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Above: 2020 Denker Tournament of High School Champions

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- Photos
- Games

Content for the next issue needs to be delivered to the Editor by January 1st!



From the Desk of the Editor

Hello again Texas chess fans,

Welcome to another volume of *Texas Knights*. First and foremost, I hope that you all are doing well while we navigate these challenging times of 2020. Secondly, I want to thank our regular column contributors Dr. WIM Alexey Root, PhD and NM Christopher Toolin for two more outstanding articles. Dr. Root's article provides us with an in depth look at *Best Lessons of a Chess Coach: Extended Edition*, and I think that you will find NM Toolin's article on IM Norman T. Whitaker both educational and entertaining. I know that I certainly did! Thirdly, in addition to these two fantastic articles, *Texas Knights* would like to welcome back Coach Robert Myers who has provided us an article on "Chess in the Time of Coronavirus". Finally, as special treat, we have articles from two of our Texas junior players Ambica and Aparna Yellamraju who competed in the 2020 Denker Tournament of High School Champions and the 2020 Ruth Haring National Girls Tournament of Champions respectively.

While not inside of this volume, TCA and US Chess Life Member David Leigh Harrington has provided, through an extremely generous donation of his time, an extensive collection of back issues of *Texas Knights*. With these donations, we have been able to significantly expand the list of back issues of *Texas Knights* now available online. Mr. Harrington took on the Herculean task of painstakingly scanning these past issues of *Texas Knights* and sending them to us.

As of this writing, Mr. Harrington has provided the following back issues:

- August 1978
- May-June 1988
- Nov-Dec 1988
- Jan-Feb 2003
- Mar-Apr 2003
- May-June 2003
- July-Aug 2003
- Sep-Oct 2003
- Nov-Dec 2003
- Jan-Feb 2004
- Mar-Apr 2004
- May-June 2004
- July-Aug 2004
- Sep-Oct 2004
- Nov-Dec 2004
- Jan-Feb 2005
- Mar-Apr 2005
- May-June 2005
- Sep 2005-Apr 2006
- May-June 2006
- Jul-Aug 2006
- Sep-Oct 2006
- Nov-Dec 2006
- Jan-Feb 2011

By the time that you're reading this, there will most likely be even more, and all of them are available online at <https://texaschess.org/texas-knights/>. Thank you Mr. Harrington!

Well that's all from me; I sincerely hope that you enjoy this volume!

Sincerely,
Louis Reed

Message from the Texas Chess Association President



by Francisco Guadalupe

Thanks to those who participated in this year's TCA elections, we had a record turnout, with 224 ballots cast, and 69.8 percent participation rate! My thanks also to our current TCA officers, as well as to past officers, for their contributions to this great organization. But most of all, I thank our players, coaches, chess parents, chess tournament organizers, tournament directors, Regional Directors and chess supporters. Working as a team, we will continue the progress started many years ago, but particularly during these very trying times.

During the first month, our team has accomplished much, and I am sharing the list of some of the things we have done or are in the process of completing. As you know, many of our events have been cancelled due to the ongoing health crisis. Because of that, we have partnered with ChessKid to bring you the first Texas State/ChessKid Online Scholastic Chess Championships, to be held on November 14 – 15 this year. For more information, please visit <https://www.kingregistration.com/event/tcaonlinestate2020>. This US Chess rated event is open to all Texas students, Pre-K to 12th grade, and promises to be fun and exciting, while giving our young players a chance to compete in the game we love, and where Texas Scholastic Online Chess Champions will be declared!

Our team is also working on publishing our updated Bylaws. This has not been done since 2015, but we will finally get this done no later than the end of October this year. Our bidding procedures for TCA events also need updating, and due to the current health situation and restrictions, they also need to include additional guidance to address that. This is also a priority for our team.

We have recouped money owed to TCA from one of our vendors and we are in the process of recouping additional funds from the scheduled venue of the Texas Scholastic North-Central that was scheduled to be held in March 2020 but was cancelled due to COVID-19. All told, this is over \$13,500 that had not been received but should have been paid to us sooner.

Although over-the-board games have decreased dramatically, some organizers have started having tournaments. If you decide to participate in these, I urge you to do so safely. Eventually, this situation will improve, and we will be able to get back to normal. But for the time being remember that the health of all of us comes first. Luckily, US Chess and some of our organizers are having online events and I urge you to support those, making sure to follow the "fair play" rules.

Lastly, I am sharing some very exciting news! US Chess has awarded us bids to have three National Events in Texas in 2021! These are: the U.S. Amateur Team – South (Online), February 27 – 28; the U.S. Class Chess Championships, July 23 – 25, at the DoubleTree by Hilton, Bush International Houston; and the 62nd Annual U.S. Armed Forces Open Chess Championship, October 8 – 11, Great Wolf Lodge in Grapevine. The Armed Forces Championship had been previously announced and details for the first two events will be published very soon.

Once again, thanks for your support in helping us to achieve the Texas Chess Association goals, for the benefit of our players. As a team, we will continue to shine.

Franc Guadalupe
President, Texas Chess Association

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7 Round Swiss System, Game 15 + 5-Second Increment

Open to Texas Residents only!

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PRIZES

The top 10 finishers in each section, after tiebreaks, will receive a custom plaque via mail. The plaque will include the tournament's logo. Note that ChessKid's standard tiebreak of Sonneborn-Berger will be used as the first tiebreak. If needed, tournament directors will also manually compute Modified Median, Solkoff, and then Cumulative as the second through fourth tiebreaks. Please note: the exact value of tiebreaks shown on ChessKid at the immediate conclusion of the event may be different from the official results. All results - including tiebreaks - are tentative until the 3- week review period has been completed.

The top three finishers in each Championship Section will also be awarded Chesskid.com Premium Memberships!

Up to four team members from the same school in the same section, will be awarded plaques! In addition, the Champion school in each section will receive a team plaque for display at the school! A school team will consist of at least two players in the same section. There is no limit on the number of players who can participate from one school, but only the top four players from a school will be used for the team standings. Team changes may not be made after the start of the event. Schools are not allowed to designate more than one team in one section.

FORMAT

All sections will play under the same format, which is a seven-round Swiss, with time control of 15+5 (15 minutes + 5-second increment per move).

The maximum time for each round is therefore about 40 minutes, meaning the total possible time would be a little less than 5 hours. However, there are not "set" round times like an over-the-board tournament; the next round begins when all games have finished from the previous round. In practice, this means the tournament will likely take about 3.5-4 hours to complete, although you should plan for five hours.

The tournament will be US Chess Online Quick-Chess Rated. Players will be assigned a special one-time use ChessKid account (not their normal account) so a child's "normal" ChessKid rating will not be affected.

ENTRY FEE

\$35 by midnight (Central), November 2
\$50 by midnight (Central), November 10
No entries accepted after midnight November 10
Withdrawals are subject to a \$5 processing fee per player.

Visit <https://www.kingregistration.com/event/tcaonlinestate2020> for more information and to register.

TCA Treasurer Report – August 31, 2020

Income

September memberships	\$327.50
October memberships	30.00
November memberships	205.00
December memberships	20.00
January memberships	252.50
February memberships	226.00
March memberships	70.00
April memberships	165.00
May memberships	469.00
June memberships	668.00
July memberships	55.00
August memberships	65.00
2019 SW Open memberships	541.50
2019 Texas Grade memberships	846.00
2020 Texas South State Scholastic Championships	3,492.00
2020 Texas Teams	80.00
Region II Scholastic Championships	121.50
Region III Scholastic Championships	312.00
Region IV Scholastic Championships	90.00
Region V Scholastic Championships	135.00
Smile Amazon Donation	53.71
Benevity Fund-Austen Green donation	<u>7,108.46</u>

Total \$15,333.17

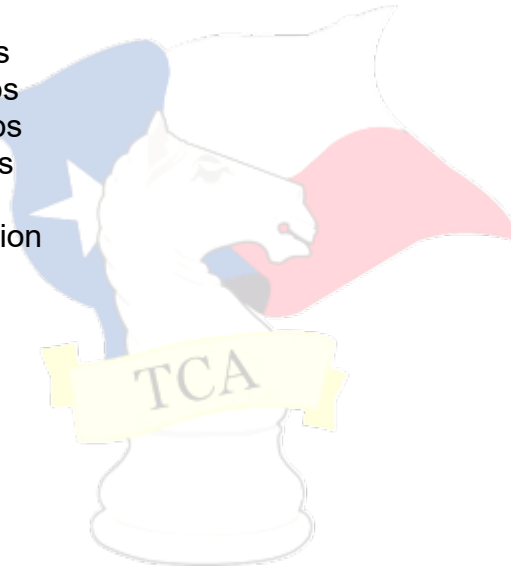
Expenses

Jeffery Xiong Stipend	\$500.00
Insurance	315.00
Web Administrator	1,200.00
Texas Knights	1,600.00
Facebook Administrator	<u>1,200.00</u>

Total \$4,815.00

August 31 2020

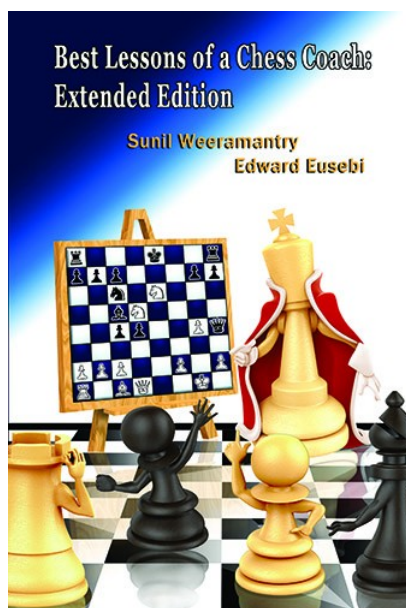
WF checking account balance	\$5,475.23
BOA checking account balance	\$4,556.22



Best Lessons of a Chess Coach: Extended Edition

by Alexey Root

Best Lessons of a Chess Coach: Extended Edition was published by [Mongoose Press](#) in July of 2020. The Mongoose Press website states, “In this long-awaited extension of the classic *Best Lessons of a Chess Coach*, the reader is invited to take a seat in the classroom of a renowned chess teacher.” The renowned teacher is FIDE Master Sunil Weeramantry; his co-author is Candidate Master Edward Eusebi.



