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Eamon Montgomery round 5 at the 2024 Colorado Open By John Brezina

### From the Editor

Fall is in the air and so is the upcoming DCC Fall Classic October 12-13. Summer always seem to fly by and more so with all the chess to cover. We are spoiled for choice whether online or in person to play our game. I encourage others to submit any photos or articles from a chess event locally or something you attended and share your story. It is what I enjoy most of chess, a personal story and first hand perspective. To photograph and write that story is what helps keep these publications going. We are one of the few fortunate States here in Colorado to have an online magazine publication to highlight our news and stories. I look forward to seeing and photographing you at the board.

- John Brezina

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## CSCA President Earle Wikle's Message

Hello everyone, I am happy to serve another year as Colorado State Chess Association president, and planning on doing what I can to keep Colorado chess going. I am already at work booking events and looking for locations to host events. Most of them will be at the same location at the Sheraton DTC hotel. This location seems to fit best into our events, easy access, everyone is familiar with the location, plenty of places to eat, and the hotel's ball room is large enough to hold 280 players, if needed. Hopefully, everyone enjoys the location and we can continue to be successful. I believe consistency has helped Colorado chess continue to make growth in attendance.

There have been many tournaments with good attendance this year. The Colorado Open had 177 players, and Colorado Blitz championship had 54 players. Both had increases from the years past. For the Colorado Open this year, I took a page from the Denver Chess Club, and added \$100 upset prize in each section. I saw a few people excited to win a \$100 prize even though the rest of their tournament did not get them to a place prize. Some others, it added to their success of having a great result in the tournament. Congratulation to all the prize winners. There were multiple first place ties in several sections. Championship 1st place tie with 4.5 points between Minnesota chess master ASHTON JIN and Colorado chess master EAMON MONTGOMERY. Congratulation to Eamon Montgomery on becoming Colorado State champion. In the under 1900 section there was a five-way tie for first with 4 points between; JEREMY ROLDAN, LEVI KAKLAUSKAS, MATT STECKLOW, SEAN PEARSON, and THEODORE HOOD. In the under 1600 first place with 4.5 points was won by ASHWIN MATHIMARAN. In the under 1300 first place with 5 points was won by BENJAMIN YAU. Well done by all, and congratulations again.

With the fierce competition in the blitz championship, I will need to increase the number of rounds for next year. I apologize to all the players for not planning for more rounds. Because of only having six rounds, there was a six-way tie for first. Congratulations to all, here in tie-breaker order, Blitz Championship 1st place; PAUL RICHTER, SULLIVA MCCONNELL, PHILIPP PONOMAREV, DANIEL HERMAN, MATTHEW WOFFORD, RHETT LANGSETH. Congratulation to chess master PAUL RICHTER for placing first in tie-breaker points. Paul recently moved to Colorado from California.

I want to thank every player for participating in any of the Colorado tournaments, and I hope everyone enjoys the tournaments, and can learn to get better. I love chess and I enjoy seeing everyone working hard to keep up on their game.

Thank you all,

Earle Wikle

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Jesse Cohen Andrew Starr Earle Wikle







# Colorado State Chess Association (CSCA) Members Meeting

The CSCA has 284 Current members as of September 1, 2024. Two additional members are outstanding, so once they pay we will be at 286 members.

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

<u>President</u>: Earle Wikle <u>Vice President</u>: Jesse Cohen <u>Treasurer</u>: Sharmila Kamath <u>Secretary</u>: Nicholas Brookins

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

At Large: DuWayne Langseth

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

Scholastic coordinator on the board: Tanya Prabhu

Junior Representative:

#### **Financials**

Treasurer Andy Starr reported on the financial state of the CSCA over the last year, as of this morning, excluding reimbursements. Brought in \$8900 this month. We still need to pay \$2,000 to the hotel, plus whatever the prize fund is \$5800. We should make a couple of hundred dollars, which is essentially break even. Sitting on \$34,000 in all accounts. We are paying out as much as we are paying in; \$2000 more from last year. Most of the money that is paid out is the hotel space. Possibly \$3,500 to \$4,000. Which saved us money for being at the Sheraton. The embassy Suites would have been over \$6,000. It's difficult to find venues because we compete with weddings, sports teams, and larger businesses.

## **Old Business**

This year's events we hosted the state scholastic championship, 253 participants at the Arapahoe country fairgrounds. Kindergarteners included.

We assisted with several members playing in venues at national levels and state closed championships. All girls state championship ran be Earle.

Hosting the blitz and Colorado Open. That's encompassing the events this year.

The <u>DGT boards</u>, we lost a board that broke. Earle Wikle is going to check with the DGT corporation about a potential power surge, It became shorted electronically. We are down to 13 boards that are actively working. Mark Krowczyk donated a DGT board to us. If we can get the broken one fixed we will have 14 boards, so currently only 13 boards working.

DuWayne, asked about Tie-breaks. The state championship we are having today, we need to determine how the tie-break situation works. Paul Richter won the overall blitz championship with the tie-break for the blitz section of the Colorado Open. DuWayne was also interested in having them posted on the website for Colorado Chess. The online component was discussed this last year in 2024 and still undergoing discussion.

Website: Jesse Cohen (hopes and dreams) of a new website. Earle mentioned that he wants it to be accessible to the board members. So we don't have to keep bothering Dean to call and ask him to make changes.

The website didn't take off after the person helping us.

The journalist chess website gave us an award for the best website for under 500 members in chess across the nation. Dean Clow, and John Brezina.

## Discussions from Membership New Business:

U.S. Open National championships: DuWayne and Earle will be primaries, and Dean and Sharmila will be alternates.

Finding a permanent championship venue for the girl's championship.

Jesse Cohen did some work to have a group make a website for us to transition the old website. Earle proposes we move forward with getting a new website again.

Earle is going to put together a notebook to allow someone to eventually take over, a standard operating procedure type book.

Venue of all girl's state championship, a permanent venue to consider in the future. Colorado Open is Labor Day, weekend; we don't have that a set date and people can plan around it and trying to pair it with another state championship. Possibly getting together with an organization that empowers girls/women that could assist with finding a venue/location. The new CSCA board to better the all girl's scholastic tournament by possibly having a set date, and get maximum participation of young women and getting more than the 15% historical women's participation.

New Board business:

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

Sicholo D. Brokes

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Nicholas Brookins, Colorado State Chess Association Secretary

September 1, 2024.



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## Spotlight on Colorado Chess Clubs



### United Chess Club

There are many people think that I just run the Parker Chess Club. However, another club I have been running for years is the United Chess Club. It is a bit more exclusive club since it is for United Airlines employees and retirees, which I've been told numbers over 140,000 in total combined. I have been asked often what I exactly do for work. Well, I've been with United Airlines for 34 years now and it has allowed me to see more of the world than I could have ever imagined. And now I get to combine my love of travel and chess. My main job now is to tow any of our aircraft at DIA wherever they may need to be, mostly to make room on gates for the next plane arriving or maintenance. Recently a manager of mine reached out to me to highlight our chess club at our end of summer barbecue we held for our Denver hub employees. Our company has a number of internal employee clubs and I started the United chess club on our company employee page to help make fellow workers aware of the many chess events that take place around the world. And since United flies to many of these places around the globe, a perfect fit. I try to update our page quarterly and highlight chess tournaments and clubs near our hubs around the US. Mainly Denver, but also San Francisco, Los Angeles, Houston, New York, Washington DC, and the chess capital St. Louis. I'll post international tournaments as well wherever our employees can reach through our overseas destinations. Chess has a global reach and I see it first hand when I visit so many tournaments and also when I get emails from fellow employees from all around the world in our many stations with an interest in the game. Here are some photos from our recent employee barbecue at DIA where I set up some chess boards and handed out chess gifts to those that stopped by. An interesting place to play chess while big jets taxied on by! - John Brezina (Colorado Chess Informant Editor)



Try concentrating with a 737 taxiing by!



Myself (r) here with a co-worker



Our booth at a DIA concourse gate



I took on all challengers



A beautiful day for chess and flying

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

## Colorado Chess News

## Brian Wall competes in the 2024 Irwin Senior Champions

The John T. Irwin National Tournament of Senior State Champions is an annual invitational event run by US Chess that has determined the Irwin National Champion since 2018. Each state affiliate may nominate 1 player to represent its residents 50+ years old as of the first day of the Irwin, and that state representative will receive free entry to the Irwin. LM Brian Wall represented Colorado as the State Senior Champion and finished with 3.5/6.0 points. Thank you Brian for representing Colorado for so many years.

#### Section 1 - IRWIN SENIOR CHAMPIONS Section Date 2024-07-27 thru 2024-07-30 6 Rounds, 53 Players; Time Control: G/90;+30

	Player Name   USCF ID / Rtg (Pre->Post)			id   Ro		 und  3	Round R	ound Ro	ound
1	NIKOLOZ MANAGADZE   14902750 / R: 2449 ->2466	5.5  N:M		8 W  B	22 W  W	14	w 3 w		4   1
2	IGOR KHMELNITSKY   12556361 / R: 2479 ->2474	4.5  N:M		9 D	6 D   B	15	W 11 D	14 W	13   
3	DR. ALEXANDER MATROS	4.5	W 2	0   W	34 D	13	L 1 W	28 W	14
4	13729221 / R: 2383 ->2389   TIMOTHY W TAYLOR	N:M      4.5		W  9 D	B  17 W	35	W 12 D	6 D	1
	10153557 / R: 2246 ->2268	N:M  4.5	B  W 3	W	B 23 D	16			ا    12
MO 6	12107920 / R: 2249 ->2266 	N:M  4.5	W   W 3	B 	W  2   W	46I			ا ا 7
	12778089 / R: 2200 ->2240   JOHN P FEDOROWICZ	N:M   4.0	W	B	W  35 W	20	W  B	B	i 6
NY	10604737 / R: 2425 ->2411	N:C	B	W	B		W  B	W	
GA	ALONSO ZAPATA   11426051 / R: 2398	4.0  N:C	W	7 L  B	32 D  W	18    	B   W	B	9
	RONALD WAYNE BURNETT   12093120 / R: 2351 ->2352	4.0  N:C	D 2	W   8	26 W  B	17  			8   
	CORNELIUS RUBSAMEN   12625417 / R: 2233 ->2242	4.0  N:C	W 3  W	0   D   B	46 W  W	23  			15
	WILSON K GIBBINS   10202825 / R: 2200 ->2204	4.0  N:C	W 5  W	0 L  W	13 W  B	31			30 I
12 MA	JONATHAN YEDIDIA   10141591 / R: 2364 ->2352	3.5  N:C	W 2	1 D  B	16 W  W	32   			5   
	ROBBY ADAMSON   12150400 / R: 2328 ->2327	3.5  N:C	W 4	1 W  B	11 D  W	3			2
	LAWRENCE CHARLES KAUFMAN   10179416 / R: 2315 ->2317	3.5  N:C	W 3	7   W   W	33 L  B	1			3
15 CA	ALAA-ADDIN MOUSSA   12641188 / R: 2205 ->2211	3.5  N:C	D 4	7 W  B	42 D  W	2   			10
	BRIAN D WALL   10923344 / R: 2201 ->2205	3.5  N:C	W 4	0   D   W	12 D  B	5 I			37
	TIMOTHY RADERMACHER   11136940 / R: 2148 ->2147	3.5  N:1	W 4	4   D   B	4   L   W	9 l			39
18 WY	MR. DANIEL JOELSON   12201750 / R: 2077 ->2103	3.5  N:C	L  B	1 W  W	43 D  B	8     8			33
	SCOTT ALAN ELLIOTT   10402522 / R: 2057 ->2079	3.5  N:C	L  W	2 W  B	38 W  W	30 I			22
	LEONID GAVRYSH   30639979 / R: 2034 ->2057	3.5  N:C	L  W	3 W  B	50 L  W	7   7			32
	MICHAEL P CAREY   10120560 / R: 2026 ->2049	3.5  N:1	L 1  B	2   W   W	40 L  B	33			34
22	MIKHAIL KOGANOV   12656022 / R: 2223 ->2216	3.0	W 3	1 L	1   D	28	W 35 L	8   D	19
23	NELS W TRUELSON	3.0		8   D	5 L	10	W 37 L	12 D	29
24	MR. DANIEL ISAAC MILLER	3.0	D 4	2   H	D	29	D 26 D	15 D	28
25	12473672 / R: 2202 ->2200 	3.0				36 I	W  B  H  U		
VA	12423786 / R: 2194 ->2199	 	B		W	I			





Brian Wall at the 2024 Denver Open



Brian Wall at the 2024 Colorado Open



## Sullivan McConnell competes in the 2024 Arnold Denker National Tournament of High School Champions

The GM Arnold Denker National Tournament of High School State Champions is a free event that invites each state affiliate's nominee to compete for the title of Denker National Champion. US Chess has added the GM Denker Champion to its list of qualifiers for the World Youth Championship and the U.S. Junior Closed Championship. Each state affiliate may nominate 1 player to represent its residents in grades 9-12, and that state representative will receive free entry to the Denker. Sullivan McConnell finished in 10th place with 4.0/6.0 points with a total of 51 players.

## Section 1 - 40TH ANNUAL DENKER Section Date 2024-07-27 thru 2024-07-30 Stats 6 Rounds, 51 Players; Time Control: G/90;+30

	Player Name   USCF ID / Rtg (Pre->Post)	Total Round Round F		ind Round  5   6
	SHARVESH R DEVIPRASATH	5.0  W 24 W 17	W 10 L 5 W	14 W 16
	14761270 / R: 2532 ->2537	N:M  W  B	W  B  W	B
2	SANDEEP SETHURAMAN	5.0  W 26 W 13		5 D 4
AZ	15472832 / R: 2478 ->2489	N:M  W  B		B
	AVI HARRISON KAPLAN   15263943 / R: 2349 ->2369	5.0  W 33 W 23   N:M  W  B	D 4 D 15 W	10 W 5   B
	MAXIMILLIAN LU	4.5  W 25 W 14	D 3 D 8 W	9 D 2
	14732597 / R: 2493 ->2494	N:M  B  W	B  W  B	W
	GUS HUSTON	4.0  W 30 W 12	W 37 W 1 L	2 L 3
	14921551 / R: 2437 ->2444	N:M  B  W	B  W  B	W
	VISHNU VANAPALLI	4.0  W 39 L 15	W 38 D 23 D	13 W 18
	15013525 / R: 2403 ->2390	N:C  W  B	W  B  W	W
	ALEX YUXUAN WANG	4.0  D 27 W 34	W 22 L 2 D	15 W 24
	14930994 / R: 2330 ->2325	N:C  B  W	B  W  W	B
	ANANT ADURY	4.0  W 28 D 38	W 19 D 4 D	16 D 15
	15274812 / R: 2321 ->2324	N:C  W  B	W  B  W	B
	HERSH SINGH	4.0  W 35 D 19	D 16 W 24 L	4 W 28
	15024326 / R: 2310 ->2309	N:C  W  B	W  B  W	B
	SULLIVAN MAC MCCONNELL	4.0  W 40 W 18	L 1 W 21 L	3 W 20
	14696346 / R: 2301 ->2306	N:C  B  W	B  W  B	W
	HAARI MUTHUKUMAR	4.0  D 34 W 36	D 21 D 18 W	30 D 12
	17128308 / R: 2290 ->2280	N:1  B  W	B  W  B	W
	ALEXANDER RUTTEN   16028651 / R: 2275 ->2275		D 31 W 19 W	23 D 11   B
	AARUSH VINOD   16349054 / R: 2262 ->2262		D 32 W 36 D B  W  B	6 W 21   W
14	SRICHARAN PULLELA	4.0  W 42 L 4	W 39 W 37 L	1 W 29
CA	15580337 / R: 2193 ->2209	N:C  W  B	W  W  B	B
	EVAN SAMMONS   16792076 / R: 2168 ->2208		D 2 D 3 D B  W  B	7 D 8   W
	TERRY LUO	3.5  W 32 D 21	D 9 W 20 D	8 L 1
	15210186 / R: 2440 ->2428	N:C  B  W	B  W  B	W
	ERIC Z FENG	3.5  W 41 L 1	W 26 D 30 L	18 W 36
	15742464 / R: 2271 ->2257	N:1  B  W	B  W  B	W
	JAMES WEI	3.5  W 50 L 10	W 35 D 11 W	17 L 6
	15330365 / R: 2116 ->2129	N:C  W  B	W  B  W	B
	XAVIER BRUNI   15840554 / R: 2071 ->2081		L 8 L 12 W  B  W  B	41 W 31   B
	BENSON SCHEXNAYDRE	3.0  W 43 L 37	W 33 L 16 W	31 L 10
	15900121 / R: 2188 ->2183	N:1  W  W	B  B  W	B



Sullivan McConnell at the 2024 State Scholastic Championships



Sullivan McConnell vs. Davin Yin in the final round 6



## Colorado players compete in the Sunil Weeramantry National Blitz Tournament of State Champions

The FM Sunil Weeramantry National Blitz Tournament of State Champions is an annual invitational event run by US Chess that has determined the Weeramantry National Champion since 2020. This event is open only to participants in the five simultaneous national invitationals for state champions that run concurrently with the U.S. Open. Sullivan McConnell placed 7th place with 5.5/8.0 points in the championship section with 46 players. In section 2 division 1800-2099 rating, Tanya Prabhu finished in 18th place with 5.0/8.0 points with a total of 66 players. Rocco Degeest finished in 34th place with 4.0/8.0 points. Thanks to these players that represent our Colorado scholastic champions.

#### Section 1 - CHAMPIONSHIP Section Date 2024-07-27 8 Rounds, 46 Players; Time Control: G/3;+2

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	Player Name   USCF ID / Rtg (Pre->Post)			ound Roi						
CT	MAXIMILLIAN LU   14732597 / B: 2261 ->2312	7.0 	W	21 W  B	21 W  B	18 W  W	18 W  W	4 L		
	TERRY LUO   15210186 / B: 2134 ->2154	7.0 	W	41 L  B	41 W  W	43 W  B	43 W  B	24 W		
	GUS HUSTON   14921551 / B: 2237 ->2254	6.5 	W	36 L  B	36 W  B	26 W  W	26 W  W	13 D		
	ROBBY ADAMSON   12150400 / B: 2357 ->2360		W   W	23 W  B	23 W  B	35 W  W	35 L  B	1 W		
	ERIC CHANG LIU   16650666 / B: 2307 ->2305	6.0 	L  B	43 W  W	43 W  W	36 W  B	36 W  W	28 W		
	AVI HARRISON KAPLAN   15263943 / B: 2173 ->2205	6.0 	W	37 W  B	37 W  B	11 W  W	11 W  W	27 W		1
	SULLIVAN MAC MCCONNELL   14696346 / B: 2216 ->2220		L  B	20 D  W	20 W  W	39 W  B	39 W  B	33 W		
	JAMES WEI   15330365 / B: 2126 ->2133	5.5 	D   B	39 W  W	39 W  W	20 L  B	20 L  B	25 W		
NJ	SANTHOSH AYYAPPAN   16959235 / B: 1972 ->1979	5.5 	B 	B 	L  B	24 D  W	24 L  B	20 W		
10	JULIO A MORELLA   31577261 / B: Unrated->2229P18	5.0	L  B	32 W  W	32 W  B	34 W  W	34 W  W	38 W		
	SANDEEP SETHURAMAN   15472832 / B: 2221 ->2220		W   B	19 W  W	19 L  W		6 W  W	40 W		
	ALEXANDER RUTTEN   16028651 / B: 2197 ->2173	5.0 	W   W	16 D  B	16 L  W	13 L  B	13 W  B	31 W		
	ANDREW WU   16967853 / B: 2001 ->2055	5.0 	W	42 D  B	42 W  B	12 W  W	12 L  B	3   D   W		
	HERSH SINGH   15024326 / B: 2001 ->2041	5.0 	W	45 L  B	45 W  B	22 W  W	22 W  B	32 W		
	ALEX YUXUAN WANG   14930994 / B: 2004 ->2023	5.0 	B 	U 	W	40 L  B	40 W  B	44 W		
	KYLE ZHUANG   16368295 / B: 1815 ->1952	5.0 	L   B	12 D  W	12 W  W	30 D  B	30 L  B	18 W		
	ALONSO ZAPATA   11426051 / B: 2366 ->2332	4.5	L  B	27 D  W	27 W  W	29 L  B	29 W  W	35 W		
	ERIC Z FENG   15742464 / B: 2222 ->2203	4.5 	W   B	44 W  W	44 L  W	1 L  B	1   W   W	16 L  B	29 W	
	AARUSH VINOD   16349054 / B: 2057 ->2059	4.5	L	11 L  B	11 L  B	23 W  W	23 W  W	45 W		
	SRICHARAN PULLELA   15580337 / B: 1947 ->2028	4.5	W	7 D  B	7 L  B	8   W   W	8   W   W	9 L  B		



Sullivan McCconnell

		Total				ind F				ound Ro		ound Ro	ound  8
1	NEHANRAJ RAMESH		W   B	30	W W	30 V	v 46		6   W   W	5 L  B	5 W  B	13 W  W	13
			   W   W	28	L B	28 V		W 2	1 W  B	35 W  W	35 W  W	16 W  B	16
			   W   W	52   	W B	52 V			4 L  B	16 W	16 W  B	17 W  W	17  
			W   B		W W	25 V			7   W   B	19 W	19 W  W	7 L  B	7
			W   W	59 l	W B	59 V		W	9 L  B	1 W	1   W   W	20 W  B	20
			W   W	29	L B	29 V		W 4	9 D  B	10 W	10 W  W	23 W  B	23
			W   B	60 I	W	60 V			6 D  B	20 W  W	20 L  B	4   W   W	4
			W   W	39 I	L B	39 I			8   W   W	47 W  B	47 W  B	36 W  W	36  
- 1			W   W	61	W B	61 I		L  B	5 W  B	46 W  W	46 W  B	31 W  W	31
			W  B	58   	W W	58 V  V			5   D   W	6 L  B	6 W  B	40 W  W	40
			W  B	57   	W W	57 I			9   W   W	25 D  B	25 W  B	38 W  W	38   
			F   		F	V   E			B   D   B	24 W  W	24 W  W	37 W  B	37   
			W   W	24	L B	24 V			5   W   B	26 W  W	26 L  W	1 L  B	1
			W   W	17	L B	17 I			5 L  B	27 W  W	27 W  W	43 W  B	43
			W   W 	32	L B	32 V  V			4 L  B	30 W  W	30 W  B	45 W  W	45   
			X   		х	V   E		W 3	W   W	3 L  B	3 L  B	2 L  W	2
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OR	15929867 / B: 1719 ->1737	l 	B		W	E	3	W	W	B	B	W	I
NH	16099404 / B: 1697 ->1707	l 	B		W	V	1	B	W	B	W	55 W  B	1
MN	16759616 / B: 1668 ->1698	l 	W		В	E	3 	W	B	W	B		I
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	COLE BRAUN 30478538 / B: 1698 ->1731												
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Section 2 - 1800-2099 Section Date 2024-07-27 8 Rounds, 66 Players Time Control: G/3;+2



Tanya Prabhu at the 2024 Colorado Open



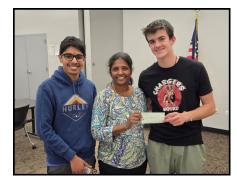
Rocco Degeest at the 2024 State Scholastic Championships

