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## From the Desk of The Editor

Hello Texas!

Welcome to this issue of *Texas Knights*. We are just a little late in getting this issue out and with Thanksgiving coming up right around the time I was able to get this to the printers, I'm hoping that you still have this in your hands within the first week of December.

In this issue we have the results and some games from the **Texas Collegiate Championships**. We have results and photos from the **Texas Grade Championships**. We have some games from the **Millionaire Chess Tournament** in Las Vegas as well and some games from the **World Youth and Candidates Championship** held in Porto Carras, Hal-kidiki Greece. In addition we have articles from our regular columnists **WCM Claudia Muñoz** and **Coach Robert L. Myers** as-well-as new tactics puzzles from author **Tim Brennan**.

As always I'd like to thank all contributors to this issue. In particular, I would like to thank the Friends and Parents of the participants in the Texas Grade Championships. I appreciate you taking the time to send me the photos published in this issue ... and PLEASE, feel free to send me photos from chess tournaments at any time at [texasknightsed@gmail.com](mailto:texasknightsed@gmail.com).

Don't forget, I'm always looking for articles, games, results and photos of Chess events in Texas or played by participants from Texas.

I hope everyone has fun over the holidays and be safe. You should see the next issue in your mailbox sometime around the first week of February next year.

— *Jeff French*



## From the Desk of the TCA President

Hello chess friends,

I cannot imagine how this year has flown by. We are almost at the end of 2015. It looked like we just had an election and SWO. We had a successful scholastic grade championship in Houston. Several folks braved the weather forecasts and came to play. Our numbers were not affected by the weather at all. Also several scholastic tournaments are being held everywhere and we are very active.

We, the chess players use our brain. So it came to heart when a young 10 year old had brain cancer. The chess community came together and raised thousands of dollars for her. Folks came from far or contributed to the cause including our own Ms. Claudia Munoz. Thank you all for coming together.

I would like to take this moment to congratulate Mr. Eddie Rios Sr. Recently he became a National Tournament Director. This is very well deserved. He continues to promote chess everywhere and especially runs tournaments which are at great financial risk with absolutely no profits. There are very few NTD's and he joins them. The holiday season is upon us. Enjoy them. Looking forward to a productive new year.

Thank you

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Income		Expenses	
September memberships	\$70.00	Region 7 – Palacios ISD Chess Sets	\$116.66
October memberships	\$55.00	Texas Knight Sept-Oct 2015	\$899.64
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2015 SW Open memberships	\$469.00	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,316.30</b>
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2015 Texas Grade & Collegiate and memberships	\$369.00		
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1028.00</b>		

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### November 15th, 2015

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## 19th Annual Texas Collegiate Championships

For additional info: [http://www.dallaschess.com/2015%20Texas%20Grade/College\\_index.htm](http://www.dallaschess.com/2015%20Texas%20Grade/College_index.htm)

The **2015 Texas Collegiate Championships** were held in **Houston** from October 23rd thru October 25th. There were 22 participants.

**GM Denis Kadric** won with a score of 4.0/5.0. The results of the tournament are below.

#	Name	Rtng	Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd 3	Rd 4	Rd 5	Tot
1	<b>GM Denis Kadric</b>	2604	W11 (w)	W2 (w)	D3 (b)	W7 (w)	D5 (b)	4.0
2	<b>GM Elsha Moradiabadi</b>	2654	W12 (w)	L1 (b)	W13 (w)	W9 (b)	D4 (w)	3.5
3	<b>IM Andrey Gorovets</b>	2633	W18 (b)	W17 (w)	D1 (w)	D4 (b)	D8 (b)	3.5
4	<b>GM Andrey Stukopin</b>	2657	W19 (w)	D7 (b)	W16 (w)	D3 (w)	D2 (b)	3.5
5	<b>GM Yaroslav Zhrebukh</b>	2724	D14 (w)	D10 (b)	W11 (w)	W12 (b)	D1 (w)	3.5
6	<b>IM Kacper Drozdowski</b>	2547	W20 (w)	D8 (b)	D9 (w)	D10 (b)	W14 (b)	3.5
7	<b>GM Andrey Baryshpolets</b>	2533	W15 (b)	D4 (w)	W8 (w)	L1 (b)	D9 (w)	3.0
8	<b>GM Holden Hernandez</b>	2604	W21 (b)	D6 (w)	L7 (b)	W16 (b)	D3 (w)	3.0
9	<b>GM Anton Kovalyov</b>	2690	D16 (b)	W13 (w)	D6 (b)	L2 (w)	D7 (b)	2.5
10	<b>GM David Berczes</b>	2600	L13 (b)	D5 (w)	W20 (b)	D6 (w)	D12 (b)	2.5
11	<b>WIM Chardine Camacho</b>	2348	L1 (b)	W15 (w)	L5 (b)	W17 (w)	D16 (b)	2.5
12	<b>IM Luis Carlo Torres</b>	2353	L2 (b)	W21 (w)	W17 (b)	L5 (w)	D10 (w)	2.5
13	<b>WIM Mariam Danelia</b>	2344	W10 (w)	L9 (b)	L2 (b)	D15 (w)	W19 (b)	2.5
14	<b>IM Joshua D Ruiz C</b>	2493	D5 (b)	L16 (w)	W19 (b)	W18 (b)	L6 (w)	2.5
15	<b>IM Felix Ynojosa Aponte</b>	2470	L7 (w)	L11 (b)	W21 (w)	D13 (b)	W18 (w)	2.5
16	<b>FM Steven Breckenridge</b>	2396	D9 (w)	W14 (b)	L4 (b)	L8 (w)	D11 (w)	2.0
17	<b>IM Guillermo Vazquez</b>	2536	W22 (w)	L3 (b)	L12 (w)	L11 (b)	W21 (w)	2.0
18	<b>IM Arthur Calugar</b>	2350	L3 (w)	D19 (b)	W22 (b)	L14 (w)	L15 (b)	1.5
19	<b>WIM Irina Andrenko</b>	2248	L4 (b)	D18 (w)	L14 (w)	W20 (b)	L13 (w)	1.5
20	<b>Seetharam Marreddy</b>	1901	L6 (b)	B--- (-)	L10 (w)	L19 (w)	D22 (b)	1.5
21	<b>NM Leo C Creger V</b>	2231	L8 (w)	L12 (b)	L15 (b)	W22 (w)	L17 (b)	1.0
22	<b>Kevin B Mesa</b>	1667	L17 (b)	H--- (-)	L18 (w)	L21 (b)	D20 (w)	1.0

Participants in the tournament represented Texas Tech University, The University of Texas-Dallas, The University of Texas-Rio Grande Valley and Lone Star College.

The Texas Tech University Team won with a score of 13.5. Team members included **GM Elsha Moradiabadi, GM Yaroslave Zhrebukh, IM Andrey Gorovets, GM Andrey Baryshpolets, IM Luis Carlo Torres, FM Steven Breckenridge and WM Irina Andrenko.**

	Code	Name	Score
1	<b>TXTECH</b>	<b>Texas Tech Univ</b>	13.5
		GM Elsha Moradiabadi 3.5 GM Yaroslav Zhrebukh 3.5 IM Andrey Gorovets 3.5 GM Andrey Baryshpolets 3.0 IM Luis Carlo Torres 2.5 FM Steven Breckenridge 2.0 WIM Irina Andrenko 1.5	
2	<b>DUTD</b>	<b>U of Texas Dallas</b>	12.5
		GM Denis Kadric 4.0 IM Kacper Drozdowski 3.5 WIM Chardine Camacho 2.5 GM David Berczes 2.5 WIM Mariam Danelia 2.5 IM Arthur Calugar 1.5	
3	<b>UTRGV</b>	<b>U T Rio Grande Valley</b>	11.5
		GM Andrey Stukopin 3.5 GM Holden Hernandez 3.0 GM Anton Kovalyov 2.5 IM Joshua D Ruiz C 2.5 IM Felix Ynojosa Aponte 2.5 IM Guillermo Vazquez 2.0	
4	<b>TXTECH2</b>	<b>Texas Tech 2</b>	2.5
		Seetharam Marreddy 1.5 NM Leo C Creger V 1.0	

Following are the games played by **GM Denis Kadric** from The University of Texas-Dallas.

