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Above: Coach Myers and The Chess Academy at the London Eye

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



From the Desk of the Editor

Hello Texas,

This issue is a little short on content. The simple reason is that I received only a single submission other than those that were from regular contributors (including the cover photo this time). I'm grateful for all contributors, but most especially those that contribute to each issue. Not a single tournament photo for Texas Masters. No regional content, etc. And frankly, I don't have the time to go digging for content. So, in turn ... there are 8 fewer pages to this issue than normal. Frankly it's getting a little frustrating. Last issue wasn't much better. Thankfully, when creating the last issue, I actually had some *extra* content from the previous issue, so that was helpful. Plus, I did receive 2 photos last time ... one of which I used, the other was similar and so I didn't use it. The last issue was also the holiday issue, so I had other pictures available.

If you want a larger issue with more content. Send me your submissions. If not, well, we'll just have to see how future issues go.

USCF Top Player Lists show that we have some very strong young players; The #1 Under 21, the #1 Age 17, the #1 Age 16, the #1 Age 12, the #1 Girl Age 16, the #1 Girl Age 7 and Under ... sometimes it's not just in the US, but in the World, and we have many others in the top 10 of their Age groups.

Let's not become complacent in our support of our players. Get me games and photos so we can celebrate their Chess successes. Let's make sure we record our players' Chess accomplishments, not just for us, but for generations to come.

The latest issue of *American Chess Magazine* (#5) has a nice article about **Alexander Onischuk** (#5 on the overall USCF top player list and the #1 player overall in Texas).

I hope everyone enjoyed the holidays. Get out and play, there are plenty of tournaments listed in the upcoming events.

The next issue should be in your mailbox sometime around the 1st week of April.

— **Jeff French**



From the Desk of the TCA President

Hello everyone. Hope your holidays went well. I was in contact with different organizers throughout the state this Saturday, and I can honestly say chess is very active throughout the state. Coming up to an area close to you soon. Regionals. The first step in preparation for state scholastic. I hope you will join our region directors at these events. Feel free to volunteer your skill at these events. You don't need to know how to play, just want to help.

Texas Chess Association is comprised mainly of individuals who give their time to promote chess in their area. I thank you in advance. Join us and get some insight on how these events work. See you at the boards.

— Eddie.

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Income		Expenses	
September memberships	\$322.50	Starter chess sets	\$216.50
October memberships	\$269.50	Texas Knight Sept-Oct 2017	\$891.37
November memberships	\$25.50	2017 National Girls Representative WFM Priya Trakru	\$300.00
December memberships	\$118.00	2017 Barber Representative NM Justin Wang	\$300.00
January memberships (so far)	\$37.50	Total	\$1,707.87
2017 SW Open memberships	\$320.00		
2017 N/C Texas Grade memberships	\$340.00		
2017 Texas Masters	\$10.00		
Smile Amazon Donation	\$6.04		
Total			\$1,449.04



January 10, 2018

WF checking account balance	\$1,138.25
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Texas Masters Chess Tournament

Additional Info: <http://www.dallaschess.com/2017TexasMasters/index.htm>

The **Texas Masters Chess Tournament** was held in **Richardson** between November 23rd to November 26th., 2017. There were 17 participants in the Masters Section and 21 participants in the Reserve Section.

NM Justin Wang won the Masters section with a score of 6.0/7. Below are the results.

#	Name	Rtng	Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd 3	Rd 4	Rd 5	Rd 6	Rd 7	Tot
1	NM Justin Wang	2355	W4 (b)	W6 (w)	D2 (b)	W9 (w)	D3 (b)	W11 (w)	W10 (b)	6.0
2	GM Andrey Gorovets	2616	W5 (w)	D3 (b)	D1 (w)	W10 (b)	W9 (b)	D4 (w)	W12 (w)	5.5
3	NM Anish Vivekananthan	2211	W8 (b)	D2 (w)	D6 (b)	W12 (w)	D1 (w)	D7 (b)	W4 (b)	5.0
4	Alex M Moore	2059	L1 (w)	W11 (b)	L5 (w)	W13 (b)	W10 (w)	D2 (b)	L3 (w)	3.5
5	NM Adarsh Hullahalli	2181	L2 (b)	W8 (w)	W4 (b)	D6 (w)	W12 (b)	U--- (-)	U--- (-)	3.5
6	NM Ronit Kirumaki	2209	W16 (w)	L1 (b)	D3 (w)	D5 (b)	W7 (w)	U--- (-)	U--- (-)	3.0
7	WCM Sheena Zeng	1968	L14 (b)	D13 (w)	D8 (b)	W11 (w)	L6 (b)	D3 (w)	H--- (-)	3.0
8	Yue Chu	1928	L3 (w)	L5 (b)	D7 (w)	D15 (b)	W13 (w)	D10 (b)	H--- (-)	3.0
9	NM Thomas Kung	2225	X--- (-)	W12 (b)	H--- (-)	L1 (b)	L2 (w)	U--- (-)	H--- (-)	3.0
10	Segev Eliezer	2071	H--- (-)	W15 (b)	H--- (-)	L2 (w)	L4 (b)	D8 (w)	L1 (w)	2.5
11	WCM Camille Y Kao	1985	H--- (-)	L4 (w)	W13 (b)	L7 (b)	D15 (w)	L1 (b)	H--- (-)	2.5
12	NM Robert Sanchez	2083	W13 (b)	L9 (w)	W15 (w)	L3 (b)	L5 (w)	U--- (-)	L2 (b)	2.0
13	Sudhars Ramapriya	1566	L12 (w)	D7 (b)	L11 (w)	L4 (w)	L8 (b)	W17 (b)	H--- (-)	2.0
14	NM Dion Su	2196	W7 (w)	H--- (-)	H--- (-)	U--- (-)	U--- (-)	U--- (-)	U--- (-)	2.0
15	Anirudh Ganesh	2052	H--- (-)	L10 (w)	L12 (b)	D8 (w)	D11 (b)	U--- (-)	U--- (-)	1.5
16	Sri Avishkar Raghuraja	1658	L6 (b)	U--- (-)	U--- (-)	U--- (-)	U--- (-)	U--- (-)	U--- (-)	0.0
17	Suhel Ahmed	1475	U--- (-)	U--- (-)	U--- (-)	U--- (-)	U--- (-)	L13 (w)	U--- (-)	0.

CM Andrew Tang won the Reserve section with a score of 5.5/7. Below are the results.

#	Name	Rtng	Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd 3	Rd 4	Rd 5	Rd 6	Rd 7	Tot
1	CM Andrew Tang	1733	W19 (w)	D5 (b)	W3 (w)	L14 (b)	W8 (w)	W7 (b)	W2 (b)	5.5
2	Eric Wang	1755	W20 (b)	W8 (w)	D5 (b)	W6 (w)	W7 (b)	H--- (-)	L1 (w)	5.0
3	Sri Avishkar Raghuraja	1658	H--- (-)	W4 (w)	L1 (b)	W17 (w)	W6 (b)	D5 (w)	W14 (b)	5.0
4	Vittal Ranganath	1815	L7 (w)	L3 (b)	W19 (w)	W11 (b)	W15 (w)	W12 (b)	W5 (w)	5.0
5	Nicole Niemi	1906	W9 (b)	D1 (w)	D2 (w)	W10 (b)	W14 (w)	D3 (b)	L4 (b)	4.5
6	Nitin Chikkodi	1812	W15 (b)	W11 (w)	H--- (-)	L2 (b)	L3 (w)	W9 (b)	W12 (w)	4.5
7	Ethan Rockwell Lance	1549	W4 (b)	D10 (w)	H--- (-)	W12 (b)	L2 (w)	L1 (w)	W11 (b)	4.0

Reserve section results (continued).

#	Name	Rtng	Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd 3	Rd 4	Rd 5	Rd 6	Rd 7	Tot
8	Jia-Syuan Jang	1610	W21 (w)	L2 (b)	D13 (w)	W9 (b)	L1 (b)	W18 (w)	H--- (-)	4.0
9	Shashvat Chathapuram	1717	L5 (w)	W19 (b)	H--- (-)	L8 (w)	W16 (b)	L6 (w)	W15 (b)	3.5
10	Dhruv Karthik	1762	W18 (w)	D7 (b)	H--- (-)	L5 (w)	D17 (b)	D11 (b)	H--- (-)	3.5
11	Kabir Ahmed	1664	W13 (b)	L6 (b)	D12 (w)	L4 (w)	W18 (b)	D10 (w)	L7 (w)	3.0
12	Dean Cullen	1782	H--- (-)	W17 (w)	D11 (b)	L7 (w)	W13 (b)	L4 (w)	L6 (b)	3.0
13	Pradhymna Prakash	1280	L11 (w)	W16 (w)	D8 (b)	D18 (b)	L12 (w)	D15 (b)	H--- (-)	3.0
14	Francisco Tort	1937	W16 (b)	H--- (-)	H--- (-)	W1 (w)	L5 (b)	U--- (-)	L3 (w)	3.0
15	Ronit Podder	1466	L6 (w)	W18 (b)	L17 (b)	W16 (w)	L4 (b)	D13 (w)	L9 (w)	2.5
16	Ming-Ruei Jang	1434	L14 (w)	L13 (b)	W18 (w)	L15 (b)	L9 (w)	W17 (b)	H--- (-)	2.5
17	Vinh Welsh	1686	H--- (-)	L12 (b)	W15 (w)	L3 (b)	D10 (w)	L16 (w)	L18 (b)	2.0
18	Vishnu Ranganath	1295	L10 (b)	L15 (w)	L16 (b)	D13 (w)	L11 (w)	L8 (b)	W17 (w)	1.5
19	Roger Gaiha	1433	L1 (b)	L9 (w)	L4 (b)	U--- (-)	U--- (-)	U--- (-)	U--- (-)	0.0
20	Sri Yas Raghuraja	703	L2 (w)	U--- (-)	U--- (-)	U--- (-)	U--- (-)	U--- (-)	U--- (-)	0.0
21	Ramapriya Krishnamurthy	unr.	L8 (b)	U--- (-)	U--- (-)	U--- (-)	U--- (-)	U--- (-)	U--- (-)	0.0

2017 US Class Championships

The US Class Championships were held in Houston between November 11th and 12th, 2017. There were 21 Participants in the Master section with **GM Jeffery Xiong** and **GM Ruifeng Li**, both from Texas, shared the top position, both scoring 4.0/5. Below are the top 9 Master section results. You can find additional results in the USChess.org previous tournament cross tables, search for '2017 US Class Championships'.