## Prize winners & cross table for Kings of Chess Blitz Open MLK library in Aurora July 13

#Name	Rating	Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd 3	Rd 4	Rd 5	Rd 6	Rd 7	Rd 8	Rd 9	Total	Est. Post	
1 RICHA SHTIVELBANI \$237.96 : 2 LUKE DONOFRIO	D 2228 : <b>Open: 1st</b> 1787	W19 (b) : W28 (w)	W20 (w)	W6 (b) W25 (w)	L5 (w) W7 (b)	D8 (b) W5 (b)	W15 (b)	W2 (w)	W9 (w) W15 (w)	W4 (b)	7.5 6.5	2217 1794	1940 1635
	: Open: 2nd		L5 (b)	D10 (w)	W9 (b)	W25 (w)	W18 (b)	L4 (w)	W19 (b)	W12 (D)	6.5	1436	1528
\$145.42	: Open: 2nd 2065		W9 (b)			W23 (W) W22 (b)	W10 (D)	W3 (b)	W19 (b)		6	2038	1718
4 DANIEL HERMAN				L7 (w)						L1 (w)			
5 RHETT LANGSETH	2055	W22 (b)	W3 (w)	W11 (b)	W1 (b)	L2 (w)	W7 (b)	W8 (w)	L4 (w)	L6 (b)	6	2037	1868
6 CHRISTOPHE MOTLEY		W10 (w)	W12 (b)	L1 (w)	L15 (b)	W21 (w)	W14 (b)	W11 (w)	L8 (b)	W5 (w)	6	1859	1616
7 WILLIAM WOLF	1816	W16 (b)	W13 (w)	W4 (b)	L2 (w)	W12 (b)	L5 (w)	L15 (b)	W14 (w)	W11 (b)	6	1804	1618
8 BRAND STOYANOVICE	н 1707	W24 (w)	D27 (b)	W18 (w)	W4 (b)	D1 (w)	W2 (b)	L5 (b)	W6 (w)	L3 (b)	6	1748	1805
9 DANIEL MARMER	1684	W29 (b)	L4 (w)	D19 (b)	L3 (w)	W27 (b)	W10 (w)	W18 (w)	L1 (b)	W15 (b)	5.5	1655	1477
10 K SAKTHISARAVANA \$30.00 :	AN 994 <b>Under 1500</b>	L6 (b)	W33 (w)	D3 (b)	W27 (b)	L18 (w)	L9 (b)	W30 (w)	W20 (w)	W22 (b)	5.5	1184	1392
11 HENRY KOVACS	1718	W23 (b)	W14 (w)	L5 (w)	W21 (b)	L15 (w)	W16 (b)	L6 (b)	W13 (w)	L7 (w)	5	1674	1409
12 SAMVED MUKHERJEE	E 1276	W33 (b)	L6 (w)	W22 (b)	W14 (w)	L7 (w)	L25 (b)	W21 (w)	W17 (b)	L2 (w)	5	1270	1260
13 AARYAN PUJARI	1248	W31 (w)	L7 (b)	W28 (w)	L25 (b)	W23 (w)	L4 (b)	W16 (w)	L11 (b)	W18 (w)	5	1244	1264
14 TARUN KARTHIKEYA	AN 1131	W34 (w)	L11 (b)	W30 (w)	L12 (b)	W17 (w)	L6 (w)	W22 (b)	L7 (b)	W19 (w)	5	1161	1253
15 FELIX MCMILLAN	1110	L4 (b)	W29 (w)	W20 (b)	W6 (w)	W11 (b)	L1 (w)	W7 (w)	L2 (b)	L9 (w)	5	1371	1788
16 GEORGE VUXTON	970	L7 (w)	W31 (b)	L27 (w)	W26 (b)	W20 (b)	L11 (w)	L13 (b)	W24 (w)	W25 (b)	5	1050	1238
17 GAUTAM AATHI	852	L20 (b)	L19 (w)	W32 (b)	W33 (w)	L14 (b)	W23 (b)	W27 (w)	L12 (w)	W26 (b)	5	939	1071
18 RAVI THANGIRALA	1215	W32 (b)	D2 (w)	L8 (b)	W19 (w)	W10 (b)	L3 (w)	L9 (b)	W25 (w)	L13 (b)	4.5	1223	1229
19 KARTHIKA SAK.	1118	L1 (w)	W17 (b)	D9 (w)	L18 (b)	W28 (w)	W20 (b)	W25 (w)	L3 (w)	L14 (b)	4.5	1152	1313
20 AHRIEL GODOY	1651	W17 (w)	L1 (b)	L15 (w)	W28 (b)	L16 (w)	L19 (w)	W34 (b)	L10 (b)	W30 (w)	4	1540	999
21 CALEB GRAHAM	1121	L30 (b)	W24 (w)	W23 (b)	L11 (w)	L6 (b)	W29 (w)	L12 (b)	L22 (w)	W28 (b)	4	1090	1112
22 RYAN HAJJALI	1063	L5 (w)	W26 (b)	L12 (w)	W31 (b)	L4 (w)	W24 (b)	L14 (w)	W21 (b)	L10 (w)	4	1053	1141
23 RYAN HAIG	952	L11 (w)	W34 (b)	L21 (w)	W30 (b)	L13 (b)	L17 (w)	L28 (w)	W31 (b)	W27 (w)	4	943	972
24 DAVIN BARTHOLD	911	L8 (b)	L21 (b)	L26 (w)	W32 (w)	W31 (b)	L22 (w)	W33 (b)	L16 (b)	W34 (w)	4	850	770
25 OLIVER HASSELKUS	s 738	W27 (w)	W30 (w)	L2 (b)	W13 (w)	L3 (b)	W12 (w)	L19 (b)	L18 (b)	L16 (w)	4	955	1211
26 SMRITHI KUNALA	574	L3 (b)	L22 (w)	W24 (b)	L16 (w)	W33 (b)	L27 (w)	W29 (b)	W28 (b)	L17 (w)	4	775	964
27 WYATT WEAR	1549	L25 (b)	D8 (w)	W16 (b)	L10 (w)	L9 (w)	W26 (b)	L17 (b)	W29 (w)	L23 (b)	3.5	1428	949
28 RYAN GUPTA	962	L2 (b)	W32 (w)	L13 (b)	L20 (w)	L19 (b)	W33 (w)	W23 (b)	L26 (w)	L21 (w)	3	920	916
29 KATELYN GRAHAM	862	L9 (w)	L15 (b)	L31 (w)	W34 (b)	W30 (w)	L21 (b)	L26 (w)	L27 (b)	W32 (w)	3	797	774
30 SCOTT FROOM	U	W21 (w)	L25 (b)	L14 (b)	L23 (w)	L29 (b)	W32 (w)	L10 (b)	W34 (w)	L20 (b)	3	783	784
31 SHRIVATSA MURUGA	AN537	L13 (b)	L16 (w)	W29 (b)	L22 (w)	L24 (w)	L34 (b)	W32 (b)	L23 (w)	D33 (w)	2.5	545	641
32 LEV SAFRONOV	433	L18 (w)	L28 (b)	L17 (w)	L24 (b)	W34 (w)	L30 (b)	L31 (w)	W33 (b)	L29 (b)	2	447	561
33 MEGHNA LAMBU	554	L12 (w)	L10 (b)	W34 (w)	L17 (b)	L26 (w)	L28 (b)	L24 (w)	L32 (w)	D31 (b)	1.5	494	501
34 VASHIST PYDI	370	L14 (b)	L23 (w)	L33 (b)	L29 (w)	L32 (b)	W31 (w)	L20 (w)	L30 (b)	L24 (b)	1	361	558



First place winner Richard Shtivelband



Vedanth Peesepaty & Luke Donofrio share second place



Kaavya Sakthisaravanan wins best u1500 prize

## 2024 Colorado Open & Blitz Championship

By John Brezina

The Colorado Open had 177 players, and the Colorado Blitz championship had 54 players. There were multiple first place ties in several sections. The Colorado Open Championship had a first place tie with 4.5 points between Minnesota chess master Ashton Jin and Colorado chess master Eamon Montgomery. Congratulation to Eamon Montgomery on becoming Colorado State champion. In the under 1900 section there was a five-way tie for first with 4 points between; Jeremy Roldan, Levi Kaklauskas, Matt Stecklow, Sean Pearson, and Theodore Hood. In the under 1600 first place with 4.5 points was won by Ashwin Mathimaran. In the under 1300 first place with 5 points was won by Benjamin Yau.

I did not play in the Colorado Open this year, but I did attend rounds 2 & 5 to take photographs. My busy work schedule prohibits me from playing long tournaments so I try to catch a blitz or rapid from time to time. And so I did play in this years blitz championship which is always tied to the Friday evening before the Colorado Open. It was nice to see so many familiar faces along with a new generation of chess players. Mr. Colorado chess Brian Wall played in the blitz and the Colorado Open. I've known and admired Brian's games and writings since I began playing chess about 24 years ago and enjoy seeing him still compete at a high level.



Sullivan McConnell vs. Paul Richter in round 5. Both tied for first place.

Another familiar player from past competing in the blitz was Philipp Ponomarev. I remember playing him years ago in a State blitz tournament and he still gets it done as he proved by placing first with five others. The McConnell brothers both played as well and Sullivan also tied for first place. Two other Parker chess club members played including Vedanth Peesapaty & Dinesh Kumar. Dinesh has been attending the Parker club for sometime now and has become a very strong bullet player. Vedanth has also become an incredibly strong player and he had a

heartbreaker loss in round two against another tournament first place finisher, Rhett Langseth. See the video here: https://youtu.be/R1O7XtClQpQ?si=KyI30RL j1j5 Nx-

Round three had an arbiter's nightmare with a crazy blitz ending in the game between Philipp and Griffin. I happened to catch the lightning fast finish which helped in determining the position on the board to help settle the result. This was Philipp's only loss of the evening. See the crazy finish here: https://youtu.be/
VhGVTgzCjJU?si=Ypr3Iozfqu66t1hw

I finished with a respectable 4.0/6.0 points and was still able to catch some photos. My highlight was playing Sullivan in round two, although my performance was poor. It must have been that "Magnus (Sullivan) effect". Enjoy all my photos from the blitz tournament here: https://photos.app.goo.gl/3UfGbzUdx475rtku7

The next day I arrived for round two after work, my "real job". I was able to get photos of nearly everyone including several Parker chess club members who were competing. It was nice seeing "Tactics Time" Tim Brennan playing again. His best selling books were quite helpful in my early years of chess. A tip of my hat to the former Colorado Chess Informant Editor.



Tim Brennan looking for the tactic

I returned the next day again after work in time to catch the final round and the end of the CSCA members meeting always held during the Colorado Open. Congratulations to Sharmila Kamath on being elected our new treasurer and her daughter Tanya Prabhu as our new Junior representative.

The last round was exciting on board one where Brian Wall faced Ashton Jin. Both undefeated, it was a chance for Brian to once again become State champion. It was an exciting game and I was honored to photograph Brian doing what he does best. Eamon Montgomery faced Luis Jimenez next door and Eamon needed a win to take first place after his round four draw against Ashton Jin.



Eamon Montgomery keeping a close eye on board one next door

Ashton managed to squeeze out the win and so did Eamon. So both tied for first, but Ashton is from Minnesota so Eamon becomes the Colorado State champion, congratulations. I was proud of my long time Parker club helper Ashwin Mathimaran. He won the U1600 in clear first. Ashwin and his brother Krish have both become strong players and I'm privileged to have them at my chess club.

Last I wanted to mention the great job Shirley Herman does in keeping the CSCA Facebook page updated. Another great resource to keep up with Colorado chess. Here's the website: https://www.facebook.com/ColoradoChess Here are all my photos from the blitz and Colorado Open:

#### **Blitz:**

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#### Round 2:

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#### Round 5:

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Shirley Herman hard at work keeping the Facebook page updated

## 2024 Colorado Open Crosstables

#### Event Date(s) 2024-08-31 thru 2024-09-01 Sponsoring Affiliate COLORADO STATE CHESS ASSOCIATION Chief TD EARLE P WIKLE

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Section	1 - CHAMPIONSHIP							
	Player Name	Total	Round	d Ro	und F	Round Ro	ound	Round
Num	USCF ID / Rtg (Pre->Post)	Pts	1	l 	2	3	4	5
	ASHTON JIN 15752021 / R: 2333 ->2342	4.5  N:C		2 W  B	18 W		2 1	
	EAMON CURCHIN MONTGOMERY 15755701 / R: 2211 ->2228		W 31  B	L   W   W	30 W		1	
	HARSHIN REDDY JAGIRAPU 17201452 / R: 2217 ->2221	4.0  N:1		2   W   B	14 I  W		13 1	
	BRIAN D WALL 10923344 / R: 2208 ->2219			7   W   W	21 W		11 :	
5	DANIEL HERMAN 14345456 / R: 2120 ->2122	3.5		5   W   W	25 I	1   W	33	D 61
6	RHETT LANGSETH 13392987 / R: 2075 ->2082	3.5  N:1		 5 W  B	28 I	2   W	23	D 5
7	ALEXANDER STEGER 12597213 / R: 2056 ->2063		  W 38	 3 L	11 F	I   W	24 1	 W 25
8	YUVAL LAOR	3.5	L 25	B  5 W	20 [		27 1	w 15
9	20033521 / R: 2054 ->2047 	3.5	W 37	B  7   W	W 	16 W	      17	L 2
	14736983 / R: 1903 ->1965 			W    W   C	E   46   I		11 36 1	
	30595735 / R: 1591 ->1749 	N:1 		B  3 W	E    7 10		1     4	
co i	14696346 / R: 2302 ->2303 SIKANDER BAKER-NAGAR	N:C	B	W  D	E	3   W	341:	
CO	16973491 / R: 1962 ->1976	N:1	W	W	E	3   W	j:	В ј
UT	JAROD D HEAP 15118541 / R: 1954 ->1965	N:1	B	9 L  W	16 W	3   W	3 1	В
	DEREK JUNWEN YIN 16493370 / R: 1866 ->1880		W 40  B	W   W	3 F   	I  D  B	26 1 	
	MICHELLE ZHANG 16640681 / R: 1771 ->1811			5   W   W	29 E 	W   W	21 :	
	RICHARD SHTIVELBAND 12630593 / R: 2239 ->2237		W 42  W	2 W  B	13 I  W		1	
	GRIFFIN THOMAS MCCONNELL 14692997 / R: 2237 ->2219	2.5  N:2	W 23	3 D  B	12 V  V		9 1	
	MR. OWEN SEBASTIAN CURTIS 17334272 / R: 1953 ->1936	2.5  N:2		K	1   E		25 1  :	
	MATTHEW ABRAHAM 31326521 / R: 1964P17->1923P21			4   D   B	26 F	W   B	40	
	VEDANT PRAVIN MARGALE 16018722 / R: 1880 ->1875			]   L   W	8   F		32 :	
	AMITAI SEBBA 15807085 / R: 1881 ->1872					1 42 L 1  B		
22   NJ	12632969 / R: 1842 ->1847	N:2	B	W	E	24 W   W	35 :	В [
23   CO	FORREST R LUNDSTROM 12771495 / R: 1808 ->1830		L 17	7   W   W	39 W	30 L 3  W	6 :  :	D 19  B
24   CO	BENJAMIN DEGUIRE 30412244 / R: 1774 ->1810	2.5  N:2		5 L  B	9 I   9		7   1 	
25   CO	KAAVYA SAKTHISARAVANAN 16909357 / R: 1738 ->1802	2.5  N:1	3 W   W	3 L  B	5   F	I  W	18 :	L 7  W
26 I		12.5	35	 5   D	19 W	 7 29 D	14	D 201
	TANYA GURPUR MADKE PRABHU 16349446 / R: 1771 ->1785							
	TED DOYKOS 12724380 / R: 1727 ->1772							
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30	KEITH JAY OXMAN	2.0		1   L	2   I	23 L	28 1	w 43
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31   DANTEL MARMER   12.0         2										
CO   11197175 / R: 1800 ->1800										
CO   16623300 / R; 1784 ->1795   N;2   W   B   W   B   W   S   W   S   S   S   S   S   S   S										
CO   30600784 / R: 1685   ->1736   N: 2   R   W   W   R   W   S   W   S   S   S   S   BRAD LUNDSTROM   CO   1041047 / R: 1984   ->1935   I   W   R   W   I   R   W   I   R   W   I   R   W   I   S   W   S										
CO   10410347 / R: 1994 - 1935										
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CO   30753657   R: 1819   ->1783										
CO   15620507 / R: 1653										
CO   17054842 / R: 1621 ->1606				1.0						
CO   30251494   R: 1571   ->1542										J
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CO   15475345 / R: 1879 ->1889   N:2   B   W   B   W   B   W   B   C   C   SEAN EVAN PEARSON   14.0   W   14   W   27   W   5   L   1   W   9   C   30888353 / R: 1815F19->1838F24   N:2   W   B   W   B   W   B   W   I   W   W										
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8   HENRY WALLACE KOVACS   3.0   X   D 16   W 23   D 10   L 5   CO   17262461 / R: 1734   ->1703   N:4	CO 	         	30888353 / R: 1815P19->1838P24  MATT ROSS STECKLOW 13677110 / R: 1813 ->1828  LEVI KAKLAUSKAS 30142630 / R: 1767 ->1771  THEODORE HOOD 31899848 / R: 1431P5 ->1675P10	N:2  4.0  N:2  4.0  N:3	W	7   W   W   15   L   B   13   W   W   W	20 W  B 11 W  W	5 L  B 24 W  W 21 W  B	1   V   V   V   V   V   V   V   V   V	V 9   V 1
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10   ROBERT CARLSON     3.0     W   29   W   26   D   17   D   8   L   4   CO   14678120 / R: 1532   ->1609     N:3   W     B     W     B     B	5 CO 		30888353 / R: 1815P19->1838P24  MATT ROSS STECKLOW 13677110 / R: 1813 ->1828  LEVI KAKLAUSKAS 30142630 / R: 1767 ->1771  THEODORE HOOD 31899848 / R: 1431P5 ->1675P10  ELI COHRS 30399807 / R: 1788 ->1769  KRISH MATHIMARAN 30150019 / R: 1601 ->1666	N:2  4.0  N:2  4.0  N:3  4.0  N:2  3.5  N:3	W   B   W   B   W   B   W   W   B   W   W	7   W   W   W   T   S   W   W   W   W   W   W   W   S   L   B   B   B   W   B   W   B   W   B   W   W	W   20   W   B   B   11   W   W   T   L   B   B   B   S   D   W   W   W   T   B   C   B   C   B   C   B   C   B   C   B   C   C	5 L  B 24 W  W 21 W  B 2 W  W 7 W  W	1   V   V   V   V   V   V   V   V   V	V 9   V 1   V 1   V 1   V 1   V V 1   V V V V
11   ABHIJAY BALAMURUGAN     3.0     W   19   W   4   L   1   L   5   W   22   CO   16913354 / R: 1500   ->1593     N:3   B     W     W   B   B	5 co 6 co 7 co 8 co 9		30888353 / R: 1815P19->1838P24  MATT ROSS STECKLOW 13677110 / R: 1813 ->1828  LEVI KAKLAUSKAS 30142630 / R: 1767 ->1771  THEODORE HOOD 31899848 / R: 1431P5 ->1675P10  ELI COHRS 30399807 / R: 1788 ->1769  KRISH MATHIMARAN 30150019 / R: 1601 ->1666  HENRY WALLACE KOVACS 17262461 / R: 1734 ->1703	N:2  4.0  N:2  4.0  N:3  4.0  N:2  3.5  N:3  3.5  N:2  3.0  N:4	W	15 L  B 15 L  B 13 W  W 16 W  B  B  D  W	W   20   W   B   B   11   W   W   T   L   B   B   B   B   B   B   B   B   B	5 L  B 24 W  W 21 W 21 W  B 2 W  W 6 W  B 23 D  W	1	V 9   V 1
12   KENNETH DOYKOS     2.5     D   25   L   23   D   14   W   24   D   16   CO   10358086 / R: 1700   ->1700     N:4     B     W     B     W     B	6 CO 		30888353 / R: 1815P19->1838P24  MATT ROSS STECKLOW 13677110 / R: 1813 ->1828  LEVI KAKLAUSKAS 30142630 / R: 1767 ->1771  THEODORE HOOD 31899848 / R: 1431P5 ->1675P10  ELI COHRS 30399807 / R: 1788 ->1769  KRISH MATHIMARAN 30150019 / R: 1601 ->1666  HENRY WALLACE KOVACS 17262461 / R: 1734 ->1703  SUMANTH NAGASAI KAJA 30657770 / R: 1607 ->1629  ROBERT CARLSON	N:2  4.0  N:2  4.0  N:3  4.0  N:3  3.5  N:3  3.5  N:2  3.0  N:4	IW IL IB IW IW IB IL IB IW IW IR IW IW IR IW IW IR IW IR IW IR	7   W   W   W   W   W   W   W   W   W	W   20   W   B   B   11   W   W   T   L   B   B   S   D   W   B   E   S   D   B   E   E   E   E   E   E   E   E   E	5 L  B 24 W  W 21 W  B 2 W  W 7 W  B 23 D  W 16 W  W	1   W   W   W   W   W   W   W   W   W	V 9   V 1
13   LEIF PAUL MCFADDEN     2.5   L   5 D   14 D   18 D   19 W   25    CO   30596924   R: 1670   ->1669   N:3   W   B   B   W   W   W			30888353 / R: 1815P19->1838P24  MATT ROSS STECKLOW 13677110 / R: 1813 ->1828  LEVI KAKLAUSKAS 30142630 / R: 1767 ->1771  THEODORE HOOD 31899848 / R: 1431P5 ->1675P10  ELI COHRS 30399807 / R: 1788 ->1769  KRISH MATHIMARAN 30150019 / R: 1601 ->1666  HENRY WALLACE KOVACS 17262461 / R: 1734 ->1703  SUMANTH NAGASAI KAJA 30657770 / R: 1607 ->1629  ROBERT CARLSON 14678120 / R: 1532 ->1609  ABHJJAY BALAMURUGAN 16913354 / R: 1500 ->1593	N: 2   4.0   N: 2   4.0   N: 3   4.0   N: 3   3.5   N: 3   3.5   N: 2   3.0   N: 3   3.0   N: 3	W	7   W   W   15   L   B   13   W   W   W   16   W   W   W   W   W   W   W   W   29   W   B	W	5 L  B 24 W  W 21 W  B 2 W  W 7 W  B 23 D  W 16 W  W 17 D  B 11 L	1   W   W   W   17   W   W   W   W   W   W   W   W   W	V 9   V 1
15   TYLER A POOLE   2.5   L 4   W 19   X   L 9   D 14   CO   12612558   R: 1586 ->1590   N:4   B   W   B   W	CO 4 CO 5 CO		30888353 / R: 1815P19->1838P24  MATT ROSS STECKLOW 13677110 / R: 1813 ->1828  LEVI KAKLAUSKAS 30142630 / R: 1767 ->1771  THEODORE HOOD 31899848 / R: 1431P5 ->1675P10  ELI COHRS 30399807 / R: 1788 ->1769  KRISH MATHIMARAN 30150019 / R: 1601 ->1666  HENRY WALLACE KOVACS 17262461 / R: 1734 ->1703  SUMANTH NAGASAI KAJA 30657770 / R: 1607 ->1629  ROBERT CARLSON 14678120 / R: 1532 ->1609  ABHJJAY BALAMURUGAN 16913354 / R: 1500 ->1593	N:2	IW IB IW IW IB IW IW IW IB IW IW IW IB ID IB ID IB	15   L	W	5 L  B 24 W  W 21 W  B 2 W  W 7 W  B 23 D  W 16 W  W 17 D  B 11 L  B	1   W   W   W   W   W   W   W   W   W	V 9   V 1
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	ENRICO MOSS 31294947 / R: 1443 ->1487	2.5  N:3		W   W	18 D  B	10 L  W	4 L  B	6 I		GRANT TUPPER 30260038 / R: 1099P18->1215P23			26 L  B	4   W   W	39 W  B	19 L  B	8
	WILLIAM PURSEL 12275320 / R: 1837 ->1783	2.0  N:4		9 L  B	17 D  W	13 D  B	25 D  W	19		MATTHEW ROBERT MILLER 30218424 / R: 1488 ->1458	2.0	W	11 D  B	5   H 	L   W	3 L  B	13
	SAMUEL SLACK 31526579 / R: 1811 ->1762	2.0  N:4		11 L  B	15 W  W	28 D  B	13 D  B	18		DREW H CLARK 30178041 / R: 1433 ->1434	2.0	W   B	29 W  W	30 L  B	10 U	L   W	11
	CHARLIE FLAXBEARD 17308584 / R: 1643 ->1641	2.0  N:3	L   W	1 L  B	3   W   W	29 W  B	21 L  B	7		MAXWELL DEYOUNG 31159751 / R: 1443P9 ->1414P14	2.0	   W   W	16 L  B	2   W   W	11 L  B	9 L  W	14
	JACK ADIN GOTTLIEB 30962561 / R: 1460 ->1486	2.0  N:3		27 W  B	29 L  B	4   L   W	20 W  B	28		DEAN W BROWN 10224098 / R: 1413 ->1400	2.0	L   W	13 L  B	11 D  W	26 W  B	34 D  W	27
	MADELEINE FINCH 30219070 / R: 1384 ->1393	2.0	L   B	24 B	W	27 L  B	6 L  W	11		MR. FRANCIS JOSEPH KAKLAUSKAS 30142024 / R: 1390P21->1382	2.0	   W   W	14 L  B	12 W  W	13 L  W	6 L  B	16
	SOFIIA GAINULLINA   30666704 / R: 1255 ->1331	2.0  N:4		W   B	12 L  W	8   L   W	7   D   B	24		SHAURYA MISRA 16824011 / R: 1417 ->1359	2.0	D   B	20 L  W	18 D  B	24 L  W	16 W	34
	JOHN SCHOENKE   30689481 / R: 1629 ->1594	1.5	W   W	22 L  B	1 L  W	3 L  B	12 D  W	23		S JACE DAVIS 16980592 / R: 1301P16->1332P21			17 W  B	36 L  W	1 L  W	8 D  B	24
	SARVESH RAJESH   16925315 / R: 1457	1.5	D   W	12 L  B	9   H 	D   W	18 L  B	13		BRENDAN WELLS 30416610 / R: 1310P21->1301P25		  L  B	30 W  W	29 H	D   B	14 L  W	12
	TAYLOR J ANDREWS	1.0	W  B	28 L  W	10 F	U   I	U   	   		SHIRLEY HERMAN 14812654 / R: 992 ->1019	2.0	  L  W	22 L  B	28 B 	  W  B	31 L  W	19  
	MAX HIGA   12864407 / R: 1669 ->1639	1.0	W  B	21 L  W	2 L  B	22 U	U   I			BRENDAN POLO 15730633 / R: 1580 ->1505	1.0	   W   W	28 L  B	22 L  W	5 L  B	11 U	   
	ANTONY E BROWN 17328111 / R: 1526 ->1481	1.0	L   W	26 L  B	6 L  B	19 B 	L  W	21		PRANAV MALE 30742195 / R: 1391 ->1300	1.0	  L  B	5 W  W	37 L  B	9 L  W	29 U	   
	TIMOTHY E BRENNAN 12718954 / R: 1809 ->1800	0.0 	L   B	10 L  W	21 L  B	20 L  W	14 U	   		MARCELINE SUN KIRKPATRICK 31461226 / R: 1243P9 ->1254P12	1.0	  L  W	3 W  B	39 L  B	6 F	U	   
	JEFFREY COHEN 12412650 / R: 1479 ->1479	0.0	F 	U   I	U   I	U   I	U   I			JOHN E ROSE JR. 12548439 / R: 1232 ->1241	1.0	   D   W	36 L  W	17 H	U   I	U   U	   
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Pair	Player Name   USCF ID / Rtq (Pre->Post)			und Ro		und Ro		und  5	35	RICHARD EVELEIGH 13474198 / R: 1121 ->1100	1.0	  L  B			34 W		18
1	ASHWIN MATHIMARAN 17295785 / R: 1554 ->1626	4.5  N:3		15 D		27   W	7   W	2	36	PRET BRAM 13301482 / R: 1545 ->1498	0.5			27 U	   U 	I U	   
2	MASON BRADY 30219783 / R: 1667 ->1680			37 W		 3 W  W	10 L	1	37	GARY JELINEK 30566487 / R: 1271P14->1243P16	10.5		2 L  B	31 H	   U	   U 	<u>-</u>   
3	TRISTAN CRUZ	4.0		32   W	6 L  W	2 W  B	21 W  B	10	38	JOSEPH ARAGON 11345409 / R: 1300 ->1300	10.0	  L  W		14 L	16 L   B	35 U	<u>-</u>   
4	RYAN JOSEPH KEARNS 30555709 / R: 1489 ->1508	4.0  N:4	D	18 W			17 D  B	5 I	39	SHAWN WILLIAM QUINN	10.0			32 L  B		   U 	<u>-</u>   
5	BRANDON CAGE					30 W  B		4		4 - U1300	- <u>-</u>						
	TREVOR LEE BRADFORD 30570869 / R: 1511 ->1521					32 W  B		7		Player Name USCF ID / Rtg (Pre->Post)			und Ro				
7	DINESH KUMAR JAYA KRISHNAMOORTH 30527914 / R: 1480 ->1517	Y  3.5	 5  W	35 W	7 13 W	12 L	1 [	6		BENJAMIN YUEN YAU 30141537 / R: 1204P22->1360							
8	KARTHIKEYAN KANNAN 31472391 / R: 1425P15->1463P20	3.5		9 D	1 L	4   W	27   W	20	2	ZANDER JAMES MCELHINNEY	4.5		19 W	27 D	9 W	28 W	11
9		3.5	L	8 B		31 W	23 D	15	3	BALABHADRA KRISHNA DAMERLA	4.0		31 W	 39 W	17 W	9 L	1
10		3.0		19 W	34 W	22 L	2 L	3	4		4.0		53 X		10 L	1   W	21
11	CHESTER CHEN   12905680 / R: 1215P4 ->1497P9	3.0	L	21 W	24 L	23 W	30 W	22	5	ELIJAH S. KADRICH	4.0	L	9   W	12 W	50 W	23 W	19
12	BRIAN RAY MILLER 30249276 / R: 1519P13->1484P18	3.0		 38 W	25 L	7   L	 5 W	28	6		14.0		25 L	 34 W		43 W	161
	RILEY MICHEAL TOWNSEND 31728367 / R: Unrated->1474P14																
14	CONNOR SEAMUS MCKENZIE 31942574 / R: Unrated->1394P5	3.0	L	25 W	38 D	15 D	28 W	23	8	THOMAS WELBORN	3.5	L	41 W	 51 W	24 D	27 W	31
15		3.0	L	1   W	16 D	14 W	18 D	9	9	LAN TRUONG	3.5		5   W	13 D	2 L	3   W	22
16		3.0	L	23 L	15 W	38 W	26 W	25	10	DANIEL HUNNINGHAKE	3.5	   W	16 D	26 L	4   W	45 W	28
17	ANDREW ROBICHAUD   30154062 / R: 1549 ->1532	2.5	D	27   W	33 W	18 L	4   U	 		GLEN ANTHONY HOLGUIN 30373052 / R: 1173 ->1194							
	WESTON ALEXANDER TAYLOR 30776543 / R: 1318 ->1330															48 W	27
19		12.5	L					29	13		3.5		39 L				7