Game 1

**Kadric, Denis (2604) – Camacho, Chardine (2348)**  
2015 Texas Collegiate  
Houston (1), 24.10.2015

[C05: French Tarrasch:  
3...Nf6 4 e5 Nfd7, 5 f4  
and 5 Bd3 sidelines]

**1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nd2  
Nf6 4.e5 Nfd7 5.f4 c5  
6.c3 b6 7.Ndf3 Ba6  
8.Bxa6 Nxa6 9.Ne2** [last  
book move]

**9...Be7 10.f5 exf5  
11.Qd3 Nc7 12.Qxf5 0-0  
13.0-0 f6** [Covers g5]

[13...Nb8 14.Ng3 g6  
15.Qd3=]

**14.e6±** [White threatens  
to win material: e6xd7]

**14...Nb8 15.Nh4 Nc6  
[15...cxd4 16.cxd4 Bd6  
17.Qg4+-]**

**16.Qg4± Kh8** [16...g5  
17.Bf4±]

**17.Qh3** [17.Nf4 Qe8  
18.Qh3 cxd4 19.cxd4±]

**17...Re8?** [Δ17...Bd6!?  
18.Ng6+ Kg8±]

**18.Rf5+- Nxe6 19.Ng6+  
Kg8 20.Rh5 Nf8??** [the  
pressure is too much,  
Black crumbles]

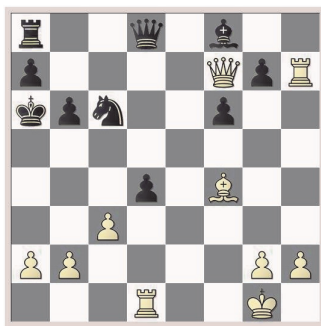
[Δ20...Ng5 21.Bxg5 Qc8  
22.Nxe7+ Rxe7+-]

**2 1 . N x f 8 B x f 8**  
[21...Kxf8?? 22.Rxh7 f5  
23.Qxf5+ Bf6 24.Nf4+-]

**22.Rxh7 Kf7 23.Qh5+  
Ke6 24.Nf4+ Kd7  
25.Qxd5+** [25.Ng6!?  
might be the shorter path  
25...Ne7 26.Bf4 Kc6  
27.Nxf8 Rxf8+-]

**25...Kc7 26.Ne6+ Rxe6  
27.Qxe6 cxd4 28.Bf4+  
Kb7 29.Qf7+** [29.Rd1!?  
and White can already  
relax 29...Qc8 30.Qxf6  
dxc3 31.bxc3 Ka6+-]

**29...Ka6 30.Rd1 1-0**



Game 2

**Kadric, Denis (2604) – Moradiabadi, Elisha (2654)**  
2015 Texas Collegiate  
Houston (2), 24.10.2015

[C48: Four Knights: 4  
Bb5, replies other than  
4...Bb4]

**1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Nc3  
Nf6 4.Bb5 Bd6 5.d3 0-0  
6.a3** [last book move]

**6...Ne7 7.Bg5** [Black's  
piece can't move: c8]

**7...c6** [Black threatens to  
win material: c6xb5]

**8.d4** [White threatens to  
win material: d4xe5]

**8...Bc7** [Less advisable is  
8...cxb5 9.dxe5 Bxe5  
10.Nxe5±]

**9.dxe5 Ng4 10.Bc4 h6**  
[Black threatens to win  
material: h6xg5]

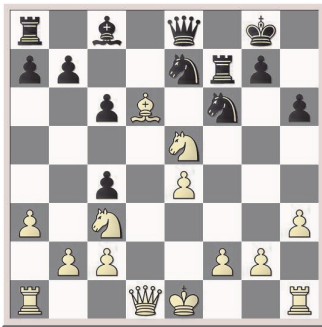
[Inferior is 10...Bxe5  
11.Nxe5 Nxe5 12.Ba2±]

**1 1 . B h 4 Q e 8 ?**  
[Δ11...Nxe5 is a viable  
option 12.Nxe5 Bxe5=]



12.Bg3+- Ng6 13.e6 d5  
 14.Bxc7 dxc4 15.Bd6  
 Ne7? [Δ15...Bxe6 16.h3  
 Nf6 17.Bxf8 Qxf8+-]

16.h3 Nf6 17.exf7+ Rxf7  
 18.Ne5 1-0



Game 3

Gorovets,A. (2633) –  
 Kadric,Denis (2604)  
 2015 Texas Collegiate  
 Houston (3), 24.10.2015

[B07: Pirc Defense: Mis-  
 cellaneous Systems]

1.e4 d6 2.d4 Nf6 3.f3 c5  
 4.d5 g6 5.c4 Bg7 6.Ne2  
 [last book move]

6...e6 7.Nec3 Nh5 8.Be3  
 exd5 9.cxd5 [Not 9.Nxd5  
 Bxb2 10.Nd2 Nc6±;  
 9.Qxd5?! 0-0=]

9...f5 10.exf5 gxf5  
 11.Bb5+ Nd7 12.f4 Nhf6

13.h3 [Black has a  
 cramped position. Black's  
 piece can't move: c8]

13...0-0 [Black castles  
 and improves king safety]

14.0-0 [Black has a  
 cramped position. Black's  
 piece can't move: c8]

14...Re8 15.Re1 Ne4  
 [Δ15...a6!? 16.Bd3 b5±]

16.Nxe4= fxe4 17.Nc3 a6  
 [Black threatens to win  
 material: a6xb5]

18.Bf1 b5 19.a3 Bb7  
 20.Bf2 Nb6 21.Nxe4  
 Bxd5 22.Qc2 [22.Bd3  
 Bxb2 23.Rb1±]

22...Ra7 [22...Qd7  
 23.Nc3=]

23.Ng5 [White threatens  
 to win material: Ng5xh7]

[Δ23.Rad1!±]

23...h6= [Black threatens  
 to win material: h6xg5]

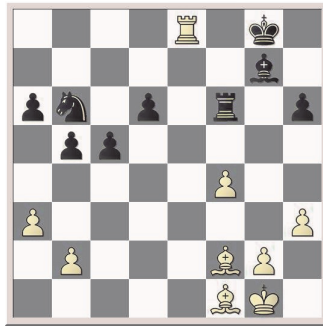
24.Qh7+ Kf8 25.Qf5+  
 Kg8 26.Ne6 Rxe6  
 27.Rxe6 [White wins the  
 exchange]

27...Rf7 28.Qg6 Bxe6  
 29.Qxe6 Qd7 [Worse is  
 29...Bxb2 30.Rd1 Qf6  
 31.Rxd6 Qxe6 32.Rxe6±]

30.Re1 Qxe6 31.Rxe6  
 Rf6 32.Re8+ Rf8 [Black  
 threatens to win material:  
 Rf8xe8]

33.Re6 [White threatens  
 to win material: Re6xd6]

33...Rf6 34.Re8+ ½-½



Game 4

Kadric,Denis (2604) –  
 Baryshpolets,Andrii  
 2015 Texas Collegiate  
 Houston (4), 25.10.2015

[C4: Giuoco Piano: 4 c3  
 Nf6, main lines with 5 d4  
 and 5 d3]

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4  
 Bc5 4.0-0 d6 5.c3 Nf6

6.d3 a6 7.Bb3 Ba7 8.Re1  
h6 9.Nbd2 0-0 10.h3 Nh5  
11.Nf1 Qf6 12.Ne3 Nf4  
13.Ng4 Qg6 14.Bxf4 ex-  
f4 15.d4 Bxg4 16.hxg4  
Qxg4 [last book move]

17.a4 Ne7 18.e5 [White  
gets more space]

18...d5 19.Bc2 Qe6  
20.Qd3 g6 21.a5 Kg7  
22.b4 c6 23.Nd2 Rad8  
24.Qf3 g5 25.Qh5 f5?  
[Δ25...Rg8= would keep  
Black alive]

26.exf6+- Qxf6 27.Nf3  
[Δ27.Qh3 Rd6 28.Re2+-]

27...Ng8?? [strolling  
merrily down the path to  
disaster]

[Δ27...Rfe8 28.Ne5  
Ng8±]

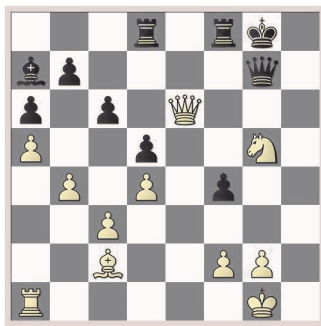
28.Re5+- Qf7 [28...Rf7  
what else? 29.Qg4 Kf8+-]

29.Rxg5+! [touché!]

29...hxg5 [29...Kh8 pray-  
ing for a miracle 30.Rg6  
Rd6+-]

30.Qxg5+ Kh8 31.Qh4+  
Nh6 32.Qxh6+ Kg8

33.Ng5 Qg7 34.Qe6+  
[34.Qe6+ Rf7 35.Bh7+  
(35.Qxf7+?! Qxf7 36.Nxf7  
Kxf7±) 35...Kh8 36.Nxf7+  
Kxh7 37.Nxd8+-] 1-0



Game 5

Zherebukh, Y. (2724) –  
Kadric, Denis (2604)  
2015 Texas Collegiate  
Houston (5), 25.10.2015

[B00: Queen's Fianchetto  
Defense, Nimzowitsch  
Defense]

1.e4 d6 2.d4 Nf6 3.Nc3  
Nc6 4.Nf3 g6 5.Bb5 a6  
6.Bxc6+ bxc6 7.h3 Bg7  
8.0-0 0-0 9.Re1 [last book  
move]

9...Nd7 10.Be3 [Black  
has a cramped position]

10...Rb8 [Black threatens  
to win material: Rb8xb2]

11.Rb1 c5 12.dxc5 Rxb2  
[Instead of 12...dxc5  
13.Qd3±]

13.Rxb2 Bxc3 [Black  
forks: b2+e1]

14.Rb3 Bxe1 15.Qxe1  
Nxc5 [Weaker is  
15...dxc5 16.Rd3 c4  
17.Rd1±]

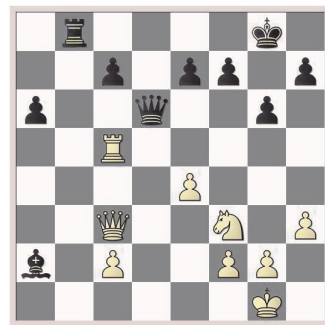
16.Bxc5 dxc5 [Black has  
a cramped position.]

17.Rc3 Qd6 18.Qe3  
[White threatens to win  
material: Qe3xc5]

18...Be6 [Black threatens  
to win material: Be6xa2]

19.Rxc5 Bxa2 [Black has  
a new passed pawn: a6]

20.Qc3 Rb8 ½-½



## 19th Annual Texas Grade Championships

For additional info: <http://www.dallaschess.com/2015%20Texas%20Grade/index.htm>

The 2015 K-6th and 7th-12th Grade Championships were held in Houston between **October 23rd** and **October 25th**. There were 334 participants. The **K-6th Championship** was a 6-round Swiss System tournament and the **7th-12th Championship** was a 5-round Swiss System tournament. **See photos on Page 29.**

There were six **12th-Grade** participants. **NM Daniel J Ng** won the section with a score of 4.5/5.0.

