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Colorado Open & Blitz champion Sullivan McConnell  
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## From the Editor

I am now into my second year as editor of the CCI and have enjoyed my time meeting players at tournaments. I have tried to carry on our long and varied chess story here in Colorado. With much help from our contributors and volunteers who make these chess tournaments happen, our Chess Informant has been nationally recognized as the best online State magazine by the CJA. Keep the great articles and stories coming in so we can continue to highlight the Colorado chess scene...

- John Brezina

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## CSCA President – Earle Wikle’s Message

Hello everyone, what a wonderful year for Colorado chess. I want to thank everyone that participated in this past year of all the chess events in Colorado. We had fantastic turn outs in tournaments in Denver for both the Denver Open and the Colorado Open. The Denver Open had 191 players and the Colorado Open had 166 players. I am amazed and proud of all the Colorado players and the support of the Denver Chess Club members, not to mention some out of state players. I’m not sure if the tournaments were records, but most certainly they were the largest tournaments in the past 3 decades.

If you did not notice, I increased the number of DGT boards. The CSCA now owns 11 DGT boards and I have all of them working, but some of the old boards have loose connections. I was able to buy three boards off the organizer and President of the New Mexico Chess Association, Willow LeTard. The total for the three boards was \$2000, so I drove down to New Mexico and met with Willow and bought the boards. Afterwards, I had a great conversation with her and all the organizers about getting the Colorado vs New Mexico match started back up. So hopefully that will transpire in the coming year and we will use all DGT boards in the match. I want to thank Shirley Herman for pointing out the boards were for sale on Facebook, because without her mentioning it to me, Colorado might have missed out in buying them.

I hope everyone is looking forward to playing in all the Colorado Chess events in the coming year. I will be doing my best to get all the tournaments planned and make them successful. I want the membership to know, it is becoming more difficult to book hotels due to their cost. At the Colorado Open the CSCA paid about \$3500 for the hotel ball rooms for the weekend. Even though I increased the prize fund from years past, it was mentioned to me the prize payout was a low percentage. Therefore, in order to generate a better percentage of entry fee to prizes, I will have to increase the entry fee in the coming year. By doing so, I will increase the prize fund and add prizes. This is why in the coming year I will increase the entry fee to the tournaments and increase the number of prizes and make the prizes bigger. I hope everyone will continue to come and play chess, and I will continue to do my best to keep the entry reasonable so we can continue to have fun and support the game we all love.

Finally, I want to congratulate our two winners of the Chess Journalist of America Awards. J.C. MacNeil for ‘Best Tournament Report - State/Local - Online Award’, and John Brezina and Fred Spell for ‘Best State Magazine/Newsletter - Online - Cramer Award’. Both J.C. MacNeil and John Brezina do an amazing job putting together reports, articles, and publications for Colorado Chess. Also, thanks to Fred Spell for all the years of hard work on the Colorado Chess Informant. It is nice to see John Brezina keeping up the great tradition and standards that you accomplished over the years.

Thank You All,  
Earle P. Wikle  
CSCA President



DuWayne  
Langseth

Jesse  
Cohen

Andrew  
Starr

Earle  
Wikle



# Annual Colorado State Chess Association (CSCA) Membership Meeting

September 3, 2023

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## Actions

### Election of officers: (All by unanimous voice vote)

President: Earle Wikle

Vice President: Jesse Cohen

Treasurer: Andrew Starr

Secretary: Nicholas Brookins

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

At Large: DuWayne Langseth

Junior Representative: Neil Bhavikatti

### Purchase of DGT Boards

The membership approved (2 abstained, all others in favor) the purchase of 3 DGT electronic demonstration boards, to be used to live-demonstrate tournaments and match games.

## Financials

Treasurer Andy Starr reported on the financial state of the CSCA over the last year, which is essentially break-even, pending final results of the 2023 Colorado Open.

## Old Business

Secretary Scott Lett reported on business from the 2022 membership meeting, including membership updates, growth of tournament expenses, and the new playoff system for championship titles, and the launch of a girls' championship tournament in several sections.

## New Business

President Earle Wikle requested that the CSCA purchase 3 DGT electronic chessboards that he recently acquired, for CSCA use at tournaments and matches. After a few questions, the membership voted to approve the purchase.

## Discussions from Membership

Scott Lett, reported on business from the 2022 membership meeting, including membership updates, growth of tournament expenses, and the new playoff system for championship titles, and the launch of a girls' championship tournament in several sections.

Earle and Andy both reported on the increases in cost of running CSCA tournaments. Suggestions from a number of members were discussed, with several specific recommendations to negotiate better venue rates by former CSCA President Bardwick. Shirley Herman opined that the maximum funds possible be returned to the members in the form of tournament prizes.

Earle gave updates on the 2022-2023 CSCA tournaments, including the excellent turnout of the 2023 Colorado Open

Earle reported that a committee has been formed to study how to make the CSCA website more accessible for edits and updates, host the site on a commercial off-the-shelf software, and better integrate the roster and tournament databases. Neil Bhavikatti has a student team that is helping in the effort. Todd Bardwick expressed desire to get access to the "CSCA History" portion of the website as part of this re-hosting, and Earle agreed. There was some discussion of the potential cost of rehosting the website, and Earle agreed to report on progress and propose a solution.

Earle reported that the CSCA Website and the Colorado Chess Informant publication had won chess journalism awards, with congratulations to Fred Spell and John Brezina.

With no new further business to discuss, the 2023-2024 board elections were held, with results reported above.



Scott Lett, Colorado State Chess Association Secretary





## Colorado State Chess Association (CSCA) Meeting Minutes

September 20, 2023

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### ACTIONS

Vedanth Sampath couldn't be the other member at large that was proposed at the Colorado open. That means we need someone else, and Tom Nelson was nominated. DuWayne seconded the nomination for second member at large position. No other members recommended. DuWayne seconded the closure. Tom will fill the position.

Scott (Prior Secretary) sent the last meeting notes signed to Earle.

Earle moves to have the notes approved. Nicholas seconds that. The notes have been approved to be placed into the record and published. Approved.

Andy-when financials are finished it was approved to put those on the public record with the official notes.

### FINANCIALS

Final report of financials: Andy did not have any slides prepared for the meeting having only finding out about the meeting.

Hoping to preview the financials to have them voted in tonight.

Andy, finances were accomplished for reimbursements and prizes. Outgoing refunds are still pending.

Same time last year about \$1000 under from last year.

Four accounts \$35,692.13 total.

Scholarship account: considered a subset of scholastic \$1817.19

Just under \$12,000 in the scholastic account

Just under \$22,000 in the main account

Amazon account for donations: \$205. Last Payout from Amazon Smile, which is about to phase out.

Earle: When we pay out at the fairgrounds the funds come out of the scholastic ultimately.

CSCA charged Earle \$59 instead of being added?

Shirley's refund has been refunded.

### NEW BUSINESS

**Scholastic championship** February 3,4, 2024. Earle is hoping to get volunteers and get everything set up. 11 DGT boards set up. Volunteers needed: 10-12 people, vendors, T-shirts. Trophies. Recommendation to have the Bye's be removed that are not in the rulebook. It wasn't clear and should be removed to make things coincide with the rulebook. Fairgrounds are arranged; but no contract has been signed. Todd will be chief TD, and crew will be assigned and assembled by Todd. Have another meeting in October to finalize plans and sign a contract in November. Early January is when Andy provided funds. Last year clean-up was a charge, as well as additional chairs and tables they charged for. The one vendor that was inside, they got to use the kitchen. That vendor should be charged extra for using the facility. Whereas, the other vendors didn't have access to the kitchen and they had to use their own trailers. They became a partner and paid \$100 and were allowed to take over the kitchen. We are not trying to charge extra, but things should be on parity for being able to use water, electricity. If we start establishing vendors we could get more vendors and get this organized.

Have to have places for parents to sit. The tournament came off well last year, worked well together, successful tournament and venue.

Andy: make a decision on the t-shirt vendor. The same vendor has been doing it for multiple years. The arrangement gives us back a percentage of the profits, which is a good amount. Andy recommends we continue to use the same vendor. Fine Designs is the vendor. Motion passes to have Fine Designs be our t-shirt vendor. Table the rest of the Scholastic Championship and allow Tom to be here to get things more solidified.

USCF likes to have candidates for people going on to play at other tournaments; done by June. We are proposing to move the senior open into April so as not to pass the USCF deadline.

The All girls tournament, move to August. Three different sections for the girls.

Many parents would like the girls to be playing against girls to have a representative to send to a higher tournament. We would like to establish a time control that is fair? Hoffman library, possibly to move to the central library if necessary. Andy suggested to have it moved to the central library and possibly have more people get involved. For the "All Girls" tournament, possibly move it. Ideally it should be held during the school year because people vacation in the summer and not as representative of the population of players. Earle will go to the libraries and ask about dates and formalize a plan.

**Close championship:** Early March being the 8,9,10th March. Or the 22,23,24 March at having it at the Fairgrounds at Aurora last year. We got it for free last year, we have to help out the libraries with helping out with chess sets available where the libraries have a chess club. The Hoffman library can hold between 40-50 players. We would like to get our scholastic sections to work.

**Web Site Project:** Transition from the current Colorado State website, Dean put it together, but it doesn't take advantage of all the new websites offer. Neil Bhavikatti who is spearheading the project by using, "Word Press". Such as membership updates, historical records. The idea is to have access to have board members have access to be able to update it through more than one person. Possibly provide a payment system on the website. They use Stripe and Paypal. If this project expands into that, it would be ideal. Earle proposes three stages.

Purchase Word Press

Analyzing our needs and taking the old site and transferring it over.

Redesigning our website using more options we doing have

Have operational in 4-6 months. Neil is stating a month is appropriate with his team of 4-5 staff of his own. Earle would like Dean to corroborate with Neil's team. Neil presented what he has accomplished, and has come quite far.

Motion passed to have Dean move forward with Neil to see if this software is satisfactory.

## OLD BUSINESS

Colorado Open, September with the Blitz. Attendance was the best in two decades. 166 players was impressive. Our original break-even was 124, the hotel increased their prices so our break even was 139. The Colorado Open, we made \$1600 or so. Blitz tournament we made about \$150 back into the account.

John has been doing a fantastic job this year, John is the editor of the Colorado Chess Informant. He received an award for articles he has published in Chess journals. Todd also received an award. We won for best State magazine for Colorado. John would also like to get names for state champions and titles, so each year we know what the titles are for the state of Colorado.

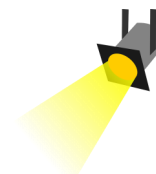
Nicholas Brookins, Colorado State Chess Association Secretary







## *Spotlight on Colorado Chess Clubs*



### **Castle Rock Chess Club**

I paid a visit to the Castle Rock chess club at it's new location in the brand new Castle Rock library. Those familiar with the old library will be impressed with the much bigger and improved facility, right next to the old library location which has been removed. No registration is required and all skill levels are welcome for drop in play. They meet every Monday from 6:00-8:00pm. The club has been meeting at the library since 2009 and Zach Metcalf has been running the club for the past several years. He has created a website with more information about the club and they offer an online weekly tournament through lichess. Please see his website link below for more info. I enjoyed my time there playing some of his patrons and I highly recommend paying a visit to his club to enjoy some over the board chess.



*The entrance of the new library*



*The new chess club meeting room*



*Zach Metcalf runs the  
Castle Rock Chess Club*



*Players of all ages and skill levels enjoying chess*



*Tony from New York will give  
you a tough game!*



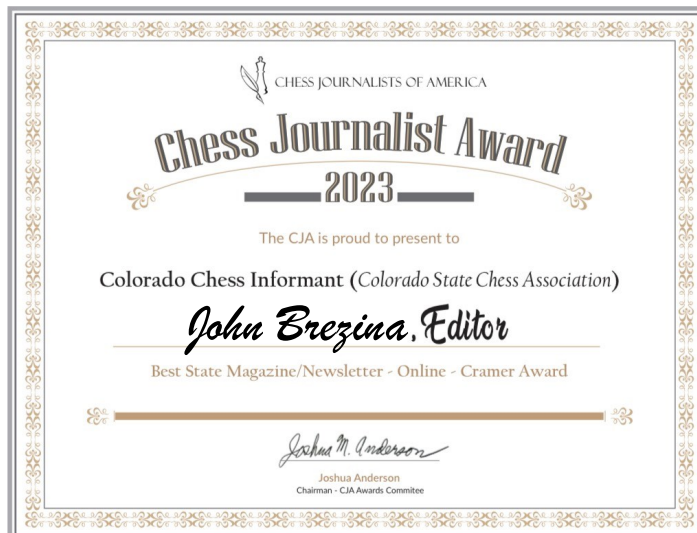
**More info on the Castle Rock Chess Club:** Meets every Monday from 6:00-8:00pm in the new Castle Rock library at 100 S Wilcox St, Castle Rock, CO 80104. Zach Metcalf can be reached at [chess@castlerockchessclub.org](mailto:chess@castlerockchessclub.org). Check out their website at [www.castlerockchessclub.org](http://www.castlerockchessclub.org)

If you would like to see your chess club in the spotlight here or have news about your club for future issues, please contact me. [skibrezina@gmail.com](mailto:skibrezina@gmail.com)

## 2023 Colorado Chess Awards



Congratulations to Denver Chess Club Manager JC Macneil for his CJA award for best tournament report on the 2022 Denver Open.

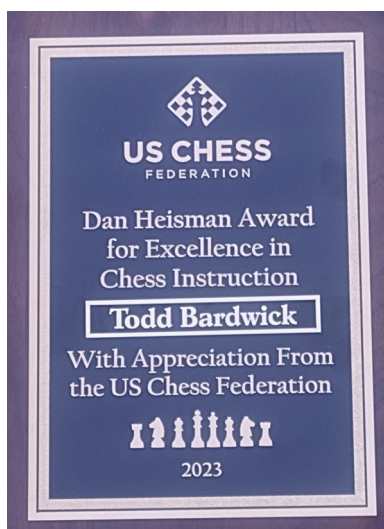


Congratulations to the Colorado chess community for helping make the Colorado Chess Informant get recognized as best online State magazine in the 2023 CJA awards.

## Todd Bardwick wins Dan Heisman Award

Congratulations to Todd Bardwick for becoming the third recipient of the prestigious Dan Heisman Award for Excellence in Chess Instruction awarded by the United States Chess Federation. Todd joins Bruce Pandolfini (NY) and Bill Cornwall (FL) in receiving this top national chess teaching honor.

The Award was presented on August 4<sup>th</sup> in the President Gerald R. Ford Ballroom in the Amway Grand Plaza Hotel in Grand Rapids, Michigan, during the U.S. Open.





## Colorado Chess in the News

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## THE RIGHT MOVES

Young chess players participate in Chessmates' annual summer chess camp at Council Tree Covenant Church on Friday in Fort Collins. On the final day of camp the kids competed in a simultaneous exhibition against coach Brad Lundstrom, where he battled all 26 young chess stars at once. PHOTOS BY LUCAS BOLAND/THE COLORADOAN



## K9 gets life-saving heart treatment

Kelly Lyell  
Fort Collins Coloradoan  
USA TODAY NETWORK

Cash, a black Labrador retriever, has been at the side of Colorado Parks and Wildlife officer Brock McArdle for nearly seven years, sniffing out injured or dead elk, deer, mountain lions and other animals or signs of their presence as well as articles of evidence to help solve cases of illegal poaching.

Cash, who treats "every new person he meets as a new friend," also plays a big role in CPW's social media and outreach education programs through his friendly presence, especially with children, McArdle said.

The 7-year-old K9 officer has a huge heart, McArdle said.

Too large, it turns out. A wildlife veterinarian with CPW, performing a routine annual examination, detected a heart murmur in Cash

[See K9, Page 2A](#)



Dr. Bruna Del Nero, left, a resident with Colorado State University's veterinary teaching hospital, and Colorado Parks and Wildlife officer Brock McArdle pose with Cash.

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COLORADO STATE UNIVERSITY

## With triple-digit ocean temperatures, water not so refreshing

Michael Phillis, Beatrice Dupuy  
and Rebecca Blackwell  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

KEY BISCAIYNE, Fla. — In the sweltering summer heat, nobody tries to cool off by jumping into a hot tub. In parts of Florida, however, that's what the ocean

has felt like.

Last week, sea surface temperatures reached as high as 101.2 degrees Fahrenheit around the state's southern tip in Manatee Bay, according to the National Weather Service — although scientists said the context for the reading is complicated.

"It was like there was no difference between humidity of the air and going into the water," said Chelsea Ward of Fort Myers, Florida.

Triple-digit ocean temperatures are stunning even in Florida, where residents are used to the heat and where many retirees find refuge from cold,

northern winters. Several other nearby spots reached the mid-90s. A storm finally came through Wednesday, helping water temperatures drop back down into the more temperate 80s.

Humans naturally look to water for a

[See HEAT, Page 2A](#)

Former Colorado State Chess Association president Brad Lundstrom made the front cover of the local Ft. Collins newspaper as he played a simul against 26 players at the annual Chessmates' summer chess camp. Brad has been a long time chess coach and active Colorado player with numerous titles and achievements. Not only is Chessmates a chess club but it has also grown into the largest Colorado scholastic chess club in the state. Here is more info: [Home - Chessmates \(chessmatesfc.com\)](http://chessmatesfc.com)

The link here is for a short video highlight from the simul  
<https://www.instagram.com/reel/CxDYfPVMF1e/?igshid=MzRIODBiNWF1ZA==>

## Denver Chess Club 2023 Denver Open

By JC Macneil (reprinted with permission)

To tell the truth, I didn't expect the 2023 DCC Denver Open entries to exceed the fantastic 188 player registration we had for the [2022 Denver Open](#), where we had special guest GM Jesse Kraai as an extra added attraction. Well, sometimes it's good to be wrong. This year we had an extraordinary player registration of 194 players!! With 49% of the players from outside the Denver area. This is with only TLA's on the CSCA and DCC web pages and two Richard Shtivelband email blasts to the DCC email list. No TLA in Chess Life, no Chess Life email to players in the surrounding states, or any other advertising other than word of mouth and a few brief Brian Wall emails to his chess lists.



*A packed main room*

Is the DCC good for attracting chess players to Colorado or what? When Tactics Time author Tim Brennan saw the registration list, he tweeted, quoting from some movie, "We're going to need a bigger boat" :-)



*Elizabeth Shaughnessy*



*Megan Chen*

It turned out that we did have two special guests who paid their own way to be at the tournament. Elizabeth Shaughnessy, who is the founder of the [Berkeley Chess School](#)

and is very well known in the international chess world. We also had well known social media star Megan Chen from Chicago.



*A full Championship room for round one*

Here is what Tim Brennan had to say about Ms. Chen being at the tournament. **Quoting Mr. Brennan** "This weekend's Denver Open was an amazing tournament! One highlight for me was meeting and getting to play Megan Chen! Megan has been a guest on Jennifer Shahade's "Ladies Night" podcast (episode link: [Ladies Knight Chess: Ladies Knight with Jen Shahade ft. Megan Chen LK052 on Apple Podcasts](#)) and Ben Johnson's "Perpetual Chess" podcast (episode link: [Perpetual Chess Podcast: EP.134 - Megan Chen \(Adult Improver Series\) on Apple Podcasts](#))" She is very active on Twitter (link: [Megan @gauss1181 / X \(twitter.com\)](#)) where she posts frequently about chess and in the "chesspunks" adult improver community."

"Currently Megan is on a quest to be the first female to play in all 50 states! She discussed this on Shahade's podcast, and at the time still had 5 states to go including Colorado. When I heard this, I sent her a message saying that she should come for the Denver Open because it is always a great tournament. She ended up getting a ticket and flew in from Chicago for the event! After crossing Colorado off her list, she only has Maine and Alaska left! Very impressive and exciting! Megan played up in the Under 2200 section, and I was happy to be paired against her in round 3!"



Chess players like Megan and Elizabeth are just so impressive. Ms. Shaughnessy has schooled thousands of chess players and has received a Chess Educator of the Year award, along with many other acknowledgments of her contribution to chess. Ms. Chen with her social media presence, can only be good for the growing popularity of chess. Shirley Herman has informed me that her daughter, Sara, brought in "NM Nikolas Theiss who won the U2200 last time he was here played in top section. He was from Maryland then but now from Saint Louis. Another streamer friend Henry Benaïd flew in from somewhere. And Christina Chang, who performed well and prized in U1400, is TheChessTina on Twitch from California. She came here for her very first rated chess OTB experience after meeting Sara at the National Open in Vegas last month." The DCC thanks you all for attending the tournament, and we would like to have you all back next year or for any DCC tournament between now and then.



*Rhett Langseth and Vedanth Sampath agree to a draw*

So then, on to who won what in the nearly 200 player 2023 Denver Open. In the **Championship section**, Rhett Langseth is not going to be a USCF Expert for long, not because his rating is falling, but because it is skyrocketing. He finished in clear 1st place with 4.5 points. Only giving up a last round draw to Vedanth Sampath. This after taking the full point from NM Brian Wall in round 4. Rhett's fine performance won 900 dollars.

Vedanth tied for the combined 2nd and 3rd place prize with Neil Bhavikatti and Ashton Jin. Each of these players ended up with 4 points and each player won 433 dollars and 33 cents. Vedanth also had the pleasure of upsetting 2361 rated Noel Marques in round 2. It was good to see both Neil and Vedanth back at the chessboard.

The 300 dollar U2200 prize was shared by Craig Wilcox, Turpana Molina, Daniel Marmer, and Daniel Herman. Mr. Molina has been on fire lately. Upsetting one higher rated player after another. Here winning against Jorge Rubio, Matthew Wolfford, and Sara Herman. Mr. Marmer - not for long rated only 1727 - will pick up big rating points for upsetting Sikandar Baker-Nagar and David Campbell. A combined rating point difference totaling up to 484 points.

The **U2200 section** was won by Edward Yasutake and Mike Maloney. They each finished with 4 points and they share the combined 1st and 2nd place prize of 1050 dollars. Mr. Maloney earned his share of the money with a round 4 small upset win over Kenzie Moore, and by holding Mr. Yasutake to a last round draw. Mr. Moore along with Julian Botto, Duwayne Langseth, Rowen Oregel, and Nate Getz all ended up with 3.5 points and they share the 3rd place prize of 300 dollars. Mr. Getz had a big 390 point rating difference win over Faris Gabbara in round 3.

In the **U1800 section**, Leif McFadden is another player who is going to see a huge USCF rating jump. His pre-tournament rating was 1476 and he took the full point in every round from players with a combined rating point difference totaling up to 1151 points. This astounding 5-0 score put 500 hundred dollars in Mr. McFadden's pocket. Incredibly eight players finished with 4 points and tied for the combined 2nd and 3rd place U1800/U1500 prize. Willard Davis, Shubh Misra, Chattin Simpson, Chris Burkhardt, Randolph Schine, William Hensley, Seth Lichtenstein, and Samuel Bieler. Each of these players takes home 100 dollars. I bet they are all thinking - if only I could have drawn one of the games I lost or won one of the games I drew.



*Long time DCC player Randolph Schine is making a move*

In the **U1400 section**, Matthew Abraham also went undefeated to win 350 dollars with a perfect 5-0 final score. Krish Mathimaran and Visant Sankaranarayanan tied for 2nd and 3rd place with 4.5 points and they each won 187 dollars and 50 cents. Finishing with 4 points, Jonathan Lovell won the U1200 prize of 150 dollars. Ashwin Mathimaran and Reyansh Agarwal ended up with 3.5 points and share the 150 dollar U1000 prize. The Unrated prize of 125 dollars was shared by Christina Chang and Joseph McCafferty.



*an excuse to use another room shot :-)*

The total prize money payout of 6300 dollars was shared by 32 players. The DCC is paying out significant prize money that anyone, regardless of their rating, has a chance to win. All you have to do is make better moves than the opponents in your section :-)

No Tournament is successful without quality TDs running the show. Local TD Peter Barlay is learning the job from a pro, FIDE Arbiter Tom Nelson, in the red shirt. Several players mentioned to me that they were pleased with how the tournament was run. As usual with a Tom Nelson tournament, rounds started on time, any questions were answered correctly, any disputes were settled quickly, and the USCF rating report was submitted promptly. The DCC thanks both of you very much.



*TD Peter Barlay & Arbiter Tom Nelson*

Mr. Wikle had this to say about the Tournament. " I was blown away by the great support from the Denver chess community and the turnout was fantastic. Even though there were problems we all stepped up as a team and worked through them to still have one of Colorado's biggest and best tournaments. Thank you all that attended the Denver Open and made it a success. I hope that over Labor day weekend the Colorado Open can get near the turnout at the same location."

Photos are by **John Brezina**. See all of his excellent photography of [Round 1](#) and [Round 5](#).

Finally, a big THANK YOU to all the players who made the DCC 2023 Denver Open a huge success. We are especially grateful for the players who traveled from out of state. 194 registrations was a record Denver Open attendance!!



*President of the CSCA & DCC, Earle Wikle*

The DCC is also most grateful that once again Earle Wikle - the President of both the CSCA and the DCC - set up DGT boards for the DCC Denver Open. See the [FIDE-rated section](#) games and the [U2200 games](#) . Click Round in the upper right corner and select the round and game you wish to view.

I thought it was great that we had players from all over the country at the 2023 Denver Open. In my opinion, after the last several DCC Denver Opens, I think we are justified in claiming that this is a national tournament.





## 2023 Denver Open Crosstables

## CHAMPIONSHIP (FIDE)

Pair Num	Player Name USCF ID / Rtg (Pre->Post)	Total Pts	Round 1	Round 2	Round 3	Round 4	Round 5	Round 6
1 CO	RHETT LANGSETH 13392987 / R: 2148 ->2171	4.5 N:C	W W	17 W B	12 W W	11 W B	8 D W	4 W W
2 MN	ASHTON JIN 15752021 / R: 2309 ->2316	4.0 N:C	H W	D B	6 W W	15 W B	20 W W	9 W W
3 CO	NEIL BHAVIKATTI 14919064 / R: 2265 ->2270	4.0 N:C	X W	W B	19 D W	4 D B	9 W W	7 W W
4 CO	VEDANTH SAMPATH 15543043 / R: 2088 ->2134	4.0 N:C	W B	21 W W	13 D B	3 W W	10 D B	1 W W
5 CO	MATTHEW WOFFORD 12812582 / R: 2212 ->2209	3.5 N:1	W W	20 L B	11 W W	16 W B	19 D W	6 W W
6 CO	MAIREBIS CASTILLO COCA 31213505 / R: 2255P22->2239	3.0 N:1	L B	14 D W	2 W B	23 W W	12 D B	5 W W
7 MD	NIKOLAS THEISS 12939772 / R: 2237 ->2228	3.0 N:1	W B	15 L W	10 W B	14 W W	11 L B	3 W W
8 CO	BRIAN D WALL 10923344 / R: 2201 ->2200	3.0 N:C	W B	16 D W	14 W W	13 L B	1 D B	10 W W
9 CO	DANIEL HERMAN 14345456 / R: 2163 ->2166	3.0 N:1	W W	18 W W	24 D B	10 D W	3 L B	2 W W
10 CO	CRAIG D WILCOX 12418845 / R: 2070 ->2088	3.0 N:C	W W	22 W B	7 D W	9 L B	4 D W	8 W W
11 CO	TURPANA MOLINA 12761501 / R: 1924 ->1988	3.0 N:C	W B	26 W W	5 L B	1 L W	7 W W	19 W W
12 CO	DANIEL MARMER 12889369 / R: 1746 ->1804	3.0 N:1	B W	L W	1 W B	24 L B	6 W W	20 W W
13 FL	MR. NOEL HERN NDEZ MARQU S 30303789 / R: 2361P14->2290P19	2.5 N:1	W W	23 L B	4 L W	8 W W	14 D B	16 W W
14 CO	CHRISTOPHER MOTLEY 16231534 / R: 2005 ->2027	2.5 N:1	W W	6 D B	8 L W	7 L W	13 W W	22 W W
15 CO	BRAD LUNDSTROM 10410347 / R: 1967 ->1983	2.5 N:1	L W	7 W B	22 L B	2 W W	26 D W	17 W W
16 CO	DAVIN YIN 15610124 / R: 1939 ->1958	2.5 N:1	L W	8 W B	27 L B	5 W W	23 D W	13 W W
17 CO	LUIS A JIMENEZ 14736983 / R: 1882 ->1902	2.5 N:1	L B	1 L W	26 W B	18 W W	21 D B	15 W W
18 WA	HENRY BENAID 15273055 / R: 1880 ->1873	2.5 N:3	L W	9 D B	23 L W	17 W B	27 X W	W W
19 CO	SARA HERMAN 14345441 / R: 2000 ->1990	2.0 N:2	W B	25 L W	3 W B	21 L W	5 L B	11 W W
20 NY	DAVID CAMPBELL 12842832 / R: 1900 ->1906	2.0 N:2	L B	5 W W	25 W B	26 L W	2 L B	12 W W
21 CO	CALEB NOAH KOELLER 30341176 / R: 1891 ->1861	2.0 W	L W	4 X B	28 L W	19 L B	17 X W	27 W W
22 CO	DAVID AIZENBERG 30680599 / R: 1833 ->1842	2.0 N:2	L B	10 L W	15 W B	25 W W	24 L B	14 W W
23 CO	EVAN MCCORMICK 31167718 / R: 1992P14->1945P18	1.5 W	L B	13 D W	18 L W	6 L B	16 B W	W W
24 CO	SIKANDER BAKER-NAGAR 16973491 / R: 1986 ->1942	1.5 N:3	W W	27 L B	9 L W	12 L B	22 D W	25 W W
25 CO	VEDANT PRAVIN MARGALE 16018722 / R: 1780 ->1757	1.5 W	L W	19 L B	20 L W	22 B W	D B	24 W W
26 CO	JORGE RUBIO 30548239 / R: 2193P23->2128	1.0 W	L W	11 W B	17 L W	20 L B	15 F W	W W
27 CO	ROBERT BLAHA 13473723 / R: 1743 ->1716	1.0 W	L B	24 L W	16 B W	L W	18 F W	21 W W
28 NM	EDWARD FRANCIS WYCKOFF 12814240 / R: 1971 ->1971	0.0 W	F W	F W	21 U W	U W	U W	W W

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Pair Num	Player Name USCF ID / Rtg (Pre->Post)	Total Pts	Round 1	Round 2	Round 3	Round 4	Round 5	
1	EDWARD YASUTAKE CO   12822260 / R: 1948 ->1972	4.0 N:1	W W	15 W B	6 H 	W W	8 D B	2  
2	MIKE MALONEY CO   12318730 / R: 1900 ->1928	4.0 N:1	W W	18 W B	7 D W	8 W B	5 D W	1  

