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*Luis Salinas presents checks to Conrad Holt (1 of 3 Winners), Anh Nguyen (Reserve Winner) & Tony Listi (Novice Winner) at the Southwest Open*

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



## From the Desk of The Editor

Hello Texas,

Welcome to the first issue of *Texas Knights*, Volume 58.

There is quite a bit for you in this issue, so much that I couldn't get everything that I received for submission into it (even though it's 8 pages larger than normal!). I'm really not complaining, I appreciate all of the submissions and interest. So, thank you to all that contributed for this issue. Also, just because I didn't get it in this time doesn't mean it won't be in a future issue.

**Note:** Even if you don't read the meeting minutes, take a look at the election results on Page 8. Of particular interest; we have a new President, and I'd like to welcome Eddie to the party.

Also, if you had received a paper ballot in the recent election, please take note: next year the election will be electronic with limited exceptions for paper ballots, please send in your email address, so we can get you on our list for an electronic ballot next time, to either Barb Swafford: [barbrounds@gmail.com](mailto:barbrounds@gmail.com) or me: [texasknight-sed@gmail.com](mailto:texasknight-sed@gmail.com). I assure you, it will only be used in order to send your ballot(s) to you.

An additional item of interest in the world of Texas Chess is an article in the *September 2016 issue of Chess Life*, starting on Page 28, is an article about the winner of this year's National Open; **IM Ruifeng Li**.

The next issue is our Holiday Issue and should be in your mailbox the first week of December. Until next time, take care and be safe.

— *Jeff French*



## From the Desk of the TCA President

Hello Everyone, my name is Eddie Rios, I am your new TCA president. I will try my very best to fill the shoes and continue the work of my predecessor.

Regional Directors, Scholastic Committee members, as well as all officers and BOD members, please send me your e-mail addresses. If anyone else needs to get in touch with me, please feel free to give me a shout. My e-mail address is [riose@nwcable.net](mailto:riose@nwcable.net).

Again, thank you for your continued support of Texas Chess Association.

— *Eddie*

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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	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	Texas Knights July-August 2016 (includes ad income)	\$869.60
April memberships	\$72.50	2015 Denker Representative - Akshay Malhotra	\$300.00
May memberships	\$122.50	2016 Barber Representative - Emily Nguyen	\$300.00
June memberships	\$35.00	Jeffery Xiong Stipend	\$500.00
July memberships	\$100.00	Barber Qualifier tournament expenses	\$200.00
August memberships	\$540.00	Election/Ballot Expenses	\$103.74
2015 SW Open memberships	\$469.00	Update State Trophy Cups	\$113.94
2015 Texas Girls State Championship	\$65.00	Affiliate Insurance	\$315.00
2015 Texas Grade & Collegiate and memberships	\$369.00	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$7,279.43</b>
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		
		<b>August 31st, 2016</b>	
Smile Amazon Donation	\$33.97	<b>WF checking account balance</b>	<b>\$17,763.53</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$8,528.47</b>	<b>BOA checking account balance</b>	<b>\$9,573.82</b>

## Meeting Minutes - September 4th, 2016

### List of attendees

Luis Salinas  
Krishnan Warriier  
Barb Swafford  
Vish  
Eddie Rios  
Regina Rios  
George Pazdral  
Lonann French  
Jeff French  
Faye Fasihnia  
Melanie Kneen  
Bo Githoro  
J. P. Hyltin

Approval of the minutes – There was a request to review the minutes of the last meeting, and JP provided a summary of the minutes. Approval was moved by JP, Motion carried by a 5-0 vote.

Financial Report – Barbara Swafford read the financial report. There is (roughly) \$17,000 in the Wells Fargo account, \$8,800 in the BOA account, spending is on Texas Knights.

Question from Vish – If more money was to be invested, what would it spent on? Vish answered, expenditures on supporting players going to events (Jeffery, Claudia, Emily), some equipment, some scholastic event expenditures. We have not spent much money. There is some consideration for a norm tournament, which could incur costs. Vishnu clarified, what if you had 20K more. Vish responded it is up to the group of officers, and would be for the promotion of chess. The Norm tournament was cited again. Eddie Rios “There are new schools coming in, and TCA has provided some starter sets.”

Next item – elections

Vish announced he is not running again, and wanted to say a few things. He recounted how he started on this, reviewed his record, Scholastic success, and it was not run as a business during his tenure. Vish “I would say I have brought some peace to the family.” He thanked the other officers by name. Barb, Lori is not here. Forrest is not here for medical reasons, but should be here in the future.

### Tabled items:

Election Issues – tabled because there are proposals in new business.

Residency – This issue is regarding who lives in Texas, and who can play in resident specific tournaments. The hypothetical example was for a child going to school in New Orleans or Saint Louis, but they or their parents live in Texas, and can they play in our tournament. (Editorial note: this is related to events specifying residency and a participation requirement). Vish asked to have the motion read that was discussed in the previous business meeting. “Only Texas residents or students enrolled in secondary or primary schools, including home schools in Texas, may play in this event. In any case, no student can play in 2 different closed state scholastic championships.” Luis wants to clarify you can’t play in 2 different state championships. This became a friendly motion. One incident caused a lot of commotion. There was ambiguous language in the bylaws, and it was resolved then. This motion is to close the ambiguity. We discussed wording, and came to this motion. **The motion** – “Players may not play in state scholastic championships in 2 different states in the same school year.” There was a question about collegiate events, and Vish stated this would still apply, being included in the reference to “scholastic events.” The vote carried 9-0.

**Election Report** – Jeff French, TK editor (see Election Results for additional information). Luis Salinas moved to approve the election results, JP seconded. Motion carried 9-0. Installation of officers – Moved Luis Salinas, Second JP. Motion carries 9-0

**Election presentation – Lonann French (Jeff’s wife)**  
Lonann had asked Vish if she could look at the TCA election process as a business challenge for her thesis in pursuit of her MBA, and he agreed. Her report addresses the manual paper process for the board elections, with a view to reducing the effort, automating the process and securing it. An online voting process has built-in security, ease of voting, ballot integrity, and accuracy and automated tabulations. The solution examined was Election Buddy. It allows for candidate statements and profiles. It also allows for surveys. An example of the survey was the recent one where we determined 10% of our base would always require paper ballots. Based on that,

amount of savings was analyzed. Current cost averages \$200/yr. Election Buddy cost 20\$, and we assume \$58-\$60 would still be spent on paper ballots, concluding this would cut cost at least by half. Savings could be used for more promotions, player travel, boards and pieces. Other benefits, more voter input, built in security, promotion of ethical practices.

Analyzing our current election, 32 paper ballots were returned, of 194 sent, and it cost \$109. Using Election Buddy, 111 sent, 59 returned, cost \$20.

Her recommendation is to seek an automated election service for online ballots, and update bylaws to use an online election survey product. Eddie Rios – discussion, noted thesis on computer use among the baby boom generation. This year we have a 57 percent increase in voting.

We need to capture all email addresses, and it's harder if we don't.

Vish – issue came up in the last TCA meeting. Everyone had the opportunity for a paper ballot, so the electronic voting was supplemental. Everyone had the option to vote on paper, so the current electronic vote did not violate any current bylaws.

**Next item** on the agenda is electronic voting. Vish "In the future, I think we should have only electronic voting, but we can have a transitional year so if they cannot have access to electronic voting, give them the option to have the paper ballot. Add on to that, when we get the TCA memberships, make sure that we have some pieces of information required, and not be only concerned about payment. Maybe it should be on a form to have name, scholastic member, age, and an email address. Question – Vishnu – make that a required field on the registration for tournament.

Eddie – noted he runs smaller tournaments, did not get as many in TCA with email.

JP spoke, explaining there will be electronic registrations, inevitability, and related the story of pairing programs used in San Antonio, that more of those are now available.

**Vish stopped us there, to bring in Eddie Rios as the new president.**

Jeff French brought the specific motion. **Motion** – Texas Chess Association will hold its election electronically, offering a paper ballot upon request. TK Ed Jeff wanted to make it both, but is saying we could move forward.

Vish noted no one should know the election results until the election is over. Jeff added that no one under 16 should be allowed to vote, and that he clarified it in his amendment on the website.

Friendly amendment - By laws should not allow election results to be shown until final tally. Accepted. JP offered friendly amendment for offering a paper ballot.

The motion was read as understood in the meeting, pending the exact language from the website publication. "Texas Chess Association will hold its election electronically, offering a paper ballot upon request. - By laws should not allow election results to be shown until final tally. TCA members U16 should not be allowed to vote." The exact motion is on the web page. Carried 9-0

Reading of tournaments awarded.

State Girls 2016 went to Oliveda Middle School, William Gutierrez is the sponsor. 2018 Texas State and Amateur went to Dallas Chess Club. North Central Scholastic Southwest Chess Enterprises is Luis's organization. Southwest Open 2018 went to Dallas Chess Club.

Vish says there may be some issue with the 2016 State Girls event, that the site doesn't want it. It is not clear they actually want to run the event.

Vish noted there are tournaments awarded that only had one bidder, and there are other bids that are overdue. Vishnu asked what the process is for bidding and what are costs? Vish answered there are no costs for bidding, and offered to discuss it with him afterward referring to the web site. Not all the events are run all the time. Luis reminded that TCA collects \$1 for each participant, although there are some that collect \$2 or \$3. Luis noted the bidder should deposit \$50, but reminded those present that there are risks they incur with running an event.

TCA collects the per player fee because the participants have to be Texas players. Eddie notes it is a recruiting tool.

## New Business

Luis brought up scholastic motions. Luis noted the intent of these motions is to establish the rules and committee for the collegiate. He read the motions so they can be voted and binding at the next meeting.

Motion 1 was College Chess Committee. No discussion was requested./ Move to table this motion by JP, second Vish.

Motion 2 was the above motion goes into effect immediately. Eddie moved to table this motion.

Motion 3 change article IX section 1, item O. Luis clarified in discussion that the colleges are going their own way. Eddie moved to table this motion, Luis seconded. Motion 4 was the above motion goes into effect immediately. Eddie moved to table this motion.

Motion 5 change article IX section 1, item U. Eddie requested clarification, and Luis said it means the winning bid for the Texas Scholastic Championship does not have to run the Texas collegiate. Luis moved to table this motion, Vish seconded.

Motion 6 the above motion goes into effect immediately. Eddie moved to table this motion, JP seconded.

Motion 7 was read, some correction to the wording to explain the peak rating or 2100 qualifies you to play in the event. JP noted the letter indicating peak rating is not always accurate for old timers. Luis noted we have to establish the standard somewhere.

Luis asked about the ethics motions brought up in the spring. Vish said he has not heard from Michael, acting as our lawyer. JP explained some circumstances. Vish moved to table the issue until the next meeting, pending legal advice.

Vish – Wanted to know if we have a state team tournament. Luis said we have one in the bylaws. There was discussion about the difference between a Junior version of the tournament, and the open Team

Championship. Vishnu wanted clarification on how the teams could be composed, with players from a school forming multiple teams. The answer was the organizer has a free hand in how he runs the event. There are no bidders currently on that event.

Vishnu asked if there is a state bughouse tournament. Luis responded the nearest thing is the bughouse event run with the State and Amateur Championship. There is also a very popular Bughouse event at the state scholastic championship. Eddie said you can organize it. Some question came up about whether there would be parents willing to travel to the state bughouse championship.

Luis offered you can run it during the Texas State and Amateur championship. JP asked if anyone can run anything and call it a state championship, and what about the \$1 fee per player. It was generally agreed you should go through TCA.

Those present were polled for any new items. Hearing none, JP moved to close the meeting, seconded by Vish.

## Election Results

There were a total of 91 (out of 305) ballots returned, which consisted of 32 (out of 194) paper and 59 (out of 111) electronic ballots.

Voting Results (Paper/Electronic, Total):

**President:** Eddie Rios (25/44, 69)

Richard Newman (5/6, 11)

Forrest Marler (0/1, 1)

Vish (0/1, 1)

No Vote (2/7, 9)

**Vice President:** Forrest Marler (18/48, 66)

Anthony Guerra (4/2, 6)

Eddie Rios (0/2, 2)

R. Lynn Leone (0/4, 4)

No Vote (10/3, 13)

**Secretary:** Lori Balkum (19/56, 75)

Eddie Rios (0/1, 1)

No Vote (13/2, 15)

**Treasurer:** Barb Swafford (18/56, 74)

Eddie Rios (0/1, 1)

No Vote (14/2, 16)



## 82nd Annual Southwest Open

The **Southwest Open** was held between September 2nd and 6th in Irving. The open section had 87 participants. **GM Conrad Holt**, **GM Dani Raznikov** and **GM Holden Hernandez** shared the top spot with 5.5/7 points. Below are the results of the top 32 players in the open section.