There were ten **11th-Grade** participants. **NM Curran Han** won the section with a score of 4.5/5.0.

There were five **10th-Grade** participants. **NM Sam Land Capocyan** and **Luke Lopez** shared the top spot with a score of 4.0/5.0.

There were fifteen **9th-Grade** participants. **NM Bovey Liu** and **WFM Devina Devagharan** shared the top spot with a score of 4.0/5.0.

There were thirty-six **8th-Grade** participants. **WFM Emily Quyn Nguyen** and **Atharv Sonawane** shared the top spot with a score of 4.5/5.0.

There were forty-four **7th-Grade** participants. **Andrew Mao** and **Charles Hawthorn** shared the top spot with a score of 4.5/5.0.

There were forty-two **6th-Grade** participants. **Adolfo Balderas Jr.** won the section with a score of 5.5/6.0.

There were forty-three **5th-Grade** participants. **Yanke Wang** won the section with a score of 5.5/6.0.

There were thirty-seven **4th-Grade** participants. **Shelev Oberoi** won the section with a score of 5.5/6.0.

There were thirty-three **3rd-Grade** participants. **Vinh The Pham, Kabir Ahmed, Vedant Patil** and **Vinh Welsh** shared the top spot with a score of 5.0/6.0.

There were thirty-three **2nd-Grade** participants. **Sri Raghuraja, Kumar Aakarshan** and **Nethul Perera** shared the top spot with a score of 5.0/6.0.

There were nineteen **1st-Grade** participants. **Alexander Sun, Kellen Wang** and **Tony Jin** shared the top spot with a score of 5.0/6.0.

There were eleven **Kindergarten** participants. **Klym Anderson** was undefeated with a score of 6.0/6.0.

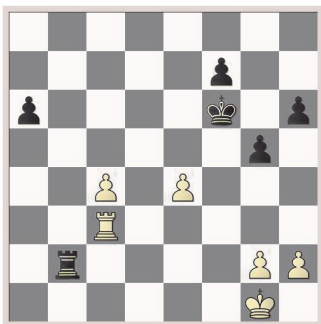
## 2nd Annual Millionaire Chess

For additional info: <https://millionairechess.com>

The **2nd Annual Millionaire Chess** tournament was held in **Las Vegas, Nevada** this year between October 8th and October 12th. Texas was represented by some of our top young players. Both **GM Jeffery Xiong** and **NM Ruifeng Li** played in the tournament. Following are games played by each.

**Li,Ruifeng (2446) – Stewart,W.J. (2297) [B42]**  
Las Vegas Millionaire op  
Las Vegas (4), 09.10.2015

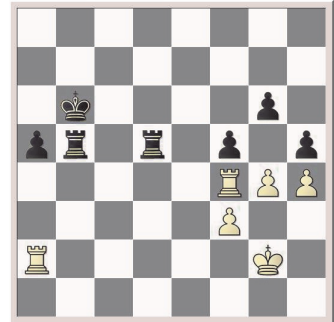
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**Zhang,Xiaopeng (2279) – Li,Ruifeng (2446) [C60]**  
Las Vegas Millionaire op  
Las Vegas (5), 10.10.2015

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 g6 4.0-0 Bg7 5.c3 Nge7 6.d4 exd4 7.cxd4 a6 8.Ba4 b5 9.Bb3 0-0 10.Nc3 Na5 11.Bc2 d6 12.h3 c5 13.Bf4 cxd4 14.Nxd4 Bb7 15.Re1 Nc4 16.Rb1 Rc8 17.Qd3 Qb6 18.Red1 Rfe8 19.Bb3 d5 20.e5 Nxe5 21.Bxe5 Bxe5 22.Nf3 Bf6 23.Nxd5 Nxd5 24.Bxd5 Bxd5 25.Qxd5 Re2 26.Nd4 Bxd4 27.Rxd4 Qf6 28.Rf1 Rxb2 29.g3 Qc6 30.Qxc6 Rxc6 31.a4 b4 32.Rf4 Rb6 33.Re1 Rb7 34.a5 Ra2 35.Ree4 Rxa5 36.Rxb4 Ra7 37.h4 h5 Bxe5 38.Kg2 Re5 39.Ra4 a5 40.Rfc4 Rf5 41.Rd4 Kg7 Bg4 42.Ra2 Kf6 43.Re4 Re5 44.Rf4+ Ke6 45.f3 Rb7 b6 46.Kh3 Rbb5 47.Rfa4 Kd6 48.Kg2 Kc6 49.Rf4 Rf5 50.Rfa4 Kb6 51.g4

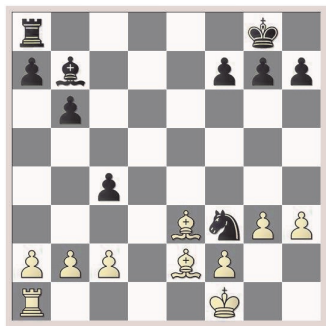
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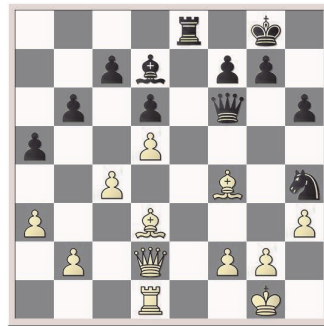
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1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 e6 3.g3 d5 4.exd5 exd5 5.d4 Nc6 6.Bg2 c4 7.0-0 Bd6 8.Nc3 Nge7 9.Ne5 0-0 10.Nxd5 Nxd5 11.Bxd5 Bxe5 12.dxe5 Nxe5 13.Bg2 Qxd1 14.Rxd1 Bg4 15.Rd4 Rfd8 16.Rxd8+ Rxd8 17.Be3 b6 18.h3 Bf3 19.Bf1 Bb7 20.Be2 Nf3+ 21.Kf1 Ra8 ½-½





46.Rxb5 Nb2 47.Kf3 Kb1  
 48.Ke2 Kc2 49.Rc5+ Kb3  
 50.Rc8 Kb4 51.Kd2 Na4  
 52.Kd3 Nc5+ 53.Kd4  
 Nb3+ 54.Kd5 Nd2 55.Rc2  
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 Nb3 60.Rc2 Kb5 ½-½

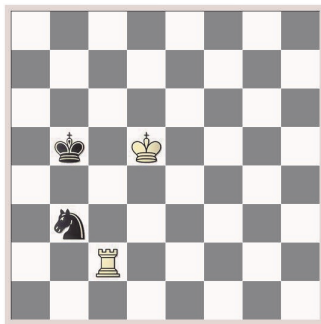


**Xiong,Jeffery (2537) – Garcia,Gildardo (2397) [C80]**  
 Las Vegas Millionaire op  
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1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5  
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 Be7 11.Bc2 d4 12.Nb3 d3  
 13.Bb1 Nxb3 14.axb3 Bf5  
 15.Be3 0-0 16.Bd4 Qd5  
 17.Re1 Bc5 18.Bxd3  
 Bxd3 19.Qxd3 Bxd4  
 20.cxd4 h6 21.Rac1  
 Rad8 22.Red1 Rd7  
 23.Qc3 Nd8 24.b4 Ne6  
 25.Rd2 Rfd8 26.Rcd1 g5  
 27.Ne1 a5 28.Nc2 axb4  
 29.Nxb4 Qe4 30.f3 Qf5  
 31.Nc6 Ra8 32.d5 Nf4  
 33.Qb4 Kg7 34.Qxb5  
 Re8 35.Nd4 Qxe5  
 36.Qxd7 Qe3+ 37.Kf1 1-0

**Sanchez Saez,F. (2223) – Xiong,Jeffery (2537) [B21]**  
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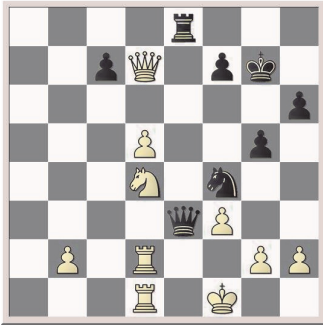
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 10.0-0 Nd7 11.Ng5 g6  
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 14.Nxf7 dxe5 15.Qg4  
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 28.Qc7 Qxc7 29.Bxc7  
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 31.Rd8+ Kb7 32.Re1 Kc6  
 33.Rh8 h5 34.h4 g5  
 35.Rh6+ Kc5 36.hxg5  
 Rxc3 37.e5 Nd3 38.Re2  
 Nxe5 39.Rh2 Nd3  
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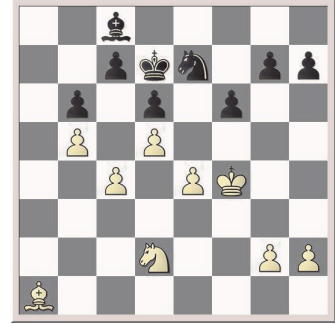
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 Las Vegas Millionaire op  
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 Nd6 6.Nxe5 Be7 7.Bf1  
 Nxe5 8.Rxe5 0-0 9.Nc3  
 Bf6 10.Re1 b6 11.Nd5  
 Bb7 12.Nxf6+ Qxf6 13.d4  
 Rfe8 14.a3 Rxe1  
 15.Qxe1 Re8 16.Be3 h6  
 17.Qd2 Nf5 18.Bf4 d6  
 19.Rd1 Bd5 20.c4 Bc6  
 21.d5 Bd7 22.Bd3 a5  
 23.h3 Nh4 24.Bg3 Nf5  
 25.Bf4 Nh4 ½-½