3	JULIEN BOTTO CO   31332829 / R: Unrated->2007P10	3.5	D	12 W	22 D	9 W	14 D	5
4	DUWAYNE LANGSETH CO   11197175 / R: 1965 ->1955	3.5	L	17 W	12 D	18 W	16 W	11
5	KENZIE L MOORE CO   13028820 / R: 1900 ->1918	3.5	W	20 W	14 W	11 L	2 D	3
6	ROWEN OREGEL CO   17314325 / R: 1856 ->1870	3.5	W	13 L	1 W	17 W	9 D	8
7	NATE GETZ WA   14077108 / R: 1785 ->1817	3.5	B	L	2 W	10 D	11 W	12
8	WILLIAM L WOLF CO   14762885 / R: 1753 ->1796	3.0	W	21 W	10 D	2 L	1 D	6
9	MR. OWEN SEBASTIAN CURTIS CO   17334272 / R: 1733 ->1770	3.0	D	22 W	23 D	3 L	6 W	15
10	FARIS F GABBARA MI   12187800 / R: 2027 ->2000	2.5	W	16 L	8 L	7 D	20 W	19
11	JEREMY BRIAN ROLDAN CO   15475345 / R: 1848 ->1840	2.5	W	19 W	17 L	5 D	7 L	4
12	ROCCO JAN DEGEEST CO   30438419 / R: 1722 ->1737	2.5	D	3 L	4 W	21 W	18 L	7
13	RIVERS FIKE LA   30032030 / R: 1673 ->1681	2.5	L	6 L	15 H	W	23 W	20
14	TIMOTHY E BRENNAN CO   12718954 / R: 1800 ->1803	2.0	W	23 L	5 W	15 L	3 U	
15	MEGAN CHEN IL   13453097 / R: 1809 ->1799	2.0	L	1 W	13 L	14 W	22 L	9
16	AMITAI SEBBA CO   15807085 / R: 1768 ->1758	2.0	L	10 W	19 H	L	4 D	18
17	ABHIRAM PALLE CO   17054842 / R: 1683 ->1684	2.0	W	4 L	11 L	6 L	19 W	21
18	DON EUGENE WISDOM JR. CO   12631931 / R: 1656 ->1653	2.0	L	2 B	D	4 L	12 D	16
19	SAI SWANITH DASARI CO   16623300 / R: 1630 ->1627	2.0	L	11 L	16 B	W	17 L	10
20	DEREK YIN CO   16493370 / R: 1690 ->1682	1.5	L	5 D	21 D	22 D	10 L	13
21	ABHIJAY BALAMURUGAN CO   16913354 / R: 1598 ->1569	1.5	L	8 D	20 L	12 B	L	17
22	JOSHUA SAMUEL CO   10408261 / R: 1982 ->1936	1.0	D	9 L	3 D	20 L	15 U	
23	CHRISTOPHER E LEE CO   17030150 / R: 1558 ->1529	0.5	L	14 L	9 H	L	13 U	

## Section 3 - U1800

Pair Num	Player Name USCF ID / Rtg (Pre->Post)	Total Pts	Round 1	Round 2	Round 3	Round 4	Round 5	
1 CO	LEIF PAUL MCFADDEN 30596924 / R: 1416 ->1686	5.0 N:2	W W	17 B	38 B	15 W	16 B	10 W
2 CO	SAMUEL BIELER 30648523 / R: 1860P3 ->1837P8	4.0 N:2	W W	8 W	53 B	13 B	11 W	4 W
3 CO	WILLARD DAVIS 12780420 / R: 1696 ->1720	4.0 N:2	W B	26 W	21 H	W B	23 D	5 W
4 CO	SHUBH MISRA 16824026 / R: 1628 ->1684	4.0 N:2	W B	9 W	22 B	52 W	18 D	2 W
5 CO	CHATTIN SIMPSON 30182738 / R: 1525 ->1617	4.0 N:3	W W	49 B	12 W	29 D	10 D	3 W
6 CO	SETH LICHTENSTEIN 30244195 / R: 1499 ->1611	4.0 N:3	L B	15 W	30 W	59 W	39 W	16 B
7 CO	CHRIS C BURKHARDT 17031943 / R: 1503P18->1575P23	4.0 N:3	W W	50 B	58 L	10 W	46 W	25 W
8 CO	MR. RANDOLPH G SCHINE 12544184 / R: 1500 ->1549	4.0 N:3	L B	2 W	28 B	51 W	48 W	29 B
9 CO	BRAD HENSLEY 15059323 / R: 1473 ->1543	4.0 N:3	L W	4 B	56 W	64 W	19 W	17 B
10 CO	JONATHAN SEALANDER 30348127 / R: 1731 ->1732	3.5 N:3	W W	66 B	31 W	7 D	5 L	1 W

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10   JOHNATHAN KYLE LOVELL CO   17108588 / R: 1113 ->1229	4.0  W 35 W 18 L 4 W 50 W 17   N:4  B  W  B  W  B	44   LAN TRUONG CO   30588843 / R: 1117 ->1028	2.0  L 4 L 50 L 56 W 73 W 63     B  W  B  W  B
11   MITCHELL BEYER CO   30744020 / R: 1368 ->1349	3.5  D 21 W 16 W 37 L 13 W 28     B  W  B  W  B	45   RICHARD D EVELEIGH CO   30781796 / R: 1011P18->1006P22	2.0  X  W 23 L 6 L 12 L 29       B  W  B  W
12   KENNETH STEVEN SCOTT CO   14780677 / R: 1287P22->1273	3.5  W 56 W 27 L 28 W 45 D 14     B  W  B  W  B	46   SHANE COGAN CO   31343571 / R: Unrated-> 967P5	2.0  W 64 L 43 L 20 W 53 L 24     B  W  B  B  W
13   REYANSH AGARWAL CO   30165332 / R: 1055 ->1228	3.5  W 33 W 20 D 5 W 11 L 3   N:4  B  W  W  B  W	47   LYNN D JOHNSON NESBITT CO   31306298 / R: Unrated-> 905P5	2.0  L 14 W 56 L 25 L 30 W 65     B  W  B  B  W
14   KORRY U TUNNICLIFF CO   30206913 / R: 1066P9 ->1224P14	3.5  W 47 W 8 L 1 W 35 D 12     W  B  W  B  W	48   NATHAN THOMAS ECKLES CO   31331418 / R: Unrated-> 889P8	2.0  L 28 W 62 L 27 W 56 L 30     W  B  B  W  W
15   BRAD EDSON CO   31101578 / R: 1101P4 ->1182P8	3.5  W 55 W 9 H  L 5 W 38     B  W    B  W	49   JERRY DANIELS CO   30481202 / R: 529P16-> 670P21	2.0  W 71 L 21 L 9 W 60 L 18     B  W  B  W  W
16   ASHWIN MATHIMARAN CO   17295785 / R: 964 ->1010	3.5  D 22 L 11 W 55 W 63 W 39     B  B  W  W  B	50   JAKE BUTIER CA   14640248 / R: 374P14-> 576P19	2.0  W 31 W 44 L 19 L 10 L 23     W  B  W  B  W
17   GEORGE PESCHKE CO   15618142 / R: 1342 ->1304	3.0  W 30 L 19 W 57 W 24 L 10     W  B  W  B  W	51   CONNER FRITZ MEHLER CO   30981410 / R: 1237P19->1212P22	1.5  W 40 D 41 L 22 U  U      B  W  W
18   SHAURYA MISRA CO   16824011 / R: 1276 ->1234	3.0  W 72 L 10 L 7 X  W 49     W  B  W    B	52   ARJUN SUNDARESAN CO   30279152 / R: 1149 ->1061	1.5  W 62 L 28 H  L 21 L 40     W  B    W  B
19   OM AMIT THAKEKAR CO   16862760 / R: 1125 ->1216	3.0  W 7 W 17 W 50 L 1 L 4   N:4  B  W  B  W  B	53   JOHN BLOEMKER CO   30988278 / R: 899 -> 829	1.5  L 41 L 40 W 73 L 46 D 62     B  W  B  W  B
20   WALTER HAYDEN CO   12773422 / R: 1225 ->1215	3.0  W 73 L 13 W 46 W 26 L 7     W  B  W  B  W	54   VICTORIA GORDON CO   17310584 / R: 887P5 -> 792P9	1.5  L 6 W 63 H  L 39 L 33     W  B    W  B
21   FRANK GANSUKH CO   30665405 / R: 1192P17->1196P22	3.0  D 11 W 49 L 3 W 52 D 22     W  B  W  B  B	55   SAMUEL LEONARD CALKIN CO   31311459 / R: Unrated-> 782P5	1.5  L 15 D 58 L 16 W 68 L 37     W  B  B  W  B
22   COLIN ANNAND CO   31348405 / R: Unrated->1190P5	3.0  D 16 W 38 W 51 L 3 D 21     W  W  B  B  W	56   ELIAS CHRISTIAN WINTERMUTE CO   30628545 / R: 770P9 -> 760P14	1.5  L 12 L 47 W 44 L 48 D 59     W  B  W  B  W
23   AAROH ANAND ANASPURE CO   30589243 / R: 1244 ->1182	3.0  W 66 L 45 L 32 W 62 W 50     B  W  B  W  B	57   ELLA WIKIEL CO   30379582 / R: 680 -> 731	1.5  L 2 W 59 L 17 D 33 L 31     W  B  B  W  W
24   JON PAUL JUST CO   31025617 / R: 1065P18->1149P23	3.0  L 1 W 32 W 33 L 17 W 46     B  W  B  W  B	58   SHRI SHARAN RAMKUMAR CO   30445829 / R: 720 -> 690	1.5  L 9 D 55 L 39 D 66 D 60     B  W  B  W  B
25   AN ANDY GIA HOANG CO   30554313 / R: 1099 ->1129	3.0  W 29 L 6 W 47 W 32 L 8     W  B  W  B  W	59   CAMERON ROBERT JOSEP MILLAR CO   31293639 / R: Unrated-> 680P5	1.5  L 27 L 57 L 30 W 72 D 56     B  W  W  B  B
26   GLEN HOLGUIN CO   30373052 / R: 865 ->1099	3.0  W 70 W 64 U  L 20 W 41     B  W    W  B	60   SAMUEL RAMIREZ CO   31349262 / R: Unrated-> 627P5	1.5  L 37 W 61 L 36 L 49 D 58     B  W  B  B  W
27   AUSTIN FRANZ BORNCAMP CO   31185117 / R: 1050P8 ->1081P13	3.0  W 59 L 12 W 48 W 41 L 9     W  B  W  B  W	61   DAN M RUPAREL CO   30064098 / R: 565 -> 557	1.5  L 3 L 60 H  L 65 W 72     W  B    W  B
28   AARON ELLIOTT CO   30329265 / R: 942P13->1078P18	3.0  W 48 W 52 W 12 L 6 L 11     B  W  W  B  W	62   SIDDHARTH PEESAPATY CO   30753678 / R: 420 -> 438	1.5  L 52 L 48 B  L 23 D 53     B  W    B  W
29   KYLE WEINGARTNER CO   31235588 / R: 714P2 -> 982P7	3.0  L 25 W 65 L 42 W 43 W 45     B  W  B  W  B	63   SHAY BOSSIE CO   31102843 / R: 380P18-> 400P22	1.5  D 38 L 54 X  L 16 L 44     B  W    B  W
30   PHIL VILK IL   31281283 / R: 910P7 -> 979P12	3.0  L 17 L 7 W 59 W 47 W 48     B  W  B  W  B	64   MR. RYLAN CARTER KNOPP WY   30289902 / R: 1119P11->1055P14	1.0  L 46 L 26 W 72 U  U      W  B  W
31   TOM NEEDHAM CO   12743781 / R: 1200 ->1200	2.5  L 50 L 4 W 65 D 40 W 57     B  W  B  W  B	65   ANDREW J STEPHENSON CO   12693461 / R: 837 -> 796	1.0  L 8 L 29 L 31 W 61 L 47     W  B  W  B  B
32   ANDREW BARLOW CO   30577008 / R: Unrated->1103P5	2.5  W 43 L 24 W 23 L 25 D 36     B  B  W  W  B	66   CALEB ALEXANDER WEILER CO   30564546 / R: 655P13-> 651P18	1.0  L 23 D 39 L 38 D 58 L 43     W  B  W  B  B
33   DANTE JIVAN MACY CO   30637992 / R: Unrated->1084P13	2.5  L 13 W 73 L 24 D 57 W 54     W  B  W  B  W	67   PORTER SCHOLD OH   17320931 / R: 107P4 -> 107P5	1.0  L 42 B  U  F  U      B
34   ISAAC CHRISTOPHER DALEY GA   12840861 / R: 983 ->1075	2.5  W 69 W 71 L 2 L 9 D 35     B  W  W  B  W	68   ALISON WALKER CO   31230760 / R: 948P4 -> 835P7	0.5  L 5 L 1 H  L 55 U      W  B    B
35   SHELBEЕ NICOLE CO   31323585 / R: Unrated->1053P5	2.5  L 10 W 72 W 43 L 14 D 34     W  B  B  W  B	69   MATTHEW ROBERT MILLER CO   30218424 / R: 1411 ->1369	0.0  L 34 U  U  U  U      W
36   SHIRLEY HERMAN CO   14812654 / R: 985 ->1000	2.5  W 39 L 2 W 60 L 8 D 32     W  B  W  B  W	70   VEDANT RATNAKAR CO   17127917 / R: 1316 ->1276	0.0  L 26 U  U  U  U      W
37   ARJUN NANDA YARLAGADDA CO   30940715 / R: 982P15-> 976P20	2.5  W 60 D 3 L 11 L 38 W 55     W  B  W  B  W	71   ROGER M MORRIS   12459348 / R: 1200 ->1200	0.0  L 49 L 34 F  U  U      W  B
38   JONAH PLATT CO   31297896 / R: 818P4 -> 856P9	2.5  D 63 L 22 W 66 W 37 L 15     W  B  B  W  B	72   HEYMANATH KUMAR MANIKHANDAN CO   30451349 / R: 680 -> 599	0.0  L 18 L 35 L 64 L 59 L 61     B  W  B  W  W
39   BENJAMIN CORNELIUSEN CO   30900084 / R: Unrated-> 840P5	2.5  L 36 D 66 W 58 W 54 L 16     B  W  W  B  W	73   BENJAMIN W DALEY GA   12813617 / R: 588 -> 564	0.0  L 20 L 33 L 53 L 44 U      B  W  W  B
40   JOSHUA KELSEY HANSEN WY   15494455 / R: 209P4 -> 727P9	2.5  L 51 W 53 L 8 D 31 W 52     W  B  W  B  W		
41   JARED PERLIC UT   15952858 / R: 1323 ->1251	2.0  W 53 D 51 H  L 27 L 26     W  B    W  W		
42   ERIC WOLCOTT CO   30451604 / R: 1136P22->1131	2.0  W 67 L 5 W 29 L 7 U      W  B  W  B		
43   TOM CRABB CO   30282592 / R: 1111 ->1046	2.0  L 32 W 46 L 35 L 29 W 66     W  B  W  B  W		



## Games from the Denver Open

**MARQUES NOEL (2361)****MCCORMICK EVAN (1980)**

1.e4 e5 2.d4 exd4 3.Nf3 Bb4+ 4.c3 dxc3  
5.Nxc3 Nf6 6.e5 Ne4 7.Qd4 Bxc3+ 8.bxc3 f5  
9.exf6 Nxf6 10.Ba3 d6 11.Bc4 Nc6 12.Qf4 Bg4  
13.0-0-0 Qd7 14.Rhe1+ Ne7 15.Qe3 0-0-0  
16.Qxa7 Nc6 17.Qa8+ Nb8 18.Ne5 Qf5  
19.Nxg4 Qf4+ 20.Ne3 d5 21.Be7 Rd7 22.Bxf6  
Qxf6 23.Nxd5 Qc6 24.Bb3 Qc5 25.Re3 c6  
26.Nf4 Rxd1+ 27.Bxd1 b5 28.Bg4+ 1-0

**MOTLEY, CHRISTOPHER (1974)****COCA, MAI CASTILLO (2277)**

1.c4 Nf6 2.Nc3 e6 3.e4 d6 4.d4 Be7 5.f4 0-0  
6.e5 Nfd7 7.Nf3 f5 8.d5 exd5 9.cxd5 Re8  
10.Be2 Bf8 11.0-0 dxe5 12.fxe5 Nxe5 13.Nxe5  
Rxe5 14.Bf4 Re8 15.Nb5 Na6 16.Bc4 Bf5  
17.Qf3 Be4 18.Qg3 Bg6 19.Rad1 Re4 20.b3  
Qd7 21.d6 Nb4 22.a3 Nc2 23.Nc7 Rxc4  
24.bxc4 Rd8 25.Nd5 Qe6 26.Ne7+ Bxe7  
27.dxe7 Qxe7 28.Rd6 Re8 29.Be5 f6 30.Bb2  
Qe2 31.Qf3 Qxc4 32.Qxb7 Ne3 33.Re1 Bf5  
34.Rxe3 Bg6 1-0

**MARGALE, VEDANT (1780)****HERMAN, SARA (2000)**

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 d5 4.g3 Be7 5.Bg2 0-0  
6.0-0 Nbd7 7.Nc3 dxc4 8.e4 c6 9.a4 e5 10.dxe5  
Ng4 11.Bf4 Qa5 12.Qd4 Nb6 13.Qd2 Rd8  
14.Qe2 f6 15.exf6 Bxf6 16.Rfc1 Ne5 17.Bxe5  
Bxe5 18.Nxe5 Qxe5 19.a5 Nd7 20.Qxc4+ Kh8  
21.Rd1 Re8 22.Qd4 Qxd4 23.Rxd4 Nc5 24.Ra3  
Be6 25.b4 Nb3 26.Rd1 Rad8 27.Nd5 cxd5  
28.Rxb3 dxe4 29.Rbb1 Bf5 30.h4 Kg8 31.Rbc1  
Rd3 32.Re1 Rd4 33.Rc5 Bg6 34.Rb5 Re7  
35.Rc1 Be8 36.Re8 Kf7 37.Rf5+ Kg6 38.Rg5+  
Kf6 39.b5 b6 40.axb6 axb6 41.Rb8 Rd6 42.Re8  
g6 43.Rc4 Rd1+ 44.Kh2 Rd2 45.Bxe4 Rxf2+  
46.Bg2 Kg7 47.Rf4 Rb2 48.Kg1 Bxb5 49.h5  
Re1+ 50.Kh2 Ree2 51.hxg6 Rxc2+ 52.Kh3  
Rh2+ 53.Kg4 Be2+ 54.Kf5 Rb5+ 55.Ke6 Rxc5  
56.gxh7 Rh6+ 57.Ke7 Re5+ 58.Kd7 Bb5+ 0-1

**SAMPATH, VEDANTH (2088)****MARQUES, NOEL (2361)**

1.e4 d6 2.d4 Nf6 3.Nc3 g6 4.f3 Bg7 5.Be3 c6  
6.Qd2 h6 7.Nge2 b5 8.a3 Nbd7 9.g4 Nb6  
10.Ng3 Rb8 11.b3 a6 12.h4 h5 13.g5 Nfd7  
14.Be2 Qc7 15.f4 e5 16.0-0 exd4 17.Bxd4  
Bxd4+ 18.Qxd4 Qc5 19.Qxc5 Nxc5 20.Rad1  
Bh3 21.Rfe1 Rc8 22.Nd5 Ncd7 23.Rd2 Nxd5  
24.exd5 Nb6 25.Bf3 Rc3 26.Kf2 Kd7 27.Ne2  
Rc5 28.Nd4 Bg4 29.Be4 Rhc8 30.f5 gxf5  
31.Nxf5 Nxd5 32.b4 Nxb4 33.Nxc7 Kxe7  
34.Bf5+ Kf8 35.Bxc8 Nxc2 36.Rc1 Bxc8  
37.Rcxc2 Rf5+ 38.Ke3 Re5+ 39.Kf4 Rf5+  
40.Kg3 Be6 41.Rxd6 a5 42.Rf2 Re5 43.g6 f5  
44.Kf4 Re4+ 45.Kg5 Ke7 46.Ra6 1-0

**MOLINA, TURPANA (1914)****WOFFORD, MATTHEW (2209)**

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.Bb5+ Bd7 4.c4 Nc6 5.Nc3  
Nf6 6.d3 g6 7.a3 Bg7 8.Rb1 0-0 9.h3 Ne8  
10.Ne2 a6 11.Ba4 f5 12.Nf4 e5 13.Nd5 f4  
14.b4 cxb4 15.axb4 Nf6 16.b5 Nxd5 17.exd5  
Nd4 18.b6 Nxf3+ 19.gxf3 Bf5 20.Ke2 Bf6  
21.Ba3 Bh4 22.Qb3 Rc8 23.Rh2 Qe7 24.c5  
dxc5 25.d6+ Qf7 26.d7 Rcd8 27.Bxc5 Be6  
28.Bxf8 Kxf8 29.Qc2 Bf6 30.Rhh1 Bd5  
31.Rhcl Qe6 32.Bb3 Bxf3+ 33.Kxf3 Qxh3+  
34.Ke2 e4 35.Qc4 Qf3+ 36.Ke1 Rxd7 37.Qg8+  
Ke7 38.Qf7+ 1-0

**BHAVIKATTI, NEIL (2265)****SAMPATH, VEDANTH (2088)**

1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.Nf3 Nf6 4.Nc3 e6 5.cxd5  
exd5 6.Qc2 Nbd7 7.Bf4 Be7 8.h3 0-0 9.e3 Re8  
10.Bd3 Nf8 11.0-0 b6 12.Ne5 Bb7 13.Qa4 b5  
14.Qc2 Ne6 15.Bh2 Rc8 16.Qe2 a6 17.Rfd1 c5  
18.dxc5 Bxc5 19.Qf3 Qb6 20.Qf5 d4 21.exd4  
Nxd4 22.Nd7 Nxd7 23.Qxd7 Ne6 24.Nd5 Qa7  
25.Be4 Bxf2+ 26.Kh1 Bxd5 27.Qxd5 Qe3  
28.Qf5 g6 29.Qf3 Qxf3 30.Bxf3 Bd4 31.Bb7  
Rc2 32.Bxa6 Bxb2 33.Bxb5 Bxa1 34.Bxe8  
Rxa2 35.Rf1 Ra7 36.Bxf7+ 1/2-1/2

**WILCOX, CRAIG (1792)****HERMAN, DANIEL (2177)**

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 b6 4.Nc3 Bb7 5.a3 d5  
6.cxd5 Nxd5 7.Qc2 Be7 8.e4 Nxc3 9.bxc3 Nd7  
10.Bd3 c5 11.Bf4 Rc8 12.Qe2 0-0 13.0-0 Re8  
14.Rfd1 cxd4 15.cxd4 Rc3 16.a4 Nf6 17.d5  
exd5 18.e5 Nd7 19.Nd4 Nc5 20.Bb5 Rf8  
21.Qb2 Ne6 22.Qxc3 Nxf4 23.Qg3 Ne6 24.Nc6  
Bxc6 25.Bxc6 d4 26.f4 Nc5 27.f5 Bh4 28.Qg4  
Bg5 29.Ra3 d3 30.f6 Be3+ 31.Kh1 g6 32.Bb5  
Qd4 33.Qxd4 Bxd4 34.Bxd3 Bxe5 35.Bc4 Bxf6  
36.Rf3 Kg7 37.Rdf1 Ne4 38.Bd5 Nd2 39.Rxf6  
Nxf1 40.Rxf1 f5 41.Bc6 Rc8 42.Bb5 Rc7 43.h3  
Kf6 44.Rd1 Ke5 45.Kg1 g5 46.Rd2 h5 47.Kf2  
h4 48.Kf3 Rc3+ 49.Rd3 Rc2 50.Rd7 Rc3+  
51.Rd3 Rc2 52.Rb3 g4+ 53.hxg4 fxg4+  
54.Kxg4 Rxc2+ 55.Kxh4 Rg7 56.Rd3 Ke4  
57.Kh5 a6 58.Bxa6 Ra7 59.Bb5 Rxa4 60.Rd6  
Rb4 61.Rxb6 Kd4 62.Rb8 Ke5 1/2-1/2

**KOELLER, CALEB (1826)****HERMAN, SARA (2000)**

1.c4 e5 2.Nc3 Nf6 3.f4 exf4 4.d4 d5 5.Bxf4  
Bd6 6.Bg5 c6 7.cxd5 cxd5 8.e3 0-0 9.Qf3 Nbd7  
10.Bd3 Qa5 11.Nge2 Ne4 12.Bf4 Bxf4 13.Qxf4  
Ndf6 14.0-0 Bg4 15.Bxe4 dxe4 16.Ng3 Rae8  
17.Ngxe4 Nxe4 18.Nxe4 Bh5 19.Nd6 Re6  
20.Nf5 Bg6 21.e4 Bxf5 22.exf5 Rc6 23.Qe4  
Rd8 24.Rae1 h6 25.f6 Re6 26.Qb1 Rxf6  
27.Rxf6 gxf6 28.Qe4 Qd2 29.Rf1 Qxd4+  
30.Qxd4 Rxd4 31.Rxf6 Kg7 32.Rf3 Rd2 33.Rf2  
Rd3 34.g3 Kg6 35.Kg2 b5 36.Rc2 a5 37.Kf2 f5  
38.Ke2 Rd4 39.a3 b4 40.b3 a4 41.axb4 axb3  
42.Rb2 Rxb4 43.h3 h5 44.h4 Kf6 45.Ke3 Ke5  
46.Kd3 Kd5 47.Kc3 Rb8 48.Rd2+ Ke4 49.Kb2  
Rg8 50.Re2+ Kd4 51.Rf2 Ke5 52.Re2+ Kd4  
53.Rf2 Ke4 54.Rf4+ Ke5 55.Rf3 Rxa8 56.Re3+  
Kd4 57.Rf3 Rb5 58.Rf4+ Ke3 59.Rf1 Kd3  
60.Rf3+ Ke2 61.Rf4 Re5 62.Kxb3 Re3+  
63.Kc4 Re4+ 64.Kd5 Rxf4 65.gxf4 Kf3 66.Ke5  
Kg4 67.Kf6 Kxf4 68.Kg6 Kg4 0-1

**WALL, BRIAN (2200)****LANGSETH, RHETT (2118)**

1.e4 d6 2.d4 Nf6 3.Nc3 e5 4.Nf3 Nbd7 5.g3 c6  
6.Bg2 b5 7.a3 a5 8.0-0 Be7 9.Re1 0-0 10.b3  
Re8 11.Bb2 Qc7 12.Qd2 Bf8 13.h3 Bb7  
14.Rad1 b4 15.axb4 axb4 16.Na4 c5 17.d5 Ra7  
18.c3 bxc3 19.Bxc3 c4 20.Rc1 Qd8 21.Qc2  
Qa8 22.Ra1 cxb3 23.Qxb3 Nxe4 24.Nb6 Nxb6  
25.Qxb6 Rxa1 26.Rxa1 Qc8 27.Bb4 Bxd5  
28.Nd2 Nf6 29.Bf1 Qb8 30.Qa5 Qa8 31.Nc4  
Qxa5 32.Rxa5 Bxc4 33.Bxc4 Rb8 34.Bd2 Rc8  
35.Bb3 Rc7 36.Kf1 Rb7 37.Ba2 g6 38.Be3 Kg7  
39.Bg5 Ne4 40.Be3 f5 41.Bd5 Rd7 42.Bb6 Kf6  
43.h4 Rg7 44.Be3 Rc7 45.Bb6 Rc1+ 46.Kg2  
Nc3 47.Bg8 Kg7 48.Bc4 Ne4 49.Ra7+ Kh8  
50.Be6 Rb1 51.Be3 Nc5 52.Bd5 Rb8 53.Bg5  
Ne4 54.Be3 Nf6 55.Ba2 h6 56.Rf7 Ng4 57.Ba7  
Rc8 58.Be6 Re8 59.Bd7 Re7 60.Rxf8+ Kg7  
61.Rd8 Nf6 62.Bb8 Nxd7 63.Bxd6 Rf7 64.Re8  
Kf6 65.Bc7 e4 66.f3 exf3+ 67.Kxf3 Kg7  
68.Bd6 Kf6 69.Bc7 Kg7 70.Re6 Kh7 71.Bd6  
Nf6 72.Bb4 Ne4 73.g4 Nf6 74.gxf5 Nd5  
75.Bd2 Rxf5+ 76.Kg3 Kg7 77.Rd6 Rh5 78.Bc1  
Kf7 79.Ra6 Ne7 80.Ra4 Rc5 81.Ba3 Nf5+  
82.Kg4 Ne3+ 83.Kh3 Rc3 84.Ra7+ Ke6  
85.Ra6+ Kf5 86.Ra5+ Ke4 87.Bb4 Rb3 88.Bf8  
Ne4+ 0-1

**HERMAN, DANIEL (2177)****BHAVIKATTI, NEIL (2265)**

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0  
Be7 6.Rel b5 7.Bb3 0-0 8.a4 Bb7 9.Nc3 Nd4  
10.Nxd4 exd4 11.Nd5 Nxd5 12.exd5 d3  
13.cxd3 Bf6 14.Qg4 Re8 15.Rf1 c5 16.dxc6  
Bxc6 17.Bd1 Re5 18.Bf3 Rg5 19.Qh3 b4 20.d4  
Bxd4 21.d3 Rg6 22.Rb1 Qb6 23.Be4 Bxe4  
24.dxe4 Qc6 25.Be3 Bxe3 26.Qxe3 Qxa4  
27.Ra1 Qb5 28.Rfd1 Re8 29.Qd4 h6 30.g3 d6  
31.Qd3 Qxd3 32.Rxd3 Rxe4 33.Rxa6 Re1+  
34.Kg2 Re2 35.Rf3 Rxb2 36.Ra8+ Kh7  
37.Rxf7 Rf6 38.Rxf6 gxf6 39.Ra6 b3 40.Rxd6  
Kg6 41.Rb6 Rb1 42.h4 b2 43.Rb5 h5 44.Kf3  
Kh6 45.Kf4 Kg6 46.Rb7 Ra1 47.Rxb2 Ra4+  
48.Kf3 Ra3+ 49.Kg2 Ra1 50.Rb4 Ra2 51.Kf3  
Ra1 52.Kf4 Rf1 53.Rb2 Ra1 54.Kf3 Ra3+  
55.Kg2 Ra1 56.Rb4 Ra2 57.Rf4 Ra1 58.f3  
Ra2+ 59.Kh3 Ra3 60.g4 hxg4+ 61.Kxg4 Ra1  
62.h5+ Kf7 63.Rb4 Rg1+ 64.Kf4 Rh1 65.Rb7+  
Ke6 66.Rh7 Rh2 67.h6 Rh1 68.Rh8 Kf7 69.h7  
Kg7 70.Rg8+ Kxh7 71.Rg3 1/2-1/2





## Games from the Denver Open

**GABBARA, FARIS (2075)****SEBBA, AMITAI (1768)**

1.d4 Nf6 2.Nf3 g6 3.Bf4 Bg7 4.e3 d5 5.h3 0-0 6.Bd3 c5 7.c3 Qb6 8.Qc1 Nc6 9.0-0 Bd7 10.Nbd2 Rac8 11.dxc5 Qxc5 12.a4 Rfe8 13.Ne5 Nxe5 14.Bxe5 Ne4 15.Bd4 Bxd4 16.exd4 Qc6 17.Nf3 Qd6 18.Re1 Bf5 19.Qh6 Qf6 20.Bxe4 dxe4 21.Ng5 Qg7 22.Qxg7+ Kxg7 23.Nxe4 Bxe4 24.Rxe4 Rc4 25.a5 e6 26.Kf1 Rd8 27.Ke2 Rd5 28.Kd3 Rc6 29.c4 Rd8 30.b4 Rde8 31.Rc1 b6 32.b5 R6c7 33.Re2 Rd7 34.Kc3 Rdc7 35.Kb3 Rd7 36.Rd2 Rdc7 37.Rdc2 Kf8 38.c5 Rb7 39.a6 Rd7 40.cxb6 Rxc2 41.Rxc2 axb6 42.Rc6 Kg7 1-0