14   VIAAN KHANDELWAL CO   31323282 / R: 960 ->1002	3.5	L  B	17 W  W	45 D  B	48 W  W	26 W  B	29  
15   TOM NEEDHAM CO   12743781 / R: 1200 ->1200	3.0	L   W	21 L  B	7   W   W	60 W  B	51 W  W	43
16   NICK EVAN HVIZDA CO   30977338 / R: 1184P22->1174	3.0	L   W	10 W  B	20 W  W	49 W  W	17 L  B	6 I
17   TARUN BALA KARTHIKEYAN CO   30684949 / R: 1131 ->1132	3.0	W   W	14 W  B	21 L  W	3 L  B	16 W  B	45 I
18   KAI LUCAS GRAYSON CO   31584616 / R: 1099 ->1091	3.0	W	47 L  B	1 W  W	37 L  B	22 W  W	42
19   VERONICA IRIS PINNA CO   31397274 / R: 919P10->1032P15	3.0	L   W	2 W  B	49 W  W	35 W  B	34 L  W	5 I
20   STEPHEN HONG CO   32010694 / R: Unrated->1024P5	3.0	W   B	60 L  W	16 L  W	22 W  B	35 W  B	40
21   RHYS ANDREW KELLY CO   31316908 / R: 949 ->1009	3.0	W  B	15 L  W	17 W  B	54 W  W	38 L  B	4
22   BENJAMIN SMITH CO   31136582 / R: 900P25-> 986	3.0	L   B	26 W  W	54 W  B	20 W  W	18 L  B	9 I
23   SRII RUPPESH BEZAWADA CO   31348115 / R: 874P9 -> 922F14	3.0	L   W	28 W  B	55 W  W	47 L  B	5   W   W	37   
24   SHAYAAN EHAN OBAIDULLAH CO   31268553 / R: 881 -> 896	3.0	L   W	54 W  B	52 L  W	8 W  B	49 W  B	38
25   JUAN TIRADO CO   31627380 / R: 1264P5 ->1118P10	2.5	L  B	6   W   W	41 L  W	28 W  B	47 D  B	30 I
26   CARTER GRAVES EDWARDS MS   30555397 / R: 1077P4 ->1066P9	2.5	W   W	22 D  B	10 L  W	11 L  B	14 W  W	48
27   AGAN MODALAVALASA CO   31235151 / R: 1009 ->1038	2.5 	W   W	35 L  B	2   W   W	42 D  B	8 L  W	12
28   NATHAN THOMAS ECKLES CO   31331418 / R: 897P8 -> 984P13	2.5	W   B	23 D  W	33 W  B	25 L  B	2 L  W	10
29   MAX BIERMAN CO   31560387 / R: Unrated-> 963P4	2.5	W   W	55 H 	W   B	46 L  B	11 L  W	14
30   HAASIKA REDDY JAGIRAPU NM   17015833 / R: 910 -> 926	2.5	W   W	56 W  B	57 L  W	1 L  B	13 D  W	25 I
31   DAVID PAUL GREAVES CO   31380559 / R: 879P21-> 925P25	2.5	L   W	3 W  B	56 H 	W	46 L  B	8
32   OLMAN SEBASTIAN ROJAS NUNEZ CO   32010188 / R: Unrated-> 779P4	2.5	L   W	49 L  B	43 W  W	55 H 	W  B	46
33   KENNY WEINREIS CO   30597004 / R: 1285P10->1180P14	2.0	L   W	11 D  B	28 H 	L   B	37 W  W	50 I
34   MATTHEW ROBERT KONERTH CO   30460907 / R: 1157 ->1116	2.0	X	W   B	6 L  W	7   L   W	19 U	   
35   TANAY KATARU CO   30436408 / R: 1119 ->1051	2.0	ΙB			19 L  W		51  
36   DON M HENRY CO   12748605 / R: 1041 ->1008	2.0	L   W	1 W  B	42 L  W	43 W  B	54 U	   
37   NICHOLAS F BROOKINS CO   31349512 / R: 924 -> 912	12.0	L	48 W	44 L	18 W	33 L	23
38   RAMESH PEESAPATY CO   31727474 / R: 966P5 -> 903P10	2.0	L   W	7   W   W	53 W  B	41 L  B	21 L  W	24
39   BRUCE CLEVELAND AUTRY CO   13732198 / R: 914 -> 876	2.0 	L  W	13 L  B	3 L  W		55 W  W	54  
40   LOGAN GRIMES CO   31319517 / R: 872 -> 875		W	52 L	35 L	13 W  B	44 L	20
41   LYNN D JOHNSON NESBITT CO   31306298 / R: 897P19-> 874P24	2.0	W	8 L  B	25 L  W	38 L  B	42 W  W	60 I
42   JARED W COBURN CO   32008587 / R: Unrated-> 818P5	12.0	W	50 L	36 L	27   W	41 L	18
CO   15385187 / R: 713 -> 814	2.0	ΙB	M	B	W	B	- 1
44   JESSE HERRON CO   30056502 / R: Unrated-> 803P9	2.0	L  W	51 L  B	37 W  B	39 L  W	40 W  B	
45   RACHEL HERRON FL   14943593 / R: 125P10-> 236P14			L   B	14 W  W	57 L  B	10 L  W	17
46   PETRA LAMBERT-GORWYN CO   15689074 / R: 1141 ->1055	1.5		58 D  B	11 L  W			32
47   GABRIEL BRIONES NV   31920138 / R: 914P19-> 872P24	11.5	L	18 W	48 L	23 L	25 D	49
48   TRISTAN ALEXANDER SNOOK CO   31993972 / R: Unrated-> 838P5	1.5	W   W	37 L  B	47 D  W	14 L  B	12 L  B	26
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		32 L  W	 	24 D  W	47   
JAMES CECIL HERRON 14780986 / R: 437P25-> 437		42 W  B		56 L  B	33
DHEERAN DINESH 30530682 / R: 853 -> 843		44 L  B	 	15 L  B	35   
JAIDAN R. BRADLEY 31969697 / R: Unrated-> 826P8		40 L  W		U	   
 JIYAAN SATHISHKUMAR 31085773 / R: 746 -> 686		4 L  B		60 L  W	44
		24 L  B		36 L  B	39  
		29 L  W			
 MATEO OLIVEIRA 32007276 / R: Unrated-> 454P3		30 L  W		50 U	 
 ALISON WALKER 31230760 / R: 873P25-> 785		L   W		l n	
		46 U	I U	U	
	0.0 	F 	 I U	l I	
LOGAN RAMIREZ 31965197 / R: Unrated-> 101P5				53 L  B	

#### Section 5 - EXTRA GAME

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	Player Name USCF ID / Rtg (Pre->Post)				nd Rour   3			
	ENRICO MOSS 31294947 / R: 1487 ->1514	2.0	W 1	2   W   W	3 U 	ΙŪ	U	   
	KARTHIKA SAKTHISARAVANAN 17129234 / R: 1309 ->1283	2.0	U	W  B	12 L  B	7 L  B	5 W  W	11
	WILLIAM L WOLF 14762885 / R: 1602 ->1600			9 L  B	1 D  B	8 L  W	4   U	   
	SANDEEP MATHEW 15620507 / R: 1618 ->1637	1.0	U	U	ΙŪ Ι	W   B	3 U	   
	ANTONY E BROWN 17328111 / R: 1481 ->1492	1.0	U	ΙÜ	l n	W   W	2 U 	
	RILEY MICHEAL TOWNSEND 31728367 / R: 1474P14->1479P15	1.0	U	U	U	W  B	10 U	   
	MADELEINE FINCH 30219070 / R: 1393 ->1410	1.0	U	U	W	2 U 	U	   
- 1	MR. BRANDON MICHAEL STOYANOVICH 14515232 / R: 1973 ->1961	0.5 	U	U 	D   W	3   U 	U 	   
	KEN BECKRICH 12883634 / R: 1366P7 ->1343P8		L  B	3 U 	U	ΙŪ	U	   
	TANAY KATARU 30436408 / R: 1051 ->1046	10.0	U	U	l n	L   W	6 U 	   
	GERALD FITZGIBBONS 30675670 / R: 517P23-> 516P24		U 	U 	U	l U	L   B	2
	RACHEL HERRON 14943593 / R: 236P14-> 236P16	0.0	L  B	1 L  W	2 U 	l n	U	



## 2024 Colorado Open Prizes

Name	Winners	Total	Amount Each
Championship:	1st (4.5) ASHTON JIN (2334)	\$1,250.00	\$625.00
Championship:	1st (4.5) EAMON MONTGOMERY (2236)	\$1,250.00	\$625.00
Championship:	3rd (4) BRIAN WALL (2201)	\$300.00	\$150.00
Championship:	3rd (4) HARSHIN JAGIRAPU (2198)	\$300.00	\$150.00
U2100 1st	(3.5) ALEXANDER STEGER (1948)	\$300.00	\$75.00
U2100 1st	(3.5) JASON NIGATU (1585)	\$300.00	\$75.00
U2100 1st	(3.5) LUIS JIMENEZ (1981)	\$300.00	\$75.00
U2100 1st	(3.5) YUVAL LAOR (2054)	\$300.00	\$75.00
Championship	Upset (382) JASON NIGATU	\$100.00	\$100.00
U1900: 1st	(4) JERÉMY ROLDAN (1879)	\$1,200.00	\$240.00
U1900: 1st	(4) LEVI KAKLAUSKAS (1767)	\$1,200.00	\$240.00
U1900: 1st	(4) MATT STECKLOW (1823)	\$1,200.00	\$240.00
U1900: 1st	(4) SEAN PEARSON (1815)	\$1,200.00	\$240.00
U1900: 1st	(4) THEODORE HOOD (1431)	\$1,200.00	\$240.00
U1900 Upset	(631) ENRICO MOSS	\$100.00	\$100.00
U1600: 1st	(4.5) ASHWIN MATHIMARAN (1554)	\$450.00	\$450.00
U1600: 2nd	(4) BRANDON CAGE (456)	\$600.00	\$150.00
U1600: 2nd	(4) MASON BRADY (1499)	\$600.00	\$150.00
U1600: 2nd	(4) RYAN KEARNS (1482)	\$600.00	\$150.00
U1600: 2nd	(4) TRISTAN CRUZ (1404)	\$600.00	\$150.00
U1600 Upset	(1096) BRANDON CAGE	\$100.00	\$100.00
U1300: 1st	(5) BÉNJAMIN YAU (1204)	\$400.00	\$400.00
U1300: 2nd	(4.5) ZANDER MCELHINNEY (1114)	\$300.00	\$300.00
U1300: 3rd	(4) ARIANA DANI (1042)	\$200.00	\$50.00
U1300: 3rd	(4) BALABHADRA DAMERLA (U)	\$200.00	\$50.00
U1300: 3rd	(4) ELIJAH KADRICH (1041)	\$200.00	\$50.00
U1300: 3rd	(4) KEN BECKRICH (U)	\$200.00	\$50.00
U1000 1st	(4) JEREMY PIECH (878)	\$100.00	\$100.00
U1300 Upset	(748) RACHEL HERRON	\$100.00	\$100.00



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## 2024 Colorado Blitz Championship Prizes

Name	Winners	Total	Amount Each
OPEN: 1st	(5) PAUL RICHTER (2294)	\$562.98	\$93.83
OPEN: 1st	(5) SULLIVAN MCCONNELL (2216)	\$562.98	\$93.83
OPEN: 1st	(5) PHILIPP PONOMAREV (2418)	\$562.98	\$93.83
OPEN: 1st	(5) DANIEL HERMAN (2038)	\$562.98	\$93.83
OPEN: 1st	(5) MATTHEW WOFFORD (1920)	\$562.98	\$93.83
OPEN: 1st	(5) RHETT LANGSETH (2034)	\$562.98	\$93.83
U1700	(4) DANIEL RUVINS (1605)	\$100.00	\$25.00
U1700	(4) JAROD HEAP (1677)	\$100.00	\$25.00
U1700	(4) JOHN BREZINA (1635)	\$100.00	\$25.00
U1700	(4) LEVI KAKLAUSKAS (1553)	\$100.00	\$25.00
U1300	(3.5) RISHABH NAIR (790)	\$100.00	\$100.00
Unrated	(2) CHARLIE KOVACS (Ú)	\$99.99	\$33.33
Unrated	(2) DYLAN KOVACS (U)	\$99.99	\$33.33
Unrated	(2) YING-TE YEN (U)	\$99.99	\$33.33



Paul Richter



Sullivan McConnell



Matthew Wofford



Daniel Herman



Rhett Langseth



Philipp Ponomarev

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## Games from the 2024 Colorado Open

#### **OWEN CURTIS 1963** ASHTON JIN 2334

a6 6.0-0 Nc6 7.Nbd2 b5 8.Ne5 Nxe5 9.Bxa8 Qxd4 10.Nf3 Qxd1 11.Rxd1 Bd6 12.Bd2 Ke7 13.Nxe5 Bxe5 14.Bb4+ Bd6 15.Bxd6+ cxd6 16.Bf3 d5 17.e3 Bd7 18.b3 Rc8 19.bxc4 dxc4 20.a4 b4 21.Bb7 Rc7 22.Bxa6 c3 23.Bd3 b3 24.a5 b2 0-1

#### SULLIVAN MCCONNELL 2299 **ALEXANDER STEGER 1948**

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.d4 exd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nxc6 bxc6 6.e5 Qe7 7.Qe2 Nd5 8.g3 g6 9.c4 Ba6 10.b3 Bg7 11.Bb2 0-0 12.Bg2 Rae8 13.0-0 Bxe5 14.Qxe5 Qxe5 15.Bxe5 Rxe5 16.cxd5 Bxf1 17.Kxf1 cxd5 18.Na3 c6 19.Nc2 Rfe8 20.Bf3 Kf8 21.Rd1 a5 22.Rd4 Ra8 23.Ra4 Ree8 24.Ne1 Ke7 25.Rh4 h5 26.Rd4 Kd6 27.h4 Re7 28.Nc2 Kc5 29.Ra4 Ree8 30.Rf4 Re7 31.Be2 Rae8 32.Bd3 Kb6 33.Rf6 Kc5 34.Kg2 Rg8 35.Kf3 g5 36.Rf5 gxh4 37.gxh4 Rg1 38.Rxh5 Rd1 39.Bh7 Rd2 40.Ne3 Rxa2 41.Rf5 Kb4 42.h5 Kxb3 43.Bg8 Kc3 44.h6 Ra1 45.Rh5 f5 46.Nxf5 Re5 47.h7 Rxf5+ 48.Rxf5 Rh1 49.Kg4 d4 50.Rh5 1-0

#### JAROD HEAP 1927 RICHARD SHTIVELBAND 2249

1.e4 g6 2.d4 Bg7 3.Nf3 c6 4.Nc3 d5 5.e5 Bg4 6.Be3 e6 7.Qd2 Bxf3 8.gxf3 Nd7 9.h4 h5 10.Bd3 a6 11.Ne2 c5 12.c3 Qc7 13.Nf4 Ne7 14.Rg1 0-0-0 15.b4 cxb4 16.cxb4 Kb8 17.a4 Rc8 18.a5 Qc3 19.Ke2 Qxd2+ 20.Bxd2 Nc6 21.Ke3 Bh6 22.Rg5 Bxg5 23.hxg5 Na7 24.Ne2 Rc7 25.Rb1 Rhc8 26.b5 Nxb5 27.Bxb5 axb5 28.Rxb5 Ka7 29.Kd3 Rc2 30.Nc3 R8xc3+ 31.Bxc3 Rxf2 32.Ke3 Rg2 33.Kf4 h4 34.Rb2 h3 35.Rb1 h2 36.Rh1 Nb8 37.Be1 Rg1 38.Rxh2 Rxe1 39.Rh7 Nc6 40.Rxf7 Nxd4 41.Rf6 Rf1 42.Ke3 Nc6 43.f4 Re1+ 44.Kd2 Re4 45.Rxg6 Rxf4 46.Rxe6 Rg4 47.g6 Nxa5 48.Ke3 Nc4+ 49.Ke2 Rg5 50.Kd1 Nxe5 0-