1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 29.f4 exf4 30.Bxd7 Kxd7  
Bb4+ 4.Nbd2 d6 5.a3 31.Kf3 f6 32.Kxf4 Ne7  
Bxd2+ 6.Qxd2 Nbd7 7.e3 33.b5 Bc8 ½-½  
Qe7 8.b4 b6 9.Bb2 Bb7  
10.Be2 0-0 11.0-0 a5  
12.Qc2 Rfe8 13.Nd2 e5  
14.d5 axb4 15.axb4 Qf8  
16.e4 Rxa1 17.Rxa1 Ra8  
18.Re1 Ra2 19.Qb1 Ra4  
20.Bc3 Ra3 21.Qb2 Qa8  
22.Ra1 Rxa1+ 23.Qxa1  
Qxa1+ 24.Bxa1 Kf8  
25.Bd1 Ke8 26.Ba4 Kd8  
27.f3 Ba6 28.Kf2 Ng8



**Raznikov, Danny (2514) –  
Xiong, Jeffery (2537) [E11]**  
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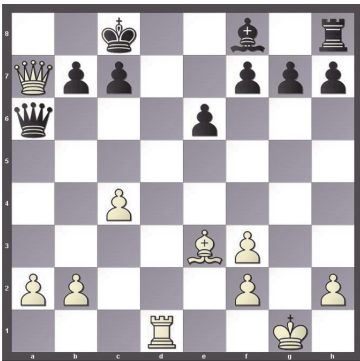


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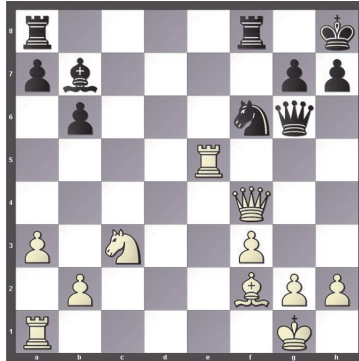
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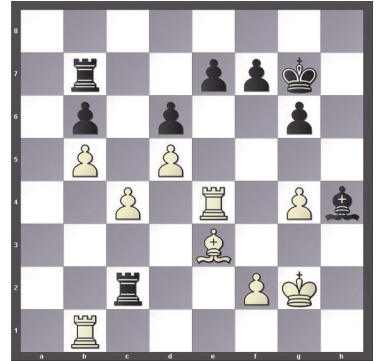
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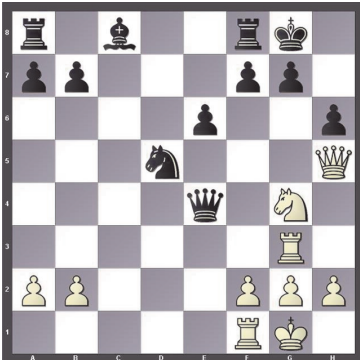
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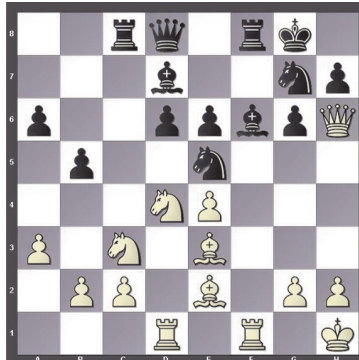
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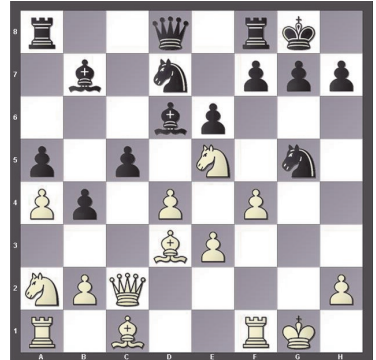
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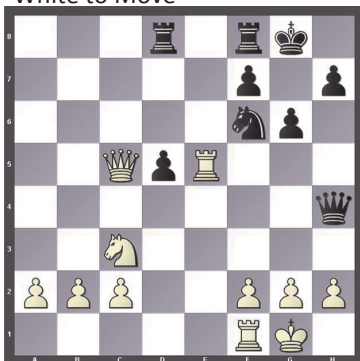
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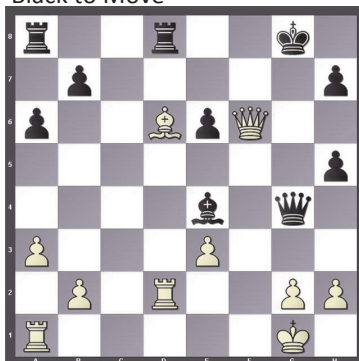
**5. David Li —Christopher Toolin**  
*Southwest Open 2015*  
Black to Move



**6. Rithik Polavaram—Conrad Holt**  
*Southwest Open 2015*  
Black to Move



**7. Denis Kadric—Zurab Javakhadze**  
*Southwest Open 2015*  
Black to Move



**8. Conrad Holt — Danny Raznikov**  
*Southwest Open 2015*  
Black to Move



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<b>Overall</b>		<b>Age 18 (continued)</b>		<b>Age 13 (continued)</b>				
7	Onischuk, Alexander	2742	66	Johnson, Perry Vishal	2058	49	Fan, William G	1961
10	Zherebukh, Yaroslav	2721	95	Xiang, Ellen	1979	50	Srivatsav, Aadarsh	1959
19	Ramirez, Alejandro	2655				55	Huo, Rannon	1953
20	Moradiabadi, Elshan	2654		<b>Age 17</b>		57	Kao, Camille Y	1947
24	Xiong, Jeffery	2639	18	Malhotra, Akshay	2260	62	Huang, Max	1920
25	Sadorra, Julio C	2637	54	Shao, Andy	2102	63	Sonawane, Atharv	1918
26	Maciejka, Bartlomiej	2632	59	Munoz, Claudia E	2072	67	Dong, Dylan Roswell	1909
28	Kritz, Leonid	2629	86	Shan, Devan	1992	95	Li, David C	1831
30	Gorovets, Andrey	2625						
41	Berczes, David	2604		<b>Age 16</b>			<b>Age 12</b>	
44	Hernandez, Holden	2602	14	Vaidya, Atulya	2258	12	Gu, Brian Fanyuan	2159
60	Yotov, Valentin L	2570	28	Han, Curran	2213	31	Kung, Thomas	1989
68	Yang, Darwin	2563	29	Lu, Andrew H	2209	41	Frutos, Chase	1952
70	Duque, Raymond D	2559	35	Obili, Abhishek Reddy	2186	42	Hawthorn, Charles	1948
72	Li, Ruifeng	2549	49	Nguyen, Duy Minh	2090	44	Nguyen, Dang Minh	1944
79	Drozdzowski, Kacper	2541	59	Wlezien, Alexander	2059	47	Buergler, Jacob Bede	1942
91	Cornejo, Max	2522	61	Brannon, Joshua Scott	2056	55	Wang, Jason	1907
			62	Jacob, Andrew	2053	58	Narang, Ijay	1898
			73	Mao, Marcus S	2028	61	Tsuei, Kai	1888
			76	Xiang, Evan	2021	67	Mao, Andrew Sun-Rong	1874
			88	Nandula, Ram Aditya	1990	81	Ganesh, Anirudh	1824
						92	Bandi, Rohit Choudary	1794
						97	Tian, Samuel Walter	1784
				<b>Age 15</b>				
			1	<b>Xiong, Jeffery</b>	<b>2639</b>			
2	Bradford, Joseph Mark	2452	10	Lin, Dachev	2334		<b>Age 11</b>	
23	Simms, Gary	2210	12	He, Tommy	2292	10	Metpally, Jason	2062
30	Crispin, Thomas A	2200	27	Capocyan, Sam Lander Cabrera	2217	12	Vivekananthan, Anish	2053
55	Sutherland, Don C	2179	34	Nguyen, Anthony Quan	2174	15	Wang, Yanke	1994
84	Patteson, B L	2085	65	Hsieh, David	2058	26	Balderas, Adolfo Augusto, Jr	1926
88	Hubka, James L	2079	93	Han, Qiyu	1953	27	Frutos, Cole Nicholas	1922
92	Chase, Stephen M	2058				40	Prabu, Advait	1866
96	Mapes, Robert L	2054		<b>Age 14</b>		46	Yan, Austin K	1836
			2	Li, Ruifeng	2549	57	Shi, Eric	1796
			10	Liu, Bovey	2256	86	Wei, Alexander Gotuaco	1732
			38	Frenkel, Benjamin	2071	92	Romo, Benjamin	1719
			42	Premkumar, Hiren	2058			
			53	Nguyen, Khoa Minh	2030		<b>Age 10</b>	
			55	Trakru, Priya Nikita	2029	2	Wang, Justin	2232
			65	Devagharan, Devina	1999	5	Hung, Daniel	2094
			66	Eliezer, Segev	1994	7	Vaidya, Atreya	2060
			75	Weisberg, Mark Layne	1971	22	Zhu, Harvey	1896
			83	Yu, Ray	1957	30	Hawthorn, Henry	1830
			100	Verma, Ritik	1915	35	McNutt, William Howard	1811
						36	Nguyen, Anh Nhu	1807
						43	Kumarappan, Ganesh	1745
1	<b>Yang, Darwin</b>	<b>2563</b>		<b>Age 13</b>		54	Ma, Albert Z	1713
14	Pamatmat, Jarod John M	2310	14	Xie, Tianming	2225	58	Pullabhotla, Venkata Naga, Jr	1694
18	Ng, Daniel J	2277	15	Nguyen, Emily Quynh	2201	100	Mahajan, Jai	1568
20	Jiang, Austin Z	2270	38	Kirumaki, Ronit	2010			
21	Chiang, Sarah	2257	40	Liu, Kevin	2004			
49	Jiang, Alexander D	2105	43	Palang, Warren Jesse	1975			
54	Lu, Tommy	2094	44	Krishnan, Aadarsh	1974			



