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It was a 3-way tie at Texas Masters this year between Denis Kadric (left), Aleksandar Indjic (right), and Ruifeng Li (not shown).

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From the Desk of The Editor

Hello and welcome to the New Year! It's hard to believe another year is behind us and that this will be my 10th Issue as Editor of *Texas Knights*! Since the Table of Contents (on the front cover) should give you an idea of what this issue contains, I've decided, this time, not to replicate it here. Instead, here are some *Texas Knights* and *Chess Life* highlights.

Texas Knights:

- There is a new column called *Endgame Study*. We are starting off the column with a basic double bishop endgame. Future columns will highlight endgames using other piece combinations and include a main line of play with some variations.
- The *Leader List* has changed. The USCF is now breaking out the Women and Girls sections substantially more than before. I think it's important to highlight these new sections (how else would you know we have the #1 18 year old girl, the #1 14 year old girl and the #1 Under 7 year old girl right here in Texas?). Note: the other age sections do include boys *and* girls. The Blitz, Quick and Correspondence sections are no longer included in TK.
- Printed issues of *Texas Knights* are now available for \$4.00 each (includes shipping; less than it actually costs us to create and mail them). Note: Quantities are very limited and only this issue and the Nov-Dec 2015 issue are available (contact me for availability).

Chess Life (January 2016):

- There is an article, starting on page 32, about the 10th annual match between UT Dallas and U. Belgrade, with UT Dallas winning the match.
- On page 7, there is mention of a 70% discount off *How to Play Chess: Lessons from an International Master* provided by *The Great Courses*. I tried it because the lecturer (Jeremy Silman) is one of my favorite Chess authors. Mr. Silman, with books like: *How to Reassess Your Chess*, *The Amateur's Mind* and even a *Complete Endgame Course*; in combination with the professionally produced videos and accompanied guide (400+ pages for the Chess course) from *The Great Courses*; I found, makes for a very enjoyable learning experience. A Downloadable/Streaming version (with a downloadable PDF of the course guide) will save you \$20 more (i.e. no \$10 shipping cost either!). Purchase of the DVD version, however, does also include a printed guide AND the streaming version.

The next issue of *Texas Knights* should be in your mailbox around the 1st week of April. Thanks to all that contributed. Take care! — **Jeff French**



From the Desk of the TCA President

Happy new year everyone. The chess world will be very active in the coming months. We have Regional championships in January and February culminating in the state to be held in Brownsville in March. I hope to see most of you in one place or another soon. This will be the last combined state tournament to be held before the North/South split. After that it will be only every three years we will see a Super State. I urge all to go and may be we can set a record number!

Our efforts in Social media are bearing fruit. Kudos to Mr. Abed Munoz, we now boast of over 2000 Facebook likes. An easy way to communicate to the younger audience.

See you all soon.

With regards.

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TCA Treasurer's Report - January 15th, 2016

Income		Expenses	
September memberships	\$70.00	Region 7 – Palacios ISD Chess Sets	\$116.66
October memberships	\$55.00	Texas Knights Sept-Oct 2015	\$899.64
November memberships	\$0.00	Texas Knights Nov-Dec 2015 (includes ad income)	\$762.19
December memberships	\$0.00	2015 Denker Representative - Akshay Malhotra	\$300.00
January memberships (so far)	\$10.00	Total	\$2,078.49
2015 SW Open memberships	\$469.00		
2015 Texas Girls State Championship	\$65.00		
2015 Texas Grade & Collegiate and memberships	\$369.00		
Smile Amazon Donation	\$9.66		
Total	\$1,047.66		
January 15th, 2016			
		WF checking account balance	\$20,229.61
		BOA checking account balance	\$4,212.85

Texas Masters 2016

The 2016 Texas Masters Tournament was played in Richardson from January 16th thru January 18th. There were 23 participants in the tournament. **GM Aleksandar Indjic, GM Denis Kadric and IM Ruifeng Li** shared the top spot in a 3-way tie with a score of 4.0/5.0. The complete results of the tournament are below.

#	Place	Name	Rtng	Post	St	Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd 3	Rd 4	Rd 5	Tot
1	1-3	GM Aleksandar Indjic	2642	2652	TX	W21	W8	D5	W13	D4	4.0
2		GM Denis Kadric	2616	2619	TX	W10	W9	L3	W7	W5	4.0
3		IM Ruifeng Li	2555	2565	TX	W11	L5	W2	W6	W8	4.0
4	4-5	GM Gil Popilski	2678	2679	TX	W17	W6	W13	L5	D1	3.5
5		GM Jeffery Xiong	2675	2679	TX	W14	W3	D1	W4	L2	3.5
6	6-8	NM Chris Toolin	2381	2380	TX	W18	L4	W9	L3	W12	3.0
7		NM Justin Wang	2241	2248	TX	W16	L13	W11	L2	W14	3.0
8		NM Jack R Easton	2194	2200	KS	W23	L1	W18	W10	L3	3.0
9	9-12	WFM Emily Quyn Nguyen	2138	2144	TX	W15	L2	L6	D11	W16	2.5
10		Rithik Polavaram	2009	2017	TX	L2	D16	W20	L8	W18	2.5
11		Jhonel Baniel	2001	2016	TX	L3	W23	L7	D9	W17	2.5
12		Tim Stakland	1877	1933	TX	H---	W14	U---	W16	L6	2.5
13	13-14	GM Conrad Holt	2644	2631	KS	W22	W7	L4	L1	U---	2.0
14		Jason Metpally	2067	2064	TX	L5	L12	W17	W18	L7	2.0
15	15-16	NM Robert Sanchez	2179	2174	TX	L9	H---	U---	W19	U---	1.5
16		Utkarsh Kaniyar	1877	1864	TX	L7	D10	W23	L12	L9	1.5
17	17-18	Rudy G Tia Jr	2112	2077	NY	L4	L18	L14	W20	L11	1.0
18		Thomas Kung	1973	1962	TX	L6	W17	L8	L14	L10	1.0
19	19-20	Tim C Steiner	2036	2028	TX	H---	U---	U---	L15	U---	0.5
20		Adarsh Hullahalli	1933	1914	TX	H---	U---	L10	L17	U---	0.5
21	21-23	Kevin Liu	2031	2030	TX	L1	U---	U---	U---	U---	0.0
22		Srinidhi Kaniyar	1413	1412	TX	L13	U---	U---	U---	U---	0.0
23		Adrian D Stacey	1401	1396	TX	L8	L11	L16	U---	U---	0.0

6th Annual Austin Chess Club Championships By Peter Kappler

For additional info: <https://www.austinchesstournaments.com/events/651>

The **Austin Chess Club** held its 6th Annual Club Championship from Jan 8-10. 13-year old **Emily Nguyen** emerged victorious from the 166-player field with 4.5/5 points. (Amazingly, this is the second year in a row that a 13-year old has won the tournament! Last year it was **FM Ruifeng Li**.) Despite her youth, Emily already has an impressive chess resume: 2010 US Junior U8 Champion, 2010 World Youth Championships (9th place U8), 2011 NA Youth Championships (U10 gold medal), 2012 Texas Elementary Champion, 2012 Pan-American Youth Championship (U10 gold medal), 2014 ChessKids.com (U13 Champion). And she recently earned her NM title. Keep a close eye on this young talent - she's just getting started!



Winner, Emily Nguyen

Tying for 2nd-7th place with 4 points: **Daniel Rodriguez, Nick Schoonmaker, Eric Dong, Mark Dejmek, and Barbaro Cepedes.** **Andy Smith** won the under-2000 section with 3.5 points. **Pablo Banuelos** and **Jonathan Rea** won the Reserve and Novice sections, each with a perfect 5/5.

Thank you to everybody who played, and a special thanks to **Lori Balkum** for organizing and directing the tournament!



Annotated by Peter Kappler unless otherwise noted..

