h4 Kg4 48.Be7 Bc3  
49.Kf2 a5 50.h5 Kxh5 51.Kxf3 b4 52.axb4  
axb4 53.Bxb4 ½-½

**WIJETUNGE,IVAN 1805**  
**CANNEY,RANDY 2222**

1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5 3.e3 g6 4.Nf3 Bg7 5.Bd3 0-0  
6.0-0 c5 7.Re1 b6 8.b3 Bb7 9.Bb2 Nbd7  
10.Ne2 Rc8 11.Ng3 e6 12.c4 Ne4 13.Bxe4  
dxe4 14.Nd2 f5 15.Ndf1 h5 16.Ne2 g5 17.h4  
exd4 18.Bxd4 e5 19.Bb2 gxf4 20.Nc3 Nc5  
21.Qxh5 Nd3 22.Red1 Rc6 23.Ba3 Rh6 24.Qe2  
Rff6 25.Rd2 Rfg6 26.Kh2 Rh8 27.Qd1 0-1

**OREGEL,ROWEN 1752**

**MOTLEY,CHRISTOPHER 1989**

1.e4 Nf6 2.e5 Nd5 3.d4 d6 4.c4 Nb6 5.exd6  
exd6 6.Nc3 g6 7.Nf3 Bg7 8.Be2 Nc6 9.0-0 Bg4  
10.Be3 Bxf3 11.Bxf3 Nxc4 12.Qa4 Nb6  
13.Bxc6+ Kf8 14.Qb5 1-0

**OXMAN,KEITH 1953**

**MASSEY,SCOTT 1728**

1.e4 Nf6 2.e5 Nd5 3.d4 d6 4.Nf3 Bg4 5.Be2 e6  
6.0-0 Be7 7.c4 Nb6 8.exd6 exd6 9.Nbd2 0-0  
10.b3 Nc6 11.Bb2 d5 12.Ne5 Bxe2 13.Qxe2  
Bf6 14.Nxc6 bxc6 15.e5 Nd7 16.Nf3 a5 17.Qc2  
Re8 18.Rfe1 Qc7 19.Re2 Be7 20.Rae1 Qa7  
21.Re3 a4 22.b4 Qa6 23.a3 Bf6 24.R3e2 Be7  
25.Be1 Bf6 26.Ng5 h6 27.Qh7+ Kf8 28.Qh8+  
Ke7 29.Rxe6+ fxe6 30.Rxe6+ 1-0

**BAFFO,JEFFREY 1732**  
**KROWCZYK,MARK 1970**

1.Nc3 e6 2.e4 c5 3.Nf3 Nc6 4.d4 cxd4 5.Nxd4  
Nf6 6.Nxc6 bxc6 7.Be3 Be7 8.Be2 0-0 9.0-0 d5  
10.Bf3 Ba6 11.Re1 Nd7 12.Be2 Bxe2 13.Qxe2  
Qa5 14.Bd2 d4 15.Nd5 Qd8 16.Nxe7+ Qxe7  
17.c3 c5 18.Rad1 e5 19.Rc1 Qd6 20.cxd4 cxd4  
21.Qc4 Nb6 22.Qc7 Qe6 23.b3 Rfc8 24.Qb7  
Qd7 25.Qa6 Rc6 26.Rxc6 Qxc6 27.Qd3 Rc8  
28.Qh3 h6 29.g3 Qg6 30.a4 Rc2 31.a5 Nc8  
32.f3 Nd6 33.Bb4 Ne8 34.Qd7 Qe6 35.Qe7  
Qe6 36.Qxa7 Qh3 0-1

**ROUNTREE,BRIAN 1854**

**OXMAN,KEITH 1953**

1.e4 Nf6 2.e5 Nd5 3.d4 d6 4.Nf3 Bg4 5.Be2 e6  
6.0-0 Be7 7.h3 Bh5 8.c4 Nb6 9.b3 dxe5  
10.Nxe5 Bxe2 11.Qxe2 0-0 12.Bb2 N8d7  
13.Rd1 c6 14.Nc3 Qc7 15.Rd3 Rad8 16.Rad1  
Nxe5 17.dxe5 Rxd3 18.Rxd3 Rd8 19.Ne4 Rxd3  
20.Qxd3 Qd7 21.Qxd7 Nxd7 22.f4 Kf8 23.Bd4  
c5 24.Be3 b6 25.Kf2 h5 26.g3 h4 ½-½

**HERMAN,DANIEL 2205**

**WOLF,WILLIAM 1814**

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.d4 exd4 4.Nxd4 g6 5.Nc3  
Bg7 6.Be3 Nge7 7.Qd2 0-0 8.Be4 Na5 9.Be2  
d5 10.exd5 Nxd5 11.Bg5 f6 12.Bh4 g5 13.Bg3  
f5 14.Nxd5 Qxd5 15.Bxc7 Bxd4 16.Bxa5 f4  
17.Bc3 Bxc3 18.Qxc3 Be6 19.Bf3 Qf5 20.0-0  
Rac8 21.Qd3 Qf7 22.Rfe1 g4 23.Rxe6 gxf3  
24.Rae1 Rfd8 25.Qxf3 Rxc2 26.Qb3 Rdd2  
27.Re8+ Kg7 28.R8e7 Qxe7 29.Rxe7+ Kh6  
30.Qe6+ Kg5 31.Rg7+ Kh5 32.Qh3# 1-0

**CANNEY,RANDY 2222**

**HEYSER,WILBUR 1933**

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.e5 Nfd7 5.Nf3 c5  
6.dxc5 Bxc5 7.Bd3 Nc6 8.Bf4 a6 9.Qe2 Nd4  
10.Nxd4 Bxd4 11.0-0 Nc5 12.Qg4 Bxc3  
13.Qxg7 Rf8 14.bxc3 Nxd3 15.cxd3 h5 16.Bh6  
Qe7 17.Rfb1 b5 18.a4 bxa4 19.Rxa4 1-0

**KROWCZYK,MARK 1970**

**LANGSETH,DUWAYNE 1869**

1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 f5 4.Nf3 c6 5.e3 Bd6  
6.Ne5 Nf6 7.Bd2 0-0 8.Be2 Ne4 9.0-0 Qh4  
10.Be1 Nd7 11.f4 Qe7 12.Qb3 Ndf6 13.Rd1 g5  
14.g4 Nxc3 15.bxc3 Bxe5 16.fxg5 Bxh2+  
17.Kxh2 Ne4 18.gxf5 Kh8 19.f6 Qd6+ 20.Rf4  
h6 21.gxh6 Rxf6 22.Bg3 Rxh6+ 23.Kg2 Nxc3  
24.Kxc3 e5 25.dxe5 Qxe5 26.Rd3 Bf5 27.Qd1  
Rg8+ 28.Kf2 Rh2+ 29.Ke1 Rgg2 30.Bf1 Rxa2  
31.Qf3 Ra1+ 32.Rd1 Qxc3# 0-1

**LUNDSTROM,BRAD 1949**

**CANNEY,RANDY 2222**

1.e4 e5 2.Nc3 Nf6 3.g3 d5 4.exd5 Nxd5 5.Bg2  
Nb6 6.Nf3 Nc6 7.0-0 Be7 8.d3 0-0 9.Be3 f5  
10.Na4 Kh8 11.Rc1 f4 12.Bc5 e4 13.Ne1 f3  
14.exf3 exf3 15.Bxf3 Nxa4 16.Qxa4 Bxc5  
17.Rxc5 Bh3 18.Bg2 Bxg2 19.Kxg2 Qf6 20.d4  
Rae8 21.Qd1 Nxd4 22.f4 c6 23.Nd3 Nf5  
24.Re5 Rxe5 25.fxe5 Ne3+ Rh1 0-1

**MOORE,KENZIE 1885**  
**HERMAN,DANIEL 2205**

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 e6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 a6 5.Nc3  
Qc7 6.Bd3 Nf6 7.f4 d6 8.Qe2 Be7 9.Be3 Nbd7  
10.g4 Nc5 11.Rg1 b5 12.g5 Nfd7 13.0-0-0  
Nxd3+ 14.Qxd3 Nc5 15.Qe2 b4 16.Nb1 Nxe4  
17.Nd2 Nxd2 18.Bxd2 0-0 19.Bxb4 Rb8  
20.Bc3 d5 21.Qd2 Bd6 22.Ne2 Qc4 23.Kb1  
Bd7 24.f5 exf5 25.Qxd5 Be6 26.Qxd6 Qxa2+  
27.Kc1 Rbd8 28.Qa3 ½-½

**CANNEY,RANDY 2222**

**LANGSETH,DUWAYNE 1869**

1.e4 d5 2.exd5 Qxd5 3.Nf3 Nf6 4.d4 c6 5.c4  
Qe4+ 6.Be2 Bf5 7.0-0 Qc2 8.Qxc2 Bxc2 9.Na3  
Be4 10.Ng5 Bg6 11.d5 h6 12.Nf3 cxd5 13.Nb5  
Na6 14.cxd5 Nxd5 15.Ne5 Bh7 16.Bf3 e6  
17.Re1 Bb4 18.Re2 0-0 19.a3 Ba5 20.b4 Bb6  
21.Bb2 Rfd8 22.Rd2 Nac7 23.Nxc7 Bxc7  
24.Rad1 Rac8 25.h3 f6 26.Bxd5 exd5 27.Ng4  
Bf4 28.Rxd5 Rxd5 29.Rxd5 Be4 30.Rd4 f5  
31.Rd7 fxg4 32.Rxg7+ Kf8 33.Rxg4 Be1  
34.Bg7+ Kf7 35.Bxh6 Bf5 36.Rg7+ Kf6  
37.Rxb7 Bxh6 38.Rxa7 Rc1+ 39.Kh2 Bf4+  
40.g3 Bd6 41.Ra6 Ke5 42.f4+ Kd5 43.Kg2  
Be4+ 44.Kf2 Ra1 0-1

**WOLF,WILLIAM 1814**

**LUO,KYLE 1137**

1.e4 e5 2.Nc3 Nc6 3.g3 Nf6 4.Bg2 Bc5 5.Nge2  
d6 6.Na4 Bb6 7.Nxb6 axb6 8.0-0 h5 9.d4 exd4  
10.Nxd4 Bd7 11.Nf5 Bxf5 12.exf5 0-0 13.Bg5  
g6 14.Qd2 Re8 15.Rfe1 Rxe1+ 16.Rxe1 Ne5  
17.f4 Ned7 18.Bxb7 Ra5 19.b4 Rxf5 20.Be6  
Kg7 21.Qc3 d5 22.h3 1-0

**WIKLE,EARLE 1903**

**LUNDSTROM,BRAD 1949**

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 Bg7 4.e4 d6 5.Be2 0-0  
6.Nf3 Nbd7 7.0-0 e5 8.Be3 Ng4 9.Bg5 f6  
10.Be1 c6 11.d5 c5 12.Ne1 Nh6 13.Nd3 f5  
14.a3 f4 15.b4 b6 16.a4 cxb4 17.Nxb4 Nc5  
18.Nc6 Qh4 19.f3 g5 20.Ne7+ Kh8 21.Nxc8  
Rxc8 22.Nb5 Rf6 23.Nxa7 Rg8 24.Qe1 Qxe1  
25.Rxe1 Ra8 26.Nc6 Rxa4 27.Rb1 Nd7 28.Bd2  
Rf8 29.Bb4 Nf7 30.Bd1 Ra6 31.Ne7 Nc5  
32.Be2 Rfa8 33.Rb2 Bf8 34.Nf5 Nh6 35.Nxh6  
Bxh6 36.Reb1 Bf8 37.Be1 Ra2 38.g3 Be7  
39.Bf1 Rxb2 40.Rxb2 Ra6 41.gxf4 gxf4  
42.Kg2 Bd8 43.Bf2 Kg7 44.Kh3 Ra3 45.Be2  
Nxe4 46.Kg2 Nxf2 47.Kxf2 Kf6 48.Bf1 ½-½





# Denver Chess Club 2023 Spring Classic

By JC Macneil (photos by Cori Iannaggi)

**... yet here she is, holding her own against strong, experienced, and much higher rated players.**



*Iris Li at the board*

The inaugural Denver Chess Club Spring Classic tournament was greeted by an excellent registration of 90 players. In addition to occasional one day tournaments, the DCC will now have four major weekend tournaments yearly - This DCC Spring Classic in May, the DCC Tribute to Martin Luther King in January, the DCC Denver Open in July, and the DCC Fall Classic in October - for chess players to participate in for their enjoyment, and the opportunity to put their hours of studying chess to the test. Of course, there is also the chance to be rewarded by winning substantial DCC tournament prize money.



*A good crowd at the Aurora library*

Next up is the 2023 DCC Denver Open, scheduled for July 22-24. In my opinion, our last several Denver Open tournaments have put Denver on the national chess tournament map. We are not at the level of other big city tournaments such as the Chicago Open or the Philadelphia World Open, but with a sponsorship of some kind, I believe the Denver Open could rise to that level. After all - with great weather, all 4 major sports teams, a world renown art museum, and easy access to Rocky Mountain recreation - Denver is an attractive destination city.

So then, on to who won what at the 1st DCC Spring Classic. I really liked how the prize money payout was structured at

this DCC tournament, and would like to see it adapted for all DCC weekend tournaments. There is no question that everyone, regardless of their USCF rating, had a chance to win significant prize money. Fully 25 players won a share of the - can I say enormous - 4500 dollar prize fund.



*The top boards in action*

In the Championship section, Daniel Herman continued his winning ways by taking clear 1st place with 4.5 points. Only giving up a last round draw to his sister, Sara, when their last round pairing was forced, to their credit they played a real game and not a McConnell brothers 3 moves and call it a draw game :-). Mr. Herman takes home 600 dollars for his outstanding play.



*Tournament winner Daniel Herman with Richard Shtivelband watching*

Richard Shtivelband, Sara Herman, and rising star, Iris Li share the combined 2nd, 3rd and U2200 place prize. Each player ended up with 3.5 points and they each won 266 dollars and 67 cents. I'm guessing Iris is still in grade school, and yet here she is, holding her own against strong, experienced, and much higher rated players. She held NM Shtivelband to a draw, and won against near Expert strength, Keith Oxman, and Earle Wikle.

Will Osborne and Caleb Pena share the combined 2nd U2200 and 1st U2000 prize of 300 dollars. Mr. Osborne had a big round 2 upset win over Expert Juan

Brenes. The 2nd U2000 prize of 100 dollars was shared by Mr. Oxman, and Grayson Manuel, another youngster who is serious about his game and improving fast.



*Iris Li vs. Daniel Herman and Keith Oxman has white against Richard Shtivelband behind them*

In the U1800 section, I was glad to see DCC Treasurer, Luis Jimenez share 1st place with Rocco Degeest, and Abhiram Palle, two kids that can already play better than I ever have. (meaning no offence, I call anyone under 20 years old a kid) :-). They each finished with 4 points and share the combined 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place prize of 900 dollars. Jacob Zirin ruled the U1600 section, ending up with an unmatched perfect 5-0 score that won 350 dollars. Mark Weston, Seth Lichtenstein, and Tyler Poole each won 116 dollars and 67 cents with final scores of 3.5 points.

The U1400 section was won by DCC TD, Weston Taylor. He finished with a near perfect 4.5 points and won 300 dollars. Micah Pena took 2nd place with 4 points and won 200 dollars, and Audrey Li won 100 dollars with 3.5 points. Each half point difference in these final scores was 100 dollars. I remember a GM saying something like, "in a tournament, winning is good, but it is more important not to lose."



*Sara Herman*



*Sibling rivalry in round 5*

Paragraph after paragraph, the list of prize winners continues. In the U1200 section, Mason Brady and Vijaya Ramesh tied for 1st place with 4 points and they won 200 dollars. Then Andy Hoang, Tanay Kataru, Johnathan Lowell, and Evan Holnquist all ended up with 3.5 points and they share the 3rd place prize of 100 dollars. Except for round 2, Mr. Lowell's points were all from upsetting higher rated players. Mr. Holmquist had big upset wins in rounds 4 and 5 to earn his share of the prize money.



*A full house at the DCC Spring Classic*

As always a big THANK YOU to all the players who are participating in DCC tournaments. We are also very appreciative of Cori Iannaggi and the Aurora Library system for their most welcome support of DCC tournaments. Cori is moving to Ohio and she will be missed by the DCC, and I'm sure by the Aurora libraries. Many thanks for all you did for us Cori.

## Cross Tables

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Chief TD: PETER BARLAY

Chief Assist. TD: EARLE P WIKLE

Time Control: G/90;+30

### Section 1 - CHAMPIONSHIP (+1700 USCF)

Pair Num	Player Name	USCF ID / Rtg (Pre->Post)	Total Pts	Round 1	Round 2	Round 3	Round 4	Round 5
1	DANIEL HERMAN	14345456 / R: 2205 ->2215	4.5	W	10W	7W	8W	4D 3
CO	12630593 / R: 2200 ->2200	N:C	B	W	B	W	B	W
2	RICHARD SHTIVELBAND	12630593 / R: 2200 ->2200	3.5	W	5D	3D	4D	8W 7
CO	12630593 / R: 2200 ->2200	N:1	W	B	W	B	W	B
3	SARA HERMAN	14345441 / R: 1991 ->2020	3.5	W	15D	2D	7W	5D 1
CO	14345441 / R: 1991 ->2020	N:1	B	W	B	W	B	W
4	IRIS LI	16934084 / R: 1893 ->1952	3.5	W	9W	14D	2L	1W 8
CO	16934084 / R: 1893 ->1952	N:1	B	W	B	W	B	W
5	WILL OSBORNE	12763146 / R: 1849 ->1885	3.0	L	2W	15W	13L	3W 9
CO	12763146 / R: 1849 ->1885	N:1	B	W	B	W	B	W
6	CALEB PE A	12630593 / R: 1862 ->1884	3.0	L	13W	16W	12L	7W 10
CO	12630593 / R: 1862 ->1884	N:1	W	B	W	B	W	B
7	CRAIG D WILCOX	12418845 / R: 2069 ->2064	2.5	W	11L	1D	3W	6L 2
CO	12418845 / R: 2069 ->2064	N:1	W	B	W	B	W	B
8	MR. KEITH JAY OXMAN	12459346 / R: 1953 ->1965	2.5	W	16W	13L	1D	2L 4
CO	12459346 / R: 1953 ->1965	N:1	W	B	W	B	W	B
9	GRAYSON MANUEL	16746206 / R: 1819 ->1815	2.5	L	4W	11D	10X	13L 5
CO	16746206 / R: 1819 ->1815	N:3	W	B	W	B	W	B
10	KENZIE L MOORE	13028820 / R: 1885 ->1873	2.0	L	1D	12D	9W	11L 6
CO	13028820 / R: 1885 ->1873	N:2	W	B	W	B	W	B
11	DANIEL MARMER	12889369 / R: 1831 ->1821	2.0	L	7L	9W	16L	10W 12
CO	12889369 / R: 1831 ->1821	N:2	B	W	B	W	B	W

12	WILLIAM LEO WOLF	14762885 / R: 1814 ->1803	2.0	H	D	10L	6W	15L 11
CO	14762885 / R: 1814 ->1803	N:3	W	B	W	B	W	B
13	JUAN CARLOS BRENES SALGADO	16135827 / R: 2085 ->2058	1.0	W	6L	8L	5F	U
CO	16135827 / R: 2085 ->2058	N:	B	W	B	W	B	W
14	EARLE P WIKLE	12126030 / R: 1903 ->1890	0.5	H	L	4U	U	U
CO	12126030 / R: 1903 ->1890	N:	B	W	B	W	B	W
15	TIMOTHY E BRENNAN	12718954 / R: 1800 ->1800	0.5	L	3L	5H	L	12U
CO	12718954 / R: 1800 ->1800	N:	W	B	W	B	W	B
16	CALVIN BRYAN JACKSON	12909901 / R: 1776 ->1742	0.0	L	8L	6L	11U	U
CO	12909901 / R: 1776 ->1742	N:	B	W	B	W	B	W

