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From the Desk of The Editor

Hello and welcome to the new issue of Texas Knights.

In this issue you will find the results of the Texas State & Amateur Championships, some games from the Scholastic Tournament (the results of which were in the previous issue of Texas Knights), results and some games from Texas participants in this year's US Open. In addition, we have some new Tactics Time puzzles and a new story by Robert Myers. Finally, you will find our typical TCA Business (and this time we have some meeting minutes to go along with it). Also, see the special announcement about the incredible results at the Chicago Open (at the bottom of this page).

Reminder: The next issue is the one where any candidates can provide introductions (and make their cases why they should be elected/re-elected) to the TCA members. You get a 1/2 page for free in Texas Knights, you can also pay for additional space at the standard advertising rate. I recommend that you provide a photo as part of your submissions. All previous members have been nominated to continue their positions. **To any candidates that are up for re-election:** If you wish to decline your nomination, please let me know ASAP. If you have not been nominated and are interested in running, I also need to know that as well (you can nominate yourself). If you wish to nominate someone, please let me know that as well ASAP. If you are nominating someone other than yourself, please provide contact details so that I can determine whether or not they accept your nomination.

All submissions are due by July 15th (including Candidate articles ... email address and mailing address are both on the previous page)

The next issue will arrive around the first week of August. Until then, take care and be safe.

— *Jeff French*

Just In!!!! (from Franc Guadalupe):

14-year old IM Jeffery Xiong won the Chicago Open! Going into the last round, there was a nine-way tie for first. All other co-leaders drew their last game, but Jeffery won against the tournament's top seed, GM Lazaro Bruzon (FIDE 2684) from Cuba!

Not only did Jeffery win the \$10,000 first place prize, he also made his third GM norm. As soon as the title is approved,, Jeffery, still 14 years old, will become the second youngest GM in the U.S., ever!!! The event featured 25 GMs, including Lazaro and former World Championship contender Gata Kamsky.

This is a truly amazing accomplishment by a (very young) Texas player! **Congratulations Jeffery!**



From the Desk of the TCA President

I have the pleasure of announcing two new regional Directors for TCA. Dr. Tim Doty for Region 1 and Mr. Ruben Arzaga for Region 4. Both these regions were under-represented for a long time and I am glad we have new leadership there. The coming academic year we will plan to have their first regional championship in these regions. For the first time in TCA's history now we have a full slate.

We also have filled several scholastic committee members. Replacing Dr. Alexey Root (who had contributed a lot... and Thank you Dr. Root, you will be missed.) is Mr. Feliciano De la Paz. From region 5 now we have Mr. Lucas Anderson. Dr. Tim Doty will also serve in the scholastic committee from Region 1. Ms. Renate Garcia from region 4 will represent that undeserved region. With the North/South split we anticipate several issues that need to be resolved. Victor Flores, the chairperson, is spearheading that discussion. We are glad that we now have full representation in the scholastic committee.

Mr. Gary Gaiffe, a long time friend of TCA, has graciously accepted my request to be the Ethics committee chair. Other new members of this committee are: Mr. Tony Meza, Mr. Eddie Rios Sr., and Mr. Robert Jones.

Mr. Forrest Marler is the new chair of the Bylaws committee. The other members are Mr. Luis Salinas (who is well versed in all the rules) and a new friend to TCA Mr. David Harvey. The several changes made to TCA are not reflected in the current version of the bylaws and these folks plans to update all changes this summer.

Ms. Barbara Swafford, had been dealing with TCA membership issues for a long time. It is befitting that she is the chair of that committee.

Mr. Abed Munoz is coming back to help us out with the Facebook admin Support.

Please welcome all new representatives. Help them with your expertise, and seek their input in the days to come. The coming years is looking more promising.

Looking forward to exciting times. Now that we have a full slate, and with the recent North/South splits, may be we will grow even bigger and face new challenges. Have a great chess summer.

--

Vish

Minutes from the TCA Meeting held at the Texas State Scholastic Chess Championships in McAllen, TX, 3/28/2015. Recorded and Notated by JP Hyltin.

The meeting started with Vish reminding all present that only members can vote, and stated that you can further renew your membership to TCA after the meeting.

The first item of business was to approve the minutes of the previous meeting, which were stated in the 2014 September-October issue of Texas Knights. Eddie Rios made a motion to accept the minutes, and Ed Gueta seconded. The motion carried on a 14-0 vote with no abstentions.

The next item of business was the statement of the financial report presented by Barbara Swafford. She stated some highlights with \$4400 brought in, and \$5015 in expenses, most of which were from publishing Texas Knights. We have some balances with Wells Fargo bank.

Vish introduced a motion to split the state for scholastic competition purposes. Luis Salinas said the scholastic committee accepted the proposal unanimously after some discussion. He mentioned the proposal is published in Texas Knights, but then realized that what was published in an older version of the proposal. He said the concerns were mostly about the implications to state and national qualifications in the Denker and Barber events. He mentioned a potential conflict of interest with the scholastic events, and that this was all more an issue with appearances. All champions would be recognized as state champions. He further stated that no other events would be split, other than the scholastics.

A question from the floor was whether players could compete in the divided state championship of their choice. The answer is yes they could compete in either or both.

The point was made that the Denker would require a playoff, but the Denker is based on the state scholastic championship, not the Grade championship. Further questions clarified this first motion is only for the grade championship.

The motion carried 16-1 with no abstentions. Note that throughout the meeting, members would join and leave changing the vote totals.

Luis read highlights of the proposal published in Texas knights for the Texas collegiate championship. There being no interest in discussions, the motion carried 22-0 with no abstentions.

Luis read highlights of the proposal for the State Scholastic championship split into north and south regions. He emphasized this proposal is for beginning in 2017, there would be state championships in the North and South, and every 3 years there would be a unified super-state championship. This proposal prompted extensive questions and discussion.

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Question: who decides the award of the super-state bid. Answer: North and South would decide, depending on whose turn it is.

Question: Eddie Rios expressed concern numbers would go down for the state because it is less prestigious, and some schools would bypass state to go to Nationals. Response: Luis noted that is already happening because of budget concerns. Luis then made the case for the tournament carrying financial risks. Question: Members expressed concerns in the McAllen area that fought to get this event, and this is not what we wanted if it is a North Texas / South Texas championship. Response: Luis reiterated both events produce state champions.

Question: If the valley area has the state championship every year, the school districts will not fund the trips. This prompted lengthy discussion on a variety of points.

Suggestion from Vish: Try it for a year. Luis said it need a 2 year test to better judge depending on factors that impact the success of the events.

Question: Could the proposal be amended later. Answer: yes.

Luis accepted the 2 year trial as a friendly amendment to the motion.

The amended proposal is "We will have the next 2 years be a north/central and south tournament qualifier. Then the third year there is a super-state event." moved by Forrest. Seconded, and the vote carried 20-0 with no abstentions.

Luis moved to amend the previous proposal for the state grade championship. Seconded by Ed Gueta, and the motion carried 18-0 with no abstentions.

Luis read a motion for the Southwest Collegiate Championship. Luis noted there is no need for the 2 year trial period. The motion carried 19-0 with no abstentions.

Luis noted a new motion in the bylaws, and it is not actually an amendment. The text of the motion is for not allowing the same regions to host the same major event in consecutive years.

Question: can the same organizer bid 2 separate events. Answer: yes.

Luis re-read the motion, and the vote carried 17-0 with no abstentions. Luis noted the motion as misprinted in Texas Knights.

The North Texas Organizers committee motion was introduced by Luis. Vish offered the 2 year friendly amendment, and Luis accepted. The vote carried 17-0, no abstentions.

Motion for the scholastic committee meeting to alternate between north and south state scholastic championships. Vish offered the 2 year trial as a friendly amendment, and Luis accepted. The vote carried 17-0 with no abstentions.

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TCA Treasurer's Report - May 15, 2015

Income		Expenses	
September memberships	\$75.00	Region 10 Start-up Chess Sets	\$500.00
October memberships	\$10.00	Texas State Amateur Trophy Cub	\$163.00
November memberships	\$50.00	Texas Masters Tournament	\$850.00
December memberships	\$57.50	Texas Knights Sept-Oct 2014	\$872.72
January memberships	\$10.00	Texas Knights Nov-Dec 2014	\$873.34
February memberships	\$250.00	Texas Knights Jan-Feb 2015	\$880.19
March memberships	\$142.50	Texas Knights May-Apr 2015	\$870.57
April memberships	\$410.00	Affiliates Dues (2 years)	\$80.00
May memberships (so far)	\$20.00	2014 Denker Representative - Austin Jiang	\$300.00
2014 SW Open memberships	\$469.00	World Junior Chess in India - Claudia Munoz	\$500.00
2014 Texas Girls State Championships	\$70.00	Total	\$5889.82
2014 Texas Grade & Collegiate memberships	\$309.00		
2015 Texas Masters memberships	\$46.00		
2015 Texas Team Chess Championships	\$145.00		
2015 Texas Scholastic Chess Championships	\$2,945.00		
Region 2 Scholastic Chess Championships	\$71.00		
Region 3 Scholastic Chess Championships	\$180.00		
Region 5 Scholastic Chess Championships	\$192.00		
Region 6 Scholastic Chess Championships	\$612.00		
Region 7 Scholastic Chess Championships	\$94.00		
Region 8 Scholastic Chess Championships	\$1,100.00		
Region 10 Scholastic Chess Championships	\$565.00		
Binny Nanavati Dell Volunteer Contribution	\$150.00		
Total	\$7,973.00		
		May 15, 2015	
		WF checking account balance	\$21,644.61
		BOA checking account balance	\$8,514.38



- Articles **Content for the next issue needs**
- Photos **to be delivered to the Editor by**
- Results **July 15th!**

In Passing

**Rudolph Hubka from San Antonio TX.
He was 96.**

70th Annual Texas State and Amateur Championships

Visit <http://dallaschess.com/2015TexasState/index.htm> for addition information.

(Photos provided by Barbara Swafford)

The **70th Annual Texas State and Amateur Championships** were held from May 22nd thru May 25th in Fort Worth.

There were 41 participants in the **Texas State Championships** with **GM Julio C Sadorra** taking the top spot with a score of 6.0/7.0.

There were 137 participants in the **Texas Amateur Championships** with **Benjamin Frenkel** taking the top spot with a score of 6.5/7.0.

