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*Texas State Champion, IM Zurabi Javakhadze*

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



## From the Desk of The Editor

Hello Texas,

We are running a bit late with this issue due to the fact that the **Texas State and Amateur Tournament** was held over Memorial Day Week-end and I needed to wait for results.

**Note:** This is the month before the **TCA Elections**. So, here are some important reminders...

1. The next issue (July-August) is the one in which any candidates planning on running for **Texas Chess Association President, Vice President, Secretary or Treasurer** can introduce themselves and indicate why they should be elected/re-elected. As a candidate, you automatically get 1/2 page free in *Texas Knights* to introduce yourself and your vision for the **TCA**. A photo to accompany your intro is welcome. You are also welcome to purchase additional space at standard advertising rates. I need to have your submissions no later than **July 10th**. To both new candidates, and those up for re-election: We need to know if you are a candidate this year and what position you're running for. It's hard to include you on the ballot if we don't know you are running. Even if you choose not submit an introduction for publication, we still need to know you are going to run. Currently, I have no confirmations.
2. And ... this is the last issue that I can remind you that if we don't have a valid email address for you, or you haven't requested a paper ballot by **July 1st**, you will not be able to vote in the upcoming elections. Ballots will be emailed/mailed sometime very close to July 15th. This is before the next issue will be distributed. So, the deadline is less than a month away. Also remember, You must also be an active member on July 1st.

Even though we covered all of the games played by **WGM Sabina-Francesca Foisor** from the U.S. Championships in this issue of *Texas Knights*, there are also additional games, by other players, in the June issue of *Chess Life*. Keep in mind that there was more than one participant that represented Texas in the Women's section (including some that played against her in this issue).

Also, check out the article in the 2nd issue of *American Chess Magazine* about **GM Jeffery Xiong** and his win in the World Junior Championships.

I'm hoping that the next issue will be in your mailbox around the first week of August. Until then have fun and be safe.

— **Jeff French**



## From the Desk of the TCA President

Hello everyone, I just returned from Super Nationals in Nashville. I am tired but very happy to say that Texas was well represented at this event. I saw quite a few players and coaches from our state. So far, we have had Texas Teams, Texas Junior Teams, Texas Open, and several other events hosted at region level. In addition, the Dallas area held the Texas State and Amateur tournaments at the end of this month. But we are not done yet, not by a longshot! Another upcoming tournament needs your help and support. Jim Hollingsworth, is hosting the Texas Armed

Forces and Texas Veterans tournaments. The entry fee is free for those qualifying, however, in lieu of expenses, he is asking anyone wishing to help with a donation to help the event, please contact our treasurer Barbara Swafford at [texaschess.org](http://texaschess.org). Your donation will be greatly appreciated. Second, don't forget to do two things, first, US Chess is having elections for executive board member, Vish is enthusiastically anticipating your vote to help put a Texas representative on that board. You must activate yourself as a voting member in order to receive a ballot and vote. Also, Texas Chess Association is hosting the Southwest Open this year, Luis Salinas will be organizing it. We are hoping to have the numbers to complete a norms tournament requirement. Thank you, see you at the boards.

— Eddie.

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November memberships	\$25.00	Texas Knights Nov-Dec 2016	\$883.09
December memberships	\$10.00	Texas Knights Jan-Feb 2017	\$886.00
January memberships	\$0.00	Texas Knights Mar-April 2017	\$945.36
February Memberships	\$22.50	2016 Denker Representative Bovey Liu	\$300.00
March Memberships	\$130.00	Jeffery Xiong stipend	\$400.00
April Memberships	\$575.00	Affiliate USCF dues (2 years)	\$80.00
May Memberships (so far)	\$70.00	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$4,546.08</b>
2016 SW Open memberships	\$497.00		
2016 Texas Girls State Championship	\$110.00		
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2017 Texas Teams (\$5 membership for each)	\$120.00		
2017 North/Central Texas Scholastic Champ.	\$962.00		
2017 South Texas Scholastic Championships	\$2,852.00		
Region 2 Scholastic Championships	\$154.00		
Region 3 Scholastic Championships	\$186.00		
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Region 6 Scholastic Championships	\$424.00		
Region 7 Scholastic Championships	\$50.00		
Louis Thurston Donation	\$500.00		
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	<b>Total \$7,673.84</b>		
<b>June 10th, 2017</b>			
		<b>WF checking account balance</b>	<b>\$18,001.34</b>
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*In Passing:* **Kenneth Austin**, Plano TX  
**Aurelio Gonzalez**, Tarrant County Chess Club officer over 15 years, he was 59



## **Vote for our own Lakshmana "Vish" Viswanath for USCF Board this June**

I am Lakshmana "Vish" Viswanath. I served the Texas Chess Association (a 501c3) as a Vice President for four years and as President for another four years until August of 2016. I am also an NTD and NA. I love to play chess and ran several scholastic and adult tournaments. Chess grew tremendously in Texas during the past decade, in part due to my leadership and support.

I hold three Masters level degrees in Meteorology, Computer Science, and Counseling Psychology and worked in universities for about 25 years and have been a successful small business owner for the past 10 years. I have served as TD at several Supernationals and am excited to serve at the USCF Board level.

As a child I learned how to play Chess and mostly played for fun. I never got back into chess until my sons were in primary school. Initially when they were playing, I will be wandering the hallways. Slowly but surely, I started volunteering and helped when ever I could. My sons have left school/home and I am still continuing my passion for chess and run several tournaments and promote chess whenever/ wherever I can.

Just this past weekends in March we had two Scholastic championships here in Texas. The North one had 481 players and the South one 1397 players. This is the first year we split the tournament into North and South as we could not keep them together with the growing numbers. Both the tournaments were a great success. I was the Chief TD for both of these events. In the past years I had also run the TCA's major open tournaments South West Open and Texas State and Amateur, among others.

I will be joining the Board with no personal agendas and will do everything to promote chess. I fully understand that this position is voluntary. I will neither have mail outs nor campaign promises. I am semi-retired and have ample time to dedicate to the Board. I hope that you consider my candidacy and vote for me. You can reach me in Facebook under Vish Viswanath. Thank you. Your support is appreciated.

— Vish

## 2017 Texas State and Amateur Championship

For additional info: <http://dallaschess.com/2017%20Texas%20State/index.htm>

The **2017 Texas State and Amateur Championship Tournament** was held in Irving between May 26th and May 29th. The **State Championship** section had 41 participants with **IM Zurabi Javakhadze** winning with a score of 6.0/7. The **Amateur Championship** section had 145 participants with **Jhonel Baniel** and **Stephen A. Hough** sharing the top spot with a score of 6.0/7. Below are some of the results.

### State Results

#	Name	Rtng	Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd 3	Rd 4	Rd 5	Rd 6	Rd 7	Tot
1	IM Zurabi Javakhadze	2547	W26	W24	W9	D2	W3	W13	D4	6.0
2	NM Bovey Liu	2315	W15	W21	W12	D1	W18	D7	D5	5.5
3	NM Justin Wang	2332	W39	D16	W10	W4	L1	D6	W13	5.0
4	NM Benjamin Frenkel	2219	W14	D29	W8	L3	W25	W19	D1	5.0
5	NM Dion Su	2179	D23	D6	W14	D9	D10	W32	D2	4.5
6	Rithik Polavaram	2093	D20	D5	W17	W12	D19	D3	D10	4.5
7	NM Christopher Toolin	2339	W33	L12	W26	D21	W8	D2	D9	4.5
8	CM Hoang Minh Le	2125	H---	W11	L4	W22	L7	W34	W17	4.5
9	NM Jack Easton	2223	W36	W40	L1	D5	D21	W24	D7	4.5
10	FM Gabriel A Berrios	2253	W31	W35	L3	H---	D5	W21	D6	4.5
11	WFM Devina Devagharan	2096	D18	L8	W28	D23	D17	W12	W16	4.5
12	NM Jason Metpally	2194	W25	W7	L2	L6	W37	L11	W26	4.0
13	Duy Minh Nguyen	2115	L22	W41	W32	W24	W20	L1	L3	4.0
14	David Gaston	2107	L4	W30	L5	W38	L24	W37	W21	4.0
15	WCM Rochelle Wu	2082	L2	D36	D27	L32	W38	W33	W24	4.0
16	Hiren Premkumar	2125	W17	D3	L19	L25	W23	W35	L11	3.5
17	NM Atulya Vaidya	2259	L16	W33	L6	W29	D11	W22	L8	3.5
18	NM Mark W Dejmek	2212	D11	W37	W29	D19	L2	D20	U---	3.5
19	WIM Emily Quyn Nguyen	2241	H---	W22	W16	D18	D6	L4	U---	3.5
20	NM Thomas Kung	2201	D6	W23	H---	W34	L13	D18	U---	3.5
21	Adarsh Hullahalli	2140	W41	L2	W38	D7	D9	L10	L14	3.0
22	Ray Yu	2042	W13	L19	D35	L8	W30	L17	D27	3.0
23	NM Robert Sanchez	2069	D5	L20	W36	D11	L16	D27	D29	3.0
24	NM Anish Vivekananthan	2208	W38	L1	W40	L13	W14	L9	L15	3.0

**State Results (continued)**

#	Name	Rtng	Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd 3	Rd 4	Rd 5	Rd 6	Rd 7	Tot
25	Quaitemes Williams	2084	L12	D31	W33	W16	L4	L26	D34	3.0
26	Alain Cierna	2136	L1	W39	L7	W40	L32	W25	L12	3.0
27	Rohith Kaliyur	2118	D28	L34	D15	D30	D31	D23	D22	3.0
28	Utkarsh Kaniyar	2050	D27	L32	L11	W36	D29	D30	D31	3.0
29	Tim C Steiner	2005	B---	D4	L18	L17	D28	D31	D23	3.0
30	Atreya Vaidya	2022	L35	L14	W39	D27	L22	D28	W37	3.0
31	Jakob Infuehr	2121	L10	D25	L37	W39	D27	D29	D28	3.0
32	NM Jesse Jame Lozano	2264	L40	W28	L13	W15	W26	L5	U---	3.0
33	Logan Wu	2106	L7	L17	L25	B---	W40	L15	W38	3.0
34	Kai Tsuei	2016	H---	W27	H---	L20	D35	L8	D25	3.0
35	Zachary Haskin	2137	W30	L10	D22	D37	D34	L16	U---	2.5
36	Alex Moore	2108	L9	D15	L23	L28	L39	W40	B---	2.5
37	Segev Eliezer	2073	H---	L18	W31	D35	L12	L14	L30	2.0
38	William G Fan	2054	L24	B---	L21	L14	L15	W39	L33	2.0
39	Sijing Wu	2088	L3	L26	L30	L31	W36	L38	W40	2.0
40	Khoa Minh Nguyen	2056	W32	L9	L24	L26	L33	L36	L39	1.0
41	David Phillips	2052	L21	L13	U---	U---	U---	U---	U---	0.0

**Amateur Top 37 Results**

#	Name	Rtng	Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd 3	Rd 4	Rd 5	Rd 6	Rd 7	Tot
1	Jhonel* Baniel R/E	1992	W46	D29	D30	W37	W12	W3	W10	6.0
2	Stephen A Hough	1950	W131	W44	W95	D39	D8	W17	W9	6.0
3	Max Huang	1999	W72	W32	W38	W9	D11	L1	W18	5.5
4	Rohit Bandi	1932	W57	W41	W20	D12	D39	D8	W26	5.5
5	Chengyue She	1957	W47	W96	D8	W81	D10	D26	W24	5.5
6	Yanke Wang	1968	W42	L16	W86	W85	W40	W11	D7	5.5
7	Dang Minh Nguyen	1909	W59	D15	H---	W82	W28	W39	D6	5.5
8	Venkata Pullabhotla Jr	1850	W64	W55	D5	W16	D2	D4	D13	5.0
9	Peter Mikhail	1903	W77	W35	W34	L3	W21	W15	L2	5.0