#	Name	Rnd1	Rnd2	Rnd3	Rnd4	Rnd5	Tot
1	JEFFERY XIONG	D7	W11	D3	W10	W9	4
2	RUIFENG LI	W13	W9	W5	D4	D6	4
3	KAMIL DRAGUN	W14	D6	D1	W12	D4	3.5
4	ANDREY STUKOPIN	W19	W8	D10	D2	D3	3.5
5	VLADIMIR BELOUS	W21	W17	L2	D7	W11	3.5
6	GUILLERMO VAZQUEZ	W22	D3	D7	W14	D2	3.5
7	YANNICK KAMBRATH	D1	W15	D6	D5	W10	3.5
8	FELIX JOSE YNOJOSA APONTE	W18	L4	L13	W22	W17	3
9	JOSHUA D RUIZ C	W23	L2	W17	W13	L1	3



Annual Invitation Team Match Between the Most
Serious Chess Players in North Central Texas
By Jim Hollingsworth

Tarrant Holds Down Waco 14.5 to 11.5



Hillsboro, Texas (7 October 2017). In BRAZOS II, the Tarrant Chess Team, captained by Adam Hart, fell behind early and quickly trailed 4-0. Chief Tournament Director Jim Hollingsworth, pulling double duty as a Tarrant player, halted the slide by forcing a draw with Waco chess icon Carmen Chairez. The Tarrant players found their momentum and surged to an 8-5 halftime lead. In the second half, Tarrant never trailed and continued building

its lead for a 14.5 to 11.5 final score.

The Honorable Edith Turner Omberg, Mayor of the City of Hillsboro, Texas, officiated the opening ceremonies at Hill College. She was accompanied by Chelsea Adamson and Xavier Cook, Chamber of Commerce Representatives, and together they inspired both teams to greatness. The players received several gifts as



mementoes including a commemorative edition of "The Reporter." At the Victory Dinner she presented the new BRAZOS trophy to Adam Hart, Tarrant Chess Team Captain (the photo shows Chief Tournament Director Jim Hollingsworth on the left, Mayor Omberg in the center, and Adam Hart on the right).

"We are thrilled by the return of the most

serious chess players in North Central Texas, to our beautiful city." said Omberg. "This is icing on the cake for the great things happening here. During the past year, the IKO roofing shingles factory opened with 60 or more new jobs. At least ten businesses are expanding or opening new facilities. Things are really booming in the City of Hillsboro."

Team Captain Adam Hart and two teammates, Chris Johnson and Chris Wood, "aced" their match opponents with perfect 2-0 scores. Waco's two "aces" were Team Captain John De Vries and Jason Lund. John De Vries was also co-organizer along with Chief TD Jim Hollingsworth. Several BRAZOS II players (Tom Crane, Bob Curtis, John De Vries, Bram Foster, Zachary Graber, Adam Hart, Russ Heise, Jim Hollingsworth, and Chris Johnson) are members of the Texas Chess Team.

Editor's Note: Following are some of the games from the Tournament. Others can be found in the .pgn included with the Digital Edition of *Texas Knights*.

Fiorini, Phillip (1891) – Howell, Jason (1948) [C01]
BRAZOS II Hillsboro TX (1.1), 07.10.2017

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.exd5 exd5
4.Bd3 c5 5.dxc5 Bxc5 6.Nf3
Nf6 7.0-0 0-0 8.Bg5 Qd6
9.Nc3 Nbd7 10.Bf5 d4 11.Na4
Rd8 12.Bxd7 Rxd7 13.Bxf6
gxf6 14.Nxc5 Qxc5 15.Re1
Rd8 16.Re4 d3 17.c3 Qb5
18.Qd2 Bf5 19.Re3 Rac8
20.Rae1 Bg6 21.h3 Qa4

22.b3 Qa5 23.c4 Qh5 24.Qc3
Kg7 25.Nd2 Qg5 26.Rg3 Qf5
27.Rf3 Qg5 28.Rg3 Qf5
29.Rf3 1/2-1/2

Niemi, Nicole (1924) – Adams, Frank (1800) [B15]
BRAZOS II Hillsboro TX (1.2), 07.10.2017

1.e4 c6 2.Nc3 d5 3.d4 dxe4
4.Nxe4 Nf6 5.Nxf6+ exf6
6.Nf3 Bd6 7.Bd3 0-0 8.0-0
Bg4 9.h3 Bh5 10.c4 Bc7
11.Be3 Qd6 12.g4 Bg6
13.Rc1 Re8 14.Qd2 Nd7
15.Rfe1 Be4 16.Bxe4 Rxe4
17.Qd3 Rae8 18.Rcd1 h5
19.Ne5 Nc5 20.Qc2 fxe5

21.dxc5 Qg6 22.Qd3 hxd4
23.h4 Rd8 24.Qf1 g3
25.Rxd8+ Bxd8 26.f4 exf4
27.Bxf4 Rxe1 28.Qxe1 Bxh4
29.Qe2 Qf5 30.Be3 Qe4
31.Qd2 Qf3 32.Bd4 f6 33.Be3
Qe4 34.b3 f5 35.Bf4 Bf6
36.Bxg3 Bd4+ 37.Kh2 Qe3
38.Qxe3 Bxe3 39.Bd6 Bd2
40.Kg2 Kf7 41.Kf3 g5 42.Be5
Ke6 43.Bd4 Bf4 44.b4 Be5
45.Bf2 g4+ 46.Ke3 f4+
47.Ke4 g3 48.Bg1 Bc7 49.a4
Kd7 50.b5 a5 51.Bd4 Ke6
52.b6 Bb8 53.Kf3 Kf5 54.Bc3
Be5 55.Bxa5 Bd4 56.Bb4 Be3
57.a5 Ke6 58.a6 [Black re-
signed.] 1-0

**Hollingsworth, Jim (1800) –
Chairez, Carmen (1769) [C68]**
BRAZOS II Hillsboro TX (1.3), 07.10.2017

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6
4.Bxc6 dxc6 5.0-0 Bd6 6.d4
Qe7 7.dxe5 Bxe5 8.c3 Nf6
9.Bg5 0-0 10.Bxf6 Qxf6
11.Nbd2 Bg4 12.Qe2 Rad8
13.Rad1 Rfe8 14.Nc4 Bf4
15.Rxd8 Rxd8 16.Ne3 Bh5
17.Rd1 Rxd1+ 18.Nxd1 h6
19.h3 Bxf3 20.Qxf3 Qd6
21.Qe2 Kf8 22.Kf1 Qe6 23.c4
g6 24.b3 Be5 25.Qd2 Qd6
26.Qxd6+ cxd6 27.Ke2 Bd4
28.Kd3 c5 29.a3 [Draw
agreed.] ½-½

**Howell, Jason (1948) –
Fiorini, Phillip (1891) [C11]**
BRAZOS II Hillsboro TX (2.1), 07.10.2017

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nc3 Nf6
4.e5 Nfd7 5.Qg4 c5 6.dxc5
Nxe5 7.Qg3 Nbc6 8.Nb5 a6
9.Nd6+ Bxd6 10.Qxg7 Ng6
11.cxd6 Qxd6 12.Bd3 Qe5+
13.Qxe5 Ngxe5 14.Bf4 Nxd3+
15.cxd3 Bd7 16.Nf3 Nb4
17.Kd2 Rc8 18.Rhc1 0-0
19.Bd6 Rxc1 20.Rxc1 Nc6
21.Bxf8 Kxf8 22.d4 f6 23.Ke3
Ke7 24.h3 Be8 25.g4 Kd6
26.g5 f5 27.Nh4 Bh5 28.f4
Bf7 29.Nf3 Be8 30.Ne5 Nxe5
31.fxe5+ Kd7 32.b4 Kd8
33.Kf4 Bh5 34.a4 Be8 35.a5
Kd7 36.Rc5 Kd8 37.h4 Kd7
38.b5 axb5 39.Rxb5 Kc7
40.Rb6 Bf7 41.h5 Kc8 42.g6
hxc6 43.h6 Bg8 44.Kg5
[Black resigned.] 1-0

**Chairez, Carmen (1769) [B01]–
Hollingsworth, Jim (1800)**
BRAZOS II Hillsboro TX (2.3), 07.10.2017

1.e4 d5 2.exd5 Qxd5 3.Nc3
Qa5 4.Bc4 Nf6 5.d3 e6 6.Bd2
c6 7.Nf3 Be7 8.0-0 Qc7 9.Qe2
Nbd7 10.Rfe1 0-0 11.Bxe6
Bd6 12.Ng5 Bxh2+ 13.Kf1
Ne5 14.Bxc8 Raxc8 15.Nge4
Ng6 16.Nxf6+ gxf6 17.Qg4
Bf4 18.Bxf4 Qxf4 19.Qxf4
Nxf4 20.g3 Ne6 21.Ne4 Kg7
22.c3 Rcd8 23.Ke2 b6 24.f3
Ng5 25.f4 Nxe4 26.dxe4 Rfe8
27.Ke3 f5 28.e5 f6 29.Rad1
Rxd1 30.Rxd1 Re7 31.Kf3
Kf7 32.exf6 Kxf6 33.Rd6+
Re6 ½-½

