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David Brodsky - Winner of the 89th Annual Southwest Open

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## From the Desk of the Editor

Hello Texas,

This issue is the start of volume 65 of *Texas Knights*. So, we are celebrating the 65th Anniversary of our publication for the next year. A huge thank you to our Facebook Administrator **Deborah Shafer**, for spicing up the TCA logo (multiple times) for the occasion.

We start this volume much like we have in previous years, with results and photos from the **Southwest Open (the 89th Annual in this case)**. There are also games!

We follow that with results, photos, and games from the **2023 Texas State Collegiate Super Finals**, then results and photos from the **2023 Texas Girls' Championship**.

All games that I received for the first two tournaments have gone through a tactical analysis by **Chessbase 17** using **Stockfish 16** as the analysis engine. There were 87 games provided. Which is great! But there is no way to publish them all in *Texas Knights*. Please download the PGN file to get them all. See the bottom of *Page 22* for details.

**Dr. Alexey Root** provides a new book review. **Tim Brennan** provides new tactics puzzles to solve. And I provide another e-board comparison that is not listed in the *Table of Contents*.

There are also updates from **Houston** and **Austin** (with a game), as well as a fun story about *Beauty Shops and Bobby Fischer*. I hope you enjoy the issue.

**Note:** You can find the minutes from TCA's Annual Membership Meeting at: <https://texaschess.org/minutes-from-membership-meeting-2023/>

I received a request from *American Chess Magazine* for a few games from a couple of Texas players that don't get a lot of national coverage. Look for who and what was submitted in an upcoming issue.

We are continuing our search for missing back issues of *Texas Knights*. See details on the inside back cover of this issue on how you can assist us.

Also, since we are celebrating the *65th Anniversary* I am looking for articles, timelines, lists, etc. that represent something historical about (or from older issues of) *Texas Knights*. Some examples:

- A timeline of previous editors
- A 'special' older article that could be republished. For example: a famous player that visited Texas that was published a half decade ago but has been long forgotten, or some similar story.
- A fun memory and/or retrospective about *Texas Knights*.

**Keep in mind:** The next issue is our *holiday issue*. Festive Chess-related stories, photos, and/or comics are welcome. The deadline for submissions is November 15th. The next issue should be posted on the website and/or headed to your mailbox around the first week of December.

**Note:** The PO Box for submissions is now closed. Please send me an email requesting an address to use if you need to send me submissions for *Texas Knights* by way of the USPS.

Stay safe and play a lot of Chess. — **Jeff**



# A Message from the President

*September 2023*

As always, I am thankful to our players, coaches, chess parents, chess tournament organizers, tournament directors, Regional Directors, TCA officers, and other individuals in key positions who, as a team, have made TCA a great chess organization and Texas a great chess state! For those of you who have not done so yet, please visit our TCA Facebook page and our TCA website for coverage of many of our events. While on our Facebook page, please “like” it. For those of you whose TCA membership may have lapsed or those who were not TCA members, please renew or join this organization. Most of the TCA memberships are less than \$10 per year! To become a member, please visit <https://texaschess.org/memberships/>

For the first time in many years, the Southwest Open was held in Houston, and it was a great event. Our thanks to all players who participated, and congratulations to **GM David Brodsky**, who won the SWO Open Section, **Rochan Bakthisaran**, who won the Reserve Section, and **Aryan Vuyyuru**, who won the Novice Section. Inasmuch as all three sections were ex-

tremely competitive, we had outright winners in all three sections! In this issue, we have the list of winners, lots of pictures, and games from that event. Between the Southwest Open and Southwest Scholastic, we had a combined 375 players! That event, coupled with the upcoming Texas Grade Chess Championships to be held in Houston, on October 20-22, catapulted Region V to the TCA membership leadership with 235 players and clubs! Region VIII is closing the gap quickly, with 181 TCA memberships, as they will be hosting the 2023 Texas Grade Championships South, October 7-8, in Brownsville. Given that both Texas Grade Championships will be held two weeks apart, scholastic players, regardless of where they live in Texas, will be able to play in both events!

Once again, my thanks to all the players, coaches, parents, tournament organizers, tournament directors, and all other individuals who support chess in our state!

With best regards,

*Franc*

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- In addition to his current position as TCA President he was President of the Florida Chess Association.

# 89th Annual Southwest Open

For Additional Results: <https://www.uschess.org/msa/XtblMain.php?202309046512>  
Photos by Deborah Shafer

The *89th Annual Southwest Open* was held over Labor Day weekend in Houston. There were 250 participants in the tournament, with 128 participants in the **Open Section**, 69 participants in the **Reserve Section**, and 53 participants in the **Novice Section**. Each section played seven rounds with a time control of *G/90;+30*.

The *Open Section* was won by **GM David Brodsky** with a score of 6.0/7 (see front cover photo). See games from the Open Section starting on [Page 23](#). Below are the results for the top 17 of 128 participants in the Open Section

#	Name	Rnd1	Rnd2	Rnd3	Rnd4	Rnd5	Rnd6	Rnd7	Tot
1	DAVID BRODSKY	W24	W69	W66	W6	D2	W3	D5	6
2	KOUSTAV CHATTERJEE	W73	W23	W15	W11	D1	D5	D6	5.5
3	IVAN SCHITCO	W92	W16	D32	W30	W9	L1	W13	5.5
4	RAHUL SRIVATSHAV P	W55	D38	W83	W8	D20	D11	W21	5.5
5	SHARVESH R DEVIPRASATH	W54	W37	D20	W32	W21	D2	D1	5.5
6	KAROLIS JUKSTA	W46	W52	W31	L1	W33	W12	D2	5.5
7	SAKSHAM RAUTELA	W60	D25	L33	W57	W27	W19	W20	5.5
8	LUCIUS MELILLO	D61	W107	W25	L4	W92	W54	W24	5.5
9	BALAJI DAGGUPATI	W105	X	W19	W12	L3	L13	W31	5
10	MS. ASHRITHA ESWARAN	W56	W36	D22	D67	W31	D20	H	5
11	NICOLAS ALEJANDRO DE LA COLINA	W57	W35	W91	L2	W34	D4	D16	5
12	ANASTASIA PARAMZINA	W93	W17	W68	L9	W52	L6	W44	5
13	RACHAEL LI	D58	W50	W44	D22	W37	W9	L3	5
14	ARSAL GARDEZI	W74	D40	W38	L20	W43	W39	D17	5
15	BENJAMIN WALMER	W79	W43	L2	L35	W74	W37	W49	5
16	ATHARVA BIST	W98	L3	W59	D27	W63	W47	D11	5
17	GRANT REDFIELD	W97	L12	W77	D91	W48	W23	D14	5

The *Reserve Section* was won by **Rochan Bakthisaran** with a score of 6.5/7. Below are the results for the top 8 of 69 participants in the Reserve Section

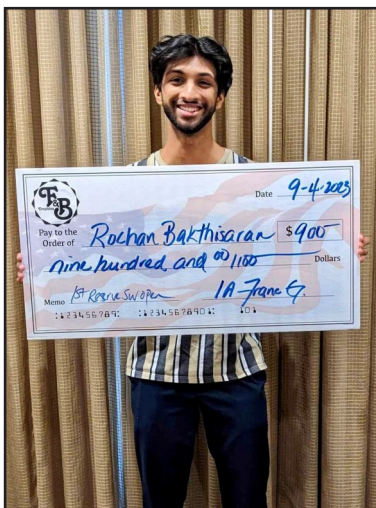
#	Name	Rnd1	Rnd2	Rnd3	Rnd4	Rnd5	Rnd6	Rnd7	Tot
1	ROCHAN BAKTHISARAN	W42	W7	W17	W11	W15	D2	W4	6.5
2	LOUIS-ALEXANDRE EMMA CALVARY	W24	W22	W21	D14	W17	D1	W5	6
3	JULIAN JOSEPH	W46	D9	W31	D4	D7	W34	W12	5.5
4	GREY SOSA	D43	W36	W19	D3	W14	W15	L1	5
5	LEON POWERS	W45	L44	W25	W26	W24	W30	L2	5
6	ISHAAN IKKURTHI	W35	W60	L14	W42	D34	D23	W25	5
7	DEVAJ MAYANK VADHER	W62	L1	W38	W35	D3	D11	W14	5
8	KHANG LE	W66	L14	W59	D45	W53	D25	W23	5

The Novice Section was won by **Aryan Vuyyuru** with a score of 6.5/7. Below are the results for the top 8 of 53 participants in the Novice Section

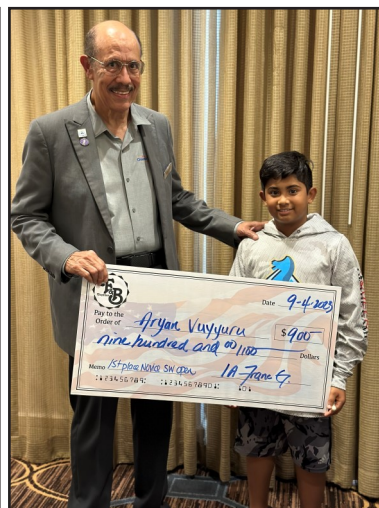
#	Name	Rnd1	Rnd2	Rnd3	Rnd4	Rnd5	Rnd6	Rnd7	Tot
1	ARYAN VUYYURU	W47	D23	W8	D2	W18	W5	W11	6
2	ZHONGMING ROGER LUO	W5	W31	W45	D1	W13	W4	L3	5.5
3	RYAN LANIER	H	L18	W41	W26	W27	W7	W2	5.5
4	KAI ZHOU LAN	W51	H	W44	W21	W16	L2	W9	5.5
5	ETHAN WIEBESIEK	L2	W36	W34	W10	W6	L1	W15	5
6	GREGORY KREMER	W46	W28	H	D18	L5	W17	W16	5
7	ANURAG ROY CHOUDHURY	W37	W9	L16	W31	W15	L3	W21	5
8	MATTHEW ERIC BATTY	W12	W10	L1	D24	W20	D16	W14	5



**David Brodsky**  
Open Section Winner



**Rochan Bakthisaran**  
Reserve Section Winner



**Aryan Vuyyuru** (right)  
Novice Section Winner

There was also a one-day *Southwest Scholastic* tournament that was held on Saturday, September 2nd. There were 127 participants in the tournament with 22 participants in the K-12 1000+ Section, 34 participants in the K-12 700-999 Section, 41 participants in the K-12 400-699 Section, and 30 participants in the K-12 Under 400 Section. Each section played five rounds with a time control of *G/25;d5*.

The K-12 1000+ Section had a 4-way tie with **Rayed Qureshi**, **Nikolas Ham**, **Jayden He** and **Srihit Lochan Bayyrapu** sharing the top spot.

*Results for top 5 of 22 participants in the K-12-1000+ Section.*

#	Name	Rnd1	Rnd2	Rnd3	Rnd4	Rnd5	Tot
1	RAYED QURESHI	W16	W8	W5	L2	W6	4
2	NIKOLAS HAM	D3	W19	W12	W1	D5	4
3	JAYDEN HE	D2	W18	W13	D6	W8	4
4	SRIHIT LOCHAN BAYYRAPU	W17	W7	L6	W18	W11	4
5	CARSON TAHA CHANDLER	W15	W10	L1	W7	D2	3.5

The K-12 700-999 Section had a tie between **Ashwath Badrinarayanan** and **Ryan Ren** with 4.5/5 scores. Results for the top 8 of 34 participants in the K-12 700-999 Section.

#	Name	Rnd1	Rnd2	Rnd3	Rnd4	Rnd5	Tot
1	ASHWATH BADRINARAYANAN	W31	W23	W9	W21	D3	4.5
2	RYAN REN	D3	W24	W10	W4	W12	4.5
3	KYLE HU	D2	W27	W5	W16	D1	4
4	JACOB ELLISON	W11	W29	W26	L2	W13	4
5	LARION DELAGARDIE	W12	D17	L3	W26	W11	3.5
6	JASMINE JIANG	W10	W7	L21	D8	W16	3.5
7	SIDDHARTH SIVA	W30	L6	W25	D19	W17	3.5
8	AHIR BHATTACHARJEE	W33	L26	W29	D6	W19	3.5

Rishil Shah went undefeated in the K-12 400-699 Section with a score 5.0/5.

Results for the top 9 of 41 participants in the K-12 400-699 Section.

#	Name	Rnd1	Rnd2	Rnd3	Rnd4	Rnd5	Tot
1	RISHIL SHAH	W3	W25	W4	W12	W7	5
2	DEREK HAN	W35	W19	D8	W23	W11	4.5
3	DILLON WALTER SCOTT	L1	W22	W18	W15	W8	4
4	TARUN VINAYAGARAM	X	W28	L1	W19	W16	4
5	AANYA RAO DEVARASHETTY	W33	W31	L12	W17	W10	4
6	TANEESH TUNKIMETLA	W32	L16	W37	W13	W12	4
7	JISHNU SAI DOSAPATI	X	W27	W34	W16	L1	4
8	ALICE XINHUI YU	W37	W26	D2	W21	L3	3.5
9	NATHANIEL DU	L26	W40	D24	W34	W21	3.5

The K-12 Under 400 Section was won by **Aadhya Rao Devarashetty** with a score of 4.5/5. Results for the top 6 of 30 participants in the K-12 Under 400 Section.

#	Name	Rnd1	Rnd2	Rnd3	Rnd4	Rnd5	Tot
1	AADHYA RAO DEVARASHETTY	W21	W14	D6	W15	W3	4.5
2	LAKSHRA BALAJI	W10	L4	W11	W17	W7	4
3	JAKE ZHANG	W12	W19	W9	W4	L1	4
4	NATHAN LUKE TIMOTHY FIGLER	W30	W2	W5	L3	W10	4
5	ETHAN TAN	W13	W17	L4	W6	W9	4
6	ADHVAITH MARUPAKULA	W7	W16	D1	L5	W15	3.5



# 2023 Texas Collegiate Chess Super Final

For Additional Results: <https://www.uschess.org/msa/XtblMain.php?202309172542.0>

The 2023 Texas Collegiate Chess Super Finals were held at the Plains CapitalBank El Gran Salón at the University of Texas - Rio Grande Valley, Brownsville Campus, on September 16th and 17th. There were six college teams, two teams from each of the participating colleges, including **Texas Tech University**, **University of Texas - Rio Grande Valley** and **University of Texas at Dallas**. The six teams made up a total of 29 individual participants in the four-round match-up. The time controls were *G90*;*+30*.