**SAMUEL, JOSHUA (1982)****CURTIS, OWEN (1733)**

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.exd5 exd5 4.Nf3 Bd6 5.Bd3 Ne7 6.Bg5 0-0 7.0-0 Bg4 8.Nbd2 c6 9.c3 Qc7 10.Bxe7 Qxe7 11.Qc2 h6 12.Rfe1 Qc7 13.Ne5 Bxe5 14.Rxe5 Nd7 15.Re3 Rae8 16.Rae1 Nf6 17.h3 Bd7 18.Nf3 Rxe3 19.Rxe3 Re8 20.Ne5 Bc8 21.g4 Nd7 22.Qe2 Nxe5 23.dxe5 Qe7 24.f4 Qc5 25.Kh2 d4 26.cxd4 Qxd4 27.Re4 Qc5 28.f5 Rd8 29.e6 Qd6+ 30.Kg2 Qxd3 31.exf7+ Kxf7 32.Re7+ Kg8 33.Re8+ Kh7 34.Qxd3 Rxd3 35.Rxc8 Rd2+ 36.Kg3 Rxb2 37.Rc7 Kg8 38.Kh4 Rxa2 39.Rxb7 c5 40.Kh5 c4 41.Rc7 Ra4 42.h4 Kf8 43.g5 hxg5 44.hxg5 Ra6 45.Rxc4 g6+ 46.fxg6 Ra1 47.Rc8+ Kg7 48.Rc7+ Kg8 49.g7 Ra6 50.Rb7 Rb6 51.Rxa7 Rb1 52.Ra8+ Kxg7 53.Ra7+ Kg8 54.Kh6 Rb6+ 55.g6 Rb8 56.Rg7+ Kh8 57.Rh7+ Kg8 58.Rf7 Ra8 59.Rf6 Rb8 60.Rf7 Ra8 61.Rb7 Rc8 62.Rg7+ Kh8 63.Ra7 Kg8 64.Ra6 Rb8 65.g7 Rc8 66.Rf6 Ra8 67.Kg6 Rb8 68.Rd6 Rb6 69.Rf6 Rb8 ½-½

**WOLF, WILLIAM (1809)****GABBARA, FARIS (2075)**

1.e4 e5 2.Nc3 Nf6 3.g3 Nc6 4.Bg2 Bc5 5.Nge2 d6 6.Na4 Bb6 7.Nxb6 axb6 8.0-0 0-0 9.d4 Bg4 10.f3 Bh5 11.g4 Bg6 12.h4 h5 13.g5 Nd7 14.f4 f5 15.gxf6 Nxf6 16.f5 Bf7 17.d5 Nb4 18.c3 Na6 19.Bg5 Nc5 20.Ng3 Ncd7 21.Bf3 Qe8 22.Kh1 Kh8 23.Qd2 Ng4 24.Bxg4 hxg4 25.f6 g6 26.Bh6 Rg8 27.Qg5 c6 28.Nf5 Bxd5 29.Bg7+ Rxg7 30.fxg7+ Kg8 31.Nh6+ Kxg7 32.exd5 Nf8 33.Rf7+ Kh8 34.Qf6# 1-0

**OREGEL, ROWEN (1807)****YASUTAKE, EDWARD (1948)**

1.d4 d5 2.Nc3 Nf6 3.Bf4 e6 4.Nb5 Na6 5.e3 c6 6.Nc3 Bb4 7.Nf3 Qa5 8.Bxa6 Bxc3+ 9.bxc3 Qxc3+ 10.Nd2 Ne4 11.Bxb7 Bxb7 12.Rb1 Ba6 13.Rb3 Qa5 14.f3 g5 15.Be5 Nxd2 16.Qxd2 Qxd2+ 17.Kxd2 0-0 18.Bf6 h6 19.f4 Kh7 20.fxg5 hxg5 21.Bxg5 Rg8 22.h4 f6 23.Bxf6 Rxg2+ 24.Kc3 Rf8 25.Bg5 Rff2 26.Rc1 Bb5 27.Ra3 a6 28.Ra5 Be2 29.a4 Kg6 30.Rc5 Kf5

31.Rxc6 Bd1 32.Kb2 Be2 33.Rc8 Kg6 34.Bf4 Kf5 35.Rf8+ Ke4 36.Re8 Bg4 37.h5 Bf5 38.Re7 Kf3 39.Re7 Rg8 40.h6 Rb8+ 41.Ka3 Rh8 42.c4 Rb8 43.Rc3 Bb1 44.e4+ Kxe4 45.Re3+ Kxd4 46.Be5+ Kxe3 0-1

**MOORE, KENZIE (1943)****BRENNAN, TIMOTHY (1800)**

1.e4 e5 2.f4 d5 3.exd5 exf4 4.Nf3 Nf6 5.Nc3 Nxd5 6.Bc4 Nxc3 7.bxc3 Bd6 8.0-0 0-0 9.d4 Bg4 10.Rb1 b6 11.Bd5 c6 12.Be4 Qc7 13.Bxh7+ Kh8 14.Bd3 Nd7 15.Qe1 f5 16.Qh4+ Kg8 17.Be4+ 1-0

**ROLDAN, JEREMY (1811)****MOORE, KENZIE (1943)**

1.d4 f5 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.Bf4 e6 4.e3 Be7 5.h3 b6 6.Be2 Bb7 7.0-0 0-0 8.c4 d6 9.Nc3 Nbd7 10.Rc1 Ne4 11.Nxe4 Bxe4 12.Nd2 g5 13.Nxe4 gxf4 14.Nc3 fxe3 15.fxe3 Bg5 16.Qd3 e5 17.dxe5 Nxe5 18.Qd5+ Kh8 19.Rcd1 Bxe3+ 20.Kh1 Qg5 21.Bf3 Rad8 22.Rb1 c6 23.Qd1 Nxc4 24.Bxc6 Nd2 25.b4 Nxb1 26.Qxb1 Bf4 27.Nd5 Be5 28.Rf3 Rg8 29.Qf1 Rdf8 30.b5 Rg6 31.Nb4 Rfg8 32.Ra3 Qd2 33.Rb3 Rg3 34.Bd5 Rxb3 0-1

**CURTIS, OWEN (1733)****BOTTO, JULIEN (2057)**

1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.Nf3 c6 5.e3 Nbd7 6.Qc2 Be7 7.Bd3 0-0 8.0-0 c5 9.Rd1 cxd4 10.Nxd4 Nc5 11.Be2 Qb6 12.cxd5 exd5 13.Nf5 Bxf5 14.Qxf5 Rfd8 15.Nxd5 Rxd5 16.Rxd5 g6 17.Qf3 Nxd5 18.Qxd5 Rd8 19.Qf3 Bf6 20.Rb1 Nd3 21.b3 Nxc1 22.Rxc1 Kg7 23.Rd1 Rxd1+ 24.Bxd1 Qc6 25.Qxc6 ½-½

**GABBARA, FARIS (2075)****GETZ, NATE (1785)**

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 e6 3.Nc3 Nc6 4.Be2 g6 5.d4 cxd4 6.Nxd4 Bg7 7.Ndb5 Bxc3+ 8.bxc3 d5 9.Ba3 Nge7 10.Nd6+ Kf8 11.Qd2 Kg8 12.Qf4 f5 13.e5 d4 14.Be4 Qa5 15.0-0 Bd7 16.Nb5 Nd5 17.Bxd5 exd5 18.e6 Bxe6 19.Nc7 Rc8 20.Bd6 Bf7 21.cxd4 h6 22.h4 Kh7 23.Rfe1 Rhd8 24.Ne6 Re8 25.Nf8+ Rxf8 26.Bxf8 Rxf8 27.h5 Qc3 28.hxg6+ Bxg6 29.Rab1 Rf7 30.Rbd1 Qxc2 31.Rd2 Qc3 32.g3 Bh5 33.Kg2 Bf3+ 34.Kh2 Be4 35.Red1 Rg7 36.Re2 Qf3 37.Rxe4 fxe4 38.Qxf3 exf3 39.Kh3 h5 40.Rd3 Rf7 41.a4 Kg6 42.Kh4 a6 43.Rd1 Re7 44.Kh3 Re2 45.Rf1 Nxd4 46.g4 hxg4+ 47.Kxg4 Re4+ 48.Kg3 Kg5 49.Rd1 Rg4+ 50.Kh3 Nf5 51.Kh2 Rg2+ 52.Kh1 Rxf2 53.Rxd5 Kf4 0-1

**MALONEY, MIKE (1900)****YASUTAKE, EDWARD (1948)**

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 g6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nc6 5.Nxc6 bxc6 6.Qd4 Nf6 7.c4 Bg7 8.Nc3 0-0 9.Be2 Nd5 10.e5 Nxc3 11.Qxc3 d6 12.Bf4 Qc7 13.Qe3

dxe5 14.Bh6 Be6 15.h4 f5 16.Bxg7 Kxg7 17.h5 f4 18.Qc3 Rad8 19.hxg6 hxg6 20.Rh4 Rd4 21.Bd3 Qd6 22.Be2 Rd8 23.g3 Bxc4 24.gxf4 Bxe2 25.Kxe2 Rd2+ 26.Kf1 Rd1+ 27.Rxd1 Qxd1+ 28.Kg2 Qd5+ 29.Kg3 Qd4 30.fxe5 Qxc3+ 31.bxc3 Rd3+ 32.f3 Rxc3 33.Ra4 Kf7 34.Kg4 Ke6 35.f4 Rc1 36.Rxa7 Rg1+ 37.Kf3 Rf1+ ½-½

**ROLDAN, JEREMY (1811)****LANGSETH, DUWAYNE (1965)**

1.d4 d5 2.Nc3 f5 3.Bf4 c6 4.e3 Nf6 5.Bd3 e6 6.h4 Nbd7 7.Qf3 Ne4 8.Bxe4 dxe4 9.Qg3 Nf6 10.h5 Nd5 11.Be5 Rg8 12.Nge2 Bb4 13.Bxg7 Bd6 14.Nf4 Nxf4 15.exf4 Qc7 16.h6 Bxf4 17.Qh3 Bd6 18.g4 Qf7 19.g5 Qg6 20.0-0-0 Qxg5+ 21.Kb1 Qe7 22.Qh5+ Qf7 23.Qe2 Bd7 24.f3 exf3 25.Qxf3 0-0-0 26.Ne4 Bf8 27.Qf4 Be8 28.Ng5 Qg6 29.Rde1 Bf7 30.Rhg1 Bxg7 31.Nxe6 Be5 32.Rxg6 Bxf4 33.Rxg8 Rxg8 34.Nxf4 Rg4 35.Nd3 Rxd4 36.b3 Bg6 37.Re7 f4 38.Ne5 Rd1+ 39.Kb2 Rh1 40.Nxg6 f3 41.Rxh7 f2 42.Ne7+ Kd8 43.Nxc6+ bxc6 44.Rf7 f1Q 45.Rh7 0-1

**LANGSETH, RHETT (2118)****SAMPATH, VEDANTH (2088)**

1.Nf3 d5 2.c3 Nf6 3.d3 c5 4.Nbd2 e6 5.e4 Be7 6.Be2 0-0 7.0-0 b6 8.Re1 Bb7 9.Qc2 Nc6 10.b3 Rc8 11.Bb2 Qc7 12.Rac1 Rfd8 13.Nf1 dxe4 14.dxe4 Qf4 15.Bd3 Ng4 16.Rcd1 Nce5 17.Nxe5 Nxe5 18.Bc1 Qg4 19.Qe2 Qxe2 20.Bxe2 Bxe4 21.Ba6 Rxd1 22.Rxd1 Rd8 23.Re1 Nd3 24.Bxd3 Bxd3 25.Rd1 Bb1 26.Rxd8+ Bxd8 27.a3 Bf6 28.Bd2 Bc2 29.b4 cxb4 30.axb4 a5 31.Ne3 Bd3 32.Ng4 a4 33.Nxf6+ gxf6 34.Bc1 b5 35.f3 Kf8 36.Kf2 Ke7 37.Ke3 Bg6 38.Kd4 Kd6 39.c4 Kc6 40.Kc3 h5 41.Kd4 Bc2 42.f4 Bb3 43.c5 Bd5 44.g3 Kd7 45.Bb2 Ke7 46.Ke3 f5 47.h4 Bc4 Ke4 ½-½

**MALONEY, MIKE (1900)****WOLF, WILLIAM (1809)**

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 Nge7 4.Bxc6 Nxc6 5.d4 exd4 6.Nxd4 Be5 7.Nxc6 Qf6 8.Qe2 dxc6 9.Nc3 Be6 10.Bd2 0-0-0 11.f3 Qd4 12.0-0-0 Bc4 13.Qe1 Qf2 14.Qxf2 Bxf2 15.b3 Ba6 16.Bf4 b6 17.e5 h6 18.Ne4 Bh4 19.c4 Rd7 20.Ng3 Rg8 21.Nf5 Bf2 22.Kc2 b5 23.Rxd7 Kxd7 24.Be3 Bxe3 25.Nxe3 Ke6 26.f4 bxc4 27.bxc4 g5 28.g3 f6 29.Kc3 gxf4 30.gxf4 Kd5 Kd4+ ½-½



## 2023 Champions Showdown Chess 9LX

By John Brezina

September 10, 2023: Chess960, Fischer Random Chess, Full Chess, Chess 9LX, whatever you call it, there is no denying the exciting games this variant produces. The sixth edition of the 2023 Champions Showdown Chess 9LX returned to St. Louis in what has become the annual birthday celebration for Rex Sinquefeld. With the ongoing expansion of the St. Louis chess club, the tournament was held on the top floor of the World Chess Hall of Fame, unfortunately barring spectators. But fans were still able to follow the games online with great coverage and commentary as usual while patient fans could wait outside the Hall of Fame and catch their favorite player for an autograph as they arrived and departed.



*A beautiful day outside the World Chess Hall of Fame*

The 13th world champion Garry Kasparov headlined the tournament along with nine of the top U.S. players. Top rated and current World Fischer Random champion Hikaru Nakamura returned as the player to beat. As tradition, the tournament opened with Ultimate Moves, where Rex and his team took on newcomer Alex Kerford in a four-game rapid match. The five-man teams behind Rex & Alex were each picked from the 9LX roster where all took turns at the board after five moves each. I was unable to make it to the opening but did attend the last day and final three rounds to capture some photographs as these players analyzed together and then battled it out at the boards.

Nine rounds were played over three days at Game/20+5. The random position was revealed fifteen minutes prior to the start of the round, giving players time to study and analyze either together or alone. This was a treat to watch as

different pairs of great players sat down and analyzed together while sometimes attracting others. Players were then given a one-minute warning as the start of the round approached. Some would rush to their boards as they tried using every second to analyze openings where theory is no longer relevant.



*Tournament winner Sam Sevian talks with Garry Kasparov*

Day one and round one started out with fireworks and three decisive games. Garry Kasparov, looking to avenge his winless 2022 performance, took down Wesley So with the black pieces. Veteran players Fabiano Caruana and Levon Aronian were also taken down in round one by the two Sam's, Shankland and Sevian. Perhaps vengeance in round two spurred victories for those same three players as Wesley, Fabiano and Levon all bounced back with wins. The last round of day one and Kasparov finished off the young Ray Robson by forcing his king into the corner. This put Garry in clear first with 2.5 points after day one, a complete turnaround from last year's performance.



*Chief Arbiter Chris Bird patrols the floor*

Day two and round four finally produced Hikaru Nakamura's first victory with a win over Fabiano Caruana. Sam Sevian and Shankland also rounded out the other two victories. This put Sam Sevian in tie for first with Garry Kasparov, and the former U.S. prodigy never looked back. Round



five was a slugfest with all but one game ending in a draw. Jeffrey Xiong delivered Garry Kasparov the first of his next five losses in a row, a complete collapse for Kasparov after a stellar start. Sam Sevian drew Hikaru Nakamura while Aronian beat Leinier Dominguez to put himself tied with the youngster. Round six topped the previous round as all games were decisive. Sam Shankland delivered Hikaru Nakamura his first loss while Sevian and Aronian both won their games to stay tied for first.



*Hikaru Nakamura and Leinier Dominguez faceoff*

I arrived for the final day of action in St. Louis where it was a beautiful day for the climax of the tournament. The 22-year-old Sam Sevian was tied for first with Aronian a full point ahead of the field. Before round seven, it was thrilling to watch Garry Kasparov sit down with Hikaru Nakamura and analyze the new position along with Wesley So. A former world champion with the current and former world Fischer random champions altogether was a feast for the senses. (See the video below) Fischer random chess is great for those who like fewer draws as more decisive games continued in round seven. The complexities that arise in chess are only amplified in this variant as a player can get into deep trouble very early in the game with no opening theory to fall back on. Sam Sevian continued his winning streak by handing Kasparov another loss while Wesley So held Levon Aronian to a draw. Fabiano Caruana and Sam Shankland stayed on the leaders' heels by winning as well.

The penultimate round eight paired the two youngest players together, Sam Sevian and Jeffrey Xiong. The game ended in a draw and allowed others to gain on the leader. And Fabiano did just that by flagging Aronian in a complex game, despite having a five second increment. Sam Shankland also gained by handing Kasparov another loss after a short 22 moves. The most dramatic game of the round was the clash between two of the world's best Fischer random

players, Hikaru Nakamura and Wesley So. Hikaru reached a winning position in the endgame and looked quite comfortable at the board. But as Yogi Berra once exclaimed, "it ain't over til it's over!" Wesley somehow managed to turn the tables with his outside-passed pawn, and shortly after a dismayed Nakamura resigned in disbelief.

Round nine and the crucial main match to watch was between leader Sam Sevian and Fabiano Caruana who was just half a point behind. Sam Shankland was in striking distance as well a half point behind. On the other end of the spectrum, Leinier Dominguez won his first and only game of the tournament, handing Kasparov his fifth loss in a row. Ray Robson continued to struggle in this format, losing to Wesley So and ending up in last place without a win. Back to center stage where Sam Sevian played a stunning bishop sacrifice to start a king hunt against Fabiano. (See video clip below) Having the pressure on and falling behind on the clock, Caruana finally succumbed and Sam Sevian was crowned the champion with an incredible 7 out of 9 points, taking home the top prize of \$37,500. Levon and Wesley also won their games while Sam Shankland drew, putting them all in a three way tie for second.



*The players analyze the new position before the round*

Another fantastic finish to such a great tournament put together by Rex & his team. An ecstatic Sam Sevian came downstairs after a quick interview by Sabina Foiser and final photos by Lennart Ootes to fans hanging around the world's largest chess piece outside. Other players hung around upstairs still going over the day's happenings. But not for too long as all the players and other dignitaries were invited to an after dinner closing reception. Much thanks to the staff for allowing me the privilege to cover this tournament and I look forward to an expanded club opening where all of us fans can once again get up close to these amazing players.

Enjoy all of my photos from the event here:  
<https://photos.app.goo.gl/MWaP8jLbD9PMYSQx7>

# 2023 Colorado Open

By John Brezina

September 2-3, 2023: The Colorado Open took place over Labor Day weekend at the Embassy Suites hotel in the Denver Tech Center. A record 166 players showed up to battle it out in four sections. The Championship section boasted fourteen players rated over 2000 with FM Matt Hassen on top at 2338. While I was not able to play in the tournament due to my "real" job, I did get to photograph rounds three and five. I was also able to catch the end of the round two marathon game between FM Matt Hassen and Expert Iris Li.



**Top rated Open player  
FM Matt Hassen**



**State Senior Champion  
DuWayne Langseth**

Many of the players had to shift gears into classical chess after the blitz championship the night before. Blitz champion Sullivan McConnell returned and was paired with Keith Oxman in round one. DuWayne Langseth had the honor of board one vs. FM Matt Hassen. Notable upsets in the championship section for round one included Jeremy Roldan defeating Matthew Wofford and the young Shubh Misra beating Kenzie Moore. And quick champion Daniel Herman was held to a draw by Rowen Oregel.



**Chief TD Tom Nelson directing another great tournament**

In the U1900 section for round one, board one had top rated Michael Munafo paired up with Vedanth Peesapaty. The U1600 section top rated player Norbert Martinez drew his first two games before withdrawing from the tournament. The largest group of players was the U1300 section where 59 players battled

it out. The championship section played in one room while a larger room housed the other sections where chief TD had his table setup. Earle Wikle did a great job in setting up DGT boards for all the top games in each section. They were also live streamed online in addition to having screens in the hotel lobby for everyone to follow.

I arrived Saturday just in time to catch the round two marathon game between Matt Hassen and Iris Li. A large crowd gathered in the lobby to watch this rook vs. bishop endgame. Despite being down the exchange, Matt was able to press and deliver a heartbreaking loss to the young expert. In a rematch from the blitz tournament, Sullivan McConnell faced Rhett Langseth and once again came out on top leaving Sully as the only undefeated player after round three. Long time Cherry Creek high school rivals Neil Bhavikatti and Vedanth Sampath settled on a draw. Griffin McConnell was also able to hold Matt Hassen to a draw.



**Iris Li pushed Matt Hassen to the limit but came up short**

It was nice seeing several father & son duos playing in the tournament including the strong DuWayne and Rhett Langseth. Also longtime DCC members Ken & Ted Doykos who played side by side in round five. And last was Francis Kaklauskas and his son Levi who went on to win the U1600 section. In the U1900 section after round three, two players remained undefeated, Michael Munafo and Derek Yin. The U1600 section had two undefeated players remaining as well, Dinesh Kumar and Matthew Miller. After a long day and three rounds, players retired for the evening until the final two rounds on Sunday.

The next day I was able to arrive in time to catch the end of the CSCA board meeting held between the final rounds. It was nice running into Todd Bardwick who hung around to watch some of the final round games. The last round is always the best to photograph as the intensity climaxes and winners are crowned. Sullivan McConnell led the top section with an undefeated four points. A draw would secure the state champion title. I scrambled





***Kenneth Doykos and his son Ted play side by side***

between both rooms to catch as many photos at the start of the round. But I noticed Sullivan waiting for his last round opponent after starting the clock and making his opening move. The empty seat belonged to none other than "Mr. Colorado Chess" himself, Life Master Brian Wall. Then after waiting for several minutes, I noticed Brian enter the room like a heavyweight boxer walking up to the ring. He was currently in second place with 3.5 points and had been state champion before his opponent was even born! Fortunately, I was there to catch the handshake as the game did not last long. After ten moves a draw agreed and Sully was the new state champion.



***Colorado Hall of Famer Todd Bardwick watches the games***

A similar situation arose in the U1900 section. Derek Yin was undefeated with four points and faced Tanya Prabhu who was in second place. Tanya pressed hard against Derek's king, but his tenacious defense held the draw and he finished the field in clear first. There was a four way race in the U1600 section. First time Open player and Parker chess club regular Dinesh Kumar was in first place with four points. But three players had 3.5 points including his opponent, the young Levi Kaklauskas. Board two drew their game leaving this the deciding game. Levi avenged his fathers loss to Dinesh in round three by handing him his first loss and leapfrogging into clear first.

The U1300 section had a big pack vying for first place. In the end three players tied for first with 4.5 points, Andy Hoang, Jon Paul Just and Connor Tran. Interesting that in all four sections,

no one took first place undefeated. A testament to the strength and resilience of the players.



***Sullivan McConnell secured the title with a draw in round five against "Mr. Colorado Chess" Brian Wall***



***A crowd gathers to watch the DGT games live in the lobby***



***Karthika and her daughter enjoy the award winning Colorado Chess Informant***

Another great Colorado tournament that I had the privilege to photograph. We should all thank those that tirelessly work to bring these tournaments to our state. This is believed to be our largest Colorado Open turnout with 166 players and our beloved game would not be the same without countless volunteers organizing and supporting our local chess scene. All of my photos from rounds three and five are in the links below.

Round 3:

<https://photos.app.goo.gl/dYrmmHH5EazrYXCA8>

Round 5:

<https://photos.app.goo.gl/C1hcrVsPwHkTFaZH6>

## Colorado Open Crosstables

## Section 1 - CHAMPIONSHIP

Pair Num	Player Name USCF ID / Rtg (Pre->Post)	Total Pts	Round 1	Round 2	Round 3	Round 4	Round 5
1	SULLIVAN MAC MCCONNELL CO   14696346 / R: 2283 ->2299	4.5	W	21 W	14 W	26 W	6 D 3
2	NEIL BHAVIKATTI CO   14919064 / R: 2228 ->2233	4.0	W	37 W	5 D	7 D	4 W 13
3	BRIAN D WALL CO   10923344 / R: 2207 ->2219	4.0	W	29 D	20 W	10 W	7 D 1
4	GRIFFIN THOMAS MCCONNELL CO   14692997 / R: 2160 ->2177	4.0	W	17 W	15 D	6 D	2 W 16
5	EVAN MCCORMICK CO   31167718 / R: 1905P21->1986	4.0	W	39 L	2 W	31 W	26 W 8
6	MATT HASSEN CO   12793255 / R: 2338 ->2331	3.5	W	28 W	11 D	4 L	1 W 17
7	VEDANTH SAMPATH CO   15543043 / R: 2134 ->2137	3.5	W	38 W	31 D	2 L	3 W 21
8	DANIEL HERMAN CO   14345456 / R: 2218 ->2193	3.0	D	23 D	40 W	30 W	12 L 5
9	MATTHEW WOFFORD CO   12812582 / R: 2194 ->2168	3.0	L	16 W	41 L	17 W	29 W 23
10	JORGE RUBIO CO   30548239 / R: 2128 ->2116	3.0	W	35 W	16 L	3 D	21 D 11
11	IRIS LI CO   16934084 / R: 2022 ->2030	3.0	W	32 L	6 H	W	24 D 10
12	DAVIN YIN CO   15610124 / R: 1958 ->1974	3.0	H	W	23 D	19 L	8 W 30
13	KENZIE L MOORE CO   13028820 / R: 1964 ->1972	3.0	L	30 W	38 W	29 W	19 L 2
14	GARY PAUL WARMERDAM CO   15777612 / R: 1970 ->1962	3.0	W	33 L	1 L	24 W	31 W 32
15	LUIS A JIMENEZ CO   14736983 / R: 1941 ->1950	3.0	W	22 L	4 D	32 D	30 W 26
16	JEREMY BRIAN ROLDAN CO   15475345 / R: 1856 ->1920	3.0	W	9 L	10 W	22 W	27 L 4
17	DANIEL RUVINS FL   14470112 / R: 1815 ->1874	3.0	L	4 W	39 W	9 W	20 L 6
18	DANIEL MARMER CO   12889369 / R: 1770 ->1813	3.0	L	26 L	22 W	33 W	28 W 27
19	EAMON CURCHIN MONTGOMERY CO   15755701 / R: 2161 ->2128	2.5	W	25 D	30 D	12 L	13 D 24
20	JOSHUA SAMUEL CO   10408261 / R: 1936 ->1932	2.5	W	34 D	3 D	27 L	17 D 22
21	KEITH JAY OXMAN CO   12459346 / R: 1900 ->1908	2.5	L	1 W	36 W	40 D	10 L 7
22	SEAN EVAN PEARSON CO   30888353 / R: Unrated->1886P5	2.5	L	15 W	18 L	16 W	37 D 20
23	ROWEN OREGEL CO   17314325 / R: 1870 ->1875	2.5	D	8 L	12 W	41 W	35 L 9
24	MR. OWEN SEBASTIAN CURTIS CO   17334272 / R: 1782 ->1806	2.5	B	L	26 W	14 L	11 D 19
25	AMITAI SEBBA CO   15807085 / R: 1758 ->1751	2.5	L	19 L	34 D	36 W	39 W 35
26	RHETT LANGSETH CO   13392987 / R: 2122 ->2094	2.0	W	18 W	24 L	1 L	5 L 15
27	CHRISTOPHER MOTLEY CO   16231534 / R: 1997 ->1965	2.0	W	36 H	D	20 L	16 L 18
28	DUWAYNE LANGSETH CO   11197175 / R: 1924 ->1889	2.0	L	6 L	35 B	L	18 W 36
29	BROGAN MCGRATH SD   30230061 / R: 1839 ->1841	2.0	L	3 W	33 L	13 L	9 W 38
30	SHUBH MISRA CO   16824026 / R: 1677 ->1737	2.0	W	13 D	19 L	8 D	15 L 12
31	WESLEY WOO CO   15365011 / R: 1741 ->1730	2.0	B	L	7 L	5 L	14 W 40
32	PAUL P RAFAC IV CO   16442304 / R: 1704P12->1729P17	2.0	L	11 W	37 D	15 D	34 L 14

33	SAI SWANITH DASARI CO   16623300 / R: 1621 ->1627	2.0	L	14 L	29 L	18 B	W	37
34	PHINEAS HAGG CO   30173046 / R: 1585 ->1618	2.0	L	20 W	25 H	D	32 U	
35	WILLARD DAVIS CO   12780420 / R: 1722 ->1718	1.5	L	10 W	28 H	L	23 L	25
36	SANDEEP MATHEW CO   15620507 / R: 1703 ->1690	1.5	L	27 L	21 D	25 W	40 L	28
37	HENRY BENAID WA   15273055 / R: 1877 ->1828	1.0	L	2 L	32 W	38 L	22 L	33
38	WILLIAM L WOLF CO   14762885 / R: 1780 ->1746	1.0	L	7 L	13 L	37 W	41 L	29
39	GUILLERMO DAVID LOZANO CO   12859075 / R: 1592 ->1560	1.0	L	5 L	17 H	L	25 D	41
40	ABHIJAY BALAMURUGAN CO   16913354 / R: 1452 ->1454	1.0	H	D	8 L	21 L	36 L	31
41	SOFIYA GAINULLINA CO   30666704 / R: 1288 ->1298	1.0	H	L	9 L	23 L	38 D	39

