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Some of the participants from the Scholastic Tournament which took place in Irving, TX on August 30th, 2014

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## From the Desk of The Editor

Hello again! It's time for another issue of *Texas Knights*!

In this issue we have results and games from the **Olympiad**, played in Norway. We have results and games from the **80th Annual Southwest Open**, played in Irving, Texas. Our **Spotlight On ...** article is about and by **NM Anthony Nguyen**. We have an article by Chess Academy Coach **Robert Myers**. His article continues to discuss the successes of Chess in education. We have a game self-analysis by **NM Austin Jiang** from the **Denker Tournament of High School Champions**. There is a lot of **TCA Business** in this issue, including meeting minutes and deferred motions. We have our first **Tactics Time!** puzzles from author **Tim Brennan**. As always, I want to thank all contributors. I hope you enjoy the issue.

**Please Note:** Board diagrams have changed in this issue. See the next page for an explanation.

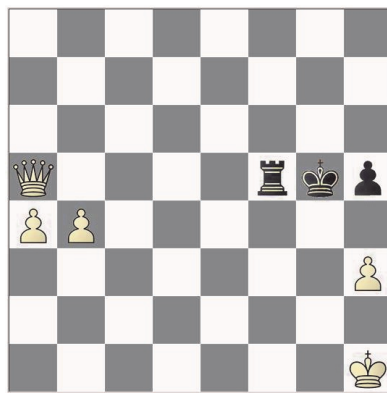
Please remember, if you would like to contribute to *Texas Knights* in the form of stories, photos, results or games, please send all contributions to me directly, My email and postal contact information can be found on page 2. The upcoming deadline for the next issue is November 15th, 2014! I must receive all content by then in order to consider it for the **Nov.-Dec. 2014** issue.

**Parents:** I'm always looking for **Spotlight On...** contributors. If you have a student Chess player that would like to share some of their Chess history the guidelines are simple. A *Chess* story written by a K-12 chess player, in their own words. The story size is typically a page (or a little more) in *Texas Knights* with a photo to go along with it. If you have any questions, feel free to contact me.

The full color digital edition of the **July-August 2014** issue of *Texas Knights* is now available online at the TCA Web Site.

Finally, I want to apologize. I did find an error in one of the diagrams from the last issue (and some of you did too) ... unfortunately, it was too late to resolve (already at the printers when discovered). Here are the specifics. **On page 21**, in the **July-August 2014** issue, the **Round 5** game played by **Carissa Yip** and **Claudia Munoz** has an incorrect diagram (which was accidentally copied from the previous game). The corrected diagram is shown on the right.

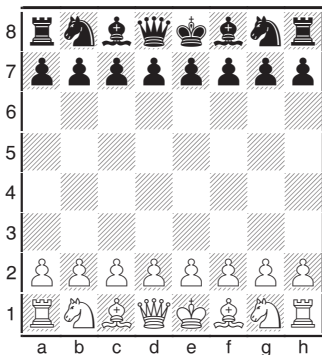
Have a great Halloween and Thanksgiving. Be safe. You should be receiving the next issue of *Texas Knights* the first week of December.



— **Jeff French**

# TCA Treasurer's Report - August 31 2014

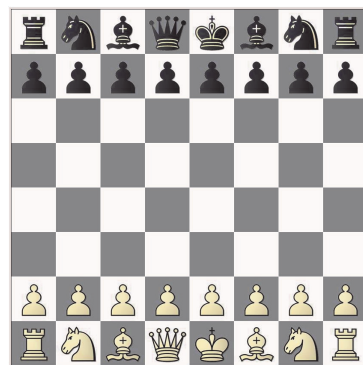
Income		Income (continued)	
September memberships	\$0.00	Region 3 Scholastic Championship tournament	\$119.00
October memberships	\$60.00	Region 5 Scholastic Championship tournament	\$131.00
November memberships	\$10.00	Region 6 Scholastic Championship tournament	\$273.00
December memberships	\$10.00	Region 7 Scholastic Championship tournament	\$40.00
January memberships	\$10.00	Region 8 Scholastic Championship tournament	\$1,300.00
February memberships	\$70.00	David Leyerle Contribution	\$10.00
March memberships	\$30.00	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$15,997.03</b>
April memberships	\$60.00	<b>Expenses</b>	
May memberships	\$10.00	Texas Masters	\$850.00
June memberships	\$0.00	Texas Knight July-Aug 2014	\$1,083.51
July memberships	\$40.00	Banner	\$167.11
August memberships	\$85.00	Affiliate Insurance	\$315.00
2013 SW Open memberships	\$706.50	Texas State Comptroller Filing Fee	\$100.00
2013 Texas Girls State Championship	\$74.00	Ballot and Mailing	\$129.51
2013 Texas Grade & Collegiate	\$281.00	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$2,645.13</b>
2014 Texas Masters memberships	\$51.00	<b>August 31 2014</b>	
2014 Texas State Scholastic Championship	\$11,801.53	<b>WF checking account balance</b>	<b>\$17,345.11</b>
2014 Texas State Scholastic memberships	\$92.50	<b>BOA checking account balance</b>	<b>\$13,792.27</b>
2014 Texas State and Amateur	\$482.50		
2014 Texas Open/Texas Team	\$250.00		



*Out with the old*

## Board Diagrams in Texas Knights

The board diagrams shown in *Texas Knights* will now be graphical, rather than font-based, and they will no longer include coordinates. This change is to allow for larger/clearer diagrams in all articles and game listings. All board diagrams will, however, be standardized to have White on the bottom moving up the board, and Black on the top moving down the board.



*In with the new*



## From the Desk of the TCA President

Hello chess friends. Thank you very much for entrusting me as the President for another year. Barbara Swafford (as Treasurer) and Forrest Marler (as Vice President) will continue to be in our executive committee. Lori Balkum has taken over as our new Secretary. I want to thank Binny Nanavati for being the secretary during the past three years.

During the SWO a new Region X was formed with Starr and Hidalgo Counties. While a Veteran Jose J Guajardo Sr., will serve as the Regional Director, a very enthusiastic Anthony Guerra, who is also a senior TD, will serve as the Scholastic Committee representative. They plan to have several tournaments culminating in their first regional championship prior to the State being held in Mc Allen in March.

During the SWO a motion by Luis Salinas was deferred to the March meeting (see complete motion starting on Page 6). His ideas will have an impact on all regions and all scholastic chess players. I am forming a committee to evaluate the motions, and make a recommendation to accept, reject or change the proposal. Please note that this is a non binding recommendation and a final vote will be taken during the state championships. So far the following individuals had shown interest in serving the committee. They are: Luis Salinas, Barbara Swafford, Eddie Rios, Ross Lynn Leon jr., Robert Jones, and Peter Kappler. By default I am going to put all scholastic committee members in this committee also. If any one else is interested, please contact me ASAP. The committee will get all to work by early October.

We still have several positions open. Directors of regions I, IV and possibly IX, and Scholastic committee members for regions I, IV, V and possibly IX. Please recommend/nominate anyone who could serve these roles. I am also interested in adding any of you on any other standing committees. If you have a specific interest, please let me know.

I again thank Jeff French for his enthusiasm in bringing the TK with great stories. Looking forward to another productive year.

— Vish

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### TCA Meeting Minutes August 31, 2014

#### Attendees

- Jim Stallings
- Ross Lynn Leone
- Anthony Guerra
- Curtis Brooks
- Ju Hyang Ahn
- Rob Jones
- Tom Crane
- Barbara Swafford
- Brian Young
- Eddie Rios
- Ronnie Burklow
- Lakshmana Viswanath (Vish)

At approximately 9:15 the meeting was called to order. The Spring meeting minutes were approved with all in favor.

Barbara Swafford gave the financial report - TCA has approximately \$32,000. \$17,000 in the Wells Fargo account and \$15,000 in the Bank of America account.

There is a new editor of Texas Knights, Jeff French. It was emphasized that we should do anything possible to help him in his endeavors such as submitting article's, games and other information regarding chess in our area's.

TCA needs a new Face Book Editor - if anyone is interested please contact Vish.



## ← **Meeting Minutes (continued)**

**New Business** - Region 8 Motion to split off Starr and Hidalgo from Cameron and Willacy creating a new Region 10 (Starr and Hidalgo being the new Region 10, Cameron and Willacy remaining Region 8). After some discussion the vote was taken. Results: 9 For, 1 Abstain. Motion PASSED

A motion to implement this immediately came from the floor. This motion was discussed also after which a vote was taken. Results 7 For, 1 No, 2 Abstain Motion PASSED

### **Elections**

The vote totals were as follows:

President – 48 votes for Lakshmana Viswanath

Vice President – 49 votes for Forest Marler

Treasurer – 48 votes for Barbara Swafford

Secretary – 1 vote for Joe Binder, 1 vote for Selby Anderson, 2 votes for Lori Balkum, 1 vote for other, 1 vote for Bob James. Vish will query Lori on whether she wants to be the Secretary, if she declines he will query the other vote getters and see if we can fill the post.

The motion to accept the vote was 8 For, 0 Against. Motion PASSED

There was a funding request from Claudia Munoz asking for financial assistance to go to World Youth. A motion was brought forward to give her \$500 and the vote was 10 For, 0 Against. Motion PASSED

Luis Salinas filed several advance motions but the biggest one was regarding splitting the State tournament into North and South regions. This and the other two motions with it were deferred until State. In the interim a committee to study and make recommendations on the motions will be paneled. The motions will be published in Texas Knights and on the TCA web site.

The last order of business was the discussion of e-cigarettes. The specific motion read: “Change Article IX Section 2 C to the following: C. There shall be no smoking in the playing room during a round of play at Regular TCA tournaments. This includes e-cigarettes and any other form that produces smoke or vapor. 11 For, 0 Against. Motion PASSED

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## **Advance motions for TCA Membership Meeting during 2014 Southwest Open (Deferred)**

The following motions are major bylaws changes. The intent of these motions is to split the TCA scholastic major events into north and south events. Note that if a player from the north cannot play in the north scholastic, the player can play in the South. Every 3 years the state scholastic will be a ‘super state’ that is the two events will be combined. It is my intent that a group of organizers from North Texas will award the South Texas state events, and a group of South Texas Organizers will award the North Texas State events.

There are three reasons

Texas is very big, it is a hardship to travel hundreds of miles. El Paso schools really only play state when it is in the Dallas Area. So for many schools and players, the split would be cheaper. In the north the tournaments will probably alternate from Houston to Dallas and perhaps Austin can bid as the site can be smaller with the split. In the south the tournament will probably alternate between valley sites and they do not have to budget going to Dallas and/or Houston, they can keep the money down in the valley and use it to go to Nationals.

There is a perception of a conflict of interest in awarding the bids. The perception goes away if the people from North Texas do not award North Texas bids and the people from South Texas do not award South Texas bids.

Finally if the state scholastic falls on SAT weekend or on a weekend when a player has a major conflict, the players can still play in the other region state.

It is not my intent to split the Texas State and Amateur or the Southwest Open. The tournaments are too small and there are hardly any bidders for these two events.

## **Motion:** Change the following Article IX section 1

P. Texas Grade Championships. This event shall be split up into the South Texas Grade Championships and the North Texas Grade Championships. These events shall be held in the fall concurrently with a separate tournament for each grade K-12. There shall be individual and team trophies. A team shall consist of any three players from the same school, and may be designated at the conclusion of the tournament to include the top scorers from that school. Sections may be combined if deemed necessary, but trophies shall be awarded for all grades represented. This tournament is opened to any pre k – 12<sup>th</sup> grade student either living or attending school in Texas. Note that a South Texas Player may play in the North Texas Grade tournament. A North Texas player may play in the South Texas Grade Tournament. The Texas Collegiate Championship will be held at either the South Texas Grade Championship in even number years and at the North Texas Grade Championship in odd number years. If in even number year there is no bid awarded for the South Texas Grade Championship, then the North Texas Grade Championships may host the Texas Collegiate Championships. Similarly, if there is no bid for the North Texas Grade Championships in an odd number year, the South Texas Grade Championships may host the Texas Collegiate Championships. These are a Major Event(s).

O. Texas Collegiate Championship. This tournament shall be held in the fall, and shall be open to students enrolled full-time or part-time in colleges or universities. The highest finishing Texas player and Texas College team will be Texas Collegiate Champions. There will be individual and team prizes. Team shall consist of the top 4 players. See Article IV section P for bidding and location guidelines.