Best Lessons of a Chess Coach: Extended Edition is available via the Forward Chess app, which allows for clicking through moves. However, Mongoose Press mailed me the paperback version of the book. Disclosure: Because I am a book reviewer, publishers sometimes mail me free books. Further disclosure: Mongoose Press is the publisher of two of my books, [Thinking with Chess: Teaching Children Ages 5-14](#) and [Prepare With Chess Strategy](#).

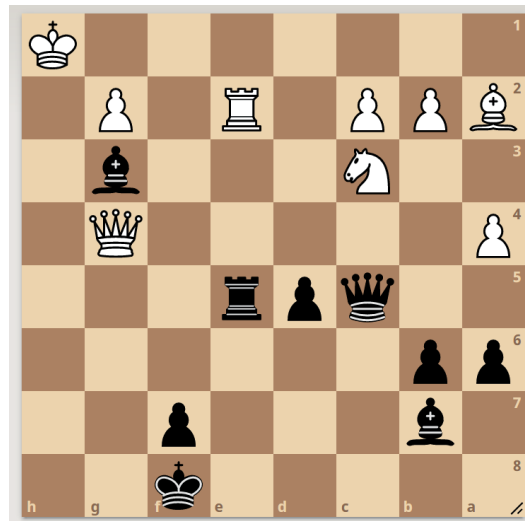
For most games in *Best Lessons of a Chess Coach: Extended Edition*, the advice in the “Introduction to this edition” works. That advice is to find each game on the Internet to play through/click through it. There are several diagrams within each game in *Best Lessons of a Chess Coach: Extended Edition*, so one could follow the games in one’s head using those diagrams and the notation. But visualizing is, at least for me, a lot of work.

So, as I reviewed the book, I typed the names of each game’s players into a search bar. Most games popped up right away, for example on sites like 365Chess.com. Then I clicked through the games while reading through the book’s annotations and trying its exercises. The exercises usually ask the reader to evaluate alternative moves or variations. Answer keys for each chapter’s exercises are at the end of each chapter. I usually got the exercises right, but not always.

Let’s look at an exercise from a game which is new to this edition, William Graif versus Grandmaster Cemil Can Ali Marandi, Chicago 2019. I could not find that game online. Graif is Sunil Weeramantry’s student and had emailed Weeramantry the game. Here is an exercise based on a [variation that could have happened in the game](#).

This exercise I got right. The answer is in the next paragraph.

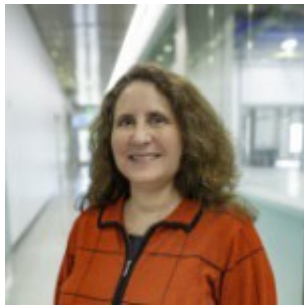
According to Weeramantry and Eusebi, "...Qf2!! is curtains for White." The white queen plans to move to f1 to give checkmate. If White tries Rxf2 thenRe1+ leads to a checkmate.



Find a crushing move for Black

Best Lessons of a Chess Coach: Extended Edition is attractively formatted, with large print and plenty of white space on each page. Each game is well-annotated, and each lesson features several games. Each lesson ends with advice and a list of themes. The book is aimed at chess coaches, but would also be helpful for as a self-improvement text for players rated 1000 or higher.

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From the Ivy League to Alcatraz: The Life of International Master Norman T. Whitaker

by Christopher Toolin

The most *infamous* master of all time, Norman T. Whitaker led a life of crime and chess?!?

Like the squares of a board, Whitaker's life was checkered with events both light and dark. Born to an educated middle-class family, young Norman learned chess from his father at age 14. The promising young man graduated from the University of Pennsylvania and earned a law degree from Georgetown.



In 1918, while surreptitiously avoiding the draft for World War I, Whitaker defeated former U.S. champion Jackson Showalter in a match by a score of +4 -1 =3, thus proving he was among the best players in the United States.



Local Connection:

In the diagram to the left Whitaker locks up a mate in four vs Dallas legend Ken Smith (of the Smith-Morra Gambit) in the 1951 US Open in Fort Worth, Texas.

Whitaker finished top ten with 8/12.

1...Rxh2+ 2.Kxh2 Qh4+3.Kg1
Be3+ 4.Kf1 Qf2#

1927 Kalamazoo

Perhaps Whitaker's greatest success was his tournament win in 1927 Kalamazoo in the 1st National Chess Congress, he scored 9/11. Whitaker is not pictured in the tournament photo to the right, possibly due to the Judge standing in the front row.



Professional Life

Whitaker began working as a patent attorney but was soon tempted into theft and insurance fraud. This blunder left Whitaker with a two-year sentence at Leavenworth...his biggest swindle was still yet to come!



Breaking and Entering:

In the diagram to the left Whitaker (Black) sneaks into White's castle vs. GM Isaac Kashdan in the 1951 US Open in Fort Worth, Texas.

1...Qd7! and White Resigned in view of Qh3 followed by Rxf1# or Nf3+

The Crime of the Century

In 1932 the "Crime of the Century" took place, world famous aviator Charles Lindbergh's 20-month old son was kidnapped from their New Jersey home. Whitaker did not

commit this awful crime but instead tried to extort a mining heiress Evalyn McLean out of \$84,000 (amount varies) in exchange for information about the baby's location. This con landed Whitaker in the slammer for another 18 months.



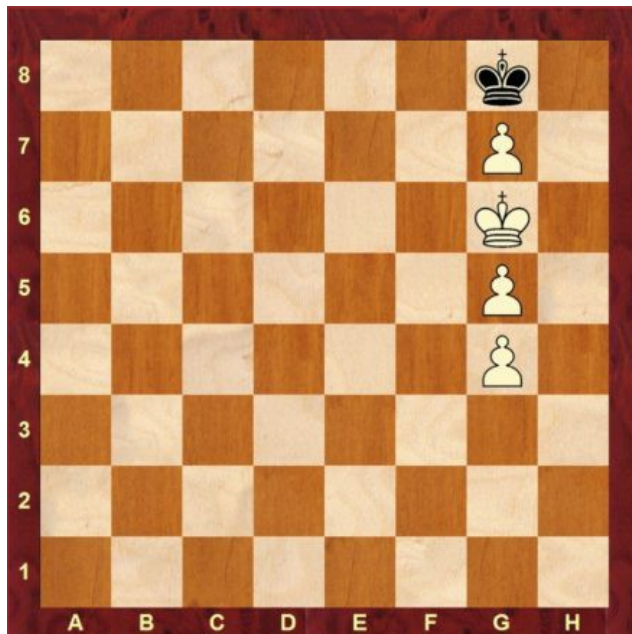
Norman T. Whitaker 1932 mugshot

Return to Chess

There are no games in the database from 1931-1947 and several other smaller gaps through the years. After being disbarred from practicing law, several arrests including fraud, auto theft, extortion, mailing narcotics, a stint in Alcatraz and even a volatile friendship with Al Capone... Norman Whitaker returned to chess tournaments.

Imprisoned King

It would be a crime for White to draw this humorous position! Fortunately for Whitaker it is his turn in the diagram to the right. White played Kh6 releasing the Black King and none other than Samuel Reshevsky resigned!



International Master Title

In 1965 FIDE awarded Norman Whitaker the title of International Master. His inconsistent results over the years show flashes of brilliance and lapses of focus. However, it was his reputation that nearly kept him from receiving the title. After more than ten years of campaigning and writing letters Whitaker was awarded the title based on his past results at the age of 75. Norman T. Whitaker passed away at the age of 85 in 1975. His turbulent life, with many ups and downs, ensures he is remembered as the most infamous chess master of all time!

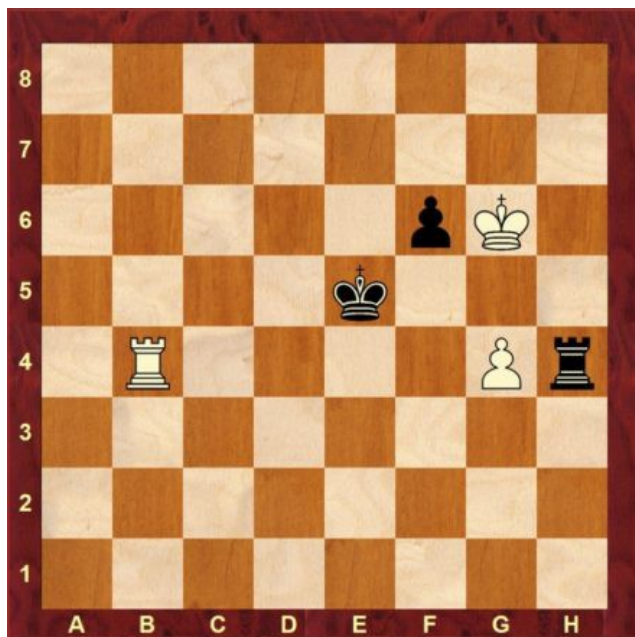


Norman T. Whitaker on the right

Stolen Away

Over the years Whitaker had some near misses against some of the great masters of the day. Below he had good positions against Frank Marshall and Jose Capablanca, in both games he faltered and the games were stolen away.