#	Name	Rtng	Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd 3	Rd 4	Rd 5	Rd 6	Rd 7	Tot
1	<b>GM Conrad Holt</b>	2627	W71 (w)	W14 (b)	W11 (w)	D4 (b)	W6 (w)	D9 (b)	D5 (w)	5.5
2	<b>GM Dani Raznikov</b>	2587	W55 (w)	W18 (b)	D23 (w)	W13 (b)	D4 (w)	D15 (b)	W14 (w)	5.5
3	<b>GM Holden Hernandez</b>	2573	L62 (b)	W85 (w)	W44 (w)	W41 (b)	W12 (w)	D5 (b)	W15 (w)	5.5
4	<b>IM Kacper Drozdowski</b>	2569	W40 (b)	W67 (w)	W17 (b)	D1 (w)	D2 (b)	D10 (b)	D9 (w)	5.0
5	<b>IM Eylon Nakar</b>	2600	W58 (b)	W31 (w)	D7 (b)	W36 (w)	D15 (b)	D3 (w)	D1 (b)	5.0
6	<b>IM Zurabi Javakhadze</b>	2574	W85 (w)	W16 (b)	W21 (w)	D8 (b)	L1 (b)	W27 (w)	D7 (b)	5.0
7	<b>IM Titas Stremavicius</b>	2440	W30 (w)	W47 (b)	D5 (w)	D10 (b)	D14 (w)	W22 (b)	D6 (w)	5.0
8	<b>IM Prasanna Rao</b>	2513	W51 (w)	W12 (b)	W62 (w)	D6 (w)	L9 (b)	W11 (b)	D10 (w)	5.0
9	<b>GM Gil Popilski</b>	2685	D25 (b)	X69 (-)	W22 (w)	D23 (b)	W8 (w)	D1 (w)	D4 (b)	5.0
10	<b>GM David Berces</b>	2581	W53 (b)	D36 (w)	W24 (b)	D7 (w)	W20 (b)	D4 (w)	D8 (b)	5.0
11	<b>FM Alexander Velikanov</b>	2441	W66 (b)	W33 (w)	L1 (b)	W34 (w)	W17 (b)	L8 (w)	W16 (b)	5.0
12	<b>FM Tommy He</b>	2302	W78 (b)	L8 (w)	W58 (b)	W62 (w)	L3 (b)	W33 (w)	W32 (w)	5.0
13	<b>NM Artur K Safin</b>	2325	W57 (b)	W39 (w)	H--- (-)	L2 (w)	D33 (b)	W37 (w)	W25 (b)	5.0
14	<b>NM Peter L Giannatos</b>	2292	W75 (b)	L1 (w)	W57 (b)	W39 (w)	D7 (b)	W18 (w)	L2 (b)	4.5
15	<b>GM Angel Arribas Lopez</b>	2555	W84 (w)	D24 (b)	W29 (w)	W72 (b)	D5 (w)	D2 (w)	L3 (b)	4.5
16	<b>NM Dion Su</b>	2155	W74 (w)	L6 (w)	W26 (b)	D60 (b)	W40 (w)	W23 (b)	L11 (w)	4.5
17	<b>NM Bovey Liu</b>	2316	W35 (w)	W60 (b)	L4 (w)	W49 (b)	L11 (w)	D43 (b)	W45 (w)	4.5
18	<b>Dylan Scott James</b>	2165	W61 (b)	L2 (w)	W66 (b)	W48 (w)	D23 (w)	L14 (b)	W39 (w)	4.5
19	<b>NM Howard Zhong</b>	2224	D26 (b)	W59 (w)	L34 (b)	W29 (w)	W28 (b)	D25 (w)	D20 (b)	4.5
20	<b>NM Christopher Toolin</b>	2359	W81 (w)	L62 (b)	W38 (w)	W35 (b)	L10 (w)	W47 (b)	D19 (w)	4.5
21	<b>WIM Mariam Danelia</b>	2360	W38 (w)	W41 (b)	L6 (b)	D33 (w)	D47 (b)	D24 (w)	W42 (b)	4.5
22	<b>NM Leo C Creger V</b>	2183	D43 (b)	W82 (w)	L9 (b)	W59 (w)	W60 (b)	L7 (w)	W34 (b)	4.5
23	<b>NM Christopher Gu</b>	2436	W48 (b)	W37 (w)	D2 (b)	D9 (w)	D18 (b)	L16 (w)	D24 (b)	4.0
24	<b>Seth Thompson</b>	2145	W56 (b)	D15 (w)	L10 (w)	D53 (b)	W38 (w)	D21 (b)	D23 (w)	4.0
25	<b>Atreya Vaidya</b>	2020	D9 (w)	D64 (b)	W69 (w)	D27 (b)	W72 (w)	D19 (b)	L13 (w)	4.0
26	<b>S M S Chaitanya Eranki</b>	1852	D19 (w)	D49 (b)	L16 (w)	D30 (b)	D58 (b)	W78 (w)	W51 (w)	4.0
27	<b>CM Nicholas Schoonmaker</b>	2203	D59 (b)	D43 (w)	W61 (b)	D25 (w)	W34 (b)	L6 (b)	H--- (-)	4.0
28	<b>Segev Eliezer</b>	2032	H--- (-)	W83 (b)	L72 (w)	W31 (b)	L19 (w)	W44 (b)	D46 (w)	4.0
29	<b>Khoa Minh Nguyen</b>	2025	H--- (-)	W68 (w)	L15 (b)	L19 (b)	W63 (w)	D46 (b)	W52 (w)	4.0
30	<b>Maanav Ganthapodi</b>	2034	L7 (b)	D74 (w)	D82 (b)	D26 (w)	D59 (b)	W61 (w)	W50 (b)	4.0
31	<b>FM Michael Feinstein</b>	2233	W54 (w)	L5 (b)	H--- (-)	L28 (w)	W61 (b)	W60 (w)	H--- (-)	4.0
32	<b>Benjamin Frenkel</b>	2129	W52 (b)	H--- (-)	H--- (-)	U--- (-)	W35 (w)	W48 (w)	L12 (b)	4.0

The reserve section had 83 participants with **Anh Nguyen** winning with 6.5/7 points. Below are the results of the Top 31 players from the reserve section.

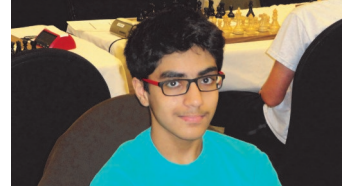
#	Name	Rtng	Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd 3	Rd 4	Rd 5	Rd 6	Rd 7	Tot
1	<b>Anh Nguyen</b>	1801	H--- (-)	W30 (b)	W46 (w)	W4 (b)	W32 (w)	W13 (b)	W3 (w)	6.5
2	<b>Dang Minh Nguyen</b>	1949	H--- (-)	D28 (b)	W58 (w)	W51 (b)	W7 (w)	W21 (b)	W13 (w)	6.0
3	<b>Ijay Narang</b>	1826	W62 (b)	W41 (w)	W72 (b)	W5 (w)	D13 (b)	W8 (w)	L1 (b)	5.5
4	<b>Alex Moore</b>	1955	W27 (b)	W47 (w)	D6 (b)	L1 (w)	W16 (b)	D11 (w)	W14 (b)	5.0
5	<b>Navid Hakim</b>	1963	W31 (w)	W40 (b)	D19 (w)	L3 (b)	W34 (w)	D10 (b)	W26 (w)	5.0
6	<b>Rohit Gundam</b>	1809	W77 (w)	W18 (b)	D4 (w)	L19 (b)	D15 (w)	W39 (b)	W23 (w)	5.0
7	<b>Fred Pennington Jr</b>	1903	L37 (w)	W74 (b)	W25 (w)	W38 (b)	L2 (b)	W27 (w)	W29 (b)	5.0
8	<b>Francisco Tort</b>	1870	W39 (b)	W42 (w)	H--- (-)	W53 (b)	W19 (w)	L3 (b)	D10 (w)	5.0
9	<b>Naren Pulela</b>	1417	W65 (b)	D20 (w)	D17 (b)	D14 (w)	W43 (w)	D19 (b)	W32 (w)	5.0
10	<b>Vamshikrishna Pothireddy</b>	1814	D67 (b)	W55 (w)	W45 (b)	D52 (w)	W20 (b)	D5 (w)	D8 (b)	5.0
11	<b>Pranav Eswaran</b>	1792	W12 (b)	D59 (w)	L52 (b)	W72 (w)	W24 (b)	D4 (b)	W21 (w)	5.0
12	<b>Andrew Zhang</b>	1541	L11 (w)	L33 (b)	W79 (w)	W76 (b)	W51 (w)	W53 (b)	W19 (w)	5.0
13	<b>Clayton Swafford</b>	1841	W35 (b)	W24 (w)	W14 (b)	W21 (b)	D3 (w)	L1 (w)	L2 (b)	4.5
14	<b>Andrew Mao</b>	1769	W34 (w)	W22 (b)	L13 (w)	D9 (b)	W64 (w)	W32 (b)	L4 (w)	4.5
15	<b>Kevin Yu</b>	1672	W54 (b)	L71 (w)	W62 (b)	D22 (w)	D6 (b)	D25 (w)	W33 (b)	4.5
16	<b>Kendall Black</b>	1666	W79 (w)	L21 (b)	D23 (w)	W68 (b)	L4 (w)	W66 (b)	W34 (w)	4.5
17	<b>Nikhil Hakeem</b>	1729	W82 (w)	D58 (b)	D9 (w)	D33 (b)	L23 (w)	W64 (b)	W35 (w)	4.5
18	<b>Saketh Thippireddy</b>	1628	W81 (b)	L6 (w)	W69 (b)	L20 (w)	W73 (b)	D22 (w)	W48 (w)	4.5
19	<b>Alex Cruz</b>	1819	W60 (w)	W51 (b)	D5 (b)	W6 (w)	L8 (b)	D9 (w)	L12 (b)	4.0
20	<b>Aadarsh Krishnan</b>	1948	D30 (w)	D9 (b)	W39 (w)	W18 (b)	L10 (w)	D23 (b)	D25 (b)	4.0
21	<b>Stephanie Ballom</b>	1910	W78 (b)	W16 (w)	W36 (b)	L13 (w)	W52 (b)	L2 (w)	L11 (b)	4.0
22	<b>Frewin Alexis</b>	1501	W66 (w)	L14 (w)	W29 (b)	D15 (b)	D44 (w)	D18 (b)	D24 (w)	4.0
23	<b>Ravichandar Namasivayam</b>	1529	L36 (b)	W76 (w)	D16 (b)	W47 (w)	W17 (b)	D20 (w)	L6 (b)	4.0
24	<b>Zachary Graber</b>	1622	W33 (w)	L13 (b)	W61 (w)	D26 (b)	L11 (w)	W43 (b)	D22 (b)	4.0
25	<b>Vivian Zhao</b>	1563	L32 (b)	W48 (w)	L7 (b)	W69 (w)	W40 (b)	D15 (b)	D20 (w)	4.0
26	<b>Jai Shet</b>	1773	L59 (b)	W56 (w)	W41 (b)	D24 (w)	D28 (b)	W52 (w)	L5 (b)	4.0
27	<b>Shashvat Chathapuram</b>	1628	L4 (w)	W73 (b)	L33 (w)	W75 (b)	W70 (w)	L7 (b)	W53 (w)	4.0
28	<b>Ray Zhang</b>	1642	D80 (b)	D2 (w)	D49 (b)	W57 (w)	D26 (w)	D34 (b)	H--- (-)	4.0
29	<b>Robert Russell Heise</b>	1646	L61 (w)	W82 (b)	L22 (w)	W58 (b)	W37 (w)	W38 (b)	L7 (w)	4.0
30	<b>Christopher Johnson</b>	1618	D20 (b)	L1 (w)	H--- (-)	L73 (b)	W81 (w)	W76 (b)	W51 (w)	4.0
31	<b>Charles L Fricks</b>	1635	L5 (b)	H--- (-)	H--- (-)	D55 (w)	W74 (b)	D36 (w)	W52 (b)	4.0

The Novice section had 35 participants with **Tony Listi** going undefeated with 7.0/7 points. The full results of the Novice section are below.

#	Name	Rtng	Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd 3	Rd 4	Rd 5	Rd 6	Rd 7	Tot
1	<b>Tony Listi</b>	unr.	W12 (w)	W18 (b)	W11 (w)	W2 (b)	W3 (w)	W5 (b)	W4 (w)	7.0
2	<b>Salem Al-Sao</b>	unr.	W4 (b)	W23 (w)	W16 (b)	L1 (w)	W20 (b)	D3 (b)	W8 (w)	5.5
3	<b>Pranav Dodda</b>	1211	W13 (b)	W21 (w)	W28 (b)	W17 (w)	L1 (b)	D2 (w)	W15 (w)	5.5
4	<b>Adhitya Krishnamurthy</b>	1086	L2 (w)	W29 (b)	W24 (b)	W28 (w)	W16 (b)	W7 (w)	L1 (b)	5.0
5	<b>Yash Laddha</b>	1087	W35 (w)	H--- (-)	W7 (b)	D20 (w)	W10 (b)	L1 (w)	W11 (b)	5.0
6	<b>Saketh Marrapu</b>	940	H--- (-)	H--- (-)	W23 (b)	W26 (w)	L7 (b)	W16 (w)	W10 (b)	5.0
7	<b>Reynaldo Huerta</b>	1305	W32 (w)	D9 (b)	L5 (w)	W19 (b)	W6 (w)	L4 (b)	W18 (b)	4.5
8	<b>Afaf Bouardi</b>	unr.	L21 (b)	W33 (b)	D18 (w)	W9 (b)	W17 (w)	W14 (w)	L2 (b)	4.5
9	<b>Sri Raghuraja Thimmaiyan</b>	1118	W30 (b)	D7 (w)	L17 (b)	L8 (w)	W19 (w)	W24 (b)	W22 (w)	4.5
10	<b>Darsh Poddar</b>	932	W14 (w)	L16 (w)	W21 (b)	W11 (b)	L5 (w)	W12 (b)	L6 (w)	4.0
11	<b>Lillian Wu</b>	1094	X--- (-)	W24 (w)	L1 (b)	L10 (w)	W27 (b)	W22 (b)	L5 (w)	4.0
12	<b>Manav C Parekh</b>	1192	L1 (b)	W13 (w)	L19 (b)	W30 (w)	W28 (b)	L10 (w)	W20 (b)	4.0
13	<b>George Pazdral II</b>	739	L3 (w)	L12 (b)	W25 (w)	L14 (b)	W23 (b)	W26 (w)	W21 (w)	4.0
14	<b>Hiram Bodon</b>	1200	L10 (b)	W34 (w)	L20 (b)	W13 (w)	W31 (w)	L8 (b)	W25 (w)	4.0
15	<b>Shubh Laddha</b>	1221	L28 (w)	H--- (-)	D22 (w)	W29 (b)	W32 (b)	W20 (w)	L3 (b)	4.0
16	<b>Ronald S Zhu</b>	1199	W19 (w)	W10 (b)	L2 (w)	W31 (b)	L4 (w)	L6 (b)	H--- (-)	3.5
17	<b>Shruthi Madhugiri</b>	1187	H--- (-)	W22 (b)	W9 (w)	L3 (b)	L8 (b)	L18 (w)	W19 (w)	3.5
18	<b>Shreya Ravichandar</b>	1153	W34 (b)	L1 (w)	D8 (b)	H--- (-)	H--- (-)	W17 (b)	L7 (w)	3.5
19	<b>Sudharsan* Ramapriya</b>	590	L16 (b)	W25 (b)	W12 (w)	L7 (w)	L9 (b)	W31 (w)	L17 (b)	3.0
20	<b>Helen Jamison</b>	1062	H--- (-)	W27 (b)	W14 (w)	D5 (b)	L2 (w)	L15 (b)	L12 (w)	3.0
21	<b>Rohan Bansal</b>	1102	W8 (w)	L3 (b)	L10 (w)	L22 (b)	W29 (w)	W28 (w)	L13 (b)	3.0
22	<b>Kalia Yuke Wang</b>	1267	H--- (-)	L17 (w)	D15 (b)	W21 (w)	W26 (b)	L11 (w)	L9 (b)	3.0
23	<b>Sushruth Kaniyar</b>	1151	W29 (w)	L2 (b)	L6 (w)	L27 (b)	L13 (w)	W34 (b)	W31 (b)	3.0
24	<b>Saravanan Lakshmanan</b>	1268	W25 (w)	L11 (b)	L4 (w)	L32 (b)	W34 (w)	L9 (w)	W29 (b)	3.0
25	<b>Stuart Madsen</b>	998	L24 (b)	L19 (w)	L13 (b)	W33 (w)	W30 (b)	W27 (w)	L14 (b)	3.0
26	<b>Arnav C Parekh</b>	1188	W33 (w)	L28 (b)	W32 (w)	L6 (b)	L22 (w)	L13 (b)	W30 (w)	3.0
27	<b>Brenda T Hardesty</b>	1293	L31 (b)	L20 (w)	W34 (b)	W23 (w)	L11 (w)	L25 (b)	W28 (b)	3.0
28	<b>Walton Loyd Downs</b>	815	W15 (b)	W26 (w)	L3 (w)	L4 (b)	L12 (w)	L21 (b)	L27 (w)	2.0
29	<b>Ethan C Perry</b>	608	L23 (b)	L4 (w)	B--- (-)	L15 (w)	L21 (b)	W33 (b)	L24 (w)	2.0
30	<b>Shravya Kaniyar</b>	722	L9 (w)	L32 (b)	W33 (w)	L12 (b)	L25 (w)	B--- (-)	L26 (b)	2.0
31	<b>Ross Lynn Leone</b>	966	W27 (w)	H--- (-)	H--- (-)	L16 (w)	L14 (b)	L19 (b)	L23 (w)	2.0
32	<b>Suchitra Naidu</b>	1026	L7 (b)	W30 (w)	L26 (b)	W24 (w)	L15 (w)	U--- (-)	U--- (-)	2.0
33	<b>Ronak Hiwale</b>	860	L26 (b)	L8 (w)	L30 (b)	L25 (b)	B--- (-)	L29 (w)	W34 (w)	2.0
34	<b>Carter Phil Estes</b>	835	L18 (w)	L14 (b)	L27 (w)	B--- (-)	L24 (b)	L23 (w)	L33 (b)	1.0
35	<b>Sudharsan Ramapriya</b>	590	L5 (b)	U--- (-)	U--- (-)	U--- (-)	U--- (-)	U--- (-)	U--- (-)	0.0

# Photos from the Southwest Open

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## 5th Annual Austin-San Antonio Shootout

By Peter Kappler

The 5th annual Austin-San Antonio Shootout took place August 27th in San Antonio. The team event paired 25 players from each city against each other in two-game, alternating color mini-matches. This year's event was the strongest ever, with the Austin team sporting an average rating of 2042 and San Antonio not far behind at 2033. The top boards featured IM Miguel Medina Paz (2465) for San Antonio and FM Daniel Rodriguez (2372) for Austin.