<b>Age 9</b>			<b>Women</b>			<b>Blitz Overall</b>		
2	Polavaram, Rithik Sai	2048	9	Danelia, Mariam	2344	3	Ramirez, Alejandro	2821
7	Trakru, Rohun	1925	10	Foisor, Sabina-Francesca	2332	12	Moradiabadi, Elshan	2718
10	Oberoi, Shelev	1907	21	Chiang, Sarah	2257	15	Sadorra, Julio C	2686
16	Tang, Andrew	1857	31	Salazar, Aura Cristina	2226	40	Li, Ruifeng	2534
47	Yang, Benjamin	1633	34	Nguyen, Emily Quynh	2201	40	Cornejo, Max	2534
78	Casas, Michael	1498	59	Guerrero Rodriguez, Alejandra	2073	69	Harper, Warren Thomas	2441
87	Lu, Hubert	1459	60	Munoz, Claudia E	2072	87	De Jesus, Jeffrey	2418
91	Razo, Joaquin	1452	69	De La Parra, Daniela	2039	88	Aleskerov, Faik	2416
99	Patil, Vedant	1413	72	Trakru, Priya Nikita	2029	89	Breckenridge, Steven James	2415
			74	Xiang, Evan	2021	100	Rodriguez, Daniel	2392
			75	Root, Alexey Wilhelmina	2005			
			77	Devagharan, Devina	1999	<b>Blitz Women</b>		
			84	Xiang, Ellen	1979	19	Guerrero Rodriguez, Alejandra	2018
<b>Age 8</b>			<b>Girls Under 21</b>			27	Nguyen, Emily Quynh	1872
24	Pathak, Rudransh	1561				33	Trakru, Priya Nikita	1792
26	Capocyan, John Patrick	1557	5	Chiang, Sarah	2257	80	Nguyen, Anh Nhu	1522
28	Pham, Vinh The	1535	11	Salazar, Aura Cristina	2226	<b>Quick Overall</b>		
31	Ahmed, Kabir	1510	13	Nguyen, Emily Quynh	2201	6	Onischuk, Alexander	2661
55	Welsh, Vinh	1388	22	Munoz, Claudia E	2072	19	Yotov, Valentin L	2593
58	Yang, Kevin	1368	30	Trakru, Priya Nikita	2029	31	Moradiabadi, Elshan	2549
75	Senthil, Arjun	1307	32	Xiang, Evan	2021	32	Duque, Raymond D	2548
83	Mi, Andrew	1286	33	Devagharan, Devina	1999	33	Gorovets, Andrey	2542
84	Lau, Ignatius	1283	37	Xiang, Ellen	1979	35	Sadorra, Julio C	2531
92	Podder, Ronit	1249	51	Palang, Caissa	1955	40	Ramirez, Alejandro	2523
			56	Kao, Camille Y	1947	79	Xiong, Jeffery	2416
<b>Age 7 and Under</b>			59	Yang, Sylvia Siyuan	1938	81	Cornejo, Max	2414
11	Kunka, Harshid	1459	70	Zhao, Annie	1892	100	Milovanovic, Rade	2376
17	Wang, Kellen	1392	71	Palakollu, Samritha	1884			
18	Miramontes, Luis	1388	<b>Girls Under 16</b>			<b>Quick Women</b>		
26	Raghuraja, Sri Avishkar	1328	8	Nguyen, Emily Quynh	2201	5	Foisor, Sabina-Francesca	2342
34	Nguyen, Sebastian Thien	1252	12	Trakru, Priya Nikita	2029	7	Chiang, Sarah	2243
45	Li, Rachael	1184	13	Devagharan, Devina	1999	11	Salazar, Aura Cristina	2189
49	Saldivar, Felix, Jr	1167	25	Kao, Camille Y	1947	25	Devagharan, Devina	2017
51	Aakarshan, Kumar	1160	34	Palakollu, Samritha	1884	28	Guerrero Rodriguez, Alejandra	1988
65	Zhu, Harrison Lee	1131	56	Nguyen, Brittany Mong-Tran	1812	30	Munoz, Claudia E	1983
82	Krishna, Kavin	1076	58	Nguyen, Anh Nhu	1807	32	Trakru, Priya Nikita	1970
84	Mcnutt, Kaitlynn Lee	1073	67	Abella, Clarissa Louise	1783	34	Root, Alexey Wilhelmina	1946
88	Gonzalez, Gael Nicolas	1066	91	Qureshi, Sadia	1689	44	Yang, Sylvia Siyuan	1889
93	Jin, Tony	1046	93	Zhu, Yining	1677	47	Niemi, Nicole Elizabeth	1884
99	Lin, Matthew	1030	<b>Girls Under 13</b>			50	Zhao, Annie	1873
<b>Correspondence</b>			17	Nguyen, Anh Nhu	1807	62	Nguyen, Emily Quynh	1836
20	Mcgregor, Stephen Dean	2305	39	Dadwal, Saanvi	1581	68	Xiang, Evan	1812
21	Horwitz, Danny	2304	41	Cheng, Angela	1572	80	Nguyen, Brittany Mong-Tran	1765
28	Cross, Gregory	2273	47	Cedillo Bocanegra, Ana Karen	1552	86	Xiang, Ellen	1756
50	Bonnell, Leo W	2200	63	Yellamraju, Ambica	1495			
61	Calogridis, Michael S	2158	75	Zhou, Julia	1472			
66	Mccann, David R	2145						

## Tactics Time! Answers

### Answers:

1. **17.Qb8+!! Kxb8 18.Rd8#**
  2. **23...Nd7** double discovered attack **24.Qg5 Nxe5** (variation from the game)
  3. **39.g5** discovered attack trapping the bishop **39...Bxg5 40.Bxg5+** (variation from the game)
  4. **22.Nxh6+ Kh8 23.Nf5+ Kg8 24.Rxg7#** (variation from the game)
  5. **23...Nf7** attacks the White Queen which has no good escape squares. If **24.Qh3 e5** double discovered attack. If **24.Qf4 Bxd4 25.Bxd4 e5** fork.
  6. **16...Nh3#** (variation from the game)
  7. **21...Ng4** attacks the rook and threatens Qxh3#. White cannot meet both threats. **22.h3 Nxe5** (variation from the game)
  8. **30...Rxd6** White cannot recapture because of **31.Rxd6 Qxg2#** (variation from the game)
- Cover. 24.Bh3!!** Skewers the Black Queen and Knight. Black cannot capture the bishop because of **24...Qxh3 25.Qg7#**

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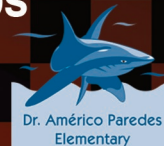
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## Touch and Move! by WCM Claudia Muñoz

It was only a one hour trip by land from Del Rio, Texas to a small Mexican town called Zaragoza in the state of Coahuila in Northern Mexico but it was an impacting journey for me. I received a Facebook message about six weeks ago from a chess organizer in Zaragoza who invited me to play in his tournament. He explained that the city tourism department had backed him all year long into hosting five chess tournaments in his town, they were going to host the sixth and last one of the year so he was inviting me to participate on November 21. After thinking about it, I decided to participate since it was only one hour by land from the U.S. Border. I knew I was being invited because I am Hispanic and I have a large social media following from Mexico among my followers.



When I announced to my 7,000 plus followers in Facebook and 3,000 followers in Twitter that I would be attending the '6<sup>th</sup> Chess Open' in Zaragoza, the organizer told me that they received numerous messages asking about the event.



Zaragoza is In the middle of nowhere, an hour away from the Mexican cities of Acuña and Piedras Negras each with 100,000 in population. However no one really needs to travel to this small town to play chess – but it happened as 40 players showed up to the event including International Master Florentino Garmendez and his brother FIDE Master Carlos Garmendez both from Monterrey, Mexico (a four hour drive). In addition the tournament did not have a prize fund and even in those conditions three of us who had FIDE titles and over 50% of the participants came from other cities to this small town to play chess – simply incredible.

When my father and I arrived at the Zaragoza Cultural Center, a representative from the Zaragoza Tourism Office along with Paul Alejandro (the chess organizer) where at the entrance to welcome us. On the wall there was an enormous sign with my name welcoming me as their special guest to the event. Under the sign they posted a wall display in Spanish with my entire chess history along with pictures.



I was overwhelmed!

As the tournament hall filled, the local town Mayor arrived to welcome the players in a short but sweet opening ceremony. He gave us a brief account of the history of Zaragoza. I was asked to sit on board 1 so that the Mayor could go ahead and make the ceremonial first chess move. Once this happened the tournament started!



We played a total of five rounds at a G/45 sudden death time control, which was a new experience for me. Also not many people have official ratings in Mexico so one has to be extremely cautious and not carry our “rating mentality”. I won my first, third, fourth and fifth round games but I lost the second round to Baldemar Herrera Murillo who had a low rating but lots of experience. Actually I had faced him in another tournament in Coahuila in April (I try to play in at least two chess tournaments in Mexico per year) and I barely won that time.