Marshall – Whitaker, New York 1913



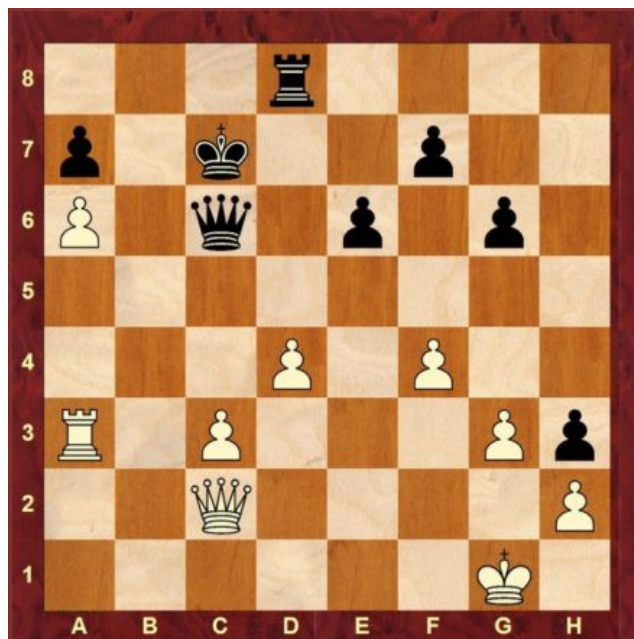
Whitaker blunders with 65...
Ke6??

The game continued 66.Re4+
Kd5 67.Kf5 and White
smuggled the f6 Pawn and the
win.

Capablanca – Whitaker, Washington DC 1915

Black to move. Whitaker picks
Capa's pocket with which
move? Black is much better but
a late game collapse cost
Whitaker a major bounty.

1...Rxd4!



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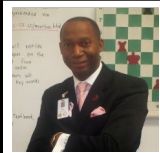
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TCA Membership Report

Current members August 31 2020

Lifetime Patron	11
Lifetime Regular	33
Patron	7
Patron Online	6
Family Patron	6
Family Online	7
Family	22
Regular	55
Regular Non-Subscriber	108
Blind	0
Student	17
Student Online	7
Junior	9
Junior Online	36
Club	19
Complimentary	1
Total	344



Coach's Corner – e4! Chess in the Time of Coronavirus by Robert L. Myers

Every mobile device vibrated simultaneously at 7:12 pm on all 42 attendees of our European 2020 Chess Tour meeting. We all received an alert from the Houston Independent School District, stating that the district canceled all classes, athletic, and extra-curricular activities until further notice. There are definitive moments that change the trajectory of our lives and each life that our lives touch. Playing, practicing chess in the time of Coronavirus, Covid-19, is a significant epoch.

Just over 100 years ago, we faced an influenza pandemic, and now we face a similar situation all over again. Many State, National and World Sports event were canceled, and travel from and to other countries restricted. Entertainment venues, clubs, pool halls, bowling alleys, theaters, and others were closed indefinitely. The moment I read the alert, I knew that The Texas State Chess Championship would be canceled as well, due to the global outbreak of Coronavirus. Shortly after our meeting, I reached out to local tournament directors to find out chess' status in the time of Coronavirus. Confirmation soon followed and over-the-board (OTB) tournaments were rescheduled or canceled.

Chess Life magazine said, "It was 8 am. Tuesday in St. Louis when the American chess grandmaster Fabiano Caruana, ranked second best in the world, moved his pawn to e4. Over 8,000 miles away in Nasik, India, at 6pm local time, when his opponent, Vidit Gujrathi, responded from his home, just seconds after Caruana's opening: pawn to e5. And so began the Online Nations Cup, an unprecedented international team chess tournament borne of the coronavirus pandemic." The International Chess Federation reported that the 2020 FIDE Candidates Tournament was paused after seven rounds and the United States Chess Federation announced that the 2020 U.S. Open was canceled as well.

Pre-COVID-19, The Chess Academy would have what we call 2-A-Days, chess practice during lunch (55 minutes) and chess practice after school, sometimes as late as 8 pm. We would have 3-A-Days, required practice before school, during lunch, and after school during the weeks before a tournament. One of my chess students, during our transitioning from video study analysis on the overhead to OTB said, "Coach, the main reason I come to school is chess. I can't wait for the bell to ring so I can get here." Those days have been gone now for six months. All

sporting activities have ceased from the amateur to the professional level, but chess; online began to thrive. Announcements were on nearly every chess site on the internet, and in most chess media, "Stay home, improve your chess." Reports were that online chess has increased by 400%. According to Forbes, online May 26th am edition, "Chess.com has had 1.5 million new subscribers in April, compared with 670,000 in January; the site also estimates five years of growth over three months. Daily registration numbers at Chess24.com have tripled in many countries since the beginning of the pandemic while the number of games played daily on average has doubled compared with this time last year." The New York Times headline read "Chess Thrives Online Despite Pandemic." The world's top chess players are competing online with in-person tournaments shut down. Millions of amateurs are joining in, too.

There's nothing like an in-person chess camp, but we are staying safe playing online. There are many chess apps on handheld devices, and even more on computers available to help chess enthusiasts, casual players, and competitors continue to enjoy our passion. Over-the-board play has ceased, all major scholastic chess tournaments rescheduled or canceled, but chess coaches have not missed a beat.

We morphed from an Italian opening to a Legal's Mate as it were, from in-person practice and face-to-face chess play to our familiar friends, Fun Master Mike at ChessKid.com and our other reliable and dependable site Chess.com. The Chess Academy had a blast coaching kids from India, Greece, Barbados, China, Italy, and France on our mobile devices and online using Zoom and Teams.



Online with Fun Master Mike and 4,000 friends!

This summer, we received a grant from one of our sponsors, purchased trophies, and held online chess camps, taught 100s of kids how to play chess, and had a chess tournament at the end of camp. We used social distance and delivered the local trophies to winners and shipped awards to New Orleans, Orlando, San Antonio, and as far away as Dubai, UAE. We use our "go-to" chess app on our mobile devices, Chess Time. It's fun, functional, and reliable. They have fast games, 1-minute blitz, 5 minutes, 10 minutes, and custom games with anyone in the world from novice to ratings to as high as 3700 Elo. There hasn't been a crash or system issue since our team started using this particular app several years ago. I once defeated a 1953 rated player and didn't get credit for my win nor any rating points. I promptly contacted tech support, and they explained that my game was "non-rated" and only rated games count as a win. So far, my students and I have amassed over 250K wins using this app alone.



Delivering the gold medal with "Social Distancing" to Chess Academy team Captain, JaMarcus "J-Money" Pipkins

What does a chess coach do to get new players in the time of COVID-19? What does any coach do to find the right talent for the team? A few years ago, I was chatting with Coach David Aymond, the twenty-year head football coach of North Shore High School, now retired, with two Texas State football championships. I asked him; how he kept his 6A powerhouse, "stacked" always in the state playoffs with incredible players. His response was classic. "Coach, we never had to search for players when our great players graduated, we just reloaded." I have been using that technique for years. Our feeder pattern schools are

vibrant, healthy, and strong. We continue to receive students from the lower levels, and now and then, a star will appear. We have students from the elementary and middle school levels transferring from their districts to play chess at our campus. I am always scouting; it never ceases. I'm always wearing our Chess Academy gear from our sponsors, wearing our chess uniform, Polo style shirts, and caps everywhere. When people see our gear, they always ask about our team. I share our website, social media pages, and of course, show photos of our travels and accomplishments and ask them to follow us, and we will follow back. We now have a total of over 18K followers with all of our social media combined. If I find a pretty smart kid in the grocery store, I will approach the parent, pass them my card, and repeat my mantra. Usually, they will contact us and request lessons, a course, or a class if they are interested. Sometimes the entire family will want group lessons.

Every year as school begins, I seek out the smart and not so smart, and even shy students and remind them to ask me about The Chess Academy @Chavez after class. If they are interested, they always are, I then share that I will speak to our Director about giving them a chance to join The Chess Academy. It's like that Rolls Royce commercial. The one no one has ever seen. They do not need to advertise. People that can afford Rolls Royce aren't window shopping. They come to purchase. So we never advertise. I've found that people mostly want what they can't have. If it is difficult or unattainable, they want it even more. Those that want "IT" whatever "it" is, will come to every practice, study hours of chess puzzles, and even run full speed through brick walls if they want it bad enough. I tell the prospective student that I will have our Director send their guardian and them an email invitation. "If you don't know how to play, don't worry, none of The Chess Academy team members knew how to play either until I taught them." El Amor en Los Tiempos del cólera, Love in the Time of Cholera, the novel by Columbian Nobel prize-winning author Gabriel García Márquez, is much like Chess in the Time of Coronavirus, but have the love for the game and technology. So, watch your distance, wash your hands, wear your mask, get a free online account, and play chess even in the time of Coronavirus.