E. Texas Scholastic Championship: This tournament(s) shall be a four-section individual event with team prizes. These sections may be subdivided with the approval of the Scholastic Committee. The Primary section will include kindergarten through third grade. The Elementary section will include kindergarten through sixth grade. The Middle School section will include fifth through ninth grade. Fifth and sixth graders in a middle school are not allowed to play down into the Elementary section. Ninth graders will be allowed to play up into the High School section and play for the school they would be attending upon entering the tenth grade. The High School section will include ninth through twelfth grades. Ninth graders in high school will not be allowed to play down into the Middle School section. Home schooled and private schooled students will be delineated as follows: Primary K-3, Elementary K-5; Middle 6-8; High School 9-12. A scholastic team shall consist of any four students from the same school, and may be designated at the conclusion of the tournament to include the top scorers from that school. Team scores in the Primary section apply only toward Primary team prizes, and may not be transferred to the Elementary team competition. Only Texas residents or students enrolled in secondary or primary schools (including home schools) in Texas may play in this event. Students not assigned a grade in school will be assigned a grade at the tournament based on their age as of September 1 of that school year as follows: six years old is assigned first grade, seven years old is assigned second grade, and so on through grade twelve. Starting in 2017, this tournament will be split into a South Texas Scholastic Championship and a North Texas Scholastic Championships. Every three years starting in 2021, there will be a 'super state'. That is where the North and South are combined into one tournament. The super state will alternate between North and South every 3 years. If no acceptable bid is turned in for a state scholastic, the Texas Chess Association will organize this tournament or hire someone to organize it for them. These are Major Events.

## **Motion:** Add Article IX section 1 U

U. The Southwest Collegiate. This tournament shall be held in the Spring, and shall be open to students enrolled full-time or part-time in colleges or universities. There will be individual and team prizes. Team shall consist of the top 4 players. See Article IV section P for bidding and location guidelines. The Southwest Collegiate Championship will be held at either the South Texas Scholastic Championships in even number years and at the North Texas Scholastic Championships in odd number years. When there is a super State Scholastic Championship, the Southwest Collegiate will be held there.

## **Motion: Change Article IX Section 3**

B. Nominations for TCA Tournaments identified as a “Major Event” can be submitted up to two (2) years in advance. The bidding deadline is on July 15<sup>th</sup>.

D. One affiliate cannot host a single specific “Major Event” two years in a row unless there is no other comparable bid for the tournament. Cities within the same Texas Association region should not host a single specific “Major Event” two years in a row unless there is no other comparable bid for the tournament (e.g., cities within the same region should not host the Southwest Open two years in a row, but can host the Texas Scholastic Championship, the Southwest Open and the Texas State and Amateur Chess Championship in the same year.)

E. A “Priority Rotation Schedule” will begin in 1995 for TCA Tournaments. This rotation schedule will give a higher priority to a city/TCA Region making a comparable bid and, in some cases, this higher priority can result in an automatic award of the tournament to a bidding city/TCA Region. That is, the city/TCA Region which has had a longer time since hosting a tournament may be awarded the tournament without a vote if their bid is reasonably comparable to other bids made for that tournament. Also note that there should be TCA Regional rotation. For example a Region should not have a tournament 3 out of the 4 years if there are other Regions with comparable bids that would make the regional rotation more diverse. If there are multiple cities that have somewhat equal lengths of time since hosting the tournament, then the board will make the determination based on TCA Regional rotation. If there is a city with multiple comparable bids and no other cities or regions have bid on it, then award it to the organizer who has not had the tournament in the longest time. If the bids can still not be awarded by the previously stated criteria, ask the appropriate Organizer Committee for their opinion on which is the better bid.

Note that this comments part of the change but I want to say that the world region was added so that for example the tournament would not be in Dallas then suburbs Plano and then Carrollton have the automatic awarding of the bids. In other words I do not want someone to get around the priority by farming out the tournaments to nearby cities and suburbs in the same Texas Chess Association Region.

F. The final approving authority for the comparability of bids and “somewhat equal lengths of time” for awarding a tournament to a bidding city shall be the Board of Directors, or in the case of major scholastic events, the North Texas Organizer Committee for South Texas Scholastic Major Bids and the South Texas Organizer Committee for North Texas Scholastic Major Bids. They should consider the following factors: geographic location, drawing power of the area, finances, organizers’ experience, size of the playing site, hotel contracts and that the bids meet the Texas Chess Association guidelines, profitability for the Texas Chess Association and other relevant criteria. The Committee should first look to see if the bids are comparable while meeting all the guidelines. If the bids are not comparable then the best bids win. If the best bids are comparable bids then the Committee should look at rotation per Article IX Section 3 P.

## **Motion: Add Article VII section 5**

### Section 5. Organizers Committee

A The Organizer Committee shall be broken up into a North Texas Organizer Committee with members from North Texas and a South Texas Organizer Committee with members from South Texas. See APPENDIX II. Each Committee must have at least 3 members. If a committee member has a conflict of interest or financial interest in the awarding of any bid, then that committee member must abstain. To be on the organizer committee, the member must have experience organizing tournaments at hotel/convention center and Schools/Universities.



B The Primary Responsibilities of these committee will be:

1. Award the Scholastic Majors when more than one bid. When only one bid, then the committee must also review the bid to make sure it meets the guidelines or to not approve the bid. Note that in the case of only one bid submitted by the bidding deadline, the committee can help the bidder to improve the bid. The North Texas Organizer Committee will award the South Texas Scholastic Major bids, while the South Texas Organizer Committee will award the North Texas Scholastic Major bids. When there is a super state (see Article IX section 1 E), the South Texas organizer committee awards the bid when it is the North Texas turn to host it and the North Texas Organizers Committee awards the bid when it is South Texas turn to host it.
2. To act in an advisory capacity to the board with regard to tournaments and tournament bids.
3. In the case of having a major with no bid, The TCA is supposed to run the tournament. The Organizer Committee will advise the Board on any questions the board may have and can volunteer to run the event or recommend an Organizer to run it.

**Motion:**

Change Section 2. Annual Junior Chess Meeting section A to the following:

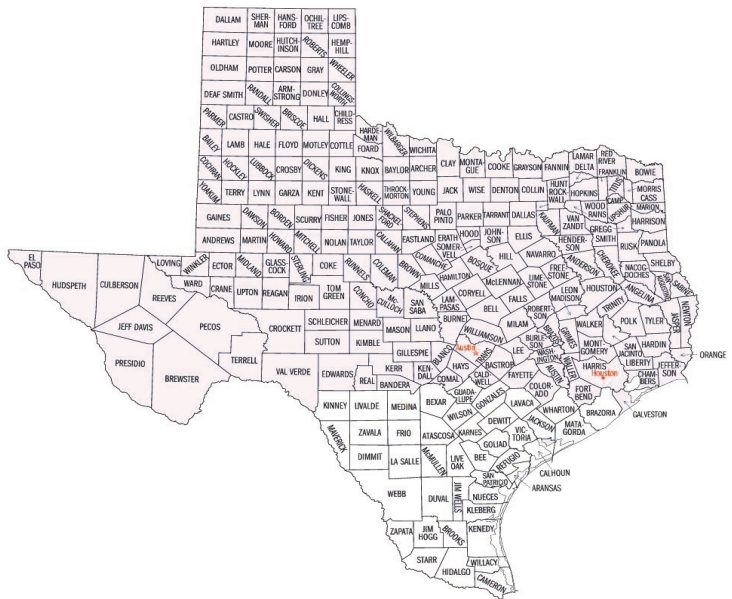
A. The annual junior chess meeting shall be held during the Texas Scholastic Championship. If the tournament is a Super State then the meeting will be held there. On years when there are a South Texas and North/Central Texas Scholastic Championships, the Junior Chess Meeting will alternate between North/Central and South with the South holding it in even number years and at the North/Central Texas Scholastic Championships in odd number years. When there is a super State Scholastic Championship, the Southwest Collegiate will be held there. It is the intent to hold the annual junior chess meeting at the state scholastic that is holding the Southwest Collegiate.

**Motion: Add Appendix II.**

APPENDIX II Definition of North/Central and South for the Organizers Committee

**South Texas:** Will include the counties that form a line. These counties and those that are south are in South Texas for TCA purposes. These counties that form a line are Kinney, Uvalde, Medina, Bexar, Guadalupe, Gonzales, Lavaca, Wharton and Brazoria.

**North/Central Texas:** Will include all counties that are north of the counties that formed the line (Kinney, Uvalde, Medina etc.) See diagram.



**Motion: Change Article IX Section 2 C to the following:**

C. There shall be no smoking during a round of play at Regular TCA tournaments. This includes e-cigarettes and any other form that produces smoke or vapor.

## **Motion: Change Appendix: Regions of TCA**

to Appendix I: Regions of TCA

## **Motions that are not Bylaws motions.**

### **Motion:**

if the above motions are approved, please have the bylaws clean them up if they think there is a problem.

Rational: I am not a bylaws expert, experts should look at the motions and clean them up. This is standard practice for TCA .

### **Motion:**

Replace the rule that bidders for the Scholastic Major events get extra consideration when the bidder also bids on the Southwest Open or the Texas State and Amateur.

With the following: Beginning in 2017, a TCA Scholastic Major with at least 500 players must pay \$3 a player. If the scholastic Major has less than 500 players, then the payment is \$2 per player. (Players that play in two sections [because they were placed in wrong section or they play a house game] count as one player unless they paid two entry fees. One Dollar per player from a North or South or Texas Scholastic goes to Organizer of the next Texas State and Amateur. Similarly, \$1 of the per player fee of a Texas Grade goes to the Organizer of next Southwest Open. The players from the Texas Collegiate and the Southwest Collegiate do not count for the Texas Grades and the Texas Scholastics. TCA shall mention these fees to the winning bidders. Failure to communicate does not excuse the organizers from making the payment.

Rational: The extra consideration should be gotten rid off for two reasons.

1. TCA Board and the TCA Scholastic Committee have always ignored this rule in my opinion.
2. I proposed this rule because the bidders of the Scholastic majors that are profitable never organized the more risky TCA major tournaments, so I hoped this would encourage more bidding on the TCA majors that do not get any bids. But this has not happened. So let's make the more lucrative tournaments pay more and pass that money to the organizers who bid on the riskier majors.

### **Motion:**

The current method of Determining the Denker Representative is for the representative to be the winner (either clear or on tiebreaks) to be the Denker Representative. If the winner chooses not to go then 2<sup>nd</sup> place player goes etc etc.

In the years that there is a Super State the above procedure will be in effect.

In the years that there is a North/Central and South State Scholastic then the following procedure will be in effect: The Winner of the North/Central and the winner of the South play a match at Denker time controls to see who the representative will be. Normally it is a two game match. The Tiebreaker should be a game at faster time control. If a winner does not want to go to the Denker, then the opportunity goes next to the co-champion if any. If more than one co-champion use tiebreaks to pick the player for the match. If the co-champ declines then pick the next co-champ. If none of the champs or co-champs want to go, then the winner of the other State Scholastic is the rep. If no Champ or co champs want to go, then you above procedure but with 2<sup>nd</sup> place winners. Note that the match can be and internet match if there is a TD at both sites.

Note that the procedure to pick the Barber Rep and the NGIT are the same as now for the Super State and when there is a North and South Scholastic Championships, use a similar procedure as the one above.

## Spotlight On... NM Anthony Nguyen

Chess is a wonderful game that has provided me with many things. It teaches many life lessons and work ethics. I've had some interesting experiences that chess has provided me and I have come to really enjoy the game. I started learning how the pieces moved by just playing around with them when I was 3, I thought the knights and rooks looked pretty cool. After that my dad gave me a board with pieces with directions on it and I learned how they moved. Then, I just played with my relatives for fun and took some occasional trips to our public library to play. I also did some ChessMaster and online practice and developed more knowledge about the game. I remember taking a quiz about every single pieces' rule in the game and one time saying, "YAY I'M A BISHOP MASTER NOW!!" because the bishop quiz was hard, apparently.



Photo by Jeff French

I went to my first tournament when I was 7 years old, so I started pretty late, in comparison to other kids. I didn't make any great performances back then, but I was a pretty consistent little kid. I think the best thing for you to do in chess is to set consistent goals and work to the best of your ability to make those goals. I set some goals like, make the top 100 in the country for my age, get 1000, get X amount of rating every year, etc. It really helped me in my chess performance because I knew what I needed to get done. After I practiced a lot, back before I was lazy and high school homework killed me, (and became sleep deprived, these days I sleep at 1 AM) I would eventually meet those goals. I remember travelling to Greece for my sister's world youth and I became really inspired and I knew that one day I wanted to qualify for the world youth. Sadly I never did :( I recently came close by fifty points but never made it.

I think my big breakthrough in chess was when I changed my training and broke a big wall for me at the time, which was 1800. After that my rating jumped and broke 1900 in two months. My coach said what happened to me was the rubber band effect, but what do rubber bands do after they expand? That's right. They go back and recoil. So I had a minor slump after that. I started doing well for my age, appearing in the top 10 for my division.