**Guel, Daniel (1714) –
Graber, Zach (1700) [A57]**
BRAZOS II Hillsboro TX (2.4), 07.10.2017

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 c5 3.d5 b5
4.cxb5 a6 5.Nc3 axb5 6.Nxb5
e6 7.Nc3 Bb7 8.e4 d6 9.Qb3
Qc8 10.Na4 Nxe4 11.Nb6
Qc7 12.Qb5+ Nd7 13.Nxa8
Bxa8 14.dxe6 fxe6 15.Bd3
Bc6 16.Qc4 d5 17.Qc2 Ndf6
18.Nf3 c4 19.Bxe4 Nxe4 20.0-0
Bc5 21.Ng5 Nxf2 22.Rxf2
Rf8 23.Nf3 e5 24.Qxh7 Bxf2+
25.Kxf2 e4 26.Qg6+ Rf7
27.Qe6+ Kf8 28.Be3 exf3
29.Bc5+ Kg8 30.gxf3 Qxh2+
31.Ke3 d4+ 32.Bxd4 Qf4+
33.Ke2 Bxf3+ 34.Ke1 Qxd4
35.Qc8+ Rf8 36.Qe6+ Kh7
37.Qh3+ Kg6 38.Qe6+ Rf6
39.Qe8+ Kg5 40.Qb5+ Rf5
0-1

**Graber, Zach (1700) –
Guel, Daniel (1714) [C02]**
BRAZOS II Hillsboro TX (1.4), 07.10.2017

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 c5 4.c3
Nc6 5.Nf3 Qb6 6.Bd3 Nh6
7.Bxh6 gxh6 8.Qc2 cxd4

9.Bxh7 Rxh7 10.Qxh7 Qxb2
11.0-0 Qxa1 12.Qc2 Bd7
13.Nfd2 d3 14.Qa4 Qb2
15.Qf4 0-0-0 16.c4 Qxe5
17.Qxf7 Bd6 18.f4 Qe3+
19.Kh1 Rf8 20.Qg7 Rxf4
21.Rxf4 Bxf4 22.Qf8+ Kc7
23.g3 Qe1+ 24.Kg2 Qe2+
25.Kh1 Bxd2 26.Nxd2 Qxd2
27.c5 Qe1+ 28.Kg2 Qe5 0-1

**Johnson, Chris (1786) –
West, Darryl (1714) [A70]**
BRAZOS II Hillsboro TX (1.5), 07.10.2017

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 c5 3.d5 e6
4.Nc3 exd5 5.cxd5 d6 6.e4 a6
7.a4 g6 8.Bd3 Bg7 9.h3 0-0
10.Nf3 Re8 11.0-0 Nbd7
12.Bf4 Qc7 13.Qd2 c4 14.Bc2
Nc5 15.Rfe1 Nfd7 16.Qe2
Nd3 17.Bxd3 cxd3 18.Qxd3
Nc5 19.Qc4 Bd7 20.b4 b5
21.axb5 axb5 22.Nxb5 Bxb5
23.Qxb5 Bxa1 24.bxc5 Be5
25.Nxe5 dxe5 26.Be3 f5 27.f3
fxe4 28.fxe4 Rf8 29.Qc4 Qf7
30.Kh2 Ra3 31.c6 Rxe3
32.Rxe3 Qa7 33.Re1 [Flag.]
1-0

**Heise, Russ (1574) –
Foster, Bram (1582) [C42]**
BRAZOS II Hillsboro TX (1.7), 07.10.2017

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.Nxe5 d6
4.Nf3 Nxe4 5.Nc3 Nxc3
6.dxc3 Nc6 7.Bf4 Bg4 8.Be2
Be7 9.0-0 g5 10.Nxg5 Bxg5
11.Bxg5 Qxg5 12.Bxg4 f5
13.Re1+ Kd7 14.Bh3 Rae8
15.Qf3 Rhf8 16.Rxe8 Kxe8
17.Re1+ Kd8 18.Qd3 Ne5
19.Qe3 f4 20.Qe4 c6 21.Kh1
Rf7 22.f3 Re7 23.Qf5 Nd7
24.Qxg5!! [Black resigned]
1-0

Tactics Time!

These positions came from games played in Texas or elsewhere by (at least one) Texas Player. **Answers can be found on page 14.**



1. Thomas Kung – Holden Carmenates
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 Black to Move



2. Advait Patel – Roberto Sanchez
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 White to Move



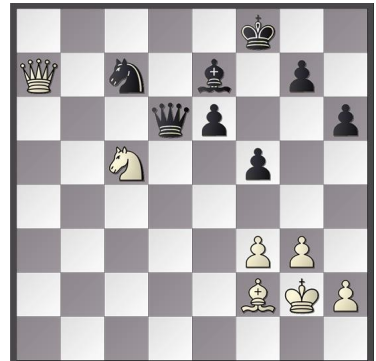
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 Black to Move



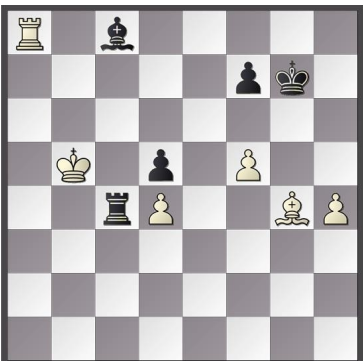
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 White to Move



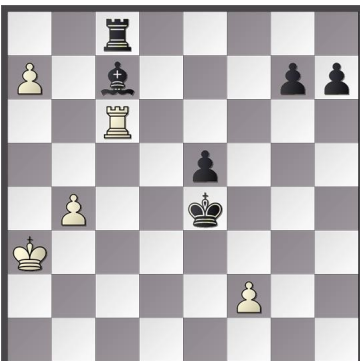
5. Omer Reshef – Eugene Perelshteyn
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 White to Move



6. Zurab Javakhadze – Y. Kambrath
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 White to Move



7. Yannick Kambrath – Felix Ynojosa
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 White to Move



8. Razvan Preotu – Justin Sarkar
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 White to Move

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	Overall		58	Nguyen, Anthony Quan	2142	78	Ma, Albert Z	1819
5	Onischuk, Alexander	2762	59	Moore, Alex Michael	2138	82	Yellamraju, Ambica	1813
10	Xiong, Jeffery	2724	91	Nguyen, Khoa Minh	2027	86	Yellamraju, Aparna	1802
14	Dragun, Kamil	2707				95	Rorrer, Grayson	1787
20	Stukopin, Andrey	2687		Age 16				
24	Li, Ruifeng	2665	1	Li, Ruifeng	2665		Age 11	
28	Maciej, Bartlomiej	2651	8	Liu, Bovey	2351	16	Polavaram, Rithik Sai	2112
29	Ramirez, Alejandro	2650	22	Hullahalli, Adarsh	2218	17	Obero, Shelev	2081
33	Sadorra, Julio C	2641	23	Kirumaki, Ronit	2210	22	Trakru, Rohun	2059
37	Steingrímsson, Hedin	2630	29	Xie, Tianming	2199	53	Yang, Benjamin	1875
44	Gorovets, Andrey	2605	45	Devagharan, Devina	2139	59	Tang, Andrew	1823
60	Yang, Darwin	2584	67	Eliezer, Segev	2066	82	Hwang, William	1753
71	Hevia Alejano, Carlos Antonio	2565	81	Trakru, Priya Nikita	2027	95	Deviprasath, Sharvesh	1725
73	Berczes, David	2564	85	Toliver, James Charles	2018			
75	Arribas Lopez, Angel	2563	87	Zheng, Vincent	2012		Age 10	
85	Rao, Prasanna Raghuram	2543	88	Dammann, Jorn Fabian	2011	31	Pathak, Rudransh	1838
88	Preotu, Razvan	2540	89	Krishnan, Aadarsh	2010	42	Jin, Qiheng	1778
94	Hernandez, Holden	2530	100	Mohammadi, Sina	1978	43	Capocyan, John Patrick	1769
97	Javakhadze, Zurab	2525				72	Podder, Ronit	1683
100	Vazquez, Guillermo	2519		Age 15		84	Welsh, Vinh	1664
71	Troff, Kayden W	2565	14	Nguyen, Emily Quynh	2278	99	Das, Samarth	1620
67	Kore, Akshayraj	2569	43	Liu, Kevin	2118			
54	Margvelashvili, Giorgi	2596	45	Huo, Rannon	2095		Age 9	
22	Liang, Awonder	2669	50	Srivatsav, Aadarsh	2065	15	Sheehan, Ethan	1853
25	Friedel, Joshua E	2658	55	Fan, William G	2048	18	Raghuraja, Sri Avishkar	1821
92	Garcia, Jan Emmanuel	2533	60	Huang, Max	2027	33	Lance, Ethan Rockwell	1681
			64	Sonawane, Atharv	2022	62	Gardezi, Arsal	1585
	Age 65 and Over		73	Buegler, Jacob	2005	76	Zhang, Andrew H	1542
29	Hulse, Brian	2208	75	Tsuei, Kai	2003	78	Elangovan, Ramya	1539
33	Simms, Gary	2205	76	Palang, Warren Jesse	1997	84	Jin, Tony	1522
76	Malazarte, Ernesto L	2115	85	Frutos, Chase	1979	90	Feng, Travis	1512
98	Probasco, Robert D	2063	89	Kao, Camille Y	1972	98	Miramontes, Luis	1486
						99	Nandhakumar, Vaseegaran	1483
	Age 50 and Over			Age 14		100	Gao, Tianwen	1481
80	Land, Chris K	2277	15	Kung, Thomas	2239			
96	Hayward, Keith R	2259	30	Hawthorn, Charles	2121		Age 8	
			44	Ganesh, Anirudh	2050	5	Kunka, Harshid	1855
	Under Age 21		47	Nguyen, Dang Minh	2034	40	Melillo, Lucius Fox	1472
1	Xiong, Jeffery	2724	48	Ganthapodi, Maanav S	2027	60	Nair, Ajitesh	1389
4	Li, Ruifeng	2665	53	Bandi, Rohit Choudary	2011	66	He, Logan	1368
14	Preotu, Razvan	2540	67	Deleon, Carlos	1973	70	Sun, Alexander	1346
16	Vazquez, Guillermo	2519	71	Mao, Andrew Sun-Rong	1948	89	Hiwale, Ronak	1305
29	Ruiz C, Joshua D	2461	86	Prabu, Advait	1908	92	Wang, Kellen	1300
49	Wang, Justin	2404	96	Gupta, Som	1881	98	Ibarra, Jesus I	1292
60	Yim, Sungho	2371						
71	Liu, Bovey	2351		Age 13			Age 7 and Under	
74	He, Tommy	2347	7	Vivekananthan, Anish	2245	2	Li, Rachael	1725
78	Lin, Dachev	2340	11	Metpally, Jason	2206	13	Mei, Ethan R	1391
79	Chiang, Jonathan	2337	21	Peng, Peter	2161	14	Woodward, Andy Austin	1386
100	Pamatmat, Jarod John M	2310	31	Wang, Yanke	2108	38	Zhang, Sunny	1199
			47	Yan, Austin K	2011	39	Li, Jacob	1190
	Age 18		50	Frutos, Cole	2001	43	Qin, Samuel	1168
3	Preotu, Razvan	2540	56	Rajaram, Rudransh	1994	51	Qin, Timothy	1140
8	Yim, Sungho	2371	57	Niu, Baron T	1988	81	Hosur, Sanmita	996
11	Lin, Dachev	2340	76	Balderas, Adolfo Augusto, Jr	1930	100	Lau, Andrew	953
23	Vaidya, Atulya	2252	77	Romo, Benjamin	1927			
31	Obili, Abhishek	2223	86	Ramesh, Sreenevash	1904			
34	Lu, Andrew H	2200						
54	Nguyen, Duy Minh	2103		Age 12			Women Overall	
56	Xiang, Evan	2089	1	Wang, Justin	2404	15	Danelia, Mariam	2285
79	Nandula, Ram Aditya	2002	12	Hung, Daniel	2153	18	Nguyen, Emily Quynh	2278
99	Lopez, Luke M	1904				19	Andrenko, Iryna	2276
				Age 12 (continued)		23	Inapuri, Ramya	2254
	Age 17		16	Vaidya, Atraya	2109	25	Heredia, Carla	2245
1	Xiong, Jeffery	2724	24	Gundam, Rohit	2026	29	Chiang, Sarah	2232
16	He, Tommy	2347	34	Hawthorn, Henry	1988	54	Devagharan, Devina	2139
	Age 17 (continued)		41	Nguyen, Anh Nhu	1969	69	Xiang, Evan	2089
18	Chiang, Jonathan	2337	43	Zhu, Harvey	1961	76	Munoz, Claudia Elizabeth	2063
31	Frenkel, Benjamin	2248	45	Kumarappan, Ganesh	1952	87	Trakru, Priya Nikita	2027
35	Capocyan, Sam Lander Cabrera	2226	54	McNutt, William Howard	1910	100	Bochenkova, Azzama Azzamovna	1995
45	Premkumar, Hiren	2176	58	Zheng, Peter	1893			
			76	Casas, Michael	1823		Women Age 65 and Over	
						4	O'Neill, Julia	1816
						20	Hardesty, Brenda	1228