#### SIKANDER BAKERNAGAR 1884 **GRIFFIN MCCONNELL 2230**

1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 c5 4.dxc5 e6 5.a3 Bxc5 6.Qg4 g6 7.Nf3 Nc6 8.b4 Be7 9.Bb2 h5 10.Qf4 g5 11.Qe3 f5 12.b5 Na5 13.Nbd2 b6 14.Nd4 Nh6 15.N2b3 Nxb3 16.Oxb3 Od7 17.Nc6 Bb7 18.Nxe7 Oxe7 19.Be2 Nf7 20.a4 h4 21.h3 Qc7 22.0-0 Rd8 23.Rad1 Nh6 24.Qe3 Qg7 25.f3 0-0 26.Ba3 Rf7 27.Bc1 f4 28.Qb3 Qxe5 29.Bb2 Qe3+ 30.Qxe3 fxe3 31.Rd3 Nf5 32.Bc1 d4 33.c3 e5 34.Rfd1 Ng3 35.Rxe3 dxe3 36.Rxd8+ Kg7 37.Bc4 Rc7 38.Bxe3 Rxc4 39.Rd7+ Kf6 40.Rxb7 Rxa4 41.Bd2 Ra2 42.Rd7 Ra5 43.Kf2 Rxb5 44.Rxa7 Rb2 45.Rd7 Nf5 46.Ke2 Ng3+ 47.Kf2 b5 48.Rd8 Ke6 49.Ke1 Rb1+ 50.Kf2 Rb2 51.Ke1 Rb1+ 52.Kf2 Rb2 1/2-1/2

#### **BRIAN WALL 2201 AMITAI SEBBA 1855**

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 d5 4.g3 dxc4 5.Bg2 1.e4 c5 2.Nc3 Nc6 3.g4 e6 4.Bg2 Nge7 5.d3 Ng6 6.f4 e5 7.f5 Qh4+ 8.Kf1 Nf4 9.Be3 b6 10.Bf2 Qd8 11.Nge2 Nxe2 12.Nxe2 Ba6 13.c4 b5 14.b3 Bd6 15.Nc3 Nd4 16.Nd5 Bb7 17.h4 Bxd5 18.exd5 b4 19.Be4 Qc7 20.Kg2 a5 21.a4 0-0-0 22.Rb1 Rde8 23.Be3 Kb8 24.Rb2 Kc8 25.Rf2 f6 26.Kfl Be7 27.Kel Rhg8 28.Kd2 Qd8 29.Kc1 Qc7 30.Kb2 d6 31.g5 Kb7 32.Rg1 Qd8 33.Qh5 Kb8 34.Rfg2 Rh8 35.Qf7 Qc8 36.Bxd4 exd4 37.Qxg7 Qd8 38.Qh6 Ref8 39.Qh5 Kc8 40.Qg4 Rfg8 41.g6 Bf8 42.Qf3 hxg6 43.fxg6 Rxh4 44.g7 Be7 45.Bh7 1-0

#### **JEREMY ROLDAN 1879 JOHN SCHOENKE 1645**

1.b3 Nc6 2.Bb2 d5 3.e3 e5 4.Bb5 Bd6 5.Nf3 Qf6 6.c4 Nge7 7.c5 Bxc5 8.Bxe5 Qg6 9.0-0 Bd6 10.Nc3 0-0 11.Bxd6 Qxd6 12.d4 Bg4 13.Bd3 a6 14.Bxh7+ Kh8 15.Bd3 f5 16.Be2 Qf6 17.Ne1 Bxe2 18.Nxe2 g5 19.Rc1 Kg7 20.f4 g4 21.Nd3 Rh8 22.Ne5 Qh4 23.Ng3 Qxh2+ 24.Kf2 Rh3 25.Nxf5+ Kh7 26.Nxg4 Nxf5 27.Nxh2 Nxe3 28.Qd3+ Kg7 29.gxh3 Nxf1 30.Kxf1 Rf8 31.Qg3+ Kf7 32.Rxc6 bxc6 33.Ng4 Rg8 34.Nh6+ Kf8 35.Qxg8+ Ke7 36.Qf7+ Kd6 37.Nf5# 1-0



#### ABHIJAY BALAMURUGAN 1510 LEVI KAKLAUSKAS 1767

1.e4 e5 2.Nc3 Nf6 3.Nf3 Nc6 4.Bc4 Nxe4 5.Nxe4 d5 6.Bd3 dxe4 7.Bxe4 Bd6 8.d3 0-0 9.h3 Be6 10.0-0 h6 11.Re1 f6 12.a3 Qd7 13.Qe2 Bc5 14.c3 a5 15.d4 Bb6 16.d5 Bxh3 17.dxc6 Qg4 18.Nh2 Qh4 19.gxh3 f5 20.Bd5+ Kh8 21.Be3 Rf6 22.Bxb6 bxc6 23.Bg2 cxb6 24.Nf3 Qa4 25.Qxe5 Raf8 26.Qd4 Qb3 27.c4 Rg6 28.Qc3 Qxc3 29.bxc3 Rd6 30.Rad1 Rfd8 31.Rxd6 Rxd6 32.Ne5 Kg8 33.Nxc6 Rd3 34.Re3 Rd1+ 35.Kh2 Ra1 36.Bd5+ Kh7 37.Ne7 Rxa3 38.Nxf5 Kg6 39.Nd4 Ra2 40.Kg2 Ra1 41.Re6+ Kg5 42.Rxb6 Rc1 43.Ne2 Rc2 44.Bf3 a4 45.Ra6 Ra2 46.c5 Rb2 47.c6 Rb8 48.Rxa4 Rc8 49.Rb4 h5 50.Rb7 h4 51.Nd4 Kf4 52.Ne6+ Ke5 53.Nd4 g5 54.c7 g4 55.Bxg4 Rg8 56.Rb8 Rc8 57.Rxc8 Kf4 58.Rf8+ Ke4 59.Rf4+ Ke5 60.c8Q Kd5 61.Qc6+ Ke5 62.Qe6+ Kxf4 63.Qf5# Ke5

#### **ASHTON JIN 2334 DANIEL HERMAN 2153**

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.g3 Bb4+ 4.Bd2 Be7 5.Bg2 d5 6.Nf3 0-0 7.0-0 c6 8.Qc2 b6 9.Bf4 Nh5 10.Bc1 Nf6 11.Nbd2 Bb7 12.e4 dxe4 13.Nxe4 Nbd7 14.Nxf6+ Nxf6 15.Rd1 Qc8 16.c5 Nd5 17.Bg5 f6 18.Bd2 bxc5 19.Re1 cxd4 20.Bh3 f5 21.Nxd4 Nc7 22.Nxe6 Nxe6 23.Bxf5 Rxf5 24.Qxf5 Nd4 25.Qxc8+ Bxc8 26.Rxe7 Bh3 27.Bc3 Nf3+ 28.Kh1 g5 29.Rg7+ Kf8 30.Rxh7 Be6 31.Rh8+ Bg8 32.Kg2 1-0

#### HARSHIN JAGIRAPU 2198 **SULLIVAN MCCONNELL 2299**

1.Nf3 d5 2.e3 Nf6 3.c4 e6 4.b3 c6 5.Bb2 Nbd7 6.Nc3 a6 7.Qc2 e5 8.d3 Bd6 9.Be2 0 -0 10.0-0 Re8 11.Rad1 Nf8 12.a3 b5 13.b4 Ng6 14.Nd2 Bf5 15.Qb3 Be6 16.Rfe1 Qc7 17.Nf1 Rab8 18.Ng3 Qe7 19.cxd5 cxd5 20.d4 e4 21.Nf1 Nd7 22.Nb1 Nb6 23.Nbd2 Nh4 24.Ng3 Nc4 25.Qa2 Rb6 26.Nb3 Qg5 27.Bc1 Ra8 28.Nc5 a5 29.bxa5 Rxa5 30.Qb3 Rb8 31.Qc3 Ra7 32.a4 Qf6 33.Nxe6 b4 34.Qb3 Qxe6 35.Qb1 Rc8 36.Qb3 Na5 37.Qb1 Nc4 38.Qb3 Qd7 39.Qb1 f5 40.f3 Qc7 41.Nf1 Rxa4 42.g3 Ng6 43.g4 Nh4 44.f4 fxg4 45.Bxg4 Re8 46.Re2 Qf7 47.Ng3 Rea8 48.Rf2 Ra1 49.Qb3 Kh8 50.Be2 Nf3+ 51.Kh1 Nfd2 52.Bxd2 Nxd2 53.Qc2 Rxd1+ 54.Qxd1 Nc4 55.Bxc4 dxc4 56.Nxe4 Qd5 57.Qf3 c3 58.Nxd6 Qxf3+ 59.Rxf3 Ra1+ 60.Kg2 c2 0-1

#### RICHARD SHTIVELBAND 2249 **LUIS JIMENEZ 1981**

1.d4 e6 2.e4 d5 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.e5 Nfd7 5.Nce2 c5 6.c3 Nc6 7.Be3 Qb6 8.Qd2 cxd4 9.Nxd4 Ncxe5 10.f4 Ng4 11.0-0-0 Bd6 12.Ngf3 Nc5 13.Nb5 Nxe3 14.Nxd6+ Qxd6 15.Qxe3 0-0 16.h4 b5 17.h5 Qb6 18.Nd4 h6 19.g4 e5 20.fxe5 Bxg4 21.Rd2 Ne6 22.Bd3 Rfc8 23.Bc2 Nxd4 24.Rxd4 Rc4 25.Qd3 Rxd4 26.Qh7+ Kf8 27.Qh8+ Ke7 28.Oxa8 Bf3 29.Re1 Rg4 30.b3 Rg1 31.Rxg1 Qxg1+ 32.Kb2 Qb6 33.b4 Bxh5 34.Qxd5 Bg6 35.Bd1 h5 36.a4 bxa4 37.Bxa4 Bf5 38.Qg2 g6 39.Qg5+ Kf8 40.Ka3 Qc7 41.Qe3 h4 42.Bb3 h3 43.c4 Kg7 44.c5 Qc6 45.Qd4 Qa6+ 46.Kb2 Qe2+ 47.Ka3 Qa6+ 48.Kb2 Qe2+ 49.Ka3



#### MAXIM MILLAN 1685 **BRIAN WALL 2201**

1.d4 Nc6 2.Nf3 d5 3.g3 Bf5 4.Bg2 Qd7 5.0 -0 Bh3 6.Nbd2 0-0-0 7.b3 h5 8.Bxh3 Qxh3 9.Ng5 Qf5 10.Ndf3 Nh6 11.Qd3 Qd7 12.Ne5 Nxe5 13.dxe5 f6 14.Nf3 e6 15.Be3 c5 16.c4 Ng4 17.exf6 Nxe3 18.fxg7 Bxg7 19.Qxe3 Bxa1 20.Qxc5+ Qc6 21.Qxc6+ bxc6 22.Rxa1 dxc4 23.Rc1 cxb3 24.axb3 Kb7 25.Kg2 Rd5 26.Rc4 Rhd8 27.e3 Rb5 28.b4 e5 29.Ng5 a5 30.bxa5 Rxa5 31.f4 Rd2+ 32.Kf3 exf4 33.gxf4 Rxh2 34.Rc3 Rha2 35.Ne6 Kb6 36.Rb3+ Rb5 37.Rc3 c5 38.f5 c4 39.Nd4 Rb4 40.f6 Ra7 41.e4 Kc5 42.Ke3 Rd7 43.Ne6+ Kd6 44.Nd4 Ra4 45.Kf4 Kc5 46.Ne6+ Kb4 47.Rc1 c3 48.Kg5 Ra5+ 49.Kg6 Re5 50.Ng5 Kb3 51.f7 Rxg5+ 52.Kxg5 Rxf7 53.e5 Kb2 54.e6 Rf8 55.e7 Re8 56.Re1 c2 57.Re2 Kb1 0-1

#### **GRIFFIN MCCONNELL 2230 JASON NIGATU 1585**

1.e4 c5 2.Nc3 d6 3.f4 g6 4.Nf3 Bg7 5.Bb5+ Bd7 6.Bxd7+ Qxd7 7.d3 Nc6 8.0-0 e6 9.Ne2 Nge7 10.c3 f5 11.Ng3 0-0 12.Be3 Rae8 13.Qb3 Kh8 14.Ng5 Nc8 15.Rae1 h6 16.Nf3 Kh7 17.h4 e5 18.exf5 gxf5 19.Qd1 a6 20.Kf2 Qf7 21.a3 Rg8 22.Rh1 Bh8 23.Rh3 b5 24.Reh1 Kg7 25.Qc1 e4 26.dxe4 fxe4 27.Ng5 Ne5 28.Nxf7 Nd3+ 29.Kf1 Nxc1 30.Nxh8 Nd3 31.Nh5+ Kxh8 32.Nf6 Nxb2 33.Nxe8 Rxe8 34.g4 Nc4 35.Ke2 N8b6 36.Rd1 Na4 37.Bc1 Re6 38.f5 Re8 39.Bxh6 e3 40.Rd3 d5 41.f6 Kg8 42.Ke1 e2 43.Rxd5 Ncb2 44.Rd7 c4 45.f7+ 1-0

#### ABHIJAY BALAMURUGAN 1510 JEREMY ROLDAN 1879

1.e4 b6 2.Nc3 Bb7 3.Nf3 e6 4.d4 Bb4 5.Bd3 Nf6 6.Qe2 d5 7.e5 Ne4 8.Bd2 Nxd2 9.Nxd2 Bxc3 10.bxc3 c5 11.Qg4 g6 12.Rb1 h5 13.Qf4 c4 14.Be2 Bc6 15.Nf3 Qe7 16.Qc1 Nd7 17.Ra1 b5 18.Qe3 Nb6 19.a3 Na4 20.Kd2 0-0-0 21.h4 Rd7 22.Ng5 Rb7 23.Rh3 Rb6 24.Rf3 Be8 25.Qf4 Kb8 26.Qf6 Qxf6 27.Rxf6 Rb7 28.Rb1 Kc8 29.g3 Kd8 30.Bf3 Ke7 31.Bg2 Rb6 32.Nh3 Ra6 33.Ra1 Kf8 34.Bxd5 Kg7 35.Bg2 Nb6 36.Rf3 Bc6 37.Rf4 Bxg2 38.Ng5 Rf8 39.f3 Nd5 40.Re4 f6 41.exf6+ Rxf6 0-1

#### **SEAN PEARSON 1815** THEODORE HOOD 1431

1.e4 g6 2.d4 Bg7 3.Nc3 d5 4.Be3 dxe4 5.Nxe4 Nd7 6.Bc4 Nb6 7.Bb3 Nd5 8.Nf3 Nxe3 9.fxe3 Nh6 10.Ng3 0-0 11.0-0 1-0

#### **ROBERT CARLSON 1532 ENRICO MOSS 1206**

1.d4 Nf6 2.Nf3 e6 3.Bf4 b6 4.e3 Bb7 5.Be2 Be7 6.Nbd2 0-0 7.0-0 c5 8.c3 d5 9.b3 Nbd7 10.Ne5 cxd4 11.cxd4 Nxe5 12.Bxe5 Qd7 13.Bxf6 Bxf6 14.Nf3 Rac8 15.Qd2 Be7 16.Qb2 Bd6 17.Rac1 Qe7

18.Rxc8 Rxc8 19.Rc1 Bc6 20.Rc2 Ba3 21.Qb1 f6 22.Bb5 Qd7 23.Bxc6 Rxc6 24.Rxc6 Qxc6 25.Kf1 Qc1+ 26.Qxc1 Bxc1 27.Ne1 Kf7 28.Nd3 Ba3 29.Ke2 Ke7 30.Kf1 Kd6 1-0

#### **SULLIVAN MCCONNELL 2299 BRIAN WALL 2201**

1.e4 d6 2.d4 Nf6 3.Nc3 c6 4.f3 e5 5.Nge2 Be7 6.Be3 0-0 7.g4 b5 8.Ng3 Nfd7 9.Nce2 Nb6 10.b3 Bg5 11.Qd2 h6 12.h4 Bxe3 13.Qxe3 f6 14.dxe5 dxe5 15.Nf5 Bxf5 16.gxf5 Rf7 17.Rg1 Kh8 18.c3 Na6 19.Nc1 Qf8 20.a4 Nc7 21.axb5 Nxb5 22.Kf2 Rd8 23.Nd3 Nxc3 24.Nc5 Nd1+ 25.Rxd1 Rxd1 26.Be2 Rxg1 27.Kxg1 Qd6 28.Qc1 Rc7 29.b4 Nd7 30.Ne6 Rc8 31.Qa3 Nf8 32.Nc5 Qd2 33.Kf1 Rd8 34.Nb7 Rd7 35.b5 Rxb7 36.Oxf8+ Kh7 37.Oe8 Od7 0-1

#### **LUIS JIMENEZ 1981 GRIFFIN MCCONNELL 2230**

1.d4 Nf6 2.Bg5 d5 3.e3 e6 4.Nd2 c5 5.Ngf3 Nc6 6.Be2 Be7 7.c3 0-0 8.0-0 Bd7 9.Ne5 Nxe5 10.dxe5 Ne8 11.Bxe7 Qxe7 12.f4 b5 13.Bd3 f5 14.exf6 gxf6 15.e4 Nd6 Ke6 32.a4 c5 33.Rbd2 ½-½ 16.Qe2 Rae8 17.Rae1 c4 18.Bc2 dxe4 19.Nxe4 Nf5 20.Qf2 1-0



#### **DANIEL HERMAN 2153** SAI SWANIT DASARI 1830

1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.cxd5 cxd5 4.Bg5 Nc6 5.Nc3 Nf6 6.Bxf6 exf6 7.e3 Bf5 8.Qb3 Bb4 9.Nf3 h6 10.Be2 0-0 11.0-0 Bxc3 12.Qxc3 Rc8 13.Rfc1 Qd7 14.Qa3 a6 15.Nd2 Rfe8 16.Nb3 Re7 17.Rc3 Qe8 18.Rac1 g5 19.Qd6 Be6 20.Bxa6 Rd8 21.Qc5 Rc8 22.Bb5 Qd8 23.Bxc6 Rxc6 24.Qa5 Qxa5 25.Nxa5 Ra6 26.b4 b6 27.Nc6 Rc7 1-0

#### FORREST LUNDSTROM 1815 RHETT LANGSETH 2150

1.e4 d6 2.d4 Nf6 3.Bd3 e5 4.c3 Nbd7 5.Ne2 Be7 6.f4 c6 7.0-0 Qc7 8.Ng3 0-0 9.a4 Re8 10.h3 Bf8 11.Qf3 c5 12.Be3 g6 13.Na3 Bg7 14.fxe5 dxe5 15.Nb5 Qd8 16.dxc5 Rf8 17.Bc4 b6 18.c6 Nc5 19.b4 Ne6 20.Rfd1 Qe7 21.a5 bxa5 22.Rxa5 a6 23.Bxe6 Qxe6 24.Nc7 Qxc6 25.Nxa8 Qxa8 26.b5 h5 27.Bg5 Qb8 28.Kh2 Qb6 29.Rda1 axb5 30.Qe2 Nh7 31.Be3 Qc6 32.Qd3 h4 33.Nf1 Nf6 34.Nd2 Bb7 35.R1a2 1-0

#### **JEREMY ROLDAN 1879 SEAN PEARSON 1815**

1.Nf3 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.g3 Bg7 4.Bg2 d6 5.d4 0-0 6.Nc3 Nc6 7.e4 e5 8.dxe5 dxe5 9.0-0 Be6 10.Qe2 Nd4 11.Nxd4 Qxd4 12.Nd5 Bxd5 13.cxd5 Rfd8 14.Bg5 h6 15.Rfd1 Qa4 16.b3 Qd7 17.Bd2 Rac8 18.Bc3 Ne8 19.Qb2 Qe7 20.Bh3 Rb8 21.Rac1 h5 22.Be1 Bh6 23.Rc3 Kh7 24.Qc2 h4 25.Rdd3 f6 26.Rc4 b5 27.Rc6 Bf8 28.Ba5 Rd6 29.gxh4 Rxc6 30.dxc6 Nd6 31.h5 gxh5 32.Bf5+ Kh8 33.Bb4 Qg7+ 34.Rg3 Qh6 35.Bd2 Nxf5 36.Bxh6 Nxh6 37.Qe2 1

#### **HENRY KOVACS 1718 ROBERT CARLSON 1532**

1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 Bf5 4.Nf3 e6 5.c4 Bxb1 6.Rxb1 Bb4+ 7.Bd2 Qa5 8.a3 Bxd2+ 9.Oxd2 Oxd2+ 10.Kxd2 dxc4 11.Bxc4 Nd7 12.Rhd1 Nb6 13.b3 Ne7 14.Kc2 0-0 15.Rd2 Rfd8 16.Rbd1 Rd7 17.Ng5 Nbd5 18.Ne4 b6 19.Be2 Rad8 20.Bg4 Nf5 21.Bxf5 exf5 22.Nc3 Nxc3 23.Kxc3 Kf8 24.Kc4 Rd5 25.b4 Ke7 26.Rd3 h5 27.h4 Ke6 28.f4 g6 29.g3 Kd7 30.Rb1 a6 31.Rb2

#### **ENRICO MOSS 1206** LEVI KAKLAUSKAS 1767

1.e4 e5 2.Bc4 Bc5 3.Nc3 Nc6 4.Qg4 Qf6 5.Nd5 Qxf2+ 6.Kd1 d6 7.Qxg7 Nd4 8.Nh3 Qh4 9.d3 Qh5+ 10.g4 0-1

#### **MASON BRADY 1499** SHAN OBAIDULLAH 1575

1.b3 Nc6 2.Bb2 e5 3.c4 Nf6 4.e3 d5 5.cxd5 Nxd5 6.a3 Be6 7.Qc2 a6 8.Nf3 Bd6 9.b4 0-0 10.b5 Nce7 11.bxa6 bxa6 12.Nxe5 Qe8 13.Bd3 Ng6 14.Nxg6 fxg6 15.Nc3 Nf4 16.Be4 Bf5 17.exf4 Bxe4 18.Nxe4 Rxf4 19.d3 Qe6 20.0-0 Rh4 21.Nxd6 Qxd6 22.g3 Rh5 23.Qc4+ Kh8 24.Qd4 Qf8 25.Rac1 c5 26.Qc3 Rb8 27.Rfe1 Rb7 28.Re5 1-0

