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From the Desk of the Editor

Greetings fellow Texas chess fans,

Happy new year to you all! I trust that everyone had a wonderful holiday season, but now it's time to get back to work (at the chessboard!). In order to help you quickly find events being held here in Texas, I have created a web shortcut that all of us can use: bit.ly/TexasChess. This shortcut will take you directly to the US Chess website's Upcoming Tournaments page with Texas events already being shown. From there, you can further refine that list by event type and by proximity to a given zip code or address.

I would like to start this volume off with following two announcements. First, we have twenty(!) additional back issues of *Texas Knights* from 1991-93 and 1997. These issues were meticulously scanned and submitted by TCA's Historian, David "Leigh" Harrington, and are now available on our [association's website](#); thank you Leigh!

Second, is a sincere apology for the extended hiatus. Unfortunately, life gets us all busy and we here at the Texas Chess Association are no exception. Our apologies for the disruption, but now, hopefully, we are now back on track to bring you the best chess content from all across our Great State of Texas throughout the rest of 2022 and beyond!

Inside this volume, we have some wonderful content for you. Firstly, we have all of the games from the 76th Annual Texas State Championship painstakingly transcribed by the state champion himself, National Master Austen Green! Secondly, we have two additional new chess book columns by Woman International Master Alexey Root, PhD. Finally, we have multiple article submissions by TCA President, Franc Guadalupe. Thank you all so very much!

As always, we hope that you will enjoy this edition, but as always, ***we need more submissions!*** If you have games, stories, articles, tournament results or photos (please include photo information [event name, participants, date, etc.] including photographer attribution) that you would like to see published, please send them to the TCA Editor at txknightsed@gmail.com. Remember, *Texas Knights* does not exist without your submissions. Thank you for your continued support!

Sincerely,
Louis A. Reed Jr.

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Message from the Texas Chess Association President

December 2021

As we approach the end of this year, I thank our players, coaches, chess parents, chess tournament organizers, tournament directors, Regional Directors and all who supported the Texas Chess Association in 2021. Our TCA leadership continues to focus on opportunities for chess players to play the game we all love. Among those former TCA members who contributed greatly to our mission, let us remember those who passed away during the past year:

David Harvey – TCA Lifetime Member, Region III Scholastic Representative, TCA Bylaws Committee member and U.S. Army Veteran.

Igor Garcia – Beloved husband of TCA Secretary Renate Garcia, Co-Founder and VP of the Crusader Chess Club of El Paso. U.S. Army Field Artilleryman.

Wilford Biggs – Chess Coach and J.P. Elder Middle School and U.S. Marine Corps Veteran.

We are grateful for their contributions to our mission over the years. May they rest in peace. If we missed any former TCA members who passed away in 2021, please let us know.

Some TCA members have stepped up and volunteered their time to support our chess players. Thanks to them for their support. Also, we thank those who are no longer serving in leadership capacities with TCA but who gave much of their time in supporting our mission. These, both outgoing and incoming, include:

Leigh Harrington, TCA Historian. This is a new position. Leigh has been instrumental in researching and posting the *Texas Knights* magazine on our website, dating back to 1987 issues, and we welcome his contributions as our first TCA Historian!

Nellie Naidoo has assumed the duties of Region V Scholastic Representative. For many years, Nellie has been instrumental to scholastic chess in the Houston area. Thanks, Nellie!

John Hyltin resigned as Director for Region VI. Our thanks to John for all he did for TCA and the players of Region VI and our gratitude to **Cyrus Hyatt** for assuming the Regional Director duties for that Region.

Ed Guetzow resigned as Director for Region VIII. Ed was instrumental to TCA and his region, and we wish him the best.

Victor Flores, who for many years has been a driving force to chess in that region and is also our Scholastic Committee Chair, has agreed to be our new Region VIII Director. Our thanks to Victor for, once again, stepping up in support of our players and adding one more thing to his plate!

Charlie Vetter resigned from the position of Director of Region IX and was replaced with **William Bodnar**. Our thanks to Charlie for all he did and to William for all he is about to do!

Also, thanks to the members of the newly formed **TCA Committee for Pay of Organizers, TDs and Tournament Staff**. They are: **Gary Gaiffe (Chair), Lakshmana Viswanath, Eddie Rios and Luis Salinas**. They will help us in providing consistency in the pay of those key individuals working at our events. These recommendations are limited to events organized by TCA and not to those that are bid out.

The last issue of Texas Knights was for the April – June 2021 period, so this bigger issue combines the July 2021 – March 2022 period. Among other things, this will include a report on the five players who represented Texas at the U.S. Chess National Invitational Championships. Those were: IM Doug Root (Irwin National Tournament of Senior State Champions), FM Anish Vivekananthan (Denker National Tournament of High School State Champions), Aryan Gutla (Barber National Tournament of Middle School State Champions), Ryo Chen (Rockefeller National Tournament of Elementary School State Champions), and WCM Ambica Yellamraju who finished in a two-way tie for first place at the Haring National Tournaments of Girls State Champions and, as result, earned a National Champion title! We thank our five players for representing Texas well and congratulations for their second-place finish among teams from all states!

At the recently concluded US Chess National Grade Championships in Orlando, three Texans won National Championships. Eric Chang Liu and Luca Chang finished in a tie for first place in the 6th Grade Championship, while Vishnu Chetlapalli finished in a tie for first place in the 1st Grade Championship! Congratulations to these three players as well!

We have some TCA events coming up, including the newly formed Texas Scholastic Online Quick Open Chess Championships which will take place on January 22nd and the Texas State and Amateur Championships, May 27 – 30 in Irving. As always, we appreciate your support and participation in these events!

On behalf of the Texas Chess Association, I wish all of you health and happiness in the new year and in years to come. With your support, 2022 will be another very successful year for all of us.

Franc Guadalupe

President, Texas Chess Association

New Chess Books Column

by Dr. Alexey Root



Gambit Publication's [Magnus Carlsen's Most Instructive Games](#) by Grandmaster Martyn Kravtsov, translated by FIDE Master Graham Burgess, has 42 games played by the World Chess Champion and annotated by Kravtsov. The book is 176 pages (248 mm by 172 mm). Its

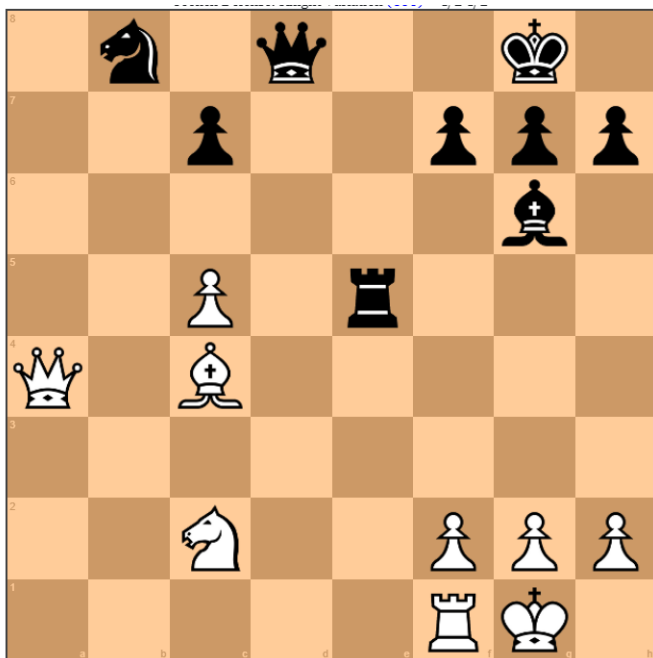
copyright date is 2021. It retails for \$21.95. It is also available as an e-book (\$9.95) and an app-book (\$11.99).

I watched Grandmaster John Nunn's [promotional video](#), which mentions one of the book's best features, the "Magnus Moment." Within each game, one diagram has the words "Magnus Moment" under it. Quoting Gambit's website:

the *Magnus Moment* – where Carlsen demonstrates the special insight that sets


him apart from other players. Perhaps he clarifies a messy situation, confident in his technical ability. Or sacrifices to gain practical chances in a game that has not gone to plan.

One game that didn't go according to plan was against Grandmaster Julio Sadorra, now the chess coach at The University of Texas at Dallas. Carlsen had White in [their 2016 Olympiad game](#), and was the ratings favorite to win it. But Sadorra had equalized, and Kravtsiv gives this "Magnus Moment" position with White to make his 24th move.



Magnus Moment

Kravtsiv's book breaks down Carlsen's games into useful lessons. It is a valuable text for self-study, and useful for teachers presenting Carlsen's games to their students.



The "New Chess Books" columnist, Dr. Alexey Root, is volunteering for Texas Chess Association by writing this column. Alexey Root was the 1989 U.S. Women's Champion. She is a Woman International Master. Buy her books at this link: [amazon.com/author/alexeyroot](https://www.amazon.com/author/alexeyroot). She teaches Chess Online courses for The University of Texas at Dallas. Information on registering for those courses is at this link: <https://www.utdallas.edu/chess/education-programs/>

Carlsen chose 24. Ne3, which deserves a !? according to Kravtsiv, who continues (page 107), "Instead after 24 c6 Rc5 (24...Qe8?!) 25 Nd4 h6 the game is also close to equal, but Black faces far fewer practical problems." The previous comment was given in figurine algebraic in Kravtsiv's book.

Ultimately, Sadorra drew the game, which is in the "Positional and Strategic Chess" section of Middlegame Topics, the largest chapter in the book. The other chapters are Opening Themes, Endgame Play, and Human Factors. Kravtsiv notes that the Sadorra game may also relate to human factors, as Carlsen made two hasty decisions perhaps because, Kravtsiv wrote on page 108, "it seems that Magnus underestimated his opponent."

The book is attractively formatted with multiple diagrams within each game. But there is some room for improvement. On page 12, Kravtsiv wrote, "For example, in the main lines of the Dragon Sicilian, White often wishes to castle queenside so that he can more easily attack on the kingside, where his rook's rook is already well-placed to open the h-file." That should be "king's rook" not "rook's rook" and White could be a "she" not a "he" as the antecedent was "grandmasters" not a specific grandmaster.

Texas Players Earned Team Second Place at US Chess National Invitationals!

by Franc Guadalupe

Five of our finest chess players qualified to represent us at the US Chess National Invitational Championships held in Cherry Hill, NJ in conjunction with the U.S. Open. Our four scholastic players qualified as result of a Round Robin play-off, while our Senior representative qualified by virtue of rating.



IM Douglas Root
photo by Alexey Root

Representing Texas in the 5th Annual John T. Irwin National Tournament of Senior State Champions was IM Douglas Root. IM Root played in the FM Sunil Weeramantry Blitz Tournament of State Champions finishing in 3rd place in the top section and second among 40 players in the 5th Annual John T. Irwin National Tournament of Senior State Champions. Here is his analysis of his Round 5 win against Elliott Winslow from California.

Winslow, Elliott (2251) - Root, Douglas (2557) [C06]
4th Annual John T. Irwin National Cherry Hill, New Jersey, USA (5), 02.08.2021

[Elliott was running a little late for the round, but after the TD started the clock he soon appeared and promptly played 1. e4. I was actually expecting 1. d4, but I decided to keep to my standard French Defense which I have used as far back as my first tournament game.] **1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nd2 Nf6 4.e5 Nfd7 5.Bd3 c5 6.c3 Nc6 7.Ne2 cxd4** [I have often played 7...f6 here in the past, but I suspected that Elliott had prepared something for me, since he more commonly plays 5. f4 instead of 5. Bd3. Therefore, I switched to the main line. By trading on d4 before playing f6, black gets the option of meeting 9. Nf4 with Nxd4 which Elliott avoided.] **8.cxd4 f6 9.exf6 Nxf6 10.0-0 Bd6 11.Nf3 0-0 12.Bf4 Bxf4 13.Nxf4 Ne4 14.Ne2 Rxf3** [I was expecting White to play 14. g3 or 14. Qc1, but 14. Ne2 is often played as well. I considered replying with either 14...Ng5 or 14...Bd7, but ultimately I decided to play this main line exchange sacrifice which is sharper.] **15.gxf3 Ng5 16.Kh1** [16.f4 Nh3+ (16...Nf3+ 17.Kg2 Qh4 18.Kxf3 Qh3+ 19.Ng3 e5 with complex but more speculative chances.) 17.Kh1 Qh4] **16...e5** [16...Nxf3? 17.Bxh7+ Kh8 (17...Kxh7 18.Qd3+ is good for White.) 18.Ng1 Nxg1 19.Qh5 and White is winning.] **17.dxe5 Nxf3** [Less clear is 17...Nxe5 though White should not reply with 18.f4? (18.Ng1 Qf6 19.Be2 where White may be better but it is complex.) 18...Bg4! 19.fxe5 Bf3+ 20.Kg1 Nh3#] **18.Ng1** [I thought White might play 18.Bxh7+ Kh8 19.Ng1 Ncd4 20.Nxf3 Bg4 21.Nxd4 Bxd1 22.Raxd1 Kxh7 when White's strong passed pawn is counterbalanced by the exposed white king.] **18...Nfxe5 19.f4** [I felt that 19. f4 weakened White's king position. Perhaps 19.Bc2 d4 20.Be4 should be given more consideration.] **19...Nxd3** [Black can meet 19. f4 with 19...Ng4, but I felt that 19...Nxd3 emphasized the weakness of the light squares around White's king.] **20.Qxd3 g6 21.h3** [In Kovalev vs. Cori (World Youth Championship, 2012), White chose 21. Ne2, but had to fight to hold a draw. Elliott chooses a different path with 21. h3.] **21...Bf5 22.Qd2 d4 23.Kh2 d3 24.Nf3 Qd7 25.Nh4 Be4** [Black

should not play 25...Bxh3? since White would win the d-pawn with advantage by 26.Rf3] **26.Rae1 Re8 27.f5** [27.Re3? Nd4 28.Rfe1 Rc8; 27.Nf3 with the idea of Ng5 is better than what White chose.] **27...Nd4** [I considered 27...Qc7+ but I thought White could hold with 28.Qf4 Qxf4+ 29.Rxf4 g5 30.Rg4 Kf7 31.Rxg5 d2 32.Rd1 Rd8 33.Rg2] **28.f6?** [This move gives White problems.] [28.fxg6 Ne2 29.Rxe2 Qc7+ 30.Kg1 dxe2 31.Qxe2 Qg3+ 32.Ng2 with only a slight disadvantage.] **28...Kf7 29.Qh6 Qd6+ 30.Rf4 Ne2!** [Now White must lose material.] **31.Qxh7+ Ke6 32.Nxg6** [At this point, I started calculating my way through the complications that follow. [Alexey Root notes: As a spectator on Twitch, this long think on a forced move (32...Bxg6) caused everyone to wonder if the DGT was still working or if Doug had passed out at the board. Commentator William Aramil said that if Doug didn't play 32...Bxg6 then Alexey should have been the Texas representative rather than Doug.]] **32...Bxg6 33.Qxg6 Qxf4+ 34.Kg2 Rd8 35.Rf1 Qe5** [Played quickly, because I had calculated this move back on move 32. Better here is] [35...d2] **36.Qg4+ Kd6 37.f7 d2** [I had intended] [37...Rf8 which wins. But then I worried about 38.Qb4+ and White winning my rook. But I should play this because I would checkmate White in this line. I realized that in all the other lines, including the game line.] **38.Qb4+** [Elliott shared in my misconception. He only had two minutes left, which would make the correct line challenging to play. Even the computer has trouble with it, but here it is:] [38.f8Q+ Rxf8 39.Rxf8 Qd5+ (39...Nf4+ 40.Rxf4! only move to draw; other moves lose. (40.Kh1? Qe1+ 41.Kh2 Qf2+ 42.Kh1 Qh4 wins for black.) 40...Qd5+ 41.Kg3 d1Q 42.Rf6+ Kc5 43.Qc8+ Kb4 44.Rf4+ Ka5 45.Rf5 and White can draw with perfect play.) 40.Kf2 d1Q 41.Rd8+ is drawing for White.] **38...Kc7 39.Rf3** [To stop ...Qg3+ with mate next move.] **39...d1Q 0-1**



FM Anish Vivekananthan
photo by family

FM Anish Vivekananthan represented us in the 38th Annual GM Arnold Denker National Tournament of High School State Champions and finished in a 2-way tie for third among the 48 players in this event. He shared these brief thoughts about his experience:

“When I first arrived at Cherry Hill, I played in the Blitz and ended up having a bad tournament because I lost due to time issues in good positions. However, I had quite a clean main event besides my draw against Nathaniel Moor. Nevertheless, I missed good opportunities such as missing a move to get an initiative against Christopher Shen and not playing on for a win in a +2 position against IM Carissa Yip.”

Here is his round four game against IM Yip.