My biggest chess accomplishment was probably the 2012 Pan-American Youth Chess Championships in Peru where I played in the U12 section and was the 98th seed. There were 9 rounds and we went as a family so we all had a really good attitude (plus, the food there was great). I went into the tournament thinking, I'm probably gonna do bad, but it's my first legitimate international chess tournament so I'm just gonna have fun. I think it was because of how happy and excited I was that I was able to be undefeated and get the bronze medal. I was even happier later to know that I was officially a Fide Candidate Master. I really broke everybody's expectations and in my section the three Americans got first, second, and third out of about 100 other people. I was the 98th seed and ended up third. My family was also EXTREMELY happy because my sister got first place with a perfect 9-0 sweep and became a Women's Fide Master. To this day we still debate which title is better, just friendly debates, of course.

My second biggest chess accomplishment was at the National Open in Las Vegas where I played in the U2200 section and got five points out of six with no losses. I usually do well when I'm happy, and that tournament also doubled as a vacation so I was pretty happy. One of my main tips would be positive because it really boosts your chess. I won \$1,420 that tournament by tying for first and beating a few of 2100s and 2000s. It was my biggest boost to another chess achievement, National Master.

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# 2014 Chess Olympiad

See <https://chess24.com/en/olympiad2014> for additional results and games.

The **Chess Olympiad** took place in *Tromsø, Norway* from **August 1st** thru **August 14th**.

A total of 177 teams participated in the Open Tournament and 3776 games were played. **China, Hungary** and **India** were the top 3 in the Open tournament, and the **United States** took 14th place. The **USA** schedule was as follows: Round **1** was played against **Uganda**, **2** against **Colombia**, **3** against **Netherlands**, **4** against **South Africa**, **5** against **Canada**, **6** against **Paraguay**, **7** against **Uzbekistan**, **8** against **Hungary**, **9** against **Germany**, **10** against **Argentina** and **11** against **Azerbaijan**.

Name	Rating	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	Points
<b>GM Hikaru Nakamura</b>	2787			½	1	½	½	1	½	½	1	0	5.5
<b>GM Gata Kamsky</b>	2706	1	½	0	0		½	½	½	0		½	3.5
<b>GM Alexander Onischuk</b>	2659	1	1	1	1	½		1	0		½	½	6.5
<b>GM Varuzhan Akobian</b>	2653	1	½	0		0	1			1	0		3.5
<b>GM Samuel L Shankland</b>	2624	1	1		1	1	1	1	1	½	1	½	9.0

A total of 11 games were played by each team, the United States results are shown above.

GM Alexander Onischuk was the only player from Texas.

A total of 136 teams participated in the Women's Tournament and 2948 games were played. **Russia, China** and the **Ukraine** were the top 3 in the Women's tournament, with the **United States** taking 8th place. The **USA** schedule was as follows: Round **1** was played against **Finland**, **2** against **Belgium**, **3** against **China**, **4** against **Wales**, **5** against **Azerbaijan**, **6** against **Estonia**, **7** against **Armenia**, **8** against **France**, **9** against **Montenegro**, **10** against **Vietnam** and **11** against **Argentina**.

Name	Rating	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	Pts.
<b>GM Irina Krush</b>	2474	1	1	0	1	0	½	0		0	½	1	5.0
<b>IM Anna Zatonskih</b>	2466			1	0	1	½	1	½	½	1	1	7.5
<b>WGM Tatev Abrahamyan</b>	2366	1		½	1	1	½	½	1	0	1	1	7.5
<b>WGM Katerina Nemcova</b>	2315	1	0	½		1			0	1		1	4.5
<b>WGM Sabina-Francesca Foisor</b>	2252	1	1		1		1	1	0		0		5.0

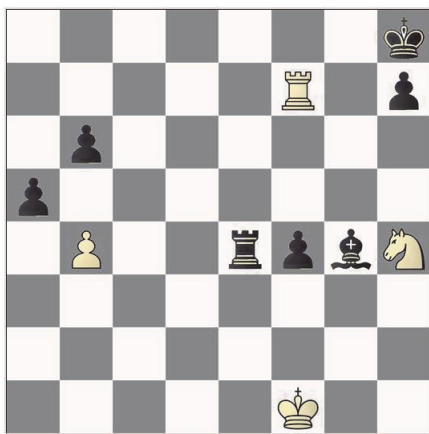
A total of 11 games were played by each team, the United States results are shown above.

WGM Katerina Nemcova and WGM Sabina-Francesca Foisor are from Texas.

**GM Alexander Onischuk won Rounds 1,2,3,4 and 7. Here are those games.**

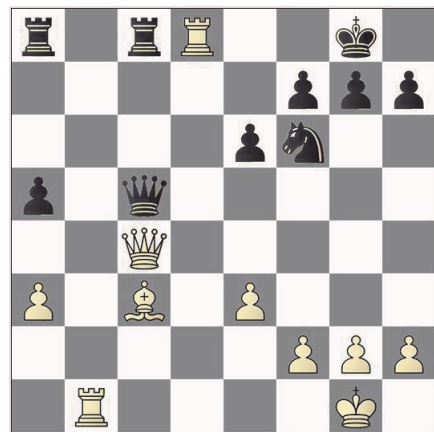
**Kawuma, Patrick (2261) – Onischuk, Alexander (2659) [A14]**  
WCO2014 Tromso (1.14), 02.08.2014

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**Onischuk, Alexander (2659) – Rios, Cristhian Camilo (2427) [E11]**  
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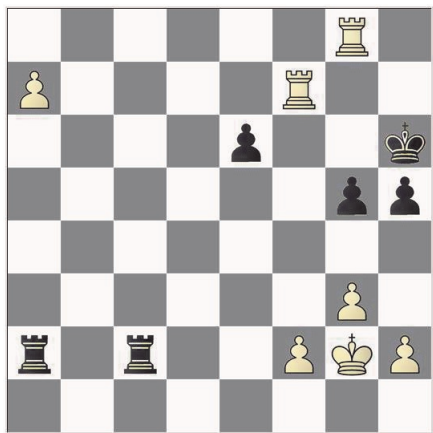
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Onischuk, Alexander (2659) –  
 Van Wely, Loek (2662) [E21]  
 WCO2014 Tromso (3.23), 04.08.2014

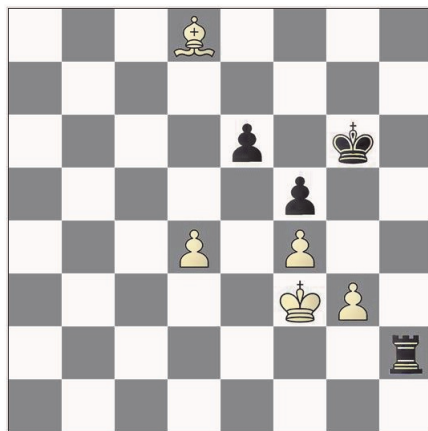
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 11.Bg2 b6 12.Qe3 Bb7 13.0-0 Qxc5  
 14.Qxc5 bxc5 15.Rfd1 Rab8 16.Nb3  
 Ne5 17.Nxc5 Bxg2 18.Kxg2 Rxb2  
 19.Nxd7 Nxd7 20.Rxd7 Rc2 21.Rxa7  
 g5 22.a4 Rxe2 23.Rd1 Rc2 24.Rd4  
 Kg7 25.a5 Kg6 26.a6 Ra2 27.Rdd7 h5  
 28.c5 Rc8 29.Rxf7 Rxc5 30.Rg7+ Kh6  
 31.Rh7+ Kg6 32.Rag7+ Kf6 33.a7  
 Rcc2 34.Rf7+ Kg6 35.Rhg7+ Kh6  
 36.Rg8 1-0



Kobese, Watu (2333) –  
 Onischuk, Alexander (2659) [B14]  
 WCO2014 Tromso (4.15), 05.08.2014

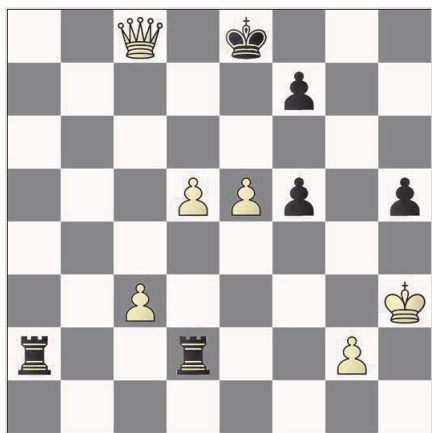
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 16.gxf3 Qc6 17.f4 Rfe8 18.Re3 h6  
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 Qxd7 22.Re5 Rc5 23.Rce1 f6 24.R5e4  
 Kf7 25.Qe2 Rf5 26.Bg3 b5 27.a4 bxa4  
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 Rd1 37.c5 Nf6 38.Rea3 Nd5 39.Rb3  
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 42.Rxb4 Rd3+ 43.Ke2 Ra3 44.h5  
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 47.Rb8+ Kh7 48.Rd8 Rb4 49.Bh4  
 Rb2+ 50.Kf1 Rh3 51.Bg3 Rh1+  
 52.Kg2 Rd1 53.Bh4 Rb4 54.c6 Rc4  
 55.Rd7 Rxc6 56.Bf6 Kg8 57.Rxg7+  
 Kf8 58.Rg3 Rcc1 59.Bg7+ Kf7  
 60.Bxh6 Rg1+ 61.Kh2 Rh1+ 62.Kg2  
 Rcg1+ 63.Kf3 Rxg3+ 64.fxg3 Rxh5  
 65.Bg5 Rh2 66.Bd8 Kg6 0-1



**Onischuk, Alexander (2659) –  
Dzhumaev, Marat (2510) [E70]**  
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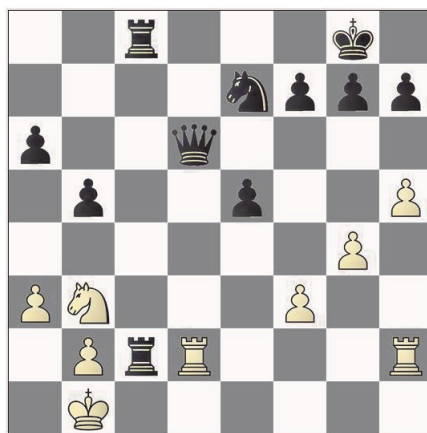
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43.Qc6+ Ke7 44.f4 Rd2 45.Kh3 h5  
46.Qc5+ Ke8 47.f5 exf5 48.d5 Kd7  
49.Qd6+ Ke8 50.Qb8+ Kd7 51.Qb7+  
Ke8 52.Qc8+ 1-0



**WGM Katerina Nemcova won Rounds 1,  
5, 9 and 11. Here are those games.**

**Nazarova, Anastasia (1904) –  
Nemcova, Katerina (2315) [B42]**  
WCO2014 Tromso (1.3), 02.08.2014

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 e6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 a6  
5.Bd3 Bc5 6.Nb3 Ba7 7.Nc3 Nc6  
8.Qe2 d6 9.Be3 Nf6 10.Bxa7 Rxa7  
11.0-0-0 e5 12.f3 0-0 13.g4 b5 14.h4  
Be6 15.Nd5 Bxd5 16.exd5 Nb4 17.a3  
Nxd3+ 18.Qxd3 Rc7 19.h5 Rc4  
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25.Kb1 Qxd6 0-1

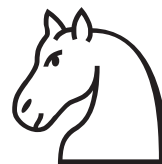
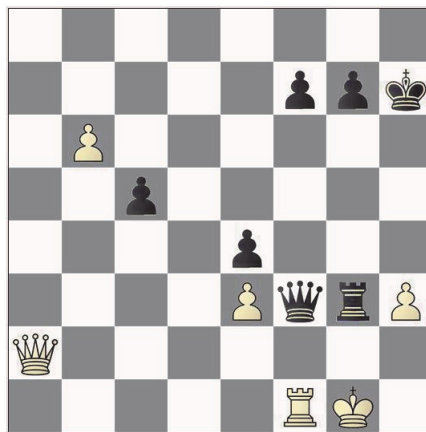
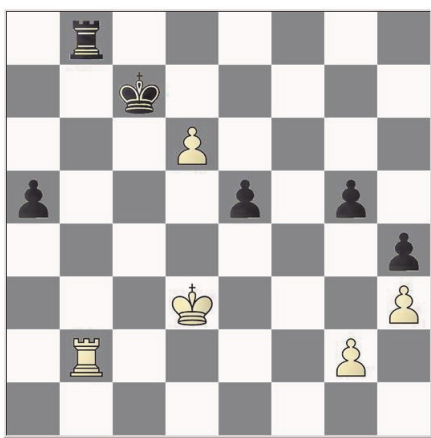


Nemcova, Katerina (2315) –  
 Ibrahimova, Sabina (2263) [B35]  
 WCO2014 Tromso (5.33), 06.08.2014

Bacic, Kristina (1801) –  
 Nemcova, Katerina (2315) [E16]  
 WCO2014 Tromso (9.33), 11.08.2014