*The Individual results of the tournament are below.*

#	Name	Rnd1	Rnd2	Rnd3	Rnd4	Tot
1	SEMEN KHANIN	D11	W10	W21	W15	3.5
2	ALEKSEY SOROKIN	W6	W22	D4	D20	3
3	VIKTOR MATVIISHEN	D8	W7	W9	D16	3
4	KOUSTAV CHATTERJEE	W19	W20	D2	D14	3
5	SHAWN RODRIGUE-LEMIEUX	D13	W17	W27	D12	3
6	JAKUB FUS	L2	W19	D10	W21	2.5
7	ANDREI MACOVEI	D16	L3	W11	W28	2.5
8	TIANQI WANG	D3	W28	D13	D17	2.5
9	DAVID BRODSKY	W28	D16	L3	D11	2
10	BRIAN ESCALANTE	D15	L1	D6	W27	2
11	EKIN BARIS OZENIR	D1	W27	L7	D9	2
12	EMIL RISTESKI	D18	L13	W17	D5	2
13	KAROLIS JUKSTA	D5	W12	D8	U	2
14	IRAKLI BERADZE	U	U	W22	D4	1.5
15	GLEB DUDIN	D10	W21	L19	L1	1.5
16	JURAJ DRUSKA	D7	D9	U	D3	1.5
17	BALAJI DAGGUPATI	W29	L5	L12	D8	1.5
18	DANTE M BEUKES	D12	W29	U	U	1.5
19	NATHANIEL PHILIP MOOR	L4	L6	W15	D22	1.5
20	VIKTOR GAZIK	D22	L4	U	D2	1
21	IVAN SCHITCO	W27	L15	L1	L6	1
22	RAHUL SRIVATSHAV P	D20	L2	L14	D19	1
23	VICTOR RODRIGUEZ GARCIA	U	U	W28	U	1
24	SAKSHAM RAUTELA	U	U	U	W29	1
25	MAILI-JADE OUELLET	U	U	W29	U	1
26	TAMAS PETENYI	U	U	U	U	0
27	MR. MICHAEL MOORE	L21	L11	L5	L10	0
28	FRANCESCO BORTOLUSSI	L9	L8	L23	L7	0
29	RYAN ALEXANDER MCCREA	L17	L18	L25	L24	0

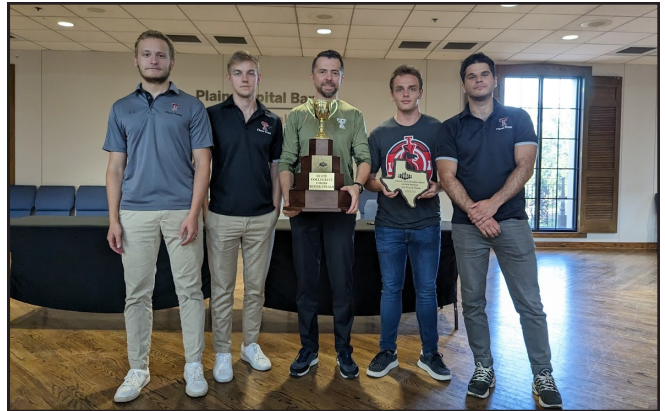




GM Semen Khanin (left) is seen here playing for Texas Tech University Team A in his 4th round matchup against IM Gleb Dudin (right), playing for the University of Texas - Rio Grande Valley Team A. GM Khanin won the round, bringing his final score to a tournament best of 3.5/4.

*See Game 25 on Page 29*

Final Standings		
Team	Match Pts	Game Pts
TTU A	8	11.5
UTRGV B	5	10.0
UTRGV A	5	9.0
UTD B	4	8.5
UTD A	2	7.5
TTU B	0	1.5



Texas Tech University Team A (shown above), with members (left to right) GM Aleksey Sorokin (Captain), GM Viktor Matviishen, GM Alexander Onischuk (Head Coach), FM Emil Risteski, and GM Semen Khanin, whose members placed in the top 3 individually, were the winners of the *2023 Texas Chess Collegiate Super Finals*.

## More Memories from the Tournament

All Photos by Chief Arbiter, Louis Reed



# 2023 Texas Girls' State Chess Championship

The *2023 Texas Girls' State Chess Championship* was held at the Plains CapitalBank El Gran Salón at the University of Texas - Rio Grande Valley, Brownsville Campus, on September 23rd.

The tournament had 129 participants in 5 sections: **High School, Middle School, K-5/6, K-3 and K-1**. It was a 5-round matchup for each section with Time Controls of *G30;d5*.

**Tanvi C. Reddy** was undefeated in the *High School Section* with a perfect score of 5.0/5.

*Results for the top 11 of 26 participants in the High School Section.*

#	Name	Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd 3	Rd 4	Rd 5	Total
1	<b>Tanvi C Reddy</b>	W15 (w)	W13 (b)	W6 (w)	W2 (b)	W3 (w)	5
2	<b>Rachel Garcia</b>	W14 (b)	W11 (w)	W4 (b)	L1 (w)	W7 (w)	4
3	<b>Evelyn M Velador</b>	W21 (b)	W8 (w)	W5 (b)	W12 (w)	L1 (b)	4
4	<b>Samhitha Buchireddy</b>	W17 (w)	W9 (b)	L2 (w)	W15 (b)	W6 (w)	4
5	<b>Vivian Diaz-Melo</b>	W18 (w)	D12 (b)	L3 (w)	W14 (b)	W13 (w)	3.5
6	<b>Vivica R Cruz</b>	W19 (b)	W7 (w)	L1 (b)	W10 (w)	L4 (b)	3
7	<b>America N Garcia</b>	W25 (w)	L6 (b)	W17 (w)	W8 (w)	L2 (b)	3
8	<b>Natalia A Morales</b>	W22 (w)	L3 (b)	W16 (w)	L7 (b)	W12 (b)	3
9	<b>Karolina A Saldivar</b>	W26 (b)	L4 (w)	L10 (b)	W16 (b)	W19 (w)	3
10	<b>Roselyn Padilla</b>	L13 (w)	W25 (b)	W9 (w)	L6 (b)	W15 (w)	3
11	<b>Ava L Anderson</b>	W16 (w)	L2 (b)	L12 (w)	W17 (b)	W18 (w)	3

**Suri N. Nguyen** and **Sunny Zhang** tied for the top spot in the *Middle School Section* with scores of 4.5/5.

*Results for the top 17 of 36 participants in the Middle School Section.*

#	Name	Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd 3	Rd 4	Rd 5	Total
1	<b>Suri N Nguyen</b>	W8 (b)	W3 (w)	W5 (b)	W7 (w)	D2 (b)	4.5
2	<b>Sunny Zhang</b>	W4 (w)	W6 (b)	W18 (w)	W10 (b)	D1 (w)	4.5
3	<b>Paola L Muniz</b>	W23 (w)	L1 (b)	W28 (w)	W14 (b)	W11 (w)	4
4	<b>Dalinda M Hernandez</b>	L2 (b)	W12 (w)	W26 (w)	W27 (b)	W15 (w)	4
5	<b>Lineli Alvarez</b>	W34 (w)	W24 (b)	L1 (w)	W18 (b)	W10 (w)	4
6	<b>Miranda I Quezada</b>	W36 (w)	L2 (w)	W12 (b)	W13 (b)	D7 (w)	3.5
7	<b>Isabella O Barba</b>	W21 (w)	W19 (b)	W13 (w)	L1 (b)	D6 (b)	3.5
8	<b>Zoey R Hernandez</b>	L1 (w)	W32 (b)	W23 (w)	D9 (b)	W18 (w)	3.5
9	<b>Gabriela Gonzales</b>	W31 (b)	L10 (w)	W16 (b)	D8 (w)	W20 (b)	3.5
10	<b>Ariana Cisneros</b>	W22 (w)	W9 (b)	W17 (w)	L2 (w)	L5 (b)	3

*Results for the Middle School Section (continued)*

#	Name	Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd 3	Rd 4	Rd 5	Total
11	Sophia Garcia	W20 (b)	L18 (w)	W14 (w)	W17 (b)	L3 (b)	3
12	Natalie Sirah	W29 (w)	L4 (b)	L6 (w)	W32 (b)	W19 (b)	3
13	Brandie M Rodriguez	W32 (w)	W29 (b)	L7 (b)	L6 (w)	W24 (b)	3
14	Madison Dixon	W24 (b)	W36 (w)	L11 (b)	L3 (w)	W22 (b)	3
15	Maylani L Gonzalez	L19 (b)	W33 (w)	W21 (b)	W20 (w)	L4 (b)	3
16	Addison Gonzalez	W30 (w)	L22 (b)	L9 (w)	W26 (w)	W21 (b)	3
17	Khloe Guzman	W33 (b)	W35 (w)	L10 (b)	L11 (w)	W25 (w)	3

Saanvika C. Kalavagunta was undefeated in the *K-5/6 Section* with a perfect score of 5.0/5.

*Results for the top 20 of 41 participants in the K-5/6 Section.*

#	Name	Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd 3	Rd 4	Rd 5	Total
1	Saanvika C Kalavagunta	W13 (b)	W5 (w)	W11 (b)	W3 (w)	W2 (b)	5
2	Fernanda De La Cruz Sanchez	W16 (w)	W12 (b)	W21 (w)	W4 (b)	L1 (w)	4
3	Rithika Kakarla	W17 (w)	W9 (b)	W23 (w)	L1 (b)	W8 (b)	4
4	Nailey A Serrato	W20 (b)	W10 (w)	W15 (b)	L2 (w)	W11 (b)	4
5	Layla O Perez	W19 (w)	L1 (b)	W25 (w)	W21 (b)	W10 (w)	4
6	Rosabel Paloma Mendoza	X40	L14 (b)	W22 (w)	W13 (w)	W9 (b)	4
7	Samantha N Loera	W31 (b)	D8 (w)	W14 (b)	L9 (w)	W15 (b)	3.5
8	Eliana Patino	W27 (w)	D7 (b)	W24 (w)	W12 (b)	L3 (w)	3.5
9	Ira J Banala	W25 (w)	L3 (w)	W18 (b)	W7 (b)	L6 (w)	3
10	Valentina L Villegas	W14 (w)	L4 (b)	W19 (w)	W23 (b)	L5 (b)	3
11	Abigail R Aguilar	W26 (w)	W35 (b)	L1 (w)	W16 (b)	L4 (w)	3
12	Keren Anand	W18 (b)	L2 (w)	W31 (b)	L8 (w)	W21 (b)	3
13	Andrea C Juarez	L1 (w)	W22 (b)	W26 (w)	L6 (b)	W24 (w)	3
14	Ashley Galvan	L10 (b)	W6 (w)	L7 (w)	W33 (b)	W25 (w)	3
15	Celeste M Flores	W36 (b)	W34 (w)	L4 (w)	W17 (b)	L7 (w)	3
16	Francisca Jaramillo	L2 (b)	W32 (w)	W30 (b)	L11 (w)	X31	3
17	Kamila Soto	L3 (b)	W30 (w)	W28 (b)	L15 (w)	W29 (b)	3
18	Danni Jaramillo	L12 (w)	W36 (b)	L9 (w)	W26 (b)	W22 (w)	3
19	Camila K Muniz	L5 (b)	W28 (w)	L10 (b)	W34 (w)	W32 (b)	3
20	Aurora N Garza	L4 (w)	L21 (b)	W37 (w)	W27 (b)	W23 (w)	3

Kaira A. Ganesh was undefeated in the *K-3 Section* with a perfect score of 5.0/5.

*Results for the top 6 of 14 participants in the K-3 Section.*

#	Name	Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd 3	Rd 4	Rd 5	Total
1	Kaira A Ganesh	W10 (w)	W3 (b)	W2 (w)	W4 (b)	W7 (w)	5
2	Jiahui Shi	W9 (b)	W7 (w)	L1 (b)	W5 (w)	W4 (w)	4
3	Julia A Cruz	W13 (b)	L1 (w)	W9 (b)	W6 (w)	W8 (b)	4
4	Neha T Sony	W12 (w)	W5 (b)	W8 (w)	L1 (w)	L2 (b)	3
5	Emma Renteria	W11 (b)	L4 (w)	W10 (b)	L2 (b)	W9 (w)	3
6	Montserrat Lopez	B---	L8 (b)	W12 (w)	L3 (b)	W11 (w)	3

Valeria C. Cruz and Jaylin R. Gonzalez shared the top spot in the *K-1 Section* with scores of 4.0/5.

*Results for the top 5 of 12 participants in the K-1 Section.*

#	Name	Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd 3	Rd 4	Rd 5	Total
1	Valeria G Cruz	W4 (b)	W5 (w)	D2 (b)	D3 (b)	W8 (w)	4
2	Jaylin R Gonzalez	W10 (b)	D7 (w)	D1 (w)	W5 (b)	W6 (w)	4
3	Galilea Mancilla	W9 (w)	D6 (b)	W7 (b)	D1 (w)	D4 (b)	3.5
4	Zoey Arambul	L1 (w)	W11 (b)	W6 (w)	W8 (b)	D3 (w)	3.5
5	Anika Kakarla	W12 (w)	L1 (b)	W11 (w)	L2 (w)	W9 (b)	3

## Memories from the Tournament

All Photos by Lauren Tovias



# Did you hear? The Austin Chess Club is Back!

By Sarah Brauner

For Additional Results: <https://www.uschess.org/msa/XtbIMain.php?202308060832.0-12780751>

In March 2020, the Austin Chess Club, like many others, stopped meeting for a few months and eventually lost its meeting space altogether in 2021. In 2022, the club started up again in a new space, with rated club tournaments at every meeting. Things were going fine, but something was still missing.

People wanted to know if the club would go back to having its big annual championship that used to be held every January or the summer championship that used to be held every other July. The larger tournaments had always been popular but were limited to 170 players, with a very small skittles/waiting area. It took some searching, but we were able to find a venue and host a 200-player event in August 2023!

As the organizer, I'm biased, but I felt that the best part of this tournament was seeing the chess community come together. Members of various local organizations participated as players and tournament directors. The atmosphere in the hallway was lively, with old friends catching up with each other and new friendships being formed.

Another plus was being able to provide the large tournament experience to players from central Texas who hadn't previously had a chance to see one of these events. Some of them stopped by just to check things out and play some casual games while the club was closed for the weekend.

The tournament drew a range of players, from unrated up to 2600, from all over Texas. The top seed in the Championship section, GM Vladimir Belous, ended up being the clear winner with 4.5/5. GM Belous' colleague from the

Austin Grandmaster Chess Academy, IM Yannick Kambrath, shared 2nd place with Kevin Qin of Houston.

The Reserve section ended with a 3-way tie between Harnoor Singh, Yaseen Sherif, and Zac Rozenblat, all local area players. I wouldn't be surprised if they are all playing in the Championship section at the next event.

The Novice section also had a tied result, with Emerson Johnson and John Ramey both winning 4.5 points. They too will be bumping up a section at the next event.

A small additional section, nicknamed Super Novice, had the only perfect result of the tournament, with Tejus Ganesan winning outright and gaining nearly 200 rating points, in addition to a prize.

Huge thanks to the San Marcos Chess Club, Waco Chess Club, Rocks and Rooks organization, and all of the others who helped to promote the tournament and make it a success. And of course, no large tournament could be completed without the team that worked to set up the little details in the background so things could run smoothly.

Keep an eye on [Austinchesstournaments.com](http://Austinchesstournaments.com) for registration to open for the Austin Chess Club's next big event coming up in January 2024; it promises to be even better!

And one last item to leave you with: an annotated game from one of our Reserve Section players. Miransh Vyas has been playing competitively for less than a year and is in 5th grade.

*Editor's Note: By the time I received this game, the typical location for games was full. I still wanted to include it. See Page 22 for game details.*

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Webb, P  
Vyas, M

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.a3! I have not encountered this move order before so I was slightly confused [3.Nc3 Bb4 4.a3 Bxc3+ 5.bxc3 c5 This is more common nowadays] 3...b6 4.Nc3 Bb7 5.d5 exd5 6.cxd5 g6 7.e4 d6 8.Nf3 Bg7! I went for a slightly unusual setup fianchettoing both of my bishops as they will be good in this type of position. 9.Bg5 0-0 10.Nd4 Qe8 Putting pressure on the e-pawn and setting up future tactics. 11.f3 I was going

to play Nxd5, but white can attack my c7 pawn 11...a6 [11...Nxd5 12.Nxd5 Bxd5 13.Nb5; 11...Bxd5 12.Nxd5 Nxd5 13.Nb5] 12.Rc1 Qd7!? I decided to play it safe, and instead of my Queen on e8 I will place my rook on e8. 13.Kf2! A weird move, as the king is in the center, so c5 seems like a good move here to open things up. 13...c5! 14.dxc6 Nxc6 15.Be3 Rac8 16.Na4 Nxd4 17.Rxc8 Qxc8 My pawn is not hanging as..... 18.Bxd4 [18.Nxb6?? Qc2+ 19.Qxc2 Nxc2+] 18...b5 19.Nb6 Qe6 Now I can play d5 and properly punish white's king move. 20.Be2 d5! 21.e5? This

is a mistake. 21...Nh5! 22.g4 White got a bit too aggressive, leaving a hole for my Knight. My plan was to simply trade the Knight for the light squared bishop. 22...Nf4! 23.Qd2 Bxe5 24.Bxe5! White has a tactic, which was easy to spot and stop. 24...Nxe2! [24...Qxe5?? 25.Nd7 Qxe2+ 26.Qxe2 Nxe2 27.Nxf8! White does not have to take my Knight!] 25.Qxe2 Qxb6+ 26.Kg3 Re8 27.Bd4? White will lose their queen now. 27...Qd6+!! And my opponent resigned. [27...Qc7+ Same idea.] 28.Be5 Rxe5 This how the game could have gone on from Be5 and I will win the queen. 0-1

# Chessnut Air vs DGT Pegasus e-Boards Comparison

By Jeff French, Editor

In the Jan-Feb 2023 issue of *Texas Knights* (see on the TCA website if you missed it), I wrote up a comparison between the **DGT Centaur** and the **Square Off Pro** electronic Chess sets. These were very different boards, where on one you could play online against live opponents (or locally against an AI) and the other was a fully stand-alone set (unless you hacked it). This time both of the boards are very similar in that you can both play online or against an AI, and they are both very similar in size, with the boards coming in at around 13" square with pieces that apply to the smaller boards. This time I will be comparing the **DGT Pegasus** and the **Chessnut Air**.