#### ASHWIN MATHIMARAN 1554 DINESH KRISHNAMOORTHY 1480

1.e4 e5 2.Nc3 Nf6 3.f4 d6 4.Nf3 exf4 5.d4 Nc6 6.Bc4 Bg4 7.0-0 Be7 8.Bxf4 a6 9.a4 Na5 10.Ba2 Be6 11.d5 Bg4 12.b4 0-0 13.bxa5 Qd7 14.Qd2 Bh5 15.e5 dxe5 16.Nxe5 Qd8 17.Rab1 Rb8 18.Nc4 Qd7 19.Ne5 Qd8 20.Ne2 Ne8 21.Ng3 Bg6 22.Nxg6 hxg6 23.Ne4 Qd7 24.Bg5 Bd6 25.Nxd6 Nxd6 26.c4 Qxa4 27.Bb3 Qd7 28.Qf4 f6 29.c5 fxg5 30.Qxg5 Nf7 31.Qxg6 Rbe8 32.d6 cxd6 33.cxd6 Re3 34.Bc2 Ng5 35.Rxf8+ Kxf8 36.Rf1+ Nf7 37.Qh5 Kg8 38.Qh7+ Kf8 39.Qh8# Ke8 1-

#### BENJAMIN YAU 1204 KEN BECKRICH UNR.

1.d4 c6 2.c4 d6 3.Nc3 Bg4 4.Qb3 Qc7 5.e4 a6 6.a4 e5 7.Be3 Nf6 8.Be2 Be7 9.h3 Bxe2 10.Ngxe2 Nbd7 11.Ng3 0-0 12.0-0 g6 13.f4 exd4 14.Bxd4 c5 15.Be3 Qb6 16.Qc2 Qb4 17.b3 Rfe8 18.f5 Kg7 19.Bd2 Qb6 20.fxg6 fxg6 21.Rad1 Qc6 22.Nce2 Ne5 23.Bc3 Nfd7 24.Nf4 Bh4 25.Nge2 Nf6 26.Nd5 Nxd5 27.exd5 Qc7 28.Nf4 Kg8 29.Ne6 Rxe6 30.dxe6 Re8 31.Bxe5 dxe5 32.Rd7 Qc6 33.Rff7 Rxe6 34.Rc7 Qd6 35.Rg7+ Kf8 36.Rgd7 Qb6 37.Rxh7 Bf6 38.Rcf7+ Ke8 39.Qxg6 Kd8 40.Qg8+ Re8 41.Rd7+ 1-0

#### BALABHADRA DAMERLA UNR. -LAN TRUONG 1236

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Nf6 4.Ng5 Bc5 5.Bxf7+ Ke7 6.Bb3 Rf8 7.0-0 d5 8.Nc3 Bg4 9.Qe1 Nd4 10.exd5 Bd6 11.d3 h6 12.Ne6 Bxe6 13.dxe6 Nxe6 14.Bxe6 Kxe6 15.d4 Nd7 16.dxe5 Bb4 17.Qe2 Qh4 18.g3 Qd4 19.Be3 Qxe5 20.Qc4+ Ke7 21.Qxb4+ Kf7 22.Rad1 Nb6 23.Qb3+ Kg6 24.Bd4 Qf5 25.Rfe1 Kh7 26.Re7 Rg8 27.Bxb6 cxb6 28.Rdd7 Raf8 29.Rf7 Rxf7 30.Rxf7 Qe5 31.Qd5 Qxd5 32.Nxd5 Rc8 33.c3 Rc5 34.Ne3 a5 35.Rxb7 b5 36.Kf1 Re5 37.Ra7 b4 38.cxb4 axb4 39.Rb7 Ra5 40.Rxb4 Rxa2 41.Rb7 Ra6 42.Nf5 1-0



#### BRIAN WALL 2201 ASHTON JIN 2334

1.Nf3 d5 2.g3 Bg4 3.Bg2 Nd7 4.d4 e6 5.0-0 Ngf6 6.c4 c6 7.Qb3 Qb6 8.Nc3 Be7 9.Qxb6 axb6 10.cxd5 exd5 11.Bf4 0-0 12.Ne5 Nxe5 13.Bxe5 b5 14.f3 Be6 15.b3 Ra3 16.e3 Nd7 17.f4 Nxe5 18.fxe5 Rfa8 19.Rfc1 Bb4 20.e4 Bxc3 21.Rxc3 dxe4 22.Bxe4 Bxb3 23.Rac1 Bxa2 24.Rxa3 Rxa3 25.d5 g6 26.dxc6 bxc6 27.Rxc6 Re3 28.Rc8+ Kg7 29.Bc6 Rxe5 30.Rb8 Bc4 31.Bf3 Kf6 32.Kf2 Ke7 33.Rb6 Kd7 34.h4 h5 35.Bg2 Re2+ 36.Kg1 Rb2 37.Be4 b4 38.Rb7+ Kd6 39.Rb6+ Ke5 40.Bf3 b3 0-1



#### HARSIKANDER BAKERNAGAR 1884 SHIN JAGIRAPU 2198

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.e5 Nfd7 5.f4 c5 6.Nf3 Nc6 7.Be3 cxd4 8.Nxd4 Qb6 9.a3 Bc5 10.Ncb5 a6 11.b4 axb5 12.bxc5 Qxc5 13.Nf5 d4 14.Nxd4 Ra4 15.c4 Nxd4 16.Bxd4 Qc6 17.Be2 Qxg2 18.Rg1 Qxh2 19.cxb5 Qh4+ 20.Bf2 Qxf4 21.Rg4 Qxe5 22.Rxa4 Qc3+ 23.Kf1 b6 24.Ra7 0-0 25.Rc1 Qh3+ 26.Kg1 Nc5 27.Bf1 Qh6 28.Bg2 Nd3 29.Rxc8 Rxc8 30.Qxd3 Rc1+ 31.Bf1 Qg5+ 32.Qg3 1-0

#### RHETT LANGSETH 2150 DANIEL HERMAN 2153

1.d3 e5 2.e4 Bc5 3.c3 Nc6 4.b4 Bb6 5.Nf3 d6 6.Nbd2 a5 7.b5 Nce7 8.Nc4 Bc5 9.Be2 Nf6 10.0-0 0-0 ½-½

#### YUVAL LAOR 2054 MICHELLE ZHANG 1761

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.d3 Nf6 5.c3 d6 6.Bb3 a6 7.h3 h6 8.Nbd2 Ba7 9.Nf1 Be6 10.Bc2 Od7 11.Be3 0-0-0 12.Bxa7 Nxa7 13.Ne3 Qe7 14.b4 d5 15.Qb1 dxe4 16.dxe4 Nb5 17.Qb2 Nd6 18.Nd2 Nh5 19.c4 Qg5 20.Nf3 Qf4 21.Qxe5 Qxe5 22.Nxe5 Rhe8 23.c5 Nb5 24.Nf3 Nc3 25.0-0 Nxa2 26.Rab1 Nc3 27.Rb2 Bd7 28.e5 Bc6 29.e6 Bxf3 30.gxf3 Nf4 31.exf7 Rf8 32.Bb3 Nxh3+ 33.Kh2 Ng5 34.Nf5 Nxf7 35.Ne7+ Kb8 36.Ng6 Ng5 37.Nxf8 Nxf3+ 38.Kg2 Rxf8 39.Bc2 Ne2 40.Be4 Nf4+ 41.Kh1 Ng5 42.f3 Nxe4 43.fxe4 g5 44.Rd2 Re8 45.Re1 Re5 46.Kh2 h5 47.Kg3 c6 48.Kf3 Ng6 49.Rd8+ Ka7 50.Ke3 g4 51.Rf1 Nh4 52.Rff8 b5 53.Rd7# 1-0

#### KAAVYA SAKTHISARAVANAN 1759 ALEXANDER STEGER 1948

1.d4 d5 2.Nf3 e6 3.c4 a6 4.Bf4 dxc4 5.a4 Nc6 6.e3 Bb4+ 7.Nc3 Na5 8.Ne5 Nf6 9.Nxc4 Nd5 10.Rc1 Nxf4 11.exf4 Nc6 12.Ne5 Nxe5 13.fxe5 Bd7 14.Be2 Bc6 15.0-0 0-0 16.b3 Qd7 17.Qd3 Rad8 18.Rfd1 f5 19.Qc4 Ba5 20.b4 Bb6 21.b5 axb5 22.axb5 Bd5 23.Nxd5 Qxd5 24.Bf3 Qxc4 25.Rxc4 Rd7 26.Bxb7 Rfd8 27.Bc6 Rxd4 28.Rcxd4 Rxd4 29.Rf1 Rd2 30.Bf3 Rb2 31.Bc6 Re2 32.g3 Rxe5 33.Kg2 Re2 34.Kf3 Rb2 35.Kg2 Kf7 36.h3 Kf6 37.g4 Kg5 38.Kg3 Rb3+ 39.f3 f4+ 40.Kh2 Rb2+ 41.Kh1 Kh4 42.Bd7 Kxh3 43.Bxe6 Rh2# 0

#### MATT STECKLOW 1823 JEREMY ROLDAN 1879

1.e4 b6 2.d4 Bb7 3.d5 e6 4.c4 Bb4+ 5.Nc3 f5 6.Bd3 fxe4 7.Bxe4 Nf6 8.Bg5 0-0 9.Nge2 h6 10.Bxf6 Qxf6 11.0-0 Bd6 12.Bf3 Qh4 13.Ng3 Bxg3 14.fxg3 Qxc4 15.Rc1 e5 16.Ne4 Qxa2 17.Rxc7 Ba6 18.Rf2 Bc4 19.Nc3 Qb3 20.Qxb3 Bxb3 21.d6 Nc6 22.Rxd7 Rac8 23.Rc7 Na5 24.Bd5+ Bxd5 25.Rxf8+ Rxf8 26.Nxd5 Nb3 27.Ne7+ Kf7 28.Nc6+ Ke6 29.d7

Nd4 30.Nxd4+ Ke7 31.d8Q+ Kxd8 32.Ne6+ 1-0

#### SEAN PEARSON 1815 SUMANTH KAJA 1610

1.e4 g6 2.d4 d6 3.Nc3 Bg7 4.Bg5 Nf6 5.e5 dxe5 6.dxe5 Nfd7 7.f4 0-0 8.Bc4 Nb6 9.Bb3 Qxd1+ 10.Rxd1 Nc6 11.Nge2 Bg4 12.h3 Bxe2 13.Kxe2 a6 14.Nd5 Nxd5 15.Rxd5 Rfd8 16.Rhd1 Bf8 17.Rd7 Rac8 18.c3 Kg7 19.Bh4 Rxd7 20.Rxd7 Nb8 21.Rd1 f6 22.Be6 Re8 23.Bd5 c6 24.Be6 h6 25.Bf2 fxe5 26.fxe5 g5 27.b4 Kg6 28.Bb6 Bg7 29.Rf1 Kh7 30.Rf5 Kg6 31.c4 c5 32.b5 axb5 33.cxb5 c4 34.g4 Bf6 35.Kd2 Kg7 36.Kc3 h5 37.Kxc4 hxg4 38.hxg4 Kg6 39.Kd5 Rh8 40.exf6 exf6 41.Bc7 Re8 42.a4 Kg7 43.a5 Kg6 44.Bxb8 Rxb8 45.a6 bxa6 46.bxa6 Ra8 47.Bc8 Rxc8 48.Kd6 Rc4 49.Ra5 Rxg4 50.a7 Rd4+ 51.Ke7 Re4+ 52.Kf8 Rh4 53.Kg8 Rh7 54.a8Q Re7 55.Qf8 g4 56.Qxe7 f5 57.Qh4 g3 58.Ra6# 1-0

#### LEVI KAKLAUSKAS 1767 ROBERT CARLSON 1532

1.e4 c6 2.Nc3 a6 3.d4 d5 4.e5 e6 5.f4 Nh6 6.Nf3 Nd7 7.Bd3 c5 8.Be3 cxd4 9.Nxd4 g6 10.0-0 Nf5 11.Bxf5 gxf5 12.Qh5 Nc5 13.Kh1 Bd7 14.Rad1 Qe7 15.Nxf5 exf5 16.Nxd5 b6 1-0

#### ASHWIN MATHIMARAN 1554 MASON BRADY 1499

1.e4 c5 2.Nc3 d6 3.Nf3 Nf6 4.h3 a6 5.a4 g6 6.Bc4 Nc6 7.d3 Bg7 8.0-0 0-0 9.Re1 Nd7 10.Bd2 Nde5 11.Nxe5 Nxe5 12.Ba2 Bd7 13.f4 Nc6 14.Kh1 Qc8 15.Re3 Nd4 16.Nd5 Qd8 17.c3 Nc6 18.Rg3 e6 19.Ne3 b5 20.f5 Ne5 21.d4 Nd3 22.Qc2 Qh4 23.Rf3 Nf2+ 24.Kg1 Qxe4 25.Kxf2 exf5 26.Qxe4 fxe4 27.Rf4 Rae8 28.Bd5 cxd4 29.cxd4 Bxd4 30.Rxe4 Rxe4 31.Bxe4 Bxb2 32.Rb1 Bd4 33.axb5 Bxb5 34.Kf3 Re8 35.Nc2 Bc5 36.Bb4 Bd3 37.Bxd3 Re3+ 38.Nxe3 1-0





## 2024 Colorado Open games annotated by State Champion NM Eamon Montgomery

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[White "Daniel Marmer"] 1818
[Black "NM Eamon Montgomery"] 2236
[Opening "Rapport-Jobava System"]
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1. d4 Nf6 2. Nc3 d5 3. Bf4 { This was my third time facing Daniel's Jobava London System. } 3... g6 4. e3 Bg7 5. h4 O-O (5... h5 { The most common move, preventing the opening of the h-file. However, it does permanently weaken the g5 square. I played this move against Daniel once before and lost that game. }) 6. h5 c5 { The best way to meet a flank attack is with a central pawn break. } 7. hxg6 hxg6 8. Qd2 Nc6 9. Nf3?! { This natural looking developing move leaves the knight misplaced. } (9. O-O-O Qa5 10. Bh6 Bxh6 11. Rxh6 Kg7 12. Rh4 Bd7 { Here chances are about equal. }) 9... Ne4! { Seizing the initiative in the center. } 10. Nxe4 dxe4 { Now we see why the knight is misplaced on f3, Black has a double attack on the knight and the d4 pawn. } 11. Ng5 cxd4 12. Bc4? { White should have tried to recapture either the e4 or d4 pawn, after which Black maintains an initiative. } (12. exd4 Qxd4 13. Qxd4 Nxd4 14. O-O-O Bf5) (12. Nxe4 Qb6 13. Bd3 Bf5) 12... e5! { Continuing with the theme of a central counterattack. } 13. exd4 (13. Nxf7 { Black never needs to fear the exchange on f7. } 13... Rxf7 14. Bxf7+ Kxf7 { Black's king is perfectly safe and soon the extra mine pieces will take over the game. }) 13... Qxd4 (13... exf4? 14. Qxf4 { It's tempting to take the dark square bishop, but here the queen reaches the kingside and White has real threats against the Black king. }) 14. Qxd4 Nxd4 { White is lost because of the threats against the dark squared bishop and the fork on c2. } 15. Be3 Nxc2+ 16. Kf1 Nxa1 17. Bc5 Bf5 18. Rh4 Bf6 19. Nxf7 Bxh4 { One final moment of bravery is needed, allowing a discovered check. } 20. Ng5+ Kg7 21. Bxf8+ Rxf8 0-1

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[Black "Keith Oxman"] 1900
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1. d4 Nf6 2. c4 g6 3. Nc3 Bg7 4. e4 d6 5. Be2 O-O 6. Nf3 e5 (6... Nc6?! { In my last game with Keith, he immediately played Nc6 and I quickly got an opening advantage after 7. d5. This time, Keith had clearly done his homework, and played 14 moves of King's Indian theory. \ \) 7. O-O Nc6 8. d5 Ne7 9. Ne1 \ The Mar del Plata Variation of the King's Indian. \ \) 9... Nd7 10. Be3 f5 11. f3 f4 12. Bf2 g5 13. Nd3 Ng6 14. c5 Rf7!? { The first deviation from the main line. } (14... Nf6 { Is the main move. }) 15. Rc1 { A normal, if uninspired idea. \ (15. c6!? \ Was the most interesting way to play. I wasn't sure if the pawn would become a weakness on c6. \ 15... bxc6 16. dxc6 Nf6 17. Nb4 Be6) (15. cxd6 cxd6 16. Nb5 { I also considered this option, but I thought Black would achieve g4 too quickly. \ 16... Nf6 17. Nxa7 Bd7 18. a4 g4\) 15... Nf6 16. cxd6 cxd6 17. Nb5?! \ The start of a flawed plan. \ 17... a6 18. Na3 b5! { Black keeps the knight out of the important c4 square, at the cost of weakening the c6 square. } 19. Nb4 g4 20. Nc6 { The knight on c6 looks very pretty, but it's really just an "ornament" it looks pretty but doesn't do much. \ 20... Qd7 (20... Qf8! { The best square for the queen, not blocking the light square bishop. }) 21. Bb6!? { The bishop abandons defense of the kingside to create queenside threats. Nd8 is threatened, and Rc7 could land in some variations. \ 21... gxf3 22. Bxf3 Bb7 23. Qe2 Rc8?! \ Black doesn't actually need to contest the c-file. \ (23... Kh8! \ With the idea of swinging the rook to g8. \) 24. Na7 \ Winning control of the c-file. } 24... Rxc1 25. Rxc1 Ne8?? { This loses the exchange by force. } (25... Nh4 { Black was fine after } 26. Rc7 Qe8) 26. Bg4 Qe7 27. Be6 Qg5 28. Bxf7+ Kxf7 29. Nc6?! { I was really upset with myself for this move. The knight on a7 was doing an excellent job of controlling c8 and keeping the important light squared bishop out of the game. } (29. Rc2 { Protects the second rank and prevents any discovered attacks against the rook along the c1- h6 diagonal. }) 29... Bf6 30. Rf1 Bc8 31. Kh1?! { A panicky move. Black is directing all four minor pieces towards the kingside. } (31. Nc2 { The most natural, bringing the knight to the aid of the king. \}) 31... Bg4 32. Qf2 (32. Qd2 \{ The queen would be better placed here, not blocking the retreat of the dark squared bishop. }) 32... Nh4 33. Rg1? { I thought I needed to cover the g2 pawn, but this actually boxes in my king. } (33. Nb1 f3 34. g3 Bh3 35. Nd2! Bg2+ 36. Kg1 Qg4 { The computer suggests that White still has an advantage here, but it looks like a wildly unclear position to my eyes. It's very difficult to willingly go into a line like this. } 37. Bd8! { Would forcibly trade off some minor pieces, simplifying White's defensive task. } 37... Bxf1 38. Kxf1 Ng6 39. Qxf3 Qxf3 + 40. Nxf3 Bxd8 41. Nxd8+ Kf6 \$16) 33... Ng7! { I completely underestimated this. The idea of Nh5-g3 could land my king in a mating net. } (33... f3 { I was prepared for this. } 34. g3) 34. Nc2 Nh5 { Ng3+ is threatened. } 35. Be3? { I offer up my bishop to prevent Ng3+ } (35. Ne1 { For example: } 35... Ng3+ 36. hxg3 Qh5 37. gxh4 Bxh4 { Mate is impossible to avoid. }) (35. Re1 { Was the best move, now my king is no longer trapped in the corner. } 35... f3 36. g3 Bh3 { Black still maintains a dangerous attack. }) 35... fxe3?! (35... Ng3+ 36. Qxg3) (35... Qg6! { The pawn on f4 is actually far stronger than the bishop on e3, so there's no need to take it immediately. Here the e4 pawn is impossible to defend. }) 36. Nxe3 { Black still has a threatening clump of minor pieces, but at least the f4 pawn, which was such a thorn in my side, has been eliminated. } 36... Bd7 37. Nf1 { Praying for counterplay with Qa7. } 37... Nf4 (37... Ke8! { This prophylactic move was best, now White has no counterplay. }) 38. Qa7 Qg4?? (38... Kg6 39. Qxd7 Nd3 { It's very hard to stop the smothered mate } 40. h3 Qf4 41. Qg4+ Qxg4 42. hxg4 \$13 { I calculated up to this position and thought I should be fine if I could force the queens off the board. This endgame is still unclear. }) 39. Ne3 \$16 { Now the d7 bishop will fall with check. } 39... Qe2 40. Qxd7+ Kg6 41. Qg4+ { The queens come off and it should be a straightforward conversion. } 41... Qxg4 42. Nxg4 Nd3 { Black sets up one last trick. } 43. Rf1 (43. Nxf6?? Nf2#) 43... Bg5 44. g3 h5 45. gxh4 Bxh4 46. Ne3 Nf2+ 47. Rxf2 { The simplest } 47... Bxf2 48. Nf5 { After the game Earle Wikle told me "its always good to get lucky once." I certainly was lucky to survive this game. \} 1-0

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[Opening "Alekhine Defense: Maróczy Variation"]
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1. d3 { Rhett always plays the same opening setup. I didn't have any special ideas prepared, but I knew the general type of King's sive move. \ (8... e5!? \ I considered clamping down on the d4 square, but I prefer not to block my dark squared bishop. \)) 9. Nc4 Be6 { Moving the same piece twice in the opening is usually a sin. } 10. Qc2 (10. Ne3! { The knight would sit well on e3, not allowing itself to be exchanged off. Ng5 will follow, winning a tempo on the bishop on e6. \) 10... Na5 11. Bd2?? { A natural looking developing move, but the bishop is misplaced on d2, allowing a tactic. } 11... Nxe4!! 12. Nxa5 (12. dxe4 { Accepting the loss of a pawn is hard, but it was the lesser of two evils. } 12... Bxc4) 12... Nxd2 13. Nxb7?? { White strives to maintain material equality through complications, but the knight is quickly trapped on b7. } (13. Qxd2 Qxa5 { Again White should accept the simple loss of a pawn. }) 13... Nxf3+ 14. Bxf3 Qc7 { d5 is threatened, winning the trapped knight for no compensation. } 15. Nxd6 (15. a5 a6 { The knight cannot be rescued. }) 15... exd6 16. Bxa8 Rxa8 { Material is technically equal, but Black is completely winning. The beautiful bishops control a lot of squares, and prevent any infiltration by the White rooks. Black can target the weak queenside pawns, or attack on the kingside. 17. Rfe1 a5 18. Re2 Rb8 19. Qd2 h5 20. Qf4 Bg4 { Prompting White to loosen his kingside pawn structure. The rook can't move from e2 without losing b2 or giving up the e-file. \ 21. f3 Bf5 22. Rae1 Be5 23. Qd2 (23. Rxe5 \ Rxe5 doesn't work. \ 23... dxe5 24. Rxe5 Be6 \ Deals with the double threats of Rxf5 and Re8+. \) 23... Qd7 24. Qd1 Kg7 25. Kh1 Bf6 26. Rf1 Qc6 27. Rfe1 h4 28. Kg1 Qd5 29. Qc1 Bxd3 30. Re8 Rxe8 31. Rxe8 Bf5 32. h3 Bd7 (32... Qc6 { Would have won the a4 pawn immediately. }) 33. Re4 Bf5 34. Re1 Qc4 35. Qd2 d5 { The d-pawn's advance can't be stopped. } 36. Kh1 Be6 37. Ra1 Be5 38. Re1 Qf4 39. Qxf4 Bxf4 40. Rd1 Be3 41. Kh2 d4 42. g4 Bb3 43. Re1 Bf4+ 44. Kg2 d3 45. c4 d2 46. g5 { A creative last-ditch effort. } 46... dxe1=R (46... dxe1=Q?? { Stalemate. }) 47. Kf2 Rb1 48. Ke2 Bxc4+ 49. Kf2 Rxb2+ 50. Ke1 Be3 51. Kd1 Bd3 52. f4 Rb1# 0-1