Seth Thompson (2130) [B27]- Daniel Rodriguez (2352)
ACC Championship (2), 09.01.2016

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 g6 3.d4 cxd4
4.Nxd4 Bg7 5.Nc3 Nc6
6.Nde2 Nf6 7.g3 h5 8.h3 b5
9.Bg2 Rb8 10.Be3 0-0 11.0-0
d6 12.f4 Bd7 13.Qd2 Qc8
14.Kh2 b4 15.Nd5 Nxd5
16.exd5 Na5



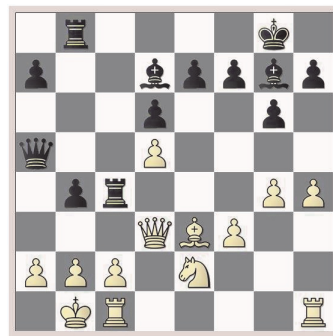
17.b3! [It's well worth an exchange to stop Black's queenside play.] 17...Bxa1
18.Rxa1 Bf5 19.Nd4 Rb7
20.Nc6? [Trading a good knight for a bad one.]
20...Nxc6 21.dxc6 Rc7
22.Qxb4 Rxc6 23.Bxc6 Qxc6
24.c4 Qf3 25.Qd2 h4
26.Rg1 a5 27.g4 Be4 28.Qf2
a4 29.Qxf3 Bxf3 30.Bf2 ax-
b3 31.axb3 Rb8 32.Rb1 Be4
33.Rb2 Bd3 34.Bxh4 f6
35.Bf2 Bxc4 36.b4 Kf7
37.Kg3 e5 38.h4 Ke6 39.Kf3

d5 40.Bc5 d4 41.h5 gxh5
42.gxh5 Kf5 43.Rh2??
[White should draw after
43.fxe5 fxe5 44.h6 Bd5+
45.Ke2 Rh8 46.Bxd4 exd4
47.Kd3 Rxh6 48.Kxd4=]
43...Bd5+ 44.Kf2 Kxf4 45.h6
Kg5 46.h7 Rh8 47.Bf8 Kg6
48.b5 Rxh7 49.Rxh7 Kxh7
50.Bd6 Kg6 51.b6 Kf5
52.Be7 Ke6 53.Bd8 f5
54.Bc7 f4 55.Bb8 Kf5
56.Bd6 e4 57.Bc5 0-1

Michael Langer (2296) -
Mark Dejmek (2165) [B78]
ACC Championship (3), 09.01.2016

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4
4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 g6 6.Be3
Bg7 7.f3 0-0 8.Qd2 Nc6
9.Bc4 Bd7 10.0-0-0 Rc8
11.Bb3 Ne5 12.Kb1 Nc4
13.Bxc4 Rxc4 14.g4 b5
15.Nde2? [A playable move in many Dragon variations, but apparently not this one.
15.b3 b4 16.bxc4 bxc3
17.Qxc3 Qc7+=] 15...b4
16.Nd5 Nxd5 17.exd5 Qa5
18.h4 Rfc8 [The computer says Black is already winning (+2).] 19.Rc1 Rb8
[19...Bc3!! 20.bxc3 bxc3
21.Nxc3 Qa3 22.Ka1 Rxc3
23.Bd4 Bb5 24.Rb1 Rxc2
25.Bb2 Qxa2+ 26.Kxa2 Bc4+

27.Ka1 Rxd2-+] 20.Qd3



Bb5 [Dejmek's move is perfectly good, but the machine wins the brilliancy prize. 20...Rc3!! 21.Qd2 Ra3!] 21.Qb3 Rcc8 0-1

James Rohrbaugh (2240) -
Barbaro Cepedes (2164) [A85]
ACC Championship (4), 10.01.2016

Annotated by James Rohrbaugh

1.c4 e6 2.Nc3 f5 [A common move order to get to the Dutch vs. 1.d4 in order to avoid gambit and early Bg5 lines, it seems unnecessary vs. 1.c4 because gambit lines are less effective; however....] 3.d4 Nf6 4.g3 Bb4! [Now the point of 1....e6 is revealed. I have been tricked into a completely, for me, unfamiliar position as I never play an early Nc3 against regular Dutch move orders precisely because of this. Move

over, the queen knight is often better developed on d2 or, depending on which variation black chooses, better left on b1 so that after b3, white can trade dark square bishops with Ba3. Although objectively it's only equal, Black has, after only four moves, already won the opening battle psychologically.]

5.Qb3 c5 6.Bg2 Qa5 7.e3 Bxc3+ 8.bxc3 Nc6 9.Bxc6?

[My original intention was to continue with 9.Ne2 and 10.0–0, but as often happens in unfamiliar opening positions, I began to see ghosts, fearing, among other things, a queen retreat followed by Na5, so I decided to try to defend an inferior ending, but my assessment was way off as white is just lost after this.]

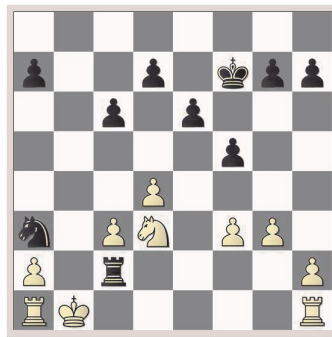
9...bxc6 10.Qa3 Qxa3

11.Bxa3 [Barbaro finishes up flawlessly....his remaining moves, like a cascading conflux, preclude any possibility for me to stem the tide.]

11...Ba6 12.Bxc5 Bxc4 13.f3 Rb8 14.Ba3 Rb5 15.Ne2 Kf7 16.Kd2 Rhb8 17.Nc1? [17.Nf4 was a

better route to d3, but when it rains, it pours!]

17...Rb2+! 18.Bxb2 Rxb2+ 19.Ke1 Nd5 20.Nb3 Re2+ 21.Kd1 Nxe3+ 22.Kc1 Rc2+ 23.Kb1 Bd3 24.Nc5 Nc4 25.Nxd3 Na3# 0–1



Emily Nguyen (2138) – Jeffrey De Jesus (2308) [D13]
ACC Championship (4), 10.01.2016

1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.cxd5 cxd5 4.Nf3 Nf6 5.Nc3 Nc6 6.Bf4 a6 7.e3 Bg4 8.Be2 e6 9.Rc1 Bd6 10.Bg3 0–0 11.0–0 Bxg3 12.hxg3 Rc8 13.Na4 Qd6 14.Nc5 Bxf3?! 15.gxf3 Rc7 16.Qa4 Rb8 17.Rc3 Nd7 18.Rfc1 Ne7 19.Kg2 Nxc5 20.Rxc5 Rxc5 21.dxc5 Qe5 22.Bd3 Qxb2?? 23.Rb1 Qe5 24.Rxb7! [Black can't simultaneously defend his rook, knight, and back rank. Something has to give.]
24...Ng6 25.f4 Nxf4+ 26.exf4 1–0

Elijah Logozar (1675) – Krishna Gurung (1458) [B28]
ACC Championship (4), 10.01.2016

Annotated by Elijah Logozar

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 a6 5.c4 Nf6 6.Nc3 Nc6 7.Be2 e6 [I thought he would play g6 and aim for normal maroczy bind positions] **8.0–0 Be7 9.Be3 Bd7 10.f4** [Gaining space with ideas of f5, maybe g4 g5] **10...Nxd4 11.Qxd4** [Now I am fully developed and black is under pressure] **11...Bc6 12.Rad1 0–0 13.f5 e5 14.Qd3 Qc7 15.g4**

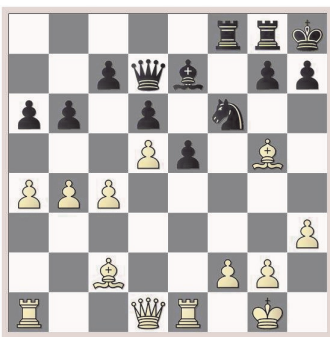
[Continuing my plan, with g5. Also Nd5 becomes possible when he leaves] **15...Nd7?! 16.b4** [This move was to stop him from ever playing Nc5. I wanted to stop as much counterplay as possible before continuing. Also threatens b5.] **16...Rad8?** [I win a piece now.] [16...b5 17.g5 bxc4 18.Qxc4 Rac8 19.Nd5 Bxd5 20.Qxd5 [I'd play white. I think he is better because of blacks many weaknesses and the bishop pair, as well as a potential kingside attack, but black has much more defending chances

than in the game.] **17.b5 Nc5** [A surprise in between move but it doesn't save the game.] **18.Qc2 axb5 19.cxb5 Bd7?** [He loses a piece and more.] **20.Nd5 Qa5 21.Nxe7+ Kh8 22.Rxd6 b6 23.Bxc5 bxc5 24.Rfd1 Bxb5 25.Bxb5?** [25. Rxd8 Rxd8 26. Bxb5 wins a second piece because of Black's weak back rank.] **25...Rxd6 26.Rxd6 Qe1+** [His checks mean little, and it is not worth a piece.] **27.Kg2 Qh4** [I can just move my knight, then escape the checks. A pawn is not important here.] **28.Nc6 Qxg4+ 29.Kh1** [Now if Qf3+ I can play Qg2 and everything is defended with no more checks] **29...Qf4 30.a4 h5 31.a5 h4 32.Qe2 g6 33.fxg6 fxg6 34.Rxg6 Rf7 35.Qh5+ Rh7 36.Qxe5+** [Now the endgame with the queens off is easy to win.] **36...Qxe5 37.Nxe5 Re7 38.a6 1–0**

Duy Minh Nguyen (2085) –
Andy Smith (1987) [C63]
ACC Championship (5), 10.01.2016

