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Championship: M Zurabi Javakhadze & GM Julio Sadorra shared the top spot with IM Darwin Yang (photo inside)

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



From the Desk of The Editor

Hello Texas,

It's hard to believe this is my 12th issue already, which means I've been the Editor of *Texas Knights* for two (2) years now. It's been fun thus far and I'm seeing much better participation than in the beginning. I appreciate everyone's contributions.

The **Texas State and Amateur Championship** was held over Memorial Day week-end, and I wanted it included in this issue, unfortunately that means it's getting to you a little bit later in the month than it typically does.

Reminder: The next issue is the one where any candidates planning on running for **Texas Chess Association** President, Vice President, Secretary or Treasurer can introduce themselves and indicate why they should be elected/re-elected. As a candidate, you automatically get 1/2 page free in *Texas Knights* to introduce yourself and your vision for the **TCA**. A photo to accompany you intro is welcome. You are also welcome to purchase additional space at standard advertising rates. I need to have your submissions no later than **July 10th**. Both new candidates and those up for re-election, we need to know if you are a candidate this year and what position you're running for. It's hard to include you on the ballots if we don't know you are running. Even if you don't submit an introduction for publication, we still need to know you are going run. Currently, I only have 1 (new) VP candidate confirmation.

Also: The election will be a little different this year in that we are going to use Internet-based/electronic voting for the first time. You will be sent an email that contains a link that will take you to your ballot. So, it is important that we have a valid email address for you. If we don't have a valid email address (or any email address), a paper ballot will be mailed to you. Below the Treasurer's report (on **page 5**) is information where you can send updated email addresses (you are also welcome to request a paper ballot if you don't wish to vote electronically). For those with family memberships, if we don't have a valid email address for every family member, you will receive multiple emails at the same primary email address associated with your membership. Every email sent to a single email address will have a unique link to a ballot for each family member. You can only vote once using the unique link provided per email. Also, keep in mind that your membership **MUST** be valid at the time that we mail/email ballots which will be between July 15th and July 20th.

Enjoy the 4th of July and be safe. The next issue should arrive around the first week of August.

— **Jeff French**



From the Desk of the TCA President

Hello everyone,

We just concluded the Texas State and Amateur tournament during the Memorial day weekend. Summer is upon us.

TCA recently decided to run a Norm tournament in 2017 coinciding with the SWO. This will be run by TCA with expert advice from Luis Salinas as the organizer.. This will be the first time TCA will be running a Norm tournament. We are looking forward to a wonderful event.

There was a time when one could just pay and become a National Arbiter with FIDE. Somehow I missed that. Recently I had to take a test to qualify and become a NA.

Bids were due for several tournaments. By the time you get the next issue, elections will again be upon us. You all enjoy a wonderful summer.

—Vish

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TCA Treasurer's Report - May 10th, 2016

Income		Expenses	
September memberships	\$70.00	Region 7 – Palacios ISD Chess Sets	\$116.66
October memberships	\$55.00	Texas Knights Sept-Oct 2015	\$899.64
November memberships	\$0.00	Texas Knights Nov-Dec 2015 (includes ad income)	\$762.19
December memberships	\$0.00	Texas Knights Jan-Feb 2016	\$941.49
January memberships	\$35.00	Texas Knights March-Apr 2016	\$966.22
February memberships	\$48.50	2015 Denker Representative - Akshay Malhotra	\$300.00
March memberships	\$72.50	Jeffery Xiong Stipend	\$500.00
April memberships	\$72.50	Barber Qualifier tournament expenses	\$200.00
May memberships (so far)	\$122.50	Total	\$4,686.20
2015 SW Open memberships	\$469.00		
2015 Texas Girls State Championship	\$65.00		
2015 Texas Grade & Collegiate and memberships	\$369.00		
2016 Texas Masters memberships	\$69.00		
2016 Texas Scholastic Championships	\$3,000.00		
2016 Texas Open memberships	\$90.00		
2016 Texas Team memberships	\$150.00		
Region 2 & 3 Scholastic Championships	\$100.00		
Region 5 Scholastic Championships	\$269.00		
Region 6 Scholastic Championships	\$331.00		
Region 7 Scholastic Championships	\$80.00		
Region 8 Scholastic Championships	\$1,000.00		
Smile Amazon Donation	\$18.33		
	Total \$6,486.33	WF checking account balance	\$18,000.58
		BOA checking account balance	\$8,939.12

A Note from the Treasurer

Elections will be held in July-August. A new idea this year is to vote electronically instead of a mailed ballot. If we have your email address, we will send you a link as a way to cast your ballot for TCA candidates. If we don't have your email address, we will send you a ballot to be mailed back.

To make sure we have your email address, send an email to barbrounds@gmail.com. Be sure to include your name.

– Barbara Swafford, Treasurer

TCA Minutes, 2016 Scholastic Championship, 3/5/2016

The meeting was called to order at 8:35.

A motion to approve the minutes from 2015 was made by Eddie Rios, seconded by Edward Guetzow, and the motion carried 6-0.

Vish stated the financial report appears to be in order, and our outlook was good.

Vish said the state of the TCA was optimistic, and the registration count for the current State Scholastic Championship appears to eclipse the previous record of 1780 players, with the current final count pending on this year's event.

A discussion of old business items was started off with some items previously tabled.

The first previously tabled item was regarding ethics violations. Vish read a motion which was written by our lawyer, Michael Simpson, at Vish's request. Summarizing the ensuing discussion, the purpose of this amendment is to provide clarity, because the previous bylaws did not give enough specifics about procedures. A further weakness was there were no actions specified that TCA could take when complaints were found to have merit. This became a problem in a recent issue, where TCA was blocked from enforcing sanctions against an offending party. These specific questions were asked.

Luis Salinas asked for a clarification of who the complaint can be sent to. The answer is it can be sent to any member of the TCA board of directors.

Eddie Rios – “does this amendment dissolve the ethics committee?” Vish answered “no”, and the ensuing discussion was the complaint sent to the TCA board of directors can be adjudicated by the board, or sent to an ethics committee formed by the board.

JJ Guajardo - “Does the executive committee have to have a formal hearing?” – Answer “no”, but the board of directors must consider it. There was some concern that a requirement for a formal hearing might require TCA to pay a lawyer to be present. JJ probed, and the result was that a party can request a formal hearing, but TCA does not have to honor that request.

“May the accused have an attorney present?” This question was tabled, and is related to another issue that was tabled. The concern is about what constitutes a formal hearing. The members present would like to specify TCA could deny the right to have an attorney present, but there was a question of whether or not that was legal.

Luis Salinas – “I don't see an appeals process.” This was decided not to be a major issue.

Vish – “This was born from challenged actions not listed in the bylaws.”

Renate – “Is there a process for escalation.” She suggested tiers. No further discussion of this point, other than a later suggestion of the levels of escalation.

Fernando – “Are we missing a step for a code of conduct?” Vish said we do not have that.

George – “We should reserve the right to modify the terms and process to meet the needs of each individual grievance.”

Eddie – “We want to target every possibility.”

Vish – Motion to modify with “TCA Board of Directors reserves the right to add to, modify, or delete from this article.” The motion carried 5-0 with 3 abstentions.

Luis – Motion to defer the original motion until the Southwest Open pending legal advice. Luis was concerned we added language not vetted through an attorney. The other concern was whether or not TCA could deny parties in the grievance the right to have an attorney present in the meeting, but Vish expressed confidence that we could, citing George’s pronouncement.

Motion 2 – extend from 3 years to 6 years the trial period of the North - South split.

Luis – The original trial period was 3 years to determine if this is working or if adjustments need to be made, but after 3 years we won’t have data. We want data from the 2018 events, but they haven’t been bid yet. The 3 year evaluation would have us review in 2018, when those events had not been held.

George – Whether we have the trial period 6 years or 10 years, we don’t have to have anything that says we have to re-evaluate it, so it doesn’t matter.” Luis agreed this doesn’t prohibit us from waiting 6 years or 3 years or 2 years.

The motion carried 4-0 with 3 abstaining.

Motion 3 – For the South bidding deadline to be moved from July 15 to the following January 15, with the bid to be awarded at the state scholastic.

Luis explained his reason for the motion is to allow time for the South to adjust because the North state event might pick the same date. The South is more flexible because they hold theirs in schools. Moving the date allows the South to know the date for the North before they have to bid.

Eddie asked, and Luis confirmed this is just for the major scholastic events.

Luis said this is based on the opinion the event will be held at a school, but if you want to hold it at the convention center, it will take some time.

The motion carried 5-0 with 2 abstaining.

New Business

Motion 1 – Texas residence questions, bylaw change

“Only Texas residents or students enrolled in secondary or primary schools, including home schools in Texas, may play in this event. In any case, no student can play in 2 different closed state scholastic championships.”

Example was given that a student who live in Louisiana, but enrolled in Texas schools. Some consideration maybe for being in the military. JP recited the example of a student in a RGV school, but lived on the weekends in San Antonio, and wanted to play in the Region 6 event. Discussion centered around where the student goes to school would determine where their residency is. Victor Flores noted students in Texas get a student ID issued by the state. Another point raised by Renate Garcia was there are students who live in Mexico, but go to school in Texas. That should mean they have a student ID.

Other discussions of situations and examples.

Vish noted we don't have to decide this today. The clarification about who physically resides here is not part of the bylaw, but this is the committee decision.

A non-binding straw poll vote was taken, carries 10-0

Motion 2 – committee for Denker and Barbour qualifier decisions

How the denker, barber, and championships is determined.

Victor Flores – “The scholastic committee recommends that TCA let the participants know that a face to face over the board match is preferred for the Barber qualifier, Denker qualifier, or true state champion title, unless both parties prefer to play an online match with a tournament director present at each location. If at least one party wants a face to face match, then TCA will let both parties know to come up with 3 possible locations and dates to where and when they can play and let them agree to it. Once they agree, then the parent will be responsible for showing up. TCA will also take a TD to oversee a face to face match. TCA will impose a 30-day deadline to reach an agreement. Failure to reach an agreement will result in TCA choosing a time and date for the match. The date may be no later than the second week of June. Both parties must agree. The party that doesn't agree to TCA's final decision will have to forfeit the match. In the case of the Barber and Denker qualifier, <inaudible> procedures and tiebreakers.

1. A match of 2 games. Both players have a chance to play white with the Denker or barber time controls. The time control will be 90 minutes per player with a 30 second increment added to each move. There should be a pause of an hour between the match to rest, eat, etc.
2. If the scores are level, then utilize a new match of 2 games, but this time with game/30 and a 5 second delay.
3. The score are still tied after the first tie break, then utilize a new match of game 15 with no delay.
4. If scores are level after the second tiebreak, then utilize a new match of game 5 with no delay.
5. If the scores are still tied after the third tiebreak match, then flip a coin, and let the higher rated player call heads or tails. Whomever wins the coin flip will decide whether he wants to be white or black in an Armageddon tiebreaker match. That is, the player with the white pieces will receive 5 minutes, the player with the black pieces will receive 4 minutes, whereupon after the 60th move, both players receive an increment of 3 seconds starting from move 61. In the case of a draw, the player with the Black pieces will be declared the winner.”

Victor paused his reading of this finding to say they had a tournament like this for the Barber qualifier in the summer, and it went to the second tie breaker.