Below are results from the top 23 participants in the Texas State Championship

#	Name	Rtng	Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd 3	Rd 4	Rd 5	Rd 6	Rd 7	Tot
1	GM Julio C Sadorra	2626	W22	W25	W24	D27	W4	D2	W6	6.0
2	IM Darwin Yang	2575	H---	W11	D3	W12	W5	D1	W10	5.5
3	NM Atulya Vaidya	2254	W40	W33	D2	L4	W32	D15	W9	5.0
4	NM Dachev Lin	2315	W19	D16	W28	W3	L1	D5	D7	4.5
5	NM Jeffrey De Jesus	2329	W9	W7	D27	W32	L2	D4	D8	4.5
6	NM Tianming Xie	2166	W37	D36	W30	D34	W27	D9	L1	4.5
7	Robert Sanchez	2170	W38	L5	W26	D25	D15	W24	D4	4.5
8	David Wyde	2183	W18	H---	H---	D15	D25	W27	D5	4.5
9	Andrew J Widener	2142	L5	W41	D10	W16	W34	D6	L3	4.0
10	NM Bovey Liu	2235	D17	D39	D9	D28	W19	W30	L2	4.0
11	Joey Kelly	2100	D15	L2	W17	W22	D24	W25	U---	4.0
12	NM Gunnar J Andersen	2184	W23	L27	W33	L2	D21	W29	D13	4.0
13	FM Michael Feinstein	2270	L16	D26	H---	D38	W37	W32	D12	4.0
14	NM Ju Hyung* Ahn	2147	L32	W35	L34	L37	W33	W38	W23	4.0
15	FM Arvind Jayaraman	2305	D11	D29	W16	D8	D7	D3	U---	3.5
16	Christian L Leos	2079	W13	D4	L15	L9	D38	W37	D19	3.5
17	Andrew Koenigsberg	2078	D10	L30	L11	W41	D18	W26	D21	3.5
18	WCM Claudia E Muñoz	2035	L8	D20	L22	B---	D17	W28	D29	3.5
19	Jack Richard Easton	2121	L4	D38	W39	D31	L10	W35	D16	3.5
20	Dylan Scott James	2122	L34	D18	D37	W26	D36	L23	W35	3.5
21	Brian F Gu	2111	L36	D37	H---	W33	D12	D31	D17	3.5
22	NM Sam L Capocyan	2150	L1	D40	W18	L11	L35	B---	W32	3.5
23	NM Robert D Probasco	2025	L12	B---	H---	D30	H---	W20	L14	3.5

Below are results from the top 20 participants in the Texas Amateur Championship

#	Name	Rating	Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd 3	Rd 4	Rd 5	Rd 6	Rd 7	Total
1	Benjamin Frenkel	1888	W86	W119	W36	W9	W34	W21	D2	6.5
2	Daniel Hung	1884	W90	W96	W37	W61	D3	W11	D1	6.0
3	Adrian Diaz	1993	W49	W51	W12	H---	D2	W25	W13	6.0
4	Ryan S Ackerman	1862	W81	W64	W33	D21	D5	W35	W8	6.0
5	Jonathan F Allen	1921	H---	W47	W44	W60	D4	W10	D7	5.5
6	Rannon Huo	1807	W116	L9	W81	W83	D31	W30	W22	5.5
7	Annastasia Wyzywany	1864	W82	W93	D60	D38	W69	W34	D5	5.5
8	David R Gaston	1902	W75	W18	D10	W58	D11	W12	L4	5.0
9	Atreya Vaidya	1971	W78	W6	W84	L1	D10	W46	D15	5.0
10	Max Huang	1721	W106	W13	D8	W27	D9	L5	W59	5.0
11	Khoa Minh Nguyen	1967	H---	W23	W40	W42	D8	L2	W26	5.0
12	Aadarsh Srivatsav	1852	W97	W66	L3	W37	W62	L8	W36	5.0
13	Peter Mikhail	1890	W109	L10	W79	W36	W43	W48	L3	5.0
14	Songjie Liu	1952	L33	W68	W19	W70	D24	D17	W42	5.0
15	Ijay Narang	1843	W94	L33	W53	D39	W72	W29	D9	5.0
16	John Michael Kneen	1895	W98	D28	D35	W119	D26	D42	W39	5.0
17	Rohit Bandi	1805	W126	L61	W82	D72	W60	D14	W49	5.0
18	Harvey Zhu	1740	W128	L8	L83	W94	W81	W33	W35	5.0
19	Jeff Carter	1637	H---	H---	L14	W85	W40	W45	W50	5.0
20	Aadarsh Krishnan	1795	W118	D35	H---	L62	W88	W78	W34	5.0



State Winner GM Julio Sadorra with Luis Salinas and Chief TD Brian Yang



Amateur Winner Benjamin Frenkel with Luis Salinas and Chief TD Brian Yang

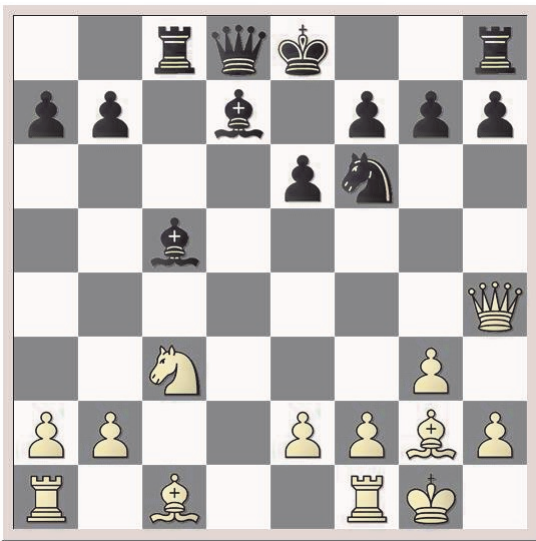
Scholastic Championship Games

In the last issue, the results from the **Scholastic Championships** were provided. Below are two games from winner **Akshay Malhotra**.

**Akshay Malhotra (2215) -
Karthikeyan Lakshmanadoos (1900)**
2015 Texas Scholastic Championships
Round 4, 28.03.2015

[E04: Open Catalan: Nf3]

**1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 c5 4.Nf3
cxd4 5.Nxd4 dxc4 6.Qa4+ Bd7
7.Qxc4 Nf6 8.g3 Nc6 9.Bg2 Rc8
10.0-0 Nxd4 11.Qxd4 Bc5
12.Qh4 [last book move]**

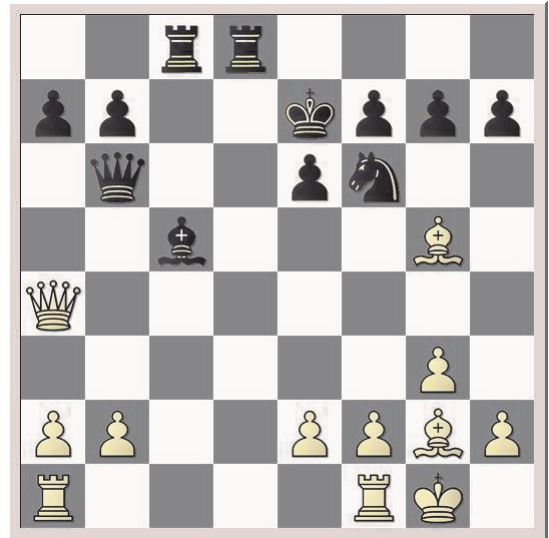


**12...Qb6 13.Na4 [13.Bh6 Bf8
(13...Qxb2?? capturing this pawn**

**is a mistake 14.Bxg7 Be7
15.Bxh8 (15.Bxf6?! is much
worse 15...Bxf6 16.Qxf6 Qxc3±)
15...Qxc3 16.Bxb7+-) 14.Rab1
e5±]**

**13...Bxa4 14.Qxa4+ Ke7 [Black
loses the right to castle]**

**15.Bg5 Rhd8 [15...Qxb2? doesn't
work 16.Rab1 Qe5 17.Rxb7+ Kf8
18.Qf4 Qxf4 19.Bxf4+- (19.gxf4?!
h6 20.Bh4 Rg8±)]**

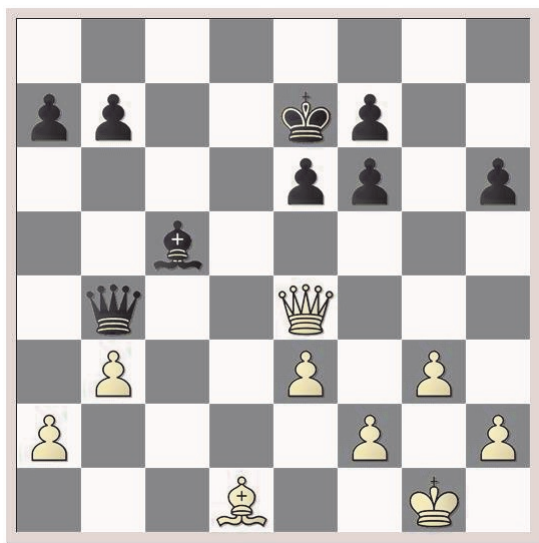


16.Qe4 h6 17.Bxf6+ gxf6 18.e3 29.Qxf7+ Kh8 30.Qxf6+ Kg8
 [Prevents intrusion on d4]

18...Rd2 19.b3 Rcd8 20.Bf3 R8d7 [20...Ba3 21.Qf4=]

21.Rfd1 [21.Qh7 Qd8±]

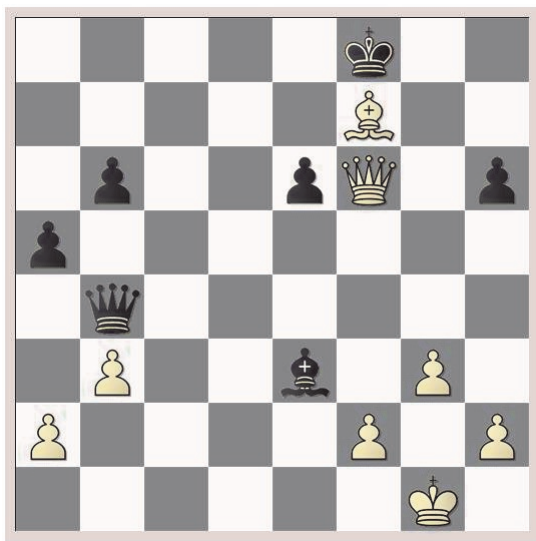
21...Rxd1+= 22.Rxd1 Rxd1+
 23.Bxd1 Qb4 [Black threatens to win material: Qb4xe4]



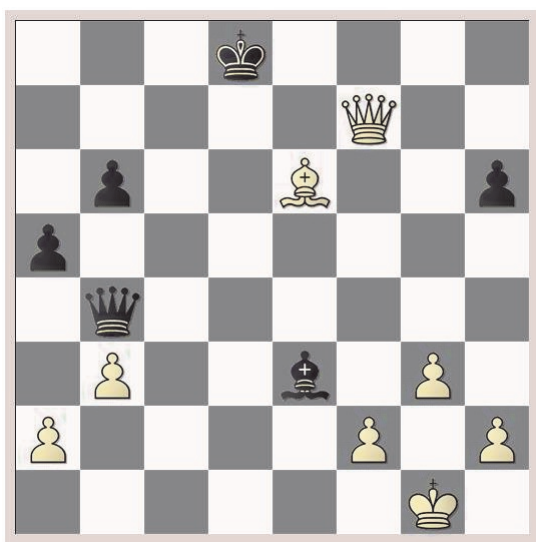
24.Qc2 Kf8 25.Bf3 Kg7 26.Qd3 b6 27.Qd7 a5?? [Δ27...Qe1+ the only rescuing move 28.Kg2 Qa5±]

28.Bh5+- Bxe3 [28...Be7 desperation 29.Qe8 Bf8 30.Qxf7+ Kh8 31.Qxf6+ Bg7 32.Qxe6 b5+-]

31.Bf7+ Kf8 [31...Kh7 does not help much 32.Qg6+ Kh8 33.Qg8#]