### 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	LUIS A JIMENEZ	14736983 / R: 1857 ->1866	4.0	W	6W	18L	2W	7W 4
CO	14736983 / R: 1857 ->1866	N:2	B	W	B	W	B	W
2	ROCCO JAN DEGEEST	30438419 / R: 1642 ->1742	4.0	W	20W	14W	1L	4W 6
CO	30438419 / R: 1642 ->1742	N:2	B	W	B	W	B	W
3	ABHIRAM PALLE	17054842 / R: 1628 ->1705	4.0	L	4W	13W	18W	12W 10
CO	17054842 / R: 1628 ->1705	N:2	W	B	W	B	W	B
4	TED DOYKOS	12724380 / R: 1736 ->1770	3.5	W	3W	10H	W	2L 1
CO	12724380 / R: 1736 ->1770	N:2	B	W	B	W	B	W
5	JEFFREY BAFFO	10340195 / R: 1732 ->1729	3.0	W	11L	7W	8L	6W 12
CO	10340195 / R: 1732 ->1729	N:3	W	B	W	B	W	B
6	JONATHAN SEALANDER	30348127 / R: 1654 ->1681	3.0	L	1W	17W	11W	5L 2
CO	30348127 / R: 1654 ->1681	N:2	W	B	W	B	W	B
7	DON EUGENE WISDOM JR.	12631931 / R: 1591 ->1649	3.0	W	13W	5H	L	1D 8
CO	12631931 / R: 1591 ->1649	N:2	B	W	B	W	B	W
8	BRADFORD C BLAKE	11052533 / R: 1600 ->1637	3.0	H	W	15L	5W	14D 7
CO	11052533 / R: 1600 ->1637	N:3	W	B	W	B	W	B
9	SAI SWANITH DASARI	16623300 / R: 1607 ->1622	3.0	D	15L	12D	10W	20W 18
CO	16623300 / R: 1607 ->1622	N:3	W	B	W	B	W	B
10	MS. TANYA GURPUR MADKE PRABHU	16349446 / R: 1614 ->1610	2.5	B	L	4D	9W	15L 3
CO	16349446 / R: 1614 ->1610	N:4	W	B	W	B	W	B
11	ABHIJAY BALAMURUGAN	16913354 / R: 1602 ->1589	2.5	L	5W	20L	6D	18B
CO	16913354 / R: 1602 ->1589	N:4	B	W	B	W	B	W
12	KENNETH DOYKOS	10358086 / R: 1700 ->1700	2.0	D	16W	9H	L	3L 5
CO	10358086 / R: 1700 ->1700	N:4	B	W	B	W	B	W
13	DEREK YIN	16493370 / R: 1690 ->1664	2.0	L	7L	3H	W	17D 15
CO	16493370 / R: 1690 ->1664	N:4	W	B	W	B	W	B
14	GARY BAGSTAD	10924031 / R: 1709 ->1700	1.5	W	17L	2H	L	8U
CO	10924031 / R: 1709 ->1700	N:	W	B	W	B	W	B
15	KRISTOPHER ZELKIN	30155254 / R: 1675 ->1633	1.5	D	9L	8H	L	10D 13
CO	30155254 / R: 1675 ->1633	N:	B	W	B	W	B	W
16	JOHN KRUE	11459501 / R: 1583 ->1610	1.5	D	12W	19U	U	U
CO	11459501 / R: 1583 ->1610	N:	W	B	W	B	W	B
17	SHAN M OBAIDULLAH	15756966 / R: 1601P22->1575	1.5	L	14L	6H	L	13W 20
CO	15756966 / R: 1601P22->1575	N:	B	W	B	W	B	W
18	BRIAN YUDKIN	31223635 / R: Unrated->1520P5	1.5	W	19L	1L	3D	11L 9
CO	31223635 / R: Unrated->1520P5	N:4	W	B	W	B	W	B
19	OWEN EMERSON CHRIST	15562723 / R: 1666 ->1618	1.0	L	18L	16B	U	U
CO	15562723 / R: 1666 ->1618	N:	B	W	B	W	B	W
20	JAMES MACNEIL	12532599 / R: 1661 ->1600	0.5	L	2L	11H	L	9L 17
CO	12532599 / R: 1661 ->1600	N:	W	B	W	B	W	B

### Section 3 - U1600

Pair Num	Player Name	USCF ID / Rtg (Pre->Post)	Total Pts	Round 1	Round 2	Round 3	Round 4	Round 5
1	JACOB THOMAS ZIRIN	15359044 / R: 1588 ->1682	5.0	W	10W	4W	5W	2W 3
CO	15359044 / R: 1588 ->1682	N:2	B	W	B	W	B	W
2	MARK WESTON	30614763 / R: 1541 ->1557	3.5	D	7W	13W	8L	1W 6
CO	30614763 / R: 1541 ->1557	N:3	W	B	W	B	W	B
3	TYLER A POOLE	12612558 / R: 1460 ->1514	3.5	W	11W	12H	W	5L 1
CO	12612558 / R: 1460 ->1514	N:3	B	W	B	W	B	W
4	MR. SETH JOEL LICHTENSTEIN	30244195 / R: 1442 ->1509	3.5	W	9L	1H	W	12W 8
CO	30244195 / R: 1442 ->1509	N:3	B	W	B	W	B	W
5	MR. GNANESWAR KUSHAL DOPPALAPUDI	30402217 / R: 1418 ->1457	3.0	W	13W	8L	1L	3W 10
CO	30402217 / R: 1418 ->1457	N:3	W	B	W	B	W	B
6	SARVESH RAJESH	16925315 / R: 1282 ->1369	3.0	L	12W	10W	7W	11L 2
CO	16925315 / R: 1282 ->1369	N:4	W	B	W	B	W	B
7	DARSHAN SATISHKUMAR	16961241 / R: 1402 ->1411	2.5	D	2W	9L	6L	8W 12
CO	16961241 / R: 1402 ->1411	N:4	B	W	B	W	B	W
8	EMIR M SANTANA	12857210 / R: 1513 ->1482	2.0	W	14L	5L	2W	7L 4
CO	12857210 / R: 1513 ->1482	N:4	B	W	B	W	B	W
9	MARK LAUER	12606904 / R: 1467 ->1433	2.0	L	4L	7W	14L	10W 13
CO	12606904 / R: 1467 ->1433	N:	W	B	W	B	W	B
10	ANTONY E BROWN	17328111 / R: 1426P14->1395P18	2.0	L	1L	6B	W	9L 5
CO	17328111 / R: 1426P14->1395P18	N:	W	B	W	B	W	B
11	DANIEL CHRISTIAN PFEIL	17117142 / R: 1447P20->1418P24	1.5	L	3D	14W	13L	6U
CO	17117142 / R: 1447P20->1418P24	N:	W	B	W	B	W	B
12	ANDREW BUECHE	30327958 / R: 1367 ->1344	1.5	W	6L	3H	L	4L 7
CO	30327958 / R: 1367 ->1344	N:	B	W	B	W	B	W



13	DEAN W BROWN	1.0	L	5	L	2	L	11	B	L	9
CO	10224098 / R: 1442 ->1400			B	W	B				W	
14	MARK ZERINGUE	0.5	L	8	D	11	L	9	U	U	
CO	12499151 / R: 1400 ->1400			W	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	WESTON ALEXANDER TAYLOR CO 30776543 / R: 1085 ->1281	4.5	W	6	W	11	W	4	D	2	W	7
2	MICAH PE A CO 30081553 / R: 1191 ->1294	4.0	W	15	W	13	H		D	1	W	4
3	AUDREY LI CO 17312162 / R: 1103 ->1222	3.5	D	10	W	5	W	13	L	4	W	8
4	TREVOR LEE BRADFORD CO 30570869 / R: 1257 ->1255	3.0	W	12	W	7	L	1	W	3	L	2
5	RICHARD T RUIZ III CO 30676968 / R: 1253P4 ->1197P8	3.0	L	7	L	3	W	12	X	15	W	13
6	WYATT WALKER WEAR CO 31197752 / R: 1030P3 ->1156P7	3.0	L	1	D	12	W	9	H		W	10
7	ERIC WOLCOTT CO 30451604 / R: 1049P17->1136P22	3.0	W	5	L	4	W	15	W	10	L	1
8	SHIRLEY HERMAN CO 14812654 / R: 903 ->1053	3.0	D	9	H		W	11	W	13	L	3
9	TOM NEEDHAM CO 12743781 / R: 1200 ->1200	2.5	D	8	L	10	L	6	W	12	W	14
10	ANDREW ROBICHAUD CO 30154062 / R: 1319 ->1263	2.0	D	3	W	9	H		L	7	L	6
11	SOFIJA GAINULLINA CO 30666704 / R: 963 -> 971	2.0	B		L	1	L	8	W	14	U	
12	CHAD AUGUST CO 12717164 / R: 959 -> 940	1.5	L	4	D	6	L	5	L	9	B	
13	MITCHELL BEYER CO 30744020 / R: 1377P21->1265	1.0	W	14	L	2	L	3	L	8	L	5
14	AARON BLAIR CO 30628722 / R: 1202 ->1080	1.0	L	13	L	15	B		L	11	L	9
15	REAGAN WALKER WHITE CO 14480124 / R: 880 -> 909	1.0	L	2	W	14	L	7	F		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	MASON BRADY CO 30219783 / R: 1126 ->1163	4.0	W	21	W	2	W	11	L	3		
2	VIJAYA RAGAVAN RAMESH CO 30285398 / R: 1078P9 ->1136P14	4.0	W	23	W	16	L	1	W	8	W	11
3	AN ANDY GIA HOANG CO 30554313 / R: 1085 ->1098	3.5	X	25	W	4	L	11	D	5	W	1
4	TANAY KATARU CO 30436408 / R: 960 -> 976	3.5	W	15	L	3	W	22	D	14	W	13
5	JOHNATHAN KYLE LOVELL CO 17108588 / R: 685P10-> 871P15	3.5	D	11	W	20	D	14	D	3	W	12
6	EVAN HOLMQUIST CO 30789183 / R: 306 -> 498	3.5	L	7	W	23	X	21	D	12	W	14
7	PETRA LAMBERT-GORWYN CO 15689074 / R: 1091 ->1144	3.0	W	6	W	13	W	8	U		U	
8	SANTINO JASSO KS 31266086 / R: Unrated->1029P5	3.0	W	24	W	12	L	7	L	2	W	19
9	HANSIT RAJ RAVADA CO 30635255 / R: 1026 -> 973	3.0	L	13	L	14	W	23	W	22	W	17
10	KEILIN KIRWIN CO 31033659 / R: 847P13-> 908P17	3.0	W	17	L	1	W	16	W	19	U	
11	LAN TRUONG CO 30588843 / R: 1158 ->1117	2.5	D	5	W	19	W	3	L	1	L	2
12	ROB G JAMISON CO 12809674 / R: 1025 -> 962	2.5	W	22	L	8	W	17	D	6	L	5
13	ALISON WALKER CO 31230760 / R: Unrated-> 947P4	2.5	W	9	L	7	H		W	18	L	4
14	JONATHAN REINHARD CO 16428233 / R: 876 -> 852	2.5	D	20	W	9	D	5	D	4	L	6
15	SHAYAN EHAN OBAIDULLAH CO 31268553 / R: Unrated-> 724P4	2.5	L	4	L	21	H		W	24	W	20
16	COBY WU CO 31270915 / R: Unrated-> 806P5	2.0	W	18	L	2	L	10	L	17	W	24
17	BENJAMIN HENRY GETCHES CO 31266104 / R: Unrated-> 789P5	2.0	L	10	W	18	L	12	W	16	L	9
18	SCOTT JACOBSEN CO 31026007 / R: 711P9 -> 660P13	2.0	L	16	L	17	B		L	13	W	22
19	DAVID PHILLIP HAMM JR. CO 30919949 / R: 166P5 -> 264P9	2.0	B		L	11	W	20	L	10	L	8
20	PATRICIA EMILY MCCracken CO 17237514 / R: 690P1 -> 410P6	1.5	D	14	L	5	L	19	W	23	L	15

21	MR. ERIC CHARLES MCROBERTS CO 30422661 / R: 628P8 -> 693P10	1.0	L	1	W	15	F		U		U	
22	CLAYTON SMITH CO 31225516 / R: Unrated-> 276P4	1.0	L	12	X	24	L	4	L	9	L	18
23	NOLAN ORTIZ CO 31223107 / R: Unrated-> 101P4	1.0	L	2	L	6	L	9	L	20	B	
24	ANDREW J STEPHENSON CO 12693461 / R: 975 -> 873	0.5	L	8	F		H		L	15	L	16
25	JACOB PAULEY CT 31206356 /	0.0	F		U		U		U		U	



## Games from the Denver Chess Club 2023 Spring Classic

**MOORE 1885, KENZIE  
HERMAN, DANIEL 2220**

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 e6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 a6 5.Nc3  
Qc7 6.Qf3 Nc6 7.Nxc6 bxc6 8.Bf4 e5 9.Bg5 h6  
10.Bh4 Be7 11.Bxe7 Nxe7 12.Bc4 0-0 13.0-0  
Rb8 14.Bb3 Kh8 15.g4 d5 16.g5 Qd6 17.exd5  
cxd5 18.Nxd5 Nxd5 19.Qxd5 Qxd5 20.Bxd5  
hgx5 21.Rhe1 f6 22.c4 Bf5 23.Re3 Rfc8  
24.Ra3 Rb6 25.b3 Kh7 26.Kb2 Kg6 27.Kc3  
Rh8 28.c5 Rh3+ 29.Kc4 Rh4+ 30.Kc3 Rb5  
31.Be4 Rh3+ 32.Kd2 Rxc5 33.Rxa6 Rxh2  
34.Rc1 Rxf2+ 35.Kc3 Rc2 36.Rh1 g4 37.Ra7  
Rc3+ 38.Kf2 g3+ 39.Kg2 Be4+ 0-1

**WILCOX, CRAIG 2069  
MARMER, DANIEL 1803**

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 d5 4.cxd5 Nxd5 5.e4  
Nxc3 6.bxc3 Bg7 7.Be3 c5 8.Qd2 Nc6 9.Nf3  
Bg4 10.d5 Bxf3 11.gxf3 Ne5 12.Bb5+ Kf8  
13.Be2 Qa5 14.Rc1 h5 15.c4 Qa3 16.Rg1 Rd8  
17.h3 Nc6 18.f4 Bb2 19.Rc2 Ba1 20.Rc1 Bb2  
21.Bxc5 Bxc1 22.Bxa3 Bxd2+ 23.Kxd2 b6  
24.Ke3 Na5 25.c5 bxc5 26.Rb1 Rd7 27.Bxc5  
Rb7 28.Rxb7 Nxb7 29.Bxa7 Ke8 30.Bb5+ Kd8  
31.Bb6+ Kc8 32.e5 Nd8 33.a4 Kb7 34.a5 e6  
35.d6 Rg8 36.Kd4 g5 37.Bxd8 Rxd8 38.fgx5  
Ka7 39.f4 Rc8 40.d7 Rd8 41.Kc5 Kb7 42.Kd6  
Rb8 43.Bc6+ Ka6 44.Kc7 Rh8 45.d8Q 1-0

**SHTIVELBAND, RICHARD 2212  
OSBORNE, WILL 1876**

1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 Bf5 4.Ne2 e6 5.Ng3 Bg6  
6.h4 h5 7.Be2 c5 8.c3 Nc6 9.Be3 Qb6 10.Qb3  
c4 11.Qxb6 axb6 12.Nd2 b5 13.a3 Nge7  
14.Rc1 Nc8 15.Bd1 Nb6 16.Be2 Bxc2 17.Rxc2  
Be7 18.Nf3 Nd7 19.0-0 Nf8 20.Ne2 Ng6 21.g3  
Bd8 22.Kg2 Nge7 23.Nf4 Nf5 24.Bc1 g6  
25.Re2 Nce7 26.Rh1 Ng7 27.Ree1 Nef5  
28.Ne2 Be7 29.Bf4 Kd7 30.Nc1 Ne8 31.Na2  
Nc7 32.Rh2 Ne8 33.Reh1 Neg7 34.Kf1 Rag8  
35.Kc2 Ra8 36.Kd2 Ne8 37.Kc2 Nc7 38.Nc1  
Ne8 39.Ne2 Neg7 40.Neg1 Nh6 41.Nh3 Ngf5  
42.Kd2 Ng4 43.Rg2 Ngh6 44.Bg5 Bxg5+  
45.hxg5 Ng8 46.Nf4 Nge7 47.Rgh2 Rhg8  
48.Ng1 Rg7 49.Nge2 Nc6 50.f3 Rag8 51.g4  
hxg4 52.fxg4 Nfe7 53.Kc3 Nc8 54.Ng3 Nb6  
55.Kf3 Na4 56.Nf1 Nb6 57.Ne3 Na5 58.Rh8  
Ke7 59.R1h2 Kf8 60.R8h6 Ke7 61.Kg3 Nb3  
62.Nc2 Na5 63.Nb4 Nb3 64.Rf2 Na5 65.Ng2  
Nb3 66.Kh4 Na5 67.Nf4 Nb3 68.Rg2 Na5  
69.Nc2 Nc6 70.Ne3 Na5 71.Nf1 Nc6 72.Ng3  
Nd7 73.Rg1 Na5 74.Ra1 Nb6 75.Nge2 Nb3  
76.Rd1 Na4 77.Nc1 Nxb2 78.Re1 Ra8 79.Nxb3  
cxb3 80.Rb1 Nc4 81.Rxb3 Nxa3 82.Kg3 Ra5  
83.Rh8 Kd7 84.Nd3 Nc4 85.Nc5+ Ke7 86.Re8  
b6 87.Nd3 Rh7 88.Rf8 Nd2 89.Rb2 Ne4+  
90.Kf4 Ra3 91.Nb4 Rxc3 92.Ra2 Nc5 93.Ra7+  
Nb7 94.Na6+ 1-0

**PEÑA, CALEB 1862  
BRENES, JUAN 2082**

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 Bg7 4.e4 d6 5.Nf3 0-0  
6.Be2 e5 7.dxe5 dxe5 8.Bg5 Nbd7 9.0-0 h6  
10.Be3 Ng4 11.Bd2 c6 12.Ne1 Ngf6 13.Be3  
Qe7 14.Nd3 Rd8 15.Qc1 Kh7 16.f3 Nf8 17.Rd1  
N6d7 18.b4 Ne6 19.Bf1 Nd4 20.Rb1 Nf8 21.b5  
Nfe6 22.bxc6 bxc6 23.Nb4 a5 24.Nc2 h5  
25.Na4 h4 26.Nxd4 exd4 27.Bf2 c5 28.Qa3  
Qg5 29.Nb6 Ra7 30.Rb5 Be5 31.Kh1 a4  
32.Rxc5 Nxc5 33.Qxc5 Rc7 34.Qa5 Bb7  
35.Qxa4 Qf4 36.Bg1 h3 37.Nd5 Bxd5 38.cxd5  
hxg2+ 39.Bxg2 Kg7 40.Rd3 Rc1 41.Rd1 Rh8  
42.h3 Rxh3+ 43.Bxh3 Qxf3+ 44.Bg2 Qh5+ 0-1

**JIMENEZ, LUIS 1788  
YUDKIN, BRIAN**

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Bc5 5.c3 b5  
6.Be2 Bb7 7.0-0 Nf6 8.d4 exd4 9.e5 Nd5  
10.cxd4 Bb6 11.Nc3 Nce7 12.Re1 c5 13.Ne4  
Qc7 14.Nd6+ Kf8 15.Ng5 f6 16.Qh5 g6  
17.Nxh7+ Kg8 18.Bxg6 cxd4 19.Bf7+ 1-0

**BRENES, JUAN 2082  
OXMAN, KEITH 1953**

1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.Bg5 Nbd7 5.e3  
Be7 6.Nf3 c6 7.Bd3 dxc4 8.Bxc4 Nd5 9.Bxd5  
exd5 10.Bf4 0-0 11.Qe2 Nf6 12.h3 Re8 13.Ng5  
Bd6 14.0-0-0 h6 15.Nf3 Ne4 16.Nxe4 Bxf4  
17.Nc3 Bd6 18.g4 Qf6 19.Qe2 Bd7 20.g5 hxg5  
21.Rdg1 b5 22.Rxg5 b4 23.Na4 c5 24.Nxc5  
Bxc5 25.dxc5 Rac8 26.Rhg1 Rxc5+ 27.Kd1  
Ba4+ 0-1

**DOYKOS, TED 1736  
PRABHU, TANYA 1614**

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.d4 exd4 4.Bc4 Be7 5.c3 d6  
6.cxd4 Nf6 7.Nc3 0-0 8.0-0 Bg4 9.Bb5 Bxf3  
10.gxf3 a6 11.Ba4 Nd7 12.Nd5 Bf6 13.Be3  
Ne7 14.Nf4 Ng6 15.Kh1 Nb6 16.Bb3 Bg5  
17.Nxg6 hxg6 18.f4 Bh6 19.Qg4 Kh7 20.Rg1  
Qd7 21.Qf3 Rae8 22.Rg3 Qe7 23.e5 c6  
24.Rag1 d5 25.Be2 Kg8 26.f5 g5 27.f6 Qe6  
28.Bf5 Qxf5 29.Qxf5 g6 30.Qh3 Kh7  
31.Qxh6+ Kxh6 32.Rh3# 1-0