“Also the Texas scholastic tournament with it being divided into two separate tournaments beginning in 2017, that is the North and South, the scholastic chess committee recommends that the Barber representative be a middle school student, unless no middle school student is interested. If this is the case, then an elementary school student could represent the state of

Texas. Previously in the past, the Barber representative could be an elementary or middle school student. If this criteria remains, we could possibly have 4 players from both the North and the South who could be interested in representing the state. If 4 players are interested, this can be difficult for TCA to determine the representative. Therefore the committee feels a preference should go to the middle school student. Elementary school students will have the chance when they are older and attend middle school.”

Luis explained this is a rule change, because the playoffs are not in the bylaws. The previous rule was the middle school and elementary champions play for the right and this overrides that. This can go into effect immediately. This is going to go into effect starting next year. It is important this clarifies the preference for the face to face match.

Voted 8-0, no abstaining, effective 2017

Motion 3 – Ballot

This motion can only be discussed, because it was not published previously. Vish summarized the very long motion to transition to electronic ballots, with membership provisions. Vish related a story of someone copying the ballots in a previous election, and stuffing the ballot box. It cannot be voted on today. It will be posted in the TCA website and published in Texas Knights.

Tabled, vote was 6-0

Open discussions

Luis said Southwest Open bids were asked to be provided by the end of November, and he has not heard any resolution related to the norm tournament. Vish said it has not been resolved. Luis put in a bid for the DCC to run it, and then another for TCA. The committee was concerned about the amount of money that could be put at risk, but a decision is coming soon.

Luis offered some thoughts on splitting the scholastic state championship into 2 weekends. For example, Primary and Middle School on one weekend, and Elementary and High School on another weekend. If you want to bid that, it should be no more preferred or less preferred than having it on one weekend. Reason – the events are large enough there could be safety concerns, among other concerns. JP mentioned a pre-meeting private discussion that noted that having the primary on a different weekend from the elementary guaranteed turn out and cost recovery for both weekends. Bob Green asked about having it at 2 different locations, and that prompted some discussions about having them on the same day, or other split configurations. Vish suggested we discuss this and make a proposal, because right now it’s just a thought.

JP Hyltin asked for a clarification of the notion of the border counties dividing North and South. Bexar county was a border county. In that case, it means it belongs in the South, and can only host either a South state scholastic championship, or a combined state championship.

Luis moved that we adjourn the meeting.

2016 Texas State and Amateur Championship

The Texas Status and Amateur Championship was held in Fort Worth between May 27th and May 30th. The Championship section had 40 participants. **IM Darwin Yang, GM Julio Sadorra & IM Zurabi Javakhadze** shared the top spot in the Championship section with a score of 5.5/7.0.

Championship Results

#	Name	Rtng	Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd 3	Rd 4	Rd 5	Rd 6	Rd 7	Tot
1	IM Darwin Yang	2580	W29	W6	W17	D9	W2	D5	D3	5.5
2	GM Julio C Sadorra	2666	W32	D4	W20	W3	L1	W19	W5	5.5
3	IM Zurabi Javakhadze	2528	W21	W10	W11	L2	W9	W17	D1	5.5
4	FM Dachev Lin	2357	W14	D2	D12	H---	W25	D9	W20	5.0
5	GM Sahaj Grover	2577	W13	W26	L9	W7	W12	D1	L2	4.5
6	FM Michael Langer	2349	W24	L1	L13	W27	W21	D12	W9	4.5
7	Alexander Wlezien	2173	L17	W14	W37	L5	W24	D10	W19	4.5
8	NM Nicholas Schoonmaker	2219	D27	D31	D21	D10	W11	W16	H---	4.5
9	NM Christopher Toolin	2358	W33	W18	W5	D1	L3	D4	L6	4.0
10	NM Atulya Vaidya	2240	W36	L3	D18	D8	W28	D7	D13	4.0
11	NM Mark W Dejmek	2177	W22	W23	L3	D34	L8	D18	W25	4.0
12	NM Tianming Xie	2195	D28	W39	D4	W24	L5	D6	D15	4.0
13	Tim C Steiner	2084	L5	W35	W6	L17	D20	W26	D10	4.0
14	Jason Metpally	2068	L4	L7	W32	W23	D26	D25	W31	4.0
15	Jakob Infuehr	2111	D23	W38	D34	L19	D18	W31	D12	4.0
16	NM Jack Easton	2176	L18	W33	L24	W39	W22	L8	W28	4.0
17	NM Advait Patel	2465	W7	W25	L1	W13	D19	L3	U---	3.5
18	Logan Wu	2045	W16	L9	D10	D20	D15	D11	D21	3.5
19	NM Howard Zhong	2179	D30	D27	W22	W15	D17	L2	L7	3.5
20	NM Sam Lander Capocyan	2225	H---	W28	L2	D18	D13	W29	L4	3.5
21	NM Robert Sanchez	2075	L3	W36	D8	D26	L6	W35	D18	3.5
22	Ekrem Tamkan	2025	L11	B---	L19	W30	L16	W33	D23	3.5

Championship Results (continued)

#	Name	Rtng	Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd 3	Rd 4	Rd 5	Rd 6	Rd 7	Tot
23	NM Bovey Liu	2272	D15	L11	D39	L14	W37	W30	D22	3.5
24	Robert W Leonard	2061	L6	W29	W16	L12	L7	L28	W35	3.0
25	WFM Devina Devagharan	2139	W37	L17	D27	W31	L4	D14	L11	3.0
26	NM Dion Su	2207	W35	L5	D31	D21	D14	L13	D27	3.0
27	Atreya Vaidya	2034	D8	D19	D25	L6	L29	W38	D26	3.0
28	Christian L Leos	2089	D12	L20	H---	W37	L10	W24	L16	3.0
29	Benjamin Frenkel	2091	L1	L24	W36	D38	W27	L20	D32	3.0
30	Duy Minh Nguyen	2086	D19	L34	D38	L22	W39	L23	W36	3.0
31	Segev Eliezer	2046	D34	D8	D26	L25	W38	L15	L14	2.5
32	WCM Claudia E Muñoz	2096	L2	L37	L14	W33	L35	W40	D29	2.5
33	David R Gaston	2068	L9	L16	D35	L32	W36	L22	W40	2.5
34	NM Jesse James Lozano	2245	D31	W30	D15	D11	U---	U---	U---	2.5
35	Khoa Minh Nguyen	2000	L26	L13	D33	D36	W32	L21	L24	2.0
36	Jonathan F Allen	2028	L10	L21	L29	D35	L33	B---	L30	1.5
37	Camille Y Kao	2002	L25	W32	L7	L28	L23	U---	H---	1.5
38	WCM Priya N Trakru	2011	H---	L15	D30	D29	L31	L27	U---	1.5
39	Leo W Bonnell	2038	H---	L12	D23	L16	L30	U---	U---	1.0
40	Kevin Liu	2021	H---	H---	U---	U---	U---	L32	L33	1.0



Championship: IM Darwin Yang (see front cover photo)
Photo by Barb Swafford



Amateur: Matthew Patterson, Nicole Niemi & Vinh Bui
Photo by Lori Riley

The Amateur Section had 132 participants. **Jason Wawrzaszek** (from Kansas) beat everyone with a score of 6.5/7.0, but was ineligible for the prize. There was a 3-way tie between **Vinh Bui**, **Matthew Patterson** & **Nicole Niemi** (all from Texas). They scored 6.0/7.0 and shared the top prize. For full results go to <http://dallaschess.com/2016TexasState/FinalStandings.HTML>

Top 55 Amateur Results

#	Name	Rtng	Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd 3	Rd 4	Rd 5	Rd 6	Rd 7	Tot
1	Jason Wawrzaszek	1992	W100	W130	W13	W11	W20	D2	W3	6.5
2	Vinh Bui	1933	W35	W47	W58	W32	W33	D1	D6	6.0
3	Matthew Patterson	1796	W97	W46	W12	W23	W34	W22	L1	6.0
4	Nicole Niemi	1903	L81	W111	W95	W79	W43	W33	W15	6.0
5	Velimir Remetir	1968	W17	D56	L14	W37	W25	W68	W20	5.5
6	Peter Mikhail	1879	W88	W71	W73	L33	W38	W26	D2	5.5
7	Ray Yu	1994	W96	D25	L21	X92	W57	W30	W11	5.5
8	Johan Fjeld	1835	W83	W99	W117	L20	D18	W23	W34	5.5
9	Songjie Liu	1952	W110	D61	D56	W47	D32	W21	W22	5.5
10	Navid A Hakim	1948	W112	D94	W61	L21	W59	W32	W24	5.5
11	S M S Chaitanya Eranki	1846	W115	W63	W79	L1	W45	W16	L7	5.0
12	William G Fan	1954	W64	W57	L3	D28	D14	W62	W41	5.0
13	Danny L Hardesty	1814	W107	W72	L1	W74	W19	L15	W42	5.0
14	Baris* Turgut R/E	1731	W123	D23	W5	L22	D12	W72	W54	5.0
15	Michael E Donovan	1883	W74	L50	W78	W35	W58	W13	L4	5.0
16	Utkarsh Kaniyar	1967	D76	W87	W75	W50	D24	L11	W40	5.0
17	Sri Raghuraja	1536	L5	H---	W104	D27	W89	W45	W39	5.0
18	Kai Tsuei	1902	W84	L79	W100	W77	D8	D36	W48	5.0
19	Harvey Zhu	1880	L99	W83	W76	W117	L13	W77	W36	5.0
20	Yue Chu	1916	W78	W49	W38	W8	L1	D24	L5	4.5
21	Venkata Pullabhotla Jr	1774	W119	D27	W7	W10	L26	L9	W60	4.5
22	Francisco Tort	1911	D37	W122	W59	W14	W40	L3	L9	4.5
23	Dang Minh Nguyen	1972	W90	D14	W51	L3	W73	L8	W67	4.5
24	Benjamin Romo	1820	W113	D59	W37	W25	D16	D20	L10	4.5

Top 55 Amateur Results (continued)