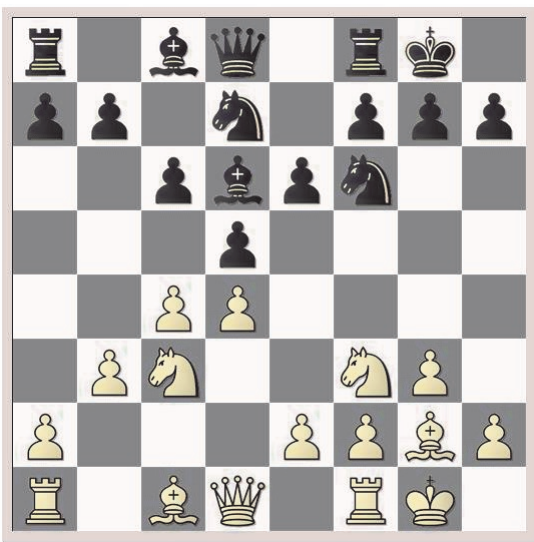
32.Bxe6+ Ke8 33.Qf7+ Kd8 34.Qd7# 1-0



Tommy Lu (2100) -
Akshay Malhotra (2215)
2015 Texas Scholastic Championships
Round 7, 29.03.2015

[E01: Catalan: Early deviations]

1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.Nf3 Nf6 4.Nc3
e6 5.g3 Nbd7 6.Bg2 Bd6 7.0-0
0-0 8.b3 [last book move]



8...b6 9.Bb2 Bb7 10.cxd5 exd5
11.Nh4 Re8 12.Qd2 Bf8 13.Rad1
g6 [Controls f5]

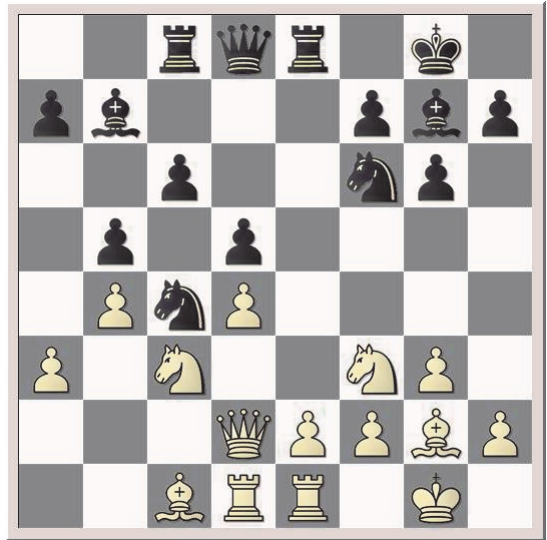
14.a3 [Consolidates b4]

14...Rc8 15.Rfe1 Bg7 16.b4
[16.f3 b5=]

16...b5[⚭] [Black has a new back-

ward pawn: c6]

17.Nf3 Nb6 18.Bc1 Nc4 [Black
threatens to win material:
Nc4xd2. Praise the knight!]



19.Qf4? [⚭19.Qc2[⚭] and White
can hope to survive]

19...Ne4+ 20.Nb1 [20.Ng5 Nxg5
(20...Nxc3?! is the less attractive
alternative 21.Qxf7+ Kh8 22.Qf3
(≤22.Qxb7 Qc7 23.Qxc7 Rxc7[⚭])
22...Nxe2+ 23.Rxe2=) 21.Qxg5
Qxg5 22.Bxg5 Nxa3+]

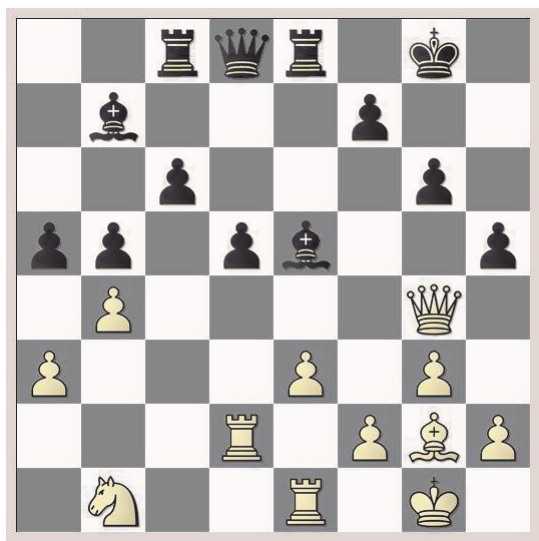


20...a5 [20...Nxf2!? seems even better 21.Ne5 (21.Kxf2??? Re4-+) 21...Nxd1 22.Qxf7+ Kh8 23.Rxd1 Bxe5 24.dxe5 Qb6+ 25.Qf2 Rxe5 26.Bf3-+]

21.Nfd2 [21.Ne5!? Nxe5 22.Bxe4♣]

21...Ncxd2-+ 22.Bxd2 Bxd4 23.e3 [23.Be3 Be5 24.Qh6 axb4 25.axb4 Bg7-+]

23...Be5 24.Qg4 Nxd2 25.Rxd2 h5 [25...axb4!? 26.Qxb4 Ra8 27.Qb3-+]



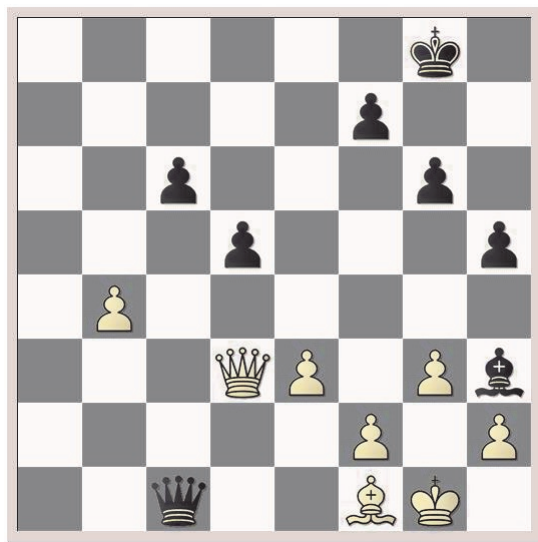
26.Qd1 axb4 27.axb4 Qe7 28.Qb3 Ra8 29.Nc3 Bxc3 [29...Qf6!? 30.Rc2-+]

30.Qxc3♣ Ra4 31.Rb1 Qe5 32.Qc5 Ra1 33.Qc1 [33.Rxa1 Qxa1+ 34.Bf1 Qb1♣]

33...Rea8 34.Rdb2 Rxb1 35.Qxb1 Bc8 36.Ra2 Ra4 37.Rxa4 [37.Qb3 Qa1+! forces the win 38.Rxa1 Rxa1+ 39.Bf1 Bh3-+]

37...bxa4 38.Qa2 Qc3 39.Qxa4 Qc1+ 40.Bf1 Bh3 41.Qa6 Qb1 [♠41...Kf8-+ and Black can already relax]

42.Qd3♣ Qe1 43.Qe2 Qc1 44.Qd3 [44.Qa6 Kf8 45.Qa8+ Kg7 46.Qa6-+]



44...Kf8 45.Qe2 [45.Qa6-+]

try to alter the course of the game
57...gxf5 58.Qa7+ Ke8-+]

45...Ke7 46.Qd3 Kd6 47.Qa6
[47.Qe2 f6-+]

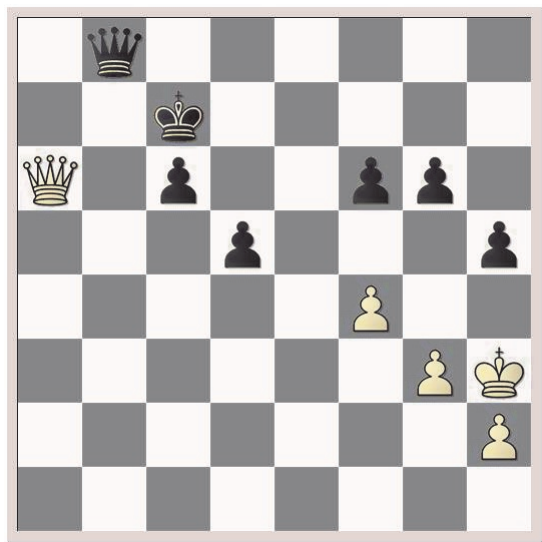
57...Ke8 [△57...Ke6 keeps an
even firmer grip 58.Qh7 Kf5
59.Qg8-+]

47...f6 48.Qd3 Kc7 49.f4 [49.b5
Bxf1 50.Qxf1 Qxf1+ 51.Kxf1 c5-+]

58.Qg7 [58.Kg2 is the last straw
58...d3 59.Qa8+ Ke7 60.Qb7+
Ke6 61.Qc8+ Qd7 62.f5+ gxf5
63.Qg8+ Kd6 64.Qb3-+]

49...Bxf1 50.Qxf1 Qxe3+ 51.Kg2
Qe4+ 52.Kh3 Qxb4 53.Qa6 Qb8
[53...Qc5 makes it even easier for
Black 54.Qd3 f5 55.Qb3-+]

58...Qd7+ [58...Qd7+ 59.Qxd7+
Kxd7-+] **0-1**

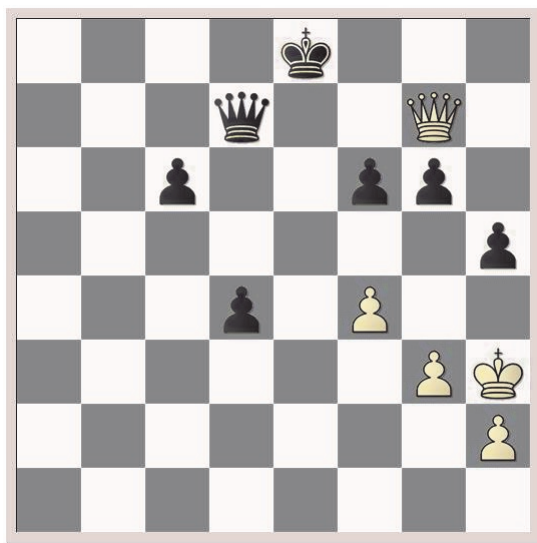


54.Qa5+ [54.Qa1 Qd8-+]

54...Kd7 55.Qc3 [55.Qa2 Qe8-+]

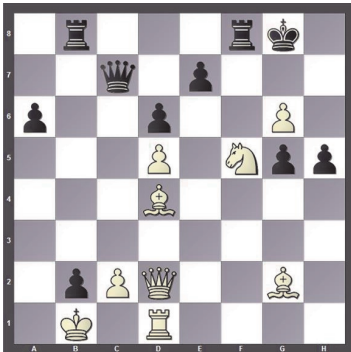
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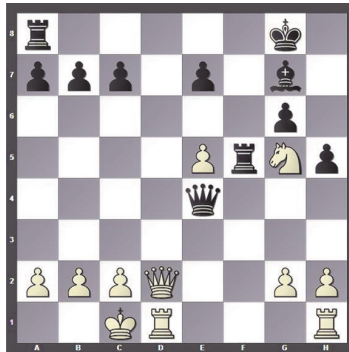