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2020 Texas State and Amateur Championship

Nov 26 – Nov 29 or Nov 27 - Nov 29

7 Round Swiss - Championship and Amateur Sections

Championship Section: G/90 with 30 sec increment.

Amateur Section: Under 2000, G/90 with 30 sec increment

DFW Airport Marriott South, 4151 Centreport Dr., Fort Worth TX 76155 HR: \$85/85/85/85, 800-228-9290 reserve by 11/16 and identify yourself as part of Dallas Chess Club. Free Parking.

Entry fee: \$94 if received by 11/19, else \$99, \$84 Junior (under 19) if received by 11/19 else \$90 (counts 90% towards base) \$60 Senior (over 65)/Handicap/Full time college student/Additional family participant (counts 60% towards base) if received by 11/19, else \$65 Add \$5 for credit card phone entries. Pre-registration requires prepayment. After 11-25 all registration and changes online only; Registrations that do not indicate 4 or 3 day schedule will be put in the 3 day.

Texas Chess Association membership required; other states association memberships accepted. Up to two ½ point byes available if requested before end of round 2 and before any full point bye is awarded. Byes for both rounds 6 AND 7 is not permitted.

Round Times	Round 1	Round 2	Round 3	Round 4	Round 5	Round 6	Round 7
4 day	Thurs 11/26 7:30 pm	Fri 11/27 2:45 pm	Fri 11/27 7:30 pm	Sat 11/28 11:30 am	Sat 11/28 5:15 pm	Sun 11/29 9:30 am	Sun 11/29 2:15 pm
3 day	Fri 11/27 9:45 am						

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

Championship: Open to players with USCF or FIDE ratings of 2000 or greater and last year's Amateur Champion. Foreign Unrated must play in Championship Section. This Section is FIDE rated and uses FIDE rules.

Championship Prizes

1st \$800 2nd \$400 3rd \$200 Guaranteed

1st 2200-2399 \$500 1st U2200 \$500 (based on 200 players in Championship and Amateur)

Amateur: Open to players rated under 2000 and unrated players.

Amateur Prizes (based on 200 players in Championship and Amateur)

1 st \$600	2 nd \$300	3 rd \$150
1 st 'B' "(1600 -1799) \$500	2 nd 'B' \$250	3 rd 'B' \$125
1 st 'C' (1400 - 1599) \$400	2 nd 'C' \$200	3 rd 'C' \$100
1 st Under 1400 \$320	2 nd U1400 \$160	3 rd U1400 \$80
1 st Under 1200 \$300	1 st Under 1000 \$250	1 st Unrated \$200

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2020 Denker Tournament of High School Champions

by Ambica Yellamraju

I was given the opportunity to represent Texas in the 36th Annual GM Arnold Denker Tournament of High School Champions. I would like to thank the Texas Chess Association for giving me this opportunity. This was a unique tournament for me as a high school freshman, as I was playing the top high schoolers from across the nation, and it was the first time that this tournament had been held online.



The tournament included 6 games with a time control of Game 70 with a 10-second increment. The set-up was also different because we were required to have two cameras to avoid cheating and other foul play. The games were played on chess.com, and there was live commentary.

In my first round, I was paired against Praveen Balakrishnan, a strong IM from Virginia. I was not expecting a lot out of this game, but I wanted to play solidly. I had checked some of his games before the round and was expecting a French. Overall, I think the opening went well until I erred on move 18; after which, he was able to win a pawn and the rest of the game was comfortable for him. Although I lost the game, I think it was a great learning experience. In my second round, I was paired against Divyam Mukherjee of Nevada. This was a relatively

comfortable game for me, as I played the Catalan and he got an isolated pawn. I was able to win the pawn with a small tactic, and eventually, I was able to win one more pawn and convert my advantage. There were a few moments when I could have played more accurately, but overall, I was satisfied with the game.

Next, I was paired against Carissa Yip, another IM, from Massachusetts. This was the last game of the first day, so I wanted to play good chess and to try and end on a good note. She played a Catalan, and although I did not make any huge mistakes in the opening, she got the pair of bishops and continued pressing throughout the game until I erred on move 32. Overall, I was not too upset about the result, and I went to sleep feeling motivated about a better second day.

The next morning, I was paired against Thomas Watson from Louisiana. I had a pretty positive mindset going into the game, as I was playing white. I played a Catalan and got a better position out of the opening, but I did not take advantage of the weakness and I let go of my advantage. Eventually, it led into a Queen and pawns endgame, and my opponent held a draw. I was a bit disappointed because I had an advantage, but I had let it fizzle out.

In the fifth round, I was paired against Iris Zhou of Missouri. This game was a bit shaky for me in the beginning, as I made an inaccuracy in the opening but after a mistake by her, I was back in the game. I was able to win a pawn, due to a blunder but I let her pieces get very active and she was able to equalize. This game was also a bit disappointing, but I was relatively content with the solid result.

In the last round, I was expecting to be white, but I got a double-black and was paired against Oliver Heggli-Nonay of DC. I was disappointed going into the round because I had wanted to end the tournament off with a strong white game. Before the round, I had about 10 minutes to check some lines, and I realized that he played the same opening as

Iris. I was able to improve on my previous game, and not make the same inaccuracy. Overall, this was my favorite game of the tournament, because I was able to play a nice, attacking, game with black. I had a passed e-pawn, which I was able to push to e2, and use to my advantage. It was a very exciting game and I really enjoyed playing it.

All in all, I scored 3 out of 6. I am not super happy with my performance, but considering I was a bit rusty and had not played since March, I was content. The tournament was truly a wonderful experience for me, and I am honored to have been given the opportunity to play against such a strong field. Thanks again to TCA, all the organizers and the TDs who made this tournament possible, it was a wonderful experience that I hope to take part in again.

This is my game from round 6:
**HEGLI-NONAY, Oliver (1729) -
YELLAMRAJU, Ambica (1997)**
[C07]
Denker 2020 Chess.com (6)
26.07.2020

**1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nd2 c5 4.exd5 Qxd5 5.Ngf3 cxd4
6.Bc4 Qd7 7.0-0 Nf6 8.Nb3 Nc6 9.Nbxd4 Nxd4
10.Nxd4 a6 11.Re1 Bc5 12.Be3 Qc7 13.Bb3 0-0 14.c3
Bd7 15.Qe2 e5 16.Nf3 e4 17.Nd4 Ng4 18.g3 Nxe3
19.fxe3 Qe5 20.Qf2 Rac8 21.Rac1 Qe7 22.Rf1 Bh3
23.Rfd1 Rfd8 24.Re1 g6 25.a3 Kg7 26.Ba2 h5 27.b4
Bd6 28.c4 b6 29.Re2 Bg4 30.Rec2 Be5 31.c5 Bxd4
32.exd4 e3 33.Qe1 Rxd4 34.Qc3 bxc5 35.bxc5 Rcd8
36.c6 Kh7 37.Re1 Rd1 38.Rc1 Rxc1 39.Qxc1 e2
40.Qf4 Rd1 41.Kf2 Qc5+ 42.Kg2 Qxc6+ 43.Kf2 Qb6+
44.Kg2 Qb7+ 45.Kf2 Qa7+
0-1**

2020 Ruth Haring National Girls Tournament of Champions

by Aparna Yellamraju

This year, I had the chance to play in the 8th Annual Ruth Haring National Girls Tournament of Champions representing Texas's female chess community. I would like to thank TCA for nominating me to represent the State of Texas. I would also like to thank all the TDs and organizers for organizing this tournament and putting in hard work to make this a fun experience for all the players and for me. I felt very honored to be part of this prestigious event!

The tournament consisted of six games with a time control of game 70 and a 10-second increment. This was my first tournament with a two-camera setup; the experience was unique because I spent the whole tournament playing on my computer. In my first round, I played Zoe Dinnerstein from Maine (she was lower rated). We went into a French Defense that I felt comfortable playing; she ended up queen-side castling and I started an attack on her king that led to a victory.

Next, I played Sanjana Vittal from New Jersey (she was 2100). My mindset going into this game was to play solidly, but unfortunately, the opening did not

exactly go as planned. She was pressing slightly and could have gone for a position that would have given me doubled pawns. However, she did not go for this, and I ended up consolidating. We eventually traded heavy material and agreed to draw. This was a slight upset because of my lower rating.



My next opponent was 2019 U.S. Women's Chess Champion Jennifer Yu from Virginia, a very strong WGM rated 2400. With the rating difference, experience, and lack of practice, I was not surprised when I lost the game. From the opening, I did get a slight advantage as she did not play the best move, but despite the small inaccuracy, I was not able to capitalize on the situation. She later attacked my king and won because I missed a tactic.

In round 4, I played Zoey Tang from Oregon, I had previously looked at some of her games and I knew how to get an advantage straight out of the opening. Everything played out exactly as planned, and I was able to get the advantage. However, as the game progressed, the circumstances changed, and I had to sacrifice my rook for a minor piece and a passed pawn. There was a tactic that would have allowed me to equalize the position but due to time pressure, I played too quickly and missed this chance. She was able to reach a clearly better endgame, and I ended up losing. This was disappointing, as I had started off with an advantage, but I was not able to convert

My second to last round was against Natahja Graddy from Florida. This game was comfortable as I ended up winning an edge pawn that allowed me to gain passed pawns. Only her king could stop these pawns, and by taking advantage of this, I took her other rear-guard pawns and promoted, winning the game with a queen mate.