Women Age 50 and Over			Girls Age 15 (continued)			Girls Age 10 (continued)		
11	O'Neill, Julia	1816	43	Zhu, Yining	1539	55	Solis, Natalie	1154
59	Hardesty, Brenda	1228	52	Bautista, Ilse V	1403	57	Reddy, Tanvi	1142
71	Lamont, Olga Alexandra	1053	56	Solis, Gabriela	1345	59	Nitturi, Rajni	1135
74	Jamison, Helen	994	62	Boren, Isabel	1252	61	Jacinto, Gianna G	1127
75	Irwin, Marla	971	65	Tovias, Lauren	1208	66	Duggirala, Bhavyashree	1107
			67	Delgado, Victoria E	1205	77	Milligan, Madison	1075
			71	Babaria, Niyati Rakesh	1162	79	Iyer, Niyati	1060
Girls Under Age 21								
11	O'Neill, Julia	1816	73	Santana, Sol Celeste	1151	83	Lopez, Kathya Vanessa	1046
59	Hardesty, Brenda	1228	75	Gonzalez, Jolie Marie	1133	85	Holmes, Natalie Faith	1039
71	Lamont, Olga Alexandra	1053	84	Flowers, Ava	1049	92	Pande, Nayonika	1010
74	Jamison, Helen	994	88	Oliveira, Lauren R	1034	93	Balaji, Bhavana	998
75	Irwin, Marla	971	92	Rao, Sonia	980	97	Badan, Rima	969
						98	Pilla, Ananya Valli	968
Girls Age 18			Girls Age 14					
5	Xiang, Evan	2089	16	Cheng, Angela	1699			
21	Brown, Sarah	1622	19	Zhou, Julia	1571	Girls Age 9		
25	Guillen, Brianna	1552	20	Cedillo Bocanegra, Ana Karen	1562	7	Elangovan, Ramya	1539
32	Leos, Emily	1253	24	Azim, Risa	1479	22	Gao, Tianwen	1481
34	Lopez, Jessica	1218	38	Perera, Dimanthi	1400	28	Sinha, Tavishi	1334
40	Moya, Savannah	1088	41	Vasquez, Angelica	1383	31	Mcnutt, Kaitlynn Lee	1278
42	Alba-Jimenez, Sandra Michelle	1065	43	Murgulet, Ioana	1373	49	Hwang, Alexis	1219
47	Lee Sang, Bridget	1022	44	Garcia, Emily Alexis	1346	53	Akella, Sravya Suparna	1094
49	Mendez, Brianna A	992	45	Reistle, Jane	1340	55	Seals, Ayre	1070
53	Gonzalez, Janeth	844	47	Melgarejo, Fernanda	1337	62	Nair, Pallavi	1053
55	Villalpando, Lindsey	791	52	Salinas, Brianna Christina	1321	62	Mehta, Tanisi	1017
56	Solorzano, Roxana L	770	58	Ravichandar, Shreya	1233	83	Melgarejo, Paulina	901
56	Alvarado, Angelica	770	70	Basepogu, Sharon	1120	90	Espinosa, Sarah Elena	880
60	Alvarez, Anna M	730	77	Martinez, Margarita N	1075	91	Milova, Vladislava	875
68	Delgado, Samantha L	375	82	Miller, Ashlyn	1059	93	Martinez, Erika Beatriz	854
			84	Chaudhary, Shreya	1054	95	Kanyaboyina, Tarini	851
			96	Trevino, Rianna R	929	96	Cantu, Emma Grace	850
						99	Back, Iliana	839
Girls Age 17			Girls Age 13			Girls Age 8		
13	Abella, Clarissa Louise	1809		Ayinala, Shree	1793	19	John, Natalie Michelle	1148
15	Zheng, Christine	1784		Kao, Simona Y	1535	27	Parajulee, Aditty	1069
27	Rodriguez, Dominique	1592	16	Manohar, Riya	1502	37	Cruz, Vivica	991
42	Ortiz, Felicia	1337	40	Bautista, Reyna	1457	42	John, Ashley Danielle	917
46	Solis, Crystal Marie	1235	44	Flores, Madelyn A	1213	48	Balci, Ayda	870
47	Guillen, Sarai A	1221	47	Manoj, Aswathi	1213	52	Yong, Evelin	827
48	Martinez, Yvette	1205	76	Morales, Rhea	1176	53	Contreras, Rosario Nayeli	818
57	Salinas, Arianna Dolores	1132	76	Madhugiri, Shruthi	1149	61	Garcia, Karina V	761
61	Morrison, Nicole Leigh	1090	81	Deora, Saaniya	1148	63	Alanis, Juliana Cristina	752
61	Torres, Citlalli	1090	86	Hernandez, Madelyn	1139	70	Fat-Anthony, Raichelle	724
64	Christensen, Asha Taylor	1068	87	Krishnan, Aashika	1064	71	Caldera, Sophia	721
65	Capetillo, Emily	1064	98			80	Chavarria, Faith	702
65	Reed, Ambriette D	1064				82	Leal, Madison	698
75	Crossman, Jennifer Love	908				90	Cervantes, Makayla	664
78	Gorecki, Maria De La Luz	810				Girls Age 7 and Under		
83	Cruz, Sarina	652	2	Nguyen, Anh Nhu	1969	Li, Rachael		
88	Hurtado, Mariana Veronica	581	6	Yellamraju, Ambica	1813	1		1725
			7	Yellamraju, Aparna	1802	8	Zhang, Sunny	1199
			28	Binoj, Gaayathri	1480	16	Hosur, Sanmita	996
Girls Age 16			Girls Age 12					
1	Devagharan, Devina	2139	47	Aggarwal, Manika	1370	23	Raghuraja, Sri Yashvi	891
5	Trakru, Priya Nikita	2027	54	Padilla, Karlee	1326	31	Wang, Crystal	792
11	Palakollu, Samritha	1914	56	Babaria, Rajvi Rakesh	1300	33	Nair, Aditi	783
18	Qureshi, Sadia	1729	63	Wang, Catherine	1249	36	Garza, Brithany	739
30	Garza, Ariel Francis	1522	75	Balderas, Ana Luisa	1192	41	Ramirez, Isabella	703
31	Bhat, Puja Prashant	1514	78	Gunukula, Renee	1184	44	Gomez, Nelly Daniela	688
33	Salazar, Lillian	1499	79	Braun, Peyton Alexandra	1180	47	Liguez, Emma	668
36	Le, Tu	1491	95	Delgado, Gisele Josephine	1075	52	Lopez, Celeste Catalina	641
44	Cervera, Maria B	1297				57	Barba, Isabella	621
54	Flores, Victoria I	1151				62	Castillo, Leah I	606
63	Hernandez, Victoria A	1069	17	Chennuru, Anshu	1566	63	Gutierrez, Victoria Angelique	605
65	Castillo, Julianna Deanda	1016	20	Furman, Jessica	1481	66	Milova, Elizaveta S	586
70	Hale, Abbie	942	37	Pulido, Emma Rose	1326	67	Guerra, Anahi D	584
73	Harris, Rachelle	932	39	Naidu, Suchitra	1298	71	Ku, Chloe	566
75	Reyes, Amelinda A	913	46	Athila, Akshaya	1279	74	Rodriguez, Brandie Michelle	548
79	Chryst, Bailey	860	47	Ghatti, Saisneha	1273	75	Penk, Kaylin	545
84	Pena, Ashley	815	49	Hernandez, Sarah	1248	76	Gracia, Emma C	543
86	Tamosaitis, Wynter	791	58	Bandaru, Tanvi	1181	80	Yu, Karina	533
87	Voliber, Alyssa	790	76	Vasquez, Izabel	1114	83	Leyva, Tamil	523
96	Hipolito, Anateresa	653	91	Patil, Srushti	1040	88	Yu, Amanda	515
100	Wallace, Ashlyn	603				92	Schroeder, Tessa	493
						94	Loredo, Isabellah	485
						98	Elizalde, Vida	473
Girls Age 15			Girls Age 10					
4	Nguyen, Emily Quynh	2278	14	Wang, Kalia Yuke	1549			
14	Kao, Camille Y	1972	24	Balaji, Sai Sangeetha	1462			
33	Bao, Yuliang Eunice	1693	37	Ham, Emily	1341			
			48	Uviedo, Violette	1213			

Tactics Time! Answers

Answers:

1. 25...Qxc2+!! 26.Nxg2 Nf3+ 27. Kh1 Nxd2 and Black gets the Queen back with interest.
2. 20.Be1 traps the Black Queen.
3. 35...Ra1+ 36.Kxa1 Qc1+ 37.Ka2 Qb2#
4. 22.Nxd5 cxd5 23.Qxc7 picks up a pawn.
5. 16.Qd4 forks the Queen and Rook. Variation from the game.
6. 43.Qxc7!! Wins a piece 43...Qxc7 44.Nxe6+
7. 71.Rxc8! If 71...Rxc8 72.f6+ and White is up a piece. Playing f6+ first wins a piece as well.
8. 41.Rxc7 Rxc7 42.a8=Q+

Cover. 22...Rd5 skewers the Queen and Bishop 23.Qb4 Rxd3. Variation from the game.