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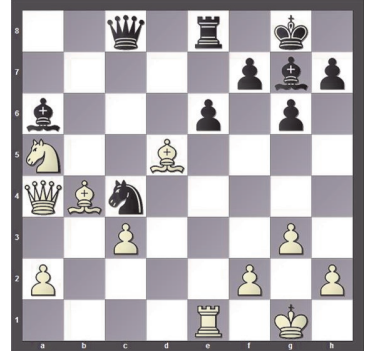
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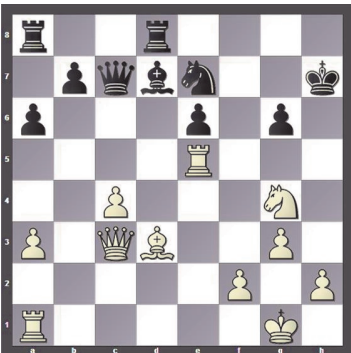
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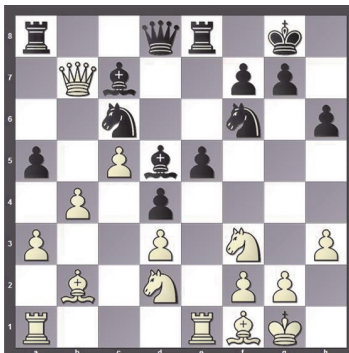
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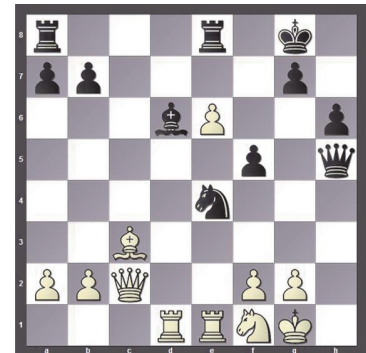
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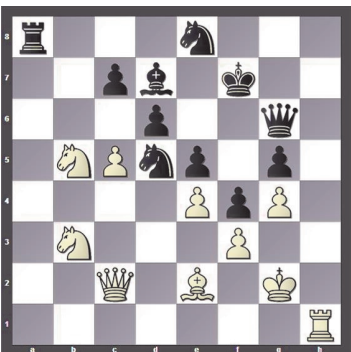
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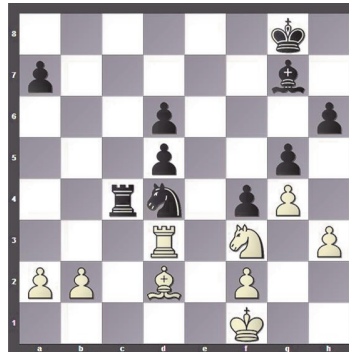
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Overall			Age 17			Age 13 (continued)		
8	Onischuk, Alexander	2747	13	Jiang, Austin Z	2270	87	Srivatsav, Aadarsh	1852
17	Ramirez, Alejandro	2676	17	Ng, Daniel J	2242	89	Eliezer, Segev	1850
22	Moradiabadi, Elshan	2653	38	Shao, Andy	2151	91	Eranki, S M S Chaitanya	1847
24	Maciejaja, Bartlomiej	2649	46	Lu, Tommy	2118			
29	Kritz, Leonid	2629	51	Jiang, Alexander D	2105			
31	Sadorra, Julio C	2626	77	Munoz, Claudia E	2035	20	Nguyen, Emily Quynh	2093
37	Hernandez, Holden	2620	90	Kaliyur, Rohith	2015	32	Liu, Kevin	1977
40	Margvelashvili, Giorgi	2616				35	Fan, William G	1953
55	Berczes, David	2592	Age 16			36	Frutos, Chase	1952
60	Yotov, Valentin L	2585	24	Malhotra, Akshay	2230	41	Buergler, Jacob Bede	1936
60	Gorovets, Andrey	2585	26	Han, Curran	2211	47	Nguyen, Dang Minh	1883
63	Xiong, Jeffery	2583	47	Kowal, Joshua Adam	2084	50	Tsuei, Kai	1864
69	Yang, Darwin	2575	51	Jacob, Andrew	2068	60	Narang, Ijay	1843
79	Duque, Raymond D	2559	64	Wlezien, Alexander	2035	64	Ganesh, Anirudh	1838
88	Drozdzowski, Kacper	2542	69	Brannon, Joshua Scott	2018	76	Huo, Rannon	1807
97	Li, Ruifeng	2524	71	Xiang, Evan	2004	77	Bandi, Rohit Choudary	1805
97	Cornejo, Max	2524	77	Annigeri, Sanjay	1976	79	Li, David C	1798
			82	Shan, Devan	1961	82	Wang, Jason	1792
						82	Rose, Samuel Edward	1792
						88	Tian, Samuel Walter	1784
Age 65 and Older			Age 15					
26	Simms, Gary	2216	8	Chiang, Jonathan	2344			
38	Crispin, Thomas A	2200	9	Lin, Dachev	2315			
57	Sutherland, Don C	2179	12	He, Tommy O	2286			
92	Chase, Stephen M	2063	17	Vaidya, Atulya	2254	6	Gu, Brian Fanyuan	2111
95	Mapes, Robert L	2054	26	Lu, Andrew H	2209	31	Hawthorn, Charles	1898
			35	Obili, Abhishek Reddy	2186	33	Mao, Andrew Sun-Rong	1888
			39	Capocyan, Sam Lander Cabrera	2150	35	Yan, Austin K	1869
			60	Nguyen, Duy Minh	2079	38	Eranki, S A Maruthi	1848
			70	Hsieh, David	2038	44	Balderas, Adolfo Augusto, Jr	1819
						64	Niu, Baron T	1782
						86	Costa, Diego	1711
						97	Kung, Thomas	1689
			Age 14					
6	Xiong, Jeffery	2583	2	Xiong, Jeffery	2583			
7	Yang, Darwin	2575	28	Krishna, Ram	2124			
8	Drozdzowski, Kacper	2542	37	Nguyen, Anthony Quan	2102	8	Metpally, Jason	2028
10	Li, Ruifeng	2524	64	Trakru, Priya Nikita	2019	14	Vaidya, Atreya	1971
54	Chiang, Jonathan	2344	75	Premkumar, Hiren	1970	15	Vivekananthan, Anish	1969
67	Lin, Dachev	2315	77	Nguyen, Khoa Minh	1967	23	Frutos, Cole Nicholas	1948
71	Shao, Bob	2301	100	Arunachalam, Palaniappan	1909	26	Hawthorn, Henry	1933
80	He, Tommy O	2286				28	Wang, Yanke	1913
91	Chiang, Sarah	2274				32	Hung, Daniel	1884
94	Jiang, Austin Z	2270				37	Shi, Eric	1849
			Age 13					
			1	Li, Ruifeng	2524			
			8	Liu, Bovey	2235	52	Nguyen, Anh Nhu	1771
			13	Xie, Tianming	2166	54	McNutt, William Howard	1755
1	Yang, Darwin	2575	30	Devagharan, Devina	2026	57	Romo, Benjamin	1747
2	Drozdzowski, Kacper	2542	30	Palang, Warren Jesse	2026	59	Zhu, Harvey	1740
10	Chiang, Sarah	2274	41	Kirumaki, Ronit	1969	62	Wei, Alexander Gotuaco	1732
11	Pamatmat, Jarod John M	2265	43	Sonawane, Atharv P	1965	64	Rajaram, Rudransh	1721
28	James, Dylan Scott	2122	60	Verma, Ritik	1898	68	Ni, Maggie	1713
39	Leos, Christian Lee	2079	61	Kao, Camille Y	1893	91	Ramesh, Sreenevash	1657
60	Johnson, Perry Vishal	2003	68	Dong, Dylan Roswell	1881	92	Yeung, Wesley	1655
63	Xiang, Ellen	1990				95	Ma, Albert Z	1646
79	Berry, Fletcher James	1955						

	Age 9		Women (continued)		Correspondence	
1	Wang, Justin	2090	74 Munoz, Claudia E	2035	21 Mcgregor, Stephen Dean	2305
5	Trakru, Rohun	1923	77 Devagharan, Devina	2026	22 Horwitz, Danny	2304
10	Oberoi, Shelev	1842	79 Trakru, Priya Nikita	2019	30 Cross, Gregory	2263
20	Tang, Andrew	1699	87 Root, Alexey Wilhelmina	2005	49 Bonnell, Leo W	2200
21	Kumarappan, Ganesh	1695	88 Xiang, Evan	2004	64 Calogridis, Michael Steven	2141
36	Yue, Roy H	1603	95 Xiang, Ellen	1990	67 Mccann, David R	2129
49	Razo, Joaquin	1547			73 Brown, Harold, Jr	2110
50	Wang, Harry	1537				
54	Tao, Arthur	1515	Girls Under 21			
63	Yan, Edward Lide	1488	5 Chiang, Sarah	2274		
65	Xie, Mckinley	1487	7 Salazar, Aura Cristina	2226	Blitz Overall	
78	Vadapalli, Suraj	1453	24 Nguyen, Emily Quynh	2093	3 Ramirez, Alejandro	2836
81	Casas, Michael	1451	33 Munoz, Claudia E	2035	5 Moradiabadi, Elshan	2776
85	Mahajan, Jai	1449	35 Devagharan, Devina	2026	37 Cornejo, Max	2534
92	Pham, Minh The	1436	37 Trakru, Priya Nikita	2019	67 Harper, Warren Thomas	2441
			43 Xiang, Evan	2004	83 De Jesus, Jeffrey	2418
			45 Xiang, Ellen	1990	95 Rodriguez, Daniel	2392
			54 Yang, Sylvia Siyuan	1938		
	Age 8		59 Palang, Caissa	1919	Blitz Women	
5	Polavaram, Rithik Sai	1913	62 Zhao, Annie	1913	16 Guerrero Rodriguez, Alejandra	2018
39	Patil, Vedant	1530	73 Kao, Camille Y	1893	22 Nguyen, Emily Quynh	1872
40	Yang, Benjamin	1524			30 Trakru, Priya Nikita	1792
54	Pham, Vinh The	1456	Girls Under 16		66 Nguyen, Anh Nhu	1522
66	Zhou, Kevin	1368	11 Nguyen, Emily Quynh	2093	87 Vasquez, Angelica	1346
72	Aung, Christopher	1340	14 Devagharan, Devina	2026		
83	Wan, Audrey X	1317	15 Trakru, Priya Nikita	2019	Quick Overall	
			30 Kao, Camille Y	1893	8 Onischuk, Alexander	2661
	Age 7 and Under		57 Venkataraman, Sara	1789	20 Yotov, Valentin L	2593
7	Capocyan, John Patrick	1539	58 Abella, Clarissa Louise	1783	21 Gorovets, Andrey	2585
23	Pathak, Rudransh	1341	61 Nguyen, Anh Nhu	1771	23 Moradiabadi, Elshan	2576
36	Miramontes, Luis	1253	71 Qureshi, Sadia	1747	35 Duque, Raymond D	2548
37	Lau, Ignatius	1222	81 Ni, Maggie	1713	44 Sadorra, Julio C	2527
48	Jiang, Eileen	1171	96 Brown, Sarah	1660	45 Ramirez, Alejandro	2522
49	Li, Rachael	1169			89 Cornejo, Max	2418
62	Kunka, Harshid	1118	Girls Under 13		Quick Women	
65	Podder, Ronit	1110	5 Nguyen, Emily Quynh	2093	5 Foisor, Sabina-Francesca	2335
66	Raghuraja, Sri Avishkar	1108	21 Nguyen, Anh Nhu	1771	8 Chiang, Sarah	2253
73	Gonzalez, Gael Nicolas	1086	28 Ni, Maggie	1713	12 Salazar, Aura Cristina	2189
77	Nguyen, Sebastian Thien	1075	55 Dadwal, Saanvi	1523	21 Labeledz, Patrycja Anna	2040
91	Guzman, Cruz M	1034	64 Uppuluri, Anuja	1507	25 Guerrero Rodriguez, Alejandra	2018
97	Limas, Emanuel	1006	78 Cedillo Bocanegra, Ana Karen	1426	29 Devagharan, Devina	1999
98	Mcnutt, Kaitlynn Lee	1003	82 Kao, Simona Y	1413	36 Trakru, Priya Nikita	1955
98	Perera, Nethul Manmitha	1003	83 Yi, Angela	1408	39 Munoz, Claudia E	1947
			91 Dodd, Ariadne	1394	40 Root, Alexey Wilhelmina	1946
	Women		96 Cheng, Angela	1381	45 Niemi, Nicole Elizabeth	1900
9	Danelia, Mariam	2343	98 Bautista, Ilse V	1380	50 Yang, Sylvia Siyuan	1889
10	Foisor, Sabina-Francesca	2331			56 Zhao, Annie	1875
21	Chiang, Sarah	2274			72 Xiang, Evan	1812
26	Salazar, Aura Cristina	2226			91 Nguyen, Emily Quynh	1769
28	Labeledz, Patrycja Anna	2214			94 Xiang, Ellen	1765
50	Guerrero Rodriguez, Alejandra	2122				
60	Nguyen, Emily Quynh	2093				
72	De La Parra, Daniela	2039				