*Chessnut Air (left) and DGT Pegasus (right)*

**Full disclosure:** like the **DGT Centaur**, I purchased both of these sets used. The **Chessnut Air** even included a carrying case. But when you can get these sets used for 1/2 to 1/4 of the price you would pay for them new, I'm pretty willing to take a chance that they will be in decent working condition. And this time, they were. I did have an issue with the **Chessnut Air** in that an LED started dimming. It was bad enough that it became difficult to see. Instead of returning it, I decided to contact the manufacturer. It ended up being still under warranty, and they sent me a brand new set (pieces and all), and I didn't have to return the old set either. The only issue with **DGT Pegasus** was that the previous owner seemed to use a ball-point pen to push the pieces. On the white pieces, it was evident (with the blue ink dotted here and there). A good washing took care of that (and since the pieces don't have any electronics in them, I was comfortable cleaning them with light soap).

## The Pieces

The kings on both boards are about 3" tall. The pieces on the **DGT Pegasus** are of a modern design. It's still easy to recognize the pieces, but there's definitely some difference between them and a standard *Staunton* design. Like the **DGT Centaur**, the pieces on the **Pegasus** can be replaced with your own just by adding a metallic sticker, as explained in the last electronic board comparison article. I tried a set to which I had added the stickers for the **Centaur**, and they worked flawlessly, although they were, in my opinion, a bit large for the board. But even the king did fit within the square of the board.

The **Chessnut Air** took piece recognition to a whole new level vs all of the other boards reviewed. A *Staunton* design, but instead of just recognizing there is a piece on a square, it also knows the color and type of piece placed there. This also means that they have a chip in them so they can be recognized by the board. So, when setting up positions for solving puzzles, or to evaluate a position, it's an absolute breeze (just put the correct pieces on the squares as needed).

## The Boards

The boards are pretty typical for electronic boards; they both provide a reasonable way to recognize where your opponent has moved. The **DGT** is a bit fancier in the way it provides the feedback; the **Chessnut** works fine. Like most modern boards, there's no more push before you move or when you put down a piece to complete your move. If you are comfortable playing on a standard non-electronic board, these are no different. The controls to turn on the board are on the left side (if you are playing white). They both have coordinates on the boards and indications on each if Bluetooth LE is waiting for a connection from a device. Like the **Square Off Pro**, both have their own apps that handle all of the other functionality, although with the **Chessnut Air**, you can play a game with a friend and capture the moves WITHOUT any app. And then copy a PGN to a device. Which is a nice feature.

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# Tactics Time!

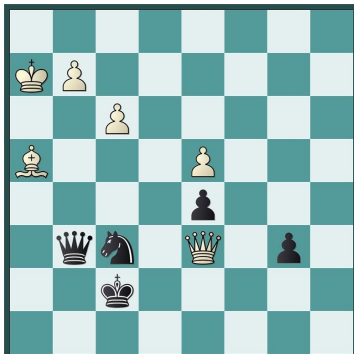
by Tim Brennan

These positions came from games played in Texas (or elsewhere) by at least one Texas Player.

Answers can be found on page 18.



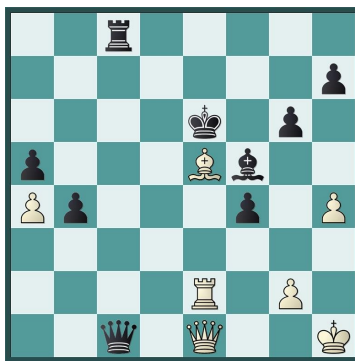
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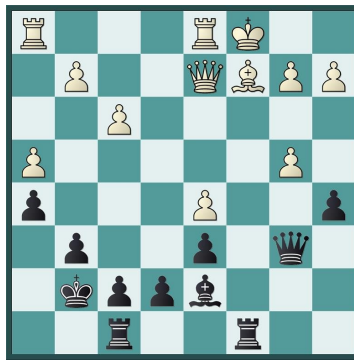
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White to Move



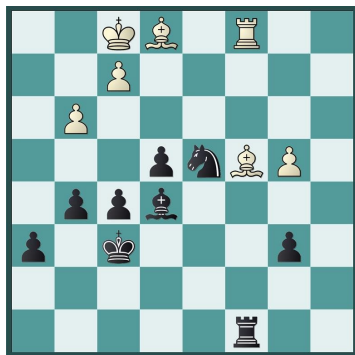
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Southwest Open 2013  
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Southwest Open 2013  
Black to Move



6. G. Margvelashvili-Chris Land  
Southwest Open 2013  
White to Move

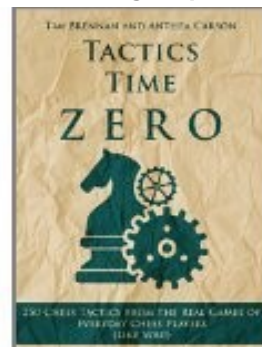


7. Jarod Pamatmat-Bovey Lui  
Southwest Open 2013  
Black to Move



8. K. Ramachandaran-D. Lin  
Southwest Open 2013  
White to Move

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# US CHESS TOP PLAYERS OF TEXAS - September 2023

Regardless of Residence or Federation

<b>Overall</b>		
9	Xiong, Jeffery	2775
13	Onischuk, Alexander	2708
31	Sadorra, Julio C	2651
36	Li, Rui Feng	2637
41	Matviishen, Viktor	2629
43	Dragun, Kamil	2626
44	Stukopin, Andrey	2620
56	Belous, Vladimir	2603
66	Macieja, Bartlomiej	2592
68	Preotu, Razvan	2586
77	Wang, Justin	2576
83	Mista, Aleksander	2564
88	Hernandez, Holden	2560
89	Duque, Sm Raymond D.	2559
94	Root, Douglas D	2551
95	Woodward, Andy Austin	2550
98	Grinberg, Eyal	2544
<b>Age 65 and Over</b>		
9	Bradford, Joseph Mark	2444
63	Hulse, Brian	2200
63	Weaver, Richard	2200
63	Calogridis, Michael S.	2200
63	Simms, Gary	2200
<b>Age 50 and Over</b>		
12	Duque, Sm Raymond D.	2559
13	Root, Douglas D	2551
32	Bradford, Joseph Mark	2444
47	Allicock, Rawle A.	2375
73	Almeida, Alfonso A	2310
98	Feinstein, Michael	2251
<b>Under Age 21</b>		
9	Wang, Justin	2576
14	Woodward, Andy Austin	2550
27	Vivekananthan, Anish	2469
31	Chen, Ryo Wenyu	2457
34	Deviprasath, Sharvesh R	2451
46	Kunka, Harshid	2403
49	Liu, Eric Chang	2396
56	Malicka, Maria	2375
71	Rorrer, Grayson	2343
72	Laddha, Shubh Jayesh	2341
79	Gutla, Aryan	2335
95	Oberoi, Shelev	2312
<b>Age 18</b>		
3	Wang, Justin	2576
13	Rorrer, Grayson	2343
22	Metpally, Jason	2268
36	Kumarappan, Ganesh	2192
38	Zheng, Peter	2177
65	Yellamraju, Ambica	2081
71	Wang, Yanke	2078
75	Dai, George Jingchang	2066
79	George, Isaac	2060
85	Ramesh, Sreenevash	2050
99	Zhu, Harvey	2025
<b>Age 17</b>		
5	Deviprasath, Sharvesh R	2451
10	Oberoi, Shelev	2312
18	Gundam, Rohit	2246
44	Trakru, Rohun	2152
51	Polavaram, Rithik Sai	2132
67	Pullabhotla, Venkata	2074
73	Yang, Benjamin	2043
86	Sathiam, Sarvadh	1998

<b>Age 17 (continued)</b>		
87	Tang, Andrew	1997
100	Miller, Collin Alexander	1974
<b>Age 16</b>		
49	Qin, Kevin	2122
71	Lomakina, Anzhelika	2061
<b>Age 15</b>		
9	Laddha, Shubh Jayesh	2341
18	Nandhakumar, Vaseegaran	2264
23	Gardezi, Arsal	2251
79	Friedman, Andrew Charles	2058
92	Tripulskiy, Mark	2018
97	Raghuraja, Sri Avishkar	2008
<b>Age 14</b>		
5	Kunka, Harshid	2403
6	Gutla, Aryan	2335
24	Melillo, Lucius	2174
31	Hiwale, Ronak	2132
44	Nair, Ajitesh	2075
57	Bist, Atharva	2045
60	Zhang, Eric J	2038
65	Raju, Yakshwag Reddy	2029
66	Dasari, Saathvik	2028
74	Shafer, Logan C	1994
77	Karlseng, Christian	1989
98	Bayyrapu, Mohit Sreejan	1929
<b>Age 13</b>		
1	<b>Woodward, Andy Austin</b>	<b>2550</b>
3	Chen, Ryo Wenyu	2457
4	Liu, Eric Chang	2396
13	Li, Rachael	2246
37	Poliseti, Lohit Krishna Narayana	2063
83	Chang, Luca	1888
84	Thilop, Aarav Nambiar	1887
90	Zhou, Brian Xing	1872
100	Prakash, Nandini	1842
<b>Age 12</b>		
20	Yang, Daniel	2101
31	Meng, Joshua	2038
36	Fang, Elbert	2022
44	Singh, Siddharth	1969
56	Wei, Colin	1925
70	Sunil, Arush	1828
82	Bhangale, Likhith	1802
86	Konstantakos, Christos	1795
98	He, Justin Shandong	1770
<b>Age 11</b>		
12	Wang, Kyle Y	2037
27	Anandh, Vijay Srinivas	1921
36	Yuan, Owen	1840
38	Petukhov, Arthur	1828
43	Kandikayala, Srikar	1804
44	Ramachandran, Advait	1802
44	Shen, Yangyang	1802
69	Krishnan, Anish	1729
70	Wang, Jason	1726
78	Zhang, Alicia S	1708
80	Seelam, Tanish	1692
<b>Age 10</b>		
70	Zhang, Ellery	1695
82	Wu, Zekai Bryson	1641
89	Senapati, Avni	1602

<b>Age 9</b>		
19	Zhang, Oscar Yihang	1834
28	Tendulkar, Ojas	1712
37	Kolli, Rishi	1663
80	Chen, Cary	1410
84	Jackson, Leo Daniel Olivera	1394
87	Zheng, Philip T	1384
89	Sun, Claire	1379
94	Garcia, Kaiser Troy	1355
100	Serikar, Arav	1349
<b>Age 8</b>		
14	Chetlapalli, Vishnu	1770
18	Maddipati, Srihas Sai Sarvesh	1705
19	Yao, Annie	1704
23	Manchanda, Advik	1696
28	Liu, Chloe	1588
29	Rajagopalan, Aadhya Jay	1556
31	Li, Owen	1534
32	Wang, Nathan Zicheng	1530
33	Gurumoorthi, Gurugrahan	1516
34	Zhang, Lawrence	1509
41	Yang, Matthew	1457
54	Baksi, Antariksh	1352
56	He, Julian	1345
61	Bergknoff, Gabriel	1321
72	Kremer, Gregory	1285
77	Patel, Kairav	1258
89	Das, Abhinav	1212
91	Muthiah, Yugan	1203
<b>Age 7 and Under</b>		
28	Iskandarov, Elvin	1305
43	He, Jayden	1166
43	Lan, Kai Zhou	1166
48	Avinashkarthi, Tharun	1149
49	Veretennikov, Benjamin Ryan	1131
72	Li, Stan Siyuan	999
74	Lanka, Aaditya	989
79	Ebizo, Akpax	961
91	Chen, Yiheng Ethan	920
100	Shi, Jiahui	879
<b>Women</b>		
15	Malicka, Maria	2375
24	Nguyen, Emily Quynh	2328
40	Shamatava, Ana	2252
41	Li, Rachael	2246
71	Palmero Martinez, Rachel	2108
80	Yellamraju, Ambica	2081
88	Lomakina, Anzhelika	2061
<b>Women Age 65 and Over</b>		
31	Hardesty, Brenda T	1164
41	Cain, Jo Ellen	762
46	Swafford, Barbara R	314
<b>Women Age 50 and Over</b>		
4	Root, Alexey	2000
27	Kent, Nadia Taylor	1528
37	Stuckert, Elena	1463
58	Kneen, Melanie Anne	1212
64	Hardesty, Brenda T	1164
88	Pulliam, Landra	821
92	Cain, Jo Ellen	762



**Girls Under 21**

3	Malicka, Maria	2375
11	Li, Rachael	2246
30	Yellamraju, Ambica	2081
34	Lomakina, Anzhelika	2061
52	Nguyen, Anh Nhu	2011

**Girls Age 18**

2	Yellamraju, Ambica	2081
7	Nguyen, Anh Nhu	2011
9	Yellamraju, Aparna	1917
24	Tiruvedhula, Saanvi	1656
38	Kao, Simona Y	1470
40	Padilla, Karlee	1457
48	Basepogu, Sarah	1392
55	Aggarwal, Manika	1325
57	Hernandez, Madelyn	1316
64	Balderas, Ana Luisa	1174
71	Dasagi, Aakanksha	1103
77	Williams, Patricia	957
80	Rodriguez, Melissa	913
84	Morales, Rhea	870
85	Bridgeman, Aoife	842
92	Hernandez, Aunica J	669
94	Varanasi, Sriharshita	591

**Girls Age 17**

35	Naidu, Suchitra Ganesh	1475
38	Vasquez, Izabel Amparo	1390
41	Zhang, Taylor Chengyue	1367
49	Hernandez, Sarah	1307
51	Hunt, Vivian	1291
57	Athila, Akshaya	1246
62	Mallick, Lipika	1185
63	Trowbridge, Auria M	1178
67	Velador, Evelyn M	1157
71	Lucero, Amalie	1118
79	Iyer, Madhalasa	1026
80	Parvathaneni, Voshita	1017
81	Cisneros, Anahi	1005
83	Morales, Natalia Aseneth	1003
94	Zermeno, Mia Abigail A	915
96	Garcia, Amalia N	913
97	Talla, Saumya	906

**Girls Age 16**

3	Lomakina, Anzhelika	2061
26	Reddy, Tanvi Chinthagunta	1601
37	Yu, Vicky	1490
59	Shivam, Annika Elizabeth	1278
61	Thornhill, Eowyn	1264
64	Solis, Natalie	1235
68	Asthigiri, Lakshana	1184
72	Adams, Sapphire	1154
76	Nitturi, Rajni	1137
82	Cardin, Maddie Taylor	1092
89	Pullabhotla, Laasya	995
91	Pilla, Ananya Valli	970

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27	Gupta, Sara Sachin	1680

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17	Borse, Tanvi	1644
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28	Duran, Violet	1273
40	Zamarripa, Salma	1135
44	Kuchibhatla, Nitya	1068
45	Nguyen, Suri Ngoc	1055
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16	Senapati, Avni	1602
26	Fu, Elaine	1468
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15	Choi, Nyla	1218
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43	Borse, Anushka	900
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4	Liu, Chloe	1588
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38	Zhao, Lily	892
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83	Banala, Ira Jaya	599
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98	Campos, Noelle	360



## Tactics Time! Answers - Download Now (see page 22)

1. 17.Qa6 threatening Qb7# and Qxa7#. Black cannot stop both
2. 47...Ng4+ discovered attack 48.fxd6 winning the Queen
3. 21.Re4 forking the Queen and Bishop
4. 50.Bxf4+ discovered check winning the Black Queen
5. 19...Bf5! Attacks the pinned bishop.
6. 12.Qe4 hitting the trapped Rook on a8.
7. 44...b5 attacking the pinned bishop.
8. 24.Nh6+ Kh8 25.Nf7+ Kg8 26.Rh8#  
Cover. 38.Rh7+ overloads the Black King 38...Kxh7 39.Qxf6

# chessable

Tactics Time courses are now available by Tim Brennan & Anthea Carson

Tactics Time 1: <https://www.chessable.com/tactics-time-1/course/21108/>

Tactics Time 2: <https://www.chessable.com/tactics-time-2/course/24008/>

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#### The Apps

When it comes to the apps, there is a huge difference in how they work. The **DGT Pegasus** app only supports LiChess.org connectivity and supports both game play, bots, and a local AI. Although the Chess.com app supports the **DGT Pegasus** directly, it seems you can only play live games on Chess.com—no bots, no puzzles, just live games. The **Chessnut Air**, again, goes to the extreme. Along with local AI support, their app actually hosts both Chess.com and LiChess.org from within. So, you can pretty much use the **Chessnut Air** anywhere you see a board on either service. In addition, they have laptop/desktop apps that can be used. I can't speak for the MacOS version, but the Windows version doesn't support Bluetooth LE connectivity, so you must connect the board to a USB port to connect with the Windows application. Also, like the **Square Off Pro**, there are a number of third-party mobile apps that support both boards. In addition, there are also Windows drivers that allow use with *Chessbase*, *Fritz*, *Shredder*, and *LucasChess*. If you wish to use them with another Chess application, there is a UCI driver where

you act as the brains for the driver and can play a driver vs. driver game. I quite enjoyed digging out my old Chessmaster Grandmaster Edition game and trying out the UCI drivers available for each of the boards. They worked very well.