2020 Ruth Haring National Girls Tournament of Champions Zoom Teleconference

Finally, my last round was against Maya Dickson from Georgia, and throughout the game I had an advantage. I had a nice tactic that allowed me to sacrifice my rook for a bishop, which would allow me to pin her queen to her king, and the win quickly followed.

All in all, I got 3.5 points out of 6 points. Though it was not what I had hoped for, I was satisfied because I had not played in a couple of months, and the competition was tough. Though we are experiencing quarantine, which has limited the number of in-person tournaments, I think that this online set-up was successful, and I can see myself playing in such tournaments in the future.

This is my round 6 game:

**DICKSON, Maya (1744) -
YELLAMRAJU, Aparna (1851)
[D00]**

Haring 2020 Chess.com (6), 26.07.2020

**1.d4 d5 2.e3 e6 3.Bd3 Nf6 4.f4 c5 5.c3 Be7 6.Nf3 0-0
7.0-0 b6 8.Nbd2 Ba6 9.c4 Nc6 10.Ne5 Bb7 11.Ndf3
g6 12.b3 dxc4 13.Bxc4 cxd4 14.exd4 Na5 15.Be2 Nd5
16.Nc4 Nc3 17.Qc2 Nxe2+ 18.Qxe2 Nxc4 19.Qxc4 Rc8
20.Qd3 Bf6 21.Bb2 Qd5 22.Rac1 Qa5 23.Bc3 Qxa2
24.b4 Bxf3 25.Qxf3 Qd5 26.Qe3 Rxc3 27.Qxc3 Bxd4+
28.Kh1 Bxc3 29.Rxc3 Qd4 30.Ra3 Ra8 31.Rb3 Qc4
32.Rbb1 Rd8 33.h3 Rd4 34.Rfc1 Qe2 35.Rf1 Rd2
36.Rg1 Rb2 37.Ra1 Rxb4 38.Rxa7 Rxf4 39.Raa1 Rh4
40.Rab1 Qe4 41.Kh2 Qd3 42.Rxb6 Qd4 43.Rbb1
Qe5+ 44.g3 Re4 45.Rbf1 Re2+ 46.Rg2 Rxf4 47.Kxf2
Qd5+ 48.Kf2 e5 49.Re1 f5 50.Re2 e4 51.Re1 h6
52.Re2 g5 53.Re1 f4 54.gxf4 gxf4 55.h4 e3+ 56.Ke2
Qh5+ 57.Kf1 Qxh4 58.Kg1 Qxe1+ 59.Kg2 Qf2+ 60.Kh1
Qf3+ 61.Kg1 e2 62.Kh2 Qg3+ 63.Kh1 e1Q#
0-1**

Fort Worth City Championship

Amburgy perfect 5-0, Fukuchi wins city title

by Louis Reed



Fukuchi holding the 2020 Fort Worth Champion plaque

In addition to the cash prizes available to all players, a title plaque would be awarded to the top finishing Fort Worth resident. Five Fort Worth residents were among the 29 player field vying for this honor in the Open section.

After uncharacteristically dropping a piece in round one and suffering the resulting loss from it, eventual FWC winner Curtis Fukuchi, stated after the tournament, "I thought I was done for." However, he would be paired head-to-head with White against fellow FWC contender, 2019 Alliance Chess Club Champion, Thomas Chryst for round two. This would be one of only two head-to-head pairings between competing FWC rivals in the tournament, and a win would help to solidify either player's position in the championship standings.

The 3rd Annual Queen City of the Prairie (QCP) Open and Fort Worth Championship (FWC) was held at the Hilton Garden Inn Fort Worth Alliance Airport July 18-19, 2020. Ryan Amburgy of Oklahoma scored a perfect 5-0 to win clear first place, freshly minted NM Andy Woodward finished in clear second place with four points, and five players tied for third place with 3.5 points.

1 st	Ryan Amburgy	5.0	\$263
2 nd	NM Andy A. Woodward	4.0	\$175
3 rd	CM Tim C. Steiner WIM Alexey W. Root Sharvesh Deviprasath Shaun Graham Jim Hollingsworth	3.5	\$18 each (\$90)
City Champion	Curtis K. Fukuchi	3.0	Plaque
U1800/ U1600/ U1400	Adley Bufford Robert R. Heise Shreyas Deo	3.0	\$56 each (\$168)
Biggest Upset	Shreyas Deo (574 pts)		\$17
Reserve 1 st	Morgan Chryst	4.0	\$70
Reserve 2 nd	Simon Frayzond	3.0	\$53
Reserve U800	Wendy D. Reed	2.0	\$35
Reserve Biggest Upset	Wendy D. Reed (541 pts)		\$10

Prizes

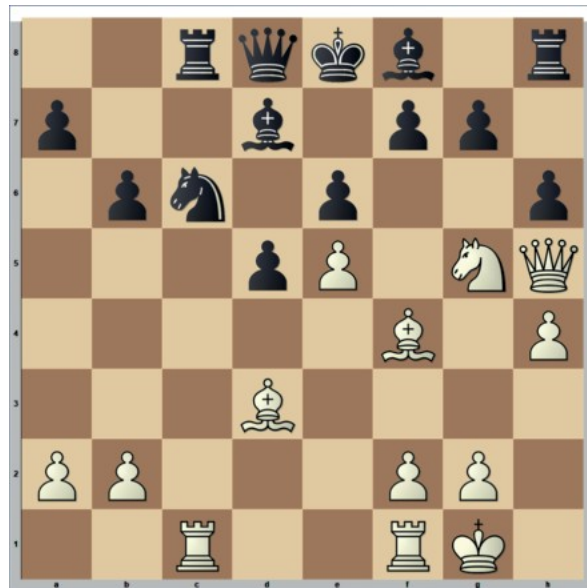
C02 French Advance Variation

Curtis Fukuchi 1811

Thomas Chryst 1613

3rd QCP Open & FWC, Ft Worth, TX (2)

**1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 c5 4.c3 Nc6 5.Nf3
Qb6 6.Bd3 Bd7 7.O-O cxd4 8.cxd4
Nxd4 9.Nbd2 (last book move) Nxf3+
10.Nxf3 Ne7 11.Be3 Qd8 12.Rc1 b6
13.h4 Nc6 14.Bf4 Rc8 15. Ng5 h6
16.Qh5?!** (see diagram)



Position after 16.Qh5?!

White's move threatens to capture the Rook if the Knight is taken. However, the recommended move was to simply retreat the Knight. Black missed an opportunity by not taking the Knight (which would then be followed by taking the Bishop after the Rook is taken). Play continued with **16. ...Qe7?** Unfortunately, this is a losing move for Black and sets up White's winning combination. **17.Nxf7! g5** (17...Qxf7?? would most certainly be followed by 18. Bg6, pinning the Queen) **18.Nxh8+ Kd8 19.hxg5 Be8 20.g6 Qg7 21.Nf7+ Kd7 22.Bxh6 Qg8 23.Bxf8 Qxf8 24.Nd6 Rc7 25.b4 Nxe5 26.Rxc7+ Kxd6 27.Qh7 Bxg6 28.Bxg6 Nxg6 29. Qxg6 Kxc7 30.Qxe6** 1-0

At this point, Black could not overcome White's overwhelming advantages and threw in the towel. Certainly this was a well fought game which could have been won by either player. Congratulations to Mr. Fukuchi on becoming the 2020 Fort Worth Champion; we certainly hope to see you back again next year!

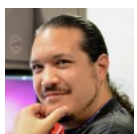
Additional coverage of the 3rd Annual QCP Open and FWC was made possible by *Texas Knights* contributor Dr. WIM Alexey Root, PhD who not only competed in the tournament for her third consecutive year, but also wrote **two** articles about it. Thank you Alexey!

