

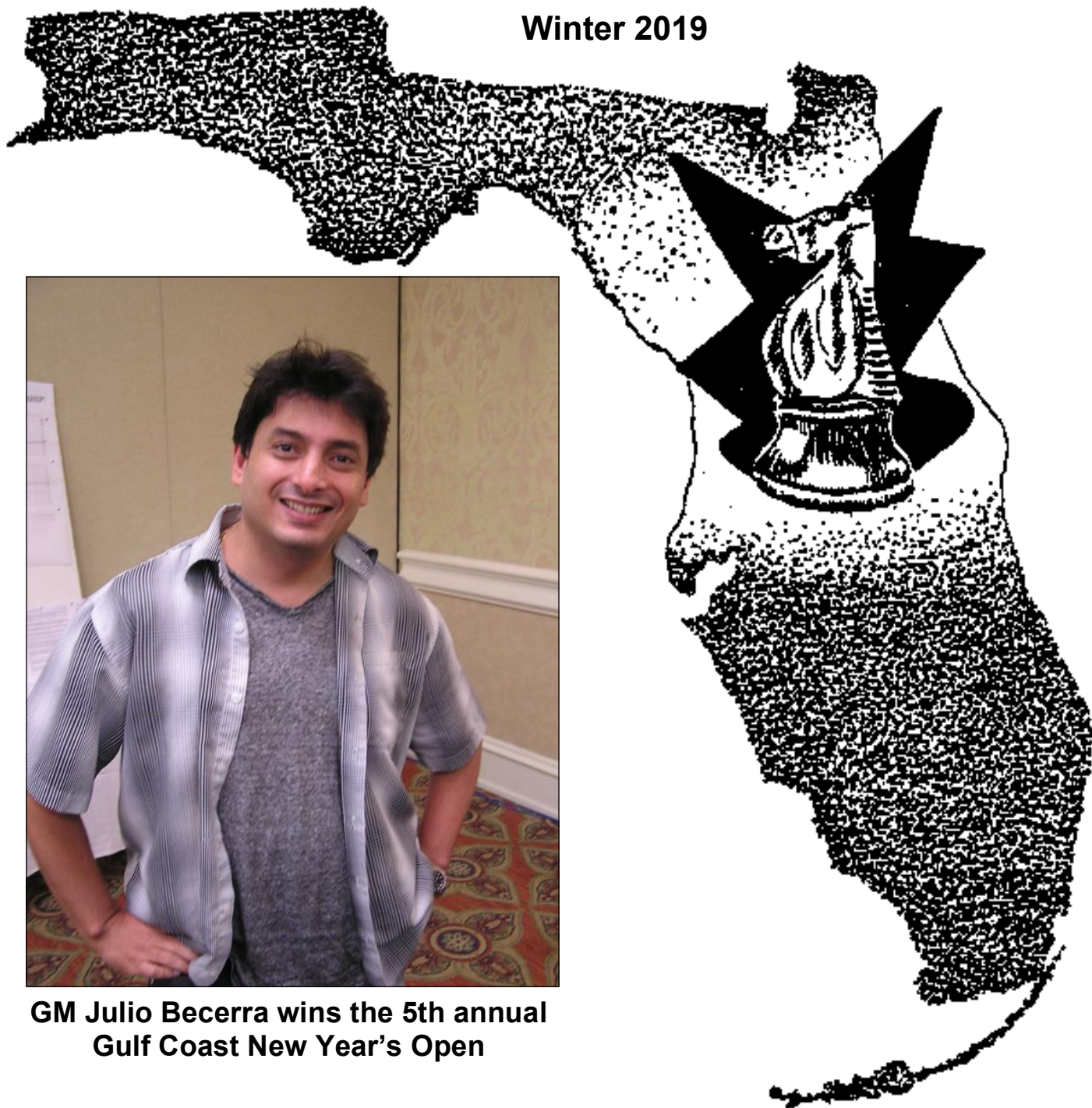
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State	Jorge Leon Oquendo	Scholastic	Dylan Sunjic
Top K-8	Raghav Venkat	Top Girl	Cindy Jie
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Editor Speaks

Many changes are taking place in the structure of floridaCHESS. Some of the reasons for this can be found in the "President's desk" on this page. Starting in the next issue many of his ideas will be implemented.

In this issue you can see that there are many pages dedicated to the life and passing of Hans Schuschel who was loved by many people who knew him as he kept playing chess till the age of 90. Very few chess players are known to have done this, but hopefully some of you may be able to repeat what he has done.

The next major contents in this issue is the USCF National Grades event that is held every December and most of the time in Central Florida because of it being the most popular destination that time of year.

Miguel Ararat continue with his "double duty" with both his analysis of games from recent events as well as his reviews of many books and videos which would benefit those wanting to improve their chess-playing skills.

Anony Mous was disappointed that no one made an effort to try to solve his chess puzzles and he has provided the solutions to them, but probably not offer any more.

And Harvey Lerman tells more about himself with some of his Plaque Awards.

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If your membership is expiring, we ask that you take this special opportunity to renew and help us continue to promote chess in Florida. Please renew online at floridaCHESS.org under "Membership".

Harvey Lerman

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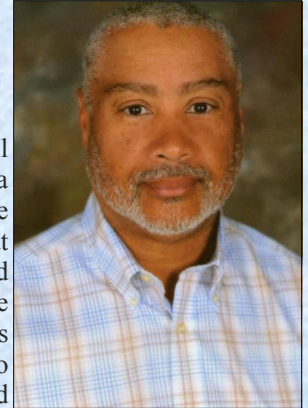
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from the President's desk



Dear FCA Members,

Hopefully we are all looking forward to a prosperous new year. Like most, I enjoy looking back at my previous year's goals and establish new goals for the coming year. The hard part is keeping them close enough to adjust daily activity toward longer term objectives and to deal with the unexpected things thrown at you that can derail plans. One of the first objectives for our board was to backfill open positions and we've done just that in the first few weeks of the year. I ask you to join me in welcoming our newest interim board members. Krista Alton of Tampa is now a Director At-Large. In her new role she will focus statewide on supporting Girls/Women's Chess. Krista recently worked with me in the Girls Club Room at the K-12 Grades Nationals in December. She did a great job and she will fill the role of Florida Representative on US Chess' Women's Initiative Committee.

The second new board member is George Foote of Jacksonville. He will join us as the Northeast Regional Vice President and will take over the work of growing this region. George has run and organized tournaments in the area for over 20 years and is a big part of the renewed chess energy in that part of the state. Both will serve in their positions for the remainder of the term ending with the 2019 Elections this August.

From the standpoint of dealing with the unexpected, the FCA was recently subjected to a financial loss due to fraudulent representation via email. They successfully presented themselves as, "Kevin Pryor FCA President," by masking my personal email address to direct and facilitate the transfer of funds to a PNC Bank account as a cover for the fraudulent transaction. After discovery, quick contact with law enforcement and banking authorities led to the recovery of a substantial amount of the funds. The total amount lost is about 15% of our resources and we continue to work with those authorities in hopes of recovering it all. I want to assure everyone that NO member information was ever at risk. We do not collect financial data on members. Moreover, we have taken steps to ensure this type of loss does not recur. Also, Board members' personal information has been removed from the FCA website.

You can still reach us at our general inbox fcaboard@gmail.com.

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Letters

Hello FCA Editor,

I am the editor of "Texas Knights" the official publication of the Texas Chess Association, and produced quarterly.

Your Editor and I have been exchanging magazines for years. But now, after just 4 more issues, our magazine will be an online-only multimedia experience. Printed/Mailed issues will no longer continue after Volume 60, Number 6 (Our current issue is Volume 60, Number 2.)

Soon most states will no longer print and mail issues of their magazines. Your state may be one of the few that remain.

I wish you luck on your work,

Jeff French

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Gulf Coast New Year's Open



**Scotty Burdge Jr 1st Place
Under 1800**



**Esteban Morales 1st Place
Under 1100**

Welcome aboard to our newest board members



**Krista Alton of Tampa ,
Director At-Large
with President Kevin Pryor**



**George Foote of
Jacksonville,
Northeast Regional
Vice-President**

(President's desk continued from page 3)

As it stands today, we would like to recover the remaining amount through personal and corporate sponsorships of our events or direct donations to the FCA itself. We will incorporate web and event advertising, and we are open to suggestions from you. In addition, we have an FCA supporter who is willing to match every dollar donated by June 1st up to \$1000. To that end, we have created a donation page on our website to track this activity. Please donate.

As part of our 2019 plan, the board agreed we would continue to expand our tournament offerings this year with both a Senior Championship and Girls Championship. We also have plans to invest in developing our board member involvement regionally and to enhance our value proposition for both individual members and affiliates. We will deploy new initiatives to become more visible statewide and have special emphasis to support areas that have been underserved over many years like the Panhandle. There will be some change this year when it comes to stipend distribution. The 2019 US Open will be in Orlando (Rosen Shingle Creek), so we will use that event's proximity to reduce stipends expense for chess excellence at our Scholastic Championships this year.

The FCA is a long-standing, positive force state supporting chess in all regions and levels including scholastic chess, club chess, tournament chess, professional chess leagues, and businesses.

We are more determined than ever to make 2019 another great year. I invite you to join us in making it so.

