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From the Desk of The Editor

Hello,

With any luck, you are reading this issue a little earlier than usual. The submission deadline has been backed up by 5 days with the goal of getting it printed and into your hands no later than the first week of the month delivered (October this time). The contributors have been great about meeting the new deadline and I thank them for their compliance. Hopefully there hasn't been any complications added to their schedules.

This issue contains a lot of TCA business. Everything from **Meeting Minutes** (which includes **Election** and **Survey** results) and **Tabled Motions** to a **Request for Proposal**.

We do, of course, have some fun stuff included as well. **Tim Brennan** has provided the next installment of Tactics Time! We have a new Touch and Move! from **WCM Claudia Muñoz**, with a very import message. We have a new article from **Coach Robert Myers** ... his column is now called Coach's Corner, e4!

In addition, we have Results and Games from this year's **Southwest Open** as-well-as an article and game from our representative (**NM Akshay Malhotra**) at this year's **Denker Tournament**.

Finally, we have a new feature added to *Texas Knights* called **Member Submissions**. This is a portion of our magazine set aside specifically for TCA Members to submit their games and, if wanted, member analysis for publication into our magazine. If you don't provide analysis for the game, I will put your submission through a computer analysis and publish it with your submission. If you provide limited analysis (annotations, etc.), I may also include the computer analysis. It depends on space available. I will also send any games that you submit to Tim Brennan for possible future Tactics Time! puzzles (but it is ultimately up to Tim whether or not he uses them or not). Of course, it depends on participation whether this feature continues.

Thanks again to all contributors and a big thank you to all that participated in the Survey and the Election (whether candidate or voter).

Enjoy the issue. With luck, you should see the next issue around the first week of December.

— **Jeff French**



From the Desk of the TCA President

Hello everyone,

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who participated in the elections and those who voted for me again as the President. I am looking forward to another productive chess year.

The TCA bylaws had been changing over a period of time. Thanks to David Harvey, Luis Salinas and Forrest Marler, all those changes/updates were incorporated and a new version was placed on TCA website. Please take some time to read through the updates. If you have comments please let me know. Please understand that these changes have already been voted on and approved in the previous years. Please also take some time to read the meeting minutes. Several tabled motions will be finalized during the next Spring meeting.

The SWO went very well. Our next major event is the grade championships in October 23-25 to be held in Houston. Until next time.

Vish

Request for Proposal

Texas Chess Association is requesting Southwest Open tournament bid proposals (RFP's). TCA usually awards its premier Southwest Open for the Labor Day weekend. In 2017 TCA would like to convert the open section into a FIDE rated Norm tournament.

Any bidder may submit two separate bids:

- 1) Requesting NO financial responsibility from TCA.
- 2) Requesting PARTIAL financial responsibility from TCA.

In either case, TCA expects submission of the following details: section breakdowns, prize funds distribution, entry fee information, location, indemnity information, hotel rates, organizer information, backroom TD experiences and proposed floor TD levels. If TCA participation is required/anticipated, profit/loss sharing details are expected.

Bids are due on or before November 30, 2015 and need to be electronically submitted to the TCA President, lakshmana.viswanath@gmail.com. Texas Chess Association reserves the right to accept/reject any or all bids or work with the winner and make amendments as deemed fit.

TCA Treasurer's Report - August 31, 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 Mar-Apr 2015	\$870.57
April memberships	\$410.00	Texas Knights May-Jun 2015	\$915.01
May memberships	\$60.00	Texas Knights July-Aug 2015	\$930.51
June memberships	\$60.00	Insurance	\$315.00
July memberships	\$30.00	Ballot Expenses	\$200.00
August memberships	\$245.00	Hotel for Barber Qualifier Playoff	\$382.94
2014 SW Open memberships	\$469.00	Barber Qualifier player travel reimbursement	\$400.00
2014 Texas Girls State Championships	\$70.00	Legal Fees	\$3,570.00
2014 Texas Grade & Collegiate memberships	\$309.00	Affiliates Dues (2 years)	\$80.00
2015 Texas Masters memberships	\$46.00	2014 Denker Representative - Austin Jiang	\$300.00
2015 Texas Team Chess Championships	\$145.00	World Junior Chess in India - Claudia Munoz	\$500.00
2015 Texas Scholastic Chess Championships	\$2,945.00	Total	\$12,603.28
2015 Texas State & Amateur Chess memberships	\$536.00		
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		
Smile Amazon Donation	\$5.00		
	Total	WF checking account balance	\$19,719.61
	\$8,889.00	BOA checking account balance	\$8,031.02

Minutes from the TCA Meeting held at the Southwest Open in Irving, TX, 09/06/2015.

Recorded and Notated by Lori Balkum.

Present: Lakshmana Viswanath (Vish), Barb Swafford, Lori Balkum, JP Hyltin, Jim Stallings, Yiqun Xie, Tianming Xie, Regina Rios, Eddie Rios, Luis Salinas, David Harvey, Rob Jones, Ravi Bandi, Ruifeng Li, Zhenjiang Li, Ruz Huang, Yibin Wang, Ross Lynn Leone, Ying Cao, David Li, Alfonso Almeida, Wayne Xiong, Jeffrey Xiong, Srinidhi Kaniyar, Srinandan Hullahalli, Yuliang Eunice Bao, Nathan Kinman, Vaidya Subramanian, Think Le, Suren Polavaram, Aparna Polavaram, Ran Liu, Raghu Gundam, Tao Yu

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 2015 May-June issue of Texas Knights. Eduardo Rios made a motion to accept the minutes, and JP Hyltin seconded. The motion carried on a 12 - 0 vote with 1 abstention (Luis).

Old Business:

The next item of business was the statement of the financial report presented by Barbara Swafford. \$19700 in Wells Fargo, \$6100 in BA. Fiscal year runs 9/1 – 8/31. End of Year financial statement to be published in next TK. Reminded members that TCA has an Amazon Smile acct (smile.amazon.com)

President's Report:

First time in TCA history – we now have directors for and scholastic committee members from every region. R6 director introduced: JP Hyltin. No other new directors in attendance.

For the first time in a long time, TK published 6x in a row. Thanks to our editor, Jeff French.

Our Financials are good.

Web page is good. We have revisited the idea of keeping a Texas Clearinghouse of events as a courtesy to our members and TDs. The intent is to keep an up to date list of all tournaments in the state. Lori Balkum is keeping track of events – posting to TCA calendar. She updates the calendar with all upcoming events which have an online TLA with the USCF. To provide a specific website for those events, email information to lori.balkum@austinchestournaments.com. If an event does not have an online TLA, submit the event information (website link preferred) to Lori asap. This clearing house is kept on the calendar on TCA's website.

Bylaws are currently dated 2006. David Harvey, Forrest Marler, and Luis Salinas have been working to update the bylaws.

We have 230+ playing at SWO (open, reserve, novice – includes reentry) main event and 70+ in scholastic. This brings our total to 300+ overall – the highest number ever.

New Business:

Lori Balkum gave a report about the recent election. 51 valid ballots were received. Votes were tallied as follows: President: Lakshmana Viswanath (36), Richard Newman (12), Luis Salinas (1), Adrian Stacey (1), Tom Crane (1); Vice President: Forrest Marler (36), Eduardo Rios (12), Todd Heine (1), Luis Salinas(1); Secretary: Lori Balkum (48), Luis Salinas (1), Nicole Nieni (1); Treasurer: Barbara Swafford (50). Two survey items from the reverse side of the ballot: Do you have internet access? Yes (44), No (5). Should the top player list include ALL players or only US residents? All (25), US only (21). Luis made a motion to accept the results of the election, and David Harvey seconded. The motion carried on 24 - 0 vote with no abstentions.

Discussion: One envelope was received on August 31st and included requests for 42 no magazine memberships. The request were grouped on 11 pieces of paper, each listing names (grouped by common address) of a few potential members and each piece of paper carried an unsigned statement wishing to vote for President and Vice President. It was the determination of the Election Committee (Jeff French & Lori Balkum) that these requests to vote did not meet voting guidelines set forth in the bylaws (Article V, Section 3, Part B). To summarize, the bylaws indicate that a) the ballots need to be

created by the Secretary or a designee of the Secretary (aka Jeff French), and b) the ballots can either be mailed or included in the July/Aug TK, and c) a person must be a member in good standing at the time the ballots are mailed. Luis Salinas added that this is not a unique situation. In a previous election (Clemente Rendon vs. George John), the Election Committee dealt with a similar situation. At that point they were also disqualified. Only official ballots were counted at that time as well, which is consistent with TCA bylaws and precedent.

Yibin Wang asked if online voting is a future possibility. A short discussion began on whether we could vote online as well as on paper, and then we discussed the difficulties. Background: cir. 250 current TCA members with 50 turnout. Is there a way to increase participation without risking illegal voting?

Vish called to form a 3 or 4 person committee to analyze and potentially change the election process, and to come up with a policy of dealing with ties: Yibin Wang, Vaidya Subramanian, Rob Jones, Srinidhi Kaniyar and Srinindan Hullahalli. The secretary will oversee committee. (This is not the same as the ad hoc election committee which counts ballots.) A report and recommendation are requested from the committee no later than 3/1/2016.

Last meeting a committee was created to update the bylaws to include amendments which had previously been *passed* (2007 onward). They made no changes, just edited the bylaws to match what was approved by the body of members. Changes will be posted online. New motions will have to be entertained to fix inconsistencies. David Harvey (bylaws committee) confirmed this process. The bylaws committee has come up with the technical language to implement the motions approved at meetings. Now people should look online to make sure the original intent has been honored. Luis Salinas moved to post the bylaws online, Eddie Rios seconded. The motion carried on 24 - 0 vote with no abstentions .

Following bids have been awarded:

2017 Texas South Grade Championships: Eddie Rios (Texas A&M, Kingsville (TAMUK))
2017 Texas South State Scholastic Championships: UTRGV March 10-12 (UTRGV)
2017 Texas Armed Forces Championship: UTRGV, May 28/29th?
2017 Texas North Grade Championships : DCC (Houston) –includes the State collegiate championship
2017 Texas State North Scholastic Championships: DCC, March 4-5 (Arlington Convention Center)
2017 Southwest College Championship: DCC, March 4-5 (Arlington Convention Center)
2017 Texas State and Amateur Championships: DCC (Ft Worth)
2016 Texas Team: Eddie Rios
2016 Texas Junior Open: Eddie Rios
2016 Texas Open: Eddie Rios

Comments: TCA received only 1 bid for each tournament except for the 2017 Texas South State Scholastic Championships. That bid was awarded by a committee: Lori Balkum, Barb Swafford, and Renate Garcia, with participation from Lucas Anderson, Victor Flores, and Vish. Lori gave a short report about how the bid was decided. Three bids were received, none being complete. All bidders were asked for more information. One bid was rescinded. The two remaining bids were relatively even. Special consideration was given rotation of previous locations and to encourage a relatively new organizer. Special attention was given to the fact that UTRGV is new to hosting scholastic events, though has experience in international events. Upon closer inspection, we found that UTRGV has already made many contacts with the south Texas scholastic chess scene, is willing to ask for and listen to the advice of more experienced organizers, is committed to running a regional or other major scholastic event before the state event, and has secured computer room, a Chief TD, and registration help, all of whom have extensive experience in scholastic chess. UTRGV was chosen.

