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Content for the next issue needs to be delivered to the Editor by **Sept. 10th!**



From the Desk of The Editor

Hello Texas,

It's been pretty amazing lately for Texas Chess. Texas players are showing the country that they can't mess with Texas during Chess competitions. **IM Ruifeng Li** won the National Open in Las Vegas, NV, **GM Jeffery Xiong** won the US Junior Championships in St. Louis, MO, and **WFM Emily Nguyen** won the US Junior Girls Championship in Manchester, NH. In this issue, I have provided results for each of these tournaments and games from each of the winners. Congratulations go out for each of their successes. It shouldn't be too surprising to anyone that Texas players are doing so well nationally, Ruifeng Li is the #1 14-year-old in the country (and #4 in *World* under 16), Jeffery Xiong is the #1 15-year-old in the country (and #1 in the *World* under 16) and Emily Nguyen is the #1 13-year-old player in the state of Texas (girl or boy), she's also the #2 13-year-old girl in the country. We also have the #1 11-year-old in the country with Justin Wang and the up-and-coming #1, Under Age 7, Girl in the country with Tianwen Gao.

TCA Elections are upon us. If you haven't received your ballot for this year's election, it should be coming very soon. In fact, if you haven't received a ballot by August 5th and you want to vote, please contact us and we'll send you another ballot. Please remember, this year we are doing both electronic and paper ballots. If we have a valid email address, you will receive an electronic ballot, if not, you will receive a paper ballot. You will not receive both.

I want to thank "Vish" for his service and dedication to the **Texas Chess Association**. It has been a pleasure working with him throughout my tenure as *Texas Knights* Editor. I wish him the best in his endeavors.

This issue wraps up Volume 57 of *Texas Knights*. I'll have results of the Election in the first issue of Volume 58, which you will hopefully be receiving sometime around the first week of October.

Until next time, take care and be safe.

— **Jeff French**



From the Desk of the TCA President

Dear chess friends,

During the past 8 years I had served as VP (from Fall of 2008) for four years and as President for another four years. During this time, I can proudly say, there is relative peace in the family. I had worked very hard to be inclusive, open minded, and listen to the various ideas, reach consensus, and take appropriate action. I never had a personal agenda, financially or otherwise. I want to thank you all for giving me an opportunity.

Today we are financially sound, with around \$25,000 in the bank. Our Treasurer, Barbara deserves special kudos. She had contributed immensely. Almost every region now has a Director, and most of our committees are well represented. The Scholastics has grown significantly, to the point that we have to split the major tournaments into North and South. Texas Knights have been promptly published, and thank you Jeff for being a wonderful editor. We also have a great presence in social media. Our Facebook boasts over 2100 likes, thanks to the great work of Abed Munoz. Lori Balkum, Our Secretary was always prompt, and quick to take action. Forrest, I thank you for being the VP and helping me out on several occasions.

When the music is good, it is time to stop. I have decided to go with a bang. I am not going to run this election cycle this fall. Mr. Eddie Rios has decided to throw his hat in and I believe he will be a wonderful president. Please support him.

No I am not going to fall off the cliff and disappear. As you may recall, I am a National Tournament Director. Recently I also passed the Fide Arbiter exam. I will be more than happy to run any tournament as I have done in the past. Contact me and I will be there. This will also give me a chance to play in some tournaments also.

I wish the TCA, the new president, and all the players, coaches and parents continued success. So with a sense of accomplishment, Adios Amigos.

-- Vish

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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	Texas Knights Jan-Feb 2016	\$941.49
January memberships	\$35.00	Texas Knights March-Apr 2016	\$966.22
February memberships	\$48.50	Texas Knights May-June 2016	\$890.95
March memberships	\$72.50	2015 Denker Representative - Akshay Malhotra	\$300.00
April memberships	\$72.50	Jeffery Xiong Stipend	\$500.00
May memberships	\$122.50	Barber Qualifier tournament expenses	\$200.00
June memberships	\$35.00	Total	\$5,577.15
July memberships (so far)	\$0.00		
2015 SW Open memberships	\$469.00		
2015 Texas Girls State Championship	\$65.00		
2015 Texas Grade & Collegiate and memberships	\$369.00		
2016 Texas Masters memberships	\$69.00		
2016 Texas Scholastic Championships	\$3,000.00		
2016 Texas Open memberships	\$90.00		
2016 Texas Team memberships	\$150.00		
2016 Texas State and Amateur memberships	\$519.50		
Region 2 & 3 Scholastic Championships	\$100.00		
Region 5 Scholastic Championships	\$269.00		
Region 6 Scholastic Championships	\$331.00		
Region 7 Scholastic Championships	\$80.00		
Region 8 Scholastic Championships	\$1,000.00		
Region 10 Scholastic Championships	\$832.00		
July 10th, 2016			
Smile Amazon Donation	\$26.26	WF checking account balance	\$17,183.13
Total	\$7,880.76	BOA checking account balance	\$8,869.11

2016 National Open

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The **2016 National Open** was held in **Las Vegas, NV** from June 22nd to June 27th. There were 54 participants and 5 of those participants were from Texas. Fourteen year old **IM Ruifeng Li** won the tournament through tiebreaks with a score of 5/6. Other players from Texas were **GM Yaroslav Zherebukh**, **GM Elshan Moradiabadi**, **WGM Sabina-Francesca Foisor** and **NM Justin Wang**. Below are results from the tournament.

No.	Ttl	Name	Pts	Rnd1	Rnd2	Rnd3	Rnd4	Rnd5	Rnd6
1	IM	Li,Ruifeng	5	W 43	W 27	W 9	W 16	D 4	D 6
2	GM	Fridman,Daniel	5	W 31	W 26	D 10	D 7	W 20	W 8
3	GM	Dreev,Alexey	4.5	W 18	D 22	W 12	D 10	D 11	W 15
4	GM	Kamsky,Gata	4.5	W 40	D 21	D 17	W 24	D 2	W 10
5	GM	Petrosian,Tigran L	4.5	W 11	L 16	W 25	D 34	W 17	W 18
6	GM	Bachmann,Axel	4.5	D 13	W 50	W 21	D 8	W 12	D 2
7	GM	Nyzhnyk,Illia	4	D 41	W 29	W 15	D 1	L 10	W 23
8	GM	Durarbayli,Vasif	4	D 35	W 41	W 13	D 6	W 16	L 1
9	GM	Ghaemmaghami,Ehsan	4	W 19	W 39	L 2	D 17	D 18	W 24
10	GM	Zherebukh,Yaroslav	4	-X-	W 24	D 1	D 3	W 7	L 4
11	GM	Moradiabadi,Elshan	4	L 5	W 23	W 46	W 28	D 3	D 13
12	GM	Friedel,Joshua	4	W 32	W 28	L 3	W 29	L 6	W 27
13	IM	Kaufman,Raymond	4	D 6	W 36	L 8	W 42	W 21	D 11
14	GM	Christiansen,Larry	3.5	W 30	---	D 37	-H-	W 28	D 16
15	GM	Troff,Kayden	3.5	W 42	D 17	L 7	W 39	W 34	L 3
16	IM	Kiewra,Keaton	3.5	-B-	W 5	W 20	L 2	L 8	D 14
17	FM	Brown,Michael	3.5	W 44	D 15	D 4	D 9	L 5	W 36
18	FM	Atoufi,Pedram	3.5	L 3	W 38	W 33	W 22	D 9	L 5
19	WGM	Foisor,Sabina-Francesca	3.5	L 9	W 47	L 27	W 48	D 25	W 37
20	GM	Shimanov,Alex	3	W 23	W 46	L 16	W 27	L 1	---
21	GM	Mikhalevski,Victor	3	W 53	D 4	L 6	W 37	L 13	D 30
22	GM	de Firmian,Nick	3	W 52	D 3	-H-	L 18	-H-	D 26
23	IM	Bryant,John Daniel-RE	3	L 20	L 11	-B-	W 33	W 29	L 7
24	GM	Sevillano,Enrico	3	W 33	L 10	W 40	L 4	W 30	L 9
25	IM	Aldama,Dionisio	3	L 46	-B-	L 5	W 43	D 19	D 32
26	GM	Tarjan,James Edward	3	W 54	L 1	D 42	D 36	D 37	D 22
27	IM	Wang,Philip	3	W 45	L 2	W 19	L 20	W 40	L 12

Results (continued)

No.	Ttl	Name	Pts	Rnd1	Rnd2	Rnd3	Rnd4	Rnd5	Rnd6
28	FM	Kavutskiy,Konstantin	3	W 48	L 12	W 49	L 11	L 14	W 43
29	FM	Chase,Christopher	3	W 49	L 7	W 32	L 12	L 23	W 42
30		Yim,Sung Ho	3	L 14	W 54	D 39	W 38	L 24	D 21
31	FM	Salakhutdinov,Ildar	3	L 1	L 33	-H-	W 45	-H-	W 44
32		Wang,Justin	3	L 12	W 48	L 29	D 44	W 38	D 25
33	FM	Vainzoff Sztokbant,B	3	L 24	W 31	L 18	L 23	W 48	W 40
34	IM	Harmon-Vellotti,Luke	2.5	-H-	-H-	W 43	D 5	L 15	---
35	WGM	Nebolsina,Vera	2.5	D 8	L 37	L 38	-H-	D 44	W 49
36	CM	Guo,Arthur	2.5	D 50	L 13	W 41	D 26	D 42	L 17
37		Ke,Ivan	2.5	-H-	W 35	D 14	L 21	D 26	L 19
38	CM	Bayaraa,Chinguun	2.5	-H-	L 18	W 35	L 30	L 32	W 48
39	IM	McCambridge,Vincent	2	W 47	L 9	D 30	L 15	---	-H-
40		Grabinsky,Aaron	2	L 4	W 53	L 24	W 47	L 27	L 33
41	FM	Beelby,Matthew	2	D 7	L 8	L 36	W 49	-H-	---
42		Mousseri,Daniel	2	L 15	W 44	D 26	L 13	D 36	L 29
43		Mattson,Dane	2	L 2	W 45	L 34	L 25	W 47	L 28
44		Thomas,Kenneth	2	L 17	L 42	-X-	D 32	D 35	L 31
45		Knight,Mark	2	L 27	L 43	L 47	L 31	W 49	-B-
46	GM	Gareyev,Timur	1	W 25	L 20	L 11	---	---	---
47		Modlin,Trey	1	L 39	L 19	W 45	L 40	L 43	---
48		Yee,Young	1	L 28	L 32	-B-	L 19	L 33	L 38
49		Little,James C	1	L 29	-B-	L 28	L 41	L 45	L 35
50	IM	Bryant,John Daniel	0.5	D 36	L 6	---	---	---	---
51		Banik,Siddharth	0	-F-	---	---	---	---	---
52	FM	Weeramantny,Sunil	0	L 22	---	---	---	---	---
53	IM	Saidy,Anthony	0	L 21	L 40	---	---	---	---
54	FM	Pinto,Mark	0	L 26	L 30	-F-	---	---	---



Following are the 6 games played by **NM Ruifeng Li**. Each games has been analyzed and annotated by Fritz 15.