#### Finally

Both boards connect using USB-C for charging. The **Chessnut Air** also has data connectivity for support of the laptop/desktop applications. I use a 5-pin magnetic cable adapter so I can leave the plug in the board and easily connect for charging or using the Windows App. I will say that if I only had a single board to choose from, it would be the **Chessnut Air**. There are also a larger **Chessnut Pro** and others, which you may read about soon in *Texas Knights*. If you have any questions, feel free to email me.

For more info:

#### Chessnut:Air

<https://www.chessnuttech.com/products/chessnut-air>

#### DGT Pegasus

<https://digitalgametechnology.com/products/home-use-e-boards/dgt-pegasus>

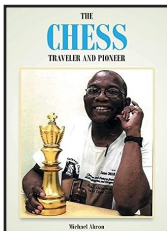


# New Chess Books

By Dr. Alexey Root, WIM

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- Find her books here: <https://amazon.com/author/alexeyroot/>



While earning a chess title, such as grandmaster, is one way to become famous in chess, it is not the only way. Chess feats can be accomplished by non-titled players too. One feat that many US Chess members may dream of is playing a US Chess-rated tournament in each of the fifty states. Michael Abron completed that feat on October 12, 2017, in Anchorage, Alaska.

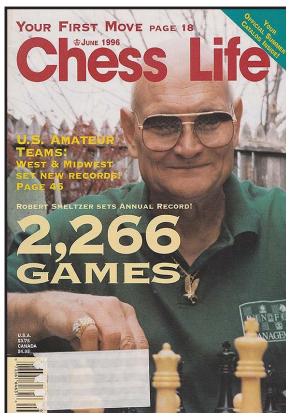
Zachary Kinney recorded Abron's feat in *The Chess Traveler and Pioneer*. Abron is listed as the book's author. Amazon carries the book in Kindle (\$9.99), paperback (\$13.56), and hardback (\$21.57). The book's copyright date is 2021, and its publisher is Covenant Books, Inc.

## Kinney or Abron?

Although Abron is listed as the author of *The Chess Traveler and Pioneer*, it appears that Kinney wrote the book. Kinney writes in the first person about himself. Here is an example: "I next scheduled the pioneer [Abron] to play a rated tournament in Colorado. . . . It was my honor to be part of what the chess pioneer was doing; his sacrifice was for history and posterity."

## Games

Two unannotated games by Abron are part of Kinney's May 2020 *Chess Life* article, which is reproduced in the book. One of those games appears elsewhere in the book, along with two more unannotated games. Those three games are labeled as Games 1, 2, and 3. Perhaps Kinney planned to include more games, as there is a list that begins, "Game 4: Machin Game 5: Rolland Game 6: Abron v. Rosario" and ends with "Game 25: Michael Maloney 1906 v. Mike Abron." But for games 4 through 25, there are no results, diagrams, or notation.



## Memory Lane

Under the "Ratings" header at [uschess.org](http://uschess.org), look up Michael Abron (US Chess ID 11326846) to view crosstables for the tournaments Abron played in all 50 states. On July 19, 2006, Abron played in a rated chess tournament in Texas. Specifically, Abron played in a Dallas Chess Club Wednesday night tournament. The tournament attracted 28 players in two sections. Abron played in the premier (top) section, won by National Master Alexander Chua. Also in the premier section was Robert Smeltzer.

Like Abron, Smeltzer was not a titled player. But Smeltzer accomplished a chess feat that got his photo on the cover of the June 1996 issue of *Chess Life* magazine: Smeltzer played 2,266 US Chess-rated games in one year, 1995. Those were in-person games, not online games. Most of Smeltzer's games were played at the Dallas Chess Club, as the club's rented building was open often and rated games were available several days each week.

While Smeltzer died in 2010, Abron is still playing casual and rated chess games frequently. I met him in July 2023 at the Saint Louis Chess Club and bought his book there. Abron has made St. Louis his home.

While *The Chess Traveler and Pioneer* doesn't teach chess openings, tactics, or strategies, it may inspire you to attempt chess feats, ala Smeltzer and Abron.

## Links relating to the article

Amazon book link: <https://www.amazon.com/Chess-Traveler-Pioneer-Michael-Abron/dp/1644682931>

# Beauty Shops and Bobby Fischer

By LM Robert Harrington

It's constantly amazing how the worldwide nature of chess allows it to pop up in the most unusual places.

In 1992, I was working for Red Lobster in Houston, Texas. One day, on my way home from work, I noticed a business sign that said "Belle's Beauty Salon / Chess Club." On the bottom, it said, "Affiliated with the United States Chess Federation." Of course, I had to stop and check out this combination!

Upon entering, I saw all the normal things you would expect to see at a beauty shop. There were posters of haircut models on the wall, beauty products for sale, and a table with two chess sets and chess clocks!

The owner was a nice lady from the Philippines in her 40s at the time, who said she was the former Philippine women's champion. She had played twice for her country in the Women's Olympiads before moving here to the U.S.

Her name: Ermenia Sechriest. By winning the championship, she had earned the master title.

I let my brother, Steve, know, and we made arrangements to go play her there. We played her and a few Filipino men. They were all good! The men averaged about 1600-1800 strength. I would put Ermenia's rating around 2000+. She let us know that she was very rusty but still loved the game.

**Now here comes the amazing part ...**

"I want to show you something," she said, and she began digging through a bunch of beauty magazines in dusty old boxes. Finally, she said, "Oh, here it is," and Ermenia brought out a photo for me and Steve to look at. It was a photo of the women's Olympiad team that she played on. So, we were looking at a young Ermenia, her teammates — and Bobby Fischer standing there!

She asked us, "Do you know who that is?"

"Yes, ma'am", we said in unison. "Bobby Fischer!!!" A young Bobby. During a visit to the Philippines, Bobby had helped train them briefly. We told her she needed to take care of the photo, and frame it!

We never got a haircut from her, but we enjoyed many battles over the board.

Telling this story to Tom Braunlich, he checked with IM John Donaldson, perhaps the world's greatest expert on Fischer, also has an extensive Fischer photo collection. Could we find Ermenia's photo?

**John Donaldson replied,**

"What a great story! I looked for Ermenia Sechriest on Olimpbase.com and did not find her. However, an Ermenia Cartel played in 1982 on the first board and is almost definitely her. She played in Haifa 1976, the first time Filipino women competed. She would likely have played more Olympiads, but the Philippines did not send women's teams regularly until 1994. Considering she was board one in the two Olympiads in which she competed it seems likely she would have qualified for other teams."

John sent us other information indicating the training with Fischer happened during his visit in 1976, and one article included the above photo. One of his favorite places to go, he was always treated as a hero there.



*We think Ermenia is the lady on the right, named Ermenia Cartel at the time, before ending up in America and acquiring the married name of Sechriest.*

Small world!

## Some Recent Highlights From The Houston Chess Studio

By David Mackey

**Fischer Random Championship:** 37 players registered for this special, unrated, free 'player appreciation' event held on July 29th that Edgar Acosta put on as a thank you for all the support his Poison Pawns Chess Club and The Houston Chess Studio have received since opening just over two years ago. The Fischer Random tournament was a blast! The winner was Ronak Hiwale and so his name gets etched onto the beautiful perpetual plaque. But it turns out everyone was a winner, as Edgar provided not only the free tournament but also free pizza and soft drinks and a free Poison Pawns t-shirt for everyone who played!

**August \$2,500 Championship:** In the top section, GM Steingrimsen won the \$800 first prize (again). Matias Estrada and Leo Zhu got \$385 each as they tied for 1st and 2nd in the U1800 section. Walker Colson walked away with \$300 for winning the U1400 section. It is worth pointing out that first place in each section is always fully guaranteed in The Studio's monthly championship tournaments. The September Championship features an increased prize fund of \$3,000 and prizes for the best U2300 (\$300) and the best U2100 (\$200).

For a cross-table of the August event: <https://www.uschess.org/msa/XtblMain.php?202308060152.0>

**August Scholastic Tournament:** Congrat-

ulations to all 33 participants of the Poison Pawns Chess Club's August Scholastic, held at The Houston Chess Studio on August 12th. Everyone won a medal, plus there were a few extra prizes that are worth mentioning.

The Open Section was very competitive, with three competitors tied for first. Noah James Liu Kalivoda, Jamil Ismailov, and Preash Mayank Vadher each scored 4/5. Aaron Raj won the Moving Up Section, which included a free entry to a future non-scholastic tournament, which he used the very next day for free entry into the Sunday Swiss.

Nathan Figler won a chess set given away by The Chess Armory for the biggest upset. Aaron Raj also took home a personal magnetic set and also a donation from The Chess Armory.

For a cross-table of the event, go to: <https://www.uschess.org/msa/XtblMain.php?202308123012.1>

Every weekend, there is some type of chess tournament at The Studio.

A complete listing of upcoming events at The Studio can be found at: <https://www.kingregistration.com/affiliate/poisonpawns>

So come on! Let's play some chess! At The Studio!

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\* = No Article Associated with Games.

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Game/Tactics Time! Puzzle PGN files are downloadable from the following: <https://bit.ly/3qK7YQB> (or scan the QR Code, at the left, to get URL link). To Learn about how to scan QR Codes, search for "Using QR Codes" in your favorite Search Engine or find a video on YouTube.

The PGN Files are only available for the *Texas Knights* issues during my tenure as Editor. The files that are not in a *year* folder contain all Games and Tactics Time! Puzzles up to and including the current issue.

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**1****Chatterjee,K  
Wang,J**

1.Nf3 d5 2.g3 Nf6 3.Bg2 g6 4.0-0 Bg7 5.c4 c6 6.b3 0-0 7.Bb2 b6 8.d4 A11: English Opening: 1...c6. 8...Bb7 9.Nc3 Nbd7 10.Qd3 White has an edge. 10...Rc8 11.e4 dxe4 12.Nxe4 Nxe4 13.Qxe4 c5N [13...Re8= and Black stays safe.; Predecessor: 13...e6 14.Rad1 Qc7 15.Qe2 Rfe8 16.Rfe1 Rcd8 17.h4 Qc8 18.Qc2 c5 19.dxc5 Bxb2 20.Qxb2 Bxf3 21.Bxf3 Qxc5 1-0 Donchenko,A (2607)-Zysk,R (2404) Bundesliga 1819 Germany 2018 (5.4)] 14.Qxb7+ Nf6 15.dxc5 Nd7 16.Bxg7 Nxc5 17.Qd5 Qxd5 18.cxd5 Kxg7 19.Ne5 Rcd8 20.Rfe1 e6 21.b4 White is clearly winning. 21...Na6 22.Nc6 Rd6 23.dxe6 [Resist 23.Nxa7 exd5 24.Nb5 Rd7] 23...fxe6 24.Rad1 Inhibits Rd2. [Don't do 24.Nxa7 Nxb4 25.Rab1 Nc2] 24...Rxd1 25.Rxd1 Rf7 26.Bf1 Nc7 27.Nxa7 Nd5 28.Nc6 Nc3 29.Rd2 Rc7 30.b5 Ne4 31.Rd4 Ng5 32.Kg2 Inhibits Nf3. 32...Kf6 33.Bc4 Nf7 34.Rf4+ Kg7 35.Bxe6 Nd6 36.a4 Nb7 37.Rd4 Black did not feel at home in the position after the opening. 1-0

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**2****Jagirapu,H  
Brodsky,D**

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 a6 6.f3 e5 7.Nb3 Be6 8.Be3 Be7 9.Qd2 0-0 10.0-0-0 Nbd7 11.g4 b5 12.g5 Nh5 13.Nd5 Bxd5 B90: Sicilian Najdorf: Unusual White 6th moves, 6 Be3 Ng4 and 6 Be3 e5. 14.exd5 f6 The main line 14...f6 scores better than 14...f5. 15.gxf6 Bxf6 The position is equal. 16.Na5 Qe8 17.Nc6 Bd8 18.Nxd8 Qxd8 19.Kb1 Nb6 20.Rg1N [Predecessor: 20.Qf2 Nc4 21.Bc1 Nf4 22.Qe1 Qc7 23.Qe4 Rf7 24.Rg1 Nb6 25.h4 Rc8 26.c3 0-1 Kraemer,M (2579)-Brkic,A (2602) Bundesliga 2223 Germany 2022 (5.6)] 20...Nf4

Wards off Qg2 21.Bxf4 Remove Defender 21...Rxf4 22.Rg4 [22.Qg2 Qf6 23.Qh3 Rxf3 24.Qe6+ Kf8] 22...Qf6 23.Rxf4 Qxf4 24.Qxf4 exf4= Endgame. KRB-KRN 25.Bh3 [25.Re1= remains equal.] 25...Nc4 Black converts the advantage convincingly. 26.Rd4 g5 27.Bf5 [White should play 27.c3] 27...Rf8 28.Bh3 [28.b3 Rxf5 29.bxc4] 28...h5+ 29.Kc1 Ne5 30.Bg2 g4 31.Bh1 Kh7 [31...gxf3? 32.Rd1+; Not 31...Nxf3 32.Bxf3 gxf3 33.Rd3] 32.b3 Kh6 [32...gxf3? loses. 33.Rd1; 32...Nxf3 33.Bxf3 gxf3 34.Rd3] 33.Kd2 gxf3 [And not 33...Nxf3+ 34.Bxf3 gxf3 35.Rd3] 34.Ke1 [34.Re4] 34...Kg5 35.Kf2 Ng4+ 36.Kxf3 Nxh2+ 37.Kf2 f3...Ng4+ is the strong threat. 38.c4 Ng4+ 39.Kg3 h4+ Black mates. 40.Kh3 Nf2+ 41.Kh2 Nxh1 42.Kxh1 f2 0-1

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**3****Daggupati,B  
Farrag,R**