Chess Life Online (CLO) – <https://new.uschess.org/news/getting-back-business>

SparkChess (includes all Open section games) – <https://www.sparkchess.com/joys-and-sorrows-of-over-the-board-and-online-chess.html>

Tournament Crosstable – <http://www.uschess.org/msa/XtblMain.php?202007195652.0>

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US CHESS TOP PLAYERS FOR TEXAS – Oct. 15, 2020

Regardless of Residence or Federation

Overall			Age 16			Age 9		
5	Xiong, Jeffery	2786	8	Vivekananthan, Anish	2338	25	He, Justin Shandong	1600
13	Onischuk, Alexander	2720	13	Metpally, Jason	2285	28	Meng, Joshua	1587
28	Sadorra, Julio C	2657	46	Niu, Baron T	2098	34	Sunil, Arush	1565
29	Stukopin, Andrey	2650	67	Chikkodi, Nitin	2039	39	Liu, Nathan Chang	1534
35	Li, Ruifeng	2637	71	Hawthorn, Charles	2018	46	Yang, Daniel	1507
52	Dragun, Kamil	2605	76	Walmer, Benjamin	2013	57	Shivam, Zephan James	1481
59	Steingrimsson, Hedinn	2592	78	Peng, Peter	2012	62	Shu, Bruce	1456
64	Macieja, Bartlomiej	2581	86	De Leon, Carlos D	1995	64	Wei, Colin	1453
66	Reshef, Omer	2574	99	Rajaram, Rudransh	1966	65	Konstantakos, Christos	1447
67	Vazquez, Guillermo	2573	Age 15			68	Lopez, Abram Matias	1435
70	Yang, Darwin	2565	1 Wang, Justin 2540			77	Vemuri, Surya	1398
74	Duque, Raymond D	2559	13	Rorrer, Grayson	2217	79	Bhangale, Likhit	1395
74	Gorovets, Andrey	2559	23	Gundam, Rohit	2190	95	Raghuraja, Sri Yashvi	1328
76	Grinberg, Eyal	2558	43	Yellamraju, Ambica	2092	99	Li, Eric Chuhan	1320
79	Preotu, Razvan	2557	47	Vaidya, Atreya	2089	Age 8		
79	Beradze, Irakli	2557	50	Kumarappan, Ganesh	2079	2	Wang, Kyle Yiwen	1727
82	Hevia Alejano, Carlos A	2556	51	Nguyen, Anh Nhu	2075	11	Qi, Hengtai	1553
89	Hernandez, Holden	2545	62	Ramesh, Sreenevash	2054	12	Wu, Andrew	1546
89	Ruiz C, Joshua D	2545	68	Hawthorn, Henry	2035	15	Ramachandran, Advait	1506
92	Fernandez, Daniel	2543	75	Zheng, Peter	2005	18	Pendse, Vihaan	1470
96	Wang, Justin	2540	87	Dai, George Jingchang	1974	30	Kandikayala, Srikar	1389
Age 65 and Over			99	Yellamraju, Aparna	1942	45	Pulavarty, Vrishank	1291
5	Bradford, Joseph Mark	2444	100	McNutt, William H	1941	48	Petukhov, Arthur	1287
47	Hulse, Brian	2200	Age 14			49	Karabulut, Onur	1279
47	Simms, Gary	2200	13	Obero, Shelev	2237	70	Srinivas, Kruthagna	1178
79	Malazarte, Ernesto L	2133	25	Polavaram, Rithik Sai	2157	80	Ganesan, Vikash	1132
Age 50 and Over			38	Deviprasath, Sharvesh	2104	97	Nair, Sarvesh	1096
13	Duque, Raymond D	2559	40	Trakru, Rohun	2096	Age 7 and Under		
31	Bradford, Joseph Mark	2444	44	Yang, Benjamin	2080	7	Tendulkar, Ojas	1368
97	Feinstein, Michael	2247	70	Tang, Andrew	1997	14	Wu, Zekai Bryson	1260
Under Age 21			Age 13			16	Chen, Wenqiao	1239
1 Xiong, Jeffery 2786	67	Ahmed, Kabir	1942	18	Stewart, James	1211		
5	Li, Ruifeng	2637	74	Capocyan, John Patrick	1927	44	Garza, Edgar	1019
14	Wang, Justin	2540	75	Pathak, Rudransh	1921	45	Bitoon, Jarl Reyhan Lee	1015
61	Liu, Bovey	2353	93	Welsh, Vinh	1877	46	Contreras, Mckenzie	1005
65	Nguyen, Emily Quynh	2348	Age 12			67	Senapati, Avni	934
69	Lin, Dachev	2339	10	Sheehan, Ethan	2149	72	Pineda, Noah A	907
70	Vivekananthan, Anish	2338	25	Friedman, Andrew C	2024	77	Hernandez, Ruben Jacob	888
72	He, Tommy	2333	28	Gardezi, Arsal	2009	84	Ramirez, Mia L	862
100	Kung, Thomas	2293	37	Nandhakumar, Vaseegaran	1966	100	Smith, Magdaly Janiah	786
Age 18			57	Zhang, Andrew H	1879	Women Overall		
11	Nguyen, Emily Quynh	2348	57	Wang, Kalia Yuke	1879	12	Nguyen, Emily Quynh	2348
32	Kirumaki, Ronit A	2203	88	Wang, Ethan Yizhe	1809	22	Andrenko, Iryna	2268
34	Eliezer, Segev	2180	95	Feng, Travis	1803	36	Li, Rachael	2190
52	Avila, Joshua	2094	Age 11			59	Yellamraju, Ambica	2092
55	Palang, Warren Jesse	2089	5	Kunka, Harshid	2123	63	Nguyen, Anh Nhu	2075
59	Huo, Rannon	2080	6	Gutla, Aryan	2080	81	Munoz, Claudia E	2019
65	Fan, William G	2052	21	Liu, Eric Chang	1944	84	Root, Alexey Wilhelmina	2000
66	Rose, Samuel Edward	2050	31	Melillo, Lucius Fox	1881	Women Age 65 and Over		
70	Dammann, Jorn	2044	32	Nair, Ajitesh	1868	21	Hardesty, Brenda T	1202
71	Blakeman, Cole	2042	62	Zhang, Eric J	1759	27	Lamont, Olga A	1003
80	Krishnan, Aadarsh	2005	81	Hiwale, Ronak	1696	Women Age 50 and Over		
87	Srivatsav, Aadarsh	1984	83	Karlseng, Christian	1687	5	Root, Alexey Wilhelmina	2000
96	Sonawane, Atharv	1961	87	Mazumdar, Shaurya	1673	32	Stuckert, Elena	1491
Age 17			Age 10			50	Hardesty, Brenda T	1202
16	Kung, Thomas	2293	1 Chen, Ryo Wenyu 2216	63	Lamont, Olga Aleksandra	1003		
25	Gu, Brian Fanyuan	2211	3	Woodward, Andy Austin	2202	Girls Under Age 21		
35	Buergler, Jacob	2161	5	Li, Rachael	2190	6	Nguyen, Emily Quynh	2348
47	Liu, Kevin	2097	39	Zhang, Sunny	1755	18	Li, Rachael	2190
48	Mao, Andrew Sun-Rong	2096	55	Qin, Samuel	1666	28	Yellamraju, Ambica	2092
50	Ganthapodi, Maanav S	2091	86	Qin, Timothy	1571	32	Nguyen, Anh Nhu	2075
56	Ganesh, Anirudh	2068	88	Srinivas, Deeptha	1556	67	Yellamraju, Aparna	1942
91	Frutos, Chase	1971	93	Gao, Alexander	1548	85	Wang, Kalia Yuke	1879