#	Name	Rtng	Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd 3	Rd 4	Rd 5	Rd 6	Rd 7	Tot
25	Carlos Deleon	1777	W101	D7	W27	L24	L5	W99	W64	4.5
26	Aadarsh Srivatsav	1961	L59	W104	W63	W56	W21	L6	D28	4.5
27	Curtis Fukuchi	1981	W95	D21	L25	D17	W110	D49	W56	4.5
28	Chengyue She	1778	W127	L92	W112	D12	W81	D39	D26	4.5
29	Michael Kneen	1912	L117	W88	W41	D73	D48	W65	H---	4.5
30	Austin K Yan	1856	D85	D76	D99	W115	W60	L7	W61	4.5
31	Ronald Sanders Jr	1700	L122	W107	D72	W44	H---	W35	H---	4.5
32	Andrew Tang	1853	W114	W65	W77	L2	D9	L10	D49	4.0
33	Wesley Yeung	1820	W111	W41	W92	W6	L2	L4	U---	4.0
34	Rohun Trakru	1970	D75	W105	W67	W68	L3	D40	L8	4.0
35	Srinidhi Kaniyar	1497	L2	W128	W130	L15	W51	L31	W94	4.0
36	Douglas Christian	1469	X---	D68	W53	L40	W106	D18	L19	4.0
37	Kevin Yu	1530	D22	W52	L24	L5	W102	D57	W80	4.0
38	Charles R Davis	1786	W93	W42	L20	W86	L6	D64	D44	4.0
39	Max Huang	1918	W48	L77	W71	D57	W50	D28	L17	4.0
40	Jeff Carter	1808	H---	W44	W60	W36	L22	D34	L16	4.0
41	Alex Cruz	1586	W98	L33	L29	W120	W66	W58	L12	4.0
42	Brandon Fang	1278	W80	L38	W49	L58	W79	W43	L13	4.0
43	Adrian Patterson	1846	W91	L117	W84	W62	L4	L42	W95	4.0
44	Jai Shet	1354	D106	L40	W52	L31	W105	W73	D38	4.0
45	Fred Pennington Jr	1943	W62	L73	W90	W94	L11	L17	W87	4.0
46	Gary Wade Carter	1273	W55	L3	L57	L100	W76	W75	W77	4.0
47	Kendall Black	1691	W124	L2	W91	L9	L62	W111	W83	4.0
48	Vinh Welsh	1557	L39	W97	H---	W102	D29	W80	L18	4.0
49	Abhinav Krothapalli	1691	W128	L20	L42	W76	W111	D27	D32	4.0
50	Hari Chidambaram	1676	W125	W15	H---	L16	L39	W103	D52	4.0
51	Jim Hollingsworth	1800	D66	W82	L23	D72	L35	W112	W78	4.0
52	S A Murathi Eranki	1811	D82	L37	L44	W125	W115	W74	D50	4.0
53	Phillip J Fiorini	1819	D60	W85	L36	D75	D74	D87	W84	4.0
54	Collin Khoi Le	1880	H---	L75	W122	D99	W100	W63	L14	4.0
55	Anh Nhu Nguyen	1778	L46	D113	W82	L81	D114	W88	W72	4.0

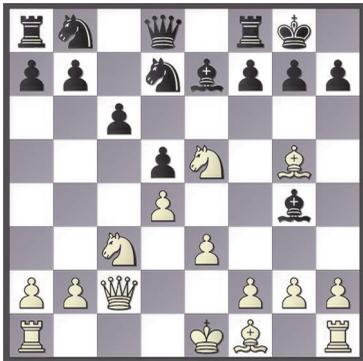
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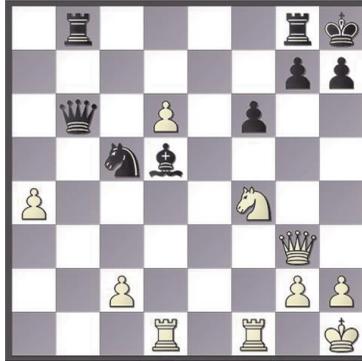


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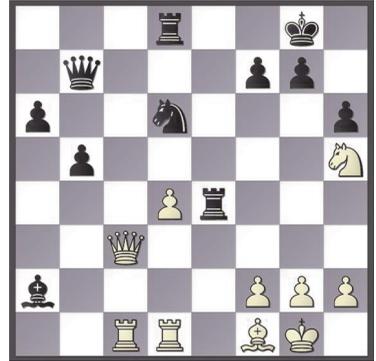
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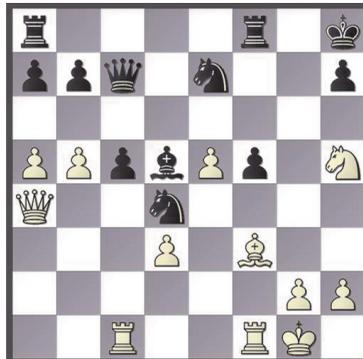
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White to Move



2. David Peng – Joey Kelly
7th Southwest Class 2016
White to Move



3. Michael Feinstein – Chris Toolin
7th Southwest Class 2016
White to Move



4. Federico Garcia – John Dilucci
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White to Move



5. Mason Harry – Jason Chen
Ken Smith Memorial 1999
White to Move



6. Charles Woods – Brad Holtzclaw
Ken Smith Memorial 1999
White to Move

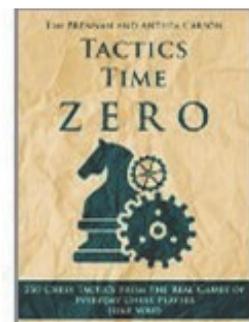


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USCF TOP PLAYERS FOR TEXAS - May, 2016

Regardless of Residence or Federation

Overall			Age 15			Age 10			
6	Onischuk, Alexander	2745	1	Xiong, Jeffery	2723	1	Wang, Justin	2280	
9	Xiong, Jeffery	2723	31	Nguyen, Anthony Quan	2166	7	Trakru, Rohun	1970	
20	Sadorra, Julio C	2666	35	Krishna, Ram	2145	12	Oberoi, Shelev	1915	
22	Zherebukh, Yaroslav	2662	55	Frenkel, Benjamin	2091	18	Kumarappan, Ganesh	1873	
23	Moradiabadi, Elshan	2659	69	Premkumar, Hiren	2039	24	Tang, Andrew	1853	
28	Ramirez, Alejandro	2642	78	Trakru, Priya Nikita	2011	33	Pullabhotta, Venkata Naga, Jr	1774	
30	Gorovets, Andrey	2635	83	Nguyen, Khoa Minh	2000	35	Gundam, Rohit	1758	
35	Macieja, Bartlomiej	2626	93	Weisberg, Mark Layne	1967	66	Casas, Michael	1635	
40	Steingrimsson, Hedinn	2618				92	Yue, Roy H	1556	
44	Li, Ruifeng	2613		Age 14		94	Yellamraju, Ambica	1550	
47	Hevia Alejano, Carlos Antonio	2604	1	Li, Ruifeng	2613	96	Mahajan, Jai	1547	
52	Hernandez, Holden	2597	9	Liu, Bovey	2272	96	Ghuman, Anant	1547	
55	Berczes, David	2583	16	Xie, Tianming	2195	98	Furman, Jessica	1544	
57	Yang, Darwin	2580	24	Devagharan, Devina	2139				
64	Drozdzowski, Kacper	2569	42	Hullahalli, Adarsh	2057		Age 9		
87	Javakhadze, Zurab	2528	44	Kirumaki, Ronit	2052	5	Polavaram, Rithik Sai	2042	
			47	Eliezer, Segev	2046	40	Patil, Vedant	1712	
	Age 65 and Over		61	Yu, Ray	1994	64	Chennuru, Anshu	1581	
2	Bradford, Joseph Mark	2452	63	Palang, Warren Jesse	1986	66	Welsh, Vinh	1557	
35	Crispin, Thomas A	2200	69	Srivatsav, Aadarsh	1961	81	Yang, Benjamin	1491	
35	Simms, Gary	2200	71	Krishnan, Aadarsh	1959	83	Pham, Vinh The	1487	
88	Chase, Stephen M	2054	72	Sonawane, Atharv	1957	90	Ahmed, Kabir	1452	
90	Patteson, B L	2053	77	Kao, Camille Y	1929				
			83	Verma, Ritik	1915		Age 8		
	Age 50 and Over		95	Mohammadi, Sina	1885	9	Capocyan, John Patrick	1717	
21	Bradford, Joseph Mark	2452	100	Reza, Maverick	1869	17	Pathak, Rudransh	1634	
28	Milovanovic, Rade	2416				29	Zhang, Andrew Huangtian kai	1530	
92	Hayward, Keith R	2252		Age 13		29	Yu, Kevin	1530	
			18	Nguyen, Emily Quynh	2183	44	Yang, Kevin	1434	
	Age 21 and Under		40	Liu, Kevin	2021	49	Lau, Ignatius	1418	
1	Xiong, Jeffery	2723	51	Nguyen, Dang Minh	1972	57	Senthil, Arjun	1369	
5	Li, Ruifeng	2613	57	Fan, William G	1954	68	Aakarshan, Kumar	1320	
6	Yang, Darwin	2580	60	Huo, Rannon	1945	74	Podder, Ronit	1302	
7	Drozdzowski, Kacper	2569	68	Wang, Jason	1923	78	Wu, Ethan	1294	
18	Vazquez, Guillermo	2494	69	Huang, Max	1918				
24	Ruiz C, Joshua D	2474	70	Bandi, Rohit Choudary	1916		Age 7 and Under		
56	Lin, Dachev	2357	73	Buergler, Jacob Bede	1913	7	Raghuraja, Sri Avishkar	1536	
68	Chiang, Jonathan	2336	75	Tsuei, Kai	1902	16	Wang, Kellen	1434	
81	Ng, Daniel J	2309	82	Le, Collin Khoi	1880	31	Ma, Dylan	1375	
88	Pamatmat, Jarod John M	2304	90	Gupta, Som	1869	32	Jin, Tony	1372	
			96	Narang, Ijay	1843	33	Miramontes, Luis	1359	
						37	Nguyen, Sebastian Thien	1307	
	Age 18			Age 12		40	Li, Rachael	1284	
4	Ruiz C, Joshua D	2474		7	Gu, Brian Fanyuan	2209	44	Duong, Kevin	1267
11	Ng, Daniel J	2309		31	Prabu, Advait	1996	48	Gao, Tianwen	1223
54	Munoz, Claudia E	2096		38	Balderas, Adolfo Augusto, Jr	1950	53	Sun, Alexander	1210
55	Lu, Tommy	2094		40	Kung, Thomas	1939	54	Mcnutt, Kaitlynn Lee	1206
57	Shao, Andy	2085		41	Hawthorn, Charles	1923	83	Agnihotri, Abhinav A	1071
79	Kaliyur, Rohith	2026		59	Yan, Austin K	1856	87	Jha, Krish	1059
				66	Mao, Andrew Sun-Rong	1834	89	Saka, Tijil	1057
	Age 17			74	Eranki, S A Murathi	1811	100	John, Brody Michael	1019
23	Malhotra, Akshay	2260		92	Niu, Baron T	1780			
27	Han, Curran	2230		94	Deleon, Carlos Daniel	1777			
38	Wlezien, Alexander	2173							
47	Brannon, Joshua Scott	2117							
65	Jacob, Andrew	2053		Age 11			Women Overall		
78	Xiang, Evan	2021	8	Vivekananthan, Anish	2129	10	Danelia, Mariam	2360	
100	Shan, Devan	1964	13	Metpally, Jason	2068	11	Foisor, Sabina-Francesca	2332	
			15	Wang, Yanke	2050	17	Andrenko, Iryna	2300	
	Age 16		19	Vaidya, Atreya	2034	24	Chiang, Sarah	2261	
9	Lin, Dachev	2357	24	Hung, Daniel	2006	39	Nguyen, Emily Quynh	2183	
10	Chiang, Jonathan	2336	27	Hawthorn, Henry	1981	45	Devagharan, Devina	2139	
17	He, Tommy	2275	41	Frutos, Cole Nicholas	1914	55	Munoz, Claudia E	2096	
24	Vaidya, Atulya	2240	43	Mcnutt, William Howard	1907	63	Guerrero Rodriguez, Alejandra	2073	
31	Capocyan, Sam Lander Cabrera	2225	50	Zhu, Harvey	1880	80	Xiang, Evan	2021	
38	Obili, Abhishek Reddy	2193	64	Romo, Benjamin	1820	83	Trakru, Priya Nikita	2011	
62	Nguyen, Duy Minh	2086	64	Yeung, Wesley	1820	85	Root, Alexey Wilhelmina	2002	
67	Hsieh, David	2068	72	Shi, Eric	1796				
76	Nandula, Ram Aditya	2035	83	Nguyen, Anh Nhu	1778		Women Age 65 and Over		
95	Mao, Marcus S	1972	85	Peng, Peter	1768	2	O'Neill, Julia	1812	
			94	Rajaram, Rudransh	1742				