## Section 2 - U1900

Pair Num	Player Name USCF ID / Rtg (Pre->Post)	Total Pts	Round 1	Round 2	Round 3	Round 4	Round 5
1 CO	DEREK YIN 16493370 / R: 1732 ->1789	4.5 N:2	W B	24 W W	19 W B	6 W W	2 D 3  B
2 VA	MICHAEL MUNAFO 12625903 / R: 1888 ->1890	4.0 N:2	W W	9 W B	8 W B	11 L B	1 W 10  W
3 CO	MS. TANYA GURPUR MADKE PRABHU 16349446 / R: 1645 ->1693	4.0 N:2	W B	25 W W	13 D B	5 W W	11 D 1  W
4 CO	MR. BENJAMIN SIMBERG 30017727 / R: 1401 ->1504	4.0 N:3	L B	19 W W	20 W B	23 X 	W 8  W
5 CO	JEFFREY BAFFO 10340195 / R: 1700 ->1713	3.5 N:3	D W	10 W B	22 D B	3 D W	9 W 14  W
6 CO	CHARLIE FLAXBEARD 17308584 / R: 1626 ->1622	3.0 N:3	B 	W B	21 L W	1 L B	10 W 16  W
7 CO	JOSEPH TIMMER 13962550 / R: 1625 ->1611	3.0 N:3	L W	21 W B	25 L W	10 W B	23 W 19  W
8 CO	JONAS MICHAEL ZEUTZIUS 16359725 / R: 1564P23->1611	3.0 N:3	W B	15 L W	2 W B	14 W W	18 L 4  B
9 CO	VEDANTH PEESAPATY 30753657 / R: 1583 ->1609	3.0 N:3	L B	2 W W	17 W B	12 D W	5 D 11  B
10 CO	ELI MATTHEW COHRS 30399807 / R: 1452 ->1570	3.0 N:2	D B	5 D W	14 W B	7 W W	6 L 2  B
11 CO	TED DOYKOS 12724380 / R: 1723 ->1705	2.5 N:3	W B	23 W W	12 L B	2 L 3 D B	9  W
12 CO	KAavya SAKTHISARAVANAN 16909357 / R: 1414 ->1465	2.5 N:3	W W	16 L B	11 L W	9 D W	20 W 18  B
13 CO	AVYUKTH SHRIKKANTH 30495983 / R: 1253 ->1304	2.5 N:4	W B	20 L B	3 L W	16 D W	19 B 
14 CO	KENNETH DOYKOS 10358086 / R: 1724 ->1700	2.0 N:4	D W	22 D B	10 L B	8 W W	21 L 5  B
15 CO	MARK RABIDEAU 31368582 / R: Unrated->1672P3	2.0 	L W	8 W W	24 W B	19 F B	4 U 
16 CO	ALEC CHRISTOPHER NEWPORT 30219040 / R: 1675 ->1620	2.0 N:4	L B	12 L W	23 W B	13 W W	22 L 6  B
17 WY	ELIZABETH SCOTT 12582914 / R: 1316 ->1315	2.0 	L W	18 L B	9 L B	20 B 	W 21  W
18 CO	BENJAMIN DEGUIRE 30412244 / R: 1587 ->1551	1.5 	W B	17 H 	U 	L B	8 L 12  W
19 CO	ABHIRAM PALLE 17054842 / R: 1576 ->1544	1.5 N:4	W W	4 L B	1 L W	15 D B	13 L 7  B
20 CO	DIERRICK DAVIS 31233721 / R: 1598P4 ->1457P8	1.5 	L W	13 L B	4 W W	17 D B	12 U 
21 CO	TYLER A POOLE 12612558 / R: 1475 ->1453	1.5 	W B	7 L W	6 H 	L W	14 L 17  B
22 CO	CHRISTOPHER E LEE 17030150 / R: 1529 ->1511	1.0 	D B	14 L W	5 H 	L B	16 U 
23 WY	BRIAN KUEHL 16693924 / R: 1495 ->1481	1.0 	L W	11 W B	16 L B	4 L W	7 U 



24	JAMES WILLIAM NEWBY JR.	0.0	L	1 L	15 U	U	U	
CO	12699600 / R: 1513	->1495		W	B			
25	TIMOTHY STEPHENS	0.0	L	3 L	7 U	U	U	
WY	13664202 / R: 1408	->1389		W	W			

## Section 3 - U1600

Pair Num	Player Name USCF ID / Rtg (Pre->Post)	Total Pts	Round 1	Round 2	Round 3	Round 4	Round 5
1 CO	LEVI KAKLAUSKAS 30142630 / R: 1474 ->1559	4.5 N:3	B	W	7D	5W	19W
2 CO	DINESH KUMAR JAYA KRISHNAMOORTHY 30527914 / R: 1493P24->1517	4.0 N:3	B	W	8W	14W	15L
3 CO	EMMETT LIGNELL 30624060 / R: 1457 ->1479	4.0 N:4	L	21W	38W	31W	10W
4 CO	KYLE LUO 30588060 / R: 1408P22->1460	4.0 N:4	B	W	12D	19W	23D
5 CO	NATHAN WOO 15365026 / R: 1392 ->1458	4.0 N:4	B	W	24D	1W	20D
6 CO	DARSHAN SATISHKUMAR 16961241 / R: 1419 ->1447	4.0 N:4	W	31L	23W	27W	17W
7 CO	KRISH MATHIMARAN 30150019 / R: 1345 ->1460	3.5 N:3	W	41L	1D	25W	18W
8 WY	AMBER LOCK 30312256 / R: 1390 ->1420	3.5 N:4	W	40L	2W	12W	29D
9 WY	JACOB DAVID 30456709 / R: 1399 ->1420	3.5 N:4	W	38W	21L	15W	16D
10 CO	JUDE FEE 30832248 / R: 1333 ->1404	3.5 N:4	D	13W	22W	11L	3W
11 CO	VISANT PRAJAN SANKARANARAYANAN 17214134 / R: 1283 ->1300	3.5 	B	B	20L	10X	W
12 CO	KIRK ANDERSON 31401313 / R: Unrated->1449P5	3.0 N:4	W	16L	4L	8W	28W
13 NE	RAFAEL SANCHEZ 30279525 / R: 1408 ->1400	3.0 	D	10D	32W	24W	30L
14 CO	MR. FRANCIS JOSEPH KAKLAUSKAS 30142024 / R: 1375P16->1392P20	3.0 N:4	B	W	25L	2W	26L
15 CO	MATTHEW ROBERT MILLER 30218424 / R: 1327 ->1363	3.0 N:4	B	W	35W	9L	2L
16 CO	TREVOR LEE BRADFORD 30570869 / R: 1354 ->1352	3.0 	L	12W	39W	32L	9W
17 CO	FELIX MCMILLAN 30251494 / R: 1101 ->1251	3.0 N:4	L	19W	37W	33L	6W
18 CO	SETH LICHTENSTEIN 30244195 / R: 1560 ->1553	2.5 	H	U	W	36L	7W
19 CO	MAXWELL DEYOUNG 31159751 / R: 1397P5 ->1439P9	2.5 N:4	W	17W	27D	4L	1U
20 NM	JORDAN OGAS 13565778 / R: 1430 ->1420	2.5 	W	39D	11W	29L	5U
21 CO	JOE WELSH 30311451 / R: 1325 ->1350	2.5 N:4	W	3L	9H	W	25L
22 CO	MITCHELL BEYER 30744020 / R: 1341 ->1336	2.5 	D	34L	10H	W	40D
23 CO	MASON BRADY 30219783 / R: 1301 ->1296	2.5 	B	W	6H	L	4L
24 CO	TRISTAN CRUZ 15385193 / R: 1235 ->1249	2.5 	W	36L	5L	13X	D
25 CO	MARK LAUER 12606904 / R: 1505 ->1439	2.0 	X	L	14D	7L	21D
26 CO	MATT FERRERI 12693787 / R: 1433 ->1405	2.0 	W	30L	29W	28L	14U
27 CO	WESTON ALEXANDER TAYLOR 30776543 / R: 1373 ->1328	2.0 	B	L	19L	6W	32L
28 CO	VEDANT RATNAKAR 17127917 / R: 1332 ->1304	2.0 	L	35W	40L	26L	12W
29 CO	GEORGE PESCHKE 15618142 / R: 1304 ->1300	2.0 	B	W	26L	20L	8L
30 CO	AUDREY LI 17312162 / R: 1253 ->1244	2.0 	L	26W	41X	L	13L

31	SHAURYA MISRA CO   16824011 / R: 1206	->1242	2.0 	L  W	6 W  W	36 L  B	3 D  B	33 D  W	25
32	SHIRLEY HERMAN CO   14812654 / R: 982	->1078	2.0 	D  B	33 D  W	13 L  B	16 L  B	27 W  W	38
33	SARVESH RAJESH CO   16925315 / R: 1363	->1318	1.5 	D  B	32 D  W	34 L  B	17 D  W	31 L  B	18
34	NORBERT MARTINEZ CO   12471639 / R: 1575	->1550	1.0 	D  W	22 D  B	33 U 	U 	U 	
35	ANDREW ROBICHAUD CO   30154062 / R: 1473	->1455	1.0 	W  B	28 L  W	15 F  B	30 F  B	11 U 	
36	DEAN W BROWN CO   10224098 / R: 1470	->1400	1.0 	L  W	24 L  B	31 L  W	18 L  B	38 W  W	40
37	JOSEPH ARAGON CO   11345409 / R: 1300	->1300	1.0 	F  B	25 L  W	17 W  W	39 F  B	24 U 	
38	JACK ADIN GOTTLIEB CA   30962561 / R: 1233	->1180	1.0 	L  B	9 L  W	3 L  B	40 W  W	36 L  B	32
39	GRANT TUPPER CO   30260038 / R: 1164P13->1112P17	->1112P17	1.0 	L  W	20 L  W	16 L  B	37 B 	L  B	28
40	MR. DEB KUMAR BANERJEE CO   14012646 / R: 1033P16->1040P21	->1040P21	1.0 	L  B	8 L  W	28 W  W	38 L  B	22 L  B	36
41	ANN DAVIES CO   12708563 / R: 1516	->1500	0.0 	L  B	7 L  W	30 U 	U 	U 	

## Section 4 - U1300

Pair Num	Player Name USCF ID / Rtg (Pre->Post)	Total Pts	Round 1	Round 2	Round 3	Round 4	Round 5				
1 CO	CONNOR E TRAN 31095147 / R: 1089P14->1252P19	4.5 N:4	W W	55 B	W W	37 B	W W	5 B	9 D	W W	4 B
2 CO	AN ANDY GIA HOANG 30554313 / R: 1129 ->1220	4.5 	W W	52 B	W B	38 W	W B	29 D	W B	4 W	12 B
3 CO	JON PAUL JUST 31025617 / R: 1116 ->1196	4.5 	W B	46 W	W B	41 D	W W	15 B	W B	26 W	8 B
4 CO	SUMANTH NAGASAI KAJA 30657770 / R: 1379 ->1374	4.0 	B 	W 	W W	20 B	W B	19 D	W B	2 D	1 B
5 WA	NEEL YADATORE 30026420 / R: 1241 ->1254	4.0 	W B	51 W	W B	31 L	W B	1 W	W W	17 W	11 B
6 CO	RICHARD D EVELEIGH 30781796 / R: 1213 ->1213	4.0 	W B	34 L	W B	11 W	W B	41 W	W B	31 W	19 B
7 CO	ERIC WOLCOTT 30451604 / R: 1131 ->1152	4.0 	W B	43 L	W B	15 W	W B	33 W	W B	22 W	16 B
8 CO	REYANSH AGARWAL 30165332 / R: 1301 ->1279	3.5 	W W	40 W	W B	14 W	W B	21 D	W B	12 L	3 B
9 CO	OLIVER HASSELKUS 16591543 / R: 1253 ->1241	3.5 	W W	22 D	W B	27 W	W B	30 L	W B	1 W	20 B
10 CO	JOHNATHAN KYLE LOVELL 17108588 / R: 1191 ->1161	3.5 	L W	33 W	W B	55 D	W B	18 W	W B	23 W	29 B
11 CO	MICHAEL JOSEPH MELCHER 13084942 / R: 1018 ->1130	3.5 	W W	42 W	W B	6 H	W B	W W	15 L	W B	5 B
12 CO	ANDREW BARLOW 30577008 / R: 1103P5 ->1129P10	3.5 	W W	47 W	W B	33 W	W B	23 D	W B	8 L	2 B
13 CO	LAN TRUONG 30588843 / R: 1028 ->1046	3.5 	L B	17 W	W B	50 W	W B	43 D	W B	14 W	30 B
14 CO	TARUN BALA KARTHIKEYAN 30684949 / R: 753P14->1011P19	3.5 	W B	48 L	W B	8 W	W B	37 D	W B	13 W	26 B
15 CO	PRANAV MALE 30742195 / R: 1096 ->1133	3.0 	W W	25 W	W B	7 D	W B	3 L	W B	11 D	18 B
16 CO	GREYSEN WINTER DANAE 31316398 / R: Unrated->1111P5	3.0 	L B	19 W	W B	56 W	W B	38 W	W B	21 L	7 B
17 CO	CHRISTOPHER GLENN HAWTHORN 31338781 / R: Unrated->1069P5	3.0 	W W	13 L	W B	21 W	W B	40 L	W B	5 W	41 B
18 CO	ARJUN SUNDARESAN 30279152 / R: 1061 ->1060	3.0 	B 	D W	W B	26 D	W B	10 D	W B	29 D	15 B
19 CO	RHYS ANDREW KELLY 31316908 / R: 970P8 ->1025P13	3.0 	W W	16 W	W B	54 L	W B	4 W	W B	32 L	6 B
20 CO	ASHWIN MATHIMARAN 17295785 / R: 1010 ->1016	3.0 	W W	58 L	W B	4 W	W B	52 W	W B	34 L	9 B
21 CO	DON M HENRY 12748605 / R: 956 ->998	3.0 	W B	59 W	W B	17 L	W B	8 L	W B	16 W	27 B

22	HANSIT RAJ RAVADA	3.0	L	9	W	46	W	53	L	7	W	43
CO	30635255 / R: 927 -> 934		B		W		B		B		W	
23	RAHILAD YASHVANT GOPI	3.0	B		W	28	L	12	L	10	W	39
CO	30990977 / R: 732P6 -> 853P10				B		W		W		B	
24	GERA CRUZ	3.0	L	28	L	52	W	59	W	51	W	44
CO	15385187 / R: 309 -> 501			W	B		W		W		B	
25	ANDRES ORCO-ZERPA	2.5	L	15	U		H		W	45	W	47
CO	31283700 / R: 1300P1 ->1116P4		B						B		W	
26	JOHN PATRICK FREDRICKSON	2.5	W	32	D	18	W	27	L	3	L	14
CO	31355473 / R: Unrated->1032P5			W	B		W		B		W	
27	ALEX HEGG	2.5	W	39	D	9	L	26	W	35	L	21
CO	30602201 / R: 1012P12->1002P17			B	W		B		W		B	
28	JOHN MCGRATH	2.5	W	24	L	23	L	34	D	47	W	40
SD	30230108 / R: 1073 -> 991			B	W		W		B		W	
29	MATTHEW ROBERT KONERTH	2.5	W	35	W	53	L	2	D	18	L	10
CO	30460907 / R: 961P14-> 964P19			B	W		B		W		B	
30	TANAY KATARU	2.5	D	49	W	36	L	9	X		L	13
CO	30436408 / R: 947 -> 957			W	B		B				W	
31	KYLE WEINGARTNER	2.5	W	44	L	5	W	54	L	6	D	34
CO	31235588 / R: 934P11-> 922P16			W	B		W		B		W	
32	NOAH WILLIAM LORDAN	2.5	L	26	W	39	W	44	L	19	D	33
CO	30692522 / R: 927P6 -> 908P11			B	W		B		W		B	
33	JASON WUU	2.5	W	10	L	12	L	7	W	42	D	32
CO	16168111 / R: 790 -> 889			B	W		W		B		W	
34	SAMUEL LEONARD CALKIN	2.5	L	6	X	58	W	28	L	20	D	31
CO	31311459 / R: 782P5 -> 849P9			W	B		B		W		B	
35	VERONICA IRIS PINNA	2.5	L	29	D	45	W	47	L	27	W	46
CO	31397274 / R: Unrated-> 802P5			W	B		W		B		B	
36	TOM NEEDHAM	2.0	L	41	L	30	L	39	W	55	W	50
CO	12743781 / R: 1211 ->1200			B	W		B		W		B	
37	PETRA LAMBERT-GORWYN	2.0	B		L	1	L	14	L	39	W	51
CO	15689074 / R: 1039 -> 974				W		B		W		B	
38	BRETT M RENZI	2.0	W	50	L	2	L	16	U		W	52
NY	30101823 / R: 911 -> 921			B	W		B				W	
39	HARRY WEIR	2.0	L	27	L	32	W	36	W	37	L	23
CO	31394202 / R: Unrated-> 894P5			W	B		W		B		W	
40	JONAH PLATT	2.0	L	8	W	59	L	17	W	53	L	28
CO	31297896 / R: 856P9 -> 828P14			B	W		B		W		B	
41	JOHN BLOEMKER	2.0	W	36	L	3	L	6	X	49	L	17
CO	30988278 / R: 738 -> 782			W	B		W		B		B	
42	ETHAN HANJUN LIU	2.0	L	11	L	43	W	50	L	33	W	53
CO	31357926 / R: Unrated-> 764P5			B	W		B		W		B	
43	STEPAN ARTEMOVICH ROSTOVTSSEV	2.0	L	7	W	42	L	13	X	54	L	22
CO	31215371 / R: 754P25-> 755			W	B		W		B		B	
44	NICHOLAS F BROOKINS	2.0	L	31	W	51	L	32	W	52	L	24
CO	31349512 / R: 594P6 -> 621P11			B	W		W		B		W	
45	RANDY RICHTER	1.5	L	53	D	35	L	48	L	25	W	59
CO	17158047 / R: 998 -> 904			B	W		B		W		B	
46	DAN M RUPAREL	1.5	L	3	L	22	H		W	56	L	35
CO	30064098 / R: 527 -> 578			W	B				B		W	
47	SHAY BOSSIE	1.5	L	12	W	48	L	35	D	28	L	25
CO	31102843 / R: 399 -> 524			B	W		B		W		B	
48	TANISHKA TAGARE	1.0	L	14	L	47	W	45	F	30	U	
CO	16788310 / R: 1137 ->1065			W	B		W		B			
49	JULIAN FERRER	1.0	D	30	H		U		F		U	
CO	31235397 / R: 881P3 -> 900P4			B								
50	DAVID PAUL GREAVES	1.0	L	38	L	13	L	42	W	59	L	36
CO	31380559 / R: 1500P2 -> 888P7			W	B		W		B		W	
51	LYNN D JOHNSON NESBITT	1.0	L	5	L	44	W	55	L	24	L	37
CO	31306298 / R: 905P5 -> 707P10			W	B		W		B		W	
52	MAHI PRAKASH KASAT	1.0	L	2	W	24	L	20	L	44	L	38
CO	30963236 / R: 647 -> 622			B	W		B		W		B	
53	ARIANA E DANI	1.0	W	45	L	29	L	22	L	40	L	42
CO	31363347 / R: 500P5 -> 572P10			W	B		W		B		W	
54	MIHIKA TAGARE	1.0	B		L	19	L	31	F		U	
CO	16788325 / R: 360 -> 356				W		B					
55	OSCAR HUITRON	1.0	L	1	L	10	L	51	L	36	B	
CO	31399359 / R: Unrated-> 308P4			B	W		B		B			
56	GLEN HOLGUIN	0.5	U		L	16	H		L	46	U	
CO	30373052 / R: 1079 -> 998				B				W			

57	KARTHIKA SAKTHISARAVANAN	0.0	U		U		U		U		U	
CO	17129234 / R: 1173 ->1173											
58	GERALD FITZGIBBONS	0.0	L	20	F		U		U		U	
CO	30675670 / R: Unrated-> 631P1		B									
59	MILES ANDREW ASHMORE	0.0	L	21	L	40	L	24	L	50	L	45
CO	31360462 / R: Unrated-> 143P5			W	B		B		W		W	

## Prize payouts for the Colorado Open

SECTION PRIZE	NAME	PRIZE
Championship: 1st	(4.5) SULLIVAN MCCONNELL (2283)	600
Championship: 2nd, 3rd, and U2100 1st	(4) BRIAN WALL (2200)	200
	(4) EVAN IL MCCORMICK (1945)	200
	(4) GRIFFIN MCCONNELL (2160)	200
	(4) NEIL BHAVIKATTI (2228)	200
U2100 2nd	IRIS LI	12.5
	KENZIE L MOORE	12.5
	GARY PA WARMERDAM	12.5
	DAVIN YIN	12.5
	LUIS A JIMENEZ	12.5
	JEREMY BRI ROLDAN	12.5
	DANIEL RUVINS	12.5
	DANIEL MARMER	12.5
U1900: 1st	(4.5) DEREK YIN (1732)	400
U1900: 2nd	(4) BENJAMIN SIMBERG (1401)	166.67
	(4) MICHAEL MUNAFO (1888)	166.67
	(4) TANYA PRABHU1 (1622)	166.67
U1600: 1st	(4.5) LEVI KAKLAUSKAS (1474)	350
U1600: 2nd	(4) DARSHAN SATISHKUMAR (1419)	80
	(4) DINESH KUMAR JAYA KRISHNAMOORTHY (1493)	80
	(4) EMMETT LIGNELL (1459)	80
	(4) KYLE LUO (1408)	80
	(4) NATHAN WOO (1392)	80
U1300: 1st	(4.5) AN ANDY GIA HOANG (1129)	200
	(4.5) CONNOR E TRAN (971)	200
	(4.5) JON PAUL JUST (1116)	200



### HASSEN,MATT (2338) Li,IRIS (2022)

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.d4 exd4 4.Nxd4 Bc5 5.Nb3 Bb6 6.Nc3 Nf6 7.Qe2 0-0 8.Bg5 Nd4 9.Qd2 Nxb3 10.axb3 d6 11.0-0 Be6 12.Qf4 h6 13.Bxf6 Qxf6 14.Qxf6 gxf6 15.f3 Rfe8 16.g4 a5 17.Kb1 Rad8 18.Bd3 c6 19.Ne2 d5 20.Ng3 Kf8 21.h3 dxe4 22.fxe4 Bc7 23.Nh5 Be5 24.Rhf1 Ke7 25.Rf3 Rg8 26.Rdf1 Rg6 27.Nf4 Rg7 28.Kc1 b5 29.Nh5 Rg6 30.c4 bxc4 31.bxc4 Rb8 32.R1f2 Rb3 33.Rc2 c5 34.Be2 Rxf3 35.Bxf3 Rg8 36.Kb1 a4 37.Ka2 Rd8 38.Ng7 Rd3 39.Bg2 Rb3 40.Nf5+ Bxf5 41.exf5 Kd6 42.Rd2+ Bd4 43.Re2 Be5 44.Bd5 Rxh3 45.Bxf7 Ke7 46.Bd5 Kd6 47.Be4 Rg3 48.Rg2 Rb3 49.Rd2+ Kc7 50.Rd5 Kb6 51.Rxe5 fxe5 52.f6 Kc7 53.f7 Rb8 54.Ka3 Rf8 55.Bd5 Kd6 56.Kxa4 Rb8 57.b3 Ke7 58.Ka3 Kf8 59.Kb2 Ke7 60.Kc3 Kf8 61.Kd3 Rxb3+ 62.Ke4 Rg3 63.Be6 Ke7 64.Kxe5 Re3+ 65.Kd5 Re1 66.Bf5 Kxf7 67.Kxc5 Rc1 68.Kd6 Kf6 69.Be6 Rc3 70.Bd5 Kg5 71.c5 Kxg4 72.c6 h5 73.c7 Kg3 74.Bc6 Rd3+ 75.Ke7 Re3+ 76.Kf6 h4 77.c8Q h3 78.Qc7+ Kg4 79.Qg7+ Kh4 80.Qg5# 1-0



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**SAMUEL, JOSHUA (1936)****WALL, BRIAN (2200)**

1.e4 Nf6 2.e5 Nd5 3.c4 Nb6 4.c5 Nd5 5.Nc3 c6 6.d4 d6 7.Nxd5 cxd5 8.cxd6 exd6 9.Nf3 Nc6 10.Be2 dxe5 11.Nxe5 Bd6 12.0-0 Bxe5 13.dxe5 0-0 14.f4 f6 15.Bf3 d4 16.Qb3+ Kh8 17.Bxc6 bxc6 18.e6 Qd6 19.f5 c5 20.Bf4 Qc6 21.Qf3 ½-½

**MCCONNELL, GRIFFIN (2160)****HASSEN, MATT (2338)**

1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.Nc3 dxe4 4.Nxe4 Nf6 5.Nxf6+ gxf6 6.Nf3 Bg4 7.Be2 e6 8.c3 Bd6 9.Qb3 Qb6 10.Be3 Nd7 11.0-0-0 Qc7 12.h3 Bh5 13.Rhe1 0-0-0 14.Nd2 Bxe2 15.Rxe2 f5 16.Nc4 Bf4 17.Qa3 Bxe3+ 18.Rxe3 Nb6 19.Nxb6+ Qxb6 20.Re5 Rhg8 21.g3 a6 22.Qe7 Rd7 23.Qh4 Qd8 24.Qxd8+ Kxd8 25.Rde1 Rd5 26.Kd2 Ke7 27.Rxd5 exd5 28.b3 Kd6 29.Re3 b5 30.Rf3 Ke7 31.Rf4 a5 32.Rh4 Rg7 33.c4 dxc4 34.bxc4 bxc4 35.Kc3 Kd6 36.Kxc4 f6 37.g4 fxg4 38.hxg4 Rb7 39.f4 Rb4+ 40.Kc3 Ra4 41.Rxh7 Rxa2 42.Rf7 Kd5 43.Rxf6 Ra3+ 44.Kb2 Rd3 45.f5 Rxd4 46.Rxe6 Rxd4 47.Ra6 Ke5 48.Rxa5+ Kf6 49.Rc2 Rf4 50.Kd3 Rxf5 51.Rxf5+ Kxf5 Ke4+ Ke5+ ½-½

**MCCONNELL, SULLIVAN (2283)****LANGSETH, RHETT (2154)**

1.e4 d6 2.Nc3 e5 3.g3 c6 4.Bg2 b5 5.Nf3 b4 6.Ne2 c5 7.0-0 Bb7 8.c3 Bxe4 9.cxb4 Nd7 10.d3 Be6 11.Re1 Be7 12.bxc5 dxc5 13.Nc3 Qc7 14.Qe2 f6 15.b3 Bd6 16.Nh4 Bxg2 17.Qh5+ Kf8 18.Kxg2 Ne7 19.Ne4 Qc6 20.Qf3 Rb8 21.Ba3 Rb6 22.Rac1 Ra6 23.Bxc5 Bxc5 24.b4 Rxa2 25.Nxc5 Qxf3+ 26.Nxf3 Nxc5 27.Rxc5 Kf7 28.d4 Re8 29.Rxc8 Nxc8 30.dxe5 Rb2 31.Re4 f5 32.Re4 Ne7 33.Re7 h6 34.Nd4 Ke8 35.Rxa7 Rd2 36.Nf3 Rb2 37.Rb7 g5 38.b5 Nd5 39.Nd4 Ne3+ 40.Kf3 Nd1 41.Nxf5 Rxf2+ 42.Kg4 Rxh2 43.Nd6+ Kd8 44.e6 Nf2+ 45.Kf5 1-0

**SAMPATH, VEDANTH (2134)****BHAVIKATTI, NEIL (2228)**

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.0-0 Nf6 5.d3 0-0 6.c3 d6 7.Re1 a6 8.a4 Ba7 9.h3 Ne7 10.Nbd2 Ng6 11.Nf1 c6 12.Ng3 d5 13.Bb3 Re8 14.Bg5 Be6 15.exd5 Bxd5 16.Bxd5 exd5 17.Nh5 Qb6 18.Bxf6 gxf6 19.Qd2 Kh8 20.a5 Qc6 21.d4 e4 22.Nh2 f5 23.Qg5 Qe6 24.Nf1 Rg8 25.Nf6 Rg7 26.Ng3 Ne7 27.Qh4 Ng6 28.Qg5 Ne7 29.Qh4 Qc6 30.Qg5 Qe6 31.Nfh5 Rgg8 32.Nf1 Ng6 33.f4 Ne7 34.Qh4 Rg6 35.Ne3 Rh6 36.g4 Rg8 ½-½

**WALL, BRIAN (2200)****RUBIO, JORGE (2128)**

1.d4 f5 2.Nf3 e6 3.Bf4 Nf6 4.e3 d5 5.c4 c6 6.Nbd2 Be7 7.Be2 Nbd7 8.0-0 Ne4 9.Nxe4 fxe4 10.Nd2 0-0 11.f3 e5 12.dxe5 g5 13.Bg3 Bc5 14.exd5 Bxe3+ 15.Kh1 Bf4 16.Nxe4 Nxe5 17.dxc6 bxc6 18.Qxd8 Rxd8 19.Rad1 Be6 20.Nxg5 Bxg5 21.Bxe5 Bxa2 22.f4 Be7 23.Bf3 Bc4 24.Rxd8+ Rxd8 25.Rc1 Bb5 26.g4 c5 27.Kg2 Rd2+ 28.Kg3 Rd3 29.Rc3 Rd2 30.h4 c4 31.f5 Bb4 32.g5 Bxc3 33.Bxc3 Rd3 34.Kf4 Rxf3+ 35.Kxf3 Ba4 36.Kf4 Bd1 37.g6 a6 38.Kg5 Bf3 39.h5 Be4 40.f6 Bf3 41.f7+ 1-0

**HASSEN, MATT (2338)****MCCONNELL, SULLIVAN (2283)**

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Bd3 dxe4 4.Bxe4 Nf6 5.Bf3 c5 6.Ne2 Nc6 7.Be3 cxd4 8.Nxd4 Ne5 9.Nc3 Be7 10.Qe2 Nxf3+ 11.Qxf3 0-0 12.0-0-0 Qa5 13.g4 Bb4 14.g5 Nd5 15.Nxd5 exd5 16.Kb1 Be6 17.h4 Rfc8 18.h5 Rc6 19.Nxc6 bxc6 20.Bd4 Be5 21.Qe3 Bxd4 22.Qxd4 c5 23.Qe5 d4 24.b3 Re8 25.h6 f6 26.Qf4 c4 27.g6 d3 28.gxh7+ Kf7 29.Kb2 dxc2 30.Rde1 c3+ 31.Ka1 Bxb3 32.a4 Qe5 33.Qc1 Qb4 34.h8N+ Rxh8 35.Rh4 Qxh4 36.Qa3 Qxa4 0-1

**BHAVIKATTI, NEIL (2228)****MCCONNELL, GRIFFIN (2160)**

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.Qc2 d5 5.cxd5 exd5 6.Bg5 h6 7.Bxf6 Qxf6 8.a3 Bxc3+ 9.Qxc3 c6 10.e3 Bf5 11.Nf3 Nd7 12.Be2 0-0 13.0-0 Bg4 14.Rfc1 Qd6 15.b4 Rac8 16.a4 f5 17.g3 g5 18.Qc2 Rce8 19.b5 Re8 20.Kg2 Nb6 21.Qa2 Kg7 22.Ne5 Bxe2 23.Qxe2 c5 24.a5 Nc4 25.Nxc4 dxc4 26.Qxc4 cxd4 27.Qxd4+ Qxd4 28.exd4 Rcd8 29.Rc7+ Rf7 30.Rac1 Rdd7 31.Rxd7 Rxd7 32.a6 bxa6 33.bxa6 Rxd4 34.Rc7+ Kg6 35.Rxa7 Ra4 36.Ra8 Kg7 37.a7 f4 38.gxf4 gxf4 39.Kf3 Kh7 40.h4 Kg7 41.Kg4 Kh7 42.f3 Kg7 43.Kf5 Kh7 44.h5 Kg7 45.Ke5 Kh7 46.Kf6 Ra6+ 47.Kf7 Ra5 48.Ke6 Ra6+ 49.Ke7 Kg7 50.Kd7 Ra1 51.Kd6 Ra6+ 52.Ke5 Ra4 53.Kf5 Kh7 54.Re8 Rxa7 55.Kf6 Ra6+ 56.Re6 Ra4 57.Re7+ Kg8 58.Kg6 Ra6+ 59.Kf5 Ra5+ 60.Re5 Ra4 61.Re6 Kg7 62.Re7+ Kg8 63.Kf6 Ra5 64.Rg7+ Kh8 65.Rd7 Kg8 66.Rd8+ Kh7 67.Rd7+ Kg8 68.Kg6 Rg5+ 69.Kxh6 Rg3 70.Rd3 Kf7 71.Rb3 Kf8 72.Kh7 Rg7+ 73.Kh6 Rg3 74.Ra3 Kf7 75.Rb3 Kf8 76.Kh7 Rg7+ 77.Kh6 Rg3 78.Rb8+ Kf7 79.Rb7+ Kg8 80.Rb8+ Kf7 81.Rb3 Kg8 82.Rd3 Kf8 83.Rd8+ Kf7 84.Rb8 Rxf3 85.Kh7 Rg3 86.h6 Rh3 87.Rb4 Rh4 88.Rb5 Rh3 89.Rb8 Rf3 90.Rf8+ Kf6 Kg7+ Kg5 h7 Rh3 ½-½