Here's to see you at an upcoming tournament,

Kevin Pryor
President FCA



5th Annual Gulf Coast New Year's Open

January 4-6, 2019
Embassy Suites Fort Myers-Estero

SwissSys Standings. 5TH ANNUAL GULF COAST NEW YEAR'S OPEN: PREMIER

#	Name	Rtng	Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd 3	Rd 4	Rd 5	Tot	TB-Med	TB-Solkoff	TB-Cumul.	TB-Op. cumul.	Prize
1	GM JULIO BECERRA	2595	W15	W7	W4	D3	D2	4.0	15	17.5	13.5	51	458.34/Trophy
2	IM YUNIER LEYVA RIVERA	2476	W20	D3	W10	W14	D1	4.0	13	15.5	12.5	51	458.34
3	THEODORE SLADE	2153	W22	D2	W18	D1	W8	4.0	13	14.5	12	45	458.34
4	FM COREY ACOR	2342	W19	W12	L1	W6	W7	4.0	12.5	14.5	12	45.5	458.34
5	TODD BRYANT	2206	D6	D18	W11	W17	W14	4.0	10	12	10.5	38.5	458.34

SwissSys Standings. 5TH ANNUAL GULF COAST NEW YEAR'S OPEN: UNDER 2100

#	Name	Rtng	Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd 3	Rd 4	Rd 5	Tot	TB-Med	TB-Solkoff	TB-Cumul.	TB-Op. cumul.	Prize
1	ANDY YANG	2006	W22	W12	D7	W5	D2	4.0	13.5	15.5	13	47.5	364.59/Trophy
2	KESHAV SINGH	1976	W20	D14	W13	W7	D1	4.0	12	13.5	12.5	44.5	364.59
3	ALDO LOPEZ	1964	W29	L7	W22	W11	W8	4.0	11	13	11	34.5	364.59
4	JOSE DIAZ	1960	D24	W26	D14	W9	W17	4.0	9.5	10.5	11	35	364.59

SwissSys Standings. 5TH ANNUAL GULF COAST NEW YEAR'S OPEN: UNDER 1800

#	Name	Rtng	Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd 3	Rd 4	Rd 5	Tot	TB-Med	TB-Solkoff	TB-Cumul.	TB-Op. cumul.	Prize
1	SCOTTY BURDGE JR	1682	W32	W22	W23	W14	D5	4.5	10	10.5	14.5	37	694.45/Trophy

SwissSys Standings. 5TH ANNUAL GULF COAST NEW YEAR'S OPEN: UNDER 1500

#	Name	Rtng	Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd 3	Rd 4	Rd 5	Tot	TB-Med	TB-Solkoff	TB-Cumul.	TB-Op. cumul.	Prize
1	DANIEL ZHANG	1445	W9	W3	D2	W21	W5	4.5	15	17	13.5	54.5	555.56/Trophy
2	ABROR KURBANOV	1464	W13	W14	D1	W10	W11	4.5	13.5	16.5	13.5	48.5	555.56

Under 1100

#	Name	Rtng	Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd 3	Rd 4	Rd 5	Tot	TB-Med	TB-Solkoff	TB-Cumul.	TB-Op. cumul.	Prize
1	ESTEBAN MORALES	774	W9	W2	W6	W5	L3	4.0	13.5	15	14	43.5	1st Place Trophy
2	MANUEL ALBERTO GONZALEZ-DIAZ	704	W3	L1	W7	W11	W5	4.0	13	14.5	11	47	2nd Place Trophy
3	SERGIO LOPEZ	878	L2	W12	W8	W10	W1	4.0	11.5	12	10	35.5	3rd Place Trophy
4	NOAH SORONOW	806	W10	W8	L5	H---	W9	3.5	8	8	10.5	27.5	1st Place Under 900 Trophy

See photos of some winners on page 4 ~Ed.

Florida top winners at the 2018 National K-12 Grade Championships

December 14-16, Orlando Florida

Rosen Shingle Creek Hotel

PL	Name	Rate	Score	PL	Team	#	Score
Grade 12							
4	LEE, Gabriel Emilio, Jr (5,Terra Environmental Research I,)	2139	5.5	4	FLG005 Buchholz High School, Gainesvil	(3)	13
7	YISRAEL, Melakah (16,FLH009)	1931	5	5	FLDDSA Divine Savior Academy, Doral,FL	(3)	11
8	JIE, Tianhui (cindy)(10,Buchholz High School, Gainesvill)	2033	5				
9	BEN JEMAA, Munir (8,Pine View School, Osprey,FL)	2058	5				
10	WU, Andy Yang (14,Buchholz High School, Gainesvill)	1958	5				
10	LOJANO, Sebastian Benja (19,Divine Savior Academy, Doral,FL)	1856	5				
Grade 11							
5	HAMLEY, Ryan Edward (11,Timber Creek High School, Orland)	2076	5.5	3	FLMSMH South Miami Senior High School	(8)	12
Grade 10							
10	STARKMAN, Elliot (15,American Heritage School, Planta)	1927	5	3	FLG005 Buchholz High School, Gainesvil	(4)	12.5
				4	FLP012 American Heritage School, Plant	(4)	12
<i>none in Grade 9</i>							
Grade 8							
2	VENKAT, Raghav (2,Wellinton Landings Middle Scho,)	2226	6.5*	3	FLG003 Lincoln Middle School, Gainesvi	(4)	13.5
10	MISHRA, Ahan Banerjee (42,Lincoln Middle School, Gainesvil)	1605	5	5	FLT025 Tcms, Thonotosassa,FL	(3)	13
10	JIN, Kevin (46,Tcms, Thonotosassa,FL)	1579	5				
Grade 7							
13	STONE, Vincent William, (16,Westshore Jr/SrH, Melbourne,FL)	1919	5	3	FLPBGF Franklin Academy, Palm Beach Ga	(9)	13.5
15	VON LINDENBERG, Tyler (40,Franklin Academy, Palm Beach Gd)	1518	5	5	FLT026 Academy Prep Center of Tampa, T	(3)	10.5
15	DIAZ, Jaden (37,Success Academy Hudson Yards, Ne)	1543	5				
Grade 6							
2	HERNANDEZ, Ronald (2,Jane S Roberts K-8 Center, Miami)	2132	6*	4	FLG002 Oak Hall, Gainesville,FL	(3)	12
3	SHEN, Jason (haohan (12,Kanapaha Middle School, Gainesvi)	1887	6				
12	CHENG, Leon (20,James W Johnson College Prep M,)	1744	5.5				
15	XING, Andrew (32,Lincoln Middle School, Gainesvil)	1633	5				
Grade 5							
2	NGO, Bach (2,Joseph A. Williams Elementary Sc)	2075	6	2	FLG001 Joseph A. Williams Elementary S	(5)	15
6	SHUKLA, Aniket (5,Riverglades Elementary, Parkland)	1902	5.5	6	FLG002 Oak Hall, Gainesville,FL	(5)	13
10	GUAN, Michael X (14,Pinecrest Elementary, Miami,FL)	1794	5.5	8	FLM019 Olympia Heights Elementary, Mia	(3)	10
12	WU, William (13,Hawkrise Elementary School, Tall)	1798	5				
14	WU, Derrick K (76,Whispering Pines Elementary, Boc)	1221	5				
15	LANG, Jayden (7,Heron Heights Elementary, Parkla)	1884	5				
17	COOKE, Grayson (9,Oak Hall, Gainesville,FL)	1832	5				
20	WU, Alice Jin (44,Everglades Elementary School, We)	1483	5				
20	YE, Andrew (50,Joseph A. Williams Elementary Sc)	1450	5				
Grade 4							
1	ZHAO, Erick (1,Joseph A. Williams Elementary Sc)	2079	7	1	FLG001 Joseph A. Williams Elementary	(9)	16.5
20	YAO, Jerry (20,Joseph A. Williams Elementary Sc)	1723	5				
Grade 3							
8	ZIEGLER, Nate Ryan (11,Oak Hall, Gainesville,FL)	1597	6	3	FLG002 Oak Hall, Gainesville,FL	(8)	14
14	DENG, Jesse (67,Joseph A. Williams Elementary Sc)	1080	5	4	FLG001 Joseph A. Williams Elementary S	(3)	14
18	MARIAN, Aaron (17,Binks Forest Elementary, Welling)	1551	5				
20	JIANG, Benjamin (35,Pine View School, Osprey,FL)	1377	5				
20	FARRAGUT, Cannon (1,Montessori Childrens House Hyd,)	1777	5				
20	XU, Andrew (42,Joseph A. Williams Elementary Sc)	1306	5				
20	JIANG, Benjamin (35,Pine View School, Osprey,FL)	1377	5				
Grade 2							
3	PATIL, Dhruva Dinesh (2,EFW Stirrup Elementary School, M)	1794	6	3	FLG002 Oak Hall, Gainesville,FL	(12)	14
15	COOKE, Oliver Edward (25,Oak Hall, Gainesville,FL)	1136	5				
Grade 1							
1	YANG, Maxwell (4,Pine Crest, Fort Lauderdale,FL)	1132	6.5	1	FLG002 Oak Hall, Gainesville,FL	(7)	14.5
15	GUPTA, Anay (27,Oak Hall, Gainesville,FL)	862	5	9	FLDDSA Divine Savior Academy, Doral,FL	(2)	5
15	GUAN, Tovy (17,Oak Hall, Gainesville,FL)	955	5				
Grade K							
10	KUMAR, Ishir (7,Oak Hall, Gainesville,FL)	645	5				
11	THOMAS, Henry (13,Oak Hall, Gainesville,FL)	560	5				

* tied for 1st

*If I missed adding someone to this list, I apologize for it.
I only used information that was supplied by the USCF. ~Ed*

*See Report on the Elementary sections and
annotated games on pages 20-21 & 24. ~Ed*

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Kumar, Nikhil	14	2371
Venkat, Raghav	14	2248
Banerjee, Abhimanyu	17	2208
Lee, Gabriel Emilio, Jr	17	2155
Hernandez, Ronald	11	2140
Gonzalez, Marc	17	2134
Zhao, Erick	10	2101
Sunjic, Dylan	17	2090
Chen, Benjamin Lj	14	2084
Hamley, Ryan Edward	16	2074
Ngo, Bach	10	2072
Ben Jemaa, Munir	17	2051
Kumar, Naman	12	2050
Jie, Tianhui (Cindy)	17	2039
Todfield, Dylan	16	2024
Burrus, Tony	17	2015
Yang, Andy	13	2006
Gao, Marvin	10	2001
Yisrael, Melakah	17	1980
Liu, Jackie	17	1979
Singh, Keshav	13	1976
Mayes, Timothy	15	1971
Martin, Dario	14	1949
Starkman, Elliot	15	1944
De La Colina, Nicolas	13	1941
Ramaswamy, Rohit	14	1929
Stone, Vincent William, Iii	13	1922
Shen, Jason (Haohan)	12	1913
Alvarez, Xavier	15	1909
Gospodinov, Antony	12	1905
Kleidermacher, Justin	15	1897
Shukla, Aniket	10	1886
Lang, Jayden	10	1876
Cooke, Grayson	10	1831
Guan, Michael X	10	1824
Wu, William	10	1780
Chakrabarti, Brejesh	8	1764
Patil, Dhruva Dinesh	7	1756
Farragut, Cannon	8	1741
Cheng, Leon	11	1734
Yao, Jerry	10	1682
Pothuri, Abhiram	9	1672
Ziegler, Nate Ryan	9	1609
Marian, Aaron	8	1573
Yang, Maxwell	6	1202
Judy, Jack	7	1090
Guan, Tovy	7	1017

top in nation by age/category

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Tania Kranich-Ritter
Tim Tusing**Advanced - Level III**
Miguel Ararat**GIRLS U<21**

