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From the Desk of The Editor

Hello!

It's hard to believe this is my third issue already! This particular issue was a little harder to find the time to get out. Work has been crazy busy lately. Then Thanksgiving hit. But, I think we have a pretty good issue here.

In this issue, you will find the games from this year's **World Chess Championship** played in **Sochi, Russia** this year. I decided to let *Deep Fritz 14* do some analysis for us. We also have results from the **Texas Collegiate Championship** and **Texas Grade K-12 Championship Tournaments** played in **Irving, TX**. We have a report from **WCM Claudia Munoz** and an interview by **Robert L. Myers**. We have our next **Tactics Time** from **Tim Brennan**. And finally, our **Spotlight On...** article is by **WFM Emily Nguyen**. If you recall, the previous issue's **Spotlight On...** article was by her brother. I hope you enjoy the issue.

So far the most difficult content to get for the creation of *Texas Knights* is the **Spotlight On...** article. Again, if you know someone that might be interested in writing **Spotlight On...** please contact me. The requirements are really simple. A story by a K-12 student, about their Chess experiences. A single page is typical (sometimes it's a little longer) and a chess-related photo to go along with the story.

The second most difficult content to get is a little surprising to me. Photos! When it comes to the Cover Photo, either finding a reasonable photo or trying to find out who is in the cover photo when I decide to use it. Is problematic. Then there are the tournament photos: too blurry, bad lighting, etc. ... and then ... problems with the cameras themselves. So, when you are at a Chess tournament in Texas (or there is a participant from Texas but playing out of the area, take pictures and email (texasknightsed@gmail.com) them to me!!!! The only thing I really need to know is what tournament the photo is related to. It would be nice to know who is in the picture. Awards Ceremony and/or Winner photos are most useful. If the person that snapped the photo would like credit, if I use it in *Texas Knights*, let me know who took the picture too.

As always, I would like to thank the contributors of this issue, including my wife. She took the time out of her decorating schedule to layout and photograph the holiday photos that you see throughout the issue (including the cover).

Enjoy the Holidays and be safe! The next issue will be on it's way the 1st week in February.

— **Jeff French**



From the Desk of the TCA President

Hello Chess friends,

I cannot believe Jeff is getting ready for his third edition of the Texas Knights. Thanks and congratulations to him for doing an excellent job.

The committee to discuss the advance motions has been formed. Regional directors, Scholastic committee members and others are included. If anyone else want to participate please let me know. It is chaired by Forrest Marler and Cris Moreno-Deleon. Their goal is to evaluate the motions and make a recommendation. The final vote

will happen during the state championships in Mc Allen 2015. So January 31st would be a time-frame to make a recommendation.

The newly formed region 10 is doing well. JJ Guajardo is the Regional Director and Anthony Guerra the Scholastic committee member. They plan to have a regional before the state in the Mc Allen area.

On a personal note, I did not win the election that I was contesting. More time for chess I guess. Thank you all for your efforts and see you all soon.

Sincerely,
Vish

TCA Treasurer's Report - November 15, 2014

Income		Expenses	
September memberships	\$75.00	Region 10 Start-up Chess Sets	500.00
October memberships	\$10.00	Texas Knights Sept-Oct 2014	\$872.72
November memberships (so far)	\$50.00	Affiliates Dues (2 years)	80.00
2014 SW Open memberships	469.00	2014 Denker Representative - Austin Jiang	300.00
2014 Texas Girls State Championships	70.00	World Junior Chess in India - Claudia Munoz	500.00
2014 Texas Grade & Collegiate memberships	309.00	Total	\$2,252.72
Binny Nanavati Dell Volunteer Contribution	150.00		
Total	\$1,133.00	November 15 2014	
		WF checking account balance	\$17,775.11
		BOA checking account balance	\$12,032.65

Spotlight On ... WFM Emily Nguyen

I remember when I was four; I would watch my dad and brother play chess at home. I learned how to play and make basic moves by watching other people. The first time I tried to play was at the Round Rock Public Library, and I enjoyed it and was fascinated with chess. I started learning how to play in more depth, like how all the pieces move, and what check and checkmate meant.

One of my favorite experiences was the 2010 World Youth Chess Championships in Greece. I was eight years old at the time, and it was my first World Youth. I remember the hotel was amazing, because my whole family stayed in the basement with other members of the USA team, and had pillow fights outside on the deck.

One of my most successful moments in chess was the 2012 Pan-American Youth Chess Championships in Peru. In that tournament, I won all nine of my games, earning the WFM title. Even though I won first, the experience was very hectic because when we arrived at the airport in Peru, the bus that was supposed to pick us up never came, so we had to take a taxi. The driver didn't speak English, so he drove us around for about an hour trying to find our hotel. When we finally got there, it was 2 AM. Peru was also very cold, even though we went in the summer. We played in a soccer stadium, where there wasn't enough space indoors. Only the top board in every section got to play indoors, so I was probably motivated to win because I didn't want to freeze outside. In the blitz tournament when I played outside, after every round, my fingers were frozen.

Even though some of my moments in chess were successful, I've also had some awful experiences. Everybody has had rough experiences in chess, and we need them to learn. But the most important thing is when we've made a mistake, we have to move on. Part of moving on from our mistakes is having a supportive family. When I was in the 1600 – 1800 level and I lost or drew to a lower rated, the whole family would be depressed, so I couldn't really forget about my mistakes. I would keep on losing my games in that tournament because I was still unhappy with the previous round(s). After a while, my parents started to realize that in order to do well, I needed to come into the round with a fresh and happy mind. So from then on, each time I lost or drew to a lower rated, we would go eat and enjoy ourselves, and I would forget about my loss, while learning not to make the same mistake. This helped me make a comeback in the tournament, and one of the reasons I am still playing chess. If I never learned to move on from my mistakes, I think I would have quit chess a long time ago.

Some people say chess is just a board game, but I think it's more than that. Chess requires mental and physical strength. You need to learn to move on and forget about your mistakes, as well as feeling good and having enough energy to sit in a chair for up to five or six hours. Overall, I really enjoy playing chess because it's competitive, and you can have fun with it at the same time.



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World Chess Championship 2014

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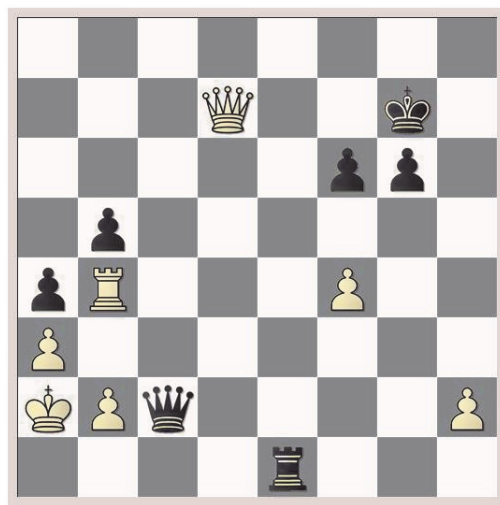
This year's **World Chess Championship Tournament** was scheduled to be a 12-round match played in **Sochi, Russia** from November 7th to the 28th. The first player to hit a score of 6.5 or higher would be the winner. If the score was even after the 12 rounds, a 4 game tie-break would have been played. The participants this year were the defending champion (**Magnus Carlsen**, from **Norway**) and the winner of this year's **World Candidates Tournament** (**Viswanathan Anand**, from **India**). **Magnus Carlsen** was successful in defending his title on November 23rd after 11 games with a Score of **6.5 to 4.5**, the 12th round was not played. **Carlsen** won Rounds 2, 6 and 11, **Anand** won Round 3, and the remaining 7 Rounds were all draws. Below are the games. The winning games include *Deep Fritz 14 Full Analysis*. I have also included a *Fritz Analysis* of the 122 move game that ended in a draw from Round 7.

**Anand, Viswanathan (2792) –
Carlsen, Magnus (2863) [D85]**
WCh 2014 Sochi RUS (1), 08.11.2014

46.Qd7+ Kh6 47.Qh3+ Kg7 48.Qd7+

½-½

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 d5 4.cxd5 Nxd5
5.Bd2 Bg7 6.e4 Nxc3 7.Bxc3 0-0 8.Qd2
Nc6 9.Nf3 Bg4 10.d5 Bxf3 11.Bxg7 Kxg7
12.gxf3 Ne5 13.0-0-0 c6 14.Qc3 f6
15.Bh3 cxd5 16.exd5 Nf7 17.f4 Qd6
18.Qd4 Rad8 19.Be6 Qb6 20.Qd2 Rd6
21.Rhe1 Nd8 22.f5 Nxe6 23.Rxe6 Qc7+
24.Kb1 Rc8 25.Rde1 Rxe6 26.Rxe6 Rd8
27.Qe3 Rd7 28.d6 exd6 29.Qd4 Rf7
30.fxg6 hxg6 31.Rxd6 a6 32.a3 Qa5 33.f4
Qh5 34.Qd2 Qc5 35.Rd5 Qc4 36.Rd7
Qc6 37.Rd6 Qe4+ 38.Ka2 Re7 39.Qc1 a5
40.Qf1 a4 41.Rd1 Qc2 42.Rd4 Re2
43.Rb4 b5 44.Qh1 Re7 45.Qd5 Re1



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Carlsen, Magnus (2863) [C65] – Anand, Viswanathan (2792)

WCh 2014 Sochi RUS (2), 09.11.2014

[C65: Ruy Lopez: Berlin Defense (3...Nf6), unusual lines and 4 0-0 Bc5]

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 Nf6 4.d3 Bc5 5.0-0 d6 [last book move]

6.Re1 0-0 7.Bxc6 bxc6 8.h3 [Prevents intrusion on g4]

8...Re8 9.Nbd2 Nd7 10.Nc4 Bb6 11.a4 a5

12.Nxb6 cxb6 13.d4 Qc7 14.Ra3 Nf8 15.dxe5 dxe5 16.Nh4 Rd8 [Black threatens to win material: Rd8xd1]

17.Qh5 f6 [Consolidates g5]

18.Nf5 Be6 19.Rg3 [White threatens to win material: Rg3xg7]

19...Ng6 20.h4 Bxf5 [20...Rd7 21.Bh6 Re8 22.Qg4=]

21.exf5± Nf4 22.Bxf4 exf4 23.Rc3 c5

24.Re6 [The white rook is well posted.]