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2017 Texas Collegiate Super Finals

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The **Texas Collegiate Super Finals** were held in **Brownsville** between October 21st and 22nd 2017. Three colleges participated; **UT Rio Grande Valley**, **UT Dallas** and **Texas Tech Univ.** There were two teams from each college with 4 players on each team. There were 4 rounds played by each player. UT Dallas won the tournament with UT Rio Grand Valley coming in second and Texas Tech Univ. taking third place. Following are the first round games from the tournament.

**DRAGUN,Kamil (2612) –
HERNANDEZ,Holden (2463)
[B04]**
SuperFinals (1.1), 21.10.2017

1.e4 Nf6 2.e5 Nd5 3.d4 d6
4.Nf3 g6 5.Bc4 c6 6.0-0 Bg7
7.exd6 Qxd6 8.c3 0-0 9.Re1
Bg4 10.Nbd2 Nd7 11.h3 Bxf3
12.Nxf3 b5 13.Bf1 e5 14.dxe5
Nxe5 15.Nxe5 Bxe5 16.a4 b4
17.cxb4 Nxb4 18.Bh6 Rfb8
19.Qxd6 Bxd6 20.Rac1 Bf8
21.Bxf8 Kxf8 22.Rc4 a5
23.Rc5 Re8 24.Rd1 Ke7
25.g3 Ra7 26.h4 Rd8 27.Re5+
Kf6 28.Rxa5 Rxa5 29.Rxd8
Rxa4 30.Rd7 Ra1 31.Kg2 Re1
32.Bc4 Re7 33.Rd8 Rc7

34.b3 ½-½

**RAZNIKOV,Dani (2491) –
STUKOPIN,Andrey (2592)
[D26]**
SuperFinals (1.2), 21.10.2017

1.d4 d5 2.c4 dxc4 3.Nf3 Nf6
4.e3 e6 5.Bxc4 a6 6.0-0 c5
7.Nc3 b5 8.Be2 Nbd7 9.b3
Bb7 10.Bb2 Be7 11.Rc1 0-0
12.dxc5 Nxc5 13.b4 Nce4
½-½

**BELOUS,Vladimir (2564) –
PREOTU,Razvan (2502)
[A04]**
SuperFinals (1.3), 21.10.2017

1.Nf3 c5 2.c4 Nc6 3.Nc3 e5
4.e3 Nf6 5.d4 cxd4 6.exd4 e4
7.Ne5 Bb4 8.Be2 Qa5 9.0-0
Nxe5 10.dxe5 Qxe5 11.Be3
Bc5 12.Bxc5 Qxc5 13.Nb5 0-0
14.Qd6 b6 15.b4 Qc6
16.Rad1 Bb7 17.Qf4 d5
18.Nd4 Qd7 19.Nf5 Qe6
20.cxd5 Bxd5 21.Bg4 Kh8
22.Bh3 Rad8 23.Nxg7 Qd6
24.Qh6 Rg8 25.Nf5 Qe5
26.Rfe1 Rg6 27.Qd2 Rdg8
28.g3 Qe6 29.Qb2 Re8
30.Nh4 Qe5 31.Nxg6+ hxg6
32.Qxe5 Rxe5 33.a3 Re7
34.Rc1 Kg7 35.f3 Bb7 36.Bg2
Kf8 37.Re3 Rd7 38.fxe4 Rd2
39.h3 1-0

DROZDOWSKI, Kacper (2476) – HEVIA, Carlos (2496) [D37]
SuperFinals (1.4), 21.10.2017

1.Nf3 d5 2.d4 e6 3.c4 Nf6
4.Nc3 Nbd7 5.e3 a6 6.b3 b6
7.Bd3 Bb7 8.0-0 Bd6 9.Qe2
Ne4 10.Bb2 0-0 11.Rad1 Qe7
12.Bb1 f5 13.Nd2 Nxd2
14.Rxd2 dxc4 15.e4 cxb3
16.axb3 Qh4 17.f4 Qe7 18.e5
Bb4 19.Rc1 Rac8 20.Rd3
Bxc3 21.Rdxc3 Nb8 22.Bd3
Bd5 23.b4 Rf7 24.Ba3 b5
25.Qe3 c6 26.Rb1 Nd7
27.Bc1 Nb6 28.Ra3 Ra8
29.Qe1 Bc4 30.Bc2 Qd8
31.Be3 Bd5 32.Rba1 Rfa7
33.Bd3 Nc4 34.Bxc4 bxc4
35.Bd2 h6 36.h3 Be4 37.Kh2
Kh7 38.Be3 Bd5 39.Qd2 Qe7
40.Ra5 Rb7 41.R1a4 Rab8
42.Rxa6 Rxb4 43.Ra7 R4b7
44.Rxb7 Qxb7 45.Ra1 Qb2
46.Rf1 Qa3 47.Rf2 Rb3
48.Re2 Be4 49.Qe1 Rb1
50.Qh4 Qd3 51.Re1 Rb2
52.Bf2 Qd2 53.Kg1 c3 54.Qg3
c2 55.Be3 Qd1 56.Bc1 Rb3
57.Qf2 Rd3 58.Kh2 Rxd4
59.Qh4 Rd2 60.Rxe4 Qxc1
0-1

VAZQUEZ, Guillermo (2430) – BARYSHPOLETS, Andrey (2580) [D31]
SuperFinals (1.5), 21.10.2017

1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 c6
4.e4 dxe4 5.Nxe4 Bb4+ 6.Nc3
c5 7.Nf3 Nf6 8.Be3 Qa5
9.Qb3 Ne4 10.Rc1 0-0 11.Be2
cxd4 12.Nxd4 e5 13.Nf3 Nd7
14.a3 Bxc3+ 15.bxc3 Qc7
16.Qb4 Nec5 17.0-0 b6
18.Nh4 f5 19.f4 Bb7 20.Rcd1

Rae8 21.Qb1 exf4 22.Bxf4
Qd8 23.Bf3 Be4 24.Bxe4
Rxe4 25.Bg3 Rxh4 26.Bxh4
Qxh4 27.Rxf5 Qxc4 28.Rxf8+
Nxf8 29.Qb4 Qe2 30.Rf1 Nfe6
31.h3 h6 32.Rf3 Ng5 33.Rf1
Nge4 34.Qd4 Ne6 35.Qe5
Qe3+ 36.Kh2 Nd2 37.Qb8+
Kh7 38.Rf5 Qxc3 39.Qxa7
Qd3 40.Qf7 Qd6+ 41.Kg1 Ne4
42.Rf1 Nd4 43.Re1 Ng5
44.Qa2 Qg3 45.Re8 Ndf3+
46.Kf1 Nh2+ 47.Kg1 Nhf3+
48.Kf1 Nh2+ 49.Kg1 Nxb3+
50.Kh1 Nf2+ 51.Kg1 Nh3+
52.Kh1 Nf4 53.Qc2+ Nd3
54.Qc8 Nf4 55.Qf5+ Ng6
56.Qe6 h5 57.Qxb6 Ng4
58.Qb8 Qxa3 59.Qb1 Qg3
60.Qb8 Qh4+ 61.Kg1 Qf2+
0-1

MATSENKO, Sergei (2542) – YNOJOSA, Felix (2433) [A04]
SuperFinals (1.6), 21.10.2017

1.Nf3 c5 2.c4 Nc6 3.e3 e5
4.Nc3 Nf6 5.d4 e4 6.Nd2 cxd4
7.exd4 Bb4 8.Be2 0-0 9.Nb3
d5 10.c5 a5 11.a4 b6 12.cxb6
Qxb6 13.0-0 Be6 14.Bf4 Rac8
15.Nb5 Nd7 16.Rc1 h6 17.h4
f5 18.Rc2 Kh7 19.Qc1 Ndb8
20.Qe3 Be7 21.h5 Na6
22.Qg3 Rf6 23.Rc3 g5
24.hxg6+ Rxg6 25.Qh2 Rcg8
26.Rg3 Bf8 27.Rxg6 Rxg6
28.Rc1 Nab4 29.Bc7 Qa6
30.Nc5 Qc8 31.Bf4 Bxc5
32.Rxc5 Qf8 33.Rc3 Bd7
34.Bh5 Rf6 35.Bd6 Qd8
36.Be2 Be8 37.Bf4 Rg6
38.Rh3 Nd3 39.Rxh6+ Rxh6
40.Qxh6+ Kg8 41.Bxd3 exd3
42.Qe6+ Kh7 43.Nd6 Nxd4
44.Qh6+ Kg8 45.Be5 Ne2+

46.Kh2 1-0

RUIZ, Joshua (2379) – VORONTSOV, Pavlo (2522) [B15]
SuperFinals (1.7), 21.10.2017