Austin started strongly, building a huge 17.5-7.5 lead in round 1, but San Antonio roared back in round 2 with an impressive winning streak that suddenly put the match result very much in doubt. In the end, Austin hung on for a narrow 26-24 victory and their 5th consecutive win in the series.

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### Lozano, Jesse (2267) – Langer, Michael (2322) [B52]

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1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.Bb5+ Bd7  
4.Bxd7+ Qxd7 5.0-0 Nc6 6.c3  
Nf6 7.Re1 e6 8.d4 cxd4 9.cxd4  
d5 10.e5 Ne4 11.Nbd2 Nxd2  
12.Bxd2 Be7 13.Rc1 0-0 14.Bg5  
Rfc8 15.h4 Bf8 16.Re3 Na5  
17.Rec3 Rc4 18.b3 Rxc3  
19.Rxc3 Bb4 20.Rc2 Rc8 21.Bd2  
Rxc2 22.Qxc2 Qc6 23.Qxc6  
Nxc6 24.Bxb4 Nxb4 25.a3 Nc6  
26.Kf1 f6 27.Ke2 Kf7 28.Ke3 Kg6  
29.Kf4 Na5 30.Nd2 Kh5 31.Kg3  
h6 32.f4 f5 33.Kh3 g5 34.g3??  
[34.hxg5 hxg5 35.Kg3 g4]

34...Nc6 35.hxg5 hxg5 36.Kg2  
Nxd4 37.Kf2 Kg4 38.Ke3 Nc2+  
39.Kd3 Nxa3 0-1

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### Anderson, Selby (2204) – Nguyen, Emily (2241) [B84]

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1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 e6 3.d4 cxd4  
4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 d6 6.Be2 a6  
7.0-0 Nbd7 8.f4 b5 9.Bf3 Bb7  
10.a3 Rc8 11.Qe2 Qc7 12.Kh1  
Be7 13.g4 Qc4 14.Qd3 d5  
15.exd5 Nxd5 16.Qxc4 Rxc4  
17.Nxd5 Bxd5 18.Bxd5 Rxd4  
19.Bb7 0-0 20.c3 Rd6 21.Be3  
Rb8 22.Bf3 Rd3 23.Rad1 Rxe3

24.Rxd7 Kf8 25.Kg2 Rd8 26.Rfd1  
Rxd7 27.Rxd7 Bc5 28.b4 Bb6  
29.Rb7 Bd8 30.Rb8 Ke7 31.Rb7+  
Kf8 32.Rb8 Ke7 33.Rb7+ ½-½

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### Joshua Gutman (2185) – James Huddleston (2112) [E91]

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1.d4 g6 2.c4 Bg7 3.Nf3 d6 4.Nc3  
Nf6 5.e4 0-0 6.Be2 c5 7.d5 e6 8.0  
-0 Re8 9.dxe6 Bxe6 10.h3 Nc6  
11.Bf4 Nd4 12.Nxd4 cxd4  
13.Qxd4 Nd5 14.Qxg7+!? Kxg7  
15.cxd5 Bd7 [White has two mi-  
nors and a pawn for the queen.  
The computer prefers Black, but  
it's not an easy position to play.]

16.Rad1 Qe7 17.Rfe1 a6 18.a4  
Rac8 [18...Bxa4! 19.Nxa4 Qxe4  
with a double attack]

19.Be3 Rxc3 20.Bd4+ f6 21.Bxc3  
Bxa4 22.Rd4 Bd7 23.f4 Kf7  
24.Bf3 Qd8 25.g4 b5 26.Kg2 a5  
27.b3 Qc7 28.Re3 b4 29.Rc4 Qb8  
30.Bd4 Bb5 31.Rc2 a4 32.g5  
axb3 33.Rf2 Qc7 34.Bxf6 Qc5  
35.Rxb3 Bc4 36.Rbb2 b3  
37.Rbd2 Kg8 38.Bd4 Qb5 39.h4  
Bd3 40.e5 Qc4 41.Bb2 Qxf4?  
42.Rxd3 dxe5 43.d6 e4 44.Bd1  
Qxf2+ 45.Kxf2 exd3 46.Bxb3+

Kf8 47.Bc3 Re4 48.Bf6 Ke8  
49.Kf3 Rb4 50.Be6 Rb7 51.d7+  
Rxd7 52.Bxd7+ Kxd7 53.Ke3  
Ke6 54.Kxd3 Kf5 55.Bg7 Kg4  
56.Ke4 Kxh4 57.Bh6 1-0

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### Medina Paz, Miguel (2466) – Rodriguez, Daniel (2381) [A04]

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1.Nf3 c5 2.b3 Nc6 3.Bb2 Nf6  
4.e3 e6 5.a3 Be7 6.d4 0-0 7.Nbd2  
cxd4 8.exd4 b6 9.Bd3 Bb7 10.0-0  
Qc7 11.Re1 Rac8 12.c4 d5  
13.Qe2 Qf4 14.Rac1 dxc4  
15.bxc4 Rfd8 16.Qe3 Bd6 17.g3  
Qxe3 18.fxe3 Na5 19.Bf1 Nb3  
20.Nxb3 Bxf3 21.Nd2 Bb7  
22.Bg2 Bxg2 23.Kxg2 e5 24.Kf3  
exd4 25.exd4 Re8 26.Ne4 Nxe4  
27.Rxe4 f5 28.Rxe8+ Rxe8 29.c5  
Bc7 30.Rd1 Kf7 31.c6 g5 32.d5  
Bd6 33.g4 Kg6 34.h3 h5  
35.gxf5+ Kxf5 36.Rf1 Re4  
37.Kg2+ Rf4 38.Rxf4+ Kxf4  
39.Bf6 Ke4 40.Bd8 Kxd5 41.c7  
Bxc7 42.Bxc7 Kc4 43.Kf3 g4+  
44.hxg4 hxg4+ 45.Kxg4 Kb3  
46.Bd6 a5 ½-½

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### Langer, Michael (2322) – Lozano, Jesse (2267) [B43]

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1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 e6 3.d4 cxd4

4.Nxd4 a6 5.Nc3 Qc7 6.g3  
Nf6 7.Bg2 Be7 8.0-0 0-0 9.f4  
d6 10.g4 Nc6 11.g5 Nxd4  
12.Qxd4 d5 13.Kh1 Bc5  
14.Qd1 Nxe4 15.Nxe4 dxe4  
16.Bxe4 Bd7 17.Qf3 Rab8  
18.Rd1 Rfd8 19.Be3 Bxe3  
20.Qxe3 Bc6 21.Qf3 Bxe4  
22.Qxe4 b5 23.c3 Rd7  
24.Rxd7 Qxd7 25.Re1 Rd8  
26.Re2 g6 27.Kg2 Qd1 28.Kf2  
Qc1 29.Kf3 Qf1+ 30.Kg3 ½-½

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**Emily Nguyen (2241) –  
Selby Anderson (2204)  
[A45]**

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1.d4 Nf6 2.Bg5 Ne4 3.Bf4 c5  
4.d5 d6 5.f3 Nf6 6.e4 e5  
7.Be3 Be7 8.Bd3 Nh5 9.Ne2  
Bg5 10.Bf2 Nf4 11.Nxf4 exf4  
12.Nd2 Nd7 13.Nc4 Qe7  
14.a4 0-0 15.0-0 Bf6 16.Qd2  
g5 17.c3 Ne5 18.Rab1 Bd7  
19.b4 Nxc4 20.Bxc4 b6  
21.bxc5 bxc5 22.Rb7 Rfb8  
23.Rfb1 Qd8 24.Qc2 Rxb7  
25.Rxb7 Bc8 26.Rb2 Qa5  
27.Be1 Bd7 28.Bb5 Qc7  
29.Bxd7 Qxd7 30.Rb5 g4  
31.fxg4 Qxg4 32.h3 Qg6  
33.Bd2 f3 34.Bf4 Bxc3  
35.Kh2 Bd4 36.Bg3 Bg1+

[Instead of exchanging pieces,  
Black should increase the  
pressure with]

[36...Kh8! 37.Rb3 fxg2  
38.Qxg2 Rg8 39.Qf3 c4  
40.Rb1 c3-+]

37.Kxg1 Qxg3 38.Qf2 Qxf2+  
39.Kxf2 fxg2 40.Kxg2 Re8  
41.Kf3 Re5 42.Rb8+ Kg7  
43.Rd8 f5 44.Rxd6 fxe4+  
45.Ke3 c4 46.Rd7+ Kg6

47.Rxa7 Rxd5 48.Rc7 Rd3+  
49.Kxe4 Rxh3 50.Rxc4 Ra3  
51.Kd5 h5 52.Kc5 Kg5  
53.Kb6 h4 54.a5 h3 55.Rc2  
Kg4 56.a6 Kg3 57.a7 h2  
58.Rc3+ Rxc3 59.a8Q Rf3  
60.Qg8+ Kf2 61.Qh7 Kg2  
62.Qg6+ Rg3 63.Qe4+ Kg1  
64.Qe1+ Kg2 65.Qe2+ Kg1  
½-½

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**Mohammadi,Sina (1897) –  
Corrigan,Michael (1913)  
[A44]**

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1.d4 c5 2.d5 e5 3.e4 d6 4.Bd3  
g6 5.Ne2 Bg7 6.0-0 Ne7  
7.Be3 f5 8.f3 f4 9.Bf2 g5  
10.Nd2 Ng6 11.g4 h5 12.h3  
a6 13.a4 Nd7 14.Kg2 Nf6  
15.Nc3 Bd7 16.a5 Qe7  
17.Qe2 hxg4 18.hxg4 Nh4+  
19.Bxh4 Rxh4 20.Rh1  
Nxx4! 21.fxx4 Bxx4 [21...f3+  
22.Nxf3 (22.Qxf3?? Rxxg4+  
23.Kh2 0-0-0+) 22...Rxxg4+  
23.Kf2 Rf4 24.Kg2=]

22.Qf2 0-0-0 23.Rxh4 gxx4  
24.Be2 Bxe2 25.Nxe2 Rg8  
26.Kh1 Bh6 27.Rg1 Rg3  
28.Nf1 [28.Nxxg3 hxg3 29.Qe2  
Qh4+ 30.Kg2 Qh2+ 31.Kf1 Up  
a rook for two pawns with his  
King out of danger, White  
would win easily.] ½-½

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**Brian Hulse (2217) –  
Bobby Moore (2200) [E67]**

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1.d4 Nf6 2.Nf3 g6 3.g3 Bg7  
4.Bg2 0-0 5.0-0 d6 6.c4 Nbd7  
7.Nc3 c6 8.e4 Qc7 9.h3 e5  
10.Be3 Re8 11.d5 c5 12.Ne1  
a6 13.Nd3 Nb6?! [The knight

isn't well placed here. Black  
should try 13...b5, with Benko-  
style queenside counterplay.]

[13...b5 14.cxb5 axb5 15.Nxb5  
Qb8 16.a4 Ba6±]

14.b3 Bd7 15.Qd2 Nc8  
16.Bg5 [16. Bh6 or 16. a4  
would maintain White's ad-  
vantage. Now Black creates  
enough queenside play to get  
back into the game.]

16...b5 17.cxb5 axb5 18.f4?!  
Nh5 19.fxe5 Rxe5? [A tricky  
position. Black needs to chase  
the knight from d3 before cap-  
turing on e5.]

[19...c4! 20.bxc4 bxc4 21.Nf4  
Nxxg3 22.Rf3 dxe5 23.Nxxg6  
hxg6 24.Rxxg3]

20.Nxe5 Bxe5 21.g4 [21.Qf2  
Be8 22.Ne2±]

21...Ng3 22.Rfc1 b4 23.Ne2  
Nxe2+ 24.Qxe2 Bxa1??  
[Winning back the exchange,  
but now the dark squares near  
Black's king are critically weak  
and his pieces are too far  
away to provide help.]

25.Rxa1 Qb6 26.Kh1 h6  
27.Bxh6 Kh7 28.Bg5 Bb5  
29.Qf2 [Threatening Qh4 and  
Bf6.] 1-0





*The Austin team*



*The Tournament Site*

## **Chess Whiz - The Fringe of Chess**

*by Jeff French*

If you receive email ads. from the USCF Sales Store you may have noticed a special offer, where, if you spent more than \$100.00 within a certain time frame, you would also receive a special 70th Anniversary, two-disk set of old Chess Magazines. I decided I could use a nice wooden set / pieces and box, so I ordered one of their specials, which allowed me to get a copy of the old magazines on disk.

First, the ad. did indicate that there are almost 70 years of magazines on the two disk set, and even though this is true, it's not from inception to current day issues of Chess Life. There are 70 years of Chess Life, Chess Review and Chess Life & Review periodicals from the 1930's thru some of the 1970's provided as PDF files (Chess Life and Chess Review were separately published at the same time, but eventually merged into a single periodical).

There are full copies of each of the magazines (in reality, some of the early issues were actually more of a newspaper than a magazine). A full year of magazines (or at least those published for that year) are all include in a single PDF file. The quality is relatively good even though they were created from original copies of labeled /delivered? issues. Ultimately, it's a fun, look back at the printed history of Chess in the United States.

I do believe that this is just a repackaging of another set that was available for purchase at the Store. It would've been nice to have a full digital collection of Chess Life. So, if, by-chance, you have downloaded the issues of Chess Life available digitally, and you have this disk set, you would have from inception to the mid 70's and then from late 2008 to present day. It would be nice if the USCF provided a digital version of the missing Chess Life issues.

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## Nguyen Rolls in the 2016 North American Junior U20 Girls Chess Championship

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WFM Emily Nguyen won eight of nine games to win the 2016 North American Junior U20 Girls Chess Championship.

The tournament was held at the Airport Doubletree Inn in Irving, Texas, USA. The event began September 1 and concluded September 5.



WFM Emily Nguyen earned a WIM title by winning the 2016 North American Junior U20 Girls Chess Championship. Photo by Oren Eliezer

In addition to Nguyen, the field consisted of WFM Devina Devagharan, WCM Nastassja Matus, WCM Priva Trakru, WCM Anastacia Anton Lopez Sanchez, WCM Ambica

Yellamraju with the remainder of the field untitled. Carissa Yip topped the field with a FIDE rating of 2170 though she was untitled. Players from Canada, Mexico and the United States competed.

Nguyen won her first seven games before getting upset in round eight by Clarissa L Abella. Yip also had a good performance finishing second with seven-and-a-half points. Nguyen defeated Yip in round three. Priya Trakru and Camille Y. Kao both scored five-and-a-half points.