**1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 f5
4.d3 fxe4 5.dxe4 Nf6 6.0–0**

**d6 7.Nc3 Be7 8.h3 Be6
9.Re1 Qd7 10.Nd5 a6
11.Bc4 Bxd5 12.exd5 Nd8
13.a4 Nf7 14.b4 0–0 15.Bb3
Kh8 16.c4 Rg8 17.Ng5 Nxd5
18.Bxg5 b6** [18...Nxd5!
19.Bxe7 Nxe7 20.Rxe5 Nc6
21.Re4 with a roughly balanced position.] **19.Bc2 Raf8**



[The c2 bishop indirectly defends the d5 pawn.] [19...Nxd5? 20.Bxe7 Nxe7 21.Bxh7! Kxh7?? 22.Qh5#] **20.Bxf6?** [Now Black gains an open g-file and a powerful central pawn duo.] **20...gxf6 21.Kh1 f5 22.a5 b5 23.cxb5 Qxb5 24.Rb1 Qc4 25.Qd3 Qh4 26.Rf1?!** [26. Qxa6 would have kept the position balanced. Now Black starts pressing on the kingside.] **26...e4 27.Qe2 Bf6 28.Rb3 Be5 29.Rg1 Rg5 30.b5 axb5 31.a6 Bd4 32.Rf1 Rfg8 33.Qd2 Be5 34.f4 exf3 35.Rbxf3 Rg3**

36.Qf2 [36.Bxf5! Rxg2 37.Qxg2 Rxg2 38.Kxg2=] **36...Rxg2 37.Qxg2 Rxg2 38.Kxg2 Qg5+ 39.Kh1 Qd2 40.R1f2 Qxd5 41.Bxf5 Bd4 42.Rf1 Qa8 43.Bc8 Qe4 44.Bf5 Qa8 45.Bc8 Qe4 46.Bf5 Qd5 47.Kh2 Be5+ 48.Kg1 Qa2 49.Rc1 Qh2+ 0–1**

Daniel Rodriguez (2352) –
Emily Nguyen (2138) [B22]
ACC Championship (5), 10.01.2016

**1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 e6 3.c3 d5
4.exd5 Qxd5 5.d4 Nf6
6.Be2 Nc6 7.Be3 cxd4
8.cxd4 Be7 9.Nc3 Qd6
10.0–0 0–0 11.a3 a6 12.Rc1
b5 13.Ne5 Bb7 14.Bf3 Rac8
15.Bf4 Qd8 16.b4 Ba8
17.Nxb5!?** [Initiating 14 consecutive captures!] **17...Nxe5 18.dxe5 Qxd1 19.Rfxd1 Bxf3 20.exf6 Bxd1 21.fxe7 Rxc1 22.exf8Q+ Kxf8 23.Bxc1 axb5 ½–½**



Daniel Rodriguez vs Emily Nguyen

Out and About

For additional info: <http://chessevents.com/northamericanopen/>

IM Ruifeng Li and **GM Jeffery Xiong** participated in the **25th Annual North American Open**, held in Las Vegas Nevada between December 26th and December 30th, 2015. There was a 3-way tie for first place and a 7-way tie for second place in the Open Section. Both players shared second place with scores of 6.5/9.0 just ½ point from first place. Below are games played by each player from the tournament .

IM Ruifeng Li

Markzon, Gregory (2198) –
Li, Ruifeng (2460) [E46]

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Bb4
4.e3 0–0 5.Nge2 Re8 6.a3
Bf8 7.Ng3 d5 8.Bd3 b6 9.0–
0 Bb7 10.b3 dxc4 11.bxc4
c5 12.Bb2 Nbd7 13.Qe2
cxd4 14.exd4 g6 15.Rad1
Bg7 16.Rfe1 Qc7 17.f3 a6
18.Bb1 Rad8 19.Ba2 Qb8
20.Qf2 Qc7 21.Nge4 Qf4
22.d5 exd5 23.cxd5 Nxe4
24.Nxe4 h6 25.Bc1 Qb8
26.Qh4 g5 27.Qf2 Bc8
28.h4 f5 29.d6+ Kh7 30.Ng3
Rxe1+ 31.Qxe1 Ne5
32.hxg5 Rxd6 33.f4 Ng4
34.g6+ Rxg6 35.Qe8 Nf6
36.Qe3 Qc7 37.Bb2 Ng4
38.Qb3 Qc5+ 39.Kh1 Be6
0–1

Li, Ruifeng (2460) [C84] –
Landaw, Julian W (2340)

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6
4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0–0 Be7 6.Nc3

b5 7.Bb3 d6 8.a3 Bg4 9.h3
Bxf3 10.Qxf3 Nd4 11.Qd1
Nxb3 12.cxb3 0–0 13.d4
Nd7 14.Be3 Bg5 15.Bxg5
Qxg5 16.Rc1 exd4 17.Qxd4
Nc5 18.Qd1 Rae8 19.Re1 f5
20.Qd5+ Kh8 21.b4 Re5
22.Qd1 Nxe4 23.Nxe4 fxe4
24.Rxc7 Qh4 25.Re2 d5
26.Qd4 Qf6 27.Rec2 h6
28.R2c6 Qf5 29.Rg6 Qxg6
30.Qxe5 Rd8 31.Re7 Kh7
32.Re6 Qg5 33.Qxg5 hxg5
34.Rxa6 d4 35.Kf1 d3
36.Ke1 Rc8 37.Re6 Rc1+
38.Kd2 Rc2+ 39.Kd1 Rxf2
40.Rxe4 Rxb2 41.Re5 Ra2
42.Rxb5 Rxa3 43.Rxg5 Ra2
44.Rd5 Rb2 45.b5 d2 46.h4
g6 47.Ke2 Kg7 48.Rg5 Kh7
49.g3 Kh6 50.Rd5 Kg7
51.Kd1 Kh7 52.Ke2 Kg7
53.g4 Kh7 54.g5 Kg7 55.Kd1
Kh7 56.Rd7+ Kg8 57.Rd6
Rxb5 58.Rxg6+ Kh7
59.Rh6+ Kg7 60.Kxd2 Rb3
61.Ke2 Ra3 62.Kf2 Rb3
63.Kg2 Ra3 64.Rf6 Rb3
65.Rf3 Rb1 66.Kh3 Rg1

67.Rg3 Ra1 68.Kg4 Kg6
69.h5+ Kg7 70.Rf3 Rg1+
71.Kf5 Rh1 72.h6+ Kh7
73.g6+ Kg8 74.Kf6 Ra1
75.h7+ 1–0

Velikanov, Alexander (2324) –
Li, Ruifeng (2460) [E14]

1.d4 Nf6 2.Nf3 e6 3.c4 b6
4.e3 Bb7 5.Bd3 d5 6.0–0
Bd6 7.Nc3 Nbd7 8.b3 0–0
9.Bb2 a6 10.Qc2 c5 11.cxd5
exd5 12.Rad1 Qc7 13.Ne2
Ne4 14.Ng3 f5 15.dxc5 bxc5
16.Nh4 g6 17.Nf3 Rae8
18.Qe2 Qb6 19.Nd2 Ne5
20.f4 Nxc3 21.hxc3 Ng4
24.Bxf7+ Kxf7 25.Qc4+ Re6
26.Qc3 Nf6 27.g4 Qb4
28.gxf5 gxf5 29.Qxb4 cxb4
30.Bd4 Ke7 31.Rc1 Ng4
32.Rfe1 Kd7 33.Bc5 Bxc5
34.Rxc5 Nxe3 35.Re2 Nd5
36.Rxe6 Kxe6 37.Rc4 Kd6
38.Kf2 a5 39.Rc1 Nc3
40.Rh1 Nxa2 41.Ra1 Nc3
42.Rxa5 Bd5 43.Ke3 Bxb3
44.Rxf5 Be6 45.Rh5 b3
46.Rxh7 b2 47.Rb7 b1Q

48.Rxb1 Nxb1 49.Ke4 Bd5+
50.Kd4 Bxg2 51.f5 Na3
52.f6 Ke6 53.f7 Kxf7 54.Ke5
Nc4+ 55.Kd4 Bf1 56.Kd5
Kf6 57.Kd4 Ke6 58.Ke4
Bg2+ 59.Kd4 Bd5 60.Kd3
Ke5 61.Kc3 Ke4 62.Kb4 Kd4
63.Kb5 Be4 64.Kb4 Bc2
65.Kb5 Ne5 66.Kb4 Nc6+
67.Ka3 Kc3 68.Ka2 Nd4
69.Ka1 Nb3+ 70.Ka2 Bd3
71.Ka3 Bb1 72.Ka4 Nd4
73.Ka5 Kc4 74.Kb6 Nb5
75.Kc6 Bf5 76.Kb6 Bd7
77.Ka5 Nc3 78.Kb6 Nd5+
79.Ka5 Kb3 80.Ka6 Kb4
81.Kb7 Kb5 82.Ka7 Bc8
83.Kb8 Ba6 84.Ka7 Nb4
85.Ka8 Kb6 86.Kb8 Nc6+
87.Ka8 Bb7# 0-1