She will update the TCA calendar as information is received on the awarded events.

Luis suggested that someone should be run the SWO 2017 as a norms tournament. An informal count of 27 participants at the meeting would like to see a norms tournament in Texas. One stated goal would be to show support for the younger, up and coming Texas players. Details to be decided later (within this meeting).

A suggestion has been submitted by Michael Simpson, TCA's legal counsel, requesting an addition to the bylaws which would create a grievance procedure and grievance committee. Details as to what constitutes a formal grievance, to whom it shall be submitted, and how it should be dealt with, penalty options, and how results are dealt with (public vs private)

are covered. This grievance could possibly replace the current ethics committee. Background: TCA's executive committee dealt with a complicated grievance issue earlier this year. Lack of clarity in the bylaws caused problems in dealing with the grievance. In discussion, Luis expressed concerns that a grievance committee might get overwhelmed with multiple, back and forth challenges. He suggested that perhaps add a small fee to the grievance process. JP Hyltin noted that the USCF also has a grievance process, and TCA needs to make sure not to overlap or overstep its bounds. This motion was tabled until Scholastic meeting March 2016. This and other tabled motions will be made available as an attachment to the online version of the minutes, and will be discussed at the Spring 2016 meeting.

Luis Salinas brought several potential motions to the floor.

Luis asked **(#1)** to extend the trial period for State Scholastic split (into North/Central and South Divisions) from 3 years to 6 years. Because this would be a bylaws change, it has been deferred to the Spring meeting

Luis asked **(#2)** for the South bidding deadline for the South to be moved from July 15th to the following January 15th, with the bid awarded at the latest at that spring's State Scholastic. Deferred for the Spring meeting.

Luis asked **(#3)** that TCA set up a committee to investigate whether the Texas Collegiate and Southwest Collegiate should always be held in the North/SuperState. A committee was created to research the issues involved, and will report in the Spring. Luis Salinas made a motion to create the committee. David Harvey seconded. Committee: Luis, David, JP, Victor Flores, Eddie Rios, Alfonso Almeida. The motion carried on 24 - 0 vote with no abstentions .

Luis then made a motion **(#4)** to authorize the TCA board to fund any playoffs required for choosing our state's Denker, Barber, and/or NGIT representatives. We always need a Barber playoff between the Middle School and Elementary champions, and because of the split in 2017, we will need a Denker playoff. Authorization should be automatic. Luis Salinas made the motion, and JP Hyltin seconded. Discussion: Procedures for picking rep might change, so stating exact amounts of funding is not appropriate. In general we need a broader policy for how to choose those reps. Robert Jones suggested that the idea of the online playoff should not be available – the tournament they are qualifying for is OTB. Luis urged that the match should be played at Denker/Barber time controls. If players disagree as to format (online vs OTB), then OTB (in person) is the choice. Vish suggested that we really have two issues: money and procedure. It was agreed that funding this means we will be doing the best we can to find the strongest player to represent Texas. The motion carried on 24 - 0 vote with no abstentions.

Luis then made a motion **(#5)** that the venues for a Superstate for the North/Central Scholastic be listed in the following order of preference: 1. Hotel, 2. Convention Center, 3. School/College, 4. Other. Luis Salinas made the motion and Robert Jones seconded. Discussion: Vish reminded us that bid is decided by a committee. Lori commented that the South decides on winner for north and they don't necessarily have a feel for what will create the strongest turnout in the north. Rob provided anecdotal evidence to support proposed order of preference. Jim Stallings asked about the number of bidders. Luis said this is a moot point. This info gives the South guidance on what the North wants. Eddie Rios asked if this pertained to SuperState? Luis reminded us that currently we have a 3-year trial period. Assuming that trial is extended...yes, affects the South. He suggested that this info should be incorporated into the bidding guidelines and the bylaws. The motion carried on 17 - 0 vote with 1 abstention.

Luis made a motion **(#6)** that TCA should fund and/or run a norm-based 'Super Swiss' tournament at the SWO sometime in the next three years, and then again at least once every 5 years. Discussion: This is not a bylaws change.

Luis Salinas made the motion and Vish seconded. Vish added a friendly amendment – change 'in the next 3 years' to 2017. The 2016 SWO has already been awarded. Choices are: someone else bids for and runs the event, TCA runs it, or TCA asks someone else to run it.

Discussion: What is the meaning of 'fund'? The actual requirements for the tournament (# of GM's, federations required, etc.) were discussed. Three (3) state Universities here have foreign players, so we have a database to begin with. Jim Stallings reminded us that 9 rounds are required for a norm. Luis suggested rd 1 Thurs, rd 2 & 3 Fri, rd 4 & 5 SAT, rd 6 & 7 Sun. Open section would allow 3 byes. U2300 section would be offered as well. Vish reminded us that the discussion of how this comes into play will be decided later. Bidders can make suggestions as to how they accomplish the norm requirements. The motion carried on 19 - 0 vote with 0 abstentions.

Luis made a suggestion (#7) that the membership strongly encourages TCA to develop website/webpages to help fund its activities. Luis noted that other states (esp. those offering Masters tournaments) are holding norm tournaments with donation pages. Luis Salinas made the motion and JP Hyltin seconded. Discussion: How do we improve our web pages? Donations page – how do we do this? In house? 3rd party? Deeper discussion required. JP suggested these should be two separate discussions (overall improving and donations page). Could we get University software engineering groups to help? A committee was formed to look into the matter: Luis, Vaidya Subramanian and JP Hyltin to look into this. They will make a report.

Open discussion:

Luis noted that the Bidding Guidelines have not been updated in a long time. Vish charged the Bylaws committee to look into that also.

Eddie Rios suggested that we need financial incentive for delegates representing Texas at the USCF meeting (US Open). Texas officially has 13 delegates. Luis Salinas, Eddie Rios, Franc Guadalupe, Jim Stallings, Forrest Marler, Rusty Harwell represented Texas in 2015. A suggestion was made that TCA help with transportation costs. Luis noted that according to accountants at USCF, if you're going to the US Open for governance (as a delegate), you can deduct your trip costs from your taxes (because they're 501(c)3). Ross Leone commented that only helps people who itemize. David Harvey suggested folks could consider their expenses as a donation to TCA, and take a donation deduction. Vish suggested subsidizing in some fashion to offset some expenses. Barb noted that each year expenses change. Lori suggested that subsidizing might increase representation. JP suggested a per mile fee. Vish preferred a set expense. Eddie Rios made the motion for TCA to partially subsidize delegate expenses and Ross L Leone seconded. More discussion: Luis was worried that involving money brings dissent. What is TCA's liability? Lori and Eddie both suggested that delegates sign a disclaimer. The motion carried on 11 - 1 vote with 0 abstentions.

Ross Leone asked if anyone had read the article in Chess Life about a different way to run a Swiss (Re: random pairings within each score group). What do other TDs think about that format? JP Hyltin suggested we should facilitate TD discussion within Texas, perhaps add a TD discussion page to the TCA website. One passive way to get that started would be for Regional directors to ask for info from their directors. David Harvey noted that a previous (2008?) bylaws motion actually dealt with education for TDs and growing players. We need more TD training; we have differences in the way things are happening across Texas and the US. Vaidya Subramanian reminded us that Jerry Nash (USCF) announced plans for TD training and coordination. We should reach out to him.

Vaidya Subramanian noted that exposure to chess in school districts differs. How do we help school districts which are not accustomed to dealing with chess?

Ying Cao noted that CCA has just resumed a Southwest Class, and already posted next year's tournament online (Norm's tournament). A discussion ensued on how easy or difficult it is to start up a norm's tournament. JP Hyltin noted that CCA has been around 35+ years, and there are professional organizations that run tournaments. Rob reminded us that making money as a norm's tournament can be a tricky business and marginal. It can also be determined at the last possible second, and perhaps could be a highly profitable business, perhaps not.

Question about potential future election tiebreaks. Committee will deal with that.

Eddie Rios moved to close the meeting, and JP Hyltin seconded.

See Tabled Motions on page 29.

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81st Annual Southwest Open

For additional results, go to: <http://www.dallaschess.com/2015SWOpen/index.html>

The **Southwest Open** was held in Irving from September 4th to September 7th, 2015. **IM Andrey Gorovets** won the **Open** section with a score of 6.0/7.0. There were 101 participants. Below are results from the top 25 players.

#	Name	Rtng	Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd 3	Rd 4	Rd 5	Rd 6	Rd 7	Tot
1	IM Andrey Gorovets	2613	W53	W27	W12	D6	D5	W9	W10	6.0
2	GM Denis Kadric	2591	W32	W23	D8	W19	D26	W14	D3	5.5
3	gm Jeffery Xiong	2645	D38	W59	W66	D11	W37	W5	D2	5.5
4	GM Elshan Moradiabadi	2647	H---	H---	W41	W22	D20	W19	W18	5.5
5	GM Aleksandar Indjic	2608	W35	W24	W14	W9	D1	L3	D6	5.0
6	GM Sahaj Grover	2549	W98	W52	W20	D1	D7	D18	D5	5.0
7	GM David Berczes	2594	W42	W55	D11	W16	D6	D17	D12	5.0
8	GM Danny Raznikov	2515	W57	W15	D2	D10	D12	D30	W27	5.0
9	IM Kacper Drozdowski	2542	W73	W22	W21	L5	W36	L1	W31	5.0
10	GM Conrad Holt	2623	W85	W31	D16	D8	W21	W26	L1	5.0
11	IM Joshua D Ruiz C	2489	W54	W40	D7	D3	D13	D16	W29	5.0
12	GM Gil Popilski	2521	W78	W51	L1	W62	D8	W20	D7	5.0
13	IM Guillermo Vazquez	2546	W45	W29	L26	W15	D11	D24	W17	5.0
14	IM Zurab Javakhadze	2517	W89	W60	L5	W38	W27	L2	W30	5.0
15	NM Howard Zhong	2172	W95	L8	W94	L13	W73	W28	W26	5.0
16	GM Nadezh Kosintseva	2525	W58	W33	D10	L7	W23	D11	D24	4.5
17	im Ruifeng Li	2538	W88	W25	D19	W28	D18	D7	L13	4.5
18	GM Valentin L Yotov	2573	W49	W30	W37	D26	D17	D6	L4	4.5
19	WIM Chardine Camacho	2339	W48	W67	D17	L2	W60	L4	W38	4.5
20	IM Felix Ynojosa Aponte	2471	W84	W61	L6	W58	D4	L12	W34	4.5
21	WIM Mariam Danelia	2343	W71	W44	L9	W61	L10	D25	W51	4.5
22	NM Tianming Xie	2230	W69	L9	W59	L4	W44	D38	W39	4.5
23	NM Jarod Pamatmat	2289	W79	L2	W44	W74	L16	D51	W47	4.5
24	NM Dachev Lin	2320	W74	L5	H---	W78	W47	D13	D16	4.5
25	Christopher Hobart	2167	W64	L17	L74	W84	W59	D21	W37	4.5



IM Andrey Gorovets with Luis Salinas - Photo by Barb Swafford

The **Reserve** section had 93 participants. **Aadarsh Krishnan** won with a score of 6.0/7.0. The **Novice** section had 36 participants. **Athul Mohanram** won with a score of 5.5/7.0.