1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 Bf5 4.c4 e6 5.a3 dxc4 6.Bxc4 B12: Caro-Kann: Advance Variation. 6...Qa5+N [Predecessor: 6...c5 7.Nf3 Nc6 1-0 Yorgun,Y (1829)-Yilmaz,S (1474) TUR-chT 2nd League Konya 2022 (1.4)] 7.Nc3 Nd7 8.Nge2 White is slightly better. 8...0-0-0 9.Bd2 And now Nd5! would win. 9...Qc7 10.0-0 h5 11.Rc1 Kb8 [11...Ne7] 12.Nb5! Qb6 [12...Qc8 13.h3] 13.Qa4 Strongly threatening Ba5. 13...cxb5 [13...Qa6 14.Qxa6 bxa6] 14.Bxb5+ a6 [14...Nxe5? 15.Ba5 Ng6 16.Bxb6+] 15.Bxd7 Qxb2? [15...Ne7 16.Ba5 Qxa5] 16.Ba5 b5 17.Bc7+ Discovered Attack 17...Kb7 18.Qa5 Black got outplayed after the opening. 1-0

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**4****Chandran,H  
Schitco,I**

1.Nf3 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.g3 d5 4.Bg2 d4 5.d3 Nc6 6.Bg5 A13: English Opening: 1...e6. [6.0-0 should be considered.] 6...Be7= 7.Bxf6 Bxf6

8.Na3 Black has an edge. 8...Be7N [Predecessor: 8...0-0 9.Nc2 a5 10.b3 Nb4 11.a3 Nxc2+ 12.Qxc2 e5 13.0-0 Bg4 14.Ra2 c6 1-0 Gusev,N-Bronstein,D URS-ch28 Semifinal Odessa 1960] 9.Nc2 e5 10.Nd2 a5 11.b3 h5 12.a3 [12.h4 is more appropriate.] 12...h4! 13.b4 Kf8 14.b5 Nb8 15.0-0 Nd7 16.f4 hxg3 17.hxg3 exf4 18.Rxf4 Bd6 19.Qf1 Nf6 20.Rh4 [20.Ne4] 20...Rhx4 21.gxh4 Qe7 [21...Ng4 22.Bd5 Nf6] 22.Nf3 Prevents Bh2+ [White should play 22.Bf3] 22...Ng4 Black is more active. 23.Ng5 [23.a4] 23...Bh2++ 24.Kh1 Bg3! [Inferior is 24...Be5 25.Bd5=] 25.Nxd4 Bxh4 This pair of bishops is nice. 26.Nh7+ [26.Ne4 is tougher.] 26...Kg8 27.Nf5 [27.Qf4 g5 28.Qf3] 27...Qe5 28.Nxh4 Qh2# 0-1

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**5****Srivatshav,R  
Wang,E**

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.f3 d5 5.a3 Bxc3+ 6.bxc3 0-0 7.e3 b6 8.cxd5 exd5 9.Bd3 c5 10.Ne2 Nc6 11.0-0 Re8 12.Ng3 Bb7 13.Ra2 Rc8 14.Re2 cxd4 E49: Nimzo-Indian: Rubinstein: 5 Bd3 d5 6 a3 Bxc3+ 7 bxc3. 15.cxd4 Na5 16.Qe1 Nc4 The position is equal. 17.Kh1N [17.Nf5 is interesting. 17...Rc7 18.e4 dxe4 19.fxex4 Bc8 20.Nxg7 Qxd4+ 21.Qf2; Predecessor: 17.Qf2 Nd6 18.Bb2 Rc7 19.Rfe1 Rce7 20.a4 Bc6 21.Ba3 Re6 22.Nf5 Nxf5 23.Bxf5 Bxa4 24.Bxe6 Rxe6 1-0 Ott,F (2255)-Wettengel,A (2105) Stuttgart-gaA int Ditzingen 2016 (4)] 17...g6 18.Qf2 Re6 [18...Nd6=] 19.e4 Qf8 20.e5 Nd7 21.f4 Black must now prevent f5. 21...Nxa3? [21...f5 is tougher.] 22.f5+ Rec6 23.Bxa3 Qxa3 24.Bb5? [24.fxg6 f5 25.Qxf5] 24...R6c7? [24...Qe7 25.Qf4 R8c7 26.Bxc6 Rxc6] 25.fxg6 White is clearly winning. 25...fxg6 26.Qf7+ Kh8 27.Bxd7 Black got outplayed after the opening. 1-0

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**6****Oberoi,S  
Zhang,O**

1.e4 c5 2.c3 d5 3.exd5 Qxd5 4.d4 Nc6 5.Nf3 Bg4 6.Be2 Nf6 7.h3 Bh5 8.c4 Qd8 B22: Sicilian: 2 c3. [8...Qd7=] 9.d5 [9.dxc5 Qxd1+ 10.Bxd1 e6=] 9...Bxf3 10.Bxf3 Ne5 White is slightly better. 11.0-0N [Predecessor: 11.Be2 Qd7 12.0-0 e6 13.f4 Ng6 14.dxe6 fxe6 15.Qxd7+ Kxd7 16.Bf3 Kc7 17.Nc3 ½-½ Novikovas,A (1887)-Buivys,M (1788) Panevezys op 20th 2007 (6)] 11...g6 12.Re1 Nxf3+ 13.Qxf3 [13.gxf3 Bg7=] 13...Bg7 14.Nc3 0-0 15.Bg5 Re8 16.Rad1 h6 17.Bh4 g5 [Better is 17...Qd7] 18.Bg3 Qb6 19.Nb5 White is in control. 19...Rac8 Inhibits Bc7. 20.d6 White has more active pieces. [20.Be5] 20...exd6 21.Nxd6 Rxe1+ 22.Rxe1 Rd8 23.Nf5 [23.Qxb7? Rxd6 24.Qxb6 Rxb6+; 23.Nxb7?! Rd7 24.Nd6 Rxd6 25.Bxd6 Qxd6=] 23...Bf8 24.b3 Rd2 [Black should play 24...Re8 25.Re5 Re6] 25.h4 [25.Be5 And now Qc3 would win. 25...Nh7 26.Bc3] 25...Rxa2 [25...Qc6!] 26.Bd6 Bxd6 Black cannot hold the game after this. [26...Qc6] 27.Nxh6+- Kh7? [27...Kg7? 28.hxg5 Bf8 29.Nf5+ Kg6 30.gxf6 Qxf6 31.g4+- (31.Qg4+ Qg5+-) ; 27...Kf8 is tougher.] 28.Qf5+ [28.Qxf6? Bh2+ 29.Kh1 Qxf6+-] 28...Kg7 29.Qxg5+ [29.hxg5 Bc7] 29...Kf8 30.Nf5 White mates. [30.Qxf6? is the wrong capture. 30...Bh2+ 31.Kh1 Qxf6+-] 30...Ne4 31.Qg7+ [31.Rxe4? leads to mate. 31...Ra1+] 31...Ke8 32.Rxe4+ Kd8 33.Qg8+ [33.Qxf7? gets mated. 33...Ra1+] 33...Kc7 34.Qxf7+ Kc6 35.Nxd6 Ra1+ 36.Kh2 Qd8 37.Qd5+ Kc7 38.Qxc5+ Kd7 39.Qb5+ Superbly played by Oberoi! 1-0

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**7****Martins,D  
Gardezi,A**

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Nf6 4.Ng5

d5 5.exd5 Na5 6.Bb5+ c6 7.dxc6 bxc6 8.Bd3 Nd5 C58: Two Knights: 4 Ng5 d5 5 exd5 Na5 sidelines. 9.Nf3 [9.Qh5 g6 10.Nxf7 gxh5] 9...Bd6 10.Nc3 0-0 The position is equal. 11.Be2 f5 12.d3 Qf6N [Predecessor: 12...Nxc3 13.bxc3 e4 14.Nd4 Qf6 15.0-0 Qe5 16.f4 Qe7 17.Kh1 Bd7 18.Rb1 Rad8 1-0 Yu,Y (2709)-Ding,L (2791) Lindores Abbey Final 8 chess24.com INT rapid 2020 (1.15)] 13.Bd2 aiming for Nxd5. 13...Nb7 14.Bf1 [14.0-0=] 14...Bd7 15.Qe2? This costs White the game. [15.Be2= and White stays safe.] 15...Nc5 [15...e4 + 16.dxe4 fxe4] 16.0-0-0 [16.Bg5 Qf7 17.Nd2 (17.Nxe5? Bxe5 18.Nxd5 Bxb2+-) ] 16...Rab8+ 17.Nxd5 cxd5 18.Bg5 Qg6 19.b3 Repels Na4 [19.d4 exd4 20.Rxd4] 19...e4 [19...Na4 20.Bd2 (20.bxa4? Bxa4 21.d4 Rfc8+-) 20...e4 21.dxe4 fxe4] 20.dxe4 fxe4 21.Qd2? [21.Rxd5 is the only way for White. 21...exf3 22.gxf3] 21...exf3 22.gxf3 [22.Qxd5+ Be6 23.Qxd6 Qxg5+ 24.Qd2 fxg2 25.Qxg5 gxh1Q 26.Qxc5] 22...Rf5 [22...Rfc8 (...Nxb3+!) 23.Rg1 Bf5 24.Qxd5+ Be6] 23.Be3 Qf6 [Resist 23...Rxf3 24.Qxd5+ Rf7 25.Qxd6 (25.Bxc5 Bxc5 26.Bc4 Ba3+ 27.Kb1 Bf5) 25...Qxd6 26.Rxd6+-] 24.Bd4 Prevents Qa1+ 24...Be5 25.Bxc5? [25.f4 Bxd4 26.Qxd4 Qxd4 27.Rxd4] 25...Bf4 Pin [Less strong is 25...Rxf3 26.Kb1] 26.Be3 [26.Kb1+ Bxd2 Discovered Attack 27.Rxd2] 26...Qa1# 0-1

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**8****Sunil,A  
Lu,Z**

1.e4 c5 2.c3 Nf6 3.e5 Nd5 4.d4 e6 5.c4 Nb6 6.d5 B22: Sicilian: 2 c3. [6.dxc5 Bxc5 7.Nc3] 6...d6 7.exd6 Bxd6 8.Nf3 Black is slightly better. 8...exd5 9.cxd5 0-0 10.Nc3 N8d7 11.Bd3 Re8+N [Predecessor: 11...Nf6 12.Bg5 Re8+ 13.Be2 h6 14.Bh4 Bf5 15.b3 Bf4 16.g3 Bb8 17.0-0 Bh3 1-0 Lascar,R (1705)-Rossienik,W (1498) Wroclaw op 9th 2014 (5)] 12.Be3 Bf4 [12...c4

13.Be2 Ne5] 13.0-0!= Bxe3 14.fxe3 Rxe3 15.Qd2 Re8 16.Ng5 Discovered Attack 16...Nf6 17.Qc2 h6 [17...g6!= and Black stays safe.] 18.Nge4? [18.Bh7+- Kf8 19.Nxf7 Decoy 19...Kxf7 20.Qg6+ Kf8 21.Rxf6+ Qxf6 22.Rf1 Pin] 18...Nbx5 19.Rad1 [19.Nxd5 Nxd5 20.Qf2] 19...Ne3! 20.Nxf6+ Qxf6 21.Rxf6 Nxc2 22.Rf4 Ne3 23.Re1 Bd7 24.h3 Bc6 25.Re2 [25.Bb5] 25...Nd5 26.Nxd5 Bxd5 27.Rd2 [27.Rc2 was called for.] 27...Bxa2+ 28.b4 Be6 29.bxc5 Red8 30.Rb4 Rd7 31.Kf2 Rad8 aiming for ...a5. 32.g4? [32.Ke3] 32...Rxd3 0-1

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**9****Qin,K  
Mathew,J**

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 Bb4+ 4.Nbd2 0-0 5.g3 d6 6.Bg2 Nbd7 7.0-0 Bxd2 8.Bxd2 e5 9.Qc2 E11: Bogo-Indian. 9...Re8 N [Predecessor: 9...Qe7 10.e4 c5 11.d5 a6 12.a3 b5 13.Ba5 Rb8 14.Nd2 Nb6 15.b4 Bd7 16.bxc5 dxc5 ½-½ Krishna Teja,N (2378)-Sredojevic,I (2304) Arandjelovac GM 3rd 2021 (3)] 10.e4 a5 11.Rfe1 White is slightly better. 11...b6 12.Rad1 Qe7 13.Bc3 Bb7 14.d5 Nc5 15.Nd2 Bc8 16.b3 Bg4 17.f3 Bh5 [17...Bd7 is superior.] 18.a3 h6 19.Ra1 Bg6 20.b4 axb4 21.axb4 Ncd7 22.Ra2 b5 23.Re1 [23.Ra5] 23...Qf8 [23...Rxa2= 24.Qxa2 (24.Rxa2 bxc4 25.Qc1 Nb6=) 24...Nb6] 24.Qb3 Rab8 [24...Rxa2 25.Rxa2 (25.Qxa2 Nb6) 25...Ra8] 25.cxb5 Rxb5 26.Qc4 [26.Ra7] 26...Rb7 27.Ra7 Reb8 28.Bh3 Strongly threatening Rxb7. 28...Nb6! 29.Qc6 Rxa7 30.Rxa7 Ne8 31.g4 Qe7 32.Nf1 Qd7 [32...h5=] 33.Qxd7! Nxd7 34.Ne3 White has strong initiative. 34...Nb6 35.Bf1 Kf8 36.Ra5 Ke7 37.Bb5 Kd8 38.Bc6 Nf6 39.h4 h5 40.g5 Ng8 41.Bb5 White is much more active. [41.Kf2] 41...Ne7 42.Be2 Ra8 [42...f5=] 43.Kf2 [43.Nc4!? Rc8 44.Nxe5 dxe5 45.Bxe5] 43...Nec8 44.Rxa8 Nxa8



45.Ng2 Nab6 46.Ke3 Ne7 47.f4 exf4+ This costs Black the game. [47...f5= and Black is okay.] 48.Nxf4+- c6 49.dxc6 [Don't take 49.Bxg7 cxd5 50.Bf6 (50.Bxh5 Bxh5 51.Nxh5 Ng6+; 50.Nxh5 dxe4 51.Ng3 Nbd5+ 52.Kd4 Nxb4) 50...Bxe4 51.Nxh5 Nd7 52.Bxe7+ Kxe7+; 49.Nxh5 Bxh5 50.Bxh5 g6+] 49...Nxc6 50.Bxh5 [But not 50.Nxh5 Bxh5 51.Bxh5 g6+] 50...Nc4+ 51.Kc2 Bxh5+ 52.Nxh5 Endgame. KBN-KNN 52...g6 53.Nf4 Kd7 54.Nd5 Ke6? [54...Na3 keeps fighting. 55.Kd3 Ne5+ 56.Bxe5 dxe5 57.Nf6+ Kc6] 55.b5 N6a5 [55...N6e5 56.Ba1 Nd7] 56.Bd4? [56.Bxa5 aiming for Bc3. 56...Nxa5 57.Kd3] 56...Nb3? [56...Na3 might work better. 57.b6 Nb5] 57.Kd3 Nba5 58.Kc3 Ne5 59.Nf4+ Kd7 60.Bxe5 dxe5 KN-KN 61.Nd3 Threatens to win with Kb4! 61...Nb7 [61...Kd6 62.Kb4 Nb7] 62.Nxe5+ Ke6 63.Nc4 f5 64.gxf6 Kxf6 65.Kd4 Ke6 66.b6 Kf6 67.Kd5 g5 68.e5+ Kf5 1-0