Tactics Time! Answers

Answers:

1. **31. Nh6#**
 2. **19...Qxe5** protects the queen, grabs a pawn, threatens checkmate on b2 and adds a second attacker to the knight on g5. White cannot meet both threats, and will lose a piece. (variation from the game).
 3. **27...Nb6** saves the knight and forks the queen and bishop, which was already under attack from the e6 pawn. White cannot save both.
 4. **28.Rh5+ Kg8 29.Rh8+ Kf7 30.Qf6# (30.Nh6#) or 29.Qh8+ Kf7 30.Nh6# (30.Rh7#).**
 5. **20...Nb4** discovered attack on the queen. **21 Qb5 Nc2** forking the rooks. (variation from the game).
 6. **27.Rxe4** remove the defender tactic **27...fxe4 28.Rxd6**. White gets two minor pieces for the rook.
 7. Black played **30...Nxd5** on the previous move, trying to take advantage of the pinned e4 pawn, but this backfired after **31. Qc4** pinning the knight to the king.
 8. **30. b3** attacks the rook, which is defending the knight on d4. Black cannot save both. (variation from the game).
- Cover. 23...Nd8** defends against White's threats against the f7 pawn, with a discovered attack against the white knight. Note that other knight moves do not work as well, because of 24. Ne6+, taking advantage of the pinned f7 pawn.

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Motion for the North South line proposed (roughly it's the counties traversed by I-10). JP Hyltin offered the friendly amendment for the 2 year trial to be attached, accepted by Luis. The vote carried 15-0 with no abstentions.

Motion to encourage scholastic organizers with proceeds from regional scholastic entry fees to apply to the Texas State and Amateur Championship and the Southwest Open. Vote carried 17-0 with no abstentions.

Motion for the playoff for the Denker qualifier. Vote carried 17-0, with no abstentions.

New Business:

Vish wants to offer to offer State Scholastic champions free entry to the Texas State and Amateur championship, and the Southwest Open.

There was an appeal to fix the TCA website.

Luis offered an amendment, but it was tabled, and then Luis withdrew it.

Eddie Rios offered a new motion on paper. It was tabled to be discussed at the SW Open

Motion to adjourn offered by Forrest, seconded by J. P. Hyltin.

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!

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Below are the Results of Championships plus the winning games from the Texas participants .

Men

Rnk	Name	Rating	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	Score
1	GM Nakamura, Hikaru	2798	x	½	½	1	½	1	½	½	1	1	½	1	8.0
2	GM Robson, Ray	2656	½	x	1	½	0	½	½	½	1	1	1	1	7.5
3	GM So, Wesley	2788	½	0	x	1	1	0	0	1	1	0	1	1	6.5
4	GM Onischuk, Alexander	2665	0	½	0	x	1	½	1	½	½	½	½	1	6.0
5	GM Kamsky, Gata	2683	½	1	0	0	x	½	½	½	½	1	½	½	5.5
6	GM Akobian, Varuzhan	2622	0	½	1	½	½	x	1	½	0	0	½	1	5.5
7	GM Sevian, Samuel	2531	½	½	1	0	½	0	x	½	1	1	0	½	5.5
8	GM Shankland, Samuel L	2661	½	½	0	½	½	½	½	x	½	0	1	½	5.0
9	GM Troff, Kayden W	2532	0	0	0	½	½	1	0	½	x	1	½	1	5.0
10	GM Holt, Conrad	2530	0	0	1	½	0	1	0	1	0	x	1	0	4.5
11	GM Gareev, Timur	2604	½	0	0	½	½	½	1	0	½	0	x	½	4.0
12	GM Naroditsky, Daniel	2633	0	0	0	0	½	0	½	½	0	1	½	x	3.0

Women

Rnk	Name	Rating	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	Score
1	GM Krush, Irina	2477	x	0	½	1	½	1	1	½	1	1	1	1	8.5
2	IM Paikidze, Nazi	2333	1	x	1	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	1	1	7.5
3	WGM Nemcova, Katerina	2279	½	0	x	½	1	½	½	½	1	1	1	1	7.5
4	WIM Ni, Viktorija	2188	0	½	½	x	½	0	½	1	1	1	1	1	7.0
5	WGM Sharevich, Anna	2267	½	½	0	½	x	1	1	0	½	½	1	1	6.5
6	IM Goletiani, Rusudan	2311	0	½	½	1	0	x	0	1	1	1	½	½	6.0
7	WGM Abrahamyan, Tatev	2322	0	½	½	½	0	1	x	1	1	0	0	1	5.5
8	WGM Foisor, Sabina-Francesca	2235	½	½	½	0	1	0	0	x	1	1	½	½	5.5
9	WCM Virkud, Apurva	2132	0	½	0	0	½	0	0	0	x	½	1	1	3.5
10	WIM Wang, Annie	1901	0	½	0	0	½	0	1	0	½	x	1	0	3.5
11	FM Melekhina, Alisa	2235	0	0	0	0	0	½	1	½	0	0	x	½	2.5
12	WFM Yu, Jennifer R	2180	0	0	0	0	0	½	0	½	0	1	½	x	2.5

Onischuk,Alexander (2665) - Kamsky,Gata (2683)
USA-ch Saint Louis (6), 07.04.2015

[D15: Slav Defense: 4 Nc3 a6 and gambit lines after 4 Nc3 dxc4]

1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.Nf3 a6 5.e3 Bf5 6.Qb3 Ra7 7.Nh4 Bg6 8.Nxg6 hxg6 [last book move]

9.a4 e6 10.g3 a5 11.Bg2 Nbd7 12.0-0 Qb6 13.Qxb6 Nxb6 14.cxd5 Nbx6 15.e4 [White threatens to win material: e4xd5]

15...Nb4 16.Rd1 Ra8 17.Bf4 Be7 18.d5 [White gains space]

18...Nd7 19.dxc6 bxc6 20.Na2 e5 21.Nxb4 Bxb4 [Praise the bishop!]

22.Be3 Ke7 [⊔22...Nc5!?! is interesting]

23.Rac1± Rac8 24.Rc2 f6 25.Rdc1 Kd6 26.h4 Rc7 27.Bh3 Rb8 28.Bg4 Nb6 29.b3 Nd7 30.Kg2 Ba3 31.Rd1+ Ke7 32.Rd3 Nf8 33.Rdc3 Kd6 34.f4 Nd7 35.Bxd7 Kxd7 36.fxe5 fxe5 37.Kh3 Be7 38.Bd2 Ra8 39.Kg4 Ra6 40.Be3 Rb7 41.Rd3+ Ke6 42.Bc5 Bxc5 43.Rxc5 Rb4 44.Rc4 Rab6 45.Kg5 Rxb3 46.Rxc6+ [Deflection: b3. .]

46...Rxc6 47.Rxb3 Kf7?

[⊔47...Rc4± and Black can hope to survive]

48.Rb7+- Kg8 [48...Kf8 49.Ra7+-]

49.Ra7 Kh7 50.Rxa5 Rc4 51.Rxe5 Rxa4 52.Re7 Ra3 53.g4 Rf3 54.Re8 [54.e5 Rf8 55.Rd7 Re8+-]

54...Rf1 55.Rd8 Re1 56.Rd4 Re2 57.Kf4 Kg8 [57...Rf2+ 58.Kg3 Re2 59.Rc4±]

58.Ke5 Kf7 [58...Rg2 59.Rd8+ Kh7 60.Kf4+-]

59.Rd7+ Kf8 60.Kd5 Ra2 61.Ke6 Ra6+ 62.Rd6 Ra8 63.e5 Rb8 64.Rc6 Rd8 65.Rc7 Ra8 66.Kd7 Re8 67.Kd6 Rd8+ 68.Rd7 Ra8 69.Kd5 Ra5+ 70.Ke6 Ra8 71.Rf7+ Kg8 72.Rc7 Kf8

73.Rc6 Rb8?? [Black is ruining his position]

[73...Rd8 74.Ra6 Ke8+-]

74.Kd5 [74.Kd7 might be the shorter path 74...Re8 75.Re6 Rb8 76.Rxg6 Rb7+ 77.Ke6 Re7+ 78.Kd5 Rb7+-]

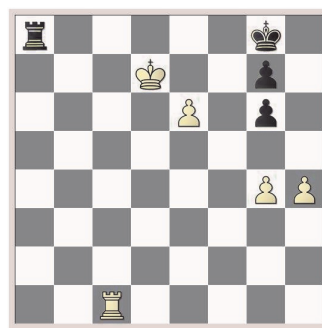
74...Kf7 75.e6+ Kf8 76.Rc7 Ra8 77.Kd6 Rd8+ 78.Rd7 Ra8 79.Rf7+ Kg8 80.Rc7 Kf8 81.Rf7+ [Twofold repetition]

81...Kg8 82.Rb7 Kf8 [82...Rd8+ does not improve anything 83.Ke7 Rd4

84.Rb8+ Kh7 85.Ke8 Rxg4 86.e7 Rxh4 87.Kd7 Rd4+ 88.Kc6+-]

83.Kd7 Re8 [83...g5 otherwise it's curtains at once 84.hxg5 g6+-]

84.Rb1 Re7+ 85.Kd6 Re8 86.Rf1+ Kg8 87.Kd7 Ra8 88.Rc1 [88.Rc1 Ra7+ 89.Rc7+-] 1-0



Onischuk,Alexander (2665) - Naroditsky,Daniel (2633)
USA-ch Saint Louis (8), 09.04.2015

[E01: Catalan: Early deviations]

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.g3 d5 4.Nf3 Bb4+ 5.Bd2 Bd6 6.Bg2 c6 7.Nc3 0-0 8.Bg5 Nbd7 9.e4 dxe4 10.Nxe4 Bb4+ 11.Nc3 [last book move. Black has a cramped position. Black's piece can't move: c8]

11...h6 [Black threatens to win material: h6xg5]

12.Bf4 [Black has a

cramped position. Black's piece can't move: c8]

12...Ne4 [Black threatens to win material: Ne4xc3]

13.Qc2 Nxc3 14.bxc3 Ba5 [Black's piece can't move: c8]

15.0-0 Bc7 16.Qe4 Bxf4 17.Qxf4 b6 18.Rfd1 Bb7 19.c5 [This push gains space]

19...Rc8 20.Rab1 Ba8 21.Ne5 Qe7 22.Nxd7 Qxd7 23.a4 Rfd8 24.Bf3 Qe7 25.Qe5 bxc5 26.Qxc5 [26.dxc5 Rxd1+ 27.Rxd1 g6±]

26...Qc7 [26...Qxc5!? should be examined more closely 27.dxc5 Kf8=]

27.a5± Rb8 28.c4 Qd7 29.h4 Rbc8 30.Kg2 Rc7 31.Rb3 Qc8 [31...Qe7 32.a6±]