Mattson,Dane (2259) – Li,Ruifeng (2629)

2016 NATIONAL OPEN
Las Vegas, Nevada (1),
24.06.2016

[A26: English Opening vs King's Indian with ...Nc6 and d3]

1.c4 e5 2.g3 Nc6 3.Nc3 g6 4.Bg2 Bg7 5.e4 d6 6.Nge2 f5 7.d3 Nh6 8.h4 Nf7 9.h5 g5 10.exf5 Bxf5 [last book move]

11.Nd5 h6 12.Ne3 [White threatens to win material: Ne3xf5]

12...Be6 13.Rb1 0-0 14.b4 Rb8 15.g4 [White has a new backward pawn: f2]

15...Nd4 [A sound move]

16.Ng3 c6 [Controls d5]

17.Ne4 b6 [Covers c5]

18.0-0 [That doesn't look like a safe castle]

18...Qd7 [18...d5 19.cxd5 cxd5 20.Nc3=]

19.Ng3 d5 20.b5 [White gets more space]

20...dxc4 21.bxc6 Nxc6

22.dxc4 Nd4 [Black can be proud of that piece]

23.Ba3 Nd6 [Exerts pressure on the isolated pawn]

24.Bxd6 [White forks: f8+b8]

24...Qxd6 [Black has the pair of bishops]

25.Be4 [The bishop is not easily driven from e4]

25...Rf4 [A classical outpost]

26.f3 Qa3 27.Ngf5 Rd8

28.Kg2 Rd7 29.Nd5 Nxf5

[29...Bxf5 30.Bxf5 Rxf5 31.gxf5 Qxa2+ 32.Rf2 Qxc4 33.Ne3=]

30.gxf5= Rxf5 [30...Bxf5 31.Bxf5 Rxf5 32.Nf6+ Rxf6 33.Qxd7 Qxa2+ 34.Kg1 Qxc4 35.Qxa7=]

31.Rb3 [31.Bxf5 Bxf5 32.Qb3 Qf8=]

31...Qf8 [31...Qxa2+ 32.Rf2 Qa4 33.Bxf5 Bxf5=]

32.Bxf5 Qxf5 [White wins the exchange]

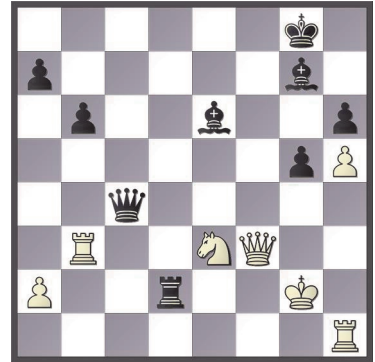
33.Rh1 e4 [Δ33...Bf8=]

34.fxe4?? [Δ34.Re3= would be a reprieve]

34...Qxe4+-+ 35.Qf3 Qxc4 36.Ne3 [36.Ne7+ is still a

small chance 36...Rxe7 37.Rd1+-]

36...Rd2+ [36...Rd2+ 37.Qf2 Qc6+ 38.Kg1 Rxf2 39.Kxf2 Qxh1+-] **0-1**



Li,Ruifeng (2629) – Wang,Philip (2474)

2016 NATIONAL OPEN
Las Vegas, Nevada (2),
24.06.2016

[B49: Sicilian: Taimanov: 5 Nc3 Qc 6 Be3 a6 7 Be2]

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 e6 5.Nc3 Qc7 6.Be3 a6 7.Be2 b5 8.Nxc6 Qxc6 9.Bf3 Bb7 10.e5 Qc7 11.0-0 [last book move]

11...f5 12.exf6 [12.Bxb7 Qxb7 13.Qd3 Ne7=]

12...Nxf6= [Black should quickly conclude development.]

13.Bxb7 Qxb7 14.Qd3 Be7 15.Rad1 0-0 16.Bd4 Rad8

17.a3 [Prevents intrusion on b4]

17...d6 [Covers c5+e5]

18.Qh3 e5 19.Qe6+ Kh8

20.Be3 Rfe8 21.Bg5 d5

22.Qxe5 Bxa3 23.Qf5 Be7

24.Rd3 [24.Rfe1 Rf8

25.Qd3 Qc7±]

24...d4 [Black threatens to win material: d4xc3]

25.Ne2 [White threatens to win material: Ne2xd4]

25...Rd5 26.Qf3 Qd7 27.h4 h6 [Black threatens to win material: h6xg5]

28.Bc1 Bc5 [White has a cramped position]

29.Nf4 [White threatens to win material: Nf4xd5]

29...Rf5 30.Qd1 [White has a cramped position]

30...Re4 [Black threatens to win material: Re4xf4]

31.g3 [White has a cramped position]

31...Qf7 32.Re1 g5 33.hxg5 hxg5 34.Nh3 Rxe1+

[34...Qe6! 35.Rxe4 Nxe4±]

35.Qxe1± Ng4 36.Qe2 Ne5 37.Nxg5 [37.g4!? Nxd3

38.gxf5 Nxc1 39.Qe5+ Qg7 40.f6±]

37...Qg6± 38.Ne4 [38.Rd1 d3 39.cxd3 Bxf2+ 40.Kg2 Bd4 41.Rh1+ Kg7±]

38...Nxd3= 39.cxd3 [Black wins the exchange.]

39...Bf8 40.Bd2 Bg7

[40...Be7!?!=]

41.f4± Rf8 42.g4 Kg8

43.Qg2 [White prepares the advance g5]

43...Qc6 44.f5 [White wins space]

44...Be5 [44...Qc2 45.Qf3 Re8 46.f6 Rxe4 47.f7+ Kf8 48.Qxe4 Qd1+ 49.Be1 Kxf7 50.Kg2±]

45.Qf3± Qc2 [45...Kg7 46.Bf4 Bc7 47.Bxc7 Qxc7 48.f6+ Kh7 49.Qf5+ Kh8 50.Kg2+-]

46.g5± Qc8? [⊔46...Qc7±]

47.f6+- Qe6 48.Nc5 Qd6?? [the position is going down the drain]

[⊔48...Qf7±]

49.Qf5+- Rf7 [49...Bxf6 hoping against hope 50.Ne4 Bd8 51.Nxd6 Rxf5 52.Nxf5 Kf7+-]

50.Qg6+ Kf8 51.Ne4 Qd5

52.Bb4+ Ke8 53.Qg8+ Kd7

54.g6 [54.g6 Bh2+ 55.Kxh2

Qe5+ 56.Kg1 Rxf6 57.Nxf6+

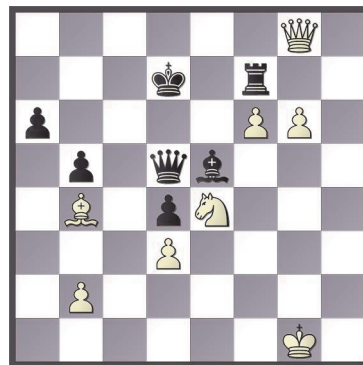
Qxf6 58.Qf7+ Qxf7 59.gxf7

a5 60.Bc5 Ke6 61.f8Q a4

62.Qe7+ Kf5 63.Bxd4 Kg4

64.Qf6 b4 65.Be3 a3

66.Kg2 axb2 67.Qg5#] 1-0



Ghaemmaghmi,E.(2682) – Li,Ruifeng (2629)

2016 NATIONAL OPEN
Las Vegas, Nevada (3),
05.06.2016

[E12: Queen's Indian: Unusual White 4th moves, 4 a3, 4 Nc3 Bb7 5 a3 and 4 Nc3 Bb7]

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 b6

4.a3 Bb7 5.Nc3 d5 6.Bg5

Be7 7.Bxf6 Bxf6 8.cxd5

exd5 9.e3 0-0 [last book move]

10.Qb3 c5 11.dxc5 Nd7

12.cxb6 Nc5 [Black threatens to win material: Nc5xb3]

13.Qc2 Qxb6 14.Rd1 Rac8
15.Nd4 [15.Be2!?!=]

15...Ne6 16.Nxe6 [16.Qd2
Nxd4 17.exd4 Rfe8+
18.Be2 Ba6 17]

16...Qxe6 [16...fxe6!?
17.Bd3 d4 18.exd4 Bxg2 17]

17.Qb3 17 [Increasing the
pressure on the isolated
pawn on d5. White threat-
ens to win material:
Qb3xb7]

17...Rb8 18.Be2 [18.Bd3
Ba6 19.Qc2 d4 20.Bxa6
dxc3 17]

18...Ba6 [18...Ba8 19.Qa2
d4 20.Qxe6 fxe6 21.exd4
Rxb2 22.0-0 17]

19.Qa4 [19.Qc2!?!= is worth
consideration]

19...Rxb2 20.Qxa6 Bxc3+
21.Kf1 Qxa6 22.Bxa6 d4
23.h4 dxe3 24.fxe3 Ra2
25.Rh3 Rxa3 26.e4 Rxa6
27.Rxc3 Rf6+ 28.Kg1 Re6
29.Rd4 h6 30.Rc7 a6
31.Ra7 Rb8 32.Kh2 Rb2
33.h5 [33.Kh3 Rb3+ 34.Kh2
Ra3 17]

33...Re5 34.Rd5 [34.Rd8+
Kh7 35.Rxf7 Rg5 17]

34...Rxe4+ 35.Rd8+
[35.Rxa6 Rg4 36.Ra8+ Kh7
-+]

35...Kh7 36.Rxf7 Rh4+
37.Kg1 Rxh5 38.Ra8 a5
39.Rf2 Rb1+ 40.Rf1 Rh1+!
[Deflection: f1]

41.Kxh1 Rxf1+ 42.Kh2 Rf5
43.Ra6 [43.g4 Rf4 44.Kg3
Ra4-+]

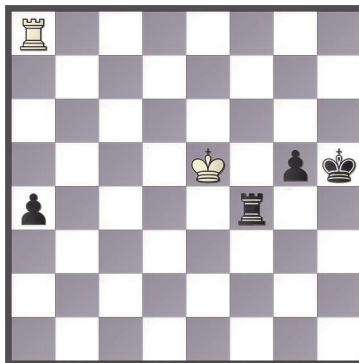
43...h5 44.Kh3 g6 45.g3
Kh6 46.g4 [46.Ra7 Rd5-+]

46...hxg4+ [46...Rf3!?!
might be the shorter path
47.Kg2 Ra3 48.Ra7-+]

47.Kxg4 Rb5 48.Kf4
[48.Ra8 Rb4+ 49.Kf3 a4-+]

48...Kh5 49.Ra8 g5+
50.Kf3 Rb3+ 51.Ke4 Ra3
52.Kf5 Rf3+ 53.Ke4 Rf4+
54.Ke5 [54.Kd3 does not
solve anything 54...a4
55.Ra5 Kh4-+]

54...a4 0-1



Li,Ruifeng (2629) – Kie-
wra,Keaton (2526)
2016 NATIONAL OPEN
Las Vegas, Nevada (4),

25.06.2016

[B85: Sicilian Scheve-
ningen: 6 Be2 a6, lines with
early Be3]