### Amateur Top 37 Results (continued)

#	Name	Rtng	Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd 3	Rd 4	Rd 5	Rd 6	Rd 7	Tot
10	Rohit Gundam	1931	W14	W66	D40	W23	D5	W25	L1	5.0
11	Baron T Niu	1991	W63	W115	W19	W24	D3	L6	D12	5.0
12	Daniel Archer	1807	W74	W125	W31	D4	L1	W30	D11	5.0
13	Songjie Liu	1884	W36	W62	D16	D21	D30	W35	D8	5.0
14	Gary Carter Jr	1574	L10	W89	W32	W20	D24	W34	D27	5.0
15	Jay Juster	1715	W109	D7	D103	W43	W22	L9	W40	5.0
16	Harshid Kunka	1783	W123	W6	D13	L8	W59	W65	D19	5.0
17	Mansoor Mohammed	1813	W101	W49	D45	D40	W27	L2	W42	5.0
18	Grayson Rorrer	1478	L24	W109	W41	W44	W33	W38	L3	5.0
19	Phillip Fiorini	1850	W97	W25	L11	D42	W47	W62	D16	5.0
20	S A Maruthi Eranki	1823	W88	W75	L4	L14	W87	W48	W53	5.0
21	Alan Rodenstein	1800	D104	W126	W67	D13	L9	W49	W38	5.0
22	Michael E Donovan	1878	W58	W61	L81	W50	L15	W82	W41	5.0
23	Albert Z Ma	1807	W91	W53	H---	L10	W63	D42	W51	5.0
24	John Capocyan	1844	W18	W71	W43	L11	D14	W56	L5	4.5
25	Kevin B Mesa	1631	W137	L19	W52	W29	W95	L10	D33	4.5
26	Sreenevash Ramesh	1803	L52	W100	W57	W102	W45	D5	L4	4.5
27	Navid A Hakim	1935	W68	W69	L39	W48	L17	W81	D14	4.5
28	Yash Kumar	1806	D83	W65	W56	D45	L7	W54	D31	4.5
29	Vamshi Pothireddy	1804	W89	D1	D50	L25	W70	D46	W63	4.5
30	Santhosh Muralidharan	1721	H---	W134	D1	W73	D13	L12	W77	4.5
31	Fred Pennington Jr	1911	W110	W82	L12	D61	D55	W50	D28	4.5
32	Lionel Richard	1797	W116	L3	L14	W132	W102	D72	W71	4.5
33	S M S Chaitanya Eranki	1839	D67	W104	D85	W80	L18	W69	D25	4.5
34	Nitin Chikkodi	1804	W117	W52	L9	W87	H---	L14	W61	4.5
35	Jia-Syuan Eric Jang	1672	W129	L9	H---	W110	W83	L13	W64	4.5
36	Doyle W Lobaugh	1500	L13	W114	H---	D86	D85	W66	W62	4.5
37	Dean Cullen	1770	W79	H---	W83	L1	D51	H---	W72	4.5

**Texas State & Amateur Photos**  
Provided by Barb Swafford & Franc Guadelupe



*Luis Salinas presenting check to NM Bovey Liu*



*U1400 tied 1st and 2nd Louis Reed (Texas), William Perry (hat)*



*Lakshmana Viswanath (Vish) presenting Amateur cup and check to Jhonel Baniel co-champion Amateur*



*Board 1, Championship, last round*



*Board 1, Amateur Section, last round*

## Texas Finishes Second in Red River Shootout Classic

Texas Falls Short, 15-13, in Annual Team Match

By Jim Hollingsworth, RRSO Chief TD

(Davis, OK. 29 April 2017). Texas lost to Oklahoma, 15-13, in the 15<sup>th</sup> Red River Shootout (RRSO XV), the annual team match between the most fanatical chess players in both states. This was the Texans' third loss in a row.

### RRSO XV

April 29, 2017

Davis, Oklahoma, USA

Jim Hollingsworth, Chief TD

Texas						Oklahoma					
13.0	Pre	Post	Last	First	Bd	Last	First	Pre	Post	15.0	
2.0	1986	2017	BOCHENKOVA	AZZAMA	1	VEAL	JOE DEAN	2071	2048	0.0	
1.5	1911	1928	PENNINGTON	FRED	2	NICHOLS	TOM	1959	1943	0.5	
0.0	1890	1866	HORVATH	ANDRAS	3	ZACHARE	LOGAN	1926	1949	2.0	
0.0	1888	1862	GONZALEZ	AURELIO	4	HATCHER	WAYNE	1905	1930	2.0	
1.0	1850	1853	FIORINI	PHILLIP	5	BERRY	JIM	1891	1888	1.0	
0.0	1819	1800	ADAMS	FRANK	6	LATINO	CARL	1839	1866	2.0	
0.5	1791	1777	DOWLEN	KENDALL	7	TUBBS	MIKE	1800	1814	1.5	
1.0	1788	1776	GRABER	ZACHARY	8	CRAM	ROY	1641	1655	1.0	
1.5	1788	1784	CHAIREZ	CARMEN	9	WELLS	BRUCE	1534	1539	0.5	
1.0	1700	1700	DUNN	DANNY	10	WINSLOW	DONALD	1536	1553	1.0	
1.0	1649	1635	RODGERS	AUBREY	11	ELLIS	JARED	1500	1516	1.0	
1.0	1634	1622	HEISE	RUSS	12	WELLS	RUBIN	1500	1514	1.0	
0.5	1607	1607	SCHWETKE	DOUG	13	STONEHOCKER	SHANE	1365	1413	1.5	
2.0	1523	1533	CRANE	TOM	14	STEGALL	PHIL	1183	1170	0.0	

The home team, Oklahoma, quickly charged ahead by 4 points. However, Texas, playing with the white pieces, roared back to tie at 6 to 6. Then Oklahoma scored for a 7 to 6 lead. Returning Texan Carmen Chairez and Oklahoma legend Bruce Wells, in what has to be the longest game in RRSO history, battled to a draw. That gave the Okies a 7-1/2 to 6-1/2 halftime lead.

Early in the second half, Texas surged past Oklahoma for a, 9-1/2 to 7-1/2, two point lead. Things were looking good for the Texans and the hotel staff started chilling champagne in the Texas locker room. But, the Okies battled back to tie at 10-1/2 to 10-1/2. From there it was a see-saw battle until everything was knotted at **13-All**. Under match rules, Oklahoma only needed 14 points to tie, retain the title, and win the new Frank Kim Berry RRSO Trophy. Finally, that epic 14th point for Oklahoma came, thanks to a powerful endgame finish, on Board 6.

Tarrant County Chess Club (TCCC) President Tom Crane walked over and congratulated Oklahoma Chess Foundation (OCF) President Jim Berry and Oklahoma Chess Team Captain Joe Dean Veal. Then, all quickly gathered around Board 4 and watched the final contest. About five minutes later, Texas legend Aurelio Gonzales lost a heart breaking nail biter for Oklahoma's final point.



## 2017 Texas Chess Team

Photo by Alex Horvath



All participants gave a moment of silence to remember the late Frank Kim Berry, who directed and played in thirteen of the fifteen RRSO's. In honor of his memory, the new Frank Kim Berry RRSO Trophy was also unveiled. The trophy's cost was fully covered by generous contributions from several players. Their names will be recorded on the RRSO website (<http://rrsochess.net>).

Two Texas standouts, RRSO rookie Azzama Bochenkova and Tom Crane, "aced" their Okie opponents with 2-0 sweeps. Ms. Bochenkova also climbed above the 2000 threshold for the second time in her career.

### The FIDE Connection

After the match, chess analyst Victor Yaward said he felt Texas should have won and theorized why that didn't happen. ***"Texas went into this match with an 84-point average ratings advantage. This was especially huge on the bottom seven boards (204 average ratings point surplus). Texas won those boards by a combined 8 to 6 score."***



**Azzama Bochenkova  
Texas Board One**

Photo by Alex Horvath

***“The top half, however,”*** Victor Yaward went on to explain, ***“... featured an Oklahoma team with extensive international experience. Five of the top seven Okies have FIDE ratings. Three of them scored 2-0 sweeps (Boards 3, 4 and 6). The Okies overwhelmed the Texans, on the top seven boards, by a combined 9 to 5 score. This made all the difference in the world for RRSO XV. I think this all reflects well on the Oklahoma Chess Foundation because of the large number of FIDE tournaments they sponsor.”***

Jim Hollingsworth directed this historic event. He was capably assisted by Texans Tom Crane and Chris Wood. He was also assisted by two Oklahoma experts: Jim Berry and Joe Dean Veal. Adam Hart was Sergeant at Arms. The official photographers were Danny Dunn and Alex Horvath. Another Oklahoma expert, Mike Tubbs, was the official RRSO Scribe.

As all serious chess players know, the REAL Red River Shootout is a series of annual team matches between the most fanatical chess players in Oklahoma and Texas. Texas may have faltered this year, but still leads the series 9 to 6, despite playing on the road year after year. Next year's match is already scheduled for April 21, 2018, in Davis, Oklahoma. Recruiting season starts next January. More information will be available on the OCF website, the Tarrant County Chess Club's website, the Arlington Chess Club's website, the Texas Chess Association's website, and in outstanding chess publications such as the *Oklahoma Chess Monthly* and *Texas Knights*.

**Fiorini, Phillip (1850) – Berry, Jim (1891)**

RRSO XV Davis, Oklahoma (1.5), 29.04.2017

[C89: Closed Ruy Lopez: Marshall Attack]

**1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 Be7 6.Re1 b5 7.Bb3 0-0 8.c3 d5 9.exd5 Nxd5 10.Nxe5 Nxe5 11.Rxe5 c6 12.Bxd5 cxd5 13.d4 Bd6 14.Re1 Qh4 15.g3 Qh3 16.Qf3 Be6** [last book move]

**17.Bf4** [White threatens to win material: Bf4xd6]

**17...Rad8** [17...Bg4 18.Qg2 Bxf4 19.Qxh3 Bxh3 20.gxf4±]

**18.Nd2** [18.Bxd6!? Rxd6 19.Nd2±]

**18...Bg4±** [Black threatens to win material: Bg4xf3]

**19.Qg2 Qh5** [△19...Bxf4!? should be investigated more closely 20.gxf4 Rd6 21.Qxh3 Bxh3±]

**20.Bxd6± Rxd6 21.Re5 Qh6 22.f3 Bh3 23.Qe2 Qg6 24.Re1 Be6** [24...Re6 25.Rxe6 fxe6 26.Nb3±]

**25.Nb3+- h5** [25...Qf6 26.Nc5+-]

**26.Nc5 Re8** [26...Bf5 27.Qe3+-]

**27.Qe3** [△27.f4!? might be the shorter path 27...Rb8 28.Rxh5 Rf8+-]

**27...h4 28.Kg2** [28.f4 Rb8+-]

**28...Qc2+** [28...a5 29.f4 Rb8 30.Rg5 h3+ 31.Kf2+-]

**29.Qe2 Qg6 30.a3 Qh6 31.Qe3 Qg6** [31...Qxe3 32.R5xe3 hxg3 33.hxg3+-]

**32.g4** [△32.f4 and White can al-

ready relax 32...h3+ 33.Kg1+-]

**32...f5??** [Black falls apart]

[32...a5+-]