Unofficially, as calculated by the Swiss-Manager paring program, Lopez Sanchez gained 48 FIDE rating points, Nguyen gained 36 points and both Abella and Aparna Yellamraju gained 26 points

Gold Medal winner Emily Nguyen earned the WIM title and WGM norm. Silver and Bronze medalists Carissa Yip and Trakru Priya both earned the WFM title and WIM norm. Priya won the Bronze Medal on tie-breaks over Camille Kao.



Emily Nguyen and Carissa Yip earned titles in the North American Junior Girls Championship held in Irving, Texas over Labor Day weekend. Photo by Nam Nguyen.



## Final ranking

Rank	SNo.		Name	Rtg	FED	Pts
1	2	WFM	Nguyen Emily	2057	USA	8
2	1		Yip Carissa	2170	USA	7½
3	5	WCM	Trakru Priya	1836	USA	5½
	9		Kao Camille Y	1781	USA	5½
5	6		Wang Constance	1822	CAN	5
6	4	WCM	Matus Nastassja A	1848	USA	4½
	12	WCM	Lopez Sanchez Anastacia Anton	1587	MEX	4½
8	3	WFM	Devagharan Devina	1872	USA	4
	11		Abella Clarissa L	1642	USA	4
10	7		Nayberg Simona	1807	USA	3½
	10		Li Rachael	1696	USA	3½
	14		Yellamraju Aparna	1445	USA	3½
13	13	WCM	Yellamraju Ambica	1514	USA	3
14	8		Cheng Angela	1783	USA	1

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### Devagharan,Devina (1872) – Nguyen,Emily (2057) [D43]

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*Annotated by Emily Nguyen*

**1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.Nf3 e6 5.Bf4** already an opening mistake, allowing me to take on c4 safely **5...dxc4 6.a4 Bb4** threatening to play b5 while preventing e4 **7.Qc2 b5 8.e4** [8.axb5 trying to regain her pawn wouldn't work 8...cxb5 9.Bxb8 Rxb8 10.Rxa7 Ba5 and now her rook is trapped] **8...Nbd7 9.Be2 Bb7 10.axb5 cxb5 11.Nd2 a6 12.0-0 0-0** and I emerged from the opening a solid pawn ahead **13.Rfd1 Qc8 14.f3** this move weakened her king and gave me the opportunity to break up her central pawns **14...e5 15.Be3** [15.dxe5 Nxe5 16.Bxe5 Qc5+ regains the piece] **15...exd4 16.Bxd4 Bc5 17.Nf1 Ne5 18.Kh1 Bxd4** and after trading the dark squared bishops, I had no more problems with the dark squares **19.Rxd4 Qc5 20.Rd2 Ng6** I wanted to either play Nf4 or force her to make a weakness **21.g3** [if she didn't play g3, I would just have a pleasant position 21.Ng3 Nf4] **21...Rfe8** I could put pressure on the e4-pawn **22.Rad1 Qf2** she was completely paralyzed here **23.Rc1 h5** and I wanted to attack the g3-pawn to create dark-

square holes [23...b4 would have been more decisive, taking away the defender of e4, but I didn't think I had that much in the final position 24.Nd1 Qa7 25.Bxc4 Nxe4] **24.Nd1** [I think 24.Qd1 was more annoying, and here I thought I had to retreat my queen] **24...Qa7 25.Nc3 b4** being too impatient, I played b4 at the wrong time [25...h4 a simple h4 would have been better] **26.Nd5 Nxd5 27.exd5 Qf2 28.Bxc4 Qxf3+ 29.Kg1 Ne5** and I thought I had a good position here, but I missed her idea of Rf2 and Qf5 **30.Rf2 Qg4 31.Qf5** and I really didn't want to trade queens here because I thought I wasn't winning as much in the ending **31...Qxf5 32.Rxf5 g6 33.Rf6 Rac8 34.b3 Bxd5 35.Rxa6 Nxc4 36.bxc4 Rxc4** [36...Re2 I missed a move that would have won much faster] **37.Rd1 Bf3 38.Rd2 Rce4 39.Rf6 Bg4 40.Rfd6 Bh3 41.Rd8 Kg7 42.Rxe8 Rxe8 43.Kf2 Bxf1 44.Kxf1 Re4 45.Rb2 Kf6 46.Kf2 Ke5 47.Kf3 f5 48.h4 Kd5 0-1**

### **Carissa Yip (2170) – Nastassja Matus (1848) [C10]**

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1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nd2 dxe4 4.Nxe4 Nd7 5.Nf3 Ngf6 6.Nxf6+ Nxf6 7.Bd3 c5 8.0-0 cxd4 9.Nxd4 Bc5 10.Nb3 Be7 11.Bf4 0-0 12.Qe2 Bd7 13.Rfd1 Qb6 14.c4 Ba4 15.Be3 Qc7 16.Bd4 b6 17.Be5 Qb7 18.Rac1 Rad8 19.Rc3 Bc6 20.f4 Be4 21.Re1 Bxd3 22.Rxd3 Rxd3 23.Qxd3 Rd8 24.Qe2 h6 25.Bc3 Qa6 26.f5 Qxa2 27.fxe6 Rf8 28.Nd4 Bc5 29.b4 Qxe2 30.Rxe2 Bxd4+ 31.Bxd4 fxe6 32.Rxe6 Re8 33.Rc6 Ng4 34.g3 Ne5 35.Bxe5 Rxe5 36.b5 Kf7 37.Kf2 Rh5 38.Rc7+ Ke6 39.Rxa7 Rxh2+ 40.Ke3 Kd6 41.Kd4 Rd2+ 42.Kc3 Rf2 43.Rxg7 Rf3+ 44.Kd4 Ra3 45.Rb7 Rxg3 46.Rxb6+ Kc7 47.Rxh6 Rg4+ 48.Kc5 Rg5+ 49.Kb4 Rf5 50.c5 Rf1 51.Rh7+ Kc8 52.Ka5 Rc1 53.Kb6 Rg1 54.c6 Rg8 55.Ra7 Kd8 56.Ra8+ Ke7 57.Rxg8 Kf7 58.Rg1 Kf6 59.c7 1-0

### **Priya Trakru (1836)– Nguyen,Emily (2057) [B22]**

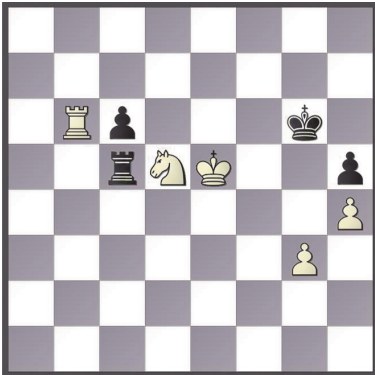
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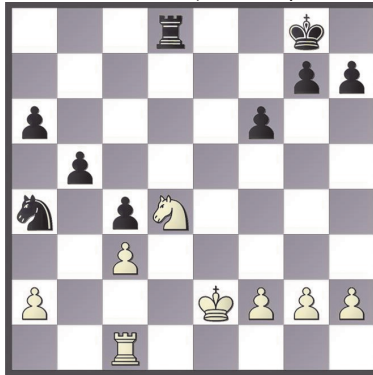
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# Tactics Time!

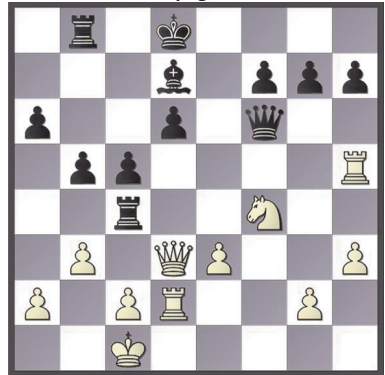
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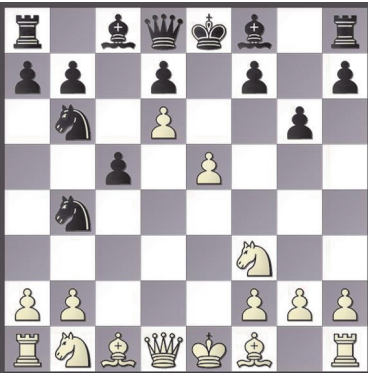
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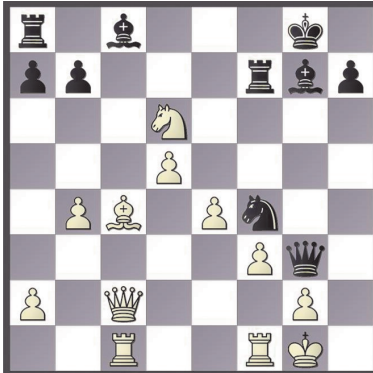
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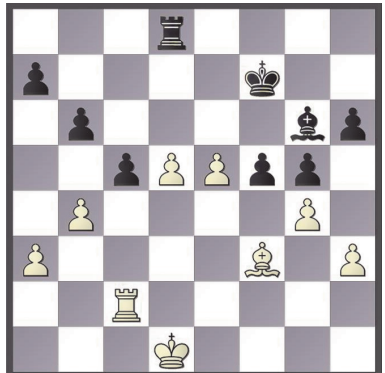
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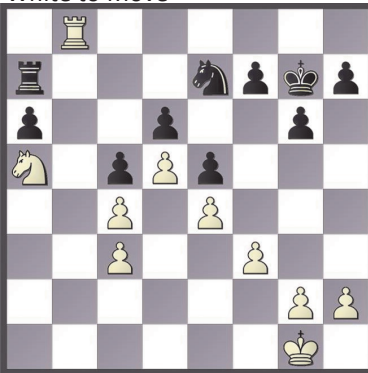
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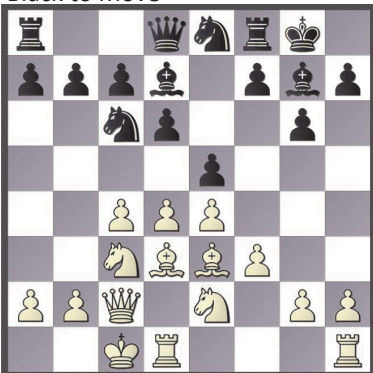
**5. Ivan Zuniga – Sonny Kamberi**  
*JC Thompson Memorial 2001*  
 Black to Move



**6. Alan Chen – Aaron Weinberg**  
*JC Thompson Memorial 2001*  
 Black to Move



**7. Christian Leppert – David Vaughn**  
*JC Thompson Memorial 2001*  
 White to Move



**8. Tim Henderson – Aaron Weinberg**  
*JC Thompson Memorial 2001*  
 Black to Move

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3	<b>Women Age 65 and Over</b>			<b>Girls Age 15 (continued)</b>			<b>Girls Age 10</b>	
	O'Neill, Julia	1800	80	Cervera, Maria B	994	13	Chennuru, Anshu	1508
			82	Hernandez, Victoria Ann	990	16	Furman, Jessica	1448
	<b>Women Age 50 and Over</b>		84	Voliber, Alyssa	971	31	Lu, Maggie	1202
2	Alston, Angela Jennifer	2048	87	Castillo, Julianna D	936	41	Ghatti, Saisneha	1142
4	Root, Alexey Wilhelmina	2002	90	Ambrosio, Diana	917	45	Delgado, Gisele Josephine	1112
11	O'Neill, Julia	1800	96	Wallett, Ammarie Rita	855	47	Wu, Alison	1111
48	Hardesty, Brenda T	1293	100	Rodriguez, Monica M	767	55	Patil, Srushti	1054
65	Jamison, Helen	1062				57	Vijay, Samiya	1039
69	Lamont, Olga A	1019		<b>Girls Age 14</b>		63	Naidu, Suchitra	1026
80	Irwin, Marla	893	2	Nguyen, Emily Quynh	2266	68	Pulido, Emma R	989
			7	Kao, Camille Y	2023	70	Athila, Akshaya	979
	<b>Girls Under 21</b>		30	Bao, Yuliang Eunice	1644	74	Hernandez, Sarah	960
7	Nguyen, Emily Quynh	2266	32	Zhao, Vivian	1563	79	Vasquez, Izabel	949
8	Chiang, Sarah	2256	37	Zhu, Yining	1533	90	Zhang, Mona Wenjie	913
17	Xiang, Evan	2121	45	Bhat, Puja Prashant	1458	93	Madhwarshi, Alisha	882
23	Devagharan, Devina	2092	46	Uppuluri, Sindhuja	1454	95	Li, Anastasia	876
24	Munoz, Claudia E	2090	54	Oliveira, Lauren R	1287	100	Iyer, Madhalasa	857
39	Trakru, Priya Nikita	2026	58	Gonzales, Caitlin A	1227			
40	Kao, Camille Y	2023	61	Tooley, Bridget Annika	1177		<b>Girls Age 9</b>	
54	Palang, Caissa	1964	63	Solis, Gabriela	1163	9	Wan, Audrey X	1338
60	Zhao, Annie	1912	69	Tovias, Lauren	1078	16	Bandaru, Tanvi	1173
62	Ravi, Saisree	1909	76	Delgado, Victoria E	964	18	Jiang, Eileen	1129
62	Nguyen, Brittany Mong-Tran	1909	77	Erabelli, Nithya	956	25	Jacinto, Gianna G	1108
66	Palakollu, Samritha	1901	79	Cheng, Daisy	944	43	Duggirala, Bhavyashree	1000
70	Chu, Yue	1892	81	Gonzalez, Jolie Marie	922	47	Nava, Abeni Yanira	978
			82	Jones, Natelie Danielle	918	51	Reddy, Tanvi	957
	<b>Girls Age 18</b>		82	Babaria, Niyati Rakesh	918	55	Luo, Helen Hanqi	947
4	Munoz, Claudia E	2090	87	Le Bui, Bihn	894	57	Duong, Katie	940
9	Sarna, Kristen Sheila	1785	92	Zhang, Elsa	843	70	Solis, Natalie	872
28	Perez, Corie	1078	96	Flowers, Ava	829	77	Fisher, Dakota	863
29	Hyde, Sierra R	882				87	Galvez, Azulgris	830
37	Ayala, Vanessa N	652		<b>Girls Age 13</b>		90	Yong, Tiffany	824
			12	Cheng, Angela	1783	92	Nitturi, Rajni	816
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3	Xiang, Evan	2121	36	Cedillo Bocanegra, Ana Karen	1459	96	Macias, Melanie Alejandra	808
10	Palang, Caissa	1964	37	Uppuluri, Anuja	1457	98	Pilla, Ananya Valli	804
12	Zhao, Annie	1912	42	Bautista, Ilse V	1385	100	Xu, Isabel	801
25	Brown, Sarah	1558	52	Boren, Isabel	1317			
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39	Leos, Emily	1221	71	Munoz, Denae L	1214	5	Wang, Kalia Yuke	1267
49	Krothapalli, Aneesha	1052	73	Vasquez, Angelica	1213	7	Balaji, Sai Sangeetha	1220
51	Saenz, Viviana	1043	79	Salinas, Brianna Christina	1165	16	Uviedo, Violette	1087
54	Alba-Jimenez, Sandra Michelle	1021	82	Santana, Sol Celeste	1157	18	Iyer, Niyati	1064
62	Guzman, Vanessa Renee	873	84	Ravichandar, Shreya	1153	19	Hwang, Alexis	1063
63	Alvarez, Anna M	806				26	Nair, Pallavi	973
77	Benitez, Sarai	361		<b>Girls Age 12</b>		32	Chamaria, Vedika	932
			28	Dadwal, Saanvi	1528	34	Yi, Bella	899
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8	Nguyen, Brittany Mong-Tran	1909	56	Melgarejo, Fernanda	1206	39	Yeh, Madeline	849
15	Abella, Clarissa Louise	1796	60	Madhugiri, Shruthi	1187	44	Kanyaboyina, Tarini	800
53	Reed, Ambriette D	1132	61	Garcia, Emily Alexis	1186	52	Melgarejo, Paulina	786
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59	Moya, Savannah	1054	72	Bautista, Reyna	1138	56	Nakkala, Sharvi Reddy	743
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68	Rodriguez, Esmeralda E	910	85	Perera, Dimanthi	1075	92	Pirtle, Sarah E	621
69	Leone, Terilyn Helen	907	91	Reistle, Jane	1052	93	Martinez, Amber J	614
74	Uhlig, Sarah D	846						
76	Christensen, Asha Taylor	813		<b>Girls Age 11</b>			<b>Girls Age 7 and Under</b>	
78	Davila, Priscilla	729	3	Nguyen, Anh Nhu	1801	1	<i>Li, Rachael</i>	1696
88	Acevedo, Caristen M	480	5	Yellamraju, Ambica	1625	4	Gao, Tianwen	1253
			11	Kao, Simona Y	1528	7	Mcnett, Kaitlynn Lee	1127
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6	Trakru, Priya Nikita	2026	51	Si, Sophia	1200	47	John, Ashley Danielle	640
10	Palakollu, Samritha	1901	52	Wang, Catherine	1196	50	John, Natalie Michelle	633
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22	Rodriguez, Dominique	1616	72	Gunukula, Renee	1098	56	Martinez, Erika Beatriz	607
37	Garza, Ariel Francis	1450	73	Hernandez, Madelyn	1092	58	Nunes, Adrienne	599
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41	Li, Selena	1405	88	Balderas, Ana Luisa	1049	76	Sudarsan, Abhirami	532
49	Solis, Crystal Marie	1296	92	Castillo, Isabella Deanda	1038	89	Akella, Sravya Suparna	467
			99	Chitlur, Hitha	1008	96	Garcia, Karime A	450
						97	Yong, Evelin	448