32.g4 [Black has a cramped position] [32.Rdb1 Rf8±]

32...Rcd7= 33.g5 hxg5 34.hxg5 Qc7 [White king safety dropped]

35.Re3 Qd6 36.Qxd6 Rxd6 37.c5 [White gets more space]

37...Rxd4 38.Rxd4 [White

has a mate threat] 38...Rxd4 39.Rb3 Rd8 40.a6 Kf8 41.Be4 f5 [⊔41...Ke7= is a viable option]

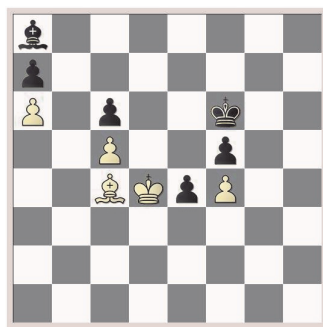
42.gxf6± gxf6 43.Rh3 Kg8 44.Rd3 [44.Bb1 Rd7 45.Ba2+-]

44...Rxd3= 45.Bxd3 f5?? [an unfortunate move that relinquishes the win]

[⊔45...Kg7= was a good chance to save the game]

46.f4+- Kg7 [46...Kf7 does not solve anything 47.Kf3+-]

47.Kf3 Kf6 48.Ke3 e5 49.Bc4 e4 50.Kd4 1-0



Onischuk, Alexander (2665) - Sevian, Samuel (2531) USA-ch Saint Louis (10), 11.04.2015

[D85: Exchange Grünfeld: Unusual White moves and lines with 7 Nf3]

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 d5

4.cxd5 Nxd5 5.e4 Nxc3 6.bxc3 Bg7 7.Nf3 c5 8.Be3 Qa5 9.Qd2 Nc6 10.Rb1 a6 11.Rc1 f5 12.Bd3 cxd4 13.Nxd4 Ne5 14.0-0 [last book move]

14...Nxd3 15.Qxd3 [Black has the pair of bishops]

15...e5 [Black threatens to win material: e5xd4. Black should quickly conclude development.]

16.Nb3 Qc7 [16...Qxa2?? capturing this pawn is a mistake 17.Qc4 f4 18.Bc5+-]

17.Qd5 [Black cannot castle king side]

17...Qc6 18.Qxc6+ bxc6 19.Rfd1 Bf8 [19...0-0 20.Na5=]

20.Bc5 [20.Na5 fxe4 21.Rb1 Bg7±]

20...Be6± 21.Bxf8 Kxf8 22.Na5 [White threatens to win material: Na5xc6]

22...Rc8 23.exf5 gxf5 24.Re1 e4 25.f3 Ke7 [25...Rg8!?±]

26.fxe4 f4 27.Rb1 [27.Rf1 Rhg8 28.Rxf4 Rg5+-]

27...Rc7 [⊔27...Rhd8!? 28.Rf1 Rd3±]

Rhg8 28.Rxf4 Rg5+]

27...Rc7 [⊔27...Rhd8!?
28.Rf1 Rd3±]

28.Rb6+ Kd6 [28...Kf6
29.Nxc6 Kg7 30.Nd4+]

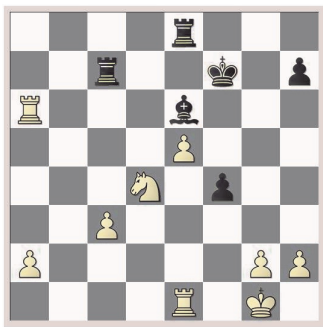
29.e5+ [29.Rd1+ keeps an
even firmer grip 29...Kc5
30.Rb4 Bxa2+]

29...Ke7? [29...Kd5+]

30.Nxc6+ Kf7 31.Nd4
[31.Rxa6!/? and White can
already relax 31...Rf8+]

31...Re8 [31...Bc8+]

32.Rxa6 [32.Rxa6 Bc4
33.Rf6+ Kg8 34.a4+;
32.Nxe6?! is clearly inferior
32...Rxe6 33.Rb4 Kg6+] 1-0



Foisor,Sabina Francesca (2276) -
Sharevich,Anna (2267)
USA-ch (Women) Saint Louis (3), 03.04.2015

[D02:1 d4 d5 2 Nf sidelines,
including 2...Nf6 3 g3 and
2...Nf6 3 Bf4]

1.d4 d5 2.Bf4 Nf6 3.e3 c5
4.c3 Nc6 5.Nd2 e6 6.Ngf3
Bd6 7.Bg3 0-0 8.Bd3 b6

9.Qe2 Qc7 [last book move] Qa7 35.Qd6+]

10.e4 dxe4 11.Nxe4 Nxe4
12.Bxe4 f5 13.Bxd6 Qxd6
14.dxc5 Qxc5 15.Bxc6

Qxc6 16.0-0-0 a5 [16...Bb7
17.Nd4 Qxg2 18.Rhg1=
(≤18.Nxe6 Bf3 19.Qc4
Rac8)]

17.Rhe1± a4 18.a3 Qc7
[18...Ra7 19.Rd4±]

19.Rd4 [19.Qe5 Qb7±]

19...Ra5± 20.Kb1 f4 21.Ka1
[21.Qd1 e5 22.Rd5 Bf5+
23.Ka1 e4±]

21...g6 [21...e5!/? should be
investigated more closely
22.Qc4+ Qxc4 23.Rxc4 Bb7
24.Nxe5 Re8±]

22.Qc2 Bd7 23.Qd2 Bc8
24.Rd6 Rc5 25.Re4 b5
[25...Rc4 26.Red4±]

26.h4 [26.Ne5 f3 27.Nxf3
Rcf5±]

26...Rc4 27.Re1 b4
[⊔27...Rc6!/? 28.Rd4 Rc5±]

28.axb4+ Rc6 29.Rd1 a3?
[⊔29...Rxd6 30.Qxd6 Qxd6
31.Rxd6 Kf7+]

30.Rxc6 axb2+ 31.Kxb2
Qxc6 32.Qd6 Qe4
[32...Qxd6 33.Rxd6 Kf7
34.c4+]

33.Qe5 [33.Qc7 might be
the shorter path 33...e5
34.Qxe5 Qc4+]

33...Qc6 [33...Qb7 34.Rd4

Qa7 35.Qd6+]

34.Rd6 Qc4 [34...Qe8
35.Rd4+]

35.Nd2 Qc7 36.Rxe6 Qd8
[36...Qxe5 does not save the
day 37.Rxe5 f3 38.gxf3+]

37.Rd6 Qxh4 [37...Qe8
what else? 38.Qd5+ Qf7
39.Qxf7+ Kxf7+]

38.Ne4 Bf5 39.Nf6+ Kf7
40.Qd4 Be6 41.Nd5 Bxd5
[41...Re8 is the last straw
42.Qa7+ Kg8+]

42.Rd7+ Ke8 [42...Ke6
does not win a prize
43.Qxd5+ Kf6 44.Qd6+ Kg5
45.Qxf8 Qxf2+ 46.Kb3 Qxg2
47.Qe7+ Kg4 48.Qe6+ Kg3
49.b5+]

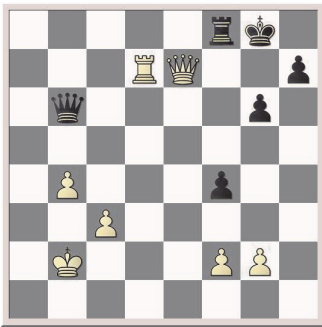
43.Rxd5 [43.Qxd5 Qe7
44.Rxe7+ Kxe7 45.Qe5+
Kd7 46.Qg7+ Ke8 47.Qxh7
Rf6 48.Qg8+ Ke7 49.Qg7+
Rf7 50.Qxg6 Rf6 51.Qe4+
Re6 52.Qxf4 Rf6 53.Qe5+
Kf7 54.Qxf6+ Kxf6+]

43...Qf6 [43...Rf7 a fruitless
try to alter the course of the
game 44.Qh8+ Rf8 45.Qg7+]

44.Qc4 Qb6 [44...f3 a last
effort to resist the inevitable
45.Qc7 Qe7+]

45.Qe4+ Kf7 46.Rd7+ Kg8
47.Qe7 [47.Qe7 Qxf2+
48.Kb3 Qa2+ 49.Kxa2 Ra8+

50.Kb1 Ra1+ 51.Kxa1 g5
52.Qg7#] 1-0



Wang, Annie (1901) -
Foisor, Sabina Francesca (2276)
USA-ch (Women) Saint Louis (4), 04.04.2015

[D13: Slav Defense: Exchange
variation without ...Bf5]

1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.cxd5
cxd5 4.Nf3 Nf6 5.Nc3 Nc6
6.Bf4 Nh5 7.Be5 f6 8.Bg3
Nxg3 9.hxg3 e5 10.e3 e4
11.Nd2 Be6 [last book
move]

12.a3 [Consolidates b4]

12...Be7 [12...Bf7 13.Qg4=]

13.Be2 [13.Ndxe4 dxe4
14.d5 Bf5±]

13...0-0 14.b4 [14.Ndxe4
dxe4 15.d5 Qb6=]

14...f5 15.Nb3 Bf7 16.Rc1
[16.Nc5!/? Rb8 17.Qd2=]

16...a5̄ [Black threatens to
win material: a5xb4]

17.b5 [White threatens to
win material: b5xc6]

17...Na7 18.a4 b6 [Covers
c5]

19.Bh5 g6 [Black threatens
to win material: g6xh5]

20.Be2 Qd6 21.0-0 h5
22.Qe1 Rae8 23.Nb1
[23.Rc2 Kg7̄]

23...Bd8 24.Rc2 Kg7
25.Qc1 Rh8 26.f4?
[Δ26.Qa3 Be7 27.Qxd6
Bxd6 28.Rfc1̄]

26...exf3+ 27.Rxf3 Qb4
28.N3d2 Bg5 29.Nf1 Rc8
30.Rxc8? [30.Nc3 Rc7
31.Na2 Rxc2 32.Qxc2+]

30...Rxc8 [30...Nxc8?!
31.Nbd2+]

31.Qd1 Qb2 32.Qd3
[32.Bd3 is still a small
chance 32...Rc1 33.Qd2
Qxd2 34.Nbxd2+]

32...Rc1 33.Nbd2 Rc3
[Δ33...Qb4 and Black has
prevailed 34.Kf2 Qxa4
35.Nb3+]

34.Qb1 Qa3 35.Qe1
[35.Bd1+ hoping against
hope]

35...Rc1 36.Qf2 Qxa4
37.Bd3 Be6 38.Qe2
[38.Bxf5 cannot change
destiny 38...Bxf5
39.Rxf5 gxf5 40.Qxf5 Be7
41.Qe5+ Bf6 42.Qxd5 Qb4
43.Qb7+ Qe7 44.Qxb6 Nc8
45.Qxa5 Qxe3+ 46.Kh2

38...Qb4 [38...Qd1 39.Rf2
Qxe2 40.Rxe2+
(40.Bxe2?? Bxe3 41.g4
fxg4+)]

39.Kh2 [39.Rf2 hardly im-
proves anything 39...Qb2+]

39...a4 40.Rf2 a3 41.Nf3
Bf6 42.Nh4 [42.Qa2 doesn't
do any good 42...Qc3
43.Rd2 Be7+]

42...Bxh4 43.gxh4 Bd7
44.Qf3 [44.Ng3 cannot un-
do what has already been
done 44...Qe7 45.Rf1 Rxf1
46.Nxf1 Qxh4+ 47.Kg1 Qe7
+]