**33.Rxf5** [△33.Nxe6 makes sure everything is clear 33...h3+ 34.Kxh3 fxg4+ 35.fxg4+-]

**33...Bd7 34.Re5 Rf8 35.Nxd7 Rxd7 36.Re8 h3+** [36...Rxe8 is not the saving move 37.Qxe8+ Qxe8 38.Rxe8+ Kf7 39.Rh8+-]

**37.Kxh3 Rd8** [37...Rxe8 doesn't get the cat off the tree 38.Qxe8+ Qxe8 39.Rxe8+ Kf7 40.Re5+-]

**38.Rxd8 Rxd8 39.Qe6+** [39.Qe6+ Qxe6 40.Rxe6+-]

**1-0**



**Nichols, Tom (1959) –  
Pennington, Fred (1911)**  
RRSO XV Davis, Oklahoma (2.2), 29.04.2017

[A45: Trompowsky Attack]

**1.d4 Nf6 2.e3 d6** [last book move]

**3.Bd3 c6** [Secures b5]

**4.Nd2 e5 5.Ne2 g6** [Prevents intrusion on f5]

**6.0-0 Bg7** [Black is behind in development.]

**7.c3 0-0 8.f4 Qe7 9.fxe5 dxe5  
10.e4** [10.Nc4 Nbd7=]

**10...Nbd7** [10...exd4 11.cxd4 c5≠]

**11.Ng3** [11.Qb3 Rd8=]

**11...Nb6** [11...exd4!? 12.cxd4 c5≠]

**12.Qc2= Be6 13.Nf3** [White threatens to win material: Nf3xe5]

**13...Nfd7 14.Be3 Rad8 15.Rae1 Bc4** [15...Bxa2? doesn't lead to anything significant 16.b3 Qa3 17.Ra1 Bxb3 18.Qb1+- (18.Rxa3?! Bxc2 19.Bxc2 Nc4±) ]

**16.b3** [Covers a4]

**16...Bxd3 17.Qxd3 exd4** [Black forks: c3+e3]

**18.cxd4** [White has new hanging pawns: d4+e4]

**18...Ne5** [Black threatens to win material: Ne5xd3]

**19.Qc3 Nxf3+ 20.Rxf3 Qh4 21.Bf2 Qe7 22.Rd3 c5 23.Qd2** [23.Red1!? should not be overlooked 23...Nd7 24.Qa5 cxd4 25.Bxd4=]

**23...cxd4≠ 24.Bxd4** [24.Rd1!?≠]

**24...Rxd4 25.Rxd4 Qc5 26.Rd1 Rd8** [26...Qxd4+?! 27.Qxd4 Bxd4+ 28.Rxd4=]

**27.Ne2 Bxd4+ 28.Nxd4 Nd7 29.Rc1 Qb6 30.Qe3 Nf6 31.Rc4??** [leading to a quick end]

[⊖31.Nc2 Qxe3+ 32.Nxe3 Nxe4 33.h3≠]

**31...Ng4+ 32.Qc3 Qd6** [⊖32...Qf6 and the rest is a matter of technique 33.Qf3 Qh4 34.Qg3 Qxg3 35.hxg3-+]

**33.g3 Ne5??** [weakening the position]

[⊖33...Qd7-+ secures the point]

**34.Rc8≠ Rxc8 35.Qxc8+** [White forks: b7]

**35...Kg7 36.Nc2??** [⊖36.Qc3≠ is just about the only chance]

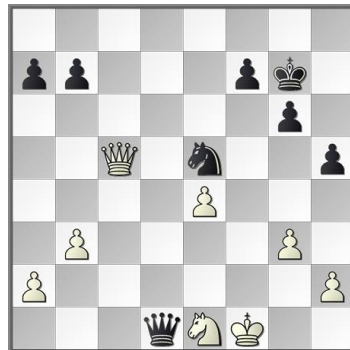
**36...Qd1+-+ 37.Kg2 Qd2+** [37...Qe2+ 38.Kh3 Qf1+ 39.Kh4 g5+ 40.Kh5 Qf6 41.Qh8+ Kxh8 42.Ne3 Qg6#]

**38.Kf1** [38.Kg1 doesn't get the bull off the ice 38...Nf3+ 39.Kf1 Nxh2+ 40.Kg1 Nf3+ 41.Kf1 Qd3+ 42.Kf2 Ng5-+]

**38...h5** [38...Nd3 39.Qc3+ Qxc3 40.Ke2 Qxc2+ 41.Ke3 Ne5 42.Kd4 f6 43.Ke3 Qd3+ 44.Kf2 Qd2+ 45.Kg1 Qe2 46.h3 Nf3+ 47.Kh1 Qf1#]

**39.Qc5+ Qd1+** [⊖39...Nd3 and Black has prevailed 40.Qd4+ f6-+]

**40.Ne1??** [White has lost his nerve... understandable when you consider his position]



[40.Kg2 Qe2+ 41.Qf2 Qxe4+ 42.Kg1 Nf3+ 43.Kf1-+]

**40...Qxe1+!!** [a powerful sacrifice which decides the game]

[40...Qxe1+ 41.Kxe1 Nd3+ 42.Kd2 Nxc5-+]

**0-1**

[**Editor's Note:** Annotations provided here were performed by Fritz 15. The remaining, mostly unannotated, games are included in the *games.pgn* file, available for download with the digital version of *Texas Knights*]

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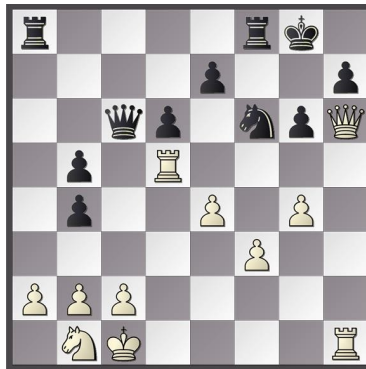
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# Tactics Time!

These positions came from games played in Texas or elsewhere by (at least one) Texas Player. **Answers can be found on page 18.**



**1. Priya Trakru – Robert Montoya**  
*South Texas Scholastic 2017*  
 White to Move



**2. Arturo Melgoza – Ritik Verma**  
*South Texas Scholastic 2017*  
 White to Move



**3. Genta Kaieda – Sebastia Guajardo**  
*South Texas Scholastic 2017*  
 White to Move



**4. Juan Garza – Jesus Guillen**  
*South Texas Scholastic 2017*  
 White to Move



**5. Michael Thomson – Jimmy Burrows**  
*South Texas Scholastic 2017*  
 Black to Move



**6. Jesus Guillen – Luis Salinas**  
*South Texas Scholastic 2017*  
 Black to Move



**7. Jonathan Huerta – Aaron Saldana**  
*South Texas Scholastic 2017*  
 Black to Move



**8. Ritik Verma – Nicholas Galindo**  
*South Texas Scholastic 2017*  
 White to Move


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<b>Overall</b>			<b>Age 16 (continued)</b>			<b>Age 11 (continued)</b>		
4	Onischuk, Alexander	2771	49	Premkumar, Hiren	2125	14	Trakru, Rohun	2034
10	Xiong, Jeffery	2733	72	Nguyen, Khoa Minh	2056	22	Gundam, Rohit	1931
15	Sadorra, Julio C	2700	85	Trakru, Priya Nikita	2026	31	Kumarappan, Ganesh	1883
18	Bachmann, Axel	2674				34	Pullabhotla, Venkata Naga, Jr	1850
21	Li, Ruifeng	2668				43	Tang, Andrew	1814
28	Ramirez, Alejandro	2638				48	Casas, Michael	1780
33	Steingrimsson, Hedinn	2621	<b>1</b>	<b>Li, Ruifeng</b>	<b>2668</b>	49	Yellamraju, Aparna	1711
37	Maciejaja, Bartlomiej	2614	1	Xie, Tianming	2208	68	Yellamraju, Ambica	1688
45	Hernandez, Holden	2597	21	Kirumaki, Ronit	2192	78	Shet, Neil	1684
46	Gorovets, Andrey	2596	33	Hullahalli, Adarsh	2140	82	Deviprasath, Sharvesh	1681
52	Yang, Darwin	2584	44	Devagharan, Devina	2096	84	Mahajan, Jai	1653
54	Arribas Lopez, Angel	2581	45	Srivatsav, Aadarsh	2094	93	Hwang, William	1643
56	Berczes, David	2576	49	Eliezer, Segev	2073			
58	Hevia Alejandro, Carlos Antonio	2567	61	Yu, Ray	2042			
75	Drozowski, Kacper	2552	67	Palang, Warren Jesse	2013			
75	Prasanna Raghuram, Rao	2552	72	Dammann, Jorn Fabian	2003	8	Polavaram, Rithik Sai	2093
78	Vazquez, Guillermo	2548	73	Kao, Camille Y	2000	61	Welsh, Vinh	1730
79	Javakhadze, Zurab	2547	80	Zheng, Vincent	1995	73	Rodriguez, Alexander P	1663
			83	Krishnan, Aadarsh	1978	80	Ahmed, Kabir	1650
			85	Sonawane, Atharv	1972	96	Chennuru, Anshu	1584
			99	Mohammadi, Sina	1936			
<b>Age 65 and Over</b>			<b>Age 14</b>			<b>Age 9</b>		
32	Hulse, Brian	2208				16	Capocyan, John Patrick	1844
40	Simms, Gary	2200	18	Nguyen, Emily Quynh	2241	36	Pathak, Rudransh	1665
89	Chase, Stephen M	2063	40	Huo, Rannon	2109	53	Zhang, Andrew Huangtiansai	1610
<b>Age 50 and Over</b>			51	Fan, William G	2054	54	Laddha, Shubh Jayesh	1609
No Listings			59	Buergler, Jacob	2018	56	Yu, Kevin	1607
			64	Huang, Max	1999	93	Podder, Ronit	1467
			68	Tsuei, Kai	1980	95	Laddha, Yash Jayesh	1466
<b>Under Age 21</b>			72	Ganesh, Anirudh	1965			
<b>1</b>	<b>Xiong, Jeffery</b>	<b>2733</b>	72	Liu, Kevin	1965			
3	Li, Ruifeng	2668	72	Frutos, Chase	1938	8	Raghuraja, Sri Avishkar	1779
6	Yang, Darwin	2584	84	Bandi, Rohit Choudary	1932	42	Miramontes, Luis	1490
10	Drozowski, Kacper	2552	86	Le, Collin Khoi	1931	43	Khan, Hayyan	1463
12	Vazquez, Guillermo	2548	87	Wang, Jason	1930	46	Jin, Tony	1444
27	Ruiz C, Joshua D	2467	89	Gupta, Som	1911	52	Ma, Dylan	1397
59	Lin, Dache	2367	95	Nguyen, Dang Minh	1909	55	Jha, Krish	1374
75	Chiang, Jonathan	2334				58	Nguyen, Sebastian Thien	1365
76	Wang, Justin	2332				62	Parekh, Arnab C	1349
77	He, Tommy	2331				67	Sun, Alexander	1319
94	Pamatmat, Jarod John M	2310	9	Gu, Brian Fanyuan	2215	70	Mcnutt, Kaitlynn Lee	1306
<b>Age 18</b>			11	Kung, Thomas	2201	73	Shetty, Daksh	1303
27	Malhotra, Akshay	2250	28	Hawthorn, Charles	2080	74	Blanco, Juan P, Jr	1299
31	Han, Curran	2240	38	Ganthapodi, Maanav S	2031	82	John, Nicholas Anthony	1284
34	Wlezien, Alexander	2212	43	Yan, Austin K	2012	87	Shafer, Logan Clark	1270
41	Brannon, Joshua Scott	2158	48	Niu, Baron T	1991	93	Zhu, Harrison Lee	1248
48	Xiang, Evan	2120	50	Prabu, Advait	1986	94	Gao, Tianwen	1245
58	Jacob, Andrew	2065	72	Balderas, Adolfo Augusto, Jr	1888			
63	Kaniyar, Utkarsh	2050	76	Mao, Andrew Sun-Rong	1884			
85	Shan, Devan	1976	85	Deleon, Carlos	1864			
97	Annigeri, Sanjay	1949	99	Chennuru, Abhiram	1836			
97	Palang, Caissa	1949						
<b>Age 17</b>			<b>Age 12</b>			<b>Age 7 and Under</b>		
9	Lin, Dache	2367	9	Vivekananthan, Anish	2208	4	Kunka, Harshid	1783
13	Chiang, Jonathan	2334	10	Metpally, Jason	2194	9	Li, Rachael	1612
14	He, Tommy	2331	11	Hung, Daniel	2191	20	Ham, Nikolas Rex	1399
25	Vaidya, Atulya	2259	23	Peng, Peter	2100	31	Wang, Kellen	1300
37	Capocyan, Sam Lander Cabrera	2220	38	Hawthorn, Henry	2028	56	Membrilla, Gael	1147
39	Obili, Abhishek	2214	39	Vaidya, Atreya	2022	58	Xu, Bryan	1136
40	Lu, Andrew H	2211	42	Zhu, Harvey	2003	62	Ravichandar, Sanjeev	1128
54	Nguyen, Duy Minh	2115	49	Wang, Yanke	1968	80	Mei, Ethan R	1095
86	Hsieh, David	2012	53	Rajaram, Rudransh	1954	81	Zhang, Sunny	1092
87	Nandula, Ram Aditya	2005	59	Frutos, Cole	1928	83	Hiwale, Ronak	1079
93	Moore, Alex Michael	1983	64	Mcnutt, William Howard	1914	83	Nair, Ajitesh	1079
100	Nguyen, Brittany Mong-Tran	1967	78	Romo, Benjamin	1878			
			84	Nguyen, Anh Nhu	1862			
			85	Yeung, Wesley	1860			
			90	Ayinala, Shree	1834			
<b>Age 16</b>			<b>Age 11</b>					
<b>1</b>	<b>Xiong, Jeffery</b>	<b>2733</b>						
26	Frenkel, Benjamin	2219	<b>1</b>	<b>Wang, Justin</b>	<b>2332</b>			
39	Nguyen, Anthony Quan	2166	5	Oberoi, Shelev	2092			