## Tactics Time! Answers

### Answers:

1. **54.Rxc6+ Rxc6 55.Ne7+** wins a pawn and trades down into an easily won endgame.
  2. **31...Nxc3+ 32.Rxc3 Rxd4** picks up a pawn.
  3. **28...Qa1#**
  4. **10.Bg5** and the Black Queen has no escape.
  5. **25...Bd4+ 26.Kh1 Qh4#**
  6. **40...fxg4** double attack on the Rook and Bishop.
  7. **36.Rd8** attacks the valuable d6 pawn, which cannot be defended.
  8. **10...exd4** forks the Knight and Bishop.
- Cover. 16...Bxf3** removes the defender of the Bishop on e5. After a series of trading Black is a piece ahead.

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## Opinion - What's the Best Section for New Players?

by Chess Expert Jim Hollingsworth

Is it my imagination or are some TD's overlooking the importance of fully informing brand new chess players about USCF ratings, how they are calculated before and after the magical 25th game, and the impact of the ratings pool?

The second most common question chess players ask is "What's your're rating?"

Ratings are on every chess player's mind. I've even had players come to me between rounds and say, "I just won/lost/draw my last game. What's my rating?" And I always take the time to help them and explain how the rating system works.

I do this because I care. I know TD's are busy, especially during registration. But, an important part of the job is teaching and helping.

My very first rating was 1331 based on 6 games in the Mid Atlantic High School Championship. I played in the OPEN section and I have never had a lower rating. It took many years until I made Expert. It would have taken far more years if I had started out in the U-200 or U-800 sections where most Unrateds are stuck these days.

Every Unrated player should always be placed in the OPEN section until they play the magical 25th game. EVERY as in ALL

OF THEM. Afterward, put them in an appropriate section based on their rating.

Or let them keep playing in the OPEN section because they will have greater opportunity to increase their rating there.

I am sure some TD's will disagree with me. And some will stay quiet in hopes of not being outed. But none of them can hide. Just look at their rating reports.

If you, as a player, ever see any TD having a conversation going something like this, please speak up:

***"Oh, you're brand new to tournament chess? Then you need to play in the U-200 section. You'll have so much fun with these other new players who are just like you. And by the way, did I tell you I sell Amway? And I also sell used cars. And I've got this great piece of swamp land in Florida if you're interested."***

Your TD may not be happy with you, but that's okay. You'll probably make a new friend. That's my \$0.02 . . .

## 2016 World Junior Chess Championships - By GM Jeffery Xiong

Texas has always been known as a sport state, taking pride in the championships that Dallas Cowboys, Dallas Mavericks, Dallas Stars, Houston Rockets, San Antonio Spurs have won over the years. Well, I hope you are prepared to see more headlines about Texans taking center stage in the world's chess scene.



*Babakuli Annakov, Jeffery and Wayne Xiong*

I am just so proud to represent Texas in the 2016 US Junior Chess Championship held in July in St. Louis. I won the championship and got the privilege to represent USA in the World Junior Championship in Orisha, India, held in August. I played well to win the World Junior Championship with an unbeaten record of 10.5/13. Actually I was able to lock on the title with 1 round to spare.

I want to thank Texas Chess Association and our president Vish for the financial support. With my chess journey going to the next level, I will need to travel to international tournaments a lot more than before, which would be quite costly.

After my US Junior Championship, I directly flew from St. Louis to China via Los Angeles. I spent a few days at my grandparents house in China, which was a nice transition for me to get over jetlag. By the time I get to India, I was well rested, ready to fight some tough battles.

The host country India has sent their best squad into the tournament. They have a delegation of 4 GMs and 2 dozens of very talented players; Russia team is very strong as usual. They had the No.1 seed GM Artemiev as well as several other top junior players in the world, the coach traveling with them is a world famous opening theorist GM Amonatov. You can be certain he would have excellent opening preparation for Team Russia. China sent in 4 strong boys to the tournament.

We also have a very strong USA delegation, the players participating the open section are I, me, and myself. :-) My friend Ashritha Eswaran played in the girl section. Her family is originally from India. They have been a big help to me and my dad to overcome obstacles we normally encounter in international travels. I want to express my gratitude to them.

Eventually I was able to stand on the highest stage on the ceremonial platform. When the USA national anthem was played, I had such a great feeling!

A couple of interesting games I want to share with my fellow chess players and my dear friends back home in Texas:



*Vladislav Artemiev, Jeffery Xiong, Narayanan Sunilduth Lyna*

*Games follow..*

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**Xiong,J (2633) –**  
**Aravindh,C (2543) [B31]**  
World Junior Open (8.2), 15.08.2016

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[In the 8th round I was tied with 3 players on 5.5/7. I was paired with an internationally famed young Indian player named Aravindh. This was our first time playing but the first time I saw him was in the 2011 World Youth where he was the top seed in my section U-12. This was also the round before the rest day. I am glad I got the opportunity to play an exciting game with a lot of risk taking from both sides. I had played a lot of this kind of fighting chess when I was young, at the encouragement of my first GM coach Annakov.]

**1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 g6 4.Bxc6 dxc6** [4...bxc6 Is also an interesting continuation.]

**5.d3 Bg7 6.h3 b6** [6...Nh6 He won a nice game vs Ni Hua with this move which is quite interesting and ambitious. But I believe he wanted to change things up.]

**7.Nc3 Nf6 8.Be3 0-0 9.Qd2 Re8 10.Nh2?!** [I wanted to keep my options open but I was being too fancy for my own good.]

[10.Bh6 Better was just to continue playing normally. 10...Bh8 (10...e5) 11.e5 This can be very dangerous. 11...Nd5 12.Ne4 White will soon bombard Black's K-side

and it's doubtful he'll find some counter play against it.]

**10...e5 11.0-0-0** [I felt that I had already done something wrong, in fact it was a huge missed opportunity not playing Bh6 and e5. Here already it's hard to see another plan besides f2-f4.]

[11.Bg5 Qd6 12.g4 c4 13.0-0-0 b5 14.Qe3 Qb4 15.Qf3 Nd7 16.Bd2 Qa5 17.dxc4 b4 18.Nb1 Qxa2 19.Bxb4 Rb8 20.Qa3 Qxc4 21.Bd6 Rb6 22.Qe3 Nf8 23.b3 Qa6 24.g5 c5 25.Bxc5 Rc6 26.Bb4 Ne6 27.Bc3 Nd4 28.Kb2 Nxc2 29.Kxc2 Qa2+ 30.Kc1 Qxb3 31.Rd2 Bf8 32.Rc2 Ba6 33.Ng4 Rb8 34.Nd2 Ba3+ 35.Kd1 Qa4 36.Qf3 Rb7 37.Nf6+ Kf8 38.Nxh7+ Ke7 39.Nf6 Qb4 1-0 Supancic,R (2210) –Breznik,K (2178)/ Sentjur SLO 2009; 11.0-0 The idea f2-f4 is not too sensible with the dark squared Bishops still on the board as it opens the long diagonal.]

**11...a5** [Suddenly his attack is extremely powerful and can't be stopped by mere pawn moves.]

**12.Na4?!** [I considered it like mandatory to stop his attack. However it's not necessary.]

[12.a4 The engine advised not to panic and play a4 which doesn't seem human at all but in fact is quite reasonable. 12...Be6 13.Nf3 Qd6 (13...Nd7

14.Ng5 Nf8 15.Nxe6 Nxe6 16.h4) 14.Ng5 Bd7 15.f4 exf4 16.Bxf4 Qe7=]

**12...Be6 13.Kb1 Nd7** [I didn't realize how fast he was coming with b6-b5.]

**14.Ng4?!** [14.h4 Was faster. 14...Qe7 15.h5 b5 16.Nc3 a4 17.hxg6 fxc6 18.Nf3 b4 19.Ne2 Nf8 Again Black has the stronger attack but not clear whether he can smash all the way through.]

**14...Qe7 15.Nh6+ Kh8** [15...Bxh6 16.Bxh6 b5 17.Nc3 a4 18.Ne2 Although Black has nothing decisive yet his position is very preferable. 18...c4]

**16.h4 b5 17.Nc3 f6!** [I think a good decision by him to take a moment to neutralize my attack before going full steam ahead.]

[17...a4 18.h5 b4 19.Ne2 b3 Looks promising, but White is actually quite safe after: 20.cxb3 axb3 21.a3 For example. 21...c4 22.hxg6 fxc6 23.dxc4 Nf6 24.Ng3 With an unclear position.]

**18.h5 Bxh6** [18...g5 19.Nf5 Would be a disaster.]

**19.Bxh6 g5** [Here my Bishop is trapped but not in serious danger of being captured. But the only way I can do anything is to play g3-f4 which takes a long time. Not to mention g3 here runs right into Bg4-f3



blocking the whole thing.]

**20.Rdf1** [I played this with a grimace, because it looks ugly but I didn't have much of a choice.]

[20.g3 Bg4 21.Rdf1 Bf3 22.Rh2 c4 23.dxc4 bxc4; 20.f3! Actually this was a better method, avoiding my concerns with 20...c4 and same idea with g3-f4. 20...Qf7 21.g3 b4 22.Na4 Bxa2+ 23.Kc1 Here c4 is not even viable.]

**20...Qf7** [20...c4 I was very concerned regarding this move, taking advantage of the fact I still need two moves to get my attack underway and my rook just moved away from the center. 21.dxc4 Bxc4 22.Rd1 Nc5 23.Qe3 b4 24.Ne2 Bxe2 25.Qxe2 a4 Is very unpleasant.]

**21.g3** [I didn't really take anything else under serious consideration. Here this position started to kind of play itself. The classical training I got for this kind of position is that speed is of essence.]

**21...b4 22.Na4 Bxa2+ 23.Ka1** [23.Kc1 c4 24.f4 exf4 25.gxf4 g4]

**23...c4 24.f4** [Because I know how to play this kind of position through my chess education, I played very fast and saved a lot of time, resulting in a time situation in my favor, I had 29 minutes vs his 16.]

**24...exf4** [I think the most practical decision.]

[24...cxd3 25.b3 He took some time trying to estimate the consequences of this piece sacrifice. (25.fgx5 dxc2 26.gxf6 Bb1 27.Bg7+ Kg8 28.b3 Qxb3 And the idea in the game doesn't work.) 25...Bxb3 26.cxb3 Qxb3 27.Qa2 Qxa2+ 28.Kxa2 exf4 29.gxf4 gxf4 (29...Rxe4 30.fgx5 fxg5 31.Bxg5 Black indeed does have 4 pawns, but my knight is doing a nice job blocking them, and his King still has its own issues.) 30.Rxf4 c5 31.Nb2 Ne5 32.Rg1 Rg8 33.Rxg8+ Rxg8 34.Rxf6 Ng4 35.Rd6 Nxb6 36.Rxb6 Rg2 37.Kb3 Rc2 38.Rd6 c4+ 39.Nxc4 Rc3+ 40.Ka4 Rxc4 41.h6 Kg8 42.Rxd3 Rxe4 43.Kxa5 Rh4 44.Rd6 b3 45.Rb6= Pretty forcing.]

**25.gxf4 cxd3?** [After this move I believe Black is the one more at risk.]

[25...g4 I was quite afraid of this. 26.Rfg1 Rg8 27.Rh4 However I'm able to scoop up the pawn. 27...cxd3 28.Rhxg4 Rxg4 29.Rxg4 Rg8 30.Rxg8+ Qxg8 31.b3 Bxb3 32.cxb3 Qxb3 33.Nb2 Nc5 34.Qg2 Qg8 -+ 35.Qf2 Nb3+ 36.Kb1 d2 37.Qa7=; 25...gxf4 Here Black is not at any risk. 26.Rxf4 Rg8 (26...cxd3 27.Qxd3 c5 (27...Bc4 28.Qd4 Bb5 29.Nc5) 28.Bg5 Bc4 29.Qxd7 Qxd7 30.Bxf6+ Kg8 31.Rg1+ Kf8

32.Bg7+ Ke7 33.Bf6+=) 27.Rf5 cxd3 28.b3]

**26.fgx5** [But now I detected a better approach.]

[26.b3 Bxb3 27.cxb3 Qxb3 28.Qa2 He probably wanted to enter to this endgame which transposes into the exact same as if he'd taken on d3 a move prior. I guess he wanted to urgently open the e-file first.]

**26...dxc2 27.gxf6 Bb1** [Most natural.]

[27...Rxe4 28.Bg7+ Kg8 29.Rhg1 Bc4! And Black gets his counter play through the e-file. White can't step up his desirable mating construction with the presence of the c2 pawn and contributions from the e-rooks. 30.Rf2 Rae8; 27...Bb3?? 28.Bg7+ Kg8 29.Rhg1!+- Bxa4 30.Bh6+ Kh8 31.Qg5 With the huge threat of Qg7+ 31...c1Q+ 32.Qxc1 And White's attack is unstoppable. 32...Re5 33.Rg7 Qe6 34.Rxd7; 27...Bc4 28.Bg7+ Kg8 29.Rfg1 Black actually isn't getting mated so soon. But they can't harm my King either so it's just a matter of time before I round up my troops to deliver the coup de grace. 29...Rxe4 For example most natural. 30.Bh6+ Kh8 31.Rg7 Qxf6 32.Rxd7 Re2 33.Bg5! Qf2 34.Rd8+ Rxd8 35.Qxd8+ Kg7 36.h6+ Kg6 37.Bc1 Qg2 38.Qh4 Bd5 Finally White can decide between two winning

moves, Rh3 or Qh5+. But before this everything was forced.]