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[Round "4"] [Result "1/2-1/2"]
[White "NM Eamon Montgomery"] 2236
[Black "NM Ashton Jin"] 2334
[Opening "Nimzo-Indian Defense: Classical Variation, Noa Variation"]
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1. d4 Nf6 2. c4 e6 3. Nc3 Bb4 4. Qc2 d5 5. cxd5 Qxd5 6. Nf3 Qf5 { A trendy line of the Classical Variation of the Nimzo-Indian. Black accepts a damaged pawn structure in exchange for good control of e4-square. } 7. Qxf5 exf5 { I wasn't too happy to see this variation. Having watched my opponent's games from the first three rounds, I got the sense that he was a master of endgames. Against higher rated opponents I usually prefer sharp middlegames when my calculation skills can make up for whatever positional understanding I lack. I knew this queenless middlegame would be a good test for me. \ 8. Bd2 c6 9. e3 Nbd7 (9... Bd6 { Daniel Herman played 9. Bd6 in a previous game against me. }) 10. Bd3 Nb6 11. O-O O-O { Ashton told me he had this position over the board before. } 12. Rfc1 { The main plan for White is to organize a3-b4 and go for a queenside minority attack. } (12. a3 Bd6 13. b4 a6 14. Rfb1 { Achieving the immediate a3-b4 was also possible } 14... Re8 15. Be1 Ne4 { Black is still fine because of his clamp on e4-square. }) 12... a5 13. Be1 Be6 14. Ng5!? { An artificial looking move, but it does force the bishop off it's best square. Of course, the knight will easily be kicked by h6. } 14... Bd7 15. Rab1 Bd6 16. a3 h6 17. Nf3 Be6 (17... a4!? 18. b4 Rfe8 { Black shouldn't take on b3, but again focus on the e4 square. \} (18... axb3 19. Rxb3 \{ The opening of the b-file promises White a slight advantage. \})) 18. b4 a4 (18... Nc4!? { We both thought the knight on c4 had to be taken. } 19. Bxc4 (19. d5! { However, the computer points out a stronger reply than taking the knight. Whichever way Black takes on d5, White's bishops will come alive. \ 19... Bxd5 (19... cxd5 20. Nb5 Bb8 21. bxa5 Nxa5 22. Bb4) 20. Nxd5 cxd5 21. bxa5 Nxa5 22. a4 Rfb8 23. Bxf5 \$14) 19... Bxc4 20. bxa5 Bxa3 21. Rd1 Ba6 \$13 { Black has at least won the bishop pair. }) (18... axb4 { A much more double edged move. } 19. axb4 Nbd5 20. Nxd5 Nxd5 21. b5 Rfc8 22. bxc6 bxc6 \$13 { Black has a clear weakness on c6, but his minor pieces are more actively placed. }) 19. Nd2 { With the queenside closed, I can start maneuvering my knights. } 19... Rfd8 20. Nd1 { The knight on c3 wasn't doing much, so the plan is to reroute is to the c5 square. } (20. f3! { I overlooked this idea. If White can achieve e4 he should be doing well. }) 20... Be7 21. Nb2 g6 { This move was unnecessary. } (21... f4 { The immediate f4 was possible. }) 22. Be2 f4 23. Nd3 Bf5 24. Ra1?! { This passive move hands Black the initiative. \} (24. Nxf4!? \{ An interesting exchange sacrifice. White's two central pawns and light squared bishop promise decent compensation. \ 24... Bxb1 25. Nxb1) 24... Nbd5 25. Nf1 (25. Nxf4 Nxf4 26. exf4 Rxd4 27. g3 \ The computer prefers to bail out. However, this position is quite unnatural for a human to aim for, with Black's pieces placed actively in the center. }) (25. Nc4 { I was worried the knight would be vulnerable here to a well timed b5 push. } 25... Bxd3 26. Bxd3 fxe3 27. fxe3 Ng4) 25... fxe3 26. fxe3 Ng4 (26... Re8 { Re8 or h5 were options for increasing the pressure on e3 without allowing trades. }) (26... h5) 27. Bf2?! (27. Bxg4 Bxd3 28. Bf2 { This was the simplest and best way to defend e3. }) 27... Bg5 { Fortunately, I get another chance to trade minor pieces. \} (27... Nxf2! \{ Both Ashton and I underestimated this move. The bishop is very passive on f2, so its unnatural to exchange it off. } 28. Kxf2 Re8 29. Re1 Bg5 { Without an opponent, Black's dark squared bishop becomes a beast. }) 28. Bxg4 Bxd3 29. Bf3 (29. h4 Bf6 30. h5) 29... Bxf1 30. Bxd5 Rxd5 31. Kxf1 f5 32. Rc5 Rad8 33. Rxd5 (33. Ra5! { Is the quickest way to force a draw. } 33... Rxa5 34. bxa5 Ra8 35. Rb1 Ra7 36. Ke2 Be7 37. Be1 Bxa3 38. Ra1 Bd6 39. Rxa4 \$10) 33... Rxd5 34. Ke2 Kf7 35. Kd3 Ke6 { Draw agreed. I was somewhat surprised Ashton agreed the draw here, as optically Black looks slightly better because of the pawn fixed on a3. However, neither side has an obvious pawn break that would improve his position. 1/2 - 1/2

October 2024

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[Round "5"] [Result "0-1"]
[White "Luis Jimenez"] 1981
[Black "NM Eamon Montgomery"] 2236
[Opening "Sicilian Defense: French Variation"]
[Annotator "https://lichess.org/@/EamonMont"]

1. e4 c5 { A crucial last round game. I knew that if I won, and Brian Wall lost on Board 1, I would become state champion. } 2. Nf3 e6 3. d3 { This was my 5th time playing DCC Treasurer Luis Jimenez. I know he likes King's Indian setups with both colors. } 3... b6!? { A sideline I prepared for this game. I prefer to keep the option of playing d6 or d5 in reserve. } (3... d5 { Two weeks previously I played 3...d5 against Luis and wasn't totally satisfied with the position I got out of the opening. }) 4. g3 Bb7 5. Bg2 d6 6. O-O Nf6 7. Re1 Be7 8. Nbd2 Nbd7 9. c3 O-O 10. h4 b5 11. Nf1 Qc7 (11... c4!? { I considered c4, but failed to appreciate how strong it is. \ 12. dxc4 bxc4 13. e5 dxe5 14. Nxe5 Bxg2 15. Kxg2 Qc8 \ The c4 pawn is quite strong, cramping the b2 and c3 pawns. \) 12. Qc2 Rac8 13. Bd2 Rfd8 14. N1h2 Nb6 (14... a5 15. a4 b4 { The immediate a5-b4 was more consistent, claiming more queenside space. }) 15. g4 { White goes for the typical kingside expansion in the King's Indian Attack. } 15... d5 { Following the classic axiom: Aggression on the flank should be met by a central counterattack. \ (15... h5! 16. gxh5 Nxh5 \ The knight is not poorly placed on h5. } 17. Ng5 d5 18. Qd1 Nf4 19. Bxf4 Qxf4 20. Qh5 Bxg5 21. hxg5 dxe4 22. Bxe4 Bxe4 23. Rxe4 Qf5 24. Rh4 Kf8 { Black's king is surprisingly safe and d3 is weak. \) 16. e5 Nfd7 17. h5 d4! \ Seizing the initiative in center before White can play d4 himself. I thought for 20 minutes on this move. In the end, I couldn't figure out all the consequences of the pawn sacrifice, but I figured taking the initiative in the center can't be bad. \ 18. h6?! \ This move is mistimed, allowing Black to open the center, and close the kingside. \ (18. cxd4 \ Accepting the pawn sacrifice was the critical test. \ 18... Qb8 19. dxc5 Nxc5 (19... Rxc5 20. Qd1 Nxe5 21. Nxe5 Bxg2 22. Nxf7 \$13 { Another line I was considering, but couldn't work out everything from afar. }) 20. d4 Ne4 21. Qd3 Nxd2 (21... Qa8) 22. Qxd2 Nc4 23. Qe2 h6 \$13 { Black's minor pieces are much more active so he has decent compensation for the pawn. }) 18... dxc3 19. bxc3 g6 20. Rac1 Nd5 (20... c4! { Would have been a well timed positional move, securing the outpost on d5. } 21. d4 (21. Nd4 { I was incorrectly worried about allowing the knight to d4. } 21... Bxg2 22. Kxg2 Nxe5 { The b5 pawn is immune. } 23. Nxb5?? Qc6+ 24. Kg1 Qxb5) 21... Nd5) 21. Qb1 (21. c4 { The computer is screaming for both sides to play c4 for many moves to come. Control over d5 is crucial. }) 21... Qb6 (21... c4) 22. g5 (22. c4) 22... a5 (22... c4) 23. Ng4 (23. c4) 23... b4 (23... c4) 24. Ne3 { Here Luis offered a draw, but Black is already much better. Luis had 4 minutes and I had 11, so the most crucial part of the game would be played mostly on increment. \ (24. c4 \ Forcing Black's proud d5 knight to a passive square. \ 24... Nc7) (24. Nf6+ \ I never have to fear Nf6+, as my king is very safe behind the locked pawns. } 24... N5xf6 25. exf6 Bd6) 24... Qa7 (24... Nxc3 25. Bxc3 bxc3 26. Qxb6 Nxb6 27. Rxc3 Nd5 { I wasn't totally sure how to evaluate this endgame, but the weakness on d3 means Black is better. }) 25. Nxd5 Bxd5 26. c4 { White finally plays c4, but now the d3 pawn is backwards and weak. } 26... Bc6 27. Rc2?! { White is passive and lacks a plan. } 27... Qc7 { White has weaknesses on d3 and e5, so Black maneuvers to target them. } 28. Qa1? { Too passive. The strongest piece on the board shouldn't be assigned defense of one pawn. } (28. Bf4 { The best way to meet the threat to the e5 pawn. }) 28... Nb6 29. Re3 Rd7 { Doubling rooks on the d-file to pressure the d3 pawn, or use the d4 square. } 30. Bf1 Rcd8 31. Rc1 Bxf3! { With the queen and rook so passive on the queenside, its time to take the initiative in the center. } 32. Rxf3 Rd4 { How should Black defend e5? } 33. Be3 (33. Bf4 Rxf4 34. Rxf4 Bxg5 35. Rg4 Bxh6! 36. Rc2 Bg7 37. Re4 Na4 { Black is dominant on the dark squares. }) 33... Qxe5! { One exchange is a small price to pay for several pawns and a kingside attack. } 34. Bxd4? { The bishop on e3 is far too important as a defender. } (34. Rg3 { I thought this was White's best chance, holding on to g5. } 34... Na4 { Black is always happy to give up his rook for the all important dark squared bishop. Meanwhile, the knight is navigating into c3. }) 34... Rxd4 35. a3 { Trying to activate the queen on the a-file, but Black is too quick on the kingside. } 35... Qxg5+ 36. Rg3 Qxh6 (36... Rg4?? { Would have been an embarrassing way to throw the state championship. } 37. Qg7#) 37. axb4 axb4 38. Qa7 Bd6 39. Qxb6 (39. Re1 Bxg3 40. fxg3 Nd7 { This was equally hopeless, White is down three pawns with an open king. }) 39... Bxg3 40. fxg3 Qxc1 41. Qb8+ Kg7 42. Qe5+ Kh6 { The h7-g6-f7 pawn formation keeps the king very safe. } 43. Qxc5 Qe3+ 44. Kg2 Kg7 45. Qxb4 h5 { The last thing to do is use the h-pawn as a lever to open up the king. } 46. Qb8 h4 { There's no way good way to stop Rg4 and Rxg3+. \ 0-1



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Round two vs. Keith Oxman



Round five vs. Luis Jimenez

## 2024 Colorado Blitz Championship Crosstables

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CO   12812582 / B: 1920 ->2000									19 W  W	11   
MN   15752021 / B: 2150 ->2132									1 W  B	9   
CO   10923344 / B: 2112 ->2100									10 L  W	4
CO   12582590 / B: 2081 ->2059									20 L  B	3
CO   13214543 / B: 2016P16->2029P22									15 L  W	6   
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## DCC August 2024 Report

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## Note that GM Giri is calling chess players athletes...

I frequently refer to tournament chess as a sport, mainly because it is certainly more of a competition than a game. I do not mean to disparage pastime games. After all, doing that is better than watching television or listening to some politician tell lies:-) But anyone who plays USCF rated chess knows firsthand that it is about as competitive as competitive can get. Being bigger, faster, and stronger are major factors in other sports. In chess the only real physical factor is stamina. If you think staying focused over a three hour USCF rated tournament game for prize money is not tiring and stressful, you haven't played tournament chess.



Yes, another room shot. I can't help myself:-) The following photos are "Faces of the DCC" by Phil Brown & Shirley Herman

I first came to the DCC's current location early in 2014. Walking into the best location the DCC has ever had and seeing only three tables and 12 players was a shock. Thanks to Chris Peterson we have DCC News Archives, so I pulled up some selective quotes from back then to show how far the DCC has come. I admit I am tooting my own horn:-)



Richard Shtivelband in full focus mode

The very first DCC report was the 2014 DCC Year End Tournament. Which was a wall of text that included this line. Quoting myself: "I would like to get the average attendance up to more than 40 players per week". No pictures. No games section.

01/2015 This month we had 37 players with an average attendance of 24 players each week. Promotion line: "Greater attendance means more equitable pairings and additional cash prizes." Still no pictures. No Games section. 04/2015 "... but having 32 players in the room, as we did the 3rd week, made a much more vibrant round. Our average for the month was still only 28" Chris Peterson has added a heading photo.



Griffin McConnell has been through a lot in his young life, yet several brain surgeries have not diminished his spirit in the least

Skipping ahead to 03/2016 "...our average for the month was 36 players per week" The first week "... there was over 40 players in the playing room, standing around talking, or playing blitz, or looking at a game, the vibe of the room felt great." I think the increase in attendance was entirely due to these DCC reports:-) Chris Peterson has taught me how to add pictures. Still no games section.

02/2017 "I was ecstatic when we had 54 players for the 1st week of February", with "an average attendance of 44 players for the month." "This is the intensity of the right here, right now, over the board game, that just isn't there when playing online." A Games section has been added. 01/2018 "...get a load of these numbers. 83 individual players over the course of the month, with an average of 56 players playing each week." We introduce our current sections: Open, U1900, U1500 "The room was full of exuberant, energetic chess players having a good time."

05/2019 Quoting GM Anish Giri "...the chess I'm playing right now is absolutely a

sport, and I consider myself and my opponent's athletes." Then speaking about the "fierce competition" in Russian chess schools, "... the mentality of their athletes is a little bit different to those from western countries." Note That GM Giri is calling chess players athletes.

I'll continue this DCC History summary next month and now get on with who won what in the DCC 2024 August Tuesday and Thursday night tournaments. In the Tuesday night Premier section, Eamon Montgomery was back again in 1st place. His 3.5 final score won 170 dollars and 42 cents. Only Griffin McConnell held Eamon to a last round draw. With a round 3 bye, Griffin tied for 2nd place with Alex Steger, who had lost to Griffin in round 2 but won all his other games. They share the combined 2nd and 3rd place prize money with each player winning 85 dollars and 21 cents. The 30 dollar Upset Prize was won by Sikander Baker-Nagar when he had to have played a really good game against Richard Shtivelband, arguably DCC's best player.

Kristopher Zelkin and Mason Brady ruled the Tuesday night U1900 section. After player each took a 1st round bye, then they both won their next three games. Notably, Mr. Brady's wins were all big upsets. Totaling up to a 571 point rating difference. They share the combined 1st and 2nd place prize of 263 dollars and 48 cents. I'll have everyone know that I held Mr. Zelkin to a draw in a Thursday night game :-) Third place was shared by Cole Strong, Will Evans, and Tyler Poole. Cole upset the strong Jeff Nohrden in round 1 and Tyler had two big and one small upset wins. Each player won 21 dollars and 96 cents. The 30 dollar U1900 Upset Prize was won by Thomas Welborne (1123) for his round 1 win over Abhijay Balamurugan (1510) Mr. Welborne also had a nice last round upset win against John Rose (1304)

Christopher Cox dominated the Tuesday night U1500 section. Taking 1st place with a perfect 4-0 score, and taking home 164 dollars and 67 cents. Leaving Bhaskar Rajagopal, JR. Moss, and Ryan Dunagin to share the combined 2nd and 3rd place prize. With each player winning 54 dollars and 89 cents. William Trout (1002) won the 30 dollar U1500 Upset Prize when he won against Mr. Rajagopal (1391) in round 1. Mr. Trout also had a last round upset draw against Richard Lundstrom (1334).

Thursday night TD Weston Taylor playing on Tuesday night. Niall Case is on the left. In the Thursday night Premier section Daniel Herman and Alex Steger each finished with 3.5 points and they share the combined 1st and 2nd place prize of 168 dollars and 88 cents. Mr. Steger certainly earned his share of the pot by winning against Richard Shtivelband in the last round. They don't call it the money round without reason. Alex also won against the higher rated DCC Treasurer, Luis Jimenez. Mr. Herman's half point was also taken from NM Shtivelband, whom I'm sure will come roaring back in September. Turpana Molina took 3rd place and won 36 dollars and 19 cents by upsetting higher rated Rhett Langseth and Mr. Jimenez. who I'm sure will also be looking for revenge in the DCC September tournament.



Rhett Langseth (b) vs. Ben De Guire (w)

Ben DeGuire won the 20 dollar Premier Upset prize by also upsetting Mr. Langseth. So, I believe Rhett and Luis will be playing for more than prize money in June:-) The 36 dollar and 19 cents U1900 prize was taken by Joseph Pleso, who had a nice 198 rating point difference win over Forrest Lundstrom in round 3. Playing as a house player, I made a draw against the strong Kristopher Zelkin in round 3. Just so y'all know:-)



Thursday night attendance is not bad, but we would like to see 30-40 players instead of 20-30. Like it's said, the more the better

The Thursday night U1600 and Unrated section was won by Enrico Moss, with three wins and a round 2 bye. Mr. Moss takes home 96 dollars and 50 cents. Three players share the combined 2nd and 3rd

place prize. Three points won 48 dollars and 25 cents for TD Weston Taylor, Nick Hvidza (1014), and Spencer Jordan. Mr. Hvdiza's score included a big round 2 Upset win against Mr. Taylor (1224), and a small upset win against Glen Holguin (1049) in the last round. Mr. Holguin, in turn, won the 20 dollar U1600 Upset prize for his win over John Rose in round 2.



Enrico Moss making a move against Spencer Jordan

We continue to see new players at both DCC locations. Let me just add that we have room for even more players at both locations. If you are a casual player who enjoys the game, USCF rated chess is the next level. Playing online or with friends or strangers is all well and good but playing for prize money and rating points is the real thing.

Thanks to Shirley Herman and Phil Brown for the photos used in this report. Thanks as always to the Tournament Directors: Phil Brown, Peter Barlay, Sikander Baker-Nager, Weston Taylor, and Luis Jimenez. Thanks especially to all the DCC Tournament players. Thanks to Chris Peterson for the DCC webpage and Dean Clow for caissachess software. Without either, these DCC reports would not be possible. All of you have made the DCC what it is today... Super duper:-)

There is not much of a Games Section this month, as only two games were posted on DCC Games. Neither one of which met NM Peterson's criteria for a Best Game. As follows:

The game should be decisive. Especially if the game was not submitted to me, I cannot award a single prize to a game that ended in a draw.

Being fond of tactical complexity, I want to see a game that has tactics.

I also wanted to select an inspiring game. This means it can inspire people to better their play with the lessons learned in the game.

I was not overly concerned with the accuracy of play as we are humans and the computer makes fools of us all.

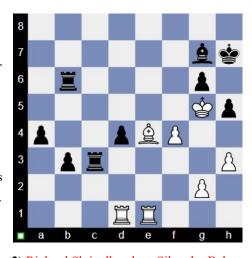
Finally, I was looking for a real struggle. A game where both players were putting their all into winning the game.

Chris also says: "With all that said, I also don't want to keep selecting the same winners every time. To win consecutive best game prizes, the game must be exceptionally spectacular.

So then, I'll diagram the two games that were submitted for what it's worth. Chris explains why neither one was selected for the Best Game prize: "The problem is the blunders and large material imbalance heavily overshadow any of the nuances of the positions."



1) Enrico Moss vs. Andrew Robichard (here would usually be the day and round) Instead there is "Round undefined of import". I have no idea what that means. Anyway after 41...Kg6-h6, White has mate in 2.



2) Richard Shtivelband vs. Sikander Baker -Nager Tuesday. Round 1. After 35... Rb8 -b6 Do you see why Mr. Shtivelband resigned?

Thanks again to all, J.C. MacNeil

## Denver Chess Club August Tuesdays Crosstables

Event DCC AUGUST TUESDAYS 2024

Event Date(s) 2024-08-06 thru 2024-08-27

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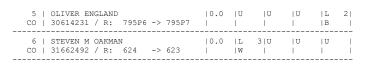
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	GRIFFIN THOMAS MCCONNELL 14692997 / R: 2231 ->2237			9   W   W			D   W	1
	ALEXANDER STEGER 12597213 / R: 2003 ->2014			) L  B		W 16		5   
	RHETT LANGSETH 13392987 / R: 2103 ->2100			7   D   B			W   W	13
	CALEB PE A 30080070 / R: 1976 ->1982			6   D   W		W 13  B	L   W	3
	SIKANDER BAKER-NAGAR 16973491 / R: 1898 ->1962			I C		W 15  W	D   B	7
	DANIEL HERMAN 14345456 / R: 2130 ->2108	2.0  N:2		3   L   W			D   W	6
	FORREST R LUNDSTROM 12771495 / R: 1829 ->1834	2.0		1   L   W			W   B	15
	SULLIVAN MAC MCCONNELL 14696346 / R: 2306 ->2302	1.5 		1 W  B		U 	U 	
	RICHARD SHTIVELBAND 12630593 / R: 2261 ->2247	1.5		6   H 		W 17  B	U 	
	CHRISTOPHER MOTLEY 16231534 / R: 1975 ->2003	1.5 		9 W  B			U 	
	JAROD D HEAP 15118541 / R: 1930 ->1935	1.5	H 	U			W   W	16
	DANIEL MARMER 12889369 / R: 1905 ->1906			7   W   B			L   B	4
	BENJAMIN DEGUIRE 30412244 / R: 1747 ->1733	1.5 		5 L  B			W   W	18
	LUIS A JIMENEZ 14736983 / R: 1953 ->1925	1.0		4   L   W			L   W	8
	ABHIRAM PALLE 17054842 / R: 1608 ->1621	1.0		5   W   W			L   B	12
	SAI SWANITH DASARI 16623300 / R: 1791 ->1784	0.5 	L   B	4   H		L 10  W	U 	
	GRAYSON MANUEL 16746206 / R: 1792 ->1768	0.5 	U	H 			L   B	14
	VEDANT PRAVIN MARGALE 16018722 / R: 1883 ->1880	0.0 	L	2   U 		U	U 	
	WILLIAM L WOLF 14762885 / R: 1600 ->1600	0.0 		3   U		U	U 	
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2	MASON BRADY	3.5	   H	   W	8	  W 18	B    W	 6
3	WILL EVANS	13.0	L 2	 3 W	30	W 21	   W	12
4	COLE STRONG	N:3  3.0	W 2	2   W	27	W 11	L	1
5		N:3    3.0						
6	SAMUEL SLACK	2.5	H		14	W 12		2
7	315265/9 / R: 1816P21->1803P24 WILLIAM O'NEIL	12.5	  L 1	W     3   W	15	B    H	W   W	21
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19   ANDREW ROBICHAUD								
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37   SHIRLEY HERMAN			0.5 	I U	H 			14
38   MATT ROSS STECKLOW   0.0   L 19 U   U   U   CO   13677110 / R: 1841 ->1813     B		14812654 / R: 1006 ->1008	10.5	U	D	20 L	30 L	31
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	JAMES MACNEIL 12532599 / R: 1650 ->1650	11.0	ΙŪ	U	I U	W	5
	AYRAT GAYNULLIN 30521406 / R: 1354 ->1355	  1.0	W  B	6 U	U	U	
	PAUL KULLBACK 12807970 / R: 1300 ->1300	  0.0 	ΙŪ	U	L	1 U	





Sofiia Gainullina is serious about her game



Caleb Pena at the board



Looks like a winning position for Rhett Langseth



## 2024 US Juniors & Senior Championships

By John Brezina



The beautiful World Chess Hall of Fame hosted the event

#### July 28, 2024

I was privileged to attend the last major US chess tournament I had yet to cover, the 2024 US Senior/Juniors Championships. It took place once again in St. Louis at the World Chess Hall of Fame as expansion work continues across the street at the chess club. I was able to photograph round seven and see players young and old that I have not seen in quite some time. This was also my first trip to St. Louis in July and the weather was quite pleasant for my short visit.