## Tactics Time! Answers

### Answers:

1. **9. d5 Ba4 10.b3** and the bishop is trapped.
  2. **22. g5+** attacks the Knight defending h7 and the threat of Qxh7#
  3. **9. Bxd5** and if Black recaptures **9...cxd5 10.Qxd5** forking the Bishop and Rook. White wins a piece.
  4. **9. Rb1** attacks and pins the Bishop on b2, winning a piece.
  5. **15....Ng6** attacks the Queen, and protects the Rook on h8. White cannot move the Queen and prevent ...hxg5 winning a piece.
  6. **18....Qc5+** forks the King and Knight.
  7. **18....Nxf3+ 19.gxf3 Qxc3+** saves the pinned knight and picks up a pawn.
  8. **32. Ne4+** forks the King and Bishop
- Cover. 16....Nc5** forks the Queen and Rook. The d-pawn is pinned.

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### Two Championships.

#### Two great events by Texas Chess Association

By Lakshmana "Vish" Viswanath

This is the first year the TCA Scholastic championships were held in the North and then in South this month.

March 3rd weekend we had the North Chess Championship tournament in Arlington, TX. 481 players in 11 sections, at the Arlington convention center and Marriott Ballroom. 12 TD's and numerous volunteers. Gave 295 trophies and Medals to all. Luis Salinas was the organizer.

March 10th weekend we had the South Chess Championships, in UTRGV, Edinburg, TX. 1397 players in 9 section in an University setting. 28 TD's and numerous volunteers. Gave 315 trophies and medals to all. Bartak Maciega was the organizer.

I was the Chief TD for both tournaments. Overall we had an increase in number of players. I think next year it will be even more. North will be easily able to handle the numbers. The main concern I have for the North is a lack of tournament organizers in various cities willing to put a bid and run the tourneys. May be no one want to compete with Mr. Salinas' expertise and reputation.

The main reason to split the tournament was to make it more manageable from a size perspective. I think we will continue to have the same problem in the south. For the South, the numbers will continue to increase and there will be no relief to that even after the split. The good news is that, there seems to be enough organizers willing to bid for the tournament.

I also believe that we still could use a few good TD's at the higher local and senior levels. Need to identify and encourage them to climb the TD ladder. We also need to be consistent on sections and time controls for both locations. While the number of trophies can be increased for the south, there has to be a set minimum. Also the tradition of giving positive score trophies should be encouraged.

We need to continue to make sure that the tournaments are held in different weekends. This will guarantee that a player may be able to play in either or both tournaments. This needs to be advertised also.

Overall I was pleased with both events. South Texas is really growing in numbers. We will have another opportunity to evaluate this next year before the Super Texas.

## 2017 U.S. Women's Championships

For additional info: <http://uschesschamps.com/2017-us-championships/overview>

The 2017 U.S. Championships were held in St. Louis, Missouri between March 27th and April 10th. **WGM Sabina-Francesca Foisor**, from Texas, won the Women's Championships with a score of 8.0/11. Following are all of her games annotated by Fritz 15.

<b>Foisor, Sabina Francesca (2272)</b>	<b>29.Nb6 dxe4 30.Nxa8 Rxa8</b>	<b>43.Qxg5±</b> [White forks: h4+a5]
<b>Yip, Carissa (2234)</b>	<b>31.Bd4 Re8 32.Bf1</b> [32.Rc4 Nbd5=]	<b>43...Qxc4 44.Qxf6</b> [White has a new passed pawn: g4]
[E60: King's Indian: Unusual lines and Fianchetto Variation without Nc3]	<b>32...Nbd5</b> [32...Nd7!? 33.Bc4 Ne5 34.Bxe5 Rxe5±]	<b>44...Qd5 45.Qxh4+ Kg7 46.Re3 Qd1+</b> [Black forks: a4]
<b>1.d4 Nf6 2.Nf3 g6 3.c4 Bg7 4.e3 0-0 5.Be2 d5 6.cxd5 Nxd5 7.e4 Nb6 8.0-0 Bg4 9.Nbd2 e6 10.h3 Bxf3 11.Nxf3 Nc6</b> [Now all is on d4]	<b>33.Bc4 Qe7 34.Re1 h5 35.Bxd5</b> [35.Rcd1!?= deserves consideration]	<b>47.Kg2 Qd5 48.b3 b5 49.axb5</b> [49.Qg3 Re7±]
<b>12.Be3</b> [last book move]	<b>35...Nxd5± 36.Bxg7 Kxg7 37.Qd1 h4</b> [This push gains space]	<b>49...cxb5= 50.Qg3 Re7 51.Qf4 a4</b> [51...Re5 52.Qh2=]
<b>12...Qd7</b> [12...f5 13.Qb3±]	[37...Kg6 38.Qd2±]	<b>52.bxa4± bxa4</b> [Black has a new passed pawn: a4]
<b>13.a4 a5 14.Bb5 Qd6 15.Rc1 Nb4</b> [The knight dominates]	<b>38.Qd4+</b> [38.gxh4 f5=]	<b>53.Kg3 Qd1</b> [53...Re5 54.Rc3 Re7 55.Re3=]
<b>16.Qb3</b> [White has an active position]	<b>38...Kh7 39.Rc4</b> [39.g4 Kh6±]	<b>54.Kg2</b> [54.Qg5+!? Kf7 55.Kg2±]
<b>16...c6</b> [Black threatens to win material: c6xb5]	<b>39...f5± 40.g4</b> [40.gxh4 Nf4 41.Kh1±]	<b>54...Qd5= 55.Kg3</b> [Twofold repetition]
<b>17.Be2 Nd7 18.Rfd1 Rfc8</b> [White has an active position]	<b>40...fxg4</b> [40...e3!? 41.Kh1 Qf7 42.fxe3 Re4±]	<b>55...Qd1 56.Qg5+ Kf7 57.Kg2 Qd6</b> [57...Qd4 58.Rh3 Kf8 59.Qf5+ Rf7 60.Qc8+ Ke7 61.Re3±]
<b>19.Bd2 Bf8</b> [Black has a cramped position]	<b>41.hxg4</b> [41.Rxe4!? is noteworthy 41...Qxe4 42.Qxe4+ Rxe4 43.Rxe4 gxh3 44.Kh2=]	<b>58.Rh3± Qg6 59.Qf4+ Kg7 60.Rh5</b> [60.Qb8 Kf7±]
<b>20.Ng5 Nb6 21.Be3 h6</b> [Black threatens to win material: h6xg5]	<b>41...Nf6</b> [Black threatens to win material: Nf6xg4]	<b>60...Rf7</b> [Black threatens to win material: Rf7xf4]
<b>22.Nf3 Bg7 23.Ne5</b> [Black has a cramped position]	<b>42.Qe3</b> [42.Qc5 Qxc5 43.Rxc5 Nxc4 44.Kg2±]	<b>61.Qe5+ Qf6 62.Rg5+ Kh8??</b> [what a pity, victory was in sight]
<b>23...Nd7 24.Nc4 Qc7 25.g3 g5 26.Bf3</b> [26.f4 Rab8±]	<b>42...Qe6??</b> [Black threatens to win material: Qe6xc4. Black forks: c4+g4. Black is ruining his position]	[42...Kh6 the rescuing straw 63.Qxf6+ Rxf6=]
<b>26...Nf6 27.Bg2 Re8 28.d5</b> [28.Bd2!?±]	[42...Kg6± would have made live much easier for Black]	<b>63.Qb8+</b> [63.Qh2+ Rh7 64.Qb8+ Qd8 65.Qxd8#]
<b>28...exd5±</b> [Black forks: c4+e4]		

**63...Rf8** [63...Qd8 cannot undo what has already been done  
64.Qxd8+ Rf8 65.Qxf8+ Kh7  
66.Qg7#]

**64.Qh2+** [64.Qh2+ Qh6  
65.Qxh6#] **1-0**

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**Krush,Irina (2444)**  
**Foisor,Sabina Francesca (2272)**  
[D35: Queen's Gambit Declined:  
Exchange Variation]

**1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 Nf6 4.Nc3 Nbd7 5.cxd5 exd5 6.Qc2 c6 7.Bf4 Be7 8.h3 Nf8 9.e3** [last book move]

**9...Bd6 10.Bxd6 Qxd6 11.Bd3 Ng6 12.0-0-0 Bd7 13.Kb1 0-0 14.g4 Rfc8 15.g5 Ne8 16.h4 Bg4 17.Be2 Bh5 18.Ng1 Bxe2 19.Qxe2 Qe6 20.Nf3 Nd6 21.h5 Ne7 22.Ka1 Ne4 23.Nxe4 dxe4 24.Nd2 Nf5 25.Rc1 Rd8 26.Nb3 Rd5 27.Nc5 Qe7 28.Qg4** [White threatens to win material: Qg4xe4]

**28...Nd6 29.Rhg1 Rd8 30.Na4 Qe6 31.Rc5 Qxg4 32.Rxg4 Rxc5** [Black has a mate threat]

**33.Nxc5 Re8 34.Kb1 Re7 35.Kc2 Kf8 36.Kd1 f5 37.Rg1 b6 38.Na4 g6** [Black threatens to win material: g6xh5]

**39.h6** [White has a new strong pawn: h6]

**39...Kf7 40.Nc3 Ke6 41.Ke2 c5 42.dxc5 bxc5 43.f4 exf3+ 44.Kxf3 Nc4** [Black threatens to win material: Nc4xb2]

**45.b3** [White threatens to win material: b3xc4]

**45...Ne5+ 46.Ke2** [46.Kf4 Rd7

47.Na4 Rd5=]  
**46...c4f 47.bxc4 Rc7** [Black threatens to win material: Rc7xc4]

[47...Nxc4 48.Rb1#]

**48.Nb5** [White threatens to win material: Nb5xc7]

[48.Nd5!? Rxc4 49.Nf4+ Kd7  
50.Rd1+ Kc8 51.Ne6=]