The **K-12 Championship** had 45 participants. **Puja Bhat** won with a score of 4.5/6.0. Below are the results from the top 5 players.

#	Name	Rtng	Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd 3	Rd 4	Rd 5	Tot
1	Puja Bhat	1491	W36	W22	D2	W7	W6	4.5
2	Francisco Gomez-Quinonez	1446	W30	W18	D1	W19	D3	4.0
3	Saketh Thippireddy	1464	W38	W16	W14	D6	D2	4.0
4	Kabir Ahmed	1454	W35	L6	W32	W15	W14	4.0
5	Patrick Dickinson	1422	L8	W26	W36	W29	W9	4.0

The **K-12 U1000** section had 34 participants. **Po Hsu Chen** won with a score of 4.5/5.0. Below are the results from the top 5 players.

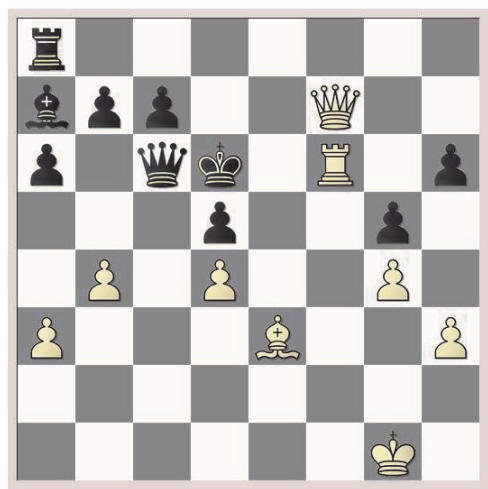
#	Name	Rtng	Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd 3	Rd 4	Rd 5	Tot
1	Po Hsu Chen	995	W23	W25	W3	D7	W6	4.5
2	Isaac Chen	993	W27	W5	L7	W12	W10	4.0
3	Prisha Jonnalagadda	937	W8	W22	L1	W20	W9	4.0
4	Clayton Engelby	943	W24	W11	L6	W21	W7	4.0
5	Alex Yenne	736	W28	L2	W22	W13	W16	4.0

What follows are the games played in the **Southwest Open** by **IM Andrey Gorovets**.

**Gorovets,Andrey (2613) –
Kao,Camille Y (2000) [A20]**

Southwest Open 2015 (1.2), 05.09.2015

1.c4 e5 2.g3 Bc5 3.Bg2 d6 4.Nc3 Nf6
5.e3 Nc6 6.Nge2 0-0 7.0-0 Bf5 8.d4 exd4
9.exd4 Bb6 10.h3 h6 11.g4 Bh7 12.Be3
a6 13.a3 Re8 14.b4 Ne4 15.Rc1 Ba7
16.Nxe4 Bxe4 17.Bxe4 Rxe4 18.Ng3 Re8
19.Qd3 d5 20.c5 Ne7 21.Nh5 Ng6 22.f4
Nf8 23.f5 Nh7 24.f6 g5 25.Ng7 Re4
26.Nf5 Qf8 27.Ne7+ Rxe7 28.fxe7 Qxe7
29.Rce1 Qd7 30.c6 Qxc6 31.Rxf7 Kxf7
32.Qxh7+ Kf6 33.Rf1+ Ke6 34.Qf7+ Kd6
35.Rf6# 1-0

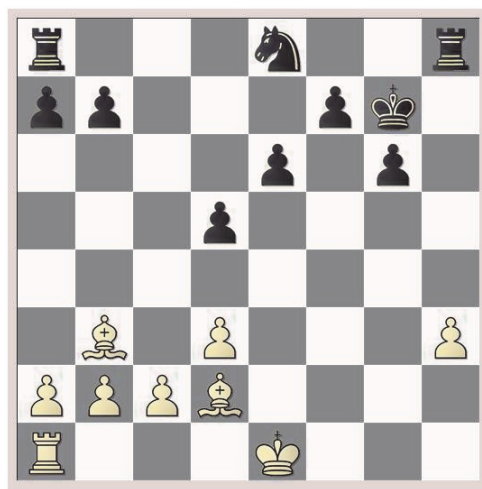


**Langer,Michael (2291) –
Gorovets,Andrey (2613) [B01]**

Southwest Open 2015 (2.2), 05.09.2015

1.e4 d5 2.exd5 Qxd5 3.Nc3 Qa5 4.Nf3
Nf6 5.Bc4 Bf5 6.Qe2 e6 7.d3 Bg4 8.h3
Qh5 9.Nb5 Bd6 10.Rg1 Bxf3 11.gxf3 Nc6
Rg7+ 36.Kh1 Qh3 37.Rd6 1-0

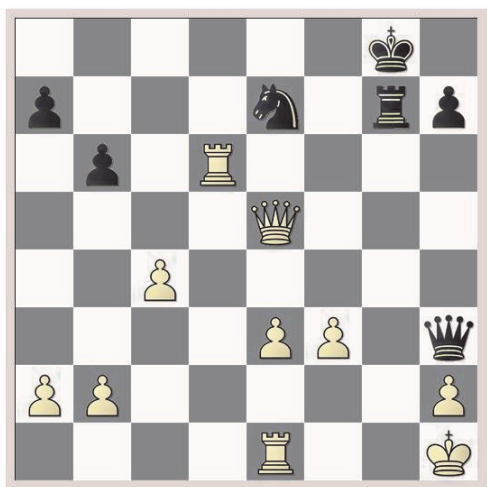
12.Nxd6+ cxd6 13.Rxg7 Nd4 14.Qd1
Nxf3+ 15.Ke2 Ne5+ 16.Ke1 Nf3+ 17.Ke2
d5 18.Bb3 Ne5+ 19.Ke1 Ng6 20.Qd2 Kf8
21.Qh6 Qxh6 22.Bxh6 Ke7 23.f4 Ne8
24.f5 Kf6 25.fxg6 hxg6 26.Bd2 Kxg7 0-1



**Gorovets,Andrey (2613) –
Popilski,Gil (2521) [A45]**

Southwest Open 2015 (3.2), 05.09.2015

1.d4 Nf6 2.Bf4 g6 3.e3 Bg7 4.Nf3 0-0
5.Be2 d6 6.0-0 c5 7.c3 Be6 8.Nbd2 Qb6
9.Ng5 Bd7 10.Qb3 Bc6 11.Nc4 Qa6
12.dxc5 d5 13.Rfe1 dxc4 14.Bxc4 Qa5
15.Nxf7 Nbd7 16.Nd8+ Kh8 17.Nf7+ Rxf7
18.Bxf7 Nxc5 19.Qc4 Qb6 20.Be5 Bb5
21.Qh4 g5 22.Qxg5 Rf8 23.Bd4 Rxf7
24.Bxc5 Qc7 25.Bd4 Bc6 26.f3 Nd5
27.Rad1 e5 28.Bc5 Bf6 29.Qh5 b6
30.Ba3 Kg8 31.c4 Ne7 32.Bd6 Qc8
33.Bxe5 Bxe5 34.Qxe5 Bxf3 35.gxf3
Rg7+ 36.Kh1 Qh3 37.Rd6 1-0



Grover, Sahaj (2549) – Gorovets, Andrey (2613) [B01]
 Southwest Open 2015 (4.1), 06.09.2015

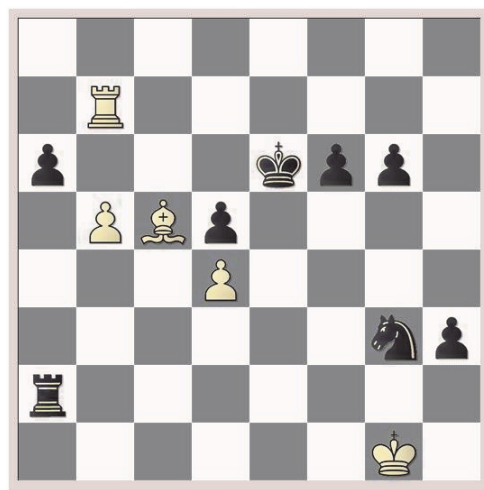
1.e4 d5 2.exd5 Qxd5 3.Nc3 Qa5 4.d4 Nf6
 5.Nf3 c6 6.Be2 Bg4 7.0-0 Nbd7 8.h3 Bxf3
 9.Bxf3 e6 10.Ne2 Bd6 11.c4 0-0 12.Nc3
 Rfd8 13.Qb3 Qc7 14.Be3 a6 15.Rfe1
 Rab8 16.g3 c5 17.d5 Ne5 18.Bg2 exd5
 19.Bg5 dxc4 20.Qc2 Be7 21.Bf4 Bd6
 22.Bg5 Be7 ½-½

Gorovets, Andrey (2613) – Indjic, Aleksandar (2608) [A43]
 Southwest Open 2015 (5.1), 06.09.2015

1.d4 c5 2.d5 Nf6 3.Nc3 d6 4.e4 g6 5.h3
 Bg7 6.Nf3 0-0 7.Bd3 Na6 8.0-0 Nc7 9.Re1
 e5 10.dxe6 Bxe6 11.Bg5 h6 12.Bf4 Rc8
 13.Qd2 g5 14.Bh2 d5 15.exd5 Ncxd5
 16.Nxd5 Qxd5 17.c4 Qd8 18.Rad1 g4
 19.hxg4 Nxg4 20.Bd6 Re8 21.Bb1 Bf8
 22.Qf4 Qf6 23.Qg3 Bxd6 24.Rxd6 Qg7
 25.Red1 b6 26.b3 Kh8 27.Nh4 Nf6
 28.Qh2 Ng4 29.Qg3 Nf6 30.Qh2 Ng4
 31.Qg3 ½-½

Drozdowski, Kacper (2542) – Gorovets, Andrey (2613) [A21]
 Southwest Open 2015 (6.3), 07.09.2015