Women Age 50 and Over			Girls Age 14			Girls Age 10 (continued)		
2	Root, Alexey Wilhelmina	2002	2	Devagharan, Devina	2139	53	Delgado, Gisele Josephine	1112
10	O'Neill, Julia	1812	5	Kao, Camille Y	1929	55	Ghatti, Saisneha	1094
42	Hardesty, Brenda T	1366	25	Bao, Yuliang Eunice	1644	61	Aggarwal, Manika	1069
61	Jamison, Helen	1101	26	Zhu, Yining	1606	64	Naidu, Suchitra	1057
67	Lamont, Olga A	989	29	Mitra, Aishwarya	1492	66	Balderas, Ana Luisa	1049
76	Irwin, Marla	822	31	Bhat, Puja Prashant	1458	71	Wu, Alison	1036
Girls Under 21			32	Uppuluri, Sindhuja	1454	73	Gogada, Vimudha	1028
7	Chiang, Sarah	2261	33	Zhao, Vivian	1439	79	Hernandez, Sarah	1002
13	Nguyen, Emily Quynh	2183	43	Mitra, Apsara	1333	85	Babaria, Rajvi Rakesh	968
15	Devagharan, Devina	2139	53	Gonzales, Caitlin A	1254	87	Le, Helen Uyen	957
21	Munoz, Claudia E	2096	62	Tovias, Lauren	1125	96	Muller-Mckinstry, Isabel	928
39	Xiang, Evan	2021	74	Flores, Victoria I	1124	100	Zhang, Mona Wenjie	913
42	Trakru, Priya Nikita	2011	77	Hernandez, Victoria Ann	990	Girls Age 9		
59	Palang, Caissa	1956	78	Voliber, Alyssa	965	5	Chennuru, Anshu	1581
65	Kao, Camille Y	1929	79	Delgado, Victoria E	964	13	Wan, Audrey X	1311
67	Chu, Yue	1916	81	Zhang, Elena	960	15	Pulido, Emma R	1099
70	Ravi, Saisree	1909	83	Cheng, Daisy	944	27	Bandaru, Tanvi	1086
72	Zhao, Annie	1894	98	Babaria, Niyati Rakesh	918	28	Vasquez, Izabel	1046
73	Palakollu, Samritha	1884	100	Chryst, Bailey Hope	742	40	Luo, Helen Hanqi	1009
76	Nguyen, Brittany Mong-Tran	1872	Girls Age 13			46	Duggirala, Bhavyashree	1000
Girls Age 18			3	Nguyen, Emily Quynh	2183	51	Solis, Natalie	979
5	Munoz, Claudia E	2096	28	Cheng, Angela	1584	53	Nava, Abeni Yanira	978
11	Sarna, Kristen Sheila	1785	37	Cedillo Bocanegra, Ana Karen	1493	57	Vijay, Samiya	934
23	Olvera, Georgia	1400	42	Uppuluri, Anuja	1457	79	Nitturi, Rajni	842
35	Perez, Corie	1078	47	Bautista, Ilse V	1385	80	Yong, Tiffany	841
36	Hyde, Sierra R	882	48	Murgulet, Ioana	1373	86	Bhattacharya, Shubhangi	821
42	Ayala, Vanessa N	652	58	Oliveira, Lauren R	1287	89	Lozano, Clarissa Lysette	815
Girls Age 17			62	Solis, Gabriela	1251	91	Macias, Melanie Alejandra	808
6	Xiang, Evan	2021	65	Munoz, Denae L	1214	92	Yeung, Sydney	807
11	Palang, Caissa	1956	66	Vasquez, Angelica	1213	95	Xu, Isabel	799
12	Zhao, Annie	1894	72	Tooley, Bridget Annika	1177	100	Zermeno, Mia A	784
37	Trang, Yvonne U	1235	75	Boren, Isabel	1176	Girls Age 8		
39	Leos, Emily	1221	76	Santana, Sol Celeste	1157	9	Wang, Kalia Yuke	1189
55	Guzman, Vanessa Renee	873	90	Ravichandar, Shreya	1141	10	Jiang, Eileen	1129
58	Alvarez, Anna M	806	92	Young, Ashley	986	16	Jacinto, Gianna G	1061
69	Benitez, Sarai	361	96	Flowers, Ava	982	17	Reddy, Tanvi	1030
Girls Age 16			98	Erabelli, Nithya	956	25	Yeh, Madeline	946
11	Nguyen, Brittany Mong-Tran	1872	98	Miller, Stephanie	929	29	Melgarejo, Paulina	928
17	Venkataraman, Sara	1789	Girls Age 12			30	Uviedo, Violette	925
28	Su, Meiyi	1603	24	Dadwal, Saanvi	1528	32	Chamaria, Vedika	908
30	Brown, Sarah	1534	31	Zhou, Julia	1466	35	Yi, Bella	899
55	Moya, Savannah	1054	35	Manohar, Riya	1431	43	Nair, Pallavi	851
56	Krothapalli, Aneasha	1052	55	Melgarejo, Fernanda	1221	46	Galvez, Azulgris	830
62	Mendez, Brianna A	988	67	Madhugiri, Shruthi	1198	47	Duong, Katie	828
66	Rodriguez, Esmeralda E	910	58	Salinas, Brianna Christina	1155	57	Sandoval, Sofia	785
67	Leone, Terilyn Helen	907	70	Bautista, Reyna	1138	58	Espinosa, Sarah E	764
70	Uhlig, Sarah D	846	77	Garcia, Emily Alexis	1116	64	Nakkala, Sharvi Reddy	743
74	Davila, Priscilla	729	84	Iyer, Ramya	1092	74	Phillips, Madeline A	711
83	Acevedo, Caristen M	483	85	Perera, Dimanthi	1075	76	Iyer, Niyati	700
Girls Age 15			95	Reistle, Jane	1052	83	Salgado, Maricarmen	662
5	Trakru, Priya Nikita	2011	95	Byrapaneni, Siri	999	91	Pirtle, Sarah E	634
8	Palakollu, Samritha	1884	Girls Age 11			95	Martinez, Amber J	614
21	Zheng, Christine	1652	6	Nguyen, Anh Nhu	1778	97	Ham, Emily	606
25	Rodriguez, Dominique	1616	33	Kao, Simona Y	1364	98	Patil, Sneha	601
39	Garza, Ariel Francis	1450	56	Gunukula, Renee	1177	99	Villarreal, Rebecca A	591
41	Salazar, Lilliana	1426	59	Flores, Madelyn	1163	Girls Age 7 and Under		
43	Li, Selena	1405	74	Hernandez, Madelyn	1092	1	<i>Li, Rachael</i>	1284
48	Solis, Crystal Marie	1353	89	Castillo, Isabella Deanda	1039	3	Gao, Tianwen	1223
67	Hernandez, Paola	1168	94	Chitlur, Hitha	974	4	McNutt, Kaitlynn Lee	1206
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81	Cervera, Maria B	994	16	Yellamraju, Aparna	1460	33	Rodriguez, Eleticia Ruby	673
86	Ambrosio, Diana	917	20	Padilla, Karlee	1441	44	Zhang, Sunny	623
90	Walleit, Ammarie Rita	873	36	Wang, Catherine	1250	49	Martinez, Erika Beatriz	607
95	Christensen, Asha Taylor	802	38	Zhang, Alicia	1225	52	Yong, Evelin	601
98	Rodriguez, Monica M	767	39	Si, Sophia	1200	55	John, Ashley Danielle	583
			40	Lu, Maggie	1195	61	Allen, Alanna	560
			50	Patil, Srushti	1125	80	Barajas, Sophia	477
						88	Garcia, Karime A	450

Tactics Time! Answers

Answers:

1. **10.Bxe7 Qxe7 11.Nxg4** wins a piece
 2. **30.Ng6+ hxg6 31.Qh4#**
 3. **30.Qa5** forks the bishop and rook. Variation from the game.
 4. **29.Qxd4** wins a piece. The c-pawn is pinned. Variation from the game.
 5. **15.Bb5+ Nd7 16.Bxd7+ Qxd7 17.Qxa8+**
 6. **8.Nxe5** and black cannot recapture because of **9.Bxf7** overloading the black king. **9...Kxf7 10.Qxd8**
 7. **9.b4** traps the bishop. Black's best option is to trade a piece for two pawns, **9...Bxb4 10.cxb4 Qxb4+**
 8. **24....Bh6+** skewers the king and rook.
- Cover. 15.Ra1** traps the queen.

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Jim Hollingsworth - Chess Veteran



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I pretty much always send out requests for photos of recent tournaments for Texas Knights (so we don't just have details and we can put a face with some of the results). This time I received not only a photo but some information about an Army Veteran named Jim Hollingsworth. It just seems appropriate to include this, since the latest tournament was held over Memorial Day week-end and Jim actually played in the tournament. So hats off to Jim and all of our Veterans that allows us to freely play Chess (as-well-as virtually all other activities we regularly enjoy). Thank You!!!

- Was taught chess at age 13 by cousin.
- Directed first chess tournament at Fort Sill, Oklahoma in 1978.
- Played in the All Army Chess Championship (1983, 1989, 1991, 2006, 2007).
- Army Chess Team Member (1989).
- Achieved an expert rating, 2004, while serving in South Korea (1988).
- Left the Army in 1992 and continued directing and playing in chess tournaments.
- Reactivated by the Army in 2005.
- Fort Bragg Chess Co-Champion (2006).
- Fort Bragg Chess Champion (2007).
- Retired from the Army (2012).

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RRSO XIV best RRSO Ever

By John De Vries



If Oklahoma is the Number One RRSO chess team can Texas be far behind? I made the 215 mile trip (one way) to play two games of chess in the 14th "Red River Shootout" held on April 16, 2016, in Davis, Oklahoma. It was a very close match. At one point Oklahoma led by five points. Then Texas came roaring back to knot the halftime score at 8-1/2 to 8-1/2. In the second half, one team would grab the lead by one. Then the score was tied. Then the other team went ahead. It was that kind of day. It was that kind of match. Nothing was decided until Russ Heise (from Springtown) secured a draw in the last game on Board Seven. 17 to 17 was the final score and Oklahoma retained the crown (and bragging rights) for another year.

As all serious chess players know, the REAL "Red River Shootout" is a series of annual team matches between the most fanatical chess players in Oklahoma and Texas. Each team ranks their players by United States Chess Federation rating and every person on each team plays two games (one with the Black pieces and one with the White pieces) against an opponent with a similar rating. Each

team is awarded one point for every chess game victory and ½ point for every draw. At the end, the team with the most points wins.

Prior to the 2016 slugfest (a 17-17 tie), Texas had won nine matches and Oklahoma had won four. For RRSO XIV, Oklahoma was the defending Champion. The rules stipulate the winning team keeps the coveted "Traveling Trophy" for one year and retains custody of the trophy for one more year if the match ends in a tie. Because RRSO XIV was tied Oklahoma keeps the trophy and bragging rights for at least another year.