Tianhui (Cindy) Jie	17	2039
Ramos Adara	15	1935
Shama Yisrael	14	1910

SENIORS (65+)

Fabio La Rota	68	2265
Constantine Xanthos	72	2200
John Patty	83	2200

WOMEN

Evgenia Hansen	2161
Tianhui (Cindy) Jie	2039

TOP BLITZ

Leiner Dominguez Perez	2778
Corey Acor	2452
Robert M Perez	2448

TOP QC

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Robert M Perez	2437
Corey Acor	2311

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Leiner Dominguez Perez	2778
Julio Becerra	2595
Daniel Fernandez	2558
Keith Rodriguez	2334

The Passing of Hans H Schuschel



Hans Schuschel, photo by Bob Martinez
April 2012 - receiving the "oldest player"
award at the Space Coast Open.

Hans H. Schuschel, 90, of The Villages, FL, passed away peacefully at home with family on Friday, November 2, 2018. He was born April 20, 1928 in Memel, Germany to Hermann and Gertrude (Doblies) Schuschel. He immigrated to Canada where he married his wife, Vilya Glawion in Hamilton, Ontario, Canada. They moved to Chicago in 1956 and then to The Villages in 2001. Hans was a commercial and residential property owner and manager. He was an avid chess player and enjoyed judo and playing tennis.

Hans is the patriarch of the Schuschel family line in the United States. He is survived by his wife of 63 years, Vilya Schuschel of The Villages, daughters, Iris Schuschel Richter, Sonya Schuschel, Christina Schuschel and, son, Dietrich Schuschel, and 3 grandchildren Jacob, Evan and Wyatt. In lieu of flowers, a tax deductible donation may be made in his name to the U.S. Chess Federation, by check with his name in the memo "Tribute Hans Schuschel" to U.S. Chess, PO Box 3967 Crossville, TN 38557 or online, uschess.org/donate by clicking "yes" to tribute and type his name "Hans Schuschel". Hans's signature smile, warm personality and quick wit will be missed by all who had the honor of calling him their husband, father and friend.

My name is Frank Pan. I've played chess with Hans for the last six or seven years. I was just wondering about why we hadn't seen him for a few months, then I got the obituary. I'm so sorry about his passing!

If Hans ever mentioned about a Chinese chess player, it would be me. I've always enjoyed playing with Hans, because he is not only good, but also unique. His moves were always profound and unexpected. There were quite a few times, when I thought I was within a move of checkmating him; he would find a way to force a draw by perpetual check or stalemate.

Hans used to come to Saddlebrook Recreation Center late around 11:30 AM, when our time slot was ending. Then, he would ask if I could stay behind and play amongst the Mahjongg players. I've played many games with Hans (a lot of them were King's Indian Defense), but we never bothered to record the games.

He told us about the time he went to Iceland to find Bobby Fisher and invited him out for a dinner. What an interesting story! Hans went to Iceland specifically to find him. He didn't know how to contact Fisher, so he just flew there. He somehow heard that Fisher liked to spend time in bookstores. Lucky for Hans, there weren't many bookstores in Reykjavik. He just went to the biggest bookstore and asked around. Sure enough, someone said that Fisher did visit the bookstore frequently. Hans then went to that store a few times and managed to meet Fisher. He introduced himself to Fisher and claimed to be a big fan. Then, Hans invited Fisher to dinner at a restaurant. Hans didn't relate to me the details of their conversation.

I'll miss him.

Frank

He was a very friendly and colorful figure, and he was a virtual lock for all of Jon Haskel's "oldest player" prizes. A role model for senior players everywhere! I wish I had a win of his to show, but we only played once at the Space Coast Open back in 2013 and we both should have lost!

See this game a few pages later in this magazine. ~Ed

Paul Leggett

I met Hans multiple times in recent years when he came to compete in the Space Coast Open Chess Festival in Cocoa Beach. A few years ago, I recall seeing him at the restaurant one afternoon and he introduced me to one of his daughters (Christina, I believe). Hans was such a friendly gentleman and I admired him greatly for the example he set, showing us all that chess can be a life-long pleasure. We often would award a book to the "oldest" player at the festival, and I believe Hans won that prize every time he was present. I recall in his final appearance he was not playing that round and the prize was claimed by a youngster of merely 84 years. I will miss seeing Hans each year and will think of him every time we hand out this prize. In recent years Hans has also been a financial supporter of our scholastic chess program, contributions for which he sought no recognition, but which were greatly appreciated.

Peter Dyson

Hans Schuschel's win in the 2002 Illinois Open

by Peter Dyson

Schuschel,Hans (1700) Chen,Byron (1590) [D04]

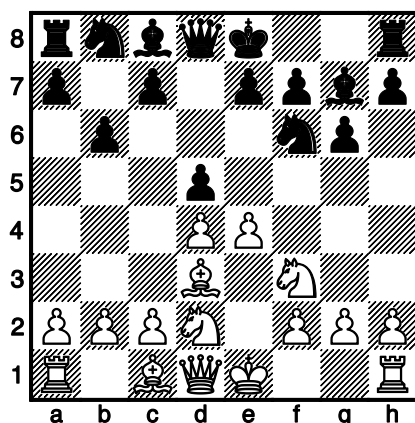
2002 Annual Illinois Open, U2000 (4),
North Brook, IL

31.08.2002

[Dyson,Peter]

In this game from the Illinois Open, Hans gets a small edge out of the opening in a sideline of the Colle and then plays very accurately to bring home the full point.

1.d4 Nf6 2.e3 g6 3.Nf3 d5 4.Bd3 Bg7
5.Nbd2 b6 6.e4



Colle System [6.Qe2 0-0 7.0-0 c5
8.c3 a5 9.e4 dxe4 10.Nxe4 cxd4
11.Nxd4 Nxe4 12.Bxe4 Ra7 13.Nb5
Rd7 14.f4 f5 15.Bf3 e5 16.fxe5 1-0 (24)
Baumhacker, M (2153)-Oumnov, A
(2233) Germany 2000]

6...dxe4 7.Nxe4 Bb7 8.Nxf6+N

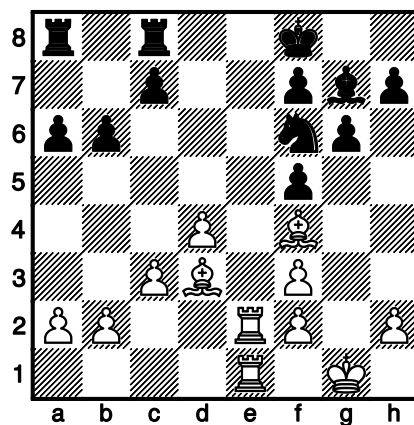
White is slightly better.
[Predecessor: 8.Qe2 0-0 9.Bf4 Nbd7
10.c4 c5 11.dxc5 Nxe4 12.Bxe4 Bxe4
13.Qxe4 Nxc5 0-1 (61) Mack, T-
Kroekel,B Pizol 1997]

8...exf6 9.Qe2+ Qe7 10.Qxe7+ Kxe7
11.Bf4 Rc8 12.0-0 Kf8 13.c3 a6
14.Rfe1 Nd7 15.Re2 Bxf3?!

It is tempting to ruin White's
pawns, but in doing so Black trades his
best minor piece with White worst one.
Note that the Knight had no active
moves.

16.gxf3 f5 17.Rae1↑

White is really pushing.
17...Nf6



18.Bc4!

Threatens to win with Re7.

18...c6?

Black should keep the White Rook
from penetrating at all costs. Hence,
...Ng8 was called for.

19.Re7 Nd5 20.Bxd5 cxd5 21.Rd7

Black must now prevent Ree7.

21...Re8 22.Rxe8+ Rxe8± 23.Kf1

Squelching potential counterplay.
The Black pawns can be picked off
later.

23...b5 24.Bd6+

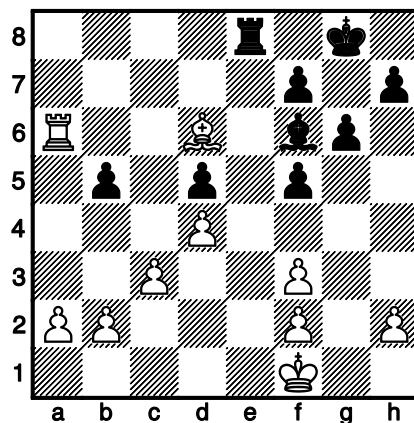
[24.Rxd5 Hans could have
started munching now.]

24...Kg8 25.Ra7 Bf6

[25...Bh6± 26.f4 (26.Rxa6 Bc1±)

26...Bf8 27.Bxf8 Kxf8]

26.Rxa6+-



26...Re6??

Black is losing, but this blunder
costs Black a full piece. [26...Kg7
27.Ra7 Rd8]

27.Ra8+

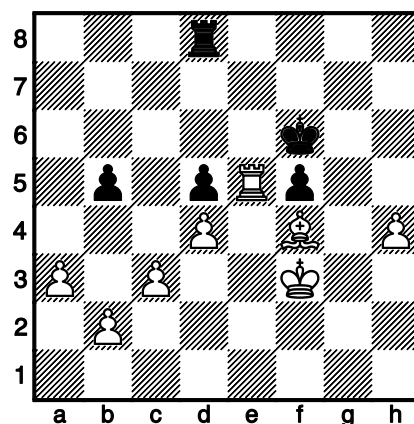
White is clearly winning.