1.e4 c5 2.Nc3 a6 3.Nf3 e6
4.d4 cxd4 5.Nxd4 Nc6
6.Be3 Nf6 7.Be2 d6 8.f4
Bd7 9.0-0 Be7 10.Qe1
Nxd4 11.Bxd4 Bc6 12.Qg3
0-0 13.Bd3 [last book
move]

13...Rc8 14.Kh1 b5 15.a3
g6 16.f5 [This push gains
space]

16...Nh5 [Black threatens to
win material: Nh5xg3]

17.Qg4 [Black has a
cramped position]

17...Bf6 [Black threatens to
win material: Bf6xd4]

18.Be3 Qe7 19.Rae1 Kh8
[White has a very active
position]

20.Bd2 Rg8 [20...Ng7!?!=
should be examined more
closely]

21.Nd5 21 Bxd5 22.exd5 e5
23.Rf3 Rc5 24.Qh3 Qd8
25.Ref1 Bg5?? [another bit
of territory lost]

[25...Nf4 26.Bxf4 g5
27.Bxg5 Rxc5 17]

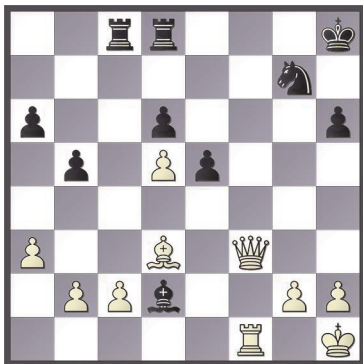
26.fxg6+- fxg6 27.Rf7 Ng7
[27...e4 does not win a prize
28.Bxe4 Bxd2 29.Qxh5+-]

28.Rd7 [28.Bxg6 seems
even better 28...Bh4 29.Rd7
Qxd7 30.Qxd7 hxg6
31.Qxd6 Rgc8 32.Qxg6
R5c7+-]

28...Bxd2 [28...Qxd7
doesn't improve anything
29.Qxd7 Bxd2 30.Qxd6+-]

29.Rxd8 Rxd8 30.Bxg6 h6
31.Qf3 Rcc8 [31...Rg8 no
good, but what else? 32.Qf6
Rxd5+-]

32.Bd3 [32.Bd3 Rg8
33.Qe4+-] **1-0**



**Kamsky, Gata (2744) –
Li, Ruifeng (2629)**
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Las Vegas, Nevada (5),
26.06.2016

[B90: Sicilian Najdorf: Unu-
sual White 6th moves, 6
Be3 Ng4 and 6 Be3 e5]

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4
4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 a6 6.Be3
e5 7.Nf3 Qc7 8.a4 Be6
9.a5 Qc6 10.Ng5 [last book
move]

10...d5 11.exd5 Bxd5
12.Ra4 h6 13.Nxd5 Nxd5
[White has the pair of bish-
ops]

14.Rc4 Qd7 15.Nf3 Nxe3
16.Qxd7+ Kxd7 17.fxe3
[Opposite coloured bishops
appeared]

17...Nc6 18.c3
[Consolidates b4]

18...Nxa5 [18...Bd6!?=]

19.Nxe5+± [White forks: f7]

19...Ke6 [Black threatens to
win material: Ke6xe5]

20.Re4 [Black king safety
dropped]

20...f5 [Black threatens to
win material: f5xe4]

21.Ra4 Kxe5 22.Rxa5+ Kf6
23.g4 fxg4 24.Bc4 g5 25.0-
0+ [He knows no fear]

25...Kg6 26.Bf7+ Kh7
27.Bd5 [White threatens to
win material: Bd5xb7]

27...Kg6 28.Bxb7 [White
forks: a6+a8]
28...Rb8 [Black threatens to

win material: Rb8xb7]

29.Bd5 [29.Be4+ Kh5 30.h3
Rxb2 31.hxg4+ Kh4±]

29...Kh5 [29...Rxb2 30.Bf7+
Kg7 31.Bh5=]

30.Rf2± Rb6 31.Kg2 Bg7
32.Ra4 Rhb8 33.h3 gxh3+
34.Kxh3 Kg6 35.Be4+ Kh5
36.Bf3+ [△36.Bh7!? Rf8
37.Bf5±]

36...Kg6= 37.Be4+ Kh5
[Twofold repetition]

38.Bf5 Rxb2 39.Rxb2
Rxb2 40.Rxa6 g4+
41.Bxg4+ Kg5 42.Ra5+
Kg6 43.Bf5+ Kf7 44.Ra7+
Kf8 45.Ra3 Rb5 [Black
threatens to win material:
Rb5xf5]

46.Bd3 [White threatens to
win material: Bd3xb5]

46...Re5 47.e4 Rc5 [The
isolani on c3 becomes a
target]

48.c4 Bf6 49.Be2 Ke7
50.Ra6 h5 51.Kg3 h4+
52.Kf4 Bg5+ 53.Kf3 Kd7
54.Bf1 Ke7 55.Rb6 Ra5
56.Kg4 Re5 57.Rc6 Ra5
58.Rc7+ Kd6 [Black threat-
ens to win material: Kd6xc7]

59.Rf7 Be7 60.Kf4 [60.Rf5
Ra1±]

60...Bg5+ 61.Kg4 Be7
[Twofold repetition]

62.Rh7 [Attacks the isolani on h4]

62...Bf6 63.Rh6 [White threatens to win material: Rh6xf6]

63...Ke7 64.Rh7+ Kd6
[Twofold repetition]

65.Bh3 [The bishop blocks h4]

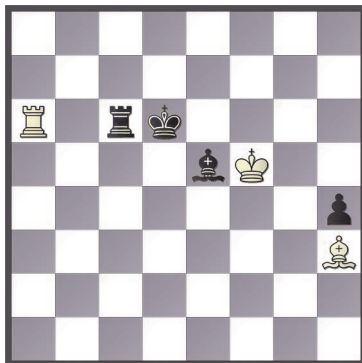
65...Rc5 [Black threatens to win material: Rc5xc4]

66.Ra7 Rxc4 67.Kf5 [White threatens to win material: Kf5xf6]

67...Bc3

68.e5+ [Deflection: e5]

68...Bxe5 69.Ra6+ Rc6
1/2-1/2



Li,Ruifeng (2629) – Bachmann,Axel (2692)

2016 NATIONAL OPEN
Las Vegas, Nevada (6),
26.06.2016

[C45: Scotch Game]

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.d4 exd4 4.Nxd4 Bb4+ 5.c3 Bc5 6.Be3 Bb6 7.Nf5 Bxe3 8.Nxe3 d6 9.Be2 Nf6 10.f3 0-0 11.0-0 Nd7 12.c4 Nc5 13.Nc3 [last book move]

13...a5 14.Qd2 Be6 15.Rad1 Qd7 16.Nb5 Rae8
[16...Na7 17.Qc3=]

17.Nd5± [White threatens to win material: Nd5xc7]

17...Na6 18.Nf4 [18.a3 Kh8±]

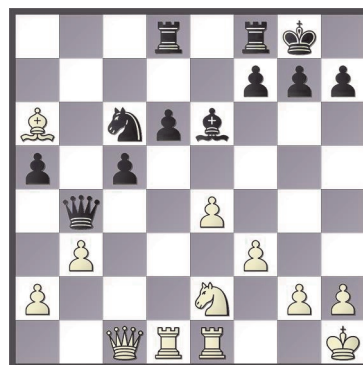
18...Qd8 [18...Nc5 19.Qe3 b6 20.Nd5±]

19.Rfe1 Bd7 20.Nd5 Qb8 21.Kh1 b6 22.c5 bxc5 23.Nxd6 cxd6 24.Bxa6
[Black has new hanging pawns: c5+d6]

24...Be6 25.Nc3 Rd8 26.b3
[Secures c4]

26...Qb4 27.Qc1 Nd4 28.Ne2 Nc6 29.Nc3 Nd4
[Twofold repetition]

30.Ne2 Nc6 1/2-1/2



2016 TCA Election Information

The Annual TCA Elections are upon us. You will either receive an electronic ballot by email or a paper ballot by way of the US Postal Service. Below you will find out what you need to do to vote.

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TCA Ballot 2016 This ballot must be received by TCA no later than August 31st, 2016. 0000000000
Candidate Introductions will be in the July-August 2016 issue of Texas Knights.

Please select one candidate for each officer by checking the box next to your choice. If you select the wrong candidate, cross out the entire incorrect entry and select the intended candidate. Incumbents are listed first. Write-ins are allowed.

President:	Vice President:	Secretary:	Treasurer:
<input type="checkbox"/> Eduardo Rios	<input type="checkbox"/> Forrest Marler	<input type="checkbox"/> Lori Balkum	<input type="checkbox"/> Barbara Swafford
<input type="checkbox"/> _____	<input type="checkbox"/> _____	<input type="checkbox"/> _____	<input type="checkbox"/> _____

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Texas Chess Association — 2016 TCA Election

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Candidates	Selection
Forrest Marler	<input type="radio"/>

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Eddie Rios for TCA President



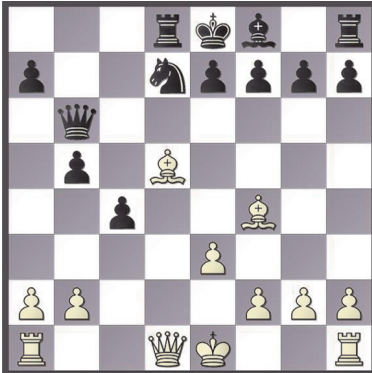
Hello everyone, my name is Eddie Rios. I am officially throwing my name in the hat for president of TCA. I've been a member for quite a few years, and feel my experience can contribute to the growth of the organization. I intend to dedicate time to membership recruitment in hopes of expanding programs throughout the state and therefore increasing chess activities. I can use your support. Thanks.