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 g6 5.Nc3 Bg7 6.Be3 Nf6 7.Bc4 0-0 8.Bb3 a5 9.0-0 d6 10.h3 Bd7 11.a4 Nxd4 12.Bxd4 Bc6 13.e5 dxe5 14.Bxe5 Qb6 15.Qe2 Rad8 16.Rad1 Qc5 17.Rfe1 e6 18.Rxd8 Rxd8 19.Qc4 Qxc4 20.Bxc4 Ne8 21.Bxg7 Kxg7 22.Kf1 Rd4 23.b3 Nd6 24.Bd3 Kf6 25.f3 h5 26.Kf2 h4 27.Ne2 Rd5 28.Rd1 Ke7 29.c4 Rc5 30.Re1 b6 31.Bb1 Re5 32.Rd1 Nb7 33.Nd4 Be8 34.f4 Rh5 35.Be4 Nc5 36.Bf3 Rh8 37.Ke3 f6 38.Rb1 Bd7 39.b4 axb4 40.Rxb4 e5 41.fxe5 fxe5 42.Nb5 Na6 43.Rb1 Bf5 44.Rb2 Rd8 45.Bd5 Rb8 46.Nc3 Kd6 47.Bf3 Be6 48.Ne4+ Kc7 49.Be2 Bd7 50.Nc3 Bc6 51.Bd3 Nc5 52.Nd5+ Bxd5 53.cxd5 g5 54.a5 Nxd3 55.Kxd3 bxa5 56.d6+ 1-0

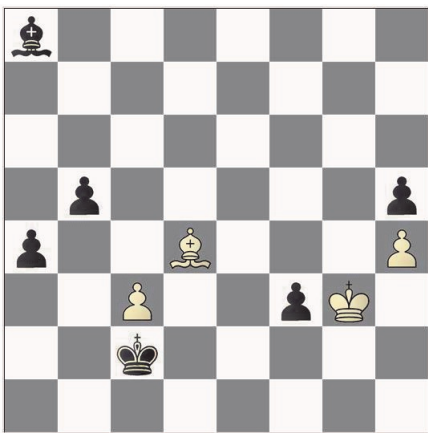
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Zuriel, Marisa (2235) –  
 Nemcova, Katerina (2315) [B32]  
 WCO2014 Tromso (11.8), 14.08.2014

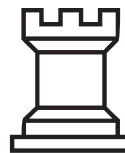
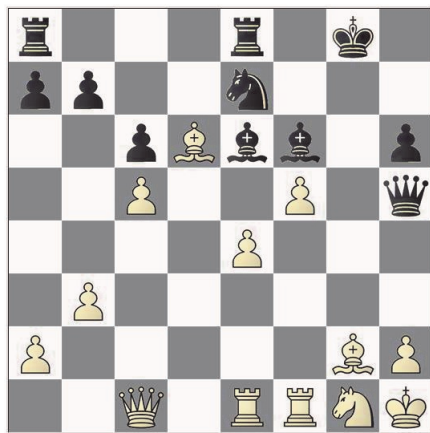
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 Bd7 26.Red1 Bf5 27.Bc4+ Ke8  
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WGM Sabina-Francesca Foisor won  
 Rounds 1,2,4,6 and 7. Here are those  
 games.

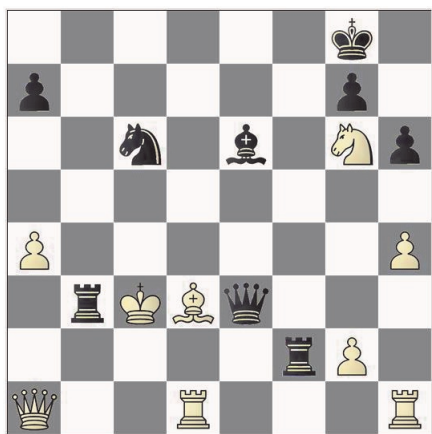
Foisor, Sabina-Francesca (2252) –  
 Walta, Paivi (1794) [A81]  
 WCO2014 Tromso (1.4), 02.08.2014

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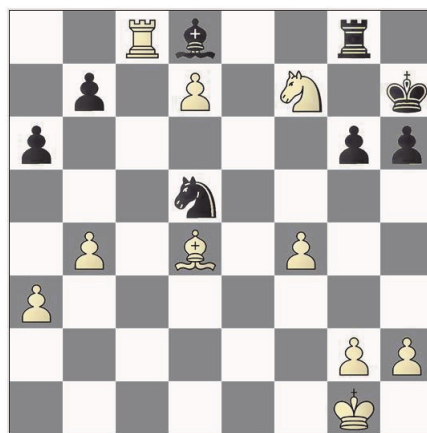
Dierckens, Sarah (1873) [C18] –  
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 WCO2014 Tromso (2.4), 03.08.2014

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 5.a3 Bxc3+ 6.bxc3 Ne7 7.Qg4 0-0  
 8.h4 f5 9.exf6 Rxf6 10.Bg5 Rf7  
 11.dxc5 Nbc6 12.Qa4 Qf8 13.Nf3 e5  
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Foisor Sabina–Francesca (2252) –  
 Wang Alyssa (1610) [D11]  
 WCO2014 Tromso (4.4), 05.08.2014

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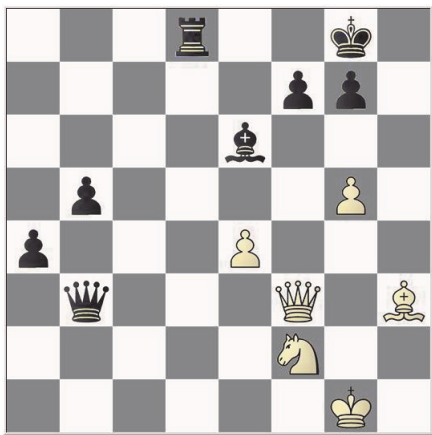
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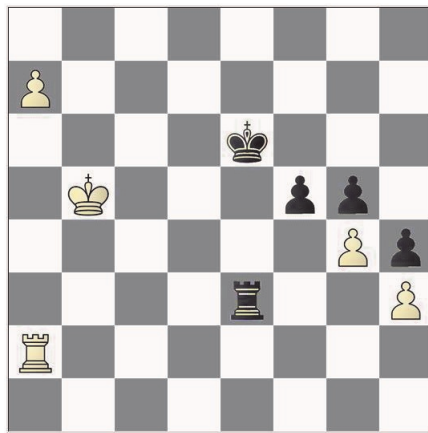
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Foisor, Sabina–Francesca (2252) –  
 Kursova, Maria (2313) [E39]  
 WCO2014 Tromso (7.12), 09.08.2014

1.e4 e6 2.d3 d5 3.Nd2 c5 4.Ngf3 Nc6  
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 29.Bh3 Qb3 0-1



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 49.Rf5 Re3 50.a4 Re2+ 51.Kb3 d3  
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14 Ramirez, Alejandro 2673	18 Ng, Daniel J 2231	71 Nguyen, Khoa Minh 1908
15 Sadorra, Julio C 2669	43 Jiang, Alexander D 2110	85 Garcia, Miguel 1883
18 Maciejaja, Bartlomiej 2661	43 Shao, Andy 2110	94 Premkumar, Hiren 1857
23 Kritz, Leonid 2634	66 Munoz, Claudia E 2051	100 Verma, Ritik 1842
31 Yotov, Valentin L 2615	90 Shan, Devan 1968	
51 Gorovets, Andrey 2579	95 Kaliyur, Rohith 1954	
63 Yang, Darwin 2559		<b>Age 12</b>
65 Xiong, Jeffery 2557	<b>Age 15</b>	<b>1 Li, Ruifeng 2430</b>
77 Berczes, David 2541	20 Han, Curran 2230	17 Nguyen, Emily Quynh 2119
92 Bakre, Tejas 2523	25 Malhotra, Akshay 2199	24 Xie, Tianming 2072
	28 Obili, Abhishek Reddy 2185	33 Palang, Warren Jesse 2000
<b>Age 65 and Over</b>	32 Vaidya, Atulya 2159	38 Srivatsav, Aadarsh 1956
27 Simms, Gary 2224	47 Nguyen, Duy Minh 2093	48 Jiang, Maxwell 1902
94 Chase, Stephen M 2048	52 Kowal, Joshua Adam 2085	57 Dong, Dylan Roswell 1860
	61 Wlezien, Alexander 2043	60 Eranki, S M S Chaitanya 1851
<b>Age 50 and Over</b>	76 Mao, Marcus S 1980	74 Sonawane, Atharv P 1805
27 Bradford, Joseph Mark 2459	78 Brannon, Joshua Scott 1968	81 Li, David C 1788
	81 Jacob, Andrew 1958	95 Eliezer, Segev 1742
<b>Under Age 21</b>	82 Xiang, Evan 1956	97 Eswaran, Pranav 1740
8 Yang, Darwin 2559	87 Palang, Caissa 1946	
9 Xiong, Jeffery 2557	91 Annigeri, Sanjay 1937	<b>Age 11</b>
22 Li, Ruifeng 2430	98 Zhao, Annie 1921	9 Gu, Brian Fanyuan 2066
50 Torres, Luis Carlos 2368		17 Frutos, Chase 1972
61 Chiang, Jonathan 2344	<b>Age 14</b>	28 Liu, Kevin 1916
64 Danelia, Mariam 2340	6 Chiang, Jonathan 2344	30 Fan, William G 1902
82 Shao, Bob 2301	8 Lin, Dachev 2296	33 Buegler, Jacob Bede 1895
85 Lin, Dachev 2296	10 He, Tommy O 2284	48 Nguyen, Dang Minh 1812
90 He, Tommy O 2284	15 Nguyen, Anthony Quan 2203	49 Huo, Rannon 1803
	25 Lu, Andrew H 2150	61 Wang, Jason 1758
<b>Age 18</b>	26 Capocyan, Sam Lander Cabrera 2147	66 Mao, Andrew Sun-Rong 1751
28 Ukoli, James O 2104	61 Hsieh, David 2003	69 Narang, Ijay 1741
29 James, Dylan Scott 2102	91 Lakshmanadoss, Karthikeyan 1896	70 Liu, Glen 1740
37 Kalyan, Suchinder 2075	99 Kaieda, Genta 1870	72 Le, Collin Khoi 1737
41 Leos, Christian 2059		82 Tsuei, Kai 1712
	<b>Age 13</b>	88 Ganesh, Anirudh 1696
<b>Age 17</b>	2 Xiong, Jeffery 2557	94 Yue, William H 1692
<b>1 Yang, Darwin 2559</b>	10 Liu, Bovey 2205	97 Lu, Jonathan 1683
14 Pamatmat, Jarod John M 2259	33 Devagharan, Devina 2032	
16 Chiang, Sarah 2250	35 Krishna, Ram 2010	<b>Age 10</b>
33 Lu, Tommy 2142	66 Arunachalam, Palaniappan 1918	10 Frutos, Cole Nicholas 1955
55 Xiang, Ellen 2048	69 Trakru, Priya 1915	12 Hawthorn, Charles 1946
77 Johnson, Perry Vishal 1989		21 Eranki, S A Maruthi 1876

**Age 10 (continued)**

29	Vivekananthan, Anish	1810
40	Niu, Baron T	1771
43	Balderas, Adolfo Augusto, Jr	1763
48	Yan, Austin K	1739
59	Wang, Eric	1713
61	Rajaram, Rudransh	1701
65	Romo, Benjamin	1696
70	Costa, Diego	1683
86	Wei, Alexander Gotuaco	1643
90	Chidambaram, Hari Raja	1638
96	Breslav, Nikita	1615

**Age 9**

7	Vaidya, Atreya	1926
8	Metpally, Jason	1913
12	Wang, Justin	1851
15	Hawthorn, Henry	1812
18	Shi, Eric	1801
19	Zhu, Harvey	1785
23	Wang, Yanke	1764
24	Nguyen, Anh Nhu	1734
27	Ni, Maggie	1713
30	Hung, Daniel	1703
34	Kumarappan, Ganesh	1671
36	Mcnutt, William Howard	1663
42	Wang, Harry	1620
52	Yue, Roy H	1567
60	Xie, Mckinley	1544
73	Chathapuram, Shashvat	1494
74	Yeung, Wesley	1490
79	Thippireddy, Saketh	1472
88	Liu, Kevin B	1454

**Age 8**

7	Tang, Andrew	1810
8	Trakru, Rohun	1780
14	Polavaram, Rithik Sai	1722
21	Oberoi, Shelev	1634
34	Casas, Michael	1519
37	Yi, Ziduo	1505
39	Razo, Joaquin	1487
43	Tao, Arthur	1464

**Age 8 (continued)**

50	Peng, Eric V	1427
53	Jiang, Andrew	1412
54	Patil, Vedant	1410
68	Pham, Minh The	1338
83	Ganesh Sudhakar, Gauravaram	1271
87	Lu, Kevin	1261
92	Jiang, Albert	1249
95	Ghuman, Anant	1236