Since there was no prize fund and this was an unrated event – the threat of cheating was non-existent! Each game for me was

hard fought, nothing was easy as several players were easily at EXPERT strength back home.

The TOP 5 Final Standings were:

- I.M. Florentino Garmendez 4.5
- Carlos Montes 4.5
- FM Carlos Garmendez 4.0
- WCM Claudia Munoz 4.0
- Baldemar Herrera Murillo 4.0

I would unequivocally participate in this event again as the people were so warm and friendly as well as talkative. They had so many questions about U.S. Chess as well as Texas chess tournaments and I could see in their eyes that they were proud of me as an American of Mexican Heritage.



I am including two games from this event for my readers. It was an honour to represent Texas Chess in Coahuila, Mexico!

**Vazquez Mendoza, J. A. – Munoz, Claudia (2069)**  
6to Torneo de Ajedrez Abierto Zaragoza Zaragoza (4),  
21.11.2015

[C06: French Tarrasch:  
3...Nf6 4 e5 Nfd7 5 Bd3  
main lines]

**1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nd2  
Nf6 4.e5 Nfd7 5.Bd3 c5  
6.c3 Nc6 7.Ne2 cxd4  
8.cxd4 Qb6 9.Nf3 Bb4+  
10.Bd2** [last book move]

**10...f6 11.exf6 Nxf6**  
[White has a very active  
position. Black has a new  
backward pawn: e6]

**12.0-0** [White castles and  
improves king safety]

**12...0-0** [White has a very  
active position]

**13.a3** [White threatens to  
win material: a3xb4]

**13...Bd6 14.b4 a6**  
[Secures b5]

**15.Bf4 Bxf4 16.Nxf4 Ne4  
17.Ne2 e5** [17...h6  
18.Qc1±]

**18.Bxe4± dxe4 19.Nxe5  
Nxe5 20.dxe5** [White has  
a new passed pawn: e5.]

**20...Bf5 21.Qd4** [White  
threatens to win material:  
Qd4xb6]

**21...Qe6** [21...Qxd4  
22.Nxd4 Rad8 23.Rad1±]

**22.Nf4±** [The knight in-  
tends Ne2-f4-d5-e3]

**22...Qh6 23.Qc4+**  
[23.g3!?!±]

**23...Kh8± 24.Nd5**  
[24.Ne2 Rae8±]

**24...Rae8** [Black threat-  
ens to win material:  
Re8xe5]

[24...Rac8 25.Qe2 Qe6  
26.Ne3 Qxe5 27.Nxf5  
Qxf5 28.Qe3=]

**25.Qc7** [White threatens  
to win material: Qc7xb7]

**25...Qe6 26.Ne3** [Blocks  
the pawn on e4]

[26.Qxb7? is worthless  
because of 26...Rb8  
27.Nc7 Rxb7 28.Nxe6  
Bxe6-+]

**26...Rf7** [Black threatens  
to win material: Rf7xc7]

**27.Qd6 Qxe5 28.Qxe5**  
[White has a mate threat]

**28...Rxe5 29.Nxf5 Rxf5**  
[A double rook endgame  
occurred]

**30.Rae1** [White threatens  
to win material: Re1xe4]

**30...Re5 31.Re3 h6  
32.Rfe1 Ref5** [Black  
threatens to win material:  
Rf5xf2]

**33.R1e2 Rd7 34.Rxe4  
Rd1+ 35.Re1** [White  
threatens to win material:  
Re1xd1]

**35...Rd2** [Black threatens  
to win material: Rd2xf2]

**36.R4e2 Rd3 37.Ra2  
Rb3 38.h3 Rd5 39.Re3**  
[White threatens to win  
material: Re3xb3]

[△39.Re7!?! b6 40.g3±]

**39...Rd1+= 40.Kh2 Rxe3  
41.fxe3** [White has a new  
passed pawn: e3.]

**41...Re1 42.e4 Rxe4  
43.Rd2 Re3 44.a4 Rb3**  
[Black threatens to win  
material: Rb3xb4]

45.Rd4 Kh7 46.Rg4 g5 9...Be7 [9...Bxf3 10.Bxf3 19.Nc6 Qb7 20.Nxe7+  
 47.Rc4 Kg6 48.g4 Kf6 Bd6 11.Bxd6 Qxd6 12.0- [Δ20.g4!? and White can  
 49.Rd4 [Δ49.Re4!?= 0=] already relax 20...Bxg4  
 might be a viable alterna- 21.hxg4 Nxg4+-]

49...Ke5f [49...Ke5 10.Rc4 Kd5f] 0-1



**Munoz, Claudia (2069) –  
 Alcalá, J. A. (1500)**

6to Torneo de Ajedrez Ab-  
 ierto Zaragoza A Zaragoza,  
 Coahuila, Mexico (5),  
 21.11.2015

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

1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.cxd5  
 cxd5 4.Nc3 Nf6 5.Nf3 a6  
 6.Bf4 Bg4 [last book  
 move]

7.e3 [7.Qb3 Bc8±]

7...e6 [7...Nc6 8.h3 Bxf3  
 9.Qxf3=]

8.h3 [8.Qb3 b5 9.Ne5  
 Bf5±]

8...Bh5 [8...Bxf3 9.Qxf3  
 Bd6 10.Bd3=]

9.Be2 [9.Qb3 b5=]

10.Qb3± b5 11.Rc1 Nbd7

12.a4 [White threatens to  
 win material: a4xb5]

12...b4 [Black threatens  
 to win material: b4xc3]

13.Na2 [White threatens  
 to win material: Na2xb4]

13...Rc8? [Δ13...Ne4=  
 and Black could well hope  
 to play on]

14.Bxa6+- Rxc1+

15.Nxc1 0-0 16.Nd3 Ne4  
 [16...Qa8 17.Bb5 Nb6  
 18.0-0+- (18.Nxb4?! Qa5  
 19.0-0 Qxb4 20.Qxb4  
 Bxb4=) ]

17.Bb5 Ndf6? [17...Nb8  
 18.g4 (18.Nxb4 is clearly  
 inferior 18...Qa5f)  
 18...Bg6 19.Ke2+-]

18.Nde5 [18.Nfe5!? might  
 be the shorter path  
 18...Qb6 19.f3 Rc8  
 20.fxe4 dxe4+-]

18...Qc8 [18...Qc7  
 19.Nc6 Bd6 20.Bxd6  
 Nxd6 21.Qxb4+-]

20...Qxe7 21.Ne5 Rc8  
 22.Nd3 Nd7 [Δ22...Bg6  
 23.Rf1 Qd8+-]

23.Bxd7 Qxd7 24.Qxb4  
 [Δ24.f3 keeps an even  
 firmer grip 24...g5  
 25.Bh2+-]

24...g5± 25.Bh2 Qc6

26.Nc5! [White gets the  
 advantage]

26...Nxc5 27.dxc5 Qxc5  
 28.Qxc5 Rxc5 29.Kd2  
 [29.0-0 Be2 30.Ra1  
 Rc4±]

29...Bg6± 30.Rc1 Rxc1  
 31.Kxc1 Bd3 32.g3  
 [32.b4!? f6±]

32...Kf8 33.f4 gxf4  
 [33...f6!?±]

34.gxf4 Ke7 35.Kd2  
 [35.b4 Kd6±]

35...Bf1 [35...Bf5 36.b4±]

36.h4 Kd7 37.Bg3 Kc6  
 38.b4 1-0

## Coach's Corner - e4! by Robert L. Myers - The 7 Deadly Sins of Chess

One of my students asked me, "Coach, what are the seven deadly sins?" Well, being the academician I am and impressed that he asked me instead of Google, I obliged. The seven deadly sins as viewed by society and literature are: lust, gluttony, greed, sloth, wrath, envy, and pride. Lust – to have an intense desire or need. Gluttony – excess in eating and drinking. Greed - excessive or reprehensible acquisitiveness. Laziness – disinclined to activity or exertion: not energetic or vigorous. Wrath – strong vengeful anger or indignation. Envy – painful or resentful awareness of an advantage enjoyed by another joined with a desire to possess the same advantage. Pride - quality or state of being proud – inordinate self esteem.



After that brief conversation that quickly turned religious, this got me to thinking, there are a few things in chess one should never do. Then there are a few things in chess one should always do. Could there really be seven deadly sins in chess as I mentioned in an earlier issue of Texas Knights? If so what are they? After talking

with a few Grand Master friends, GM Gar-eyev, GM Julio Sadorra, and the most recent winner of Millionaire Open 2, GM Hikaru Nakamura, IM James Rouselle, Expert Robert Rasmussen and GM Irina Krush, through various conversations with these wonderful people, we came up with a combination of things solid chess players should and should not do, The 7 Deadly Sins of Chess.



In no particular order:

1. Every move must have purpose.
2. Don't over task your pieces.
3. Protect every piece, and anticipate an attack
4. When ahead trade.
5. When behind, protect.
6. Multi-purpose your pieces
7. A. B. C. A-lways B-e Looking for C-heckmate.

Check mate from my opponent and check mate against my opponent.

Chess is time and space. Every move must have purpose. If a player carelessly moves pieces without purpose he will lose



"tempo." To put it mildly, "That ain't good." Every move must be calculated to the degree that each subsequent move will work in conjunction with each previous move. Vinnie said to Josh Waitzkin's mom in the Searching for Bobby Fischer movie, "Lady your boy used pieces in combination to attack. Thus, every move must have purpose."

Have you ever had more things to do than you could ever possibly get done? Don't over task your pieces. This is when you are attempting to have , let's say a Rook, cover four pieces all at the same time. Not only is that impractical to do, it is also impossible. A Rook and a Queen may possibly do such a difficult task as they are more versatile. However; even a Queen can only do so much. She can Do almost anything but no self respecting gentleman should allow her to do so. Yes, I'm talking about chess.