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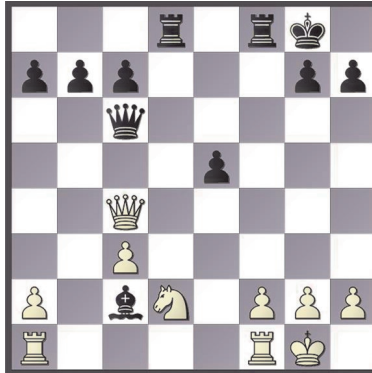
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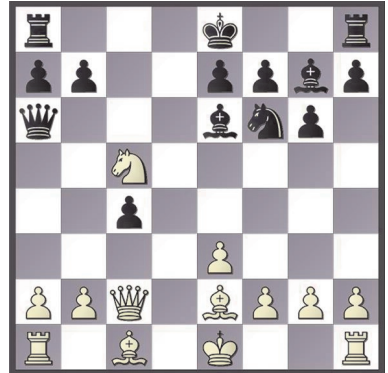
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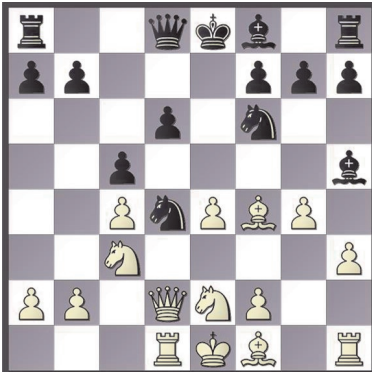
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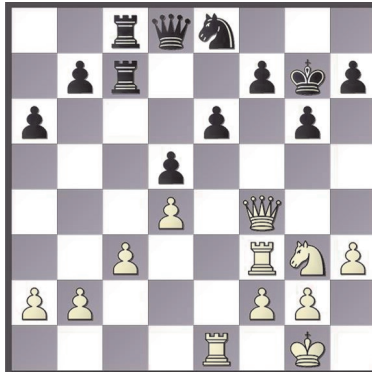
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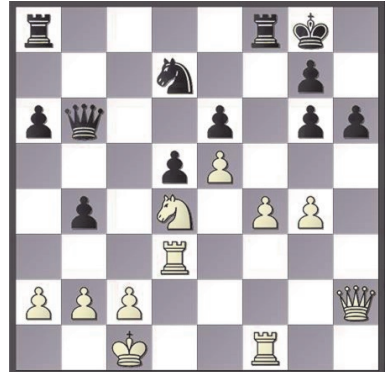
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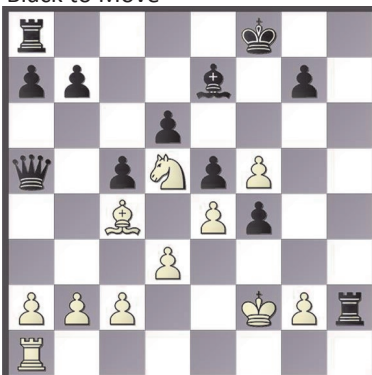
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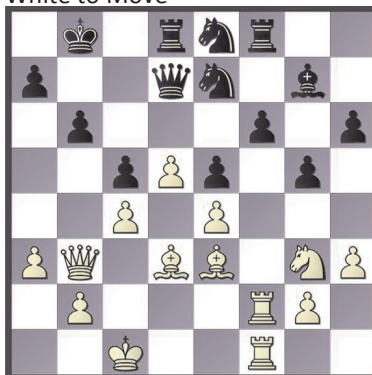
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 White to Move



6. Jim Berry – Phil Fiorini
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 Black to Move



7. Paul Chua – Stephanie Ballom
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 Black to Move



8. Wilson Neil – Carmen Chairez
Dallas Amateur 2000
 White to Move

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10	O'Neill, Julia	1812	9	Kao, Camille Y	1996	47	Wu, Alison
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78	Irwin, Marla	820	38	Bhat, Puja Prashant	1458	56	Ghatti, Saisneha
						64	Naidu, Suchitra
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13	Nguyen, Emily Quynh	2195	56	Oliveira, Lauren R	1287	81	Babaria, Rajvi Rakesh
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20	Munoz, Claudia E	2100	66	Solis, Gabriela	1192	83	Le, Helen Uyen
39	Xiang, Evan	2021	76	Tovias, Lauren	1078	97	Zhang, Mona Wenjie
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94	Christensen, Asha Taylor	813	35	Padilla, Karlee	1401	91	Garcia, Karime A
				Zhang, Alicia	1225	94	Yong, Evelin

Tactics Time! Answers

Answers:

1. **15...Nf6** attacks and pins the white bishop on d5. Black will win a piece.
 2. **16...Qxc4 17. Nxc4 Bd3** forks the knight and rook.
 3. **16...Qa5+** forks the knight and king.
 4. On the previous move White played **11.g4??** to attack the bishop, then resigned after realizing they allowed **11...Nf3#**
 5. **24.Rxe6!** Black cannot capture the rook because of **24...fxe6 25.Qf8#**
 6. **26...Nxe5** wins a pawn. The f-pawn is pinned.
 7. **21...Qd2+ 22.Kg1 Qxg2#**
 8. **31. Bxc5** wins a pawn. The b-pawn is pinned.
- Cover. 23.Qxb4!** was missed in the game, taking advantage of the pinned c5 pawn.

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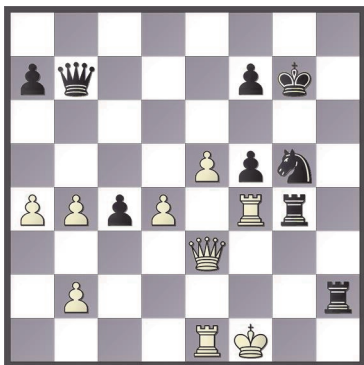
The **US Junior Closed Championship** was held from July 7th to July 18th in **St. Louis, MO**. There were 10 participants. **GM Jeffery Xiong** won the tournament with a score of 6.5/9. Also from Texas, **IM Ruifeng Li** took 3rd Place with a score of 5.5/9. Below are the results of the tournament.

Rank	Name	Score	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
1	GM Xiong, Jeffery	6.5	½	1	1	0	1	1	1	½	½
2	IM Liang, Awonder	6	1	0	1	½	1	½	½	½	1
3	IM Li, Ruifeng	5.5	½	½	½	½	1	0	1	½	1
4	IM Harmon-Vellotti, Luke	5	½	½	0	½	1	1	½	½	½
5	FM Brown, Michael William	5	½	1	½	½	0	½	1	½	½
6	IM Chandra, Akshat	4.5	½	½	½	½	1	0	1	½	0
7	FM Checa, Nicolas D	4	0	0	1	½	0	1	0	½	1
8	GM Troff, Kayden W	3.5	½	½	0	½	0	1	0	½	½
9	IM Ostrovskiy, Aleksandr A	3.5	1	½	½	1	0	0	0	½	0
10	IM Bodek, Michael H	1.5	0	½	0	½	0	0	0	½	0

Following are the games played by **GM Jeffery Xiong**.

Li,Ruifeng (2608)
Xiong,Jeffery (2723) [B26]
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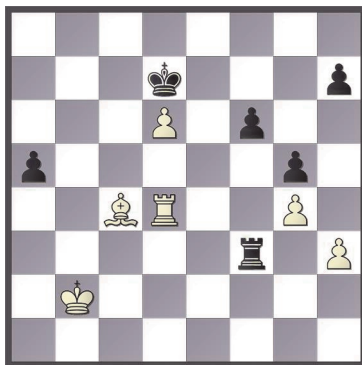
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 11.Nxe2 b5 12.Qd2 Bb7
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 c4 18.fxc6 hxc6 19.Bxc7
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 Rh8 22.Ng3 Rh4 23.Qf2
 Rbh8 24.a4 b4 25.cxb4
 Nf6 26.Rae1 Nh7 27.e5 d5
 28.Qe3 Bc8 29.Bxd5 Ng5
 30.Rf6 Nhx3+ 31.Kg2 Bb7
 32.Bf3 Bxf3+ 33.Rxf3 Ng5
 34.Rf6 Rg4 35.Rf4 Qb7+
 36.Kf1 Rh2 37.Nf5+ gxf5
 1/2-1/2



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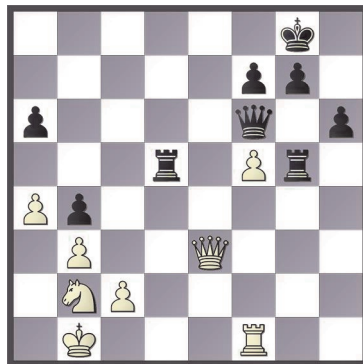
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 Nbd7 10.c3 c5 11.Qb1 Ne4
 12.Nxe4 dxe4 13.Nd2 Nf6
 14.Rd1 cxd4 15.cxd4 Rc8
 16.Be5 Qd5 17.b3 Nd7
 18.Bf4 Rfd8 19.f3 e5
 20.dxe5 Nc5 21.Nxe4
 Qxb3 22.Nd6 Bxd6
 23.exd6 Qxb1 24.Rdxb1
 Nd7 25.Rc1 Rc5 26.e4
 Rdc8 27.Rxc5 Rxc5
 28.Be3 Rc2 29.Kf1 f6
 30.Rd1 Kf8 31.Rd4 Ke8
 32.g4 g5 33.Bd3 Rc3
 34.Kf2 Nc5 35.Be2 Rc2
 36.Ke1 Rc3 37.Kd2 Ra3
 38.Rb4 Ra2+ 39.Ke1 Nxa4
 40.Rc4 Nc5 41.Bxc5 bxc5
 42.Rxc5 Ra1+ 43.Kf2 Ra2
 44.Ke3 Ra3+ 45.Kd4 Ra4+
 46.Bc4 a5 47.Kc3 Ra3+
 48.Kb2 Rxf3 49.Rc7 Rf2+
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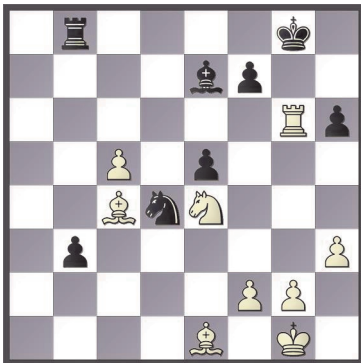
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Xiong,Jeffery (2723) [B50]
 2016 U.S. Junior Closed
 Championship (3.5),
 10.07.2016

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 4.Nc3 cxd4 5.Qxd4 a6
 6.Be3 Nc6 7.Qd2 e6 8.0-0-
 0 Be7 9.Bf4 Ng4 10.h3
 Nge5 11.Nxe5 Nxe5
 12.Bh2 0-0 13.f4 Nc6
 14.Kb1 b5 15.Be2 Rb8
 16.f5 b4 17.Na4 Qa5 18.b3
 e5 19.Bg1 Nd4 20.Bxd4
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 Bxe4 25.Bd3 Rbd8 26.Qg3
 Qd5 27.Qf2 Bxc3 28.Rhg1
 Be4 29.Rge1 h6 30.a4 Bc3
 31.Nb6 Qc6 32.Bxe4 Qxe4
 33.Rg1 Bd4 34.Qg3 Bxc3
 35.Rxg1 Qd4 36.Nc4 Rfe8
 37.Nb2 Re3 38.Qf2 Rxh3
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 43.Qe3 Rd5 0-1



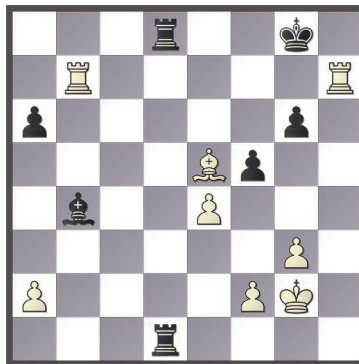
Ostrovskiy,A.(2508)
Xiong,Jeffery (2723) [B51]
 2016 U.S. Junior Closed
 Championship (4.1),
 11.07.2016