27...Bd8

It is checkmate after 27...Kg7
28.Bf8+ Kg8 29.Bh6+ Re8 30.Rxe8#
28.Rxd8+

The rest is mop up operations.

28...Kg7 29.Bc5 Kf6 30.Rb8 Kg5
31.Rb7 Kf4 32.Re7 Ra6 33.a3 g5
34.Rxf7 h5 35.Be7 g4 36.fxg4 hxg4
37.Rf6 Ra7 38.Bd6+ Kg5 39.Re6 Rh7
40.Ke2 Rh3 41.Bg3 Rh7 42.Re5 Rd7
43.f3 gxf3+ 44.Kxf3 Rd8 45.Bf4+ Kf6
46.h4



46...Kg6 47.Bg5 Rd6 48.Kf4

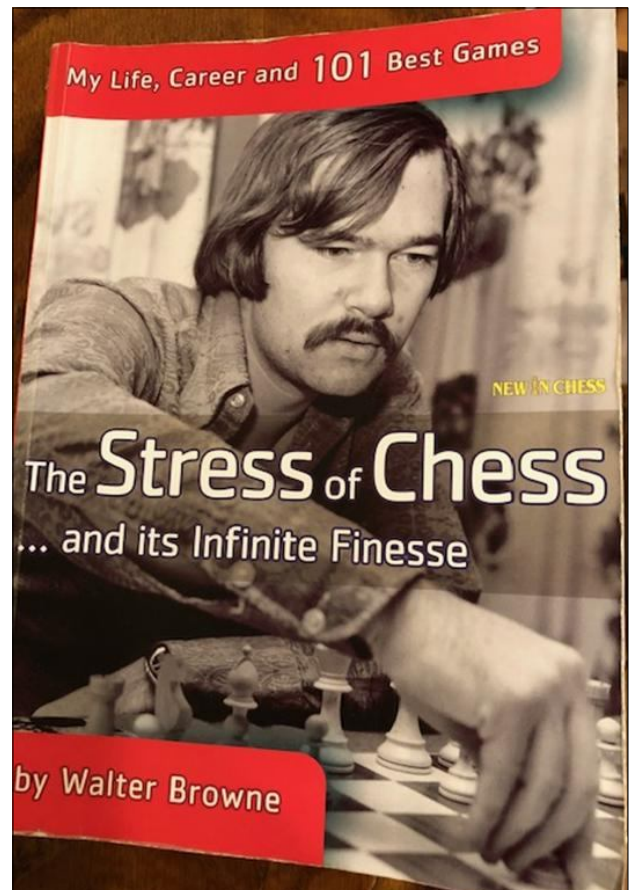
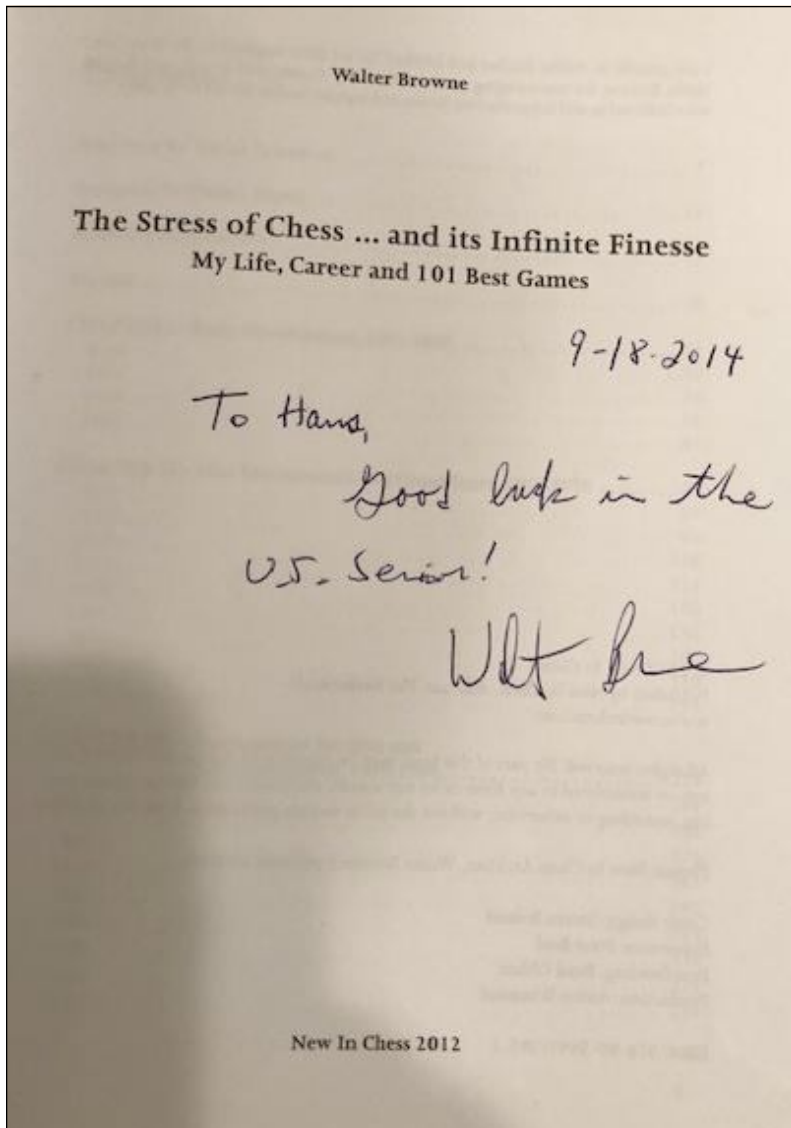
Accuracy: White = 81%, Black = 45%.
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This event was held in North
Brook, IL from August 30th thru
September 2nd 2002. There were 210
players, with 70 in the U2000 section
in which Hans played. He finished in
the middle with a 3-4 score. ~Ed.

From the collections of Hans Schuschel

Hans played in the US Senior Open held in Fort Lauderdale FL September 15-20, 2014 with 34 players and finished with a 3-3 score. See game next page.

Walter Browne was there and put on a Simul, in which Hans played. The GM won, but Hans was able to get a copy of the GM's book that was autographed by Walter Browne to Hans. ~Ed



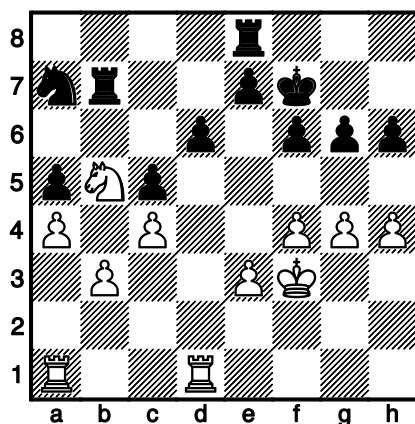
A couple of Hans Schuschel's games

one annotated by Paul Leggett

Hector Guadarrama (2055) Hans Schuschel (1800) [E61]

US Senior Open (2), 27.08.1992
Alaska Cruise
[Lerman, Harvey]

1.d4 Nf6 2.e3 d6 3.c4 g6 4.Nf3 Bg7
5.Nc3 0-0 6.Bd3 c5 7.0-0 Bg4 8.h3
Bxf3 9.Qxf3 Nc6 10.Ne2 Qb6 11.Rd1
Nd7 12.Be4 Nf6 13.Bxc6 bxc6 14.b3
Nd7 15.Bb2 a5 16.Qe4 Rfe8 17.Nc3
cxd4 18.Na4 Qc7 19.Bxd4 c5
20.Bxg7 Kxg7 21.Nc3 Nb6 22.a4
Rab8 23.g4 Qb7 24.Qxb7 Rxb7
25.Nb5 Nc8 26.f4 f6 27.Kf2 Na7 28.h4
h6 29.Kf3 Kf7



30.Rxd6

Expecting only pxR

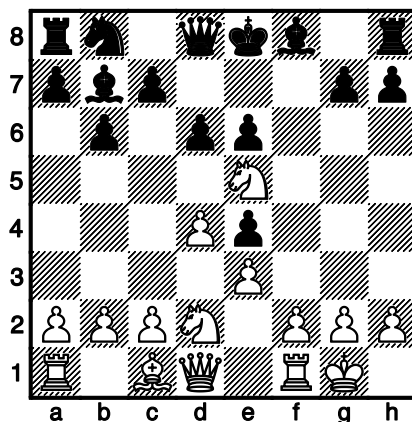
30...Nxb5! 31.Ra6 Nd6 32.Rxa5 Rxb3
33.Rxc5 Rb4 34.a5 Rxc4 35.Rd5 Rb8
36.a6 Ra8 37.h5 gxh5 38.Rxh5 Kg7
39.Raa5 Rc6 40.g5 Nf7 41.gxh6+
Nxb6 42.Ra1 f5 43.Rg1+ Rg6
0-1

There were 69 players in this event and Hans finished 4-2 and increased his rating to 1839. The 6-day cruise left on August 26, 1992 and this was Hans 2nd game, played on board #3. His opponent's rating fell to 2012.

Hans Schuschel (1700) Paul Leggett (1758) [A80]

20th Space Coast Open (1),
26.04.2013
[Leggett, Paul]

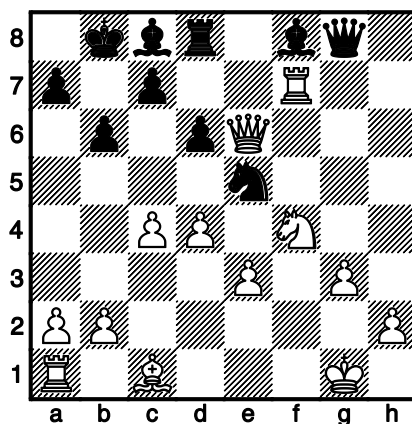
1.d4 e6 2.Nf3 f5 3.e3 Nf6 4.Bd3 b6
5.0-0 Bb7 6.Nbd2 6...Ne4 7.Bxe4 N
7...fxe4 8.Ne5 d6?