Vivekananthan, Anish (2321) - Yip, Carissa (2404) [B07]

37th Annual GM Arnold Denker National, Cherry Hill, New Jersey, USA (4), 02.08.2021

[B07: Pirc Defence: Miscellaneous Systems]

1.d4 Nf6 2.Nf3 g6 3.Nbd2 Bg7 4.e4 d6 [last book move last book move 0.33/25] **5.Bb5+** [0.36/25] **c6** [Black threatens to win material: c6xb5 0.21/26] **6.Bd3** [0.26/27] **0-0** [0.16/22] **7.0-0** [0.30/26] **Qc7** [0.48/26] [7...c5 8.h3 0.48 8.c3 0.16/24] **8.h3**

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[Secures g4 0.53/27] **8...Nbd7** [0.52/28] **9.a4** [0.61/26] **e5** [0.56/24] **10.dxe5** [0.41/25] **Nxe5** [0.49/23] **11.Nxe5** [0.32/24] **dxe5** [0.39/24] **12.Nf3** [0.39/27] **Rd8** [0.57/25] **13.Qe2** [13.Re1 0.57 0.12/27] [13.Re1 13...Nh5 0.12 0.57/25 13...h6 0.46/22] **13...h6** [13...Nh5 0.12 Prevents intrusion on g5 0.61/23] [13...Nh5 14.Bc4 0.61 0.27/27 14.Bc4=0.29/27] **14.Bc4** [0.53/23] **Nd7** [14...b6 0.53 1.20/22] [14...b6 15.Rd1 1.20 0.61/23 15.b3²0.51/22] **15.Be3** [15.Rd1 1.20 black has a cramped position. Black's piece can't move: c8 0.73/25] **15...Nf8** [0.72/24] **16.b4** [White has an active position 0.66/25] **16...Ne6** [0.62/24] **17.c3** [Consolidates d4 0.72/24] **17...Nf4** [0.49/24] **18.Bxf4** [18.Qa2 0.49 0.08/28] [18.Qc2!? 18...exf4 0.08 0.75/25] **18...exf4** [0.09/25] **19.e5** [0.10/29] **Bf5** [0.10/27] **20.Rfe1** [0.14/28] **Re8** [Pawn e5, live or die! 0.07/26] **21.Qa2** [0.00/25] [21.Qd2 0.08/28 g5 0.06/28 22.Re2 0.22/30 Be6 0.16/26 (22...Bxe5?? 23.Bxe6 0.16 taking the pawn will bring black grief 6.47/25 23.Qe1+-6.38/25) 23.Bxe6 0.22/28 Rxe6=0.25/24] **21...Be6** [The black bishop is safe in front of e5 0.00/41] **22.Re4** [0.00/28] **g5** [22...Rad8 0.00 1.13/23] [22...Re7!?= 23.Rd1 1.13 0.11/28] **23.Rae1** [23.Rd1 1.13 0.34/30] [23.Rd1 23...Bxc4 0.34 1.02/26 23...Rad8 1.10/27 24.Rxd8 1.00/29 Qxd8±1.05/27] **23...Rad8** [23...Bxc4 0.34 0.95/27] [23...Bxc4 24.Rd4 0.95 0.37/28 24.Qxc4 0.34/30 Re6 0.39/28 25.Nd4 0.23/28 Rxe5 0.27/28 26.Rxe5 0.38/27 Bxe5 0.55/25 27.Nf5 0.45/25] **24.Nd4** [0.66/29] [24.Rd4 0.70/27 Qc8±0.69/22] **24...Bd5** [24...Bxc4 0.66 0.98/28] **25.e6** [0.56/27] **Kh8** [0.93/23] **26.Bxd5** [26.R4e2 0.93 0.41/31] **26...cxd5** [White has a new backward pawn: c3 0.44/29] **27.R4e2** [0.36/30] **Qxc3** [0.50/28] **28.Nb5** [White threatens to win material: Nb5xc3 0.65/28] **28...Qxb4** [28...Qd3 0.65 1.10/33] [28...Qd3!? 29.Nc7 1.10 must be considered 0.48/25 29.exf7 0.49/24 Re4 0.51/26] **29.Nc7±** [1.11/40] **fxe6** [1.11/38] **30.Nxe8** [1.12/33] [30.Nxe6 30...Rxe8 1.12 -0.34/23 30...Rd7 Combination -0.50/23; 30.Rxe6 30...Rxe8 1.12 -7.76/26 30...Rxe6 -7.61/27 31.Nxe6 31.Rxe6 -7.61 -14.92/20 (31.Rxe6 31...Qxe1+ -14.92 -7.33/23 31...Qc4 Combination -7.23/26) 31...Qxe1+ Decoy Double attack -13.34/18] **30...Rxe8** [1.12/30] **31.Rxe6** [1.12/38] **Qxe1+** [1.12/33] **32.Rxe1** [1.13/37] **Rxe1+** [1.22/35] **33.Kh2**

[1.22/33] **Re5** [33...Re7 1.22 1.72/27] [33...Re7!?± 34.Qa3 1.72 1.24/28] **34.Qc2** [1.60/33] **d4?** [34...Re7 1.60 3.49/26] [34...Re7 35.Qc8+ 3.49 1.68/30 35.Qc8+ 1.51/32 Kh7±1.82/28] **35.Qc8+** [3.37/27] **Kh7** [3.03/29] **36.Qc2+** [36.Qxb7 3.03 1.81/29] [36.Qxb7!? 36...Kg8 1.81 might be the shorter path 3.02/29 36...a5 3.39/22 37.h4 3.22/25 g4 3.42/24 38.Qb1+ 3.32/29 Kh8+- 38...Kg8 3.32 2.61/31] **36...Kh8** [36...Kg8 1.81 2.34/22] ½-½



WCM Ambica Yellamraju

photo by Iredia Ekhatu, courtesy of US Chess

WCM Ambica Yellamraju was our representative in the 10th Annual Ruth Haring National Tournament of Girls State Champions. Ambica has provided a very detailed article of her experience at this event, and that article and game are included separately. She finished in a tie for first place (second on tiebreaks) among 40 players, thereby earning the National Co-Champion title!



Aryan Gutla (left) was the Texas representative at the 12th Annual Dewain Barber National Tournament of Middle School State Champions and finished in 19th place among 48 players in this event. He shared these thoughts about this very tough event and

annotated the following game:

“Here is my favorite game from the Barber event. It is my favorite because of the combination of defense and attack. I neutralized his threats while making my own threats. There was also a nice queen sacrifice at the end.”

Gutla, Aryan - Bao, Chris [C54]

Dewain Barber Invitational 2021, 02.08.2021

1.e4 e5 2.Bc4 [I played this just in case he plays the Russian Defense. However after the game he told me that he wasn't planning to play the Russian.]
2...Nc6 3.Nf3 Bc5 4.0-0 d6 5.c3 [1:32] **Nf6** [1:32]
6.d3 h6 7.Re1 0-0 8.Nbd2 Be6 9.Bb3 [This is a rarer move. The intention is to ask black to show his cards.] [9.b4 Here this is the best move 9...Bb6 10.a4 a5 11.b5 Bxc4 (11...Ne7 12.Bxe6 fxe6 13.Nc4 Bc5 14.d4 exd4 15.Nxd4 Qd7 16.Qb3 And here white should be at least slightly better) 12.Nxc4 Ne7 13.Nxb6 cxb6 And here white is better] **9...Bb6** [9...d5 Here fails 10.exd5 Nxd5 11.Nxe5 Nxe5 12.Rxe5 Bxf2+ 13.Kxf2 Qf6+ 14.Nf3 And white wins]
10.Nf1 [1:29] **Re8** [Preparatory move intending d5 1:32] **11.Ng3 d5 12.exd5 Bxd5?!** [Dubious move. the bishop is awkwardly placed.] [12...Nxd5 And here the position is equal 13.Nh5 Is an idea (And so is 13.Bc2)] **13.Bc2 Ng4 14.Rf1** [14.Re2 Is another move that I considered, however it fails. 14...Bxf3 15.gxf3 Nf6 16.f4 Ng4! And now black is winning (But not 16...exf4? 17.Bxf4 Rxe2 18.Qxe2 Qd5 19.d4 And white is much better)] **14...Re6?!** [This makes the bishop on d5 even more of a target] **15.h3!** [55] **Nxf2?** [This looks nice, but it is unsound 1:18] [If 15...Nf6 16.Nd2± And black has difficulties] **16.Rxf2 Bxf3** [The critical moment. Take with the pawn or the queen?] **17.Qxf3!+-** [17.gxf3?? Rg6 And black wins] **17...Rf6 18.Nf5!** [A move he underestimated] **18...Bxf2+** [18...g6 19.Nxh6+ Kg7 20.Qxf6+! Qxf6 21.d4 And white is better, but one possible line from here goes 21...Qe7 22.Rxf7+ Qxf7 23.Nxf7 Kxf7 24.Bh6 exd4 25.Rf1+ Ke6 26.Bb3+ Kd6 27.Kh2±] **19.Qxf2 Kh8 20.g4** [40] **Ne7** [1:16] **21.d4!** [And now all my pieces are pointing towards his king... almost all of them. That is soon to change however] **21...exd4 22.g5!+-** [This is the move he missed] **22...Rb6 23.gxh6 Nxf5** [23...Rg6+ 24.Kf1] **24.Qxf5 Rg6+ 25.Kh1** [24] **Qh4** [1:12] **26.hxg7+ Kg8 27.Bd2** [This neutralizes any Qe1 and at the same time,

opens the rook] **27...Re8** [27...Rg3 Doesn't succeed 28.Kh2 Re8? 29.Qh7+ and white wins the g3 rook] **28.Rf1+-** [Bringing the last piece into the party] **28...Kh7??** [And black is done for] **29.Rg1 Ree6 30.Qxe6!!** [This is why I really like this game. It wasn't exactly necessary though. 30.Bg5 instead was faster. 17] [30.Bg5 Was better 30...Qh5 31.Bd1] **30...fxe6** [1:08] **31.Rxg6 Qxh3+** [31...Kg8 Was a better try, but 32.Kg1! Renews the threat] **32.Kg1 Kg8 33.Bb3 Qh7 34.Bxe6#** [W 1:06 B 18] **1-0**

“What I liked about the event was returning to the board after about 18 months. I had the chance to meet a lot of my friends after a long time, and I had a blast with the games. I was also honored to meet John Rockefeller V and FM Sunil Weeramantry.”



FM Ryo Chen
photo by family

FM Ryo Chen was our representative at the 3rd Annual John D. Rockefeller III National Tournament of Elementary School State Champions and barely, by half-a-point, missed joining a trio of players who tied for first place in this event. As result, Ryo finished in 4th place among the 48 players in this championship.

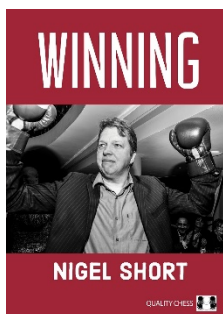


The Texas Team (not pictured, Doug Root)
photo by Anna Yellamraju

Thanks to the outstanding performance by our five players, the Texas team finished in second place among the 50 state teams in attendance, earning the \$400 prize. The Texas Chess Association thanks them and for their participation, each Texas player received a \$500 stipend. Well done!

New Chess Books Column

by Dr. Alexey Root



Quality Chess published *Winning* by former World Chess Championship Challenger Nigel Short. The book is 416 pages. Its copyright date is 2021. As a [hardcover](#), it retails for \$37.95. It is also available on [Forward Chess](#) for \$25.99.

Grandmaster Nigel Short was a teenage chess prodigy. Later, at his peak, he was ranked #3 in the world. Now 56 years old, Short is no longer in the top 100 rated chess players in the world. But he has found other roles in chess. Short is a FIDE (International Chess Federation) Vice President and is a chess commentator. Although Short has written chess columns, primarily for the magazine *New in Chess*, *Winning* is his first book.

The book's introduction, available in a [PDF excerpt](#), shows that Short values mentoring the next generation of chess players. He mentions that Grandmaster Irina Krush invited him to lecture, online, to her and others. Short states that his lecture helped Krush win the 2020 U.S. Women's Chess Championship.

Krush agrees. For *American Chess Magazine* (issue #21), Krush wrote:

As Nigel Short shared in the workshop I organized just a week prior to the Championship, “you cannot draw your way to victory” and “you cannot count on others to do your work for you.”

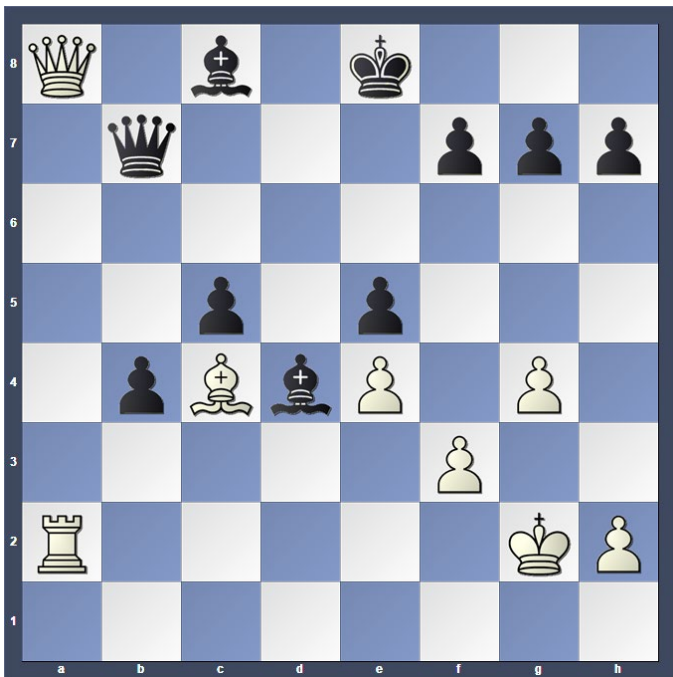
I have drawn the same lessons over my chess career, but hearing them again so close to the Championship put them front and center of my mind.

Short still plays in top-level chess tournaments, finishing equal second at the [TePe Sigeman & Co Chess Tournament 2021](#). At that tournament, he was assigned the pairing number 1. That is, before a round robin begins, there is a random drawing of numbers. Short picked “1.” The player assigned “1” starts the tournament with two Whites in a row, which Short values. One of his chapters in *Winning* is “My Lucky Number 1,” about his victories after being assigned that pairing number. Like every other chapter, its title is from a song. In this case, unlike the chapters named [China Girl](#) and [A Hard Day's](#)

[Night](#), I was not familiar with the referenced song, [Lucky Number](#).

Winning also had the following words, which I had to look up in an online dictionary: Batrachian, coryphaeus, funambulist, and wally. However, don't let unfamiliar songs and words scare you off from reading this book. Short provides memorable pen portraits of his opponents and top-notch analysis of his games. In addition, as mentioned, Short gives advice. Short's wisdom helped Irina Krush and could help you win tournaments too.

Here's a win by Nigel Short from the [TePe Sigeman & Co Chess Tournament 2021](#). Short is White against Grandmaster Etienne Bacrot. What did White play to win material on move 39?



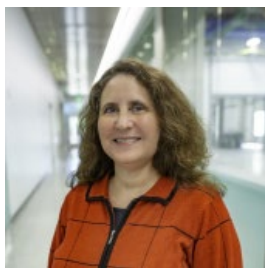
39.Bxf7+! Kxf7 [39...Qxf7 40.Qxc8+ Ke7 41.Ra7+ Kf6 (41...Kd6 42.Qa6#) 42.Qf5#; 39...Kd8 40.Be6 and White is winning.]

40.Ra7 Qd7 41.Qd5+ Ke7 42.Rxd7+ Bxd7 [White has a queen for two bishops and a pawn, but there is still some work to do. Black's b-pawn is pretty far advanced.]

43.Qg8 Kd6 44.g5 Be6 45.Qxg7 b3 46.Qxh7 b2 47.Qb7 Bf7 48.f4 exf4 49.Kf3 Bc4 50.g6 Bd3 51.g7 Bc4 52.Qb6+ Kd7 53.Kxf4 Bxg7 54.e5 Bh6+ 55.Kg3 Bc1 56.Qd6+ Kc8 57.Qxc5+ Kb7 58.Qb4+ Ka7 59.h4 Be6 60.h5 Ka6 61.h6 Bf5 62.h7 1-0



GM Nigel Short
photo by Lars OA Hedlund,
courtesy of TEPE SIGEMAN & CO



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My Experience at the WIM Ruth Haring National Girls Tournament of Champions

by Ambica Yellamraju



WCM Ambica Yellamraju

photo by Iredia Ekhato, courtesy of US Chess

This year, I was given the opportunity to play in the 9th Annual WIM Ruth Haring National Girls Tournament of Champions representing Texas. I want to thank TCA for awarding me this opportunity to play in such a prestigious tournament and would also like to thank the organizers and TDs for making the experience a truly unforgettable one.

The tournament was unique because it was the first Haring event that was in person post-COVID. This was extra special for me because I played in the Denker tournament online last year and was finally excited to attend the event in person. The tournament was held from July 31st - Aug 3rd. At 10 am on Saturday, we started the event with the 2nd Annual FM Sunil Weeramantry National Blitz Tournament of State Champions. This event consisted of 4 rounds but eight games (one white and one black) with a time control of 3min +2 sec.

Additionally, as this was a tournament with different sections, I was placed in the 1800-2199 section. I went into the tournament with no expectations. I wanted to get some quick practice before the main event's first-round held later at 7:00 pm. I surprised myself by having an extremely strong blitz tournament and going 6-0 after the first three rounds. I had to win both my games in the final round to ensure first place without tiebreaks. I won my first game but unfortunately lost my last game and ended up with 7.0/8.0. This was good enough for 1st place. Another player, Arnav Tamnash Gupta, managed to win both his games and had 7.0/8.0 as well. However, due to better tiebreaks, I was able to win the 1st place prize of \$240. So my tournament started with a bang!

The main event consisted of 6 rounds with a time control of 90min +30 sec. In the first round, I was paired against Audrey Sellon from Iowa. She played the Slav and played a solid opening until she faltered by giving herself a weak pawn and later blundering a piece. This led me to a smooth victory.

In the second round, I was paired against Beatrice Low of Connecticut. She played a good opening, but I traded queens early, and due to her weaker pawn structure and later time pressure, I was able to outplay her and first win a pawn and later an exchange that cruised me to a victory.

In the third round, I was paired against WCM Aasa Dommalapati of Virginia. She played the King's Indian, and I managed to get a good position out of the opening.

Unfortunately, I overestimated my position and went for a pawn that couldn't be taken. This caused me to have a position where I had a rook, and she had a pair of bishops. In time pressure, I had a few chances to turn the game around, but when I didn't take them, she used the bishops and was able to beat me. I was disappointed because this meant that I was an entire point behind the rest of the field. However, I still didn't give up; I strived to get the most points I could.

In the fourth round, I was paired against Sydney Kong of Tennessee. This game was the craziest game of the event. She played exceptionally aggressively in the opening, and once everything was traded, I was left with the imbalanced position of playing with a knight and two pawns against a rook. I maneuvered my knights for the first few moves and tried to gain some time, but I later blundered and allowed her to trade queens and win a pawn. She had a better position and was making use of it until she blundered and allowed me to go into a better position where I had two knights and she had a rook. I was later able to win the game, but it was a very stressful moment.

In the fifth round, I was paired against Amanda Lossef of D.C. Although I wasn't too familiar with the opening, we later reached a position where I had slightly better chances, and she was defending her position. At one point, she blundered a pawn, and I

was able to convert very easily. This day was successful because I was able to put myself back in contention for a prize.

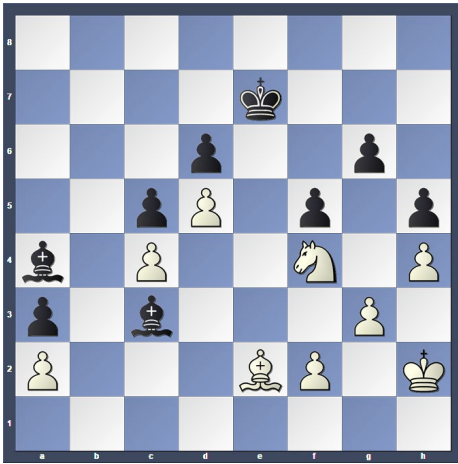
In the final round, I was paired against the top seed, WCM Ruiyang Yan of North California. I was playing for all the marbles because she was one whole point ahead of me, and if I won, I would tie her for first place. I was super motivated before I went into the game and spent some time preparing for her. I was able to play a very energetic and aggressive opening. Still, I later converted that into an excellent positional advantage. I would be playing with the pair of bishops against knights in an open position and a superior pawn structure. At this point in the game, I started to get a little excited and felt more determined to win. Although she put up a very tough fight and defended well, I finally managed to use my pair of bishops to guide my pawn and force her resignation. Overall, it was an excellent game, and I was super happy to tie for first.

All in all, I scored 5.0/6.0 and became a 2021 Haring Co-Champion (I received 2nd on tiebreaks) and also helped my Texas teammates come in 2nd place to receive \$80. For my prize, I received a Champion of Champions certificate with a \$5000 scholarship and a 2nd place plaque. It was a truly surreal and rewarding experience, and I am so happy that I represented Texas well and came back with a lot of prizes!!