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 Nd7 4.0-0 a6 5.Bd3 Ngf6
 6.Re1 e6 7.c3 b5 8.a4 c4
 9.Be2 Bb7 10.axb5 axb5
 11.Rxa8 Bxa8 12.d3 Be7
 13.Nbd2 cxd3 14.Bxd3
 Qb6 15.b4 e5 16.Qe2 Bc6
 17.Nb3 0-0 18.Na5 Rb8
 19.Nxc6 Qxc6 20.Bd2 h6
 21.Nh4 Bf8 22.Nf5 d5
 23.exd5 Qxd5 24.Ng3 Qa2
 25.Rd1 Qb3 26.Rb1 Qa2
 27.Rd1 Qb3 28.Rb1 Qa2
 29.Be1 Qd5 30.Ra1 Ne8
 31.Ra5 Nc7 32.c4 Qc6
 33.c5 g6 34.Ne4 Ne6
 35.Nc3 Nd4 36.Qa2 Nxc5
 37.bxc5 b4 38.Ne4 Be7
 39.h3 Qd7 40.Bc4 b3
 41.Qb2 Qf5 42.Bd3 Qd7
 43.Ra6 Nc6 44.Bc4 Qd4
 45.Qxd4 Nxd4 46.Rxg6+
 1-0



Xiong,Jeffery (2723)
Troff,Kayden (2639) [A05]
 2016 U.S. Junior Closed
 Championship (5.5),
 12.07.2016

1.Nf3 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 d5
 4.cxd5 Nxd5 5.Qb3 Nb6
 6.d4 Bg7 7.Bf4 Be6 8.Qa3
 c5 9.Qxc5 Nc6 10.e4 Nd7
 11.Qa3 Nxd4 12.Nxd4
 Bxd4 13.Bb5 0-0 14.0-0
 Qb6 15.Bxd7 Bxd7 16.Nd5
 Qxb2 17.Qxb2 Bxb2
 18.Rab1 Ba3 19.Rxb7 Rfd8
 20.h4 a6 21.Rfb1 f5
 22.R1b3 Bc5 23.Rc3 Bc6
 24.Nxe7+ Bxe7 25.Rxc6
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 Bd8 28.Re6 Ba5 29.Be5
 Rad8 30.Ree7 Bb4
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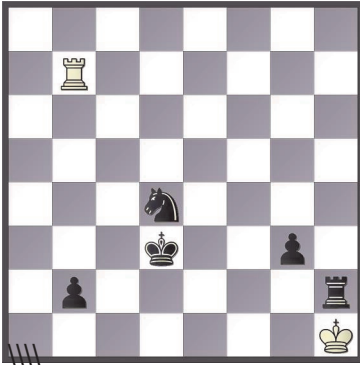


Chandra,Akshat (2583)
Xiong,Jeffery (2723) [D71]
 2016 U.S. Junior Closed
 Championship (6.2),
 14.07.2016

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.g3 c6
 4.Bg2 d5 5.Qa4 a6 6.cxd5

b5 7.Qd1 cxd5 8.Nf3 Bg7
 9.0-0 0-0 10.Bf4 Bb7
 11.Nbd2 Qb6 12.Rc1 Nc6
 13.Nb3 Ne4 14.Ne5 Rfd8
 15.Be3 Nb8 16.Qc2 Nd7
 17.Bxe4 dxe4 18.d5 Qd6
 19.Nc6 Re8 20.Nba5 Bc8
 21.Rfd1 Nf6 22.Bc5 Qd7
 23.Qd2 Qh3 24.f3 Bf8
 25.Qd4 Qf5 26.Qe5 h5
 27.Qxf5 Bxf5 28.Kf2 g5
 29.Ba3 exf3 30.exf3 g4
 31.f4 Be4 32.Re1 Kh7
 33.Rcd1 Bxd5 34.Bxe7
 Bxe7 35.Rxe7 Rxe7
 36.Nxe7 Bf3 37.Rc1 Rd8
 38.Nb3 Ne4+ 39.Ke3 Nd6
 40.Kf2 Nc4 41.Nf5 Nxb2
 42.Rc7 Nd3+ 43.Kf1 Bd5
 44.Ne3 Be6 45.Ke2 Nb4
 46.f5 Bxb3 47.axb3 Kg7
 48.Ng2 Rd5 49.Nf4 Rxf5
 50.Ra7 h4 51.Ke3 Re5+
 52.Kd2 hxg3 53.hxg3 Rf5
 54.Rd7 Kf6 55.Kc3 a5
 56.Kd4 Nc6+ 57.Ke3 Rc5
 58.Rc7 b4 59.Ke4 Re5+
 60.Kd3 Ne7 61.Ne2 Nf5
 62.Kd2 Rd5+ 63.Ke1 Rd3
 64.Rc6+ Ke5 65.Rc5+ Ke4
 66.Kf2 Rf3+ 67.Ke1 Rxb3
 68.Rxa5 Nxb3 69.Nc1 Rb1
 70.Kd2 Rb2+ 71.Ke1 Nf5
 72.Ra7 g3 73.Ne2 Ke3
 74.Kf1 Rxe2 75.Rxf7 Rf2+
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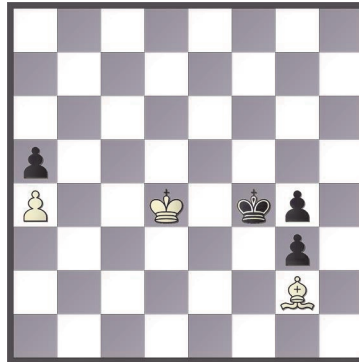




Xiong,Jeffery (2723) [D15]
Checa,Nicolas (2502)
 2016 U.S. Junior Closed
 Championship (7.4),
 15.07.2016

1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.Nf3 Nf6
 4.Nc3 a6 5.e3 Bf5 6.Qb3
 Ra7 7.Nh4 Bg6 8.Nxg6
 hxg6 9.g3 e6 10.Bg2 Nbd7
 11.0-0 Be7 12.e4 dxe4
 13.Nxe4 Nxe4 14.Bxe4 Nf6
 15.Bf3 Qd7 16.Be3 Ra8
 17.a4 a5 18.Rfd1 Bb4
 19.Rd3 0-0 20.Rad1 Rfd8
 21.Bf4 Qe7 22.Re3 Qf8
 23.Red3 Qe7 24.Bg5 Rd7
 25.h4 Rad8 26.Bg4 Qf8
 27.Bh3 Be7 28.Be3 Bb4
 29.Qc2 Ne4 30.Qe2 Be7
 31.Bf4 Nf6 32.Qf3 Bd6
 33.Be3 Be7 34.Bc1 Rc7
 35.Bf4 Bd6 36.Be3 Be7
 37.Bf4 Bd6 38.Bg5 Be7
 39.Qe2 Rcd7 40.Kh2 Ne8
 41.Bf4 Bf6 42.Be3 Nd6
 43.d5 Nxc4 44.dxe6 Rxd3
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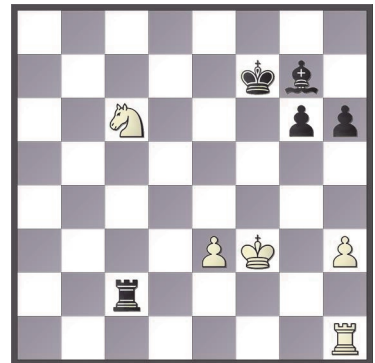
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 58.Ba2 Bf2 59.Kf3 Be1
 60.Bc4 Bc3 61.Kg2 Be1
 62.Bb3 Bd2 63.Kf2 Bc1
 64.Ke2 Kh6 65.Bg8 Kh5
 66.Kf3 Bd2 67.Kg2 Kh6
 68.Kf2 Kh5 69.Bf7 Kh6
 70.Ke2 Bc1 71.Kf3 Kh5
 72.Bc4 Bd2 73.Kg2 Kh6
 74.Bg8 Bc1 75.Kh3 Bd2
 76.Kg4 Be1 77.Kf3 Bd2
 78.Kf2 Bc1 79.Kf1 Bd2
 80.Kg2 Bc1 81.Kg1 Be3+
 82.Kh1 Bd2 83.Kh2 Be1
 84.Kh3 Bd2 85.g4 Bxf4
 86.g5+ Bxg5 87.hxg5+
 Kxg5 88.Kg3 Kf5 89.Kf3
 Ke5 90.Ke3 g5 91.Kd3 g4
 92.Kc4 g3 93.Bd5 Kd6
 94.Bg2 g5 95.Kb5 g4
 96.Kc4 Ke5 97.Kxc5 Kf4
 98.Kd4 1-0



Brown,Michael (2506)
Xiong,Jeffery (2723) [D85]
 2016 U.S. Junior Closed
 Championship (8.3),
 16.07.2016

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

4.cxd5 Nxd5 5.Bd2 Bg7
 6.e4 Nb6 7.Be3 0-0 8.Be2
 Nc6 9.Nf3 Bg4 10.e5 Qe8
 11.Ng5 Bxe2 12.Qxe2 h6
 13.Nge4 f5 14.exf6 exf6
 15.d5 f5 16.dxc6 Qxc6
 17.Rc1 fxe4 18.Nb5 Qd7
 19.Rxc7 Qd3 20.Qxd3
 exd3 21.Kd2 Nd5 22.Rxb7
 Nxe3 23.fxe3 Rf2+
 24.Kxd3 Rxb2 25.Rxa7
 Rxa7 26.Nxa7 Rxa2
 27.Nc6 Rxc7 28.Ke4 Kf7
 29.Kf3 Rb2 30.h3 Rc2
 1/2-1/2



Xiong,Jeffery (2723) [E06]
Harmon-Vellotti,L. (2527)
 2016 U.S. Junior Closed
 Championship (9.3),
 17.07.2016

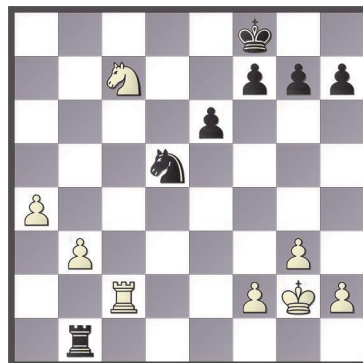
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 4.Nf3 Be7 5.Bg2 0-0 6.0-0
 dxc4 7.Qc2 a6 8.a4 Bd7
 9.Rd1 Bc6 10.Nc3 Bxf3
 11.Bxf3 Nc6 12.Bxc6 bxc6
 13.Bg5 Rb8 14.e3 Nd5
 15.Bxe7 Qxe7 16.Ne4 a5
 17.Nd2 c5 18.Nxc4 cxd4
 19.Rxd4 Qc5 20.Rc1 Rb4

21.Ne5 Qxc2 22.Rxc2
 Rxd4 23.exd4 Rb8 24.Nc6
 Rb6 25.Nxa5 Rb4 26.b3
 Rxd4 27.Nc6 Rd1+ 28.Kg2
 Ra1 29.Nd4 Kf8 30.Nb5
 Rb1 31.Nxc7 ½-½

Xiong,Jeffery (2723) –
 Harmon-Vellotti,Luke
 (2527) [E06]
 2016 U.S. Junior Closed
 Championship (9.3),
 17.07.2016

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.g3 d5
 4.Nf3 Be7 5.Bg2 0-0 6.0-0
 dxc4 7.Qc2 a6 8.a4 Bd7
 9.Rd1 Bc6 10.Nc3 Bxf3
 11.Bxf3 Nc6 12.Bxc6 bxc6
 13.Bg5 Rb8 14.e3 Nd5
 15.Bxe7 Qxe7 16.Ne4 a5
 17.Nd2 c5 18.Nxc4 cxd4
 19.Rxd4 Qc5 20.Rc1 Rb4
 21.Ne5 Qxc2 22.Rxc2
 Rxd4 23.exd4 Rb8 24.Nc6
 Rb6 25.Nxa5 Rb4 26.b3
 Rxd4 27.Nc6 Rd1+ 28.Kg2

Ra1 29.Nd4 Kf8 30.Nb5
 Rb1 31.Nxc7 ½-½



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The **US Junior Girls Championship** was held from June 25th to June 29th in **Manchester, NH**. There were 10 participants in the tournament. **WFM Emily Quyhn Nguyen** won the tournament with a score of 6.5/9. **WFM Evan Xiang**, also from Texas, took 4th place with a score of 5.5/9. Note: Every player had a bye round. Below are the results of the tournament.