**Age 7 and Under**

14	Capocyan, John Patrick	1437
27	Pham, Vinh The	1308
52	Park, Praetorian Stone	1160
62	Nguyen, Sebastian Thien	1131
66	Gomez-Quinonez, Fernando A	1104
73	Baalan, Arjun	1086
77	Lau, Ignatius	1079
91	Zhou, Andy	1036
93	Chian, Allen	1034

**Women**

7	Nemcova, Katerina	2366
10	Danelia, Mariam	2340
12	Foisor, Sabina-Francesca	2326
25	Labeledz, Patrycja Anna	2255
26	Chiang, Sarah	2250
39	Salazar, Aura Cristina	2183
55	Nguyen, Emily Quynh	2119
77	Munoz, Claudia E	2051
79	Xiang, Ellen	2048
81	Devagharan, Devina	2032
92	De La Parra, Daniela	1999
93	Jamison, Courtney N	1989
100	Xiang, Evan	1956

**Girls Under 21**

3	Danelia, Mariam	2340
6	Chiang, Sarah	2250
13	Salazar, Aura Cristina	2183
21	Nguyen, Emily Quynh	2119
36	Munoz, Claudia E	2051
38	Xiang, Ellen	2048

**Girls Under 21 (continued)**

40	Devagharan, Devina	2032
50	Xiang, Evan	1956
53	Palang, Caissa	1946
58	Zhao, Annie	1921
59	Trakru, Priya	1915
77	Venkataraman, Madhumitha	1855
81	Chu, Yue	1840
96	Nguyen, Brittany	1799
100	Abella, Clarissa Louise	1789

**Girls Under 16**

10	Nguyen, Emily Quynh	2119
16	Devagharan, Devina	2032
20	Xiang, Evan	1956
21	Palang, Caissa	1946
25	Zhao, Annie	1921
26	Trakru, Priya	1915
48	Nguyen, Brittany	1799
52	Abella, Clarissa Louise	1789
53	Zheng, Christine	1780
70	Nguyen, Anh Nhu	1734
75	Kao, Camille Y	1717
78	Venkataraman, Sara	1713
78	Ni, Maggie	1713
87	Liu, Hannah	1698

**Girls Under 13**

4	Nguyen, Emily Quynh	2119
22	Nguyen, Anh Nhu	1734
24	Kao, Camille Y	1717
27	Ni, Maggie	1713
63	Mitra, Aishwarya	1494
70	Cedillo Bocanegra, Ana Karen	1468
78	Bhat, Puja Prashant	1421
82	Yi, Angela	1408
87	Mitra, Apsara	1382
90	Zhao, Vivian	1375
92	Uppuluri, Sindhuja	1371
92	Dodd, Ariadne	1371
95	Uppuluri, Anuja	1365
98	Bautista, Ilse V	1354

# 80th Annual Southwest Open

See <http://www.dallaschess.com/2014SWOpen/index.html> for additional results.

The **Southwest Open** took place in *Irving, Texas* from **August 29th** thru **September 1st**.

A total of **69 players** participated in the **Open Section**, with **GM Leonid Kritz** winning the tournament. The results from the top 5 participants are below.

#	Name	Rtng	St	Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd 3	Rd 4	Rd 5	Rd 6	Rd 7	Tot
1	GM Leonid Kritz	2634	TX	W49	D32	W19	W16	W7	D2	W5	6.0
2	GM Conrad Holt	2664	KS	W45	W22	W23	W6	D5	D1	D4	5.5
3	GM George Margvelashvili	2641	TX	W34	W38	D9	D4	W14	D5	W11	5.5
4	GM Nadezhda Kosintseva	2529	TX	W25	D19	W32	D3	W31	W6	D2	5.5
5	IM Jeffery Xiong	2563	TX	W40	W15	W17	W8	D2	D3	L1	5.0

A total of **101 players** participated in the **Reserved Section**. **Joseph R. Drake** and **Khoa Minh Nguyen** shared the top spot. The results from the top 5 participants are below.

#	Name	Rtng	St	Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd 3	Rd 4	Rd 5	Rd 6	Rd 7	Tot
1	Joseph R Drake	1965	TX	W48	D62	W11	W20	W23	W8	D4	6.0
2	Khoa Minh Nguyen	1943	TX	W31	W33	W55	D23	W17	D3	W8	6.0
3	Karthikeyan L	1923	TX	D44	W22	W69	W10	W19	D2	D5	5.5
4	Priya Trakru	1957	TX	W27	W35	L18	W32	W28	W7	D1	5.5
5	Rodney Thomas	1897	TX	W54	W32	H---	D16	W26	W24	D3	5.5

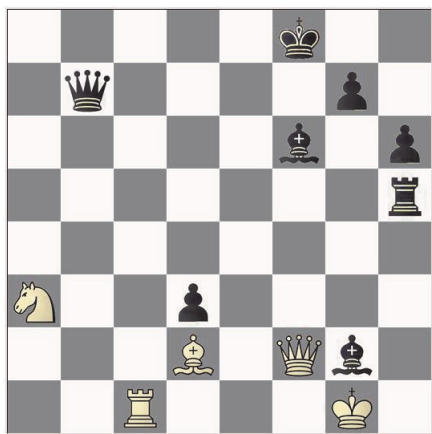
A total of **44 players** participated in the **Novice Section**, with **Anuja Uppuluri** taking the top spot. The results from the top 5 participants are below.

#	Name	Rtng	St	Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd 3	Rd 4	Rd 5	Rd 6	Rd 7	Tot
1	Anuja Uppuluri	1396	TX	W21	W23	W2	D3	W10	W14	W6	6.5
2	Vivek Saravanan	1303	TX	W35	W32	L1	W13	W9	W3	W7	6.0
3	Sindhuja Uppuluri	1377	TX	W19	W31	W13	D1	W6	L2	W9	5.5
4	Gireesh Daggupati	1227	TX	W43	L8	D37	D39	W19	W27	W14	5.0
5	James P Roberts	1251	TX	W36	W28	H---	D6	D7	W16	H---	5.0

Here are the games that **GM Leonid Kritz** played at the Southwest Open.

**Sanchez,Robert (2103) – Kritz,Leonid (2634) [B28]**  
Southwest Open Irving (1), 29.08.2014

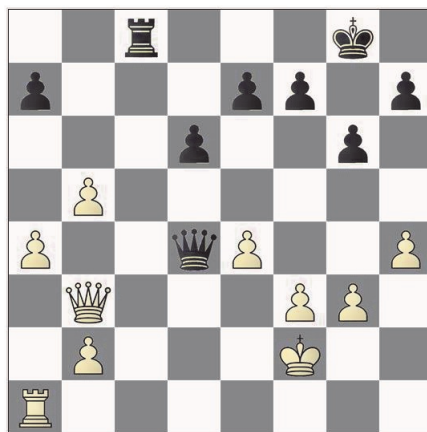
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GM Leonid Kritz, TCA President and GM Nadezhda Kosintseva  
Photo by Barbara Swafford

**Kritz,Leonid (2634) – Brooks,Curtis (2206) [B55/01]**  
Southwest Open Irving (2), 30.08.2014

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.f3 Nc6 6.c4 Nxd4 7.Qxd4 g6 8.Be3 Bg7 9.Nc3 0-0 10.Qd2 Be6 11.Be2 Rc8 12.Nd5 b5 13.Nxf6+ Bxf6 14.cxb5 Rc7 15.Kf2 Qb8 16.a4 Rfc8 17.Rhc1 Bc4 18.g3 Bxe2 19.Qxe2 Bd4 20.Rxc7 Bxe3+ 21.Qxe3 Qxc7 22.Qb3 Qc5+ 23.Ke2 Qh5 24.h4 Qe5 25.Kf2 Qd4+ 26.Ke2 Qe5 27.Kf2 Qd4+ 1/2-1/2



Rohrbaugh,James (2200) –  
 Kritz,Leonid (2634) [A34]  
 Southwest Open Irving (3), 30.08.2014

Kritz,Leonid (2634) –  
 Calugar,Arthur (2369) [B44]  
 Southwest Open Irving (4), 31.08.2014

1.c4 c5 2.Nc3 Nf6 3.Nf3 b6 4.d4 cxd4  
 5.Nxd4 Bb7 6.f3 e6 7.e4 d6 8.Be3  
 Be7 9.Be2 0-0 10.0-0 a6 11.Qd2 Qc7  
 12.Rfd1 Rd8 13.Qe1 Nbd7 14.a4 Ne5  
 15.a5 bxa5 16.Nb3 Rab8 17.Nxa5  
 Ba8 18.Na4 d5 19.c5 dxe4 20.b4 exf3  
 21.gxf3 Nxf3+ 22.Bxf3 Bxf3  
 23.Rxd8+ Rxd8 0-1



1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 e6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4  
 Nc6 5.Nb5 d6 6.c4 Nf6 7.N1c3 a6  
 8.Na3 b6 9.Be2 Be7 10.Be3 0-0 11.0-0  
 Bb7 12.Qb3 Nd7 13.Rac1 Rc8  
 14.Qc2 Qc7 15.Rfd1 Qb8 16.Bf1 Bd8  
 17.Kh1 Nf6 18.f3 Ne5 19.Qf2 Ned7  
 20.Nc2 Bc7 21.Qh4 Qa8 22.Nd4 Rfe8  
 23.Bg1 Nf8 24.Na4 d5 25.exd5 exd5  
 26.c5 bxc5 27.Nxc5 N6d7 28.Nxd7  
 Nxd7 29.Nf5 Kh8 30.Rxc7 Rxc7  
 31.Qg3 1-0



# WANTED!

*Content for the next issue needs to be delivered to the Editor by November 15th!*

- Articles
- Photos
- Results
- Games

⇒ Spotlight On... articles especially needed!!!!



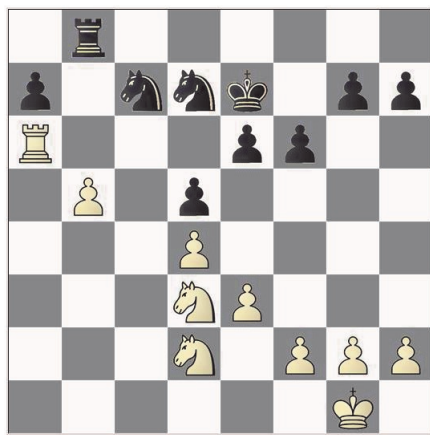
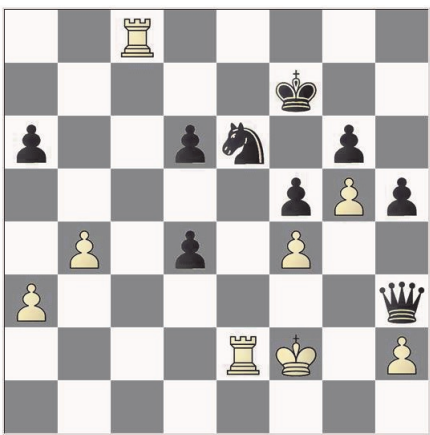


Kadric,Denis (2557) –  
 Kritz,Leonid (2634) [B45]  
 Southwest Open Irving (5), 31.08.2014

Holt,Conrad (2656) –  
 Kritz,Leonid (2634) [E11]  
 Southwest Open Irving (6), 01.09.2014

1.e4 c5 2.Nc3 Nc6 3.Nge2 e6 4.d4  
 cxd4 5.Nxd4 Qb6 6.Nb3 Nf6 7.Bd3 a6  
 8.0-0 d6 9.Be3 Qc7 10.f4 Be7 11.Qf3  
 Nb4 12.a3 Nxd3 13.cxd3 Bd7  
 14.Rac1 Bc6 15.Nd4 0-0 16.g4 Qd8  
 17.g5 Nd7 18.Qh5 g6 19.Qh6 Re8  
 20.Rf3 Bf8 21.Qh4 f5 22.Rh3 h6  
 23.Nxc6 bxc6 24.Ne2 Rc8 25.Kh1  
 Bg7 26.Rg1 Nf8 27.Bd4 h5 28.Bxg7  
 Kxg7 29.Qe1 Kg8 30.Re3 Re7 31.Rg2  
 Rb7 32.exf5 exf5 33.Nd4 Qb6 34.Qc3  
 c5 35.Qc4+ Kh8 36.Qc3 cxd4  
 37.Qxc8 Rb8 38.Re8 Rxc8 39.Rxc8  
 Kg7 40.Rgc2 Ne6 41.Kg1 Kf7 42.b4  
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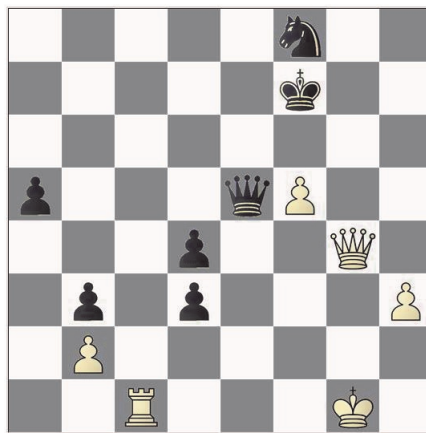
1.d4 e6 2.c4 Nf6 3.Nf3 Bb4+ 4.Nbd2  
 d5 5.Qa4+ Nc6 6.a3 Bd6 7.b4 0-0  
 8.b5 Nb8 9.c5 Be7 10.e3 c6 11.Rb1  
 cxb5 12.Bxb5 b6 13.cxb6 Qxb6  
 14.Ne5 Qd6 15.0-0 Ba6 16.Bb2 Bxb5  
 17.Qxb5 Qb6 18.a4 Rd8 19.Rfc1 Ne8  
 20.Bc3 Ba3 21.Rc2 Rc8 22.Rb3 Bf8  
 23.Rbb2 Qxb5 24.axb5 f6 25.Nd3  
 Nd7 26.Bb4 Rxc2 27.Rxc2 Rb8  
 28.Bxf8 Kxf8 29.Rc6 Ke7 30.Ra6 Nc7  
 1/2-1/2