Li,Ruifeng (2460) [B11] –
Dreev,Alexey (2644)

1.e4 c6 2.Nc3 d5 3.Nf3 Bg4
4.h3 Bxf3 5.Qxf3 e6 6.d4
dxe4 7.Qxe4 Nf6 8.Qd3
Nbd7 9.g3 Bb4 10.a3 Bd6
11.Bg2 0–0 12.0–0 Qc7
13.b3 Rad8 14.Bb2 e5
15.dxe5 Bxe5 16.Rad1 Rfe8
17.Qf3 Ne4 18.Rfe1 Nxc3
19.Bxc3 Bxc3 20.Qxc3
Rxe1+ 21.Rxe1 Nf6 22.b4
Qd6 23.Bf3 h6 24.Rd1 Qe7
25.Re1 Qd6 26.Rd1 Qe7
27.Rxd8+ Qxd8 28.Qc5 a6
29.Qa7 Qc8 30.h4 g6 31.c4

h5 32.a4 Ng4 33.Qd4 Qe6
34.Bxg4 hxg4 35.c5 ½–½

Li,Ruifeng (2460) [C84] –
Kamsky,Gata (2669)

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6
4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0–0 Be7 6.Nc3
b5 7.Bb3 d6 8.a3 0–0 9.h3
h6 10.Re1 Bb7 11.d3 Qd7
12.Nd5 Rae8 13.Ne3 Bd8
14.Nf5 Kh7 15.Qd2 Ng8
16.Bd5 Qc8 17.c3 Nce7
18.Nxe7 Nxe7 19.Bxb7
Qxb7 20.Qc2 Ng6 21.d4 Kg8
22.dxe5 Nxe5 23.Nxe5
Rxe5 24.Bf4 Re6 25.Bg3 Bf6
26.Re3 Rfe8 27.Rae1 a5
28.Qb3 Qc6 29.Qd5 Qb6
30.e5 dxe5 31.Bxe5 c6
32.Qd4 Qxd4 33.Bxd4 Rxe3
34.Rxe3 Rxe3 35.Bxe3 Kf8
36.Kf1 Ke7 37.Ke2 Ke6
38.Kd3 Be7 39.a4 bxa4
40.Kc4 Bd8 41.Kc5 Kd7
42.Bf4 h5 43.f3 g6 44.g4
hxg4 45.hxg4 f5 46.gxf5
gxf5 47.Be5 Be7+ 48.Kb6 a3
49.bxa3 Bxa3 50.Kxa5 Ke6
51.Bg7 Kd5 52.Ka4 Bd6
53.Kb3 Be5 54.Bh6 c5
55.Be3 c4+ 56.Kc2 ½–½

Mikhalevski,Victor (2535) –
Li,Ruifeng (2460) [E60]

1.c4 c5 2.g3 Nc6 3.Bg2 g6
4.Nc3 Bg7 5.Nf3 d6 6.0–0
Nf6 7.d4 cxd4 8.Nxd4 Bd7

9.b3 0–0 10.Bb2 Rc8 11.e3
Qa5 12.Rc1 a6 13.a3 Rfe8
14.h3 Qb6 15.Ba1 Qa5
16.Bb2 Qb6 17.g4 h6
18.Rb1 Qc7 19.Rc1 Qb6
20.Rb1 Qc7 21.Nde2 Na5
22.Nf4 e6 23.a4 Bc6 24.Ba1
Bxg2 25.Kxg2 Rcd8 26.Re1
Nc6 27.Ncd5 Nxd5 28.cxd5
Bxa1 29.Rxa1 e5 30.Ne2
Ne7 31.Ng3 Qa5 32.e4 Rc8
33.Rc1 Rxc1 34.Qxc1 Rc8
35.Qb1 Qc3 36.Re3 Qb4
½–½

Li,Ruifeng (2460) [B73] –
Bodek,Michael H (2410)

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4
4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 g6 6.Be3
Bg7 7.Be2 Nc6 8.Qd2 Ng4
9.Bxg4 Bxg4 10.Nd5 Rc8
11.0–0 0–0 12.c4 Re8
13.Rac1 Nxd4 14.Bxd4 Be2
15.Bxg7 Bxf1 16.Qh6 Bxc4
17.Rc3 f6 18.Bh8 Kf7
19.Qxh7+ Ke6 20.Nf4+
Kd7 21.Bxf6 Rc6 22.Nxg6
Bxa2 23.h4 Rxc3 24.Bxc3
Rg8 25.h5 Qe8 26.Bf6 Ke6
27.Bxe7 Rxg6 28.hxg6 Qxe7
29.Qg8+ Kf6 30.Qxa2 Kxg6
31.Qd5 Qc7 32.Kh2 Qb6
33.f4 Qxb2 34.Qxd6+ Qf6
35.f5+ Kg7 36.Qc7+ Kh6
37.Kh3 b5 38.g4 Qa1
39.Qd6+ Kg5 40.Qd2+ Kf6
41.Qh6+ Kf7 42.Qg6+ Kf8

43.Qd6+ Kg7 44.Kh4 a5
45.Qe7+ 1-0

Colas,Joshua (2245) –
Li,Ruifeng (2460) [A47]

1.d4 Nf6 2.Nf3 e6 3.e3 b6
4.Bd3 Bb7 5.0-0 c5 6.c3 d5
7.Ne5 Bd6 8.b3 0-0 9.f4
Nc6 10.Nd2 Ne7 11.Qf3 a5
12.a4 Ba6 13.Bxa6 Rxa6
14.Bb2 Ra8 15.g4 Nd7
16.Nd3 f5 17.g5 Qc7 18.c4
cxd4 19.exd4 Rfc8 20.Rac1
Qd8 21.h4 dxc4 22.Nxc4
Nf8 23.h5 Nd5 24.Rf2 Be7
25.Rg2 Qe8 26.g6 h6
27.Re1 Rd8 28.Ne3 Rac8
29.Nxd5 Rxd5 30.Rxe6 Rcd8
31.Re5 Rxe5 32.Nxe5 Bf6
33.Re2 Bxe5 34.Rxe5 Qd7
35.Qd3 Qb7 36.Rxf5 Qe7
37.d5 Qe1+ 38.Kg2 Ne6
39.Bc3 Qc1 40.Qd2 Qxd2+
41.Bxd2 Nc7 42.Be3 Nxd5
43.Re5 Kf8 44.Kf3 Rd6
45.Rf5+ Nf6 46.Rb5 Nd7
47.b4 axb4 48.Rxb4 Rc6
49.Bd4 Rd6 50.Ke4 Nf6+
51.Bxf6 Rxf6 52.Rb5 Re6+
53.Re5 Rc6 54.Kd4 Rf6
55.f5 Rd6+ 56.Rd5 Rf6
57.Kc4 Ke8 58.Kb4 Ke7
59.Kb5 Ke8 60.Ka6 Rc6
61.Kb5 Rf6 62.Kc4 Rc6+
63.Kd4 Ke7 64.Rb5 Rd6+
65.Ke5 Rc6 66.a5 bxa5
67.Rb7+ Kf8 68.Rf7+ Kg8

69.Ra7 Rc8 70.Rxa5 Kf8
71.f6 gxf6+ 72.Kxf6 Rc6+
73.Kf5 Rc7 74.Ke6 Kg7
75.Rd5 Ra7 76.Kd6 Ra6+
77.Kc7 Ra7+ 78.Kc6 Kg8
79.Rb5 Kg7 80.Rb6 Re7
81.Kd6 Ra7 82.Ke6 Rc7 ½-½

Li,Ruifeng (2460) –
Nakar,Eylon (2476) [C07]

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nd2 c5
4.Ngf3 cxd4 5.exd5 Qxd5
6.Bc4 Qd6 7.0-0 Nf6 8.Nb3
Nc6 9.Nbxd4 Nxd4 10.Nxd4
a6 11.Re1 Qc7 12.Bb3 Be7
13.Qf3 0-0 14.Bf4 Bd6
15.Bxd6 Qxd6 16.Rad1 Qc7
17.c3 ½-½

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Haessel,Dale R (2262) –
Xiong,Jeffery (2575) [E12]

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 b6
4.a3 Bb7 5.Nc3 g6 6.d5 Bg7
7.g3 0-0 8.Bg2 Na6 9.0-0
Nc5 10.Bf4 d6 11.Rc1 a5
12.b4 axb4 13.axb4 Nce4
14.Nxe4 Nxe4 15.Qd3 Nf6
16.e4 Ra4 17.dxe6 Bxe4
18.exf7+ Rxf7 19.Qb3 Qa8
20.c5 Ra3 21.Qxf7+ Kxf7
22.Ng5+ Kg8 23.Nxe4 Nxe4
24.cxd6 cxd6 25.Bxd6 Qe8
26.Bxe4 Qxe4 27.Rfe1 Qa8
28.Bc7 Bd4 29.Red1 Qe4 0-1