1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.Nc3 dxe4
4.Nxe4 Nf6 5.Nxf6+ exf6
6.Nf3 Bd6 7.Be2 0-0 8.0-0
Re8 9.Re1 Nd7 10.Be3 Nf8
11.Qd3 Ng6 12.g3 f5 13.Bf1
f4 14.Bd2 Be6 15.c4 Qd7
16.Bc3 Bf5 17.Qd2 h5 18.d5
c5 19.Rxe8+ Rxe8 20.Re1 h4
21.Rxe8+ Qxe8 22.Nxh4
Nxh4 23.gxh4 Qe4 24.Qe2 f3
25.Qxe4 Bxe4 26.Bh3 f5
27.a3 g6 28.b4 b6 29.bxc5
bxc5 30.a4 Kf7 31.a5 a6
32.Bf1 Bf4 33.Kh1 Ke7
34.Kg1 Bc1 35.Be5 Bd2
36.Bc7 Kd7 37.Bb6 Kd6
38.Bd8 Bc2 39.Bb6 Bd1
40.Bd8 Be2 41.Bb6 Bb4
42.Bd8 Bc3 43.h5 gxh5 44.h4
Bd2 45.Bb6 Bb4 46.Bd8 Bc3
47.Bh3 Bxc4 48.Bxf5 Bxd5
49.Bg6 Bd2 50.Bxh5 c4
51.Bg6 c3 52.Bc2 Ke5
53.Bc7+ Kd4 54.Bb6+ Ke5
55.Bc7+ Kd4 56.Bb6+ Kc4
57.Bc7 Kb4 58.Bd6+ Kxa5
59.Kh2 Bc6 60.Kg3 Ba4
61.Bc7+ Kb4 62.Bd6+ Kb5
63.Bd3+ Kb6 0-1

SHEMBULIAK, Evgeny (2488) – KAMBRATH, Yannick (2342) [E20]
SuperFinals (1.8), 21.10.2017

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Bb4
4.Bd2 0-0 5.Nf3 d5 6.e3 b6
7.Be2 Bb7 8.0-0 Be7 9.Rc1
Nbd7 10.cxd5 exd5 11.Rc2

a6 12.Bc1 Bd6 13.b3 Qe7
14.Bb2 Ne8 15.Bd3 f5 16.Ne2
g6 17.Qa1 Nef6 18.Rfc1 Rac8
19.h3 Ne4 20.Ne5 Bxe5
21.dxe5 Nec5 22.Rd2 Nxd3
23.Rxd3 Rfe8 24.Nf4 Nxe5
25.Nxd5 Qf7 26.Bxe5 Bxd5
27.f3 c6 28.h4 h6 29.Qd4 Qe7
30.Bg3 b5 31.Qb6 Rcd8
32.Kh2 Kh7 33.h5 Rg8
34.Rxd5 Rxd5 35.Rxc6 f4
36.hxg6+ Rxg6 37.Rxg6
Rh5+ 38.Kg1 fxg3 39.Rxg3
Qf7 40.Qd4 Rd5 41.Qe4+ Kh8
42.Rg6 Rh5 43.Qd4+ Kh7
44.Rd6 1-0

**KOVALYOV, Anton (2663) –
ANDRENKO, Iryna (2146)
[E91]**
SuperFinals (1.9), 21.10.2017

1.c4 Nf6 2.Nf3 g6 3.Nc3 Bg7
4.e4 d6 5.d4 0-0 6.Be2 c5 7.0-
0 Re8 8.Re1 cxd4 9.Nxd4
Nc6 10.Be3 Nd7 11.Rc1 Nxd4
12.Bxd4 Bxd4 13.Qxd4 Qb6
14.Qxb6 Nxb6 15.Nd5 Nxd5
16.cxd5 Rd8 17.Rc7 Kf8
18.Rec1 Rb8 19.R1c3 a6
20.f3 Bd7 21.Kf2 Ke8 22.Rb3
b5 23.Rbc3 Ra8 24.Ke3 Rdc8
25.Rxc8+ Rxc8 26.Ra3 Ra8
27.f4 Kd8 28.g4 Kc7 29.Kd4
b4 30.Re3 Kb6 31.e5 Rf8
32.exd6 exd6 33.Re7 Bc8
34.h3 h6 35.Bd3 a5 36.f5 h5
37.gxh5 gxf5 38.b3 Rh8
39.Be2 Rh7 40.Ke3 f4+
41.Kxf4 Bxh3 42.Bf3 Bc8
43.Re1 f6 44.Rg1 Bd7 45.Rg8
Kc5 46.Ra8 Kb6 47.Rd8 Kc7
48.Rf8 Rh6 49.Rg8 Rh7
50.Rf8 Rh6 51.Ra8 Kb6
52.Be2 Kb7 53.Rg8 Rh7

54.Rg6 Be8 55.Kf5 Re7
56.Bg4 Re5+ 57.Kxf6 Rxd5
1-0

**HEREDIA, Carla (2116) –
POPILSKI, Gil (2499) [B01]**
SuperFinals (1.10), 21.10.2017

1.e4 d5 2.exd5 Qxd5 3.Nc3
Qd6 4.d4 Nf6 5.Nf3 c6 6.g3
Bg4 7.Bg2 e6 8.0-0 Be7 9.Bf4
Qd8 10.h3 Bh5 11.Ne2 0-0
12.c4 Nbd7 13.Nc3 a6 14.Re1
Re8 15.Qd2 Nf8 16.g4 Bg6
17.Ne5 N8d7 18.Rad1 Nb6
19.a3 Qc8 20.h4 Nxg4
21.Nxg4 Bh5 22.Qe2 e5
23.Nh6+ gxh6 24.Qxh5 exf4
25.Re4 Bf6 26.Rxf4 Qe6
27.d5 cxd5 28.cxd5 Qd6
29.Qxh6 Be5 30.Rg4+ Kh8
31.Qh5 Bxc3 32.bxc3 Re7
33.Be4 f6 34.Qf5 Rae8
35.Rd4 Nd7 36.a4 Ne5
37.Rg3 Ng6 38.Rg4 Re5
39.Qf3 f5 40.Bxf5 Rf8
41.Rdf4 Nxf4 42.Rxf4 Qf6 0-1

**KADRIC, Denis (2500) –
MUNOZ, Claudia (1847) [C05]**
SuperFinals (1.11), 21.10.2017

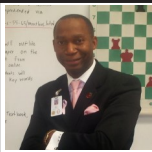
1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nd2 Nf6
4.e5 Nfd7 5.f4 c5 6.c3 Nc6
7.Ndf3 cxd4 8.cxd4 Bb4+
9.Kf2 f6 10.g3 Qb6 11.Kg2 0-
0 12.h4 Be7 13.Bd3 f5 14.Ne2
Re8 15.a3 Nf8 16.b4 Bd7
17.Nc3 Rec8 18.Na4 Qc7
19.Be3 Be8 20.Rc1 Qd8
21.h5 a5 22.b5 Na7 23.Qb3
Rxc1 24.Bxc1 b6 25.Nc3 Rc8
26.Bd2 Bf7 27.Ng5 Bxg5
28.fxg5 g6 29.hxg6 Bxg6

30.Ne2 Rc7 31.Qb2 Rg7
32.Bf4 Qd7 33.a4 Qf7 34.Qa3
Qd7 35.Rc1 Bh5 36.Qd6 Qb7
37.Bd2 Rd7 38.Qa3 Ng6
39.Nf4 Nxf4+ 40.gxf4 Bg4
41.Rh1 Qb8 42.Qb3 Qe8
43.Bc1 Rc7 44.Bb2 Nc8
45.Rh6 Bh5 46.Kf2 Bg6
47.Ke3 Rg7 48.Qc2 Na7
49.Rh1 Qd8 50.Rc1 Be8
51.Ba3 Qd7 52.Bd6 Qf7
53.Qh2 Qb7 54.Qc2 Qf7
55.Bb8 Qh5 56.Qe2 Qh3+
57.Qf3 Qxf3+ 58.Kxf3 Bh5+
59.Ke3 Rb7 60.Bxa7 Rxa7
61.Rc6 Kf7 62.Rxb6 Bd1
63.Rb8 Bxa4 64.b6 Re7 65.b7
Bc6 66.Rf8+ 1-0

**GIYYAR, Shruthy –
NAKAR, Eylon (2450) [C00]**
SuperFinals (1.12), 21.10.2017

1.e4 e6 2.Nf3 d5 3.exd5 exd5
4.g3 Bd6 5.Bg2 Nf6 6.0-0 0-0
7.d4 Bg4 8.Nc3 c6 9.Re1
Nbd7 10.a3 Qb6 11.b4 a5
12.Na4 Qc7 13.c3 Ne4
14.Qd3 axb4 15.Qc2 b5
16.Ne5 Bxe5 17.Bxe4 dxe4
18.dxe5 b3 19.Qxe4 Rxa4
20.Qe3 Re8 21.f4 f6 22.Rb1
fxe5 23.Rxb3 Nf6 24.fxe5
Re4 25.Qf2 Rxe1+ 26.Qxe1
Rxe5 27.Qf1 Qe7 28.Bd2 Re2
29.Qf4 Bh3 30.Qg5 Re1+
0-1

Editor's Note: The remainder of the
games can be found in the .pgn file with
the Digital Edition of *Texas Knights*.



Coach's Corner - e4!

Make Good Moves ON and OFF the Board

by Robert L. Myers

Dream big, work hard/smart, stay humble... Life is a gift, and it offers us the privilege, opportunity, and responsibility to give something back by becoming more." - Tony Robbins. Now that's pretty good but my favorite quote of 2017 is from The film The Last Jedi and the Master of ALL Masters. "The greatest teacher, failure is. We are what they (Padawan learners, students) grow beyond. That is the true burden of all Masters." - Master Yoda. With those statements in mind believe me when I say I was really crushed. I was convinced I needed to resign from coaching Chess. Here's the thing, we had won every single chess tournament that we ever entered. I loved coaching my kids. The comradery, the closeness --- we were like family. If someone were ill, all 117 of us would sign get well cards, purchase flowers and go visit. We were truly family. That is one of the myriad of components that propagated our success. It's because chess is an interactive, mind expanding tool for teaching people how to think critically, analyze deeply, and solve problems effectively. It has been used for over 1,500 years all around the world by kings and queens, athletes, entertainers, philosophers, politicians, by parents and teachers to better train and develop the human mind to reach its maximum potential. It has been used by schools in over 30 countries to help teach effective decision-making, foster self-esteem, enhance concentration and promote academic success. Chess is a Rubik's Cube, wrapped in an enigma, confounded in a puzzle, a maze, riddled with queries unanswered. I felt that I should resign not because of our failures but because of our many successes. With 31 National and State Championships and titles in just 15 years the difficulty of recruiting new players, conflicts with scheduling, and the never-ending treadmill of fundraising was becoming more than laborious.