<p>2022 Texas Women's Chess Championship</p> <p>August 13-14 North Richland Hills Library</p> <p>Contact Chief Organizer Tom Crane tcrane5000@gmail.com</p>	<p>Texas Women Chess Champions</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>Year</td> <td>Champion</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2019</td> <td>Nicole Niemi</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2018</td> <td>WFM Devina Devagharan</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2008</td> <td>WGM Sabina-Francesca Foisor</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2004</td> <td>Angela Alston</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2002</td> <td>Angela Alston</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2001</td> <td>Angela Alston</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2000</td> <td>Angela Alston</td> </tr> <tr> <td>1999</td> <td>Brenda Hardesty</td> </tr> <tr> <td>1998</td> <td>WIM Alexey Root</td> </tr> </table>	Year	Champion	2019	Nicole Niemi	2018	WFM Devina Devagharan	2008	WGM Sabina-Francesca Foisor	2004	Angela Alston	2002	Angela Alston	2001	Angela Alston	2000	Angela Alston	1999	Brenda Hardesty	1998	WIM Alexey Root
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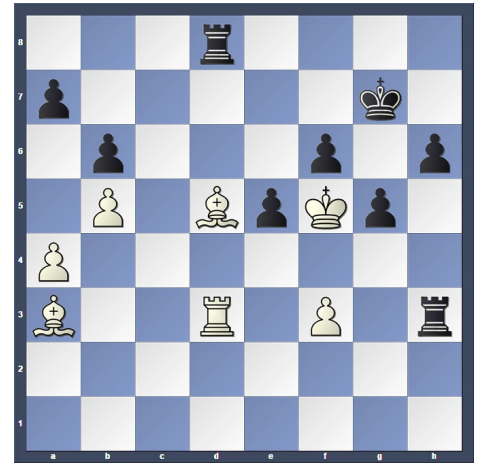
These positions came from games played in Texas or elsewhere by at least one Texas player. **Answers can be found on page 21.**



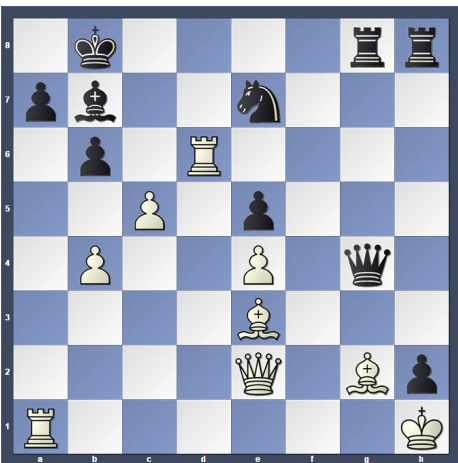
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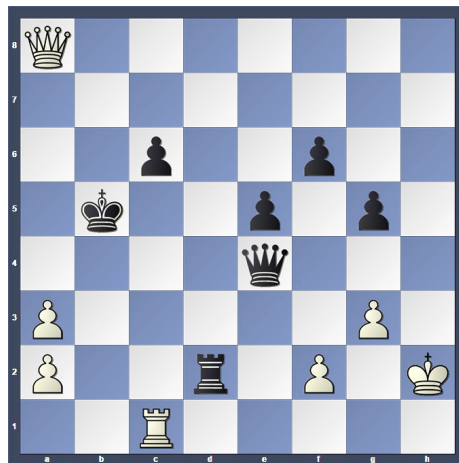
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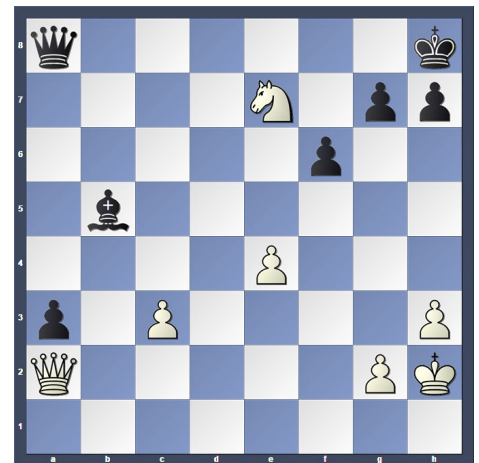
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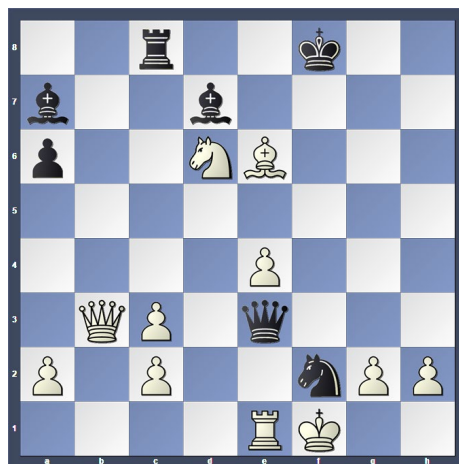
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6. Zachary John Haskin – Jason Loving
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Black to move



7. Hiren Premkumar – William Barefield
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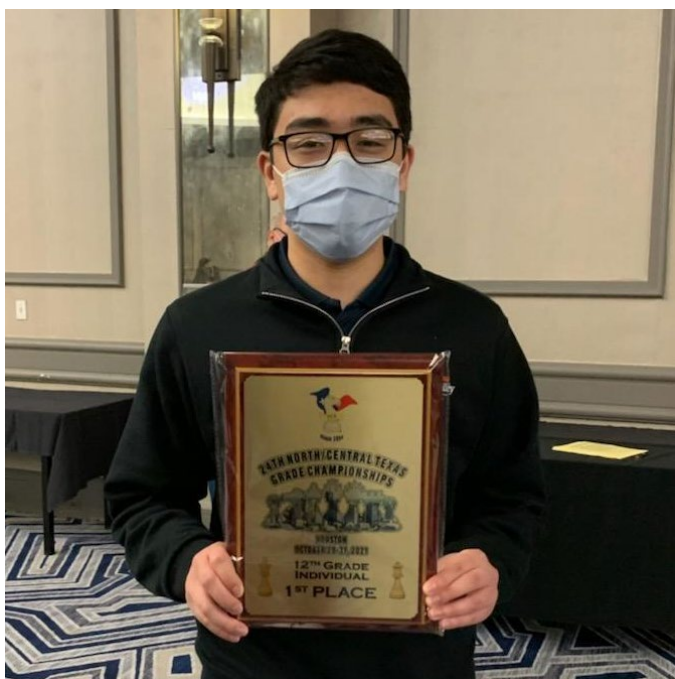


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76th Annual Texas State & Amateur Ch. 2021
White to move

William McNutt Wins the 12th Grade at the 24th North/Central Texas Grade Championships

by Franc Guadalupe

William McNutt finished clear first in the 12th grade section of the 24th North/Central Texas Grades Championships held at the Houston Hilton North, October 29 – 31. The event was organized by Luis Salinas and Barbara Swafford of the Dallas Chess Club, on behalf of the Texas Chess Association. The Chief TD for the event was NTD Lakshmana Viswanath.



William McNutt
photo by Howard McNutt III

State titles were earned in each of the 13 grades, from Kindergarten to 12th Grade and we congratulate all individual and team Champions and Co-Champions.



Our 7th Grade Champion, Aryan Gutla (left), who also represented Texas at this year's Dewain Barber National Tournament of Middle School State Champions submitted his annotated fifth round win.

Gutla, Aryan (2080) - Melillo, Lucius (1923) [C42]

2021 Texas Grade Championships (5), 31.10.2021

[My opponent was in clear first so far. I was behind him by half a point. I would have to win this game to have any chance of winning the championship. I had played in the blitz tournament in the night before, winning first place amongst everyone from kindergarten to 12th grade. It was good boost for my morale. In the morning, I prepared vigorously against the Caro-Kann. Since that is what he was playing recently. However, that preparation went in vain after what he actually played.] **1.e4 e5** [This is already a little surprise. Since I thought that he was going to play the Caro-Kann, I didn't prepare against this. However, I have good results in the Italian game, so I thought of simply playing that. However, I forgot one thing.] **2.Nf3 Nf6** [I forgot that he was a Petroff player.] **3.Nxe5 d6 4.Nf3 Nxe4 5.d4 d5 6.Bd3 Be7 7.0-0 Nc6 8.c3** [I was confused because I didn't check my lines in the Petroff for a while so I decided to play simple solid chess even though this was a must win game] **8.c4** This was the main line but after **8...Nb4** I didn't like this, and I didn't care to go any further in this line] **8...0-0 9.Re1 Bf5** [From here on, the plan was to outplay him in this symmetrical pawn structure, but I knew that it wouldn't be easy] **10.Qc2 Bg6 11.Nfd2** [I played this knight for a particular reason.] **11...Nxd2** [If **11...f5** then **12.f3**] **12.Nxd2 Bxd3 13.Qxd3 Bd6 14.Nf3** [Trying to go knight e5. My goal was to add spices to this bland soup.] **14...Ne7 15.Bg5** [I was trying to provoke him to do something at least.] **15...f6 16.Be3 Qd7 17.Re2 Rae8 18.Bd2 Ng6 19.Rae1 c6 20.g3** [I am trying to restrict his knight] **20...Re7 21.Kg2 Rfe8 22.h4 Rxe2 23.Rxe2 Rxe2 24.Qxe2 Ne7** [Retreating the knight. In this position, the drawing chances are higher than ever before or since, but I still wouldn't hurt to try to win because if anyone wins, it'll probably be me because of more space, and a few weaknesses on his side.] **25.Ne1**

[Aiming to redirect the knight to a better position. The knight is quite decent on d3, and his bishop is his only asset over me so if I trade the bishop, it will be a little harder to defend.] **25...Qf5?!** [Missing something.] **26.Bf4 Qd7 27.Nd3** [This is already a minor victory for me. The dark squared bishops will go off the board.] **27...Nc8 28.Bxd6 Nxd6 29.Nc5 Qf7 30.Qg4** [Now my pieces are showing slight superiority over his.] **30...Qe7 31.Qf4 Kf7 32.h5 Ne4** [He is the one to end the symmetry of this position.] **33.Nxe4 Qxe4+** [33...dxe4 34.Qb8] **34.Qxe4 dxe4 35.g4** [His face turned red in this position because it looks like white is winning. However, in this position, there is only 1 line that draws otherwise white wins. In the game, he didn't find this continuation.] **35...g5??** [And it's over] [35...Ke6 36.Kg3 g6 37.hxg6 hxg6 38.Kf4 Kd5 39.b3 b5 40.Ke3 a5 41.a4 bxa4 42.c4+! Ke6 43.bxa4 And this is a draw] **36.f3 e3** [if 36...exf3+ 37.Kxf3 Ke6 38.Ke4 And this position is winning] **37.Kf1 f5** [Here he suddenly became relieved. For a moment, I had thought that I missed this, but then I figured out how to win here.] **38.gxf5 Kf6 39.Ke2 Kxf5 40.Kxe3 g4 41.c4 g3 42.d5 cxd5 43.cxd5 Ke5 44.f4+** [And now it is over.] **44...Kxd5 45.Kf3 g2 46.Kxg2 Ke4 47.Kg3 Kf5 48.Kf3 h6 49.Kg3 Ke6 50.Kf2 Kf6 51.Ke3 Kf5 52.Kf3 Kf6 53.Ke4 Ke6 54.f5+ Kf6 55.Kf4 b5 56.b4 Ke7 57.Ke5 Kf7 58.f6 Kf8 59.Kf4 Ke8 60.Ke4 Kf8 61.Ke5 Ke8 62.Ke6 Kf8 63.f7 a6 64.a3 a5 65.bxa5** [This was a huge relief taking clear first into the last round, since there was now barely any pressure on me.] **1-0**

Five players achieved a perfect 6/6 score in their respective sections: Sharvesh Deviprasath (10th Grade), Eric J Zhang (8th Grade), Luca Chang (6th Grade), Ojas Tendulkar (2nd Grade) and Akpax Ebizo (Kindergarten). Our 2nd Grade Champion Ojas Tendulkar continues his amazing winning streak in Texas State scholastic events. In the last four Texas State Scholastic Championships he has finished with a combined 24.5/25! Ojas is the nation's #3 ranked player for his age and this year has raised his US Chess rating from 1338 to 1730!



TCA President Franc Guadalupe (left) with Ojas Tendulkar (right) photo by Aniket Tendulkar

The team competition was dominated by T.H. Rogers School (below). Led by Nellie Naidoo, Chess Coordinator for T.H. Rogers, teams from the K-8 school won eight championships while finishing in second place in one!



24th North/Central Texas Grade Championships Individual Champions			
Grade	Name	Rating	Score
12th	William McNutt	1941	5
11th	Benjamin Walmer	2037	5
10th	Sharvesh Deviprasath	2322	6
9th	Harish Chandran	1436	5.5
8th	Eric J Zhang	1983	6
7th	Aryan Gutla	2080	5.5
6th	Luca Chang	1672	6
5th	Joshua Meng	1874	5.5
4th	Advait Ramachandran	1782	5
4th	Vijay Srinivas Anandh	1654	5
3rd	Wenqiao Chen	1490	5.5
3rd	Zekai Bryson Wu	1260	5.5
2nd	Ojas Tendulkar	1716	6
1st	Chloe Liu	1130	5
1st	Gurugrahan Gurumoorthi	645	5
Kinder.	Akpax Ebizo	797	6

Team Champions		
Grade	School Name	Points
12th	UTRGV Math Science Academy - Brownsville	14
11th	Strake Jesuit CP - Houston	6.5
10th	Strake Jesuit CP - Houston	10.5
9th	Klein HS - Spring	9.5
8th	TH Rogers - Houston	6.5
8th	Lanier MS - Houston	6.5
7th	TH Rogers - Houston	6.5
6th	TH Rogers - Houston	8
5th	TH Rogers - Houston	9.5
4th	TH Rogers - Houston	8
3rd	TH Rogers - Houston	10.5
2nd	River Oaks Elem - Houston	5
1st	TH Rogers - Houston	10
Kinder.	TH Rogers - Houston	8.5

For a complete list of individual and team standings, please visit
<http://www.dallaschess.com/2021TexasGrade/StandingsLink.html>

Deatrick and Wang Share Top Honors While Fukuchi Defends Fort Worth Championship Title

by Louis A. Reed Jr.

The 4th Annual Queen City of the Prairie Open and 2nd Annual Fort Worth Championship were concurrently held July 17th and 18th 2021 at the Hilton Garden Inn Fort Worth Alliance Airport and were sponsored by the Alliance Chess Club. For this event, there were a record 49 players from four states in attendance. Mr. Alexander Deatrick of Michigan and Ms. Kalia Wang of Texas both scored 4.5/5 sharing the first and second place prizes in the Open section.

The Fort Worth Championship field included three Fort Worth residents, defending champion, Mr. Curtis Fukuchi, Mr. Ronnie Lewis and new US Chess Federation member, Mr. Najam Mirza. Fukuchi successfully defended the Fort Worth Champion title by scoring 3.0/5 and had the title secured by the end of the fourth round.



Andras Horvath (left) vs. Alexander Deatrick (right)
photo by Louis Reed

Unfortunately, Lewis did not score in the only round in which he played and withdrew from the tournament early, while Mirza provided the most stringent competition for Fukuchi being only ½ point behind him at the end of round three. The following is Fukuchi's round four game which sealed the championship in his favor.

Fukuchi, Curtis (1857) -

Raghuraja, Sri Avishkar (1930) [B21]

4th Annual Queen City of the Prairie Open and 2nd

Annual Fort Worth Championship

Fort Worth, TX USA (4), 18.07.2021

[B21: Sicilian: 2 f4 and Morra Gambit]

1.e4 c5 2.d4 cxd4 3.c3 dxc3 4.Nxc3 d6 5.Bc4 Nc6 6.Nf3 e6 7.0-0 Nf6 8.Qe2 a6 9.Rd1 Qc7 10.Bf4 b5 11.Bb3 Be7 [last book move 2.34/24] **12.Rac1** [2.39/28] **Bb7??** [Black must castle to prevent a worse outcome 12...0-0 13.Nd5 5.40 2.59/24 13.Nd5 2.37/27 exd5 2.15/23 14.exd5 2.21/22 Re8 14...Nd4 2.21 2.89/22 15.dxc6 2.51/24 Bf5+- 2.70/24] **13.Nd5!** [the punch 5.00/26] **13...exd5 14.exd5** [6.63/27] **Nd4** [7.76/23] **15.Nxd4** [8.09/26] **15...Qd7** [8.15/23] **16.Nc6** [7.91/24] **Rc8** [8.36/23] **17.Re1** [8.21/25] **17...Bxc6** [8.98/24] **18.dxc6** [8.68/25] **Qd8** [8.92/22] **19.Bd2** [8.69/26] **Qc7** [19...Kf8 8.69 11.60/20] **20.Ba5!!** [Mate attack 11.20/23] **1-0**



Curtis Fukuchi
photo by Louis Reed

Prizes			
Open			
Prize	Name	Score	Amt.
1 st / 2 nd	Alexander Deatrick	4.5	\$250
	Kalia Wang	4.5	\$250
3 rd / 1 st 'A'	CM Tim C Steiner	4.0	\$125
	Andras Horvath	4.0	\$125
1 st Expert	Vaseegaran Nandhakumar	3.0	\$86
	WIM Alexey W Root	3.0	\$86
Fort Worth Champion	Curtis K Fukuchi	3.0	Plaque
1 st 'B'	Marvin J Bolden	3.0	\$150
1 st 'C'	Preston Koloen	2.5	\$50
	Justin He	2.5	\$50
1 st 'D'	Saathvik Dasari	2.0	\$39
	Rohit Sullia	2.0	\$39
Reserve			
Prize	Name	Score	Amt.
1 st	Viraj Singh	4.5	\$115
2 nd / 3 rd	Alex Elkon	4.0	\$68
	Aadhya Rajagopalan	4.0	\$68
1 st U700	James W. Park	3.0	\$55
1 st Unr.	Rishi Rathi	3.0	\$24
	Caiden Henderson	3.0	\$24
Saturday Night Blitz!			
Prize	Name	Score	Amt.
1 st / 2 nd	Vaseegaran Nandhakumar	8.0	\$55
	Sri Avi Raghuraja	8.0	\$55
1 st U1200	Ari S Butterfield	6.0	\$20
Total cash prizes			\$1,734

The Alliance Chess Club would, of course, like to thank all the players for playing and we hope to see all of you and more again this summer!

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Time for Tactics! Answers

Analysis by Stockfish 14

- 1...Bb3!!
- 1...Nxe3! 2.dxe3 Bxc3+
- 1...Rxd5! 2.Rxd5 Rxf3+ 3.Ke4 Rxa3 (variation from game)
- 1.Rd8+!! Kc7 (1...Rxd8 2.Qxg4) 2.Qxg4!! Rg4 3.Rxh8
- 1.Qb7+ Ka5 (1...Ka4 2.Qa6#) 2.Rc5+ Ka4 3.Qb3# (variation from game)
- 1...Bc4!! 2.Qxc4 a2 3.Qe6 a1=Q 4.Nc8 Qb8+ 5.Nd6 Qxc3
- 1.Rxg7+! Nxg7 2.Bxh6 Rf7 3.Ng5 Re7 4.Nh7 e4 5.Nf6+ Kf8 6.Qg5
- 1...Qf4!! 2.Ke2 (2.Kg1 Nh3+ 3.Kh1 Qf2 4.Rd1 Qg1+ 5.Rxg1 Nf2#) 2...Qxd6
- 1.Ra5!! (Black resigned) 1...Rb8 2.Rxa7+ Kc8 3.Qb5 Qe6 4.Bxb6 Qc4 5.Qxc4 Rxb6 6.Qxf7 Kb8 7.c7+ Kxa7 8.c8=Q+ Bc7 9.Qfxc7+ Rb7 10.Q7xb7# (variation from game)

76th Annual Texas State and Amateur Championship

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The 76th Annual Texas State and Amateur Championship was organized by the Dallas Chess Club and held in Fort Worth, TX between May 28th and May 31st 2021. 157 players from 13 different states traveled to participate in the competition. Numerous health safety precautions were taken to keep the players and staff safe. The winner of the overall and Texas State Championship was NM Austen Green with a score of 5.5/7. The Amateur section was won by Vasegaran Nandhakumar with a score of 6.5/7.