Kiewra,Keaton F (2444) –
Xiong,Jeffery (2575) [A48]

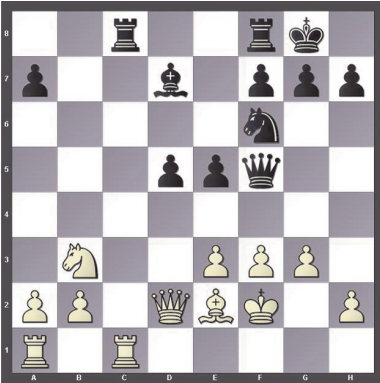
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11.Rad1 Re8 12.dxe5 dxe5
13.Rfe1 Nd7 14.Nf1 Nc5
15.Bc4 c6 16.a3 a5 17.b4
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22.Rd3 Bf8 23.Nd2 Rec8
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28.Rxd8+ Rxd8 29.Nb3
Rxd1+ 30.Qxd1 Bxe3
31.fxe3 a4 32.Qd8+ Kg7
33.Nc5 Qc6 34.Qe7 Nc4
35.Nd7 Qd6 36.Qxd6 Nxd6
37.Nxe5 Nxe4 38.Nc6 Nxc3
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Xiong,Jeffery (2575) –
Colas,Joshua (2245) [B40]

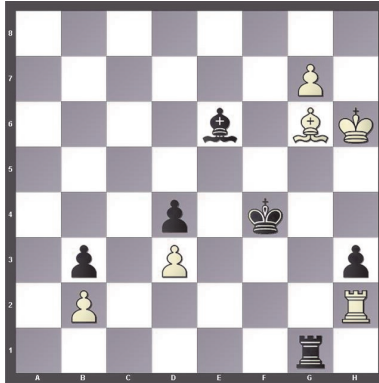
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Qc7 12.Na3 Rd8 13.g4 Bg6
14.Nc4 f6 15.Nh4 Bf7
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18.Qf3 Bf8 19.Kh1 Nf4
20.b3 ½-½

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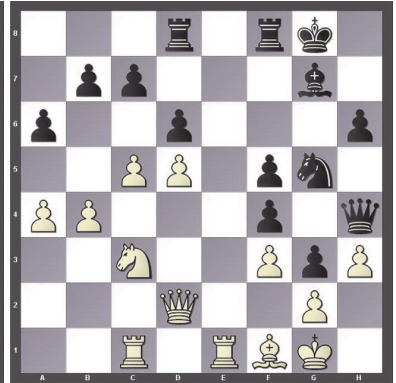
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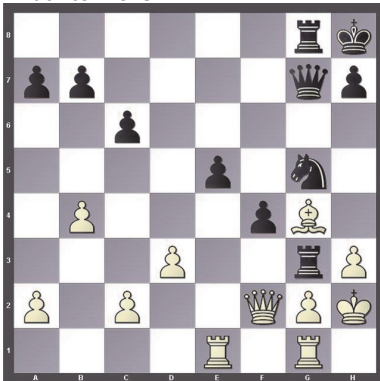
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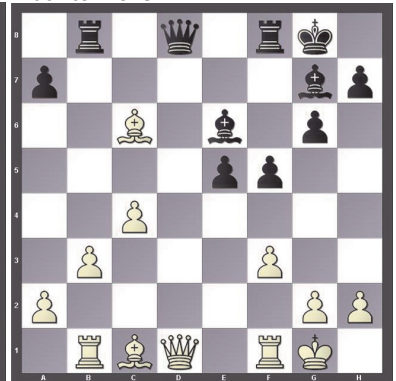
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 Black to Move



5. Anthony Garcia - Chris Hobart
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 Black to Move



6. John Hill - Eric Wiggins
Southwest Open 1999
 Black to Move



7. Adam Moncada - David Abrams
Southwest Open 1999
 White to Move



8. Robert Brieger - Drew Sarkisian
Southwest Open 1999
 Black to Move

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Women Overall			Girls Age 15			Girls Age 10		
7	Danelia, Mariam	2370	11	Nguyen, Brittany Mong-Tran	1811	2	Nguyen, Anh Nhu	1762
10	Foisor, Sabina-Francesca	2332	23	Zheng, Christine	1652	11	Yellamraju, Ambica	1471
22	Chiang, Sarah	2257	28	Rodriguez, Dominique	1611	18	Padilla, Karlee	1363
32	Salazar, Aura Cristina	2226	53	Guillen, Sarai A	1205	27	Yellamraju, Aparna	1267
43	Nguyen, Emily Quynh	2138	59	Kotha, Anvita	1172	35	Si, Sophia	1203
56	Munoz, Claudia E	2083	60	Hernandez, Paola	1168	37	Gunukula, Renee	1194
57	Devagharan, Devina	2079	63	Solis, Crystal Marie	1111	46	Balderas, Ana Luisa	1109
60	Guerrero Rodriguez, Alejandra	2073	66	Morrison, Nicole Leigh	1002	53	Delgado, Gisele Josephine	1047
71	De La Parra, Daniela	2039	70	Wallett, Ammarie Rita	950	64	Padala, Tanvi	976
74	Trakru, Priya Nikita	2029	75	Christensen, Asha Taylor	892	67	Le, Helen Uyen	953
78	Xiang, Evan	2021	79	Davila, Priscilla	729	78	Rodriguez, Melissa	865
82	Root, Alexey Wilhelmina	2002				81	Wu, Alison	856
90	Xiang, Ellen	1979	Girls Age 14			Girls Age 9		
93	Palang, Caissa	1968	1	Devagharan, Devina	2079			
96	Kao, Camille Y	1966	2	Trakru, Priya Nikita	2029	10	Wan, Audrey X	1393
Women Age 65 and Over			9	Palakollu, Samritha	1884	16	Furman, Jessica	1240
2	O'Neill, Julia	1800	19	Qureshi, Sadia	1689	43	Naidu, Suchitra	1009
Women Age 50 and Over			22	Garza, Ariel Francis	1527	48	Ghatti, Saisneha	961
2	Root, Alexey Wilhelmina	2002	27	Zhao, Vivian	1497	52	Patil, Srushti	903
9	O'Neill, Julia	1800	28	Mitra, Aishwarya	1492	60	Bhattacharya, Shubhangi	839
44	Jamison, Helen	1110	29	Uppuluri, Sindhuja	1470	67	Arunachalam, Amrithaa	770
52	Lamont, Olga A	924	30	Bhat, Puja Prashant	1458	68	Cepeda, Aylin	764
Girls Under 21			32	Delapaz, Elizabeth	1454	71	Macias, Melanie Alejandra	756
6	Chiang, Sarah	2257	44	Mitra, Apsara	1333	77	Lozano, Clarissa Lysette	731
12	Salazar, Aura Cristina	2226	57	Li, Selena	1145	80	Andaverdi, Rachel	722
15	Nguyen, Emily Quynh	2138	58	Flores, Victoria I	1124	81	Yeung, Sydney	714
20	Munoz, Claudia E	2083	70	Cervera, Maria B	954	Girls Age 8		
21	Devagharan, Devina	2079	73	Voliber, Alyssa	924	12	Jiang, Eileen	1129
32	Trakru, Priya Nikita	2029	Girls Age 13			13	Jacinto, Gianna G	1087
35	Xiang, Evan	2021	4	Nguyen, Emily Quynh	2138	14	Duggirala, Bhavyashree	1071
43	Xiang, Ellen	1979	8	Kao, Camille Y	1966	16	Wang, Kalia Yuke	1008
45	Palang, Caissa	1968	36	Zhu, Yining	1584	23	Uviedo, Violette	927
47	Kao, Camille Y	1966	47	Uppuluri, Anuja	1466	25	Nava, Abeni Yanira	907
59	Yang, Sylvia Siyuan	1938	51	Bautista, Ilse V	1402	32	Solis, Natalie	835
71	Palakollu, Samritha	1884	62	Boren, Isabel	1263	44	Iyer, Niyati	717
72	Zhao, Annie	1882	70	Munoz, Dena L	1214	56	Pilla, Ananya Valli	655
96	Nguyen, Brittany Mong-Tran	1811	75	Santana, Sol Celeste	1176	59	Choudhary, Rhea	628
Girls Age 18			80	Solis, Gabriela	1105	63	Sandoval, Sofia	619
1	Chiang, Sarah	2257	82	Gonzales, Caitlin A	1092	67	Nitturi, Rajni	610
3	Munoz, Claudia E	2083	85	Tovias, Lauren	1068	71	Eksambe, Adishri	588
6	Xiang, Ellen	1979	91	Cheng, Daisy	997	72	Yi, Bella	587
26	Olvera, Georgina	1399	Girls Age 12			78	Osoinach, Rebecca B	560
Girls Age 17			15	Cheng, Angela	1591	83	Chapa, Daniela Lillian	543
26	Han, Curran	2221	20	Cedillo Bocanegra, Ana Karen	1521	87	Torres, Kiran	469
56	Shao, Andy	2102	26	Zhou, Julia	1478	Girls Age 7 and Under		
60	Wlezien, Alexander	2076	37	Murgulet, Ioana	1321	1	Li, Rachael	1184
68	Brannon, Joshua Scott	2068	45	Melgarejo, Fernanda	1257	5	McNutt, Kaitlynn Lee	1030
74	Jacob, Andrew	2053	46	Vasquez, Angelica	1256	5	Gao, Tianwen	1030
91	Shan, Devan	1996	47	Salinas, Brianna Christina	1251	25	Melgarejo, Paulina	701
99	Palang, Caissa	1968	54	Serrano, Gabriella	1194	27	Nair, Pallavi	671
Girls Age 16			70	Lin, Maggie Yezhen	992	32	Nieto, Kiana E	637
6	Lin, Dachev	2350	71	Ravichandar, Shreya	986	36	Martinez, Erika Beatriz	590
16	Vaidya, Atulya	2258	74	George, Krista	947	44	Chamaria, Vedika	537
30	Lu, Andrew H	2209	79	Miller, Stephanie	929	46	Yeh, Madeline	529
35	Obili, Abhishek Reddy	2186	80	Byrapaneni, Siri	921	56	Barajas, Sophia	476
52	Nguyen, Duy Minh	2085	82	Gutierrez, Bianca	904	65	Sosa, Yvannia	384
74	Mao, Marcus S	2025	Girls Age 11					
77	Xiang, Evan	2021	18	Dadwal, Saanvi	1528			
89	Nandula, Ram Aditya	1980	32	Manohar, Riya	1360			
100	Annigeri, Sanjay	1944	34	Kao, Simona Y	1349			
			55	Morales, Rhea	1111			
			65	Madhugiri, Shruthi	1054			
			83	Flores, Madelyn	969			