**48...Rxc4f 49.Nd4+ Kd5 50.Rd1** [50.Rb1!? is interesting 50...Ke4  
51.Nb3 Rc2+ 52.Nd2+ Kd5  
53.Kd1#]

**50...Ke4f 51.Ne6** [Δ51.Nb3 Rc2+  
52.Rd2 Rxd2+ 53.Nxd2+ Kd5  
54.Kf2-+]

**51...Nf3??** [allows the opponent back into the game]

[Δ51...Rc2+ with excellent chances for Black 52.Rd2 Rxd2+  
53.Kxd2 Nf7-+]

**52.Rd7=** [White threatens to win material: Rd7xa7. White forks: a7+h7]

**52...Rc2+** [Black forks: a2]

**53.Kd1** [White threatens to win material: Kd1xc2]

**53...Rxa2 54.Rxh7 Kxe3** [White has a new protected passed pawn: h6. Black has a new protected passed pawn: f5]

**55.Rg7** [A classical outpost]

[55.Re7 Rh2=]

**55...Ne5** [Black has a mate threat]  
[Δ55...Ne1! 56.Kc1 Nd3+ 57.Kb1 Rb2+ 58.Ka1 Rh2#]

**56.Nf8=** [White threatens to win material: Nf8xg6]

**56...Kd3** [Black has a mate threat]

**57.Kc1 f4** [Δ57...Nf3= and Black can hope to survive]

**58.Nxg6± Nxg6 59.Rxg6 f3??** [an oversight. But Black was lost anyway.]

[59...Rh2 60.Rf6 Rh5 61.Rxf4 Rxg5=]

**60.Rd6+- Ke4** [60...Ke3 praying for a miracle 61.h7 Rh2+-]

**61.h7 Rh2** [61...f2 does not win a prize 62.Rf6 Ra1+ 63.Kd2 Ra2+ 64.Kc3 Ra3+ 65.Kb2+-]

**62.g6 Ke5 63.Rd8** [63.g7 Rxh7 64.Rd5+ Kxd5 65.g8Q+ Kc5 66.Qxh7 f2 67.Qxa7+ Kb4 68.Qxf2 Kb5 69.Qc2 Kb6 70.Qc8 Ka7 71.Kb2 Kb6 72.Qd7 Ka6 73.Kc3 Kb6 74.Kb4 Ka6 75.Kc5 Ka5 76.Qa7#]

**63...f2** [63...Kf6 64.h8Q+ Rxh8 65.Rxh8 f2 66.Rf8+ Kg7 67.Rxf2 Kxg6 68.Kd2 a6 69.Kd3 Kg7 70.Ke4 a5 71.Ke5 Kg6 72.Rf3 a4 73.Rf4 a3 74.Ra4 Kg5 75.Rxa3 Kg4 76.Rd3 Kg5 77.Rg3+ Kh4 78.Kf4 Kh5 79.Rg2 Kh6 80.Kf5 Kh7 81.Kf6 Kh8 82.Kf7 Kh7 83.Rh2#]

**64.Rf8** [64.Rf8 Kd6 65.g7 Rh1+ 66.Kb2 f1Q 67.Rxf1 Rxf1 68.g8Q Rh1 69.Qg3+ Kd7 70.Qd3+ Kc8 71.Qa6+ Kc7 72.Qxa7+ Kd6 73.Qd4+ Kc7 74.Qc5+ Kb8 75.Qb6+ Ka8 76.Qc6+ Ka7 77.Qxh1 Kb6 78.h8Q Kc5 79.Qc3+ Kb6 80.Qcc6+ Ka5 81.Qe1#] **1-0**

**Foisor, Sabina Francesca (2272)**  
**Sharevich, Anna (2257)**  
[D37: Queen's Gambit Declined: 5 Bf4]

**1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 d5 4.Nc3 Be7 5.Bf4 0-0 6.Rc1 c5 7.dxc5 Na6 8.e3 Nxc5** [last book move]

**9.Qc2 dxc4** [9...Nce4 10.Bd3=]

**10.Bxc4 a6** [Controls b5]

**11.b4 Ncd7** [White king safety improved]

**12.b5** [Black's piece can't move: c8]

**12...Qa5 13.0-0** [White castles and improves king safety]

**13...Nc5 14.Ne5 Nfd7 15.Nxd7** [15.Rfd1 Nb6 16.Bf1 axb5 17.Bxb5 f6=]

**15...Nxd7** [15...Bxd7 16.Rb1=]

**16.Bd3** [16.Rfd1 Nc5±]

**16...h6=** [Prevents intrusion on g5]

**17.bxa6 e5** [Δ17...b6!?= might be a viable alternative]

**18.Bg3± bxa6 19.Nd5 Ba3 20.Rb1** [20.Qc3 Qc5 21.Qxc5 Nxc5±]

**20...Ra7 21.Bc4 Bb7** [Black threatens to win material: Bb7xd5]

**22.Rfd1 Bc6** [Black has an active position]

**23.Bb3 Ba8** [23...Qc5 24.Ne7+ Qxe7 25.Qxc6±]

**24.Qf5 g6??** [cause more grief]  
[24...Qc5 25.Bh4 Bxd5 26.Bxd5±]

**25.Qg4** [Δ25.Ne7+! and the rest is a matter of technique 25...Kh8 26.Qh3+]

**25...Kg7± 26.h4 h5 27.Bxe5+!** [Decoy: e5]

**27...Nxe5 28.Qd4 Re7** [28...Rd7 29.Qxe5+ f6 30.Qd4±]

**29.Nxe7 Bxe7 30.f4 Bf6** [30...Bxh4 31.fxe5 Bg3 32.e6+ Be5 33.Qd2±]

**31.fxe5 Bxe5 32.Qa7 Bb8** [32...Be4!? 33.Rbc1 Qa3±]

**33.Qe7+- Bc6?** [33...Qe5 34.Qxe5+ Bxe5 35.Rd7+-]

**34.Rf1** [Δ34.Rbc1 seems even better 34...Qb5 35.Rf1+-]

**34...Be8??** [Black crumbles in face of a dire situation]

[34...Bd5 35.Qf6+ Kh7+-]

**35.Bc2** [35.Bxf7 Bh2+ 36.Kxh2 Rxf7 37.Qxe8 Qc7+ 38.Kg1 Qd7 39.Rxf7+ Qxf7 40.Qe5+ Kh7 41.Qb8 Kg7 42.Rb7 Qxb7 43.Qxb7+ Kf6 44.e4 a5 45.Qd5 a4 46.Qd6+ Kg7 47.Qe7+ Kh8 48.e5 a3 49.e6 Kg8 50.Qf7+ Kh8 51.e7 g5 52.e8Q#]

**35...Be5??** [the position was bad, and this mistake simply hastens the end]

[Δ35...Qe5 36.Qxe5+ Bxe5±]

**36.Bxg6!** [Deflection: f8]

**36...Qc3** [36...Kxg6 37.Qxf8 Overloading Deflection]

**37.Rb3** [37.Bd3! seems even better 37...Bf6 38.Qe4 Rh8+-]

**37...Qc7 38.Qxc7 Bxc7 39.Bxh5 Bb5** [39...Bd8 doesn't improve anything 40.Rf4+-]

**40.Rf5** [Δ40.Rxf7+ might be the shorter path 40...Rxf7 41.Bxf7 Bg3+-]

**40...f6** [40...Bd8 doesn't do any good 41.Rf4+-]

**41.a4!** [the final nail in the coffin]

**41...Bd7** [41...Bxa4 42.Rb7 Combination]

**42.Rc5 Be5 43.Rb7 Kh6 44.Rxd7** [44.Be2!? keeps an even firmer grip 44...Bf5+-]

**44...Kxh5 45.g3** [45.Rh7+ makes it even easier for White 45...Kg6 46.Ra7 Kh5+-]

**45...Kg4** [45...Rg8 cannot change what is in store for ? 46.Kf2+-]

**46.Kg2** [46.Kg2 Rg8 47.Rc4+ Kh5 48.Rh7+ Kg6 49.Ra7+-] **1-0**

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**Feng, Maggie (2162)**

**Foisor, Sabina Francesca (2272)**  
[A09: Réti Opening: 1 Nf3 d5 2 c4]

**1.Nf3 d5 2.g3 Nf6 3.Bg2 e6 4.0-0 c5 5.c4 d4 6.d3 Nc6 7.e3 Bd6 8.exd4 cxd4 9.Bg5 h6 10.Bxf6 Qxf6** [last book move. Black has the pair of bishops]

**11.Nfd2 Qg6** [Black threatens to win material: Qg6xd3]

**12.Ne4 Be7 13.f4** [13.c5 e5=]

**13...0-0 14.Bf3** [14.c5!?= is worth consideration]

**14...e5± 15.Bh5 Qh7 16.Nbd2**

[16.fxe5 Nxe5 17.Na3 Bf5±]

**16...Bh3 17.Re1 exf4 18.gxf4 Bh4 19.Qf3 Bxe1 20.Rxe1 Bf5 21.Qg3 Kh8** [21...Bxe4 22.Nxe4 Qf5 23.Re2±]

**22.Nd6± Bxd3** [22...Bg6 23.Bf3±]

**23.Nxf7+ Kg8 24.Nd6** [White threatens to win material: Nd6xb7]

**24...Bc2 25.N2e4 Bxe4 26.Rxe4 Rf6** [Black threatens to win material: Rf6xd6]

[⊃26...Kh8!?!= must be considered]

**27.Ne8± Kh8 28.Nxf6 gxf6 29.Bg6** [White threatens to win material: Bg6xh7]

**29...Qg8** [29...Qg7 30.Bf5±]

**30.f5± Ne5 31.Rh4 Kg7 32.Rxd4 Qf8 33.Qg2 Qb4 34.Rd1 Rc8 35.b3 a5 36.Kh1 Qb6??** [terrible, but the game is lost in any case]

[⊃36...Rg8±]

**37.Be8+- Kf8 38.Rg1 Qxg1+ 39.Kxg1 Kxe8** [39...Rxe8 the only chance to get some counterplay 40.Qxb7 Rd8+-]

**40.Qg8+ Kd7 41.Qg7+ Ke8 42.Qxf6 Nc6** [42...Nd7 the last chance for counterplay 43.Qh8+ Nf8 44.Qe5+ Kd7 45.Qd5+ Kc7 46.Qxa5+ Kc6 47.Qd5+ Kc7 48.Qc5+ Kd7+-]

**43.Qe6+** [43.Qg7!?! makes it even easier for White 43...Kd8 44.f6 Rc7 45.Qg8+ Kd7+-]

**43...Kd8 44.f6 Kc7 45.f7 Rf8 46.Qe8** [46.Qe8 Rxe8 47.fxe8Q+-] 1-0

**Foisor,Sabina Francesca (2272) Nemcova,Katerina (2359)**

[A85: Dutch Defence: 2 c4 Nf6 3 Nc3]

**1.d4 e6 2.c4 f5 3.Nf3 Nf6 4.e3 b6 5.Bd3 Bb7 6.0-0 Be7 7.Nc3 0-0 8.Qc2** [last book move]

**8...Na6 9.a3** [Consolidates b4]

**9...Bxf3 10.gxf3 c5 11.d5 Nc7 12.e4** [White threatens to win material: e4xf5]

**12...Bd6 13.exf5** [13.Qe2 exd5 14.e5 Re8=]

**13...exd5 14.cxd5 Be5 15.Bg5 Qe8 16.Bh4 Qh5** [Black threatens to win material: Qh5xh4. Black forks: f3+h4]

**17.Bg3 Bxc3 18.bxc3 Ncxd5 19.Be4 Nxe4 20.fxe4 Nf6 21.Rad1 Rae8** [21...d5!?! 22.exd5 Nd7±]

**22.f3± Qg5 23.Qd2** [⊃23.Rd6!?!±]

**23...Qxd2= 24.Rxd2 g6??** [not a good decision, because now the opponent is right back in the game]

[⊃24...d5 and Black hangs on 25.exd5 Re3=]