Pos	Player Name	Total	Rnd 1	Rnd 2	Rnd 3	Rnd 4	Rnd 5	Rnd 6	Rnd 7	Rnd 8	Rnd 9	Rnd 10
1	EMILY QUYNH NGUYEN	6.5	W 10	D 2	L 4	*	W 3	D 7	D 6	W 5	W 8	W 9
2	AGATA BYKOVTSSEV	6	W 10	*	D 4	D 1	L 3	W 7	W 6	D 5	D 8	W 9
3	CARISSA SHIWEN YIP	5.5	W 10	W 2	W 4	L 1	*	W 7	L 6	L 5	D 8	W 9
4	EVAN XIANG	5.5	W 10	D 2	*	W 1	L 3	W 7	L 6	D 5	W 8	D 9
5	MAGGIE FENG	4.5	W 10	D 2	D 4	L 1	W 3	W 7	L 6	*	D 8	L 9
6	JENNIFER R YU	4	L 10	L 2	W 4	D 1	W 3	L 7	*	W 5	L 8	D 9
7	ALICE DONG	4	D 10	L 2	L 4	D 1	L 3	*	W 6	L 5	W 8	W 9
8	APURVA VIRKUD	3.5	W 10	D 2	L 4	L 1	D 3	L 7	W 6	D 5	*	L 9
9	JOANNA LIU	3	L 10	L 2	D 4	L 1	L 3	L 7	D 6	W 5	W 8	*
10	ANNIE WANG	2.5	*	L 2	L 4	L 1	L 3	D 7	W 6	L 5	L 8	W 9

Following are the games played by **WFM Emily Quyhn Nguyen**.

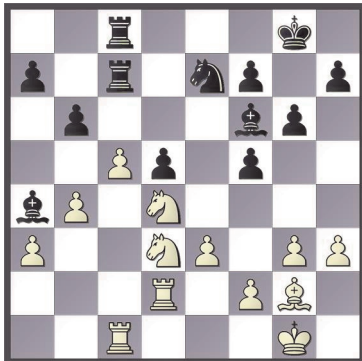
Nguyen,Emily (1944)
Yu,Jennifer (2187) [A45]
 2016 Girls Closed Champi-
 onship (1.4), 25.06.2016

1.d4 Nf6 2.Bg5 d5 3.Bxf6

exf6 4.e3 Bd6 5.c4 c6
 6.cxd5 cxd5 7.Nc3 Be6
 8.g3 0-0 9.Bg2 Nc6
 10.Nge2 Bc7 11.0-0 Qd7
 12.Rc1 Rfd8 13.Qb3 Na5
 14.Qb5 Qe7 15.Qc5 Qxc5

16.dxc5 Rd7 17.Rfd1 Rad8
 18.b3 Nc6 19.Rc2 Be5
 20.Rcd2 Ne7 21.h3 f5
 22.Nd4 g6 23.a3 Rc8 24.b4
 b6 25.Na4 Rb7 26.Bf1 Bd7
 27.Nb2 Rbc7 28.Nd3 Bf6

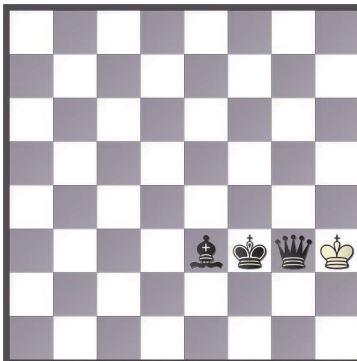
29.Bg2 Ba4 30.Rc1 Bd7
31.Rdc2 Ba4 32.Rd2 Bd7
33.Rdc2 Ba4 34.Rd2 1/2-1/2



Feng,Maggie (2227) [D45]
Nguyen,Emily (1944)
2016 Girls Closed Championship (2.3), 26.06.2016

1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.e3 Nf6
4.Nc3 e6 5.Nf3 Nbd7
6.Qc2 Bd6 7.Bd2 0-0 8.h3
dxc4 9.Bxc4 e5 10.0-0 Qe7
11.Bb3 Bc7 12.Rad1 h6
13.Nh4 exd4 14.exd4 Qd6
15.g3 Nb6 16.Bf4 Qd7
17.Bxh6 Qxh3 18.Qg6 Qg4
19.Bxg7 Qxg6 20.Nxg6
Kxg7 21.Nxf8 Kxf8 22.Kg2
Bf5 23.Rh1 Kg7 24.Rde1
Bd6 25.Re2 Nbd5 26.Nxd5
Nxd5 27.Bc2 Bxc2
28.Rxc2 Nb4 29.Rd2 Nxa2
30.d5 c5 31.f4 Nb4 32.Kf3
Rd8 33.g4 Be7 34.Rdh2
Bf6 35.g5 Bd4 36.Rh7+
Kf8 37.g6 fxxg6 38.Rxb7
Nxd5 39.Rxa7 Bxb2
40.Rb7 Bf6 41.Rc1 Rc8
42.Rd7 Ne7 43.Rc4 Kf7
44.Rd1 Ke6 45.Kg4 Bd4

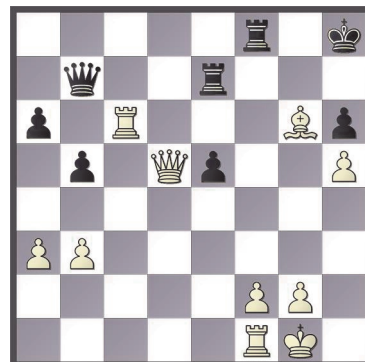
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Kc3 52.Re2 Ba3 53.Re3+
Kb4 54.Rb1+ Ka4 55.Re6
Rc6 56.Rxc6 Nxc6 57.Kg5
Ne7 58.Kf6 c3 59.Re1 c2
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62.Kxe7 Bxf4 63.Kf6 g5
64.Kf5 Kb3 65.Kg4 Kc2
66.Kf3 Kd3 67.Kg4 Ke2
68.Kh3 Bd2 69.Kg4 Kf2
70.Kh3 Kf3 71.Kh2 g4
72.Kg1 g3 73.Kf1 g2+
74.Kg1 Be3+ 75.Kh2 g1Q+
76.Kh3 Qg3# 0-1



Nguyen,Emily (1944)
Vir kud,A. (1913) [D37]
2016 Girls Closed Championship (3.3), 26.06.2016

1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Nf6
4.Nf3 Be7 5.Bf4 0-0 6.e3
c5 7.dxc5 Bxc5 8.Qc2 Nc6
9.a3 Be7 10.Rd1 Qa5
11.Be2 a6 12.0-0 dxc4
13.Bxc4 b5 14.Bd3 Bb7
15.Ne4 h6 16.Nd6 Bxd6
17.Bxd6 Rfd8 18.Bg3
Rac8 19.Qe2 Rd7 20.Ne5
Rd5 21.Nxc6 Bxc6 22.Bh4

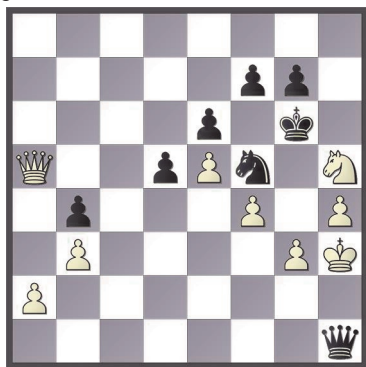
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Qb6 27.Bc3 Nc4 28.h4
Qb7 29.b3 Nb6 30.e4 Rd7
31.Qg4 f6 32.Qxe6+ Rf7
33.Qf5 Nd7 34.e5 g6
35.Qg4 Nxe5 36.Bxe5 fxe5
37.Bxg6 Rg7 38.h5 Rf8
39.Qe6+ Kh8 40.Rxc6 Re7
41.Qd5 1-0



Wang,Annie (2061) [D14]
Nguyen,Emily (1944)
2016 Girls Closed Championship (4.4), 27.06.2016

1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.cxd5
cxd5 4.Nc3 Nf6 5.Nf3 Nc6
6.Bf4 Bf5 7.Qb3 Na5
8.Qa4+ Bd7 9.Qc2 e6
10.e3 Rc8 11.Bd3 Be7 12.0
-0 0-0 13.Ne5 Nc4 14.Qe2
b5 15.Nxd7 Qxd7 16.b3 b4
17.Na4 Nb6 18.Nb2 Bd6
19.Bxd6 Qxd6 20.Ba6 Rc3
21.Rfc1 Ne4 22.Nd1 Rc6
23.Rxc6 Qxc6 24.f3 Nf6
25.Nf2 Nbd7 26.e4 Nb8
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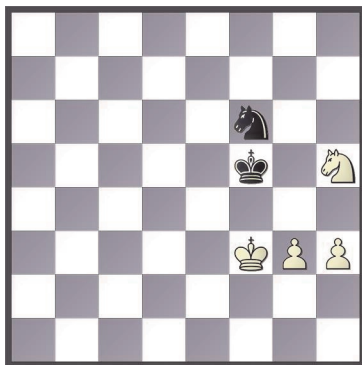
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 37.Kh2 Qc2 38.Rd2 Qb1
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 41.Rb2 Qa1 42.Nxh5 Rh1+
 43.Kg3 Qd1 44.Qe2 Qxd4
 45.Rc2 Re1 46.Qxe1 Qd3+
 47.Kh2 Qxc2 48.Qg3 Ng6
 49.Qg5 Qe4 50.Qd8+ Kh7
 51.Qxa5 Nh4 52.Kg3 Qe1+
 53.Kg4 Nf5 54.g3 Kg6
 55.h4 Qd1+ 56.Kh3 Qh1+
 0-1



Nguyen,Emily (1944) [A45]
Bykovtsev,Agata (2158)
 2016 Girls Closed Championship(5.2), 27.06.2016

1.d4 Nf6 2.Bg5 Ne4 3.Bf4
 c5 4.d5 Qa5+ 5.c3 e6 6.f3
 Nf6 7.e4 exd5 8.exd5 d6
 9.Qe2+ Be7 10.Bxd6 Nxd5
 11.Na3 Be6 12.Bxe7 Nxe7
 13.Qb5+ Nbc6 14.Qxa5
 Nxa5 15.Nb5 Kd7 16.0-0-
 0+ Kc8 17.Nd6+ Kc7 18.b3
 a6 19.Ne4 c4 20.b4 Nac6
 21.Ne2 Rhd8 22.Rxd8
 Rxd8 23.Nf4 b5 24.Nxe6+
 fxe6 25.Nc5 Kb6 26.Nxe6