Tactics Time! Answers

Answers:

1. **27...Ne4+** forks the King and Queen. The f-pawn is pinned.
 2. **61.Rxh3!** Black cannot capture because of **61...Bxh3 62.g8=Q**.
 3. **29...Qxh3!! 30.gxh3 Nxf3+** forks the King and Queen. White comes out ahead two pawns.
 4. **28...Rxc4!** White cannot recapture because of **29.hxc4 Qh6+ 30.Qh4 Qxh4#**
 5. **9...Qa5+** forks the Bishop and King.
 6. **16...Qb6+** forks the Bishop and King.
 7. **20. Qxf6** the Knight is pinned, and cannot recapture.
 8. **19...Nxc5** removes the defender of the White Rook. **20.Naxc5 Kxd6**.
- Cover. 25.b4** traps the Black Knight.

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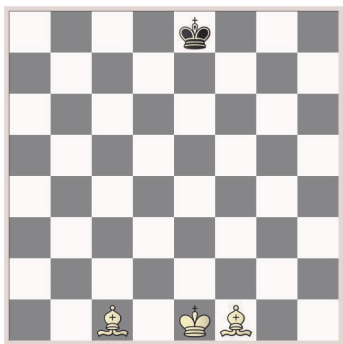
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Endgame Study



1.Bh3 Kf7 [1...Ke7 doesn't improve anything 2.Ke2 Kf6 3.Bb2+ Ke7 4.Be5 Kf7 5.Ke3 Ke8 6.Bf6 Kf8 7.Kf4 Kf7 8.Kg5 Kg8 9.Kg6 Kf8 10.Bd7 Kg8 11.Bb2 Kf8 12.Ba3+ Kg8 13.Be6+ Kh8 14.Bb2#]

2.Kf2 [2.Kd2 Ke7 3.Kc3 Kd6 4.Kd4 Kc6 5.Kc4 Kb6 6.Bd2 Kc7 7.Kd5 Kb6 8.Bf1 Kc7 9.Ke6 Kc6 10.Be3 Kc7 11.Bg2 Kd8 12.Bf4 Kc8 13.Kd6 Kd8 14.Bd2 Ke8 15.Bd5 Kd8 16.Bg5+ Ke8 17.Ke6 Kf8 18.Ke5 Kg7 19.Bf4 Kf8 20.Kf5 Ke7 21.Be6 Kd8 22.Kf6 Ke8 23.Bc8 Kf8 24.Bd7 Kg8 25.Kg6 Kf8 26.Bd6+ Kg8 27.Be6+ Kh8 28.Be5#]

2...Kg6 3.Kg3 [3.Kf3 Kf6 4.Ke4 Kg6 5.Bd2 Kg7 6.Kf5 Kg8 7.Kg6 Kf8 8.Bg5 Ke8 9.Bf5 Kf8 10.Bd3 Ke8 11.Bb5+ Kf8 12.Bd7 Kg8 13.Bh6 Kh8 14.Bg7+ Kg8 15.Be6#]

3...Kf6 4.Bf4 Kg6 [4...Kf7 doesn't change the outcome of the game 5.Kf3 Ke7 6.Ke4 Kf8 7.Be3 Ke7 8.Ke5 Kd8 9.Bb6+ Ke7 10.Bc7 Ke8 11.Ke6 Kf8 12.Kf6 Kg8 13.Bd7 Kh8 14.Kg6 Kg8 15.Be5 Kf8 16.Bd6+ Kg8 17.Be6+ Kh8 18.Be5#]

5.Kg4 Kg7 6.Bg5 [6.Kf5 Kf7 7.Bg5 Kg7 8.Bf1 Kg8 9.Kg6 Kf8 10.Bb5 Kg8 11.Bh6 Kh8 12.Bg7+ Kg8 13.Bc4#]

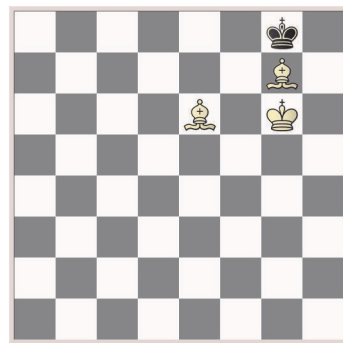
6...Kg6 7.Kh4 [7.Bf1 Kg7 8.Kf5 Kf7 9.Bf6 Ke8 10.Bb5+ Kf7 11.Bd7 Kg8 12.Kg6 Kf8 13.Bg5 Kg8 14.Bh6 Kh8 15.Bg7+ Kg8 16.Be6#]

7...Kg7 8.Bf5 [8.Kh5 Kf7 9.Bc8 Kf8 10.Kg6 Ke8 11.Bf5 Kf8 12.Bd7 Kg8 13.Bh6 Kh8 14.Bg7+ Kg8 15.Be6#]

8...Kg8 9.Kh5 Kg7 [9...Kf7 doesn't get the bull off the ice 10.Kh6 Kf8 11.Bg6 Kg8 12.Be7 Kh8 13.Bc2 Kg8 14.Bb3+ Kh8 15.Bf6#]

10.Bg6 Kg8 [10...Kf8 cannot change what is in store for *Black* 11.Kh6 Kg8 12.Be7 Kh8 13.Bc2 Kg8 14.Bb3+ Kh8 15.Bf6#]

11.Bh6 Kh8 12.Bf5 Kg8 13.Kg6 Kh8 14.Bg7+ Kg8 15.Be6# 1-0



Touch and Move! by WCM Claudia Muñoz

When you are a child you are taught that Christmas is a special time, a time for miracles and a time for good cheer. I must say that this Christmas was unforgettable for me! While most people were preparing for the holidays, countless of teens nationwide were focusing on college applications. I was one of them.

As a High School Senior I narrowed my college choices to Texas Tech University and the University of Texas Dallas, why? Two major reasons: Math and Chess.

I have been playing chess since I was 6 years old and ever since I can remember I have shared this love with math. As I have learned to balance my love for chess and math, I decided to continue with this passion in college.

I wanted to play for a nationally ranked chess team in college.

I realize that I am not a Grandmaster, International Master or a FIDE Master, just a Woman Candidate Master with a peak USCF rating of 2106, but I am an experienced Expert with strong international experience and national achievements.

After applying to both chess colleges in November, I decided to send an email to GM Alex Onischuk, chess coach of the Texas Tech Chess Team. I sent him an email

with my academic and chess resume (along with a personal prayer) as I was not expecting him to answer me.

It was now the second week of December when suddenly my phone rang as an email arrived, it was GM Alex Onischuk. As I read his response, my eyes began to moisten as he shared that his program had been following my chess career for several years and they did not require to read my chess resume as they were aware of it. He stated that the chess program would extend me a renewable annual chess scholarship if I intended to join their program. He was expecting to meet with the administration in order to finalize the scholarship.



It was a happy feeling for me and my family!