**25.fxg6** [25.Bd6!?! Rf7 26.e5±]

**25...hxg6 26.Bh4 Re6 27.Kg2 Rf7 28.Rfd1 Kg7 29.Bg3** [29.c4 Kh6 30.Bg3 g5±]

**29...Rfe7** [29...g5 30.e5 Nh5 31.Rxd7 Nxc3 32.hxc3 Rxe5 33.Kf2=]

**30.e5** [White threatens to win material: e5xf6]

[30.Bd6 Rf7 31.h4±]

**30...Nh5** [⊃30...Rxe5!?! should be considered 31.Bxe5 Rxe5±]

**31.f4± Nxc3** [⊃31...Kf7 32.Rxd7 Rxd7 33.Rxd7+ Re7±]

**32.hxc3+- b5 33.Rxd7 Kf8**

**34.R7d6 c4?!** [doesn't do very much to defend the position]

[34...a5 35.Kf3 Rxd6 36.Rxd6 Rb7 37.Rxc6 b4 38.cxb4 cxb4 39.axb4 axb4+-]

**35.Kf3 a5** [35...Rxd6 doesn't get the cat off the tree 36.Rxd6 Kg7 37.Ke4+-]

**36.Ke4** [36.Rxe6 keeps an even firmer grip 36...Rxe6 37.Rd8+ Kf7 38.Rd7+ Kf8+-]

**36...Kf7** [36...Rxd6 cannot change destiny 37.Rxd6 Kg7 38.g4+-]

**37.Rxe6 Rxe6 38.Rd7+** [38.Rd7+ Kf8 39.Rb7+-] 1-0

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**Foisor,Sabina Francesca (2272) Abrahamyan,Tatev (2364)**

[A17: English Opening: 1...Nf6 with ...Bb4]

**1.Nf3 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.Qc2 b6 5.a3 Bxc3 6.Qxc3 Bb7 7.b4 d6 8.Bb2 Nbd7 9.g3 0-0 10.Bg2 Ne5 11.0-0 Nxf3+ 12.exf3** [last book move. White has new doubled pawns: f2+f3]

**12...Qe7 13.Rfe1 Rfd8 14.d4** [White prepares the advance c5]

**14...d5 15.c5** [White gets more space]

**15...Ba6 16.a4 Bc4 17.Bf1 Bxf1 18.Kxf1 a6 19.Qd3 Rdb8 20.Bc3**

**Ne8 21.Bd2 Qd7 22.Rec1 bxc5 23.bxc5 Qc6 24.Rcb1 Nf6 25.Bf4 Nd7 26.Qc3 f6** [Secures e5+g5]

**27.Re1 Rb7 28.Ra2 a5 29.Rae2** [White threatens to win material: Re2xe6]

**29...Nf8 30.Rb2 Kf7** [Black king safety dropped]

**31.Reb1** [31.Rxb7 Qxb7 32.Qc2 Ng6=]

**31...Rxb2 32.Qxb2 g5** [Black threatens to win material: g5xf4]

**33.Bd2 Qxa4** [33...Ng6 34.Kg2±]

**34.Qb7 Qxd4** [34...Re8 35.Qxc7+ Re7 36.Qd8±]

**35.Qxc7+ Kg6??** [the pressure is too much, Black crumbles]

[⊃35...Kg8 36.Rb7 Qd3+ 37.Kg2 Qg6 38.Bxa5 h5+]

**36.Rb7+- f5** [36...h5 otherwise it's curtains at once 37.Qg7+ Kf5+]

**37.Qf7+ Kh6 38.Be3** [38.Be3 Qd3+ 39.Kg2 Qxe3 40.Qf6+ Kh5 41.fxe3 h6 42.g4+ fxg4 43.fxg4+ Kxg4 44.Qf3+ Kh4 45.Qh3#; 38.Kg2 Rc8 39.h4 f4 40.hxg5+ Kxg5 41.Bxf4+ Qxf4 42.gxf4+ Kh4 43.Qxh7+ Nxh7 44.Rxh7#] **1-0**

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**Yu, Jennifer R (2196)**

**Foisor, Sabina Francesca (2272)** [D36: Queen's Gambit Declined: Exchange Variation: Main line (5 Bg5 c6 6 Qc2)]

**1.c4 e6 2.Nc3 d5 3.d4 Nf6 4.cxd5 exd5 5.Bg5 Be7 6.e3 Nbd7 7.Bd3 c6 8.Qc2 h6 9.Bh4 Nh5 10.Bxe7 Qxe7 11.Nge2 Nb6** [last book move]

**12.h3** [Consolidates g4]

**12...Bd7 13.g4** [White threatens to win material: g4xh5]

**13...Nf6 14.Ng3 0-0-0 15.0-0-0 Kb8 16.Kb1 Rc8 17.Rhe1 c5** [17...h5 18.Nf5 Qf8 19.g5=]

**18.Bf5** [18.Nf5 Bxf5 19.Bxf5 Rce8±]

**18...g6** [Covers h5]

**19.Bxd7 Qxd7 20.e4 cxd4 21.Rxd4 Qc7 22.e5 Ne4 23.Ngxe4 Qxe5 24.Qd2 dxe4 25.Rexe4 Qc5 26.Qf4+ Ka8 27.Re5 Qc6 28.Qe4 Rhe8 29.Qxc6 bxc6 30.Rde4 Rxe5 31.Rxe5 Rd8 32.Re7 f5** [32...Rd7 33.Rxd7 Nxd7 34.Ne4±]

**33.gxf5** [33.Re6!±]

**33...gxf5 34.Re6** [White threatens to win material: Re6xc6. White forks: c6+h6]

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

**35.Rxh6 Rxf2** [35...Kb7 36.f4±]

**36.Rxc6± Kb7 37.Rc5 f4 38.Ne4** [White threatens to win material: Ne4xf2]

**38...Re2** [38...Rh2 39.Rf5±]

**39.Nd6+ Kb8 40.Rf5 Rf2 41.b3 Kc7** [41...f3 42.Ne4 Re2 43.Nc3±]

**42.Ne4 Re2 43.Ng5 Kd6 44.Rf6+ Kd5 45.Rxf4 Ke5 46.Rf8 Kd4 47.Rf4+ Kd3??** [with this move Black loses his initiative]

[47...Ke5 48.Rg4 Nd5+]

**48.Rf5+- Kd4 49.Rf4+** [Twofold repetition]

[49.h4!/? Nd5 50.Nf3+ Kc5+]

**49...Kd3± 50.Rf3+ Kd4 51.Rf4+** ½-½

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**Foisor, Sabina Francesca (2272)**  
**Nguyen, Emily (2173)**

[E09: Closed Catalan: Main Line: 7 Qc2 c6 8 Nbd2]

**1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.Nf3 Nf6 4.Nbd2 e6 5.g3 Nbd7 6.Bg2 Be7 7.0-0-0 8.Qc2 b6 9.e4 dxe4 10.Nxe4 Bb7 11.Rd1** [last book move]

**11...Rc8 12.Nc3 c5 13.d5 exd5 14.cxd5** [White has a new passed pawn: d5. Black has a cramped position]

**14...Bd6** [In the style of Nim-zovich]

**15.Nh4** [White has a very active position]

**15...Ne5** [15...g6 16.Bg5 c4 17.Nb5±]

**16.Bg5± h6 17.Bxf6 Qxf6 18.Ne4 Qd8 19.Nf5 Be7** [19...Bb8 20.d6 Kh8 21.Ne7±]

**20.d6** [20.f4!/? Ng6 21.Qc3 Bf6 22.Nxf6+ Qxf6 23.Qxf6 gxf6 24.Nxh6+ Kh7+]

**20...Bxe4± 21.Nxe7+ Qxe7 22.dxe7 Bxc2 23.exf8Q+ Kxf8 24.Rd2 Bg6 25.f4** [25.b3 c4 26.bxc4 Nxc4±]

**25...Nc4 26.Rf2 Bf5 27.Bf3 Ne3 28.Rc1 Be6 29.Rd2 Nf5** [29...Nc4 30.Re2 Nd6 31.Re5±]

**30.Bg4 Re8 31.Kf2 Nd6 32.Rxd6 Bxg4 33.Rc2 Be6** [33...Re4 34.Rd8+ Ke7 35.Rcd2±]

**34.b3** [34.Rcd2!?!±]

**34...Ke7** [Black threatens to win material: Ke7xd6]

**35.Rcd2 Rc8 36.R6d3 h5 37.Re3 Kf6 38.Kg2 g6 39.h3** [Controls g4]

**39...Re8 40.g4 hxg4 41.hxg4 Rc8 42.Kg3 Rc6 43.Rd8 b5** [43...Rc7 44.Rf3±]

**44.Rb8 a6 45.g5+ Ke7 46.Rd3** [46.Rb7+ Kd8±]

**46...c4 47.Rb7+ Ke8 48.bxc4 Bxc4 49.Re3+ Kd8** [49...Be6 50.a4 bxa4 51.Rb4±]

**50.a3** [50.Ra3 Kc8 51.Ra7 Bd5±]

**50...Be6± 51.Ra7 Kc8 52.Kf2 Kb8** [52...Kd8 53.Re4±]

**53.Re7+- Bc4 54.R3e5** [54.Rh3 Rc8+-]

**54...Rc7** [54...Kc8 55.f5±]

**55.Ke3 Kb7** [55...Rc6 56.f5+-]

**56.Kd4 Rxe7 57.Rxe7+ Kb6 58.Rd7 Kc6 59.Rd8 Be6 60.Kc3 a5 61.Ra8 Kb6 62.Kd4 Bb3** [62...a4 63.Rb8+ Kc6 64.Rf8+-]

**63.Ke5 b4?** [△63...a4+-]

**64.Kd4 Be6** [64...Kb5 a last effort to resist the inevitable 65.Rb8+ Kc6 66.axb4 a4+-]

**65.axb4 axb4** [65...Kb7 does not solve anything 66.Rxa5 Kb6 67.Ra8+-]

**66.Rb8+ Kc7 67.Rxb4 Kd6** [67...Bf5 hardly improves anything 68.Ke5+-]

**68.Rb6+ Ke7** [68...Kd7 no good, but what else? 69.Ke5 Bc4+-]

**69.Ke5 Bc4 70.Rb7+ Kf8 71.Kf6 Ke8 72.Rb8+ Kd7 73.Rf8** [73.Rf8 Ba2 74.Rxf7+ Kc6 75.Kxg6+-] **1-0**

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**Paikidze,Nazi (2369)**  
**Foisor,Sabina Francesca (2272)**  
[E04: Open Catalan: 5 Nf3]

**1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 Nf6 4.g3 dxc4 5.Bg2 a6 6.0-0 Nc6 7.e3 Bd7 8.Qe2 Bd6 9.Qxc4 0-0** [last book move]

**10.Qe2 Qe7 11.Nc3 Rad8 12.Nd2 e5** [Black threatens to win material: e5xd4]

**13.d5** [White threatens to win material: d5xc6]

**13...Na7 14.a4 c6 15.e4 Nc8 16.Nc4 Bc5** [White has an active position]

**17.Ne3 Nd6 18.dxc6 Bxc6** [Increases the pressure on e4]

**19.Ned5 Nxd5 20.exd5 Bd7 21.Be3 Bxe3 22.Qxe3 Nc4** [Black threatens to win material: Nc4xe3. Black forks: e3+b2]

**23.Qe2 Rc8 24.d6 Nxd6 25.Nd5 Qe6 26.Rfe1 e4 27.Nb6** [White threatens to win material: Nb6xc8]

[27.Bxe4 Nxe4 28.Qxe4 Rfe8 29.Qxe6 Bxe6=]