But when "Your passion is your work you'll never have to work," at least not as hard.

When we started travelling on our overseas chess tours the pressure of fund-raising nearly tripled. In less than 45 days of this printing we will travel to Japan, Land of the Rising Sun, we are taking an expertly guided tour of Imperial Palace Plaza; interacting the bustle of Tokyo's streets, a visit to the Meiji Shrine, visit Asakusa Kannon Temple, Buddhist temple, learn about sumo wrestling, see the Great Buddha, view Mount Fuji, cruise on sparkling Lake Ashi, ride a cable car up Mount Komagatake, travel by bullet train to Kyoto, view the cherry blossom trees, visit Imperial Japan, see a Zen Buddhist temple, check out a kimono show at the Textile Center, visit more shrines and temples, and the incredible Bamboo Forest. Then, this summer we return to Italy and Greece, check out the Roman Forum, along with Vatican City, the Sistine Chapel, the Colosseum, the Acropolis in Athens, the Duomo in Florence, the Temple of Zeus and much more await. Plus we will kick some butt in chess



Students at Napoleon Bonaparte's chess set and gun, Inside the Arc de Triumphant, Paris, France



Myers at Fountain de Trevi

while there too. My zeal and zest for the game of chess combined with travel and what those two do for kids is at an all time high. "Traveling; it leaves you speechless, then turns you into a storyteller". – Ibn Battuta. I shall always remember standing inside the London Eye in England near the crest of its zenith. One of my students, a basketball player and private chess student for 5 years now, was near tears looking at the Thames River towards Westminster Abbey. I asked him, "Are you alright?" He replied, "Yes Sir Coach. I'm fine. I'm in England." I smiled and nodded. He continued with a huge smile through tears and shouted, "And I'll be in Paris tomorrow!!!"

It is amazing to me how much stuff Curious George gets himself into while traveling. I'm also amazed at how neatly the scriptures line up with chess. Almost everything we do in chess has a Biblical principle, deception, treachery, analytical thinking, honesty, purity, determination, discipline and dedication along with lots of travel as well. They walked everywhere back then. Our last day in Rome last year I walked over 22k steps and only 900 the day after ee returned home. I was chatting with my Pastor and friend Jay Duane Driver of Fresh Fire Ministries and my best friend J. Larry Morris years ago when they could beat me at chess (insert big smile here) these are guys who empower me and make me a better person, one should always sur-

round themselves with better people than we are, I digress, anyway we all concurred that life is a choice just as chess is a choice and it should help you make better decisions. I have written several articles that are sextants for chess and daily living. In one of my contributions I write "...what is chess, OPTIONS. National Chess Master and certified authority on Bobby Fischer, Master Bruce Pandolfini, in his book Every Move Must Have Purpose, Strategies for Business and Life, instructs us that life must have options and purpose. Magnus Carlsen, the number #1 ranked chess player in the world says, "I believe I can beat anybody, anywhere at anytime." That's because he gives himself options but constricts his opponents of those very same options.

One of my writing mentors, a superior educator, Sheila Lane, says, "Coach as I read your articles I'm learning that chess mirrors life. You write about life." I'm not entirely sure I disagree. Chess is life, I believe likewise it is a chart of sorts for better focus and understanding of one's self. I'm blessed and honored to have incredible people in my life like Cedric O. Johnson a very guided focused and disciplined husband, father and business owner, Billy D. Washington an incredibly intelligent comedian, musician and wonderful person. You can catch Billy on of the many Carnival Cruise ships. He is usually the smartest guy in the room. Keeping him in my life is a good move. While I'm at it, let me drop a few more names (wink, wink) Grand Masters, Timur Gareyev, Maurice Ashley, Master Rene Phillips, longtime friend Marcia Buck and too many others to mention. These amazing persons unknowingly keep me grounded which in turn grounds my players. I've met too many great persons in my travels and I'm definitively convinced and convicted that having these persons in my life are good choices --- pardon my metaphors but choices/options are like compasses. Keeping wonderful persons in your life is like castling your King to safety without it you could possibly lose. When you play chess keep in mind these 10 things, they seem to make good sense to me.



*The Chess Academy in Paris, France
at Napoleon Bonaparte's Tomb*

1. Look at how far you've grown and learned as a chess player instead of how far you still need to go. If you keep learning you will eventually get to where you want to be.
2. You can never carry enough rocks to toss at every dog that barks. That isolated pawn on the 7th rank isn't important enough to capture and risk losing the entire game. Some things aren't worth the effort.
3. Comparing yourself to other chess players isn't worth your time.
4. You've lost games before and it only made you stronger if you learned from those losses. Every challenge makes you stronger.
5. Play with passion but not with emotion. Losing a major piece isn't the end of the game. Making better moves means making better choices.
6. Making mistakes is a part of life so don't fear making the wrong move, always try anyway and fear will disappear. Always choose the choice that

gives you more options and never leave the board doubting yourself with the questions of "What could have happened if...?"

7. Remember that you are not alone. There are other players, books, articles, videos and movies that can help you to become a better player. All you have to do is find them.
8. You're human, you will make mistakes. Chess is almost perfect but humans aren't. Sometimes we take important things for granted.
9. Helping others is great therapy. Teach what you've been taught. This will reinforce what you know works in chess and in life.
10. Never give up. No explanation needed.

These tips show us where we are and where we should go and what not to do. As Pastor Joel Osteen says, "It's a choice." I've learned a myriad of things from the Bible and Curious George. Things I should and should not do. That monkey gets into all sorts of trouble with poor choices. These are good moves on and off the board. Now shake hands and start your clocks and choose wisely.



*The Chess Academy at Chavez St. Peter's Square
in Vatican City, Rome*

Games: GM Jeffery Xiong vs GM Ruifeng Li

I was unable to find games from the US Class Championships, but I thought some past meet-ups between GM Jeffery Xiong and GM Ruifeng Li would be fun. Below are 3 games. The first was played at the Winter Classic in Saint Louis in early November of 2017. The second was played at the UT Dallas Fall Open in late November of 2017 and the final was played at the St. Louis SPICE Cup in mid-October of 2016. All have been annotated by Fritz 16.

Jeffery Xiong (2674) – Ruifeng Li (2577) [C53]

Winter Classic Saint Louis (1), 11.03.2017

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5
4.c3 Nf6 5.d3 a6 6.a4 d6 7.0-0 0-0 8.Nbd2 [LiveBook: 56 Games]

8...Ne7 9.Re1 Ng6 10.Nf1
[The position is equal.]

10...c6 11.Bb3 Re8 12.Ng3 d5 13.Bg5 Be7 14.exd5 Nxd5 15.Bxe7 Rxe7 16.h3 Ndf4 17.d4 Be6 [Black should try 17...exd4= 18.Qxd4 (18.Nxd4 Rxe1+ 19.Qxe1 Bd7=) 18...Be6 19.Bxe6 Rxe6]

18.Bxe6!± [Much worse is 18.Nxe5 Bxb3 19.Qxb3 Nh4=]

18...Rxe6 19.dxe5 Nd3
20.Nd4f [White has the initiative.]

20...Nxe1 21.Nxe6 Qxd1
22.Rxd1 Nf3+ 23.gxf3 [And now Nd8 would win.]

23...fxe6± [Endgame KRN–KRN]

24.Rd7! b5 25.Nh5 Nxe5

[25...bxa4± 26.Rxg7+ Kf8]

Rf7 39.Rd5]

26.Rxg7+- Kh8 [26...Kf8 was called for. 27.Rxh7 Re8]

27.Re7 [Black must now prevent Nf6.]

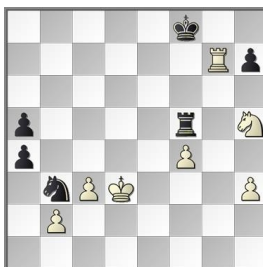
27...Nxf3+ 28.Kf1 [Strongly threatening Nf6.]

28...Rf8 29.Rxe6 bxa4
30.Rxc6 a5 31.Rc5 Nd2+ [31...Ra8 was necessary. 32.Rd5 h6]

32.Ke2 Nb3 33.Rc7 Kg8
34.Ke3 [34.Rg7+- Kh8 35.Re7]

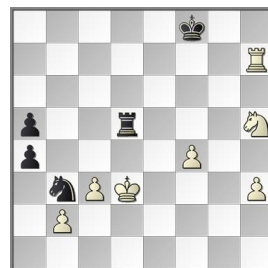
34...Re8+± 35.Kd3 Rf8
[35...Rd8+± 36.Ke3 Re8+ 37.Kf3 Rf8+ 38.Ke2 Re8+ 39.Kd1 Rd8+ 40.Ke1 Rd2]

36.f4 Rf5 37.Rg7+ Kf8



38.Rxh7 [Better is 38.Rg5!+-

38...Rd5+



39.Ke3! Rd2? [39...Nd2± keeps fighting.]

40.f5+- Rxb2? [40...Rd6 41.Nf4 Kg8]

41.f6 [Threatening mate with Nf4.]

41...Rb1? [41...Nc5 42.Nf4 Rb7 43.Ne6+ Kg8]

42.Nf4 Rf1 43.Ne6+ Kg8
44.Rg7+ Kh8 45.Nf4 Rxf4
46.Kxf4 [White threatens Kg5 and mate.]