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Chatterjee,K  
Walmer,B

1.Nf3 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.g3 d5 4.Bg2 Be7 5.0-0 0-0 6.b3 d4 7.e3 c5 8.exd4 cxd4 9.d3 Nc6 10.Re1 Nd7 11.Ba3 A14: English Opening: 1...e6 with b3 by White. 11...a5 12.Bxe7 Qxe7 13.Nbd2 The position is equal. 13...a4N [Predecessor: 13...Nc5 14.Ne4 Bd7 15.Qe2 Rfd8 16.Nxc5 Qxc5 17.a3 Rab8 18.h4 h6 19.Ne5 Be8 ½-½ Jones,G (2647)-Swiercz,D (2636) Atlantic City Millionaire op 2016 (5)] 14.bxa4 Nc5 15.Nb3! Nxa4 [15...h6 feels stronger.] 16.Nfxd4 Nxd4 17.Nxd4 Rd8 18.Nb3 Nb2 19.Qe2 Nxd3 20.Red1 Nb4 21.Rxd8+ Qxd8 22.Rd1 Qf8 23.Qe5 White is more active. 23...Qe7 Wards off Qc7 24.Qd4 Threatens to win with Qd8+. 24...e5 25.Qxe5 Deflection, Back Rank. Black needs to defend precisely. 25...Be6 [25...Kf8! 26.Qd4 Nc6 27.Bxc6 bxc6] 26.Nc5+- Qf6

27.Qxf6 gxf6 28.a4 [Don't take 28.Nxb7 Rxa2 29.h4 f5; White should try 28.Bxb7+- Rxa2 29.Rd8+ Kg7 30.Nxe6+ fxe6 31.c5] 28...Bf5 29.Bxb7 Ra5 30.Nd7 Bxd7 [30...Rxa4 might work better. 31.Nxf6+ Kf8] 31.Rxd7+- Rxa4 Endgame. KRB-KRN [31...Kg7 was worth a try. 32.Bf3 Rxa4] 32.Kg2 [White should play 32.c5+- Ra1+ 33.Kg2] 32...Ra2? [32...Ra5 is tougher. 33.Bf3 Kg7] 33.c5+- White is clearly winning. 33...Rc2 34.Rd4 Rxc5 35.Rxb4 KRB-KR 35...f5 36.Ba6 Kg7 37.Bd3 Rd5 38.Rb3 f4 39.g4 Rg5 40.Kf3 h5 41.h3 Artfully played by Chatterjee. 1-0

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Coraretti,B  
Brodsky,D

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 a6 6.Be2 e5 7.Nb3 Be7 8.Be3 Be6 9.Qd3 B92: Sicilian Najdorf: 6 Be2. 9...0-0 10.0-0 Nc6N [Predecessor: 10...Nbd7 11.Kb1 b5 12.Nd5 Bxd5 13.exd5 Nb6 14.Bf3 Nc4 15.g4 a5 16.Nd2 Nxe3 17.fxe3 ½-½ Kazoks,A (2343) -Teeriaho,T (2330) FIN-LAT email ICCF\_email 2016 [4]] 11.Bg5 [11.Kb1=] 11...Qb6 [11...a5! was preferable.] 12.Qg3 Rfc8 [12...Nd4 feels hotter. 13.Nxd4 exd4 14.Bh6 g6] 13.Bxf6 [13.Kb1=] 13...Bxf6 14.Rxd6 Qb4 [14...a5! 15.a3 (15.Nd5 Bxd5 16.exd5 Be7) 15...a4] 15.Rdd1 Nd4 ...Qxc3! is the strong threat. 16.Bg4! Bxg4 [Don't do 16...Bg5+ 17.Kb1; 16...Nb5 seems wilder. 17.Nd5 Bxd5 18.Rxd5 Qxe4 19.Bxc8 Qxd5 20.Rd1 Qc6] 17.Qxg4 Rxc3! 18.bxc3 Qxc3 19.Nxd4 exd4 [19...Be7? 20.Rd3 (20.Kb1 gets mated. 20...Ba3) 20...Qa1+ 21.Kd2 Qxh1=] 20.e5! Bxe5 Threatens to win with ...Re8. 21.Qf3! White is fighting back 21...Qa1+ 22.Kd2 Qxa2 23.Qxb7 Re8 And now ...Bd6 would win. Really sharp! 24.Ra1? Now White is beyond hope. [24.Qc6= Bf4+ 25.Kd3 Qa3+ 26.c3] 24...Qc4!+

[Not 24...Bf4+ 25.Kd3 Qe6 26.Rhe1 Qf5+ 27.Re4=] 25.Qf3 Dodges Bf4+ 25...d3! Discovered Attack. White is weak on the dark squares 26.Rac1 [26.Qxd3 Qb4+] 26...Bc3+ 27.Kd1 d2 Artfully played by Brodsky. 0-1

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Tineo,B  
Dagupati,B

1.c4 e5 2.Nc3 Nf6 3.g3 c6 4.Bg2 d5 5.cxd5 cxd5 6.d4 A23: English Opening: 1...e5 2 Nc3 Nf6 3 g3 c6. 6...e4 [6...Nc6 7.dxe5 Nxe5 8.Bf4 (8.Bxd5 Nxd5 9.Qxd5 Qxd5=) ] 7.Bg5 Nbd7 8.Qa4 The position is equal. 8...Qb6 9.Rc1 Bxf6 would now be deadly. 9...Qxb2 10.Kd1N [10.Bd2! = keeps the balance. 10...a6 11.Rb1; Predecessor: 10.Nh3 Bb4 11.0-0 Bxc3 12.Bxf6 gxf6 13.Nf4 b5 14.Qb3 Qxb3 15.axb3 Bd2 16.Nxd5 Bxc1 17.Nc7+ Kd8 18.Nxa8 Bb7 19.Rxc1 Bxa8 20.Ra1 Ke7 21.Rxa7 Bd5 0-1 Vogel,C (2026)-Fitzsimons,D (2330) Bunratty Masters op 25th 2018 (3)] 10...Qb4 11.Qxb4 Bxb4 12.Nh3 h6 13.Bd2 Nb6 14.Rf1 Ba3 15.Rb1 0-0 16.Nb5 [White should try 16.f3] 16...Be7 17.Bf4 [17.Nf4] 17...Bd7+- 18.Be5 Ng4 19.Bd6 White is weak on the light squares 19...Rfe8 20.Bxe7 Rxe7 21.Nf4 Nxh2 22.Rh1 Ng4 Hoping for ...Bxb5. 23.Ke1 Bxb5 24.Rxb5 Rc8 aiming for ...Rec7. 25.a4? [25.Nxd5 Nxd5 26.Rxd5] 25...Rec7 (...Rc1+) [25...Nxa4 26.Nxd5 Rd7 27.Rh4 Rc1+ 28.Kd2] 26.Rb1 Black is clearly winning. 26...Rc1+ [26...Nxa4 27.Nxd5 Rc1+ 28.Rxc1 Rxc1+ 29.Kd2 Rxh1 30.Bxh1] 27.Rxc1 Rxc1+ 28.Kd2 Rxh1 29.Bxh1 Nxf2 Endgame. KBN-KNN [And not 29...Nxa4 30.Nxd5 Nxf2 31.Bg2] 30.Bg2 Ng4 [Inferior is 30...Nxa4 31.Nxd5 Nb2 32.Ne3+] 31.a5 Nc4+ 32.Kc3 Nge3 [32...Nxa5? loses. 33.Nxd5 Nf2 34.Ne3+] 33.Nxd5 Nxd5+ 34.Kxc4 Ne3+ 35.Kc5 Nxc2 36.Kd6 Ne3 0-1

More Games →

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**Yang,D**  
**Deviprasath,S**

1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 c5 4.cxd5 cxd4 5.Qa4+ Bd7 6.Qxd4 exd5 7.Qxd5 Nf6 8.Qd1 Nc6 9.Nf3 Bc5 10.e3 Qe7 11.a3 0-0-0 12.Qc2 Kb8 13.Be2! Bb6 D32: Tarrasch Defence: Sidelines and lines without g3. 14.b4 g5 15.Bb2 [15.Nxg5 Rhg8 16.h4 (16.Nxh7? Rxg2 17.Ra2 Be6+) 16...h6=] 15...g4 White is better. 16.Nd2 Ne5 17.Nc4 [17.0-0 feels stronger.] 17...Nxc4= 18.Bxc4 Rc8 19.Qe2N [Predecessor: 19.Qb3 h5 20.Nd5 Nxd5 21.Bxd5 f6 22.a4 Bf5 23.0-0 Bc2 24.Qa2 h4 25.Be6 ½-½ Pomes Marcet,J (2390)-Rodriguez Vargas,O (2440) Platja d'Aro Barcino 1994] 19...h5 20.Nd5 [20.Bb5?] 20...Nxd5 21.Bxh8 Nxe3 22.fxe3 And now Bb2 would win. 22...Rhx8 23.0-0 Bc7 (...Bxh2+!) 24.Rf4 Bxf4 [24...Re8 feels hotter. 25.Raf1 Bxf4 26.Rxf4 f5] 25.exf4 Qxe2 26.Bxe2 Endgame. KRB-KRB 26...Rc8 27.Rd1 Be6 28.Kf2 Rc2 Strongly threatening ...Bc4. 29.Rd3? Now White is beyond hope. [29.Ke1= and White stays safe.] 29...Bc4+ 30.Re3 Kc7 31.Re4 Rxe2+ 32.Rxe2 Bxe2 33.Kxe2 KP-KP 33...Kc6 34.Kd2? [34.Ke3 Kd5 35.b5] 34...Kd5 ...b5 would now be deadly. 35.Kd3 [35.b5 Kc4 36.f5 (36.a4? f5+)] 35...b5 36.Ke3 f6 37.h3 gxh3 Black mates. 38.gxh3 h4 39.Kf3 f5! 40.Ke3 Kc4 41.Kd2 Kd4 42.Ke2 Ke4 0-1

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**Juksta,K**  
**Winchell,B**

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.e3 0-0 5.Bd3 d5 6.a3 Bxc3+ 7.bxc3 c5 8.cxd5 exd5 9.Ne2 Re8 10.f3 Nc6 11.0-0 Be6 E49: Nimzo-Indian: Rubinstein: 5 Bd3 d5 6 a3 Bxc3+ 7 bxc3. 12.Ng3 Qd7 13.Ra2N [Predecessor: 13.a4 cxd4 14.cxd4 h5 15.Ba3 h4 16.Ne2 Bf5 17.Bc1 Bxd3 18.Qxd3 Nb4 19.Qb3 1-0 Hilpert,R (1922)-Koepler,C (1972)

Mittelrhein Verbandsliga-O 1112 Germany 2011 (3)] 13...Ne7 The position is equal. 14.Raf2 Nf5 15.Ne2 Black should prevent e4. 15...cxd4 16.cxd4 Nd6 17.g4 h6 18.Ng3 Rac8 19.h3 Nh7 [19...Nc4= should be considered.] 20.e4! Ng5 21.Kh2 dxe4 22.fxe4 f6 23.Bxg5 fxe5 [23...hxg5 24.e5 fxe5] 24.Bb1! Bc4 25.e5! Bxf1 26.Rxf1 [26.Qxf1 Black must now prevent Qd3. 26...Ne4 27.Nxe4 (27.Bxe4 Qxd4 28.Bxb7 Rb8) 27...Qxd4 28.e6 (28.Ba2+ Kh8)] 26...Rf8! = 27.exd6 Rxf1 28.Qxf1 Qxd6 29.Qd3 Threatens to win with Qh7+. 29...Rc1 30.Qh7+ Kf8 31.Qf5+ [31.Qh8+= Kf7 32.Ba2+ (32.Qh7 Qf4) 32...Kf6 33.Qg8 (33.Qh7? Qf4+) 33...Rc2+ 34.Kh1 Rc1+ 35.Kh2 Rc2+ 36.Kh1 Rc1+ 37.Kh2] 31...Ke7 [Black should try 31...Qf6 32.Qxf6+ gxf6] 32.Qe4+ Kd8 33.Bd3 [33.Qxb7 Qxd4 34.Qb8+ Rc8] 33...Ra1 34.Kg2 Rxa3 35.Nf5 Chess con chili. 35...Ra2+ 36.Be2 [36.Kf3= Qc6 37.d5 (37.Nxg7 Qxe4+ 38.Bxe4 Ra3+ 39.Ke2 b6) ] 36...Qd7 [36...Qc6! 37.d5 Qe8 38.Qxe8+ Kxe8] 37.d5 [37.Qe5=] 37...g6 [37...Qe8 38.Qxe8+ Kxe8] 38.Nd4 White has good play. 38...a6? White leaves nothing to chance now. [38...Qd6= and Black is okay.] 39.Ne6++ [39.Qxg6? Qxd5+ 40.Kg3 Ra3+ 41.Nf3 Qe5+ 42.Kf2 Qe3+ 43.Kf1 Ra1+ 44.Ne1 Qf4+ 45.Kg2 Rxe1+; 39.Qe5 Qe7 40.Ne6+ Kd7] 39...Ke8 40.Nxg5+ [Much less strong is 40.Qxg6+?! Ke7 41.d6+ Qxd6 42.Qh7+ (42.Qg7+ Ke8) 42...Kxe6] 40...Qe7 41.Qxg6+ Kd7 42.Qf5+ Kc7 43.Ne6+ Kb8 [43...Kd6] 44.Qe5+ Ka7 45.d6 Qd7 46.Kf2 Qf7+ [46...Rc2 47.Qe3+ b6] 47.Kg3 Qd4+ is the strong threat. 47...Ra3+ 48.Kg2 And now Qc5+ would win. 48...Ra2 49.Kg1 aiming for Qd4+. 49...Qh7 [49...Qd7 50.Qd4+ Kb8] 50.Qd4+ b6 51.Nf4 [Stronger than 51.d7 Rxe2 52.Kf1 Rh2=] 51...Qd7 52.Qd5 White threatens Bf3 and mate. 52...Ra5 53.Qd4 Ra4 54.Qe5 Ra5 55.Nd5

Qb7 Against Qe7 56.Bf3 Intending Qe7 and mate. 56...Qc6 57.Qe7+ White mates. 57...Kb8 58.Qd8+ Ka7 59.Qe7+ Kb8 60.d7 Qc1+ 61.Kg2 Ra2+ 62.Be2 Rxe2+ 63.Qxe2 Qg5 64.Qe8+ Artfully played by Juksta. 1-0

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**Li,R**  
**Schitco,I**

1.e4 g6 2.d4 Bg7 3.Nc3 d6 4.Nf3 a6 5.a4 Nc6 6.Bc4 B06: Modern Defence. 6...Nf6 7.h3 e6 8.Bg5N The position is equal. [Predecessor: 8.0-0 0-0 9.Be3 b6 10.Qd2 Bb7 11.Bh6 Ne7 12.Bxg7 Kxg7 13.Rfe1 d5 14.exd5 Nxd5 15.Nxd5 exd5 0-1 Villalba,M (2198)-Diaz Hollemaert,N (2398) Sao Paulo Polytechnic 2012 (3)] 8...h6 9.Be3 d5 10.Bd3 Nb4 11.0-0 b6 12.Re1 [12.e5 Nd7 13.a5] 12...Bb7 [12...dxe4= 13.Nxe4 Bb7 14.Nxf6+ Bxf6] 13.exd5 [13.e5 Nd7 14.a5] 13...Nxd3= 14.Qxd3 dxe6 is the strong threat. 14...Nxd5 15.Nxd5 Qxd5 16.Rad1 0-0-0 17.Bf4 Qf5 18.Qxf5 gxf5 19.Ne5 Rhf8 20.a5 bxa5 21.c3 f6 22.Nc4 Bd5 23.Nxa5 Rfe8 24.Rd2 e5 25.Rde2 [25.Bh2=] 25...Rg8 26.dxe5 fxe5 27.Bxe5 Bxe5 28.Rxe5 Bxg2 Strongly threatening ...Be4+. 29.Kh2 Bf3 And now ...Rg2+ would win. 30.Rxf5 Rg2+ 31.Kh1 Ba8 32.f3 Rxb2 33.Nc4 Rc2 34.Ne5 Bd5 Black is more active. [Better is 34...a5 35.Rf6 Bb7] 35.c4 Bb7 36.Nf7 Prevents a5. 36...Rdd2 37.Re8+ Kd7 (...Rc1+) 38.Rd8+ Ke6 39.Rxd2 Rxd2 40.Nxh6 Endgame. KRB-KRN 40...Ra2 41.Rf7 [41.Kg1=] 41...a5 ...a4 would now be deadly. 42.Rxc7 Bxf3+ 43.Kg1 a4 Black has compensation. 44.Ng4 a3 aiming for ...Bxg4. 45.Ra7 Kd6 [45...Kf5! is more appropriate.] 46.Ra5! = Kc7 47.Ne5 [47.Ne3=] 47...Be4 Threatens to win with ...Rg2+. 48.c5? Now White is beyond hope. [48.Kf1] 48...Rg2++ 49.Kf1 a2 50.c6 Rc2 Black mates. [Stronger than 50...Bxc6 51.Nxc6