44...Qd6+ 45.Ng3 [45.g3
doesn't change the outcome
of the game 45...Nxb5
46.Nd2 a2+]

45...Nxb5 46.Qe2 Nc7
[46...Qe7!/? seems even
better 47.Nf1 Qb4 48.Qf3
Qd6+ 49.g3+]

47.Qd2 Rc6 48.Rf4 [48.Rf1
doesn't get the bull off the
ice 48...b5 49.Rb1 g5+]

48...Ne6 [Δ48...b5 and
Black can already relax
49.Be2+]

49.Rf3 Rc8 50.Kg1 Nf8
51.Qf2 [51.Bb1 is not the
saving move 51...b5+]

51...Rc1+ 52.Kh2 [52.Bf1

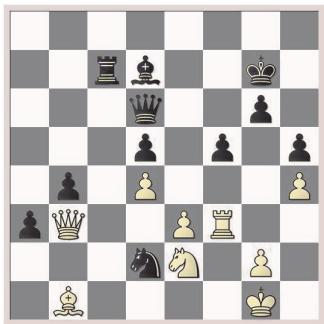
does not help much
52...Ra1 53.Qc2 b5-+]

52...Nh7 53.Qd2 Rc7
54.Kg1 Nf6 55.Ne2 b5
56.Bb1 [56.Nc1 is no salva-
tion 56...Ng4 57.Rf4 Qe7-+]

56...b4 57.Qd3 [57.Rf1
doesn't change anything
anymore 57...Bb5 58.Bd3
Bxd3 59.Qxd3 Ng4-+]

57...Ne4 58.Qb3 [58.Rf1-+
is one last hope]

58...Nd2 [58...Nd2 59.Qd1
Nxf3+ 60.gxf3 Qe7-+] 0-1



Foisor, Sabina Francesca (2276) -
Vir kud, Apurva (2132)
USA-ch (Women) Saint Louis (9), 10.04.2015

[D37: Queen's Gambit Declined:
Bf4]

1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Nf6
4.Nf3 Be7 5.Bf4 0-0 6.Qc2
c5 7.dxc5 dxc4 8.e3 Bxc5
9.Bxc4 Nc6 10.a3 [last
book move]

10...a6 [Secures b5]

11.Rd1 [White threatens to
win material: Rd1xd8]

11...Bd7 12.Ba2 Be7 13.0-0

b5 [13...Rc8 14.Ng5 Na7
15.Be5±]

14.Bb1 [14.Ne4 Rc8
15.Qd3 Nxe4 16.Qxe4 Bf6±]

14...Qc8 [14...g6 15.Ne4±]

15.e4± g6 16.e5 Nh5
17.Bh6 Rd8 18.Ne4 Na5

19.Qe2 Nc4? [Δ19...Bc6±]

20.g4+- Ng7 [20...f5
21.gxh5 fxe4 22.Bxe4 Be8
23.Rxd8 Qxd8+/-]

21.Bg5 Bxg5 22.Nfxg5
[22.Nexg5?! Bc6=]

22...h6 [22...Be8 23.Rxd8
Qxd8 24.Nf6+ Kh8
25.Ngxh7+/-]

23.b3 [Δ23.Nf6+ secures
the win 23...Kf8 24.Ngh7+
Ke7 25.b3+/-]

23...hgx5 24.bxc4 [24.Nf6+
Kf8 25.bxc4+- (25.Nxd7+?!
is the less attractive alter-
native 25...Rxd7 26.Rxd7
Qxd7 27.bxc4 Rd8=)]

24...Bc6?? [the pressure is
too much, Black crumbles]

[Δ24...Ne8 25.Qe3 Bc6
26.Nxg5 Rd7+/-]

25.Nf6+- [25.Nxg5?! is
clearly weaker 25...Qc7
26.Qe3 Rxd1 27.Rxd1
Rd8±]

25...Kf8 26.Qe3 Bb7
27.Rxd8+ [27.cxb5!/? and
White can already relax
27...Qc4 28.Rxd8+ Rxd8+/-]

27...Qxd8 28.cxb5
[Δ28.Qxg5 keeps an even
firmer grip 28...bxc4
29.Qh6+/-]

28...axb5?? [another bit of
territory lost.]

[Δ28...Ne8 29.Qxg5 Nxf6
30.exf6 Qd5 31.Qxd5 Bxd5
32.bxa6 Rxa6±]

29.Qc5+- Qe7 30.Nh7+
Ke8 31.Qxb5+ Kd8

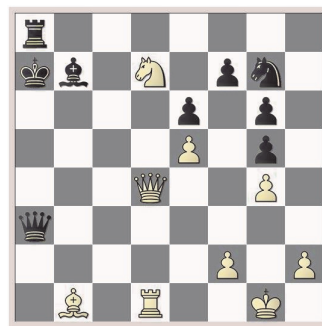
32.Rd1+ Kc8 33.Nf6
[Δ33.Rc1+ makes it even
easier for White 33...Qc7
34.Rxc7+ Kxc7 35.Qc5+
Kd8 36.Nf6+/-]

33...Qxa3 [33...Qc7 there is
nothing better in the position
34.Qb4 Bd5+/-]

34.Qc4+ [34.Rd8+ Kc7
35.Rd7+ Kb8 36.Qxb7#]

34...Kb8 [34...Qc5 is not
much help 35.Qxc5+ Bc6
36.Qb6 Bd5 37.Rc1+ Bc6
38.Rxc6#]

35.Nd7+ Ka7 36.Qd4+
[36.Qd4+ Qc5 37.Qxc5+
Ka6 38.Qb6#] 1-0



Carpe Diem - by Robert L. Myers

Imagine how great it would be if your life were one big long vacation. Enjoying each moment care free. Like promoting one of your Pawns to a Queen to win a championship. Grand Master Gareev told me, "Chess can be difficult so it should be fun, so relax and play and have fun." However; to we mere mortals chess can be extremely frustrating, life is short and so are chess matches when facing much stronger opponents. Several students of The Chess Academy had the opportunity to take a European Chess Tour with me over the Spring Break. We saw the vineyards of Italy, experienced gondoliers rides in Venice, strolled down the Champs-Élysées, circled the Arc de Triomphe, we were awed by the priceless works of art at The Louvre, morphed by The Eiffel Tower and wondered by the Neuschwanstein Castle of The Mad King Ludwig II and The Nymphenburg Palace where he was born in Germany. Students shopped at the hundreds of shops in Venice, we played chess in a thousand year old castle, chess on busses in the Alps, chess on trains in Stuttgart and planes out of Heathrow in London. Students were taken to the balcony of where Shakespeare's drama Romeo and Juliet was to have taken place. Immediately thoughts were, "Romeo, Romeo, where for art thou, Romeo?" During this excursion we were faced with challenges from other players and emerged victorious; however, such isn't the case always.

One should always endeavor to make the most or the best of every single situation, every practice, every tournament, every game, every move. Each tactical position must be analyzed with the expertise of an artisan with decades of experience.

On the main isle of Venice we were treated to a demonstration of crystal where each piece of glass was hand made. There is a difference between a Master Chess Player, a Master Chess Coach and a Master Glass Maker. The latter takes 25 years and 10 years as an apprentice. What does this have to do with chess you query? Everything. It takes discipline, determination and desire. To obtain the status of any of the aforementioned, "You must want it like a drowning person wants their next breath."

Everyone no matter what their age or skill set has one chance, one shot, to seize the opportunity. These don't come often. To not capitalize on your opponent's mistakes in chess can yield drastic, even catastrophic results. From Masters James Rousselle and Master Rene Phillips both of New Orleans, home of one of America's greatest chess players, Paul Morphy, there are three very basic guidelines of chess as



simple as A,B, C. Activate your pieces. Bring your King to safety and Control the Center. Whenever your opponent violates one of these basic principles of chess, Carpe diem. Once an opportunity is gone it is gone forever. I missed an opportunity for check mate in a gas station in Switzerland and it cost me a Bishop. From this I almost lost a Rook and the game. So when you play you must take advantage of each opportunity. To not do so can ruin what you have already developed in your game. So make every move count.

One of the greatest music composers of our time Stevie Wonder says in one of his songs, "When dreams turn to ashes right in front of your face." It's exactly the same in a game of chess where you are up, winning by a Pawn and a Rook, and don't open a "window" for your King after castling either King or Queen side and your opponent has a smother mate on c8; ashes. You mustn't obsess but live as the French, "Que será, será, what ever will be, will be, the future is not ours to see, que será, será."

I wish this tale not to be a fabular; however, chess is about options. There are more in one game than there are atoms in the known universe. Here are the options and opportunities. I flew into London's Heathrow Airport and I spent one day in London, and two days in Paris. Although 11:30 pm in Paris it is 4:30 pm CST, in the States. I paused long enough to teach a lesson on Skype from the business suite in the luxurious Pullman Paris Eiffel Tower Hotel with students in Baton Rouge and in Houston with McReynolds Middle School and Coach Natalie McGeehan and Ray Goudeau in New Orleans. Students really got a kick out seeing the Eiffel Tower on Skype from my mobile device. The following day I met my students on the chess tour in the old nostalgic town of Rothenburg, Germany, just outside the great wall surrounding the town. Then it was on to Venice, Verona where Shakespeare's Romeo and Juliet was based. I visited a few more cities in Italy the following week and finally the Swiss Alps, Austria and Lucerne, Switzerland. Now the Lone Star Chess Classic is in Houston the moment we land, then there is the Texas State Chess Tournament in McAllen, TX the following weekend and then hopefully it's off to Ohio for the High School National Championship. Talk about options!

I was looking forward to trying my English Opening in England and my French Opening in "Gay Paris." I'd set up a few games online with friends I play regularly "across the pond" so now it's time for a little OTB, over the board. My second opponent, also a Chess Academy contact in Germany, is Günther. When I heard him tell me his name, I thought, "Man, I'm in trouble." Günther is the Germanic name Gundahar, derived from the word gund "war" and hari thus "army, warrior". Also the name of a 5th-century Burgundian king known for destroying the opposition. I'm hoping my German counterpart isn't as dominating in person. He's a union secretary supporting 500K workers and survived in 1991 the longest strike in Germany ever, 306 days. He's a really nice quiet guy but very aggressive. He's playing white and opens up with The King's Indian. Twelve moves later he asks me to teach him. I won but it wasn't easy. My first opponent met me on the High Speed train from London to Paris, Fabrice, Managing Director and investment banker playing chess at about 1200 elo. So, my work is cut out for me. His slick designer suit is intimidating as is his opening. I slide my current book I'm reading by International Master Maurice Ashley, Chess for Success, which by the way is autographed, to the edge of the table. The waitress ask if I'd like a spot of tea. I respond, "Yes, Earl Grey please with honey, lemon, no milk." Fabrice looks at the board makes a serious blunder. I take a bite of my croissant sip my tea and say, "Good game. Mate in four. The rest are all forced moves." He topples his King, smiles shakes my hand and says, "Tell me more about this Chess Academy." At 320 mph I'd made a friend through chess and seized the opportunity of establishing a relationship of a chess climate with students in France.