Kritz, Leonid (2634) –  
Xiong, Jeffery (2563) [B30]  
Southwest Open Irving (7), 01.09.2014

1.e4 c5 2.Nc3 Nc6 3.Nf3 e5 4.Bc4 d6  
5.d3 Be7 6.Nd5 Nf6 7.Nxe7 Qxe7 8.c3  
Be6 9.Bb5 a6 10.Ba4 h6 11.h3 0-0  
12.0-0 b5 13.Bc2 d5 14.Re1 d4  
15.cxd4 cxd4 16.Bd2 Nd7 17.a3 a5  
18.Rf1 Nc5 19.Ne1 b4 20.Qe2 b3  
21.Bd1 f5 22.exf5 Rxf5 23.Rc1 Qd6  
24.f4 Raf8 25.g4 R5f6 26.f5 Bd5  
27.Ng2 Na4 28.Rb1 Qc5 29.Qf2 Qb5  
30.Be2 Nc5 31.Qg3 e4 32.Nf4 exd3  
33.Bf3 Bxf3 34.Qxf3 Nd7 35.a4 Qc4  
36.Rbc1 Nce5 37.Qe4 Qxa4 38.Qd5+  
Kh7 39.Ne6 Rb8 40.g5 hxg5  
41.Nxg5+ Kh8 42.Rf4 Re8 43.Rh4+  
Rh6 44.Nf7+ Nxf7 45.Qxf7 Rf8

46.Rxh6+ gxh6 47.Qh5 Qb5  
48.Qxh6+ Kg8 49.Qg6+ Kh8 50.Bh6  
Qe5 51.Bxf8 Nxf8 52.Qh6+ Kg8  
53.Qg5+ Kf7 54.Qh5+ Kg7 55.Qg4+  
Kf7 1-0



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## Scholastic Tournament

On Saturday, **August 30th**, during **The Southwest Open**, there was also a single-day **Scholastic Tournament**.

**41 Players** participated in the **K-12 Championship** with **Nicholas Delapaz** winning the tournament. **47 Players** participated in the **K-12 U1000 Championship** with **Sharvesh Deviprasath, Suchitra Naidu** and **Rithvik Shroff** sharing the top spot with a 3-way tie. The top 12 participants in each Championship were awarded trophies.

There were also 2 Team Championships. **5 Teams** participated in the **K-12 Team Championship** with the team from **Timberview HS in Mansfield** winning. **6 Teams** participated in the **K-12 U1000 Team Championship** with the team from **Imagine Int in McKinney** winning. The top 5 teams were awarded trophies.

In addition, the top 3 unrated players were awarded trophies.

#	Name	Rtng	Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd 3	Rd 4	Rd 5	Tot
1	Nicholas Delapaz	1527	W31	W19	W12	W2	W5	5.0
2	Akash Vijay	1652	W30	W24	W23	L1	W10	4.0
3	Puja Prashan Bhat	1394	W11	D14	W20	D10	W16	4.0
4	Sanjay Gorur	1500	L6	W29	W15	W18	W11	4.0
5	Calvin Liu	1718	D35	W36	W6	W8	L1	3.5
6	Eric Gao	1085	W4	W21	L5	D19	W26	3.5
7	Jason Nguyen	1160	W28	D9	L8	W21	W18	3.5
8	John Patrick Capocyan	1391	D33	W35	W7	L5	W13	3.5
9	Elizabeth Delapaz	1349	W39	D7	L18	W33	W19	3.5
10	Minh The Pham	1338	W13	D20	W14	D3	L2	3.0
11	Sarah Berger	1064	L3	W27	W38	W23	L4	3.0
12	Maxwell C Nichols	1088	W40	W26	L1	L13	W27	3.0

**The Top 12 Results from the K-12 Championship**

#	Name	Rtng	Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd 3	Rd 4	Rd 5	Tot
1	Sharvesh Deviprasath	983	W17	W15	W6	D8	W9	4.5
2	Suchitra Naidu	848	W5	W12	D22	W11	W16	4.5
3	Rithvik Shroff	870	W28	D13	W25	W22	W8	4.5
4	Clayton Engelby	829	W43	W18	L8	W17	W12	4.0
5	Santosh Kolluri	499	L2	W27	W26	W15	W22	4.0
6	Ambica Yellamraju	811	W33	W38	L1	W29	W14	4.0
7	Nick Young	769	W46	W40	L9	W18	W19	4.0
8	Shashank Chathapuram	931	W41	W26	W4	D1	L3	3.5
9	Ming-Ruei Richard Jang	976	D25	W39	W7	W14	L1	3.5
10	Arjun Nair	953	L12	W43	D13	W24	W23	3.5
11	Koby Blake Cowan	851	D39	W36	W23	L2	W27	3.5
12	Soumil Kushwaha	590	W10	L2	W32	W20	L4	3.0

**The Top 12 Results from the K-12 U1000 Championship**

#	Name	Score
1	<b>Timberview HS - Mansfield - Cnt: 2</b>	8.5
	Nicholas Delapaz 5.0, Elizabeth Delapaz 3.5	
2	<b>Trinity Valley - Fort Worth - Cnt: 4</b>	8.0
	Ryan Lin 2.5, Eli Johnson 2.5, Kyle Zadeh 2.0, Jeffrey Sterling 1.0	
3	<b>Imagine Int - McKinney - Cnt: 3</b>	6.5
	Sarah Berger 3.0, Anish Jonnalagadda 2.0, Prisha Jonnalagadda 1.5	
4	<b>Rutledge Elem - Austin - Cnt: 2</b>	5.5
	Minh The Pham 3.0, Vinh The Pham 2.5	
5	<b>Coppell High - Cnt: 2</b>	4.5
	Maurya Atluri 3.0, Praneeth R Manne 1.5	

**The Top 5 Results from the K-12 Team Championship**

#	Name	Score
1	<b>Imagine Int - McKinney - Cnt: 4</b>	10.5
	Nick Young 4.0, Kevin Halimman 3.0, Shawn Halimman 2.0, Alyson Gore 1.5	
2	<b>Universal Academy - Coppell - Cnt: 2</b>	9.0
	Suchitra Naidu 4.5, Rithvik Shroff 4.5	
3	<b>Laurel Mountain Ele - Austin - Cnt: 2</b>	7.0
	Ambica Yellamraju 4.0, Aparna Yellamraju 3.0	
4	<b>Trinity Valley - Fort Worth - Cnt: 3</b>	5.0
	Eleanor Davis 3.0, Tejas Sukesh 2.0, Max McGuirk 0.0	
5	<b>Bluebonnet Elem - Flower Mound - Cnt: 2</b>	5.0
	Sushruth Kaniyar 3.0, Shravya Kaniyar 2.0	

**The Top 5 Results from the K-12 U1000 Team Championship**

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**Did you know?** Maurice Allred (a CPA and oil man) and Fred Kidwell (owner of Kidwell GMC) were the founding fathers of the Wichita Falls Chess Club.

## Denker Analysis

During the **US Open**, in Orlando, FL this year, there were a number of side events that took place. One of those was the **Denker Tournament of High School Champions**. Below is a self-analysis from one of the participants of the Tournament, **NM Austin Jiang**. Austin was the only player from Texas that participated in the tournament. He took 19th place out of 46 participants.

### Schmakel, Sam (2420) – Jiang, Austin (2269) [D34]

Denker Tournament of High School Champs (2), 27.07.2014

[When I was young, I'd hear mentions here and there about the Denker tournament, nothing really concrete. It was like a mythical thing that I wanted to be apart of and never in my dreams did I expect to play in it since I had no idea how to. As I got older, I learned that the winner of the Texas High School Championship qualified to play in this rather prestigious event. So I was thrilled back in February when I won the High School Championship and thus qualified for this tournament. Three years ago, I had participated in the Barber K-8 Champions tournament and entered as the 17th seed. This time around, after carefully tracking down all the participants latest ratings, I found out I was the 9th seed; so I felt there were some chances. My dad and I arrived in Orlando, Florida the Thursday before the tournament to get settled in, we stayed in the Red Roof Inn next to the playing hall, which was a bummer having to walk everyday but financially it made more sense. We were exhausted after the plane flight since we had to change flights and what not so we hit the bed straight away. On Friday, there was the opening ceremony at 3:30pm and the first round at 7:00pm. My dad and I woke up at 8:00am in order to get that free breakfast in the hotel next door, of course, which was jam packed since apparently there was a beauty pageant across the street. Anyways, we killed off the first few hours and went to the Rosen Centre for the opening ceremony. The ceremony itself was solemn and heartfelt, commemorating the legacy of Mitchell Denker, GM

Arnold Denker's son, who had recently passed away. At the end of the ceremony, they called up the participants of each of the events (Barber, Denker, NGIT) by state to give us each a medal and some handshakes. I have to say, it was a pretty patriotic Texas moment. Anyways, when the opening ceremony concluded and the pictures were taken, lunch was had at the nearby Red Lobster for what was the second of six times. Tired from waking up so early for that free breakfast, I took a nap before the first round. In the first round, I played black against Mandy Lu from New Hampshire in what was actually a surprisingly close game despite the 300 rating point difference. I'm 95% sure I was suppose to lose but luck was on my side since I played so fast there was like an hour time difference and she blundered. I retreated back to the Red Roof Inn relieved but also feeling kind of bad as playing that poorly in the first round was a bad omen. On Saturday, the tournament resumed and I was surprised to see I was matched up as black, darn, against the top seed Sam Schmakel from Illinois as. Before the round, Franc who was TDing gave me a couple words of encouragement. Thanks Franc! Though I lost the round (I lost every round that I had a banana during by the way) this was the game I wanted to analyze since it was pretty close throughout and I pushed too hard for the win at the end. This is my first time doing this type of thing so I hope I'm not crucified :D]

**1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 c5** [My opening of choice as black, the Tarrasch. Now that I think of it, I should change it up after seven years of this.]



**4.cxd5 exd5 5.Nf3 Nc6 6.g3 Nf6 7.Bg2 Be7 8.0-0 0-0 9.dxc5** [9.Bg5 cxd4 10.Nxd4 h6 is main line, and what I expected, but I played the other line 5 out of the last 6 times I played the Tarrasch, go figure.]



**12...Re8** [He thought for a good while here and I was praying he didn't take my knight on f6 since I didn't want to deal with the doubled pawns and weekend king side structure for the entire game.]

2...h6 13.Rc1 Bb6 14.Bf4 Re8 15.Nd6 Re7  
16.Nxc8 Rxc8 17.Qd3=]

**13.Rc1** [13.Bxf6 gxf6 14.Rc1 Bb6 15.Qd2±]

**13...Bb6 14.Qd3 Ne5** [14...h6 Chase away that annoying bishop to allow my pieces more freedom was a way better idea and kept the position equal.]

**9...Bxc5 10.a3** [I played against this variation a couple weeks ago for the first time in my life and apparently I had played the first 15 moves of theory correct but I forgot what I did during this game however still felt pretty confident I could figure it out.]

[10.Bg5 d4 11.Bxf6 Qxf6 12.Nd5 is main line]

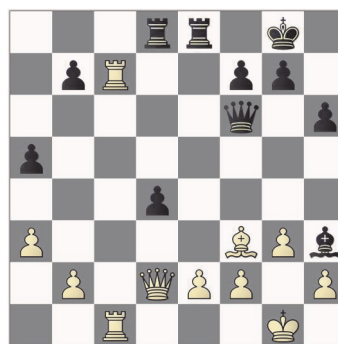


**10...a5 11.Bg5 d4 12.Nb5** [Here, I made a mistake, that thankfully wasn't capitalized on, I forgot what I had done earlier and played a move out of order.]



**15.Qd2** [15.Nxe5 Rxe5 16.Bxf6 gxf6± I had seen this but evaluated the position to be decent for me since I liked the activity of my pieces and having the two bishops with ideas like 17...Bf5 followed by 18... Qe7 which I felt was enough to compensate the weak f pawns.]