**28.Bg7+ Kg8 29.b3** [Now without presence of the e5 pawn b3 is untouchable. I felt very good about my chances and actually thought that my position was close to winning. Actually the position is very complex, the engines offer a strange evaluation after a very long think but I believe the position is completely losing.]

**29...Nc5** [Most natural, since it's hard to play this type of position just defending. It is also a decisive mistake though.]

[29...c1Q This idea to deflect the Q from the d4 square doesn't work. 30.Qxc1 Qxb3 31.f7+ Kxg7 Now White has two choices how to continue. 32.fxe8N+ (32.h6+ Kf8 (32...Kh8 Can transpose.) 33.fxe8Q+ Kxe8 34.Qb2 Qxa4+ 35.Kxb1) 32...Rxe8 33.h6+ Kh8 34.Qxb1 Qxa4+ 35.Qa2 This ending is hopeless.; 29...Qxb3 30.f7+ Kxg7 31.Rhg1+ Kh8 32.Qd4+ Is one of a handful of ways.; 29...Re5 Logical. White's main idea is to create a mating construction with Qh6, and Rhg1 but now White can't achieve this since Rxh5 will come. Meanwhile the Bishop on g7 doesn't provide much of a contribution to White's mating net, and as a result it's not simple to breakthrough. 30.Qh6 (30.Rhg1

Rxh5 31.Qf4 Re8 32.Nb6 Nc5 33.Bh6+ Kh8 34.Rg7 Nxb3+ 35.Kb2 c1Q+ 36.Rxc1 Nxc1 37.Rxf7 Nd3+ 38.Kxb1 Nxf4 39.Bxf4) 30...c1Q Now this aforementioned idea works. 31.Qxc1 Qxb3; 29...Rxe4 30.Rhg1]

**30.Nxc5 a4 31.Kb2 axb3** [The time situation now was 18 minutes vs 4 in my favor. That was plenty of time to work out the variations.]

**32.Nxb3?** [After rejecting Qxb4 I came upon this move and I instantly found it odd why this wasn't the first move I considered. It seemed completely harmless. So I played it after not too long. Unfortunately I missed a simple resource.]

[32.Nd3! A nice move which wins the game instantly. Here Black can't dream of harming the K. 32...Ra2+ 33.Kc1 b2+ (33...Ra1 34.Qxb4 Rd8 (34...Ba2+ 35.Kd2) 35.Ne5) 34.Nxb2 Ra1 Now White just needs to cover the threat of Ba2+ and Qb3 mate and the material advantage will decide. 35.Qd3+; 32.Qxb4 My original idea was actually this, giving c3 square for the King. But I started to see many ghosts. 32...Reb8 33.Qd4 Ra2+ 34.Kc3 b2 Intuitively I thought I should have something clearer than this. And I was correct. 35.Rxb1 c1Q+ 36.Rbxc1 bxc1Q+ 37.Rxc1 Ra3+]

**32...c1Q+??**⊕ [This was basically the only thing I checked before playing Nxb3.] [32...Red8 I just forgot to count this move. 33.Rhg1= (33.Qg5 Ra2+ 34.Kc1 Rd1+ 35.Rxd1 cxd1Q+ 36.Kxd1) ]

**33.Nxc1+**- [Now it is over.]

**33...Bxe4 34.Rhg1 Ra5 35.Rg5?** [A bit lazy.]

[35.Bf8+ Kh8 36.Qh6 Is a nice finish. 36...Qxf8 37.f7; 35.Bh6+ Kh8 36.Rg7 With Re7 also crushes.]

**35...c5 36.Rfg1 c4 37.Qxb4**□ [Fortunately I had enough time and was able to sidestep the last of the traps.]

[37.Bh6+ Bg6]

**37...c3+** [37...Rxc3 38.Rxc3]

**38.Qxc3 Rb8+ 39.Nb3 Rxc3 40.Rxc3 Bd5 41.Bh6+ Kh8 42.Rxd5 Rxb3+ 43.Qxb3** [As young players, we both have made mistakes in this game, and I was lucky to be on the winning side of this crazy game. But I totally enjoyed the feeling of playing exciting chess with a lot of creative juices flowing. After this game I became the sole leader as the other 2 co-leaders drew their game. I looked forward to the day off finally receiving the opportunity to watch the Olympics.]

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**Bersamina,P (2402) – Xiong,J (2633) [B23]**

World Junior Open (12.1), 20.08.2016

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[In the penultimate round I was to face a strong Pilipino player Bersamina, who had just came off back to back wins over grandmasters. I was a full point ahead of my nearest rival GM Artemiev which meant a win would put me in a great position to take home the title.]

**1.e4 c5 2.Nc3 d6 3.f4 Nc6 4.Nf3 g6 5.Bb5 Bd7 6.0-0 Bg7 7.Bc4 Na5 8.Be2 Nf6**

[I had analyzed this position before. I like where I am here, since it is a position that Black may play with some ambition.]

[8...Nc6 Here I don't think White has anything better than Bc4 giving Black the choice to repeat the position.]

**9.Qe1 Nc6 10.Bc4 Nd4**

**11.Qh4?!** [My opponent decided to immediately spice things up instead of playing with my engine.]

**11...b5?** [Being too practical, I decided to "trust" that he had something evil against grabbing c2 and opted for a simpler continuation. Unfortunately this one

was much tamer and simply worse.]

[11...Nxc2 12.Rb1 Nd4 In fact there was nothing at all wrong with taking the pawn and running back.]

**12.Nxd4 cxd4** [I decided to try and win the e4 pawn which turned out to be a pretty good decision.]

[12...bxc4 My original intention was to happily take the Bishops. 13.Nf3 Bc6 14.e5 Nd5 15.Nxd5 Bxd5 16.b3

But I started to not see what Black really had here.

16...Be4 17.bxc4 Bxc2

18.Ba3 0-0 19.Rac1 And somehow White is quite active.]

**13.Nxb5 Qb6 14.a4**

[14.Na3 Nxe4 Is most likely a worse version for White.]

**14...a6 15.a5** [15.Na3 Nxe4 16.d3 Nf6 Can be similar to the game.]

**15...Qc6** [15...Qc5 Over the board I missed this move, which was even stronger.

16.Na3 Nxe4 17.b4 I think I wanted to avoid giving him the opportunity to play b4 and start something on the Q-side but none of it works. (17.d3 Nf6 18.Bd2 d5 19.b4 Qd6 20.Bb3 0-0) 17...Qxb4

18.Bd3 Nc5 19.Nc4 Nxd3 20.cxd3 Bf6 21.Qf2 Be6 22.Ba3 Qb3]

**16.Na3 Nxe4 17.d3 Nf6**

[17...d5 Was desirable, now if the Bishop retreats Black will play Nd6-f5 and have a huge edge. 18.Bxd5 Unfortunately this move equalizes immediately.]

**18.Bb3 d5** [I immediately played this simple pawn move, which allows me to dominate two pieces.]

**19.Re1 Qc5** [Now it becomes clear why Qc5 instead of Qc6 earlier would've been useful. Defends e7, attacks a5 and it always helps to have your Queen lining up with your opponent's King.]

**20.Nb1** [20.h3 Stopping Ng4 at all costs. 20...Qxa5 But the truth is it's hard to prove anything for the lost pawn. 21.f5 Qb6 Probably more practical than the engine's recommendation (21...Bxf5) where you should find everything to retain an advantage. (21...Bxf5 But just for fun... 22.Bh6 Bxh6 23.Qxh6 Qb4 A very difficult move to see and the only one to give Black an advantage. 24.Qg7 Kd7! 25.Qxf7 Rxf8

26.Qg7 Rhg8 27.Qh6 g5  
28.g4 Be6 29.Nb5 Rf7 And  
White can't do anymore to  
prevent the loss of a queen.  
30.Rxe6 Kxe6 31.Nc7+ Ke5  
32.Nxd5 Nxd5 33.Qc6 Rd8-  
+ ) ]

**20...Ng4** [He may have  
been counting on Bxd5  
which loses instantly to Bf6.  
But just like how Ng5-e6 is  
very strong in Kings Indian  
here the knight coming to  
e3 is just disastrous for  
White.]

**21.Re2** [21.Bxd5 Bf6]

**21...Ne3 22.h3?**  
[Prophylaxis against Bg4,  
but wasting too much time.]

[22.Nd2 Now White had to  
urgently trade that guy on  
e3. 22...0-0 (22...Bg4 Here  
Bg4 is too optimistic.  
23.Ba4+ Kf8 24.Nb3 An im-  
portant tactic and suddenly  
White is back in the game.)  
23.Nf1 Nf5 24.Qf2 h5±]

**22...0-0 23.Qe1 Rab8+** [At  
this point I sensed I had a  
chance to win the game  
and the championship to-  
day.]

**24.Ra3 Rfc8 25.Kh1 Bf5** [I  
decided to be very straight-  
forward practically forcing  
him to take on e3.]

**26.Bxe3** [26.Ba4 h5 Soon  
White will run out of  
moves.]

**26...dxe3 27.Rxe3** [27.Nc3  
Bxc3 28.Qxc3 Qxa3!  
29.Qxc8+ Rxc8 30.bxa3 d4  
Is dead lost for White.]

**27...Bxb2 28.Ra2 Bd4**  
**29.Rf3** [29.Rxe7 Bf2 Fol-  
lowed by Rxb3.]

**29...h5 30.Nd2 Bc3 31.Qf2**  
**e6** [Protecting my d5 pawn  
and planning to trade Q's  
next and scoop up the a5  
pawn.]

**32.Qxc5** [32.Qe2 Kg7  
33.Nf1 Rh8! Black even has  
this nice idea to finish the  
game. 34.Nh2 Bg4]

**32...Rxc5 33.Nf1 Rxa5**  
**34.Rxa5 Bxa5 35.Kh2**  
[35.Ne3 h4 36.Nxf5 gxf5  
37.g4 hxg3 38.Rxg3+ Kf8  
Opposite colored Bishops  
but White has absolutely no  
hope in this endgame con-  
sidering that f4 will fall soon  
and White has no defense  
against Black putting the  
Bishop on c3 and rolling the  
a-pawn.]

**35...Bc3** [During the game I  
was quite dissatisfied with  
this move.]

[35...h4 Why not h4? Here

White can't dream of any  
resistance.]

**36.g3** [36.Ne3 h4]

**36...a5?** [This move has  
introduced unnecessary  
complications. I feel lucky  
and I did not throw away my  
win with this move, but this  
shows I need to work on my  
endgame to improve.]

[36...Bd4 It was still not too  
late to fix things with the  
simple prophylactic move  
Bd4 (or any move with the  
Bishop on c3 frankly). The  
point is to answer Ne3 with  
Bxd3 and now White should  
waste another two moves  
with Kg2,Nh2. 37.Kg2  
(37.Ne3 Bxd3) 37...a5  
38.Nh2 Rb4 39.g4 a4  
40.Bxa4 Rxa4 41.gxf5 exf5]

**37.Ne3 Rb4 38.g4 hxg4**  
**39.hxg4 Bxd3 40.Ng2 a4**  
**41.Bxa4 Be4?!** [41...Rxa4  
42.cxd3 g5 A simpler meth-  
od of winning was to keep  
the dark squared Bishop.]

**42.Rxc3 Rxa4 43.Ne1 Ra1**  
**44.Re3 Rc1 45.Re2 Kf8**  
**46.Kg3 Ke7 47.g5** [47.Kf2  
Kf6 Now g5 would be deci-  
sive.]

**47...Kd6 48.Kf2 Bf5?** [With  
this move I'd officially blown  
the win. I think my idea was

to play d5-d4 but it's non-sense.]

[48...Ra1 The plan is e5 next. And White has no good way to stop it.; 48...Kc5 49.Re3]

**49.Nd3?** [A bit impatient and now Black can win by force.] [49.Re3 White could claim real drawing chances with Re3 and Black will torture White for many moves but unclear if he can make any real progress.]

**49...Rh1 50.Ne5** [50.Kg2 Be4+ 51.Kg3 Bxd3 52.cxd3 Rd1 53.Re3 Kc5]

**50...Rh2+ 51.Ke3?!** [Giving Black an extra tempo to complete his task.]

[51.Ke1 Rxe2+ 52.Kxe2 d4! The key move where the King gets activated and White has no defense.]

**51...d4+ 52.Kd2 Rxe2+ 53.Kxe2 Kd5** [Black could pretty much play this end-game by hand.]

**54.Kd2 Ke4 55.Nxf7 Kxf4 56.c3 d3 57.Nd6 e5 58.Nc4** [58.Nxf5 Kxf5 59.Kxd3 Kxg5 60.Ke4 Kf6 61.Kd5 g5 62.c4 g4 63.c5 g3 64.c6 g2 65.c7 g1Q 66.c8Q Qd4+]

**58...e4 59.Ne3 Kxg5 60.Ke1 Bg4 61.Nd5 Kf5 62.Kd2 Ke5 63.Ne7 g5 64.Ke3 Bf3** [At the conclusion of this win the Board 2 game was drawn so I had become the World Junior Champion.]

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**Beradze,I (2440) – Xiong,J (2633) [B52]**

World Junior Open (3.2), 10.08.2016

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**1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.Bb5+ Bd7 4.Bxd7+ Qxd7 5.0-0 Nc6 6.c3 Nf6 7.d4 Nxe4** [7...cxd4 8.cxd4 Nxe4 9.d5 Ne5 10.Nxe5 dxe5 11.Re1 Nf6 12.Rxe5 g6 13.Nc3 Bg7 14.Qe2 (14.Bg5 0-0 15.Qe2 Rfe8 16.Re1 h6 17.Bh4 Rad8 18.h3 a6 19.Kf1 b5 20.Rxe7 Rxe7 21.Qxe7 Qxe7 22.Rxe7 g5 23.Bg3 Nxd5 24.Nxd5 Rxd5 25.Ra7 f5 26.Bb8 Rd8 27.Bc7 Rd7 28.Ra8+ Kh7 29.Bb6 Rd6 30.Bc5 Rd1+ 31.Ke2 Rc1 32.b4 Rc2+ 33.Kd3 Rxa2 34.g4 Kg6 35.Rb8 Ra3+ 36.Ke2 fxc4 37.hxc4 a5 38.Rb6+ Kh7 39.Rxb5 a4 40.Ra5 Ra2+ 41.Kf3 Bc3 42.Ra7+ Kg8 43.b5 Rb2 44.b6 Bb4 45.Bxb4 Rxb4 46.b7 a3 47.Ra8+ Kf7 48.b8Q 1-0 Glek,I (2571)–Kobalia,M (2630)/playchess.com INT 2004] 14...Ng4 15.Re4 Nf6

16.Re5 Ng4 17.Re4 Nf6 18.Re5 Ng4 1/2-1/2 Filip-pov,A (2615)–Wei Yi (2638)/Kocaeli TUR 2014]

**8.d5 Ne5 9.Re1 Nf6 10.Nxe5 dxe5 11.Rxe5** [11.c4! A more accurate order. Here Black is in some trouble. 11...e6 (11...Qc7) 12.Nc3 Be7 (12...0-0-0 13.Bg5±) 13.Rxe5 exd5 14.Bg5 d4 15.Ne4 0-0-0 16.Nxc5 Qc7 17.Nd3 Kb8 18.c5 Ka8 19.Qf3 Rd7 20.Rae1 Bd8 21.Nb4 Qc8 22.c6 bxc6 23.Nxc6 Qb7 24.a4 d3 25.Bd2 Rd6 26.Rc1 a6 27.b4 Nd7 28.Rf5 f6 29.b5 1-0 Glek,I (2590)–Stefansson,H (2588)/Esbjerg DEN 2002]

**11...e6 12.c4 0-0-0 13.Nc3?!** [13.Bg5! Bd6 14.Bxf6 gxf6 15.Rh5 And the rook is quite active on h5. 15...Be5 16.Nc3 Kb8 17.Qf3]

**13...Bd6 14.Re1** [14.Rg5 g6 15.Qf3 h6]

**14...exd5 15.cxd5** [15.Nxd5 Rhe8 16.Be3 Qf5 Where Black has some initiative.]

**15...Qf5 16.Qf3?** [Panicking.]

**16...Qxf3 17.gxf3 h6± 18.Be3 b6** [Here I thought

the position is strategically winning, this estimation is accurate.]