24...Rab8 [24...h6!?±]

25.Rc4± Qd7 26.Kh2 [26.Rxf4?! Qd1+ 27.Qxd1 Rxd1+ 28.Kh2 Rd2=]

26...Rf8 [26...Re8 27.Rce4 Rxe6 28.fxe6± (28.Rxe6?! Qxa4 29.b3 Qd7=)]

27.Rce4 Rb7 28.Qe2 b5 [28...h6 29.Qf3±]

29.b3 [29.Re7!? Qd6 30.f3 Rxe7 31.Rxe7 bxa4+-]

29...bxa4± 30.bxa4 Rb4 [30...Kh8!?±]

31.Re7+- Qd6 [31...Qxf5?? it may look

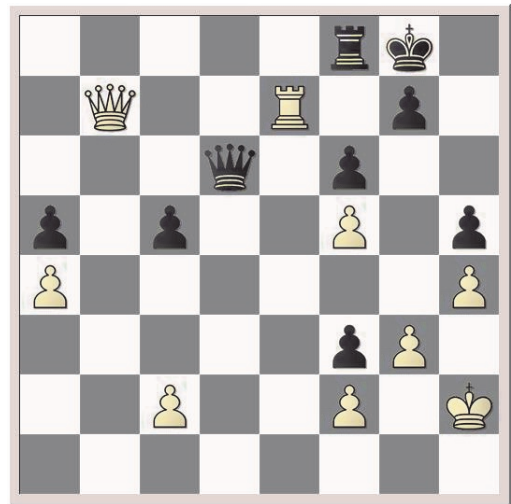
tempting but Black must resist capturing the pawn 32.Rxb4 h5 33.Rbb7+-]

32.Qf3 [32.f3!? h6 33.Ra7 Rxe4 34.Qxe4±]

32...Rxe4± 33.Qxe4 f3+ 34.g3 h5?? [another bit of territory lost]

[△34...Qd2 35.Qxf3 Qxc2±]

35.Qb7+- [35.Qb7 Qxe7 36.Qxe7+-]



Anand,Viswanathan (2792) – Carlsen,Magnus (2863) [D37]
WCh 2014 Sochi RUS (3), 11.11.2014

[D37: Queen's Gambit Declined: 5 Bf4]

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 d5 4.Nc3 Be7 5.Bf4 0-0 6.e3 Nbd7 7.c5 c6 8.Bd3 b6 9.b4 a5 10.a3 Ba6 11.Bxa6 Rxa6 12.b5 cxb5 13.c6 Qc8 14.c7 b4 15.Nb5 a4 16.Rc1 Ne4 17.Ng5 Ndf6 18.Nxe4 [last book move]

18...Nxe4 19.f3 [White threatens to win material: f3xe4]

19...Ra5 [19...Nc3 20.Nxc3 bxc3 21.Rxc3=]

20.fxe4± Rxb5 21.Qxa4 Ra5 22.Qc6 bxa3 [Not 22...Rxa3 23.exd5 exd5 24.0-0±]

23.exd5 Rxd5 24.Qxb6 Qd7 25.0-0 [25.Qa6 Qc8 26.Qc4 Rf5±]

25...Rc8± 26.Rc6 g5 [Black threatens to win material: g5xf4]

27.Bg3 [27.Be5 Bb4±]

27...Bb4± 28.Ra1 Ba5? [△28...h5± and Black hangs on]

29.Qa6+- Bxc7? [△29...Rxc7 30.Bxc7 Bxc7 31.Rxa3 Kg7+-]

30.Qc4 e5 [30...Ra5 31.Rxc7 Rxc7 32.Qxc7 Qxc7 33.Bxc7 Ra6+-]

31.Bxe5 Rxe5 [31...Ra5 hardly improves anything 32.Rxc7 Rxc7

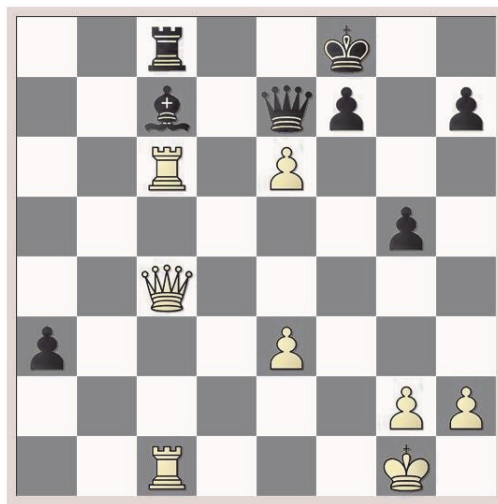
33.Bxc7+-]

32.dxe5 Qe7 33.e6 [33.Rc5!? keeps an even firmer grip 33...Kg7 34.Rc1 a2 35.Qxa2 Bb6 36.Rxc8 Bxe3+ 37.Kh1 Bxc1 38.Rxc1 Qxe5+-]

33...Kf8 [33...Qxe6 does not improve anything 34.Rxe6 (34.Rxc7?! is not possible 34...Qxc4 35.Rxc4 Rxc4 36.Rxa3 Kg7=) 34...Bxh2+ 35.Kxh2 Rxc4 36.Re8+ Kg7 37.Rxa3+-]

34.Rc1 [34.Rc1 Re8 35.Rf1+-]

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Carlsen, Magnus (2863) [B40] – Anand, Viswanathan (2792)

WCh 2014 Sochi RUS (4), 12.11.2014

Anand, Viswanathan (2792) – Carlsen, Magnus (2863) [E15]

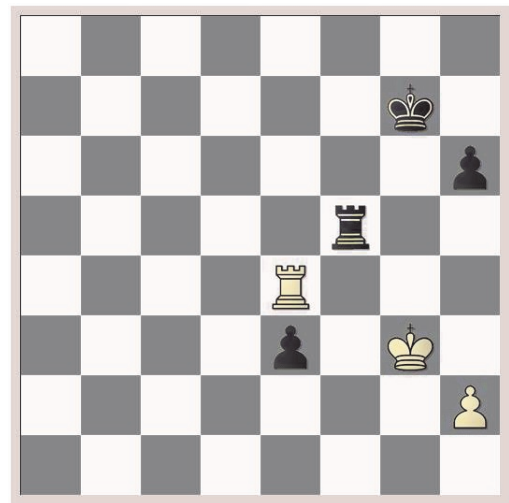
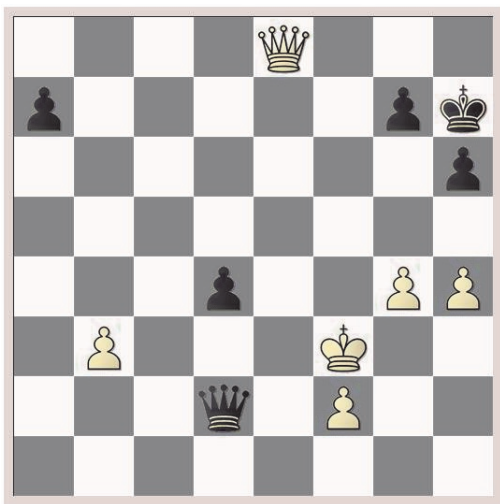
WCh 2014 Sochi RUS (5), 14.11.2014

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 e6 3.g3 Nc6 4.Bg2 d5
 5.exd5 exd5 6.0-0 Nf6 7.d4 Be7
 8.Be3 cxd4 9.Nxd4 Bg4 10.Qd3 Qd7
 11.Nd2 0-0 12.N2f3 Rfe8 13.Rfe1 Bd6
 14.c3 h6 15.Qf1 Bh5 16.h3 Bg6
 17.Rad1 Rad8 18.Nxc6 bxc6 19.c4
 Be4 20.Bd4 Nh7 21.cxd5 Bxd5
 22.Rxe8+ Rxe8 23.Qd3 Nf8 24.Nh4
 Be5 25.Bxd5 Qxd5 26.Bxe5 Qxe5
 27.b3 Ne6 28.Nf3 Qf6 29.Kg2 Rd8
 30.Qe2 Rd5 31.Rxd5 cxd5 32.Ne5
 Qf5 33.Nd3 Nd4 34.g4 Qd7 35.Qe5
 Ne6 36.Kg3 Qb5 37.Nf4 Nxf4 38.Kxf4
 Qb4+ 39.Kf3 d4 40.Qe8+ Kh7
 41.Qxf7 Qd2 42.Qf5+ Kh8 43.h4
 Qxa2 44.Qe6 Qd2 45.Qe8+ Kh7
 46.Qe4+ Kh8 47.Qe8+ Kh7

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 b6 4.g3 Bb4+
 5.Bd2 Be7 6.Nc3 Bb7 7.Bg2 c6 8.e4
 d5 9.exd5 cxd5 10.Ne5 0-0 11.0-0
 Nc6 12.cxd5 Nxe5 13.d6 Nc6 14.dxe7
 Qxe7 15.Bg5 h6 16.d5 Na5 17.Bxf6
 Qxf6 18.dxe6 Qxe6 19.Re1 Qf6
 20.Nd5 Bxd5 21.Bxd5 Rad8 22.Qf3
 Qxb2 23.Rad1 Qf6 24.Qxf6 gxf6
 25.Re7 Kg7 26.Rxa7 Nc6 27.Rb7 Nb4
 28.Bb3 Rxd1+ 29.Bxd1 Nxa2
 30.Rxb6 Nc3 31.Bf3 f5 32.Kg2 Rd8
 33.Rc6 Ne4 34.Bxe4 fxe4 35.Rc4 f5
 36.g4 Rd2 37.gxf5 e3 38.Re4 Rxf2+
 39.Kg3 Rxf5

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Carlsen, Magnus (2863) [B41] – Anand, Viswanathan (2792)

WCh 2014 Sochi RUS (6), 15.11.2014

[B41: Sicilian: Kan Variation: 5 c4]

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 e6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 a6 5.c4 Nf6 6.Nc3 Bb4 7.Qd3 Nc6 8.Nxc6 dxc6 9.Qxd8+ Kxd8 [last book move. Black loses the right to castle]

10.e5 [White threatens to win material: e5xf6]

10...Nd7 [Black threatens to win material: Nd7xe5]

11.Bf4 Bxc3+ 12.bxc3 [White has the pair of bishops]

12...Kc7 13.h4 b6 14.h5 h6 [Prevents intrusion on g5]