**15...Nxf3+ 16.Bxf3 h6 17.Bxf6 Qxf6 18.Nc7 Bxc7 19.Rxc7 Bh3 20.Rfc1 Rad8** [This had sort of been my plan all along, activating my rooks and putting some pressure down the center and kingside in exchange for his activity on the queenside. I really liked my position here.]



**21.Bh5** [Oh ya, I had kinda missed this. And here was where I spent the vast majority of the time I used.]

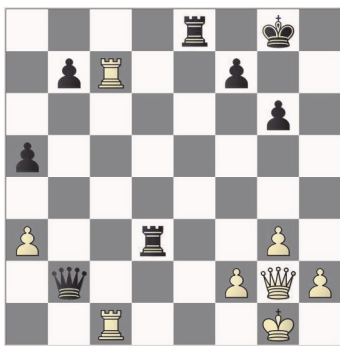
**21...g6** [I was looking at all sorts of crazy stuff before settling on this and equality because none of the other options worked out quite the way I wanted.]

[21...d3 22.exd3 (22.Bxf7+ Qxf7 23.Rxf7 dxe2 24.Rxg7+ Kxg7 25.Qc3+ Kg6 26.Re1 Rd1 27.g4 Bxg4 28.Kg2=) 22...g6 23.Be2 b6 24.R7c6 Qe5= But prefer to not play down a pawn.]

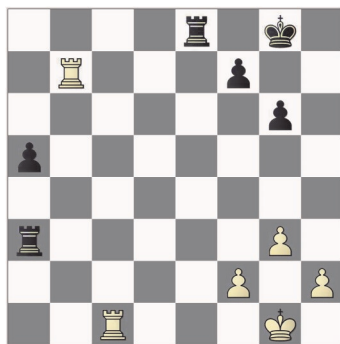
**22.Qxh6** [Forced]

[22.Bf3 d3-+]

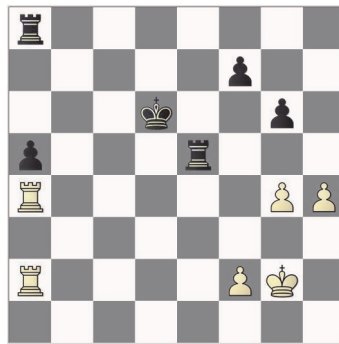
**22...d3 23.exd3 Qe5 24.Be2 Qxe2 25.Qxh3 Qxb2 26.Qg2 Rxd3** [I liked my position and figured I had no way to lose and would gladly let him push to try to win it. Roles were reversed later I guess...]



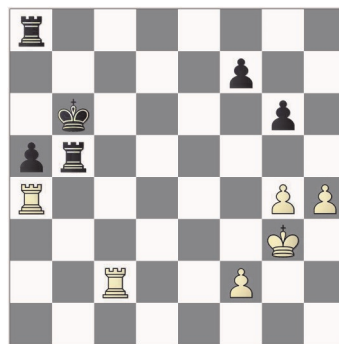
**27.Qxb7 Qxb7 28.Rxb7 Rxa3** [To me, it seemed that I was the only one with winning chances and even if I did lose the a-pawn I could still comfortably hold out for a draw. Never did I imagine that I could lose this position.]



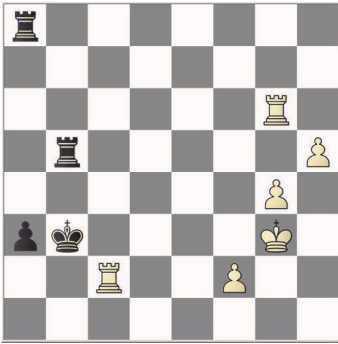
**29.Rc4 Rf3 30.Rb2 Ra8 31.Ra2 Rf6 32.h4 Kf8 33.Re4 Re6 34.Rea4 Re5 35.Kg2 Ke7 36.g4 Kd6** [I was never aware of the fact that bringing my king this far over lets him have winning ideas by winning my f and g pawns and sacking for the a pawn.]



**37.Kg3 Kc6 38.Rb2 Rb5 39.Rc2+ Kb6** [39...Rc5 And he said he would've taken a draw. However, I had like fifty minutes to his six.]

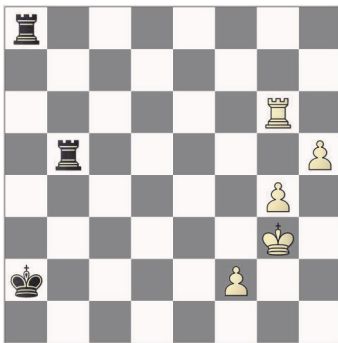


**40...a4 41.Rxf7 a3 42.Rf6+ Ka5 43.Rxg6 Kb4 44.h5 Kb3** [I don't know what I was thinking bringing my king up to support the pawn when the rook was perfectly capable of doing so. I guess I had some sort of fear of bringing my rook off the last rank though the computer suggests there is little difference if the right moves were played. The wrong moves were played and it turns out at the end, my king was one move too short of holding up the defenses.]

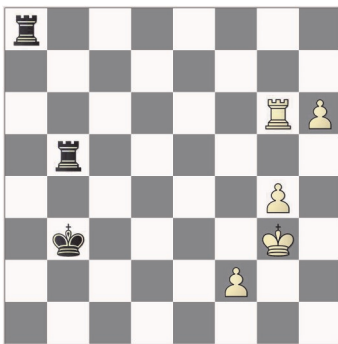


44...a2 45.Rxa2 Rxa2 46.h6 Rb7=]

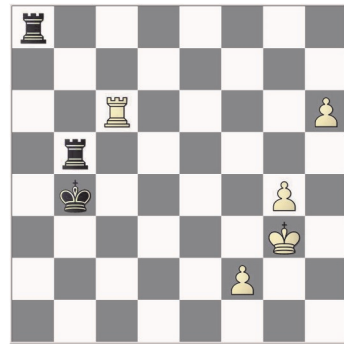
**45.Re2 a2 46.Rxa2 Kxa2** [I've come this far already, why not keep moving the king up...]



**47.h6 Kb3** [47...Rf8 48.Ra6+ Kb3 49.f4 Rb4 50.f5 Kc4=]

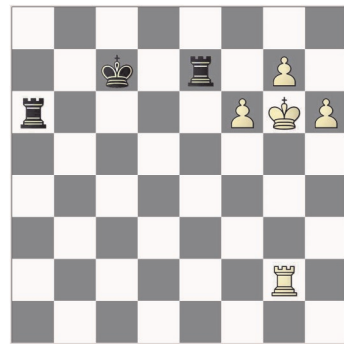


**48.Rc6 Kb4** [Wasting moves to bring my king back. Now it all went downhill.]



[48...Ra1 49.f4 Rg1+ 50.Kh3 Rb8 51.g5 Rf8=]

**49.f4 Rb7 50.g5 Kb5 51.Rc2 Rf7 52.Kg4 Ra4 53.Rf2 Kc6 54.g6 Rf8 55.g7 Rg8 56.Kg5 Kd7 57.Kg6 Re8 58.Rd2+ Kc7 59.f5 Re7 60.Rg2 Ra6+ 61.f6 1-0** [All in all, the Denker tournament was a great experience and meeting all the talented youths from across the country participating in the 3 events was something special. The final tournament result could've been a lot better for me had I not been upset my last round Team Texas would've come in first. Sorry! I would like to congratulate Christopher Gu from Rhode Island for taking clear first in this year's tournament as well as my fellow Texas representatives Bovey Liu for tying for second place in the Barber, and Claudia Munoz for coming back from a daunting start and tying for first in the NGIT. Thank y'all. -Austin]

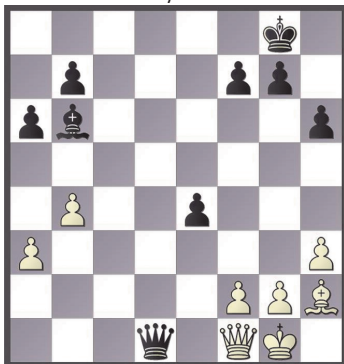




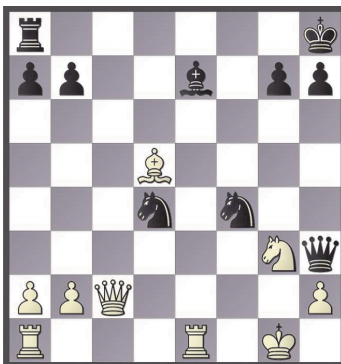
# Tactics Time!

By Tim Brennan

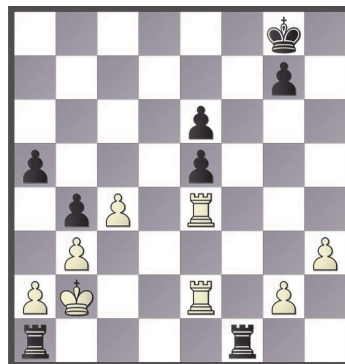
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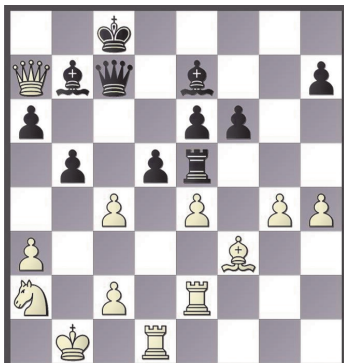
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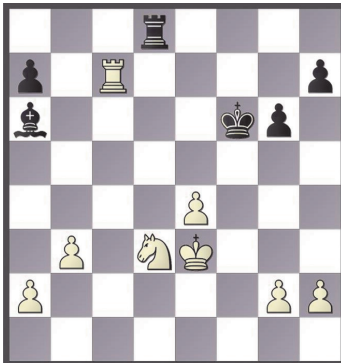
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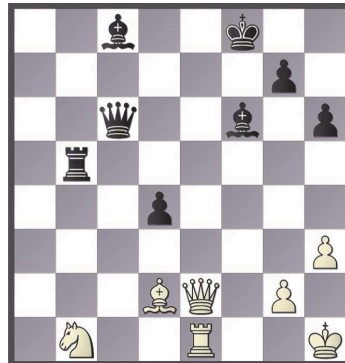
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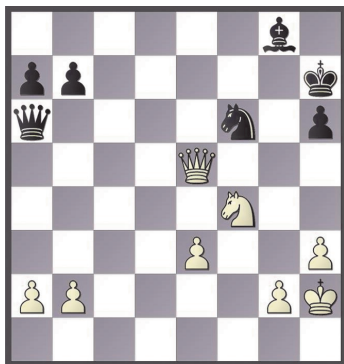
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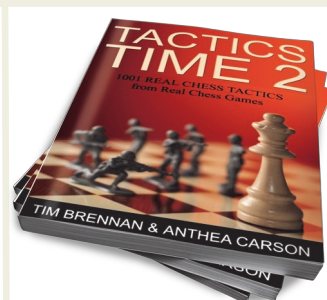


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## Chess Whiz - The Fringe of Chess

by Jeff French

The title of this column isn't because I'm a Chess wizard, I'm certainly not. It's because I want to share some of my findings from the edge of Chess. Things that aren't about players, games or tournaments, but instead about Chess related items that are outside of our normal *Texas Knights* discussions. These items are still a part of the Chess community. If we were talking about food, it wouldn't be a full meal, just a snack, and would probably taste really good on a cracker. It is just some filler to take up some space. Not everyone will be interested, but some will love it. Enjoy!

I spend a lot of time on my computer. If I'm not maintaining some software that I am responsible for at work, I'm writing an email, preparing a new issue of *Texas Knights*, playing a game of Chess, surfing the net, etc. While surfing around, I came across a site called the *Internet Archive*. A web site, with movies, music and other media that is considered public domain. If you have never looked at this site, you may want to. I will say, I found a surprising number of downloadable Chess books. Some old, some not so old. If you enjoy reading Chess books, whether it be for Chess improvement (tactics, strategy, openings, end games, etc.) or to read about tournaments, games or players from days past, and you like free stuff, I suggest that you check out [archive.org](http://archive.org), select media type *Texts* and type *Chess* into the search box, you'll be on your way to some free Chess reading.