9.Qh5+ g6 10.Nxg6 hxg6 11.Qxh8+-
Nd7 12.c4 Qg5 13.Qh3 Qf6 14.f3 exf3
15.Nxf3 0-0-0 16.Ne5 Qe7 17.Nxg6
Qg7 18.Qxe6 Kb8 19.Rf7 Qg8
20.g3?!

Either Nf4 or Qxd7 wins on the spot.

20...Bc8 21.Nf4 Ne5



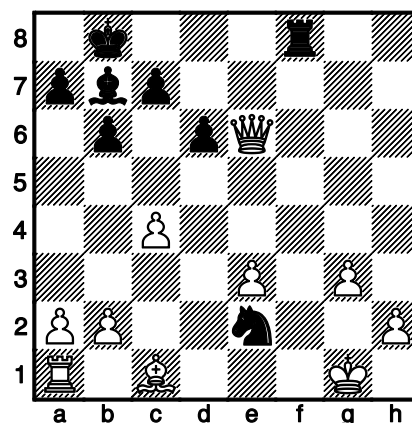
22.Qd5?! Bb7?!

I offered a draw here. I should have just taken the rook with my knight. We both played poorly.

23.Rxf8 Qxf8= 24.Qe6 Nf3+ 25.Kf2 Re8 26.Ng6?

Any queen move was good, but this just loses.

26...Nxd4+-+ 27.Nxf8 Rxf8+ 28.Kg1?? Ne2#



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Some games from recent events

by Miguel Ararat



Costa, Leonardo (1534)

Zhao, Erick (2067) [B42]

WCCC 2018 Santiago de Compostela, Spain (8.5), 12.11.2018

[Ararat,Miguel]

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 e6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 a6

The Sicilian Kan is a flexible weapon that offers black winning chances without playing forcing lines.

5.Bd3

White responds with a flexible move on his own and aims to establish a solid pawn grip in the center (Maroczy bind)

5...Qc7

[5...Bc5 This move was in the 90's the second choice for black in this position. 6.Nb3 Ba7 (6...Be7 7.Qg4 If a black knight is not on f6 this queen move is annoying and challenge black Be7 idea.)]

6.0-0 Nf6 7.Qe2 d6

This is the idea behind 5.Bd3 + Qe2, to set up the Maroczy bind with c4 only after black runs out of "flexibility" and commits his d pawn to the d6 square. [7...b6 is the only move available to black in this position besides 7...d6 and only one game (Morovic-Christiansen, 1993) test this idea. This is not a surprise, 7...b6 was labeled as insufficient for Ali Mortazavi in his book winning with the Kan (1996)]

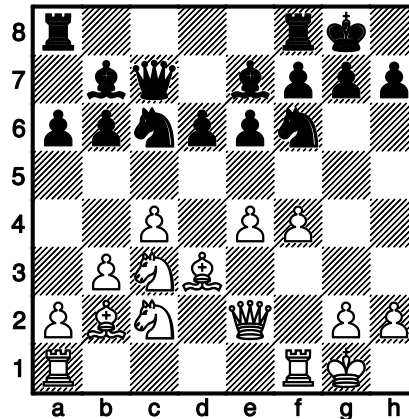
8.c4

White sets the Maroczy bind and now black has to main pawn levers, named d5 and b5. [8.f4 g6 9.Nc3 Bg7 is also a playable alternative for White.]

8...Nc6 9.Nc2 Be7

Black decides to save a tempo and develop his dark square bishop via e7 instead of g7. This plan protects the pawn on d6 and avoid weakening the dark squares on the kingside, but gives white less to worry about such as Bxc3 breaking white queenside pawn structure.

10.f4 0-0 11.Nc3 b6 12.b3 Bb7 13.Bb2



The position is dynamically equal, White has more space and black has a juicy target on e4 that can not be defended with other pawn.

13...Rfe8 14.Rad1

14.Rac1 with play on the c file against the black pieces on c6 and c7 is thematic in these type of positions.

14...Nd7

This was Erick's idea, to put the dark square bishop on the h8-a1 diagonal without compromising the safety of his king. The downside of black's bishop maneuver is that white can play Qg4 (not black knight on f6, concentrate fire power on the d5 square and respond to black's b5 with e5).

15.Ne1

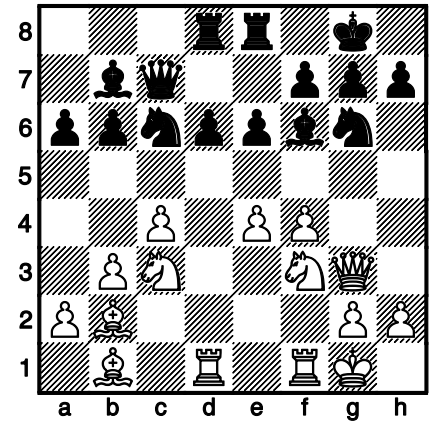
[15.Qg4 Bf6 16.Ne3; 15.Qh5]

15...Bf6 16.Bb1 [16.Qg4 Ne7]

16...Rad8 17.Nf3

It is curious to see the white knight coming to f3 to support the advance f5, instead of going to e3. The game remains balanced.

17...Nf8 18.Qf2 Ng6 19.Qg3



19...b5

Black plays one of the thematic breaks in this structure, b5 (d5 is the other desirable move for the second player in the Maroczy). Unfortunately, white has a strong response with 20.Nd5 instead 20.cxb5

20.f5

White misses his chance to get the upper hand, although his decision to respond to b5 with f5 is easy to understand after feeling his opponent is breaking free.

[20.cxb5 axb5 21.Nxb5 Qb6+; 20.Nd5 exd5 21.Bxf6 gxf6 22.cxd5 Kh8 (22...Nce7 23.f5)]

20...Nge5

It is interesting to watch the pieces reaching the "right squares" by an unusual route. I remember my chess coach and former "youngest GM" Amador Rodriguez explaining to me the importance of having a knight on e5 when white breaks with f5.

21.fxe6 fxe6 22.cxb5 axb5 23.Kh1

23.Nxb5 Qb6+ 24.Nfd4 and white can take the b5 pawn and hold the balance. Kh1 seems a natural move instead of calculating if the pawn is poisoned or not.

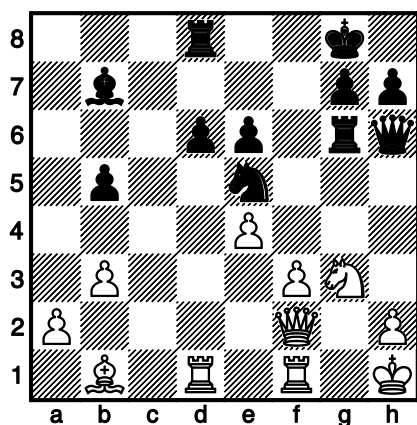
23...Qb6 24.Ne2 Rf8 25.Nf4 Nxf3

26.Bxf6 Rxf6 27.gxf3 Qe3

[27...Rdf8 28.Nh5 Rg6 29.Qf2 Qd8]

28.Nh5 Rg6 29.Qf2 Qh6 30.Ng3 Ne5

49...Qf3+ 50.Ng3 g5 0-1



31.Qb6

White plays a move in the same line than 20.f5 to respond to a blow with a counter blow. Qb6 is optically impressive, but he has not time to capture any of black's hanging pieces on b7 and d8. This is the turning point of the game and white is unable to hold his position together in the next few moves.

[31.f4 Ng4 32.Qe2 Black has the initiative and the white king looks grim.; 31.Qd2 Setting a trap. 31...Rxc3? 32.Qxh6; 31.Qg1 This is the engine recommendation (unnatural to walk into a self-pin). I think a4 is a more human choice in this position giving black to make an inaccurate move.; 31.a4 Rf6 32.Qb6 Rdf8 33.Qxb7 Nxf3 34.Rf2 and white can play on.]

31...Rf8 32.Qxd6 Nxf3 33.Rxf3 Rxf3 34.Qb8+ Rf8 35.Rd8 Rgf6

This move does not end the game on the spot but keeps a decisive advantage. [35...Qc1+ Erick usually sees these tactical shots immediately, here he probably missed that after Kg2 his queen can go to f1 to deliver checkmate because the white knight on g3 is pinned by the black rook on g6. 36.Kg2 Qf1#]

36.Rxf8+ Rxf8 37.Qxb7 Qc1+ 38.Kg2 Qxb1 39.Qxb5 Qxa2+ 40.Kh3 h6 41.Qc4 Rf6 42.Nh5 Rf3+ 43.Ng3 Qxb3 44.Qc8+ Kh7 45.Qc6 Rf2 46.Qc1 Qf3 47.Qg1 h5 48.Qxf2 Qxf2 49.Nxh5

White is a Queen down and plays a couple of moves as the idea of losing the game sinks in. A very instructive game, congratulations to both players.