Chess pieces are not a part of your body but should be treated as valuable property especially if you are down on material. So, protect every piece, and anticipate an attack. When you do this you will be



ahead, mentally of calculating what pieces are not protected and the options to consider to do so. If an attack is coming you will see it in time and save an extra tempo or time.

"But why did you trade," asked one of my middle school students. My response was elementary. Let's say we are in a battle and I have 100 guys and you have 50 guys, I can trade 50 of my guys for 50 of your guys and I will still have 50 guys and myself. You will only have yourself remaining. That's a simple calculation, when ahead trade and anticipate an attack because your opponent will want to equalize the material advantage. This is the same principle of being behind in material. You will want to recapture every single time unless you can calculate Check-Mate first, which brings us to our final two of the 7 Deadly Sins of Chess. Multi-purpose your pieces and "Always be looking for checkmate."

Attempting to explain this principle to a high school student I asked, "Can you clean your room at home?" "Can you do your

homework?" "Can you go to the theatre?" "Now can you do those things all at the same time?" His answer of course was, "No". This student asked me to try and simplify the principle of "Over-taxing" and the process of multi-purposing your pieces. Some pieces can do more than others. Those pieces that can, should. Those pieces that can't, shouldn't.



We were invited to New Orleans by our CAJUN friends for a "friendly game" of chess. So, we rallied 18 students, travelled across the 22 mile Atchafalaya Basin Bridge to what they termed The Louisiana vs. Texas Bayou Beat Down the day after the NOLA, New Orleans, LA, 2015 Chess Fest, very well organized by Michael Tisserand. The seven-time American Champion GM Irina Krush and Master Michael Rassmusen were there along with everything you could image for chess lovers. It is truly a chess player's paradise. In a lecture at the beautiful Tulane University Campus just hours before our tournament players rated 1400 and above were invited to an exclusive lecture by GM Krush, right before our tournament where

she talked about the single most important thing in chess which is our final deadly sin. Always look for checkmate. GM Krush said in a lecture using a smart board, "This game wasn't going to well for me and then it came to that I don't have checkmate but my opponent, who was having a standout tournament, didn't have checkmate either but I was up a tempo and I had a better position. So I looked for it and it was there in 5 forced moves, checkmate. The younger students I coach have a cute little acronym they like to sing, "A. B. C., A-lways B-elieve C-oach." My mom, would say, "Always bring cash." Actually in this game we love, although not grammatically correct, it's easier to remember A- lways, Be - looking for C-heckmate. That's check mate from my opponent and check mate against my opponent. It is the only way to win or lose.





## Out and About

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Occasionally there is a little extra room in an issue of Texas Knights. For half-page articles, I've provided *Chess Whiz*, but this time I had 2 full pages that I needed to fill. So, I decided to try and find some games played *outside of* Texas, but played by a participant *from* Texas. I found that **CM Justin Wang** participated in the **World Youth and Candidates Championship**, held in Porto Carras, Halkidiki Greece between October 24th and November 6th. He took 3rd place in the U10 Section with a score of 8.5/11.0 Here are some of his games

**Sai, P. S. (1503) –**

**Wang, Justin (2046) [B20]**

Wch U10 Porto Carras (1), 26.10.2015

1.e4 c5 2.g3 Nc6 3.Bg2  
g6 4.Ne2 Bg7 5.c3 d6  
6.d4 cxd4 7.cxd4 Nf6  
8.b3 0-0 9.0-0 Bg4  
10.Bb2 Ne8 11.f3 Bd7  
12.Nd2 b5 13.f4 Qb6  
14.Nf3 Nf6 15.e5 Ng4  
16.Qd2 dxe5 17.h3 exd4  
18.Bxd4 Nxd4 19.Nfxd4  
Rad8 20.Rad1 Nh6 21.g4  
Bc8 22.Qe3 Bxg4  
23.hxg4 Nxg4 24.Qe4  
Rd6 25.f5 Nh6 26.fxg6  
hxg6 27.Qb7 Qxb7  
28.Bxb7 Rfd8 29.Bc6 b4  
30.Be4 Bxd4+ 31.Nxd4  
Rxd4 32.Rde1 Kg7  
33.Bb1 e6 34.Rc1 Rg4+  
35.Kf2 Rd2+ 36.Ke3  
Rgg2 37.Kf3 Ng4 38.Rc4  
Nh2+ 39.Ke3 Nxf1+  
40.Kf3 f5 41.Kf4 Kf6  
42.Be4 e5+ 43.Kf3 Rg3#  
0-1

**Wang, J. (2046) [C77] –**

**Praggnanandhaa, R (2077)**

Wch U10 Porto Carras (6), 31.10.2015

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5  
a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.d3 b5  
6.Bb3 Bc5 7.0-0 d6 8.a4  
Rb8 9.axb5 axb5 10.h3  
h6 11.c3 0-0 12.Re1 Re8  
13.Nbd2 Bb6 14.Nf1 Ne7  
15.Ng3 Ng6 16.Be3 Bxe3  
17.fxe3 Bb7 18.Nh2 Bc8  
19.Rf1 Be6 20.Bxe6 fxe6  
21.Nh5 Rf8 22.Nxf6+  
Rxf6 23.Qh5 Kh7 24.Rxf6  
Qxf6 25.Rf1 Qe7 26.Nf3  
Nf8 27.h4 Kg8 28.g4 Nd7  
29.g5 Qe8 30.Qg4 h5  
31.Qg3 Ra8 32.Qg2 Qg6  
33.Kh2 c5 34.Qc2 c4  
35.d4 exd4 36.exd4 Rf8  
37.Nd2 Rxf1 38.Nxf1 Qf7  
39.Qe2 Qf4+ 40.Kh3 Nf8  
41.Ng3 g6 42.Qd1 Kg7  
43.Qe2 e5 44.dxe5 dxe5  
45.Qd1 Ne6 46.Qd7+ Qf7  
47.Qxb5 Nf4+ 48.Kh2  
Nd3 49.Qb6 Qf2+

50.Qxf2 Nxf2 51.Kg2 Nd1

52.Nf1 Kf7 53.Kf3 Ke6

54.Ne3 Nxb2 55.Nd5

½-½

**Wang, Justin (2046) –**

**Musiolik, D. (1728) [C08]**

Wch U10 Porto Carras (2), 26.10.2015

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nd2 c5  
4.exd5 exd5 5.Ngf3 Nf6  
6.Bb5+ Nc6 7.0-0 Be7  
8.dxc5 0-0 9.Bxc6 bxc6  
10.b4 Qc7 11.Bb2 a5  
12.a3 axb4 13.axb4 Rxa1  
14.Qxa1 Re8 15.Nb3  
Qb7 16.Ne5 Qxb4  
17.Nxc6 Qb7 18.Nxe7+  
Qxe7 19.Bc3 Qd8 20.Re1  
Rxe1+ 21.Qxe1 Qe8  
22.Qxe8+ Nxe8 23.Kf1 f6  
24.Ke2 Kf7 25.Ba5 Ke6  
26.Ke3 Kd7 27.Nd4 Bb7  
28.Kd3 g6 29.Bb6 Ng7  
30.g3 Ne6 31.Nb3 Ba6+  
32.Kc3 Bb5 33.Kb4 Bc6  
34.c3 Bb7 35.Kb5 Bc6+  
36.Ka6 Ng5 37.Ba5 Ne4

38.Kb6 Nxf2 39.Nd4 Ba4  
40.c6+ Kc8 41.Kc5 Ng4  
42.Kb4 Bxc6 43.Nxc6  
Kd7 44.Kc5 Nhx2  
45.Kxd5 Nf1 46.Nd4  
Nxc3 47.c4 Nh5 48.c5  
Nf4+ 49.Ke4 Ne6 50.c6+  
Kd6 51.Nxe6 Kxc6 52.Nf8  
Kd6 53.Nhx7 Ke6 54.Nf8+  
Kf7 55.Nd7 Ke6 56.Nc5+  
Kd6 57.Kd4 f5 58.Bd2 Kc6  
59.Nd3 Kd6 60.Ne5 Ke6  
61.Nxc3 Kd6 62.Nf4 Kc6  
63.Kc4 Kd6 64.Bc3 Kc6  
65.Be5 Kb6 66.Bd6 Kc6  
67.Bc5 Kb7 68.Kb5 Kc7  
69.Bd4 Kb7 70.Bb6 Kc8  
71.Kc6 Kb8 72.Kb5 Kb7  
73.Ne6 f4 74.Nc5+ Ka8  
75.Ne4 Kb8 76.Kc6 Ka8  
77.Nc3 Kb8 78.Nb5 f3  
79.Bf2 Ka8 80.Ba7 f2  
81.Kb6 f1Q 82.Nc7# 1-0

**Mendonca,L.L. (1687) –**

**Wang,Justin (2046) [A45]**

Wch U10 Porto Carras (3), 27.10.2015

1.d4 Nf6 2.Bg5 d5 3.Bxf6  
exf6 4.e3 c6 5.g3 Bd6  
6.Bg2 0-0 7.Ne2 Re8 8.0-0  
Nd7 9.Nd2 f5 10.c4 dxc4  
11.Nxc4 Nf6 12.Nxd6  
Qxd6 13.Nc3 Be6 14.Rc1  
Rad8 15.Qc2 g6 16.Rfd1  
h5 17.h4 Kg7 18.b3 Nd5  
19.Nxd5 Bxd5 20.Qc5 Qb8  
21.Bxd5 Rxd5 22.Qa3 g5  
23.hxc3 h4 24.gxh4 f4  
25.e4 f3 26.e5 Qc8 27.Rc3