15.0-0-0 Bb7 16.Rd3 c5 17.Rg3 Rag8 18.Bd3 Nf8 19.Be3 g6 20.hxg6 Nxg6 21.Rh5 Bc6 22.Bc2 Kb7 23.Rg4 a5 24.Bd1 Rd8 25.Bc2 [White threatens to win material: Bc2xg6]

25...Rdg8 [Twofold repetition]

26.Kd2?? [not a good decision, because now the opponent is right back in the game]

[26.Rg3 Nf8±]

26...a4?? [Loses material. Black lets it slip away]

[Δ26...Nxe5 Black had this great chance 27.Rxg8 Nxc4+ 28.Kd3 Nb2+

(28...Rxc8 is no comparison 29.Kxc4 Bd5+ 30.Kd3±) 29.Ke2 Rxg8+]

27.Ke2± a3 28.f3 Rd8 29.Ke1 Rd7 30.Bc1 [30.Bxg6?! fxg6 31.Rxg6 Rd3 32.Rxe6 Re8 33.Rxe8 Bxe8=]

30...Ra8 31.Ke2 Ba4 [Black threatens to win material: Ba4xc2]

32.Be4+ [Instead of 32.Bxg6 fxg6 33.Rxg6 Bb3 34.axb3 a2⌘]

32...Bc6? [Δ32...Ka7 would allow Black to play on 33.Bxa8 Kxa8 34.Bxa3 Rd1±]

33.Bxg6+- fxg6 34.Rxg6 Ba4 [34...Re8 35.Rhxh6 Ba4 36.Rxe6 Rxe6 37.Rxe6+-]

35.Rxe6 Rd1 36.Bxa3 [36.Bxh6?! is clearly weaker 36...Ra1 37.Kd3 Rxa2⌘]

36...Ra1 [36...Re8 37.Rg6 (37.Rexh6?! Ra1 38.Ke3 Rxa2+-) 37...Ra1 38.Ke3 Rxa2 39.Rg7+ Ka8 40.Bc1+-]

37.Ke3 [37.Re7+!? makes it even easier for White 37...Ka6 38.Ke3 Rxa2 39.Bxc5 bxc5 40.Rxh6+ Ka5+-]

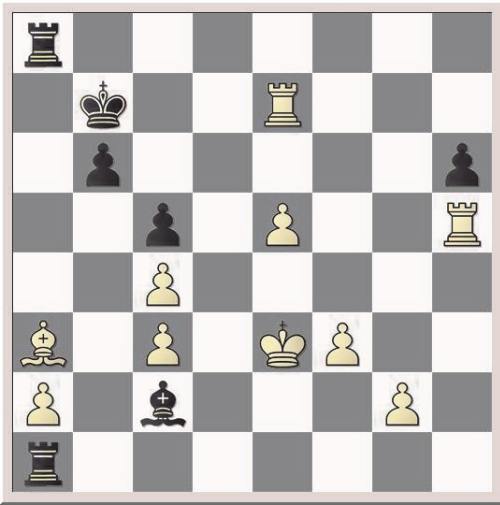
37...Bc2 [37...Re8 38.Rg6 Rxa2 39.Rg7+ Ka8+-]

38.Re7+ [38.Re7+ Ka6 39.Rxh6+-]

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**Carlsen, Magnus (2863) [C67]-
Anand, Viswanathan (2792)**

WCh 2014 Sochi RUS (7), 17.11.2014

[C67: Ruy Lopez: Berlin Defense: 4 0-0 Nxe4]

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 Nf6 4.0-0 Nxe4 5.d4 Nd6 6.Bxc6 dxc6 7.dxe5 Nf5 8.Qxd8+ Kxd8 9.h3 Ke8 10.Nc3 h5 11.Bf4 Be7 12.Rad1 Be6 13.Ng5 Rh6 14.g3 Bxg5 15.Bxg5 Rg6 16.h4 f6 17.exf6 gxf6 18.Bf4 Nxh4 19.f3 Rd8 20.Kf2 Rxd1 21.Nxd1 Nf5 22.Rh1 Bxa2 23.Rxh5 [last book move]

23...Be6 24.g4 Nd6 25.Rh7 [White threatens to win material: Rh7xc7]

25...Nf7 26.Ne3 Kd8 27.Nf5 c5 28.Ng3 Ne5 29.Rh8+ Rg8 30.Bxe5 fxe5 31.Rh5 Bxg4 [31...Rf8 32.Ke3 Bd5±]

32.fxg4± Rxg4 33.Rxe5 b6 34.Ne4 Rh4 35.Ke2 Rh6 36.b3 Kd7 37.Kd2

Kc6 38.Nc3 a6 39.Re4 Rh2+ 40.Kc1 Rh1+ 41.Kb2 Rh6 42.Nd1 Rg6 43.Ne3 Rh6 44.Re7 Rh2 45.Re6+ Kb7 46.Kc3 Rh4 47.Kb2 Rh2 48.Nd5 Rd2 49.Nf6 Rf2 50.Kc3 Rf4 51.Ne4 Rh4 52.Nf2 Rh2 53.Rf6 Rh7 54.Nd3 Rh3 55.Kd2 Rh2+ 56.Rf2 Rh4 57.c4 Rh3 58.Kc2 Rh7 59.Nb2 Rh5 60.Re2 Rg5 61.Nd1 b5 62.Nc3 c6 63.Ne4 Rh5 64.Nf6 Rg5 65.Re7+ Kb6 66.Nd7+ [66.Ne4 Rh5±]

66...Ka5± 67.Re4 Rg2+ 68.Kc1 Rg1+ 69.Kd2 Rg2+ 70.Ke1 bxc4 71.Rxc4 Rg3 [Black threatens to win material: Rg3xb3]

72.Nxc5 Kb5 73.Rc2 a5 74.Kf2 [White threatens to win material: Kf2xg3]

74...Rh3 75.Rc1 Kb4 [Attacking the isolated pawn on b3]

76.Ke2 Rc3 [Black threatens to win material: Rc3xc1]

77.Nd3+ Kxb3 78.Ra1 Kc4 79.Nf2 Kb5 80.Rb1+ Kc4 81.Ne4 Ra3 82.Nd2+ Kd5 83.Rh1 a4 84.Rh5+ Kd4 85.Rh4+ Kc5 86.Kd1 Kb5 87.Kc2 Rg3 88.Ne4 [White threatens to win material: Ne4xg3]

88...Rg2+ 89.Kd3 a3 [Is this a dangerous pawn?]

90.Nc3+ Kb6 91.Ra4 a2 92.Nxa2 Rg3+ 93.Kc2 Rg2+ 94.Kb3 Rg3+ 95.Nc3 Rh3 96.Rb4+ Kc7 97.Rg4 Rh7 98.Kc4 Rf7 99.Rg5 Kb6 100.Na4+ Kc7 101.Kc5 Kd7 102.Kb6 Rf1 103.Nc5+ [A sound move]

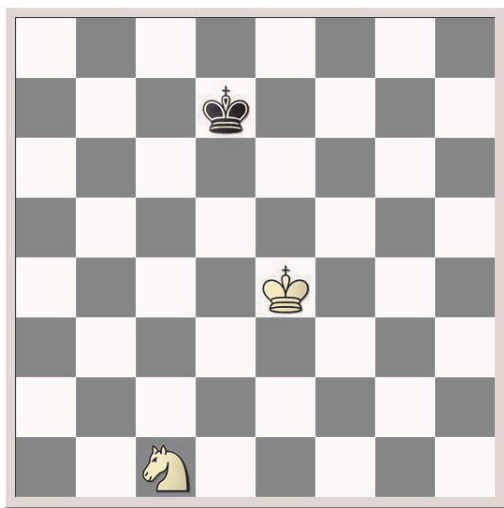
103...Ke7 104.Kxc6 Rd1 105.Rg6 Kf7
 106.Rh6 Rg1 107.Kd5 Rg5+ 108.Kd4
 Rg6 [Black threatens to win material:
 Rg6xh6]

109.Rh1 Rg2 110.Ne4 Ra2 111.Rf1+
 Ke7 112.Nc3 [White threatens to win
 material: Nc3xa2]

112...Rh2 113.Nd5+ Kd6 114.Rf6+
 Kd7 115.Nf4 Rh1 116.Rg6 Rd1+
 117.Nd3 Ke7 118.Ra6 Kd7 119.Ke4
 Ke7 120.Rc6 Kd7 121.Rc1 [121.Rb6
 Ke7±]

121...Rxc1= 122.Nxc1

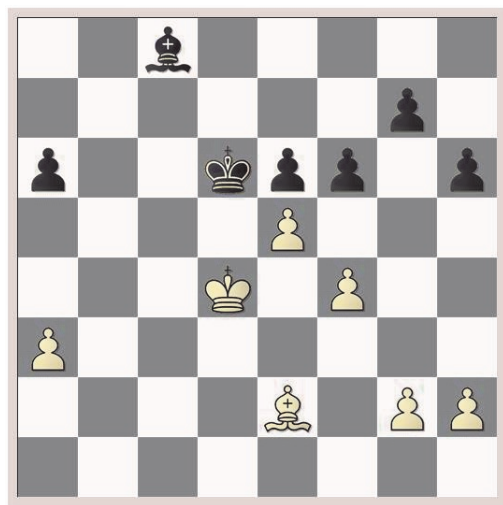
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Anand,Viswanathan (2792) –
 Carlsen,Magnus (2863) [D37]
 WCh 2014 Sochi RUS (8), 18.11.2014

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 d5 4.Nc3 Be7
 5.Bf4 0-0 6.e3 c5 7.dxc5 Bxc5 8.a3
 Nc6 9.Qc2 Re8 10.Bg5 Be7 11.Rd1
 Qa5 12.Bd3 h6 13.Bh4 dxc4 14.Bxc4
 a6 15.0-0 b5 16.Ba2 Bb7 17.Bb1
 Rad8 18.Bxf6 Bxf6 19.Ne4 Be7
 20.Nc5 Bxc5 21.Qxc5 b4 22.Rc1 bxa3
 23.bxa3 Qxc5 24.Rxc5 Ne7 25.Rfc1
 Rc8 26.Bd3 Red8 27.Rxc8 Rxc8
 28.Rxc8+ Nxc8 29.Nd2 Nb6 30.Nb3
 Nd7 31.Na5 Bc8 32.Kf1 Kf8 33.Ke1
 Ke7 34.Kd2 Kd6 35.Kc3 Ne5 36.Be2
 Kc5 37.f4 Nc6 38.Nxc6 Kxc6 39.Kd4
 f6 40.e4 Kd6 41.e5+