Volkov, Maksim (2100)
Zhao, Erick (2067) [A05]

WCCC 2018 U10 chess24.com (11),
15.11.2018

[Ararat,Miguel]

1.Nf3 Nf6 2.c4 g6

Black can play 2...c5 or 2...e6 as two ex-world chess champions, Anand and Kramnik played last month (at the same tournament). Both games can give us a hint about the plans available to black and white when black plays with b6-Bb7 instead of g6-Bg7. [2...c5 3.b3 b6 4.g3 Bb7 5.Bg2 e6 6.0-0 Be7 7.Nc3 0-0 8.d4 cxd4 9.Qxd4 Nc6 10.Qf4 d6 11.Rd1 Qb8 12.Nb5 Rd8 13.Ba3 Nh5 14.Qe3 Nf6 15.Rac1 d5 16.Bxe7 Nxe7 17.cxd5 Nfxd5 18.Qe5 a6 19.Nbd4 Ng6 20.Qxb8 Raxb8 21.Nc6 Bxc6 22.Rxc6 Rbc8 23.Rdc1 Nge7 24.Rxc8 Rxc8 25.Rxc8+ Nxc8 26.Nd4 Nc3 27.Bb7 Nd6 28.Bxa6 Nxa2 29.f4 Nb4 30.Bb5 Kf8 1/2-1/2 (30) Sethuraman,S (2673)-Anand,V (2771) Douglas 2018;

2...e6 3.b3 b6 4.g3 Bb7 5.Bg2 Be7 6.Bb2 0-0 7.0-0 c5 8.Nc3 d5 9.e3 Qc8 10.Rc1 Rd8 11.cxd5 Nxd5 12.Nxd5 Bxd5 13.d4 a5 14.dxc5 bxc5 15.Nh4 Bxg2 16.Qg4 Bf8 17.Nxg2 Rd2 18.Bd4 Nd7 19.a4 Qb7 20.Bc3 Rd6 21.Rfd1 Rxd1+ 22.Rxd1 Nb6 23.Nf4 Qe4 24.h3 c4 25.bxc4 Nxa4 26.Ba1 Nc5 27.Rd4 Qb1+ 28.Rd1 Qe4 29.Rd4 Qc2 30.Nh5 Qg6 31.Qf3 Rb8 32.Bc3 f5 33.Bxa5 Qf7 34.Rd1 Ne4 35.Nf4 h6 36.Qe2 Kh7 37.Qh5 Qxh5 38.Nxh5 Rb2 39.Be1 e5 40.g4 fxg4 41.hxg4 Rc2 42.Rd8 Bc5 43.Kf1 Rxc4 44.Rc8 Rc1 45.Rc7 Kh8 46.Ke2 Bxe3 47.Rxg7 Bg5 48.Rg6 Kh7 49.Rg7+ Kh8 50.Ra7 Bh4 51.Rf7 Nd6 52.Rf8+ Kh7 53.Bb4 Rc6 54.f3 Bg5 55.Ra8 Nb5 56.Kd3 Rc7 57.Ba5 Rf7 58.Ke4 Nd4 59.Kxe5 Nxf3+ 60.Ke6 Re7+ 61.Kd6 Ne5 62.Bc3 Nf7+ 63.Kd5 Rd7+ 64.Ke4 Re7+ 1/2-1/2 (64) Artemiev,V (2706) - Kramnik,V (2779) Douglas 2018]

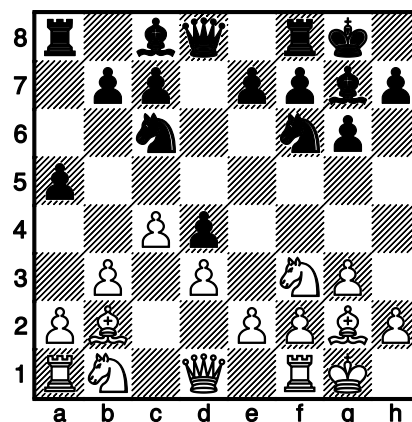
3.b3 Bg7 4.Bb2 0-0 5.g3

At this point in the game black decides how he wants to fight for the center. One option is a Kings Indian Center with d6-e5.

The second alternative is d5-Nc6 (holding the advance of the e pawn.

Erick decided to use the second alternative.

5...d5 6.Bg2 Nc6 7.0-0 d4 8.d3 a5



Up to this point white played a "wait and see game" encouraging black to advance in the center and counter attack (play against the weaknesses black will leave behind as he uses his pawn to take space. In contrast, black is playing a direct, thematic game, grabbing space and securing good squares for his pieces. After 8...a5 white's play needs to be concrete, particularly the development of his queenside knight (the pawn push d7-d5-d4 from black took away the natural c3 square for this piece). Nb1-a3-c2 with the white queen on d2 seems as a harmony deployment than in the game.

9.a3

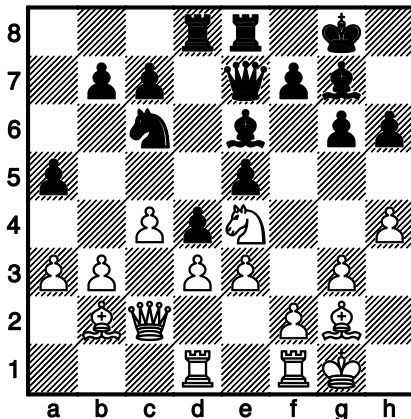
[9.e3 The attack on the black pawn on d4 is insufficient as the following variation shows. 9...dxe3 10.fxe3 a4; 9.Na3 Re8 10.Nc2 e5 11.Qd2 Nb4=; 9.Re1 Re8 10.Na3 e5 11.Nc2 =]

9...e5 10.Nbd2 Re8 11.Qc2 Nd7 12.Rad1 Nc5 13.Ne4 Ne6

Black has more space and avoided to trade off knights and ask his opponent to find a constructive plan or keep waiting without weakening his position.

14.h4 Qe7 15.Nfg5 h6 16.Nxe6 Bxe6 17.e3 Rad8

(Ararat games continued on page 14)



The game reaches a critical point. After seventeen moves all the pawns remain on the board! White needs to continue maneuvering his pieces and prevent black's space advantage to become decisive (f7–f5 is in the air)

18.Qd2?

In this tense last round game, white is the first to crack and his dominant knight on e4 is trapped in the middle of the board. [18.exd4 This capture seems like the natural follow up to 17.e3 but black will stand better. 18...Nxd4 19.Bxd4 Rxd4 so 18.Nd2 removing the knight from f7–f5 and keep waiting is a safe approach, but black has the better middlegame prospects and easier game thanks to his space.]

18...f5 19.exd4 exd4

19...fxe4? 20.d5 and white gets his piece back.

20.Rfe1 fxe4 21.Rxe4 Qd7 22.b4

Black is winning and most annotators will stop here with the note "rest is a matter of technique". It is important to remember the context of this last round game played after 10 rounds of chess; a player may start playing passive allowing counter play, and a won game becomes a nail biter. In the next fifteen moves black keeps playing with purpose, simplifying the position and capture more material.

22...axb4 23.axb4 Bf5 24.Rxe8+ Rxe8 25.Qf4 Nxb4 26.Bf1

[26.Bxb7 c6 The bishop is trapped on b7.]

26...b6 27.Ba3 Nc2

27...Qa4 is probably stronger than 27...Nc2, but there is no need to allow the white queen in black's camp.

28.Bb2 Re1 29.Qd2 Rxd1 30.Qxd1 Nb4 31.Qb3 Nc6 32.Qa4 Ne5 33.Qa8+ Kh7 34.Ba3 Bxd3 35.Bg2 Bxc4 36.h5 d3

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**Leon, Cheng (1700)
Roy, Weaver (2035) [E73]**

22.12.2018

[Ararat,Miguel MA &
Roy Weaver RW]

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 Bg7 4.e4 d6 5.Be2 0-0 6.Be3 e5 7.d5 a5 8.g4

RW "I was pretty surprised by this move, and took some time to develop a plan: ...Na6"

MA "8.g4 was played by Paco Vallejo against Radjabov in Palma de Mallorca, 2017 with a very similar plan to Roy's idea"

8...Na6 9.h4 Nc5

RW "Developing a piece and putting pressure on the e4 pawn."

10.Bf3

MA "After this move, the knight on c5 has a juicy target on d3 and the game is =."

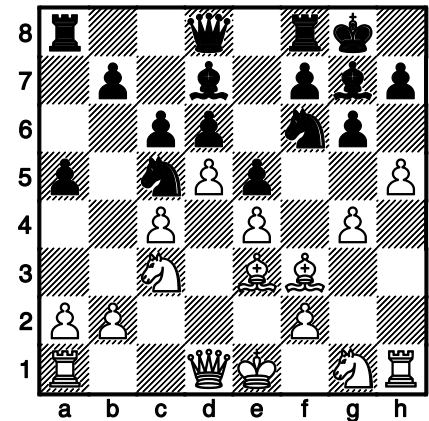
MA "Seems like Vallejo 10.f3 maintains the opening edge for white. 10... h5 11.g5 Nh7 12.Kd2 Bd7 13.Nh3 c6 14.Nf2 cxd5 15.exd5 f5 This was the continuation in the game Vallejo–Radjabov cited above."

MA "Black won the game after a tense middle game with chances for both sides and mutual errors."

10...Bd7

MA "10...c6 11.h5 cxd5 12.cxd5 a4= In this variation black saves a move (can play bxc4 in one move and importantly, the d7 square is available to the black knight on f6 in case of g4–g5."

11.h5 c6



RW "White is going for the kill, however, he is not fully developed, and his king remains in the center of the board. As they say, "an attack on the wing should be met by a counter in the center"

MA "Roy plays the position following his intuition, but allowing g5 without a decent square for the black knight on f6 gives white the better position"

12.hxg6 fxg6 13.Bh6?

RW "A mistake. White's central pawns are all on light squares and the swap of his dark square bishop weakens his dark squares considerably"

MA "Roy senses that White's last move is a mistake from a positional point of view. Importantly, White's king in the middle becomes very difficult to defend and the g4 and b2 pawn are soft targets."