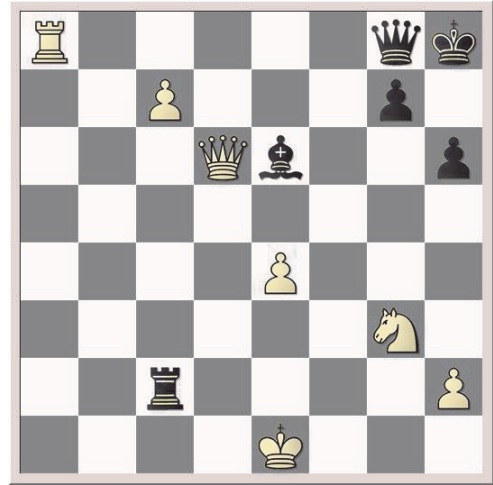
1.c4 e5 2.Nc3 Bb4 3.Nd5 Bc5 4.Nf3 c6
 5.Nc3 Qe7 6.e3 d6 7.d4 exd4 8.Nxd4 Nf6
 9.Be2 0-0 10.0-0 Rd8 11.Rb1 d5 12.cxd5
 cxd5 13.b3 Nc6 14.Bb2 Nxd4 15.exd4
 Bb4 16.Rc1 Bf5 17.Bd3 Bxd3 18.Qxd3
 Rac8 19.Ne2 h5 20.Ng3 g6 21.Rfd1 Bd6
 22.Nf1 Bf4 23.Re1 Qb4 24.Rxc8 Rxc8
 25.Rd1 Ne4 26.Ng3 Bxg3 27.hxg3 Qa5
 28.Qb1 Rc6 29.Bc1 Qc3 30.Bf4 Qc2
 31.Qxc2 Rxc2 32.Re1 Nxf2 33.Re8+ Kg7
 34.Be5+ f6 35.Re7+ Kg8 36.Bb8 Ng4
 37.Kf1 Rxa2 38.Rxb7 Ne3+ 39.Kg1 a6
 40.Bd6 Rxg2+ 41.Kh1 Ra2 42.b4 Nf5
 43.Bc5 Nxc3+ 44.Kg1 h4 45.Rb8+ Kf7
 46.Rb7+ Ke6 47.b5 h3 0-1



Gorovets, Andrey (2613) – Holt, Conrad (2623) [D00]
 Southwest Open 2015 (7.2), 07.09.2015

1.d4 d5 2.Bf4 Nf6 3.e3 c5 4.dxc5 e6 5.b4
 a5 6.Bxb8 Rxb8 7.c3 Bd7 8.a3 b6 9.cxb6
 Qxb6 10.Bd3 Bd6 11.Nd2 0-0 12.Ne2 e5
 13.e4 Ng4 14.0-0 f5 15.Bc4 dxc4 16.Nxc4

Qa6 17.Nxd6 f4 18.Qd5+ Kh8 19.c4 f3
 20.Ng3 fxd2 21.Rfe1 Nxf2 22.Nf7+ Rxf7
 23.Qxf7 Nh3+ 24.Kxg2 Nf4+ 25.Kh1 Bg4
 26.Rf1 axb4 27.Rxf4 exf4 28.Qxf4 Qc8
 29.axb4 Be6 30.Qd6 Qg8 31.c5 Rxb4
 32.c6 Rc4 33.c7 h6 34.Ra8 Rc1+ 35.Kg2
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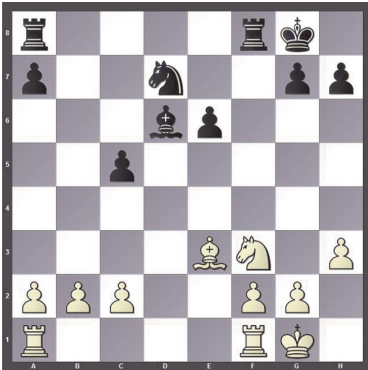
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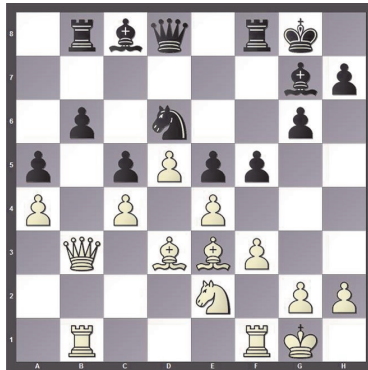


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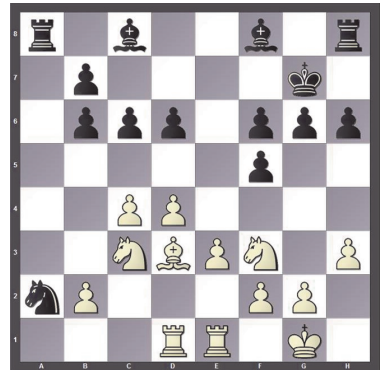
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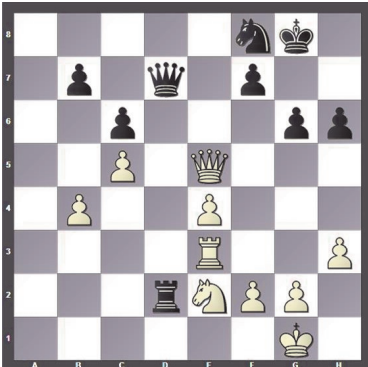
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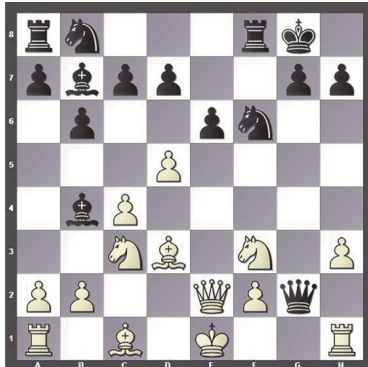
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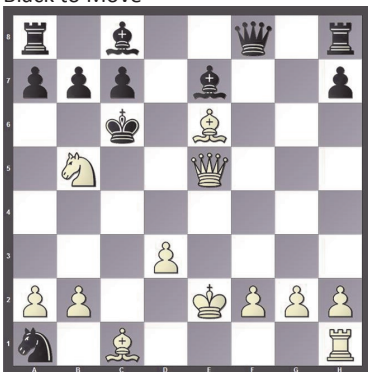
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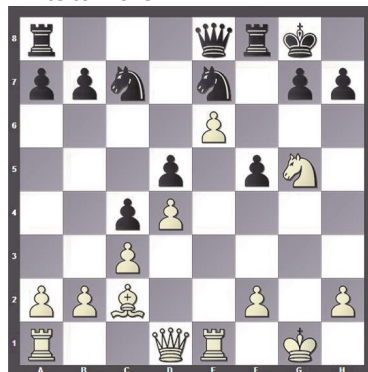
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6. W. Luberti - Joe Drake
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7. Jonathan Walsh - Larry Rose
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8. Marie Moultrie - Susan Strahan
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Overall		Age 17		Age 12		
8	Onischuk, Alexander	2742	17 Ng, Daniel J	2278	11 Gu, Brian Fanyuan	2127
11	Zherebukh, Yaroslav	2724	18 Jiang, Austin Z	2270	21 Liu, Kevin	2031
15	Ramirez, Alejandro	2665	39 Shao, Andy	2161	39 Frutos, Chase	1952
21	Moradiabadi, Elshan	2647	56 Jiang, Alexander D	2105	43 Buegler, Jacob Bede	1942
22	Xiong, Jeffery	2645	58 Munoz, Claudia E	2096	44 Fan, William G	1936
23	Sadorra, Julio C	2638	87 Shan, Devan	2003	45 Huo, Rannon	1935
23	Macieja, Bartlomiej	2638	97 Kaliyur, Rohith	1959	46 Nguyen, Dang Minh	1922
27	Kritz, Leonid	2629			58 Wang, Jason	1884
36	Gorovets, Andrey	2613	Age 16		58 Huang, Max	1884
39	Hernandez, Holden	2607	18 Malhotra, Akshay	2260	66 Ganesh, Anirudh	1859
46	Berczes, David	2594	20 Vaidya, Atulya	2257	68 Kung, Thomas	1850
62	Yotov, Valentin L	2573	29 Han, Curran	2213	71 Narang, Ijay	1849
68	Yang, Darwin	2563	37 Obili, Abhishek Reddy	2186	75 Le, Collin Khoi	1838
71	Duque, Raymond D	2559	51 Nguyen, Duy Minh	2089	76 Tsuei, Kai	1837
79	Drozdzowski, Kacper	2542	56 Jacob, Andrew	2068	82 Mao, Andrew Sun-Rong	1825
83	Li, Ruifeng	2538	76 Wlezien, Alexander	2035	92 Bandi, Rohit Choudary	1797
90	Cornejo, Max	2524	81 Brannon, Joshua Scott	2023		
			82 Xiang, Evan	2021	Age 11	
			99 Palang, Caissa	1953	13 Vivekananthan, Anish	2049
Age 65 and Over					27 Frutos, Cole Nicholas	1922
26	Simms, Gary	2209	Age 15		31 Balderas, Adolfo Augusto, Jr	1906
33	Crispin, Thomas A	2200	7 Lin, Dachev	2320	38 Hawthorn, Charles	1880
56	Sutherland, Don C	2179	9 He, Tommy	2286	54 Yan, Austin K	1816
75	Patteson, B L	2101	27 Lu, Andrew H	2209	78 Romo, Benjamin	1745
90	Hubka, James L	2079	27 Capocyan, Sam Lander Cabrera	2209	84 Wei, Alexander Gotuaco	1732
99	Chase, Stephen M	2056	29 Nguyen, Anthony Quan	2174	93 Vijayan, Nikil Vinod	1720
			56 Hsieh, David	2061	98 Rajaram, Rudransh	1706
Age 50 and Over			97 Han, Qiyu	1912		
9	Duque, Raymond D	2559	99 Lopez, Luke	1909	Age 10	
22	Bradford, Joseph Mark	2452			2 Wang, Justin	2233
25	Milovanovic, Rade	2428	Age 14		4 Hung, Daniel	2074
			2 Xiong, Jeffery	2645	5 Metpally, Jason	2062
Under Age 21			10 Liu, Bovey	2256	7 Vaidya, Atreya	2043
4	Xiong, Jeffery	2645	40 Frenkel, Benjamin	2061	12 Wang, Yanke	1998
7	Yang, Darwin	2563	41 Trakru, Priya Nikita	2049	27 Zhu, Harvey	1863
8	Drozdzowski, Kacper	2542	54 Premkumar, Hiren	2029	31 Hawthorn, Henry	1823
9	Li, Ruifeng	2538	56 Devagharan, Devina	2028	35 Mcnutt, William Howard	1795
66	Lin, Dachev	2320	68 Nguyen, Khoa Minh	2007	38 Shi, Eric	1757
86	Pamatmat, Jarod John M	2289	93 Weisberg, Mark Layne	1937	48 Kumarappan, Ganesh	1738
91	He, Tommy	2286			50 Nguyen, Anh Nhu	1731
97	Ng, Daniel J	2278	Age 13		52 Ma, Albert Z	1724
100	Jiang, Austin Z	2270	1 Li, Ruifeng	2538	71 Yeung, Wesley	1654
			15 Xie, Tianming	2230	76 Ramesh, Sreenevash	1648
Age 18			22 Nguyen, Emily Quynh	2168		
1 Yang, Darwin	2563		36 Kao, Camille Y	2000	Age 9	
12	Pamatmat, Jarod John M	2289	42 Palang, Warren Jesse	1972	4 Polavaram, Rithik Sai	2008
17	Chiang, Sarah	2257	48 Kirumaki, Ronit	1961	5 Trakru, Rohun	1913
46	Lu, Tommy	2094	55 Sonawane, Atharv	1949	7 Oberoi, Shelev	1909
78	Johnson, Perry Vishal	2011	59 Srivatsav, Aadarsh	1943	11 Tang, Andrew	1879
89	Xiang, Ellen	1979	60 Dong, Dylan Roswell	1940	63 Casas, Michael	1549
			61 Krishnan, Aadarsh	1936	67 Razo, Joaquin	1532
			66 Eliezer, Segev	1913	76 Lu, Hubert	1503
			68 Li, David C	1906		