This was my second exposure to RRSO chess. I played long ago in 2006 (RRSO IV) and lost one game and drew one game. The 2006 event was held in southern Oklahoma and I really enjoyed myself. The distance kept me from participating in subsequent Red River Chess Shootouts, but I developed a recent Facebook friendship with Jim Hollingsworth, the Texas Chess Team Captain. I eventually promised him I would participate. I always want to meet chess players from other states!

The anointed day came and I found myself paired with Tommy Hay, an affable "1300 something" player from Oklahoma City. Like me, Tommy is a tournament chess player with generally ordinary skill – he will always beat a beginner chess player, but he is in "the middle of the pack" compared to persons who regularly play in chess tournaments.

I played Black and lost our first game. Tommy's kingside attack created a lot of pressure. In the second I got revenge! But it was a tough win. Tommy plays like Tigran Petrosian (a Russian World Champion during the Bobby Fischer era). And even if you have the advantage, playing him is like trying to wrestle a crocodile in a deep swamp. After our match, I left Oklahoma with a 1-1 score and a grateful and congenial frame of mind. I made a new friend and my rating was no lower than it was when the day started.

I learned several things at RRSO XIV. First, I LIKE team chess events (each player on a team plays two games or four games against the same opponent with a similar rating). Why can't we have regular regional rated chess matches? Perhaps the Tarrant County Chess Club could play the Waco Chess Club, or the Temple (TX) Chess Club could play the Waco Chess Club. Why is the Texas vs Oklahoma Red River Shootout chess event limited to only one encounter per year? I would love to see Texas play Oklahoma every six months!

Second, the event was graced by Jim Holingsworth's matchless chess photography. He even managed to make this writer (me) look semi presentable as I sat at a chess board and considered a move! Jim says his idol is the late Nigel Eddis who was universally recognized as the top chess photographer in the country. Jim also served as organizer/team captain for the Texas chess team.

Third, the distance is not too large a sacrifice for Waco chess players, even though I "only" played two games. It was a wonderful experience, and my community of chess players expanded!

I hope that the Texas vs Oklahoma "Red River Shootout" continues for at least twenty more years. If I am lucky, I will participate at least ten more times. This would enlarge my circle of friends, further cement my love for chess, and help me live past 85! RRSO is unlike any other chess event in the USA and my presence on the Texas player roster was a great blessing to me!

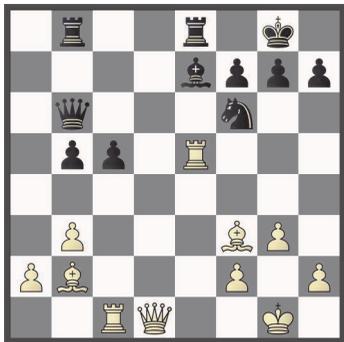
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**Pairings and Results followed by some games starts below.*

OKLAHOMA	From	USCF	Rd-1	Rd-2	USCF	TEXAS	From
1 Mark Hulsey	Edmond	2225->2225	=	=	2219->2219	Nik Schoonmaker	Ft Worth
2 Jamal El Chamiah	Lawton	2149->2120	TX	- TX	2115->2137	Zach Haskin	Belford
3 Tom Patton	Enid	2117->2111	OK	- TX	2014->2021	Josh Turin	Allen
4 Chuck Johnson	Tulsa	2024->2030	=	-- OK	1924->1918	Aurel Gonzalez	Watauga
5 Jim Berry	Stillwater	1918->1910	TX	-- OK	1809->1819	Phil Fiorini	Grand Paririe
6 Shaun Graham	Okla City	1851->1861	=	- OK	1798-> 1787	Danny Dunn	Ft Worth
7 Mike Tubbs	Lawton	1801->1800	=	=	1660->1674	Russ Heise	Springtown
8 Florian Helff	Norman	1725->1740	OK	--	1658->1648	Chris Johnson	Lewisville
9 Jared Ellis	Marlow	1695->1674	TX	--	1648->1668	Jim Edmunds	Burleson
10 Roger Baxter	Okla City	1626->1584	TX	- TX	1543->1589	Zach Graber	Keller
11 Bruce Wells	Ardmore	1520->1528	=	-- OK	1416->1407	Tom Crane	Richland Hills
12 Shane Stonehocker	Lawton	1397->1435	OK	- OK	1378->1379	Dan Henson	Haslet
13 Tommy Hay	Okla City	1271->1280	OK	- TX	1339->1331	John De Vries	Waco
14 Curtis Williams	Okla City	1487->1461	TX	- TX	1612->1635	Lee Trawick	Irving
15 Josh Riesenber	Norman	1100->1150	OK	- TX	1308->1307	Adam Hart	Irving
16 Ken Ray Chidester	Moore	818->823	TX	--	1058-> 1053	Chris Wood	Arlington
17 Rebecca Rutledge	Okla City	684->734	OK	- OK	371->366	Ben Kemna	Shady Shores
board average rating:		1613		17 - 17	1585		

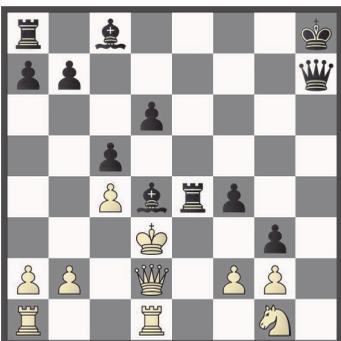
**Haskin,Zach (2126) –
El Chamieh,J (2135) [A46]**
RRSO # 14 (2.2), 16.04.2016

1.d4 Nf6 2.Nf3 e6 3.g3 Be7 4.Bg2 0-0
5.0-0 d6 6.b3 c5 7.Bb2 Nc6 8.c4 Qc7
9.Nc3 a6 10.Rc1 Rb8 11.e4 b5
12.cxb5 axb5 13.Re1 Qb6 14.d5 Nd4
15.e5 Nxf3+ 16.Bxf3 dxe5 17.dxe6
Bxe6 18.Rxe5 Nd7 19.Nd5 Bxd5
20.Rxd5 Nf6 21.Re5 Rfe8 [and black
resigned on move 57] 1-0



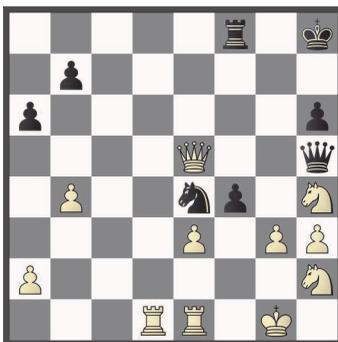
**El Chamieh,Jamal (2135) –
Haskin,Zach (2126) [E61]**
RRSO # 14 (1.2), 16.04.2016

1.d4 Nf6 2.Nf3 g6 3.c4 Bg7 4.Nc3 0-0
5.Bf4 d6 6.e3 Nfd7 7.h3 Nc6 8.Be2 e5
9.Bh2 f5 10.0-0 g5 11.Qd2 h5
12.Rfd1 g4 13.hxg4 hxg4 14.Ne1
exd4 15.exd4 Nxd4 16.Bf4 Nc5
17.Bd3 Nce6 18.Bh6 Qh4 19.Be3 f4
20.Bxd4 Nxd4 21.Be4 c5 22.Ne2 g3
23.Bd5+ Kh8 24.Nf3 Nxf3+ 25.Bxf3
Qh2+ 26.Kf1 Qh1+ 27.Ng1 Bd4
28.Ke2 Re8+ 29.Be4 [29.Kf1 Bf5]
29...Rxe4+ 30.Kd3 Qh7 [30...Bf5] 0-1



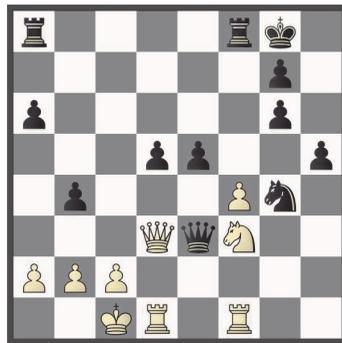
**Turin,Josh (2018) –
Patton,Tom (2115) [C72]**
RRSO # 14 (2.3), 16.04.2016

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 d6
5.0-0 Nge7 6.c3 Ng6 7.d4 Bd7 8.Bg5
Be7 9.Bxe7 Qxe7 10.d5 Nb8 11.Nbd2
0-0 12.Bxd7 Nxd7 13.Re1 Qf6 14.Nf1
Ne7 15.Ng3 g6 16.Qd2 Qg7 17.b4 h6
18.c4 f5 19.exf5 gxf5 20.c5 Nf6
21.Qc2 Nfxd5 22.Rad1 Kh8 23.Qc4
Qg4 24.Qc1 f4 25.Qc4 Nf6 26.h3 Qg7
27.cxd6 cxd6 28.Nf1 Rad8 29.Qe6 e4
30.Nh4 d5 31.Nh2 Qf7 32.Qxe7 Qh5
33.g3 Rde8 34.Qd6 e3 35.fxe3 Ne4
36.Qxd5 Re5 37.Qxe5+ [37.Qxe5+
Qxe5 38.Ng6+ Kg7 39.Nxe5] 1-0



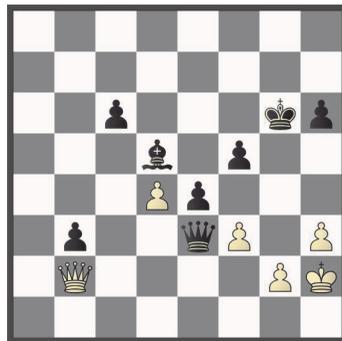
**Berry,Jim (1915) –
Fiorini,Phil (1814) [C13]**
RRSO # 14 (1.5), 16.04.2016

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.Bg5 Be7
5.e5 Nfd7 6.h4 a6 7.Qg4 Bxg5 8.hxg5
Qe7 9.f4 c5 10.Nf3 cxd4 11.Nxd4 Nc6
12.0-0-0 Nxd4 13.Rxd4 b5 14.g6 fxg6
15.Bd3 Nf8 16.Qe2 Qc5 17.Rd1 Bd7
18.Qf3 Bc6 19.g4 Nd7 20.Qg2 b4
21.Ne2 0-0 22.Qh2 [22.Qh3 Bb5
23.Rh1] 22...Bb5 23.Rh1 Bxd3
24.Rxd3 h6 25.Nd4 Qb6 26.Rf1??
[26.f5] 26...Nxe5+ 27.Rdd1 Nxc4
28.Qe2 h5 29.Qd3 e5 30.Nf3 [30.fxe5
Rxf1 31.Rxf1 Nxe5+] 30...Qe3+ 0-1