The main playing hall on the third floor

The playing hall was a photographer's dream with thirty players across the three fields to choose from. Ten players made up each field, the Senior, Junior, and Girls' Junior Championship. I had been following the tournament and began to research some of the players, where some of the names began to stick out. First was the current Junior tournament leader after six rounds, Christopher Yoo. He is the top rated US junior at 17 years old and the youngest ever US master before he turned ten, and that is when I first met him and his father. It was in New York at the 2016 World Chess Championship. Yoo had just earned the master title and was playing blitz in the lounge area where he began to draw quite an audience at only 9 years and 11 months old!

Another US junior and only 14 years old is Andy Woodward, who is now a Grandmaster. He achieved his final GM

norm back in January in Jeddah at only 13 years and 8 months, the second youngest in US history. He told his story and annotated games from the Jeddah young masters tournament in the July 2024 issue of ChessLife. A remarkable read and perspective from such a young player. He was at 50 percent with 3.0 points after six rounds when I arrived.



America's latest Grandmaster Andy Woodward

In the Girls' Junior field, "veteran" Alice Lee was tied for first with 4.0 points. I say this because Alice is only 14 years old, but has played in many major tournaments including the most recent Cairns Cup. She also recently won the 2024 American Cup title from her nemesis Irina Krush. She is also a two-time US Junior champion and a three-time World Youth Champion. An impressive chess resume at such a young age.

But the name that caught my eye was a 15 year old that was tied with Alice Lee for first place, Rose Atwell. The name rang a bell when I realized she played in our 2019 Denver Open when she was only 10 years old and a "mere" expert. This is the only time I had photographed the young Rose when she played in a strong field of chess veterans that included Colorado Hall of Famers Alex Fishbein, John Watson, and Brian Wall. Also in the lineup was Chess.com guru Danny Rensch and teaching legend Sunil Weeramantry, to name a few. Here she was five years later keeping right up with Alice Lee.



Rose Atwell intense at the board

The Senior championship had a lineup of familiar names to us "old" chess players. Vladimir Akopian was leading the field by 1.5 points with three rounds to go. He was an Armenian chess legend before changing to the US federation in 2021. Three names that I remember with a certain association are Gregory Kaidanov, Larry Christiansen, and Alex Shabalov. They all played in the 2002 Edward Levy Memorial tournament in Denver which was the very first tournament that I had played in as an unrated beginner. Of course I was not in their division, but I do remember walking around and thinking how cool it was to be playing along with these great chess players. If only I had a camera back then to capture the moment, which is what I enjoy most of covering tournaments today.



Larry Christiansen 22 years after I first saw him

Another familiar name throughout the American chess scene is Joel Benjamin. A World Chess Hall of Fame member and the first to break Bobby Fischer's record of youngest US master at 13 years old. Another first was the trifecta in American chess titles: US junior champion, US champion, and US senior champion. My first time photographing him at the board along with many others here.

GM Julio Becerra is making his first appearance in the Senior championship 25 years after defecting from Cuba. Settling in Miami, he has gone on to win the Florida State championship eight times. He had also been Cuban champion in 1996 and 1998. The chess culture is still strong in Cuba a hundred years after world champion Capablanca. I can attest this after visiting Havana myself in 2017 and witnessing the excitement kids showed after donating chess sets to a local school.



#### Former Cuban Champion Julio Becerra

It was exciting to attend and watch this cross section of players across the board for the first time. A reminder of how our great game crosses the barrier of time. To see the young teenage talent play alongside veterans who have been across the board for over half a century is quite amazing. The St. Louis chess club has done a great job elevating this tournament to a prestigious level. A first class setting for first class players to inspire future chess players

This tournament provided many decisive games right from the start with only three draws for the first fifteen games. After four rounds, Vladimir Akopian and Christopher Yoo led their fields. For the girls, Alice Lee sat at only 50 percent while Jasmine Su jumped ahead of the field at 3.5/4 points. But Alice Lee turned it up, winning the next two rounds while Su faltered and lost both her games. Rose Atwell quietly rose the ranks and tied the lead with Lee at 4/6 points. Akopian and Woo both extended their leads as well, setting up an exciting round seven which is when I arrived.

The seniors were hoping Melikset Khachiyan could slow leader Vladimir Akopian down from his 1.5 point lead with only three rounds to go. With a chance to still catch the leader, Jesse Kraai pushed hard with the black pieces to reach an endgame a piece down but up three pawns. Pushing Kaidanov's King into the corner of h1, Kraai delivered mate on the board on move 39. Jesse won another game with the black pieces in round eight against Alexander Shabalov. But after a draw in round seven, Akopian took down Douglas Root with an unstoppable knight and rook mate on move 42 to seal the title with a round to spare.



Melikset Khachiyan (right) holds the leader to a draw



Jesse Kraai tried his best but had to settle for second



Tournament winner Vladimir Akopian

Christopher Yoo had a one point lead and faced Justin Wang who was just a point behind. Andrew Hong and Jason Wang both won their games to put them both at 5/7 points, putting the pressure on Yoo. With the white pieces, Yoo never seemed to get into too much trouble but couldn't find an advantage and had to settle for a draw. He still led the field but by only half a point now with two rounds to go. While the penultimate round eight promised to be exciting for the boys, the status quo remained with all five games drawing. Jason Wang and Andrew Hong both within reach, perhaps over reached in the final round as both lost their games. Justin Wang delivered the loss to Andrew and jumped into clear second place as Yoo delivered a final round loss to Balaji Daggupati to capture another US junior title.



Justin Wang (r) could tie the leader with a win

The girls' junior had the closest horse race going into the final rounds. In round seven Alice Lee faced early tournament leader Jasmine Su. Rose Atwell had the black pieces against Yassamin Ehsani. Both of these games were being played side by side so both leaders kept a close eye on each other's games. Alice and Rose both pulled off victories to keep the horse race going into the penultimate round eight. Jasmine Su held Rose to a draw while Alice Lee showed her mettle and won against Zoey Tang to just pull ahead by half a point going into the final turn on the track. Everything was put into the games of the final round as all were decisive. After the dust settled, Alice Lee sat on top while an incredible performance by Rose Atwell gave her clear second half a point behind.



The young & formidable winner Alice Lee

In addition to a generous money prize, both Yoo and Lee received a \$10,000 scholarship from the Dewain Barber Foundation and US Chess. But perhaps more importantly they both get a seat in the US chess championships. Congratulations to the 2024 champions Vladimir Akopian, Christopher Yoo and Alice Lee. Enjoy all of my photos from round seven: https://photos.app.goo.gl/4GWrqYiKJp2KjcFVA

Regards, John Brezina Colorado Chess Informant Editor

## 45th FIDE Chess Olympiad in Budapest Hungary

By John Brezina



#### Parliament building on the Danube River

The 45th edition of the FIDE Chess Olympiad took place in Budapest Hungary September 10-23, 2024. I have always wanted to attend the Olympiad and things worked out to make it possible this year. Planning started very early to book accommodations and schedule time off. Once my media accreditation was approved, I finalized my plans to attend the first week and make the opening ceremony. While I would have liked to stay through the entire event, time and financial constraints limited me to the first five rounds. Budapest has been on my list of places to visit for some time, and it did not disappoint.



Liberty Bridge at night with the National Gallery in the distance

There are many gateways to Budapest, and I chose to fly through London. With a record number of Olympic teams attending, it has to be quite a job for everyone traveling from all corners of the globe. A record breaking 193 teams in the Open section and 181 teams in the women's competition. With 5 players per team and a captain, FIDE has quite a task providing accommodations and transport for so many. But somehow it all came together quite nicely, and most players were there in time for the opening ceremony. I made it to Budapest by noon the day of the ceremony and stopped by the playing hall to receive my badge which allowed me into the opening ceremony hall later that evening. The bus, tram and subway system in Budapest is wonderful and quite easy to navigate. Buying a multi-day unlimited

pass is the way to go and lets you get around quite easily as there is much to see around this beautiful city.

After settling into my hotel, I headed back onto the subway to the University Hall in Buda where the opening ceremony took place. The Danube River splits Buda (West) and Pest (East), and the combined cities become Budapest in 1849 when the chain bridge first linked them. I arrived plenty early to photograph and take in as much as possible at this exciting event. Chess is quite amazing and unique in its ability to bring people together from all parts of the world. So many different cultures and languages all come together and are unified over the board where we all speak the same language, chess.



The opening ceremony venue is all set and ready

As I perused the hall, people and teams slowly began to arrive. Dignitaries began to arrive as well, and it wasn't long before I saw Susan Polgar roaming around. The Polgar sisters are synonymous with Budapest, and they were all there to help kick off the 45th Olympiad in their home country. Down on the floor, I first saw the Czech Republic team which was led by David Navara where I had the chance to say a quick hello, "jak se mas?". The floor filled in first and then the bleacher stands next. Teams in their matching jackets and other colorful outfits were a feast for the eyes and camera. The mood was quite joyous, and players enjoyed mingling and meeting others, as if seeing old friends and family from years past.



Susan Polgar is a fan like the rest of us



The seats filled up fast

The very popular streamer and chess player Anna Cramling made her way through when some young ladies recognized her and began taking pictures with her. More began to line up for a chance to meet her and get autographs as well. The excitement of these young players meeting someone they only watch online is special. Anna was very gracious in her time meeting as many fans as time allowed. Extra special was that Anna and her mother Pia would later play side by side for team Sweden. With everyone seated and the stage set, the two emcees for the festivities introduced several dignitaries to speak including the FIDE President Arkady Dvorkovich and Dr. Gábor Schmidt, Deputy State Secretary for Sport. The national anthem of Hungary was played first and then music from well-known Hungarian musicians performed for the rather large audience. The pianist Jason Kouchak, an internationally renowned pianist and composer, was accompanied by the acclaimed Hungarian singer Lilla Vincze.



Pianist Jason Kouchak entertained the crowd

After several songs, the Olympic torch arrived and was carried in by none other than Judit Polgar. The crowd arose and tried to catch a glimpse of the strongest female player of all time as she carried in the torch and headed to the stage. It was quite a moment as she passed right in front of me on her way to the stairs of the stage where both presidents awaited. Then all three ceremoniously lit the cauldron

onstage and formally declared the 2024 games open. As Judit exited the stage, her sisters Susan and Sofie were called up next to draw lots and colors for the top teams. Set up on both sides of the stage were two large boxes, designed as Rubik's cubes that contained the colors. Fitting for Hungary as the famous cube, played by millions, was designed by Hungarian sculptor Ernő Rubik in 1949. Afterwards more music was played, including the official Olympiad song "Trojan War" performed by Rose May and Raul. After a final piano concerto while a tribute video played to the teams, players exited, and some stayed around to meet and take some final photos before heading back to prepare for round one the next day.



Judit Polgar brings in the Olympic torch



...and then lights the Olympic caldron with some help



Susan Polgar draws colors while her sister Sofie observes

The next morning, I took some time to explore the city as the rounds did not start until 3:00pm. I started near the famous and stunning Parliament building set right on the Danube River. I then walked along the river down to Liberty bridge where you could see across to the National Gallery set

up on the hill, the place where Judit Polgar holds her annual chess festival. Later I made my way back to the east side of the city to the Bok sports center where a mix of large buildings and stadiums hosted the Olympiad. A separate entrance was set up for the media where we were allowed into the facility at 1:00pm as the rounds began at 3:00pm. Fans lined up at the players entrance for a chance to catch their favorite players before or after the rounds and awaited a photo or an autograph. The opposite side had a public entrance where locals were treated to side events and exhibits that could be enjoyed throughout the two weeks. A room housed the Judit Polgar "chess palace" where young players could enjoy the game, and a skittles room provided plenty of chess playing along with commentary of the live games. Amateur tournaments were being held throughout the event as well. Most impressive was perhaps the FIDE 100 exhibit that had its grand opening and displayed many artifacts from the 100-year history of FIDE.

The media had a large room to set up computers and such to beam the action across the globe as it was occurring. An occasional press conference was held there as well while next door was another room for player interviews. A chess shop was set up for merchandise from the Olympiad with all kinds of memorabilia. All players and anyone on the playing floor had to be screened for electronics and cell phones as they were not allowed. Anyone on the balcony to watch from above had to turn in any electronics as well with lockers provided. The media was allowed on the floor one hour before the start of the round and then only 25 minutes once the clocks started. With nearly 360 teams of four players each, it was an impossible task to capture every player and team. I did get around to cover many teams but with a focus on the US teams and other top boards.



Everyone had to pass through security, no electronics allowed

When I first entered the playing hall, I was taken aback by the scope and size of the field. DGT boards as far as one could see along with name boards with teams from all across the world. A daunting task

to set up such an array of boards and matches, well done by FIDE and all of the arbiters and volunteers. Kudos also to the digital teams that had cameras setup on nearly every board for fans to catch all the live action. It was very impressive to see everything come together so well at such a grand scale. Teams began showing up and the media was all over trying to capture the many special moments. I focused on the early entries that settled into their seats where most were very accepting of having their photograph taken. Every now and then a player would pass by and catch my attention, like Vasyl Ivanchuk. My first time seeing the legend and then capturing him at the board, I was very fortunate indeed to be amongst these great players. It was nice to see the professional Grand Chess Tour arbiter Chris Bird working the Olympiad, outside of St. Louis where I usually see him.



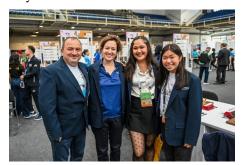
My first view of the immense playing hall



Vasyl Ivanchuk awaits round one along with Nodirbek Abdusattorov

Then the US women's team showed up with Irina Krush, Anna Zatonskih, Carissa Yip, and Begim Tokhirjonova playing on day one with Alice Lee in reserve. An impressive lineup, two former US women's champions and the current champion led by captain Melikset Khachiyan. I was honored to be there, to not only capture our US teams in action, but provide my support from back home along with many others. The US men's team arrived with the impressive Wesley So, Leinier Dominguez, Levon Aronian and Ray Robson for day one with world number three Fabiano Caruana in reserve. What a lineup brought together with long time US captain John

Donaldson. The US team was favored for gold with the highest combined ELO in the field. But nothing is guaranteed in this field of incredibly strong players from around the world. There was team China led by the world champion Ding Liren, India led by world champion challenger Gukesh D this November, and team Norway that had a former world champion some may remember, Magnus Carlsen. Magnus did not play until round three as many other top board players sat out in the early rounds.



Captain Melikset Khachiyan with part of his team

India sported incredible teams on both sides, with the women's team led by Harika Dronavalli. Of note was the sibling Olympians, Vaishali and her brother Praggnanandhaa, both playing for their country as they had in the Candidates tournament in Toronto earlier in the year. All the top boards breezed through on day one including the top favorites in the women's section, Georgia, Poland and China. The US women dispatched Jordan in round one with a perfect 4-0 score while the men gave up only one draw to Panama's top player Roberto Sanchez Alvarez.



The US women made a clean sweep in round 1

After the games began, the official opening of the FIDE 100 exhibit took place with a ribbon cutting. Afterwards a special tour was led by FIDE historical committee chairman Willy Iclicki for the FIDE president and the sport secretary. Nearby Judit Polgar was being interviewed by Mike Klein in her "chess palace" corner designed for younger players. Many booths

were set up by chess organizations and companies promoting the game along with a chess book shop that provided plenty to see and do for the fans. I made my way down the hall to another room housing an amateur tournament taking place. All of this is taking place and it is just day one!



The FIDE 100 exhibit is officially opened



Chess.com's Mike Klein interviews Judit Polgar

Round two brought out Fabiano Caruana and he scored the first victory over Singapore. The team followed with three more victories and a clean sweep. Top Hungarian player Richard Rapport made his first appearance and led his team to victory over Peru. India steam rolled another sweep over Iceland while China also won but not before Chile's top player took half a point from the world champion Ding Liren. The defending champions Uzbekistan defeated Egypt handily with Nodirbek Abdusattorov on board one and their captain Vladimir Kramnik. The US women scored another victory over the Philippines with the help of the young Alice Lee who replaced Irina Krush for round two. The defending women champions team Ukraine had a tough round two match against Lithuania with a narrow 2.5-1.5 point victory.



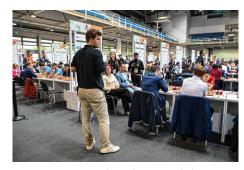
Fabiano Caruana and Richard Rapport arrive for round two

Before the start of round three, the playing floor had some extra buzz with Judit Polgar walking around as she was to make the ceremonial opening move on the top board of Fabiano Caruana and Bulgaria's Ivan Cheparinov. Fabiano won that game and led the US to their third victory. The US women defeated Canada with GM Irina Krush back in the seat while Anna Zatonskih took a rest day. Two surprising upsets for the women's section were favorites Georgia and Poland both drew their matches. A reminder to take nothing for granted in this talented and hungry field of chess players.



Judit Polgar makes the opening move on the top board

Day three brought extra excitement with Magnus Carlsen making his first appearance for Norway. Not only his arrival but how he arrived! It became quite a story when he almost failed to appear and forfeit his game. When a car did not arrive at his hotel in time, he was forced to rent a bike to get to the venue in the rain no less! Luckily esteemed photographer Maria Emelianova was in contact and able to help the confused former world champion as he arrived and escorted him through the media entrance and then to his board just in time. Despite all the commotion and a very wet Magnus, he went on to win his game and help the team to another victory. Which games to cover and photograph with the current world champion Ding Liren, challenger Gukesh D, and the GOAT Magnus Carlsen all playing!



Magnus arrives for round three and eyes the field



Magnus describes his ordeal after his round 3 victory

Arriving early again for round four paid off as I was able to watch players arrive at the playing hall and get their team photos taken by the incredible photographer Stev Bonhage. His recent transition to chess from sports racing photography in just the last two years is a story in itself. I first met him in Madrid at the 2022 Candidates tournament and then the Toronto Candidates earlier this year. Now he was in Budapest and greeting teams as they arrived for their official photographs. It was a treat to watch this professional in action setting up teams in poses with such humility and precision.



Stev Bonhage posing the players just right for their photo

The special guest to make the opening move for the women's top board was former world champion challenger to Garry Kasparov in 1993, Nigel Short. I was fortunate to capture that ceremonial moment and then quickly plant myself near the US men's team as they prepared for team Ukraine. On board two there was a matchup I was quite excited for. Wesley So faced the legendary Vasyl Ivanchuk. I spoke to Wesley briefly before the game and he was quite humbled to face the "legend". This was my first time photographing Ivanchuk and what an honor to catch this chess genius in action and thought at the board. He then went on to show why he is so revered and dangerous all these years later by defeating Wesley So. His teammate Anton Korobov delivered Ray Robson another loss and therefore upsetting the US team for their first loss of the Olympiad. Perhaps it is not always a "young" person's game as these two formidable senior GM's just proved. Another upset was team Uzbekistan as they fell to Vietnam while India kept dominating their opponents. The US women's team continued their winning streak over the Netherlands with the help of US women's champion Carissa Yip's fourth straight win.



Nigel Short makes the opening move on the women's top board



Vasyl Ivanchuk's win over Wesley So helped deliver the US their first team loss

Round five became bittersweet for me as it would be my last day at the Olympiad. With that in mind I tried to get around to see as many players as possible. I was very fortunate to capture the inspirational Pakistani women's champion Sehba Shah as she prepared for round five. Her story is a remarkable show of resilience and persistence, fighting a progressive muscular dystrophy at a very young age and then discovering the game of chess. A lifelong fight against MD and the chessboard paid off at the age of 59, becoming the Pakistan champion and now playing at the Olympiad. She kindly gestured a smile for me as her helper prepared her board and scoresheet for her game. This is what I love about chess, it's power to touch the human soul and showcase a person's abilities despite their disabilities. It is truly a game for everyone.



The inspirational Sehba Shah from Pakistan

I quickly made my way around and was able to catch the famous mother and daughter duo of Anna and Pia Cramling. Their chess streaming has become quite popular. Both were gracious in granting me exceptional first time photos at the board. I discovered another mother and daughter duo on team Palau. I spoke with the team briefly after they posed for photographs and a proud WFM Angelica Parrado introduced her daughter Angelica Magno on team Palau. I headed over to team Peru next and just happened to catch them posing with Judit Polgar. Back to the top boards for the opening of the men's US team playing against Argentina. All four games were decisive and the US bounced back with a team victory despite Leinier Dominguez losing his game. China was able to pull off a victory thanks to the single victory by 2024 Tata Steel winner Wei Yi. On the top board facing Ding Liren was Alexei Shirov. The Spanish legend known for his "fire on the board" held the world champion to a draw.



The popular streamer Anna Cramling



And her mother, Grandmaster Pia Cramling



The world champion was held to a draw by Alexei Shirov



Team Peru poses with Judit Polgar



The US team bounced back with a win over Argentina

The women's section had two major upsets including our US team. Begim had a heartbreak loss on board one against Mongolia's Turmunkh Munkhzul while the other three games were drawn, handing the women their first team loss. Armenia upset China as well to put them in the lead with India and Mongolia after five rounds. I made my way around the hall one last time to take in and absorb the atmosphere that is the Olympiad. With a heavy but grateful heart, I exited the playing hall for the last time after a final glance around this magnificent competition.



Mongolia handed the US women their first team loss

I returned to the media room to work on photos and later say goodbye to many friends I have made through the years. FIDE did a fantastic job organizing this massive tournament and provided a great environment for the media. The online coverage was exceptional as it allowed me to follow the remaining games after returning home to Colorado. Their website still allows you to go back and see every game from all eleven rounds. Click here: Home | 45th FIDE Chess Olympiad Budapest 2024



Vasyl Ivanchuk in the media room deciding on an interview

India went on to dominate in the Open by only conceding one drawn match to Uzbekistan in round nine therefore capturing the gold medal. Gukesh had an impressive performance scoring 9 out of 10 points and received individual gold on board one. Arjun Erigaisi was also impressive, scoring 10 out of 11 points and winning individual gold on board three. The US finished strong and had their chance after facing India in round ten, then defeating China in the final round to earn silver. More silver was won by Levon Aronian for individual on board four. Uzbekistan had to trade in their 2022 gold medal for bronze this year. Still an incredible finish and the only team to hold back India a bit.