All I was waiting on now was the official word from the admission's department informing me that I had been accepted to Texas Tech. On December 20th, when I checked my morning emails, an image popped up saying 'Congratulation You're a Red Raider!'

I got quiet as my brain was processing what I had read – then I yelled for my dad as my mom was at the gym. As he entered my room I showed him the email. He got happy and hugged me! We were so happy! My sister was asleep so we decided to share the news when she woke up. This summer I will be blessed in pursuing at the collegiate level two passions, chess and math!

I realize that I am not the highest rated player, by a long shot, but I will be one of the most committed both in class and on the chess board. The fact that a chess scholarship is a part of my package to Texas Tech, for me it is a validation of the hard work my parents have invested in my life.

As a native Texan, I am proud that I will stay home in Texas to continue with my chess career. The Dallas Chess Club in the name of Luis Salinas has been an awesome friend and sponsor to me. I also recognize the San Antonio Chess Club for their efforts as well. Last but not least, the Texas Chess Association has invested in my success and I will forever be grateful to them. I will continually make them proud of me.



In summary, every opponent I have ever faced and every hardship that came my way prepared me for this moment in life, I thank them all!

This fall I am looking forward to sharing with you my new chess adventures from Texas Tech!

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Coach's Corner - e4! by Robert L. Myers - **The Dirty Dozen**

The Dirty Dozen is a 1967 film starring Lee Marvin and a stellar ensemble supporting cast, Ernest Borgnine, Charles Bronson, Jim Brown, John Cassavetes, Telly Savalas, Robert Webber, and Donald Sutherland. The plot consists of a band of criminals turned commandoes who are trained to infiltrate enemy lines with a pre-eminent strike, before the D-Day invasion, in 1944. It's a suicide mission, but these guys will do "whatever it takes" to get the job done and, of course, be free of prison. Some of my chess games feel like that as well. My Rooks, Knights and Bishops are all on a suicide mission with no hope, and my King is willing to do anything to survive. However; there are 12 things in chess that are nearly as nefarious as the dozen guys in the film based on E. M. Nathanson's novel:

1. Not Activating the Pieces
2. Horrible Development
3. Abandoning the King
4. Underestimating Threats
5. Early Aggression
6. Overlooking Pins
7. Inaccuracies
8. Recklessness
9. Pawn Grabbing
10. Creating Weaknesses
11. Carelessness
12. Poor Clock Management
13. My favorite is self-doubt

While on our European Chess Tour in 2015, I noticed at nearly every country we visited from Italy to Switzerland and even in Germany for the breakfast buffet there were at least four different types of bread choices. We had to choose from croissants, rolls, biscuits, toast, French bread and a wide cacophony of other types of bread I had never heard of before. At one hotel for the breakfast buffet in Germany the hotel had 12 different types of bread. One of my students retorted, "This place is a baker's paradise Coach." Be that as it may I wondered why do they call 13 a Baker's Dozen. Maybe it has to do with a bonus piece of bread.

As we explore what we call The Baker's Dozen, because my favorite is the thirteenth in the list, let's keep in mind these are things you don't want to do in a game of chess. In my research I've found "Several main theories for why a baker's dozen is 13 instead of 12. Mainly I believe it's because of the rather harsh punishments given for cheating someone out from several cultures and many centuries ago. For centuries it was really easy to charge more for wheat and thus bread. *"For example, in ancient Egypt, should a baker be found to cheat someone, they would have their ear nailed to the door of their bakery. In Babylon, if a baker was found to have sold a "light loaf" to someone, the baker would have his hand chopped off."*

"Specifically, in terms of the 'baker's dozen' if a vendor or other customer were to order a dozen or several dozen loaves of bread from a baker, the baker would give them 13 for every dozen they ordered. Likewise, when selling quantities of anything, they'd give 13 measures when only 12 were purchased."

1. Not Activating the Pieces:

This is when several minor pieces are moved blocking or preventing the major pieces to be active. This is horrible chess when you can't accomplish more with less. One should always multipurpose several pieces at once creating tactics that are difficult for the novice and even some advanced players to see.

2. Horrible Development:

If you have ever put together a jigsaw puzzle you are familiar with how complicated things can be when you are missing pieces. Or even worse, you have pieces that are in the wrong place or not in the box in which the puzzle was shipped.

3. Abandoning the King:

This is the only way to lose the game. You've heard of the phrase, "Save the King!" That is win a monarch is about to be crowned, sung in an anthem. This is the person that will be governing the country or in your case as a player, ruling your side of the board. He must never be abandoned.



Marquis Love vs Master Bo Githoro (back) and Aaron Lazo vs Master Bradley Sawyer (front)



Master Coach Robert Myers and Grand Master Héðinn Steingrímsson

4. Underestimating Threats:

When an opponent threatens to capture a major piece with a minor piece or a Fork is eminent as the next move, you can't afford to overlook a threat which could lead to Mate.

5. Early Aggression:

I know many fine chess coaches, Master Rene Phillips, GM Julio Sadorra, GM Timur Garyev, Matthew Trujillio, Master Bo Githoro, Master Bradley Sawyer, Master Jeff DeJesus, IM James Rousselle and new to the Houston area, GM Héðinn Steingrímsson, Junior World Champion and Icelandic Champion. It is our job as coaches to make sure our students know the woes and short comings of this dirty dozen. It is a killer. I had a student once who was winning in a match, capturing pieces too early while his opponent was consistently developing and preparing to protect. Part of the way into the mid-game his opponent began an all out frontal assault on e4 forking his King, Queen and Bishop. That's what early aggression will get you, forked.

6. Overlooking Pins:

When this happens it is just as bad as volunteering one of your pieces for surrender to the enemy. Good chess players never move into a potential Pin or trap themselves behind one.

7. Inaccuracies:

This is the sort of thing that is akin to "ghosts." Having a Bishop on a1 and in your mind attempting to capture a piece on h7. That is a small inaccuracy but not looking deep enough or at all of the options is far worse. The best advice here is to be careful and take your time.

8. Recklessness:

To put it mildly playing any type of Blitz Chess in a non-blitz game or as I found a few kids playing at my last tournament in the Skittles Room, "Suicide Chess." This is where the person is purposely losing pieces. The first one to lose all of their pieces wins.

9. Pawn Grabbing:

I love watching the novice players play in their first chess tournaments. It is so innocent and pure. They just love capturing pieces. As a tournament director at a tournament years ago a TD working in the U-400 section, Class-E, came to me and said, "Coach I have a situation. A couple of kids at board 415 have taken all of each other's pieces including the Kings!" When I arrived at the board each kid was wide-eyed

holding each other's King and exclaiming that they won. The explanation was each had taken each other's King with the "Little round head pieces." Pawn grabbing wastes moves. These are moves you will need in the end-game. My advice, don't do it.

10. Creating Weaknesses:

A few files should be protected as much as possible. The squares e4, d4, e5 and d5 are the center squares. They are so important to capture for center control and your Endgame. When a player loses file "F", "G", "B" or "C" it can be catastrophic after you've castled, or castled sooner/later than you should have. The principle to remember is develop, protect and attack. If this is followed there won't be any tears. The learning process takes over and instead of a loss to a better equipped player you will have had a good lesson.

11. Carelessness:

The best way to describe this one is simple. Don't do it. Be careful and protect your pieces.

12. Poor Clock Management:

This is almost a high wire act. An old friend of the family was a real handy man. I used to always hear him say, "Measure twice, cut once." Take your time, but not too much time. You must be expeditious with

your moves. Make the best move possible as soon as possible within the allotted time.

13. My favorite is Self-doubt:

Have you ever made a chess move and then regretted the move after you've taken your hand off the piece and hit the clock or online clicked on the piece and then released it on the computer? You then begin playing what we at The Chess Academy call "Hope Chess." This is when you "hope" your opponent doesn't see your blunder. In the acclaimed Searching for Bobby Fischer film, Coach Bruce Pandolfini says, "Don't move until you see it." We teach don't touch the piece you intend on moving until you know all of the possible options your opponent has and how he will respond to the response of your response. If you are confident in this you may or may not doubt your doubts. Either Way, "Don't move until you see it."



High Speed Train reading IM Maurice Ashley book Chess for Success



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Content for the next issue needs to be delivered to the Editor by March 10th!

Member Games

Annotations by Mark McCue

Mark McCue provided two annotated games for this issue. The games are from the Turkey Shoot Open played in San Antonio between November 28th and 29th.

Rohrbach, James – McCue, Mark [A33]

Turkey Shoot Open (Round 1)
11/28/2015

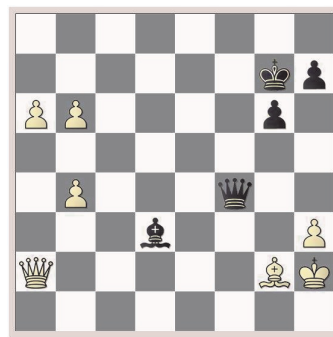
1.c4 c5 2.Nc3 Nc6 3.Nf3 e6
4.d4 cxd4 5.Nxd4 Qc7 6.g3
a6 7.Bg2 Nf6 8.Nb3 d6
9.Bf4 Nh5 10.Be3 [Looks
like] 10...b6?? [loses!]