**Ellis,Jared (1685) –
Edmunds,Jim (1658) [D46]**
RRSO # 14 (1.9), 16.04.2016

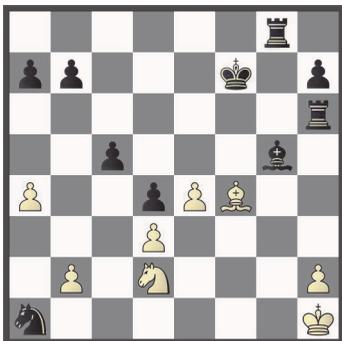
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5.e3 Bd6 6.Bd3 Nbd7 7.0-0 0-0
8.cxd5 exd5 9.Rb1 a5 10.a3 Re8
11.Qc2 Qe7 12.b4? axb4 13.axb4
Bxb4 14.Bd2 Bd6 15.Ra1 Rxa1
16.Rxa1 Ne4 17.Be1 h6 18.Nd2 Nxc3
19.Qxc3 Nf6 20.h3 Ne4 21.Nxe4 dxe4
22.Bc4 Be6 23.Be2 Bd5 24.Qb2 b5
25.Ra6 Rb8 26.Qa1 Kh7 27.Bg4 b4
28.Ra7 Rb7 29.Bf5+ g6 30.Rxb7
Qxb7 31.Bxg6+ Kxg6 32.Qb1 f5
33.Qb2 b3 34.Bc3 Bb4 35.Bxb4 Qxb4
36.f3 Qe1+ 37.Kh2 Qxe3 0-1



**Baxter,Roger (1606) –
Graber,Zach (1565) [C00]**
RRSO # 14 (1.10), 16.04.2016

1.e4 e6 2.d3 c5 3.Nf3 d5 4.Nbd2 d4
5.g3 Nc6 6.Bg2 e5 7.0-0 f6 8.Nh4 Be6
9.a4 Qd7 10.Re1 g5 11.Qh5+ Bf7
12.Qf3 gxh4 13.gxh4 Nb4 14.Qd1
Ne7 15.Nf1 Rg8 16.f4 Qg4 17.Qxg4
Rxc4 18.Re2 exf4 19.Kh1 Ng6 20.Rf2

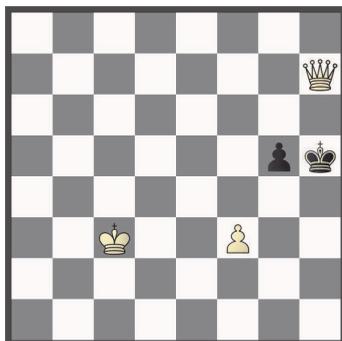
Rxh4 21.Rd2 Ne5 22.Rf2 f3 23.Bxf3
Nxf3 24.Rxf3 Nxc2 25.Rxf6 Nxa1
26.Bf4 Be7 27.Rxf7 Kxf7 28.Bg3 Rh6
29.Nd2 Rg8 30.Bf4 Bg5 0-1



**Graber, Zach (1565) –
Baxter, Roger (1606) [B07]**

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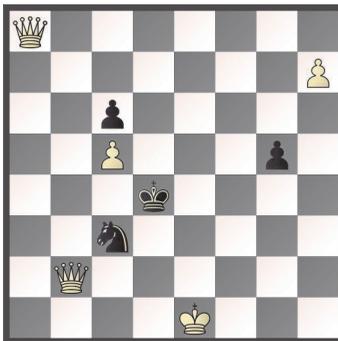
1.e4 d6 2.d4 Nf6 3.Nc3 g6 4.f3 Bg7
5.Be3 0-0 6.Qd2 c5 7.dxc5 dxc5
8.Qxd8 Rxd8 9.Bxc5 Nc6 10.Bb5
Nd7 11.Ba3 Bxc3+ 12.bxc3 Kf8 13.0-0
Nb6 14.Ne2 Be6 15.Kb1 Bc4
16.Bxc4 Nxc4 17.Bc1 e5 18.Bh6+
Ke7 19.Bg5+ f6 20.Bc1 b5 21.h4 b4
22.h5 g5 23.cxb4 Nxb4 24.a3 Nc6
25.Nc3 Rab8+ 26.Ka1 Nd4 27.Nd5+
Kf7 28.Nb4 a5 29.Rxd4 exd4 30.Nc6
Rbc8 31.Nxd8+ Rxd8 32.Rd1 Ke7
33.Bb2 Ne3 34.Rd2 Rc8 35.Kb1 Rb8
36.Rxd4 Nxd4 37.Kc1 Nf4 38.Rc4
Rb7 39.h6 Kf7 40.Rc6 Ne6 41.Ra6
Rb5 42.Bc3 Rc5 43.Bxa5 Nd4
44.Bb6 Rxc2+ 45.Kd1 Rc4 46.Bxd4
Rxd4+ 47.Kc2 Kg6 48.Kc3 Rd7 49.a4
Rf7 50.e5 Kf5 51.Rxf6+ Rxf6 52.exf6
Kxf6 53.a5 Kg6 54.a6 Kxh6 55.a7
Kh5 56.a8Q Kh4 57.Qe4+ Kh5
58.Qxh7# 1-0



**De Vries, John (1335) –
Hay, Tommy (1275) [A40]**

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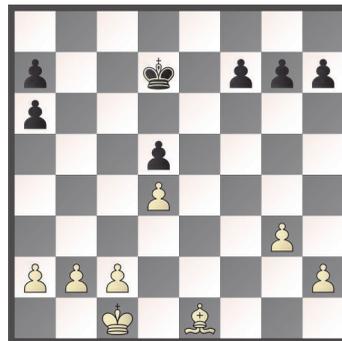
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5.Nf3 c6 6.Bd3 b6 7.Be3 Ba6 8.Nc3
g6 9.0-0 Bg7 10.Rc1 Nd7 11.Rc2 d5
12.c5 Bxd3 13.Qxd3 b5 14.Rcf2 a5
15.Ne2 dxe4 16.Qxe4 Nd5 17.Bd2
Qe7 18.Ne5 N7f6 19.Qf3 Qc7 20.Qd3
Ne7 21.Rf3 Nf5 22.g4 Ne7 23.Rg3
Nfd5 24.a3 b4 25.h4 bxa3 26.Qxa3 f6
27.Nf3 Qb7 28.Nc3 Nxc3 29.Bxc3
Nd5 30.Bd2 Qb5 31.Re1 Kd7 32.f5
exf5 33.gxf5 g5 34.h5 Qb8 35.Nh4
Nf4 36.Ng6 Re8 37.Rxe8 Qxe8
38.Re3 Qg8 39.Re7+ Kd8 40.Bxa5+
Kc8 41.Qf3 Nd5 42.Rc7+ Nxc7
43.Ne7+ Kd7 44.Nxg8 Rxa5 45.Qe4
Bh8 46.Qe7+ Kc8 47.Qf8+ Kb7
48.Nxf6 Bxf6 49.Qxf6 Rb5 50.Qxh6
Nd5 51.f6 Nf4 52.f7 Rxb2 53.f8Q
Ne2+ 54.Kf1 Ng3+ 55.Ke1 Ne4
56.Qhg7+ Ka6 57.Qa8+ Kb5
58.Qgb7+ Kc4 59.Qxb2 Nc3 60.h6
Kxd4 61.h7 1-0



**Trawick, Lee (1622) –
Williams, Curtis (1474) [D00]**

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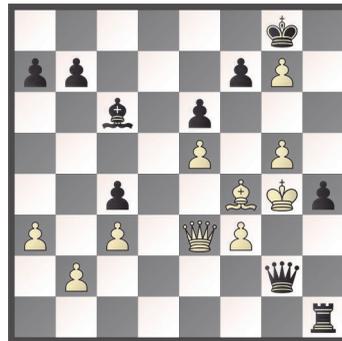
1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5 3.Nf3 Bf5 4.Nh4
Bg4 5.Bf4 e6 6.Nb5 Na6 7.Qd3 c6
8.Nc3 Bb4 9.f3 Bh5 10.0-0-0 Bxc3
11.Qxc3 Ne4 12.fxe4 Qxh4 13.g3
Qe7 14.exd5 cxd5 15.e4 Bxd1
16.Bxa6 bxa6 17.Qc6+ Qd7
18.Qxa8+ Qd8 19.Qxd8+ Kxd8
20.Rxd1 Kd7 21.exd5 exd5 22.Bd2
Re8 23.Re1 Rxe1+ 24.Bxe1 [and
Black resigned on move 38] 1-0



**Williams, Curtis (1474) –
Trawick, Lee (1622) [C02]**

RRSO # 14 (1.14), 16.04.2016

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 c5 4.c3 Nc6
5.Nf3 Qb6 6.a3 c4 7.Qc2 Bd7 8.Be3
Nge7 9.Bxc4!? dxc4 10.d5 Qb5
11.dxc6 Bxc6 12.Nbd2 Nf5 13.Bf4
Bc5 14.0-0 0-0 15.Rab1 Qa6 16.Ne4
Ba4 17.Qe2 Qc6 18.Nxc5 Qxc5 19.g4
Ne7 20.Nd4 Nd5 21.Bd2 Rac8 22.h4
Ne7 23.h5 Nc6 24.Nxc6 Bxc6 25.h6
Rfd8 26.Rbd1 Rd5 27.Bf4 Rcd8
28.Rxd5 Qxd5 29.f3 Qd3 30.Qe3 Qc2
31.Rf2 Rd1+ 32.Kh2 Qb1 33.hxg7
Rh1+ 34.Kg3 h5 35.g5 Qg1+ 36.Rg2
h4+ 37.Kg4 Qxg2+ [37...Qxg2+
38.Kh5 Bxf3+ 39.Kh6] 0-1



Editor's Note: Courtesy of Frank Berry, I have included all of the games from the Red River Shootout in the .pgn file available for download, along with the full color digital version of *Texas Knights*, on the TCA Website.

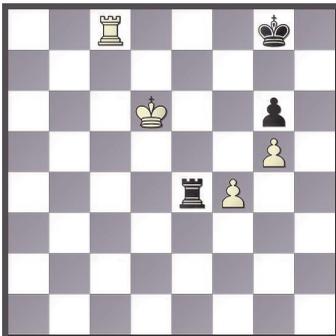
2016 US Chess Championships

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The US Chess Championships were held in Saint Louis, MO between April 13th and April 30th. Texas was well represented with **GM Alexander Onischuk** and **GM Jeffery Xiong**, both playing in the US Championship, and **WGM Sabina-Francesca Foisor** playing in the US Women's Championship. There were 12 participants in both tournaments. **GM Onischuk** took 5th place with a score of 6.0/11.0 with 3 Wins, 6 draws and 2 losses. **GM Xiong** took 6th place with a score of 5.5/11.0 with 1 win, 9 draws and 1 loss. **WGM Foisor** took 5th place with a score of 6.5/11.0 with 4 wins, 5 draws and 2 losses. Below are the winning games for each player. I've also include the drawn game between **GM Onischuk** and **GM Xiong**.