Girls Age 18			100	Parvathaneni, Voshita	1095	55	Anand, Vidarshanaa	955
3	Nguyen, Emily Quynh	2348	Girls Age 13			74	Laboriante, Jie	863
20	Bao, Yuliang Eunice	1692	21	Reddy, Tanvi C	1546	76	Nair, Aditi	851
27	Bhat, Puja Prashant	1485	38	Pande, Nayonika	1404	80	Cortez, Emma Sophia	845
32	Tovias, Lauren	1305	50	Solis, Natalie	1303	88	Lopez, Celeste Catalina	814
33	Bautista, Ilse	1256	51	Holmes, Natalie Faith	1298	89	Loredo, Isabellah	806
34	Oliveira, Lauren Ryleigh	1255	53	Cardin, Maddie	1295	96	Liang, Jane	767
36	Solis, Gabriela	1230	58	Asthigiri, Lakshana	1254	100	Manyam, Hansita N	760
43	Herrera, Alexandra	1015	76	Thornhill, Eowyn	1173	Girls Age 8		
45	Delgado, Victoria E	945	82	Nair, Anika	1142	3	Srinivas, Kruthagna	1178
51	Chryst, Bailey	813	84	Nitturi, Rajni	1137	7	Guerra, Anahi D	1083
52	Alcantara, Korina	769	88	Pilla, Ananya Valli	1101	13	Gao, Mia	1038
58	Ibarra, Lesly A	550	97	Nakkala, Sharvi	1058	14	Bustinza, Lia A	989
Girls Age 17			Girls Age 12			16	Cantu, Sophie	928
14	Cheng, Angela	1749	4	Wang, Kalia Yuke	1879	17	Cisneros, Ariana	904
19	Zhou, Julia	1618	20	Ham, Emily	1643	21	Fox, Rogue Elysia	872
30	Basepogu, Sharon	1480	30	Uviedo, Violette	1500	23	Katakam, Ashwika	869
32	Cedillo Bocanegra, Ana	1454	38	Hwang, Alexis	1467	24	Ordorica, Maria Alexandra	861
43	Ravichandar, Shreya	1310	54	Mehta, Tanisi	1362	25	Quezada, Miranda I	851
44	Reistle, Jane W	1275	57	Sun, Yimeng Jenny	1323	39	Chandak, Aisha	774
47	Martinez, Margarita N	1267	64	Seals, Ayre Allbritton	1300	42	Gao, Michelle	752
49	Vasquez, Angelica	1247	69	Zhu, Suri	1273	43	Vargas, Valerie	751
50	Garcia, Emily Alexis	1241	79	Gomez, Frida Mariela	1203	44	Tijerina, Katherine Abigail	741
52	Salinas, Brianna	1217	81	Zhao, Lindsey	1196	58	Lu, Andie	656
66	Mata, Liberty Elizabeth	1056	89	Nair, Pallavi	1159	59	Desai, Keeana Gaurav	653
72	Yarrington, Silvana V	875	95	Pradeepkumar, Kalki	1126	61	Zamarripa, Salma Renata	637
73	Trevino, Rianna R	855	99	Milova, Vladislava	1115	62	Milova, Alexandra S	623
79	Cole, Katriel	748	Girls Age 11			67	Yan, Grace Shunli	606
82	Pena, Kristie	709	18	Akella, Sravya	1530	69	Bustos, Camila A	599
83	Clarke, Raelyn	681	19	Sharan, Neha	1518	72	Hu, Avery	589
Girls Age 16			26	Obideiko, Veronika	1458	75	Zuniga, Gianna	579
34	Perera, Dimanthi	1497	49	John, Natalie Michelle	1260	76	Wang, Brianna	575
39	Azim, Risa	1381	50	Cruz, Vivica Renee	1258	86	Garcia, Yadilu M	539
41	Manohar, Riya	1358	56	Laskaris, Evie	1201	89	Ray, Ritika	530
46	Melgarejo, Fernanda	1238	59	John, Ashley Dannel	1182	90	Davidson, Enya	528
51	Thompson, Sarah	1173	63	Contreras, Rosario Nayeli	1171	96	Moore, Sophia Isabelle	517
53	Ramprakash, Adhithi	1166	68	Dhanekula, Shyna C	1151	Girls Age 7 and Under		
55	Chaudhary, Shreya	1127	69	Caldera, Sophia	1144	7	Contreras, Mckenzie	1005
58	Ramirez, Patricia N	1107	71	Kirumaki, Shreya A	1129	11	Senapati, Avni	934
68	Guel, Abigail M	909	82	Varma, Tanishi	1068	13	Ramirez, Mia L	862
70	Olivares, Rianne	906	83	Cruz, Zeniahda	1065	17	Smith, Magdaly Janiah	786
71	Garcia, Aracely E	901	92	Camacho, Kaitlyn A	1046	21	Garza, Aveli M	713
75	Earles, Dawn	847	96	Balci, Ayda	1034	23	Lucio, Sophia Camila	697
80	Dixie, Soleil Jozyln	750	Girls Age 10			24	Parame, Frances Jamie	695
Girls Age 15			2	Li, Rachael	2190	25	Hernandez, Suri X	694
2	Yellamraju, Ambica	2092	7	Zhang, Sunny	1755	30	Roefer, Riley Annalyn	662
3	Nguyen, Anh Nhu	2075	14	Srinivas, Deeptha	1556	32	Gonzalez, Kimberly Ryanne	626
9	Yellamraju, Aparna	1942	25	Hosur, Sanmita	1347	35	Valdez, Arianna Nickole	613
57	Basepogu, Sarah	1392	30	Shankar, Aashritha Vidhya	1301	50	Balci, Ayla	536
63	Babaria, Rajvi Rakesh	1333	47	Prasath, Bhavishya	1127	51	Vivek, Aadhyha	534
64	Aggarwal, Manika	1325	49	Vijayaraghava, Aditi	1106	60	Mendoza, Rosabel Paloma	498
68	Gunukula, Renee	1305	50	Lu, Stephanie	1103	70	Varada, Anya S	431
73	Hernandez, Madelyn	1288	54	Krishnan, Mihika	1094	73	Zarate, Mya I	366
76	Balderas, Ana Luisa	1237	55	Wang, Crystal	1092	74	Jangam Reddy, Lakshmi	347
91	Spicer, Mcmillin Victoria	1146	61	Gomez, Nelly D	1066	77	Muniz Fernandez, K	302
93	Perry, Emily	1113	71	Li, Xinyi	1011	34	Oliveira, Lauren Ryleigh	1255
99	Wang, Catherine	1048	96	Ford, Katherine M	908	36	Solis, Gabriela	1230
Girls Age 14			97	Satyanarayanan, Aarushi	905	43	Herrera, Alexandra	1015
21	Furman, Jessica	1650	99	Gracia, Emma Cadence	891	45	Delgado, Victoria E	945
38	Naidu, Suchitra	1518	100	Liguez, Emma	888	51	Chryst, Bailey	813
41	Vasquez, Izabel	1489	Girls Age 9			52	Alcantara, Korina	769
52	Hernandez, Sarah	1378	8	Raghuraja, Sri Yashvi	1328	58	Ibarra, Lesly A	550
72	Athila, Akshaya	1232	14	Gonzalez, Addison	1280			
84	Trowbridge, Auria	1178	19	Zhao, Yvonne Y	1227			
89	Davila, Deborah H	1127	29	Kommuri, Sahithi	1112			
93	Mallick, Lipika	1123	33	Song, Joyce	1082			
95	Lucero, Amalie	1118	45	Mista, Wiktorina	1020			
96	Zhang, Taylor Chengyue	1116	54	Garza, Brithany H	959			
96	Iyer, Madhalasa	1116						

Tactics Time! Answers

Analysis by Stockfish 11

1. Nxe5 wins the Bishop
1. Rxc3+ wins the exchange
- 1...b4 wins a piece
- 1...0-0-0 2. Rd7...Rxd7 3. Nxd7...Kxd7 wins the Knight. Variation from game.
1. Nc5+...Rxc5 2. Rxe8 wins the exchange. Variation from game.
- 1...Qxd2 wins the Knight due to the back-rank mate threat.
1. Bxg6...hxg6 2. Rxc7+...Ke8 3. Qg7...Rd7 4. Qxg6+...Ke7 5. Re1...Rxc7 6. Nf5+...Kd7 7. Nxd6...Kxd6 8. f5
1. Ng5...Bg7 2. Rh4...Qc7 3. 0-0-0...Ke7 4. Rh7...Kd8 5. Rxc7...Bd7 6. Nf7+...Kc8 7. Nd6+...Kd8 8. Qg5+

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DEVIPRASATH, Sharvesh (2109) -

JAVAKHADZE, Zurab (2531)

[A01]

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(1.1), 04.09.2020

1.b3 d5 2.Bb2 Bg4 3.f3 Bf5 4.e3 h6
5.d4 Nf6 6.Nc3 e6 7.Qd2 Nc6
8.Bd3 Qd7 9.0-0-0 Nb4 10.Bxf5
exf5 11.a3 Nc6 12.Nge2 0-0-0
13.Kb1 a6 14.Nf4 Re8 15.Nd3 Bd6
16.Na4 Qe7 17.b4 Qxe3 18.Qc3
Na7 19.Rhe1 Nb5 20.Qb3 Qg5
21.Ne5 Re7 22.c4 dxc4 23.Qxc4 f4
24.Nc5 Bxc5 25.bxc5 c6 26.a4 Nc7
27.Ka1 Ncd5 28.Qb3 Ne3 29.Nxf7
Rxf7 30.Qxf7 Nxd1 31.Re7 Nd5
32.Rxb7 Qd8 33.Ra7 Nc7 34.d5
Kb8 35.Be5 Kxa7 36.Bxc7 Qf6+
0-1

LOZITSKIY, Oleksandr (1960) -

MCGEE, Isaac (1587)

[D15]

86th Annual Southwest Open

(2.9), 05.09.2020

1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.Nf3 Bf5 4.Nc3
Nf6 5.Qb3 Qb6 6.cxd5 Qxb3
7.axb3 Nxd5 8.Nxd5 cxd5 9.Bd2
Nc6 10.e3 e6 11.Bb5 f6 12.0-0 a6
13.Rfc1 Kd7 14.Ne1 Bd6 15.Bd3
Bxd3 16.Nxd3 Rhc8 17.f4 Ne7
18.Rc3 Rc6 19.Kf2 Rac8 20.g4 Rb6
21.b4 Nc6 22.Rac1 Ne7 23.R1c2
Rbc6 24.Nc5+ Bxc5 25.bxc5 b5
26.Ra3 Ra8 27.b3 Rc7 28.Ba5 Rb7
29.Rca2 Kc6 30.Bb6 Nc8 31.Bd8
Kd7 32.Ba5 Kc6 33.Kg3 Rd7
34.Be1 Rda7 35.h4 g6 36.Kf3 e5
37.fxe5 fxe5 38.Kg2 exd4 39.exd4
Re7 40.Bf2 Re4 41.g5 Kb7 42.b4
Ne7 43.h5 gxh5 44.Rf3 Nc6
45.Rf7+ Re7 46.Rf5 Nxb4 47.Ra3
Rae8 48.Rh3 Re2 49.Rxh5 R8e7
50.Rh6 R2e6 51.Rxe6 Rxe6
52.Rf7+ Kc6 53.Rxh7 Rg6 54.Rh6
Rxh6 55.gxh6 Nd3 56.Be3 b4
57.h7 b3 58.h8Q b2 59.Qe8+ Kc7
60.Qf7+ Kc6 61.Qg6+ Kb5
62.Qxd3+ Kb4 63.Bd2+ Ka4
64.Qc2+ Ka3 65.Bc3 a5 66.Qxb2+
Ka4 67.Qa2+
1-0

WOODWARD, Andy (2196) -

JAVAKHADZE, Zurab (2531)

[D35]