76th Annual Texas State and Amateur Championship Games

compiled and annotated by NM Austen Green

Liu, Eric (2045) - Javakhadze, Zurab (2555) [C54]

(1.1), 28.05.2021

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Nf6 4.d3 Bc5 5.c3 0-0 6.0-0 d5 7.exd5 Nxd5 8.Re1 Bg4 9.Nbd2 Nb6 10.Ne4 Nxc4 11.Nxc5 Nd6 12.h3 Bh5 13.Ne4 Re8 14.Ng3 Bg6 15.Be3 f5 16.Bg5 Qd7 17.d4 e4 18.Nh2 Nd8 19.f3 Ne6 20.Bc1 c5 21.dxc5 Nxc5 22.Qd5+ Ne6 23.Bf4 Rad8 24.Rad1 Kh8 25.Bxd6 Nf4 26.Bxf4 Qxd5 27.Rxd5 Rxd5 28.fxe4 fxe4 29.Ng4 h5 30.Nf2 h4 31.Nf1 b5 32.Be3 a5 33.Bd4 b4 34.Ne3 Rg5 ½-½

Deviprasath, Sharvesh (2267) - Chikkodi, Nitin (2029) [D45] (1.2), 28.05.2021

1.Nf3 d5 2.c4 c6 3.e3 Nf6 4.Nc3 e6 5.Qc2 Be7 6.d4 Nbd7 7.Bd2 0-0 8.0-0 Qc7 9.Kb1 dxc4 10.Bxc4 e5 11.g4 exd4 12.Nb5 Qb8 13.Nbxd4 Ne5 14.Nxe5 Qxe5 15.f4 Qc5 16.g5 Nd5 17.Rc1 Qb6 18.h4 Nxf4 19.Qe4 Ne6 20.Nxe6 Ba3 21.Bc3 Bxe6

22.Qe5 1-0

Allen, Jonathan F (2021) - Green, Austen (2227) [A81] (1.3), 28.05.2021

1.d4 f5 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.g3 d6 4.Bg2 g6 5.0-0 Bg7 6.Bg5 Nbd7 7.Nfd2?! h6 [7...e5 Getting the break in might be better.] 8.Bxf6 Nxf6 9.e4 fxe4 10.Nxe4 0-0 11.c3 c6 12.Nbd2 Kh7 13.Re1 Re8 14.Qb3 Nd5 15.Nf1 b6 16.Rad1 Bd7 17.c4 Nf6 18.Ne3 Qc7 19.h4 Rf8 20.Qc2 Kg8 21.Nc3 [21.Nxf6+ Rxf6 22.Nd5! cxd5 23.Bxd5+ e6 24.Bxa8+] 21...Be8 22.Bh3 Bf7 23.Ne4 Rfe8 24.b3 Rad8 25.Ng4 h5 [25...Nxg4 26.Bxg4 e5=] 26.Ngxf6+?? [26.Nh2± still keeps some of White's advantage.] 26...exf6= 27.Nc3 f5 28.Qd3 Re7 29.Rxe7 Qxe7 30.Bg2 Be8 31.d5 c5 32.Ne2 Bh6 33.Kf1 Bd7 34.Ng1 Re8 35.Qc3 Bg7 [35...f4] 36.Qd2 b5 37.Re1 Qd8 38.Nf3 Rxe1+ 39.Kxe1 bxc4 40.bxc4 Qb6 41.Qc2 Qb4+ 42.Kf1 a5 43.Kg1 a4 44.Qe2 Bf6

45.Kh2 a3 46.Bf1 Qb2 47.Kg2 [47.Qxb2 axb2 48.Bd3 (48.Nd2 f4 49.Bd3 fxg3+ 50.fxg3 Kf7) 48...Bc3+] 47...Kg7 [47...Qxe2 48.Bxe2 Ba4 49.Nd2 Bc2+ I missed Bc2, threatening Bc3 →] 48.Qd2 Qc3 49.Qe2 Kf8 50.Kh2 Qb2 51.Qd2 Be8 52.Qh6+ Bg7 53.Qe3 Bd7 54.Qe2 Bc3 55.Ng5 Qxe2 56.Bxe2 Ba4 57.Ne6+ Ke7 58.Nf4 Bb3 0-1

Sanchez, Roberto Daniel (2158) - Hough, Stephen (2015) [B11] (1.4), 28.05.2021

1.e4 c6 2.Nc3 d5 3.Nf3 Bg4 4.h3 Bxf3 5.Qxf3 e6 6.exd5 cxd5 7.d4 Nf6 8.Bg5 Be7 9.0-0-0 Nc6 10.g4 a6 11.Be3 Qa5 12.Kb1 Rc8 13.g5 Nd7 14.Bd2 Nxd4 15.Qg4 Nf5 16.f4 Qc7 17.Bd3 g6 18.h4 Nc5 19.Bxf5 gxf5 20.Qg1 Ne4 21.Qd4 Rg8 22.Nxe4 fxe4 23.f5 Qxc2+ 24.Ka1 Qc5 25.Qe5 Qd6 26.Qd4 Qc5 27.Qe5 Qd6 28.Qd4 Rc4 29.Qf2 Kd7 30.f6 Bd8 31.Bf4 Bb6 32.Qe2 Qc6 33.Qh5 Rf8 34.Qxh7 e3 35.Be5 e2

36.Rde1 Bf2 37.Rxe2 Rc1+ 38.Rxc1 Qxc1+ 39.Qb1 Qxb1+ 40.Kxb1 Bxh4 41.Rc2 Rc8 42.Rg2 Rg8 43.Rc2 Rxc5 44.Rc7+ Kd8 45.Bd6 Rg1+ 46.Kc2 Bxf6 47.Rxb7 Rg2+ 48.Kc1 Bg5+ 49.Kd1 f6 50.a4 e5 51.b4 e4 52.Bc5 e3 **0-1**

Haskin, Zachary John (1980) - Kunka, Harshid (2123) [C01] (1.5), 28.05.2021

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.exd5 exd5 4.Bd3 Bd6 5.Nf3 Nf6 6.h3 0-0 7.0-0 Ne4 8.Nc3 Nxc3 9.bxc3 h6 10.Re1 Nd7 11.Be3 Nf6 12.Qc1 Re8 13.Bf4 Ne4 14.c4 Bb4 15.Bd2 Nxd2 16.Rxe8+ Qxe8 17.Nxd2 dxc4 18.Bxc4 Bc3 19.Rb1 Qa4 20.Bb3 Qxd4 21.Nf3 Qf6 22.Qe3 Bd7 23.Rd1 Bc6 24.Nd4 Bxd4 25.Qxd4 Qxd4 26.Rxd4 Kf8 27.f3 a5 28.Bc4 Ke7 29.Kf2 f6 30.Rd1 Rd8 31.Re1+ Kf8 32.Bd3 Rd4 33.a3 Ra4 34.Ra1 Ke7 35.c4 Kd6 36.Ke3 Kc5 37.g3 Bd7 38.h4 Be6 39.Be2 c6 40.Bd3 b5 41.cxb5 cxb5 42.Rc1+ Kb6 43.Rb1 Rxa3 44.Rxb5+ Kc6 45.Rb8 Bf5 46.Rd8 Bxd3 47.Rxd3 Rxd3+ 48.Kxd3 Kd5 49.Kc3 a4 50.Kb4 Kd4 51.Kxa4 Ke3 **0-1**

Loving, Jason (2116) - Barefield, William (2002) [B98] (1.6), 28.05.2021

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 a6 6.Bg5 e6 7.f4 Be7 8.Qf3 Qc7 9.0-0 b5 10.e5 Bb7 11.Qg3 dxe5 12.fxe5 b4 13.Ncb5 axb5 14.Nxb5 Qb6 15.exf6 Bxf6 16.Bxf6 gxf6 17.Nc7+ Ke7 18.Nxa8 Bxa8 19.Kb1 Bd5 20.Be2 Nd7 21.Bf3 Bc4 22.Rxd7+ Kxd7 23.Qg7 Rd8 24.Qxf7+ Kc8 25.Qxf6 Bxa2+ 26.Kxa2 b3+ 27.Kb1 bxc2+ 28.Kxc2 Qa6 29.Qc3+ Kb8 30.Rd1 Rc8 31.Rd8 Qa4+ 32.Kb1 Rxd8 33.Qe5+ Kc8 34.Qxe6+ Kc7 35.Qf5 Rd1+ $\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$

Premkumar, Hiren (2007) - Mao, Andrew (2070) [A10] (1.7), 28.05.2021

1.c4 e5 2.Nc3 Nc6 3.Nf3 g6 4.g3 Bg7 5.Bg2 d6 6.0-0 f5 7.d3 Nf6 8.a3 0-0 9.e3 h6 10.Qc2 Nh5 11.b4 f4 12.b5 Ne7 13.Bb2 g5 14.Nd2 Nf5 15.Rfe1 g4 16.Nd5 f3 17.Bf1 c6 18.Nb4 Nhxg3 19.hxg3 Nxg3 20.fxg3 f2+ 21.Kg2 fxe1Q 22.Rxe1 cxb5 23.cxb5 Qf6 24.Ne4 Qg6 25.Qc7 Bf5 26.Nxd6 Rad8 27.Nxb7 Rc8 28.Qd6 Qf7 29.e4 Bxe4+ 30.dxe4 Qf2+ **0-1**

Woodward, Andy (2267) - El Awad, Santiago (2172) [D15] (1.1), 29.05.2021

1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.Nf3 Nf6 4.Nc3 a6 5.c5 g6 6.Bf4 Bg7 7.e3 Bf5 8.Nh4 Be6 9.Bd3 0-0 10.0-0 Nbd7 11.h3 Re8 12.Nf3 Bf5 13.Bxf5 gxf5 14.Ne5 Nxe5 15.Bxe5 Nd7 16.Bxg7

Kxg7 17.Ne2 e6 18.b4 Kh8 19.Nf4 Qg5 20.a4 f6 21.g3 e5 22.Ng2 Qh6 23.h4 Rg8 24.b5 f4 25.exf4 exf4 26.bxc6 bxc6 27.Kh2 fxg3+ 28.fxg3 Qg6 29.Ra3 Rab8 30.Qe2 a5 31.Qe6 Qg4 32.Qxc6 Rb2 33.Qxd5 Qe2 34.Qf3 Qc2 35.c6 **1-0**

Kishinevsky, Dimitry W (2159) - Lozano, Jesse J (2260) [A00] (1.2), 29.05.2021

1.a3 g6 2.c4 Bg7 3.f4 c5 4.g3 Nc6 5.Bg2 Nf6 6.Nc3 0-0 7.Nf3 e6 8.b4 d5 9.b5 Nd4 10.Ne5 Nd7 11.Nxd7 Bxd7 12.e3 Nf5 13.Rb1 Nxe3 14.dxe3 Bxc3+ 15.Kf2 d4 16.Bxb7 Rb8 17.Bf3 e5 18.fxe5 Be6 19.h4 f6 20.exd4 Bxd4+ 21.Kg2 fxe5 22.Bh6 e4 23.Bg4 Rf2+ 24.Kh3 Bxc4 25.Qc1 Qd5 26.Re1 e3 27.Qxc4 Qxc4 28.Bxe3 Bxe3 29.Rxe3 Qc2 30.Rh1 h5 31.Be6+ Kh8 32.a4 Re8 **0-1**

Obili, Abhishek (2206) - Redfield, Grant (2099) [B10] (1.3), 29.05.2021

1.e4 c6 2.Qe2 d5 3.d3 g6 4.e5 Bg7 5.g3 d4 6.f4 c5 7.Bg2 Nc6 8.Nd2 Nh6 9.Ne4 0-0 10.Bd2 Qb6 11.0-0-0 Be6 12.Kb1 Nb4 13.Bxb4 cxb4 14.Ng5 Bg4 15.Bf3 Bxf3 16.N1xf3 Nf5 17.Nd2 Qc7 18.Nf1 e6 19.h4 h5 20.g4 hxg4 21.h5 Qc6 22.Qh2 Rfc8 23.hxg6 fxg6 24.Qh7+ Kf8 25.Rc1 Qe8 26.Rg1 Rc7 27.Qh2 Rac8 28.Rxg4 Ke7 29.Ne4 Qf7 30.Nd6 Nxd6 31.exd6+ Kxd6 32.f5+ Ke7 33.Rxg6 exf5 34.Qd6+ **1-0**

Wendler, Edward (1987) - Hendrick, John Kristan (2180) [B13] (1.4), 29.05.2021

1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.exd5 cxd5 4.Bd3 Nc6 5.c3 Nf6 6.Ne2 g6 7.Bf4 Nh5 8.Be3 Bg7 9.Nd2 0-0 10.0-0 e5 11.f3 exd4 12.Nxd4 Nxd4 13.Bxd4 Bxd4+ 14.cxd4 Qg5 15.Nb3 Qe3+ 16.Rf2 Nf4 17.Bf1 Bf5 18.Qd2 Rfe8 19.g3 Nh3+ 20.Bxh3 Bxh3 21.Rd1 Rac8 22.Qxe3 Rxe3 23.f4 b6 24.Rfd2 Bg4 25.Rf1 h5 26.Kf2 Rce8 27.Nc1 Kg7 28.Kg2 h4 29.Rff2 Re1 30.h3 hxg3 31.Kxg3 R8e3+ 32.Kxg4 Rxc1 33.Rfe2 Rg1+ 34.Kh4 Rf3 35.Rg2 Rxc2 36.Rxg2 Rxf4+ 37.Rg4 Rxc4+ 38.Kxg4 Kf6 39.h4 Kg7 40.h5 Kh6 41.hxg6 fxg6 42.Kf4 g5+ 43.Kf5 Kh5 44.Ke5 g4 45.Kxd5 g3 46.Kc6 g2 47.d5 g1Q 48.d6 Qc5+ **0-1**

Hendrick, John Kristan (2180) - Deviprasath, Sharvesh (2267) [E94] (2.1), 29.05.2021

1.c4 Nf6 2.Nc3 g6 3.e4 Bg7 4.Nf3 d6 5.d4 0-0 6.Be2 Nbd7 7.0-0 e5 8.d5 Nc5 9.Qc2 a5 10.Be3 Nfd7 11.Ne1 f5 12.f3 f4 13.Bf2 g5 14.Nd3 Nxd3 15.Qxd3 b6 16.a3 Rf6

17.g4 fxg3 18.hxg3 Nc5 19.Qe3 Bh3 20.Qxg5 Bxf1 21.Rxf1 Qd7 22.Kg2 Rg6 23.Qf5 Qe7 24.Be3 Bh6 25.Bxh6 Rxh6 26.Rh1 Rf8 27.Qg4+ Rg6 28.Qh5 Qg7 29.Qh3 Nb3 30.Bd1 Nd2 31.Re1 Nxc4 32.Re2 Qf7 33.Qf5 Rf6 34.Qh3 Rxf3 35.Qe6 Kg7 36.Qxf7+ R8xf7 37.Ba4 Ne3+ 38.Kh3 R7f6 **0-1**

Kunka, Harshid (2123) - Woodward, Andy (2267) [B94] (2.2), 29.05.2021

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 a6 6.Bg5 Nbd7 7.f4 Qc7 8.Qf3 h6 9.Bh4 g5 10.fxg5 hxg5 11.Bxg5 Qc5 12.Be3 Ne5 13.Qe2 Neg4 14.Bg1 Bh6 15.Qc4 Qa5 16.Bd3 Bd7 17.Nf3 Ne3 18.Bxe3 Bxe3 19.Ke2 Ba7 20.Rae1 Rc8 21.Qb3 b5 22.Kd1 Ng4 23.Ng5 e6 24.Rhf1 b4 25.Nxf7 0-0 26.Nxd6 Rxf1 27.Bxf1 Qg5 28.Bc4 bxc3 29.Bxe6+ Kf8 30.bxc3 Nf2+ 31.Ke2 Qe3+ 32.Kf1 Qf4 33.Ke2 Qxd6 34.Bxd7 Qxd7 35.Qa3+ Kg7 36.Qxa6 Rxc3 37.Rb1 Nxe4 38.Qb7 Re3+ 39.Kf1 Nd2+ 40.Kf2 Rb3+ **0-1**

Lozano, Jesse J (2260) - Obili, Abhishek (2206) [D03] (2.3), 29.05.2021

1.d4 Nf6 2.Nf3 g6 3.Nc3 d5 4.Bg5 Bg7 5.Bxf6 Bxf6 6.e4 dxe4 7.Nxe4 Bg7 8.Bc4 0-0 9.Qd2 Nd7 10.0-0-0 Nb6 11.Bb3 a5 12.a3 a4 13.Ba2 Bf5 14.Ng3 Bg4 15.Qf4 Bxf3 16.Qxf3 Qd6 17.h4 c5 18.Ne4 Qc7 19.Nxc5 Bxd4 20.Rxd4 Qxc5 21.Rhd1 Rac8 22.c3 e5 23.Rb4 Rc6 24.h5 Qe7 25.Qe3 Nc8 26.Bd5 Rc7 27.hxg6 hxg6 28.Qh6 Qf6 29.Rxa4 Rd8 30.Rg4 Rd6 31.Qh4 Qxh4 32.Rxh4 Rcd7 33.Bb3 Rxd1+ 34.Bxd1 f5 35.g4 Nd6 36.gxf5 gxf5 37.Rh6 Ne4 38.f3 Kg7 39.Rh5 Nd6 40.Bb3 Kg6 41.Rh8 Kg5 42.a4 Kf4 43.Bd1 Ke3 44.b3 e4 45.Rh3 Kf2 46.fxe4 fxe4 47.Rh6 e3 48.Rf6+ Ke1 49.Re6 Kf2 50.c4 Nf5 51.Bg4 Rf7 52.Re4 Ng3 53.Re6 Rf4 54.Bd1 e2 55.Bxe2 Nxe2+ 56.Kb2 Nd4 57.Re7 b6 58.Rd7 Ke3 59.Kc3 Ne2+ 60.Kb4 Rf6 61.a5 bxa5+ 62.Kxa5 Nd4 63.b4 $\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$

Green, Austen (2227) - Mao, Andrew (2070) [B06] (2.4), 29.05.2021

1.e4 g6 2.d4 Bg7 3.Be3?! [3.Nc3 is the right move order to prevent the c5 break.] 3...d6 4.Qd2 c5 5.Nc3 [5.Nf3 and Black isn't obligated to transpose into a Dragon. After the game, Andrew said he never plays the Dragon and so wasn't super-familiar with Dragon ideas.] 5...cxd4