Age 9 (continued)		Women		Correspondence		
81	Tao, Arthur	1486	9 Danelia, Mariam	2343	17 Horwitz, Danny	2306
83	Yang, Benjamin	1482	11 Foisor, Sabina-Francesca	2322	18 Mcgregor, Stephen Dean	2305
88	Patil, Vedant	1458	18 Chiang, Sarah	2257	26 Cross, Gregory	2269
95	Pullabhotla, Venkata Naga, Jr	1442	27 Salazar, Aura Cristina	2226	46 Bonnell, Leo W	2200
99	Yan, Edward Lide	1432	29 Labeledz, Patrycja Anna	2214	63 Mccann, David R	2145
			39 Nguyen, Emily Quynh	2168	63 Calogridis, Michael S	2145
			51 Guerrero Rodriguez, Alejandra	2106		
Age 8			55 Munoz, Claudia E	2096	Blitz Overall	
4	Polavaram, Rithik Sai	2008	68 Trakru, Priya Nikita	2049	3 Ramirez, Alejandro	2835
5	Trakru, Rohun	1913	71 De La Parra, Daniela	2039	11 Moradiabadi, Elshan	2718
7	Oberoi, Shelev	1909	75 Devagharan, Devina	2028	13 Sadorra, Julio C	2686
11	Tang, Andrew	1879	76 Xiang, Evan	2021	40 Li, Ruifeng	2534
63	Casas, Michael	1549	78 Root, Alexey Wilhelmina	2005	40 Cornejo, Max	2534
67	Razo, Joaquin	1532	80 Kao, Camille Y	2000	69 Harper, Warren Thomas	2441
76	Lu, Hubert	1503	87 Xiang, Ellen	1979	84 De Jesus, Jeffrey	2418
81	Tao, Arthur	1486			86 Aleskerov, Faik	2416
83	Yang, Benjamin	1482	Girls Under 21		87 Breckenridge, Steven James	2415
88	Patil, Vedant	1458	1442	3 Chiang, Sarah	99 Rodriguez, Daniel	2392
95	Pullabhotla, Venkata Naga, Jr	1442	8 Salazar, Aura Cristina	2226		
99	Yan, Edward Lide	1432	13 Nguyen, Emily Quynh	2168	Blitz Women	
			21 Munoz, Claudia E	2096	19 Guerrero Rodriguez, Alejandra	2018
Age 7 and Under			29 Trakru, Priya Nikita	2049	27 Nguyen, Emily Quynh	1872
35	Li, Rachael	1263	33 Devagharan, Devina	2028	34 Trakru, Priya Nikita	1792
36	Nguyen, Sebastian Thien	1262	34 Xiang, Evan	2021	78 Nguyen, Anh Nhu	1522
47	Kunka, Harshid	1208	36 Kao, Camille Y	2000	Quick Overall	
48	Saldivar, Felix, Jr	1203	38 Xiang, Ellen	1979	7 Onischuk, Alexander	2661
51	Zhu, Harrison Lee	1194	49 Palang, Caissa	1953	19 Yotov, Valentin L	2593
56	Perera, Nethul Manmitha	1156	52 Yang, Sylvia Siyuan	1938	23 Gorovets, Andrey	2576
56	Senthil, Arjun	1156	68 Zhao, Annie	1888	33 Moradiabadi, Elshan	2549
60	Raghuraja, Sri Avishkar	1147	69 Palakollu, Samritha	1884	34 Duque, Raymond D	2548
74	Aakarshan, Kumar	1096			37 Sadorra, Julio C	2531
81	Gonzalez, Gael Nicolas	1077	Girls Under 16		41 Ramirez, Alejandro	2523
87	Miramontes, Luis	1068	8 Nguyen, Emily Quynh	2168	85 Cornejo, Max	2418
94	Jin, Tony	1039	12 Trakru, Priya Nikita	2049	97 Xiong, Jeffery	2393
99	Wang, Kellen	1028	13 Devagharan, Devina	2028	Quick Women	
			14 Kao, Camille Y	2000	5 Foisor, Sabina-Francesca	2342
			31 Palakollu, Samritha	1884	7 Chiang, Sarah	2243
			62 Abella, Clarissa Louise	1783	11 Salazar, Aura Cristina	2189
			74 Nguyen, Anh Nhu	1731	20 Labeledz, Patrycja Anna	2040
			83 Qureshi, Sadia	1716	25 Guerrero Rodriguez, Alejandra	2018
			87 Zhu, Yining	1696	26 Devagharan, Devina	2017
			Girls Under 13		29 Trakru, Priya Nikita	1990
			23 Nguyen, Anh Nhu	1731	32 Munoz, Claudia E	1964
			39 Dadwal, Saanvi	1593	36 Root, Alexey Wilhelmina	1946
			49 Cedillo Bocanegra, Ana Karen	1534	47 Yang, Sylvia Siyuan	1889
			53 Uppuluri, Anuja	1523	50 Niemi, Nicole Elizabeth	1884
			70 Cheng, Angela	1465	54 Zhao, Annie	1873
			89 Bautista, Ilse V	1411	64 Nguyen, Emily Quynh	1836
			99 Si, Sophia	1387	70 Xiang, Evan	1812
					88 Xiang, Ellen	1756



Tactics Time! Answers

Answers:

1. **16.Rad1** (or **16. Rfd1**) and Black cannot protect both pieces on the d file.
2. **18.Bxc5** wins a pawn. The b pawn is pinned to the undefended rook.
3. **15. Ra1** pins the knight to the rook. Variation from the game.
4. **29...Rxe2 30.Rxe2 Qd1+ 31.Kh2 Qxe2** picks up a piece for black.
5. **12.Rh2** traps the queen. Variation from the game.
6. **17.Ne6+ Ke8 18.Qh5+ g6 19.Bxg6+ hxg6 20.Qxg6#** (or **19.Qxg6 hxg6 20.Bxg6#**)
7. **18.Nd4+ Kb6 19.Qb5#**
8. **20...Qg6** pins the knight. **21.h4 h6**

Cover. **11.Qd3**, which was missed in the game, forks the Black bishop and knight.

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Touch and Move!

by WCM Claudia Muñoz

Writing this article was not easy for me, as a matter of fact, I missed several deadlines of which I apologize to this publication. Although I have my own high traffic website **claudi-amunoz.com** in which to share my thoughts and feelings as well as several social platforms where I have thousands of followers, I have decided to keep this topic in house within our state chess community. My topic today is cheating.

Yes, cheating in chess.

In chess I have sensed in my heart that I have personally faced cheating in a chess tournament at least twice. I will not give out names, locations, nor the names of the tournaments where this happened but I will share what happened in order to allow you to judge if what walks like a duck and quacks like a duck might actually be a duck.

REAL LIFE SITUATION #1

My opponent was 200 points lower rated than me, nothing unusual, right? But during the opening my opponent not only got up several times from the board but during the first 20-moves he actually left the tournament hall to go to his hotel room, which was in the same building.

How do I know this?

A family member noticed the odd behaviour and actually followed him as they observed him exiting his hotel room. This occurred twice. I informed the Tournament Director and after he admonished the player, he told me he knew the player and would vouch for his good character.

Good character?

I was not seeking a 'character reference'. If I had done the same exact thing to a 2300 player (using the same rating difference but with a higher rated player) in which I exited the tournament hall and went to my room twice, what would the tournament director, organizers, and players in the event say about me?

Would the same criteria be applied?

On the board I was not doing so well up to that moment but once the tournament director told the player to sit down and play chess, I was already in disadvantaged position. I have always thought, if I had asked the tournament director to check the player's computer in his room (since he went twice) during the game, I wonder what would have appeared on his screen.

Prior to the round, out of the blue, my opponent told me he had studied my games prior to the tournament. Out of so many players in the event, I felt 'honored' in knowing that he spent time analysing my particular games.

REAL LIFE SITUATION #2

I faced an opponent who was more than 250 points lower rated than me. My opponent played 'masterfully' his opening in the midst of getting up numerous times during the opening and leaving the tournament hall. He began to spend excessive time in the restroom. When he noticed he was being watched, on one of those 'getting ups' he arrived with a cup of coffee. Then he would leave without the cup and sit down only to get up and return a few minutes later with another cup. This went on repeatedly until I informed the tournament director. This time the TD followed him and saw the player was leaving the hall to the opposite side of the hotel to 'serve his coffee'. The player was verbally warned, his immediate response was that he was not playing in the tournament to 'win money', which seemed odd since he was never accused of cheating. After being told to sit down and play chess, by this time we were in the middle game, the game was in a drawing position. I played an opening that was not in any of my chess database in the internet so he was unable to prepare for me. Again, If I were playing a 2300 rated player, I would have to be severely 'underrated' to spend my time in the restroom, going to get coffee and talk with others while I preserved an equal position on the chess board during my round.

The player was also told by the tournament director not to leave the tournament hall again for the remainder of the event, only to use the restroom. After the draw the player never won a game in the tournament. He lost and drew with players that were more than 200 rating points lower than him. So how can you draw a mid-expert and then lose and draw repeatedly to 1500 and 1600 players? Was I playing that badly? I finished the event tied with highly rated players.