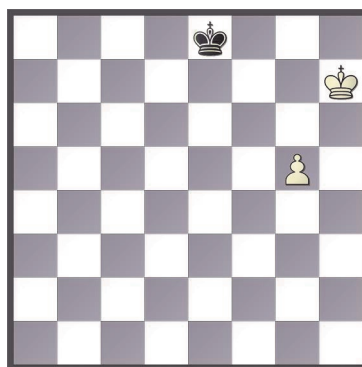
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 33.Re1 Re8 34.Kd2 Nd5
 35.Rd1 Ra8 36.Ke1 Kc6
 37.f4 Nd7 38.Bf3 N7b6
 39.Nc5 Ra3 40.Ne6 Rxc3
 41.Nd4+ Kd7 42.Bxd5
 Nxd5 43.Nxb5 Rd3
 44.Rxd3 cxd3 45.Kd2
 Nxb4 46.Kc3 d2 47.Kxd2
 Ke6 48.Nd4+ Kf6 49.Ke3
 Nd5+ 50.Kf3 h5 51.h3 g5
 52.Ke4 Nc3+ 53.Kd3 Nd1
 54.Ke2 Nc3+ 55.Kf3 Nd5
 56.fxg5+ Kxg5 57.Ne6+
 Kf5 58.Nf4 Nf6 59.Nxh5
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Xiang,Evan (1806)
Nguyen,Emily (1944) [D02]
 2016 Girls Closed Championship Manchester, NH
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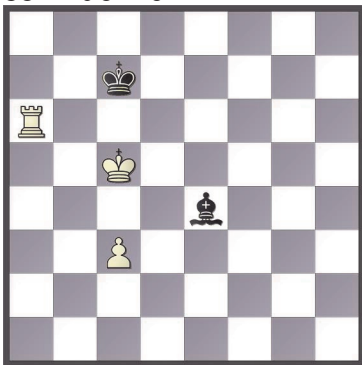
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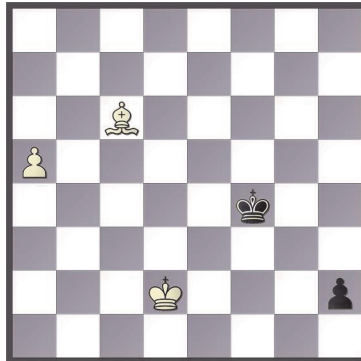
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Liu,Joanna (1850) [A45]
 2016 Girls Closed Championship (7.1), 28.06.2016

1.d4 Nf6 2.Bg5 e6 3.e4 h6
 4.Bxf6 Qxf6 5.c3 d6 6.Bd3
 Nc6 7.Ne2 Bd7 8.Nd2 g5
 9.0-0 h5 10.f4 0-0-0 11.e5
 Qh6 12.b4 gxf4 13.b5 Nb8
 14.exd6 Bxd6 15.Nc4 e5
 16.Qa4 Rdg8 17.Qxa7
 Bxb5 18.Rab1 Rxc2+
 19.Kxc2 Qg5+ 20.Ng3
 Bc6+ 21.Kf2 fxc3+
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 41.dxe5 dxe5 42.Re2 Be6
 43.Kb2 Bd5 44.Rxe5 Bc6
 45.Kb3 Kc7 46.Kb4 Kb6
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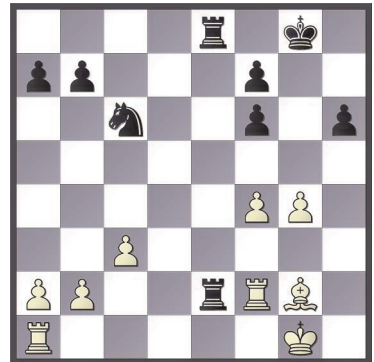
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 Yip, Carissa (2196) [A40]
 2016 Girls Closed Championship (8.5), 29.06.2016

1.d4 g6 2.c4 Bg7 3.Nf3 Nf6
 4.Nc3 0-0 5.g3 d5 6.Bg2 c6
 7.cxd5 cxd5 8.0-0 Ne4
 9.Nxe4 dxe4 10.Ne5 f6
 11.Qb3+ e6 12.Nc4 f5
 13.Bf4 Nc6 14.e3 Rf7
 15.Nd6 Rf8 16.Rac1 g5
 17.Be5 Bxe5 18.dxe5 Qe7
 19.Qc3 Qg7 20.Nc4 b5
 21.Nb6 axb6 22.Qxc6 Bd7
 23.Qd6 Rac8 24.Rfd1 Kh8
 25.Rc7 Rxc7 26.Qxc7 Bc8
 27.Qxc7+ Kxc7 28.Rd6 b4
 29.Rxb6 Rd8 30.Bf1 Rd1
 31.Kg2 f4 32.gxf4 gxf4
 33.exf4 Rd2 34.Kg3 Rxb2
 35.Bc4 Rc2 36.Rxb4 Rc3+
 37.Kg2 Rc2 38.Bb3 Rd2
 39.Rc4 Ba6 40.Rc2 e3
 41.Rxd2 exd2 42.Bd1
 Bb7+ 43.f3 Kg6 44.Kf2
 Bd5 45.a4 Kh5 46.Ke3 Kh4
 47.Kxd2 Kh3 48.Bc2 h5
 49.f5 exf5 50.Bxf5+ Kxh2
 51.Bd7 Kg3 52.e6 h4 53.e7
 Bf7 54.e8Q Bxe8 55.Bxe8
 h3 56.f4 Kxf4 57.a5 h2
 58.Bc6 1-0



Dong, Alice (1953) [B81]
 Nguyen, Emily (1944) 2016
 Girls Closed Championship
 (9.2), 29.06.2016

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 e6 3.d4 cxd4
 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 d6 6.g4
 h6 7.h3 Nc6 8.Bg2 d5
 9.exd5 Nxd5 10.Nxd5 exd5
 11.0-0 Be7 12.c3 0-0
 13.Be3 Bf6 14.Ne2 Be6
 15.f4 Qe7 16.Qd2 Rfe8
 17.Rf3 d4 18.Bxd4 Bxg4
 19.hxc4 Qxe2 20.Qxe2
 Rxe2 21.Bxf6 gxf6 22.Rf2
 Rae8 1/2-1/2



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The Patzer's Opening

By Chess Expert Jim Hollingsworth

The Scandinavian Defense (B01)

Jim Hollingsworth (1800) - David Medrano (1581)
2016 Texas State and Amateur Championship
Fort Worth, Texas (27-30 May 2016)

This game was played at the 2016 Texas State and Amateur Championship, where Texas players like my opponent, David Medrano, live up to a widely held reputation that most Texas players are underrated. David is a Dallas entrepreneur and developer as well as an Army Reservist. He played recreational chess as a youngster and in college with friends. He played his first of nearly 200 rated chess game only one year ago.

1.e4 d5 2.exd5 The Center Counter
(Defense).

2...Nf6 Or maybe now it's the Scandinavian Defense. Whatever it's called this surprising opening is rarely played by Grandmasters, Masters, Experts, or even Club Players. In fact, most chess players have never played this with Black at all!

When looking at its most popular line, 2...Qxd5 it's easy to see this opening violates practically every chess opening principle. Chess coaches undoubtedly cringe whenever they see their young students continuing with 3.Nc3 Qa5 4.Nf3 c6 5.d4 Nf6 6.Bd2 Qd8.

In the above variation Black has moved his Queen three times before returning her to her original square. By contrast White has

three minor pieces developed and will soon castle. Logic says White should be able to exploit his tempo advantage into a win. But, that really isn't the case with the Scandinavian Defense.

A few years ago I spent some time in North Carolina and played in several tournaments. A lot of players there insist on playing this opening as Black including USCF Original Life Chess Master Ron Simpson (deceased). After he trounced me with this opening he was kind enough to go over our game and answer my questions about the best ways for White to proceed. Ron told me the best thing is for White is to remain calm, don't do anything fancy and just play normal, solid, developing moves. He said if you do that White will be fine and survive through the endgame.

The next time I played the Scandinavian Defense was in the 29th North American Open, in Stillwater, against Arthur Glassman, a strong Class A player from New Mexico. With a little luck (and Ron's words still fresh in my mind), I pulled off the win:

1. e4 d5 2.exd5 Qxd5 3.Nc3 Qa5 4.Nf3 Nf6
5.g3 Bg4 6.Bg2 c6 7.0-0 Nbd7 8.d4 e6
9.Bd2 Be7 10.Ne2 Qf5 11.Nh4 Qb5 12.f3
Bh5 13.b3 Rd8 14.c4 Qa6 15.Qc2 h6
16.g4 g5 17.gxh5 gxh4 18.Nf4 Qb6 19.Be3
Nf8 20.Kh1 e5 21.c5 Qc7 22.dxe5 Nd5
23.Nxd5 Rxd5 24.f4 Rd8 25.Bh3 Rg8
26.Rae1 Ne6 27.Qc3 Qd7 28.Bg2 h3
29.Bf3 Qd3 30.Qxd3 Rxd3

31.Be4 Rc3 32.b4 Ra3 33.f5 Ng5 34.f6 Ra4
35.Bb1 Bd8 36.Bxg5 Rxc5 37.e6 Rxb4
38.exf7+ Kxf7 39.Bg6+ and Black resigned.
1-0 (Hollingsworth-Glassman, 29th NAO).

For those who are curious the Bronstein variation goes like this 1. e4 d5 2.exd5 Qxd5 3.Nc3 Qd6 4.d4 Nf6 5.Nf3 a6=.

The Gubinsky-Melts variation is similar to the Bronstein 1. e4 d5 2.exd5 Qxd5 3.Nc3 Qd6 however, a6 isn't played.

The Shiller-Pytel variation goes like this 1. e4 d5 2.exd5 Qxd5 3.Nc3 Qd6 4.d4 c6 and is a favorite for USCF Original Life Chess Master Eric Schiller, author of *Unorthodox Chess Openings*, 2nd Ed.

3.Nc3

Interesting is 3.d4 Nxd5 4.c4 [(4.Nf3 Bg4 5.Be2 Nc6 6.c4 Nb6 7.0-0 e6 8.Nc3! Bb4 9.d5 Ne7 10.Qb3 a5 11.Rd1² (Taulbut-Peters, Hastings 1978/79 Analysis in Batsford Chess Openings by Raymond Keene, 1986)] 4...Nb4 5.Qa4+ N8c6 6.d5 b5 7.cxb5 Nd4 8.Na3 e5 9.dxe6 Bxe6 10.Be3 Qh4 11.b6+ c6 12.b7 Rd8 13.Rd1 Bc5 14.Ne2 Bb3 15.Rxd4 Bxa4 16.b8Q Bxd4 17.Qb7 Nd3+ 18.Kd2 Bxe3+ White resigned. 0-1 (Schroter-Ludwig, Correspondence, 1932).