Gukesh led his team to gold and picked up the individual gold



Another individual gold for Arjun Erigaisi on board two



A silver medal for Levon Aronian on board four and the US team

In the women's section, India secured victory as well and handed a double gold win for India. It came down to the wire in the final round with India and Kazakhstan tied. India faced Azerbaijan and showed incredible confidence by only allowing one draw. The US team faced leader Kazakhstan and helped India by drawing the match with the help of Carissa Yip's final round victory. This earned Carissa Yip an individual gold medal on board two. An impressive performance by the reigning US champion. Alice Lee also had a great Olympiad showing by earning the silver medal on board four. The women's team finished in third overall and took home bronze, a valiant effort in a very strong field. Congratulations to our US teams for bringing home medals in both fields.

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Harika Dronavalli in a typical pose led her team to gold



Carissa Yip's performance earned her individual gold on board two



The US women's team had to settle for bronze in a tough field

Thanks to FIDE for giving me the opportunity of a lifetime to cover our teams. And thanks to the people of Budapest for hosting the Olympiad and showcasing their beautiful city and people. There is not enough room here to share all of my stories and people I was fortunate to meet, but I hope I captured the feel of the Olympiad here just a little for you. All of my photos and videos from the Olympiad are posted here for your enjoyment:

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Regards, John Brezina Colorado Chess Informant Editor

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	CHRISTOPHER MOTLEY 16231534 / R: 1967 ->1985	3.5 		W 21  B		F 	W 13
	MARK KROWCZYK 12496393 / R: 1956 ->1937	3.5  N:3	W 16				D 8   B
	KEITH JAY OXMAN 12459346 / R: 1900 ->1916	3.5  N:2	W 19  W				L 2   W
	VEDANT PRAVIN MARGALE 16018722 / R: 1862 ->1883	3.5  N:2	W 12  B				L 1   W
	TIMOTHY E BRENNAN 12718954 / R: 1804 ->1809	3.5  N:2	D 21			W 16  B	W 15
	TANYA GURPUR MADKE PRABHU 16349446 / R: 1709 ->1771	3.5  N:2	W 28			W 12  B	D 4
	RHETT LANGSETH 13392987 / R: 2136 ->2105	3.0  N:2	W 11  W				W 19   B
				W 19  B			W 21
	JAMES URQUHART ROBERTSON 31821417 / R: 1608 ->1607	3.0  N:4		L 12			W 22   W
	TRISTAN CRUZ 15385193 / R: 1381 ->1480			W 11  B			W 18   B
	DANIEL MARMER 12889369 / R: 1825 ->1813	2.5  N:3	W 24		W 20		L 3   B
	BENJAMIN DEGUIRE 30412244 / R: 1725 ->1747	2.5	W 20			H 	U
	KYLE LUO 30588060 / R: 1732 ->1717		W 22  B		W 29		L 7   B
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			L 14  B				W 27   B
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22   CO	GERARDO CRUZ 12629855 / R: 1112 ->1144	12.0	L 15  W	B 	L 10  B	W 28  W	L 11   B
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	SOWBHAGYA VELAGALA 30916380 / R: 840P25-> 870	1.5		L 6  B	L 12  W	U 	D 23   W
27   CO	WILLIAM C NIXON 12745814 / R: 1515 ->1437	1.0	L 2  B	L 25  W	L 19  B	X 	L 20   W
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#### In Praise of Hyperbole

By Jeffrey Baffo, Sept. 2024

Do we overvalue truth, have we made objectivity an idol? I understand, dear reader, if you scoff at my premise; how could there be *any* redeeming quality to a statement that can be proved false? If I do answer in the affirmative and wanted moral justification for that, I'd say that sometimes a rash overstatement can point us to a higher truth. In the end I'll leave it to the reader for a final judgement. In light of these statements, I invite, you dear reader and questor after chess skill and knowledge to examine the following game.

Petrosian, Tigran V(1) - Stein, Leonid [E93 King's Indian Defense, Classical] URS-chT Cup 03rd Final Moscow (4), 28.12.1961 [Fritz 17/Baffo, Jeff]

#### 1.c4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d6 3.d4 g6 4.e4 Bg7 5.Be2 0-0 6.Nf3 e5 7.d5 Nbd7



[Petrosian's play vs. the KID was so powerful chess players began distrusting typical plans for Black. It was as if they were collectively wondering if the whole opening scheme for Black was unplayable. This led to attempts at deep preparation such as 7...a5 8.Bg5 h6 9.Bh4 Na6 10.Nd2 Qe8 11.0–0 Bd7 (11...Nh7 12.a3 Bd7 13.b3 f5 "planning an astonishing exchange sacrifice..." 14.exf5 gxf5 15.Bh5 Qc8 16.Be7 Re8 17.Bxe8 Qxe8 18.Bh4 e4 19.Qc2 Qh5 20.Bg3 Re8② Yusapov-Kasparov, Barcelona 1989 "Black should have won...") 12.b3 Nh7 13.f3 h5 14.Bf2 Bh6 15.a3 Qe7 16.Qc2 h4 17.Rfd1 f5= Petrosian-Stein, USSR 1967 "Stein radically improved his play in the Petrosian KID".] Full games below.

#### 8.Bg5 h6 9.Bh4 a6 10.0-0 Qe8 11.Nd2 c5 12.dxc6 bxc6 13.b4 Rb8 14.a3 Bb7 15.Nb3 Qe6 16.Na5 Ba8

[16...Rfe8 17.Nxb7 Rxb7 18.c5 Keene and Simpole (not clear who wrote what in this otherwise wonderful book) in Petrosian vs. the Elite, pg.75 say "and White wins..." Author's hyperbole and Petrosian fan-boy hype? Perhaps so, since the engines rate this as unclear or at best a slight edge to White. Bare in mind, however, that this was Petrosian we're talking about! In his hands, maybe the position after 18.c5 is a win!; 16...Ne8 17.c5 (17.Nd5 Some contemporaneous notes published in Soviet sources put forth this move for White. The engine sees it as at worst a plausible and possibly dangerous move, but Petrosian vs. the Elite authors dismiss it as "Vodka fueled fantasy" after 17...Ndf6!) 17...dxc5 18.Bc4 Continuing the fast and loose notes, the authors claim this "...traps the Queen in broad daylight..." Not so clear, as the simple ...Qd6 seems to give White no more than a decent initiative.]

17.f3 d5 18.c5 Nh5 19.Bxa6 Nf4 20.Ne2 g5 21.Bf2 f5 22.Rc1 fxe4 23.fxe4 Nf6 24.exd5 N6xd5 [24...cxd5 25.c6+-] 25.Ng3 e4 26.Bd4 Rbd8 27.Bxg7 Kxg7 28.Qd4+ Nf6 29.Qc3 Kg6 30.Nc4 Nd3 31.Rcd1 Nd5 32.Qc2 Nc7 33.Nd6 Nxa6 34.Rxf8 Rxf8 35.Ndxe4 Naxb4 36.axb4 Nxb4 37.Qb1 Nd5 38.Re1 Qd7 39.Nf6+! With a mating finish. For maximum instructional value, I urge the reader to find this 2-move sequence on their own. 1-0

(1) Tigran Vartanovich Petrosian (17 June 1929 – 13 August 1984) was a Soviet-Armenian chess grandmaster and the ninth World Chess Champion from 1963 to 1969.

So, dear reader, some of notes seem to be overstating things, but do they help you understand how deep Petrosian's strategy was? If so, then the hoopla was not without merit. More importantly, it helps you to discover the wonderful, instructive games of the Ninth World Champion, you will not regret it!

(Supplemental Game 1) Petrosian, Tigran V - Stein, Leonid [E92] Moscow October Revolution 50 Moscow, 1967

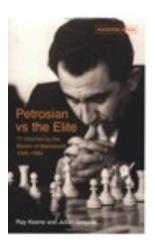
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(Supplemental Game 2) Jussupow, Artur (2610) - Kasparov, Garry (2775) [E92] World Cup Barcelona (3), 03.1989

1.Nf3 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 Bg7 4.e4 d6 5.d4 0–0 6.Be2 e5 7.d5 a5 8.Bg5 h6 9.Bh4 Na6 10.Nd2 Qe8 11.0–0 Nh7 12.a3 Bd7 13.b3 f5 14.exf5 gxf5 15.Bh5 Qc8 16.Be7 Re8 17.Bxe8 Qxe8 18.Bh4 e4 19.Qc2 Qh5 20.Bg3 Rf8 21.Bf4 Qg4 22.g3 Ng5 23.Kh1 Nf3 24.Rac1 Nc5 25.Nxf3 Qxf3+ 26.Kg1 Nd3 27.Qd2 Bd4 28.Rc2 Kh7 29.h3 Rg8 30.Kh2 Qh5 31.Nd1 Ne5 32.f3 Nd3 33.Ne3 Nxf4 34.gxf4 Bb6 35.Qf2 Qg6 36.Re2 Bc5 37.fxe4 fxe4 38.f5 Qh5 39.Rd2 Rg5 40.Qf4 Qe8 41.Ng4 1–0

(Supplemental game #3) Kramnik, Vladimir (2710) - Kasparov, Garry (2815) [E92] Munich Intel Express blitz '5 Munich, 1994

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 Bg7 4.e4 d6 5.Nf3 0-0 6.Be2 e5 7.d5 a5 8.Bg5 h6 9.Bh4 Na6 10.0-0 Bd7 11.Nd2 Nc5 12.b3 Nfxe4!! 13.Bxd8 Nxc3 14.Qe1 Rfxd8 15.Rc1 Nxa2 16.Ra1 Nb4 17.Bd1 e4 18.Rb1 Re8 19.Qe3 f5 20.h4 Rf8 21.g3 Rae8 22.Kg2 Nbd3 23.Rg1 f4 24.gxf4 Rxf4 25.h5 g5 26.Rf1 Rh4 27.Rh1 Rf4 28.Rf1 Ref8 29.f3 Rh4 30.fxe4 Nf4+ 31.Kg1 Ncd3 32.e5 Nxe5 33.Rc1 Rh3 34.Nf3 g4 35.Nxe5 Rxe3 36.Nxd7 Nh3+ 37.Kg2 Rxf1 38.Kxf1 g3 39.Kg2 Nf4+ 0-1



Petrosian vs the Elite: 71 Victories by the Master of Manoeuvre 1946-1983. Paperback, 2007 Ray Keene, Julian Simpole

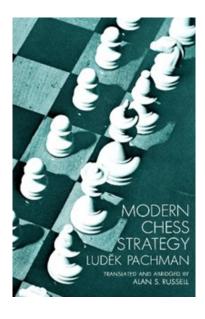
#### Queen vs. Pieces

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Modern Chess Strategy Paperback – Abridged, June 1, 1971 by Ludek Pachman (Author), Allen S. Russell (Translator Diagram 12, pg. 14. Queen and Bishop vs two Rooks and Knight.

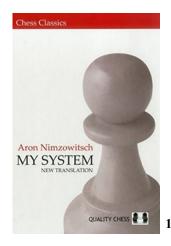
GM Pachman give very cogent and correct general rules for these types of positions, but errs in the particular example he chooses. (Note; there is no game or endgame-study citation for the diagrammed example.) As always, ANAYSIS TRUMPS RULES! Error in that Pachman assess this as favorable to the Queen and minor piece (Black in this case.) when in fact, it is equal, based on White's ability to harass the Black King. GM Pachman opines that Black's Queen and Bishop cooperate better than the Rooks and Knight, and White has several weak or potentially weak pawns the Black Queen can attack. He is correct as far as that goes, but misses the fact that Black has his own problems and weakness, in particular if he secures his Bishop on the otherwise excellent post e5, via pawn to f6, he gets murdered along the 7<sup>th</sup> rank. A sample line is shown here. **1.Ne8+ Kh7 2.Rd5**) **Qb2** (2...f6?? 3.Rd7+ and White wins) **3.Rcd1 Qe2 4.Rd7 Kg8 5.Rd8=** 



#### Humility, thy Name is K&P Endgame

Jeffrey Baffo Oct 2024





The Grandmaster gives 1.h4, a correct move which speaks to his main point, explained below. The error rears it's ugly head with Nimzo's suggested response 1...g6?? . I'm wondering if anyone circa the time this book first appeared (1925/26) dared to point that out, and if so, what the author would have said. For reference see pg 92 My System. No credit to me, the correction is shown on page 307. 1...g6 is a shocking oversight for someone as strong as Nimzovitch, especially when it was to appear in his first major published work, his self-proclaimed signature work, explaining his new System. Add to that the no small amount of pride he took in his endgame skill and knowledge. As you would expect, his overall point is correct, important, and explained in a highly instructive way. That being the distraction value of a distant (away from the center) but otherwise doomed pawn. The enemy King has to chase/capture it and that allow "our" King to run rampant on the other side and escort our passer to victory. His point is; not cash in that trump card in until the pawns on the opposite wing are placed correctly. It is my opinion that Nimzo likely did this example "blindfold", i.e. without a board or pocket set and simply assumed the only move for Black would naturally be the "restraining" pawn move 1...g6 (also in accordance with My System principles, btw) and simply miscounted the tempi needed for each side. In any case, whenever the error became known, it surely must have gotten some crimson cheeks for the Grandmaster. For us mortals; check pawn promotion "races" thouroughly lest you also be humbled!

<sup>1)</sup> My System (Chess Classics) Quality Chess Edition, 2007. Aron Nimzowitsch Hardcover

# **Tactics Time!**

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



1. Eric Wolcott – Weston Taylor DCC Spring Classic 2023
Black to Move



**2. Drew Tuck – Mitchell Beyer** *DCC May* 2023 Black to Move



**3. Gera Cruz – Phillip Brown** *DCC May* 2023 White to Move



**4.Grayson Manuel -Daniel Herman** *DCC May* 2023 Black to Move



**5.Mike Maloney – Grayson Manuel** *DCC April* 2023 White to Move



**6. K. Zelkin – T. Molina** *DCC April* 2023 Black to Move



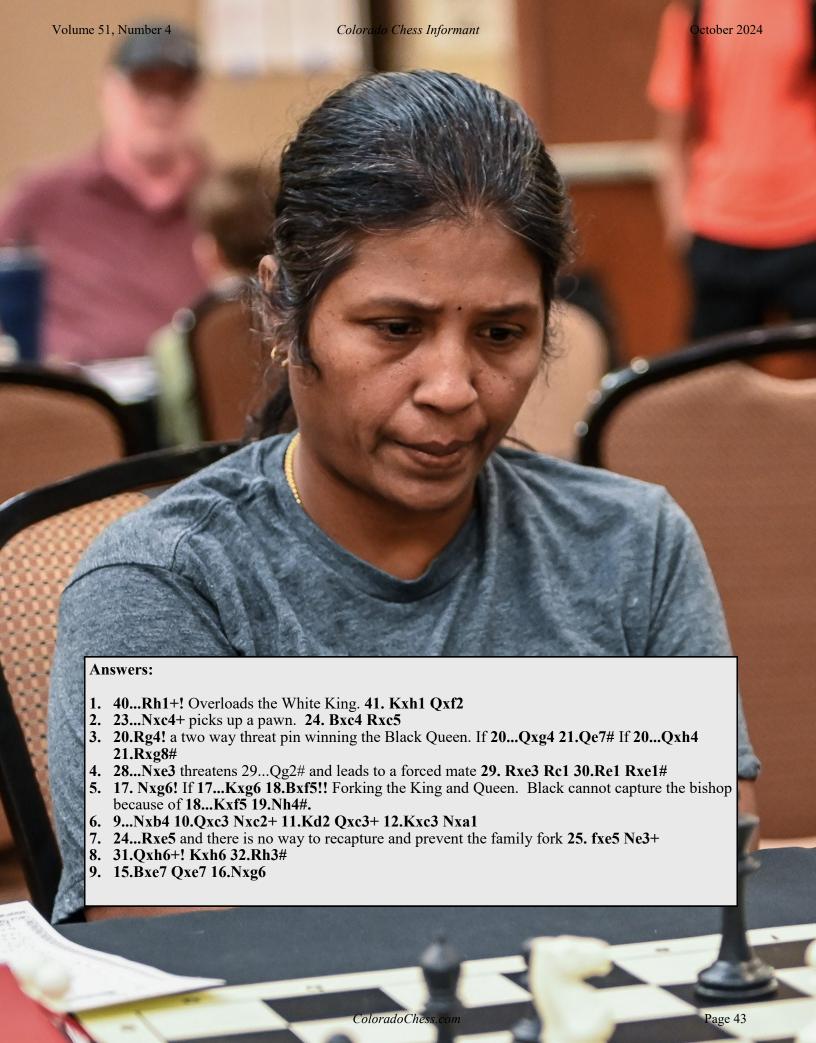
**7.Brad Lundstrom – Randy Canney** *Colorado Senior* 2023
Black to Move



8. Ted Doykos – Tanya Prabhu Spring Classic 2023 White to Move



9. Iris Li – Earle Wikle Spring Classic 2023 White to Move



## FOLLOW THROUGH ON YOUR SWING

#### By NM Todd Bardwick

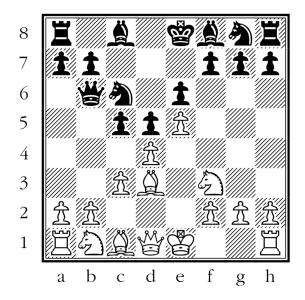
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When either hitting a tennis ball, swinging a baseball bat, or kicking a football, the follow through is just as important as the swinging motion before contact. The next time you watch golf on television, listen carefully as the analyst stresses the importance of the follow through.

In chess, one of the most common mistakes made by non-masters is not following though on a line of analysis. Think of how many times you have analyzed a long capture variation, calculated that you were ahead in material, and played your move...only to find that at the end of sequence you got pinned or forked and lost the game because your opponent looked one move deeper into the position.

Being observant at the end of a calculated variation can save you from embarrassment in your analysis. At the end of a sequence of moves in your analysis, take a moment to check out the final positioning of the pieces in your mind and look for simple tactical patterns. If a king and queen are on the same diagonal, ask yourself, "Is there a bishop that can pin or fork them?" If they are on the same file, "Where are the rooks?" If you notice that the king is behind a row of pawns, "Is there be a back rank mate possible?"

Here is a mainline position from the Advance Variation of the French Defense after white plays **6.Bd3**.



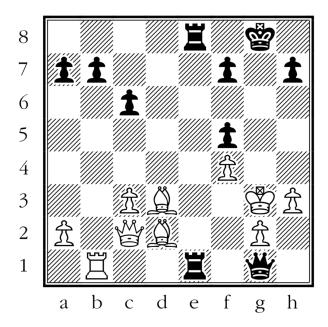


Position after 6.Bd3

At first glance it looks like the bishop move blocks the queen from protecting the pawn on d4, which is attacked three times, now defended only twice. If Black stops his analysis here and concludes that he is winning a pawn with **6...cxd4 7.cxd4 Nxd4? 8.Nxd4 Qxd4??**, he is in for a surprise when White plays **9.Bb5+** and the queen on d4 is lost. In this case, Black didn't sense the danger in capturing the pawn and failed to stop and observe that the two queens and the bishop on d3 were on the same file.

Here is a position from of one of Bobby Fischer's games from Iceland in 1960.

#### Fischer





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Position after 25.Bd2

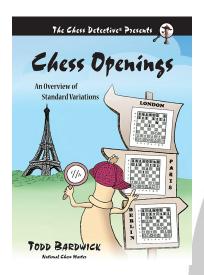
When attacking the opponent's king and behind in material, generally the best plan is to focus on hunting the king, not to trading material. You still do need to thoroughly check out all the capture lines just to make sure there aren't any surprises (pleasant or otherwise!) when the smoke clears.

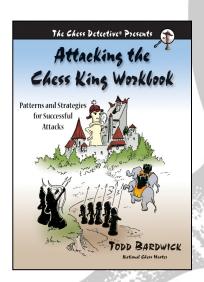
After 25.Bd2, White seems to have untied his forces and is hoping to trade off pieces and win with his advantage of a bishop pair against a rook and pawn.

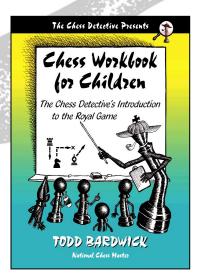
The game continued, **25...Rxb1! 26.Qxb1 Qxb1 27.Bxb1** When analyzing this variation starting with 25...Rxb1, many chess players stop and think to themselves, "I'm down a rook to two bishops...this isn't working, I need to look for something else." Fischer, however, noticed that White's bishops are restricted by his pawns, looked deeper into the position, and finished out this capture sequence that ended with **27...Re2 28.Resigns** After 28.Bc1 Rel, White's bishops are lined up on the back rank and Black will win one of them.

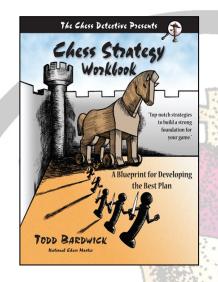
Before playing your move, if you always take a step back and objectively pick up clues in the position in your mind at the end of a capture sequence, you will avoid surprises, and your winning percentage will greatly increase.

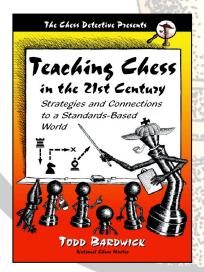
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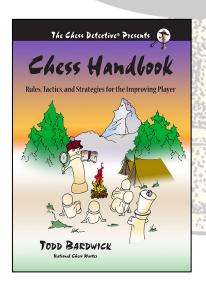


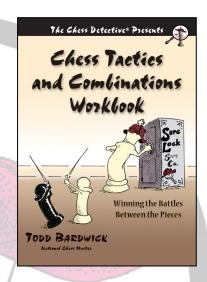


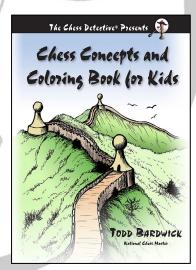


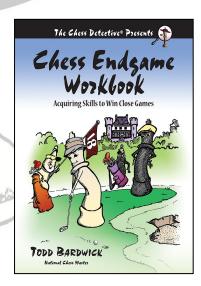












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### MAY THE BEST PLAYER WIN

By Kyla Zhao

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

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



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

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

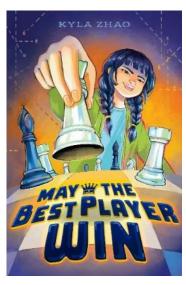
While fast-paced and humor-filled, **MAY THE BEST PLAYER WIN** addresses the reality of the high expectations often placed on children to perform well in and out of school. With rates of anxiety in children on the rise, young readers can relate to May's struggles to cope with her performance anxiety.

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

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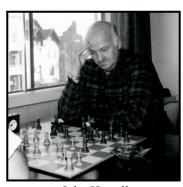
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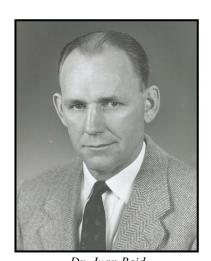
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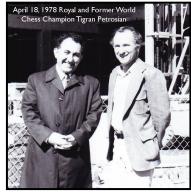
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