MY ADVICE

If you are going to play in a chess tournament, go to play. If you want to socialize, great but do it before the event, between rounds, during lunch breaks and after the event but getting

up during a round and deciding to socialize and talk away (including getting coffee across the street or going to your hotel room to turn off your computer) while a round is being played is simply unprofessional.

A chess player cannot earn on the chess board what he or she has not earned during training. The mentality of winning at whatever cost is not worth the loss of reputation and the weakening of the integrity of the game.

I ask each and every chess club in our state to teach each one of their members that a chess club is a place to learn, share and play chess but once a tournament starts complete respect and focus should be maintained. Simple chess etiquette such as:

1. Arriving early for each round.
2. Turning your cell phone off and giving it to someone who is not playing in a tournament.
3. Once the clock starts focus on your round.
4. Do not get up to socialize or chat with others during a game – you open yourself to suspicion of cheating and once you have ‘earned’ that reputation you must live with the consequences.
5. If you are feeling ill, let the tournament director know in order to limit suspicion of cheating due to continuous trips to the restroom.
6. Do not take any devices with you to a restroom.
7. Do not leave the tournament hall to buy drinks, do that prior to your round.
8. When the round is over and you want to chat about your game, leave the tournament hall in order to respect those that are playing chess.
9. Respect that game!
10. Most importantly if you suspect cheating – speak out and let the tournament director know.

These simple steps should constantly be taught in our chess clubs and by chess coaches as they are important prior to jumping to the national and international tournaments.

I have been blessed in representing the United States in eight international tournaments in Latin America, Europe, the Middle East and Asia, it was my upbringing as a child in the Dallas Chess Club that prepared me for proper chess etiquette in the international arena.

Last but not least, cheating should not be swept ‘under the rug’ in order to avoid ‘scandal’. Cheaters should face the consequences of their ill-planned moves both on and off the board.

2015 Denker Tournament

by Akshay Malhotra

My knight smashing through my opponent's queenside, my queen devastating my adversary's kingside, my bishops threatening my foe's king, I waited for my opponent to raise the white flag. And after a few more hopeless moves, she extended her hand as I extended mine, only to find out that we couldn't reach. We both walked onto the board, pushing aside piece after piece to construct a pathway, and again I extended my hand, my feet firmly resting on d5 and hers on e4, to accept my little sister's resignation on our lawn chess game the day before the start of the 2015 Denker Tournament of High School Champions.

The Arizona Biltmore Resort, with its numerous recreational facilities, including swimming pools, water slides, tennis courts, basketball courts, and even cactuses, hardly seemed like any location I had visited before for a chess tournament. After a long flight and a drive over to the resort, I immediately formulated two goals for this experience: To perform to the best of my ability in this prestigious event after many months of dormancy in the chess world because of school and to touch the biggest cactus on which I could lay my eyes and hands. Spending the first evening relaxing and completing my second goal, I wanted to be in good form for the event, and I was ready when the first day arrived.

The Opening Ceremony was truly an interesting experience, not only because of its excellent organization but also because of the honor and pride I felt in representing the Lone Star State. We listened to the organizers and sponsors of the event speak about the event in general and about the tournament's namesake, the late GM Arnold Denker, before being called up by state to receive medallions as we held our state flag. And after a few group photos, we were off to our rooms to prepare for the first game.

As the twelfth seed at the beginning of the tournament, I wasn't exactly expected to be fighting for first place at any point in the tournament, but I felt well-rested and ready to play some fighting chess. My first round game was against the representative of Kentucky, who was under pressure in the entire game but continued fighting until very late in the night, making our game the last one to finish. Finally, I was able to break through his defenses

and avoid a series of threats of perpetual check to claim the victory. The next morning, I was paired against the representative of Ohio, who again fought well but succumbed to my queenside attack against his king. This game produced a picturesque position, with my opponent's white king completely safe on the fourth rank, and I surprisingly had to think for a little while to seal the deal in this position.

Tied for first with only a few others, I was set to play against some higher-rated players now. I quickly entered an unexpected position in my game against Christopher Wu of New Jersey, but after a while he committed a positional error, giving me the advantage and the opportunity to push. Very quickly, I won a piece and soon the game. The next morning I played on Board 1 against Sean Vibbert of Indiana, and the winner of this game would be in clear first place. I tried to play aggressively since the beginning, but I miscalculated a variation, causing me to have to settle for a draw. Although I started as a much lower seed, I was tied for first with two other players, so every game from now on was even more crucial.

Ironically, my downfall began at this imperative point in the tournament. In round five, I was paired against Alexander Velikanov of Wisconsin, the eventual winner of the tournament, and from the beginning my play was very unstable. All the pieces that I developed in good positions had to retreat one by one as a result of some poor planning, causing me to lose tempos and helping my opponent gain the initiative. My position was still equal, but after some hours, I blundered an essential pawn from a miscalculation and soon saw my position crumble. Frustrated from this game and from my poor planning at such an important point in the tournament, I could not forget this loss very easily. And in my last game against the representative from Washington, I quickly got in very bad position from an unexpected error in the opening and lost after struggling for a few hours to save my position.

Overall, the 2015 Denker Tournament was a roller coaster of ups and downs, beginning with great success and ending with a series of terrible disappointments. However, I truly believe that I gained a lot from the experience. Although I did not succeed in completing my quest to bring glory to Texas this year, I do wish our state the best of luck in future years. I would like to congratulate the winner again for a good victory, thank the organizers for a great event, and especially express my gratitude toward the TCA for this opportunity. I hope to be back, and next time, I may think twice before touching that cactus.

Akshay Malhotra (2255) – Christopher Wu (2429) [E58]

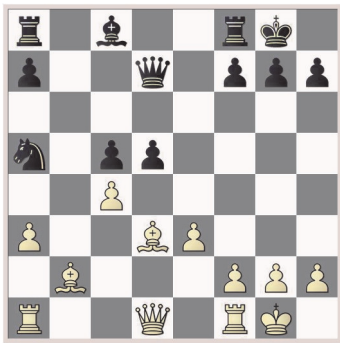
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1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.e3 0-0 5.Bd3 d5
6.Nf3 c5 7.0-0 Nc6 8.a3 Bxc3 9.bxc3 b6 10.Bb2?!
[I misplayed this opening variation, and if my opponent had played completely accurately, I would not have been able to get any advantage from the two bishops at any point in the game]

10...Na5 11.Ne5 Nd7 12.Nxd7 Qxd7 13.cxd5 [I spent a lot of time, probably a bit too much, thinking how to make my dark-squared bishop active, and after exchanging some pawns, I hoped to open up the center a bit and free my bishops.]

13...exd5 14.dxc5 bxc5 [I did not really like where my position was going at this point, so I really wanted to find some sort of breakthrough]

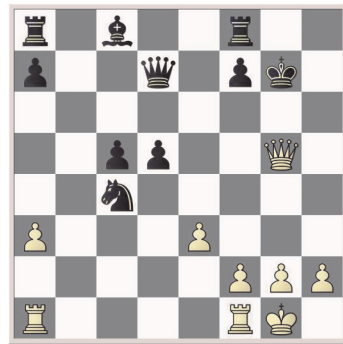
15.c4



[15.a4 Rb8 16.Rb1 Qc7 17.Ba3 Be6 18.Qh5 g6
19.Qg5=]

15...f5? [Probably in an attempt to avoid the forced repetition but a poor positional choice. After this sudden advancement of the f-pawn, the a2-g8 diagonal is seriously weakened and Black's position is somewhat exposed.]

[15...Nxc4 16.Bxh7+ Kxh7 (16...Kh8 17.Bd3)
17.Qh5+ Kg8 18.Bxg7 Kxg7 19.Qg5+ Kh7 20.Qh5+
Kg7 21.Qg5+=]

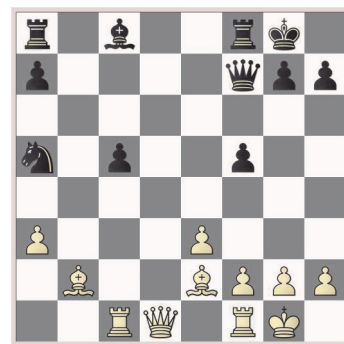


15...dxc4 16.Bxh7+ Kxh7 (16...Kh8 17.Qh5 Qg4
18.Qxc5) 17.Qh5+ Kg8 18.Bxg7 Kxg7 19.Qg5+ Kh7
20.Qh5+ Kg7 21.Qg5+=]

16.cxd5 Qxd5 17.Be2 [In an attempt to trade queens so as to reach a much better ending in which I have not only two bishops but also numerous weaknesses in the opponent's position to attack.]

17...Qf7?! [Black should just exchange queens and try to save the ending. After this retreat, Black's position is completely passive, and I have an easy opportunity to develop and attack his weaknesses simultaneously.]

18.Rc1



18...Nb3?? 19.Bc4 Be6 20.Qxb3 Bxc4 21.Qxc4
[This blunder quickly ended the game for Black, but the position was very hard to play either way.] 1-0



Coach's Corner - e4! by Robert L. Myers

Chess Life

As most coaches, especially chess coaches, I wish players would come to practice and work hard learning the tactics and principles. What happens is those that don't win often (you all know who you are) when you decide to show up, you walk around practice, talk to other players, ask irrelevant questions, and stay off task using your electronic devices, going to the rest room, leaving to get snacks, just all sorts of stuff. I mean in 25 years of education and nearly 12 years of serious scholastic chess competition, I have almost seen it all. I saw a student standing right outside the chess practice area tossing a football with a very pretty girl. He made no attempt at concealing his presence. His apparent lack of caring about practice was noticed forthwith. Practice had started 30 minutes ago. I approached him outside and shared a few choice words after which he finally came to practice but really wasn't engaged nor participating. This is the same kid who was voted at our year-end chess banquet as "The Player Most Likely to Lose Every Round at a Chess Tournament." The reason for this is his lack of seriousness and dedication at practice. I was at chess practice and a kid once hid in the closet to keep from practicing and yet another would play some computer game of killing zombies. I would frighten the heck out of this kid everyday like clockwork. He would sit at a computer, when he was supposed to be completing Mate-in-One puzzles, I would sneak up behind him and scream, "Roaring!!!!" Everyone that knows anything about coaching knows that NOTHING is more important than practice, other than posing with the 1st Place trophy. That is how you win. I must admit, the young lady was very pretty but not more important than practice. I had Sunday brunch with the advertising group that handles Justin James "J. J." Watt, American football defensive end for the Houston Texans of the National Football League, Pro-Bowl MVP and NFL Defensive Player of the Year. With his 9,000 calorie intake per day, Jennifer says, he has kept us waiting for hours many times. Because for him, practice is that important. He said after keeping us waiting for a shoot, "Nothing is more important than training and practice." I was at my former middle school and noticed this same behavior. The kids had won several tournaments in a row, 1st place individual and 1st place team. They were on a roll and where sort of "feeling themselves." I said in no unabashed terms, "Guys, you have a Lifetime, Level IV, Certified, Professional Master Chess Coach as your coach and you guys are sneaking on the computers to play "Uber-Strike?!" I continued, "I may not be your chess coach much longer." I left after only one state championship. The team went from 12 players to two.