## Tactics Time! Answers

1. **32...Bxf2+ 33.Kxf2 e3+** overloads the White King. **34.Kg1 e2 35.Qxd1 exd1=Q+**
  2. **30. Qe4** forks three different pieces, while maintaining protection of the g2 mating square.
  3. **32... Rfc1** and White cannot stop mate the next move with **33...Rab1#**. If **33.a4 bxa3#**.
  4. This is a variation that shows what would have happened if White had taken a rook on c4 on the previous move. Black traps the Queen with **26...Bc5**
  5. Conrad won the US Open in a blitz tie breaker with the move **38.Rc6+** forking the Black King and Bishop.
  6. **41...Bxh3** wins a valuable pawn. The g2 pawn is pinned.
  7. Black could have gone for a three fold repetition on the previous move with **34...Kg6**, but helped mate himself by moving to h7 and allowing **35.Qe7+ Bf7 36.Qxf7+ Kh8 37.Ng6#**.
- Cover. 19...Nd2** wins the exchange. If **20.Rxd8** Black has the in between move **20...Nxf3+ 21.gxf3 Raxd8**

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# The End Game

By Robert L. Myers

I had no idea what she meant back then, “Begin with the end in mind.” She continued, “If you begin with the end in mind, success is possible.” I know now that both in the classroom and on the chessboard one must keep the end game in mind at the onset. With chess, checkmate is the ultimate goal; in math, it’s the solution to the problem; in cooking, it is how the meal will turn out, in photography it’s how do you want the image to appear; and in public speaking, it’s how you want your audience to respond. A former C- student, let’s call him *Eddie*, was about to have a fist fight with a much larger student, let’s call him *the Big Guy*. A huge crowd gathered outside the back parking lot as news of the fight spread like a wild fire within the student population of 4,000+. from 2<sup>nd</sup> period through all 5 lunch periods. Before the fight outside by the big tree beyond the parking lot, the Big Guy said, “I am going to beat you up. Why did you tell the teacher that I was skipping class?” Pushing his glasses back on his nose with his index finger, Eddie responded, “Okay you can beat me up, only if you prove to me that I told the teacher you were skipping.” Eddie asked the Big Guy, “Do you remember that I told you two days ago that the teacher was looking for you?” The Big Guy said, “Yeah.” The two time district-champion chess player then responded, “If I told you that she was looking for you the other day, why would I then tell her today that you were skipping? (Long pause). Now does that make any sense?” The Big Guy seemed dumbfounded, shrugged his shoulders and said, “I’m sorry man, my bad.” It was then that I knew my former C- student had learned a process in chess we call *regressive analysis*. International Master Maurice Ashley tells of a pond that is completely filled with bacteria on the 60<sup>th</sup> day that doubled with bacteria every day. On what day was it half filled? The answer is the 59<sup>th</sup> day. The answer is arrived by thinking the problem through backwards. That is the chess strategy Eddie learned in chess practice. According to Jerry Nash, the Federation’s Director of Chess Education, tactics win battles (material), strategies win wars (games). Eddie’s end game, to not fight. What my mom said many years ago while cooking in the kitchen rang true. *Begin with the end in mind*.

A statistical study was done in 1995 at Endeavor Alternative High School in Channelview ISD, a suburb of Houston, TX. The chess team was started with 6 players in November with less than stellar academic grades. The team grew to 28 players all of which had amazing scores in reading, writing and math at the end of the school year.

<b>March 1996 TAAS Average score</b>	<b>Math</b>	<b>Reading</b>	<b>Writing</b>
<b>Chess Team Members</b>	100%	86%	79%
<b>The Rest of the School</b>	39%	67%	50%

The chess students had improved attendance, increased self-esteem, boosted morale, achieved higher grades in other classes as well as improving GED mean scores. Thus the quintessential age old argument, if chess makes you smarter, why? One could argue that mental acuity is required in chess and that alone does make students smarter. With the spatial analysis, problem solving, critical thinking strategies, patience, focus and effort chess requires, it does create synaptic pathways within the brain that weren't used before according to the results in a study conducted in Tübingen, Germany in 1995. Their conclusions are that chess is one of the few "sports" that require a person to use both sides of the brain.

Chess is about options. A 6<sup>th</sup> grade student sits In School Suspension (ISS). His behavioral issues didn't warrant removal from the campus. I asked him, "Why are you here?" His response, "The teacher said I was, "Being bad." I asked, "Do you know how to play chess? Chess makes you think ahead." He said, "You mean I won't come to ISS anymore if I play chess?" "If you played chess you would think of the consequences before your actions." The student's list of infractions to date were as long as Main Street in Any Town, U.S.A. but his choices led him down a different path. He now has options. Many students, including the one mentioned, have dire circumstances and not many options: a mom on drugs, a bad drug dealer for a father or non-existent or in and out of prison. With the end game in mind (college) the 6<sup>th</sup> grader practiced, studied and applied himself in classes and in chess. He has won 12 trophies at every chess tournament he's entered, with no return visits to ISS and no infractions he has focused on the end game.

As a 25 year classroom educator I see that development constantly. Why should today's kids consider learning the game? Chess is the game of life, the greatest game in the world and has everything: hidden opposition, deception, strategy, foreshadowing, responding instead of reacting, critical thinking skills, and problem solving. Everything is there. Ten to the 25th power is the number of nanoseconds since the Big Bang. Ten to the 75th power is the number of known atoms in the universe, and ten to the 250th power is the number of possible moves in a single game of chess. It is harder to become a grand master than it is to earn a PhD.

There was a former student in the ninth grade and a tenth-grade girl he was really trying to date. She wouldn't give him the time of day. His diction and grammar were just terrible. He joined the chess team, studied end game, mid game and openings. Eventually, he became a great player, won a chess scholarship to Texas Tech at the Susan Polgar Chess Tournament. Eventually, that girl was chasing him, hoping he would take her to the prom. Oops, too late, she missed, check mate. He'd already been taken. He's now one of our chess coaches. He knew end game strategies.

**Spotlight On ...NM Anthony Nguyen ... (continued from Page 11)**

My third biggest chess accomplishment was when I got the NM title when I won two games at one of my dad's tournaments against a 2100 and 1900 as a 2190. After I won those two games I used the rating estimator and calculated I would be 2200 flat. I withdrew, like a big chicken, but in the end it was worth it. I became 2200 flat and it was the best feeling for the family because I made a goal of getting NM on August 1st, 2014 and got it on August 2nd. When I set that goal, exactly a year before I was rated 1964 and I thought it was completely impossible but it was a good goal to set, when I ended up missing it by only a day, I realized how many rating points I went up in one year. I couldn't do this all by myself; I had very good support from my family, coaching, and the wonderful Austin chess community along the way. I almost met my goal but I was satisfied enough, because I got it before high school would eventually kill me from lack of sleep.

However, I don't play well when I'm too happy. One time in the 2014 National Junior High in Atlanta, I had five points out of 6 going into the last round undefeated. Before the tournament started, we visited the Coke Museum and got four free bottles of Coke. Right before the last round, we had a mini team meeting and I got really hyped up. My family didn't want to bring the cokes back home with us, so I had to drink them all before the round and had a huge sugar rush. I became really bubbly and hyper along with some very extreme team spirit, because we were in first. So in the last round, I was up an exchange after playing a dominating opening with a crushing position. I was so hyped up, because winning would place me really high, and make my team win. I thought I pretty much secured the National Title for my team already. So I started moving faster and faster. The sugar really started to rush and I missed a check. I had to block it with my rook and after that the game just went downhill. I probably missed the easiest tactic in the tournament and got crushed afterwards. I was really sad because I might've left the team down, but of course, my sister upset a 2100 and our team won. I was saved, but the lesson learned is to manage your sugar intakes before the start of a round.

With these successes I also had many, many failures. The best advice I can give is to just try to be positive and work harder to improve upon those mistakes. Chess is a great game and I'm very grateful for stumbling upon one of those cool-looking horsey things when I was 3. I made my childhood goal which was to become a National Master, and now get to really focus on improving academically and surviving at my educationally intense high school.

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**OCT. 20 GM Wesley So, Chess Lecture/Lesson, Austin**

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**NOV. 15-16 Scholastic Tournament at Spicewood Elementary, Austin**

**Additional Info:** [labalkum@gmail.com](mailto:labalkum@gmail.com), <https://www.austinchess tournaments.com/events/562>

**NOV. 21-26 2014 UT Dallas Fall FIDE Open, Dallas**

**Additional Info:** [info@dallaschess.com](mailto:info@dallaschess.com), [Luis.Salinas@utdallas.edu](mailto:Luis.Salinas@utdallas.edu) or [www.utdallas.edu/chess](http://www.utdallas.edu/chess).

**NOV. 27-30 2014 DCC Fide Open XI, Richardson**

**Additional Info:** 214-632-9000, [info@dallaschess.com](mailto:info@dallaschess.com).

**NOV. 29-30 San Antonio Turkey Shoot**

**Additional Info:** [sanantoniocchess.com](http://sanantoniocchess.com), 210-384-4797 or [lrlouis@yahoo.com](mailto:lrlouis@yahoo.com).

## 18th Annual Texas Grade and Collegiate Championships

OCT. 31-NOV 2, OCT. 31 OR NOV. 1-2

Sheraton DFW Airport Hotel, 4440 W. John Carpenter Freeway, Irving, TX 75063. HR: \$94/\$94/\$99/\$104. 972.929.8400 Mention Texas Grade or mention code TGJ30A to get rate. Reserve by Sept 29 or rate may not be honored. **Collegiate:** Oct 31-Nov 2. 5SS, G/90, with 30 sec inc. Collegiate is open to any college player. Only Texas players/Colleges can be Texas Collegiate Champs. \$\$ \$400-\$200-\$100, 1st '1600-1800' \$200, 1st '1200-1599' \$200, 1st U1200 \$200, Unrated eligible for U1200 prize or 1st -3rd overall only. Plaques to top 5 Individuals, Plaques to top 5 Teams (top four players added for team scores, no more than 2 teams per school.) **EF:** \$49 by 10/17/14, \$69 thereafter. Do not mail after 10/25 as your entry may not be received in time. **Reg.:** Fri 10/31 from 7:00 pm-7:30 pm. **Rds.:** Rd. 1 at 10/31 at 7:45pm. Sat 12:15pm-5:30pm. Sun. 9 am and 1:45 pm. One 1/2 pt bye available, any round, if requested before end of rd. 2 and if player has not received a full point bye. Team pairings will be turn off for later rounds, probably for round 3. Fide rated and USCF rated and uses Fide Rules. USCF ratings/rules will be used for pairings and prizes. Default late forfeiture time is one hour. TD may extend this time at TD's discretion. Online registration and team room information on website at [www.dallaschess.com](http://www.dallaschess.com). **Grades 9-12:** Oct 31 or Nov 1 – Nov 2. 5SS, G/90 with 30 sec inc. (Round 1 of 2 day is G/60 d5). **Each grade is Open to TX residents or players attending Texas schools.** Players must play in their own grade. Note that small 9-12 sections may be merged with a bigger 9-12 section. Trophies to top 10 ind. & top 5 teams (top three players added for team scores, no more than 2 teams per school in each grade.) **EF:** \$35 if postmarked by 10/17/14, \$59 thereafter or on site. Do not mail after 10/25 as your entry may not be received in time. **Schedule:** 3 day or 2 day. **Reg.: 3day:** Fri 7:00 pm – 7:30 pm. 3day Rd.1 is on Fri at 7:45 pm. **Reg.: 2day** on Sat on 7:30 am – 8:30 am. 2 day Rd. 1 is at 9 am. Sections merge then rds. Sat 12:15pm-5:30pm., Sun. 9 am and 1:45 pm. Sat. registration may require a 1/2 pt. 1st rd. bye. One 1/2 pt bye available, any round, if requested before end of rd. 2 and if player has not received a full point bye. Team pairings may be turn off for later rounds. **Grades K-8:** Nov 1 – Nov 2. 6SS, Rds. 1-3 G/45 d5; Rds. 4-6 G/60 d5. **Each grade is Open to TX residents or players attending Texas schools.** Players must play in their own grade. Trophies to top 10 ind. & top 5 teams (top three players added for team scores, no more than 2 teams per school in each grade). **RDS.:** Sat. rds. 9:30-12:05-2:10-4:15. Sun. rds. 10-1:15. **ALL: EF:** \$35 if postmarked by 10/17. \$59 thereafter or at site. Do not mail after 10/25 as your entry may not be received in time. **All: Entries to:** Dallas Chess Club, c/o Barbara Swafford, 2709 Longhorn Trail, Crowley, TX 76036. Entry must include Name, USCF ID (or new/pending), grade & school and school location. Incomplete entries will be charged at site entry fee. No refunds after 10/29.

Email: [info@dallaschess.com](mailto:info@dallaschess.com), 214-632-9000. Do not call after 10/29 as we are traveling. Online registration and team room information on website at [www.dallaschess.com](http://www.dallaschess.com).

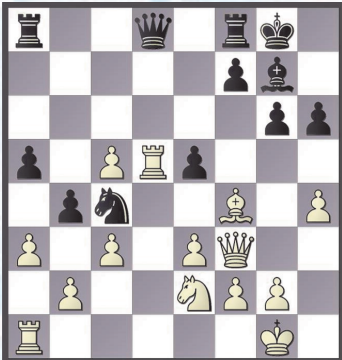
**Side events:** Unrated Blitz open tournament on 10/31 at 7:45 pm. EF: \$15, Trophy prizes. Bughouse Open Tournament Sat. 8:35 pm. EF: \$20/team. Trophy prizes. Registration for side events online or onsite only.



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