6.Bxd4 Nf6 7.f3 0-0 8.g4 Nc6 9.Be3 Qa5 10.Bc4 Qb4 11.Bb3 Na5?! [Black's wasted time with the queen and it's in trouble if the a-file opens up.] **12.Nge2 Nc4** [12...Nxb3 13.axb3 the queen is getting trapped.] **13.Bxc4 Qxc4 14.Bh6 Rd8 15.Bxg7 Kxg7 16.h4 h5? 17.e5 Nd7** [17...Nxc4 18.fxg4 Bxc4 19.e6 Bxe6 With 3 pawns for the piece but White should still be better.] **18.exd6?!** [18.gxh5 Nxe5 19.0-0-0] **18...Ne5** [18...Nf6! and White should be better but black avoids immediate disaster.] **19.Qe3 exd6 20.gxh5 Bf5 21.0-0-0 Rac8 22.Nd4** [22.hxg6 Qxa2 tries to make a mess of things.] **22...Bd7 23.hxg6 b5 24.gxf7 b4 25.Rhg1+ Kxf7 26.Ne4 Bf5 27.Qf4 Qxa2 28.Qxf5+ Ke7 29.Rg7+ Nf7 30.Ng5 1-0**

Hough, Stephen (2015) - Javakhadze, Zurab (2555) [C59] (2.5), 29.05.2021
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Nf6 4.Ng5 d5 5.exd5 Na5 6.Bb5+ c6 7.dxc6 bxc6 8.Be2 h6 9.Nh3 Be7 10.d3 0-0 11.0-0 Nd5 12.Nc3 Bxh3 13.Nxd5 cxd5 14.gxh3 Nc6 15.Bf3 Nd4 16.Bg2 Bg5 17.f4 exf4 18.Bxf4 Ne6 19.Bg3 Rc8 20.d4 Qb6 21.Rb1 Qxd4+ 22.Qxd4 Nxd4 23.c3 Ne2+ 24.Kh1 d4 25.cxd4 Nxd4 26.Bd5 Rc5 27.Be4 Re8 28.Rbe1 Re6 29.Bd3 a5 30.b3 Bf6 31.Kg2 Rc3 32.Rxe6 Nxe6 33.Bc4 Bd4 34.a4 Rc2+ 35.Kf3 Ng5+ 36.Kg4 g6 37.h4 Ne6 38.h5 gxh5+ 39.Kxh5 Kg7 40.Kg4 Bf6 41.Kf5 Nd4+ 42.Ke4 Nc6 43.Bf4 Be7 44.Rg1+ Kf8 45.Bxh6+ Ke8 46.Bf4 Bf6 47.Kf5 Bb2 48.h4 Ne7+ 49.Ke4 Ng6 50.Bg3 Rd2 51.h5 Ne7 52.Rh1 Bh8 53.Be1 Rd4+ 54.Kf3 Nc6 55.Bb5 Rd6 56.Bxa5 Kf8 57.Bxc6 Rxc6 58.Ke4 Re6+ 59.Kd3 Kg8 60.b4 Kh7 61.Kc4 Re4+ 62.Kd5 Re2 63.Bb6 Re5+ 64.Kc6 Re6+ 65.Kb5 f5 **1-0**

Liu, Eric (2045) - Loving, Jason (2116) [B90] (2.6), 29.05.2021
1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 a6 6.f3 Qb6 7.Nb3 Nbd7 8.a4 e6 9.a5 Qc7 10.Be3 b5 11.axb6 Nxb6 12.Qd4 Nbd7 13.Be2 Be7 14.0-0 0-0 15.Rfd1 e5 16.Qd2 Nb6 17.Na5 Be6 18.Bd3 d5 19.Na4 Nxa4 20.Rxa4 dxe4 21.Bxe4 Nxe4 22.fxe4 Bc5 23.Bxc5 Qxc5+ 24.Qf2 Qb5 25.b3 Rfd8 26.Rda1 Rd6 27.Nc4 Bxc4 28.Rxc4 Rad8 29.h3 f6 30.Rc7 Rc6 31.Rxc6 Qxc6 32.Ra4 Rd6 33.Rc4 Qd7 34.Kh2 Rc6 35.Rxc6 Qxc6 36.Qe2 Qd6 37.Qc4+ Kf8 38.Qc8+ Kf7 39.Qc4+ Kg6 40.Qe2 a5 41.Qg4+ Kf7 42.Qh5+ Kf8 43.Qxh7 Qd2 44.Qh8+ Kf7

45.Qh5+ Ke7 46.Qg4 g5 47.c4 Kd6 48.Qf5 Ke7 49.Qh7+ Ke6 50.Qg8+ Ke7 51.Qg7+ Ke6 52.Qg8+ Ke7 $\frac{1}{2}-\frac{1}{2}$

Barefield, William (2002) - Sanchez, Roberto Daniel (2158) [C13] (2.7), 29.05.2021
1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.Bg5 dxe4 5.Nxe4 Be7 6.Nxf6+ Bxf6 7.Bxf6 Qxf6 8.Nf3 0-0 9.Bb5 c5 10.Qe2 cxd4 11.0-0-0 a6 12.Bd3 Nc6 13.Rhe1 Bd7 14.Qe4 g6 15.g4 Rfe8 16.h4 e5 17.g5 Qd6 18.h5 Bf5 19.Qh4 Bxd3 20.Rxd3 Nb4 21.Rb3 Rac8 22.Kb1 Nxc2 23.Rh1 Qc6 24.Nd2 e4 25.f3 Ne3 26.a3 exf3 27.Nxf3 Qxf3 28.hxg6 Qf5+ 29.Ka2 Qxg6 30.Qxd4 Qe4 31.Qxe4 Rxe4 32.Rxb7 Rc5 33.Rb6 Re6 **0-1**

El Awad, Santiago (2172) - Allen, Jonathan F (2021) [E07] (2.8), 29.05.2021
1.c4 c6 2.Nf3 d5 3.g3 Nf6 4.d4 e6 5.Bg2 Be7 6.0-0 Nbd7 7.Nc3 0-0 8.Nd2 b6 9.e4 dxe4 10.Ndxe4 Bb7 11.b3 Nxe4 12.Bxe4 Nf6 13.Bg2 Qd7 14.Be3 Rad8 15.c5 Nd5 16.Nxd5 cxd5 17.b4 Ba6 18.Re1 Bc4 19.Qd2 Qa4 20.Qc3 bxc5 21.bxc5 Rb8 22.Bf1 Bxf1 23.Rxf1 Rb4 24.Rfb1 Rfb8 25.Rxb4 Rxb4 26.a3 Rc4 27.Qb2 h6 28.Rc1 Rxc1+ 29.Qxc1 Qc6 30.Qb2 Qc8 31.Qb5 Kh7 32.Bf4 Bf6 33.c6 g6 34.Qb7 **1-0**

Haskin, Zachary John (1980) - Kishinevsky, Dimitry W (2159) [B23] (2.9), 29.05.2021
1.e4 c5 2.Nc3 e6 3.f4 a6 4.Nf3 b5 5.g3 b4 6.Ne2 Bb7 7.d3 c4 8.Bg2 Nf6 9.Be3 Qa5 10.b3 Nc6 11.h3 Bc5 12.Bxc5 Qxc5 13.bxc4 0-0 14.Qd2 Rfd8 15.Nc1 d5 16.Nb3 Qa7 17.Qe2 dxc4 18.dxc4 Nxe4 19.Qxe4 Nd4 20.Qxd4 Rxd4 21.Nbxd4 Rd8 22.0-0-0 g6 23.Rhe1 Qc5 24.Bf1 Bxf3 25.Nxf3 Rxd1+ 26.Kxd1 Qa5 27.Nd2 Qxa2 28.Nb3 a5 29.Kd2 a4 30.Nc1 Qb2 31.Re3 f6 32.Rd3 a3 33.Rb3 Qd4+ 34.Bd3 e5 35.fxe5 fxe5 36.Rxb4 e4 37.Rb3 exd3 38.Rxd3 Qb2 39.Rb3 Qa1 40.Rb8+ Kg7 41.Rb7+ Kh6 42.c3 Kg5 43.Kc2 a2 44.Nxa2 Qxa2+ 45.Kd3 Qg2 46.Rb5+ Kf6 47.Kd4 Qd2+ 48.Kc5 Qxc3 49.Rb6+ Ke5 50.Kb5 Qb3+ 51.Kc5 Qxg3 52.Rb5 Qxh3 53.Kb6+ Ke6 54.c5 Qe3 55.Kb7 Qe4+ 56.c6 Kd6 57.Rb6 Qf3 58.Ra6 Qb3+ 59.Rb6 Qd5 60.Ra6 g5 **0-1**

Redfield, Grant (2099) - Premkumar, Hiren (2007) [A37] (2.10), 29.05.2021
1.c4 c5 2.g3 g6 3.Bg2 Bg7 4.Nc3 Nc6 5.Nf3

b6 6.0-0 Bb7 7.e3 Bxc3 8.bxc3 d6 9.d3 Qd7 10.e4 0-0-0 11.Ng5 e6 12.f4 f6 13.Nf3 Nge7 14.Qe2 h6 15.Rd1 g5 16.Be3 Na5 17.Nd2 Rdg8 18.Nb3 Nxb3 19.axb3 Kb8 20.b4 gxf4 21.Bxf4 e5 22.Be3 h5 23.d4 cxd4 24.cxd4 h4 25.dxe5 fxe5 26.c5 hxg3 27.Rxd6 gxh2+ 28.Kh1 Qg4 29.Rd8+ Kc7 30.Qxg4 Rxg4 31.Rxh8 Nf5 32.cxb6+ axb6 33.Rh7+ Kb8 34.Rxb7+ **1-0**

Chikkodi, Nitin (2029) - Wendler, Edward (1987) [E16] (2.11), 29.05.2021
1.Nf3 d5 2.d4 Nf6 3.c4 e6 4.g3 b6 5.Bg2 Bb7 6.0-0 Nbd7 7.b3 dxc4 8.bxc4 c5 9.Nc3 cxd4 10.Nxd4 Bxg2 11.Kxg2 Rc8 12.Qa4 Qc7 13.Ndb5 Qxc4 14.Qxa7 Nd5 15.Rd1 N7f6 16.Nxd5 Nxd5 17.Nd4 Bc5 18.Ba3 Bxd4 19.Rac1 Bc3 20.Rxc3 Qxc3 21.Rc1 Qxc1 22.Bxc1 0-0 23.e4 Rxc1 24.exd5 exd5 25.Qxb6 Rcc8 26.a4 Ra8 27.a5 d4 28.Qxd4 Rxa5 29.h4 Rfa8 30.Qe4 h5 31.Qc6 g6 32.Qe4 Ra4 33.Qc6 Ra2 34.Qd5 R8a5 35.Qd8+ Kh7 36.Qd7 Rf5 37.Qd4 Raxf2+ 38.Qxf2 Rxf2+ 39.Kxf2 g5 40.Kf3 Kg6 41.hxg5 Kxg5 42.Kf2 h4 43.gxh4+ Kxh4 44.Kf3 Kg5 45.Ke4 Kg4 46.Ke3 Kf5 47.Kf3 f6 48.Kg3 Ke4 49.Kf2 Kf4 50.Kg2 Ke3 51.Kf1 Kf3 52.Ke1 f5 53.Kf1 f4 **0-1**

Deviprasath, Sharvesh (2267) - Green, Austen (2227) [C40] (3.1), 29.05.2021
1.Nf3 f5 2.d3 Nc6 3.e4 e5 4.Nc3 Bb4 5.Bd2 $\frac{1}{2}-\frac{1}{2}$

Woodward, Andy (2267) - Hough, Stephen (2015) [A58] (3.2), 29.05.2021
1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 c5 3.d5 b5 4.cxb5 a6 5.bxa6 g6 6.Nc3 Bg7 7.e4 0-0 8.e5 Ne8 9.Nf3 d6 10.Bf4 Qb6 11.Qd2 Bxa6 12.Be2 Bxe2 13.Qxe2 Nc7 14.0-0 Re8 15.Rfe1 Nd7 16.Rab1 f6 17.e6 Ne5 18.Nxe5 fxe5 19.Be3 Qa6 20.Qf3 Rf8 21.Qh3 Qd3 22.Qh4 Rac8 23.Red1 Qc2 24.Ne4 Nb5 25.Rbc1 Qe2 26.Re1 Qh5 27.Qxh5 gxh5 28.Rc4 Nd4 29.Rb1 Ra8 30.Bg5 Nf5 31.Ng3 Nxc3 32.hxg3 Ra7 33.f3 h6 34.Bh4 Rb8 35.b3 Kf8 36.a4 Bf6 37.Bxf6 exf6 38.Kh2 Kg7 39.b4 Rxa4 40.bxc5 Rxc4 41.Rxb8 Rxc5 42.e7 **1-0**

Obili, Abhishek (2206) - Hendrick, John Kristan (2180) [B12] (3.3), 29.05.2021
1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 Bf5 4.Nf3 e6 5.Be2 Nd7 6.0-0 h6 7.c4 dxc4 8.Bxc4 Ne7 9.Nc3 g5 10.Re1 Nb6 11.Bf1 Ng6 12.Ne4 Be7 13.Kh1 g4 14.Ng1 Qd5 15.Nc3 Qd7 16.a4 Nd5 17.Nxd5 Qxd5 18.Ne2 Rd8 19.Be3

Qa5 20.Qc1 Bd3 21.Ng3 Bxf1 22.Rxf1 h5
23.f4 Qd5 24.f5 Nh4 25.Qc2 exf5 26.Nxf5
Nxf5 27.Rxf5 Kd7 28.Raf1 Rdf8 29.e6+
Qxe6 30.Re5 Qg6 31.Qb3 b6 32.d5 Bd6
33.dxc6+ Kc7 34.Ra5 **1-0**

Loving, Jason (2116) - El Awad, Santiago (2172) [B11] (3.4), 29.05.2021

1.e4 c6 2.Nc3 d5 3.Nf3 Bg4 4.h3 Bxf3
5.Qxf3 e6 6.g3 Nf6 7.Bg2 Bc5 8.0-0 0-0
9.d3 Nbd7 10.Re1 d4 11.Ne2 e5 12.g4 Qc7
13.Ng3 Bd6 14.h4 c5 15.Bh3 c4 16.g5 Ne8
17.dxc4 a5 18.Qg4 Nc5 19.Bf1 Qc8 20.Nf5
g6 21.Nh6+ Kg7 22.Qg3 Ne6 23.Bd3 f6
24.gxf6+ Kh8 25.f7 Nf6 26.c5 Qxc5 27.Qh3
Qc8 28.f4 Nh5 29.f5 Nef4 30.Qg4 Kg7
31.Bxf4 Nxf4 32.f6+ Kxf6 33.Qg5+ Kg7
34.Bf1 Qe6 35.Nf5+ Kh8 36.Nxd6 Qxd6
37.Rad1 Rxf7 38.c3 d3 39.Kh1 h6
40.Qxh6+ Rh7 41.Qg5 Rh5 42.Qg3 Qf6
43.Kg1 Rxh4 44.Rd2 Kg7 45.Rh2 Rxh2
46.Kxh2 Rh8+ 47.Kg1 Qb6+ 48.Qf2 **0-1**

Sanchez, Roberto Daniel (2158) - Liu, Eric (2045) [B90] (3.5), 29.05.2021

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6
5.Nc3 a6 6.Be3 e5 7.Nb3 Be6 8.f3 Be7
9.Qd2 0-0 10.0-0-0 Nbd7 11.g4 b5 12.g5
Nh5 13.Nd5 Bxd5 14.exd5 Qc7 15.Na5 Nb6
16.Nc6 Bd8 17.b3 f5 18.Rg1 g6 19.f4 exf4
20.Bd4 Rc8 21.Bb2 Ng7 22.h4 Rf7 23.Bg2
Nd7 24.Rge1 a5 25.Bf3 Nf8 26.Qxf4 Qd7
27.Qd4 h5 28.Re2 Qb7 29.Nxd8 Rxd8
30.Rde1 Kh7 31.Qf4 Qc7 32.Bf6 Rdd7
33.Re3 Qb7 34.Rc3 Qb8 35.Rc6 Kg8 36.Re3
Ne8 37.Bb2 Rde7 38.Qd4 Ng7 39.Rcc3 Nd7
40.Rxe7 Rxe7 41.Re3 Ne5 42.Be2 Qb7
43.a4 b4 44.Bb5 Qc7 45.Kb1 Rf7 46.Qf4
Re7 47.c4 Ng4 48.Rxe7 Qxe7 49.c5 dxc5
50.d6 Qf8 51.d7 Qd8 52.Qd6 Kh7 53.Bf6
Nxf6 54.gxf6 Qa8 55.d8Q Qe4+ 56.Qd3
Qe1+ 57.Qd1 Qe4+ 58.Q8d3 **1-0**

Mao, Andrew (2070) - Kunka, Harshid (2123) [A00]

(3.6), 29.05.2021

1.g3 d5 2.Bg2 Nf6 3.d3 Bf5 4.Nd2 e6 5.e4
Bg6 6.Qe2 Nc6 7.c3 dxe4 8.Nxe4 Nxe4
9.dxe4 e5 10.Nf3 Bd6 11.Nh4 Qd7 12.Be3
a5 13.Rd1 0-0 14.Nxg6 hxg6 15.h4 f6
16.h5 g5 17.Bh3 Qf7 18.Qb5 Qxa2 19.Bf1
Nd4 20.Bxd4 c6 21.Qc4+ Qxc4 22.Bxc4+
Kh8 23.Bb6 Be7 24.Rd7 Rae8 25.0-0 **1-0**

(29) Wendler, Edward (1987) - Barefield, William (2002) [B92] (3.7), 29.05.2021

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6

5.Nc3 a6 6.Be2 e5 7.Nb3 Be6 8.Be3 Qc7
9.Rc1 b5 10.f3 Nbd7 11.0-0 Nb6 12.Kh1 d5
13.Bxb6 Qxb6 14.Nxd5 Nxd5 15.exd5 Rd8
16.c4 bxc4 17.Bxc4 Be7 18.Qe2 Bxd5
19.Qxe5 Qf6 20.Qxf6 Bxf6 21.Rfe1+ Be7
22.Bxd5 Rxd5 23.Rc7 Rd7 24.Rc6 0-0
25.Rxa6 Bf6 26.g3 Bxb2 27.Kg2 g6 28.Re2
Bg7 29.Ra4 Rc8 30.Rae4 Rc3 31.R4e3 Rc4
32.Re8+ Bf8 33.Ra8 Kg7 34.f4 h5 35.Ra5
Be7 36.Rae5 Bf6 37.Rc5 Ra4 38.Rcc2 g5
39.Nc5 Rda7 40.Nxa4 Rxa4 41.fxg5 Bxg5
42.h4 Bf6 43.Rc5 Kg6 44.Rc6 Kg7 45.Rb6
Rg4 46.Kf3 Ra4 47.Rb3 Kg6 48.a3 Bd4
49.Re4 f5 50.Rf4 Kf6 51.Rd3 **0-1**