**HERMAN, SARA 1991  
SHTIVELBAND, RICHARD 2212**

1.d4 e6 2.c4 f5 3.g3 Nf6 4.Bg2 Be7 5.Nf3 0-0  
6.0-0 d6 7.Qb3 Kh8 8.Rd1 Qe8 9.Nc3 Bd8  
10.Nd2 Nc6 11.e3 b6 12.c5 Bb7 13.Qa3 dxc5  
14.dxc5 Be7 15.b4 a5 16.Qb2 axb4 17.Nb5  
Qd7 18.cxb6 cxb6 19.Qc2 Rfd8 20.Bb2 Na5  
21.Qc7 Qxb5 22.Bxb7 Bd6 23.Qf7 Rf8  
24.Qxe6 Nxb7 25.Nc4 Bc5 26.Ne5 Qe8  
27.Qxf5 Nd6 28.Qh3 Qh5 29.Qxh5 Nxh5  
30.Nd7 Rfd8 31.Nxc5 bxc5 32.Rd5 c4 33.Rxh5  
c3 34.Bxc3 bxc3 35.Rc1 Rac8 36.Rd5 Nf7  
37.e4 Rxd5 38.exd5 Ne5 39.d6 Kg8 40.f4 Nd7  
41.Kf2 Kf7 42.Ke3 Ke6 43.Kd4 Kxd6 44.Rxc3  
Rb8 45.a3 Rb2 46.h3 Nf6 47.Rd3 Re2 48.Rb3  
Rd2+ 49.Ke3 Rh2 50.Rb7 g6 51.h4 Rc2  
52.Rb6+ Ke7 53.Rb7+ Ke6 54.Rb3 h5 55.a4  
Ra2 56.Rb6+ Kf7 57.Rb7+ Kg8 58.Ra7 Ra3+  
59.Kd4 Rxg3 60.a5 Ra3 61.Ke5 Ng4+ 62.Ke6  
Re3+ 63.Kd6 Nh6 64.a6 Nf5+ 65.Kc5 Rc3+  
66.Kd5 Nxh4 67.Rb7 Ra3 68.a7 Ng2 69.Ke5  
Ra5+ 70.Kf6 h4 71.Rb8+ Kh7 72.a8Q Rxa8  
73.Rxa8 Nxf4 74.Kg5 Ne6+ 75.Kxh4 Kg7 1/2-1/2

**WISDOM, DON 1580  
BAFFO, JEFF 1713**

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3  
a6 6.f3 e6 7.Be3 Nc6 8.Qd2 Be7 9.g4 Qc7  
10.g5 Nd7 11.0-0-0 Nce5 12.f4 Nc4 13.Bxc4  
Qxc4 14.h4 b5 15.a3 Bb7 16.Rhg1 0-0-0 17.b3  
Qc7 18.Ndx5 axb5 19.Nxb5 Qb8 20.Ba7 Qa8  
21.Qa5 Nb6 22.Qxb6 Rd7 23.Rd3 1-0

**LI, IRIS 1893  
WIKLE, EARLE 1910**

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.exd5 exd5 5.Bd3  
Nc6 6.a3 Bxc3+ 7.bxc3 Nge7 8.Qh5 Be6 9.Rb1  
Na5 10.Nf3 Qd6 11.Ne5 g6 12.Qf3 0-0-0 13.0-0  
Rdf8 14.Bh6 f6 15.Bxf8 Rxf8 16.Ng4 h5  
17.Ne5 g5 18.Rfe1 Qxa3 19.Ng6 Nxg6  
20.Bxg6 g4 21.Qe3 Bd7 22.Ra1 1-0

**SEALANDER, JON 1658  
BALAMURUGAN, ABHIJAY**

1.Nf3 Nc6 2.d4 d5 3.g3 Nf6 4.Bg2 Bf5 5.0-0 e6  
6.c4 dxc4 7.Nbd2 Nb4 8.Nxc4 Nc2 9.Nfe5 c6  
10.Nxc6 bxc6 11.Bxc6+ Nd7 12.e4 Nxa1  
13.exf5 Rc8 14.Ne5 Rxc6 15.Nxc6 Qb6  
16.fxe6 fxe6 17.d5 e5 18.Be3 Qxb2 19.Qxa1  
Qxa1 20.Rxa1 a6 21.Re1 Bd6 22.Nxe5 Nxe5  
23.Bd4 Kd7 24.Bxe5 Bxe5 25.Rxe5 Kd6  
26.Re6+ Kxd5 27.Rxa6 Kc4 28.h4 Kb5 29.Ra7  
g6 30.Kg2 Kb6 31.Rg7 Ka5 32.h5 gxh5  
33.Rg5+ Ka4 34.Rxh5 Ka3 35.Ra5+ Kb4  
36.Ra7 h5 37.Kh3 Rf8 38.f4 Rf5 39.Kh4 Kc3  
40.Rh7 Ra5 41.Rxh5 Rxa2 42.f5 Kd4 43.f6 Rf2  
44.Rh6 Ke5 45.g4 Rxf6 46.Rxf6 Kxf6 47.Kh5  
Kg7 48.Kg5 Kh7 49.Kf6 Kg8 50.Kg6 Kh8  
51.Kh6 Kg8 52.g5 Kh8 53.g6 Kg8 54.g7 1-0

**BLAKE, BRADFORD 1600  
BAFFO, JEFF 1713**

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 c5 3.d5 b5 4.e3 Bb7 5.Nf3 d6  
6.Bd3 g6 7.Nc3 b4 8.Ne2 Bg7 9.Ng3 0-0 10.h4  
e6 11.h5 exd5 12.hxg6 hxg6 13.cxd5 Nxd5  
14.Be4 Nc3 15.Qc2 Nxe4 16.Nxe4 Qe7  
17.Neg5 Re8 18.0-0 Nd7 19.e4 Bxe4 20.Nxe4  
Qxe4 21.Qxe4 Rxe4 22.Rb1 Rae8 23.Rd1 Nb6  
24.b3 d5 25.Bb2 Bc3 26.Ba1 d4 0-1

**WILCOX, CRAIG 2069  
HERMAN, SARA 1991**

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 d5 4.Nc3 Bb4 5.cxd5  
exd5 6.Bg5 h6 7.Bh4 g5 8.Bg3 Ne4 9.Qa4+  
Nc6 10.Rc1 Bxc3+ 11.bxc3 0-0 12.e3 Ne7  
13.Bd3 Bf5 14.Qc2 Nc8 15.Nd2 Re8 16.Nxe4  
Bxe4 17.0-0 Nd6 18.f3 Bxd3 19.Qxd3 Qd7  
20.Bxd6 Qxd6 21.c4 Rac8 22.Qb3 dxc4  
23.Rxc4 c5 24.Qxb7 Qe6 25.Qb3 Rb8 26.Qc3  
cxd4 27.exd4 Qe3+ 28.Qxe3 Rxe3 29.Kf2 Ra3  
30.Rc2 Rd3 31.Re1 Rxd4 32.Re7 a5 33.Ra7  
Ra4 34.Kg3 Rb6 35.Rc8+ Kg7 36.Rcc7 Rf6  
37.Rc5 1/2-1/2

**OSBORNE, WILL 1876  
BRENES, JUAN 2082**

1.d4 Nf6 2.Bf4 e6 3.e3 d5 4.Nf3 c5 5.c3 a6  
6.Nbd2 Nc6 7.Bd3 Bd6 8.Ne5 Bxe5 9.dxe5  
Nd7 10.Qh5 g6 11.Qh6 Nxe5 12.Be2 Nc6  
13.0-0 e5 14.Bg3 Qe7 15.e4 dxe4 16.Nxe4 f5  
17.Ng5 Nb6 18.Bf3 e4 19.Bxe4 fxe4 20.Nxe4  
Nc4 21.Rfe1 N4e5 22.Rad1 Kf7 23.f4 Bg4  
24.Bh4 Qf8 25.Qg5 Bxd1 26.fxe5 Be2 27.Rf1+  
Kg7 28.Rxf8 Rxf8 29.Nd6 Bd3 30.h3 Rf1+  
31.Kh2 Raf8 32.Qe3 c4 33.Bf6+ Kg8 34.Qc5  
R8xf6 35.exf6 Rxf6 36.Qd5+ Kg7 37.Ne8+ 1-0



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### OXMAN,KEITH 1953 HERMAN,DANIEL 2220

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 e6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 a6 5.c4 Nf6  
6.Nc3 Qc7 7.Be2 Bb4 8.Qd3 Nc6 9.Nxc6 bxc6  
10.0-0 0-0 11.Bd2 Rb8 12.h3 d6 13.a3 Be5  
14.b4 Ba7 15.Bf4 e5 16.Be3 Bxe3 17.Qxe3  
Be6 18.Rac1 Qe7 19.Rfd1 Rfd8 20.c5 dxc5  
21.Rxd8+ Rxd8 22.bxc5 a5 23.Rb1 h6 24.Rb6  
Qc7 25.Ba6 Rd4 26.f4 Bc4 27.Bxc4 Rxc4 28.f5  
Nd7 29.Rb1 Qa7 30.Kf2 Qxc5 31.Rb7 Rxc3  
32.Qxc5 Nxc5 33.Ke1 0-1

### DEGEEST,ROCCO 1654

#### JIMENEZ,LUIS 1788

1.e4 c5 2.Nc3 Nc6 3.Bb5 Nd4 4.Bc4 Nf6 5.d3  
e6 6.e5 d5 7.Bb3 Nd7 8.f4 b5 9.a4 Nxb3  
10.cxb3 b4 11.Nce2 a5 12.Nf3 Be7 13.Be3 Ba6  
14.0-0 0-0 15.Qd2 Rc8 16.Rad1 Qc7 17.Rfe1  
Rfd8 18.Ng3 Nxe5 19.fxe5 1-0

### SHTIVELBAND,RICHARD 2212

#### LI,IRIS 1893

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 Bg7 4.e4 d6 5.Nf3 0-0  
6.Be2 e5 7.d5 a5 8.0-0 Na6 9.Re1 Bd7 10.h3  
Nc5 11.Bf1 Ne8 12.Be3 Qe7 13.Nd2 f5  
14.Bxc5 dxc5 15.f4 Nd6 16.fxe5 Bxe5 17.exf5  
Qf6 18.Nde4 Qxf5 19.Qd2 Bd4+ 20.Kh1 Rae8  
21.Bd3 Qh5 22.Ng5 Rf2 23.Rxe8+ Nxe8  
24.Qc1 h6 25.Ne6 Bxe6 26.dxe6 Rf3 27.Bf1  
Re3 28.Nb5 Rxe6 29.Nxd4 cxd4 30.c5 Rf6  
31.Qc4+ Rf7 32.Qxd4 Re7 33.Bc4+ Kh7  
34.Rd1 Nf6 35.Rf1 Nd7 36.c6 bxc6 37.Bb3  
Qe2 38.Rc1 c5 39.Qd5 h5 40.Qg8+ ½-½

### HERMAN,SARA 1991

#### OSBORNE,WILL 1876

1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.Nf3 Nf6 4.Nc3 dxc4 5.a4 Bf5  
6.Ne5 Nbd7 7.Nxc4 a5 8.f3 Bg6 9.e4 e6 10.Bf4  
Nb6 11.Qb3 Nxc4 12.Bxc4 Bb4 13.0-0 0-0  
14.Bg5 Qc7 15.Bd3 h6 16.Be3 e5 17.Kb1 Nd7  
18.d5 Nc5 19.Qc4 Nxd3 20.Rxd3 Bxc3  
21.Qxc3 f6 22.Rhd1 Rfc8 23.d6 Qd7 24.Bb6  
Ra6 25.Bxa5 Rca8 26.Bc7 Rxa4 27.Qb3+ Bf7  
28.Qxb7 Qe6 29.Rc3 Be8 30.Rdd3 Bd7 31.Ra3  
Qc4 32.Qb3 Qxb3 33.Rdxb3 Kf7 34.g3 Ke6  
35.Kc2 c5 36.Rc3 Rxa3 37.bxa3 c4 38.Kb2  
Ra4 39.Rc1 Be8 40.Rd1 Bc6 41.Bb6 Kd7  
42.Bc5 Bb5 43.Bb4 Ra8 44.Kc3 Ba4 45.Rd5  
Bb3 46.Rb5 Ra7 47.Be5 Ra8 48.Rb7+ Kd8  
49.Bb6+ Kc8 50.Rxg7 Ba4 51.Rg8+ Kb7  
52.Rxa8 Kxa8 53.Kxc4 Kb7 54.Kc5 Kc8 55.f4  
Kd7 56.Bc7 Bc6 57.fxe5 fxe5 58.Ba5 Bxe4  
59.Bc3 Ke6 60.Bxe5 Bf5 61.Bf4 1-0

### DOYKOS,KENNETH 1700

#### PALLE,ABHIRAM 1633

1.Nf3 d5 2.b3 Nf6 3.Bb2 e6 4.e3 c5 5.Bb5+  
Bd7 6.Bxd7+ Nbx7 7.0-0 Be7 8.d4 0-0  
9.Nbd2 Rc8 10.c4 b6 11.Ne5 Nxe5 12.dxe5  
Nd7 13.f4 Nb8 14.Qg4 dxc4 15.Nxc4 Rc6  
16.Rad1 Qc7 17.Nd6 Na6 18.f5 exf5 19.Rxf5  
g6 20.Rxf7 Rxf7 21.Nxf7 Kxf7 22.Qc4+ Ke8  
23.Qxa6 c4 24.Qb5 c3 25.Bxc3 a6 26.Qd5  
Rxc3 27.Qg8+ Bf8 28.e6 Qg7 29.Qxg7 Bxg7  
30.Rd7 Bf6 31.Kf2 Rc2+ 32.Kf3 Rxa2 33.Rxh7  
g5 34.Ke4 Ra5 35.Ra7 Re5+ 36.Kd3 Ra5  
37.Ke4 Bd8 38.Kd4 Ra2 39.Ke5 Re2 40.e4  
Rxg2 41.Kd6 Rxh2 42.Rg7 Rd2+ 43.Kc6 Rd4  
44.Ra7 a5 45.Rg7 Rxe4 46.Kd6 Rd4+ 47.Ke5  
Rd3 48.Kf5 Rxb3 49.Rg8+ Ke7 50.Rg7+ Kf8  
51.Rf7+ Ke8 52.Rg7 Rf3+ 53.Ke5 0-1

### BAFFO,JEFF 1713 SEALANDER,JON 1658

1.Nc3 d5 2.e4 c6 3.e5 Bf5 4.g4 Bg6 5.e6 Qd6  
6.exf7+ Bxf7 7.d4 Nd7 8.Nf3 Bg6 9.Bd3 Ngf6  
10.Bxg6+ hxg6 11.Qd3 0-0-0 12.Qxg6 e5  
13.Qf5 exd4 14.Nxd4 Rxh2 15.Rf1 Re8+  
16.Be3 Rxe3+ 17.fxe3 Qg3+ 18.Kd1 Nxg4  
19.Qe6 Nxe3+ 20.Kc1 Nxf1 21.Qe8+ Kc7  
22.Ne6+ Kd6 23.Nxf8 Qf4+ 0-1

### HERMAN,DANIEL 2220

#### LI,IRIS 1893

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.d4 exd4 4.Nxd4 Bb4+ 5.c3  
Bc5 6.Nxc6 bxc6 7.Bd3 Qh4 8.Qe2 Nf6 9.h3 0-0  
10.g3 Qh5 11.g4 Qe5 12.f4 Qe7 13.Nd2 d5  
14.e5 Nd7 15.Nf3 a5 16.Kd1 Nb6 17.f5 Re8  
18.Re1 a4 19.Bg5 Qf8 20.f6 Nd7 21.Qd2 Re6  
22.Bf5 Nb6 23.fxg7 Qxg7 24.Bxe6 Bxe6  
25.Bf6 Qg6 26.Nh4 Nc4 27.Nxg6 Nxd2  
28.Kxd2 fxg6 29.b4 Bf8 30.Kd3 c5 31.bxc5  
Bxc5 32.Bg5 a3 33.Be3 Be7 34.Rab1 Bc8  
35.e6 Ba6+ 36.Kd2 Bc4 37.Rb7 Bxa2 38.Rxc7  
Bh4 39.Rf1 Bb8 40.Rf7 Rb2+ 41.Kd3 Bc4+  
42.Kd4 Ba6 43.Rg7+ Kf8 44.Rcf7+ Ke8  
45.Rg8# 1-0

### OXMAN,KEITH 1953

#### SHTIVELBAND,RICHARD 2212

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 b5  
6.Bb3 Be7 7.Re1 0-0 8.c3 d6 9.h3 Nd7 10.d4  
Bf6 11.d5 Ne7 12.Nbd2 Bb7 13.Nf1 g6 14.Bh6  
Bg7 15.Qd2 Nc5 16.Be2 a5 17.b4 axb4 18.cxb4  
Na4 19.Ng3 Nc8 20.Bxg7 Kxg7 21.Bb3 Ncb6  
22.Rac1 h6 23.Rc2 Rc8 24.Nh2 Qd7 25.Ng4  
Rh8 26.Nh2 h5 27.h4 f6 28.Recl ½-½

### WILCOX,CRAIG 2069

#### PENA,CALEB 1862

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 c5 3.d5 b5 4.cxb5 a6 5.e3 axb5  
6.Bxb5 e6 7.dxe6 fxe6 8.Nc3 Bb7 9.Nf3 Be7  
10.0-0 0-0 11.Qe2 d5 12.Rd1 Qc7 13.Ng5 Qc8  
14.e4 h6 15.exd5 hxg5 16.d6 Bd8 17.d7 Nbx7  
18.Qxe6+ Kh8 19.Qh3+ Nh7 20.Bxd7 Qc7  
21.Bf5 Rxf5 22.Qxf5 Qc6 23.f3 Bf6 24.Be3 c4  
25.Qd7 Qa6 26.Rd6 Rd8 27.Qxd8+ Bxd8  
28.Rxa6 Bxa6 29.Rd1 Bb7 1-0

### JIMENEZ,LUIS 1788

#### WISDOM,DON 1580

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.Bb5+ Nd7 4.c3 a6 5.Ba4 b5  
6.Be2 g6 7.d4 Bg7 8.Qe2 e6 9.0-0 Ne7 10.Rd1  
0-0 11.Nbd2 Qc7 12.Nf1 Bb7 13.Bf4 e5  
14.Bg5 Nf6 15.d5 h6 16.Bd2 Rab8 17.a4 Bc8  
18.axb5 axb5 19.b3 Nh5 20.Ra2 f5 21.exf5  
Bxf5 22.Bxf5 Rxf5 23.Nh4 Nf4 24.Qe4 Rf6  
25.c4 b4 26.Rda1 g5 27.Nf3 Qd7 28.Ng3 Qg4  
29.Ra7 Neg6 30.Rc7 Rbf8 31.Raa7 R6f7  
32.Rxf7 Rxf7 33.Rxf7 Kxf7 34.Qf5+ Qxf5  
35.Nxf5 Bf8 36.Kf1 e4 37.Ne1 Kf6 38.Ng3  
Ke5 39.Nc2 Nxd5 40.cxd5 Kxd5 41.Ke2 Ke5  
42.f3 exf3+ 43.gxf3 d5 44.Nf1 Nf4+ 45.Bxf4+  
Kxf4 46.Nfe3 d4 47.Ng2+ Ke5 48.Kd3 Kd5  
49.f4 g4 50.Nh4 h5 51.Ng6 Bd6 52.Ne1 Be7  
53.Ng2 Bd8 54.f5 Bg5 55.N2f4+ Bxf4  
56.Nxf4+ Ke5 57.Nxh5 Kxf5 58.Ng3+ Kf4  
59.Ne4 Kf3 60.Nxe5 Kg2 61.Kxd4 Kxh2  
62.Ne4 Kg2 63.Ke3 Kf1 64.Ng3+ Ke1 65.Kf4  
Kd1 66.Ne4 Kc2 67.Nc5 Kc3 68.Kxg4 Kd4  
69.Na4 Kd3 70.Kf3 Kc2 71.Nc5 Kb2 72.Ke4  
Kc3 73.Kd5 1-0

### WISDOM,DON 1580 BLAKE,BRADFORD 1600

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 Nf6 4.Qe2 d6 5.c3  
Bg4 6.h3 Bxf3 7.Qxf3 a6 8.Ba4 d5 9.d3 dxe4  
10.dxe4 Be5 11.0-0 0-0 12.Bg5 Qe7 13.Bxc6  
bxc6 14.Nd2 Rfd8 15.Nc4 h6 16.Bh4 Rd7  
17.Bg3 Bd6 18.Qe2 a5 19.a4 Qe6 20.Rfd1  
Rdd8 21.Rd2 Nh5 22.Rad1 Nxg3 23.fxg3 Bc5+  
24.Kh2 Rxd2 25.Rxd2 Bb6 26.Qd3 Re8 27.b4  
axb4 28.cxb4 Bd4 29.a5 Rd8 30.Kh1 Rb8 31.a6  
Rxb4 32.Rc2 Rb1+ 33.Kh2 Bg1+ 34.Kh1 Bd4+  
35.Kh2 Bg1+ 36.Kh1 Qg6 37.Ra2 ½-½