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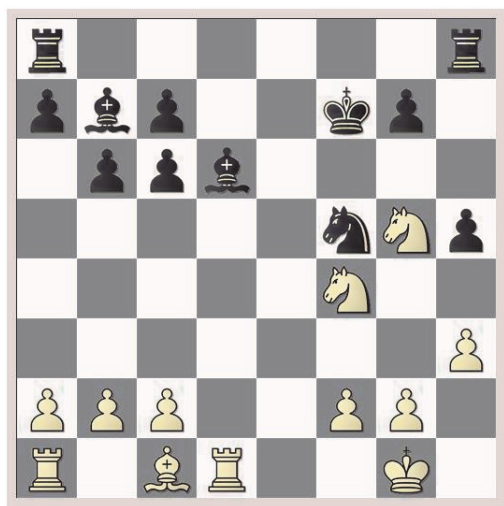


Carlsen, Magnus (2863) [C67] – Anand, Viswanathan (2792)

WCh 2014 Sochi RUS (9), 20.11.2014

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 Nf6 4.0-0 Nxe4 5.d4 Nd6 6.Bxc6 dxc6 7.dxe5 Nf5 8.Qxd8+ Kxd8 9.h3 Ke8 10.Nc3 h5 11.Ne2 b6 12.Rd1 Ba6 13.Nf4 Bb7 14.e6 Bd6 15.exf7+ Kxf7 16.Ng5+ Kf6 17.Ne4+ Kf7 18.Ng5+ Kf6 19.Ne4+ Kf7 20.Ng5+

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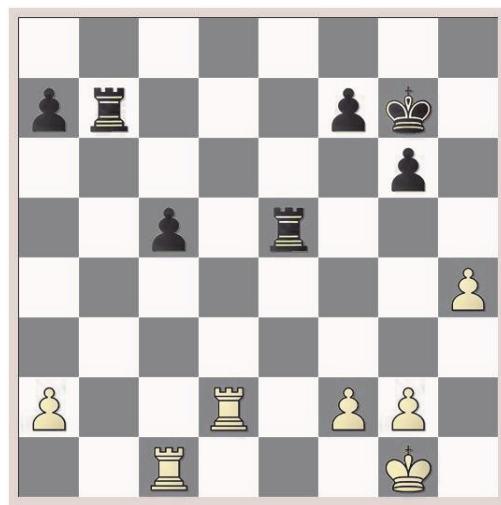


Anand, Viswanathan (2792) – Carlsen, Magnus (2863) [D97]

WCh 2014 Sochi RUS (10), 1.11.2014

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 d5 4.Nf3 Bg7 5.Qb3 dxc4 6.Qxc4 0-0 7.e4 Na6 8.Be2 c5 9.d5 e6 10.0-0 exd5 11.exd5 Re8 12.Bg5 h6 13.Be3 Bf5 14.Rad1 Ne4 15.Nxe4 Bxe4 16.Qc1 Qf6 17.Bxh6 Qxb2 18.Qxb2 Bxb2 19.Ng5 Bd4 20.Nxe4 Rxe4 21.Bf3 Re7 22.d6 Rd7 23.Bf4 Nb4 24.Rd2 Re8 25.Rc1 Re6 26.h4 Be5 27.Bxe5 Rxe5 28.Bxb7 Rxb7 29.d7 Nc6 30.d8Q+ Nxd8 31.Rxd8+ Kg7 32.Rd2

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Carlsen, Magnus (2863) [C67] – Anand, Viswanathan (2792)
 WCh 2014 Sochi RUS (11), 3.11.2014

[C67: Ruy Lopez: Berlin Defense: 4 0-0 Nxe4]

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 Nf6 4.0-0 Nxe4 5.d4 Nd6 6.Bxc6 dxc6 7.dxe5 Nf5 8.Qxd8+ Kxd8 9.h3 Bd7 10.Nc3 h6 11.b3 Kc8 12.Bb2 c5 13.Rad1 b6 14.Rfe1 [last book move]

14...Be6 [Black has a cramped position]

15.Nd5 g5 16.c4 Kb7 17.Kh2 a5 18.a4 Ne7 19.g4 Ng6 20.Kg3 Be7 21.Nd2 [The idea is Nf3-d2-e4-f6]

21...Rhd8 22.Ne4 Bf8 23.Nef6 ['the knight is the knight!']

23...b5 24.Bc3 [Not 24.cxb5 c6 25.Nc3 cxb5 26.Nxb5 Bxb3 27.Rxd8 Rxd8 28.Nd6+ Bxd6 29.exd6 Rxd6±]

24...bxa4 25.bxa4 Kc6 26.Kf3 [White has a king attack]

26...Rdb8 [26...Be7 27.Ke4±]

27.Ke4= Rb4 [27...Rb3!?= has some apparent merit]

28.Bxb4± [28.Nxb4+? axb4 29.Bd2 Bxc4 30.Bxb4 Rxa4-+ (≤30...cxb4 31.Rc1 Rxa4 32.Rxc4+ Kb5 33.Rxc7±)]

28...cxb4 [White wins the exchange] 29.Nh5 Kb7 30.f4 gxf4 [30...Bd7!? might be a viable alternative 31.Ra1 gxf4 32.Nhxf4 Nxf4 33.Nxf4 Re8±]

31.Nhxf4± Nxf4 [⊔31...c6!?! 32.Nxe6 cxd5+ 33.cxd5 fxe6±]

32.Nxf4+- [32.Kxf4?! c6 33.Ne3 Kb6=]

32...Bxc4 [32...Bc8 33.Rf1+-]

33.Rd7 Ra6 [33...Kc6 34.Rd4 Ba2 35.Rc1+ Kb7+-]

34.Nd5 Rc6 35.Rxf7 Bc5 36.Rxc7+! [and the rest is history.]

36...Rxc7 37.Nxc7 Kc6 [37...b3 does not save the day 38.Ne8 Kc6 39.Nd6 Bd5+ 40.Kd3+-]

38.Nb5 Bxb5 [38...Bd5+ hoping against hope 39.Kd3 Kd7+-]

39.axb5+ Kxb5 40.e6 [40.h4 Bf8 41.g5+-]

40...b3 [40...Be7 a last effort to resist 61.Ke6 Kg8 62.Kf6 Kf8 63.Qh8#]
the inevitable 41.Kd3 Kc6+]

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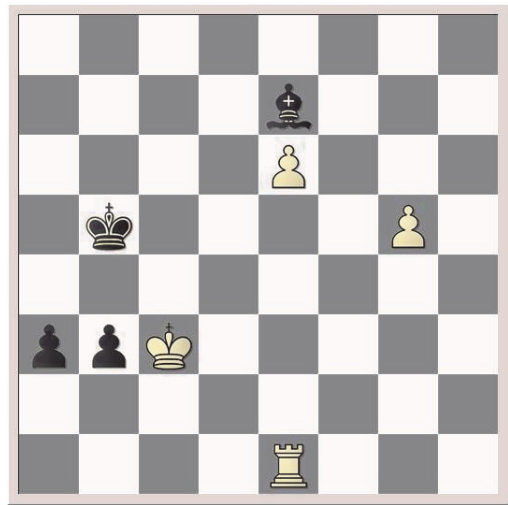
41.Kd3 Be7 42.h4! [a fitting end to a beautiful game]

42...a4 [42...Bxh4 43.e7 Passed pawn]

43.g5! [Decoy: g5]

43...hxg5 [43...hxg5 44.Re5+ Decoy Double attack (44.hxg5 Passed pawn) ; Δ43...-- 44.gxh6 Wins material]

44.hxg5 a3 45.Kc3 [45.Kc3 Kc6 46.g6 Bh4 47.Kxb3 Bxe1 48.e7 Kd7 49.g7 Bf2 50.g8Q Kxe7 51.Qg5+ Ke6 52.Qg4+ Kf6 53.Qf4+ Ke7 54.Qxf2 a2 55.Qxa2 Ke6 56.Qa5 Kf7 57.Qh5+ Kf6 58.Kc4 Ke6 59.Kc5 Kf6 60.Kd6 Kg7



USCF TOP PLAYERS - November 2014

Overall		Age 17		Age 13	
5 Onischuk, Alexander	2741	1 Yang, Darwin	2559	2 Li, Ruifeng	2453
13 Macieja, Bartlomiej	2684	17 Chiang, Sarah	2268	8 Liu, Bovey	2214
15 Ramirez, Alejandro	2670	18 Jiang, Austin Z	2263	33 Krishna, Ram	2046
17 Sadorra, Julio C	2665	20 Pamatmat, Jarod John M	2259	38 Devagharan, Devina	1998
22 Kritz, Leonid	2643	22 Ng, Daniel J	2242	47 Nguyen, Khoa Minh	1970
35 Yotov, Valentin L	2615	37 Lu, Tommy	2142	55 Trakru, Priya	1951
43 Xiong, Jeffery	2598	46 Jiang, Alexander D	2110	56 Premkumar, Hiren	1946
48 Berczes, David	2590	64 Xiang, Ellen	2049	73 Jiang, Maxwell	1902
50 Gorovets, Andrey	2589	88 Johnson, Perry Vishal	1993	77 Weisberg, Mark Layne	1894
70 Yang, Darwin	2559	98 Kaliyur, Rohith	1954	85 Ganesan, Rithvik	1878
75 Drozdowski, Kacper	2548			98 Verma, Ritik	1837
		Age 16		Age 12	
65 & Over		20 Malhotra, Akshay	2225	16 Xie, Tianming	2122
23 Simms, Gary	2230	41 Shao, Andy	2110	24 Nguyen, Emily Quynh	2060
91 Chase, Stephen M	2043	47 Kowal, Joshua Adam	2087	32 Palang, Warren Jesse	1966
		61 Munoz, Claudia E	2051	34 Liu, Kevin	1960
50 & Over		71 Shan, Devan	2015	46 Fan, William G	1884
24 Bradford, Joseph Mark	2459			48 Srivatsav, Aadarsh	1881
29 Milovanovic, Rade	2428	Age 15		66 Sonawane, Atharv P	1821
		16 Han, Curran	2225	67 Dong, Dylan Roswell	1819
Under Age 21		20 Obili, Abhishek Reddy	2212	68 Le, Collin Khoi	1818
4 Xiong, Jeffery	2598	24 Vaidya, Atulya	2197	68 Huo, Rannon	1818
8 Yang, Darwin	2559	28 Lu, Andrew H	2154	76 Rose, Samuel Edward	1805
9 Drozdowski, Kacper	2548	35 Nguyen, Duy Minh	2134	82 Kao, Camille Y	1796
18 Li, Ruifeng	2453	63 Wlezien, Alexander	2022	86 Li, David C	1785
48 Torres, Luis Carlos	2368	69 Jacob, Andrew	2008		
58 Chiang, Jonathan	2344	77 Brannon, Joshua Scott	1983	Age 11	
63 Danelia, Mariam	2339	79 Xiang, Evan	1969	8 Gu, Brian Fanyuan	2070
74 Lin, Dachev	2315	87 Palang, Caissa	1948	23 Frutos, Chase	1961
86 Shao, Bob	2301	93 Annigeri, Sanjay	1937	26 Hawthorn, Charles	1949
99 He, Tommy O	2276			32 Buerger, Jacob Bede	1905
		Age 14		34 Nguyen, Dang Minh	1897
Age 18		1 Xiong, Jeffery	2598	45 Tsuei, Kai	1856
2 Drozdowski, Kacper	2548	6 Chiang, Jonathan	2344	55 Mao, Andrew Sun-Rong	1800
29 Ukoli, James O	2104	9 Lin, Dachev	2315	68 Wang, Jason	1771
31 James, Dylan Scott	2102	14 He, Tommy O	2276	69 Lu, Jonathan	1770
39 Kalyan, Suchinder	2075	28 Nguyen, Anthony Quan	2177	79 Narang, Ijay	1736
41 Leos, Christian	2065	33 Capocyan, Sam Lander Cabrera	2143	84 Ganesh, Anirudh	1709
92 Kneen, John Michael	1884	66 Hsieh, David	2012	85 Tian, Samuel Walter	1708
96 Berry, Fletcher James	1870	81 Lakshmanadoss, Karthikeyan	1952	91 Yue, William H	1696
99 Venkataraman, Madhumitha	1855	97 Arunachalam, Palaniappan	1918	99 Wang, Andrew L	1675