**27...Rcd8** [27...Rce8!?!±]

**28.Nxd7= Rxd7 29.Bxe4 Nxe4 30.Qxe4 Qxe4** ½-½

**Foisor,Sabina Francesca (2272)**  
**Zatonskih,Anna (2451)**  
[D37: Queen's Gambit Declined: 5 Bf4]

**1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.Nf3 Be7 5.Bf4 0-0 6.Rc1 c5 7.dxc5 Bxc5 8.e3 Nc6 9.a3 a6 10.b4 Ba7** [last book move]

**11.Bg3 h6** [Covers g5]

**12.Qc2 Qe7 13.Be2 dxc4 14.Bxc4 b5 15.Ba2 Bb7 16.Bb1 Rfd8 17.Bh4 g5** [Black threatens to win material: g5xh4]

**18.Bg3 Rac8 19.0-0** [White castles and improves king safety]

**19...Nb8 20.Nd2 Nbd7 21.Qb2 Nh5 22.Qc2** [22.Be4!?! is worthy of consideration 22...Ndf6 23.Bxb7 Qxb7 24.Ne2=]

**22...f5± 23.Ba2** [23.Qa2 Nxc3 24.hxc3 Kg7±]

**23...Kg7 24.Qd1 Nxc3 25.hxc3 Ne5 26.Qe2** [26.Ne2!?!±]

**26...Nd3+- 27.Rc2 Qf6 28.Nd5 Rxc2 29.Nxf6 Rxa2 30.Qh5** [30.Rd1!?! Ne5 31.Qh5+-]

**30...Bc6+- 31.Nf3 Nxf2??** [simply marches past the door to victory]

[31...Rf8 32.Ng4 fxg4 33.Qxg4 Bd5 34.Nxc3 hxg5 35.Qxg5+ Kf7 36.Qh5+ Kf6 37.Qh6+ Ke7 38.Qh7+ Rf7 39.Qxd3 Bc4±]

**32.Ne5+- Kxf6 33.Nxc6 Rdd2** [33...Rh8 is one last hope 34.Nxa7 Ne4+-]

**34.Qxh6+ Kf7 35.Qh7+ Kf8 36.Qe7+ Kg8 37.Qxe6+ Kh8** [37...Kg7 does not help much 38.Ne5 Nh3+ 39.Kh1 Nf2+



40.Rxf2 Ra1+ 41.Kh2 Rh1+  
42.Kxh1 Rd1+ 43.Kh2 Rd6  
44.Qxd6 Kh8 45.Qg6 Bxe3  
46.Nf7#]

**38.Qh6+ Kg8 39.Qxg5+** [39.Qg6+  
Kh8 40.Ne7 Nh3+ 41.Kh1 Nf2+  
42.Rxf2 Rd1+ 43.Kh2 Rh1+  
44.Kxh1 Ra1+ 45.Kh2 Rh1+  
46.Kxh1 Bxe3 47.Qg8#]  
**39...Kh8 40.Qf6+ Kh7 41.Qxf5+**  
[41.Qxf5+ Kg7 42.Ne5 Nh3+  
43.Kh2 Rf2 44.Qg6+ Kf8 45.Rd1  
Bd4 46.Rxd4 Rxg2+ 47.Kxh3  
Rh2+ 48.Kg4 Rh4+ 49.Kxh4 Rh2+  
50.Kg4 Rh4+ 51.gxh4 Ke7  
52.Qf7#; 41.Ne5 Nh3+ 42.Kh1  
Nf2+ 43.Rxf2 Ra1+ 44.Kh2 Rh1+  
45.Kxh1 Rd1+ 46.Kh2 Rd6  
47.Qxf5+ Kh6 48.Qf8+ Kh5  
49.Rf5#] **1-0**

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**Virkud, Apurva (2262)**

**Foisor, Sabina Francesca (2272)**

[E39: Nimzo-Indian: Classical:  
4...c5 5 dxc5 0-0]

**1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Bb4**  
**4.Qc2 0-0 5.Nf3 c5 6.dxc5 Na6**  
**7.c6 bxc6 8.g3 d5** [last book  
move]

**9.Bd2** [9.a3 Bxc3+ 10.Qxc3 Nc5=]  
**9...d4** **10.Ne4 Rb8 11.Nxf6+**  
**Qxf6 12.Bg2 e5 13.0-0 Bf5** [Black  
threatens to win material: Bf5xc2]

**14.Qc1 Bxd2 15.Qxd2 h6**  
[Prevents intrusion on g5]

**16.Qa5 c5 17.b3** [White has a  
cramped position]

**17...e4** [Black threatens to win  
material: e4xf3]

**18.Nd2** [White threatens to win  
material: Nd2xe4]

**18...Rfe8 19.Rad1 Rb6 20.Nb1**  
[White has a cramped position]

**20...Qe7 21.e3** [White threatens to  
win material: e3xd4]

**21...Bg4** [Black threatens to win  
material: Bg4xd1]

**22.Rd2** [22.Rde1!? is worth  
looking at 22...d3 23.Nc3]

**22...Nb4** **23.exd4?** [23.a3!?  
Nc6 24.Qa4]

**23...e3+** **24.fxe3?** [24.dxc5 exd2  
25.Nxd2-]

**24...Qxe3+** **25.Kh1** [25.Rdf2 Rf6  
26.dxc5 Rxf2 27.Rxf2-+]

**25...Rf6 26.Rg1** [26.Qb5 is still a  
small chance 26...Rxf1+ 27.Bxf1  
Bf3+ 28.Rg2-+]

**26...Qxg1+!!** [Clearance: e3]

**27.Kxg1** [27.Kxg1 Re1+ Mate  
attack Clearance]

**27...Re1+ 28.Bf1 Rxf1+ 29.Kg2**  
**Rg1+ 30.Kf2 Ref1+ 31.Ke3 Rf3+**  
[31...Rf3+ 32.Ke2 Rf6+ 33.Ke3  
Re1+ 34.Re2 Rxe2#] **0-1**



**Final Reminder**



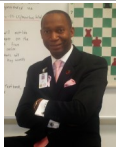
This is your **final** reminder before ballots are distributed (around July 15th).

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## Coach's Corner - e4!

Legends, Blunders and Dynasties

by Robert L. Myers

My Principal, Rene Sanchez, called me and said, "Coach I'm gonna need you to round up all of our chess players that won the Texas State Chess Tournament this year (2017) and last year (2016). We've won 7 State Championships in a row, either team or individual from the K-12 Grades or The Texas State Championship, North Texas, we've won either a 1st Place Individual or 1st Place Team. Hey, a win is a win. He continued, "Especially those chess players that went to Supernationals this year because the district is going to honor you guys next Thursday at the (Houston ISD) district office board meeting." We were a Top 10 Chess Team, in the U-1600 section, 9th Place (unofficially because of a scoring error, a blunder on my part. More on that error later). With over 910 teams, that is worth celebrating. How does one handle the news of being honored at the district board meeting from your principal as you are preparing for Las Vegas with your son, the Captain of the Chess Team, a staunch Michael Jackson fan, for the summer finale "One" a show at Mandalay Bay Resort and Casino, the same time we are to be honored? What do you say to your principal? Well, I was dumbfounded. I couldn't say, "Sir my son has been wanting to go to the Michael Jackson, "One" Tribute Show since The Millionaire Open chess tournament was in Las Vegas two years ago. I can't make it." Nope, you just take a deep breath and change your flight plans and cut the trip to The Hoover Dam and The Grand Canyon short. But, do you go to the Michael Jackson Show, it's Michael, he is a Legend? Hold on, don't move so fast. Patience is a virtue and a friend in chess, that answer comes later.

Everyone knows about the legend that is Supernationals, it's a spectacular spectacle, winsome, rich and warm, bundled in joy even if you don't win a single game. Supernationals is held once every four years all grade levels get together, elementary, middle and high school nationals all under one roof. And, what a huge roof it is, The Gaylord Opryland Hotel in Nashville, Tennessee with "2,881 rooms and suites. More than 750 garden atrium rooms overlook the hotel's 9 acres

of indoor gardens, six grand ballrooms" the size of stadium football fields from 3,364 square feet to 55,314 square feet. That's one huge roof. The next Supernationals will be held in the year 2021. As a friend of mine said, "Supernationals, it's like fishing, you don't have to be good at it but you can have a whole lot of fun." That's exactly what 5,575 chess players did en route to breaking the world record of persons playing chess at the same time in one place had, they had a whole lot of fun. Mind you these chess players did so amongst a galaxy of living chess legends and dynasties. Grand Master Garry Kasparov, arguably the best to ever play the game of chess, had an enormous line to sign an autograph copy of his books. He's the one guy that took down Big Blue, the IBM Super Computer determined, if a computer can be determined, to destroy Kasparov in the famous Man versus Machine chess match. His autograph line for his new book, Deep Thinking, and How Life Imitates Chess, was 2.5 hours long wait. My buddy Michael Tisserand let me cut in line, shhh, that's our secret. Master Coach Bruce Pandolfini had an impressive autograph line wait also for his books, Pandolfini's Ultimate Guide to Chess, Square One, More Chess Openings, and Chessercizers. Grand Master Maurice Ashley was nearly attacked wherever he went. "What happens when 5,575 kids show up to the Supernationals and want autographs and selfies? You shut up, sign and smile!" said, GM Ashley. His book, The Most Valuable Skills in Chess were flying off the shelves. These guys are living legends. Guys creating dynasties were everywhere like Dr. Jeff Bulington, the tall six foot six Tennessean who teaches chess in rural Franklin County Mississippi, from the 60 Minutes special, "Chess Country," which aired on CBS on March 26, 2017. He chatted with me and New Orleans Chess Academy Master Nick Matta in the hallway down from our team room we shared with the generous folks from NOLA Chess, New Orleans Louisiana, Michael Tisserand and Leila De'Aquin. We head to Mississippi later this year to take on the Doctor's finely tuned chess prodigys.

Grand Masters Maurice Ashley, Sam Shankland, Timur Gareyev and Women Grandmasters Nazi Paikidze, Irina Krush, and Sabina-Francesca Foişor were all over the place making moves and creating fans. "For our non-chess friends, Irina is a 7-time U.S. Women's Chess Champion, Sam is a two-time Chess Olympiad Gold Medalist, Timur holds the World Record for simultaneous blindfold exhibition (he defeated 13 very strong 1400 - 1680 Chess Academy Knights in the Chavez library last year) Nazi is the 2016 U.S. Women's Chess Champion and Sabina is the current U.S. Women's Chess Champion," says GM Ashley. I was almost crushed, pardon the blatant pun, by Grand Master Irina Krush coming up the Grand Staircase heading to the Presidential Grand Ballroom. We laughed and immediately struck the pose for selfies. I only missed my buddy and world record holder for blindfold chess Grand Master Timur Gareyev by 10 minutes catching a plane to God knows where from Supernationals, he will be in Houston June 25 at Center 64. Wanting to take pictures after the "unofficial win" in the tournament, who else do we run into on the Grand Staircase on their way back to New York, none other than the winningest Coach in all of scholastic chess, Coach John Galvin, assistant principal/coach - going into his 20th year at I.S. 318, with a bevy of trophies. John is an incredibly passionately loving and gregarious guy. But really, does my friend need another trophy. Really? I mean really? They have won more chess tournaments than any other school in the country, including The Chess Academy and we've won 24 State and National Titles combined with all of our campuses. Now that's a dynasty!