### PRABHU,TANYA 1614

#### PALLE,ABHIRAM 1633

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3  
a6 6.Be3 e5 7.Nb3 Be6 8.f3 Be7 9.Qd2 Nbd7  
10.Be2 Rc8 11.0-0 b5 12.Nd1 0-0 13.Nf2 Qc7  
14.c3 Rfd8 15.Nc1 Nb6 16.Bxb6 Qxb6  
17.Ncd3 0-1

### SHTIVELBAND,RICHARD 2212

#### WILCOX,CRAIG 2069

1.e3 Nf6 2.d4 d6 3.Be2 g6 4.Nc3 Bg7 5.g4 c6  
6.g5 Nfd7 7.f4 Nb6 8.Nf3 Be6 9.e4 Bc4 10.Be3  
Na6 11.h4 Qd7 12.h5 Qg4 13.Kf2 Bxe2  
14.Qxe2 d5 15.Rh4 Qe6 16.f5 gxf5 17.exf5  
Qxf5 18.Rf4 Qh3 19.h6 Bf8 20.Rg1 Qe6  
21.Ne5 f6 22.Qh5+ Kd8 23.Nf7+ Kc7 24.Nxh8  
Nc4 25.Bc1 Bxh6 26.gxh6 Rxh8 27.Re1 Qd6  
28.Qf7 Ne5 29.dxe5 fxe5 30.Qg7 exf4  
31.Rxe7+ Kb6 32.Rxb7+ Kc5 33.Na4+ 1-0

### HERMAN,SARA 1991

#### HERMAN,DANIEL 2220

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.g3 Bb4+ 4.Nd2 c5 5.a3  
Bxd2+ 6.Qxd2 cxd4 7.Nf3 d5 8.cxd5 Qxd5  
9.Qxd4 Nc6 10.Qxd5 Nxd5 11.Bg2 b6 12.Bd2  
Bb7 13.0-0 0-0 14.Rfe1 Rfd8 15.e4 Nde7  
16.Bc3 Rd7 17.Rad1 Rad8 18.Rxd7 Rxd7  
19.Nd2 Nd4 20.Nc4 f6 21.e5 Ba6 22.exf6 gxf6  
23.Bxd4 Rxd4 24.Ne3 Kf7 25.Rd1 Rxd1+  
26.Nxd1 Nf5 27.Nc3 Nd4 28.f4 Ne2+ ½-½

### SEALANDER,JON 1658

#### DEGEEST,ROCCO 1654

1.Nf3 Nf6 2.g3 g6 3.Bg2 Bg7 4.d4 d6 5.c4 0-0  
6.Nc3 Nc6 7.h3 a6 8.e4 e5 9.Be3 Re8 10.0-0  
exd4 11.Nxd4 Ne5 12.b3 Be6 13.Nxe6 fxe6  
14.Qc2 Nc6 15.a3 Qd7 16.Rad1 e5 17.c5 Rad8  
18.Rd2 Qe7 19.cxd6 Rxd6 20.Rxd6 Qxd6  
21.b4 Nd4 22.Qd3 Nf3+ 0-1

### LI,IRIS 1893

#### OXMAN,KEITH 1953

1.e4 Nf6 2.e5 Nd5 3.d4 d6 4.c4 Nb6 5.f4 dxe5  
6.fxe5 Nc6 7.Be3 Bf5 8.Nc3 e6 9.Nf3 Bg4  
10.Be2 Bxf3 11.gxf3 Qh4+ 12.Bf2 Qf4 13.c5  
Nd7 14.0-0 Be7 15.Kh1 Rd8 16.Qa4 a6 17.Rg1  
Ndx5 18.dxe5 Qxa4 19.Nxa4 Rd2 20.Rae1  
Nxe5 21.Be3 Rd8 22.f4 Ng6 23.Rd1 0-0 24.Bf3  
c6 25.Bh5 Nh4 26.Nb6 Nf5 27.Bf2 Bf6 28.Nd7  
Bd4 29.Nxf8 Rd5 30.Bxd4 Nxd4 31.Nd7 Rxd7  
32.Rd3 g6 33.Bg4 f5 34.Bf3 Nxf3 35.Rxd7  
Nxg1 36.Kxg1 1-0

**DENVER CHESS CLUB**  
**A SERIES OF UNDER 1800 EVENT**

**April 1, 2023**  
**Chief TD ANDREW STARR**  
**Time Control: G/55;d10**

**Section 1 - U1800 (MINIMUM USCF 1400)**

Pair Num	Player Name USCF ID / Rtg (Pre->Post)	Total Pts	Round 1	Round 2	Round 3	Round 4
1	JAMES MACNEIL CO   12532599 / R: 1600 ->1743 Q: 1500 ->1638	4.0 N:1	W	16 W	8 W	7 W 2
2	ROWEN OREGEL CO   17314325 / R: 1728 ->1752 Q: 1796 ->1797	3.0 N:2	W	10 W	11 W	3 L 1
3	JEFF NOHRDEN CO   30350883 / R: 1708 ->1743 Q: 1510P18->1573P22	3.0 N:2	W	15 W	4 L	2 W 7
4	WILLIAM LEO WOLF CO   14762885 / R: 1755 ->1750 Q: 1535 ->1552	2.5 N:3	W	14 L	3 W	9 D 6
5	DANIEL THEODORE SMITH CO   16820573 / R: 1595 ->1617 Q: 1441 ->1460	2.5 N:3	L	7 W	17 W	11 D 9
6	NORBERT MARTINEZ CO   12471639 / R: 1544 ->1575 Q: 1521 ->1536	2.5 N:3	L	11 W	16 W	12 D 4
7	LUIS A JIMENEZ CO   14736983 / R: 1832 ->1808 Q: 1430 ->1456	2.0 N:3	W	5 W	12 L	1 L 3
8	KENNETH DOYKOS CO   10358086 / R: 1700 ->1700 Q: 1509 ->1504	2.0 N:4	W	18 L	1 L	10 W 13
9	SHUBH MISRA CO   16824026 / R: 1652 ->1644 Q: 1506 ->1496	2.0 N:3	D	13 W	14 L	4 D 5
10	JAMES WILLIAM NEWBY JR. CO   12699600 / R: 1589 ->1617 Q: 1693 ->1693	2.0 N:3	L	2 W	13 W	8 U
11	ABHIJAY BALAMURUGAN CO   16913354 / R: 1615 ->1614 Q: 1490 ->1501	2.0 N:3	W	6 L	2 L	5 W 15
12	DON EUGENE WISDOM JR. CO   12631931 / R: 1585 ->1580 Q: 1557 ->1531	2.0 N:4	W	17 L	7 L	6 W 16
13	ANN DAVIES CO   12708563 / R: 1516 ->1516 Q: 1278 ->1310	1.5 N:4	D	9 L	10 W	15 L 8
14	BRADFORD C BLAKE CO   11052533 / R: 1600 ->1600 Q: 1561P24->1500	1.0 N:3	L	4 L	9 L	16 W 17
15	MS. TANYA GURPUR MADKE PRABHU CO   16349446 / R: 1509 ->1487 Q: 1477 ->1426	1.0 N:3	L	3 W	18 L	13 L 11
16	DEAN W BROWN CO   10224098 / R: 1469 ->1459 Q: 1424 ->1411	1.0 N:3	L	1 L	6 W	14 L 12
17	LEIF PAUL MCFADDEN CO   30596924 / R: 1413P22->1405 Q: 1293P13->1282P17	1.0 N:3	L	12 L	5 W	18 L 14
18	DREW TUCK CO   14670563 / R: 1559 ->1495 Q: 1330 ->1275	0.0 N:3	L	8 L	15 L	17 U

**Section 2 - U1400/UNRATED**

Pair Num	Player Name USCF ID / Rtg (Pre->Post)	Total Pts	Round 1	Round 2	Round 3	Round 4
1	EVAN MCCORMICK CO   31167718 / R: Unrated->1671P4 Q: Unrated->1709P4	4.0 N:4	W	13 W	9 W	6 W 5
2	LAN TRUONG CO   30588843 / R: 1157 ->1158 Q: 1022 ->1030	3.5 N:3	X	D	11 W	20 W 7
3	MR. ANDREW LLOYD DAVIS CO   30319957 / R: 1389P21->1366P25 Q: 1253P17->1239P21	3.0 N:3	W	23 W	15 L	7 W 13

4	ANDREW ROBICHAUD CO   30154062 / R: 1335 ->1319 Q: 1062P22->1076	3.0 N:3	L	15 W	19 W	11 W 12
5	SHAURYA MISRA CO   16824011 / R: 1258 ->1278 Q: 1131 ->1182	3.0 N:3	W	18 W	17 W	14 L 1
6	JAVIER VELAZQUEZ CO   12652469 / R: 1149P20->1227P24 Q: 1289P21->1310P25	3.0 N:3	W	24 W	12 L	1 W 14
7	HATCHER TURNER CO   30927224 / R: 604P10-> 806P14 Q: Unrated-> 801P14	3.0 N:3	W	22 W	27 W	3 L 2
8	TYLER A POOLE CO   12612558 / R: 1380 ->1336 Q: 1327P9 ->1256P13	2.5 N:3	L	11 W	25 W	15 D 9
9	AUDREY LI CO   17312162 / R: 1078 ->1117 Q: 959P24->1009	2.5 N:3	X	29 L	1 W	17 D 8
10	AN ANDY GIA HOANG CO   30554313 / R: 1121 ->1092 Q: 1021 ->1008	2.5 N:3	L	12 D	26 W	18 W 20
11	ANDREW JEFFREY NOHRDEN CO   30993654 / R: 822P4 ->1011P8 Q: 666P4 -> 856P8	2.5 N:3	W	8 D	2 L	4 W 21
12	EMIL MARINOV CO   31164367 / R: Unrated->1168P4 Q: Unrated->1080P4	2.0 N:3	W	10 L	6 W	16 L 4
13	WESTON ALEXANDER TAYLOR CO   30776543 / R: 1151 ->1159 Q: 1114P16->1123P20	2.0 N:3	L	1 W	24 W	23 L 3
14	BRAD EDSON CO   31101578 / R: Unrated->1101P4 Q: Unrated->1046P4	2.0 N:3	W	25 W	16 L	5 L 6
15	JAMES CORBETT III CO   30453606 / R: 936 ->1031 Q: 852 -> 957	2.0 N:3	W	4 L	3 L	8 W 24
16	MARK VILES KINGSLEY CO   30632387 / R: 1093P4 ->1012P8 Q: 977P4 -> 921P8	2.0 N:3	W	26 L	14 L	12 W 19
17	VEDANTH PEESAPATY CO   30753657 / R: 883 -> 969 Q: 750P20-> 857P24	2.0 N:3	W	28 L	5 L	9 W 25
18	RAGUL THIYAGARAJAN CO   30232537 / R: 768P9 -> 848P13 Q: 973P3 -> 962P7	2.0 N:3	L	5 W	22 L	10 W 26
19	SONYA ZAKARIAN CO   31172224 / R: Unrated-> 812P3 Q: Unrated-> 733P3	1.5 N:3	H	L	4 W	26 L 16
20	SCOTT JACOBSEN CO   31026007 / R: 697P5 -> 711P8 Q: Unrated-> 683P8	1.5 N:3	H	W	21 L	2 L 10
21	BENJAMIN SMITH CO   31136582 / R: Unrated-> 419P3 Q: Unrated-> 401P3	1.5 N:3	H	L	20 W	27 L 11
22	SHIRLEY HERMAN CO   14812654 / R: 1132 ->1003 Q: 1153 ->1032	1.0 N:3	L	7 L	18 L	24 B
23	MATTHEW ROBERT KONERTH CO   30460907 / R: 985P11-> 963P13 Q: Unrated-> 952P12	1.0 N:3	L	3 X	L	13 U
24	KEILIN KIRWIN CO   31033659 / R: 997P3 -> 914P7 Q: Unrated-> 947P7	1.0 N:3	L	6 L	13 W	22 L 15
25	DEEPTHA MIRRA SRIDHAR CO   30685074 / R: 912 -> 869 Q: 813 -> 771	1.0 N:3	L	14 L	8 B	L 17
26	BRAYDEN GARNER CO   31092524 / R: 573P3 -> 602P7 Q: 543P3 -> 577P7	0.5 N:3	L	16 D	10 L	19 L 18
27	KYLE JACOBSEN CO   17287900 / R: 105P9 -> 105P11 Q: Unrated-> 100P11	0.5 N:3	H	L	7 L	21 U
28	RICKY MARCHANT CO   30292979 / R: 1300P16->1254P17 Q: 1260P18->1211P19	0.0 N:3	L	17 F	23 U	U
29	KENNY WEINREIS CO   30597004 /	0.0 N:3	F	U	U	U
30	ALEJANDRO AMAURI OCHOA CO   31172568 /	0.0 N:3	F	2 U	U	U



## Games from the Denver Chess Club Championship May 2023

**McConnell,Sullivan 2303**  
**Moore,Kenzie 1885**

1.e4 e6 2.Nf3 d5 3.e5 c5 4.g3 Nc6 5.Bg2 f6  
6.exf6 Nxf6 7.0-0 Bd6 8.d3 0-0 9.c4 Bd7  
10.Re1 Qc7 11.Nc3 a6 12.Ng5 d4 13.Nce4  
Rae8 14.Nxf6+ Rxf6 15.Ne4 Rff8 16.Qh5 Rf5  
17.Ng5 h6 18.Be4 Ref8 19.Bxf5 Rxf5 20.g4  
Rgx5 21.Bxg5 hxg5 22.Qxg5 Ne5 23.Rxe5  
Bxe5 24.Re1 Bxh2+ 25.Kg2 Bc6+ 26.Kh3 Bf4  
27.Qg6 e5 28.a3 a5 29.b4 axb4 30.axb4 cxb4  
31.Ra1 b6 32.Rb1 Qf7 33.Qxc6 Bd2 34.Kg2  
Qf4 35.Qe8+ Qf8 36.Qe6+ 1-0

**Liu,Tim 1864**

**Herman,Daniel 2220**

1.d4 Nf6 2.Nf3 e6 3.c4 b6 4.g3 Ba6 5.Qc2 c5  
6.Bg2 Nc6 7.e3 Be7 8.a3 0-0 9.0-0 Rc8 10.Rd1  
cxd4 11.b4 dxe3 12.Bxe3 Bb7 13.Nc3 Nb8  
14.Qb3 Ba6 15.Ne5 Qc7 16.b5 Bb7 17.Bxb7  
Qxb7 18.Rac1 Qc7 19.Nf3 Qxc4 20.Qb2 Qg4  
21.Kg2 d5 22.h3 Qf5 23.Nd4 Qg6 24.Nf3 Nbd7  
25.Nd4 Ne5 26.a4 Nd3 27.Qe2 Nxc1 28.Rxc1  
Ba3 29.Rc2 e5 30.Nc6 Rfe8 31.Nb1 Bd6  
32.Bc1 d4 33.Qd1 Nd5 34.Bb2 h5 35.h4 Qg4  
36.Qxg4 hxg4 37.Nd2 Nb4 38.Rc4 Nxc6  
39.bxc6 Bc5 40.a5 f5 41.axb6 axb6 42.Ra4  
Rxc6 43.Ra6 e4 44.Bc1 e3 45.fxe3 dxe3 0-1

**Wofford,Matthew 2216**

**McEwen, Jason 1857**

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3  
g6 6.Be3 Bg7 7.f3 0-0 8.Qd2 Nc6 9.Be4 Nxd4  
10.Bxd4 Be6 11.Bb3 Qa5 12.0-0-0 Bxb3  
13.cxb3 Rfc8 14.Kb1 Rc6 15.h4 Rac8 16.g4  
Ra6 17.h5 g5 18.h6 Bh8 19.a3 e5 20.b4 Qc7  
21.Bf2 Qc4 22.Rc1 Qe6 23.b5 Ra5 24.Nd5  
Nxd5 25.exd5 Rxc1+ 26.Rxc1 Qg6+ 27.Ka2  
1-0

**Wolf,Will 1750**

**Herman,Sara 1991**

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.d4 cxd4 4.c3 Nf6 5.e5 Nd5  
6.cxd4 d6 7.Bc4 dxe5 8.dxe5 Ndb4 9.Qb3 e6  
10.0-0 Na5 11.Bb5+ Bd7 12.Qa4 Bxb5  
13.Qxb5+ Nac6 14.Nc3 a6 15.Qe2 Qd3 16.Rd1  
Qxe2 17.Nxe2 Be5 18.Nc3 Nc2 19.Rb1 N2d4  
20.Nxd4 Bxd4 21.Ne4 Bxe5 22.b4 0-0 23.Be3  
Rfd8 24.Rxd8+ Rxd8 25.Ne5 b5 26.g3 Bd4  
27.Bxd4 Nxd4 28.Nxa6 Ra8 29.Rd1 e5 30.Nc7  
Rc8 31.Nd5 Rc2 32.Ra1 Rd2 33.Ne3 f5 34.a4  
f4 35.gxf4 exf4 36.Nf1 Rb2 37.a5 Nc6 38.a6  
Na7 39.Rd1 Nc6 40.Rd6 Rc2 41.Nd2 Kf8  
42.Rd7 Ra2 43.Nf3 Rxa6 44.Rb7 Ra3 45.Ng5  
Nxb4 46.Nxh7+ Kg8 47.Ng5 Kf8 48.Rxb5 0-1

**MILLAN,MAXIM 1615**

**Wofford,Matthew 2216**

1.e4 c5 2.c3 Nf6 3.e5 Nd5 4.d4 cxd4 5.Nf3 Nc6  
6.cxd4 d6 7.Bc4 e6 8.0-0 Be7 9.Bb5 Bd7  
10.Bxc6 Bxc6 11.Nc3 0-0 12.Re1 Rc8 13.exd6  
Bxd6 14.Ne5 Nxc3 15.bxc3 Bd5 16.Qg4 Rxc3  
17.Bh6 Qf6 18.Bg5 Qf5 19.Qxf5 exf5 20.Re3  
Rf8 21.Rxc3 Rxc3 22.Be3 f6 23.Nd7 b6  
24.Re1 Be6 25.Bd2 Rd3 0-1

**Herman,Sara 1991**

**LIU,TIM 1864**

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.g3 Bg7 4.Bg2 0-0 5.Nc3 d6  
6.Nf3 c6 7.e4 Nbd7 8.0-0 e5 9.h3 a6 10.a4 Rb8  
11.Be3 Re8 12.dxe5 dxe5 13.b4 c5 14.b5 b6  
15.Qc2 Bb7 16.Rfd1 Qc7 17.bxa6 Bxa6 18.Nb5  
Bxb5 19.axb5 Ra8 20.Nd2 Nf8 21.Ra6 Rxa6  
22.bxa6 Ra8 23.Ra1 Qc8 24.Qa4 Ne6 25.Nb1  
Ra7 26.Nc3 Nc7 27.Qc6 Nf8 28.Nd5 Qa8  
29.Qxb6 Rxa6 30.Rxa6 Qxa6 31.Qxc5 Bf8  
32.Ne7+ Bxe7 33.Qxe7 Qxc4 34.Bc5 Qc1+  
35.Kh2 Qh6 36.Qxe5 Ne6 37.Ba3 Qg7 38.Qb8  
N6c7 39.Bd6 Qc3 40.Bxc7 Qxc7 41.Qxe8+  
Kg7 42.Qb5 Qe7 43.e5 h6 44.Qd5 Qa7 45.f4 h5  
46.e6 fxe6 47.Qxe6 Kh6 48.Qf6 Qc5 49.Qh8#  
1-0

**Herman,Daniel 2220**

**LUNDSTROM,FORREST 1739**

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 g6 5.c4  
Nf6 6.Nc3 Bg7 7.Be3 d6 8.Be2 0-0 9.0-0 Bd7  
10.Qd2 Ng4 11.Bxg4 Bxg4 12.f4 Rc8 13.f5  
Bh5 14.h3 Ne5 15.b3 gxf5 16.exf5 e6 17.fxe6  
Re8 18.exf7+ Bxf7 19.Nf5 Bg6 20.Nxg7 Kxg7  
21.Bd4 Rc7 22.Nd5 Rf7 23.Rxf7+ Bxf7 24.Rf1  
Bxd5 25.cxd5 Qh4 26.Rf4 Qe7 27.Rg4+ Kh8  
28.Qh6 a6 29.Rg6 Rg8 30.Re6 Qg7 31.Qxg7+  
Rxg7 32.Re8+ Rg8 33.Rxe5 dxe5 34.Bxe5+  
Rg7 35.d6 1-0