Rc2 52.Ne5=] 51.Ra7+ Kb6 52.Ra4 Rc1+ 53.Ke2 a1Q [Not 53...a1B 54.Rxe4 Bxe5 55.Rxe5] 54.Rxa1 Rxa1 55.Ke3 Bxc6 56.Kf4 Rh1 57.Kg4 Kc5 58.h4 Be8 59.Nd3+ Kd6 60.Nf4 Ke5 61.Nd3+ Kf6 62.Nf4 Rg1+ 63.Kh3 Bd7+ 64.Kh2 Rg4 65.Ng2 Bc6 0-1

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Srivatshav,R  
Yang,D

1.Nf3 Nf6 2.c4 c5 3.b3 Nc6 4.Bb2 e6 5.e3 d5 6.cxd5 exd5 7.Bb5 Bd7 8.0-0 A13: English Opening: 1...e6. 8...Be7 9.d4 cxd4 10.Nxd4 The position is equal. 10...Nxd4 11.Bxd7+ Qxd7 12.Bxd4 0-0 13.Nc3 Rfd8N [Predecessor: 13...Rac8 14.Rc1 a6 15.Bxf6 Bxf6 16.Nxd5 Be5 17.Nf6+ Bxf6 18.Qxd7 Rxc1 19.Rxc1 Rd8 20.Rc8 g6 21.Rxd8+ Kg7 22.Rc8 h5 23.Qe8 1-0 Zaloznyy,M (2171)-Magallanes,R (2032) Titled Tuesday intern op 19th Jul Late Chess.com INT blitz 2022 (10)] 14.Qf3 Qc6 15.Qg3 Bc5 16.Ne2 Rac1 would now be deadly. 16...Bxd4 17.Nxd4 Qd7 18.Rac1 Rac8 Wards off Rc7 19.h3 a6 20.Qe5 Re8 21.Qf5 Qd8 22.a4 Kf8 23.Rfd1 Kg8 24.Ne2 Rxc1 25.Rxc1 Qd6 26.Qf4 [26.Rc8 was preferable.] 26...Qxf4 27.Nxf4= Endgame. KRN-KRN 27...Kf8 28.g4 [28.Kf1 deserves consideration.] 28...g5 [28...d4!=] 29.Ne2 Rd8 30.Rc7 Rd7 31.Rc8+ Ke7 32.Rb8 Ne8 [32...h5=] 33.Nd4 Rc7 34.Kh2 f6 [34...Nd6] 35.h4 White is more active. 35...Kd7? A mistake that costs the game. [35...gxh4 was worth a try. 36.Kh3 Rd7 37.Kxh4 Kf7] 36.h5!+ Re7 37.Kg2 Rd7 38.b4 Kf7 39.Nf5 Rc7 40.b5 axb5 41.axb5 Rd7 42.b6 Kf8 [42...Ng7 was called for. 43.Nh6+ Ke6] 43.Kf3 Kf7 44.Ke2 Nd6 [44...Ng7 is a better defense. 45.Nh6+ Ke7] 45.Nxd6+ Remove Defender, Deflection 45...Rxd6 46.Rxb7+ KR-KR 46...Ke6 47.h6 Rc6 48.Kd3 Against Rc2 48...Kd6 49.Rf7 White wants to mate with b7. 49...Ke6 50.b7

Rb6 51.Rxh7 White mates. 51...Rb4 52.Rg7 Rb3+ 53.Kc2 1-0

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Hiwale,R  
Rautela,S

1.Nf3 d5 2.g3 Nc6 3.d4 Bf5 4.Bg2 Nb4 5.Na3 e6 6.c3 D02: 1 d4 d5 2 Nf3 sidelines, including 2...Nf6 3 g3 and 2...Nf6 3 Bf4. 6...Nc6 7.Nc2 Be7 8.0-0 The position is equal. 8...Nf6 9.Nce1 h6 10.Nd3 0-0 11.b3 Nb8N [Predecessor: 11...Be4 12.Bb2 a5 13.a4 Re8 14.Rc1 Rb8 15.Nfe5 Nxe5 16.Nxe5 Bxg2 17.Kxg2 Nd7 ½-½ Assaubayeva,B (2381)-Avalyan,A (2395) World of U16 Corum 2019 (9.4)] 12.Bb2 Nbd7 13.Rc1 Ne4 14.c4 c6 15.Nd2 Nd6 16.cxd5 exd5 17.Nf3 Re8 18.e3 a5 19.Nc5 Nxc5 20.dxc5 Ne4 21.Nd4 Bg6 22.Bxe4 Bxe4 23.Qg4 Black must now prevent Nxc6! 23...Bf6 24.a3 Bg6 25.b4 [25.Bc3= was preferable.] 25...h5 26.Qe2 h4 27.Rfd1 Qd7 28.Qf1 [28.Kg2] 28...hxg3+ 29.hxg3 White is weak on the light squares 29...Qg4 Strongly threatening ...axb4. 30.Kg2? This move loses the game for White. [30.bxa5 Be4 31.Bc3] 30...axb4 31.axb4 Be5 A strong pair of Bishops. 32.Kh2 [32.Kg1 might work better.] 32...Ra2 33.Rd2 Bxd4 [Not 33...Bxg3+ 34.fxg3 Re5 35.Qf3 (35.Qf4? Rh5+ 36.Kg1 Qh3++) 35...Rh5+ 36.Kg1=] 34.Rxd4 Be4 35.Bc3 [35.Rxe4+ dxe4 36.Bc3] 35...Qh5+ Black mates. 36.Qh3 Rxf2+ 37.Kg1 Qxh3 38.Kxf2 Qg2+ 39.Ke1 Bf3 40.Rd2 Qg1# 0-1



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Koustav,C  
Moor,N

1.Nf3 d5 2.g3 Nc6 3.d4 Bf5 4.Bg2 Nb4 5.Na3 e6 6.0-0 h5 D02: 1 d4 d5 2 Nf3 sidelines, including 2...Nf6 3 g3 and 2...Nf6 3 Bf4. 7.c3

Nc6 8.Nc2 Be7 The position is equal. 9.h4 Nf6 10.Ng5 Ne4N [Predecessor: 10...0-0 11.Re1 Ne4 12.Nxe4 Bxe4 13.Bxe4 dxe4 14.Ne3 Qd7 15.d5 exd5 16.Qxd5 Qxd5 17.Nxd5 1-0 Timman,J (2522)-Slagboom,L (2270) Spakenburg FishPartners op rapid 2023 (6)] 11.Nxe4 Bxe4 12.f3 Bh7 13.e4 Qd7 14.Ne3 0-0-0 15.b4 Rhg8 [15...g5=] 16.exd5! exd5 17.Kh2 g5! 18.hxg5 Rxg5 19.f4 Rg7 20.Bh3 Pin. White is not keeping still [20.Nxd5 Rdg8 21.Nxe7+ (21.Qxh5? Rxg3 22.Rg1 Rxg2+ Remove Defender, Decoy 23.Rxg2 Rxg2+ 24.Kxg2 Be4+ 25.Kg3 Bxd5+ 21...Nxe7;20.Qxh5!? Kb8 21.f5 (21.Qxd5 Qd6; 21.Nxd5 Bd3++) ] 20...f5 21.Qxh5 Bg6 [21...Rf8!=] 22.Qxf5!! Bxf5 23.Bxf5 Pin 23...Rdg8 24.Bxd7+ Kxd7 25.Nf5 [25.Nxd5 Rxg3 26.b5 R3g4=] 25...Rf7 26.Ne3 Rfg7 27.Rf3 [Worse is 27.Nxd5 Rxg3 28.Ba3 Rg2+ 29.Kh1 Rd2=] 27...Bxb4 28.Nxd5 [And not 28.cxb4 Nxd4 29.Kg2 Nxf3 30.Kxf3 Rxg3+ 31.Kf2 c6=] 28...Be7 Dodges Nf6+ 29.Be3 Na5 30.Bf2 Nc4 31.Re1 Bd8 32.Nb4 Nd6 33.Nd3 Bf6 34.Nc5+ Kc8 35.Ne4 Rh8+ 36.Kg2 Nf5 And now ...Nh4+ would win. 37.Rh1 [Less strong is 37.Nxf6 Nh4+ 38.Kf1 Nxf3] 37...Bh4? [37...Rxh1 was worth a try. 38.Kxh1 Bd8] 38.Ng5!+ White is clearly winning. 38...Bxg5 [38...c6 39.Rd3] 39.Rxh8+ Bd8 40.Kh3 Repels Nh4 40...Nd6 41.g4 Kd7 42.Bh4 Bxh4 43.Kxh4 Endgame. KRR-KRN 43...Re7 44.f5 Re1 45.Rh7+ Kc6 46.Kg5 Ne4+ 47.Kg6 Rg1 48.Rh4 Nd2 49.Rf4 1-0

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Moore,M  
Schitco,I

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 d6 5.d4 Bd7 6.d5 Nce7 C71: Ruy Lopez: Deferred Steinitz Variation, sidelines. 7.Bxd7+ Qxd7 8.c4 h6N The position is equal. [Predecessor: 8...g6 9.Nc3 Bg7 10.0-0 h6 11.b4 f5 12.Ne1 Nf6

13.f3 0-0 14.Nd3 g5 0-1 Pelantakis,M (1939)-Magalakis,S (2030) GRE-ch U20 Trikala 2021 (6) **9.Nc3 f5 10.0-0 Nf6 11.Re1 g6 12.Nd2 Bg7 13.f4 exf4 14.exf5 0-0-0 15.fxg6 Nxc6 16.Nf3 Rde8 17.Rxe8+ Rxe8 18.Qc2 Qg4** And now ...Nh4 would win. **19.Bd2 Nd7 20.Rf1** [20.h3 simplifies 20...Qh5 21.Rf1 Nde5 22.Nxe5 Bxe5 23.Ne2] **20...Nde5 21.Nd4** [21.Nxe5 Bxe5 22.h3 (22.Qe4 Nh4+) 22...Bd4+ 23.Kh1] **21...Nh4 22.Bxf4 Nd3!** Prevents g3. Discovered Attack. Black is more active. **23.Ne6 Bg3** would now be deadly. **23...Bd4+** Deflection. Black has some attack. **24.Kh1?** [24.Nxd4 Nxf4 25.Ne6 Nhxg2 26.Qd1] **24...Nxf4+-** [Resist 24...Rxe6 25.dxe6 Nxf4 26.e7+] **25.Rxf4** [25.h3 is a better chance. **25...Qg3 26.Nxf4**] **25...Qxf4!** **26.Qd1** Prevents Qf1+. [26.Qe2 Qc1+] **26...Qf2** Artfully played by Schitco. 0-1

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**Brodsky,D**  
**Bortolussi,F**

**1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 Nc6 6.Bg5 e6 7.Qd2 a6 8.0-0-0 Bd7 9.Kb1 Nxd4** is now debated instead of 9...Be7. B67: Sicilian: Richter-Rauzer: 7...a6 8 0-0-0 Bd7, lines without 9 f4 Be7. **10.Qxd4 Be7 11.Rg1 Qc7N** The position is equal. [Predecessor: 11...Rc8 12.g4 h6 13.Bd2 e5 14.Qd3 Nxc6 15.Be1 Be6 16.Be2 Qd7 17.Nd5 Bxd5 18.exd5 1-0 Brodsky,D (2493)-Espinosa,P (2288) Washington op 10th Rockville 2023 (3)] **12.g4 b5 13.Be3 0-0 14.g5 Nh5** [14...Ng4!= remains equal.] **15.Be2 g6 16.Bxh5 gxh5** Black is weak on the dark squares **17.Bf4** White is really pushing. **17...Rfd8 18.Bxd6** White is much more active. **18...Bxd6 19.Qxd6 Qb7** [19...Qxd6 20.Rxd6 b4] **20.Qe7+- b4 21.Ne2** [21.Na4 Qc7 22.Rd2 (22.Qxb4 Bxa4 23.Qxa4 Qxh2=; 22.Nc5 Re8) 22...Bxa4+] **21...b3 22.axb3** aiming for Ng3.

**22...a5 23.Nf4** g6 would kill now. **23...a4 24.g6** [Inferior is 24.Nxh5 axb3 25.Nf6+ Kh8 26.cxb3 Deflection (26.Nxd7? too greedy. 26...bxc2+ 27.Kxc2 Rac8+ 28.Kb1 Qxe4+ 29.Ka2 Ra8+ 30.Kb3 Qa4+ 31.Kc3 Rac8+ 32.Nc5 Rxd1+) 26...Qxb3 27.Nxd7 Qa2+ 28.Kc2 Qc4+ 29.Kd2 Qd4+ 30.Ke2 Qxe4+ 31.Kf1 Qc4+ 32.Ke1 (32.Kg2 is a self mate. 32...Qg4+ 33.Kh1 Qf3+ 34.Rg2 Qxd1+ 35.Rg1 Qf3+ 36.Rg2 Ra1#) 32...Qe4+ 33.Kf1 Qc4+ 34.Ke1 (34.Kg2 Qg4+ 35.Kh1 Qf3+ 36.Rg2 Qxd1+ 37.Rg1 Qf3+ 38.Rg2 Ra1#) 34...Qe4+ 35.Kf1=] **24...Rf8 25.gxf7+** Black got outplayed after the opening. 1-0

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**McCrea,R**  
**Daggupati,B**

**1.e4 c5 2.Nc3 Nc6 3.f4 g6 4.Nf3 Bg7 5.a4 b6 6.Bc4 B23:** Closed Sicilian: Lines without g3. 6...e6 **7.d3 Nge7 8.0-0** Black is slightly better. **8...d5N** [Predecessor: 8...Bb7 9.Ng5 d5 10.Ba2 dxe4 11.Ncxe4 h6 12.Nf3 0-0 13.Bc4 Nb4 14.c3 Nbd5 0-1 Gerlach,F (1670)-Gungl,T (1860) Dresden ZMD op-B 21st 2012 (2)] **9.Bb5 0-0 10.Qe1?** [10.Bxc6 Nxc6 11.e5] **10...Nd4+- 11.Nxd4 cxd4 12.Ne2** [12.f5 keeps fighting.] 12...a6 13.Bxa6 Bxa6 14.e5 Nc6 **15.Qf2 f6 16.Nxd4 Nxd4 17.Qxd4 fxe5 18.fxe5 Rxf1+ 19.Kxf1 Qc7 ...Rf8+** would now be deadly. **20.Bf4** [20.Qc3 was worth a try. 20...Rc8 21.Qxc7 Rxc7 22.c3] **20...Qxc2 21.Kg1 Qxd3 22.Qxb6** [22.Qxd3 Bxd3 23.h4] **22...Rf8 23.Qxe6+ Kh8 24.g3 Qd4+ 25.Kg2 Qxb2+** White did not feel at home in the position after the opening. 0-1

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**Sorokin,A**  
**Fus,J**

**1.d4 e6 2.c4 Nf6 3.Nc3 d5 4.cxd5 Nxd5 5.e4 Nxc3 6.bxc3 c5 7.Rb1 Be7** D35: Queen's Gambit Declined: Exchange Variation. **8.Nf3**