**SAMPATH, VEDANTH (2134)****WALL, BRIAN (2200)**

1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.exd5 cxd5 4.Nf3 Nf6 5.Bd3 Nc6 6.c3 g6 7.Bf4 Bg7 8.Qd2 Bf5 9.Bxf5 gxf5 10.Na3 e6 11.h4 Ne4 12.Qe2 a6 13.Ng5 Rc8 14.Nxe4 fxe4 15.Nc2 Na5 16.h5 Nc4 17.Ne3 Nxe3 18.Bxe3 Bf6 19.f3 Bh4+ 20.Kd2 exf3 21.Qxf3 Bg5 22.Rae1 h6 23.Rhf1 0-0 24.Qg4 f5 25.Bxg5 hxg5 26.Qe2 Rc6 27.Qe5 g4 28.Qf4 Kh7 29.Re5 Rf6 30.g3 Qf8 31.Rfe1 b5 32.Qe3 a5 33.a3 Qh6 34.Qxh6+ Kxh6 35.Ke3 Kg5 36.Rh1 Rh6 37.Rh2 Rxh5 38.Rxh5+ Kxh5 39.Kf4 Kg6 40.Re2 Kf6 41.Rh2 b4 42.axb4 axb4 43.cxb4 Rc1 44.Rh6+ Ke7 45.Ke3 Rc2 46.Rh1 Rxb2 47.Ra1 Rxb4 48.Ra7+ Kf6 49.Ra3 Rb1 50.Rd3 Rf1 51.Ke2 Rf3 52.Rxf3

gxf3+ 53.Kxf3 e5 54.g4 exd4 55.gxf5 Kxf5 56.Ke2 Ke4 57.Kd2 d3 58.Ke1 Ke3 59.Kd1 d2 0-1

**YIN, DAVIN (1958)****HERMAN, DANIEL (2218)**

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 e6 3.g3 Nc6 4.Bg2 Nf6 5.d3 d6 6.0-0 Be7 7.Nc3 0-0 8.Ne1 d5 9.f4 Rb8 10.Nf3 d4 11.Ne2 b5 12.h3 Qb6 13.g4 c4 14.Ng3 Nd7 15.g5 Nc5 16.Ne1 a5 17.f5 Bd6 18.Nh5 Ne5 19.Bf4 b4 20.Kh1 cxd3 21.cxd3 Ba6 22.Bxe5 Bxe5 23.Qf3 exf5 24.exf5 Rfe8 25.Rd1 Be7 26.Qg4 Qd6 27.Rf4 Rxe1+ 28.Rxe1 Nxd3 29.g6 Nf2+ 0-1

**MCCONNELL, SULLIVAN (2283)****WALL, BRIAN (2200)**

1.e4 g6 2.Nc3 Bg7 3.g3 e5 4.Bg2 d6 5.Nge2 Nc6 6.d3 Nge7 7.f4 0-0 8.0-0 f5 9.Be3 Nd4 10.Qd2 c6 ½-½

**MOORE, KENZIE (2002)****BHAVIKATTI, NEIL (2228)**

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Be4 Be5 4.b4 Bxb4 5.c3 Be7 6.d4 Na5 7.Be2 d6 8.Qa4+ c6 9.dxe5 b5 10.Qc2 dxe5 11.Nxe5 Nf6 12.0-0 0-0 13.c4 Qc7 14.Bb2 Nxc4 15.Nxc4 bxc4 16.Bxc4 Ng4 17.g3 Ne5 18.Be2 Rb8 19.Nd2 Rd8 20.Nc4 Nxc4 21.Bxc4 Be6 22.Bxe6 fxe6 23.Rac1 c5 24.f4 e4 25.Be5 Qb6+ 26.Kh1 Rbc8 27.Rfd1 Rxd1+ 28.Rxd1 Qe3 29.Qc3 Qxe4+ 30.Kg1 Bc5+ 31.Kf1 Qh1+ 32.Ke2 Qg2+ 0-1

**HERMAN, DANIEL (2218)****MCCORMICK, EVAN (1945)**

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.Nxe5 d6 4.Nf3 Nxe4 5.Nc3 Nxc3 6.dxc3 Nc6 7.Be3 Be7 8.Qd2 Be6 9.0-0-0 Bxa2 10.b3 a5 11.Kb2 a4 12.Kxa2 axb3+ 13.Kxb3 Ra5 14.Qe1 d5 15.Ra1 0-0 16.Be2 Qd6 17.Qd2 Rfa8 18.Kb2 Ra3 19.Rh1 Bf6 20.Nd4 Ne5 21.Nb5 Qb4+ 22.cxb4 Nd3# 0-1

**ROLDAN, JEREMY (1861)****MCCONNELL, GRIFFIN (2160)**

1.d4 d5 2.Nc3 Nf6 3.Bf4 Bf5 4.e3 e6 5.f3 Bb4 6.g4 Bg6 7.h4 h5 8.g5 Nfd7 9.Bd3 Bxd3 10.Qxd3 c5 11.g6 f6 12.dxc5 Nxc5 13.Qb5+ Nc6 14.0-0-0 a6 15.Qe2 Qa5 16.Bd6 Bxc3 17.Bxc5 Qxc5 18.bxc3 Na5 19.Rd4 Qxc3 20.Qd3 Qe1+ 21.Kb2 Nc4+ 22.Rxc4 dxc4 23.Qd6 Qxe3 24.Nh3 Rd8 25.Qb4 c3+ 26.Ka3 Qd4 27.Qxb7 0-0 28.Rb1 Qd6+ 29.Ka4 Rb8 0-1



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**ZEUTZIUS, JONAS (1564)**  
**MUNAFO, MICHAEL (1888)**

1.d4 f5 2.c4 Nf6 3.Nc3 g6 4.g3 Bg7 5.Bg2 d6  
 6.Nf3 0-0 7.0-0 Qe8 8.b3 c5 9.Bb2 cxd4  
 10.Nxd4 Nc6 11.e3 Bd7 12.Qd2 Rd8 13.Rad1  
 a6 14.Rfe1 Qf7 15.Nde2 Bc8 16.Nf4 e5  
 17.Nfd5 e4 18.Nxf6+ Bxf6 19.Nd5 Bxb2  
 20.Qxb2 Ne5 21.Re2 Be6 22.Nf4 g5 23.Nxe6  
 Qxe6 24.Red2 g4 25.c5 d5 26.Rd4 Rf7 27.b4  
 h5 28.Qb3 Rfd7 29.Rc1 h4 30.Rdd1 hgx3  
 31.hxg3 Qh6 32.Kf1 Qh2 33.a4 Nf3 34.Rxd5  
 Rxd5 35.Rd1 Qg1+ 0-1

**YIN, DEREK (1732)**  
**PALLE, ABHIRAM (1608)**

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3  
 a6 6.Be2 e5 7.Nf3 Be6 8.Bg5 Nbd7 9.0-0 h6  
 10.Bh4 Be7 11.Re1 0-0 12.h3 Rc8 13.Qd2 Nb6  
 14.Rad1 Ne8 15.Bxe7 Qxe7 16.Nh2 Bc4 17.b3  
 Bxe2 18.Nxe2 f5 19.c4 f4 20.Qb4 Qc7 21.Nc3  
 Kh8 22.Nf3 Kh7 23.Nxe5 Kg8 24.Nf3 Rd8  
 25.Nd4 Rf6 26.a4 Qe5 27.Qxc5 dxc5 28.Nde2  
 Rxd1 29.Rxd1 Kf7 30.Nd5 Nxd5 31.cxd5 Rb6  
 32.e5 Nc7 33.Nxf4 g5 34.Ne2 a5 35.f4 gxf4  
 36.Nxf4 Ra6 37.d6 Ne6 38.Nxe6 Kxe6 39.d7  
 Ra8 40.d8Q Rxd8 41.Rxd8 Kxe5 42.Kf2 h5  
 43.Ke3 h4 44.Rh8 Kd5 45.Rxh4 b6 46.Rf4 Kc6  
 47.g4 b5 48.axb5+ Kxb5 49.g5 e4 50.Rxc4 a4  
 51.bxa4+ Kxc4 52.g6 Kb4 53.g7 Kxa4 54.g8Q  
 Ka3 55.Qb8 Ka2 56.Kd2 Ka3 57.Kc3 Ka2  
 58.Qb3+ Ka1 59.Qa3+ 1-0

**MUNAFO, MICHAEL (1888)**  
**DOYKOS, TED (1723)**

1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.f3 e6 4.Nc3 Nf6 5.Be3 Bb4  
 6.e5 Nfd7 7.a3 Be7 8.b4 b6 9.f4 c5 10.Qg4 g6  
 11.Nf3 cxb4 12.Nb5 0-0 13.Bd3 Na6 14.h4 h5  
 15.Qh3 f5 16.exf6 Rxf6 17.Ne5 Nf8 18.g4 Qe8  
 19.gxh5 Kg7 20.Rg1 Bd7 21.a4 1-0

**FLAXBEARD, CHARLIE (1626)**  
**YIN, DEREK (1732)**

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 e6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nc6 5.Nxe6  
 bxc6 6.Nc3 d5 7.exd5 cxd5 8.Bb5+ Bd7  
 9.Bxd7+ Qxd7 10.0-0 Nf6 11.Bg5 Be7 12.Qf3  
 0-0 13.Rad1 Rab8 14.b3 Rfe8 15.a4 a6 16.Rd2  
 Qc6 17.Ne2 Ne4 18.Be3 Nxd2 19.Bxd2 Qxc2  
 20.Be3 Qxb3 21.Qg4 Qc4 22.Bf4 e5 23.Rc1  
 Qxa4 24.Rxc8+ Rxc8 25.Qxc8+ Bf8 26.g3  
 Qd1+ 27.Kg2 Qxe2 28.Be1 Qe4+ 29.f3 Qc4  
 30.Qxc4 dxc4 31.Bd2 f5 32.Kf2 Kf7 33.Ke2  
 Ke6 34.Kd1 Kd5 35.Kc2 e4 36.f4 Be5 37.h3 c3  
 38.Bc3 g6 39.Kd1 Ke4 40.Ke2 Bd4 41.Bb4 c3  
 42.Ba3 c2 43.Bc1 Bc3 44.Bxe3 Bb2 0-1



**KAKLAUSKAS, FRANCIS J (1375)**  
**KRISHNAMOORTHY, DINESH (1493)**

1.d4 d5 2.Bf4 Nc6 3.e3 a6 4.Nf3 Bf5 5.Bd3  
 Bxd3 6.Qxd3 Nf6 7.c3 e6 8.Nbd2 Be7 9.e4  
 Nxe4 10.Nxe4 dxe4 11.Qxe4 0-0 12.h4 Bd6  
 13.Ng5 g6 14.h5 Qf6 15.Bxd6 cxd6 16.f4 h6  
 17.Nf3 Kg7 18.0-0-0 Rh8 19.hxg6 fxg6 20.g4  
 Raf8 21.f5 exf5 22.gxf5 Qxf5 23.Qxf5 Rxf5  
 24.Nd2 d5 25.Rde1 Rhf8 26.Nb3 0-1

**WOO, NATHAN (1392)**  
**KAKLAUSKAS, LEVI (1474)**

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 c5 3.dxc5 e6 4.Nc3 Bxc5 5.Bg5  
 Bxf2 6.Kd2 Qb6 7.Nf3 Qxb2 8.Kd3 Na6 9.e3  
 Nb4+ 10.Kd4 Nc2 11.Kd3 Nxa1 12.Be2 d5  
 13.Ne5 exc4 14.Nxc4 Qc2 15.Qxc2 Nxc2  
 16.Kxc2 Nd5 17.Rf1 Nxc3 18.Kxc3 h6  
 19.Nd6+ Kf8 20.Bd8 Bxe3 21.Rxf7 Kg8  
 22.Re7 Bc5 23.Re8+ Kh7 24.Bd3+ g6 25.Re7+  
 Kg8 26.Re8+ Kh7 27.Re7+ 1/2-1/2

**KELLY, RHYS (1068)**  
**KAJA, SUMANTH (1281)**

1.d4 d5 2.c4 dxc4 3.Nc3 e5 4.d5 Bd7 5.e4 Bb4  
 6.Bxc4 Nf6 7.Bd2 0-0 8.Nf3 Re8 9.0-0 c6  
 10.h3 cxd5 11.Nxd5 Bxd2 12.Nxd2 Nxd5  
 13.Bxd5 Be6 14.Nc4 Bxd5 15.exd5 b5 16.Ne3  
 Nd7 17.Qb3 a6 18.Qb4 Nf6 19.Rfd1 Qd7  
 20.Rd2 a5 21.Qh4 h6 22.Re1 Kh7 23.Ng4  
 Nxg4 24.hxg4 Qd6 25.Re3 Rac8 26.g5 e4  
 27.Rxe4 Rcl+ 0-1

**TRAN, CONNOR (971)**  
**YADATORE, NEEL (1241)**

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 Nf6 4.0-0 d6 5.Re1  
 Bg4 6.h3 Bh5 7.d4 exd4 8.e5 dxe5 9.Rxe5+  
 Be7 10.Qe1 Bxf3 11.gxf3 a6 12.Bxc6+ bxc6  
 13.Bd2 Nd5 14.e4 dxc3 15.Nxc3 Nxc3 16.Bxc3  
 Kd7 17.Rd1+ Bd6 18.Bb4 Qf6 19.Re3 Rhe8  
 20.Bxd6 cxd6 21.Rxe8 Rxe8 22.Qd2 Re5 1-0

**YIN, DEREK (1732)**  
**MUNAFO, MICHAEL (1888)**

1.e4 d6 2.d4 Nf6 3.Nc3 g6 4.Nf3 Bg7 5.Bd3  
 Bg4 6.h3 Bxf3 7.Qxf3 Nc6 8.Bb5 0-0 9.Bxc6  
 bxc6 10.0-0 Rb8 11.Rb1 Nd7 12.Be3 e5 13.Ne2  
 f5 14.exf5 gxf5 15.Qxc6 f4 16.Bd2 f3 17.gxf3  
 exd4 18.f4 Rf5 19.Qe4 Qf6 20.Nxd4 Rh5  
 21.Qe6+ Qxe6 22.Nxe6 Rxb3 23.Nxg7 Kxg7  
 24.Kg2 Rh5 25.Rh1 Rxh1 26.Rxh1 Kg6 27.b3  
 Rf8 28.Rg1 Kf5 29.Kf3 Rf7 30.Be3 h6 31.Rh1  
 Rh7 32.Rh5+ Kg6 33.Kg4 Nc5 34.f5+ Kf7  
 35.f3 Nd7 36.Rh2 d5 37.b4 a6 38.Bb2 c6  
 39.Bd4 Nf6+ 40.Bxf6 Kxf6 41.Re2 Re7  
 42.Rxe7 Kxe7 43.Kh5 Kf6 44.Kxh6 Kxf5  
 45.Kg7 d4 46.Kf7 Kf4 47.Ke6 Kxf3 48.Kd6  
 Ke3 49.Kxc6 Kd2 50.Kc3 Kxc2 51.Kxd4 Kb2  
 52.a4 Kb3 53.b5 a5 54.b6 Kxa4 55.b7 1-0

**PRABHU, TANYA (1645)**  
**DOYKOS, TED (1723)**

1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.exd5 cxd5 4.Bd3 Nc6 5.c3 g6  
 6.Bf4 Bg7 7.Nf3 Nh6 8.Qc2 0-0 9.h4 f5  
 10.Nbd2 Ng4 11.h5 e5 12.dxe5 Nxe5 13.Nxe5  
 Nxe5 14.Bxe5 Bxe5 15.hxg6 hxg6 16.Nf3 Re8  
 17.0-0-0 Bg7 18.Rh2 Qd6 19.Qd2 Bd7 20.Be4  
 Bc6 21.Bxd5+ Bxd5 22.Qxd5+ Qxd5 23.Rxd5  
 Re2 24.Rd2 Rae8 25.Rh1 Bf8 26.Kd1 Rxd2+  
 27.Kxd2 Be5 28.Nd4 Re4 29.f3 Re7 30.Re1  
 Rd7 31.Kd3 a5 32.Re5 b6 33.a3 Be7 34.Re6  
 Bd8 35.Rxg6+ Kf7 36.Rc6 Rd5 37.f4 b5 38.c4  
 bxc4+ 39.Kxc4 Rd7 40.Rc5 Kg6 41.Nc6 Rd2  
 42.Nxd8 Rxd8 43.Rxa5 Rd2 44.b4 Rxg2  
 45.Rd5 Rf2 46.Rd4 Ra2 47.Kb3 Rf2 48.b5 Kh5  
 49.b6 Rf1 50.Ka4 Rg1 51.b7 Rg8 52.Rb4 1-0

**PEESAPATY, VEDANTH (1548)**  
**BAFFO, JEFFREY (1700)**

1.e4 Nc6 2.Nc3 d6 3.d4 Nf6 4.f4 g6 5.Nf3 Bg7  
 6.Be3 a6 7.h3 b5 8.Bd3 b4 9.Ne2 d5 10.e5 Ne4  
 11.Bxe4 dxe4 12.Ng5 f5 13.exf6 exf6 14.Nxe4  
 0-0 15.N4g3 Ne7 16.Qd3 Re8 17.0-0 f5 18.Bd2

a5 19.a3 Ba6 20.Qb3+ Qd5 21.Qxd5+ Nxd5  
 22.Rfe1 bxa3 23.Rxa3 Bxe2 24.Nxe2 a4 25.c3  
 Nb6 26.Raa1 Nc4 27.Bc1 Reb8 28.Kf2 Nxb2  
 29.Bxb2 Rxb2 30.Reb1 Rxb1 31.Rxb1 a3  
 32.Ra1 Ra4 33.Ke3 Bf8 34.Kd3 1/2-1/2



**KAKLAUSKAS, LEVI (1474)**  
**KRISHNAMOORTHY, DINESH (1493)**

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 d6 4.d4 exd4 5.Nxd4  
 Bd7 6.Nc3 Nf6 7.0-0 Be7 8.Be3 0-0 9.f3 Nxd4  
 10.Bxd4 Bxb5 11.Nxb5 a6 12.Nc3 e5 13.Bf2  
 b5 14.Qd2 b4 15.Nd5 Nxd5 16.Qxd5 Qb6  
 17.Rad1 Rac8 18.Kh1 Qc6 19.Bg3 Qxd5  
 20.Rxd5 Rc6 21.Rfd1 Rd8 22.e5 Kf8 23.exd6  
 Bf6 24.b3 Ke8 25.d7+ Kf8 26.Bd6+ Be7  
 27.Bxe7+ Kxe7 28.Kg1 Rc7 29.Re1+ Kf6  
 30.Rd6+ Kf5 31.Re7 f6 32.Rxg7 h5 33.Rd5+  
 Ke6 34.Rxh5 c4 35.Ra5 Rxd7 36.Rxa6+ Kf5  
 37.Rxd7 Rxd7 38.bxc4 Rd1+ 39.Kf2 Rd2+  
 40.Kg3 Rxc2 41.Ra4 Rxc4 42.a3 Rc3 43.axb4  
 Rb3 44.Ra5+ Kg6 45.b5 Kg5 46.b6+ f5 47.h4+  
 Kf6 48.Ra6 Ke5 49.h5 Rb1 50.h6 Kf6 51.b7+  
 Kf7 52.Ra7 Kg6 53.h7 1-0



**PRABHU, TANYA (1645)**  
**YIN, DEREK (1732)**

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 e6 3.Nc3 Nc6 4.Be4 Nge7 5.d4  
 cxd4 6.Nxd4 Nxd4 7.Qxd4 Nc6 8.Qe3 Bb4 9.0-0  
 0-0 10.Rd1 Qh4 11.g3 Qh5 12.Bd2 Ne5  
 13.Be2 Ng4 14.Bxg4 Qxg4 15.Ne2 Bxd2  
 16.Rxd2 b6 17.Rad1 f5 18.f3 Qg6 19.e5 Rd8  
 20.Nf4 Qe8 21.Qb3 Bb7 22.Rd6 Kf7 23.Kf2  
 Qe7 24.R1d4 g6 25.a4 Rac8 26.c4 Ba8 27.Qa3  
 Bb7 28.b4 Ba8 29.b5 Rb8 30.Qe3 Rbc8 31.Nh3  
 Kg7 32.Rh4 h5 33.Ng5 Bb7 34.Rhd4 Kf8 35.h4  
 Ke8 36.Qd3 Ba8 37.Qe3 Bb7 38.Qa3 1/2-1/2

**MUNAFO, MICHAEL (1888)**  
**COHRS, ELI (1451)**

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.e5 Nfd7 5.f4 c5  
 6.Nf3 Nc6 7.Ne2 cxd4 8.Nexd4 a6 9.c3 Qc7  
 10.Bd3 Be7 11.Be3 h6 12.g4 g5 13.Qe2 gxf4  
 14.Bxf4 Nf8 15.Qe3 h5 16.g5 Bd7 17.h4 Ng6  
 18.0-0 0-0 19.Bg3 Bc5 20.Kh1 Nce7 21.Qe2 b5  
 22.Nd2 Rac8 23.Qxh5 Bxd4 24.cxd4 Nf5  
 25.Bxf5 exf5 26.Qh6 Qc2 27.h5 Qxd2 28.hxg6  
 fxg6 29.Qxg6+ Kh8 30.Rf4 Re1+ 31.Rxc1  
 Qxc1+ 32.Kh2 Qd2+ 33.Kh3 1-0



## 2023 Colorado State Blitz Championship

By John Brezina

September 1, 2023: The Colorado state blitz championship took place at the Embassy Suites Hotel in the Denver Tech Center on Friday evening as a prelude to the Colorado Open over the Labor Day weekend. This hotel has been used for many chess tournaments and is proving to be a great venue for the players. It's been many years since I've played in this tournament, so it was nice to see and photograph some old friends.



*TD Peter Barlay goes over a few reminders before the start*

CSCA President Earle Wikle and TD Peter Barlay did a great job running this blitz tournament that had 48 players fighting for the State title. It is never easy overseeing a blitz tournament where time scrambles can ensue with a 5 minute time control with no increment. Add that with high tensions and emotions when the clock runs low and you can see the appreciation these directors deserve. While many registered early online, a number of walk-ups caused a slight delay in the starting of round one.

It was nice to see Sullivan and Griffin McConnell playing together in another tournament along with former DCC president Richard Shtivelband. Richard and Sullivan were the highest rated players respectively and I had to face them both in rounds two and four. I was also glad to see several regular Parker chess club members join the action. After a few reminders and rules by TD Peter Barlay, round one finally began.



*Round one about to start on the top boards*

Board one had Richard Shtivelband face off against the "Dean" of Colorado chess, Dean Brown. Most interesting however was board nine that had the youngest participant of the tournament, four year old Connor Gorby, face off against the very strong Jorge Rubio. I had the pleasure of meeting and talking with Connor's father Roderick Gorby, who also played in the tournament. After the dust settled, the only upset was perhaps the blitz underrated Iris Li, who defeated Gary Warmerdam. His only loss, but he would go on to win third place with five points. A near upset was the game between Matthew Wofford and Karthika Sakthisaravanan that came down to a time scramble. However, Mr. Wofford's quick hands were able to deliver checkmate on the board with just seconds remaining on his clock.



*NM Richard Shtivelband reads the Colorado Chess Informant*



*Dinesh Kumar's first blitz tournament*

My reward for winning game one was to face off against the incredibly strong Sullivan McConnell. Despite my loss, it was an honor and treat to play someone of his caliber. It is known to always watch out for the unrated players that can surprise you anytime. And that is exactly what happened to CSCA president Earle Wikle in round two. The unrated Evan McCormick reached an endgame to battle it out and find the checkmate with just three seconds left on his clock! (see below)





Also in round two I was able to capture video in the final moments of two other games nearby. The first was the ending between Griffin McConnell and Daniel Marmer where the "Griff" shows why he is a blitz expert and flags Daniel in a dominant position. I then swung over next to the ending between Mike Maloney & Logan Barnes where another flag falls.



***Dean Brown faces four-year old Connor!***

After round three, five players remained undefeated. Iris Li won her first three games, but then lost the next three in a row. Parker chess club regular Vedanth Peesapaty upset Earle Wikle in round four while the match between the McConnell brothers ended in a draw. Daniel Herman handed Iris Li her first loss and Rhett Langseth did the same to Matthew Wofford. This set up the round five long time rivalry between Daniel & Rhett, a repeat of the Colorado quick championship earlier this year. Their game ended in a draw and therefore left the title up for grabs in the final round. And I caught the final moments of the unrated Evan McCormick's round four win over Kaavya Sakthisaravan.



***The McConnell brothers face off in round four and draw***

Sullivan, Daniel and Rhett all went into the final round with 4.5 points each. Rhett faced off against Sullivan while Daniel faced off against the older brother Griffin. I delayed the start of my last game to capture photos of the last round and top board hand shakes. It was getting late into the night and after five intense rounds, players began to show some signs of tiring. On the top board, Sullivan McConnell handed Rhett Langseth his first and only loss putting him on top with 5.5 points. But on board two,

Colorado quick champion Daniel Herman won his game against Griffin McConnell, tying Sully with 5.5 points as well. While they shared the prize money, tie-breaks gave Sullivan McConnell the 2023 Colorado State blitz champion title. Congratulations Sully!



***Sullivan McConnell vs Rhett Langseth in the final round***



***Vedanth Peesapaty faces Levi Kaklauskas***



***The hard-working CSCA president Earle Wikle***

Thanks to Earle Wikle, Peter Barlay & the Colorado State Chess Association for their hard work in keeping these tournaments running. Please continue to support these CSCA tournaments and Colorado chess. Here is the link to all my photos from the blitz tournament.

<https://photos.app.goo.gl/JhGtdFwgRf7BGyq76>



## Colorado Blitz Championship Crosstables

### 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	SULLIVAN MAC MCCONNELL CO   14696346 / B: 2237 ->2247	5.5	W	24 W	20 W	8 D	7 W	18 W 4
2	DANIEL HERMAN CO   14345456 / B: 2053 ->2066	5.5	W	34 W	17 W	21 W	26 D	4 W 7
3	GARY PAUL WARMERDAM CO   15777612 / B: 1862 ->1859	5.0	L	26 W	45 W	23 W	11 W	9 W 10
4	RHETT LANGSETH CO   13392987 / B: 2061 ->2069	4.5	W	27 W	10 W	15 W	5 D	2 L 1
5	MATTHEW WOFFORD CO   12812582 / B: 1895P24->1920	4.5	W	29 W	22 W	18 L	4 D	7 W 13
6	EVAN MCCORMICK CO   31167718 / B: 1704P18->1725P23	4.5	H	W	40 L	26 W	41 W	17 W 15
7	GRIFFIN THOMAS MCCONNELL CO   14692997 / B: 2003 ->2004	4.0	W	35 W	11 W	9 D	1 D	5 L 2
8	JORGE RUBIO CO   30548239 / B: 1832P19->1815P25	4.0	W	48 W	14 L	1 W	32 L	10 W 24
9	CHRISTOPHER MOTLEY CO   16231534 / B: 1726 ->1725	4.0	W	36 W	13 L	7 W	31 L	3 W 26
10	WILLIAM L WOLF CO   14762885 / B: 1658 ->1678	4.0	W	46 L	4 W	34 W	24 W	8 L 3
11	DANIEL MARMER CO   12889369 / B: 1613 ->1625	4.0	W	30 L	7 W	36 L	3 W	34 W 25
12	GUILLERMO DAVID LOZANO CO   12859075 / B: Unrated->1582P16	4.0	L	22 W	29 L	17 W	35 W	32 W 20
13	LEVI KAKLAUSKAS CO   30142630 / B: 1335 ->1514	4.0	W	25 L	9 W	14 W	19 W	21 L 5
14	ROWEN OREGEL CO   17314325 / B: 1427 ->1458	4.0	W	44 L	8 L	13 W	45 W	23 W 21
15	MIKE MALONEY CO   12318730 / B: 1840 ->1811	3.5	W	41 W	32 L	4 D	17 W	26 L 6
16	HENRY BENAID WA   15273055 / B: 1642 ->1608	3.5	W	28 L	18 L	24 D	38 W	41 W 31
17	DANIEL RUVINS FL   14470112 / B: 1573 ->1604	3.5	W	42 L	2 W	12 D	15 L	6 W 30
18	RICHARD SHTIVELBAND CO   12630593 / B: 2256 ->2228	3.0	W	33 W	16 L	5 W	20 L	1 U
19	RODERICK BEECHER GORBY CO   13680710 / B: 1724 ->1648	3.0	W	39 L	26 W	27 L	13 L	25 W 35
20	JOHN BREZINA CO   12870487 / B: 1651 ->1635	3.0	W	37 L	1 W	35 L	18 W	27 L 12
21	JEREMY BRIAN ROLDAN CO   15475345 / B: 1663P18->1628P24	3.0	W	45 W	23 L	2 W	30 L	13 L 14
22	MR. FRANCIS JOSEPH KAKLAUSKAS CO   30142024 / B: 1481P12->1464P17	3.0	W	12 L	5 L	30 W	28 L	24 X 34
23	DINESH KUMAR JAYA KRISHNAMOORTHY CO   30527914 / B: Unrated->1440P16	3.0	W	31 L	21 L	3 W	36 L	14 W 33
24	ROCCO JAN DEGEEST CO   30438419 / B: 1294 ->1382	3.0	L	1 W	42 W	16 L	10 W	22 L 8
25	VEDANTH PEESAPATY CO   30753657 / B: Unrated->1362P16	3.0	L	13 W	48 L	31 W	40 W	19 L 11
26	IRIS LI CO   16934084 / B: 1071 ->1293	3.0	W	3 W	19 W	6 L	2 L	15 L 9
27	MR. DEB KUMAR BANERJEE CO   14012646 / B: 1155 ->1193	3.0	L	4 W	28 L	19 W	46 L	20 W 38
28	JASON NIGATU CO   30595735 / B: Unrated->1181P16	3.0	L	16 L	27 W	42 L	22 W	45 W 32
29	KARTHIKA SAKTHISARAVANAN CO   17129234 / B: 1113P19->1117P25	3.0	L	5 L	12 L	45 W	39 W	42 W 41
30	CHATTIN SIMPSON CO   30182738 / B: Unrated->1508P15	2.5	L	11 X	W	22 L	21 D	31 L 17
31	MATT FERRERI CO   12693787 / B: 1381P20->1383	2.5	L	23 W	37 W	25 L	9 D	30 L 16
32	LOGAN BARNES CO   30631152 / B: 1468P16->1421P22	2.0	W	38 L	15 W	44 L	8 L	12 L 28

33	DEAN W BROWN CO   10224098 / B: 1300 ->1300	2.0	L	18 L	36 L	41 W	48 W	37 L 23
34	TRISTAN CRUZ CO   15385193 / B: 1148 ->1185	2.0	L	2 W	39 L	10 W	37 L	11 F
35	TREVOR LEE BRADFORD CO   30570869 / B: 1126 ->1143	2.0	L	7 W	46 L	20 L	12 W	36 L 19
36	LIAM BARRETT   31394255 / B: Unrated->1143P14	2.0	L	9 W	33 L	11 L	23 L	35 W 46
37	GRANT TUPPER CO   30260038 / B: Unrated->1119P13	2.0	L	20 L	31 W	39 L	34 L	33 W 45
38	REYANSH AGARWAL CO   30165332 / B: Unrated->1079P16	2.0	L	32 D	41 L	40 D	16 W	46 L 27
39	TYLER GEONETTA CO   30350927 / B: Unrated->1077P16	2.0	L	19 L	34 L	37 L	29 W	48 W 42
40	EARLE P WIKLE CO   12126030 / B: 1756 ->1708	1.5	H	L	6 W	38 L	25 U	U
41	KAANYA SAKTHISARAVANAN CO   16909357 / B: 960 -> 991	1.5	L	15 D	38 W	33 L	6 L	16 L 29
42	RHYS ANDREW KELLY CO   31316908 / B: Unrated-> 921P16	1.0	L	17 L	24 L	28 W	43 L	29 L 39
43	SHIRLEY HERMAN CO   14812654 / B: 881 -> 854	1.0	U	U	U	L	42 U	W 48
44	RISHABH UNMESH NAIR CO   30414867 / B: Unrated-> 786P12	1.0	L	14 B	L	32 U	U	U
45	STEPAN ARTEMOVICH ROSTOVTSSEV CO   31215371 / B: Unrated-> 780P16	1.0	L	21 L	3 W	29 L	14 L	28 L 37
46	NICHOLAS F BROOKINS CO   31349512 / B: Unrated-> 567P16	1.0	L	10 L	35 W	48 L	27 L	38 L 36
47	SANDEEP MATHW CO   15620507 / B: 1651 ->1651	0.0	U	F	30 U	U	U	U
48	CONNOR WOLF GORBY	0.0	L	8 L	25 L	46 L	33 L	39 L 43



***Congratulations to the 2023 Colorado State  
Blitz Champion Sullivan McConnell***



## Colorado All-Girls Scholastic Championship Crosstables

By Earle Wikle

This year the CSCA brought back the all-girls State Championship after four years of absence. With myself and the help of Jesse Cohen, we put together the tournament at the Hoffman branch of the Aurora public library. Karthika Sakthisaravanan and I directed the tournament and were busy throughout the tournament. The tournament consisted of three sections, 7-12, 4-6, and K-3, totaling 29 players. Each section was well balanced in numbers and very competitive. It was very nice to see such young talented girls having a great time playing chess. In the 7-12 section, Tanya Prabhu went 5-0 to finish 1<sup>st</sup>, Kaavya Sakthisaravanan with 4-1 finished 2<sup>nd</sup>, and Audrey Li with 3-2 finished 3<sup>rd</sup>. In the 4-6 section, Rhonda Yan with 4-1 finished 1<sup>st</sup>, Ananya Medu with 4-1 finished 2<sup>nd</sup>, and Diya Thoutem with 3-2 finished 3<sup>rd</sup>. In the K-3 section, Ella Wikel with 5-0 finished 1<sup>st</sup>, Jenna Yan with 4-1 finished 2<sup>nd</sup>, and Veiyaa Balajee with 3-2 finished 3<sup>rd</sup>. Great thanks to the Hoffman Library for hosting the event, and thanks to all the volunteers for helping to make this event successful.