86th Annual Southwest Open

(3.1), 05.09.2020

1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.cxd5
exd5 5.Bg5 c6 6.Qc2 Bd6 7.Nf3
Nbd7 8.e3 Nf8 9.Bd3 Ng6 10.Nh4
0-0 11.Nxg6 fxg6 12.0-0-0 h6
13.h4 hxg5 14.hxg5 Ng4 15.Bxg6
Rxf2 16.Bh7+ Kf8 17.Rdf1 Bg3
18.Nd1 Qxg5 19.Nxf2 Nxf2
20.Rxf2+ Bxf2 21.Qxf2+ Ke7
22.Bd3 Be6 23.Rf1 Kd7 24.Rh1
Re8 25.Rh4 a6 26.Kd2 Ke7 27.Kc3
Rc8 28.b4 Rf8 29.Rf4 Rh8 30.Rf3
Qh4 31.Qf1 Qh1 32.Qf2 Qc1+
33.Kb3 a5 34.bxa5 c5 35.Bb5 c4+
36.Ka4 Qd1+ 37.Kb4 Qb1+ 38.Ka4
Ra8 39.Qh4+ Kd6 40.Qf4+ Ke7
41.Qc7+
1-0

PARKER, Alex (1495) -

LOZANO, Jesse (2274)

[C02]

86th Southwest Open

(4.4), 06.09.2020

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 e6 3.c3 Ne7 4.d4
cxd4 5.cxd4 d5 6.Nc3 Nbc6 7.e5
Nf5 8.Be3 Be7 9.Be2 0-0 10.Qd2
f6 11.Rd1 Bd7 12.0-0 Rc8 13.g4
Nxe3 14.Qxe3 f5 15.gxf5 Rxf5
16.Kh1 Qf8 17.Rg1 Qf7 18.Rg3 Rf8
19.Rdg1 Kh8 20.Nb1 Be8 21.Nbd2
g6 22.Bd3 Rh5 23.Rg4 Qg7 24.a3
Bd8 25.Nb3 Rh3 26.Be2 Bb6
27.R4g3 Rxc3 28.hxc3 Ne7 29.g4
Qf7 30.Kg2 Qf4 31.Qxf4 Rxf4
32.Ng5 Bxd4 33.Nxd4 Rxd4
34.Rh1 h5 35.gxh5 Rd2 36.hxc6+
Kg8 37.Bg4 Bxc6 38.Bxc6+ Kg7
39.b4 Re2 40.Rc1 Rxe5 41.f4 Re2+
42.Kg1 Bc2 43.Bg4
½-½

GREEN, Austen (2281) -

AMBURGY, Ryan (2143)

[C45]

86th Annual Southwest Open

(5.4), 06.09.2020

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.d4 exd4
4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nxc6 bxc6 6.e5 Qe7
7.Qe2 Nd5 8.c4 Nb6 9.Nc3 Bb7
10.Bd2 0-0-0 11.0-0-0 g6 12.Re1
Bg7 13.h4 Rde8 14.f4 f6 15.Rh3
fxe5 16.fxe5 Ba6 17.Qg4 Qe6
18.Qxe6 Rxe6 19.c5 Bxf1 20.cxb6
Ba6 21.bxa7 Kb7 22.Ne4 Rxe5
23.Bc3 Rhe8 24.Nc5+ Kxa7
25.Bxe5 Bxe5 26.Ra3 Bxb2+
27.Kxb2 Rxe1 28.Rxa6+ Kb8
29.Nxd7+ Kb7 30.Nc5+ Kb8 31.Kc3
Rg1 32.g4 Rxc4 33.Ra4 Rg3+
34.Kd4 g5 35.Ne4 Rg4 36.hxc6 h6
37.Rb4+ Ka8 38.Kc5 hxc6 39.Kxc6
Rg2 40.Ra4+ Kb8 41.Nc5 Rc2
42.a3 Rc3 43.Rb4+ Kc8 44.a4 Rh3
45.a5 Rh4 46.Rb1 Rd4 47.Rb7
Rd6+ 48.Kb5 Rd5 49.a6 g4 50.Kb4

Rd4+ 51.Kb3 Rd1 52.a7 Rb1+

53.Kc2 Rxb7 54.a8Q+

1-0

WANG, Oscar (1779) - LOZANO,

Jesse (2274)

[B22]

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(6.8), 07.09.2020

1.e4 c5 2.d4 cxd4 3.c3 d5 4.exd5
Qxd5 5.Nf3 Bg4 6.cxd4 Bxf3
7.gxf3 Nc6 8.Be3 e6 9.a3 Rd8
10.Nc3 Qd7 11.Qa4 Nf6 12.0-0-0
Be7 13.Rg1 g6 14.Bh6 Nd5 15.Bd3
Nb6 16.Qb5 Nxd4 17.Qxd7+ Nxd7
18.Bg7 Nb3+ 19.Kb1 Rg8 20.Bh6
a6 21.Ne4 Ne5 22.Bc2 Nd4 23.f4
Nec6 24.Bg5 f5 25.Bxe7 Kxe7
26.Nc5 Rd5 27.Nb3 Rgd8 28.Rg3
Nxc2 29.Rxd5 Nxa3+ 30.bxa3
Rxd5 31.Rh3 h5 32.Rg3 Kf6 33.Rc3
Nd4 34.Nc5 Ne2 35.Re3 Rxc5
36.Rxe2 Rc4 37.Rb2 b5 38.Rb4
Rxb4+ 39.axb4 e5 40.Kc2 exf4
41.Kc3 Ke5 42.h4 Ke4 43.Kd2 Kd4
44.Ke2
0-1

BEATREZ, Patrick (2160) -

SRIVATSAV, Aadarsh (1970)

[C00]

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(7.7), 07.09.2020

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 e6 3.b4 d5 4.e5 cxb4
5.d4 Ne7 6.a3 Nf5 7.axb4 Bxb4+
8.c3 Be7 9.Bd3 Nd7 10.g4 Nh4
11.Nxh4 Bxh4 12.Ba3 Be7 13.Rg1
h6 14.Qf3 Qb6 15.Kd2 Bg5+
16.Kc2 Nf8 17.Bc5 Qc6 18.Na3 a6
19.Rgb1 Nd7 20.Nb5 Nxe5
21.dxe5 Qxc5 22.Nd6+ Kd7
23.Qxf7+ Be7 24.Bb5+ axb5
25.Rxa8 Rf8 26.Rxc8 Qxc8
27.Nxc8 Rxf7 28.Nxe7 Rxf2+
29.Kd3 Kxe7 30.Rxb5 Rxh2
31.Rxb7+ Kf8 32.Rb8+ Kf7
33.Rb7+ Kg6 34.Re7 Rh4 35.Rxe6+
Kf7 36.Rd6 Rxc4 37.Rxd5 Ke6

38.Rc5 h5 39.Ke3 h4 40.Kf3 Rg5
41.Kf4 Rg1 42.Rc6+ Kd7 43.Rd6+
Ke7 44.Rd3 g5+ 45.Kf5 Rg3 46.Rd6
h3 47.Rh6 g4 48.Rh7+ Kf8 49.c4
Kg8 50.Rh5 Rg2 51.e6 Kg7 52.c5
h2 53.c6 g3 54.Rg5+ Kf8 55.c7 Rc2
56.Rxc3 h1Q
0-1

VEAL, Joe Dean (1942) -

GREEN, Austen (2281)

[A80]

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(3.6), 05.09.2020

1.d4 f5 2.Nc3 Nf6 3.Bg5 d5 4.Bxf6
exf6 5.e3 Be6 6.Bd3 Qd7 7.Nge2
Nc6 8.Nf4 Bf7 9.0-0 h5 10.Qf3
Ne7 11.Qd1 g5 12.Nfe2 Nc8 13.f3
Nd6 14.e4 dxe4 15.fxe4 f4 16.d5
h4 17.h3 Bh5 18.Qe1 0-0-0
19.Qf2 Kb8 20.Nd4 Nc8 21.Ne6
Bd6 22.Nb5 Rde8 23.Nxd6 Qxd6
24.Ng7 Re5 25.Nxh5 Rxh5 26.c4
b6 27.a3 Qe7 28.b4 Nd6 29.c5
Nxe4 30.Bxe4 Rxe4 31.d6 cxd6
32.cxb6 Rh8 33.bxa7+ Qxa7
34.Qxa7+ Kxa7 35.Rfd1 Rd8
36.Rd5 Kb6 37.Rad1 Kc6 38.b5+
Kc7 39.Rc1+ Kd7 40.b6 Rb8
41.Rc7+ Ke6 42.Rb5 Re5 43.Rb4
Rc5 44.Ra7 Rc6 45.b7 Rc7 46.a4 f5
47.a5 Re7 48.a6 Ree8 49.Rb1 Kd7
50.Kf2 Kc7 51.Rb5 Rf8 52.Rb2 g4
53.Rb4 f3 54.hxc6 fxc6 55.Rxc6
fxg2+ 56.Kxc6 Kb6 57.Ra8 Rxa8
58.bxa8Q Rxa8 59.Rxh4 Rxa6
60.Kf3 Ra3+ 61.Ke2 Kc5 62.Kd2 d5
63.Rh8 Kc4 64.Rc8+ Kd4 65.Rh8
Ra2+ 66.Kd1 Kc3 67.Rh3+ Kc4
68.Rg3 d4 69.Rh3 Rg2 70.Rf3 Rb2
71.Rh3 Rb3 72.Rxb3 Kxb3 73.Kd2
Kc4 74.Kc2 d3+ 75.Kd2 Kd4
76.Kd1 Ke3 77.Ke1 Ke4 78.Kd2
Kd4 79.Kd1 Kc3 80.Kc1 d2+
81.Kd1 Kd3

½-½