Premkumar, Hiren (2007) - Chikkodi, Nitin (2029) [A28] (3.8), 29.05.2021

1.c4 e5 2.Nc3 Nf6 3.Nf3 Nc6 4.e3 Bb4 5.a3
Bxc3 6.bxc3 0-0 7.d4 d6 8.Be2 b6 9.0-0
Bb7 10.Qc2 Qe7 11.a4 Rae8 12.Rb1 Nd7
13.Ba3 a5 14.d5 Ncb8 15.e4 Na6 16.Bd1
Bc8 17.Qe2 Ndc5 18.Bc2 Bd7 19.Qd1 f5
20.exf5 Bxf5 21.Bxf5 Rxf5 22.Bc1 Qd7
23.Ra1 Qf7 24.Nh4 Rh5 25.g3 Ne4 26.Ra3
g5 27.Ng2 Rf8 28.f3 Nec5 29.h4 gxh4 30.g4
h3 31.gxh5 hxg2 32.Kxg2 Qxh5 33.Rh1
Qg6+ 34.Kf1 Kh8 35.Ra2 Ne4 36.Rg2 Qf5
37.f4 Nac5 38.Rh5 Qf7 39.f5 Nf6 40.Rh6 c6
41.dxc6 Qxc4+ 42.Kg1 Nce4 43.Qe2 Qxc3
44.Be3 Qxc6 45.Qa6 Qd7 46.Qxb6 Qxf5
47.Qc7 Ng4 48.Rxh7+ Qxh7 49.Qxh7+
Kxh7 50.Rxg4 Rg8 51.Rxg8 Kxg8 52.Bb6
Nc3 53.Bc7 Kf7 54.Bxd6 Ke6 55.Bc7 e4
56.Bxa5 Nxa4 57.Kf2 Kd5 58.Ke3 Nb2
59.Be1 $\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$

Allen, Jonathan F (2021) - Haskin,

Zachary John (1980) [E61] (3.9), 29.05.2021

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 c5 3.e3 g6 4.Nc3 Bg7 5.Nf3
0-0 6.Be2 d6 7.h3 cxd4 8.exd4 Nfd7 9.0-0
Nc6 10.Rb1 a6 11.Bg5 h6 12.Be3 Nf6
13.Qd2 Kh7 14.g4 d5 15.c5 Ne4 16.Qc1 f5
17.Nh2 Nxd4 **0-1**

Obili, Abhishek (2206) - Deviprasath, Sharvesh (2267) [B06]

(4.1), 30.05.2021

1.e4 g6 2.d4 Bg7 3.Nc3 d6 4.f4 a6 5.Nf3 b5
6.e5 Nd7 7.Ne4 Bb7 8.Bd3 c5 9.c3 Nh6
10.0-0-0-0 11.a4 b4 12.dxc5 Nxc5 13.Nxc5
dxc5 14.Be3 bxc3 15.bxc3 Qc7 16.Ng5 Nf5
17.Bxf5 gxf5 18.Qh5 h6 19.Nf3 e6 20.c4
Rfd8 21.Ra3 Qa5 22.Bf2 Qb4 23.Re3 Qxc4
24.Ng5 hxg5 25.Qxg5 Rd3 26.Rxd3 Qxd3
27.Bxc5 Rc8 28.Be7 Rc2 **0-1**

Green, Austen (2227) - Lozano, Jesse J (2260) [B42] (4.2), 30.05.2021

[This was an exciting game since I got to prepare very deeply with Jesse's online games and Negi's book on the Sicilian.] **1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 e6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 a6 5.Bd3 Qc7 6.0-0 Nf6 7.Qe2 d6 8.f4 Nbd7 9.c4 Be7 10.b3 0-0 11.Bb2 Re8** [11...b6 It looks like Black really need to try to develop the queenside somehow.] **12.Nc3 Bf8** [12...b5 again, trying to develop the queenside.] **13.Rae1 e5?! 14.fxe5 dxe5 15.Nf5 Qb6+ 16.Ne3 Nc5+-** [Everything up to here was preparation based on some online games that Jesse had played.] **17.Bc2 Ne6?? 18.Rxf6! gxf6 19.Ncd5 Qd8 20.Ng4** [20.Rf1 is even stronger 20...Bg7 21.Nf5 Nf4 22.Rxf4 exf4 23.Nxg7 Kxg7?? 24.Bxf6+] **20...Bg7 21.Rf1 Nf4 22.Rxf4!** [I saw this when I played Ng4.] **22...f5 23.exf5 exf4** [23...f6 Looked better to me. 24.Rf1 was my intended move. (24.Ngxf6+ Bxf6 25.Qh5 is crushing)] **24.Ngf6+ Kh8** [24...Bxf6 25.Nxf6+ Kf8 26.Nxh7+ Kg8 27.Qg4+ Kxh7 28.Qg7#; 24...Kf8 25.Ba3+ Re7 26.Bxe7+ Qxe7 27.Qxe7#] **25.Qh5 h6** [25...Re1+ 26.Kf2 h6 27.Kxe1] **26.Nxe8 Qxe8 27.Qxh6+ Kg8 28.Qxg7# 1-0**

El Awad, Santiago (2172) - Wendler, Edward (1997) [E07] (4.3), 30.05.2021

1.c4 e6 2.Nf3 d5 3.g3 Nf6 4.Bg2 Be7 5.d4
0-0 6.0-0 Nbd7 7.Nc3 c6 8.Nd2 Re8 9.e4
dxe4 10.Ndxe4 Nxe4 11.Bxe4 Nb6 12.Qd3
f5 13.Bg2 e5 14.d5 e4 15.Qc2 $\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$

Mao, Andrew (2070) - Sanchez, Roberto Daniel (2158) [B20] (4.4), 30.05.2021

1.g3 e6 2.Bg2 c5 3.d3 Nc6 4.e4 Nge7 5.Nd2
g6 6.f4 d6 7.Ne2 Bg7 8.0-0 0-0 9.g4 f5
10.exf5 gxf5 11.g5 e5 12.h4 d5 13.fxe5
Nxe5 14.d4 Ng4 15.Nf3 cxd4 16.Nfxd4 Qd6
17.Bf4 Be5 18.Qd2 Ng6 19.Kh1 Bd7
20.Bxe5 Qxe5 21.Nf4 Ne3 22.Nxg6 hxg6
23.Rfe1 f4 24.c3 Qh8 25.Nf3 Bg4 26.Rxe3
fxe3 27.Qxd5+ Rf7 28.Ne5 Qxh4+ 29.Kg1
Qf2+ 30.Kh1 e2 31.Qxf7+ Qxf7 32.Nxf7
Kxf7 33.Bd5+ Kg7 34.Kg2 Rf8 35.Bc4 Rd8
36.Re1 Rd2 37.b4 Rc2 38.Kf2 Rxc3 39.Bxe2
Rc2 40.Ke3 Rxe2+ 41.Rxe2 Bxe2 42.Kxe2
Kf7 43.Kd3 Ke6 44.Ke4 b5 45.Kd4 Kf5
46.Kc5 Kxg5 47.Kxb5 Kf4 48.Ka6 g5
49.Kxa7 g4 50.a4 g3 51.a5 g2 52.a6 g1Q+
53.Kb7 Qg7+ 54.Kb6 Qd4+ 55.Kb7 Qd5+
56.Kb8 Qb5+ **0-1**

Hough, Stephen (2015) - Redfield, Grant (2099) [B10] (4.5), 30.05.2021

1.e4 c6 2.d3 d5 3.Nd2 e5 4.Ngf3 Nd7 5.g3 Bd6 6.Bg2 Ngf6 7.0-0 0-0 8.Re1 Re8 9.Nf1 dxe4 10.dxe4 Nc5 11.Nh4 a5 12.h3 Be6 13.Qf3 Qc7 14.Nf5 Bxf5 15.Qxf5 Re6 16.h4 Nfd7 17.h5 Rf6 18.Qh3 Ne6 19.Ne3 Nef8 20.Nf5 Bc5 21.Bg5 Re6 22.Qg4 g6 23.Nh6+ Kg7 24.Qh4 f6 25.Bc1 Qb6 26.Rf1 Rd6 27.Bh3 Rd8 28.hxg6 hxg6 29.Ng4 Kf7 30.Rb1 a4 31.Ne3 Bxe3 32.Bxe3 Qb4 33.c3 Qc4 34.Rbd1 Nc5 35.Rxd6 Rxd6 36.Qh8 g5 37.Bxc5 Qxc5 38.Bf5 Rd2 39.Bh7 Nhx7 40.Qxh7+ Ke6 41.Qxb7 a3 42.bxa3 Rd3 43.Kg2 Qxc3 44.Qc8+ Kd6 45.Qf8+ Ke6 46.Qc8+ Kd6 47.Qf8+ Ke6 48.Rh1 Qd4 49.Qc8+ Kd6 50.Qf5 Kc5 51.Rc1+ Kb6 52.Qc8 Qxe4+ 53.Kh2 Rd2 54.Qb8+ Ka6 55.Qa8+ Kb5 56.Rf1 Qc2 57.Qb8+ Kc5 58.Kg1 Rd1 59.Qf8+ Kb5 60.Qb8+ Kc5 61.Qf8+ Kb6 62.Qxf6 Rxf1+ 63.Kxf1 Qd1+ 64.Kg2 Qd5+ 65.Kh3 e4 66.Kg4 Kb5 67.Qxg5 Qxg5+ 68.Kxg5 Kc4 69.Kf4 Kd4 70.a4 c5 71.a5 c4 72.a6 c3 73.a7 c2 74.a8Q c1Q+ 75.Kg4 Qd1+ 76.Kg5 Qf3 77.Qa7+ Kd3 78.g4 Ke2 79.Qe3+ Qxe3+ 80.fxe3 Kxe3 81.a4 Kd4 82.a5 e3 83.a6 e2 84.a7 e1Q 85.a8Q Qe5+ 86.Kh4 Qh2+ 87.Kg5 Qe5+ 88.Kg6 Qe6+ 89.Kh5 Qf7+ 90.Kh4 Qf2+ 91.Kg5 Qe3+ 92.Kf5 Qe5+ 93.Kg6 Qe6+ 94.Kh7 Qf7+ 95.Kh6 Qf6+ 96.Kh5 Qf7+ 97.Kh6 Qf6+ 98.Kh7 ½-½

Kishinevsky, Dimitry W (2159) - Loving, Jason (2116) [A04] (4.6), 30.05.2021

1.Nf3 g6 2.e3 Bg7 3.Bc4 d5 4.Bb3 e5 5.0-0 Ne7 6.d4 Nd7 7.c4 dxc4 8.Bxc4 0-0 9.Nc3 c6 10.a4 a5 11.Ba2 h6 12.Qc2 Qb6 13.Bd2 exd4 14.exd4 Nf6 15.Rfe1 Ned5 16.Rad1 Nb4 17.Qb3 Be6 18.Rxe6 fxe6 19.Qxe6+ Kh7 20.Bc4 Rae8 21.Qh3 Nh5 22.g4 Nf4 23.Ng5+ Kh8 24.Bxf4 Rxf4 25.Nf7+ Rxf7 26.Bxf7 Rd8 27.g5 Qc7 28.Bxg6 Qf4 29.Ne4 Nc2 30.gxh6 Bxd4 31.Qg3 Qxh6 32.h4 Qg7 33.h5 Rf8 34.Kg2 Be5 35.Qg5 Nd4 36.Rd3 Ne6 37.Rd7 Nxg5 38.Rxg7 Bxg7 39.Nxg5 Bxb2 40.h6 Kg8 41.Bh7+ Kh8 42.Bg6 b5 43.Nf7+ Kg8 44.h7+ Kg7 45.h8Q+ Rxh8 46.Nxh8 Kxh8 47.Be4 bxa4 48.Bxc6 a3 49.Bd5 Kg7 50.f4 Kf6 51.Kf3 Ke7 52.Ke4 Kd6 53.Ba2 Kc5 54.Kd3 Kb4 55.f5 Bf6 56.Be6 Kc5 57.Kc2 Kb4 58.Kd3 ½-½

Hendrick, John Kristan (2180) - Haskin, Zachary John (1980) [A03] (4.7), 30.05.2021

1.f4 Nf6 2.Nf3 c5 3.d3 d5 4.e3 Nc6 5.Be2 Qc7 6.Nbd2 Bg4 7.0-0 e6 8.Nh4 Bxe2

9.Qxe2 0-0-0 10.c3 Bd6 11.g3 h6 12.d4 g5 13.Nhf3 Ne4 14.Ne5 ½-½

Kunka, Harshid (2123) - Liu, Eric (2045) [B94]

(4.8), 30.05.2021

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 a6 6.Bg5 Nbd7 7.f4 Qc7 8.Qf3 h6 9.Bh4 g5 10.fxg5 hxg5 11.Bxg5 Qc5 12.Be3 Ne5 13.Qe2 Neg4 14.Bg1 Bh6 15.Qc4 Qh5 16.Be2 Bf4 17.Bf2 Qh6 18.Qd3 Bxh2 19.Bf3 Nxf2 20.Kxf2 Qf4 21.Ke2 Qe5 22.Rae1 Rg8 23.Kd1 Bg3 24.Re2 Ng4 25.Bxg4 Bxg4 26.Nf3 Qc5 27.Nd5 Rc8 28.Kc1 Bd7 29.Nd4 Be5 30.Nb3 Qb5 31.Qe3 e6 32.Nb6 Bf4 33.Qxf4 Qxb6 34.Rf2 Rf8 35.Rd1 e5 36.Qd2 Be6 37.Kb1 a5 38.Nxa5 Ra8 39.Nb3 Ke7 40.Rf3 Rg8 41.Rd3 Rad8 42.g3 Rg4 43.Og2 Qb4 44.Re3 Rdg8 45.a3 Qb6 46.Red3 Rd8 47.Nd2 Qc6 48.Rc3 Qb6 49.Nf1 Rdg8 50.Rcd3 Rd8 51.Ne3 Rg5 52.Qh2 Rdg8 53.Qh4 f6 54.Nd5+ Bxd5 55.Rxd5 Qc6 56.Qh7+ R5g7 57.Qf5 Rd8 58.g4 Qd7 59.b3 Qxf5 60.gxf5 Rg4 61.Re1 Rdg8 62.Kb2 Rc8 63.Rh1 Rg7 64.c4 Rc5 65.Rd3 Kd7 66.Rh6 Rf7 67.a4 Rc8 68.Kc3 b6 69.Rg3 Kc6 70.Rgg6 Rcf8 71.b4 Ra8 72.Kb3 Rfa7 73.Rxf6 Rxa4 74.Rxd6+ Kc7 75.Rc6+ Kd7 76.Rhd6+ Ke8 77.Rc8+ Rxc8 78.Kxa4 Rxc4 79.Re6+ Kd7 80.Rxe5 Kd6 81.Re6+ Kd7 82.Kb5 Rd4 83.Kxb6 Rxb4+ 84.Kc5 Rb1 85.Kd4 Rd1+ 86.Ke5 Re1 87.Rh6 Ke7 88.Rh7+ Ke8 89.f6 Kf8 90.Kf5 Kg8 91.Ra7 Kf8 92.e5 Re2 93.Ke6 1-0

Chikkodi, Nitin (2029) - Barefield,

William (2002) [E98] (4.9), 30.05.2021

1.Nf3 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 Bg7 4.e4 d6 5.d4 0-0 6.Be2 e5 7.0-0 Nc6 8.d5 Ne7 9.Ne1 Ne8 10.Be3 f5 11.f3 f4 12.Bf2 g5 13.Nd3 Ng6 14.c5 h5 15.Rc1 Bh6 16.cxd6 cxd6 17.Nb5 Bd7 18.a4 g4 19.Kh1 g3 20.Bg1 Nh4 21.Ne1 Qg5 22.Bc4 Rf7 23.b3 Bf8 24.Nxa7 gxh2 25.Bb6 Rg7 26.Rc2 Nf6 27.Qe2 Bh3 28.gxh3 Be7 29.Qxh2 Kf7 30.Rg1 Qh6 31.Rxg7+ Qxg7 32.Bf2 Nh7 33.Nb5 Qg6 34.Be2 Bd8 35.Ng2 Nxg2 36.Qxg2 Qf6 37.h4 Be7 38.Qh3 Rg8 39.Qe6+ Qxe6 40.dxe6+ Kf6 41.Bc4 Rg7 42.Bd5 Nf8 43.Rc7 Kg6 44.Rxb7 Kh6 45.a5 Ng6 46.a6 Rg8 47.a7 Bxh4 48.Rb8 Rg7 49.Bxh4 Nxh4 50.Rh8+ Kg5 51.a8Q Nxf3 52.Rg8 1-0

Allen, Jonathan F (2021) - Premkumar, Hiren (2007) [D31] (4.10), 30.05.2021

1.d4 e6 2.c4 d5 3.Nc3 a6 4.e3 Nf6 5.Nf3 Bd6 6.Be2 c6 7.0-0 0-0 8.Qc2 b5 9.b3 b4 10.e4 bxc3 11.e5 Ne4 12.exd6 Qxd6 13.Bd3 f5 14.c5 Qc7 15.g3 Qf7 16.Ne5 Qf6 17.Bxe4 fxe4 18.Be3 a5 19.f3 Ba6 20.Rf2 exf3 21.Rxf3 Qe7 22.Rxf8+ Qxf8 23.Qxc3 a4 24.bxa4 Qc8 25.Nd3 Nd7 26.Rb1 Bxd3 27.Qxd3 Rxa4 28.Rb2 Qa8 29.Qb1 Ra3 30.Bf4 Qa4 31.Rb4 Qa6 32.Rb2 Qc4 33.Rd2 Rc3 34.Rd1 Rc2 35.Qb7 Qe2 0-1

Deviprasath, Sharvesh (2267) -

Woodward, Andy (2267) [A00] (5.1), 30.05.2021

1.g3 Nf6 2.Bg2 d5 3.d3 c6 4.a3 a5 5.Nf3 Bg4 6.0-0 Nbd7 7.Nc3 e5 8.e4 dxe4 9.Nxe4 Nxe4 10.dxe4 Bc5 11.Qe2 0-0 12.Be3 Qe7 13.h3 Bh5 14.Rfd1 Rfd8 15.Rd2 ½-½

Sanchez,Roberto Daniel (2158) -

Green,Austen (2227) [B40] (5.2), 30.05.2021

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 e6 3.c3 d5 4.e5 d4 5.cxd4 cxd4 6.Qa4+ Nc6 7.Bb5 Bd7 8.0-0 Bc5 9.Na3 Nge7 10.Qc4 Bb6 ½-½

Wendler, Edward (1987) - Obili,

Abhishek (2206) [B34] (5.3), 30.05.2021

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 g6 5.Be3 Bg7 6.c3 Nf6 7.f3 0-0 8.Bb5 Qc7 9.0-0 d5 10.exd5 Nxd5 11.Bf2 Be5 12.Bxc6 bxc6 13.g3 Bh3 14.Re1 Rad8 15.Qa4 Bd7 16.Nb3 Nb6 17.Qa5 Bf6 18.N1d2 Be6 19.Ne4 Bg7 20.Nec5 Bd5 21.Nd2 Bh6 22.Be3 Bxe3+ 23.Rxe3 Qb8 24.Rae1 Bc4 25.Ndb3 Bxb3 26.axb3 Nd5 27.Rd3 Rfe8 28.Red1 Nb6 29.Na4 Rd5 30.Qb4 Qe5 31.Qe4 Qxe4 32.fxe4 Re5 33.Rd4 c5 34.Rd8 Kf8 35.Rxe8+ Kxe8 36.Re1 Nc8 37.g4 Nd6 38.Kf2 Nxe4+ 39.Kg2 f5 40.gxf5 gxf5 41.Re2 Kf7 42.c4 Kf6 43.h4 Re6 44.Kf3 Rd6 45.Ke3 Rd4 46.Rh2 Ke5 47.Nc3 f4+ 48.Kf3 Kf5 49.Nb5 Rd3+ 50.Kg2 f3+ 51.Kh3 f2+ 52.Kg2 Rg3+ 0-1