It is insane to think that you can not attend practice, not study, and still win. That is like taking the test with out knowing the material and expecting to pass. You can't miss practice and think you are going to win. Practice is like studying for the test. The Chess tournament is the test. I have said it so many times, as my Mother would say, "Until I'm blue in the face." One cannot play this game and not make mistakes. That is impossible. Chess is a developmental tool. It is

designed to create failures and successes. You; therefore MUST (I emphasis must in all caps because of it's importance) capitalize on your opponents mistakes. He who makes fewer mistakes and capitalizes on his opponents mistakes will be victorious. You learn this in practice. I am not talking about chess here, as always I am talking about life as chess mirrors life. You can't live life and not make mistakes.



The Chess Academy has several school districts and many campuses. The Knights have ran into many celebrities from actors, singers and rap artists. Many have “Friended, followed, liked or Snapchatted” us on social media. Almost everyone has at least one social media account, even your grandma has an account I'm sure. I mean, the Knights have everyone on our friends list from Masters, Grand Masters, movie producers, a few athletes, too many musicians and actors to name, even a few news anchors and very famous politicians. Most will agree that they have made mistakes along the way to arrive at their level of success. It is sink or swim in chess as in life. One of the best way to get better is as in most crafts, learn from your mistakes.

Lawrence Fishburne's character, Vinne in the acclaimed chess movie all chess players are familiar with, Searching for Bobby Fischer, says to Josh, Josh Waitzkin, International Chess Master the lines from the film --- "What's that? Schleimann attack. Where'd you learn that from, a book? My teacher taught me. Forget it. Play like you used to --- from the gut. Get your pawns rolling on the queen's side. --- He taught you how not to lose, not how to win. You got to risk losing. You've got to risk everything. You've got to go to the edge of defeat. But-- But what? Play. Never play the board, always the man. You got to play the man playing the board. Play me. You have to beat me, not the board. You're not who I have to play. You're playing me now." Oooh, goose bumps just typing those words. That is chess, leaving it all out there. Living on the edge. Sink or swim, fly or fall, mistake or mastery, I will be successful or not, win or lose, I will do my best, courage and confidence, fight or flight. One of our Facebook friends snapped a shot (duh, I just found out that Instagram and Facebook could be linked, gotta love technology when it works) and Twitted, "Up early, not really wanting to go to this 7 am class but have to." I responded, "Winners do what we have to do even when we don't want to do so. So when we face challenges throughout the day (there will be challenges) we will conquer them." She promptly got up and aced her test that day. It takes that same confidence to sit at a board or challenge another player online. It's an unabashed openness to put it all out there. We all need a little boost for our confidence when our courage is abated.



Jonathan Butler, jazz and gospel artist hails from South Africa, the home of the gentleman statesman we lost a few years ago, President Nelson Mandela. President Mandela is known to us who love him as Madiba, an affinity as much as it is his ancestral tribe from which was the name of a Thembu chief who ruled in the Transkei in the 18th century. It is considered very polite to use someone's clan name. However;

all of the things Madiba experienced from the Pit to the Palace, from Prison to the Presidency shows confidence and courage. The most endearing thing to me is that Madiba invited his prison guards to his presidential inauguration. WOW! That action speaks volumes of the character, conscience and conviction of the man.

Grand Master Timur Gareev was here for a 10 person blindfold simul. He said to me this weekend that Chess is one of the most complicated yet simple games in the world to play or master, yet few attempt and far less conquer the art and sheer brilliance of playing without a chess board or chess pieces.

There are 64 squares, 32 pieces, 16 for white and 16 for black. Each has 6 different pieces, a King, a Queen, 2 Rooks, 2 Bishops, 2 Knights and 8 Pawns. It's difficult enough just playing and looking at your pieces, your opponents pieces, and calculating the almost infinite possibilities in one game, not to mention 10 games concurrently without the benefit of sight. Yet, that's what GM Gareev does routinely at a level so high he will attempt to break the world record of playing chess while wearing a blindfold. He said, "Coach I should have all 10 games wrapped up in less than a couple of hours." He is the youngest Grand Master from Uzbekistan, he defeated 13 of our best players while wearing a blindfold. He met us at our Friday Knights chess weekly tournament in the Heights at Cocos, 5555 Washington Ave. Houston, Texas, with his friend and professor at Lone Star College, Life Master Todd Thomas. (To receive the rank of "Life-Master" you must maintain a USCF rating of 2200 for 300 games.) They played 10 second blitz games to entertain the crowds that seem to follow like paparazzi. Everywhere he goes the cameras follow. One kid asked him after he'd signed what seemed to be 50 autographs, "Just how many games have you lost?" I responded, "Hundreds of thousands." With a shocked face and that middle school charming smile he laughed and said, "Coach, not quite that many. But there have been quite a few I wish I had back." The point is to get better you must practice and make practice a life-style.



I have made colossal mistakes in chess games and even in coaching over the past couple of decades in both basketball and chess. I'm talking billions of blunders, lost thousands of games. I read a quote from basketball Hall of Famer, Michael Jordan that said, "That is why I succeed." He's missed thousands of shots and even missed many game winning shots. People will scream your name, either in praise or in disgust but they will say your name. You will either be the victim or the victor. It is through adversity that champions are created from hours and hours of practice, desire, determination, and discipline. The question was queried of The Knights, "Why do you guys win so much?" The answer is simple, the Knights give their all or nothing. We take practice seriously --- even more seriously than we take the tournament. Sun Zu, in the Art of War says, "The battle is fought and won before we reach the battlefield." Like an artist singing the lyrics in the song he's singing poured out from his soul. You can tell from his inflection, tone and vocal performance that either he is in love or has been hurt by it. That is love. It is giving yourself completely without expecting any reciprocation in return. It is putting it all out there unabashed saying, "I have nothing if I don't have you." It is practice as if that practice is the performance. I have heard that practice makes perfect. I agreed until I heard that perfect practice makes perfect.

Three things will happen in a game of chess, you will win, lose or draw but you won't know until you shake hands and begin. So the query comes to mind are you going to sit there and not know the answer? Or are you going to find out? Love hurts but it feels so good. There is nothing like it. There is nothing like winning also but then again there is nothing like losing. I've experienced both and believe me winning is more fun. But winning won't happen in chess or in life until there is practice.



Member Submissions

This is a new section in *Texas Knights*. It is specifically for member submitted games. When games are submitted they will include any annotations that are provided by the submitter... and if warranted, they will also include a computerized analysis of the submissions. There may be zero, one or more submissions per issue, it really depends on what is received. This time we have one submission.

This submission was provided by
Mark McCue.

See user annotation (A) at White Move 16 and user annotations/ variations (B1 & B2) at White Move 17.

**Durston, John (1996) –
McCue, Mark (1902)**

Austin Chess Club (3), 14.06.2015

[B24: Closed Sicilian: 3 g3
sidelines]

1.e4 c5 2.Nc3 Nc6 3.g3 g6 4.Bg2
Bg7 5.d3 e6 6.f4 Nge7 7.Nf3 d5
8.0-0 [last book move]

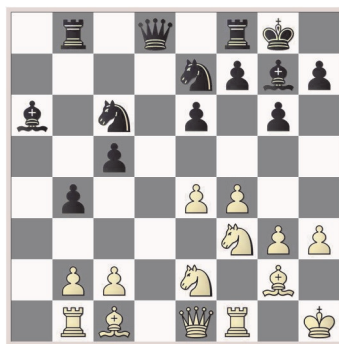


8...0-0 9.Rb1 Rb8 10.Kh1 b5
11.a3 [Secures b4]

11...a5 12.h3 [12.a4!? is worthy of
consideration 12...bxa4 13.Nxa4=]

12...b4? 13.axb4 axb4 14.Ne2
[14.Na4!? Qa5 15.b3?]

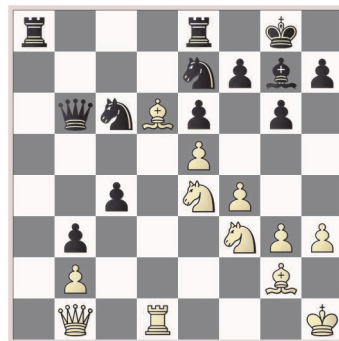
14...dxe4? 15.dxe4 Ba6 16.Qe1
[(A)?! *Winning a Pawn*]



16...b3 17.c4? [Δ17.Ra1!? Nb4
18.Rxa6 Nxa6 19.c3?; (B1)! 17.c3
Qd3! is Crushing.; (B2)! 17.Qd1
Qxd1 Wins the Knight.]

17...Bxc4+ 18.e5 Bd3 19.Be3
[19.Ra1 Nb4 20.Qf2 Bb5+]

19...Bxb1 20.Qxb1 c4 21.Rd1
Qc7 22.Bc5 Rbc8 23.Bd6 Qb6
24.Nc3 Rfe8 25.Ne4 Ra8
[Δ25...Nd5 seems even better
26.Bc5 Qa5+]



26.Nfd2? Nd5 27.Nxc4 Qb5
28.Bf1 Qa4 29.Nc5 Qa2 30.Qe4
[30.Qd3 Ncb4 31.Qxb3 Qxb3
32.Nxb3 h5?]

30...Ncb4 [30...Nce7 31.Qd3?]

31.Qf3 [White threatens to win
material: Qf3xb3]

31...Bf8 32.Nxb3 Nc2 33.Qd3
Bxd6 34.Nxd6?? [Δ34.exd6 is
the best chance 34...Ncb4
35.Qf3?]

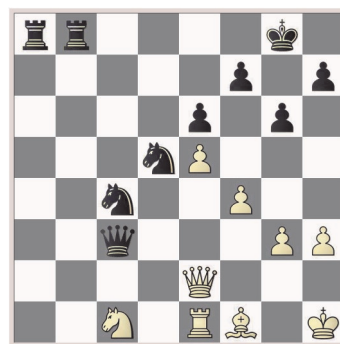
34...Reb8+ 35.Nc1 [35.Qxc2
cannot undo what has already
been done 35...Rxb3 36.Rd2
Rxc3+]

35...Qxb2 36.Nc4 Qc3 37.Qe2
[37.Rd2 a last effort to resist the
inevitable 37...Na3 38.Qxc3 Nxc3
39.Rd3+]

37...Nce3 [37...Nde3 keeps an
even firmer grip 38.Nxe3 Nxe3
39.Re1 Nxf1 40.Rxf1+]

38.Re1 [38.Nxe3 the only chance
to get some counterplay 38...Nxe3
39.Re1+]

38...Nxc4 [38...Nxc4 39.Nd3 Nce3
+] 0-1



Tabled Motions

Tabled Motion #1

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO CREATE A UNIFORM GRIEVANCE PROCEDURE.