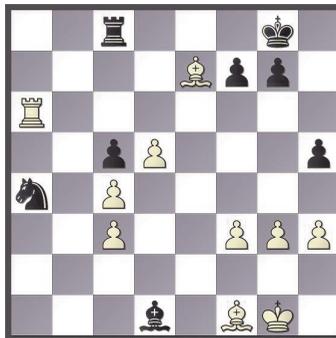
Onischuk, Alexander (2664) – Xiong, Jeffery (2618) [D20]
US Champs (1), 14.04.2016

1.d4 d5 2.c4 dxc4 3.e3 b5 4.a4 b4 5.Bxc4 Nf6 6.Qf3 c6 7.Ne2 e6 8.e4 Bb7 9.Bg5 Be7 10.Nd2 h6 11.Bxf6 Bxf6 12.e5 Be7 13.Ne4 0-0 14.Rd1 Ba6 15.Bb3 Nd7 16.Nf4 Qa5 17.Qg3 Nxe5 18.Nxe6 Nd3+ 19.Rxd3 fxe6 20.Re3 Kh8 21.Qe5 Qxe5 22.dxe5 Rad8 23.Bxe6 Rd3 24.Rxd3 Bxd3 25.Nd6 Bxd6 26.exd6 Rf6 27.Kd2 Rxe6 28.Kxd3 Rxd6+ 29.Kc2 c5 30.Rd1 b3+ 31.Kc1 Ra6 32.Rd8+ Kh7 33.Kd2 Rxa4 34.Kc3 Ra1 35.Rd2 a5 36.Kxb3 a4+ 37.Kc4 a3 38.bxa3 Rxa3 39.Kxc5 h5 40.Kd4 Ra5 41.Ke4 g6 42.f4 Kg7 43.h3 Kf7 44.Rd6 Ra2 45.g4 hxg4 46.hxg4 Ra7 47.g5 Rb7 48.Ke5 Ra7 49.Rf6+ Kg7 50.Rc6 Re7+ 51.Kd6 Re4 52.Rc7+ Kg8 53.Rc8+ 1/2-1/2



Onischuk, Alexander (2664) – Chandra, Akshat (2477) [E32]
US Champs (5), 18.04.2016

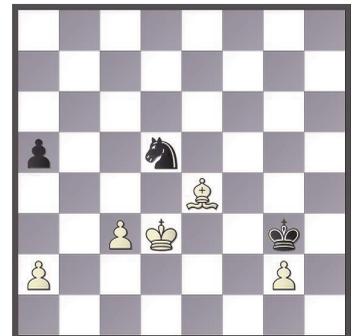
1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.Qc2 b6 5.e4 c5 6.d5 Qe7 7.Be2 exd5 8.exd5 Qe4 9.Qd2 Qe7 10.Nf3 0-0 11.0-0 Bxc3 12.bxc3 d6 13.Re1 Bg4 14.Bd3 Qc7 15.Nh4 Re8 16.Rxe8+ Nxe8 17.Qg5 Bc8 18.Bf4 Nd7 19.Nf5 Ne5 20.Nxd6 Qxd6 21.Bxe5 Qd7 22.Qh4 h6 23.Re1 Qg4 24.Qe7 Qd7 25.Bg3 Qxe7 26.Rxe7 Kf8 27.Re1 Ba6 28.a4 Nf6 29.Bf1 Bc8 30.a5 Bf5 31.Bc7 Nd7 32.f3 h5 33.g3 Rc8 34.Bd6+ Kg8 35.h3 bxa5 36.Ra1 Bc2 37.Rxa5 Bb3 38.Ra3 Bd1 39.Rxa7 Nb6 40.Ra6 Na4 41.Be7 1-0



Onischuk, Alexander (2664) – Lenderman, A. (2618) [D10]
US Champs (3), 16.04.2016

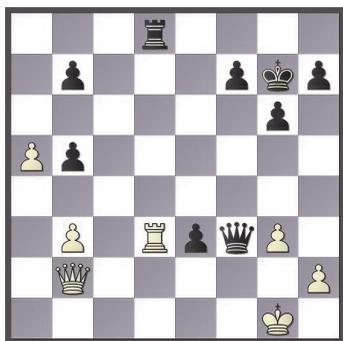
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cxd5 5.Qb3 Qc7 6.Nc3 e6 7.Nf3 Nc6 8.Nh4 Be4 9.Bd2 Be7 10.Nxe4 dxe4 11.d5 exd5 12.Nf5 g6 13.Nd4 Qd7 14.Bb5 Bf6 15.Bc3 Kf8 16.0-0 Kg7 17.f3 Nxd4 18.exd4 Qd6 19.fxe4 dxe4 20.Rae1 Rc8 21.Rxe4 Rc7 22.Bb4 Bxd4+ 23.Kh1 Qb6 24.Rxd4 Qxd4 25.Bc3 Rxc3 26.bxc3 Qd6 27.Qxf7+ Kh6 28.Qf8+ Qxf8 29.Rxf8 Kg7 30.Rb8 b6 31.Rb7+ Kh6 32.Rf7 g5 33.Bd3 g4 34.Kg1 Kg5 35.Rf8 Kh6 36.Ra8 a5 37.Rb8 Kg7 38.Rb7+ Kf8 39.Rb8+ Kg7 40.Rb7+ Kf8 41.Rxb6 Ne7 42.Rb8+ Kg7 43.Rxh8 Kxh8 44.Be4 Kg7 45.Kf2 Kf6 46.Ke3 Ke5 47.Bxh7 Nd5+ 48.Kd2 Kf4 49.Kd3 g3 50.hxg3+ Kxg3 51.Be4 1-0



Onischuk,Alexander (2664) – Shankland,S. L (2656) [D53]
US Champs (7), 21.04.2016

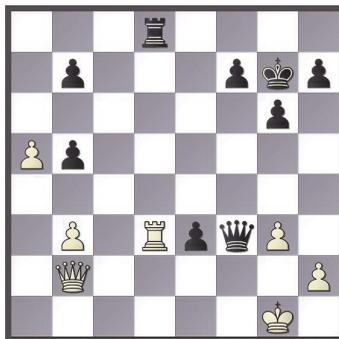
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Xiong,Jeffery (2618) – Kamsky,Gata (2678) [B03]
US Champs (5), 18.04.2016

1.e4 Nf6 2.e5 Nd5 3.d4 d6

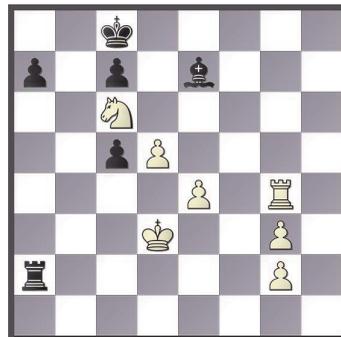
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Foisor,Sabina (2258) – Bykovtsev,A. (2219) [E61]
USA Women (11), 25.04.2016

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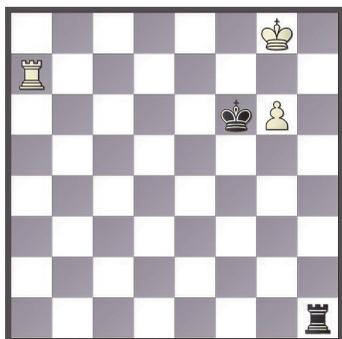
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Foisor,Sabina (2258) – Yu,Jennifer R (2157) [D11]
US Women (7), 21.04.2016

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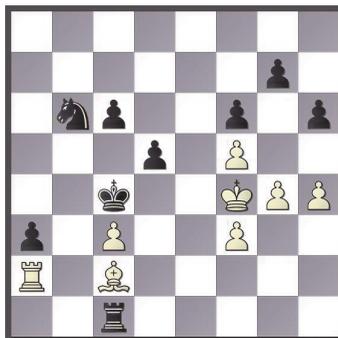
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 62.Re4 Ra3 63.Re2 Kg6
 64.Rc2 Kf7 65.Ke4 Ke6
 66.Rb2 Kd6 67.f4 Ke6 68.Rb7
 Rxa2 69.Rxg7 a3 70.Ra7 Ra1
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 73.Re6+ Kd7 74.Re2 Kd6
 75.Kxf6 Rf1 76.Rd2+ Kc7
 77.Rxa2 Rxf4+ 78.Kg5 Rf8
 79.Ra7+ Kd6 80.Kg6 Ke6
 81.Kg7 Rb8 82.g5 Rb1 83.g6
 Rg1 84.Kh7 Rh1+ 85.Kg8 Kf6
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**Gorti, Akshita (2184) –
 Foisor, Sabina (2258) [D37]**
 US Women (4), 17.04.2016

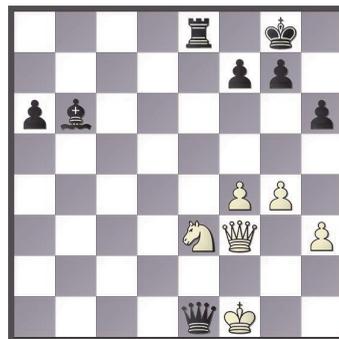
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 Nb6 7.Ne5 Bb4 8.Nxc4 Nfd5
 9.Qb3 Bd7 10.a4 Bxc3+
 11.bxc3 Nxf4 12.exf4 0-0
 13.Ne5 Bc6 14.Nxc6 bxc6
 15.g3 Qd5 16.Qxd5 exd5
 17.a5 Nc8 18.Bd3 Rb8
 19.Ra2 Nd6 20.Kd2 c5
 21.dxc5 Nb7 22.Re1 Nxc5
 23.Re7 Rfc8 24.Bf5 Kf8
 25.Re1 Rd8 26.Rb1 Rxb1

27.Bxb1 Rb8 28.Bc2 Ke7
 29.f3 Kd6 30.Bd1 Rb5 31.Be2
 Rxa5 32.Rb2 Ra1 33.Bd1 Nd7
 34.Rb7 Kc6 35.Rb2 Nb6
 36.Be2 Rh1 37.h4 a5 38.Bb5+
 Kc5 39.Ke3 c6 40.Bd3 h6
 41.f5 f6 42.Kf4 Rc1 43.Bc2 a4
 44.g4 a3 45.Ra2 Kc4 0-1



**Yip, Carissa (2164) –
 Foisor, Sabina (2258) [C07]**
 USA Women(8), 22.04.2016

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nd2 c5
 4.exd5 Qxd5 5.Ng3 cxd4
 6.Bc4 Qd7 7.0-0 Nf6 8.Nb3
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 21.Bd4 Be6 22.Qe2 Bxb3
 23.Nxb3 Bc7 24.c3 Rfe8
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 Rad8 32.Rad1 Rxd1 33.Rxd1
 Bb6 34.Re1 Qd3 35.Kf2 Qxc3
 36.g4 Qxb4 37.Kf1 Qxe1+ 0-1



Editor's Note: I have included all games by Texas participants from the US Championships and US Women's Championships in the .pgn file available for download, along with the full color digital version of *Texas Knights*, on the TCA Website.

82nd Southwest Open Chess Festival

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Regional Updates

Region VII – Eddie Rios

I just got back from the Texas State Open and Amateur Tournament. It was really great, I got to see familiar faces, and meet some new ones. The best thing is knowing that I helped to make it possible for chess players. I saw at least 3 region 7 players and 4 region 8 players. I saw some players I mainly read about in newsletters. It was great. I was also informed that I will be a grandpa for fourth time. Really exciting news.

Coming up in my travels, June, I will be at the U.S. Seniors, and Juniors tourney in New Orleans. Henry Velasquez from region 7 tells me he is planning to attend. Then I will be in Minnesota for July visiting. At the end of July I might attend the U.S. Open, still waiting to see if I get hired as a td for that event. September I pack for Dallas again, this time for the Southwest Open. October has National Chess Day, plan your activities and keep me informed.

Things that still need to be done, I still am looking forward to attending OCBCF end of year meeting. I have not yet received any bids for the Region 7 Regional, time is running out. Special hello to Johan Fjeld, Jason Cummings, Ekrem Tekrem, as well as Mrs. and Miss Claudia Munoz, they attended and played at the Texas State and Amateur Tournament.