Hough, Stephen (2015) - El Awad,

Santiago (2172) [B10] (5.4), 30.05.2021

1.e4 c6 2.d3 d5 3.Nd2 g6 4.Ngf3 Bg7 5.g3 e5 6.Bg2 Ne7 7.0-0 0-0 8.Re1 d4 9.Rf1 c5 10.Nh4 Nec6 11.Nhf3 Be6 12.Ne1 Nd7 13.f4 exf4 14.gxf4 f5 15.Nef3 h6 16.e5 Nb6 17.a4 Rf7 18.Re1 Bf8 19.a5 Nd5 20.Nc4 Be7 21.Qe2 Rg7 22.Rf1 Rb8 23.Kh1 Qd7 24.h4 Qd8 25.Qf2 Ndb4 26.b3 Qd7 27.Rg1 Nd8 28.Bh3 Bd5 29.Bg2 Nf7 30.Ne1 g5 31.Bd2 gxf4 32.Bxb4 cxb4 33.Qxf4 Rg4

34.Bxd5 Qxd5+ 35.Nf3 Kh8 36.Qxf5 Rxh4+ 37.Kg2 Ng5 38.Ncd2 Rf8 39.Qe4 Nxe4 40.dxe4 Qf7 41.Nxh4 Qf2+ **0-1**

Lozano, Jesse J (2260) - Mao, Andrew (2070) [B06]

(5.5), 30.05.2021

1.d4 d6 2.Nc3 g6 3.e4 Bg7 4.Be3 a6 5.Qd2 b5 6.a4 b4 7.Nd1 Nf6 8.f3 a5 9.c3 bxc3 10.Nxc3 0-0 11.Bc4 Ba6 12.Bxa6 Nxa6 13.Nge2 c5 14.0-0 cxd4 15.Nxd4 Nb4 16.Rac1 Nd7 17.Nd5 Nc5 18.Bg5 Nxd5 19.exd5 Bxd4+ 20.Qxd4 Nb3 21.Qe3 Nxc1 22.Rxc1 Re8 23.Qf2 Rc8 24.Re1 Qc7 25.Be3 Qc4 26.Qd2 Qxa4 27.Bd4 Qb4 28.Bc3 Qc5+ 29.Kh1 a4 30.h3 a3 31.Bb4 Qc2 32.Qxc2 Rxc2 33.bxa3 Kf8 34.Re4 Rec8 35.Rd4 Re2 36.Bd2 f5 37.Bh6+ Kf7 **0-1**

Kunka, Harshid (2123) - Kishinevsky,

Dimitry W (2159) [B42] (5.6), 30.05.2021

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 e6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 a6 5.Bd3 Nf6 6.0-0 Qc7 7.Qe2 Bd6 8.f4 Bc5 9.c3 h5 10.Kh1 h4 11.Nd2 Nh5 12.e5 Nc6 13.N2f3 b5 14.Be3 Bb7 15.Ng5 h3 16.Nxh3 Ng3+ 17.hxg3 Rxh3+ 18.Kg1 Rxg3 19.Qf2 Rg4 20.Be2 Rxg2+ 21.Qxg2 Nxd4 22.Qh2 Nc2 23.Bxc5 Qxc5+ 24.Qf2 Qc6 25.Bf3 Qxf3 26.Qxf3 Bxf3 27.Rac1 Be4 28.Rf2 Rc8 29.Rfxc2 Bxc2 30.Rxc2 Rc4 31.Rf2 f6 32.exf6 gxf6 33.Kg2 Kf7 34.Rd2 d5 35.f5 Rf4 36.fxe6+ Kxe6 37.Re2+ Re4 38.Rd2 Ke5 39.Kf3 a5 40.Rh2 Ra4 41.b3 Re4 42.Rh5+ Ke6 43.Rh8 f5 44.Re8+ Kd6 45.Rd8+ Kc6 46.Rc8+ Kd6 47.Rd8+ Ke6 48.Re8+ Kd7 49.Rf8 Rh4 50.Rxf5 Ke6 51.Rf8 Rh3+ 52.Ke2 Rxc3 53.Rb8 b4 54.Kd2 Rf3 55.Re8+ Kd7 56.Re2 Kd6 57.Rg2 a4 58.bxa4 Ra3 59.Kc1 Rxa4 60.Kb2 Ra3 61.Rg8 Rc3 62.Rb8 Kc5 63.Rc8+ Kd4 64.Rb8 Kc4 65.Rc8+ Kd3 66.Rb8 Rc4 67.Kb3 Re4 68.Rxb4 d4 69.a4 Ke3 70.a5 Re5 71.a6 d3 72.a7 Ra5 73.Rb7 d2 74.Re7+ Kf2 75.Rd7 Ke2 76.Re7+ Kd1 77.Kb4 Ra1 78.Kb5 Kc1 79.Rc7+ Kb2 80.Rd7 Kc2 81.Rc7+ Kb3 82.Rd7 Kc3 83.Rc7+ Kb3 84.Rd7 Rxa7 85.Rxd2 ½-½

Chikkodi, Nitin (2029) - Hendrick, John

Kristan (2180) [D11] (5.7), 30.05.2021

1.Nf3 d5 2.d4 Nf6 3.c4 c6 4.g3 a6 5.Bg2 dxc4 6.Ne5 e6 7.0-0 c5 8.dxc5 Qxd1 9.Rxd1 Bxc5 10.Nxc4 Nc6 11.Bxc6+ bxc6 12.b3 Nd7 13.Ba3 Bxa3 14.Nbxa3 **1-0**

Haskin, Zachary John (1980) - Loving,

Jason (2116) [B23] (5.8), 30.05.2021

1.e4 c5 2.Nc3 Nc6 3.Bb5 Nd4 4.Nf3 Nxb5 5.Nxb5 a6 6.Nc3 d6 7.d4 cxd4 8.Qxd4 e6 9.Bg5 Qa5 10.0-0 Qc5 11.Qd3 b5 12.Rfd1 Bb7 13.a3 Nf6 14.Be3 Qc6 15.Nd4 Qd7 16.f3 Be7 17.Nb3 Qc7 18.Bd4 0-0 19.Ne2 e5 20.Bf2 d5 21.exd5 Nxd5 22.c3 Rad8 23.Ng3 Nb6 24.Qe2 Na4 25.Re1 Bd5 26.Nc1 f6 27.Qc2 Bc5 28.Nd3 Bb6 29.Rad1 Kh8 30.Nb4 Bb7 31.Bxb6 Nxb6 32.Rxd8 Rxd8 33.Rd1 Nc4 34.b3 Qb6+ 35.Kh1 Nxa3 36.Qc1 a5 37.Rxd8+ Qxd8 38.Nc2 Nxc2 39.Qxc2 Bc6 40.h3 a4 41.bxa4 bxa4 42.Qa2 Qa8 43.Nf5 a3 44.Ne7 Bb5 45.Kh2 e4 46.fxe4 Bc4 47.Qxc4 a2 48.Qe6 a1Q 49.Nc8 Qb8+ 50.Nd6 Qxc3 **0-1**

Liu, Eric (2045) - Premkumar, Hiren

(2007) [B07]

(5.9), 30.05.2021

1.e4 d6 2.d4 Nf6 3.f3 e5 4.d5 Be7 5.c4 0-0 6.Nc3 a5 7.Be3 Na6 8.Qd2 c6 9.0-0-0 Qc7 10.g4 Rb8 11.Kb1 Nd7 12.h4 Ndc5 13.h5 Bd7 14.g5 Be8 15.Bh3 a4 16.Bf5 Qa5 17.g6 fxc6 18.hxg6 Bxg6 19.Bxg6 hxg6 20.Qg2 Kf7 21.Nge2 Qb4 22.Rhg1 Ke8 23.Qxg6+ Kd7 24.Bg5 Bf6 25.Bxf6 gxf6 26.Qg7+ Ke8 27.Rh1 Rf7 28.Qg6 Ke7 29.Ng3 Rbf8 30.a3 Qxc4 31.Nf5+ Kd7 32.dxc6+ Kc7 33.Nxd6 Qe6 34.Nxf7 Rxf7 35.Nb5+ Kb6 36.c7 Rd7 37.Nc3 Nxc7 38.Rxd7 Nxd7 39.Qg1+ Ka6 40.Qe3 b5 41.Rc1 Kb7 42.Rd1 Nb6 43.Qd3 Qb3 44.Ne2 Qf7 45.Ng3 Nc4 46.Nf5 Qh5 47.Ka1 Qh3 48.Nd6+ Nxd6 49.Qxd6 Qxf3 50.Rc1 Na8 51.Qc6+ Ka7 52.Rg1 Nb6 53.Rg7+ Ka6 54.Qb7+ **1-0**

Barefield, William (2002) - Allen,

Jonathan (2021) [C12] (5.10), 29.05.2021

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.Bg5 Bb4 5.e5 h6 6.Bd2 Nfd7 7.Qg4 Kf8 8.f4 c5 9.a3 Bxc3 10.Bxc3 Nc6 11.Nf3 f5 12.Qh3 cxd4 13.Nxd4 Nxd4 14.Bxd4 Nb8 15.g4 Nc6 16.Bc5+ Kg8 17.Bd3 Ne7 18.Qh4 Kf7 19.Rg1 Ng6 20.Qf2 Qh4 21.Rg3 h5 22.gxf5 exf5 23.Be3 b6 24.0-0-0 Qe7 25.Qg2 Qe6 26.Rg5 **1-0**

El Awad, Santiago (2172) - Deviprasath,

Sharvesh (2267) [E63] (6.1), 31.05.2021

1.c4 g6 2.g3 Bg7 3.Bg2 Nf6 4.Nf3 0-0 5.0-0 d6 6.d4 Nc6 7.Nc3 a6 8.b3 Rb8 9.d5 Na5 10.Nd4 c5 11.dxc6 bxc6 12.Nc2 Nd7 13.Bd2 Bb7 14.Rc1 c5 15.Nd5 Re8 16.e4 Ne5 17.f4 Nd7 18.h4 e6 19.Nde3 Nc6 20.h5 Nd4 21.Ne1 Nf6 22.hxg6 hxg6 23.f5 Nxe4 24.fxc6 fxc6 25.Bxe4 Bxe4 26.Qg4

Bf5 27.Nxf5 gxf5 28.Qh5 Qf6 29.Nd3 Qf7 30.Qxf7+ Kxf7 31.Rce1 e5 32.Kg2 Kg6 33.Ba5 Re7 34.Nf4+ ½-½

Green, Austen (2227) - Woodward, Andy (2267) [B94] (6.2), 31.05.2021

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 a6 6.Bg5 Nbd7 7.Qe2 h6 8.Bh4 g6 [8...e5 9.Nf5 g6 10.Ne3± has happened in my previous games with Andy.] **9.f4 e5 10.fxe5 dxe5 11.0-0-0 Qc7** [11...exd4?? 12.e5+--] **12.Nb3 b5 13.Rxd7!?** [I briefly checked this before the game, but I was still expecting 8...e5. White appears to be able to make a quick draw if he desires. Plus, I really like positions with a nice initiative and piece play.] **13...Nxd7 14.Nd5 Qb8 15.Na5** [15.Bf6 I thought this was the quick draw, but at the board I got worried because I couldn't figure out how to proceed if Black just runs his king to the center to avoid the perpetual. 15...Nxf6 16.Nxf6+ Ke7 (16...Kd8 17.Qd2+ Qd6 (17...Bd6?? 18.Na5!+- and there's no good way to stop Nc6.) 18.Qa5+ Qc7 (18...Ke7?? 19.Nd5+ Ke6 20.Bxb5+- followed by Bc4) 19.Qd2+) 17.Nd5+ Kd8 This was what had me worried, but White has a very strong initiative. 18.Qf2 Be7 19.Qxf7+--] **15...Bb7** [15...Bg7 16.Qd1 0-0 17.Nc6 Qb7 (17...Qd6?? 18.Nde7+) 18.Na5 Qb8=] **16.Nf6+ Nxf6** [16...Ke7 17.Qf2+- (17.Nd5+ playing for a perpetual was my plan in the game.) 17...g5 18.Nxd7 Kxd7 19.Bxb5+ axb5 20.Qxf7+] **17.Bxf6** [and I think here Andy realized that Qb5 is a threat.] **17...Bb4??** [17...Rh7?? 18.Qxb5+! axb5 19.Bxb5+ Bc6 20.Bxc6#; 17...Qc7! Amazingly, Black is holding after this move. In the game, I thought I was already winning. 18.Nxb7 Rh7 19.a4 bxa4 20.Qc4 Qxb7 21.Qxa4+ Qd7 22.Qxd7+ Kxd7 23.Bc4=] **18.Nxb7 0-0 19.a3** [19.Qe3! Clearing the path for the light-squared bishop to develop is more accurate. 19...Kh7 20.a3 a5 21.axb4 Qxb7 22.Bxe5+] **19...Qxb7 20.axb4 a5 21.Qe3??** [21.Qxb5 Qxe4 22.Qxe5 Qxe5 23.Bxe5 axb4 24.b3+-] **21...Qc6??** [21...Ra6! makes the position very sharp. 22.Bxe5 Re8 23.Bd4 Rxe4 24.Qf3 Qd5] **22.Bxe5 Rfe8 23.Qf4 axb4** [and White has a path to complete development now.] [23...Qe6 24.Bd4 Qxe4 25.Qxe4 Rxe4 26.Bf2 was my principal variation in the game. 26...axb4 27.Kb1 Rd8 28.Bd3] **24.b3 Ra2 25.Bd3 Rc8 26.Qxh6 Rxc2+ 27.Kb1 f6 28.Qxg6+ Kf8**

29.Qh6+ Kf7 30.Rf1 Ke8 31.Qh8+ Ke7 32.Qxf6+ Qxf6 33.Bxf6+ Kf7 34.Bxc2 [evidently Andy is not allowed to resign.]
34...Kg8 35.Be7 Rc7 36.Bxb4 Ra7 37.e5 Ra6 38.g4 Re6 39.Bd6 Rh6 40.Rf2 b4 41.Bxb4 Ra6 42.Bf8 Re6 43.g5 Rxe5 44.Bh6 Re1+ 45.Kb2 Re8 46.b4 Rc8 47.Rf8+ Rxf8 48.Bxf8 Kf7 49.b5 Ke6 50.g6 Kd5 51.g7 Kc4 52.g8Q+ Kd4 53.Qg4+ Kd5 54.Qe4# 1-0

Obili, Abhishek (2206) - Sanchez, Roberto Daniel (2158) [C00] (6.3), 31.05.2021

1.e4 e6 2.Qe2 c5 3.Nf3 Nc6 4.g3 d6 5.Bg2 Nge7 6.0-0 g6 7.c3 e5 8.d3 Bg7 9.a3 a5 10.a4 0-0 11.Na3 h6 12.Nb5 f5 13.Nd2 f4 14.Nc4 Rf6 15.f3 g5 16.Bd2 h5 17.gxf4 exf4 18.d4 cxd4 19.cxd4 Rh6 20.d5 Nd4 21.Qd3 Nxb5 22.axb5 b6 23.Bc3 Bxc3 24.Qxc3 Bd7 25.Qb3 Rc8 26.e5 Nf5 27.Nxd6 Nxd6 28.exd6 Rc5 29.Rfe1 Rxd6 30.Bf1 Qf6 31.Ra4 Kg7 32.Rae4 Rcx5 33.Bc4 Rd2 34.Re5 Rd1 35.Rxd1 Qxe5 36.Rxd6 Qc5+ 37.Kh1 Qxd6 38.Qc3+ Qf6 39.Qd2 Be6 40.Bxe6 Qxe6 41.Qc3+ Kh7 42.Qc2+ Kg8 43.Qd3 g4 44.Qd8+ Kf7 45.Qc7+ Kg6 46.Qc6 Kf6 47.Qc3+ Kg5 48.Qd3 Qe1+ 49.Kg2 gxf3+ 50.Qxf3 Qd2+ 51.Kh3 Qd7+ 52.Kg2 Qg4+ **0-1**

Mao, Andrew (2070) - Kishinevsky, Dimitry W (2159) [A05] (6.4), 31.05.2021
1.g3 Nf6 2.Bg2 e6 3.Nf3 b6 4.0-0 Bb7 5.d3 d5 6.Nbd2 Qc8 7.Re1 Nbd7 8.e4 dxe4 9.Nxe4 Nc5 10.Nxf6+ gxf6 11.d4 Ne4 12.d5 Bxd5 13.Rxe4 Bxe4 14.Qd4 Bg6 15.Qxf6 Qd8 16.Bg5 Rg8 17.Ne5 Qxf6 18.Bxf6 Be7 19.Bc6+ Kf8 20.Nd7+ Ke8 21.Nxb6+ Kf8 22.Bxe7+ Kxe7 23.Nxa8 Rd8 24.Nxc7 Rc8 25.Nxe6 fxe6 26.Ba4 e5 27.Rd1 Bxc2 28.Rc1 Bf5 29.Rxc8 Bxc8 30.f3 Kd6 31.Kf2 Kc5 32.Ke3 Bb7 33.Bc2 h6 34.f4 Bd5 35.fxe5 Bxa2 36.b3 Kd5 37.Kd3 a5 38.Kc3 Kxe5 39.Kb2 Bxb3 40.Kxb3 Kd4 41.g4 Ke5 42.h4 Kf4 43.Bf5 h5 44.g5 Kxf5 45.Ka4 Kg4 46.g6 Kxh4 47.g7 Kh3 48.g8Q h4 49.Qg5 **1-0**

Redfield, Grant (2099) - Kunka, Harshid (2123) [E62] (6.5), 31.05.2021
1.c4 Nf6 2.g3 g6 3.Bg2 Bg7 4.Nc3 d6 5.d4 Nc6 6.Nf3 0-0 7.0-0 e5 8.d5 Ne7 9.e4 Nd7 10.Ne1 f5 11.Nd3 fxe4 12.Nxe4 Nb6 13.b3 c6 14.Ba3 c5 15.Bb2 Nf5 16.Qe2 Re8 17.Rae1 Bd7 18.Qd2 Nc8 19.f4 exf4 20.Bxg7 Nng7 21.Rxf4 Bf5 22.Qc3 Bxe4

23.Bxe4 Ne7 24.g4 Qd7 25.h3 Rf8 26.Ref1 Rae8 27.Rxf8+ Rxf8 28.Rxf8+ Kxf8 29.Qf6+ Kg8 30.Nf4 Nc8 31.Ne6 Qe7 32.Qf4 Nb6 33.Ng5 Nd7 34.Nf3 Qf6 35.Qxf6 Nxf6 36.Bc2 Kf7 37.Kf2 h6 38.g5 Ng8 39.h4 h5 40.Ke3 Ne7 41.Kf4 a6 42.a3 b5 43.Bd3 bxc4 44.bxc4 Ngf5 45.Bxf5 Nxf5 46.Ke4 Ke7 47.a4 Kd7 48.a5 Ke7 $\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$