### Section 1 - GRADES 7-12

Pair Num	Player Name USCF ID / Rtg (Pre->Post)	Total Pts	Round 1	Round 2	Round 3	Round 4	Round 5
1	TANYA GURPUR MADKE PRABHU CO   16349446 / R: 1632 ->1645 Q: 1632 ->1635	5.0	W	5W	4W	2W	3W
2	KAAVYA SAKTHISARAVANAN CO   16909357 / R: 1427 ->1430 Q: 1022 ->1052	4.0	W	9W	7L	1W	6W
3	AUDREY LI CO   17312162 / R: 1253 ->1253 Q: 999 ->1000	3.0	W	6W	8W	4L	1L
4	TANISHKA TAGARE CO   16788310 / R: 1152 ->1137 Q: 895 -> 889	3.0	W	10L	1L	3W	12W
5	AUDREY GRACE BELMON CO   30266582 / R: 637 -> 704 Q: 626 -> 674	3.0	L	1W	10W	7W	9L
6	VISHNUPRIYA BALAJI CO   30312108 / R: 324 -> 426 Q: 299 -> 415	3.0	L	3W	12W	10L	2W
7	DEEPTHA MIRRA SRIDHAR CO   30685074 / R: 797 -> 777 Q: 709 -> 693	2.0	W	11L	2L	5W	8L
8	SHAWNA PEI CO   16974446 / R: 672 -> 609 Q: 662 -> 590	2.0	W	12L	3L	9L	7W
9	GWYNETH S HAYES CO   30416024 / R: 362P24-> 394 Q: 414P19-> 428P24	2.0	L	2W	11W	8L	5L
10	ANDREA SAM CO   30254858 / R: 209P17-> 177P22 Q: 202P17-> 170P22	1.0	L	4L	5L	6L	11W
11	BROOKLYN PORTER WY   30993230 / R: 153P6 -> 131P11 Q: Unrated-> 131P10	1.0	L	7L	9L	12W	10L
12	ELYNN ELIZABETH HICKEY CO   31381507 / R: Unrated-> 123P5 Q: Unrated-> 119P5	1.0	L	8L	6W	11L	4L

### Section 2 - GRADES 4-6

Pair Num	Player Name USCF ID / Rtg (Pre->Post)	Total Pts	Round 1	Round 2	Round 3	Round 4	Round 5
1	ANANYA MEDU CO   30451801 / R: 805 -> 809 Q: 964 -> 944	4.0	W	7W	6W	3L	2W
2	RHONDA YAN CO   31189755 / R: 747P10-> 764P15 Q: 715P10-> 768P15	4.0	L	5W	8W	7W	1W

3	DIYA THOUTEM CO   30230521 / R: 522P13-> 580P18 Q: 583P10-> 628P15	3.0	W	4W	5L	1W	8L
4	VICTORIA WANG CO   31364195 / R: Unrated-> 447P5 Q: Unrated-> 489P5	3.0	L	3W	9L	8W	6W
5	MAHI PRAKASH KASAT CO   30963236 / R: 714P23-> 647 Q: 701P23-> 655	2.0	W	2L	3W	6L	7L
6	KAAVYA KALI CO   31365619 / R: Unrated-> 399P5 Q: Unrated-> 420P5	2.0	W	9L	1L	5L	4W
7	SOWBHAGYA VELAGALA CO   30916380 / R: 140P4 -> 269P8 Q: 408P16-> 424P20	2.0	L	1B	L	2W	5L
8	SMRITHI M KUNALA CO   31088678 / R: 117P14-> 175P18 Q: 117P14-> 184P18	2.0	B	L	2W	4L	3L
9	MIHIKA TAGARE CO   16788325 / R: 441 -> 360 Q: 436 -> 365	0.0	L	6L	4U	U	U

### Section 3 - GRADES K-3

Pair Num	Player Name USCF ID / Rtg (Pre->Post)	Total Pts	Round 1	Round 2	Round 3	Round 4	Round 5
1	ELLA WIKIEL CO   30379582 / R: 731 -> 773 Q: 636 -> 716	5.0	W	2W	5W	3W	4W
2	JENNA YAN CO   31189767 / R: 424P10-> 511P15 Q: 424P10-> 502P15	4.0	L	1W	8W	5W	3W
3	VEIYAA BALAJEE CO   31362388 / R: Unrated-> 491P5 Q: Unrated-> 474P5	3.0	W	6W	4L	1L	2W
4	JJ MERRITT CO   30510427 / R: 456P24-> 452 Q: 453P24-> 446	3.0	W	7L	3W	6L	1W
5	POSHYA SAI KUNCHKAURI CO   30988755 / R: 265P5 -> 277P10 Q: 263P5 -> 274P10	2.0	W	8L	1L	2W	7L
6	MITHRA SAKTHISARAVANAN CO   30728311 / R: 189P24-> 212 Q: 188P24-> 209	2.0	L	3W	7L	4W	8L
7	NYRA VERMA CO   31381579 / R: Unrated-> 105P5 Q: Unrated-> 105P5	1.0	L	4L	6W	8L	5L
8	DAIJA TAFOYA-ECKER CO   31379051 / R: Unrated-> 101P5 Q: Unrated-> 101P5	0.0	L	5L	2L	7L	6L



## Games from the Colorado All-Girls Scholastic Championship

**TAGARE, TANISHKA (1152)**  
**PRABHU, TANYA (1622)**

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.e5 Ne7 5.Nge2 c5  
6.a3 Bxc3+ 7.Nxc3 c4 8.g3 Nbc6 9.Bg2 Nf5  
10.Ne2 Qb6 11.c3 Bd7 12.Bh3 Na5 13.Bxf5  
exf5 14.Nf4 Qc6 15.Qf3 Be6 16.0-0 Nb3  
17.Rb1 0-0-0 18.h4 g6 19.Ne2 h6 20.Re1 Rdg8  
21.h5 g5 22.Kh2 f4 23.g4 Qd7 24.Kh3 Rf8  
25.Qg2 f6 26.exf6 Rxf6 27.f3 Qh7 28.Bd2  
Nxd2 29.Rbd1 Nb3 30.Nc1 Nxc1 31.Rxc1 Qf7  
32.Re5 Qxh5# 0-1

**SAKTHISARAVANAN, KAAVYA (1335)**  
**SRIDHAR, DEEPTHA M (869)**

1.d4 d5 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.c4 c5 4.cxd5 Nxd5 5.e4  
Nb6 6.Nc3 cxd4 7.Qxd4 Qxd4 8.Nxd4 Bd7  
9.Bf4 Nc6 10.Be3 Nxd4 11.Bxd4 e6 12.Be2 0-0  
-0 13.Rc1 Be6 14.Be3 Bb4 15.0-0 Bxc3  
16.Rxc3 e5 17.Bb5 Rd6 18.f4 Kb8 19.Bxc6  
Rxc6 20.Rxc6 bxc6 21.fxe5 Rf8 22.Be5 Re8  
23.Rxf7 Rxe5 24.Bd6+ Ka8 25.Bxe5 Nc4  
26.Bd4 Nd2 27.e5 Kb8 28.Bxa7+ Kc8 29.e6  
Kd8 30.Rd7+ Ke8 31.Rxd2 Ke7 32.Re2 Kf6  
33.e7 Kf7 34.e8Q+ Kf6 35.Qe6+ Kg5 36.Be3+  
Kh5 37.Qf5+ Kh4 38.Qg5# 1-0



**PRABHU, TANYA (1622)**

**SAKTHISARAVANAN, KAAVYA (1335)**  
1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3  
a6 6.f3 e5 7.Nb3 Be6 8.Be3 Be7 9.Be2 0-0 10.0  
-0 d5 11.exd5 Nxd5 12.Nxd5 Qxd5 13.Qxd5  
Bxd5 14.Rd1 Bc6 15.Na5 Bb5 16.Bd3 Bc6  
17.Nxc6 Nxc6 18.Be4 Nd4 19.c3 Nc6 20.Rd7  
Rfe8 21.Rxb7 Rac8 22.Bb6 Bf6 23.Rd1 g6  
24.Rd6 Kg7 25.Rxc6 Bd8 26.Rxc8 Bxb6+  
27.Rxb6 Rxc8 28.Kf2 a5 29.Rb5 Rd8 30.Ke2  
Re8 31.Rxa5 Rb8 32.b4 Rd8 33.a4 h5 34.Rd5  
Re8 35.Re5 Re8 36.a5 f5 37.Bd5 Re7 38.b5 e4  
39.f4 Kh6 40.h4 Ra7 41.b6 Rd7 42.b7 Rd6  
43.b8Q Rd7 44.Be6 Rh7 45.Rc7 Rxc7 46.Qxc7  
g5 47.hxg5+ Kg6 48.Qf7# 1-0



**Li, AUDREY (1236)**

**TAGARE, TANISHKA (1152)**

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.d4 exd4 4.Bc4 Nf6 5.e5  
Qe7 6.Qe2 Ng8 7.0-0 d6 8.Bg5 f6 9.exf6 Nxf6  
10.Qd2 Qd7 11.Nxd4 d5 12.Bxf6 gxf6 13.Re1+  
Be7 14.Nxc6 bxc6 15.Bd3 Qd6 16.Qh6 f5  
17.Qg7 Rf8 18.Qxh7 Qf6 19.Qh5+ Qf7  
20.Qxf7+ Rxf7 21.Nd2 Kf8 22.Nf3 Bd6 23.Ne5  
Bxe5 24.Rxe5 Bd7 25.Rae1 Re8 26.Rxe8+  
Bxe8 27.Re5 Bd7 28.Kf1 Re7 29.Rxe7 Kxe7  
30.Ke2 Kf6 31.Kf3 Kg5 32.b4 Be8 33.g3 f4  
34.gxf4+ Kf6 35.h4 Bf5 36.Bxf5 Kxf5 37.h5 a6  
38.h6 Kg6 39.Kg4 Kxh6 40.Kf5 Kh5 41.Kf6  
Kh6 42.f5 Kh7 43.Kf7 Kh6 44.f6 Kh7 45.Ke7  
Kg8 46.f7+ Kg7 47.f8Q+ Kg6 48.Qf7+ Kg5  
49.Qf6+ Kg4 50.f3+ Kg3 51.Qf5 Kf2 52.Qd3  
Kg3 53.f4+ Kxf4 54.Qxa6 Kf5 55.Qe2 Kf4  
56.Kf6 Kg3 57.Kg5 d4 58.Qf1 d3 59.exd3 c5  
60.bxc5 c6 61.d4 Kh2 62.Qf3 Kg1 63.Qe2 Kh1  
64.Kh4 Kg1 65.Kg3 Kh1 66.Qh2# 1-0



**Li, AUDREY (1236)**

**PRABHU, TANYA (1622)**

1.e4 c6 2.d3 d5 3.Nf3 dxe4 4.Ng5 Nf6 5.Nc3  
Bf5 6.Ngxe4 Nxe4 7.Nxe4 Bxe4 8.dxe4 Qxd1+  
9.Kxd1 Nd7 10.Be3 Nf6 11.f3 e5 12.Be4 b6  
13.Ke2 Be7 14.Rd1 0-0 15.Bg5 Rfd8 16.Ba6  
Rab8 17.Rxd8+ Rxd8 18.Bb7 c5 19.Rd1 Rxd1  
20.Kxd1 Kf8 21.Be6 Nh5 22.Be3 h6 23.g4 Nf4  
24.Bxf4 exf4 25.Kd2 Bf6 26.c3 Ke7 27.Kd3  
Bh4 28.Kc4 Kd6 29.Kb5 Ke7 30.Bd5 f6  
31.Ka6 Kb8 32.b4 cxb4 33.cxb4 Be1 34.Kb5  
Kc7 35.Kc4 a5 36.a3 Kd6 37.bxa5 bxa5 38.Kb5  
Ke5 39.Kc4 g6 40.Bf7 f5 41.gxf5 gxf5 42.exf5  
Kxf5 43.Bh5 Kg5 44.Bg4 h5 45.h3 hxg4  
46.hxg4 Kh4 47.Kd3 Bf2 48.a4 Bx5 49.Ke4  
Kg3 50.g5 Ba3 51.g6 Bb2 52.g7 Bxg7 53.Kf5  
Kxf5 54.Kg6 Bb2 55.Kg5 Ke3 56.Kg4 f3  
57.Kg3 f2 58.Kg2 Ke2 59.Kh2 f1Q 60.Kg3  
Qf3+ 61.Kh2 Be5+ 62.Kg1 Qf1# 0-1

**SAKTHISARAVANAN, KAAVYA (1335)**  
**BALAJI, VISHNUPRIY (249)**

1.d4 d5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.c4 dxc4 4.e4 Nf6 5.Nc3  
Be6 6.d5 Bg4 7.dxc6 bxc6 8.Qxd8+ Rxd8  
9.Ne5 e6 10.Bg5 h6 11.Bxf6 gxf6 12.Nxg4 f5  
13.exf5 exf5 14.Ne5 Rd6 15.Bxc4 f6 16.Nf7  
Rh7 17.Nxd6+ cxd6 18.0-0 d5 19.Bd3 d4  
20.Ne2 c5 21.Bxf5 Rb7 22.b3 c4 23.bxc4 Rb2  
24.Nxd4 Be5 25.Nc6 h5 26.Kh1 a6 27.f3 Kf8  
28.Rfd1 Re2 29.Rd8+ Kg7 30.h4 Re3 31.Rad1  
Bb6 32.R1d7+ Kh6 33.Rh8# 1-0

**BELMON, AUDREY (637)**

**HAYES, GWYNETH (362)**

1.d4 d5 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.g3 Nc6 4.Bg2 Bf5 5.Nc3  
e6 6.0-0 Ng4 7.Bf4 Bd6 8.Bxd6 Qxd6 9.h3 Nf6  
10.Re1 g5 11.Nxg5 0-0-0 12.Nxf7 Qf8  
13.Nxd8 Qxd8 14.e4 dxe4 15.Nxe4 Nxe4  
16.Bxe4 Bxh3 17.Kh2 Qf6 18.Bxc6 Rf8  
19.Kxh3 Qxf2 20.Rf1 Qf5+ 21.Rxf5 exf5  
22.Bg2 f4 23.gxf4 Rxf4 24.Qh5 1-0

**SAKTHISARAVANAN, KAAVYA (1335)**

**Li, AUDREY (1236)**

1.d4 d5 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.c4 c6 4.Nc3 Bf5 5.Bf4 e6  
6.e3 Bb4 7.Be2 Ne4 8.Qb3 Bxc3+ 9.bxc3 Qe7  
10.0-0 Bg4 11.Rfe1 Bxf3 12.Bxf3 Nd2 13.Qd1  
Nxc4 14.e4 Nb6 15.Bg3 0-0 16.Qb3 Qd7  
17.Rad1 Na6 18.a4 Rfe8 19.Be2 c5 20.Bb5 c4  
21.Qa3 Qe7 22.Bd6 Qd8 23.Bxe8 Qxe8 24.a5  
Nd7 25.exd5 Rd8 26.Bg3 Nf6 27.Bh4 Rxd5  
28.Bxf6 gxf6 29.Re3 Ne7 30.Qb4 Qc8 31.Qe7  
Rf5 32.Rg3+ Kh8 33.Qa3 Nb5 34.Qb4 a6  
35.Rf3 Rg5 36.Rxf6 Kg7 37.Rf3 Line

**TAGARE, TANISHKA (1152)**

**BELMON, AUDREY (637)**

1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.exd5 cxd5 4.Bd3 Nc6 5.c3  
Nf6 6.Nf3 Bg4 7.Nbd2 e6 8.h3 Bxf3 9.Nxf3  
Bd6 10.0-0 0-0 11.Re1 Re8 12.Bg5 e5 13.dxe5  
Nxe5 14.Nxe5 Bxe5 15.Qf3 h6 16.Bh4 Qd6  
17.Bxf6 Bxf6 18.Re2 Rxe2 19.Qxe2 d4  
20.cxd4 Bxd4 21.Rd1 Qf6 22.b3 g6 23.Bc4 Rf8  
24.Rd3 Bb6 25.a4 a6 26.Qf3 Qxf3 27.Rxf3 Be7  
28.g3 Kg7 29.Ne3 Rb8 30.Re7 Bd6 31.Rxf7+  
Kh8 32.Rf6 Ba3 33.Rxg6 Kh7 34.Bd3 Kh8  
35.Rxh6+ Kg7 36.Rh7+ Kf6 37.Kg2 b5 38.a5  
Bb4 39.Rh6+ Ke5 40.Rxa6 Kd4 41.Be2 Kc3  
42.h4 Kxb3 43.Rb6 Rxb6 44.axb6 Ka4 45.b7  
Bd6 46.h5 Ka5 47.h6 Ka6 48.h7 Kxb7 49.h8Q  
b4 50.Qg7+ Kb6 51.Qd4+ Kc6 52.Bb5+ Kxb5  
53.Qxd6 b3 54.Qd1 Ka4 55.Qb1 Ka3 56.f4 Ka4  
57.f5 Ka3 58.f6 b2 59.f7 Kb3 60.Qxb2+ Kxb2  
61.f8Q Kc2 62.Qf3 Kd2 63.Kf2 Kc2 64.Qe3  
Kd1 65.Qe2+ Kc1 66.Ke3 Kb1 67.Kd3 Kc1  
68.Qc2# 1-0



## Tuesday Night Chess

By Paul Anderson, Colorado Springs Chess Club President

The Colorado Springs Chess Club reopened its doors for Over-The-Board play on August 2nd, 2022. It has been a little over a year now that the club has been running monthly, rated events. When I finally got a chance to look at my year in review for 2022 from Chess.com, it made me think that I should see how the past year has been for the club.

Here is my review:

cschessnews,

This is year 11 you've been a part of the Chess.com community.  
We're proud of everything you've accomplished in this action-packed year for chess.

Before you set your sights on 2023, let's take a look at your 2022 Year in Review!  
You Played 779 Games: 51% Won, 8% Drawn, 41% Lost  
The high point of your year came with this victory. Best Win: 2260

2022.01.27 [TimeControl "300"]

White "cschessnews" 2189

Black "user41651651658" 2260

1. d4 Nf6 2. Bg5 Ne4 3. Bf4 e6 4. Nd2 Bd6 5. e3 Bxf4 6. exf4 Nxd2 7. Qxd2 b6 8. Be2 Bb7 9. Bf3 Qc8 10. O-O-O O-O 11. Kb1 d6 12. g3 Nd7 13. h4 a5 14. Qc2 a4 15. a3 Ra5 16. Be4 Qa8 17. Bxb7 Qxb7 18. Nf3 b5 19. Qd2 Ra6 20. Ne1 Nf6 21. Nd3 Nd5 22. Nb4 Nxb4 23. Qxb4 Rc6 24. Rhe1 Rc4 25. Qd2 b4 26. Ka1 Rb8 27. Rb1 d5 28. c3 bxa3 29. bxa3 Qc8 30. Rxb8 Qxb8 31. Rb1 Qf8 32. Rb4 g6 33. Qb2 Kg7 34. Rxc4 dxc4 35. Qb4 Qd6 36. Qxa4 Qd5 37. Kb2 Qb7+ 38. Ka2 Qd5 39. Qb4 Qf5 40. a4 Qc2+ 41. Ka3 Qc1+ 42. Qb2 Qd1 43. Kb4 Kf6 44. a5 Kf5 45. a6 c5+ 46. Kxc5 Qa4 47. Qb5 Qa3+ 48. Kb6+ Ke4 49. Qxc4 Qb2+ 50. Qb4 Qa2 51. a7 Kd3 52. Qb5+ Kxc3 53. Qa5+ Qxa5+ 54. Kxa5 Kxd4 55. a8=Q Kd3 56. Qf3+ Kd2 57. g4 1-0

That win places you in the top 10.99% of all players

When your friends ask about your rating, this is what you'll say. Best Rating: 2202. That puts you in the top 0.29% of all players.

The average best win streak was 4.63 games. Let's find out yours. Best Win Streak: 10 Games. That streak is longer than 88% of all players.

Is there a better way to spend your day than playing chess? Best Active Streak: 2 Days. That streak is longer than 26% of all players.

How did you do against your favorite opponent? jfoxhoo: 14 Games Played - 50% Won, 7% Drawn, 43% Lost

You've accomplished a lot this year. Unlocked: 9 Achievements. Next year will be even better.

Thanks for all the games, lessons, puzzles, and memories in 2022. We're excited to see you reach new heights in 2023!



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Here is the club review:

Colorado Springs Chess Club,

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Before you set your sights on 2024, let's take a look at your 2023 Year in Review!

You've accomplished a lot this year. Unlocked: 9 Tournaments (so far), with a 16.56 average attendance (highest since 2015, when I started tracking). Next year will be even better.

You Played 198 Games: 180 Won, 36 Drawn, 180 Lost

When your friends ask about your attendance, this is what you'll say. Your Best Event: 23 players at the August Swiss 90. That puts you as the best event since 24 players came to the COATI Blitz on May 19th, 2021 (the first OTB event after closing the doors on March 10th, 2020).

The high point of your year came with this victory. Best Upset: 504





2023.02.07 [TimeControl "5400+30"]

White "Platt, Andrew" 1496

Black "Buchanan, Richard" 2000

1. e4 e5 2. Nf3 Nc6 3. d4 exd4 4. Nxd4 Nf6 5. Nxc6 bxc6 6. e5 Nd5  
7. Bc4 Nb6 8. Bd3 Bc5 9. O-O O-O 10. Qh5 g6 11. Qh6 Re8 12. Bg5 Be7  
13. Bxe7 Qxe7 14. f4 Nd5 15. Nd2 Ne3 16. h3 Nxf1 17. Ne4 f5 18. Nf6+ Kh8  
19. Nxe8 Qxe8 20. Kxf1 Bb7 21. Qg5 Qf7 22. b3 Re8 23. Bc4 Qg7 24. Re1 c5  
25. Qg3 Be4 26. Qc3 d6 27. Bd3 Bd5 28. Qa5 dxe5 29. Qxc5 Ba8 30. fxe5 Qd7  
31. Bb5 c6 32. Bc4 Qd2 33. e6 Qf4+ 34. Kg1 Qd2 35. Qe5+ 1-0



**Richard "Buck" Buchanan**

That win places you on the top of 149 players (64 unique) for scoring an upset in Colorado Springs.

The average place for all players was 9.16th place. Let's find out who finished best in multiple events. Best Average Place: 3.11 (Mark McGough).

Is there a better way to spend your day than playing chess? Best Active Streak: 9 Events. That streak belongs to Paul Anderson, Mark McGough, Dean Brown, and Clint Eads (The Regulars), who have played in every event this year.

How did you do with your favorite player? John Brezina: 1 Game Played - 100% Won, 0% Drawn, 0% Lost

2023.05.23 [TimeControl "5400+30"]

White "Quinn, Shawn" 1415

Black "Brezina, John" 1797

1. e4 e5 2. Nf3 Nc6 3. Bb5 d6 4. O-O Bg4 5. d3 Nf6 6. h3 Bh5 7. Kh1 a6 8. Bxc6+ bxc6 9. Rg1 Qd7 10. Bg5 Be7 11. Nc3 Rb8 12. Rb1 h6 13. Bxf6 Bxf6 14. g4 Bg6 15. Qe2 h5 16. Nh2 Bg5 17. f4 Bxf4 18. Rb1 Rxb2 19. Rb1 Rxb1 20. Rxb1 Ke7 21. Kg2 Bxh2 22. Kxh2 hxg4 23. Rg1 Rxh3+ 0-1

Thanks for all the games, lessons, puzzles, and memories in 2023. We're excited to see you reach new heights in 2024!

Upcoming Events are listed on the calendar of the club's home page:

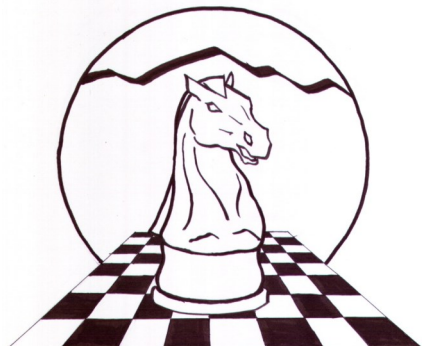
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October - 57th City Championship

November Swiss 90

December Swiss 90

December 26 - 28th Speed Championship



## You can help!

By Jeffrey Baffo

I hope you can help me. In reviewing and organizing my past games, I have accumulated so much data that even I can no longer run away from the inevitable conclusion. I have Reticence Syndrome. Please see the game below for greater understanding.

[Event "Southern Colorado Open"] [Site "Manitou Springs"]  
 [Date "2002.08.06"]  
 [White "Michael Kuiper"] [Black "Jeffrey Baffo"]  
 [Result "1-0"] [ECO "A01"]

1. b4 e5 2. a3 d5 3. e3 Bd6 4. Bb2 Nf6 5. c4 c6 6. Nf3 Qe7 7. Be2 O-O 8. Qb3 Bg4?! (8... dxc4) 9. Nc3 d4?! (9... dxc4!) 10. exd4 Bxf3 11. dxe5 Qxe5 (11...Bxe5) 12. gxf3 Qe6 13. O-O-O a5 14. Rhg1 Nbd7 15. Ne4 Be5 16. d4 Bf4+ 17. Kb1 g6 18. d5 cxd5 19. cxd5 Qf5 20. bxa5 Nc5 (20... Nxe4) (20... Rxa5) 21. Qc3 Ncxe4 22. fxe4 Qxe4+ 23. Bd3 Rfc8 24. Qxf6 Black resigned. 1-0



Black to play his 9<sup>th</sup> move

Because of my RCTAS (the acronym is pronounced "Reticence" and stands for Release of Central Tension Anxiety Syndrome) I refuse to play the correct and advantageous 9...dc4 which would have not only solved all my opening problems, but even yielded me a modest yet clear advantage. I'm hoping that when you, or any of our Colorado Chess Informant readers, see the upcoming RCTAS telethon on PBS, you will consider making a donation. Thanks!



## “How’s it going, Beelzebub??!”

*By Jeffrey Baffo*

A chess game is like a conversation with the Devil. Although literature describes Satan as the “Father of Lies” he doesn’t always lie! In fact, he prefers to mix in as much truth as he can. There’s nothing more prized by a liar than a credible reputation. Our opponents do the same thing. They play weak looking moves that actually contain deadly traps. It’s as if they are saying; “Look, I just blundered...don’t be so suspicious...I made a mistake, happens every day!” But the wise tournament player knows the antidote. BLUNDERCHECK! Which means, of course, we check ourselves AND our opponents! Maybe we need to add a new concept; “THE FAKE BLUNDER!” Look below and tell me if White’s last move was bad or not. Black to move, Black at the bottom. The sequence was as follows; 28.Bb3 g4 29.Nd7. If White had played this (see actual game below) it would have been because he decided that White just missed this, that the Knight could go to d7 based on the potential pin (The Black c5 Rook would then be hanging...) But...