Age 10			Age 8 (continued)			Girls Under 21 (continued)		
6	Metpally, Jason	1988	30	Patil, Vedant	1582	32	Nguyen, Emily Quynh	2060
8	Frutos, Cole Nicholas	1970	35	Casas, Michael	1533	35	Munoz, Claudia E	2051
15	Vivekananthan, Anish	1896	51	Razo, Joaquin	1428	37	Xiang, Ellen	2049
20	Eranki, S A Maruthi	1854	59	Peng, Eric V	1383	43	Devagharan, Devina	1998
31	Shi, Eric	1802	64	Ganesh Sudhakar, Gauravaram	1352	47	Xiang, Evan	1969
40	Yan, Austin K	1763	70	Pham, Minh The	1335	52	Trakru, Priya	1951
43	Balderas, Adolfo Augusto, Jr	1751	72	Jiang, Andrew	1318	53	Palang, Caissa	1948
48	Niu, Baron T	1739	89	Jiang, Albert	1249	64	Zhao, Annie	1892
51	Wang, Yanke	1734	90	Chen, Mason	1247	81	Venkataraman, Madhumitha	1855
56	Costa, Diego	1716	98	Wan, Audrey X	1236	84	Chu, Yue	1842
62	Romo, Benjamin	1704				97	Kao, Camille Y	1796
72	Chidambaram, Hari Raja	1664	Age 7 & Under			Girls Under 16		
74	Wang, Eric	1659	6	Capocyan, John Patrick	1553	14	Nguyen, Emily Quynh	2060
78	Wei, Alexander Gotuaco	1654	26	Pham, Vinh The	1287	16	Devagharan, Devina	1998
83	Rajaram, Rudransh	1639	45	Nguyen, Sebastian Thien	1188	19	Xiang, Evan	1969
84	Breslav, Nikita	1636	46	Gomez-Quinonez, Fernando A	1181	21	Trakru, Priya	1951
			55	Li, Rachael	1157	22	Palang, Caissa	1948
Age 9			65	Prabhudesai, Rian	1097	26	Zhao, Annie	1892
9	Wang, Justin	1903	67	Lau, Ignatius	1091	50	Kao, Camille Y	1796
10	Vaidya, Atreya	1901	73	Park, Praetorian Stone	1076	62	Zheng, Christine	1755
15	Hawthorn, Henry	1879	85	Podder, Ronit	1052	74	Venkataraman, Sara	1713
27	Hung, Daniel	1729				74	Nguyen, Anh Nhu	1713
28	Nguyen, Anh Nhu	1713	Women			74	Ni, Maggie	1713
28	Ni, Maggie	1713	7	Nemcova, Katerina	2363	74	Ni, Maggie	1713
30	Zhu, Harvey	1704	8	Foisor, Sabina-Francesca	2339	81	Liu, Hannah	1698
31	McNutt, William Howard	1701	8	Danelia, Mariam	2339	90	Brown, Sarah	1674
44	Kumarappan, Ganesh	1622	22	Chiang, Sarah	2268	Girls Under 13		
46	Yue, Roy H	1609	34	Labedz, Patrycja Anna	2206	6	Nguyen, Emily Quynh	2060
55	Wang, Harry	1582	38	Salazar, Aura Cristina	2183	18	Kao, Camille Y	1796
71	Yi, Ziduo	1505	53	Guerrero Rodriguez, Alejandra	2127	28	Nguyen, Anh Nhu	1713
72	Xie, Mckinley	1503	76	Nguyen, Emily Quynh	2060	28	Ni, Maggie	1713
88	Tao, Arthur	1467	80	Munoz, Claudia E	2051	55	Uppuluri, Anuja	1555
91	Liu, Kevin B	1454	82	Xiang, Ellen	2049	62	Dadwal, Saanvi	1526
92	Thippireddy, Saketh	1451	94	Devagharan, Devina	1998	68	Cedillo Bocanegra, Ana Karen	1486
92	Ma, Albert Z	1451	96	Jamison, Courtney N	1989	83	Bhat, Puja Prashant	1422
			100	Xiang, Evan	1969	87	Yi, Angela	1408
Age 8			Girls Under 21			98	Xia, Annie	1362
6	Tang, Andrew	1837	2	Danelia, Mariam	2339	99	Cheng, Angela	1359
10	Trakru, Rohun	1764	4	Chiang, Sarah	2268	100	Dodd, Ariadne	1357
14	Polavaram, Rithik Sai	1740	12	Salazar, Aura Cristina	2183			
20	Oberoi, Shelev	1664						

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The **Texas Grade and Collegiate Championships** took place this year in **Irving, Texas**. There were 261 K-12 students that participated in the tournament. There were both individual and team sections.

The K-8th Grade Tournament was held on November 1st and 2nd. The 9-12th Grade Tournament was held on October 31st thru November 2nd.

There were five 11th Grade students and four 12th Grade students that participated in the individual section. **NM Akshay Malhotra** was the top 11th Grade Student, **Revanth Vedula** was the top 12th Grade Student.

#	Name	Rtng	Grd	Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd 3	Rd 4	Rd 5	Tot
1	NM Akshay Malhotra	2225	11	W3	W6	W5	W2	W8	5.0
2	Dev M Thimmisetty	1659	11	B---	L5	W3	L1	W9	3.0
3	Utkarsh Kaniyar	1783	11	L1	D7	L2	B---	D5	2.0
4	Matthew Breeding	unr.	11	H---	L9	U---	L8	L6	0.5
1	Revanth Vedula	1805	12	W7	W2	L1	W6	D3	3.5
2	Yue Chu	1834	12	W8	L1	W9	L5	W4	3.0
3	Nikhil Kesarla	1530	12	L5	D3	W8	W9	H---	3.0
4	Calvin Liu	1721	12	L6	B---	L7	W4	L1	2.0
5	Praharsha Tangirala	997	12	H---	W4	L6	L7	L2	1.5

There were six 10th Grade students that participated in the individual section.

NM Abhishek R Obili was the top 10th Grade Student

#	Name	Rtng	Grd	Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd 3	Rd 4	Rd 5	Tot
1	NM Abhishek R Obili	2214	10	W4	W2	W3	W5	W6	5.0
2	Andrew Jacob	1958	10	X---	L1	W4	W6	W3	4.0
3	Marcus S Mao	1976	10	W6	W5	L1	W4	L2	3.0
4	Ram Aditya Nandula	1846	10	L1	W6	L2	L3	W5	2.0
5	Praneeth R Manne	1105	10	B---	L3	W6	L1	L4	2.0
6	Shannan Chen	1527	10	L3	L4	L5	L2	L1	0.0

There were sixteen 9th Grade students that participated in the individual section. **Andrew H Lu** was the top 9th Grade student.

#	Name	Rtng	Grd	Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd 3	Rd 4	Rd 5	Tot
1	Andrew H Lu	2155	9	W9	W4	W7	D3	W5	4.5
2	Barrett Winchell	1834	9	W15	L7	W14	W6	W3	4.0
3	NM Anthony Nguyen	2177	9	W14	W5	W6	D1	L2	3.5
4	Qiyu Han	1819	9	W11	L1	W10	W7	D8	3.5
5	Alex Moore	1780	9	W12	L3	W13	W8	L1	3.0
6	Jonathan Wilson	1666	9	W16	W8	L3	L2	W10	3.0
7	Meiyi Su	1572	9	W13	W2	L1	L4	D9	2.5
8	Karthikeyan Lakshmanadoss	1957	9	W10	L6	W15	L5	D4	2.5
9	Arya Nallanthighall	1408	9	L1	L13	W12	W15	D7	2.5
10	Rahul Mohanram	1405	9	L8	W12	L4	W11	L6	2.0
11	Sathyak Saini	1019	9	L4	L14	W16	L10	W13	2.0
12	Ian McLaughlin	637	9	L5	L10	L9	W16	W15	2.0
13	Aly Hirani	629	9	L7	W9	L5	H---	L11	1.5
14	Haneesh Kaku	1542	9	L3	W11	L2	H---	U---	1.5
15	Jared Berger	1162	9	L2	W16	L8	L9	L12	1.0
16	Justin Shawn Kilzer	unr.	9	L6	L15	L11	L12	B---	1.0

The 9-12th Grade Team Section Results Follow.