Daniel Naranjo and Russell Shelton are planning a small chess event around June 11. Touch base with them if interested in participating.

Region IX - Charlie Vetter

Region IX held its West Texas Scholastic Regionals on Saturday, May 7 in Greenwood Texas. There were about 140 kids playing from grades 1-12 from all across the region from San Angelo to Odessa to Midland to Greenwood to Loop Texas.

Last year in 2015 Regional power Trinity school won the Midland scholastic chess league, but it was rival school Hillander which won the team and individual honors at the Regionals. This year was the opposite. Hillander won the scholastic league this year including a super 17-13 match win against Trinity.

The 2016 Regionals was all Trinity this year as they won both the K-6 title, the 7-12 title and both the team K-6 and 7-12 championships.

The winners were:

K-6 Champion - Connor Garcia (Trinity 5th grader)

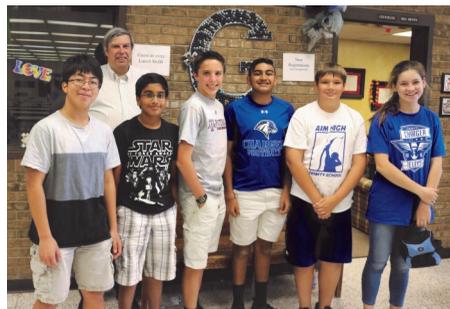
7-12 Champion - Curtis Wong (Trinity 9th grader)

K-6 Team Champions - Trinity

7-12 Team Champions - Trinity



Trinity K-6 Champions
Connor Garcia (front / center with watch on)



Trinity 7-12 Champions
Curtis Wong (far left)



Coach's Corner - e4!

Practice?! Practice?! We're Talking About Practice?!!!

by Robert L. Myers

Allen Iverson retired from the NBA, National Basketball Association on October 30, 2013. On April 8, 2016 Bubba Chuck, as called by those who were close to him and knew him well, was inducted into the NBA Hall of Fame. Iverson didn't like school, "I hated the hours," Iverson said. Gary "Mo" Moore, a father figure and football coach who raised him from his 7th grade year and moved him from the "projects" to a "real house" stepped in and said, "I knew it was time for me to be more than a coach to him." Mo knew what all who aspire to excel at a thing knows, "Nothing is more important than practice." Practice, practice, practice, no matter what the sport, hobby or event, nothing is more important than practice.

Somewhere in the world are, Cristiano Ronaldo, a Portuguese forward that serves as captain playing professional football (soccer) for Spanish club Real Madrid and the Portugal national team and Lionel Andrés "Leo" Messi, a Argentine professional footballer who plays as a forward for Spanish club Barcelona and the Argentina national team. They both are arguably two of the greatest soccer players to ever live. If you were a gambling person you could wager against the house and lay odds that both of them are currently playing, training, eating properly, resting or you guessed it, practicing. They are the best in the world and yet they continue to practice, honing their craft to perfection.

Chess requires that same desire, dedication and discipline, that is if you want to be good at it. Will Smith, also known as the Fresh Prince, said in an interview, "The only thing that I see that is distinctly different about me is I'm not afraid to die on a treadmill. I will not be out-worked, period. You might have more talent than me, you might be

smarter than me, you might be sexier than me, you might be all of those things you got it on me in nine categories. But if we get on the treadmill together, there's two things: You're getting off first, or I'm going to die. It's really that simple, right? You're not going to out-work me. It's such a simple, basic concept. The guy who is willing to hustle the most is going to be the guy that just gets that loose ball. The majority of people who aren't getting the places they want or aren't achieving the things that they want in this business is strictly based on hustle. It's strictly based on being out-worked; it's strictly based on missing crucial opportunities. I say all the time if you stay ready, you ain't gotta get ready."

That is the mentality of the greats, like Michael Jordan, Mike Tyson, Satchel Paige, Leontyne Price, practice, practice, practice. Muhammad Ali, boxing legend, said, "I hated every minute of training, but I said, 'Don't quit. Suffer now and live the rest of your life as a champion.'" I was once speaking with Grand Master Susan Polgar in New Orleans about her study and practice habits and she said, "I study sometimes for 200 - 300 hours before a major chess tournament." Most recently at The Texas State Amateur Chess Tournament in Dallas Ft. Worth I had the privilege of hanging out with WCM Claudia Munoz, who is taking a few months off from writing her chess column to "practice." I had the pleasure to interview Grand Master Julio Sadorra, friend and coach for The Chess Academy speaking to one of my teams said "Guys, I hate to run but I have to get ready for the World Open. I gotta pray, study and practice."

Allen Iverson was an all-state football player and basketball player. In his Junior year of high school

he won both Virginia State football and basketball championships because of many, many hours and hours of practice. However; he was falsely accused but found guilty and sentenced to 5 years in prison for starting a riot in high school. He spent a few months in prison in what one Wilder aide called an "extraordinary" move by Governor Douglas Wilder, who granted conditional clemency to Iverson, the high school star convicted of three counts of mob violence. He finished high school and was given a second chance by legendary college basketball coach John Thompson, of the Georgetown Hoyas. He was the 1996 NBA 1st Round Draft Pick, the 1997 NBA Rookie of the year, the shortest MVP ever in the NBA to win the award (6 feet tall) and he was the NBA scoring Champion, 4 times. His jersey number 3 hangs in the Philadelphia 76ers' Wells Fargo Center. But on May 7, 2002 Allen Iverson went on a rant about of all things, practice. He recently shed light on a legendary moment of that now famous quote is what he will be remembered for forever. Iverson said, "Man, I'm supposed to be

the franchise player and we in here talking about practice. I mean listen we talking about practice. Not a game, not a game, not a game. We talkin about practice. Not a game, not, not, not the game that I go out there and die for and play every game like this my last night, not the game. We talking about practice man... I mean is that we talkin about practice I know I supposed to be there I know I supposed to leave by example I know that and I'm not, I'm not shoving it aside you know like it don't mean anything I know it wasn't for you I do I honestly do but we talking about practice man what are we talking about practice we're talking about practice man we're talking about practice we talkin about practice talking about the game when you come and you see me play don't you? You see me giving it my all, don't you? But we talking about practice."

His best friend was murdered and there were rumors about him being traded. When the meeting between he, the coach and owner of the



Texas State and Amateur 1-Day Scholastic K-12 Champions from Chavez High School in Houston



WCM Claudia Muñoz with Coach Myers

Philadelphia 76ers was over he was prepared to tell the world about the good news in a press conference. "No trade." Iverson recently gave some backstory about the rant. Iverson spoke to reporters after he was named a member of the 2016 Hall of Fame class. "I was so ecstatic and happy that I could go into that press conference and tell the whole Philadelphia and the rest of the world, 'Don't worry about the trade rumors, I ain't going nowhere,'" Iverson explained. What happened in the actual press conference is the stuff legends are made of.

"I'm a Hall of Famer and I can go outside today and go to a restaurant or wherever and someone will come up to me and say, 'Practice? We talking about practice?'" Iverson said. "Man, I am a Hall of Famer, man! And that's all you can think about is me saying practice?" His many accomplishments and the things that caused him to be a Hall of Famer are a testament to the importance of practice. If you want to be more than a class U-1000 or class D chess player, don't just talk. You know the answer

to the famous joke, "How do you get to Carnegie Hall? Practice, practice, practice."

You can watch "On Demand" on Showtime, "Iverson" or view the entire video of Allen Iverson and the importance of practice here:

<http://www.mensfitness.com/sports/basketball/fit-fix-allen-iverson-still-out-here-talkin-about-practice>

http://mashable.com/2016/04/05/allen-iverson-practice-backstory/#NQ_HA5WHCPq3

When leaving campus from practice late one evening I saw a student sitting on the sidewalk next to the gym playing his acoustic guitar. I recognized him but didn't get a chance to speak to him that day after he performed at the Year-End Talent Show that featured dancers, singers, musicians and other various acts. This kid was phenomenal. I nodded as is the custom in the South when I passed by. A few steps passed him I was compelled to return and interrupted this really cool tune he was practicing to say, "If you want to be great, I mean really great, if you're not sleeping, eating, performing or resting you should be practicing." His response was classic, "NOTHING else matters Coach, I will be great one day." At this inner-city school with over 70% of the students on free or reduced lunch and over 300 kids that I have taught to play chess actively on their mobile devices or OTB, over the board, I know one thing about this kid and I don't know this kid's name, but you will soon, he gets it. Why, you query? We were talking about practice.

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Upcoming Events

Mid to Late June 2016

JUN. 11 Summer Open , Texas A&M Kingsville

Info: (361)255-0690, russellshelton@sbcglobal.net

JUN. 18 Many Springs 89

Info: <http://www.uschess.org/tlas/6741.tla>

JUN. 25-26 June Two-Day in Arlington

Info: <http://www.uschess.org/tlas/6655.tla>

July 2016

JUL. 1-3 3rd Austin Chess Club Summer Open

Info: See advertisement on next page.

JUL. 9 North Arlington Chess Club Open #14

Info: <http://www.uschess.org/tlas/6626.tla>

JULY 16-17 2016 DCC FIDE Open IX

Info: 214-632-9000, info@dallaschess.com

JULY 22-24 OR 23-24 2016 Houston Chess Festival

Info: <http://www.cajunchess.com>, 504-208-9596 or 504-905-2971

JULY 23-24 2016 DCC Summer Insanity

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JULY 30-31 2016 DCC FIDE Open X

Info: 214-632-9000, info@dallaschess.com

JULY 30-31 San Antonio City Championship

Info: <http://sanantoniocchess.com>, elvisclassic@sbcglobal.net



Jason Wawrzaszek, Amateur Winner

Photo by Lori Riley

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3rd Austin Chess Club Summer Open

\$3400 in 100% Unconditionally Guaranteed Prizes July 1-3 or 2-3, 2016

Where: Bridge Center of Austin, 6700 Middle Fiskville Rd., Austin, TX 78752

Time Controls, All Sections:

G/90 with 60 sec. inc. per move. **2-day:** Rd 1, G/90 with 5 sec. delay.

Sections and Prizes (100% Guaranteed):

- **Championship** (rated 1800+): \$600 \$400 \$200, **U2200:** \$275 - \$125, **U2000:** \$250 - \$100
- **Reserve** (rated 1400-1799): \$400 \$200, **U1600:** \$200 - \$100
- **Novice** (rated U1400): \$250 \$100, **U1200:** \$100 - \$50, **U1000:** \$50

“Playing up” is not allowed. June 2016 supplement used to determine section placement. Unrateds placed at discretion of chief TD. Unrateds eligible only for place prizes. All USCF members invited to play; however, space is limited to the first 150 registrants (exceptions made for players 2200+).

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Reserve EF: \$50 mailed by 6/1, \$60 thereafter / on site.

Novice EF: \$45 mailed by 6/1, \$55 thereafter / on site.

Re-entry \$25, all sections.

Schedule:

- **3-day:** Registration (if space available) Fri. 7/01 **6-7pm**. Rounds 7/01 **7:30pm**, 7/02 **1pm - 7pm**, 7/03 **9:30am - 3:30pm**.
- **2-day:** Registration (if space available) Sat. 7/02 **8:00-8:40am**, Round 1 **9:00am**, then merge with 3-day schedule.

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Tactics Time!

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Chris Toolin – Sanjay Ghatti
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