Article First: The following section of the bylaws shall be deleted:

Article VII. COMMITTEES. Section 3. Ethics Committee

A. The Ethics Committee shall be a standing committee consisting of four voting Members appointed by the President.

Article Second: The following new section of the bylaws shall be added:

Article XI. GRIEVANCES

A. Any TCA member, including the persons described in this section, or participant in any TCA event may forward a grievance to the President, the Vice President, the Secretary, the Treasurer, or any appointed officer. Committee member, or director of the TCA. Upon receipt of a grievance from any person, an officer, committee member, or director shall forward the grievance to the President.

B. Upon receipt of a grievance, the President, Vice President, Secretary, or Treasurer (the Executive Committee) shall forward the grievance to the other members of the Executive Committee.

C. A grievance shall be in writing and shall include a brief statement of the complaint, including but not limited to any TCA rule that the grievor contends has been violated, and facts to support the grievance, including possible witnesses. The grievance shall also include a request for a remedy. The Executive Committee shall request clarification of any grievance that it determines is insufficient under this rule, and shall dismiss the grievance if the grievor is unwilling or unable to amend a grievance to satisfy this rule.

D. After determining that a grievance is sufficient to state a complaint and request a remedy, the Executive Committee shall investigate the grievance, including speaking to any target of the grievance and any witnesses and examining any documents. The Executive Committee may delegate this duty to any one of its members or to a neutral investigator who is a member of TCA. The Executive Committee shall forward a copy of the grievance to any target named in the grievance. Any target shall be forwarded an opportunity to provide a written statement responding to the grievance, provide documents disputing the grievance, and identifying witnesses.

E. If, after considering the grievance and the target's response, the Executive Committee finds that the grievance is well taken, the Executive Committee may take one of the following actions: Private Reprimand, Public Reprimand, Suspension, or Expulsion of the target from the Texas Chess Association. The Executive Committee may also, in lieu of or in addition to the previous actions, refer the matter to the USCF or an appropriate law enforcement agency. If the Executive Committee finds that the grievance is not well founded, it shall dismiss the grievance.

F. When the Executive Committee has reached a decision on a grievance, it shall forward its decision to the grievor and any target of the grievance. If the Executive Committee has decided to issue a private reprimand, it shall inform the grievor only that it has reviewed the grievance and taken appropriate action.

G. If the Executive Committee has taken any action on a grievance other than a private reprimand, it shall forward a short notice to the Editor of Texas Knights for publication in the next issue. The notice shall briefly state the nature of the grievance and the conclusion of the Executive Committee.

Tabled Motion #2

To extend the trial period for State Scholastic split (into North/Central and South Divisions) from 3 years to 6 years.

Tabled Motion #3

For the South bidding deadline for the South to be moved from July 15th to the following:

January 15th, with the bid awarded at the latest at that spring's State Scholastic.

Upcoming Events

OCTOBER 2015

OCT. 3 Region VII Girls Scholastic

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

OCT. 3-4 2015 DCC Fide Open XII

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

OCT. 4 Frisco Fall Kindergarten-Fourth Grade Championships

Info: <http://www.uschess.org/tlas/5893.tla>

OCT. 6, 13, 20, 27 Monthly - Tuesday Night Swiss

Info: website www.center64.com

OCT. 10 National Chess Day Houston Scholastic

Info: 832-492-7154, <http://chess.jliptrap.us/hca15chav.htm>

OCT. 10 6th Annual Scott Watson Memorial Chess Classic

Info: <http://www.uschess.org/tlas/5966.tla>

OCT. 10 National Chess Day! "SPA--EDDIE DINNER 5" Open

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

OCT. 17 Many Springs 81

Info: agonzalejr@yahoo.com, www.tarrantcountychessclub.org

OCT. 17 Kealing Scholastic Tournament

Info: <https://www.austinchestournaments.com/events/659>

OCT. 17 Leaves of Fall K-12 Classic

Info: <http://www.uschess.org/tlas/5992.tla>

OCT. 23-25 19th Annual Texas Grade & Collegiate Championships

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

OCT. 24 Corpus Christi Chess Clinic Presents: October Chess Battle

Info: Steve Blustein, 361-429-0204

OCT. 25 2015 Universal Academy K-12 Fall Fun Chess Classic

Info: <http://www.uschess.org/tlas/6000.tla>

OCT. 25 HCC Saturday Scholastic Tournament

Info: <http://www.uschess.org/tlas/5185.tla>

OCT. 31 2015 Halloween K-12 Classic

Info: <http://www.uschess.org/tlas/5847.tla>

OCT. 31 North Arlington Chess Club Open #8

Info: <http://www.uschess.org/tlas/5874.tla>

OCT. 31-NOV. 1 Dallas Amateur and Novice

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

OCT. 31-NOV. 1 Dallas Open

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

NOVEMBER 2015

NOV. 3, 10, 17, 24 Monthly - Tuesday Night Swiss

Info: www.center64.com

NOV. 7 8th Annual Turkey Tournament

Info: miles_knight@lovejoyisd.net

NOV. 7 Backyard BBQ Open

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

NOV. 13-15 OR 14-15 2015 U.S. Class Championships

Info: 504-208-9596 or 504-905-2971

NOV. 14 US Class Scholastic Side Tournament

Info: <http://www.uschess.org/tlas/15486.ctla>

NOV. 21 Many Springs 82

Info: agonzalejr@yahoo.com, www.tarrantcountychessclub.org

NOV. 26-29 OR 27-29 2015 DCC Fide Open XIII

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

NOV. 28-29 San Antonio Turkey Shoot

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



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Early to Mid DECEMBER 2015

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

Info: www.center64.com

DEC. 12 Corpus Christi Chess: December Chess Battle

Info: Steve Blustein, 361-429-0204

DEC. 12-13 2015 DCC Fide Open XIV

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

19th Annual Texas Grade and Collegiate Championships

OCT 23-25

Houston Marriott South Hobby Airport, 9100 Gulf Freeway, Houston, TX 77017. HR: \$92/\$92/\$92/\$92, 713-943-7979. Mention chess to get rate. Or register online at http://www.marriott.com/meeting-event-hotels/group-corporate-travel/groupCorp.mi?resLinkData=Texas%20Grade%20and%20Collegiate%20Chess%20Championships%20^houhh%60DCCDCCA%6092.00%60USD%60true%6010/21/15%6010/28/15%6010/2/15&app=resvlink&stop_mobi=yes (link is also on tournament website www.dallaschess.com). Breakfast for up to two adults and two children is included in rate. Reserve by Oct 2 or rate may not be honored. **Collegiate:** Oct 23 or 24 - 25. 5SS, G/90, with 30 sec inc. Collegiate is open to any college player. Only Texas players/Colleges can be Texas Collegiate Champs. \$\$ \$400-\$200-\$100, 1st '1600-1800' \$200, 1st '1200-1599' \$200, 1st U1200 \$200, Unrated eligible for U1200 prize or 1st -3rd overall only. Plaques to top 5 Individuals, Plaques to top 5 Teams (top four players added for team scores, no more than 2 teams per school.) **EF:** \$49 by 10/10/15, \$69 thereafter. Do not mail after 10/17 as your entry may not be received in time. **Reg.:** 3 day: Fri 10/23 from 6:00 pm-6:30 pm. **Rds.:** Rd 1 at 10/23 at 6:45 pm. Sat 1:45pm-5:45pm. Sun. 9 am and 1:45 pm. 2day: Reg. 10/24 8:00 -8:30 am. Rd 1 at 9 am then merge with 3 day. One 1/2 pt bye available, any round, if requested before end of rd. 2 and if player has not received a full point bye. Team pairings will be turn off for later rounds, probably for round 3. Fide rated and US Chess rated and uses Fide Rules. US Chess ratings/rules will be used for pairings and prizes. Default late forfeiture time is one hour. TD may extend this time at TD's discretion. Note that Foreign players must disclose their FIDE ID number before 1st round in order to play. Note that USA Players with no FIDE ID must disclose their email address. Online registration and team room information on website at www.dallaschess.com. FIDE. **Grades 7-12:** Oct 23-25. 5SS, G/90 with 5 sec delay. **Each grade is Open to TX residents or players attending Texas schools.** Players must play in their own grade. Note that small 7-12 sections may be merged with a bigger 7-12 section. Trophies to top 10 ind. & top 5 teams (top three players added for team scores, no more than 2 teams per school in each grade.) **EF:** \$35 if postmarked by 10/10/15, \$59 thereafter or on site. . Do not mail after 10/17 as your entry may not be received in time. **Schedule: Reg:** Fri 6:00 pm – 6:30 pm. **Rds:** Fri 6:45pm, Sat 9 am – 1:45pm, Sun. 9 am – 1:45 pm. Two 1/2 pt byes available as long as one of the byes is for round 1, else only one bye available. Byes must be requested before end of rd. 2 and before getting a full point bye. Team pairings may be turn off for later rounds. Players may also register on 10/24 from 8 - 8:30 am. These players would get 1/2 point bye for round 1. **Grades K-6:** Oct 23-25. 6SS, Rds. G/60 d5. **Each grade is Open to TX residents or players attending Texas schools.** Players must play in their own grade. Trophies to top 10 ind. & top 5 teams (top three players added for team scores, no more than 2 teams per school in each grade.) **Reg:** Fri. 10/23 5:30 pm – 6:15 pm. **RDS:** Fri 10/23 6:45 pm. Saturday 9:30am-1:00pm-3:45pm. Sun rds 10 am-1:15 pm. **ALL:** **EF:** \$35 if postmarked by 10/10 \$59 thereafter or at site. Do not mail after 10/17 as your entry may not be received in time. Two 1/2 pt byes available as long as one of the byes is for round 1, else only one bye available. Byes must be requested before end of rd. 2 and before getting a full point bye. Team pairings may be turn off for later rounds. Players may also register on 10/24 from 8 - 8:45 am. These players would get 1/2 point bye for round 1. **All: Entries to:** Dallas Chess Club, c/o Barbara Swafford, 2709 Longhorn Trail, Crowley, TX 76036. Entry must include Name, US Chess ID (or new/pending), grade & school and school location. Incomplete entries will be charged at site entry fee. No refunds after 10/21. Email: info@dallaschess.com 214-632-9000. Do not call after 10/21 as we are traveling. Online registration and team room information on website at www.dallaschess.com **Side events:** See website for side event information. All Side events will be on Saturday. W. (FIDE for Collegiate section).



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