[Event "Alekhine Memorial"]  
 [Site "Moscow"] [Date "1956.???.?"]  
 [White "Szabo, Laszlo"] [Black "Bronstein, David I"]  
 [Result "0-1"] [ECO "C63"]

1. e4 e5 2. Nf3 Nc6 3. Bb5 f5 4. d3 fxe4 5. dxe4 Nf6 6. Bc4 Bc5 7. O-O d6 8. c3 Bg4 9. b4 Bb6 10. a4 a5 11. b5 Ne7 12. Qb3 Bxf3 13. Bf7+ Kf8 14. gxf3 Ng6 15. Be3 Nh5 16. Nd2 Qf6 17. Bd5 Nh4 18. Kh1 Nh4 19. Qc4 Nh3 20. Qe2 Rb8 21. Bxb6 cxb6 22. Qe3 Ke7 23. Nc4 Rhc8 24. Nxb6 Rc5 25. f4 Nxf4 26. Rad1 g5 27. Rg1 h5 28. Bb3 g4 29. Nc4 Rxc4 30. Bxc4 Nf3 31. Qb6 Rd8 32. Rg3 Nh3 33. Bf1 h4 34. Rxh3 gxh3 35. Bxh3 Qf4 36. Qc7+ Ke8 37. Kg2 Ng5 38. Rxd6 Qf3+ 39. Kf1 Qxh3+ 40. Ke1 Rxd6 0-1

**Solution** (This was actually published as an “easy win” by none other than world class Grandmaster Lilienthal in Pravda!) The trap is sprung thusly; 29.Nd7? K:d7! 30.Q:c5? Nd5!!

**Andor (André, Andre, Andrei) Arnoldovich Lilienthal** (5 May 1911 – 8 May 2010) was a Hungarian and Soviet chess player. In his long career, he played against ten male and female world champions, beating Emanuel Lasker, José Raúl Capablanca, Alexander Alekhine, Max Euwe, Mikhail Botvinnik, Vasily Smyslov, and Vera Menchik.[3][4]  
 A member of the original group of grandmasters awarded the title by FIDE in 1950.

## Fischer's repertoire; Hedgehog and Maroczy Bind

*By Jeffrey Baffo July 2023*

In this article I seek to extract Bobby's "RR" (repertoire response) from within these two important and widely played opening systems. I base my efforts around insights taken from IM John Donaldson's outstanding 2020 book, Bobby Fischer and His World(1).

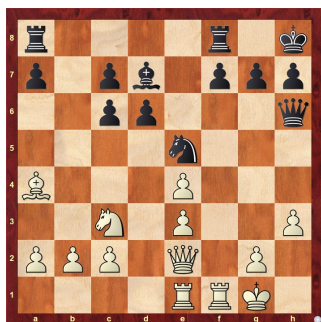
**A) The Hedgehog.** This is not a distinct opening formation, ala the Sicilian Dragon or Ruy Lopez. Rather it is a highly flexible amalgam of formations, having in common the hyper-modern tenets of full development behind a small center and third rank defensive pawns, provoking an opponent's space-gaining pawn advances, restraining those pawns and finally, counter attacking. It can be used with either color, but is most often employed as a Black weapon.

Donaldson, while rightly calling Fischer "...one of the founding fathers" of the Hedgehog, acknowledged the influence of much earlier games by the highly creative players of their day. We reproduce that game here.

### Paulsen,Louis - Morphy,Paul [C64]

USA-01 Paulsen (both players blindfold) simultaneous exhibition +3-1=0 New York, 10.10.1857

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Nc3 Bc5 4.Bb5 d6 5.d4 exd4 6.Nxd4 Bd7 7.Nxc6 bxc6 8.Ba4 Qf6 9.0-0 Ne7 10.Be3 Bxe3 11.fxe3 Qh6 12.Qd3 Ng6 13.Rae1 Ne5 14.Qe2 0-0 15.h3



The essential elements are here; a stable center, the 3<sup>rd</sup> rank pawn wall, the King move for clearing the g-file to facilitate the Rook support behind the g-pawn thrust. An amazing game, which was almost certainly known to RJF, one of the most devout acolytes of chess history and classic games.

Kh8 16.Nd1 g5 17.Nf2 Rg8 18.Nd3 g4 19.Nxe5 dxe5 20.hxg4 Bxg4 21.Qf2 Rg6 22.Qxf7 Be6 23.Qxc7 Rxg2+ 24.Kxg2 Qh3+ 25.Kf2 Qh2+ 26.Kf3 Rf8+ 27.Qf7 Rxf7# (Morphy announced mate in 5) 0-1

The first Grandmaster example of the true Hedgehog ideas and counter attacking potential was likely this Fischer masterpiece.

[Event "Olympiad"] [Site "Havana (Cuba)"]  
 [White "Soruco Garcia J"] [Black "Bobby Fischer"]  
 [Result "0-1"] [ECO "B87"] [EventDate "1966"]  
 Chess.com estimated 95% accuracy and 2950 rating for Black

1. e4 c5 2. Nf3 d6 3. d4 cxd4 4. Nxd4 Nf6 5. Nc3 a6 6. Bc4 e6 7. Bb3 b5 8. a3 Be7 9. Be3 O-O 10. O-O Bb7 11. f3 Nbd7 12. Qd2 Ne5 13. Qf2 Qc7 14. Rac1 Kh8 15. Nce2 Rg8 16. Kh1 g5



One of the "tricks" of highly successful people is the ability to adapt what other's have done. Here Fischer shows that chess openings lend themselves exquisitely well to that strategy. Never shy to use ideas he's seen elsewhere, even if it is a 100 year old idea, Fischer is the personification of "Use and improve!"

17. h3 Rg6 18. Ng3 Rag8 19. Nxe6 fxe6 20. Bxe6? (Naïve in the extreme to think his GM opponent would drop a pawn like this.) Nxe4 21.Nxe4 Rxe6 0-1

(1) 2020 Siles Press, Los Angeles, chapter, Part Five, pgs. 333-419



**Fischer,Robert James - Andersson,Ulf [A01]**

Siegen exh Siegen, 09.1970 Fischer's play estimated accuracy 94.7% White 88%  
 ["Hedgehog Immortal!"]

**1.b3** [RJF was perfect with 1.b3 against 4 high quality opponents. See his win vs. Tukmakov below.]

**1...e5 2.Bb2 Nc6 3.c4 Nf6 4.e3 Be7 5.a3 0-0 6.Qc2 Re8** (6...d5 lands Black in a bad color's reversed version of White's set up in the Scheveningen Sicilian. See game below.) **7.d3 Bf8 8.Nf3 a5 9.Be2 d5 10.cxd5 Nxd5 11.Nbd2 f6 12.0-0 Be6 13.Kh1 Qd7 14.Rg1 Rad8 15.Ne4 Qf7**



The plan itself is straightforward, even simplistic. What is *not*, is knowing when the other positional factors in the game will support it! It takes a GM's judgement to get it right.

[Black is in a bad way. g4 is coming and there is no good way to stop it. 15...Nb6 16.g4! Bxg4 17.Nh4 f5 18.Nxf5 Qxf5 (18...Bxe2 19.Nf6+ Kh8 20.Nxd7 Bf3+ 21.Rg2 Rxd7 22.Nh4 Bxg2+ Just as bad for Black would be 23.Kxg2+-) 19.Bxg4 Qf7 20.d4 exd4 21.Ng5!+-; 15...h5 16.h3 -- Δ17.g4; 15...Kh8 White get's a powerful attack and full compensation with the exchange sac 16.g4 Bxg4 17.Rxg4 Qxg4 18.Nxe5 Qe6 19.Bg4 Qg8 20.Nxc6 bxc6 21.Rg1±] **16.g4 g6** [16...Qd7 17.Nfd2±] **17.Rg3 Bg7 18.Rag1 Nb6 19.Nc5 Bc8 20.Nh4 Nd7?** [Black's last chance to keep the issue in doubt was his own exchange sac idea;] [20...Rd5 21.Bf3 Rxc5 22.Qxc5 Qxb3±]

**21.Ne4 Nf8 22.Nf5 Be6** [22...Bxf5 23.gxf5 g5 24.Nxg5 f5 25.Rxg5 Kh8 26.Rxg7 Qxg7 27.Rxg7 Kxg7 28.f4 Nd7 29.Qc4 a4 30.fxe5 Nxe5 31.Qxa4+-; 22...gxf5 23.gxf5 Bxf5 (23...Kh8 24.Rxg7 Qxg7 25.Rxg7 Kxg7 26.Ng3 Re7 27.d4+-) 24.Rxg7+ Qxg7 25.Nxf6+-] **23.Nc5 Ne7 24.Nxg7 Kxg7 25.g5! Nf5** [25...fxg5 26.Rf3 Nf5 (26...Qg8 27.Bxe5+ Kh8 28.Qb2 Bc8 29.h4 gxh4 30.Bf4+-) 27.e4+-] **26.Rf3 b6 27.gxf6+ Kh8 28.Nxe6 Rxe6 29.d4 exd4 30.Bc4 d3 31.Bxd3 Rxd3 32.Qxd3 Rd6 33.Qc4 Ne6 34.Be5** [34.Rxf5 gxf5 35.Rg7 Qf8 36.Qc2 Rd5 37.Rg1 Qf7 38.Qc6+-] **34...Rd8 35.h4 Nd6 36.Qg4 Nf8 37.h5 Ne8 38.e4 Rd2 39.Rh3 Kg8 40.hxg6 Nxg6 41.f4 Kf8 42.Qg5 Nd6 43.Bxd6+** [Kasparov himself credits this game with being "...how the chess revolution began..."] **1-0**

**Fischer,Robert James - Tukmakov,Vladimir B [A01]**

Buenos Aires Buenos Aires (1), 19.07.1970 [Baffo,Jeff]  
 Fischer's play as White estimated at 96.7% Black's at 88%

**1.b3 e5 2.Bb2 Nc6 3.c4 Nf6 4.e3 Be7 5.a3 0-0 6.d3 d5 7.cxd5 Qxd5** [7...Nxd5 8.Nf3 f5!? 9.Nxe5 f4!? (9...Nxe5 10.Bxe5 f4± 11.e4 f3! 12.gxf3 Nf4 13.d4 (13.Nc3 Be6±) 13...Ng6=) 10.Nxc6 (10.e4?! Ne3! 11.fxe3 Bh4+±) 10...fxe3!? 11.Nxd8 exf2+ 12.Kd2 Bg5+ 13.Kc2 Ne3+ 14.Kc1 Nxf1+ 15.Nd2 Nxd2 16.Kc2 f1Q 17.Rxf1 Nxf1 18.Qh5±; 7...Bg4 8.Nf3 (8.f3? Nxd5 9.fxg4 Nxe3 10.Kd2 Nd4±) 8...Qxd5] **8.Nc3 Qd6 9.Nf3 Bf5 10.Qc2 Rfd8 11.Rd1 h6 12.h3 Qe6 13.Nd2 Nd7 14.Be2 Kh8?!** [Δ14...Qg6 15.Nd5 (15.g4 Be6 16.Nce4 a5 17.Kf1±) 15...Bd6 16.g4 Be6 17.Bf3 Nc5 18.Nc4 a5±] **15.0-0 Bg6?** [Δ15...a5 16.Nb5 Qg6 17.Kh1 Rac8=] **16.b4 a6 17.Rc1** [17.Bg4 f5 18.Bf3±] **17...Rac8 18.Rfd1 f5** [18...a5 19.b5 Na7 20.Nc4 c6 21.b6 Nb5 22.Nxa5 Nxb6 23.a4±] **19.Na4** [19.Bf3 Bd6 20.Ne2±] **19...Na7** [19...Nb6 20.Nc5 Bxc5 21.Qxc5 Na4 22.Qc4 Qxc4 23.Nxc4 Nxb2 24.Nxb2±] **20.Nb3 b6 21.d4! f4 22.e4 Nb5** [22...Bxe4 This looks like Black wins material here, but actually he is still well and truly crushed. 23.Qxe4 Qxb3 24.Bxa6 Qxa4 25.Bxc8 Rxc8 26.dxe5 Nf8 27.e6+-] **23.Bg4 Qf6 24.dxe5 Nxe5 25.Bxc8 Rxc8 26.Rd5 1-0**

**Petrosian,Tigran V (2585) - Sosonko,Gennadi (2585) [A01]**

Interpolis Tilburg (6), 10.1981

Further proof that Black must be extremely cautious about coopting White's set up from the Sicilian. 1.c4 e5 2.b3 Nf6 3.Bb2 Nc6 4.e3 Be7 5.a3 0-0 6.Qc2 d5 (Now Black is playing the White side of a Sicilian Scheveningen, but in a badly mangled form. Petrosian makes it look effortless as he sacs the exchange for a piece and a few pawns.) 7.cxd5 Nxd5 8.Nf3 Bf6 9.d3 g6 10.Nbd2 Bg7 11.Rc1 g5 12.Nc4 Qe7 13.b4 a6 14.Nfd2 f5 15.Be2 g4 16.Nb3 Kh8 17.Nca5 Nxa5 18.Nxa5 Qf7 19.0-0 c6 20.Nc4 Qe7 21.Rfe1 Bd7 22.Bf1 Nc7 23.Nb6 Rad8 24.Qc5 Qxc5 25.Rxc5 Ne6 26.Rxe5 Bxe5 27.Bxe5+ Kg8 28.d4 Be8 29.Nc4 b5 30.Nd6 Bd7 31.Rc1 Ng5 32.Nb7 Rc8 33.Bd3 Ra8 34.Kf1 Be6 35.Bf4 Nf7 36.Ke2

Fischer uses his plan in a little known simul game shortly after his game (above) with Andersson.

[Event "Simultaneous exhibition"] [Site "Munster"]  
 [Date "1970.09.27"]  
 [White "Michels"] [Black "Fischer, Robert"]  
 [Result "0-1"] [ECO "B80"]

1. e4 c5 2. Nf3 d6 3. d4 cxd4 4. Nxd4 Nf6 5. Nc3 a6 6. Bd3 e6 7. Nb3 Be7 8. O-O Qc7 9. Qe2 Nbd7 10. Be3 O-O 11. f3 b6 12. Qf2 Bb7 13. Rfd1 Rac8 14. Rac1 b5 15. a3 Ne5 16. Kh1 Kh8 17. Bb6 Qb8 18. Rd2 Rg8 19. Rcd1 g5! 20. Bd4 Rg6 21. Qf1 Rcg8 22. a4 bxa4 23. Nxa4 Rh6 (23... g4!) 24. Bxe5 dxe5 25. Nac5 g4 26. Nxb7 Qxb7 (26... Nh5!) 27. Bxa6 Qa7 28. Qd3 gxf3 29. Na5 Ng4 30. gxf3 Qf2 0-1

**Conclusion;** As Donaldson himself wonders (pg. 339 Bobby Fischer and His World), perhaps crediting RJF as a "founding father" of the hedgehog tabia(s) goes too far. But not by much! He certainly was the first strong player to demonstrate the "Kingside plan" (Kg1-h1, Rg1, g4) in that opening. His games are well worth serious study!

**B)** The Maroczy Bind (pg. 386) Fischer's repertoire was meticulously prepared against 1.d4 and 1.e4. His preparation and knowledge of those formations was so formidable that his potential adversaries began looking for ways to avoid it or at least steer things into lines they preferred. Once you plopped 1.e4 on the board you could count on 1...c5 and the nightmarish complications it brought with it. Trying to outmaneuver RJF in that jungle was a tall order. Seemingly, White had the exact same dilemma facing him with 1.d4 as RJF's preparation there was no less fearsome than vs. 1.e4. But, what if there were a "3<sup>rd</sup> way"? What would the American GM's response be vs. say, 1.c4 or 1.Nf3 followed by c4? Funny you should ask as they say! At first, there were a smattering of efforts to keep within the King's Indian tabia, and also more classical responses aiming at a defensible version of 1.d4 d5 formations. However, as RJF moved into the mature phase of his career, at the peak of his powers, it was noticed that when faced with 1.c4/Nf3 he could be predictable. On his march to the World Championship, it seemed he had settled on, what I call the hyper-accelerated phase in this opening, that is he aimed for Dragon formations with a quick 1.c5 and g6. He scored well with this idea. His opponents quickly learned that allowing him typical Sicilian structures "for free" was not profitable, to say the least. As Donaldson said in Bobby Fischer and His World, there had to be a way to exploit RJF's predictability. There was. As Donaldson put it "There was a price to pay..." Open 1.c4 or 1.Nf3 and you could force Fischer to defend the Maroczy bind. White had a solid position, full development, a safe King and a significant space advantage. Most World Champion caliber players would avoid this. As usual however, RJF followed his own council. Thru sheer will to win stubbornness, Fischer still managed an excellent record vs. this formation, but that was due to his genius level talent and fierce determination, the opening itself lived up to it's promises and Fischer would frequently struggle with cramped, inferior positions. On to the chess! Here is a game that may have given RJF an inflated idea of the value of his idea as he got the complicated struggle vs. an opponent that was determined to win that he wanted. He scored a high profile success against a marquee opponent.

### Larsen,Bent (2660) - Fischer,Robert James (2760) [B36]

Candidates sf1 Denver (2), 08.07.1971 Maroczy bind, Gurgendize system

Chess.com's estimated accuracy and performance rating; Larsen, 2500, 87%, Fischer, 3000, 97%

1.c4 c5 2.Nf3 g6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nc6 5.e4 Nf6 6.Nc3 d6 7.Be2 Nxd4 8.Qxd4 Bg7 9.Bg5 h6 10.Be3 0-0 11.Qd2 Kh7 12.0-0 Be6 13.f4 Rc8 14.b3 Qa5 15.a3 a6 16.f5 Bd7 17.b4 Qe5 18.Rae1 Bc6 19.Bf4 Nxe4 20.Nxe4 Qxe4 21.Bd3 Qd4+ 22.Kh1 Rce8 23.Be3 Qc3 24.Bxh6 Qxd2 25.Bxd2 Be5 26.Bf4 Bxf4 27.Rxf4 gxf5 28.Rxf5 Kg7 29.Rg5+ Kh6 30.h4 e6 31.Rf1 f5 32.Re1 Rf7 33.b5 axb5 34.cxb5 Bd7 35.g4 Ra8 36.gxf5 exf5 37.Bc4 Ra4 38.Rc1 Bxb5 39.Bxf7 Rxh4+ 40.Kg2 Kxg5 41.Bd5 Ba6 42.Rd1 Ra4 43.Bf3 Rxa3 44.Rxd6 Ra2+ 45.Kg1 Kf4 46.Bg2 Rb2 47.Rd7 b6 48.Rd8 Be2 49.Bh3 Bg4 50.Bf1 Bf3 51.Rb8 Be4 52.Ba6 Ke3 53.Rc8 Rb1+ 54.Kh2 Kf4 0-1

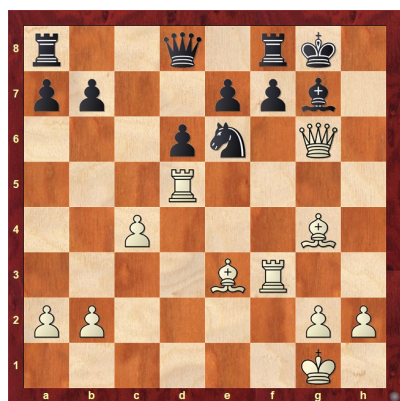
The human factor, that of having an opponent who was going to play aggressively for a win, should not be underestimated here. Future opponents would be much more restrained, and that made the opening into a way for lower rated players to score relatively comfortable draws. A very relevant supplemental game is seen below. Please observe Larsen's consummate skill with this formation as he destroys the (at that time) only other Super-GM adherent to Black's ideas. It is a spectacular battle!

### Larsen,Bent - Petrosian,Tigran V [B39]

Piatigorsky-Cup 2nd Santa Monica (7), 27.07.1966

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 g6 5.Be3 Bg7 6.c4 Nf6 7.Nc3 Ng4 8.Qxg4 Nxd4 9.Qd1 Ne6 10.Qd2 d6 11.Be2 Bd7 12.0-0 0-0 13.Rad1 Bc6 14.Nd5 Re8 15.f4 Nc7 16.f5 Na6 17.Bg4 Nc5 18.fxg6 hxg6 19.Qf2 Rf8 20.e5 Bxe5 21.Qh4 Bxd5 22.Rxd5 Ne6 23.Rf3 Bf6 24.Qh6 Bg7 25.Qxg6!!





Position after 25.Qxg6!! Wowzer  
KaZowser! Note how all Larsen's  
pieces participate in the finish.  
Magnificent!

Nf4 26.Rxf4 fxc6 27.Be6+ Rf7 28.Rxf7 Kh8 29.Rg5 b5 30.Rg3 1–0

### **Robson, Ray (2596) - Belous, Vladimir (2522) [B36]**

Moscow op-D Moscow (3), 30.01.2012

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 g6 5.c4 Nf6 6.Nc3 Nxd4 7.Qxd4 d6 8.Be2 Bg7 9.Bg5 0–0 10.0–0 h6 11.Bd2 (Donaldson comments that this is very modest looking move, but nonetheless has its points; discouraging the Black Queen's sortie...Qa5 and bolstering White's c3 Knight.) Be6 12.Qd3 Nd7 13.b3 Nc5 14.Qe3 Bd7 15.Rad1 a5 16.f4 Bc6 17.e5 Nd7 18.exd6 exd6 19.Qg3 Re8 20.Bf3 Nf6 21.f5 Kh7 22.fxc6+ fxc6 23.Bf4 Qb6+ 24.Kh1 Rad8 25.Qh3 Bxf3 26.Qxf3 Re6 27.Bxh6 Bxh6 28.Nd5 Nxd5 29.Qf7+ Bg7 30.Qxe6 Ne3 31.Rd3 Nf5 32.Rxf5 1–0

Here's a game that shows the heavy burden a player with Black must assume when playing for a win vs. a competent opponent. Donaldson puts the spotlight on just how dangerous things had become for Fischer. The student should pay close attention to the possibilities of 26.f5! and later 20.Rd5! In both cases, the computers think Black is in big trouble. That doesn't even count the fact that White also missed a draw with 66.Kc2

### **Damjanovic, Mato - Fischer, Robert James [B38]**

Buenos Aires Buenos Aires (2), 20.07.1970

Chess.Com's estimated accuracy; White 90%, Black 96%

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 c5 3.Nf3 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nc6 5.Nc3 g6 6.e4 d6 7.Be2 Nxd4 8.Qxd4 Bg7 9.Be3 0–0 10.Qd2 Be6 11.f3 Rc8 12.Nd5 Nd7 13.0–0 Nc5 14.Rac1 a5 15.b3 Bxd5 16.cxd5 Qb6 17.Rc4 Qa7 18.Rc2 Bh6 19.f4 Rc7 20.g3 b6 21.Rfc1 Bg7 22.Bb5 Qa8 23.Qe2 e5 24.dxe6 fxe6 25.Rd1 Rd8 26.Bd4 Bxd4+ 27.Rxd4 e5 28.fxe5 dxe5 29.Rxd8+ Qxd8 30.Bc4+ Kg7 31.Bd5 Nd7 32.Qf2 Rxc2 33.Qxc2 b5 34.Kg2 b4 35.Qc6 Nf6 36.Kf3 Qd7 37.Qxd7+ Nxd7 38.Ke3 Kf6 39.Kd3 Nb6 40.Bc6 Ke7 41.h4 h6 42.Ke3 Nc8 43.Kd3 Nd6 44.Ke3 Kd8 45.Kd3 Kc7 46.Ba4 Kb6 47.Ke3 Kc5 48.Bd7 Kb6 49.Ba4 Kc7 50.Kd3 Kd8 51.Bc6 Ke7 52.Ke3 Ke6 53.Kf3 Kf6 54.g4 g5 55.h5 Ke7 56.Ke3 Kd8 57.Kd3 Kc7 58.Ba4 Kb6 59.Bd7 Kc5 60.Ba4 Nc8 61.Be8 Ne7 62.Ke3 Ng8 63.Bd7 Nf6 64.Bf5 Kb5 65.Kd3 a4 66.bxa4+ Kxa4 67.Kc4 Ka3 68.Kc5 Kxa2 69.Kxb4 Kb2 70.Kc5 Kc3 71.Kd6 Kd4 72.Ke6 Nxe4 73.Kf7 Nf2 74.Kg6 e4 75.Kxh6 e3 76.Kg7 e2 77.h6 e1Q 78.h7 Qe7+ 79.Kg8 Ne4 0–1

So, Fischer, even though he was playing at the near-perfect level of 96% still teetered (twice!) on the edge of defeat, but his opponent erred at the critical moments, finally, even throwing away the draw that was there.

Now the great Tigran Petrosian, shows how he presses to win, but without the over-reaching of our first game vs. Larsen, at least still getting the draw after spoiling a fine position.

### **Petrosian,Tigran V - Fischer,Robert James [B38]**

Rovinj/Zagreb Zagreb (17), 06.05.1970

Chess.com's estimated accuracy shows both players were near perfect

White; 96.6% Black 97.7%

1.c4 c5 2.Nf3 g6 3.e4 Bg7 4.d4 Nc6 5.dxc5 Qa5+ 6.Nfd2 Qxc5 7.Nb3 Qb6 8.Be2 d6 9.0-0 Nf6 10.Nc3 0-0 11.Be3 Qd8 12.Rc1 Be6 13.Nd4 Nxd4 14.Bxd4 Qa5 15.f4 a6 16.f5 Bd7 17.c5 Bc6 18.cxd6 exd6 19.fxg6 fxg6 20.Bc4+ Kh8 21.Bd5 Rae8 22.h3 Bxd5 23.Nxd5 Nxd5 24.Rxf8+ Rxf8 25.exd5 Qb4 26.Bxg7+ Kxg7 27.b3 Qf4 28.Rc3 Qf2+ 29.Kh2 Rf7 30.a4 h5 31.Rc4 Re7 32.Qa1+ Qf6 33.Qc3 Qxc3 34.Rxc3 Kf6 35.Rf3+ Kg5 36.Rf8 Re3 37.g3 Re2+ 38.Kg1 Rb2 39.h4+ Kg4 40.Rf6 Kxg3 41.Rxg6+ Kxh4 42.Rxd6 Rxb3 43.Rg6 Rb4 44.Rg7 ½-½

In the game above, Donaldson diagnosis Black's problem this way; "Fischer's...choice (after 12...Be6) has landed him in a (tempo-down!) lifeless (Maroczy bind) position..." He argues that 13.f3 was the good move, rather than the "not right" 13.Nd4 in the game. He references the following game as a good example of the dangerous potential contained in White's position.

### **Serper,Grigory (2590) - Ruban,Vadim (2595) [A40]**

Novosibirsk (11), 1993

1.c4 g6 2.e4 c5 3.Nf3 Bg7 4.d4 d6 5.Nc3 Qa5 6.Rb1 cxd4 7.Nxd4 Nc6 8.Be3 Nf6 9.Nb3 Qd8 10.Be2 0-0 11.0-0 b6 12.f3 Nd7 13.Qd2 Nc5 14.Na1 a5 15.Nc2 Kh8 16.b3 f5 17.exf5 gxf5 18.f4 Bb7 19.a3 Ne4 20.Nxe4 fxe4 21.Rbd1 Qc7 22.Bg4 Rab8 23.a4 Ba8 24.Be6 Nd8 25.Nd4 Nc6 26.Nxc6 Bxc6 27.Bd5 Rf5 28.Be6 Rff8 29.Bd5 Rf5 30.g4 Rff8 31.Bxc6 Qxc6 32.Qd5 Rbc8 33.Qxc6 Rxc6 34.f5 Be5 35.Kg2 Kg7 36.Rfe1 h5 37.h3 hxg4 38.hxg4 Rh8 39.Bg1 Kf6 40.Rxe4 Rcc8 41.Rd3 Rcg8 42.Rh3 Rxh3 43.Kxh3 Rb8 44.Bf2 e6 45.Bh4+ Kf7 46.Re3 exf5 47.gxf5 Rh8 48.Kg4 Rg8+ 49.Kf3 Rh8 50.Kg4 Rg8+ 51.Kf3 Rh8 52.Re4 Bf6 53.Bxf6 Kxf6 54.Kg4 Kf7 55.Re6 Rd8 56.Kf4 d5 57.cxd5 Rxd5 58.Rxb6 Rd3 59.Ke5 Re3+ 60.Kd4 Rf3 61.Rb5 Ke7 62.Kc4 Rf4+ 63.Kc3 Rf3+ 64.Kb2 1-0

This next game again shows Fischer's willingness to make highly risky decisions against a "weaker" player, one he felt confident of being able to outplay in complications. Naranja seemed to be able to resist Fischer's siren call to enter troubled waters (Donaldson described it as "White's ultra-solid development scheme") and kept the game under control, earning a draw.

### **Naranja,Renato - Fischer,Robert James [A35]**

Palma de Mallorca Interzonal Palma de Mallorca (8), 19.11.1970

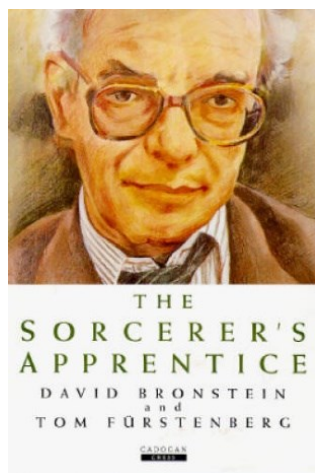
1.c4 c5 2.Nc3 g6 3.Nf3 Bg7 4.d4 cxd4 5.Nxd4 Nc6 6.e3 Nf6 7.Be2 0-0 8.0-0 Nxd4 9.Qxd4 d6 10.Qh4 Be6 11.Rd1 Qb6 12.Rb1 Qc5 13.b4 Qf5 14.e4 Only now does the Bind formation appear. Qe5 15.Rb3 Bd7 16.f4 Qe6 17.f5 gxf5 18.exf5 Qxf5 19.Bg5 h6 20.Bxh6 Qh7 21.Bg5 Qxh4 22.Bxh4 Be6 23.Bxf6 exf6 24.Nd5 Rfd8 25.Rf3 Kf8 26.Nxf6 Rac8 27.Nh7+ Kg8 28.Nf6+ Bxf6 29.Rxf6 Bxc4 30.Bxc4 Rxc4 31.Rfxd6 Rxd6 32.Rxd6 Rxb4 33.Rd2 b5 34.Kf2 Ra4 35.Ke3 Kg7 36.Kd3 Ra3+ 37.Kd4 a5 38.Kc5 b4 39.Kb5 f5 40.g3 Kf6 41.Re2 Kg5 42.Rf2 Kg6 43.Rd2 Kf7 44.Re2 Kf6 45.Kc4 Kg5 46.Kb5 Kg4 47.Rf2 Kh3 48.Rd2 ½-½

Conclusion; Fischer knew, of course, that the Bind was a solid, dangerous system, granting White dangerous chances and requiring the utmost precision from Black. But he made the commitment not to simply learn it, but also enhance it, to know it so well that he would be ready for his own chances if White were to make mistakes. In short, RfJ recognized both the dangers and opportunities inherent in the Maroczy Bind. Doesn't that attitude reflect the best way to prepare and play ANY opening?



## Unnecessary, bizarre, and fascinating!

By Jeffrey Baffo, Sept. 2023



The Sorcerer's Apprentice is one of my favorite chess books. Bronstein's incredible games are reason enough to recommend it. But there is even more. Bronstein's notes are also works of genius, beautifully supplementing the artistry of his actual games. But as you will quickly learn on reading anything he wrote, Bronstein's phenomenal mind did not limit itself to chess, even in a chess book! On page 118 Bronstein mentions Howard Staunton (in reference to the opening of the game Bisguier-Bronstein, Gothenburg, 1955.