Students from the **North Hills Prep School in Irving** won the **12th Grade** section. **Revanth Vedula** won 4.5 points and **Praharsha Tangirala** won 1.5 points

Students from **Coppell High School in Coppell** won the **11th Grade** section. **Dev M Thimmisetty** and **Nikhil Kesarla** both won 3.0 points.

Students from **Coppell High School in Coppell** won the **10th Grade** section. **Ram Aditya Nandula** and **Praneeth R Manne** both won 2.0 points.

Students from **Westwood High School in Austin** won the **9th Grade** section. **Andrew H Lu** won 4.5 points and **NM Anthony Nguyen** won 3.5 points.

There were nineteen 8th Grade students that participated in the individual section.
Ruifeng Li was the top 8th Grade student. The results from the top 5 participants are below.

#	Name	Rtng	Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd 3	Rd 4	Rd 5	Rd 6	Tot
1	Ruifeng Li	2451	W9	W6	W3	H---	W2	W4	5.5
2	Ritik Verma	1842	W17	W15	D4	W3	L1	W5	4.5
3	Khoa Minh Nguyen	1965	W11	W5	L1	L2	W14	W8	4.0
4	Devina Devagharan	2022	W13	D8	D2	W15	W6	L1	4.0
5	Adarsh Hullahalli	1591	W16	L3	W13	W9	W7	L2	4.0

There were twenty 7th Grade students that participated in the individual section.
Tianming Xie was the top 7th Grade student. The results from the top 5 participants are below.

#	Name	Rtng	Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd 3	Rd 4	Rd 5	Rd 6	Tot
1	Tianming Xie	2089	W10	W11	W7	W2	W3	W4	6.0
2	Ronit Kirumaki	1988	W15	W9	W5	L1	W6	W3	5.0
3	Segev Eliezer	1758	W19	W4	W11	W7	L1	L2	4.0
4	Emily Quyn Nguyen	2082	W16	L3	W10	W9	W5	L1	4.0
5	Atharv P Sonawane	1828	W18	W6	L2	W14	L4	W11	4.0

There were thirty-one 6th Grade students that participated in the individual section.
Kai Tsuei was the top 6th Grade student. The results from the top 5 participants are below.

#	Name	Rtng	Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd 3	Rd 4	Rd 5	Rd 6	Tot
1	Kai Tsuei	1795	W22	W10	L3	W13	W9	W2	5.0
2	Kevin Liu	1965	W24	D4	W12	W6	W3	L1	4.5
3	Ijay Narang	1736	W26	W14	W1	W8	L2	D5	4.5
4	Anirudh Ganesh	1706	W19	D2	L7	W28	W10	W6	4.5
5	Dang Minh Nguyen	1773	W16	W13	L6	W14	W7	D3	4.5

There were forty 5th Grade students that participated in the individual section.

Sreenevash Ramesh was the top 5th Grade student. The results from the top 5 participants are below.

#	Name	Rtng	Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd 3	Rd 4	Rd 5	Rd 6	Tot
1	Sreenevash Ramesh	1546	W28	W11	W8	D2	W7	D3	5.0
2	Rudransh Rajaram	1674	W13	D4	W26	D1	W18	W7	5.0
3	S A Maruth Eranki	1833	W20	W19	L7	W10	W6	D1	4.5
4	Dhruv Karthik	1348	W27	D2	H---	W9	W8	D5	4.5
5	Nikita Breslav	1615	W21	W12	W10	L7	W13	D4	4.5

There were twenty-eight 4th Grade students that participated in the individual section.

Anh Nhu Nguyen was the top 4th Grade student. The results from the top 5 participants are below.

#	Name	Rtng	Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd 3	Rd 4	Rd 5	Rd 6	Tot
1	Anh Nhu Nguyen	1713	W22	W5	W6	W2	W4	D3	5.5
2	Cole Frutos	1947	W24	W8	W11	L1	W6	W5	5.0
3	Ganesh Kumarappan	1643	W19	D9	W8	D4	W7	D1	4.5
4	Saket Thippireddy	1505	W15	W13	W7	D3	L1	W11	4.5
5	Jai Mahajan	1261	W21	L1	W9	W15	W11	L2	4.0

There were forty-two 3rd Grade students that participated in the individual section.

Andrew Tang was the top 3rd Grade student. The results from the top 5 participants are below.

#	Name	Rtng	Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd 3	Rd 4	Rd 5	Rd 6	Tot
1	Andrew Tang	1837	W28	W23	W8	W6	W3	W7	6.0
2	Andrew Jiang	1380	W34	W18	W15	L3	W14	W8	5.0
3	Harry Wang	1584	W32	W16	W5	W2	L1	D4	4.5
4	Christopher Aung	1151	H---	W27	W13	W7	D6	D3	4.5
5	Suchitra Naidu	1071	W21	W29	L3	W11	W18	D6	4.5

There were twenty 2nd Grade students that participated in the individual section.

Vinh The Pham was the top 2nd Grade student. The results from the top 5 participants are below.

#	Name	Rtng	Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd 3	Rd 4	Rd 5	Rd 6	Tot
1	Vinh The Pham	1287	W7	W5	D2	W6	W4	W9	5.5
2	Vedant Patil	1649	W11	W10	D1	W3	W9	W5	5.5
3	Ronit Podder	958	W15	W4	W9	L2	L5	W10	4.0
4	Shashank Chathapuram	887	W18	L3	W16	W10	L1	W6	4.0
5	Bhavyashree Duggirala	938	W13	L1	D11	W17	W3	L2	3.5

There were four Kindergarten and twelve 1st Grade students that participated in the individual section. **Harshid Kunka** was the top Kindergarten student. **Alexis Hwang** was the top 1st Grade student. The results from all Kindergarten and the top five 1st Grade participants are below.

#	Name	Rtng	Cls	Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd 3	Rd 4	Rd 5	Rd 6	Tot
1	Alexis Hwang	475	1	X---	L2	W7	W9	W6	W3	5.0
2	Matthew Lin	627	1	W15	W1	L3	W8	W4	L13	4.0
3	Sri Avishkar Raghuraja	573	1	W16	W7	W2	L14	W5	L1	4.0
4	Advith Suggala	492	1	L13	W10	W11	W5	L2	W15	4.0
5	Isaac Chen	575	1	W10	W13	D14	L4	L3	W8	3.5
1	Harshid Kunka	822	K	W4	L5	W8	W6	W14	W2	5.0
2	Rachael Li	674	K	W12	W6	D5	W3	L13	W7	4.5
3	Johnny Han	119	K	L2	W12	L6	W11	W16	L4	3.0
4	Jay Semrani	unr.	K	L3	L11	L12	L10	L15	L6	0.0

The **K-8th Grade Team** section results follow.

Students from **Imagine Int in McKinney** won the **8th Grade** section. **Daniel Kaphingst** won 3.0 points and **Rajpal Singh Bal** won 1.5 points.

Students from **Rice MS in Plano** won the **7th Grade** section. **Atharv P Sonawane** won 4.0 points and **Tharun Natarajan** won 3.0 points.

Students from **Canyon Vista MS in Austin** won the **6th Grade** section. **Ijay Narang** won 4.5 points, **Rohit Bandi** won 4.0 points and **Collin Khoi Le** won 4.0 points.

Students from **Imagine Int in McKinney** won the **5th Grade** section. **Eric Wang** won 4.0 points, **Evan Plyler** won 3.5 points and **Shawn Halimman** won 3.5 points.

Students from **Laurel Mountain Ele in Austin** won the **4th Grade** section. **Ganesh Kumarappan** won 4.5 points, **Jason Nguyen** won 3.0 points and **Helen Le** won 3.0 points.

Students from **Universal Academy 2 in Coppell** won the **3rd Grade** section. **Suchitra Naidu** won 4.5 points, **Anurag Sarkar** won 3.5 points and **Abhiram Narendra** won 3.0 points.

Students from **Imagine Int in McKinney Coppell** won the **2nd Grade** section. **Ransom Finley** won 3.5 points, **Andrew M Thompson** won 3.0 points and **Maxwell Smith** won 2.5 points.

Students from **Universal Academy in Coppell** won the **Kindergarten/1st Grade** section. **Sri Avishkar Raghuraja** won 4.0 points, **Kumar Aakarshan** won 3.0 points and **Arnav Anand Wadikar** won 2.0 points.

Collegiate Results

There were 35 participants in the **Collegiate Tournament**. The Top 5 Participants are below. **GM Andrey Stukopin** won the Tournament.

#	Name	Rtng	Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd 3	Rd 4	Rd 5	Tot
1	GM Andrey Stukopin	2637	W9	W11	W17	W16	D3	4.5
2	IM Andre Gorovets	2581	W25	W5	D10	D4	W9	4.0
3	IM Denis Kadric	2558	W31	D10	W14	W7	D1	4.0
4	GM Yaroslav Zhrebukh	2721	D23	W30	W13	D2	W6	4.0
5	IM Kacper Drozdowski	2524	W35	L2	W32	W18	W11	4.0



GM Andrey Stukopin. Photo by Franc Guadalupe

Students from the **University of Texas at Brownville** won the **Collegiate Tournament**. **GM Andrey Stukopin** won 4.0 points. **IM Max Cornejo** and **GM Holden Hernandez** won 3.5 points, **GM Anton Kovalyov** won 3.0 points, **WGM Katerina Nemcova** won 2.5 points, **WIM Aura Salazar** won 2.0 points and **Simon Vasquez III** won 1.5 points.

Touch and Move!

By WCM Claudia Muñoz

Webster's Dictionary defines the word grateful as 'acknowledgment of having received something good from another person'. I wholeheartedly agree with this definition as I am grateful to the Texas Chess Association for financially contributing \$500 dollars toward my expenses in reaching the 2014 World U-20 Girls Chess Championship in Pune, India. It was not only an honor to represent the United States in this major international event but also to represent the entire membership of the Texas Chess Association. I have decided to summarize several articles I have written about my trip to India into a one short and sweet summary for you.



HOW DID I QUALIFY FOR THE 2014 WORLD U-20 GIRLS CHESS CHAMPIONSHIP IN PUNE, INDIA?

I earned my right in becoming the U.S. official representative by winning the 2014 U.S. Girls' Junior Chess Championship, on tie-breakers, held this summer at the University of New Hampshire as 10-top rated girl player accepted the invitation to compete in this 9-round robin FIDE rated event which included WFM Jennifer Yu (who just became U-12 World Youth Champion this week), WFM Ashita Gorti, WFM Kimberly Ding, WCM Apurva Virkud, WCM Maggie Feng, Carissa Yip, Becca Lampman, Alice Dong and Alexandra Weiner.