Loving, Jason (2116) - Chikkodi, Nitin (2029) [C96]

(6.6), 31.05.2021
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 Be7 6.Re1 b5 7.Bb3 d6 8.c3 0-0 9.h3 Na5 10.Bc2 c5 11.d4 Nd7 12.Nbd2 cxd4 13.cxd4 Nc6 14.Nf1 exd4 15.Nxd4 Nxd4 16.Qxd4 Ne5 17.Ne3 Bf6 18.Qd1 Be6 19.a4 Rc8 20.axb5 axb5 21.Ra6 Rc6 22.Rxc6 Nxc6 23.Bb3 Nd4 24.Bd5 Qc8 25.Ng4 Bxg4 26.hxg4 Qc2 27.Qxc2 Nxc2 28.Rd1 g6 29.Bd2 Bxb2 30.Rb1 Be5 31.Rxb5 Nd4 32.Rb7 Ne2+ 33.Kf1 Nf4 34.Bb3 Ne6 35.Bh6 Bg7 36.Bxg7 Nng7 37.Rd7 Ne8 38.g5 h6 39.gxh6 Nf6 40.Rxd6 Nxe4 41.Rxg6+ Kh8 42.Rb6 Nd2+ 43.Kg1 Nxb3 44.Rxb3 Kh7 45.Rh3 Rg8 46.f3 Rg6 47.Kf2 Rxh6 48.Kg3 Kg7 49.Rxh6 Kxh6 50.Kf4 Kg6 51.Ke5 Kg5 52.g3 Kg6 53.f4 Kg7 54.Kf5 Kg8 55.Kf6 Kf8 56.f5 Kg8 57.Ke7 Kg7 58.f6+ Kg6 59.g4 **1-0**

Premkumar, Hiren (2007) - Wendler, Edward (1987) [D36] (6.7), 31.05.2021
1.c4 e6 2.Nc3 d5 3.d4 Nf6 4.cxd5 exd5 5.Bg5 Be7 6.e3 c6 7.Bd3 0-0 8.Qc2 h6 9.Bh4 Re8 10.Nf3 Ne4 11.Bxe7 Qxe7 12.0-0 Bf5 13.Rae1 Nd7 14.Nd2 Nxd2 15.Qxd2 Bxd3 16.Qxd3 Qb4 17.Re2 Nf6 18.f3 Rad8 19.a3 Qb3 20.e4 c5 21.e5 Nd7 22.f4 c4 23.Qg3 Qb6 24.Rd2 Nb8 25.f5 Kh8 26.e6 fxe6 27.f6 g5 28.f7 Rf8 29.h4 Nc6 30.hxg5 Nxd4 31.Qe5+ Kh7 32.Rxd4 Rd7 33.Rf6 **1-0**

Allen, Jonathan F (2021) - Liu, Eric (2045) [A85]

(6.8), 31.05.2021
1.d4 e6 2.c4 f5 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.Bf4 Bb4 5.Rc1 b6 6.a3 Bxc3+ 7.Rxc3 Bb7 8.h3 d6 9.e3 Nbd7 10.Nf3 Qe7 11.Bh2 Ne4 12.Rc1 0-0 13.Nd2 Nxd2 14.Kxd2 e5 15.d5 c6 16.dxc6 Bxc6 17.Rc3 Nc5 18.f3 a5 19.Bd3 d5 20.cxd5 Bxd5 21.Ke2 Rad8 22.Qc2 e4 23.Bc4 Bxc4+ 24.Rxc4 Rd3 25.Bf4 g5 26.b4 gxf4 27.bxc5 exf3+ 28.Kf1 Qxe3 29.Rxf4 Rd2 30.Qc4+ Kh8 31.Rxf3 Rd1# **0-1**

Barefield, William (2002) - Haskin, Zachary John (1980) [C10] (6.9), 31.05.2021
1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.Bg5 dxe4 5.Nxe4 Nbd7 6.Nf3 Be7 7.Nxf6+ Nxf6 8.Bd3 0-0 9.0-0 c5 10.c3 cxd4 11.Nxd4 Qd5 12.Nf3 Rd8 13.Be2 Qe4 14.Qe1 Bd7 15.Bd1 Bc6 16.Qxe4 Bxe4 17.Re1 Bd5 18.b3 h6 19.Bh4 b6 20.a3 Rac8 21.c4 Bb7 22.Bg3 Ne4 23.Be5 Bc5 24.Ra2 f6 25.Ba1 Kf7 26.b4 Bxf2+ 27.Rxf2 Nxf2 28.Kxf2 Bxf3 29.gxf3 Rxc4 30.Bb3 Rc6 31.Re2 g5 32.a4 Rd3 33.Bc2 Rd8 34.Bb2 e5 35.b5 Rcd6 36.Ke3 Rc8 37.Bd3 Ke6 38.Rd2 Rdd8 39.Bc4+ Ke7 40.Bd5 Kf8 41.Ke4 Kg7 42.Rd3 Rc2 43.Ba3 Kg6 44.Ke3 Kg7 45.h3 Rh2 46.Ke4 Rxh3 47.Kf5 Rxd5 48.Rc3 e4+ 49.Kxe4 Re5+ 50.Kd4 Rh4+ 51.Kd3 Rxa4 **0-1**

El Awad, Santiago (2172) - Green, Austen (2227) [A87] (7.1), 31.05.2021

[Coming into the last round, I was leading the tournament by half a point. Robert Sanchez and Sharvesh Deviprasath were playing each other on board 2 and were both a half point behind me.] **1.c4 f5 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.g3 g6 4.Bg2 Bg7 5.0-0 0-0 6.Nc3 d6 7.d4 Qe8** [Around this point, Sharvesh and Robert drew, so I was guaranteed to at least tie for first place even if I lost. A draw or win would secure clear first for me.] **8.d5 a5 9.Nd4 Na6 10.b3 Nc5 11.Ncb5 Qd8 12.Bb2 Bd7** [Malaniuk gives 12...e5 13.dxe6 Qe7 14.Nc3 c6 The computer still likes White, though Malaniuk thinks this is equal.] **13.Rb1 Nce4 14.Nc3 c5 15.Ndb5 Nxc3** [and here I offered a draw. My opponent was a bit reluctant to take it, but it also secured him the 3rd place prize.] [15...Nxc3 16.Nxc3 a4 looked fine in the post-mortem. (16...Nh5 was actually my intention in the game.) 15...Nxc3 16.Bxc3 Bxb5 17.cxb5 Qe8 18.a4 and Black is very solid on the queenside.] $\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$

Deviprasath, Sharvesh (2267) - Sanchez, Roberto Daniel (2158) [C01] (7.2), 31.05.2021

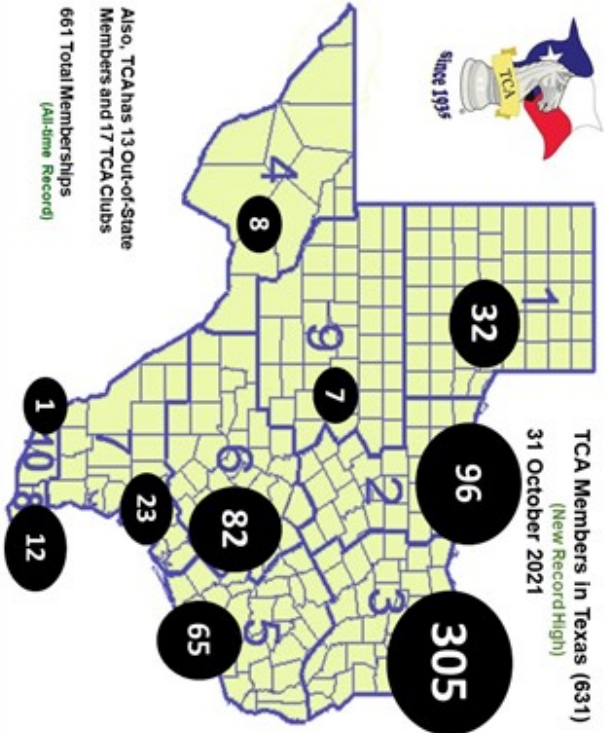
1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.exd5 exd5 $\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$

Woodward, Andy (2267) - Mao, Andrew (2070) [E69] (7.3), 31.05.2021

1.d4 d6 2.Nf3 g6 3.c4 Bg7 4.Nc3 Nd7 5.g3 e5 6.Bg2 Ngf6 7.0-0 0-0 8.e4 exd4 9.Nxd4 Nc5 10.Re1 c6 11.h3 Re8 12.Qc2 Nfd7 13.Be3 Ne5 14.b3 g5 15.Rad1 Qf6 16.f3 h5

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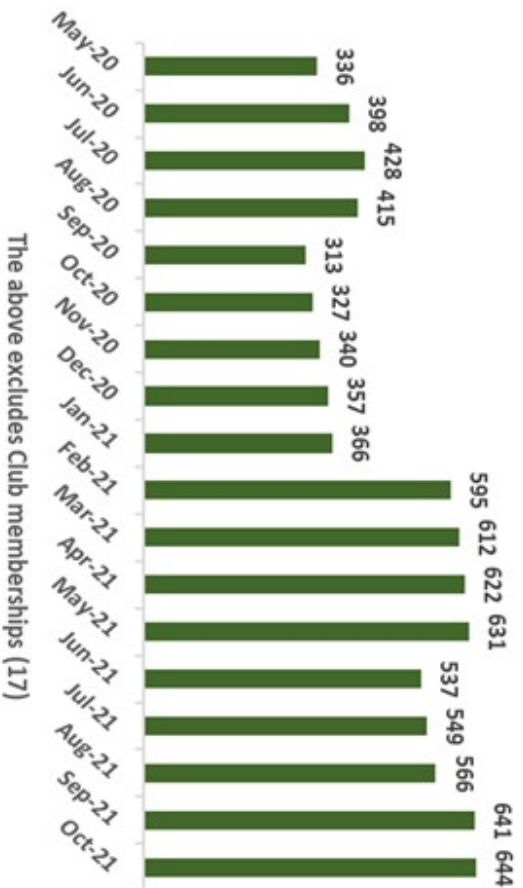
Age 14 cont.			Age 9 cont.			Girls Under 21		
76	Wang, Kalia Y	1948	57	Petukhov, Arthur	1364	4	Nguyen, Emily Q	2348
87	Capocyan, John P	1927	= 71	Veeramallu, Mokshith	1324	27	Yellamraju, Ambica	2091
Age 13			80	Wu, Zekai B	1292	40	Trakru, Priya N	2017
10	Gutla, Aryan	2180	81	Pulavarty, Vrishank	1291	45	Nguyen, Anh N	2006
11	Gardezi, Arsal	2178	86	Hu, Daren	1271	55	Wang, Kalia Y	1948
= 33	Friedman, Andrew C	2024	90	Li, Tommy	1248	59	Yellamraju, Aparna	1937
43	Zhang, Eric J	2008	Age 8			89	Qureshi, Sadia	1836
47	Bist, Atharva	1989	39	Stewart, James	1299	Girls Age 18		
51	Zhang, Andrew H	1965	80	Garza, Edgar	1023	12	Zhou, Julia	1618
81	Raghuraja, Sri A	1862	84	Vuyyuru, Aryan	1011	23	Basepogu, Sharon	1480
96	Feng, Travis	1842	93	Mecham, Ryan	989	25	Cedillo Bocanegra, Ana K	1454
Age 12			Age 7 and Under			34	Azim, Risa	1312
6	Kunka, Harshid	2161	2	Tendulkar, Ojas	1730	35	Ravichandar, Shreya	1310
7	Liu, Eric Chang	2158	5	Chen, Kyo W	1641	36	Reistle, Jane W	1275
38	Melillo, Lucius	1956	11	Chetlapalli, Vishnu	1473	38	Melgarejo, Fernanda	1238
46	Nair, Ajitesh	1929	13	Yao, Annie	1385	45	Miller, Ashlyn	1128
61	Hiwale, Ronak	1881	24	Maddipati, Srihas	1259	50	Mata, Liberty E	970
77	Shafer, Logan C	1819	27	Zhang, Oscar Y	1241	60	Clarke, Raelyn	681
83	Chang, Luca	1788	32	Gurumoorthi, Gurugrahan	1156	Girls Age 17		
85	Fang, Vincent	1769	35	Zhang, Michael	1131	39	Basepogu, Sarah	1392
89	Raju, Yakshwag R	1758	38	Liu, Chloe	1108	41	Manohar, Riya N	1358
Age 11			46	Rajagopalan, Aadhya J	1043	47	Williams, Patricia	1299
1	Chen, Ryo W	2373	50	Li, Owen	1021	54	Guel, Abigail M	1217
2	Woodward, Andy A	2343	51	Zheng, Philip T	1018	67	Thompson, Sarah	1023
24	Meng, Joshua	1868	71	He, Steven S	928	80	Dixie, Soleil J	750
46	Zhang, Sunny	1755	76	Gupta, Vihaan	919	Girls Age 16		
48	Zhou, Brian X	1742	78	Pineda, Noah A	907	2	Yellamraju, Ambica	2091
65	Anderson, Klym R	1696	79	Baksi, Antariksh	904	5	Nguyen, Anh N	2006
69	Prakash, Nandini	1687	81	Manchanda, Advik	902	7	Yellamraju, Aparna	1937
73	Zafar, Faris	1663	= 88	Ebizo, Akpax	881	20	Tiruvedhula, Saanvi	1666
78	Qin, Samuel	1645	95	Ganesh, Advait	851	50	Babaria, Rajvi R	1333
= 93	Veremjov, Mihail	1588	100	Chai, Zack	828	51	Aggarwal, Manika	1325
Age 10			Top Women			53	Gunukula, Renee	1305
14	Yang, Daniel	1889	12	Nguyen, Emily Q	2348	65	Mallick, Lipika	1140
= 16	Fang, Elbert	1844	22	Shamatava, Ana	2288	68	Castillo, Isabella D	1107
= 16	Wang, Kyle Y	1844	59	Yellamraju, Ambica	2091	70	Dasagi, Aakanksha	1103
20	Wu, Andrew	1821	80	Trakru, Priya Nikita	2017	76	Iyer, Madhalasa	1050
25	Garg, Priyansh	1797	87	Nguyen, Anh N	2006	97	Saravanan, Raja D	810
28	Wei, Colin	1767	= 88	Root, Alexey W	2000	Girls Age 15		
30	Ramachandran, Advait	1760	Women Age 65 and Over			16	Bharath Kumar, Sruthi	1716
41	He, Justin Shandong	1665	29	Hardesty, Brenda T	1212	25	Furman, Jessica	1610
43	Liu, Nathan C	1636	38	Mcnearney, Teresa L	122	41	Naidu, Suchitra G	1517
= 49	Gu, Samuel	1601	Women Age 50 and Over			44	Vasquez, Izabel	1489
= 51	Bhangale, Likhith	1599	= 5	Root, Alexey W	2000	56	Hernandez, Sarah	1376
54	Sunil, Arush	1584	48	Stuckert, Elena	1341	72	Athila, Akshaya	1232
61	Krishnan, Anish	1555	56	Hardesty, Brenda T	1212	84	Cisneros, Anahi	1073
80	Shivam, Zephan	1493	= 56	Kneen, Melanie A	1212	86	Zhang, Taylor C	1036
= 90	Konstantakos, Christos	1447	65	Muller, Katrina	1111	89	Parvathaneni, Voshita	1017
99	Kommuri, Sahithi	1414	86	Barkley, Tommie J	644	97	Hunt, Vivian	965
Age 9			93	Mcnearney, Teresa L	122	Girls Age 14		
5	Anandh, Vijay S	1885	Women Age 65 and Over			6	Wang, Kalia Y	1948
16	Kandikayala, S	1702	29	Hardesty, Brenda T	1212	22	Ham, Emily	1624
33	Wang, Jason	1497	38	Mcnearney, Teresa L	122	30	Reddy, Tanvi C	1529
43	Yuan, Owen	1425	Women Age 50 and Over			46	Pande, Nayonika	1383
51	Ganesan, Vikash	1380	= 5	Root, Alexey W	2000	= 47	Shivam, Annika E	1375
Age 9 cont.			48	Stuckert, Elena	1341			
Age 8 cont.			56	Hardesty, Brenda T	1212			
Age 7 and Under cont.			= 56	Kneen, Melanie A	1212			
Girls Under 21 cont.			65	Muller, Katrina	1111			
Girls Age 18 cont.			86	Barkley, Tommie J	644			
Girls Age 17 cont.			93	Mcnearney, Teresa L	122			
Girls Age 16 cont.								
Girls Age 15 cont.								
Girls Age 14 cont.								



TCA Membership Trends by Region as of October 31, 2021
 (excluding 17 Clubs)

Region	May-20	Jun-20	Jul-20	Aug-20	Sep-20	Oct-20	Nov-20	Dec-20	Jan-21	Feb-21	Mar-21	Apr-21	May-21	Jun-21	Jul-21	Aug-21	Sep-21	Oct-21
01	10	10	10	10	5	4	5	5	5	32	33	33	33	31	31	32	32	32
02	56	80	91	85	77	81	87	88	89	121	124	126	126	106	88	93	96	96
03	109	112	120	120	65	65	68	80	88	230	255	260	264	247	252	263	301	305
04	12	13	16	13	12	13	13	13	11	11	11	11	10	7	6	6	9	8
05	46	62	69	68	56	64	64	65	63	66	71	71	73	55	59	61	73	65
06	42	45	44	44	27	30	33	35	39	44	46	50	54	54	66	71	85	82
07	17	21	21	21	21	21	21	22	22	22	23	23	21	6	13	13	12	23
08	29	30	31	31	31	30	30	30	30	30	29	29	15	15	15	15	12	12
09	4	5	5	4	4	3	3	3	3	5	5	5	6	6	6	7	7	7
10	4	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	5	5	5	2	2	0	0	1	1
Out of State	13	14	15	13	10	10	10	10	10	9	9	11	13	10	13	12	13	13
Memberships	336	398	428	415	413	327	340	357	366	595	612	622	631	537	549	566	641	644

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All Membership Types by Region as of October 31, 2021

Membership Type	Region										Out-of-State	Grand Total	%	
	I	II	III	IV	V	VI	VII	VIII	IX	X				
Junior Online	21	29	170		6	10					2	238	36.0%	
Regular	2	12	29		15	20					1	83	12.6%	
Family	4	12	16		15	8					3	58	8.8%	
Junior	7	13			6	13					1	56	8.5%	
Family Online	6	20	3		11	3					1	43	6.5%	
Regular Non-subscriber	12	17	1		5	4					1	41	6.2%	
Lifetime Regular	1	9	9		3	6					2	36	5.4%	
Family Patron	4	3	5		4	2					8	34	5.1%	
Student Online											2	23	3.5%	
Club	1	3	2		1	2					1	15	2.3%	
Lifetime Patron	1	1	2			4					1	11	1.7%	
Patron	1	1	1			2					4	8	1.2%	
Student		3	3								1	5	0.8%	
Complimentary											1	1	0.6%	
Patron Online											1	2	0.3%	
School Club											1	2	0.3%	
Foreign											1	1	0.2%	
Honorary Life Member												1	1	0.2%
Grand Total	33	99	308	9	67	87	23	13	8	1	13	661	100%	



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