I quote; "This gambit is named after the great English player Howard Staunton. Yes, he avoided a match with Paul Morphy but on the other hand he wrote excellent comments to the works of William Shakespeare. Which is of more cultural value?" My comments follow. Shakespeare's works are timeless literature of immense value, commenting on and offering deep insight to the entire range of human thought, experience, and emotions. Still, there would be those that would argue chess in general, and a Staunton-Morphy match in particular, would not have been of wholly insignificant cultural value, either! Since it is quite definitely an apples-to-oranges comparison, what was Bronstein's reasoning? I think he was simply trying to infer that he well understood the point that "Chess was just a game", whereas Shakespeare's works were arguably the most profound non-biblical literature ever penned by man. Perhaps Bronstein was also wanting people to get off of Howard's Staunton's metaphorical back in reference to ducking out on a match vs. Paul Morphy? In any case, were I to attempt a "flea vs. Elephant" confrontation with Bronstein, I might call him out for an unnecessary, petty, and bizarre slight against chess and Paul Morphy. Firstly, I don't think those of us (past and present) that bemoan the loss of such an epic chess confrontation, have ever even hinted that Shakespeare's works were less important than a chess match. Secondly, since Shakespeare's works are hundreds of years old and began getting the highest level of literary attention early on (since at least Milton's commentaries in the early 1600's) we are not talking about the loss of commentaries on Shakespeare, but specifically, what would have been the loss of Howard Staunton's commentaries only. And as a hopeless Morphy fan-boy, I must also mention (for at least the 4 billionth time!) that Howard Staunton did, in fact, egregiously chicken out! He led Paul Morphy on with specific promises of a match and then backed out using his professional obligations as a convenient dodge. Here is the game referenced above.

### Bisguier, Arthur - Bronstein, David I [A82]

Gothenburg Interzonal Gothenburg (15), 09.09.1955

1.d4 f5 2.e4 fxe4 3.Nd2 Nf6 4.g4 d5 5.g5 Nfd7 6.f3 e5 7.fxe4 Qxg5 8.Ngf3 Qh5 9.exd5 Bd6 10.Ne4 0-0 11.Bg2 Qg4 12.Qe2 Bb4+ 13.c3 exd4 14.Nxd4 Qh4+ 15.Kd1 Be7 16.Ng3 Nc5 17.Nf3 Qa4+ 18.b3 Qd7 19.Kc2 Bf6 20.Ba3 Nba6 21.Nd4 Qf7 22.Ne4 Re8 23.Rhf1 Qg6 24.Rae1 Bh3 25.Rxf6 Qxg2 26.Rf4 Rxe4 27.Rxe4 Nxe4 28.Qxg2 Bxg2 29.Re2 Bh1 30.Re1 Nf2 31.Ne6 Bxd5 0-1

## When your hero falls...

By Jeffrey Baffo, Aug. 2, 2023

It's not easy watching someone you greatly admire get defeated, but it's always educational. Tal himself mentions this game in his fantastic book(1). I had to give it a look, even if it did hurt a tiny bit.

**Yukhtman, Jacob - Tal, Mihail**

**[C44] Scotch Game: Göring, Main Line, Bardeleben Variation**

**URS-ch26 Tbilisi (2), 1959**

**Chess.Com's estimated accuracy; White 96.8% Black 91.3%**

1.e4 e5 2.d4 exd4 3.c3 dxc3 4.Nxc3 Nc6 5.Nf3 Bb4 6.Bc4 Nf6 7.O-O Bxc3 8.bxc3 d6 9.e5 dxe5 10.Ng5 O-O 11.Ba3 Qxd1 12.Raxd1 Bf5 13.Bxf8 Rxf8 14.Rfe1 h6 15.Nf3 Bg4 16.Rb1 e4 17.Nd4 Ne5 18.Bf1 c5 19.Nb5 c4 20.f3 Bxf3 21.gxf3 Nxf3+ 22.Kf2 Ng4+ 23.Kg3 Nxe1 24.Rxe1 f5 25.Bxc4+ Kh7 26.Be2 Ne5 27.Kf4 Ng6+ 28.Ke3 f4+ 29.Kd4 Kh8 30.Rg1 Nh4 31.Kxe4 Re8+ 32.Kd3 f3 33.Bd1 Ng2 34.Kd2 Nh4 35.Nd4 Rd8 36.Rf1 Rd5 37.Kd3 Ra5 38.Bb3 g5 39.Nxf3 Rf5 40.Nd2 1-0

Lesson's from this game;

- 1) Jacob Yukhtman(2) could PLAY. One the least well-known World Championship level talents in chess history and most serious chess players have never heard of him! In our game featured here, he handles Mikhail Tal like a boss, and this was a Tal at the height of his powers, only months away from becoming World Champion.
- 2) The Scotch Gambit is dangerous!
- 3) A piece and two pawns is supposed to be more than enough for a Rook, except when it's not!

Engine evaluation shows a "0.00" level of equality as late as move 29 for Black, sadly for our hero, "Equal Game" doesn't have any correlation to an "Easy Game".

**(1) Life & Games of Mikhail Tal**, pg. 109 "I...came under an attack which my opponent conducted very accurately." Everyman Chess; 2nd edition (July 1, 1997)

**(2) Jacob Yuchtman - Wikipedia** **Jacob Yukhtman** (born [January 1](#), 14 in [Tashkent](#), [Soviet Union](#); † [January 1935](#), [26](#) in [New York, N.Y.](#))<sup>[1985]</sup> was a Soviet-American [chess master](#). Yuchtman won the championship of Ukraine in Kiev in 1953. His most significant success in the Soviet Union was his victory in 1959 in the national championship in blitz chess. At the 1964 Ukrainian Championship, he finished 2nd/3rd. Winning games against world-class players such as [Mikhail Tal](#) (at the USSR Championship in Tbilisi in 1959), [Boris Vasilyevich Spassky](#), [Viktor Korchnoi](#) and [Isaak Boleslavsky](#) showed his playing strength.



# The 3rd Best Chess Player in the World!

By Jeffrey Baffo

Elija Williams(1). To say he is unknown, even among those who would consider themselves lovers of chess and chess history is putting it mildly. Yet he finished highly in the first ever Chess tournament, the seminal London 1851 event. A tournament that resulted in the widely held opinion that it's winner, Adolph Anderssen, was the leading (best) chess competitor in existence. Mr. Williams finished 3<sup>rd</sup>, shouldering out none other than Howard Staunton. How did he do it? How good was he? See below for a humble attempt at an answer.

## Löwenthal,Johann - Williams,Elijah [Dutch Defense A85]

London 1851, 05.1851 [Baffo,Jeffrey/Fritz 17]

1.d4 e6 2.e3 f5 3.c4 Nf6 4.Nf3 Bb4+ 5.Nc3 Bxc3+ 6.bxc3 c5 7.Bd3 Qe7 8.0-0 0-0 9.a4



Soltis, in his book "Great Tournaments and their Stories" (one of my favorite chess books of all time) where he matter-of-factly states that White was going for the cheap-o (d:c5...Q:c5 followed by Bishop skewers the Black Queen and Rook on the a3-f8 diagonal). I'm sure he must be right, but how did he know that? Did he have access to some a written statement to that effect? I would prefer to think that 9.a4 was just a reasonable looking space-gaining move. The engine doesn't think it's the best move but also doesn't peg it as any sort of a blunder. Yes, it contains a cheap trap, but why assume that was his main motive for playing it?

9...d6 10.Qc2 Nc6 11.Ba3 b6 12.Rfe1 Ba6?! [Soltis lauds this move ("exceptionally modern") as positionally spot-on, but also astutely notes it's poor timing, allowing White to favorably explode the center.] 13.e4! [--Soltis] [13.Nd2 Maybe even better, adding even more force to a coming e4 break by White.] 13...fxe4 14.Bxe4 Bb7 15.Bxc6 Bxc6 16.d5 Bd7 17.dxe6 Bc6 [So, at the end of this sequence White has won a pawn, but not much more. Maybe he has a moderate pull, but Black has kept his cool (and a couple of positional trumps!) and is only slightly worse. Soltis thought Black was in "big trouble". Perhaps the optimistic Löwenthal also over-estimated his advantage? Whatever the case, he lashes out. Only holding a small to moderate advantage to begin with, not surprisingly, this immediately goes wrong.]

18.Ng5? [Soltis give four other moves for White here 18., Qd3, Qf5, Nd2, Bc1, the latter of which is best and one (he says) gives White the advantage. Ah! but see the alternative line.]  
[18.Bc1 Bxf3 19.gxf3 Nh5 (Δ19...Ne8± 20.Qe4±]

**1) Elijah Williams** (7 October 1809 – 8 September 1854) was an eminent British [chess](#) player of the mid-19th century. He was the first president of the *Clifton Chess Club*, and publisher of a book of games from the Divan Club. His most notable result was at the [1851 London tournament](#), in which he defeated the celebrated British player [Howard Staunton](#) in the play-off for third place. I could find no picture or image of him at all!

The tournament was conceived and organized by English player Howard Staunton, it marked the first time that the best chess players...would meet in a single event. Adolf Anderssen of Germany won the sixteen-player tournament, earning him the status of the best player in the world. As this was the first ever international tournament, it is difficult to assess the strengths of the players in earlier events. According to the web site [Chessmetrics](#), five of the top eight players in the world were present: Kieseritzky (1), Williams (3), Löwenthal (4), Anderssen (6) and Mayet (8);

Chessmetrics Player Profile: Elijah Williams

Born: 1809-Nov Died: 1854-Sep

Best World Rank: #2 (on the February 1851 rating list)

Highest Rating: 2529 on the January 1852 rating list, #5 in world, age 42y2m

Best Individual Performance: 2494 in Harrwitz-Williams III (London), 1852, scoring 3.5/12 (29%) vs 2612-rated opposition

Chessmetrics Player Profile: Johann Löwenthal

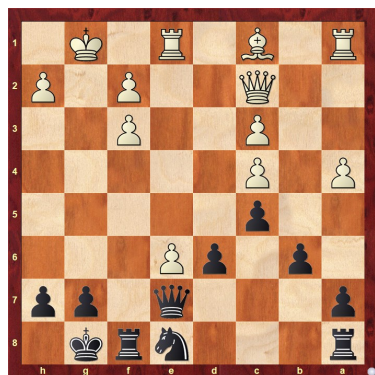
Born: 1810-Jul Died: 1876-Jul

Best World Rank: #2 (7 different months between the October 1858 rating list and the April 1859 rating list)

Highest Rating: 2616 on the June 1859 rating list, #3 in world, age 48y11m

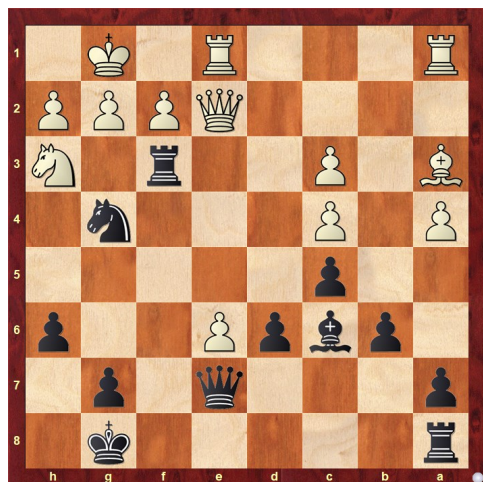
Best Individual Performance: 2705 in Kieseritzky-Löwenthal Match, 1851, scoring 8/17 (47%) vs 2734-rated opposition

If you can find "The Great Chess Tournaments and their Stories" anywhere, eBay, used book store, garage sale, anywhere, get it!



Had Black played this way, instead of Soltis' suggested 19...Nh5, you can see that White has mainly an optical advantage. If one refuses to be intimidated or impressed by the big bad passed d-pawn we can see that White's exposed King and hideously mangled pawn structure offer Black serious counter-play.)

**18...h6 19.Nh3 Ng4 20.Qe2 Ne5** [Elijah plays it slow(2) and steady here but misses a truly marvelous interference-themed-move.] See diagram below. 50,000 volt shocker this one. Of course, it was found by the engine, not me, but wowzer, wowzer, wowzer. The reader is urged to look at this visually, appreciate it's savage beauty, and only then flip on the old engine and see why Black is doing very well here, likely winning. To find an idea like this would be enough to thrill any chess player beyond words. It's why we play chess. It deserves an extra-large diagram;



After [20...Rf3!!] I'll give you just enough to peek your curiosity; 21.gxf3 Ne5!! Black, a full Rook and pawn down is in total control here.]

**21.f4 Ng6 22.g3 Rf6 23.Qh5 Rxe6 24.Rxe6 Qxe6 25.Nf2 Re8 26.h3 Qe3 27.Qg4 Qxc3 28.Rf1 Qxa3 29.Kh2 Qf3 30.Qxf3 Bxf3 31.f5 Ne5 32.Rc1 Bc6 33.g4 Re7 34.Kg3 Bxa4 35.Rc3 Bc6 36.h4 a5 37.Nd3 Nxc4 38.Rxc4** [Soltis says Lowenthal (White) resigned here, but the tournament book by Staunton gives a couple more moves, concluding "and (Black) wins" hinting that the Hungarian dragged things out even further. To me, it was bizarre seeing Lowenthal, a professional chess player, acknowledged as amongst the best chess players in the world, play on a clear piece down in an endgame. Those were different times.] **38...Re3+ 39.Kf2 Rxd3 0-1**

All in all, the arena of antiquarian chess tournaments fascinates me and discovering players like Elijah Williams is worth the effort. I hope our readers will take the time to explore both.

"Chess Celebrities" from the Illustrated London News, June 1855. An artists rendering from individual photographs taken at the Liverpool Chess Club's meeting to establish a "National Chess Code"



Left to right; Lowenthal, DeRiviere, Wyvill, Falkbeer, Staunton, Chess patron Lord Lyttelton, Kennedy

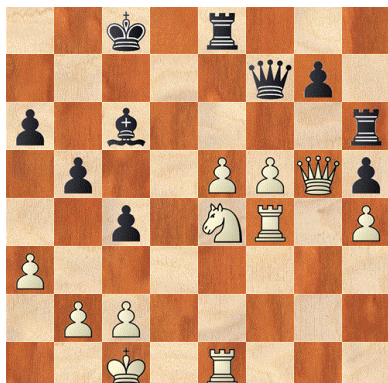
2) On the subject of "slow"; Williams was accused by Staunton of taking up to 2½ hours for a single move, a strategy Staunton was clearly saying would cause opponents (like himself!) to lose their focus. As a consequence, Staunton worked hard to get a 20-minute per turn [time limit](#) was adopted for standard play the next year. However other sources contradict this viewpoint and indeed it was not uncommon for Staunton to attribute his losses to the intolerable dilatory play of his opponents. Staunton is quoted as remarking while playing against Williams, "... Elijah, you're not just supposed to sit there – you're supposed to sit there and think!"



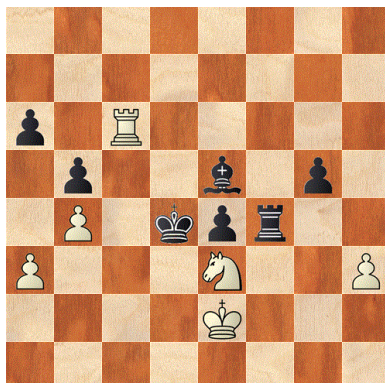
# Tactics Time!

By Time Brennan

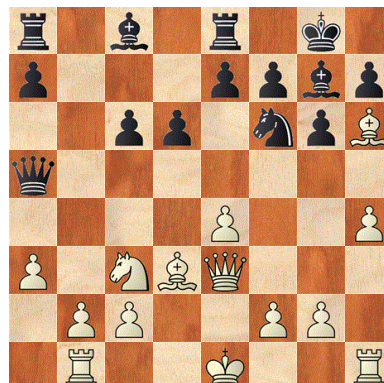
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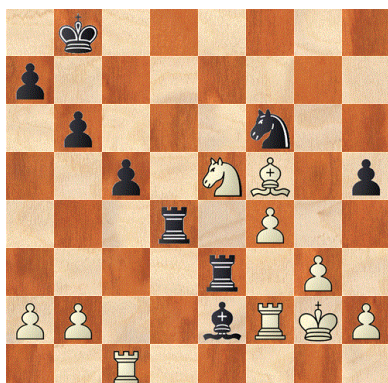
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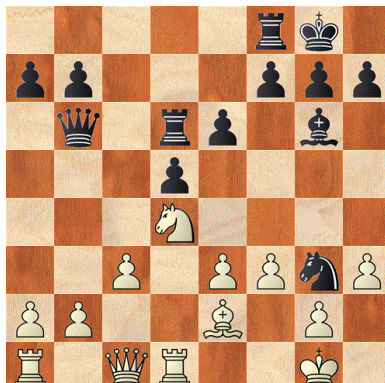
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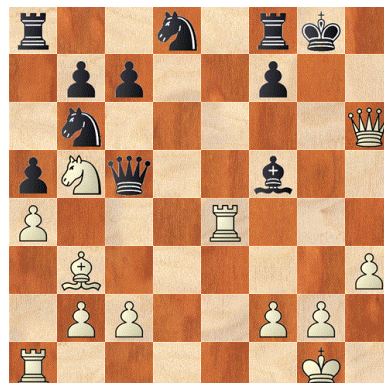
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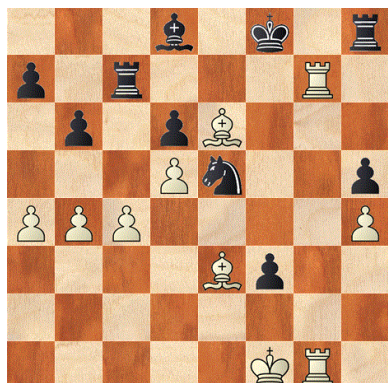
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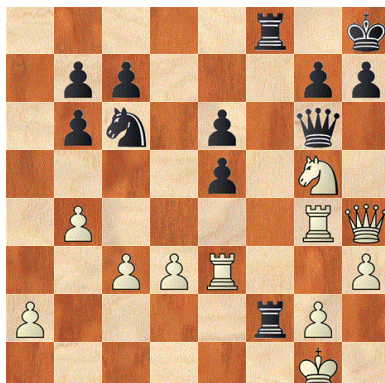
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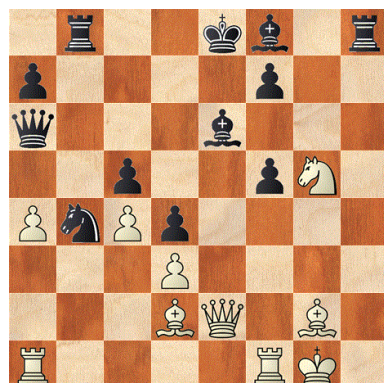
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**8. R. Shtivelband – Brian Wall**  
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### Answers:

1. **33.Qxh6!!** Removing the rook which defending against the family fork **Nd6+**
2. **56.Rc5** cuts off the Black King, threatening mate on the next move with **Nc2#**
3. **14...Ng4** forks the White Queen and Bishop.
4. **30. Nc6+** forks the Black King and Rook.
5. Black missed **18...Qxd4!! 19.cxd4 Nxe2+** forking the King and Queen **20.Kf1 Nxc1** winning a piece.
6. White sacrificed his Knight on g6 and finishes the mating net with **22.Qg5+ Bg6 23.Qxg6+ Kh8 24.Rh4+ Qh5 25.Rxh5#**
7. White has a pretty "pure checkmate" with **37.Rg8+ Rxg8 38.Rxg8+ Ke7 39.Bg5#**.
8. **27.Nf3** with a discovered attack on the Black Queen and cuts off the defense of the Black Rook on f2.
9. **26. Qe5** forks the two Black Rooks



# "IT AIN'T OVER TILL IT'S OVER"

By NM Todd Bardwick

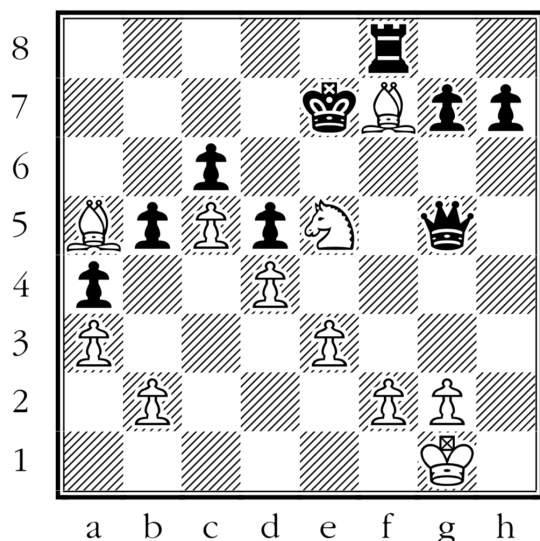
These famous words by Yogi Berra ring as true for chess as they do for baseball.

There always seems to be a trap awaiting the player with a totally won game who becomes overconfident and lets his guard down.

Anything can happen at the chessboard. Even grandmasters have been known to, from time to time, blunder away their queens or walk into simple checkmates.

When you are way ahead, with victory in sight, still take the time to be a good detective, pick up all the clues, and DON'T get overconfident. This can be tough sometimes, especially when you think that your opponent should resign, but remember, traps are ALWAYS lurking in the position and you can bet that your opponent is desperately looking to find anything that might save him from the jaws of defeat.

In Alexander Kotov's famous chess book, Think Like a Grandmaster, he shows such a position from a game he played as young boy.

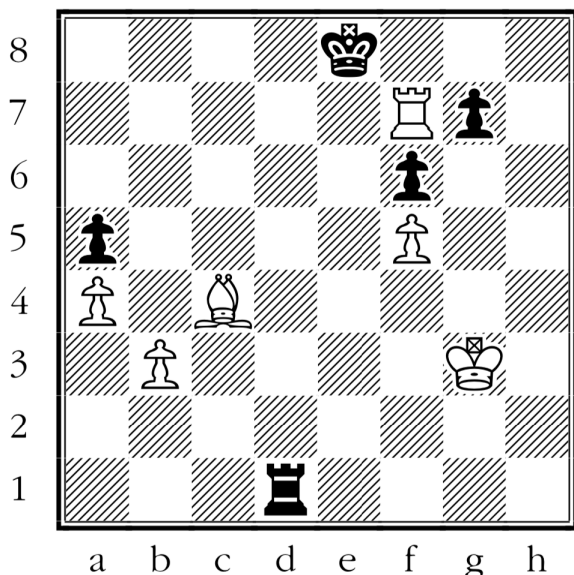


Kotov was playing Black and is ahead approximately the equivalence of a rook in material. Kotov said he was annoyed that his opponent wouldn't resign. It was Black to move, and Kotov made the obvious move (too quickly!)...capturing the bishop with his rook. Kotov recalls, "Immediately the other bishop whizzed through the air and landed with a bang on d8." Black resigned. (If Black captures the bishop with his king, the White's knight takes Black's rook on f7, forking the king and queen.)

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Here is another example from my final game of the 1993 Denver Open where I fell into a similar mind set. I was playing White, didn't take the time to pick up all the clues, and let my guard down against an opponent almost 300 points lower rated.



Position after 42...Rd1

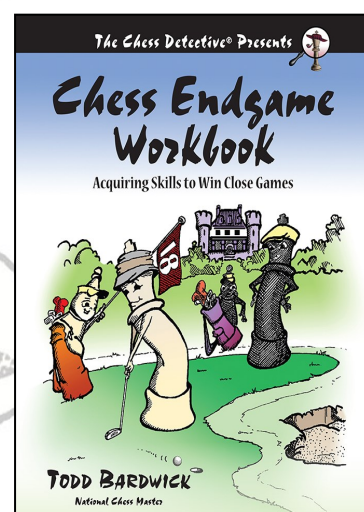
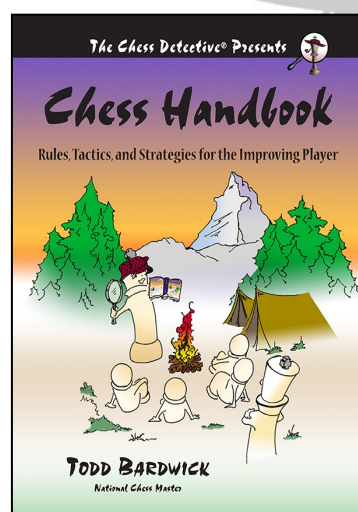
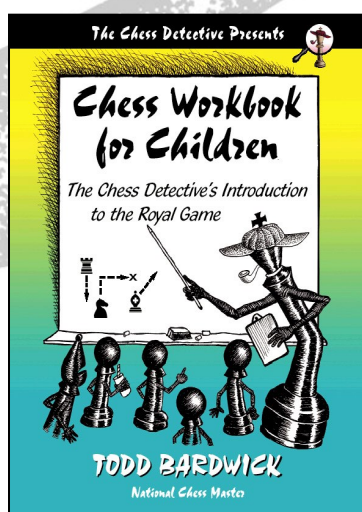
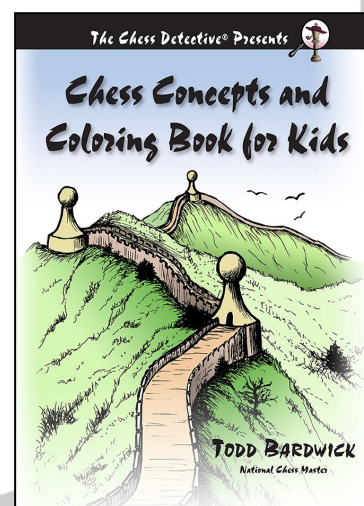
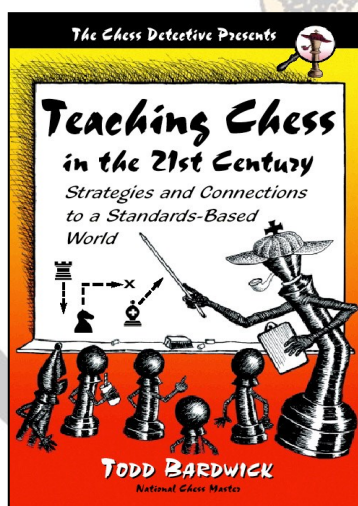
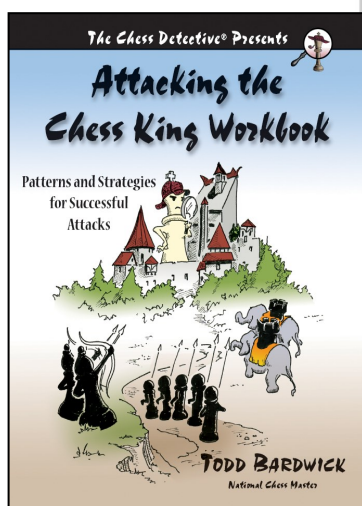
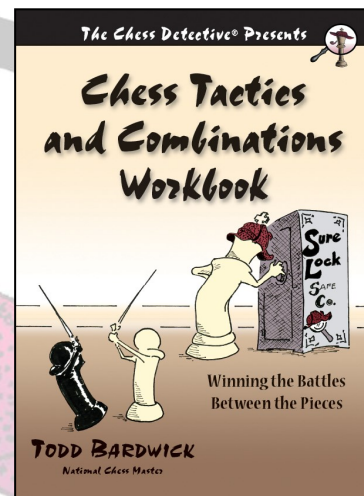
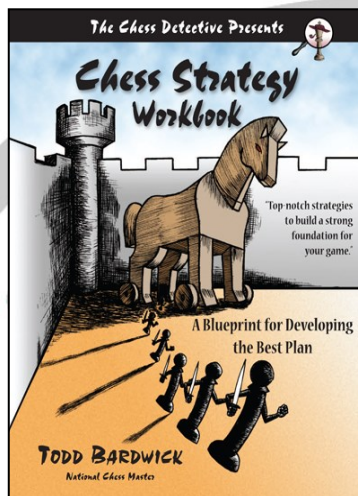
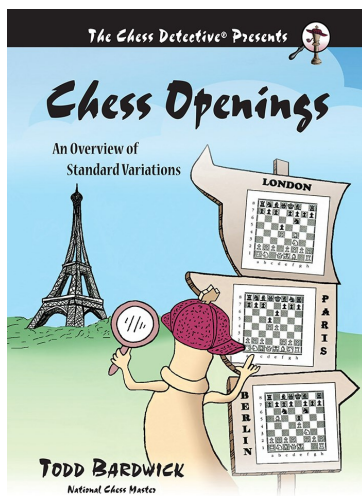
White is up a full piece and has many ways to win. I made the observation that there is a skewer on the g-file if White plays 43.Rxg7?? Figuring that this is the only trap in the position, I blindly dreamed about victory, centralized my king, and wondered when my opponent would resign. By not taking the time to notice that the only defender of my rook was the bishop, I quickly played **43.Kf4?**

As soon as I let go of the king, a cold chill came over me as I realized that Black would win my bishop and the game would be back up for grabs. Why was I only thinking about victory and not working hard at the board? What a careless way to lose the game and the tournament!

The game continued **43...Rd4+ 44.Ke3 Rxc4**. I deserve to lose this game after making such a careless, horrible mistake. Amazingly (and fortunately!), White can still win the king and pawn ending. Sometimes it is better to be lucky than good (but it is better to be both!). **45.bxc4 Kxf7 46.c5** Forcing Black to keep his king in the square of the c-pawn and not create an outside passed pawn on the kingside. **46...Ke7 47.Kd4 Kd7 48.Kd5 Kc7 49.c6 Resigns** What a lucky break! I promised myself that I would never, ever let my guard down again.

The next time you have a totally winning position, remember the wise words of Yogi Berra, "It ain't over till its over!"

**Todd Bardwick can be reached through his website at [www.ColoradoMasterChess.com](http://www.ColoradoMasterChess.com)**



NM Todd Bardwick's books can be purchased at Amazon.com here:

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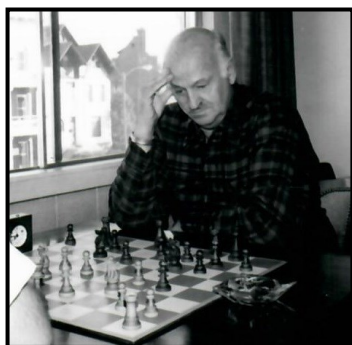
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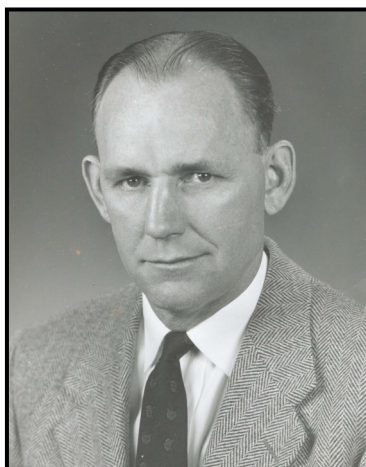
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# COLORADO CHESS CLUB DIRECTORY

**Aurora Public Library Chess Club:** Meets every Wednesday at the Hoffman branch from 4:00pm-6:00pm at 1298 Peoria St, Aurora, CO 80011. Contact Cori at [ciannagg@auroragov.org](mailto:ciannagg@auroragov.org)

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

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

**Castle Rock Chess Club:** Meets every Monday from 6:00-8:00pm at the Philip S. Miller Library, 100 South Wilcox Street, Castle Rock, 80104. [www.castlerockchessclub.org](http://www.castlerockchessclub.org)

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

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

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

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

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

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