13...Qb6

[13...Bxh6 14.Rxh6 Qb6 15.Qe2 cxd5 16.cxd5 Nxg4]

14.Qe2

RW "At this point I was considering a sacrifice to open lines to white's weak king via the dark squares"

MA "[14.Bxg7] Seems like white did not sense the danger otherwise he may go for this line a pawn down, but with opposite side castling increasing his chances to save the game. Although, black is winning, no question about it. because of [14...Kxg7 15.Qd2 Bxg4 16.Qh6+ Kg8 17.0-0-0]"

14...cxd5

MA "[14...Bxh6] is very similar to the game continuation, but black has less chances. 15.Rxh6 Nxd4 16.Bxg4 Nd3+ 17.Qxd3 Qxf2+ 18.Kd1 Bxg4+ 19.Nge2"

15.cxd5 Nxd4 16.Bxg4 Nd3+ 17.Qxd3 Qxf2+ 18.Kd1 Bxg4+ 19.Nge2 Bxh6 20.Rxh6 Qf1+ 21.Kc2 Qxa1

MA "A very nice game by chess expert Roy Weaver and a good illustration that when white plays sharp the position become dangerous for both players (quoting chess legend V. Korchnoi). Up to move 10 Cheng played the same moves that the top grandmasters, but then playing Bf3 instead of f3 plus keeping his king in the center for too long to speed up an attack against his opponent's castle king gave Roy Weaver the chance to score an instructive miniature. **0-1**

Erik Nebylovych (1250) [NY]

Jack Aronian (950) [C42] [CT]

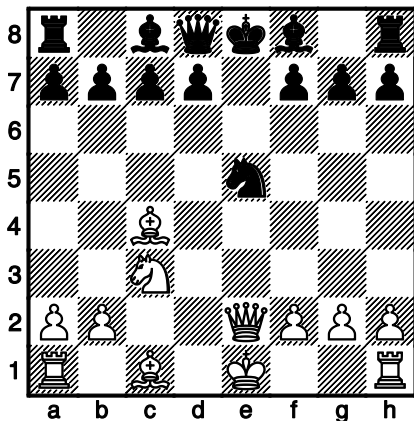
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[Erikneb – ICC User]

[Ararat,Miguel]

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.d4 [3.d3]

3...exd4 4.c3 dxc3 5.Nxc3 Miguel Ararat: Black has at least three different choices to have a small but safe edge. Instead he goes pawn hunting with his king in the middle. **5...Nf6 [5...Bb4; 5...Bc5; 5...d6] 6.e5 Ng4 7.Bc4 Ngxe5?! [7...d6 8.exd6 Bxd6 9.Qe2+ Qe7** Black keeps his extra pawn and stands slightly better (Miguel Ararat)] **8.Nxe5 Nxe5 9.Qe2**



The critical move in the game. Black is behind in development with an open center and it is time to go in damage control mode, get two pawn for the piece and stay in the game (Miguel Ararat)

9...Qe7

[9...Bd6 10.f4 0-0 11.fxe5 Bxe5 12.0-0 (12.Qxe5 Qh4+ (12...Re8?? Open positions require tactical alertness.

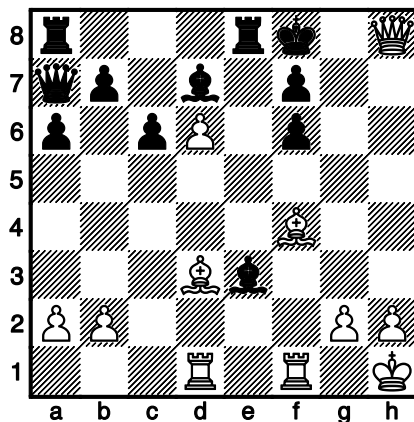
Black apparently wins the white queen in the variation, but white breaks the pin with check and turn the tables on black! The beauty of chess (Miguel Ararat) 13.Bxf7+ Kxf7 14.0-0+ Kg8 15.Qh5 white saves his queen.) 13.Kd2 Qxc4.]

10.Nd5 Qd6

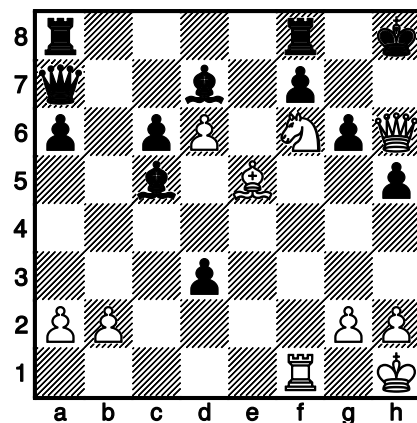
[10...Nf3+ Puts more resistance, because white kingside pawn are isolated and black has two pawns for the minor piece (Miguel Ararat) 11.gxf3 Qxe2+ 12.Kxe2 Bd6]

11.f4 c6 12.fxe5 Qb8 13.Nc3 Be7 14.0-0 0-0 15.Bf4 Bc5+ 16.Kh1 d6 17.Rad1 a6 18.exd6 Bd7 19.Ne4 Qa7 20.Nxc5

Remaining analysis by GM Ron Henley. [20.Qh5! Be3 (20...Bb6 21.Ng5) 21.Nf6+ gxf6 22.Bd3 Rfe8 (22...f5 23.Qg5+ Kh8 24.Qf6+ Kg8 25.Be5) 23.Qxh7+ Kf8 24.Qh8#



20.Be5 b5 21.Rd3 bxc4 22.Nf6+ Kh8 (22...gxf6 23.Rg3+ Kh8 24.Bxf6#) 23.Qe4 g6 24.Qh4 h5 25.Qg5 (25.Nxh5+ Kh7 26.Nf6+) 25...cxd3 26.Qh6#



20...Qxc5 21.b3 Rae8 22.Qb2 Bg4 23.Rc1 b5 24.Bxf7+

A very instructive game for our young readers and coaches that highlight the tactical possibility for both players after a gambit. This game won a prize at Nationals Elementary in Orlando, FL Dec 14-16 2018. GM has the judge and he kindly provide the game to publish in FloridaChess after my request. **1-0**



The lost Charles S Hall vs Gabriel Schwartzman Game

by Anony Mous

Charles S Hall (2129) [A06] Gabriel Schwartzman (2542)

Space Coast Open 1995, 18.02.1995
[Anony Mous and Charles Hall CH]

1.Nf3 d5 2.a4 (The Potato!)

CH I have only played this twice in tournaments; here and three months later in Pompano, where I defeated a 2300 player, bringing my lifetime performance rating with the Potato to near 2700. I am certain no one else comes close with that opening, even GM Gareuev.

2...Nf6

If 2...c5?, then 3.e4! enters a favorable Budapest with an extra useful move.

3.b4!

Following basic chess logic: having said "a" I must say "b". White is now playing a strange-looking Santasiere's Folly.

CH By now the laughter from the onlookers was becoming embarrassing.

3...e6 4.b5 a6 5.Bb2

Not 5.e3?, a terrible move that leaves White's a-pawn eternally weak on a semi-open file.

5...c5 6.bxc6 Nxc6

Typical Folly imbalance. White maintains a 4 vs 3 quantitative pawn majority in the center, but Black gets rapid development and occupies the center with his own pawns.

7.e3 Bd6 8.d4 Qb6

This move isn't as bad as the plan; Black is clearly better after the simple 8...0-0. No need to rush.

9.Qc1

Multipurpose move to:

- (1) protect the Bishop,
- (2) defend c3 in case of Ne4/Bb4, and
- (3) preparing for Ba3, exchanging off White's bad Bishop.

This concept is also seen in the Queen's Indian.

9...Bd7

Again just 9...0-0!

10.Ba3 Bxa3 11.Qxa3

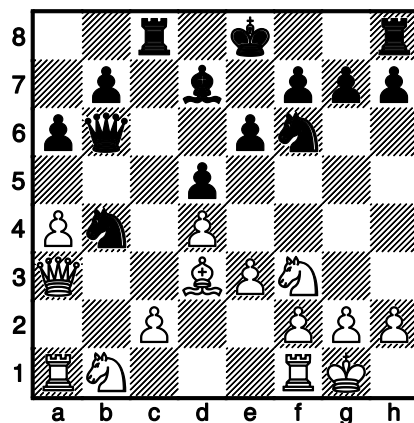
Suddenly, White is at least equal, with Black having blown his opportunity to castle.

In the November 2018 issue of Chess Life, there is an excellent article on the "Narrative", or the story each is "Writing" in their mind. This can create a psychological momentum in which a player cannot cope with qualitative changes which drastically alter the evaluation of the position out of the early opening.

GM Schwartzman fails to objectively evaluate the position based on important changes, and, I suppose, figured he must automatically win against a mere Expert having the gall to play 2.a4 and 3.b4.

11...Rc8 12.Bd3 Nb4 13.0-0!

13.a5? Nxd3+ 14.Qxd3 Qb2 is awful for White.



13...Nxc2?

Black suffers a lot of grief for the pawn. Clearly 13...0-0 is desperately called for.

On 13...a5, 14.Nbd2 followed by 15.Rab1 gives White a strong game.

14.Bxc2 Rxc2 15.Nbd2!

GM Schwartzman expected only 15.Nc3? Qb2 and White must trade Queens and suffer for any drawing chances.

15...Ne4 16.Nxe4 dxe4 17.Ne5 f6 18.Nxd7 Kxd7

An awkward way for Black to connect his Rooks. White quickly activates his Rooks and forces the recovery of his sacrificed pawn.

The powerful d5 break is also coming, facilitating attacks through the center and Kingside.

Black can not allow this Break

19.Rab1 Qc6 20.Qb3

Not 20.Rfc1?? allowing Black to coordinate his defenses, i.e. : 20...Rc8 21.Rxc2 Qxc2 22.Rxb7+ Kc6! and it is Black who wins because of mate threats.

20...Rb8

If you must play this, something has gone horribly wrong with your position.

21.Rfd1!

To support the break d4-d5 in the center, the only way to keep the attack going.

21...Qc4 22.Qb6!

The a-pawn is immune due to 23.d4-d5 and all of Pixieland breaks loose.

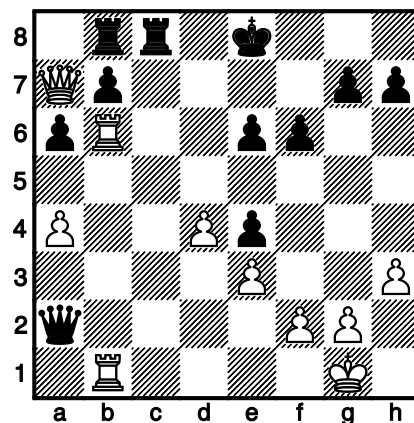
22...Qd5 23.Qa7 Rcc8 24.Rb6 Ke8

Way too late for this, but nothing is better.

25.Rdb1 Qa2 26.h3!

Preparing 27.Kh2 ruling out any nonsense.

CH Here, though I felt sure I was winning, I was also very nervous, so I offered the draw and GM Schwartzman accepted. 1/2-1/2



Yes, for example, 26...Kf8 27.Kh2 Qf2 25.Rxb7 leads to a forced mate.