**MANUEL,GRAYSON 1747**

**McConnell,Sullivan 2303**

1.d4 e6 2.g3 d5 3.Nf3 f5 4.Bg2 Nf6 5.c4 Be7  
6.0-0 0-0 7.Nc3 c6 8.e3 h6 9.Ne5 Qe8 10.f3  
Nbd7 11.e4 dxe4 12.fxe4 Nxe5 13.dxe5 Be5+  
14.Kh1 Ng4 15.Qe2 Qe7 16.exf5 exf5 17.h3  
Nxe5 18.Be3 Bxe3 19.Qxe3 Ng6 20.Qf2 Be6  
21.Rfe1 Qf7 22.b3 f4 23.Rad1 fxg3 24.Qxg3  
Nf4 25.Rf1 Qg6 26.Qxg6 Nxg6 27.Ne4 Rad8  
28.Rxf8+ Rxf8 29.Nc5 Be8 30.Rd6 Nf4 31.Kh2  
Re8 32.Rd2 Nxg2 33.Kxg2 b6 34.Na4 c5  
35.Nc3 Bxh3+ 36.Kxh3 Re3+ 37.Kg4 Rxc3  
38.Rd7 a5 39.Rb7 a4 40.Rxb6 Kh7 41.Rc6  
axb3 42.axb3 Rxb3 43.Rxc5 Rb1 44.Rc7 Rg1+  
45.Kh4 Kg6 46.c5 Kf5 47.Rf7+ Ke6 48.Rc7  
g5+ 49.Kh5 Rh1+ 50.Kg4 Rh4+ 51.Kg3 h5  
52.Rg7 Rg4+ 53.Kf3 Rf4+ 54.Kg3 h4+ 55.Kh3  
Rf3+ 56.Kg4 Rg3+ 57.Kh5 Kd5 58.Rxg5+ Ke5  
0-1

**LUNDSTROM,FORREST 1739**

**ROLDAN,JEREMY 1734**

1.e4 b6 2.d4 Bb7 3.Nc3 e6 4.Bd3 Bb4 5.Nge2  
Nc6 6.Be3 Nf6 7.f3 a6 8.a3 Be7 9.Qd2 d5  
10.e5 Nd7 11.0-0 b5 12.f4 f5 13.exf6 Nxf6  
14.f5 e5 15.dxe5 Nxe5 16.Nd4 Be8 17.Bf4  
Nxd3 18.Qxd3 0-0 19.b4 Bd6 20.Nc6 Qd7  
21.Ne5 Qxf5 22.Qd4 Bb7 23.Rf3 Rae8 24.Nd3  
Bxf4 25.Rxf4 Qg5 26.Rafl h5 27.R1f3 Ne4  
28.Nxe4 Rxf4 29.Nxf4 Rxe4 30.Qf2 d4 31.h3  
Qe5 32.Nd3 Qg5 33.Rf8+ Kh7 34.Rf3 Re3  
35.Rg3 Rxg3 0-1

**Wofford,Matthew 2216)**

**Herman,Daniel 2220**

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 e6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 a6 5.Qf3  
Nc6 6.Nxc6 bxc6 7.Bd3 d5 8.0-0 Nf6 9.Nc3  
Bd6 10.Bf4 e5 11.Bg5 d4 12.Bxf6 Qxf6  
13.Qxf6 gxf6 14.Ne2 Rb8 15.b3 Ke7 16.h4 a5  
17.a4 Rg8 18.Ng3 Rg4 19.h5 Rg5 20.Kh2 Bg4  
21.Rh1 Rbg8 22.Kg1 Bb4 23.Kf1 Bd2 24.Be2  
Be6 25.Bf3 c5 26.Rd1 Bb4 27.Be2 c4 28.bxc4  
Bd7 29.Ra1 Rb8 30.Bd1 Be3 31.Ra2 Rb1  
32.Ke2 Rxg3 33.fxg3 Bg4+ 34.Kd3 Bxd1  
35.Rh4 Be1 36.c5 Bxg3 37.Rh3 Bf2 38.Kc4  
Bg4 39.Rb3 Be6+ 40.Kb5 Bxb3 41.cxb3  
Rxb3+ 42.Kc4 Rc3+ 43.Kd5 Be3 44.Rb2 d3  
45.Rb7+ Kf8 46.h6 Bxh6 47.Rb8+ Kg7 48.Kc6  
Be3 0-1

**JIMENEZ,LUIS 1788**

**Wolf,Will 1750**

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 Nge7 4.0-0 g6 5.c3  
Bg7 6.d4 exd4 7.cxd4 d5 8.exd5 Qxd5 9.Nc3  
Qh5 10.d5 Bxc3 11.dxc6 Qxb5 12.cxb7 Bxb7  
13.bxc3 0-0 14.Qxd4 Qc4 15.Qb3 Ba6 16.Rd1  
Nd5 17.Ba3 Rfe8 18.Rac1 Rab8 19.Qc2 c5  
20.Nb3 Re2 21.Rd2 Rbe8 22.Rxe2 Rxe2  
23.Qd1 Rxa2 24.Bxc5 Rb2 25.Qe1 Rxb3  
26.Qe8+ Kg7 27.Qf8+ Kf6 28.Bd4+ Kg5  
29.h4+ Kh5 30.Qg7 h6 31.g4+ Kxg4 32.Qxh6  
Qc7 33.Qg5+ Kh3 34.Qxd5 Qh2# 0-1

**ROLDAN,JEREMY 1734**

**Moore,Kenzie 1885**

1.d4 f5 2.g3 Nf6 3.Bg2 g6 4.Nh3 Bg7 5.c4 d6  
6.Qb3 c6 7.0-0 0-0 8.Nc3 Qe8 9.d5 Na6  
10.dxc6 bxc6 11.Na4 Rb8 12.Qd1 Be6 13.b3 d5  
14.Ng5 Bd7 15.Rb1 dxc4 16.Qd4 Kh8 17.Qxc4  
Nb4 18.Rd1 Nbd5 19.Ba3 h6 20.Nf3 Ne4  
21.Nd4 Nd6 22.Qe1 Nb5 23.Nxc6 Ndc3  
24.Nxc3 Nxc3 25.Nd4 Bxd4 26.Qxh6+ Kg8  
27.Rxd4 Nxe2+ 28.Kh1 Nxd4 29.Rd1 Ne6  
30.Bb2 Rf6 31.Bd5 Be6 32.Bxc6 Qxc6+  
33.Kg1 Rd8 34.Rc1 Qd5 35.Bxf6 exf6  
36.Qxg6+ Ng7 37.Qxf6 Rd8 38.h4 Qd2 39.Rc3  
Re1+ 40.Kg2 Qd5+ 41.Rf3 Rd1 42.Qc3 Ne6  
43.Qc8+ Kf7 44.Qc4 Qb7 45.h5 Kf6 46.Qc3+  
Kg5 47.Qc2 Kg4 48.Qxf5# 1-0

**MOTLEY,CHRISTOPHER 1986**

**LANGSETH,RHETT 2123**

1.e4 d6 2.f4 e5 3.Nf3 exf4 4.h4 Nf6 5.Nc3 h6  
6.d4 Bg4 7.Bxf4 Nh5 8.Qd2 Be7 9.0-0-0 Bxf3  
10.gxf3 Bxh4 11.Be3 Ng3 12.Rxh4 Nxf1  
13.Rxh6 Rxh6 14.Rxf1 Rh5 15.Rg1 g6 16.Bg5  
f6 17.Be3 Kf7 18.Qg2 Qg8 19.Qg4 Na6 20.Nd5  
Rd8 21.Nf4 f5 22.exf5 Rxf5 23.Nxg6 Rf6  
24.Qh5 Rxg6 25.f4 Kf6 26.Rxg6+ Qxg6  
27.Qh4+ Kg7 28.Qxd8 Qe6 29.Qg5+ Kf8 30.f5  
Qxa2 31.f6 Qg8 32.Qf5 Qg3 33.Bf2 Qh2  
34.Qg6 Qh8 35.Be3 Qh1+ 36.Kd2 Qg2+  
37.Qxg2 Kf7 1-0

**Herman,Daniel 2220)**

**Shtivelband,Richard 2212**

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3  
e6 6.g4 a6 7.g5 Nfd7 8.Be3 b5 9.a4 b4 10.Na2  
Bb7 11.Bg2 h6 12.g6 Qh4 13.gxf7+ Kxf7  
14.Qf3+ Nf6 15.Qh3 Qxh3 16.Bxh3 e5 17.Ne6  
Bxe4 ½-½

# 2023 COLORADO CLASS CHAMPIONSHIPS

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The Class Championships were held this year June 10-11 in the northern part of Colorado at the Ranch 4-H building near Loveland, Colorado. With the exception of the Master/Expert section, the turnout was great. The venue was good for the 66 players. We have held several events in the past here, so even with the construction most were familiar where the site was located. The big news of the event is the amazing performance of some of Colorado's young players. Besides the master/expert class, all the other classes were won by the younger players. The master/expert was won by Faris Gabbara with 3-0, who stopped by from Michigan. Iris Li dominated the class A section with a perfect 4-0, and at the age of 10 became Colorado's newest chess expert and highest rated female player in the State at a rating of 2022. Wow, congratulations Iris. Caleb Koeller and Jon Sealander tied for first with 3.5 in class B section. Caleb just won the Colorado Scholastic closed championship a few months back. Class C was won by Jonas Zeutzius with a perfect 4-0. Class D was won by Jack Gottlieb with 3.5, and class E was won by young Kyle Luo with a perfect 4-0. Congratulations to all the winners and thank you to all that showed up to play.



## Section 1 - MASTER/EXPERT (2000+)

Pair Num	Player Name USCF ID / Rtg (Pre->Post)	Total Pts	Round 1	Round 2	Round 3	Round 4
1	FARIS F GABBARA MI   12187800 / R: 2038 ->2071	3.0	B	W	3 W	2 U
2	RICHARD SHTIVELBAND CO   12630593 / R: 2212 ->2205	2.0	W	3 B	L	1 U
3	RHETT LANGSETH CO   13392987 / R: 2116 ->2095	1.0	L	2 L	1 B	U

## Section 2 - CLASS A (1800 - 1999)

Pair Num	Player Name USCF ID / Rtg (Pre->Post)	Total Pts	Round 1	Round 2	Round 3	Round 4
1	IRIS LI CO   16934084 / R: 1952 ->2022	4.0	W	11 W	6 W	2 W 3
2	BRAD LUNDSTROM CO   10410347 / R: 1948 ->1968	3.0	W	10 W	8 L	1 W 6
3	CHRISTOPHER MOTLEY CO   16231534 / R: 1957 ->1974	2.5	W	7 H	W	5 L 1
4	JAMES DREBENSTEDT CO   12478674 / R: 1933 ->1931	2.5	D	9 L	5 W	10 W 8
5	JOSHUA SAMUEL CO   10408261 / R: 1991 ->1982	2.0	L	6 W	4 L	3 W 10
6	DUWAYNE LANGSETH CO   11197175 / R: 1963 ->1965	2.0	W	5 L	1 W	7 L 2
7	KENZIE L MOORE CO   13028820 / R: 1955 ->1943	2.0	L	3 W	9 L	6 W 11
8	DAVID AIZENBERG CO   30680599 / R: 1807P22->1798P25	2.0	B	L	2 W	9 L 4
9	DANIEL MARMER CO   12889369 / R: 1697 ->1688	1.5	D	4 L	7 L	8 B
10	LUIS A JIMENEZ CO   14736983 / R: 1850 ->1833	1.0	L	2 W	11 L	4 L 5
11	WILLIAM LEO WOLF CO   14762885 / R: 1854 ->1819	1.0	L	1 L	10 B	L 7

## Section 3 - CLASS B (1600 - 1799)

Pair Num	Player Name USCF ID / Rtg (Pre->Post)	Total Pts	Round 1	Round 2	Round 3	Round 4
1	CALEB NOAH KOELLER CO   30341176 / R: 1782 ->1826	3.5	W	11 W	6 H	W 3
2	JONATHAN SEALANDER CO   30348127 / R: 1681 ->1731	3.5	X	13 D	3 W	7 W 6
3	KENNETH DOYKOS CO   10358086 / R: 1700 ->1724	2.5	W	5 D	2 W	11 L 1
4	BRADFORD C BLAKE CO   11052533 / R: 1637 ->1649	2.5	L	10 B	D	5 W 7
5	KOEN PAZDAN BEAVER CO   30356574 / R: 1726 ->1717	2.0	L	3 D	12 D	4 W 11
6	DEREK YIN CO   16493370 / R: 1664 ->1677	2.0	W	9 L	1 W	12 L 2
7	CALVIN BRYAN JACKSON WY   12909901 / R: 1744 ->1721	1.5	H	W	8 L	2 L 4
8	JEFFREY BAFFO CO   10340195 / R: 1714 ->1712	1.5	D	12 L	7 W	9 U
9	TED DOYKOS CO   12724380 / R: 1770 ->1723	1.0	L	6 L	11 L	8 W 12
10	GARY BAGSTAD CO   10924031 / R: 1700 ->1716	1.0	W	4 U	U	U
11	BARRY L HEPSLEY CO   10495857 / R: 1703 ->1700	1.0	L	1 W	9 L	3 L 5
12	SHUBH MISRA CO   16824026 / R: 1682 ->1653	1.0	D	8 D	5 L	6 L 9
13	SCOTT F MASSEY CO   12059850 / R: 1700 ->1700	0.0	F	U	U	U





**Section 4 - CLASS C (1400 - 1599)**

Pair Num	Player Name USCF ID / Rtg (Pre->Post)	Total Pts	Round 1	Round 2	Round 3	Round 4
1	JONAS MICHAEL ZEUTZIUS CO 16359725 / R: 1401P19->1564P23	4.0 N:3	W B	7W B	2W B	3W W
2	MARK LAUER CO 12606904 / R: 1433 ->1466	2.5 N:4	W B	5L W	1W B	6D W
3	TYLER THIESZEN CO 15425488 / R: 1519 ->1504	2.0 N:4	W W	8W B	6L W	1L B
4	TYLER A POOLE CO 12612558 / R: 1519 ->1498	2.0 N:4	L W	6D B	8W W	7D B
5	ERIK SHAFER CO 30315169 / R: 1428P7 ->1438P11	2.0 N:4	L W	2W B	7W W	8L B
6	LEIF PAUL MCFADDEN CO 30596924 / R: 1405 ->1416	2.0 N:4	W B	4L W	3L W	2W B
7	MR. SETH JOEL LICHTENSTEIN CO 30244195 / R: 1477 ->1442	1.0 N:4	L B	1L W	5L B	4W W
8	DEAN W BROWN CO 10224098 / R: 1410 ->1400	0.5 N:4	L B	3D W	4L B	5L W

**Section 5 - CLASS D (1200 - 1399)**

Pair Num	Player Name USCF ID / Rtg (Pre->Post)	Total Pts	Round 1	Round 2	Round 3	Round 4
1	JACK ADIN GOTTLIEB CA 30962561 / R: 1226P24->1334	3.5 N:4	B W	W W	4W B	7D W
2	ADAM DAWDY CO 30472762 / R: 1375 ->1394	3.0 N:4	D W	9W W	12W B	5D B
3	MATTHEW ROBERT MILLER CO 30218424 / R: 1349 ->1364	3.0 N:4	L B	11W W	6W B	12W W
4	MR. BENJAMIN SIMBERG CO 30017727 / R: 1344 ->1347	3.0 N:4	W W	13L B	1X B	W B
5	KATARINA LYDIAN CO 30198232 / R: 1328P8 ->1346P12	2.5 N:4	D B	6W W	9L W	2W B
6	SHAURYA MISRA CO 16824011 / R: 1194 ->1255	2.5 N:4	D W	5L B	3W B	9W W
7	AUDREY LI CO 17312162 / R: 1217 ->1236	2.0 N:4	W B	10W W	11L W	1L B
8	ALEX KLEIN CO 30895015 / R: 1200P7 ->1210P11	2.0 N:4	L B	12W W	10W B	13L W
9	DAVID BRYANT CO 30832125 / R: 1278P8 ->1251P12	1.5 N:4	D B	2L B	5L W	6W W
10	JOSEPH ARAGON CO 11345409 / R: 1312 ->1300	1.0 N:4	L W	7L B	8B B	L W
11	AAROH ANAND ANASPURE CO 30589243 / R: 1235 ->1244	1.0 N:4	W W	3L B	7F B	4U B
12	TOM NEEDHAM CO 12743781 / R: 1200 ->1200	1.0 N:4	W W	8L B	2L W	3L B
13	STEVEN D BUTCHER CO 12480161 / R: 1232 ->1168	1.0 N:4	L B	4B B	L W	8L B

**Section 6 - CLASS E/UNRATED (1199--)**

Pair Num	Player Name USCF ID / Rtg (Pre->Post)	Total Pts	Round 1	Round 2	Round 3	Round 4
1	KYLE LUO CO 30588060 / R: 1312P15->1358P19	4.0 N:4	W W	12W W	4W B	3W B
2	JERRY L MEISNER CO 12549665 / R: 1186 ->1202	3.0 N:4	W B	18W W	8W B	7L W
3	TANISHKA TAGARE CO 16788310 / R: 1130 ->1148	3.0 N:4	W B	11W W	14L B	1W W
4	DUY TUONG NGUYEN CO 30581110 / R: 966 ->1041	3.0 N:4	W B	13L W	1W B	14W W
5	RANDY RICHTER CO 17158047 / R: 999 ->1012	3.0 N:4	L W	7W B	12W W	6W B
6	AL D JOHNSON CO 31301272 / R: Unrated-> 719P3	2.5 N:4	H W	W B	16L B	5W W
7	JOHNATHAN KYLE LOVELL CO 17108588 / R: 1124P21->1091P24	2.0 N:4	W B	5X B	L W	2L B
8	JOHN BLOEMKER CO 30988278 / R: 957 -> 940	2.0 N:4	X B	L B	2W W	15L B
9	THOMAS THIESZEN CO 15574512 / R: 1000 -> 938	2.0 N:4	L B	14L W	11W B	18W W
10	ANDREW J STEPHENSON CO 12693461 / R: 870 -> 904	2.0 N:4	W W	15F B	7F B	W B
11	ELIJAH OWENS CO 31247521 / R: 780P9 -> 807P13	2.0 N:4	L W	3B W	9W B	16L W
12	BRAYDEN GARNER CO 31092524 / R: 759P15-> 768P18	2.0 N:4	L B	1L W	5B B	W B
13	STEPAN ARTEMOVICH ROSTOVTSSEV CO 31215371 / R: 418P9 -> 404P11	2.0 N:4	L W	4B B	X B	10L B
14	PRANAV MALE CO 30742195 / R: 881 -> 888	1.0 N:4	W W	9L B	3L W	4U B
15	TREVOR THIESZEN CO 16127290 / R: 658 -> 653	1.0 N:4	L B	10W W	18L B	8L W
16	DANISA GOMEZ SISNEROS CO 30935444 / R: 153P5 -> 153P8	1.0 N:4	B B	L B	6L W	11L B
17	PATRICIA EMILY MCCracken CO 17237514 / R: 423P7 -> 423P7	0.5 N:4	F B	8H B	U B	U B
18	BRANDON L MUHLENBRUCH CO 30960542 / R: 826P25-> 740	0.0 N:4	L W	2L B	15L W	9L W
19	BETTY BAFFO CO 14350587 / R: 585 -> 585	0.0 N:4	U B	U B	U B	U B

Name	Winners	Total	Amount Each
Master/Expert (2000+): 1st	(3) FARIS F GABBARA (2000)	\$300.00	\$300.00
Master/Expert (2000+): 2nd	(2) RICHARD SHTIVELBAND (2200)	\$150.00	\$150.00
Class A (1800 - 1999): 1st	(4) IRIS LI (1952)	\$280.00	\$280.00
Class A (1800 - 1999): 2nd	(3) BRAD LUNDSTROM (1949)	\$140.00	\$140.00
Class B (1600 - 1799): 1st	(3.5) CALEB KOELLER (1790)	\$390.00	\$195.00
	(3.5) JON SEALANDER (1654)		\$195.00
Class C (1400 - 1599): 1st	(4) JONAS MI ZEUTZIUS (1401)	\$240.00	\$240.00
Class C (1400 - 1599): 2nd	(2.5) MARK LAUER (1467)	\$120.00	\$120.00
Class D (1200 - 1399): 1st	(3.5) JACK GOTTLIEB (1226)	\$220.00	\$220.00
Class D (1200 - 1399): 2nd	(3) ADAM DAWDY (1368)	\$110.01	\$36.67
	(3) BENJAMIN SIMBERG (1344)		\$36.67
	(3) MATTHEW R MILLER (1349)		\$36.67
Class E/Unrated (1199-): 1st	(4) KYLE LUO (1137)	\$200.00	\$200.00
Class E/Unrated (1199-): 2nd	(3) DUY TUONG NGUYEN (966)	\$100.00	\$25.00
	(3) JERRY L MEISNER (1186)		\$25.00
	(3) RANDY RICHTER (1025)		\$25.00
	(3) TANISHKA TAGARE (1130)		\$25.00