[10...Be7!?] 11.Rc1!! Nf6
12.Nb5 [12.Nd5! exd5
13.cxd5 Nxd5 14.Qxd5! Bb7
15.Rxc6 Bxc6 (or 15...Qd7
16.Qe4+!) 16.Qxc6+ Leaves
Black resigning. Fortune in
Chess.] 12...axb5 13.cxb5
d5 14.Rxc6 Bb4+ 15.Kf1
Qe7 16.a3 Bd6 17.Rxb6
[Down 2 Pawns, Black hur-
ries to get some compensa-
tion while White's King's
Rook is out of play.]

17...Nd7 18.Rc6 Bb7 19.Rc2
0-0 20.Nd4 Rfc8 21.Rxc8+
Rxc8 22.a4 Bb4 [A MUST to
slow White's connected
passed pawns.] 23.h3 Ne5
24.b3 g6 25.Kg1 Nd7
26.Kh2 Nc5 27.Qb1 e5
28.Nc2 Bc3 [Black has some
compensation, but not
enough.] 29.Bxc5 Qxc5
30.Ne3 e4 31.Rc1 Qd4
32.Nd1 Qe5 33.Nxc3 Rxc3
34.Rxc3 Qxc3 35.e3 f5
36.b4 [Time is now growing
short for both players
(several minutes?)] 36...d4
37.exd4 Qxd4 38.Kg1 Bd5
39.a5 Bc4 40.b6 e3 41.fxe3
Qxe3+ 42.Kh2 Bd3 43.Qa2+
Kg7 44.a6? [Fortune again!
With less than a minute,
White misses 44.Qd5! f4
45.Qf3 Maintaining the win
(but with seconds left)]
44...f4 45.gxf4! [45.Qa1+
Kh6 46.b7 Qxg3+ Editor's
note: next move/annotation
in variation (47. Bf1 f2 and
Black wins!) isn't valid since
King must get out of Check.

So, Bf1 isn't possible and
neither is ...f2 because cur-
rent location of Black pawn
is f4. Maybe the continua-
tion of 47.Kh1 f3 followed
by 48.Bf1 f2 and Black wins!
for example, either the Bish-
op moves 49.Bxd3 (or it
doesn't 49.b8Q Qg1#)
49...Qxh3#] 45...Qxf4+



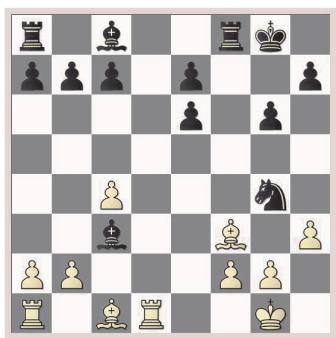
[So, Black gets threefold
Stalemate shortly.] 46.Kg1
Qc1+ 47.Kh2 Qf4+ 48.Kg1
Qc1+ 49.Kh2 [since 49.Kf2
Qf4+ 50.Ke1?? Qe3+ 51.Kd1
Qg1+ wins for Black.] ½-½



McCue, Mark – Lopez, Luke [E91]

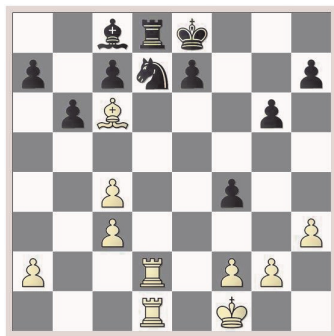
Turkey Shoot Open (Round 2), 28.11.2015

1.Nf3 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 Bg7 4.e4 d6 5.d4 0–0 6.Be2 Nbd7 7.e5 dxe5 8.dxe5 Ng4 9.e6 ["White gets a promising game for a pawn. (Kalichen-KO) from "Ivanchuks Selected Games" p186 [Notes to Ivanchuk-Chaparino, Sofia 2008]]
9...fxe6 10.0–0 Nde5 11.h3 Qxd1 12.Rxd1 Nxf3+ 13.Bxf3 Bxc3?



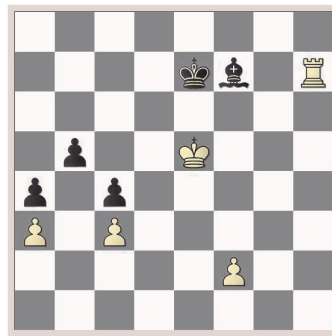
[Yielding the dark squares and the 2 Bishops is not doubling White's Pawns.]
 [13...Ne5 14.Be2 Nc6 15.Be3 e5 seems a better plan for black, eyeing d4 and unlocking the Queen's Bishop.]
14.bxc3 Ne5 15.Be2 b6?? [Losing the exchange by force. Better was:]
 [15...Kg7 16.f4 Nf7 17.Be3 b6 18.Bf3 Rb8 19.Bc6 Ba6

20.Bb5 Bxb5 21.cxb5 Nd6 22.a4 Nc4 23.Bd4+ Kg8 24.g3= White may be able to improve somewhere is this line.]
16.Bh6 Re8 17.Bf4 Nd7 18.Bf3 e5 19.Bxa8 exf4 20.Bc6 Rd8 21.Rd2 Kf8 22.Rad1 Ke8 23.Kf1?

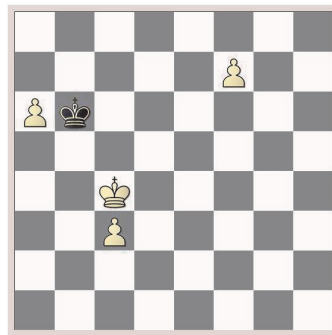


[23.Re2! Kf7 24.Rde1! Re8 25.h4 h6 26.Re4 g5 27.hxg5 hxg5 28.Re6! a6 29.a3 a5 30.a4 g4 31.g3 fxg3 32.fxg3 Kf8 33.Rg6 Wins the g pawn with an easy win. Now it will take longer, but White is still winning.]
23...e6 24.Ke2 Ke7 25.h4 h6 26.g3 [In order to force the Black pawns forward, as White's King needs access squares before simplifying.] [Not 26.Kf3?? Ne5+] **26...g5 27.hxg5 hxg5 28.gxf4 gxf4 29.Bxd7 Rxd7 30.Rxd7+ Bxd7 31.Kf3 e5 32.Ke4** [Securing another Pawn, winning.] **32...Be6 33.Kxe5**

Bxc4 34.Kxf4 a5 35.a3 c6 36.Ke5 b5 37.Rh1 c5 38.Rh7+ Bf7 39.Rh4 [Protecting the b4 square.]
39...c4? [Blocking the Bishop.] **40.Rh7 a4**



[Allowing an easy King Pawn ending.] **41.Kd4 Kf6 42.Rxf7+ Kxf7 43.Kc5 Ke6 44.Kxb5 Kd5 45.Kxa4 Kc5 46.Ka5 Kc6 47.Kb4 Kd5 48.a4 Kd6 49.Kxc4 Kc6 50.a5 Kc7 51.f4 Kc6 52.f5 Kd6 53.a6 Kc6 54.f6 Kb6 55.f7 1–0**



My apologies for any Misinterpretation.

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Feb. 6 Plano February Spectacular

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Feb. 11-15 7th annual Southwest Class Championships

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Feb. 20 Many Springs 85

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Feb. 20 Region VI Scholastic Chess Championship

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

Feb. 27-28 2016 DCC FIDE Open III

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March 2016

Mar. 5-6 2016 Texas State Scholastic Championships

Info: See Advertisement on page 27.

Mar. 5-6 Southwest Collegiate Championships

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Mar. 12 Indian Creek Chess #4

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Mar. 18-20 or 19-20 Lone Star Open

Info: www.cajunchess.com, 504-208-9596 or 504-905-2971

Mar. 19-20 2016 DCC FIDE Open IV Underwritten by Ruifeng Li

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Early to Mid April 2016

Apr. 9 Texas Open & KCA Scholastic

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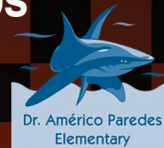
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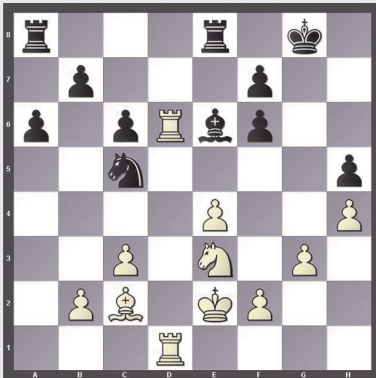




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Tactics Time!

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John Dilucci - Steven Grubbs

Southwest Open 1999

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