Qg4+ 28.Kf1 Qg2+ 29.Ke1  
Qg1+ 30.Kd2 Rxd4+  
31.Rd3 Rxd3+ 32.Kxd3  
Qxd1+ 33.Kc3 Rd8  
34.Qe7 Qd2+ 35.Kc4  
Qd4# 0-1

**Wang,Justin (2046) –**

**Zhou,Aiden (1870) [B22]**

Wch U10 Porto Carras (4), 28.10.2015

1.e4 c5 2.c3 d5 3.exd5  
Qxd5 4.d4 Nc6 5.Nf3 Bg4  
6.Be2 cxd4 7.cxd4 e6 8.0-0  
Qa5 9.h3 Bh5 10.Nc3  
Bb4 11.Bd2 Nge7 12.a3  
Bxc3 13.Bxc3 Qd5 14.g4  
Bg6 15.Ne5 Nxe5 16.dxe5  
Qxd1 17.Rfxd1 Be4  
18.Bb4 Bc6 19.Bd6 Nd5  
20.Rac1 Kd7 21.Rd4 Rac8  
22.f4 g6 23.Bd3 Rhg8  
24.Kf2 a6 25.a4 f5 26.Ra1  
Ra8 27.Rg1 Rac8 28.h4  
Rh8 29.gxf5 gxf5 30.Rg7+  
Ke8 31.Ke2 Rd8 32.Rxd5  
Bxd5 33.Re7+ Kf8  
34.Rxe6+ Kg7 35.Rf6 Be4  
36.Bxe4 fxe4 37.Ke3 h5  
38.Kxe4 Rh6 39.Rxh6  
Kxh6 40.Kf5 Kg7 41.Ke6  
Re8+ 42.Be7 Rc8 43.f5  
Rc6+ 44.Bd6 Rxd6+  
45.exd6 b5 46.d7 b4  
47.d8Q b3 48.Qg5+ Kh7  
49.Kf7 Kh8 50.Qxh5# 1-0

**Wang,Justin (2046) –**

**Tadic,Stefan (1895) [B22]**

Wch U10 Porto Carras (11), 05.11.2015

1.e4 c5 2.c3 d6 3.d4 Nf6  
4.Bd3 g6 5.Nf3 Bg7 6.0-0  
0-0 7.Qe2 Qc7 8.Rd1 e5  
9.Na3 Nh5 10.dxc5 dxc5  
11.g3 Nc6 12.Nc4 Ne7  
13.a4 b6 14.b4 cxb4  
15.cxb4 Nc6 16.b5 Nd4  
17.Nxd4 exd4 18.Ba3 Rd8  
19.Rac1 Bb7 20.Nd6 Qe7  
21.Nxb7 Qxb7 22.Rc6  
Rac8 23.Rdc1 Rxc6  
24.Rxc6 Rc8 25.Qc2 Rxc6  
26.bxc6 Qc7 27.Bd6 Qc8  
28.c7 Nf6 29.Ba6 1-0

**Babazada,K.A. (1938) –**

**Wang,Justin (2046) [A45]**

Wch U10 Porto Carras (10), 04.11.2015

1.d4 Nf6 2.Bf4 e6 3.e3 c5  
4.Nf3 d5 5.c3 Nc6 6.Nbd2  
Bd6 7.Bg3 0-0 8.Bd3 b6  
9.0-0 Bb7 10.Ne5 Ne7  
11.h3 Nf5 12.Bh2 Be7  
13.Qe2 Nd6 14.Rad1 Qc8  
15.Ng4 Nfe4 16.f3 Nxd2  
17.Qxd2 Rd8 18.Qe2 a6  
19.Kh1 b5 20.e4 cxd4  
21.cxd4 Qd7 22.e5 Nf5  
23.Bb1 Rac8 24.Ne3 Nxe3  
25.Qxe3 Rc6 26.f4 f5  
27.exf6 Bxf6 28.g4 g6  
29.Bd3 Re8 30.Rfe1 Qg7  
31.Bb1 Rc4 32.Bg1 g5  
33.b3 Rc7 34.Rf1 Rce7  
35.Bh2 e5 36.fxe5 Bxe5  
37.Qf2 Bxh2 38.Qxh2 Qh6  
39.Rd3 Re1 40.Rdf3 Bc8  
41.Qg3 ½-½

# Grade Tournament Photos

Thanks to All that Contributed!





# Upcoming Events

## December 2015

**DEC. 1, 8, 15, 22 Monthly - Tuesday Night Swiss**

**Info:** <http://www.center64.com>

**DEC. 5 2015 Holiday Red & Green K-12 Classic**

**Info:** <http://www.uschess.org/tlas/6130.tla>

**DEC. 5 2015 DFW K-12 Championships**

**Info:** <http://www.uschess.org/tlas/6157.tla>

**DEC. 5 Texas Junior Teams**

**Info:** Eddie Rios,(361)455-3682 or edrios54@hotmail.com

**DEC. 12 Lewisville Elementary K-12 Fall Chess Tournament**

**Info:** <http://www.uschess.org/tlas/6153.tla>

**DEC. 12 Many Springs 83**

**Info:** Aurelio Gonzalez, 817-789-8360 or agonzalejr@yahoo.com

**DEC. 12 Winter 2015 Chess Tournament**

**Info:** <http://www.uschess.org/tlas/6094.tla>

**DEC. 12 Corpus Christi Chess Clinic December Chess Battle**

**Info:** Steve Blustein, 361-429-0204

**DEC. 12 Backyard BBQ Open**

**Info:** Eddie Rios,(361)455-3682 or edrios54@hotmail.com

**DEC. 12-13 2015 DCC Fide Open XIV**

**Info:** Barb Swafford, 214-632-9000 or info@dallaschess.com

**DEC. 19-21 2015 Dallas Absolute**

**Info:** Barb Swafford, 214-632-9000 or info@dallaschess.com

**DEC. 30-31 DCC New Year's Eve INSANITY**

**Info:** Barb Swafford, 214-632-9000 or info@dallaschess.com

## January 2016

**JAN. 8-10 6th Annual Austin Chess Club Championship**

**Info:** Lori Balkum, Lori.Balkum@AustinChessTournaments.com

**JAN. 9-10 2016 DCC Fide Open I**

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

**JAN. 16 Menudo Open**

**Info:** Eddie Rios,(361)455-3682 or edrios54@hotmail.com

**JAN. 16-18 Texas Masters**

**Info:** Barb Swafford, 214-632-9000 or info@dallaschess.com

**JAN. 30 Region VII Scholastic Chess Tournament**

**Info:** <http://texasregionvii.blogspot.com>

**JAN. 30-31 Scholastic Chess Tournament at Casis Elementary**

**Info:** No additional info available at this time.

## Early to Mid February 2016

**FEB. 11-15 7th annual Southwest Class Championships**

**Info:** <http://chesstour.com> or 347-201-2269



# 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Austin Chess Club Championship

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**\$3400 in 100% Unconditionally Guaranteed Prizes**  
**Jan. 8-10 or 9-10, 2016**

**Where:** Bridge Center of Austin, 6700 Middle Fiskville Rd., Austin, TX 78752

**Time Controls, All Sections:**

- G/90 with 60 sec. inc. per move. **2-day:** Rd 1, G/90 with 5 sec. delay.

**Sections and Prizes (100% Guaranteed):**

- **Championship** (rated 1800+): \$600 \$400 \$200, **U2200:** \$275 - \$125, **U2000:** \$250 - \$100
- **Reserve** (rated 1400-1799): \$400 \$200, **U1600:** \$200 - \$100
- **Novice** (rated U1400): \$250 \$100, **U1200:** \$100 - \$50, **U1000:** \$50

“Playing up” is not allowed.

January 2016 supplement used to determine section placement.

Unrateds placed at discretion of chief TD. Unrateds eligible only for place prizes.

All USCF members invited to play. Top finishing Austin Chess Club Regular member considered **Austin Chess Club Champion** (must be an ACC member or have played in at least 1 ACC slow event in 2015).

**Championship EF:** \$55 mailed by 12/01, \$65 thereafter / on site.

**Reserve EF:** \$50 mailed by 12/01, \$60 thereafter / on site.

**Novice EF:** \$45 mailed by 12/01, \$55 thereafter / on site.

Re-entry \$25, all sections.

**Schedule:**

- **3-day:** Registration Fri. 01/08 **6-7pm**. Rounds 01/08 **7:30pm**, 01/09 **1pm - 7pm**, 01/10 **9:30am - 3:30pm**.
- **2-day:** Registration Sat. 01/09 **8:00-8:40am**, Round 1 **9:00am**, then merge with 3-day schedule.

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

**Online registration (preferred):**

<https://www.austinchesstournaments.com/events/651>

Credit cards ok online, cash or credit cards onsite.

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

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

**Make checks payable to AustinChessTournaments.com.**

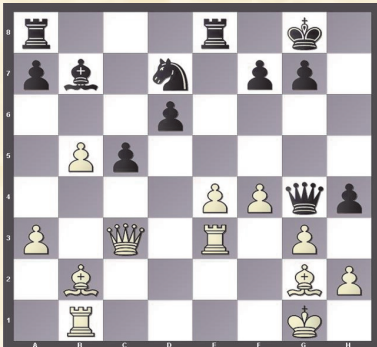
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**Danny Raznikov - Hiren Premkumar**  
*Southwest Open 2015*  
White to Move