Also interesting is this line: 3.Bb5+ Bd7 4.Bc4 b5 5.Bb3 Bg4 6.f3 Bc8 7.Qe2 a6 8.c4 bxc4 9.Qxc4 Qd6 10.d4 Nbd7 11.Ne2 Nb6 12.Qc6+ Bd7 13.Qxd6 exd6 14.Nbc3 Be7 15. 0-0 0-0 16.Be3 Bc8 17.Rac1 Bb7 18.Bb5 Nfxd5 19.Nxd5 Bxg5 20.Nxb6 cxb6

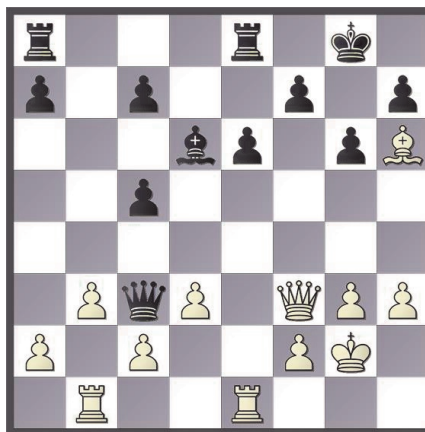
21.Rc7 Rab8 22.f4 Bf6 23.Rd7 Bc6 24.Rxd6 Bb5 25.Re1 Rfd8 26.Rxd8+ Rxd8 27.Kf2 Bxe2 28.Rxe2 Bxd4+ 29.Kf3 Bc5 1/2-1/2 (Devico-Dorais, 1984 All Army).

The Icelandic-Palme variation goes like this 3.c4 e6 and in *Unorthodox Chess Openings*, 2nd Ed, Eric Schiller says this is one of the most aggressive lines of the Scandinavian Defense.

3...Nxd5 4.Nxd5 Qxd5 5.Nf3 Bg4 6.Be2 Nc6 7.0-0 e6 8.d3 Bd6 9.h3 Bxf3 10.Bxf3 Qe5? Probably seemed like a good idea at the time. Black threatens mate at h2, but ...

11.Bxc6+! White ignores the mate threat with check; forcing the doubling of the c-pawns and a lasting strategic disadvantage for Black. The mate threat is easily parried upon White's next move.

11...bxc6 12.g3 0-0 13.Qf3 c5 14.Rb1 g6 15.Bh6 Rfe8 16.Rfe1 Qh8 17.b3 Qc3 18.Kg2?? (see diagram below).



White's idea is seriously flawed and loses at least two pawns. The mate threat at g7 disappears with (18...Qxc2 19.Qf6 Bf8+)

18...Be5? 19.Qe2 Fixing the mistake.

19...Bd4 20.a4 Qa5 21.Rbd1 Bc3? Not a good plan for Black because it allows White to force a trade-off of Black's strong and versatile fianchettoed Bishop.

22.Bd2 Bxd2 23.Qxd2 Qb6 24.Qc3 Rad8 25.Re5 Qc6+ 26.f3 Rd5 27.Rde1 Qd7 28.Qc4 c6

If 28...Rd4? 29.Qxc5+-

29.R1e2 Qd6 30.Qc3 h5 31.h4 Rb8 32.f4 Rb4 33.Kh2 a5 34.Qe1 Kg7 35.Qc3 Kg8

If 35...Qd7?? 36.Rxd5+- and if 35...Qf8?? 36.Rxd5+-

36.Qe1 Kf8 37.Qa1 Kg8 38.Qb2 Qb8 39.Qc3 Qd6

After this move my opponent, David, asked if I thought this was a draw by repetition of position? I slowly replied "No!" because I had to do some calculations to give an honest answer. Using a program like *Chessbase* it is easy to determine "No, but close." This exact position had occurred only once previously (after Black played 35. ..., Kg8). And I was beginning to conclude this game would ultimately end in a draw, despite a sweet target at c4. I felt David was playing well above his rating and it didn't seem likely he would make any mistakes (and I had already made at least one major one).

40.R5e4 Rf5? Here David finally makes his first real mistake and places all of Black's Queenside pawns in jeopardy...Better is ¹40...Rdd4=.

41.Rc4

Very bad would be <41.Rxb4?? cxb4 42.Qc4 Rc5 43.Qe4 Qd5!µ and Black no longer has to worry about protecting any doubled c-pawns.

41...Qd5 42.Rce4 Kh7 43.Qe1 Qd8 44.Re5 Qf6 45.Rxf5 gxf5 46.Re5!

Black's Queenside pawns are ripe for plucking!

46...Qe7

There are no good moves left for Black.

47.Qe3 Rd4

Protecting the c-pawn at all costs.

48.Rxf5 Kg6

No better is 48...Rd5 49.Re5 Rxe5 50.Qxe5 Kg6 51.Qe4+ Kh6 52.Qxc6 And the plucking has begun!

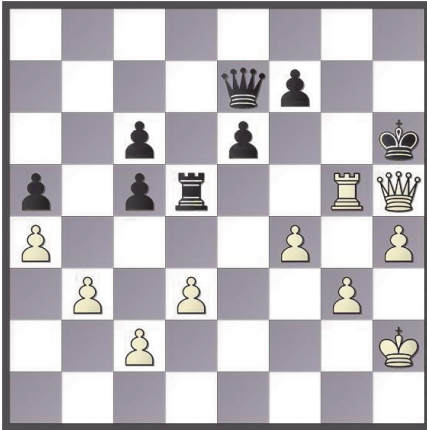
49.Rg5+ Kh6

Really bad is 49...Kf6 50.Qe5#.

50.Qf3!! Rd5

The Hail Mary move, but it doesn't work.

51.Qxh5# 1-0



So, where does the jury finally stand on the Scandinavian Defense? In their book, *Chess Openings for White, Explained*, Eugene Perelshteyn, Roman Dzindzichavili, Al Lawrence, and Lev Alburt say the Scandinavian Defense was called a patzer's opening in the early 1900's and "roundly damned" because it developed Black's Queen too quickly. If I were on the jury, I would pronounce it unorthodox yet a formidable weapon for Black's arsenal. It is especially ideal for players wishing to focus their attention on only a few specific openings because the Scandinavian Defense is rarely played and has so few resources to study (as opposed to the Sicilian

Defense). Further it forces all e4 players out of their favorite lines into what is often uncharted territory for them. That alone makes this "patzer's opening" worth its weight in gold.



About Jim Hollingsworth: Jim directed his first tournament while in the Army at Fort Sill, Oklahoma in 1978. He achieved an expert rating (2004) while serving in Korea in 1988 ("*Once an expert, always an expert!*" L. Evans). He played in the All Army Chess Championship five times and made the All Army Chess Team once. Now retired, he still directs chess tournaments and creates websites in his home. One of his websites is nominated for the annual Chess Journalists of America awards (Category: Electronic Media - Best General Chess Website). Results will be announced at the 2016 U.S. open.

Region VII Updates - Eddie Rios

Hello everyone, I have not been very busy lately with a couple of exceptions. First, I have submitted my name for president of Texas chess in the upcoming year. I could use your support. It would be my honor to represent TCA as its president.

This month we have had several events and there is one at the end of the month. Austin had its open, of which a few region 7 members attended. Then, we also had Houston Chess Festival

hosted in? Houston!. Coming up, end of month is the US Open in Indianapolis. Still time to Sign up.

Region will be Hosted in Laredo this year on Feb 11, 2017. But, closer to that, we have Southwest Open in Dallas. in Sept.. Start reserving your rooms. And, don't forget National Chess Day, Oct 8, 2016. I will be hosting my usual, Spa Eddie open.

If you have any events to announce, please send me your fliers. thanks and see you at the boards.

Upcoming Events

August 2016

Aug. 4 North Texas Chess Academy Thursday Blitz

Info: <http://www.uschess.org/tlas/6863.tla>

Aug. 6 North Arlington Chess Club Open #15

Info: <http://www.uschess.org/tlas/6890.tla>

Aug. 7 North Texas Chess Academy Sunday Swiss

Info: <http://www.uschess.org/tlas/6899.tla>

Aug. 11 North Texas Chess Academy Thursday Blitz

Info: <http://www.uschess.org/tlas/6864.tla>

Aug. 12 Chess on the Square Scholastic Tournament

Info: <http://www.uschess.org/tlas/6873.tla>

Aug. 14 North Texas Chess Academy Sunday Swiss

Info: <http://www.uschess.org/tlas/6900.tla>

Aug. 15-19 Bughouse Chess Camp with Neph Diaz

Info: <http://chessmastersofhouston.com/products/bughousechesscamp-aug15th-19th-2016>

Aug. 15-19 Texas Tech University Summer Chess Camp

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Aug. 18 North Texas Chess Academy Thursday Blitz

Info: <http://www.uschess.org/tlas/6865.tla>

Aug. 20-21 2016 DCC FIDE Open XI

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

Aug. 21 North Texas Chess Academy Sunday Swiss

Info: <http://www.uschess.org/tlas/6901.tla>

Aug. 25 North Texas Chess Academy Thursday Blitz

Info: <http://www.uschess.org/tlas/6866.tla>

Aug. 28 North Texas Chess Academy Sunday Swiss

Info: <http://www.uschess.org/tlas/6902.tla>

September 2016

Sept. 1 North Texas Chess Academy Thursday Blitz

Info: info@northtexaschessacademy.com

Sept. 1-5 2016 North American Junior (U20) Chess Championships

Info: See ad. on next page.

Sept. 2-5 or 3-5 82nd Annual Southwest Open

Info: See ad. on next page.

Sept. 3 One Day Scholastic Tournament

Info: See ad. on next page.

Sept. 3-5 Borderland Chess Labor Day Weekend

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Round Times:

4 day Fri 9/2 7:30, Sat 9/3 2 pm, 7:30 pm, Sun 9/4 11 am, 4:30pm, Mon 9/5 9 am, 2:30 pm. **3 day** Sat 9/3 9 am.

The 4 day and 3 day schedules merge for round 2.

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2016 North American Junior (U20) Chess Championships

September 1-5 2016

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EVENT SCHEDULE: Arrival Day: September 1st. Player's meeting 6 pm on 9/1. Round 1: 9/1 at 7:30 pm. Round 2: 9/2 at 1 pm. Round 3: 9/2 at 7:30 pm. Round 4: 9/3 at 2:00 pm. Round 5: 9/3 at 7:30 pm. Round 6: 9/4 at 11 am. Round 7: 9/4 at 4:30 pm. Round 8: 9/5 at 9 am. Round 9: 9/5 at 2:30 pm. Closing ceremony (attendance is Optional): 9/5 7:30 pm.

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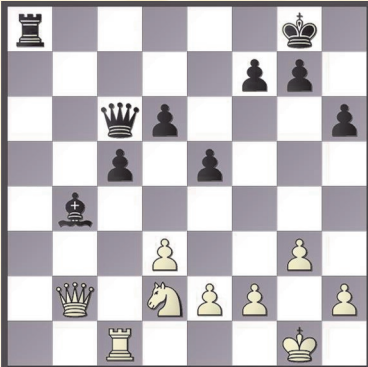
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