## Games from the 2023 Colorado Class Championships

### LANGSETH,DUWAYNE 1869

#### LI,IRIS 1952

1.d4 Nf6 2.e3 g6 3.Bd3 Bg7 4.c3 0-0 5.Nd2 d6  
6.Ng3 c5 7.0-0 Nc6 8.Ne4 Nxe4 9.Bxe4 d5  
10.Bc2 c4 11.e4 e6 12.e5 b5 13.a3 a5 14.Ng5  
h6 15.Nh3 Bd7 16.f4 b4 17.axb4 axb4 18.Rxa8  
Qxa8 19.Bd2 b3 20.Bb1 Ne7 21.g4 f5 22.exf6  
Bxf6 23.g5 hxg5 24.fxg5 Bg7 25.Nf4 Qe8  
26.Re1 Qf7 27.Qe2 Nf5 28.Qf2 Ra8 29.h4 Rf8  
30.Kh2 Re8 31.Kg1 e5 32.dxe5 Rxe5 33.Rxe5  
Bxe5 34.Qe1 Bd6 35.Qf2 Bxf4 36.Qxf4 Ne7  
37.Qe5 Qe6 38.Qxe6+ Bxe6 39.Be1 Kf7  
40.Kf2 Nc8 41.Kf3 Nb6 42.Bd2 Na4 43.Bc1  
Nc5 44.Ke3 Nd7 45.Kd4 Kg7 46.Bf4 Bf7  
47.Be5+ Kf8 48.Bf6 Ke8 49.Be5 Ke7 50.Bf4  
Ke6 51.Bg3 Nb6 52.Bf4 Na4 53.Bc1 Be8  
54.Ke3 Ke5 55.Kf3 d4 56.Bf4+ Kd5 57.Be4+  
Kc5 58.cxd4+ Kxd4 59.Be3+ Ke5 60.Bf4+ Ke6  
61.Bb1 Nxb2 62.Ke4 c3 63.Bc1 Na4 64.Bd3  
Nc5+ 65.Kd4 Nxd3 66.Kxd3 b2 67.Bxb2 cxb2  
68.Kc2 Kf5 69.h5 gxh5 70.Kxb2 Kxg5 71.Kc3  
h4 0-1

### SHTIVELBAND,RICHARD 2200

#### LANGSETH,RHETT 2129

1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d6 3.e4 e5 4.Nf3 Nbd7 5.h3  
Be7 6.Be3 c6 7.a4 0-0 8.Qd2 Re8 9.Bc4 exd4  
10.Qxd4 d5 11.exd5 Be5 12.Qd3 Bxe3 13.fxe3  
cxd5 14.Bxd5 Nxd5 15.Nxd5 Nb6 16.c4 Nxd5  
17.cxd5 Qb6 18.Ra3 Qxb2 19.0-0 Qf6 20.e4  
Qg6 21.e5 Bf5 22.Qd4 Qb6 23.Re3 Rad8  
24.Qxb6 axb6 25.Rd1 Bc2 26.Rd4 Ra8 27.Rc3  
Bxa4 28.Rc7 Ra7 29.Rf4 Rf8 30.Nd4 g6 31.d6  
Ra5 32.e6 fxe6 33.Rxf8+ Kxf8 34.Nxe6+ Kg8  
35.d7 Bxd7 36.Rxd7 Ra7 37.Kf2 b5 38.Ke3 b4  
39.Kd4 Ra2 40.Rg7+ Kh8 41.Rxb7 h5 42.Nf4  
g5 43.Nxh5 Rxxg2 44.Nf6 1-0

#### Motley,Chris

#### Moore,Kenzie

1.e4 e6 2.d3 d5 3.Nd2 c5 4.Ng3 Nc6 5.g3 Nf6  
6.Bg2 Be7 7.0-0 0-0 8.e5 Nd7 9.Qe2 b5 10.Re1  
Bb7 11.Nf1 a5 12.h4 a4 13.a3 b4 14.N1h2 bxa3  
15.bxa3 c4 16.d4 c3 17.Qd3 Qa5 18.Re3 Rfc8  
19.Kh1 Na7 20.Bf1 Rc6 21.Ng5 Nf8 22.Rf3 f6  
23.exf6 Bxf6 24.Ng4 Ba6 25.Qd1 Bxf1  
26.Qxf1 Bxd4 27.Qd3 Qb6 28.Rxf8+ Kxf8  
29.Qf3+ Ke7 30.Qf7+ Kd6 31.Qxe6+ Kc5  
32.Qe7+ Rd6 33.Ne6+ Kc4 34.Nxd4 Qxd4  
35.Qe2+ Kc5 36.Be3 1-0

#### Drebenstedt,James

#### Samuel,Josh 1982

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nd2 dxe4 4.Nxe4 Bd7 5.Nf3  
Bc6 6.Bd3 Nd7 7.c3 Ngf6 8.Bg5 Be7 9.Nxf6+  
Bxf6 10.Bxf6 Qxf6 11.Qe2 Bxf3 12.Qxf3 Qxf3  
13.gxf3 0-0-0 14.0-0-0 c5 15.Rhg1 g6 16.Bb5  
cxd4 17.Rxd4 Ne5 18.Re4 Nd7 19.Rc4+ Kb8  
20.Rf4 a6 21.Ba4 Ne5 22.Bc2 Rd7 23.Re1 Nc6  
24.Be4 Kd7 25.h4 Rhd8 26.h5 Re7 27.hxg6  
hxg6 28.Rh1 Ne5 29.Rf6 Nd7 30.Rf4 g5  
31.Rg4 f5 32.Rxg5 fxe4 33.fxe4 e5 34.Kd2  
Nc5+ 35.Ke3 Nd3 36.Rhh5 Nxb2 37.Rxe5  
Nc4+ 0-1

### GABBARA,FARIS 2000

#### LANGSETH,RHETT 2129

1.d4 Nf6 2.Nf3 d6 3.c4 Nbd7 4.Nc3 e5 5.e4  
Be7 6.Be2 exd4 7.Nxd4 Nc5 8.f3 a5 9.Nd5  
Nxd5 10.cxd5 0-0 11.0-0 f5 12.exf5 Bxf5  
13.Nxf5 Rxf5 14.Qe2 Qd7 15.Be3 Kh8 16.Rfd1  
b6 17.Bb5 Qc8 18.a3 Bg5 19.Bd4 Bf6 20.Bf2  
Be5 21.Re1 Qf8 22.Rad1 Qf6 23.b4 axb4  
24.axb4 Bc3 25.bxc5 Bxe1 26.Bxe1 bxc5  
27.Bc3 Qg5 28.Qe4 Raf8 29.Bd3 Qf4 30.Qxf4  
Rxf4 31.Re1 Kg8 32.Re7 R4f7 33.Re6 Ra8  
34.Bd2 Rd7 35.Kf2 Rdd8 36.Re7 Re8  
37.Rxe8+ Rxe8 38.Ba5 Re7 39.Be4 Kf7  
40.Ke3 g6 41.Kd3 Ke8 42.Kc4 Kd7 43.h4 Re8  
44.g4 Ra8 45.Bc3 Ra4+ 46.Kb3 Ra8 47.h5 Rg8  
48.Bxg6 Rb8+ 49.Kc4 Rf8 50.Bxh7 Rxf3  
51.Bf5+ Ke7 52.h6 c5 53.dxc6 d5+ 54.Kxd5  
Rxc3 55.c7 Kf6 56.c8Q Kg5 57.h7 Re3 58.h8Q  
Re5+ 59.Kxe5 1-0

#### Lundstrom,Brad

#### Jiminez,Luis

1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.Bg5 dxc4 5.e3 c5  
6.Bxc4 cxd4 7.exd4 Be7 8.Nf3 0-0 9.0-0 Nbd7  
10.Qe2 h6 11.Bf4 Nb6 12.Bb3 Bd7 13.Ne5 Rc8  
14.Rac1 Bc6 15.Nxc6 Rxc6 16.Be5 Qc8  
17.Rce1 Rd8 18.f4 Nfd5 19.Nb5 Qa8 20.f5 a6  
21.Nc3 Qc8 22.fxe6 f6 23.Nxd5 Nxd5 24.Bg3  
Bb4 25.e7 Bxe7 26.Qxe7 Kh8 27.Bxd5 Rxd5  
28.Qf7 1-0

### SAMUEL,JOSHUA 1982

#### MOTLEY,CHRISTOPHER 1989

1.e4 Nf6 2.e5 Nd5 3.c4 Nb6 4.c5 Nd5 5.Nc3 e6  
6.d4 d6 7.cxd6 cxd6 8.Nf3 Ne6 9.Bb5 Be7 10.0  
0-0 11.Ne4 f6 12.Qe2 fxe5 13.Bxc6 bxc6  
14.dxe5 dxe5 15.Nxe5 Qc7 16.Nc4 Ba6 17.b3  
Nf4 18.Qc2 Rad8 19.Be3 Rd5 20.Rfd1 Rfd8  
21.g3 Nd3 22.Nc3 R5d7 23.Ne4 Rd5 24.Nc3  
Nb4 25.Qe2 Bf6 26.Rac1 Bxc3 27.Rxd5 cxd5  
28.Bf4 e5 29.Rxc3 exf4 30.Qe6+ Qf7 31.Qxf7+  
Kxf7 32.Ne5+ Kg8 33.a3 d4 34.Rc1 d3 35.Rd1  
Nc2 36.a4 Nd4 37.b4 d2 38.b5 Ne2+ 39.Kf1  
Nc3 0-1

#### LI,IRIS 1952

#### LUNDSTROM,BRAD 1949

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3  
g6 6.Be3 Bg7 7.f3 Nc6 8.Qd2 0-0 9.Bc4 Bd7  
10.Bb3 Qa5 11.0-0-0 Rfc8 12.Kb1 Ne5 13.h4  
Nc4 14.Bxc4 Rxc4 15.Nb3 Qc7 16.g4 Be6  
17.Ne2 a5 18.h5 a4 19.Nbd4 Bd7 20.hxg6 fxg6  
21.Bh6 Bh8 22.a3 b5 23.g5 Nh5 24.Rxh5 gxh5  
25.g6 hxg6 26.Qg5 Kh7 27.Nf4 Rg8 28.Bf8  
Rg7 29.Bxg7 Bxg7 30.Qxg6+ 1-0

### SHTIVELBAND,RICHARD 2200

#### GABBARA,FARIS 2000

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.Bc4 Nc6 5.d3  
d6 6.h3 Be6 7.Bb3 a5 8.0-0 Bxc3 9.bxc3 a4  
10.Bxe6 fxe6 11.Ng5 Qe7 12.f4 exf4 13.Bxf4  
e5 14.Bd2 0-0 15.Qb1 Nd8 16.Qb4 c6 17.Qc4+  
Kh8 18.Rae1 h6 19.Nf3 b5 20.Qb4 g5 21.h4 g4  
22.Bxh6 gxf3 23.Bxf8 Qxf8 24.Rxf3 Ra7  
25.Rf1 Rf7 26.d4 Ng4 27.Rxf7 Nxf7 28.Qb1  
exd4 29.cxd4 Qg7 30.c3 Ne3 31.Rf2 Qg3 32.e5  
Ng4 0-1

### MOORE,KENZIE 1885

#### LANGSETH,DUWAYNE 1869

1.e4 d5 2.exd5 Qxd5 3.Nc3 Qd6 4.d4 Nf6  
5.Nf3 c6 6.h3 Bf5 7.Bd3 Bxd3 8.Qxd3 Na6  
9.Ne4 Nxe4 10.Qxe4 Qg6 11.Qxg6 hxg6 12.c3  
e6 13.b4 Nc7 14.Bd2 Bd6 15.c4 0-0 16.Bc3  
Be7 17.a4 Bf6 18.Kd2 a6 19.a5 Ne8 20.Kc2  
Nd6 21.Kb3 Ne4 22.Rhe1 Nxc3 23.Kxc3 Rfd8  
24.g4 g5 25.Re4 g6 26.Nd2 Kg7 27.Nb3 Be7  
28.Rb1 Rd7 29.Nc5 Rc7 30.Re5 Bd6 31.Re3  
Bf4 32.Rd3 Kf6 33.Kb3 Ke7 34.Ka4 Bd6  
35.Ne4 Bf4 36.b5 cxb5+ 37.cxb5 Rc4+ 38.Rb4  
Rac8 39.bxa6 bxa6 40.Nc5 Rxb4+ 41.Kxb4  
Bd6 42.Rc3 Rb8+ 43.Kc4 Rb5 44.Nxa6 Rxa5  
45.Nc5 f5 46.Re3 Bxc5 47.dxc5 f4 48.Rd3 Ra2  
49.c6 Rxf2 50.Kb5 Rb2+ 51.Kc5 e5 52.Rd7+  
Ke8 53.Kd6 Rd2+ 54.Kc7 Rc2 55.Rd8+ Ke7  
56.Rd7+ Ke6 57.Rd6+ Kf7 58.Kd7 f3 59.c7 f2  
60.Rc6 Rxc6 61.Kxc6 f1Q 62.c8Q Qc1+  
63.Kb5 0-1

#### AIZENBERG,DAVID 1807

#### DREBENSTEDT,JAMES 1944

1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 c5 4.cxd5 exd5 5.Nf3  
Nf6 6.Bg5 Nc6 7.e3 cxd4 8.Nxd4 Bd6 9.Bxf6  
gxf6 10.Nxd5 Qa5+ 11.Nc3 Bb4 12.Qd2 Ne7  
13.Bb5+ Kf8 14.0-0 a6 15.Be2 Rg8 16.Bf3 Bh3  
17.Kh1 Qe5 18.gxh3 Bd6 19.Ne6+ fxe6  
20.Qxd6 Qxd6 21.Ne4 Qe5 22.Rfd1 Qf5  
23.Bg2 Rxg2 24.Kxg2 Qxe4+ 25.Kg3 Ng8 0-1

#### JIMENEZ,LUIS 1857

#### SAMUEL,JOSHUA 1982

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27.Red1 Rd7 28.Bb5 Rc7 29.Rb2 Rd8 30.Rbd2  
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34.Rdc1 Kb7 35.Rc3 Nb4 36.Rxc7+ Rxc7  
37.Rxc7+ Kxc7 38.h4 Nc2 39.Kg2 Nxd4  
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44.axb5 Nxb5 45.Be8 Nc3 46.f4 a4 0-1

#### LUNDSTROM,BRAD 1949

#### LANGSETH,DUWAYNE 1869

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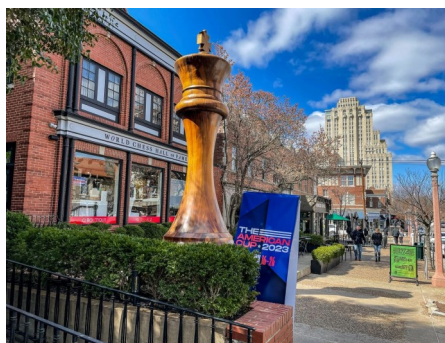
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hxg5 14.Bxf7+ Kxf7 15.Nxg5+ Kg7 16.Qg4  
Ng6 17.0-0 d6 18.e6 d5 19.Kh1 d4 20.f4 Qd6  
21.h3 Rh4 22.Qe2 d3 23.Qe4 d2 24.g3 Rh5  
25.Qf5 Qe7 26.Qg4 Rh8 27.f5 Ne5 28.Qf4 Rf8  
29.Qxe5+ Qf6 30.Qf4 Qxf5 31.Qc4 Qxg5  
32.Qxc3+ Rf6 33.h4 Qd5+ 34.Kh2 Qxc6 35.g4  
Qe2+ 36.Kh1 Qe4+ 37.Kh2 Bd4 38.Qxc7+ Kg6  
39.h5+ Kg5 40.Qg7+ Kh4 41.Rf5 Rxf5 42.gxf5  
Bxg7 0-1



# The American Cup 2023

By John Brezina



The American Cup returned for a second year to St. Louis in what has become the strongest tournament of US players. A unique double elimination tournament format with classical time controls in the Championship bracket and rapid time controls in the elimination bracket. Two strong eight player fields. For the men: Hikaru Nakamura, Fabiano Caruana, Wesley So, Levon Aronian, Leinier Dominguez, Sam Shankland, Ray Robson and Sam Sevian. All in the top ten US ratings list. For the women: Irina Krush, Alice Lee, Anna Zatonskih, Gulrukhbegim Tokhirjonova, Katerina Nemcova, Nazi Paikidze, Atousa Pourkashiyani and Tatev Abrahamyan. The match took place at the World Chess Hall of Fame due to a major expansion and construction across the street at the St. Louis Chess Club. I was fortunate to attend the opening and closing weekends of the event. Springtime on the calendar but not in the air as the opening had some cold temperatures. Great chess weather! The first time I can recall a tournament being held at the Hall of Fame. The staff did a great job in clearing the third floor of the Fischer-Spassky exhibit which provided a great setting with the many exhibit photos remaining. The first two floors remained open to the public but no spectators were allowed at the tournament.



**Defending champion Fabiano Caruana**

Defending champion Fabiano Caruana faced off with Ray Robson in round one while the only new player to the field this year is Hikaru Nakamura, facing off with the young Sam Sevian in round one. Nakamura would have the only decisive game in the round one matches, sending Sevian first to the elimination bracket.

On the women's side, defending champion Irina Krush delivered Tatev Abrahamyan her first of two losses in their match. And matching that was the young 13 year old Alice Lee delivering two losses to Atousa Pourkashiyani, former eight time Iranian women's champion now playing under the US flag.

Day three and the first four players would be eliminated from the tournament. Aronian sent home Sevian while Shankland sent home Robson after an epic struggle. Their first two rapid games at G25+10 ended in a draw. Then the next two rapid games at G10+5 were split wins setting up blitz at G3+2 next. The first blitz game ended in a draw while game two saw Sam Shankland push his pawns to a victory. While all these exciting games were taking place on the elimination side, the other side of the room had the Championship bracket players competing. Classical, rapid and blitz all taking place the same day in the same room, the best of all three formats for chess fans. In the women's section, Abrahamyan sent Nemcova home with two victories while Pourkashiyani sent four time women's US champion Anna Zatonskih home by winning their second game. Irina Krush continued her namesake moniker by winning her third game in a row against Begim.



**Defending champion Irina Krush**

Day four and Nakamura would win the second game against Dominguez, sending him to the elimination bracket to face Caruana after his playoff loss to Wesley So. Krush only needed a draw to reach the finals and that is just what she did against Begim. The young Alice Lee showed great fighting spirit by winning her game against former US champion Nazi Paikidze, setting up a repeat Championship bracket finals against Irina Krush. In the Championship bracket, the first two games of both matches ended in draws setting up exciting playoff matches. Nakamura took game one of the rapid playoff and So came back to win game two on demand. Then on to blitz where Hikaru dominated and won both games to win the bracket. After drawing both classical games, Krush took game one of the rapid playoff and put Lee in a must win game two. But despite needing only a draw in game two, Krush pushed and secured a second win and the Championship bracket.



**Hikaru Nakamura keeping an eye on the field**

Back in the elimination bracket, Dominguez sent Shankland home in the rapids while Caruana and Aronian went the full distance to armageddon in one of the most exciting matches of the tournament. Every game traded blows and was decisive from the start. First in rapid, then in the faster playoff rapids, and finally blitz. Aronian had black and draw odds in the armageddon game but was able to strike in the end and win a marathon match. The next day Aronian knocked out Dominguez to set up a final elimination bracket match against So. Aronian then met his match as Wesley So knocked him out of the tournament and earned a rematch with Namaura in the Finals. On the women's side, no playoffs were necessary as Paikidze sent Tatev home while Begim won both games against Atousa. The next day Paikidze dominated Begim and won both games to set up a finals rematch with Alice Lee. The young Alice Lee then showed why she is number six in the country and won her second match against Paikidze securing a second year in a row spot in the Finals against Krush.