46...a3 47.Rg1 a2 48.f7
[Precision: White = 82%, Black = 55%.] 1-0

**Ruifeng Li (2570) –
Jeffery Xiong (2629)
[A07]**

UT Dallas Fall Open Dallas
USA (8.1), 21.11.2017

1.e4 c5 2.Nc3 d6 3.Nge2 Nf6
4.g3 g6 5.Bg2 Bg7 6.d3 Nc6
7.h3 Rb8 8.f4 Nd7 9.0-0 0-0
10.a4 a6 11.Nd5 [LiveBook: 3
Games]

11...e6 12.Ne3 [The position
is equal.]

12...b5 13.axb5 axb5 14.c3
Bb7 15.f5 Nce5 16.Nf4 exf5
17.exf5 Bxg2 18.Kxg2 Ra8
19.Rb1 Nb6 20.Nfd5
[Strongly threatening f6.]



20...Re8 21.d4 cxd4 22.Qxd4
Nec4 23.f6 [23.Qf4 with more
complications. 23...Nxe3+
24.Nxe3 d5 25.Qf3 d4
26.Ng4]

23...Nxe3+! 24.Bxe3
[24.Nxe3= Ra4 25.Qd3 Bxf6
26.Qxb5]

24...Nxd5 25.Qxd5 Rxe3
26.fxg7



26...Re2+! 27.Kh1 [27.Rf2
Rxf2+ 28.Kxf2]

27...Ra7 28.Ra1? [28.Rfe1 17
was called for. 28...Rae7
29.Rf1 (29.Rxe2? Rxe2
30.Qf3 Qe7-+)]

28...Qd7-+ 29.g4
Qb7 → [Black wants a kill.]

30.Qxb7 Rxb7 31.Rad1 [31.Rab1 17
KRR-KRR]

31.Rad1 [31.Rab1 17]

31...Rxb2 32.Rxd6 Re7
33.Rd3 Ree2 [(→ ...Rh2+)]

34.Ra1 [234.Rg3]

34...Kxg7-+ 35.Rf3 Kh6
36.Rxf7 Rh2+ 37.Kg1 Rxh3
[Precision: White = 49%,
Black = 87%.] 0-1

**Li, Ruifeng (2538) –
Xiong, Jeffery (2647)
[B25]**

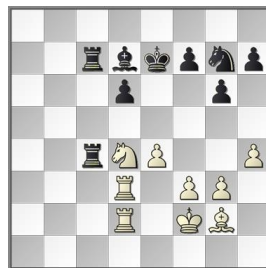
Saint Louis SPICE Cup op
10th Saint Louis (4),
19.10.2016

1.e4 c5 2.Nc3 d6 3.Nge2 Nf6
4.g3 g6 5.Bg2 Bg7 6.0-0 Nc6
7.d3 0-0 8.h3 Bd7 9.Be3 b5

[LiveBook: 6 Games]

10.a3 Rb8 11.Qd2 a5 12.Bh6
Bxh6 13.Qxh6 Nd4 14.Nxd4
cxd4 15.Ne2 Qb6 16.Qd2 b4
17.axb4 Qxb4 18.Qxb4 Rxb4
19.Rxa5 Rxb2 20.Nxd4
[Threatening f4.]

20...e5 21.Nf3 Rxc2 22.d4
exd4 23.Nxd4 Rc4 24.Rd1
Re8 25.f3 Kg7 26.Rd2 Rec8
27.Ra6 Ne8 28.Kf2 Kf8 29.h4
Ke7 30.Ra7 R8c7 31.Ra3
Ng7 32.Rad3 [32.Ra6 with
more complications. 32...Rb7
33.Nc2 Bc6 34.Ne3 Rc5
35.Bf1]



32...Rc3 33.Rxc3 Rxc3
34.Ne2 Rc5 35.Nf4 Bc6
36.Bh3 Ne6 [The position is
equal.]

37.Bxe6 fxe6 38.Ra2 Rb5
39.Ra7+ Rb7 40.Rxb7+ Bxb7
[Precision: White = 49%,
Black = 68%.] 1/2-1/2



Upcoming Events

FEBRUARY 2018

FEB. 3 Cole Elementary USCF Rated Chess Tournament
Info: <https://www.austinchess tournaments.com/events/822>

FEB. 3-4 2018 DCC FIDE Open II
Info: 214-632-9000

FEB. 4 SUPER BOWL QUADS - North Texas Chess Academy
Info: <http://www.uschess.org/tlas/8946.tla>

FEB. 10 Arlington Chess Club Open #29
Info: <http://www.uschess.org/tlas/8893.tla>

FEB. 10 2nd Annual Southlake Valentine's Classic
Info: <http://www.uschess.org/tlas/9185.tla>

FEB. 10 Plano Hearts Classic
Info: <http://www.uschess.org/tlas/9183.tla>

FEB. 10-11 DCC Fundraiser FIDE I
Info: 214-632-9000

FEB. 11 Austin Chess Club's G/24 Quick-Rated Swiss
Info: <http://austinchess tournaments.com/events/819>

FEB. 15-19, 16-19, 17-19 OR 18-19 9th annual SW Class Championships
Info: chesstour.com, Director@Chess.US, 347-201-2269

FEB. 23 Southlake February Friday Classic
Info: <http://www.uschess.org/tlas/9186.tla>

FEB. 24 Texas Region VI Scholastic Chess Championships
Info: <http://homemail.org/chesstournaments>

FEB. 24 2018 Region VII Chess Championships
Info: <https://www.austinchess tournaments.com/files/2018RegionVIIChampionships.pdf>

MARCH 2018

MAR. 2-4 2018 South Texas State Scholastic Chess Championships
Info: See Page 23

MAR. 3 HOP into SPRING TOURNAMENT (K-12 Holiday Event!)
Info: <http://www.uschess.org/tlas/9154.tla>

MAR. 3-4 2018 DCC FIDE Open III
Info: 214-632-9000

MAR. 9-11 2018 North/Central Texas State Scholastic Chess Championships
Info: See Page 23

MAR. 10 2nd Annual Southlake Fire Breathing Dragon Classic
Info: <http://www.uschess.org/tlas/9192.tla>

MAR. 16-18 OR 17-18 Lone Star Open
Info: <http://www.uschess.org/tlas/19392.ctla>

MAR. 23 Southlake March Friday Classic
Info: <http://www.uschess.org/tlas/7886.tla>

MAR. 31 2nd Annual Fort Worth Veterans Chess Championship
Tentative Info: http://seriouschessplayers.com/scp_tournaments.html

MAR. 24 Kidpalooza
Info: <http://austinchess tournaments.com/files//CrusaderChessClub2017.pdf>

MAR. 31 3rd Annual St. Patrick's Classic - A Parkway Chess Event
Info: <http://www.uschess.org/tlas/9195.tla>

WEEKLY EVENTS

FEB. 3, 17, 24 and MAR. 3, 10, 17, 24 QD Academy/Parkway Chess
Info: RobJonesChess@gmail.com, 214-212-0185

FEB. 4, 11, 18, 25 and MAR. 4, 11, 18 The Sunday Swiss! - NTCA
Info: info@northtexaschessacademy.com

FEB. 4, 18, 25 and MAR. 4, 11 Austin Chess Club's 4 Round G/90 Swiss
Info: <http://austinchessclub.com/>

FEB. 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 and MAR. 1, 15, 22, 29 Thursday Blitz - NTCA
Info: info@northtexaschessacademy.com



Again this year there are two Texas Scholastic Championships. Players can play in either tournament or **both!** Four championships in great locations: Texas Primary, Elementary, Middle School and High School. February 2018 Rating Supplement

2018 South Texas Scholastic Chess Championships

March 2-4, 2018 at Edinburg North High School
3101 N Closner, Edinburg 78541

EF: \$40 by 2/9; \$60 after 2/9 or on site. **Web page:** southtexaschess.com

Registration see web page for online registration **On Site Registration:** Friday, March 2, 5-7 pm, Saturday, March 3, 7-9 am.

Sections: K-1 Championship, Primary (K-3) Championship, Primary JV (K-3 w/Ratings Under 700), Elementary (K-5/6) Championship, Elem JV (K-5/6 Under 800), Elem Novice (K-5/6 Under 500), Middle School (6-8/9) Championship, MS JV (6-8/9 Under 900), High School (9-12) Championship, HS JV (9-12 Under 1000).

Trophies to top 20 individuals and top 15 teams in each section, plus score awards for those who don't win trophies but score 4 points.

2018 North/Central Texas Scholastic Chess Championships

March 9-11 2018 at Houston Marriott Westchase Hotel,
2900 Briarpark Drive, Houston 77042.

\$99,\$99,\$99,\$99 rate includes American Breakfast Buffet, Call 1-800-452-5110 to make reservations mention group code Dallas Chess or register online thru link: Reserve by 2/19 or rate may not be honored.

Registration: Register online thru link on web site for tournament: **dallaschess.com** and click tournament name (in middle of page)

7 round Swiss System Entry Fee is \$43 by 2/1, \$54 by 3/1, else \$72

Go to web page for online registration and mail in forms. On Site Registration: Friday, March 9 5:30-6:15pm, Saturday, March 10, 8-8:30am

Sections: K-1 Championship, Primary (K-3) Championship, Primary JV (K-3 w/Ratings Under 600), Elementary (K-5/6) Championship, Elem JV (K-5/6 Under 800), Elem Novice (K-5/6 Under 500), Middle School (6-8/9) Championship, MS JV (6-8/9 Under 900), MS Novice (6-8/9 Under 600), High School (9-12) Championship, HS JV (9-12 Under 1000).

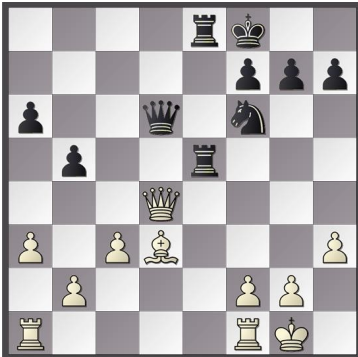
Trophies to top 15 individuals and top 10 teams in each section, 5 grand champion teams in each division plus participation medals for all. **Side Events** Blitz and Bughouse - Saturday Night TCA meeting Saturday Night



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Tactics Time!

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Danny Raznikov – Jeffrey Xiong
Dallas Fall Open 2017
Black to Move