Years ago a young lady moved to Houston a few years before Hurricane Katrina. Her mom would leave work very late. I didn't mind staying late so the young lady wouldn't be by herself. I asked her if she knew how to play chess? She said no. I taught her, and that week she brought her friend and two girls, turned out to be 17 students. By the year's end I had 185 students playing chess. Chess taught them reasoning, conflict resolution, hidden opposition, deception, spatial analysis and the social skills chess provides and kept them off of the streets from this Title 1 school where over 70 percent of the kids get free or reduced lunch. Now we have won several national chess tournaments, scholarships to colleges and many state titles. I don't consider myself a community organizer but it really feels good giving back to the community, helping students with self esteem issues and keeping kids off of the streets. Through EF Tours, a travel company that focuses on student travel abroad and domestically, we've set up through one of our local coaches in Houston (who by the way is very fluent in German and a former member of the German Chess Team) a tour of four countries and 15 cities in 13 days. Claudia, our tour guide, a carefree spirit that speaks eight languages did an incredible job of mixing folklore and the contemporary art and design of each city and town we visited.

Finally, after a 9 hour flight from Frankfurt, Germany and two hour layover stateside in Atlanta, we rush to The Lone Star Chess Classic in Houston, just in time to see one of my teams receive 1st place high school champions, César Chávez High School. Things went well just one week later at The Texas State Chess Championship in McAllen, TX. The Cesar Chavez students competed in the Texas State competition winning 3rd place team and a first timer Khang Vuong, placed high enough to compete at the national level, tying for first. (Ohio here we come.) Chess students that achieve this level of discipline, determination and desire required for greatness take advantage of options and opportunities. The grave yard is the greatest place to find what could have been, missed opportunities, shattered hopes and faded dreams. A character from Gene Roddenberry's Star Trek, The Next Generation, Captain Jean-Luc Picard of the U. S. S. Enterprise, said it this way, "Live now! Make NOW the most precious time, always. Now will never come again." Just as Robin Williams' character, John Keating in the film Dead Poet's Society, shared with his students the very principle that all chess players could use when in check, faced with the decision to capture, retreat or block. Hypothetically speaking, the Royal Fork you have on g4 is sweet. You may however consider an additional check, then capture later. On second thought, take the Queen she may not be available after the next move. Carpe diem, seize the day.

81st Annual Southwest Open SEPT. 4-7 OR 5-7

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7SS. Doubletree DFW Airport North, 4441 W. John Carpenter Fwy., Irving, TX 75063. \$\$ 8,950 b/175 full entries, 75% Gtd. 3 Sections and scholastic side events: **Open:** (This section is FIDE rated and uses FIDE rules. USCF rules/ratings used for awarding prizes. Players not at the board within 60 minutes of the start of the round will forfeit game.) Rounds 1-3 G/90 with 30 sec. increment, rounds 4-7 G/120 with 30 sec. increment. Note, please check tournament website for rules about FIDE registration. \$\$ 1,000-500-250, 2200-2399 \$700, U2200 \$700-350. **Reserve:** U2000. Rounds 1-3 G/90 with 30 sec. increment, rounds 4-7 G/120 with 30 sec increment. \$\$ 800-400-200. B \$600-300-150, U1600 \$500-250-125. **Novice:** U1400 and Unrated. Rounds 1-3 G/90 with 30 sec. increment, rounds 4-7 G/120 with 30 sec. increment. \$\$ \$500-250-125, E \$400-200, U1000 \$300-150 Unrated \$200. All 3: TCA membership required. Other states accepted. EF: \$89 if received by 8/21, else \$99. \$82 Junior(U19) if received by 8/26 else \$90 (juniors count as 90% toward base), Senior (over 65)/Handicap/Additional family participant \$53 if received by 8/26 else \$65 (Senior/Handicap/Additional family participant counts 60% toward base). Add \$5 for CC phone entries; pre-reg. requires pre-payment. After 9/2/15 all registration and changes on site only; all changes including withdrawals, \$10 after 9/2/15. 4 day: Reg. Friday 9/4, 6:15 pm-7:15. Rds. Fri.: 7:45, Sat.: 2:30 pm - 7:30, Sun.: 10:45 am - 5:00 pm, Mon.: 9:00 am - 3:00 pm. 3 day: Reg. Sat. 9/5, 9-9:30 am, Rd. 1 at 10 am then merge with 4 day. Foreign Unrated must play in Open section. Registrations that do not indicate 4 or 3 day schedule will be put in the 3 day. HR: \$89/89/89/89, 972-929-8181 or 800-222-8733 reserve by 8/18 and ask for Dallas Chess Club rate. \$89 rate includes continental breakfast for up to 4 people staying in room. Upgrade to full Breakfast at special price of \$7.99 (upgrade must be done at hotel check in). Up to two 1/2-pt byes available if requested before end of rd. 2, but byes for both rd. 6 AND 7 not permitted. Tournament reserves the right to use an analog clock with equivalent time control under special circumstances (not in open section). Texas Chess Association meeting on Sunday 9/6 at 9:00 am. **K-12 Scholastic on Saturday, 9/5.** 5-SS, G/30 d5, EF: \$31 by 8/26, \$45 after; Pre-reg. requires pre-payment. After 9/2/15 all registration and changes on site only; all changes \$10 after 9/2/15. No refunds after 9/2/15, \$10 handling fee for refunds before 9/2/15. Entries do not count toward base in Open, Reserve and Novice. Registration: 8:15-8:45 am, Rd. 1 at 9:30 am, rest ASAP with small lunch break. Sections: *K-12 Championship* and *K-12 U1000*. Prizes: Trophies to top 12 individuals, five teams in each section. K-12 U1000 also top three unrateds. Medals to those who do not win a trophy. **ALL:** Ent: Dallas Chess Club, C/O Barbara Swafford, 2709 Longhorn Trail, Crowley, TX 76036. Info: Barb Swafford, 214-632-9000, info@dallaschess.com, www.dallaschess.com. FIDE. JGP for Non scholastic side events.

Upcoming Events

June 2015

JUNE 2, 9, 16, 23 Monthly - Tuesday Night Swiss

Info: www.center64.com.

JUN. 5-7 Houston City Championship 2015

Info: www.uschess.org/tlas/5586.tla.

JUN. 6 North Arlington Chess Club Open #3

Info: www.uschess.org/tlas/5664.tla.

JUN. 6-7 Claudia Munoz "Chess Campeona on the Move" Chess Challenge

Info: www.uschess.org/tlas/5613.tla.

JUNE 13 Many Springs 77

Info: Aurelio Gonzalez, 817-789-8360, agonzalejr@yahoo.com or www.tarrantcountychessclub.org.

JUNE 13-14 2015 DCC Fide Open VII

Info: 214-632-9000, info@dallaschess.com.

JUNE 27-28 San Antonio City Championship

Info: sanantoniocchess.com, Ph.: 210-384-4797, E-mail: lhrlouis@yahoo.com.

July 2015

JULY 2-5 OR 3-5 2015 DCC Fide Open VIII

Info: 214-632-9000, info@dallaschess.com.

JULY 7, 14, 21, 28 Monthly - Tuesday Night Swiss

Info: www.center64.com.

JULY 10-12 OR 11-12 2015 Houston Summer Chess Festival

Info: flguadalupe@aol.com.

JUL. 11 North Arlington Chess Club Open #4

Info: www.uschess.org/tlas/5665.tla

JULY 18 Many Springs 78

Info: Aurelio Gonzalez, 817-789-8360, agonzalejr@yahoo.com or www.tarrantcountychessclub.org.

Early August 2015

AUG. 1-2 2015 DCC Fide Open IX

Info: 214-632-9000, info@dallaschess.com.

AUG. 4, 11, 18, 25 Monthly - Tuesday Night Swiss

Info: www.center64.com.

AUG 8 5th Annual Austin-San Antonio Shoot Out

Info: TBA (see sanantoniocchess.com for additional information).



**"CHESS CAMPEONA, ON THE MOVE" CHESS CHALLENGE
LECTURE, SIMULTANEOUS EXHIBITION, CHESS TOURNAMENT**

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SATURDAY, JUNE 6, 2015 AND SUNDAY, JUNE 7, 2015

Wyndham Hotel and Water Park
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Current USCF MEMBERSHIP REQUIRED!

GIRLS SECTION: U800 U1400 5 ROUNDS SWISS 6/30;D5, 1/2 POINT BYE AVAILABLE ANY ROUND. MUST NOTIFY TD PRIOR TO START OF 1ST ROUND. EARLY REGISTRATION: \$40 LATE REGISTRATION \$60

FIRST 20 GIRLS WITH PAID REGISTRATION WILL PLAY CLAUDIA MUNOZ IN THE ALL GIRL SIMULTANEOUS EXHIBITION!

RESERVE SECTION: OPEN TO ALL U800 U1400 5 ROUNDS SWISS 6/30;D5, 1/2 POINT BYE AVAILABLE. MUST NOTIFY TD PRIOR TO START OF 1ST ROUND. EARLY REGISTRATION FEE: \$40 LATE REGISTRATION FEE: \$60

OPEN SECTION: OPEN TO ALL USCF PLAYERS 5 ROUNDS SWISS 6/60;D5

1/2 POINT BYE AVAILABLE BEFORE 1ST ROUND. WHO WILL PLAY AGAINST WCM CLAUDIA MUNOZ? EARLY REGISTRATION FEE: \$60 LATE REGISTRATION FEE: \$80

SIDE EVENT: BLITZ FEE: \$5.00 3 ROUNDS 65 PRIZES: MEDAL FOR 1ST.

PRIZES: GIRLS AND RESERVE SECTION: 1ST, 2ND AND 3RD PLACE TROPHIES,

CLASS PRIZES: UNDER 1400 (D-E) UNDER 800 (F-J) BASED ON 30 ENTRIES.

OPEN: 1ST PLACE \$400, 2ND PLACE \$240 3RD PLACE \$160,

TROPHIES FOR BEST IN CLASSES A-C BASED ON 30 ENTRIES.

MAIL REGISTRATION FORM TO: SUN CITY ACADEMY PO BOX 960504, EL PASO, TX 79996 CREDIT CARDS ARE ACCEPTED BY PHONE, CASHIER CHECK AND MONEY ORDERS ACCEPTED. NO CHECKS.

POSTMARK DEADLINE FOR EARLY REGISTRATION IS MAY 15, 2015. LATE REGISTRATION MAY 16 TO JUNE 1. ONSITE LATE REGISTRATION AND CHECK IN JUNE 6 FROM 8AM-8:45AM.

ADD \$20 TO LATE REGISTRATION FEE ON DAY OF EVENT.

MEMBERSHIPS AVAILABLE ONSITE OR PRIOR TO EVENT FROM SUN CITY CHESS ACADEMY. CONTACT EVENT COORDINATOR FOR MORE DETAILS. FREE LECTURES AND WATCHING OF SIMULTANEOUS EXHIBITION WITH PAID REGISTRATION IN TOURNAMENT. SOCIAL HOUR ON SATURDAY EVENING TO INCLUDE A DANCE FOR EVERYONE! KID AND ADULT FRIENDLY! 1/2 POINT BYE AVAILABLE ANY ROUND. MUST NOTIFY TD PRIOR TO START OF 1ST ROUND. BRING USCF MEMBERSHIP CARD OR OTHER PROOF OF MEMBERSHIP.

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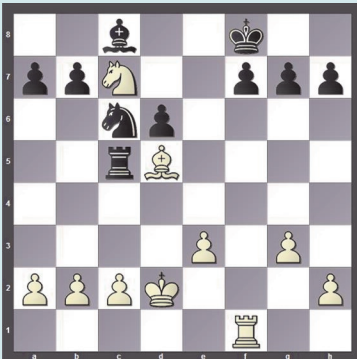
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Tactics Time!

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Mikhail Langer—Sonny Kamberi
Texas Championship 2003
Black to Move