I returned on March 25 for the final weekend and day two of the finals with the last classical games on the line. Hikaru Nakamura and Wesley So drew their first game but the veteran Irina Krush defeated her young opponent Alice Lee, setting up a must win game for the thirteen year old Lee. Starting with the men, Nakamura and So kept things peaceful and safely drew in 37 moves. On to the playoffs, where a favored Nakamura in the rapid format, lost a sharp game with opposite-side castling. This put Hikaru in a must win game for the first time in the tournament. But Wesley So was in great form and played a solid game where Hikaru could have taken a draw, but needed the win. Forcing play into a worse endgame, Hikaru eventually had to resign game two and return the following day for his second life in the double elimination format.

While all this excitement was going, the other side of the room had just as much action with Alice Lee capitalizing on a blunder by Irina that would leave her a piece down. After 48 moves, the young Lee forced a playoff with her veteran opponent. Never being easy to bounce back after a loss, Krush did just that with the black pieces. She outplayed and defeated Lee in what should have been a drawn rook pawn endgame.



Game two and with nerves of steel, Krush forced a draw and secured her second American Cup title. A jubilant Irina Krush sat and analyzed their game a moment before heading across the street for her final interview.



*Her final interview with Cristian Chirila*

The next and final day had plenty of action with the final between Nakamura and So starting at the same time as the American Cup Blitz tournament over at the beautiful Chase Park Plaza Hotel. This was not easy for me to decide which to cover so I decided to run back and forth the best I could to catch as much action as possible. I started with the blitz action since there were many more players and games to cover. But I'll talk about the heavyweight match first. Today would decide it all starting with two G25+10 games. The first game ended in a draw, but game two was a difficult double bishop and pawn endgame. Very complicated and exciting endgame as most games rather steer towards rook and pawn endings. Despite So having a slight advantage, Nakamura was able to force the draw and onto the next playoffs. The faster the time controls, the better the odds for Hikaru who is a blitz legend. The first G10+5 game ended in a quiet draw.



*The battle for first place  
Wesley So & Hikaru Nakamura*

Game two started out quiet enough and what seemed to be a fairly equal middlegame, looking like a possible blitz armageddon. But the game turned suddenly when Wesley So, after a long think, did the unthinkable. He captured a poisoned pawn on d2 on move 17, trapping his queen. Nakamura, a bit surprised along with the commentators, capitalized immediately and So resigned two moves later. They both sat and analyzed the game for some time and one of the first people there to congratulate the new champion was his step father Sunil Weeramantry. Hikaru then headed across the street to his final

interview with Cristian Chirila. Afterwards he exited with his second Kris Littlejohn and famed photographer Lennart Ootes, stopping briefly for his official photo in front of the Hall of Fame and the world's largest chess piece.



*Sunil Weeramantry is the first to  
congratulate his step-son after his victory*

Now if this wasn't enough excitement, the strongest blitz tournament I have ever been near was in play. I was able to capture the opening two rounds before heading over to watch the ending of the first Nakamura-So draw. FIDE Tournament director Mike Kummer did a great job running this star studded field that included 29 Grandmasters out of the 38 players. More impressive is that two players were rated over 2800, Fabiano Caruana and Levon Aronian. Another notable player was IM Kostya Kavutskiy who was recording to later stream all of his games. And having finished a day earlier, Irina Krush and Alice Lee joined the field. The tournament took place in a basement ballroom at the Chase Park Plaza Hotel, just down the street from the Hall of Fame and Chess Club. Many players showed up early to meet up with old friends and rivals. Then round one was posted and it was fun to see these strong players have to check the pairings like us mere mortals at a tournament to find their seats. Games were played at 3min+2 sec increment. The top four boards were DGT to broadcast for the commentators back in the studio which included the veteran Yasser Seirawan and 9-time British women's champion Jovanka Houska.



*The strong American Cup blitz tournament*

Starting at board one and never leaving it was Fabiano Caruana. He won his first five games before being held to a draw by Levon Aronian. Then chalking up three more wins to take clear first with an impressive 8.5 out of 9 points. Aronian took clear second with 7.5 points, his only loss to fellow Armenian Aram Hakobyan. Rounding out the top three was former world blitz champion Leinier Dominguez at 6.5

points. A strong hill to climb to get to the top indeed. I was able to be back in time to capture round four before heading back to see the second Nakamura-So end in a draw. After staying for the final win by Nakamura, I made it back for the finish of round nine where a crowd gathered around the Dominguez and Nikolas Theodorou game. It came down to playing on increment and would decide who was to take clear third place. Leinier with his experience and blitz nerves of steel came out on top. It was entertaining to watch the final results by Mr. Kummer as he announced the prize winners.



*Sam Shankland vs. Fabiano Caruana*

Many of the players then had to get ready for a special closing dinner that evening with club founder Rex Sinquefeld, including Irina Krush who was in great spirits and dressed for the occasion. Being ready early she had time to pose for some photos by Lennart Ootes in front of the Hall of Fame and chess club. As they say, timing is everything and I was fortunate to be there to catch the moment. Friends of hers stopped by including Alice Lee, Var Akobian, Wesley So, and commentator Jovanka Houska. With still time before dinner, Irina even popped into the club for a few more games of chess.



*Irina Krush and Jovanka Houska*

Another great tournament comes to a close. What Rex and his team have created in St. Louis and for American chess is nothing short of amazing. I look forward to the completed expansion of the club and future events. Thanks to all of their staff for the hospitality and kindness over the years. A must do pilgrimage for every chess enthusiast.



# GM James Tarjan Simul game 1979

By David Narevsky

James Tarjan became a GM in 1976. This game was played in 1979 when Tarjan was in top form. After playing well in several strong tournaments and US Championships, he gave up chess in 1984 to become a librarian. He returned to chess in 2014, after a gap of 30 years, and finished strong at the US Open in Orlando. Then in 2017 he defeated former world chess champion Vladimir Kramnik in the third round of the Isle of Mann event.

This was a simultaneous event starting with about 50 players and the room was full. Players were dropping out quickly and by around move 40, there were only two of us left. Then GM Tarjan grabbed a chair and sat down in front of me to play out the rest of the game, occasionally going over to the other game. In other words, I was now playing an almost one on one game with a Grandmaster. After my 46th move he offered me a draw and I quickly accepted. After dropping a pawn early, I was concerned about an endgame with a clearly better player. The computer had us about even.

Playing out a game from 44 years ago was a bit weird for me. Not sure I've played the Slav Defense before or since. I also noted a few comments.....

## La Palma Exhibition

March 16, 1979

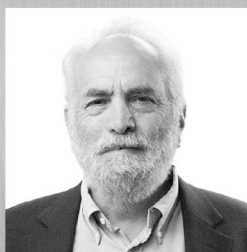
White: GM James Tarjan

Black: David Narevsky

1. d4 d5 2. c4 c6 3. Nc3 g6 4. Nf3 Bg7 5. Bg5 Nd7 (...Nd7 is obviously a bad move by me, not sure what I was thinking here) 6. cxd5 cxd5 7. Nd5 Ngf6 8. Nxf6+ Nxf6 9. Bd2 Ne4 10. e3 O-O 11. Be2 Re8 12. O-O Bg4 13. h3 Bf5 14. Bb4 Qb6 15. Qb3 Be6 16. Qa3 Qc7 17. Rac1 Qd8 18. Rfd1 a6 19. Bd3 Bd5 20. Ba5 Qd6 21. Qxd6 Nxd6 22. b3 Bxf3 23. gxf3 b5 24. Rc6 Bf8 25. Rdc1 e6 26. Bb4 Rd8 27. f4 Rd7 28. Rc7 Rxc7 (Rc7 was not the best move for Tarjan, and in review, quite surprised by this move) 29. Rxc7 Ne8 (Ne8 was not well received by my chess computer, but obviously worked well) 30. Rc5 Bxc5 31. Bxc5 Nc7 32. Kg2 f5 33. Kf1 Kg7 34. Ke2 Kf6 35. Kd2 g5 36. fxe4 Kxe4 37. Bd6 Nd5 38. f3 h5 39. e4 fxe4 40. fxe4 Nf4 41. Bf1 Ra7 42. Ke3 Ng6 43. Bg3 Rf7 44. Be2 Nf4 45. Bxf4+ Rxf4 46. Bxh5 Rf1 Draw agreed



Final position after 46...Rf1 where a draw was agreed....



James Tarjan  
(1952 - )

Few have represented the United States in Chess Olympiads with greater distinction than James Tarjan. He played five times from 1974 to 1982, winning four team (one gold, three bronze) and three individual (two gold and one bronze) medals. His lifetime winning percentage of 75.5% places him equal second among Americans with Bobby Fischer and Arthur Dake. An active player from 1965 to his 1984 retirement, Tarjan returned to the game in 2014 with spectacular results. In 2017, he defeated former World Champion Vladimir Kramnik, then ranked number three in the world at 2803 FIDE, enroute to a rating performance of 2671, to date the best ever result by an American player aged 65 or older.

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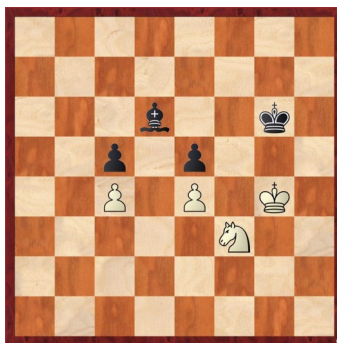
(Picture from WCHOF website)



Computer analysis shows 45. h4+ as winning for white. Instead white played 45. Bxf4+ leaving a nearly equal position.

# Nimzowitsch was Wrong!

By Rohan Krishna

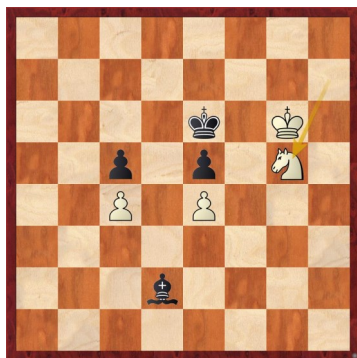


Starting Position

The position above was created by Nimzowitsch, and is supposed to demonstrate how an active knight can beat a passive bishop. This position has been thought to be a win for white for **all these years, but this assessment appears to be incorrect**. I believe this is in fact a draw.

White starts out with 1.Nh4+ Kf6 2. Kh5. White is attempting to outflank black and get his king to f5 in order to put pressure on black's e5 pawn. Since this is an endgame, king activity is crucial for further progress in the position. The position may continue 2...Bc7 3. Nf3 Ba5 4. Nh2. White is in the process of maneuvering his knight to g4. 4... Bc3 5. Ng4+. Now the black king must vacate the f6 square. 5...Ke6 6.Kg6. White's king is carrying out his strategy of moving closer to f5.

Black should now reply with 6...Bd4! to restrict the movement of white's knight. It is important for black's bishop to be able to protect both black pawns at the right time. White continues to maneuver his knight with 7. Nf6 Bc3 8. Nh7 Bd2 9. Ng5+ until he can force black's king out of e6.



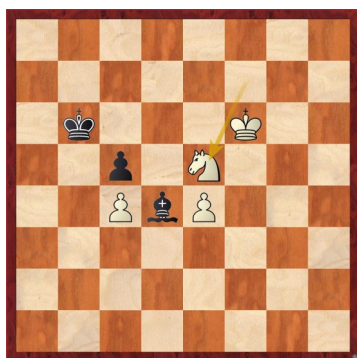
Position after 9.Ng5+

This is the critical position. Black must find the correct square for his king in order to keep drawing chances. 9...Kd6??, for example loses to 10.Kf5 Bc3 11.Nf7+ Ke7 12.Nxe5 Bb2 13.Nd3 after which white's passed e-pawn is unstoppable.

The correct move is 9...Ke7! At first this may not appear to make a difference because the white king gets to f5 regardless. Shouldn't this be a win now? Surprisingly, the answer is no because there is still no way for white to win the pawn on e5.

After 10.Kf5 Bc3, any attempt by white to attack the e5 pawn again will simply result in black defending it with ...Kd6. For instance 11. Nf3 is met by 11...Kd6. Now if white tries to take opposition with 12.Kf6, the only drawing move for black is 12... Bd4.

If White continues naturally with 13. Ng5 Kc6 14.Nf7, Black has an amazing drawing resource starting with 14... Kb6!! giving up his e5 pawn. After 15. Nxe5, white's knight is pinned to his king, giving Black a valuable tempo because the knight blocks his own passed pawn.



Position after 15. Nxe5

Black will continue with 15... Ka5 16.Ke6 Kb4. The position is now a draw because black will shortly win the c4 pawn, and sacrifice his bishop for the remaining white pawn at the appropriate time.

I do not see any improvements for White. The only attempt would be on move 13, if White were to try 13.Nh4 instead of 13.Ng5. This is to try and infiltrate the black position with the knight. After 13. Nh4, black should just play 13. Kc6. The drawing technique which black will use is the same as the one used in the 13. Ng5 line. The technique is to bring the black king to b4 attacking white's c4 pawn. For instance, 13.Nh4 Kc6 14. Ke6 Kb6, 15. Ng6 Ka5 16.Nxe5 Kb4. Similar to before, black is walking his king around to the queenside to go take the c4 pawn.

This analysis shows that active counter-play often gives better results than passive defense.





## Game Thinking and Puzzle Solving; seeking a synergy.

By Jeffrey Baffo June 2023

White to play his 24<sup>th</sup> move. This is taken from the book **Imagination in Chess**, position #34. The genesis game is copied below.

Gist; equal material, stable center, no tactical danger to either side. Both Kings are in slightly weakened K-side castled positions but in no danger of direct attack. Space advantage to White, but I can see no clear way to exploit this.

I'll spare you my move-by-move attempts to solve this. Suffice to say; I failed this puzzle, and failed spectacularly. I could find no productive plans! My "dream" was to pawn storm the Queen side but didn't want to allow Black to double my King side pawns, therefore 24.N:f5 seemed forced, the LS Bishops would come off next and Queens to boot if Black was so inclined. The more I looked, the more I saw that my hoped-for pawn storm had no justification. White had completed development and had a tiny space advantage but otherwise no active possibilities. Rather, it seemed that Black was the one who could argue a microscopic edge, being well developed in his own right, with the small, but tangible, factor of the half-opened f-file in his favor. I was well and truly stymied.

My mood was not improved when I viewed the "solution" in the book. This consisted entirely of reproducing the game's last 11 moves with the comment; "Smyslov found a way to put pressure on the Knight." Interestingly, the words 'put pressure' have apostrophes (not quotation marks) around them. What does that mean?

Wow, wow, wow. First of all, my "gist assessment" was incomplete. I failed to render an overall evaluation. Was it equal, or who did I think was better? I never clearly answered that. Shame on me! White has the advantage and it's more than a pawn by the engine's evaluation. Since it's in a book of problems, I was gifted the knowledge that there must be *something* good for White. Post mortem, I have to admit I thought it was at best a tiny advantage to either side, in truth an equal position, but I didn't say that either. I just jumped into the particulars of the position and wound up finding nothing. Some of my analysis was correct; There are no tactical continuations! Therefore, I should have begun to lay out my thinking along what could be White's most promising positional efforts. My efforts in that regard were insufficient to say the least. I did notice the space advantage, but gave that factor precisely ZERO further attention. Had I expanded my answer/thinking, I almost certainly would have been able to localize the space advantage to the center and then pinpointed it to the e-file. What kind of things could White do on this vital central file? A Rook Lift suggests itself. That, in turn, leads directly to the question; "Lifting to what??" Surely not to attack the Black King. That idea has arguably less justification and potential for success as my Queen side pawn charge. Maybe all that flashed thru my mind, I don't know. I do know that since the King attack idea was decidedly not in the cards, I abandoned all further efforts on White's space advantage. But not GM Smyslov! That guy was pretty good at this chess thing. He saw that Black's best placed piece was the Knight on f5. Maybe the cryptic 'put pressure' remark of the author had some value after all. Certainly, favorably liquidating or driving off the irksome beast on f5 would go a long way towards turning White's space advantage and faultless development into something more. Watch how the former World Champion does precisely that.

Smyslov,Vassily (2620) - Robatsch,Karl (2460) [A41]  
Amsterdam ol (Men) qual-A Amsterdam (3), 07.09.1954

1.c4 g6 2.d4 Bg7 3.Nf3 d6 4.e4 e5 5.Be2 Nc6 6.Bg5 Nge7 7.d5 Nb8 8.Nc3 h6 9.Bd2 f5 10.exf5 Nxf5 11.0-0 0-0 12.Rc1 Nd7 13.Ne4 Nf6 14.Bd3 g5 15.Bc3 Ne7 16.Ng3 Bg4 17.h3 Bd7 18.Nd2 Qe8 19.Nde4 Nxe4 20.Bxe4 Ng6 21.Bb1 Nh4 22.Qd3 Nf5 23.Rce1 Qf7 24.Re3 Qe7 25.Rf3 e4 26.Nxe4 Nh4 27.Nf6+ Bxf6 28.Rxf6 Rxf6 29.Bxf6 Qxf6 30.Qh7+ Kf8 31.Qxd7 Re8 32.Qxc7 g4 33.hxg4 Qf4 34.Bf5 1-0

To some up, look for the tactical thunderbolt but if that isn't there move then on to positional goals. Far more subtle than the "loud" move but no less deadly if you know how to use it. Chess thinking done for solving a problem is different from, and arguably (sometimes) deleterious to, that which produces good chess moves in an actual game. Paradoxically, a blending of those two modes could be the ideal hybrid approach.

*Batsford Chess, London, 2006. Paata Gaprindashvili*

## My Brush with Chess Greatness

By Peter Wise

I started a chess club when I was in 7th grade at Pershing Jr. High School in San Diego. A kid named Jeremy showed up and said that he'd like someone to show him how to play chess. (I was a 1200 player at the time.) He invited me to his house and I taught him how to play. We ended up becoming good friends and played a lot of games at each other's houses—and even over the telephone throughout middle school & high school.

I went through a number of chess books together with him (he especially liked Znosko-Borovsky's book *The Art of Chess Combination*). I coached him by analyzing his games and commenting on classic games of others: Pillsbury's games, Tal's games, etc. I also made a big study of the middle game using Euwe's *Middle Game Books 1-2*.

Jeremy's first tournaments were very discouraging for him, but he kept at it. Later on, we would both laugh when we replayed games in which we made terrible blunders. Every year we both progressed—typically about 100 rating points/year. Then by the end of high school he began to surpass me (even when I was over 2000 USCF). After high school we moved on and lost touch with each other.

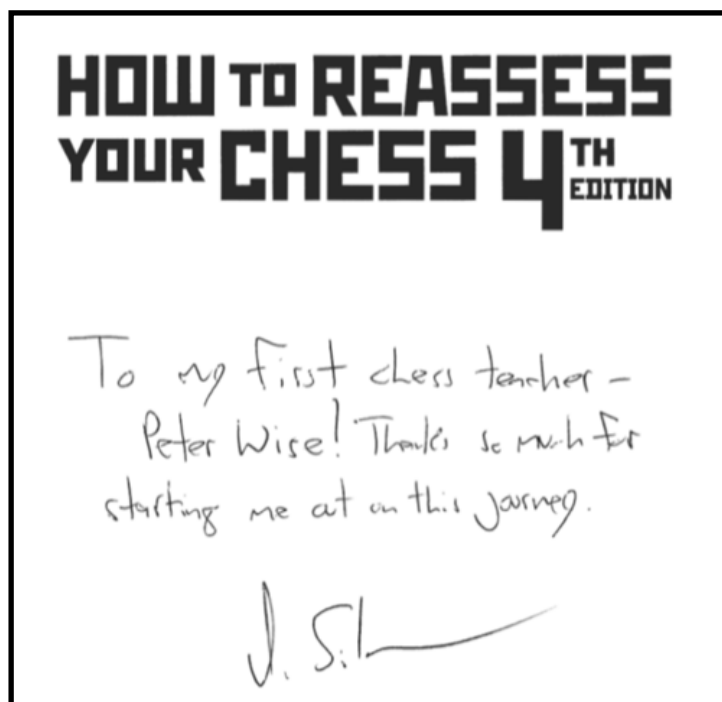
I stopped playing chess for two decades until I started teaching my own children. Imagine my surprise when we walked into a Barnes & Noble, and there in the chess section were a number of books by Jeremy Silman, including *The Amateur's Mind* and *Winning Chess Strategies*. I was dumbfounded!

I emailed Jeremy and he sent a kind reply, and later sent me a copy of his book *How to Reassess Your Chess*. He inscribed a short note at front of the book (see below), thanking me for being his first teacher. In the book he mentions my name and quotes me as saying you should always ask, "Why did you make this move?"

I remember Jeremy for his great sense of humor and fun, outgoing personality. I enjoyed meeting his British parents, and I remember his mother wondering if chess would lead to a good-paying career. I recall her saying, "There are two kinds of people in the world: those who are called 'Sir' and those who call others 'Sir'."