**19.a4** [19.Rad1 Staying passively would make matters worse for White. 19...g5 Strong prophylaxis, and the upcoming Rhe8 and Be5 will be decisive.]

**19...Bb8** [19...a5 I pondered the option of direct prophylaxis with a7-a5 but wasn't sure because I thought White may set up a fortress with f3-f4 somewhere. 20.Rad1 Bb8 21.Rd2 Rd7 22.Red1 Rhd8 23.f4 And it's not clear how I can progress.; 19...Be5 20.a5 Bxc3 21.bxc3 Nxd5 22.axb6 axb6 23.c4 (23.Ra7 Nxc3) 23...Nb4 24.Ra7 Nc6 25.Rxf7 Ne5]

**20.Red1 Rd7** [Now it started to be very concrete.]

[20...Be5 Another approach. 21.a5 Kb7 22.axb6 axb6 23.Rab1 This mysterious rook move turns out to be the only move not to lose on the spot. 23...g5! But if I detect that his only threat is f2-f4 then it will be smooth sailing as next is simply Rd7,Rhd8.]

**21.a5 Rhd8 22.axb6 axb6 23.Na4** [23.b4 Nxd5

24.Nxd5 Rxd5 25.Rdc1 Be5 26.Rab1 Bd4 This surprisingly isn't completely hopeless for White, but hard to enter this line on a practical stand point. 27.Kf1]

**23...Bc7 24.b4 Nxd5 25.bxc5 b5??** [I had seen this idea prior to playing Bb8 and I was quite satisfied. Unfortunately I had just blundered my strategically winning position.]

[25...Nxe3! In fact my position was so good that even here it wasn't too late. But I thought b5 was so winning that I didn't even bother to check whether he had a better idea than resignation. 26.Rxd7 Kxd7! Is the key point and White is completely hopeless. 27.fxe3 (27.cxb6 Be5-+ And no check on c1 with the K on d7. A nice detail which I didn't give myself a chance to spot.) 27...b5-+ I was trying to achieve something like this in the game.]

**26.c6** [The really unfortunate part was that I practically forced him to find the drawing continuation. As all other move candidates for him lose on the spot.]

[26.Nb2 Nxe3 27.fxe3 Rd2 28.Ra8+ Bb8 29.Rb1 Kb7

30.Ra5 Kc6 I expected the game to end along the lines of this.; 26.Rxd5 Rxd5 27.Nc3 Be5 I had only foreseen this exchange sacrifice prior to playing b5.]

**26...Rd6 27.Rxd5!** [27.Nc5 Nxe3 28.Ra8+ Bb8 29.Rxd6 Rxd6 30.fxe3 Rxc6 31.Nd7 Kxd7 32.Rxb8 Rc5] **27...Rxd5 28.Nc3=** [None the less a really nice resource.]

**28...Rf5 29.Ra8+ Bb8 30.Bb6 Re8** [30...Rd6 31.Ba7 Rxc6 32.Rxb8+ Kd7 33.Rxb5 Rxb5 34.Nxb5 Rc1+ 35.Kg2 Kc6 36.Be3]

**31.Ne4 Re6 32.Ba7 Rxc6 33.Rxb8+ Kc7 34.Re8** [Here the R+B+N trio are too powerful for Black to try anything.]

**34...Rxf3 35.Re7+ Kd8 36.Rb7 Rf4** [36...Rf5 37.Ng3]

**37.Nc5 Rf5** [And we agreed to a draw. A disappointing result however it was good to have a wake up call in one of the early rounds.]

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## Coach's Corner - e4!

### La Passion

by Robert L. Myers

What makes some of us so passionate about chess? Imagine how many soldiers or gladiators lost their lives for the passion they shared for the kingdom, the crown, or an ideology or principle. For the past two and a half weeks, several Chess Academy students and players have been on our 2016 European Chess Tour. We toured Barcelona Spain, home of the 1992 Olympics where stars like Carl Lewis emerged winning 4 gold medals in his passion, track and field. This is the place where the American Olympic Basketball "Dream Team" of Magic Johnson, Michael Jordan and Larry Bird, (arguably the best basketball team ever assembled) brought international fame and national pride to American basketball, the dominate force in the Olympics for decades, their passion. We saw the Olympic Cauldron in the Olympic Stadium that was lit by Paralympic archer Antonio Rebollo during the Opening Ceremony. On our chess tour we visited the Basilica de Sagrada Familia, designed by Antonio Guadi, the world famous architect nearly declared a saint because of his passion for God, architecture and dedication to the church. We saw a passionate flamenco dance in Barcelona, cooked with and learned from renown Barcelona chef, Julius of Clandestine Gallery. This guy is so passionate about food and cooking until he invited us into his home and taught us how to make shrimp and chicken paella, pasta with homemade pesto, and the best "pica, pica" I've ever tasted. I played a game of chess against Minnie Mouse (Mickey Mouse was otherwise occupied) at Euro-Disney, Paris, we crossed a draw bridge of a castle in Carcassonne, France, stood in the footsteps of Gladiators in the Coliseum, in Rome, took pictures of the Tower of Pisa in Italy and learned of the passion Leonardo da Vinci, viewed the Mona Lisa, and saw

Michelangelo's passionate legacy in the Sistine Chapel that he spent 4 years on his back all by himself painting after firing all of the other artist that the Pope hired to help him. According to Michelangelo, "They didn't share my passion." Dare I mention Academia Gallery in Florence: Michelangelo's David? This is an astonishing; remarkable Renaissance sculpture that was created somewhere around 1501 A.D. This masterpiece stands 14.0 ft. tall and is chiseled of marble depicting the Biblical hero David. Originally commissioned by the Opera del Duomo for the Cathedral of Florence. Michelangelo was only 26 at the time and spent two years creating the brilliant famous piece of art history! Wow!!! Talk about passion. We met some amazingly passionate people in the Vatican and on the French Riviera, Monte Carlo and Monaco. Our tour guide, Tomasso Pogany, who speaks at least four languages, is just as passionate about sharing about these wonderful places as we all are about our passion, chess.





It is fortuitous how things happen in a game of chess and in life. In a time when a gunman kills three law enforcement officers and wounds three others in Baton Rouge, Louisiana and another kills 11 and wounds more officers in Dallas, an attacker kills 85 people driving a truck into pedestrians on a promenade in Nice, France all in the name of a misguided passion of an ideology, it was at this time I was fortuitous enough to meet Brigham Bechtel of the United States, State Department in a four hour lay over on my way Europe. Brigham's an intelligent guy, sharp, witty, with a really young and vibrant spirit. He's a slightly bald, Caucasian male, with medium build and an infectious smile. We hit it off immediately on the heels of terrible race relations between law enforcement and Black males in America. Brigham is a wonderful guy out of D. C. and his incredible wife is an elementary school teacher. We started chatting in this pub in the Minnesota airport, a small quaint place that puts you in the mind of the television show Cheers. As we spoke, like a pregnant woman consistently talking of her child, the subject of our baby, our passion comes up, chess. More on that in a moment.

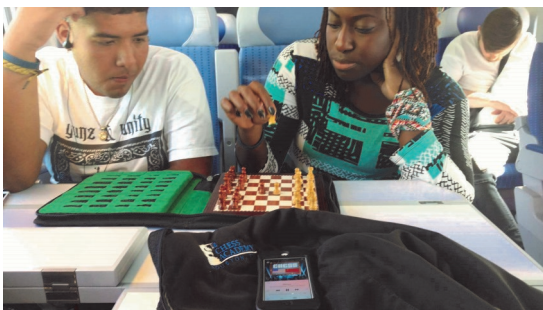
The Avenue des Champs-Élysées is arguably the most famous avenue in the world with famous shops between the Place de la Concorde and the Place Charles de Gaulle, where the Arc de Triumphant is located. It is almost sunset here, my driver slows down enough in the traffic circle for

me to get a good a few good shots of the Arc from the north and south sides as the "KNIGHT" falls on the city. As I look towards the south down this beautifully lit avenue, I've noticed while here in Europe that passion is in the very fabric of the Vatican, The Sistine Chapel, "Muse du Louver" The Louvre, and that same passion is in Michelangelo, The Mona Lisa, a half-length portrait of a woman by the Italian artist Leonardo da Vinci, which has been acclaimed as "the best known, the most visited, the most written about, the most sung about, the most parodied work of art in the world" and that very passion is in all serious chess players I know. I reflect back on the story in Minneapolis told to me by Brigham in the Cheers like pub. He tells me of his father, Bart Bechtel, he loved games, board games in particular and chess most of all. He played chess throughout his life at various times, taught all of his children to play, and spent hours of informal study. He was good, naturally. He never actually received any formal instruction or coaching. He was also a good teacher—though some times impatient—but only because he was demanding of excellence from his children and himself. He bought his son Brigham his first chess set—Napoleon and Josephine versus the Duke of Wellington. It was a heavy plastic and gold and silver set. They played with that set often in the evening. His father and brothers and would play chess by "snail mail" back before the Internet existed. Bart taught his son Brigham Algebraic notation as he always used the elegant KP-KP4 growing up. Bart gave Brigham his first book on chess, "50 Games Under 50 Moves" maybe, the second, a catalog of





Bobby Fischer's games. In an exhibition game against the world Champion in Baltimore in the early 60s— at the time this would have been GM Tigran Petrosian. Reportedly Mr. Petrosian played 50 games simultaneously and Bart was the last player to be eliminated and played the longest game of 49 moves. There has to be a documentary of this exhibition or even the story somewhere in cyberspace. If you run across it please let me know. Back when computers began playing chess, Bart was both fascinated and a bit upset at the idea of a machine beating a human. It must have been an infuriating time for him as this was the era of Man vs. Machine. Deep Blue is known for being the first computer chess-playing system to win a chess match against a reigning world champion under regular time controls. IBM programmed a super computer to play chess against at the time the world's greatest chess player, Grand Master Garry Kasparov. When Kasparov agreed to play against Deep Blue, the IBM supercomputer designed to beat him, he was so confident that, according to TIME Magazine, he scoffed at an offer to split the \$500,000 purse 60 - 40 between winner and loser. He preferred all or nothing.



Deep Blue won its first game against the world champion in game one of a six-game match. However; Kasparov won three and drew two of the following five games, defeating Deep Blue by a score of 4–2. Deep Blue was then heavily upgraded, and played Kasparov again in May 1997. Deep Blue's calculation speed was so advanced that, unlike other computers Kasparov had battled before, this one could see the material advantage of losing a pawn

even if the advantage came many moves later. Deep Blue won game six, therefore winning the six-game rematch 3½–2½ and becoming the first computer system to defeat a reigning world champion in a match under standard chess tournament time controls. Kasparov accused IBM of cheating and demanded a rematch. IBM refused and retired Deep Blue.

For Bart to defeat his computer chess program became a mission and a joy for him. He played in the evenings after watching the local news and was often up late playing hard. He would record his games in a notebook. He started at the most basic level and any time he could defeat the computer 5 games at a level, he would allow himself to move up to the next level. He was so impressed that the computer could beat him that he began in retirement to study computer programming. Brigham's dad, Bart Bechtel passed away one evening while sitting at his computer playing against his chess program. His heart failed him and he simply collapsed at the computer in the middle of a game. That is passion that speaks for itself.



# Fireworks in the Final Round of the 2016 North American Junior U20 Open

By William J. Broich, NTD. IA

Upsets on boards on one and two in the final round of the 2016 North American Junior U20 Open produced a four-way tie for first. The 2016 North American Junior U20 Open Chess Championship was held at the Airport Double Tree Inn in Irving, Texas, USA. The event began September 1 and concluded September 5.

The field consisted of four IMs, three FMs, one WIM, seven NMs, and one CM with the remainder of the field untitled. Texas native IM Ruifeng Li topped the field with impressive FIDE rating of 2555. The remaining IMs were Akshat Chandra (2483), Awonder Liang (2477) and Michael Bodek (2403). Nicolas Checa (2421) was the highest rated FM and he is an IM-elect.

Notably missing from this field was GM Jeffery Xiong (2647). Xiong recently won the World Junior Championship so there was no reason for him to play! While Xiong is the top rated chess player in the world born in 2000 or before, Li is the highest rated player in the world born in 2001 or before based on the list of the top 100 juniors posted on the current FIDE website. Li won the prestigious National Open held annually in Las Vegas, USA. IM Liang is the top rated player in the world born in 2003 or before. These young competitors represent a new generation of talented players from the United States.

There were numerous upsets throughout the tournament. Going in to the ninth and final round five players had five points, one player had five and a half points and top seeded Li had six points. In the final round Li had black against Sheng on board one and Liang had black against Patel on board two.

The first place winner receives the Gold medal, a GM norm and the IM title in this event. Equal first after the tiebreak earned the IM title. Li, an IM, could earn a GM norm with a first place finish. Liang, also an IM, had an opportunity to earn a GM norm if he won and Li lost.

Both players, Li and Liang, kept a close eye on game next to them. If Liang drew, Li could secure first place with a draw. If Liang won, Li would also have to win to claim first place.

Did IM Liang push for a win forcing IM Li to also play for a win to get a GM norm?



IM Ruifeng Li (2555) of the USA is the highest rated chess player in the world born in or after 2001. (Photo: Oren Eliezer)



IM Awonder Liang of the USA is the top rated player in the world born in or after 2003. (Photo: Oren Eliezer)

Sheng defeated Li and Patel defeated Liang. As a result of these upsets four players tied for first place. The first tie-break was head to head competition. After some discussion it was determined this tie-break didn't "break the tie." Since all players in the four-way tie had not played each other, this tie-break became moot. The second tie-break was the modified Buchholz. On the second tie-break Li won first, Sheng finished second, Chandra won third, and Petal finished fourth. Li received the Gold medal and a GM norm. Sheng won an IM title and the Silver medal. Chandra received the Bronze medal.