**0-0 9.h4!** is currently scoring better than 9.Bc4. **9...b6** The position is equal. **10.h5 h6 11.Rh3 Bb7 12.Bd3 cxd4 13.cxd4 Nc6** [13...Nd7=] **14.Rg3! Kh8!** [14...Nxd4? 15.Bxh6 Bf6 16.Bxg7 Bxg7 17.h6 Nxf3+ 18.Qxf3+ (18.gxf3 Qd4) ] **15.Qd2** And now Rxc7! would win. **15...Rg8** [15...Nxd4? 16.Nxd4 Bg5 17.Qb4+- ] **16.Kf1N** White is more active. [Predecessor: 16.a3 Qd6 17.Bb2 e5 18.dxe5 Qe6 19.Qe2 Bc5 20.Bc4 Qe7 21.Qd2 Rad8 22.Bd5 1-0 Vaishali,R (2454)-Vantika,A (2362) Tata Steel India Rapid (Women) Kolkata 2022 (3)] **16...Qd6** [16...Nxd4? 17.Nxd4 Bh4 18.Rh3+- ; 16...Bg5 17.Nxc5 hxg5] **17.Bb2!** Threatens to win with d5! **17...Nb4** A mistake that costs the game. [17...e5 was worth a try.] **18.Ne5 Raf8 19.d5** Intending Nxf7+! and mate. Black is in trouble. **19...Bg5?** [19...Kh7 is a better chance. 20.Ng6 Nxd3] **20.Rxc5!** White is clearly winning. **20...hxg5 21.Qxg5 f6 22.Ng6+ Kh7 23.Nxf8+ Qxf8 24.Qg6+ Kh8 25.Ba3 a5 26.Bxb4 axb4** Black is weak on the light squares **27.dxe6 e7!** would kill now. **27...Qe8 28.e5 Qxg6 29.Bxc6 1-0**

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**Schitco,I**  
**Fus,J**

**1.c4 e6 2.g3 d5 3.Bg2 d4 4.e3 Nc6 5.Nf3 Bc5 6.0-0 A13:** English Opening: 1...e6. **6...Nge7 7.d3 0-0 8.Na3** The position is equal. **8...dxe3N** [Predecessor: 8...e5 9.exd4 exd4 10.Re1 Ng6 11.Nc2 Bf5 12.h3 h6 13.a3 a5 14.g4 Bd7 15.Bd2 Qf6 16.g5 Qf5 ½-½ Van Wely,L (2644)-Fressinet,L (2652) Clichy Rapid op 2023 (8)] **9.Bxe3 Bxe3 10.fxe3 e5 11.Qe2 e4 12.dxe4 Bg4 13.Rad1 Qc8 14.Qf2 Ng6 15.Rd5 Nce7 16.Rd2 Bxf3 17.Qxf3 Qe6 18.Rfd1 Ne5 19.Qe2 a6 20.b3 g6** [20...Qb6=] **21.Nc2** [21.Nb1] **21...Rae8** [21...N7c6= is more appropriate.] **22.Nd4** [22.Nb4] **22...Qc8** [22...Qb6= was

preferable.] **23.c5 h5 24.Rf1 N7c6 25.h3 Kg7 26.Qf2 f6 27.Kh2 Rf7 28.Qe1 Nd8 29.b4 Ne6 30.h4** [30.Qc1 keeps more tension. **30...Ng5 31.a4 c6 32.Rf4**] **30...Ng4+** A dynamic duo of knights. **31.Kg1 Nf8 32.Bf3 Ne5 33.Qa1 Nc4 34.Re2 Qh3** [34...Ne5 simplifies **35.Bg2 Ng4 36.c6 bxc6 37.Nxc6 Nd7**] **35.Nf5+ gxf5= 36.Rh2 Qxg3+ 37.Rg2 Qxg2+ 38.Kxg2 Nxe3+ 39.Kf2 Nxf1 40.Qxf1 Rd7 41.Qg1+ Kh7 42.exf5 Re5 43.c6 bxc6 44.Qc1 Rd6** [44...Rxf5? **45.Qc2 Rdd5 46.Kg3+**] **45.Qf4** [45.Qc4= **Re7 46.Bxc6** (46.Bxh5 Nd7) ] **45...c5** [Black should play **45...Nd7 46.Bxh5 Re7 47.Bg6+ Kg8**] **46.Qc4** [46.bxc5= **Rxc5 47.Qe4**] **46...Kg7!** ...Rd4 would now be deadly. [46...Rxf5? **47.Qf7+** (47.bxc5 **Rd8=**) **47...Kh8 48.Qxf8+** **Kh7 49.Qc8 Rd2+** **50.Ke3 Rxf3+** **51.Kxf3 cxb4 52.Qxa6+**] **47.bxc5 Rd2+** **48.Kg3?** [48.Kf1] **48...Re3!+** Hoping for ...Nd7. [48...Rxf5 **49.Bxh5 Rdd5 50.Qg4+ Kh6 51.Bf7 Rxc5 52.Qd4**] **49.Kf4** [49.Qxa6 **Nd7 50.Kf4 Red3+**] **49...Red3** Threatens to win with ...Rd4+. **50.Qc1 Nd7!** And now ...Ne5 would win. [50...Rxa2 **51.Ke4** (51.Bxh5? **Ra4+** Skewer; **51.Qc4?** **Rad2+**) **51...Raa3 52.Qg1+ Kh7 53.Be2**] **51.Qg1+ Kf8 52.Be4?** [52.Qg6 **c6 53.Ke4** (53.Qxh5? **Rf2+**) **53...Nxc5+** **54.Kf4**] **52...Rd1 53.Qg2 Rc3 54.Qe2 Rg1 55.Bf3** Repels **Rg4+** [55.Qxh5 **Rf1+** **56.Bf3 Rxf3+** **57.Qxf3 Rxf3+** **58.Kxf3**] **55...Ne5!** [Stronger than **55...Rxc5 56.Qxa6** (56.Bxh5 **Ne5**) **56...Re1 57.Qc8+** **Ke7 58.Bxh5 Rc4+** **59.Kf3=** (59.Kg3 **Re3+** **60.Kf2 Re5=**) ] **56.Qxa6 Rxf3+** Black mates. **57.Ke4 Re1+ 58.Kd5 Rd3+** Artfully played by Fus. [58...Rxf5? **59.Qc8+** **Kf7 60.Qxf5 Rd1+** **61.Ke4 Re1+** **62.Kd4+**] **0-1**

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Escalante,B  
Moore,M

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4

**4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 a6 6.Be3 e5 7.Nf3 Qc7 8.a4 Be7 9.a5 0-0 10.Be2 Nc6** 10...Bd8 is the modern continuation. B90: Sicilian Najdorf: Unusual White 6th moves, 6 Be3 Ng4 and 6 Be3 e5. **11.Bb6 Qb8 12.Nd2 Be6** The position is equal. **13.Nc4 Nxe4N** [Predecessor: **13...Nb4 14.Ne3 Bd8 15.Bxd8 Qxd8 16.Ncd5 Nbxid5 17.exd5 Bd7 18.0-0 Qc7 19.c4 b6 ½-½ Shukh,N** (2418)-Kokarev,D (2576) Privolzhskogo FO-ch Togliatti 2011 (2)] **14.Nxe4 d5 15.Nc5 Bxc5 16.Bxc5** Nb6 would now be deadly. **16...dxc4 17.Bxf8 Qxf8 18.0-0 Qb4** Wards off **Qd2 19.Bf3 Nd4** [19...Rd8 **20.Qe2 Nd4 21.Qxe5 Nxf3+** **22.gxf3 Rd5 23.Qb8+ Qf8 24.Qxf8+** (24.Qxb7? **Rg5+** **25.Kh1 Bd5+**) **24...Kxf8**] **20.c3! Nxf3+** **21.Qxf3 Qxb2** Black cannot hold the game after this. [21...Qe7 keeps fighting.] **22.Rab1** Deflection **22...Qa3 23.Qxb7** [23.Rxb7 **Qxa5 24.Rd1 Re8**] **23...Rf8 24.Qb4 Qxb4 25.Rxb4+** Endgame. KRR-KRB [Stronger than **25.cxb4 Bf5=**] **25...Bd7 26.Rb6** [Weaker is **26.Rxc4 Bb5 27.Rc5 Bxf1 28.Kxf1 f6**] **26...Bb5 27.Rd1** Against **Rd8 27...f6 28.f3 Kf7 29.Rb7+ Kg6 30.Kf2** [Don't play **30.Rd6 Re8 31.Kf2 h5+**] **30...h5 31.h4 Rg8 32.Rd6 Kf5 33.Re7 g5 34.Rf7 Rg6 35.Rh7 gxh4?** [35...e4 **36.hxg5 Kxg5 37.fxe4 h4**] **36.Rxh5+ Rg5 37.Rxg5+ fxd5 38.Rb6** White wants to mate with **Rxb5!** **38...e4 39.Rxb5+!** Promotion. White mates. **39...axb5 40.a6 b4 41.a7 1-0**

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Khanin,S  
Dudin,G

1.d4 Wells,Peter K 1...Nf6 **2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.e3 0-0 5.Bd3 Re8 6.Nf3 d6 7.0-0 Bxc3 8.bxc3 Nc6 9.Nd2 e5 10.f3** E40: Nimzo-Indian: Rubinstein (4 e3): Unusual Black 4th moves. **10...b6 11.Nb3 a5N** [Predecessor: **11...Ne7 12.c5 Ng6 13.cxd6 cxd6 14.e4 h6 15.c4 Ba6 16.Be3 exd4 17.Nxd4 Ne5 ½-½ V Ibragimov,I (2554)-Bologan,V**

(2620) MK Cafe Cup-A Koszalin 1999 (8)] **12.a4** The position is equal. **12...d5 13.cxd5 Nxd5 14.c4 Ndb4 15.d5 Nxd3 16.Qxd3 Nb4 17.Qc3 Ba6 18.Rd1** [18.Nd2= keeps the balance.] **18...c6!** **19.d6 c5!** **20.Ba3 Qd7** [20...Re6 **21.Bxb4** Remove Defender (21.d7 **Re7**) **21...cxb4**] **21.Bxb4!**= **21.cxb4 22.Qc2 Rac8 23.c5 Red8 24.Rac1** Threatens to win with **c6**. **24...Qe6 25.Qe4?** **Qxb3+** **26.cxb6** [26.c6 **f5 27.Qxe5 Rxc6 28.h3 Rxc1 29.Rxc1!** **26...Rb8** [26...Qxa4? **27.Qxe5 Rxc1 28.Rxc1+**] **27.d7 Qe6** [27...Qxa4? **28.Qxe5 h6 29.Ra1+**] **28.Rc6 Bb7?** [28...Rxd7+ **29.Rxe6 Rxd1+** **30.Kf2 fxe6**] **29.Rxe6=** White wants to mate with **Qxb7!** **29...Bxe4 30.Re8+ Rxe8 31.dxe8Q+ Rxe8 32.fxe4** Endgame. **Rd5** would now be deadly. KR-KR **32...Rb8** And now ...f6! would win. **33.Rd5!** **f5** [33...Rxb6? **34.Rd8#**] **34.Rb5** [34.exf5 **Rxb6 35.Rd2 Kf7**] **34...fxe4 35.Kf2 Kf7 36.Ke2** White has compensation. **36...Ke6 37.Kd2 Kd6** [37...h5 deserves consideration.] **38.Kc2! Kc6 39.Kb3** [39.Rxe5?! **Rc8 40.Kb2 Kxb6=**; **39.Rxa5 Rxb6 40.Rxe5**] **39...Ra8** [39...Rxb6 **40.Rxa5** (40.Rxe5 **Ra6=**) **40...Kd6**] **40.b7!**+ Deflection [40.Rxe5 **Kxb6 41.Rxe4 Rd8=**] **40...Rb8 41.Rxa5 Rxb7 42.Rxe5 Rd7** [42...Rf7 keeps fighting. **43.Rxe4** (43.Kxb4 **Rf2**) **43...Rf2 44.Rc4+** (44.Kxb4 **Rb2+** **45.Kc3 Rxd2**; **44.Rxb4 Rxd2 45.h4 Rh2**) **44...Kb6 45.Rxb4+ Ka5**] **43.Rxe4!** [Much less strong is **43.Kxb4?! Rd2**] **43...Rd2 44.Rc4+!** [Don't take **44.Kxb4?! Rxd2 45.h3 h5**] **44...Kb6 45.Rxb4+ Ka5** [45...Kc5 **46.Rb5+ Kc6**] **46.Rb5+ Ka6 47.Rg5 g6 48.Kc4** Prevents **Rd3**. Never resign too early! **1-0**



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**Oct 21 - Celebrating Chess: Scholastic and Open Tournament**  
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**Oct 28 - Austin Grandmaster Chess Academy October Scholastic**  
**Info:** <https://www.austinchestournaments.com/austin-grandmaster-chess-academy-scholastic-october-2023/>

**Oct 28 - Saturday Swiss**  
**Info:** <https://www.kingregistration.com/event/Oct28SatSwiss>

**Oct 28 - West Texas '23 October Open**  
**Info:** <https://new.uschess.org/west-texas-23-october-open>

## NOVEMBER 2023

**Nov 5 - Austin Monthly Scholastic Tournament – November**  
**Info:** <https://www.austinchestournaments.com/aca-austin-monthly-scholastic-tournament-november-2023/>

**Nov 17-19 - 2023 Houston Open Chess Championships**  
**Info:** <https://new.uschess.org/2023-houston-open-chess-championships>

**Nov 17-19 - Turkey Shoot**  
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**Nov 21 - Mardi Quads**  
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**Nov 24-26 - 3rd Annual Forester Open - \$10,000**  
**Info:** <https://new.uschess.org/3rd-annual-forester-open-10000>

**Nov 24-26 - Fall Fide**  
**Info:** <https://new.uschess.org/fall-fide>

## EARLY DECEMBER 2023

**Dec 10 - Austin Monthly Scholastic Tournament – December**  
**Info:** <https://www.austinchestournaments.com/aca-austin-monthly-scholastic-tournament-december-2023/>

## WEEKLY EVENTS

**Sunday Swiss**  
Oct 15, 29  
**Info:** <https://www.kingregistration.com/event/Oct15SunSwiss>

**Tuesday Night Swiss**  
Oct 17, 24  
**Info:** <https://www.kingregistration.com/event/Oct2023TueNightSwiss>

**Poison Pawns Weekly Chess Meetup at Slowpokes**  
Oct 18, 25; Nov 1, 8, 15, 22, 29; Dec 6, 13  
**Info:** <https://poisonpawns.club/>

**UTRGV Thursday Night Quads**  
Oct 19, 26; Nov 2, 9, 16  
**Info:** [https://dkchess.com/main/olreg\\_1](https://dkchess.com/main/olreg_1)

**RCC Weekly Quads (rated U1200)**  
Oct 20, 27; Nov 3, 10, 17, 24; Dec 1, 8, 15  
**Info:** <https://new.uschess.org/rebecca-chess-club-monthly-swiss-over-1200-and-weekly-quads-under-1200>

**RCC Monthly Swiss (rated 1200+)**  
Oct 20, 27; Nov 3, 10, 17, 24; Dec 1, 8, 15  
**Info:** <https://www.rebeccachess.com/otb.html>

**Texas Swiss Tournament**  
Oct 21, 28; Nov 4, 11, 18, 25; Dec 2, 9  
**Info:** <https://new.uschess.org/texas-swiss-tournament>

**PLANO SWISS!! By Texas Chess Center**  
Oct 21, 28; Nov 4, 11, 18, 25; Dec 2, 9  
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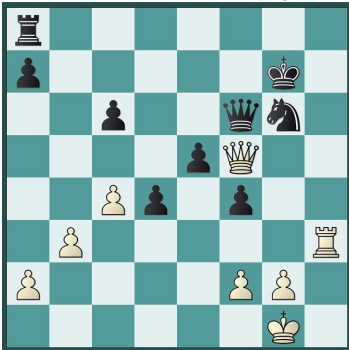
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