I've been a teacher all my life (public school, private school, and adult education), and this is one story I will never forget!

P. Wise



*The signed note from Jeremy Silman to Peter Wise*





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Instructors: Peter & Allison Wise

Days: M-F 1:00 - 2:30 PM

Monday, July 11 - Friday, July 29

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# Tactics Time!

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

by Tim Brennan



**1. Nick Petersen – Kenzie Moore**  
August DCC 2022  
White to Move



**2. Daniel Herman – Sara Herman**  
IHOP Quick Chess 2022  
Black to Move



**3. S. Baker-Nager– N. Petersen**  
July DCC 2022  
White to Move



**4. Jason McEwen– Phineas Hagg**  
July DCC 2022  
White to Move



**5. Turpana Molina– Nick Petersen**  
July DCC 2022  
Black to Move



**6. Nathan Fraster–Morgan Showen**  
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**7. R. Shtivelband – S. Baker-Nagar**  
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Black to Move

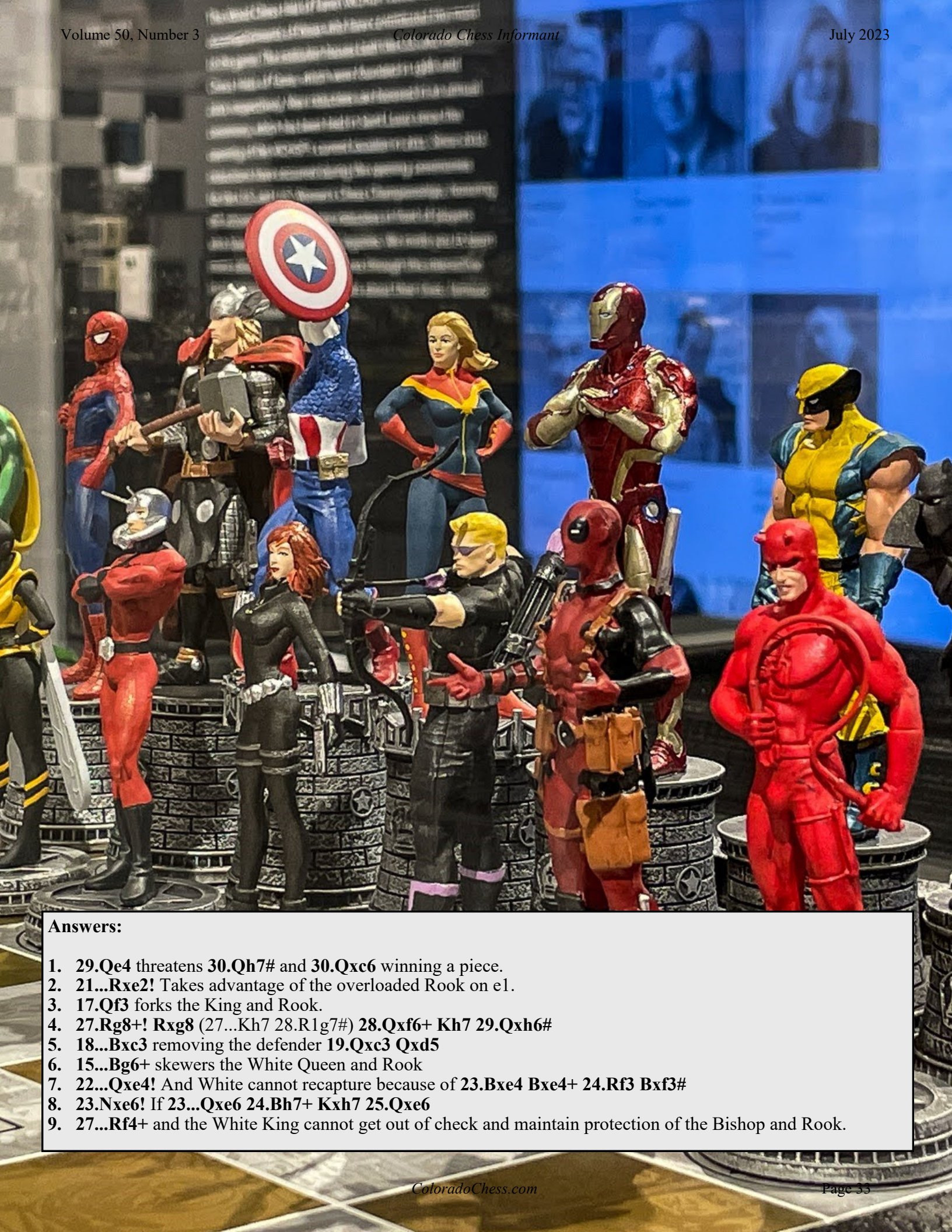


**8. Chris Peterson – Kenzie Moore**  
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White to Move



**9. Nick Petersen – Juan Brenes**  
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Black to Move





### Answers:

1. 29.Qe4 threatens 30.Qh7# and 30.Qxc6 winning a piece.
2. 21...Rxe2! Takes advantage of the overloaded Rook on e1.
3. 17.Qf3 forks the King and Rook.
4. 27.Rg8+! Rxe8 (27...Kh7 28.R1g7#) 28.Qxf6+ Kh7 29.Qxh6#
5. 18...Bxc3 removing the defender 19.Qxc3 Qxd5
6. 15...Bg6+ skewers the White Queen and Rook
7. 22...Qxe4! And White cannot recapture because of 23.Bxe4 Bxe4+ 24.Rf3 Bxf3#
8. 23.Nxe6! If 23...Qxe6 24.Bh7+ Kxh7 25.Qxe6
9. 27...Rf4+ and the White King cannot get out of check and maintain protection of the Bishop and Rook.



# THE CHESS DETECTIVE: THE MYSTERY OF THE WAYWARD QUEEN

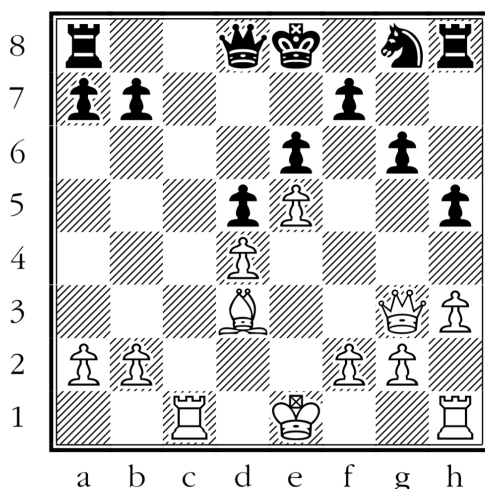
By NM Todd Bardwick

The beginner chess player quickly learns that bringing out the queen early is generally not a good idea because she can be easily chased around the board, losing critical time, or even worse, get captured.

As the most powerful piece with long-range capability, she is sometimes tempted to enter the game quickly to hunt down an opposing pawn and then try to make a quick get away.

Consider this position from a game between two top Colorado scholastic players in 2003.

Tyler Hughes (1606)



Sam Galler (1692)  
Position after 16.cxd4

The first step is to pick up the clues and make observations about what is going on. Material is even. White has a huge lead in development. Black should be wary of potential bishop sacrifices on g6 and develop his knight with 16...Ne7, try to castle quickly, and hope that White doesn't come crashing in.

Instead, Black eyes the pawn on a2 and sends the queen out on a mission to capture it.

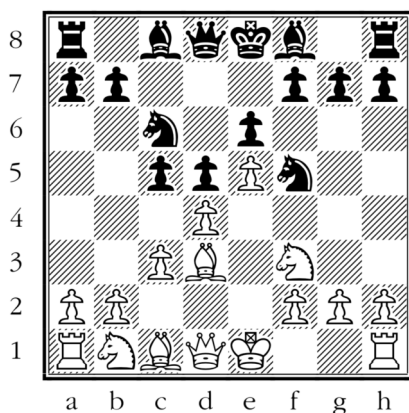
**16...Qa5+ 17.Rc3 Qxa2 18.0-0 Qa5** Running home. If the queen captures the b2 pawn with 18...Qxb2, White can play 19.Rb1 (19...Qxc3 loses the queen to 20.Bb5+) and have a multitude of threats after the queen moves like Rxb7, Rc7, Bb5+, and Bxg6.

**19.Rfc1 Qd8** Black spent four (!) moves to grab the a2 pawn. With all that extra time, White has castled and doubled his rooks and is planning an invasion on the c-file. The end is near. **20.Rc7 Ne7 21.Bb5+ Kf8 21...Nc6** loses the knight after 22.Rxb7. **22.Rd7 Qe8 23.Rxb7 Nf5 24.Qa3+ Black Resigns**



In the next example from the 1996 Colorado Closed, Black's queen comes out early and gets trapped.

Brian Wall (2281)



Position after 7.Bd3

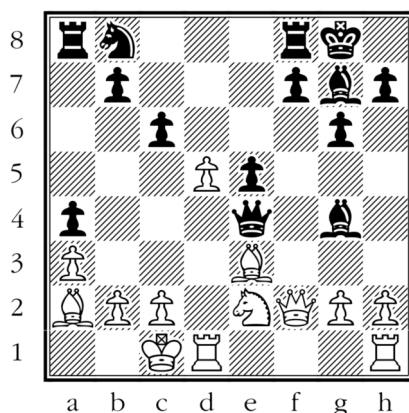
Jerry Kearns (2371)

Black plays the logical **7...Nh4** to avoid getting his pawn structure messed up by 8.Bxf5. **8.Nxh4 Qxh4 9.Nd2 cxd4 10.Nf3** The ambitious Black queen isn't much of a threat to the White king because she has no available help from any of her friends. Black plays **10...Qg4??**

White responds **11.h3!** and the queen is trapped! **11...Qxg2** If Black tries **11...Qh5**, White traps the queen with **12.g4**. **12.Rh2** trapping the queen and winning the game in 15 more moves.

In this final example from the 1992 North American Open the Black queen safely comes out early to take a pawn, but then hangs around in the danger zone too long and amazingly gets trapped in the middle of the board. Every once and a while even a world-class player can get his queen trapped after bringing her out early!

GM Christiansen (2630)



Position after 16.Ne2

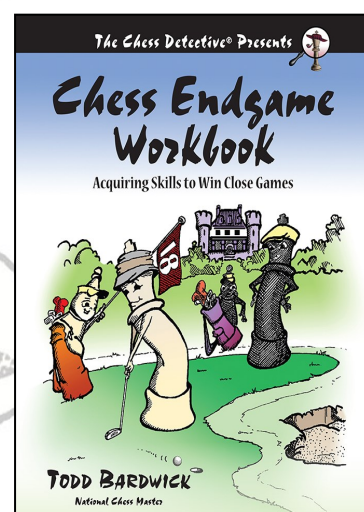
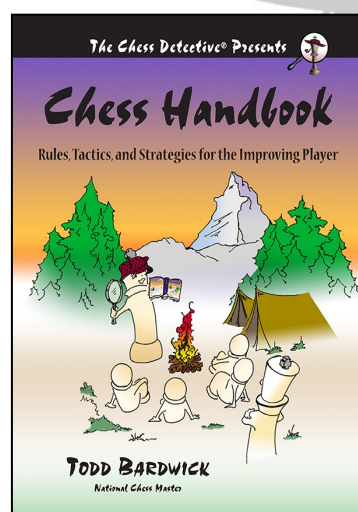
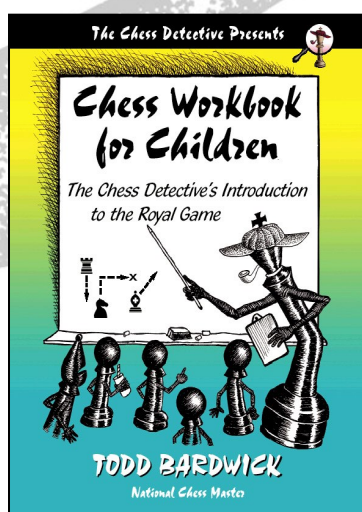
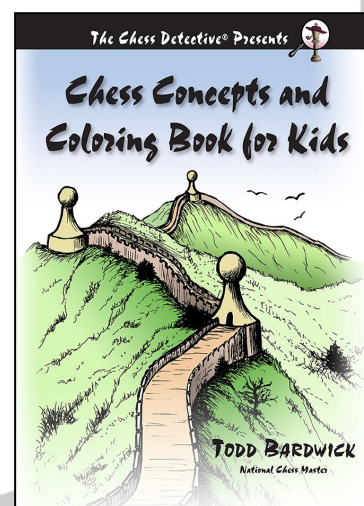
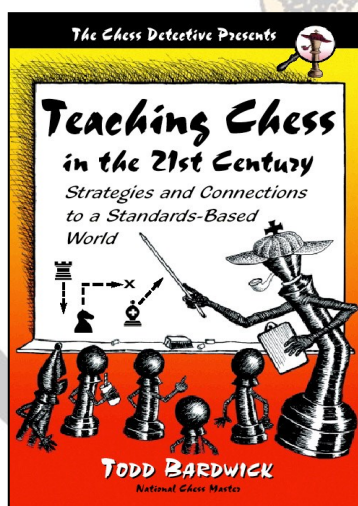
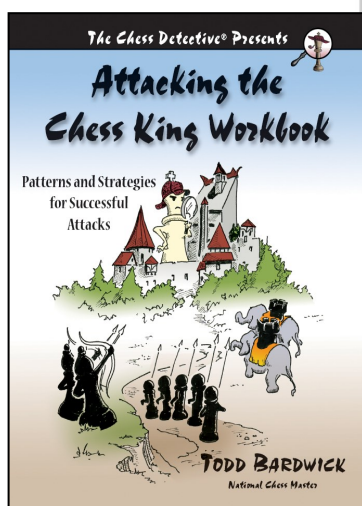
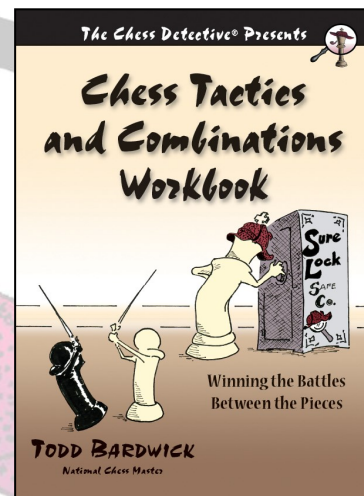
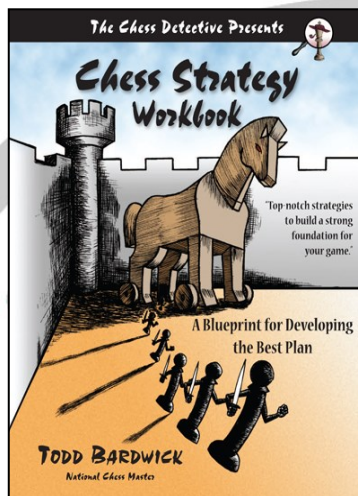
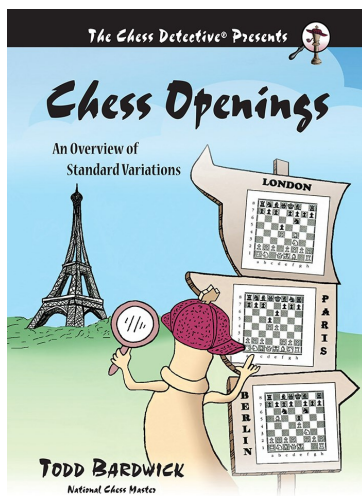
Burden (2194)

Black played **16...Nd7??** 16...Qf5 is necessary here to save the queen. White played **17.Ng3!** The Black queen is trapped and has nowhere to go.

Amazingly, Black was able to mount a comeback and win this game. The entire game is annotated by GM Patrick Wolff in the April 1992 *Chess Life*.

Always remember that even if you can successfully steal a pawn by bringing out your queen early, danger is usually lurking nearby and if you aren't careful, she may get trapped!

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NM Todd Bardwick's books can be purchased at Amazon.com here:  
<https://tinyurl.com/y4dk56ky>



## Grandmaster Simultaneous Exhibitions in Colorado

*By Todd Bardwick*

### Denver:

George Koltanowski - 1958 or 1959

Hans Berliner – 1959

Larry Evans - January 20, 1963 and October 4, 1969

Samuel Reshevsky - February 26, 1963 and February 16, 1964

Bobby Fischer - April 26, 1964

William Lombardy - March 23, 1968 (Pal Benko was originally scheduled to give the simul but had to cancel the week before. Lombardy was a last-minute replacement.)

Robert Byrne - March 31, 1968

Bent Larsen - September 18, 1968 and July 18, 1974

Svetozar Gligoric - March 24, 1971

Lubomir Kavalek - July 31, 1971

Lajos Portisch - September 1972

Walter Browne - October 22, 1975 and April/May 1976

Anatoly Lein - February 28, 1977

Laszlo Szabo - April 6, 1977

Victor Korchnoi - September 14, 1977

Tigran Petrosian - April 17, 1978

Larry Christiansen - September 14, 1978 and October 15, 2001

Larry Christiansen - March/April 1980 (Blindfold Simul)

Roman Dzindzichashvili - July 2, 1997 and 2002

Alexander Shabalov - September 18, 2003

Alex Fishbein - June 23, 2011

Alex Yermolinsky - August 31, 2012

Timur Gareyev - November 2, 2013 (Blindfold Simul)

Gata Kamsky - June 12, 2015

Timur Gareyev - October 23, 2015 -Photos link: <https://goo.gl/photos/wd8YKVVsa4LUm36WA>

### Colorado Springs:

Larry Evans - January 21, 1963 and October 1969 (right after the Denver Simul)

Samuel Reshevsky - February 25, 1963 and February 17, 1964

Bobby Fischer - April 28, 1964

Stefan Djuric - April 28, 1992 (in Boulder April 27, 1992, in Denver April 29, 1992)

### Boulder:

Walter Browne - February 1, 1982

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### Ft. Collins:

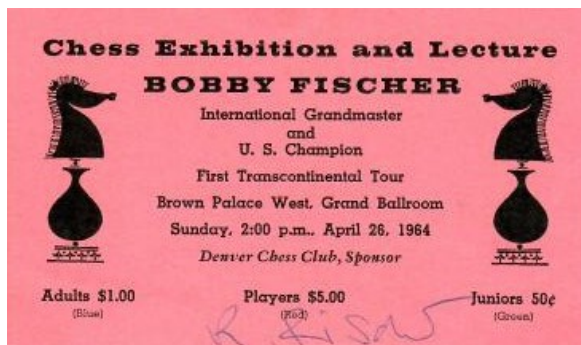
Timur Gareyev - May 3, 2014 (Blindfold Simul)

Alex Fishbein - June 27, 2015

Timur Gareyev – June 17, 2022

### Greeley:

Timur Gareyev - October 3, 2017 (Blindfold Simul)



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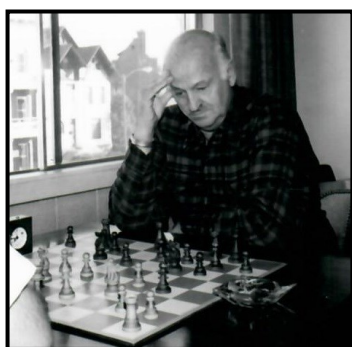
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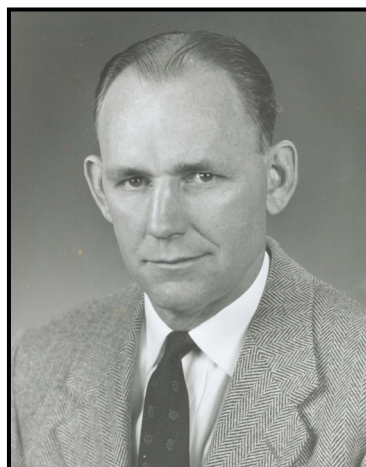
*Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony  
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# UPCOMING COLORADO TOURNAMENTS

Denver Chess Club - DCC July Tuesdays 2023 (NO MEETING JULY 4) July 4 - 25, 2023  
 Colorado Springs Chess Club - CSCC July Tuesdays Swiss G/90 July 11 - 25, 2023  
 Denver Open 2023 July 22 - 23, 2023  
 Colorado Springs Chess Club - CSCC August Tuesdays Swiss G/90 August 1 - 29, 2023  
 2023 Colorado Open September 2 - 3, 2023  
 Colorado Springs Chess Club - CSCC September Tuesdays Swiss G/90 September 5 - 26

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Kings of Chess Tournament - July 9, 2023 Aurora  
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 Denver Scholastic Chess Series #1 September 23, 2023 Englewood  
 Denver Scholastic Chess Series #2 October 14, 2023  
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**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: [Mkahhak@sopris.net](mailto:Mkahhak@sopris.net).

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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