## Final Standings

Rk.	SNo	Rank	Name	FED	Rtg	Pts.	TB1	TB2	TB3
1	1	IM	Li Ruifeng	USA	2555	6,0	0,0	38,0	4,0
2	7	FM	Sheng Joshua	USA	2385	6,0	0,0	37,0	4,0
3	2	IM	Chandra Akshat	USA	2483	6,0	0,0	36,0	4,0
4	6	NM	Patel Advait	USA	2391	6,0	0,0	35,0	4,0
5	5	IM	Bodek Michael H	USA	2403	5,5	0,0	38,0	2,0
6	4	FM	Checa Nicolas D	USA	2421	5,5	0,0	37,5	3,0
7	3	IM	Liang Awonder	USA	2477	5,5	0,0	36,5	3,0
8	14		Song Ziyuan (sam)	CAN	2146	5,0	0,0	32,0	4,0
9	11	NM	Pamatmat Jarod M	USA	2189	5,0	0,0	30,0	4,0
10	9	NM	Hong Andrew Z	USA	2230	4,5	0,0	39,5	3,0
11	8	NM	Wang Justin	USA	2277	4,5	0,0	32,0	3,0
	13	CM	Guo Arthur	USA	2177	4,5	0,0	32,0	3,0
13	16	NM	Capocyan Sam L	USA	2098	4,5	0,0	27,0	4,0
14	18	NM	Easton Jack R	USA	2045	4,0	0,0	36,0	3,0
15	15	NM	Vaidya Atulya	USA	2102	4,0	0,0	30,0	3,0
16	10	FM	Song Guannan Terry	CAN	2226	4,0	0,0	29,0	3,0
17	17		Metpally Jason	USA	2058	4,0	0,0	29,0	3,0
18	22		Kung Thomas	USA	1783	3,5	0,0	28,0	2,0
19	12	WIM	Bykovtsev Agata	USA	2181	2,5	1,0	30,5	2,0
20	20		Tsuei Kai	USA	1537	2,5	0,0	27,0	2,0
21	19		Weisberg Mark L	USA	1691	1,0	0,0	22,5	0,0
22	21		Ramapriya Sudharsan	USA	590	0,0	0,0	20,0	0,0

Tie Break1: Direct Encounter (The results of the players in the same point group)

Tie Break2: Buchholz Tie-Breaks (variabel with parameter)

Tie Break3: The greater number of victories (variable)

Source: chess-results

The results of this tournament demonstrate the competition among young chess players in the United States is so fierce that two of the world's top players for their group lost to lesser known up and coming players in the final round who are also from the United States. Congratulations to all who competed in this wonderful event.

## 2016 Barber Tournament - By Emily Nguyen

The Barber Tournament of Champions is the prestigious tournament of K-8 Champions. Since it was my last year in Middle School as an eighth grader, I decided to give it a shot and go to Brownsville to play in the Middle School Championship of the Texas State Scholastics. After winning that tournament, I also had to play Yanke Wang, who won the Elementary School Championship. But finally, all the hard work paid off and I was able to represent Texas in the Barber tournament, along with NM Bovey Liu in the Denker Tournament of High School Champions and WCM Claudia Munoz in the National Girls Tournament of Champions (NGTOC).

This year, Barber was held at a Marriott convention center in Indianapolis, Indiana. The field consisted of eleven Masters, the top seed being Ben Li with a rating of 2376. I was ninth coming into the tournament and surprised at how strong the tournament was. My mom and I arrived for the opening ceremony (which was much more formal than it needed to be honestly) that featured speeches to commemorate Arnold Denker and his life's work. We listened to all the organizers and sponsors speak about each of the three events. Then each participant was called up to the stage with his/her teammates to receive their medals. After taking some group photos outside in the courtyard that also took a long time, we were sent back to our rooms to eat and prepare for the first round.

On the first round, I played Nikhil Datar from Indiana. After a relatively boring opening, I managed to out-play him in the middle game and produce a dangerous attack. He soon crumbled, but sadly he resigned before I could brilliantly sacrifice my rook. I hate it when people do that... The next morning I was paired as black against Arden Markin, an Expert from Alabama. It was a sharp English attack and I forgot the line during the game so I actually slightly blundered around move 15. Luckily, he didn't see it and I was able to out-tactic him later to pull off the victory.

Now that I was tied for first with only a few other

people, I was paired up as white against CM Brandon Jacobson, a strong 2330 player from New Jersey. We played on the top board since Ben Li had lost the round before. Out of the opening, it looked like he had a dangerous attack, with opposite side castling and opposite colored bishops. However after calculating a long variation, I was able to trade queens and hold the drawn ending, which was a very nice result for me.

I then played against Vincent Do, a strong Expert from Illinois the next round. I had a pretty good and comfortable position as black, and then he thought he could use a tactic but it ended up losing a pawn. It took me two more hours before I had to trade my queen for two rooks to go into a shaky endgame; I was under time pressure, with one or two minutes to go with no additional time at move 40. I managed to trap his king with my two rooks and I was happy because he let me play a pretty mate.

The first board had also drawn that round, so now there were five players tied for first at 3.5/4, including me. Since I was the lowest rated, I played the highest 3-pointer, the first seed NM Ben Li of Michigan. I used my prep for him from a different tournament a while ago, and it worked out amazingly. He let me get a crushing position out of the opening after a little slip, and all of my pieces had so much space while his were super cramped up. I then got control of the a-file and the queenside, and he was forced to give his queen for a rook and bishop, which should be winning. Sadly, I couldn't convert the ending because he created a fortress and it sadly ended in a draw.

On the last round, I played FM Trung Nguyen from Virginia who is actually a good friend of mine. He also played right into my preparation and I got a pleasant position. Then I completely messed it up by sacrificing a pawn where I thought at the end would give me a crushing position, but I miscalculated. He consolidated and I was just down a pawn with a pretty bad position, too. Luckily he was in time pressure, and we traded into a rook ending that I somehow held.



After the conclusion of the last round, I went to eat at the diner across the street with my friends Carissa Yip and Jennifer Yu. Carissa played in the Barber with me and she did pretty well too, while Jennifer won her third(!!) consecutive title at the National Girls Tournament of Champions. The mood was noticeably light and there was laughter everywhere because everyone was just glad the long tournament was over.

When the results came out online, I was super surprised and happy that I got second place. Coming into the tournament, I had no intentions of winning or finishing in the top three, but it somehow happened. I

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### **Emily Nguyen (2200) – Brandon Jacobson [D00]**

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1.d4 Nf6 2.Bg5 d5 3.Bxf6 exf6  
4.e3 Be6 5.g3 Nd7 6.Bg2 c6  
7.Ne2 Bd6 8.Nd2 Nb6 9.0-0 h5  
10.e4 Qd7 11.a4 a5 12.Nb3  
dxe4 13.Bxe4 Bxb3 14.cxb3  
h4 15.Qd3 g6 16.d5 cxd5  
17.Bxd5 0-0-0 18.Bg2 hxg3  
19.hxg3 Be5 20.Rac1+ Kb8  
21.Qxd7 Rxd7 22.Rc5 Rd2  
23.Rb5 Bc7 24.Nc3 Rxb2  
25.Nd5 Nxd5 26.Bxd5 b6  
27.Bxf7 g5 28.Re1 g4 29.Re8+  
Rxe8 30.Bxe8 Ka7 31.Bf7 Bd6

32.Rh5 Be5 33.Bd5 Kb8  
34.Rh8+ Kc7 35.Rg8 Kd6  
36.Bc4 Bd4 37.Rxg4 Bxf2+  
38.Kf1 Ke5 39.Rg8 Ke4  
40.Re8+ Kd4 41.Re2 Rxe2  
42.Kxe2 Bxg3 43.Kf3 Be5  
44.Be6 Kc3 45.Bc4 f5 46.Be6  
f4 47.Bc4 b5 48.Bxb5 Kxb3  
49.Ke4 Kb4 50.Kxe5 f3 51.Ke4  
f2 52.Ke3 f1N+ 53.Bxf1 Kxa4  
54.Bc4 Kb4 55.Bg8 a4 ½-½

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### **Emily Nguyen (2200) – Ben Li [D37]**

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1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Nf6

also had no idea my tiebreaks were higher than the four other people (NM Ben Li, NM Andrew Zheng, FM Trung Nguyen, and Vincent Baker) who tied with me, scoring 4.5/6. Brandon Jacobson finished in clear first with a dominating score of 5.5/6. I was also proud to know that I was the only one he didn't crush. My rating went up 16 points to 2257, a new peak!

At the closing ceremony, I received my second place plaque and a check of \$280. My teammates Bovey and Claudia also did really well, too, and together our team finished in second. We were ahead going into the last round by half a point, but all of us faced tough opponents. We ended up losing by half a point but it's okay since our team only averaged 2174, while New Jersey, the winning team, averaged 2232. Bovey performed extremely well in the Denker section, finishing in third place, defeating and drawing higher-rated players to cross 2300. Claudia drew Jennifer on the last round and finished in fifth.

Overall, Barber was everything I dreamed it to be. It was a strong tournament that provided a great learning experience and was also just a fun tournament where I got to meet new people and reunite with old friends. I guess that's what chess is all about. I'm also glad I was able to end my chess summer on such a high note before I die in high school this fall.

4.Nf3 Be7 5.Bf4 0-0 6.e3  
Nbd7 7.c5 Ne4 8.Qc2 f5  
9.Bd3 c6 10.Ne5 Nxe5  
11.Bxe5 b6 12.b4 a5  
13.Na4 b5 14.Nb6 Ra7  
15.Bxe4 fxe4 16.0-0 Bd7  
17.a4 axb4 18.axb5 Rxa1  
19.Rxa1 cxb5 20.Ra8 Qxa8  
21.Nxa8 Rxa8 22.h3 Bc6  
23.Qd1 Bf8 24.Qb3 Ra4  
25.Kf1 Kf7 26.Ke2 Be7  
27.Bg3 Bd8 28.Kd1 Ba5  
29.Kc1 Ra3 30.Qb2 g6  
31.Kb1 Rd3 32.Qe2 b3  
33.Qg4 ½-½

# Upcoming Events

## October 2016

**OCT. 1 North Arlington Chess Club Open #16**

Info: <http://www.uschess.org/tlas/6891.tla>

**OCT. 1 2nd Annual Plano October Spectacular**

Info: <http://www.uschess.org/tlas/7193.tla>

**OCT. 8 National Chess Day Houston Scholastic**

Info: 832-492-7154, <http://chess.jliptrap.us/hca16chav.htm>

**OCT. 8 7TH Scott Watson Memorial Scholarship Chess Classic**

Info: <http://www.uschess.org/tlas/7189.tla>

**OCT. 8 Fall Classic**

Info: <https://austinchestournaments.com/files/FallClassic10082016.pdf>

**OCT. 8 "SPA-EDDIE DINNER 6"**

Info: [https://www.austinchestournaments.com/files/Spa-eddie open 6.pdf](https://www.austinchestournaments.com/files/Spa-eddie%20open%206.pdf)

**OCT. 15 Many Springs 93**

Info: <http://www.uschess.org/tlas/6957.tla>

**OCT. 15 Frisco October K-8 Classic**

Info: <http://www.uschess.org/tlas/7203.tla>

**OCT. 15-16 2016 DCC FIDE Open XIII**

Info: 214-632-9000, [info@dallaschess.com](mailto:info@dallaschess.com)

**OCT. 28-30 OR 29-30 Houston Open**

Info: [www.cajunchess.com](http://www.cajunchess.com), 504-208-9596 or 504-905-2971

**OCT. 29 2016 Halloween K-12 Classic**

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

## November 2016

**NOV. 5 North Arlington Chess Club Open #17**

Info: <http://www.uschess.org/tlas/6999.tla>

**NOV. 5 Scholastic Chess Tournament at Keating Middle School**

Info: <https://www.austinchestournaments.com/events/726>

**NOV. 11-13 20th Annual Texas Grade Championships**

Info: See Advertisement on Page 39

**NOV. 18-23 2016 UT Dallas Fall FIDE Open**

Info: [info@dallaschess.com](mailto:info@dallaschess.com), [www.utdallas.edu/chess](http://www.utdallas.edu/chess)

**NOV. 19 Many Springs 94**

Info: <http://www.uschess.org/tlas/6958.tla>

**NOV. 24-27 OR 25-27 2016 DCC FIDE Open XIV**

Info: 214-632-9000, [info@dallaschess.com](mailto:info@dallaschess.com)

## Weekly Events

**OCT. 6, 13, 20, 27; NOV 3, 10, 17, 24 NTCA Thursday Blitz**

Info: <http://www.uschess.org/tlas/6855.tla>,  
[info@northtexaschessacademy.com](mailto:info@northtexaschessacademy.com)

**OCT. 2, 9, 16, 23, 30; NOV 6, 13, 20, 27 NTCA Sunday Swiss**

Info: <http://www.uschess.org/tlas/7048.tla>,  
[info@northtexaschessacademy.com](mailto:info@northtexaschessacademy.com)

**OCT. 1, 8, 15, 22, 29; NOV 5, 12, 19, 26 Center64: Sat Swiss 75**

Info: <http://www.uschess.org/tlas/4844.tla>,  
<http://www.center64.com/calendar/>



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## 20th Annual Texas Grade Championships

**NOV. 11-13**

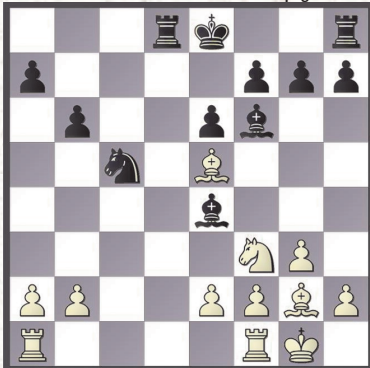
Hilton Houston North, 12400 Greenspoint Dr., Houston, TX 77060. HR: \$95/\$95/\$95/\$95, 281-875-2222. Mention DACH to get rate. Room comes with 2 breakfast coupons. Reserve by Oct 26 or rate may not be honored. Each grade is Open to TX residents or players attending Texas schools. Note that a new rule has been passed where players cannot play in two separate closed scholastic state championship in different states. Players must play in their own grade. Note that small sections may be merged with another section. Also if sections are small you may have to play a teammate or play someone twice. One 1/2 pt bye available, any round, if requested before end of rd. 2 and if player has not received a full point bye. Team pairings may be turn off for later rounds. Trophies to top 10 ind. & top 5 teams (top three players added for team scores, no more than 2 teams per school in each grade.) EF: \$35 if postmarked by 11/4/16, \$59 thereafter or on site. Do not mail after 11/4 as your entry may not be received on time. NOTE that this is the last Texas Grade before the split to a North/Central and South Texas Grade. Grades 6-12: 6SS, G/60 d5. **Schedule: Reg:** Fri 6:30 pm – 7:30 pm. Rd. 1 Fri. 7:45 pm, Sat 10am-1:00pm-4pm, Sun. 10 am and 1:00 pm. Grades K-5: Nov 11 – Nov 13. 6SS, Rds. 1 G/45 d5; Rds. 2-6 G/60 d5. **Schedule: Reg:** Fri 6:30 pm – 7:30 pm. Rd. 1 Fri. 7:45 pm, Sat 10am-1:00pm-4pm, Sun. 10 am and 1:00 pm. All: Entries to: Dallas Chess Club, c/o Barbara Swafford, 2709 Longhorn Trail, Crowley, TX 76036. Entry must include Name, USCF ID (or new/pending), grade & school and school location. Incomplete entries will be charged at site entry fee. No refunds after 11/9. Email: info@dallaschess.com 214-632-9000. Do not call after 11/9 as we are traveling. Online registration and team room information on website at [www.dallaschess.com](http://www.dallaschess.com). Side events: Unrated Blitz open tournament on Saturday at 7:00pm. EF: \$15, Trophy prizes. Bughouse Open Tournament Sat. 8:35 pm. EF: \$20/team. Trophy prizes. Registration for side events online or onsite only. W.



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