TRAVELING TO INDIA, OUR FIRST MEAL & THE OPENING CEREMONY

We left the Dallas airport without any problems or delays directly to Newark, New Jersey for a 4-hour layover. When we arrived in Mumbai we swiftly passed through customs as the organizers were waiting for us in the arrival section to transport us to Pune, approximately around 100 miles away. We were housed at the Hyatt Regency, it was a nice hotel. After a good night rest (or day according to our Jet Lag) we woke up ready for our first day in Pune, India. The food was spicy but being Hispanic my culinary taste seemed to agree with it. I did enjoy their tea. Afterwards we walked out of the hotel to peak around but we did not go far. We were told that the playing hall was half a kilometer away. As we arrived for the ceremony what impressed me was the organization! There was media everywhere as well as sponsors and organizers. During the event a video of Anand welcoming us to the tournament was played. I understood how much Anand having been world champion meant to India as a nation.

MY FIRST SEVEN ROUNDS

By the end of the 3rd round I was in the 17th position of a 78 player field. I had achieved this by drawing Ioana Gelip of Rumania (2154 FIDE), defeating WIM Sarvinoz Kurbonboeva of Uzbekistan (2212 FIDE) and drawing FM Marina Brunello of Italy (2275 FIDE). I could not believe the rounds I was having - then I hit a wall. When I sat on board 10 to face PV Nandhidhaa of India (2174), there were two things I did not think were going to happen. I never thought the game would last close to 6 hours and that in the endgame after being offered a draw, which I declined, I would end up blowing an endgame in time troubles. I was upset with myself but I must tip my hat to my opponent on a job well done. If I could erase any round from existence in this tournament, it would be the 5th round. I played another girl from India and although I did not feel it, as if I was carrying my 4th round defeat around my neck. What followed were two additional defeats against Tihana Ivekovic of Croatia and Angelina Fransson of Sweden. Needless to say, I was not happy and the following day was exactly what the doctor ordered – a rest day in Mumbai!

STRONG FINISH IN MY LAST SEVEN ROUNDS WHILE FACING HEALTH ISSUES

As I sat down for the 8th round I decided to look at the second half of this event as an entirely separate tournament, a six round tournament to be specific and mentally that really helped me. During my 10th round win against WFM Parveen Hilmi of India, I was sneezing and I felt body chills.

A thermometer purchased at a local pharmacy confirmed that I did have a slight fever. My body was sore. I did not share this on my official website www.claudiamunoz.com or to my social media followers. I slept earlier and the following day my coach limited my preparation session to one hour so that I could get additional rest prior to my game with Karina Azimova of Russia (FIDE 2063), which ended in a draw. Afterwards I took some medication and went back to bed. When I woke up the follow day I felt ready and it was noticeable when I played Manli Lui of China (FIDE 2039) scoring my fourth win in the event.

In the final six rounds I faced representatives of France, Belgium, India, China, Russia and Hungary, scoring three wins, two draws with only one loss against Hungary. With this strong second half I finished the tournament with 6 of 13 points while increasing 75 FIDE rating points as 11 of my opponents were higher rated than me, some by more than 300 points.

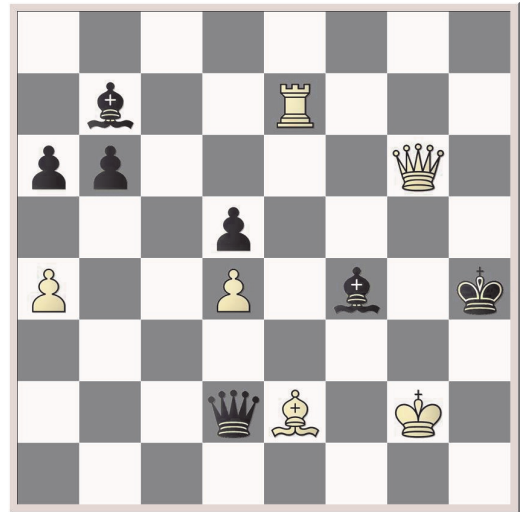
World Girls Junior Championship

White: Munoz, Claudia

Black: Liu, Manli Chn

12th Round

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FINAL THOUGHTS

I am blessed that I not only had 48-sponsors for this 2014 World U-20 Girls Chess Championship but that my strongest supporter was the Texas Chess Association. This validates a commitment not only to Texas Chess but to girl's chess as well. One thing is for certain, if we as Americans want to become serious international contenders, we must face other countries on their home turf and not just once a year. During this event I competed against 5-opponents that have represented their countries in the Olympiad, as a 17-year old teen, I never had that opportunity here at home, I had to travel abroad to do that and I realized that as Americans we can successfully compete overseas. Next year I will have new chess adventures to share with you as I carry a piece of Texas wherever I go.



Led by the Blind By Robert L. Myers

The standard android ring tone ubiquitously rang in the classroom. "Hello?" The voice on the other end was President of The Houston Chess Club, Leon Fusselman. "Hey can you get a few of your critters together (The Knights of The Chess Academy) Grand Master Timur Gareev, GM Gareev (listed as Timur Gareyev with the USCF) wants to play you guys in a blind fold exhibition and lecture?" Even though it was midweek and a school day, one does not pass up an opportunity like this. Really?! What would you do if you received a call from say, Adam Silver, the commissioner of the NBA, National Basketball Association and he said that LeBron James is going to be in town for a couple of days and wants to shoot a few hoops and talk to your players? Even though it's in the middle of the week, without hesitation, you round up all the team players you can and no matter where on Terra-fir-ma it is, you lace up your sneakers and you show up.



GM Gareev graduated from UT Brownsville and won the National Colligate Chess Championship. He first impressed us by awaking amid a very complicated match in 2010. We entered several players into a star-studded event featuring names like Grand Master Julio Sadorra, Master Bradley Sawyer, Master Jefferey De Jesus and Grand Master Mauricio Flores. GM Gareev, at his own admission "crashed" a wedding the "knight" before. On the way to the first round of that day we stopped him and I said, "Guys he has been a Grand Master since the age of 15 years old." Immediately we took pictures and signed autographs. He hurried to his match at board #1. we went to our respective boards. Over 3 hours later with all of our games completed, we stood silently, crowded with about 20 other players, watching this extremely complicated position in the grand ballroom, only three other games were still on going in this massive room. GM Gareev is seated right in front of me with head in both hands and about 5 minutes remaining on his clock. I'm thinking and looking, trying to comprehend what is going on in the mind of this chess titan when I hear what sounds like snoring. I motion for my top player to come closer to listen and mouth the words "Do you hear snoring?" At which time someone in the crowd sneezes. GM Gareev awakes and says in that hard Uzbekistani accent, "Tis my move?!" He says, "I think Mate in 4 to his opponent?" At which time his opponent agrees and knocks over his King, resigns and reaches out his hand to GM Gareev.

Four years later I catch up with GM Gareev and interview him at a small but strong tournament at Cristo Rey College and Preparatory Campus in Houston, TX. We are in the quad area, an open outdoor area, on a beautiful Chamber of Commerce Day. It's 72 degrees, zero humidity and a slight breeze from the southeast, with just a few cumulous clouds in the far distance. He isn't playing, but is the drawing card for a few of the best players in the area. He is fresh from the Millionaire Open in Vegas, what he calls, "The best chess tournament I have ever been involved in." He is dressed in a nice "throw back shirt" from the early 70's era that would have gone nicely on the set of a Starsky and Hutch episode. His longtime friend and tournament organizer Master Bo Githoro is with him and reminds me of Huggy Bear. As we snap a "selfie" I comment, "Guys we could be crime chess fighters chasing down errant Bishops and locking up en passant Pawns" to which only the true chess aficionados chuckle. GM Gareev is polite, courteous, kind, noble and really funny. He is a giving free spirit, having recently moved from Austin, Texas to San Diego to Las Vegas. He climbs mountains, and sky dives. He arrives at the tournament from picking up burgers and fries for everyone playing in the tournament. I mean the guy is a boy scout complete with the Boy Scout Law: Trustworthy, Loyal, Helpful, Friendly, Courteous, Kind, Obedient, Cheerful, Thrifty, Brave, Clean, and Reverent. Well, all but the reverent part when it comes to chess, his tactics and strategies are downright nefarious. He walks over to the area where we are to interview and takes off his shoes and starts to walk around in the grass. "Robert, you gotta try this. This is freaking amazing Bro." I comply as I remember reading something about connecting with the Earth and an old Bruce Willis movie where he too is walking around with his shoes off to lose stress, calm down and reconnect. We are now seated in the grass barefoot mind you, talking about everything from, Taekwondo, movies, football, skydiving and the advantages Android has over iPhone.

Me: You have played in thousands of games and several hundred tournaments. What is the best tournament you've ever entered?

GM Gareev: The Millionaire Open is by far the best tournament I have ever played in. Maurice (International Grand Master Maurice Ashley) did a great job."

Me: Why was this the best tournament?

GM Gareev: It was big money, Franc (Tournament Director Francisco Guadalupe) did a great job, he always does. The food was great. The atmosphere, they really treated us like royalty. And, hey it was Vegas.

Me: Your buddy Bo (Master Mbugua Bo Githoro) did well in the Millionaire Open as well.

GM Gareev: Yes, Bo took 3rd place in his division and made Master too. He did very well. He won 5 games and had 2 draws.

Me: You have had a stellar career in chess, what would you attribute your success to and say to aspiring young players?

GM Gareev: Chess is hard work! If you want to make (it) fun you gotta work even harder. Always more fun when you're winning. I mean I have lost and it's no fun. No fun losing. Believe me, brother winning is far better.

Me: Yup, makes sense to me.

GM Gareev: So you've got to make it fun. Right?

Me: You've won the prestigious Samford Fellowship, North American Open, what has been your greatest accomplishment in chess?

GM Gareev: Yea, the Samford is a pretty good deal. You get to study chess and you win a lot of money and promote chess. But it's not about the money, it's always about the chess. It's always the chess. To be good at something you gotta work at it. You make mistakes in chess and the only way to get better, well one way to get better, is analysis of your game. That is essential. So, best thing for me was making GM and other championships, they're all good.

Me: So chess is hard work. Why do it?