You've heard of James Harden and Russell Westbrook scoring triple-doubles in the NBA, National Basketball Association, quite often here recently. Even arguably the best basketball player in the world, LeBron James has had the occasional "Double -Trip." But can you imagine averaging a triple double every game for an entire season?!!! Talk about legendary. As a graduation gift my Mom, Jo Ann Myers, flew me to Denver Colorado to visit my sister, Antoinette. I went to K-Mart to shop for something and in honor of the NBA -All-Star Weekend, years ago he was there, I met a living legend an amazing player and person, Oscar Palmer Robertson, nicknamed The Big O, the only player in NBA history to average a triple-double for an entire season until

Westbrook came along. He was hosting a shooting competition inside the store. I entered and won. Youthful exuberance forced me to open my big mouth after the contest and say to him, "I'll bet you I can make more shots with my eyes closed than you can" wherein The Big-O looked down at me, slammed the ball into my tiny 18-year-old chest and said, "Ladies first." He destroyed me!!! He made 20 in a row with his eyes closed. His playing career, especially during high school and college, was plagued by racism. Yet just as Jackie Robinson did, The Big O rose above the stupid head of racism as well. Robertson is a two-time Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame inductee, having been inducted in 1980 for his individual career, and in 2010 as a member of the 1960 United States Men's Olympic Basketball Team and President of the National Basketball Players Association. He was voted one of the 50 Greatest Players in NBA History in 1996. He was ranked as the 36th best American athlete of the 20th century by ESPN. He is The Big-O, Oscar Robinson, a living basketball legend.

There were living chess legends at Supernationals and I hung out with most of them. I had met briefly with GM Maurice Ashley at the Millionaire Open a couple of years ago but my mind was blown at this meeting as I sat and talked for over an hour one-on-one about basketball, chess strategies, global travel, world events, our shared passion for chess, famous chess players, famous games, our top starting 5 basketball and chess players of all time. It was surreal. I initially showed him a picture of his book, Chess for Success, I was reading on a high-speed train in Paris to get the fan-worship elephant out of the way. I was sitting on a bench in



*Coach Myers with Maurice Ashley*



*The Chess Academy*

one of the most beautiful hotels in the world with a legend and the "Ambassador of Chess" Grand Master Maurice Ashley, the first African-American Grand Master of Chess inducted into the Hall of Fame of Chess this year. He's coming to Houston on the 6th of January 2018 for Maurice Ashley Day. I left that meeting with my feet not touching the ground, I floated in a daze for the next several hours because he had heard of me from a mutual acquaintance. I took pictures with my buddy Fun Master Mike of ChessKid.com and the ChessMagnet.com owner and creator Hal Bogner. All legends with their own dynasties.

Warning: Chess Coaches, whatever you do please check after every round for your team's standings. What a blunder! Blunder: a chess term used for an clearly obvious mistake during a chess match, losing a major piece or forgetting a critical move. A blunder can be a combination of things, emotions like anxiety, nervousness or sheer panic at any given situation. Whatever the case, I completely blew it. As in chess, all losses and mistakes should be counted as lessons. This

was totally my fault as part of the duties of the coach. We missed the deadline for arbitration to get any scores or changes in the standings by coaches by one hour. I was infuriated and anyone that knows me would know that almost never happens. After 5 rounds of play at the most important chess tournament in a once in a lifetime opportunity for many of my players, we were in 25th place. Not bad for a few Texans. However; it was terrible because we were in that place with only 3 guys scores, Mateo, Marlon, and Gilberto. "Where in the heck is Sang's score?!" Sang D. my 18 years old senior and Lone Star Open Champion from Vietnam. By the way, when you are traveling on any airline in America and you are over 18 years old you will need a legal government identification. Sang and I missed the first flight to Nashville because Sang only had a school ID. Blunder #1, lesson learned. The return flight was worse, I was held up with Sang for 3 and a half hours as he was denied travel by Washington, D. C. and the TSA authorities at the Nashville airport because he not only didn't have his legal ID, his school ID was in the luggage. Where was the luggage? Loaded on the plane. Blunder #2, lesson learned. After much debate, I was denied by the chief tournament director to add my player's scores, which would have put us tied for 1st place at that time with several other teams. But because of the blunder we were ultimately in 35th place in our section, U-1600. Reasonably so, I had tears in my eyes from frustration at the mix up in placing all of my team members on our team. There was a mistake that could have easily been avoided if caught early enough. Time for my impassioned plea. I said to the Chief TD, tournament director, "Don't apologize to me save your apologies for the teams we will defeat because you made the error and didn't include our scores. Mistreat me, I'm okay, I'm a big boy. Mistreat my principal, he didn't become a principal wearing his feelings on his sleeves. Mistreat my parents, they're adults, they'll get over it. But please don't mistreat my kids. They've worked too hard, studied too long, practiced their butts off to get here. Don't mistreat them." My impassioned plea fell on deaf ears and rightfully so.

Ronald Reagan's famous dictum, "Trust but verify" is a page I should have taken from President Ronald Reagan's adviser on Russian affairs, Suzanne Massie.

When she was preparing the president for talks with Mikhail Gorbachev in 1986 she thought perhaps it would be great for the President to learn a few Russian proverbs. The one he liked best was “Doveryai no proveryai” — trust, but verify. I should have verified after each round. Blunder #3, lesson learned.

There are lots of moving parts in a chess tournament especially one of the magnitude of Supernationals. Those parts all work like a well oiled, finely tuned BMW when everyone does their part. Chess Control, the scorer's table, tournament directors, parents, coaches and volunteers are doing a very difficult job under tremendous pressure, it's really easy for something to fall through the cracks. This is also why chess is so extremely difficult, a lot is going on. Rooks want lift, Bishops want scope, Knights love jumping all over the place. Queens doing what ever an open straight line file will allow them to do, Pawns aggressively attacking diagonally while simultaneously striving for the back rank. Geeze!!! It's no wonder more blunders aren't made. My blunder caught the attention of parents, the principal, TDs and of course my students. Verifying should happen before, during and after every round to ensure, round by round, the integrity of the tournament from the pairings throughout the results of round 1 and the final round, that the team members are listed correctly, coded correctly. Coaches are required to check the scores, pairings and such so errors can be caught early in the event that corrections need to be made. I did not do that until too late. Never again, lessons learned. The official results are published, and will not be changed. However; a copy of what could have, should have been our 9th place trophy is now proudly displayed in the campus main office even if "Top 10 in U-1600 section of the country" isn't official.

I must get back to Michael Jackson since we're talking about legends of basketball, chess and music. I'm almost certain Michael played chess or at least in the Michael Jackson: Searching for Neverland show airing on the Lifetime Network, his son Paris at the tender age of 5 in a home movie sitting at an elegant chess board made of gold and silver, picks up a beautiful six inch Rook and says, "Daddy, we should live in a castle like this." We must mention the legendary album

Thriller the biggest, "Baddest" album of all time but then there's Off The Wall, Invincible and Michael released two more albums posthumously. That's pretty amazing. When Michael introduced us to Wesley Snipes in the Bad music video, my thought "Mike's about to get his butt kicked." Wesley has a black belt in several disciplines but to our surprise, on the Bad World Tour Mike sold 4.4 Million tickets, has 15 #1 hits and remains #1 as the most purchased non-living artist surpassing even Elvis, has more Grammy Awards and is heralded as The King of Pop. So, I've decided, my son's not going on the Chess Academy's European Chess Tour 2017 this year, he's opting out for our Japanese Chess Tour in 2018, a smart chess move. So, I'll take him to see the "One" show in Las Vegas on my birthday, his first, my third time. Supernationals is a dynasty, I've made blunders, and the "One" show tribute to Michael Jackson is Legendary and he played chess.

At the awards ceremony at Supernationals I told my kids with tears in my eyes, "When they call out the names of the top 10 in our section in the country, scream, yell, cheer and applaud as loud as you can as if you are the champions because you are champions." After the awards ceremony, I shook the hand, very firmly of the chief TD and thanked him for his transparency and teaching us this painful lesson. Legendary? Maybe not. Blunder? Absolutely. Dynasty? Working on it.



**Coach Myers with Garry Kasparov**

# Upcoming Events

## MID & LATE JUNE 2017

**JUN. 9-11 Houston City Championship 2017**

Info: <http://www.uschess.org/tlas/8135.tla>

**JUN. 10 Southlake June Pirate Classic**

Info: <http://www.uschess.org/tlas/8165.tla>

**JUN. 10 Plano Pre-Father's Day Spectacular**

Info: <http://www.uschess.org/tlas/8089.tla>

**JUN. 11 North Texas Chess Academy Sunday Swiss**

Info: <http://www.uschess.org/tlas/8147.tla>

**JUN. 17 Many Springs 101**

Info: <http://www.uschess.org/tlas/7570.tla>

**JUNE 17-18 2017 DCC FIDE Open VI**

Info: <http://www.dallaschess.com>, 214-632-9000

**JUN. 18 MTGK Math Institute - Murphy June Championships**

Info: <http://www.uschess.org/tlas/8183.tla>

**JUN. 24-25 Aurelio Gonzalez Jr Memorial Tournament**

Info: <http://www.uschess.org/tlas/7978.tla>

**JUNE 24-25 2017 San Antonio City Championship**

Info: 210-384-4797, [louisrimpel2@gmail.com](mailto:louisrimpel2@gmail.com)

**JUN. 30 Southlake Summer Blitz Classic**

Info: <http://www.uschess.org/tlas/8169.tla>

## JULY 2017

**JUL. 1 Arlington Summer Blitz**

Info: <http://www.uschess.org/tlas/7980.tla>

**JULY 8-9 2017 DCC FIDE Open VII**

Info: <http://www.dallaschess.com>, 214-632-9000

**JULY 21-23 OR 22-23 2017 Houston Summer Chess Festival**

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

**JUL. 22 2017 Waco Chess Club Summer Swiss**

Info: <http://www.uschess.org/tlas/8175.tla>

**JUL. 23 2017 Houston Summer Chess Festival**

Info: <http://www.uschess.org/tlas/18349.ctla>

**JULY 29-30 2017 DCC FIDE Open VIII**

Info: <http://www.dallaschess.com>, 214-632-9000

## WEEKLY EVENTS

**NTCA Thursday Blitz**

June 15, 22, 29; July 6, 13, 20, 27

Info: <http://www.uschess.org/tlas/6855.tla>

**NTCA Sunday Swiss**

June 11, 18, 25; July 2, 9, 16, 23, 30

Info: <http://www.uschess.org/tlas/8147.tla>

**Frisco Smarts Sunday**

June 11, 18, 25; July 2, 9, 16, 23, 30

Info: <http://www.uschess.org/tlas/8099.tla>

**Dallas Chess Club's Friday Swiss**

June 16, 23

Info: <http://www.dallaschess.com>, 214-632-9000

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**Other Details:** 4-SS, TL: G/60;d5, 2 rounds on Saturday, 2 rounds on Sunday.

### **Agenda**

**Advance Registration:** Send email to Jim Hollingsworth, Major, U.S. Army (ret): [armychess@aol.com](mailto:armychess@aol.com)

**Early Registration:** Friday, 22 SEP 2017, 6 PM to 9 PM, Chess Hospitality Suite, Holiday Inn Express, 820 Thousand Oaks Dr., Hurst, TX 76054. Tel: 817.427.1818. Fax: 817.427.1820. Special Room Rate: One room: \$109.00 (\$151 regular). Suite: \$10 more. Ten rooms are blocked off and the above is valid if reserved no later than Friday, August 25, 2017.

**On Site Registration:** Saturday, 23 SEP 2017, 9 AM to 10 AM.

**Opening Ceremonies and VIP Remarks:** Saturday, 23 SEP 2017, 10 AM to 10:25 AM.

**Saturday's Rounds:** 10:30 AM and 2 PM.

**Veterans Dinner:** 5:30 PM to 7 PM.

**Sunday's Rounds:** 10 AM and 1:30 PM. **Awards Ceremony** at 4:30 PM.

**All players please contact Jim Hollingsworth ASAP.** (817) 779-0640 or email: [armychess@aol.com](mailto:armychess@aol.com)

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**Ritik Verma – Satya Holla**

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