GM Gareev: Hard work can be fun. What was it that Bo said about hard work?

Me: He (Bo) quoted Kasparov. "Most individuals believe hard work beats talent. But most people fail to realize is that being a hard worker is a talent."

GM Gareev: Text that to me Robert.

Me: It took me about a month to work past looking beyond the 3rd move. What is your advice?

GM Gareev: Your brain will try to talk you into thinking "I can't do that." But believe me you can. It will be difficult but you can do it.

Me: It feels counter intuitive or resiliently unproductive. And yet you do it blind folded. I remember you saying once that you call out a board number and when you hear the players voice you see the board and think a few moves ahead and visualize the end-game. But how does one do that?

GM Gareev: It takes practice and hard work, so I make it fun.

Me: You sky dive, climb mountains and so much more. What else do you do for fun?

GM Gareev: I like football.

Me: Really?

GM Gareev: Tis just like chess, offense and defense.

He smiles and says. Let's play a game before you go. Playing as Black, now 12 moves in, I capture a Pawn and start dancing in my seat. I think I have him. I say, "You're going down Grand Master." He winces, looks and takes 1 minute and 12 seconds to make his next move. I am up on time but possibly down on position. He smiles and moves, Qf4 and says to the crowd, " Ahhh, Coach Robert is in real trouble now." My King is perilously shaking on g8. I notice just how relaxed he is. I think about how meta-cognitive thinking will allow you to process the seemingly insurmountable calculations in chess and just how complicated things on a chess board, and all of the decisions that have to be made, can be. I look down at GM Gareev and he is making fists with his toes in the grass under the table, just like Willis in the movie Die Hard. I think of a t-shirt a kid was wearing at the tournament, I consider my own stress levels, I then realize most stress is self-inflicted. The t-shirt read, "Stay calm and play chess." And that is how GM Gareev does what we mere mortals can't, he remains calm. He took 1 minute and 12 seconds to look 8 moves ahead at Mate. I have 2:09 seconds on my clock, GM Gareev has 1:02 on his. Someone says in the crowd, "It's not how much time you have, it's how you play the game." Who does that? Who awakes after crashing a wedding the evening before while competing in one of the most prestigious chess tournaments, sees mate in four, tells jokes to entertain the crowd, looks 8 moves ahead and mates a Master Level IV Certified Chess Coach 8 moves away. Who has a mind like that? Grand Master Timur Gareev, that's who.

When one thinks of the blind, names like Ray Charles, Helen Keller and Stevie Wonder come to mind. To anyone in the chess world, when blind chess is mentioned, there is only one name that comes to mind. At the Houston Chess Club back in 2010 with 10 of the best scholastic and adult chess players in the area, with ratings 1455 and above, while wearing a blind fold, GM Gareev corrects the player on board #7 and says in that heavy accent, "No, your Rook h4 move is incorrect. Your last move was Rook b3." After looking at the notation kept by the Houston Chess Club President, GM Gareev was absolutely correct. The kid had moved the wrong Rook on the previous move, 9 boards away! GM Gareev is scheduled to break the record of 64 opponents all while blind folded. And old adage is, "There's the blind leading the blind." If GM Gareev is leading on any chess excursion, pick up your canes, place on your blind folds and follow.

Me: Favorite team?

GM Gareev: Dallas Cowboys

Me: I know you have to go. Let's do a few bullet Q and As.

GM Gareev: Shoot.

Me: Why America's Team?

GM Gareev: They win.

Me: Tater tots or fries?

GM Gareev: Tater tots.

Me: Android or iPhone

GM Gareev: Definitely, definitely Android.

Me: Why?

GM Gareev: More options, just like in chess. More options, more better.

Me: Gotcha. Why blind chess?

GM Gareev: It's harder.

Me: Okay. Next challenge?

GM Gareev: 64 players

Me: 64?!

GM Gareev: Yes.

Me: Why 64?

GM Gareev: Never been done before, and (it) will be a world record.

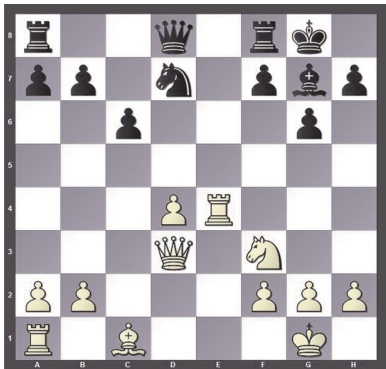
Me: And, it's harder.

GM: Yes, but more fun.

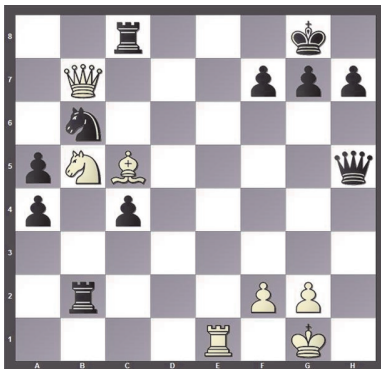


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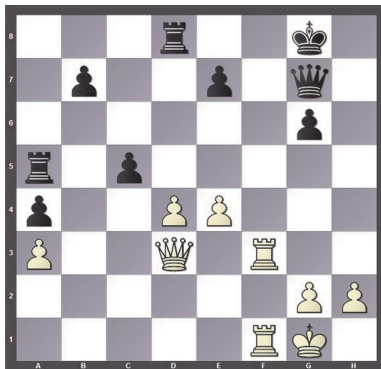
These positions came from recent games played in Texas or elsewhere by (at least one) Texas Player. **Answers can be found on the next page.**



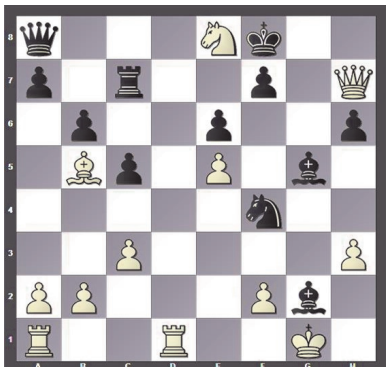
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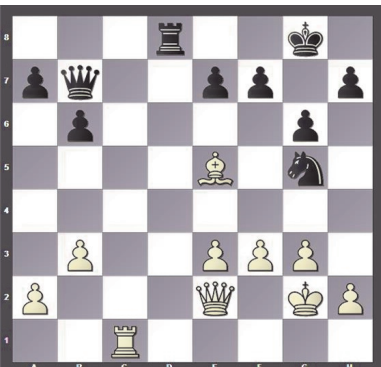
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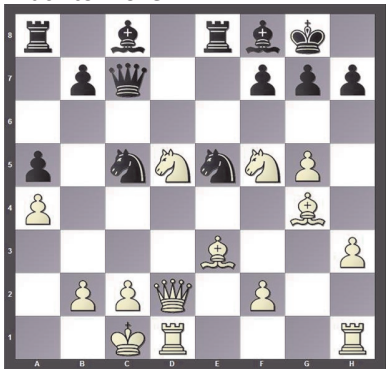
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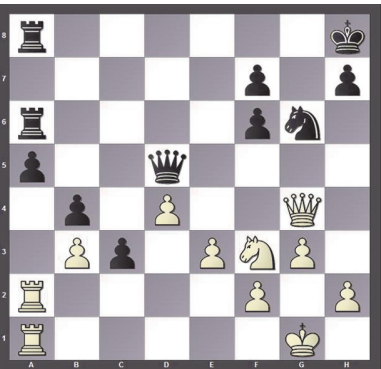
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 Black to Move



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TX Collegiate 2014
 White to Move



7. Simon Casquez - Denis Kadric
TX Collegiate 2014
 Black to Move



8. David Berczes - Y. Zhrebukh
TX Collegiate 2014
 Black to Move

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1. This is a variation from the game, showing that if White had captured on e4 with the rook, Black could have responded with **14...Nc5** forking the Queen and Rook.
2. **30.Qxc8+ Nxc8 31.Re8#** a back rank mate variation from the game.
3. **30.Qc4+** forces the black king to the dangerous h-file. **30...Kh8 31.Rh3+** and black has to block with the Queen **31...Qh7 32.Rxh7 Kxh7**
4. A variation from the game featuring a nice minor piece checkmate **23...Nxb3+ 24.Kh2 Bf4#**
5. **23...Rd2!!** deflects the White Queen from protection of the f3 pawn. If **24.Qxd2 Qxf3 25.Kg1 Nh3#**
6. **14.b4** attacks the pinned knight.
7. **18...Nb3+** forks the White King and Queen, and can't be captured because the c pawn is pinned. This is a variation from the game.
8. **33...h5** deflects the White Queen from protection of the Knight on f3. **34.Qh3 Qxf3**
Cover. 15...Nxe4 wins a pawn with a discovered attack on the White Queen. This is a variation from the game

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DEC. 27-30 2014 Pan American Intercollegiate Team Chess Championship

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JAN. 24 Many Springs 72

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All USCF members invited to play. Top finishing Austin Chess Club Regular member considered **Austin Chess Club Champion** (must be an ACC member **before** the start of the tournament).

Championship EF: \$50 mailed by 12/15, \$60 thereafter / on site.

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Novice EF: \$40 mailed by 12/15, \$50 thereafter / on site.

Re-entry \$25, all sections.

Schedule:

- **3-day:** Registration Fri. 01/02 **6-7pm**. Rounds 01/02 **7:30pm**, 01/03 **1pm - 7pm**, 01/04 **9:30am - 3:30pm**.
- **2-day:** Registration Sat. 01/03 **8:00-8:40am**, Round 1 **9:00am**, then merge with 3-day schedule.

One ½ point bye available if requested before the end of Round 2.

Online registration (preferred):

<https://www.austinchestournaments.com/events/593>

Credit cards ok online, cash or credit cards onsite.

Mail entry information (registration form) and/or check payment to:

Lori Balkum, P.O. Box 1386, Round Rock, TX 78680.

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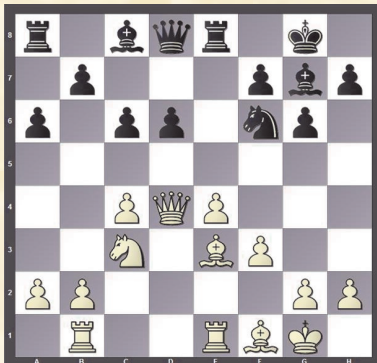
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