Also fun is 26...Ra8 27.Qxb7 Rab8 28.Qxe4! Rc1+ 29.Kh2 and the Rb1 is totally immune, while the Pe6 & Pa6 must fall for starters.



MIAMI CHAMPIONS



GM Eduardo Iturrizaga













GM Pavel Eljanov



IM Alexander Katz



Manager: Bryan Tillis

SCHEDULE				
Opponent		Date	Time (PST)	Result
Webster Windmills		1/8	2:20 PM PST	
Montreal Chessbrahs		1/15	2:40 PM PST	
New York Marshalls		1/22	2:40 PM PST	
Battle Royale #1		1/29	1:30 PM PST	
Montclair Sopranos		2/6	1:50 PM PST	
Pittsburgh Pawngrabbers		2/12	2:20 PM PST	
Battle Royale #2		2/21	10:40 AM PST	
London Lions		2/26	1:30 PM PST	
Saint Louis Arch Bishops		3/6	1:50 PM PST	
Battle Royale #3		3/12	1:30 PM PST	



Title	Name	Rating
GM	Pavel Eljanov	2703
GM	S P Sethuraman	2673
GM	Eduardo Iturrizaga	2636
IM	Daniel Fernandez	2482
IM	Alexander Katz	2404
FM	Jorge Oquendo	2380
	Tianqi Wang	2312
FM	Kazim Gulamali	2308
FM	Corey Acor	2256
	Bryan Tillis	2198
	Yan Miellier	2108

Iturrizaga, Eduardo (2636)
Liem, Le Quang (2715) [A33]
 Live Chess Chess.com, 08.01.2019

1.Nf3 c5 2.c4 Nc6 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.d4 cxd4 5.Nxd4 e6 6.a3 Bc5 7.Nb3 Bb6 8.Bf4 d5 9.e3 0-0 10.Be2 h6 11.0-0 e5 12.Bg3 d4 13.exd4 exd4 14.Nb5 Be6 15.Nd6 Qe7 16.Bf3 Nd7 17.Bxc6 bxc6 18.Nxd4 Bxd4 19.Qxd4 Qf6 20.Qxf6 Nxf6 21.b4 Ne8 22.Rfd1 Nxd6 23.Rxd6 Bxc4 24.Rxc6 Rfc8 25.Bc7 Bb5 26.Rc5 Ba4 27.Rac1 a6 28.h3 Re8 29.Ra5 Bd7 30.Rd1 Bb5 31.a4 Bc6 32.Rd6 Re6 33.Rxe6 fxe6 34.Be5 Bb7 35.f3 Rc8 36.b5 Ra8 37.bxa6 Rxa6 38.Rc5 g6 39.Rc7 Bd5 40.Rg7+ Kf8 41.Rxg6 Rxa4 42.Rxh6 Ra2 43.Rh7 Re2 44.Bf6 Bc4 45.h4 e5 46.Re7 e4 47.Rxe4 Rxe4 48.fxe4 Kf7 49.e5 Kg6 50.Kf2 Be6 51.Ke3 Kh5 52.Kd4 Kg6 53.Kc5 Bg4 54.Kd6 Kf7 55.Bg5 1-0

We lost a tough match in week one versus the Collegiate National Champions Webster 6½-9½.

I am attaching a picture (above) with all information thus far in the league.

<====On the left is week 1's "Game Of The Week", where our Pro League All-Star player GM Eduardo Iturrizaga defeated Webster's top player GM Le Quang Liem.

Like I did last season, I will send a number of annotated games for the magazine at the end of the season. In the meantime, all information on the Miami Champions can be found at:

<https://www.prochessleague.com/miami-champions.html>

As to what I do, I would think of it more as general manager, coach, and team player...wearing many hats to keep the Miami Champions running.

Bryan Tillis

Erick Zhao ties for 1st at World Cadets Chess Championship 2018

A profile of a Chess Champion part 1

by Miguel Ararat

The **World Cadets Chess Championship 2018** took place in Spain at the city of Santiago de Compostela (capital of the region of Galicia). The tournament was organized by FIDE with the participation of the **Spain Chess Federation** (FEDA) and the Galician Chess federation (FEGAXA). Chess players divided in three categories, under 8, 10 crossed swords between November 4th to November 15th. Nine players from the United States of America played in the U-10 section of The World Cadets Chess Championship 2018 with the following results:

Erick Zhao, tied for first (**silver medal** 9/11), Lee Jayden (7.5/11), Ngo Bach (7.5/11), Shivakumar (7/11), Sloan Jed (6.5/11), Tay Brian (6.5/11), Wilson Ronen (6/11), Hardaway Brewington (6/11), Emrikian Aren (6/11) and Huang Brian (5.5/11)

Erick Zhao lives in Gainesville Florida and attends Joseph Williams Elementary School (fourth grade) .Erick started his successful chess career winning the **National Grades National Championship in 2014** (Kindergarten), followed by similar results at the same event in **2015, 2017** (tied for first both years) and clear first place this **2018** with a perfect score 7/7 to dominate the 4th grade section (a full report about this event plus an interview with Erick next issue of FloridaChess)

Every successful scholastic chess player has on his side a committed and supportive family, and Erick is not the exception. Erick's family help him to develop as a chess player, student and nurture multiple interests outside chess like music. Importantly, Erick's family actively encourage Erick to share his passion for chess helping other kids to learn or get better at chess. Two examples of Erick's will to help his peers are illustrated by his role helping me during my chess classes at Williams directing the work of the advance players while I worked with the rest of the class. Outside his school, Erick helped along with other volunteers to carry out our local Chess Challenge. <https://www.gainesville.com/news/20180524/lake-forest-hosts-20th-chess-challenge>

The Chess Challenge is organized by the **Alachua County Scholastic Chess Association** annually and brings chess to one of our schools in Gainesville. Volunteers and coaches teach every student how to play chess and after 8-10 weeks the newcomers are ready to play against local players in a massive event at the school cafeteria.

It is nice to watch Erick steady development as a person and as chess player. Our local community is fortunate to have a role model as Erick and his family. We are looking forward to see Erick succeed at school, music, math and chess. In the near future Erick will move up as a member of one of our local US chess Amateur Teams "**TWO AND A HALF MEN**". In 2019 TWO AND A HALF MEN will have a different lineup with Erick taking second or first board and this writer happily moving down to third board...The inner dream of every chess coach to be surpassed by his/her trainees.



In this team picture: on the left, NM Britt Ryerson (board 1 and current, Erick's chess coach and math tutor), next FI Miguel Ararat, (former Erick's chess coach and CM Erick Zhao (will take the title as soon as his FIDE rating reaches 2000). Opposite team: NM Benjamin Moon and NM Jonathan Hrach



Erick Zhao helping during the chess class at
Joseph Williams Elementary



Erick Zhao



On stage #1 Erick Zhao



USATS 2018 Team

Surprising Turn of Events at the 2018 USCF Grade Level Nationals Oak Hall Kindergarten Team Wins First Place!

by Tim Tusing

The 2018 USCF Grade Level National Championships were held in Orlando December 14th-16th. Over 1700 students from around the United States participated in this event to determine the champions for each grade level from kindergarten through 12th grade. The competition was intense this year with one point or less separating the first and second place teams in all the elementary grades. Each student played seven games. A victory earns one point and a draw earns $\frac{1}{2}$ point for the students score. The top three students score in each grade counts towards the team score.

In a surprising turn of events the Oak Hall **Kindergarten** team won First Place after being awarded the second place trophy. A review of the games determined that New York Dalton School had a lower tie breaker score! The victory is Oak Hall's 16th National Chess Championship. The kindergarten team was lead by Ishir Kumar and Henry Thomas who finished 10th and 11th individually with 5 points each.. Shreyan Mola placed 2nd in the U600 category earning the team 4.5 points. The team also consisted of John Henry Lebrun, Athma Reddy, Tesia Gurley, and Meera Jani.

The **First Grade** team placed third ,missing the championship by 1 point. Anay Gupta and Tovy Guan each earned 5 points for the team and each placed in the top 20 individually. Jack Judy placed 3rd in the U1000 category and Jason Zhang placed 2nd in the U800 section each earning 4 points. Rounding out the team were Jacob Rose, Declan Mawdsley, Elias Siddiqui, Connor Ringlehan, Maanya Rao, Amarley Mullings, Aviansh Nataraj, and Marcus Bavry.

The Eagles **Second Grade** team faced extreme competition and placed 11th missing a top 10 finish by $\frac{1}{2}$ point. Oliver Cooke earned 5 points and finished in 15th place. Team members included Jasmine Elkatoney, Carly Vu, Gabe Odocha, Adelyn Gurly, Anya Madsen, Shereen elkatoney, Clark Ventura, and Asha Snodgrass.

One point separated the top 6 teams in the **Third Grade** section. The Oak Hall team placed third, missing the championship by $\frac{1}{2}$ point! The Eagles were lead by undefeated Nate Ziegler, who place 8th, with 5 wins and 2 draws. Brian Bird and Zeina Siddiqui each scored 4 points to give the team a total of 14 points. Yiwen Lu, Nick Cummings, Kevin Reeves, Cade Gallogly, and Sarai Mullings also represented the team.

Kadar Mullings was the Eagles only **Fourth Grader**. He raised his rating 130 points with his courageous efforts.

The **Fifth Grade** team placed 6th lead by Grayson Cooke, the highest rated player in Oak Hall School history. Grayson earned 5 points finishing 17th. Jack Okun and Marcus Shih each earned 4 points for the team.

Bryan Zhang placed first in the U800 rated category, and Chris Zoidis turned in a fine effort with 3 points.

For the first time Oak Hall had a **Sixth Grade** team participate. The team placed an impressive 4th place in the nation. Thomas Moy and Cloe Min each scored 4.5 points and Haider Zaidi earned 3.5 points.

Coach Tusing considered the event successful with four of our teams placing in the top five in the United States. Assistants Kai Tabor and Josh Harrison help train the students and the Eagles look forward to more successful tournaments the second semester of the school year.



See an annotated game from this section on page 24. ~Ed.

Two endgames by Maxwell Yang from the National Grades - 1st Grade

Annotated by GM Ronald Henley

Judy Jack (998)

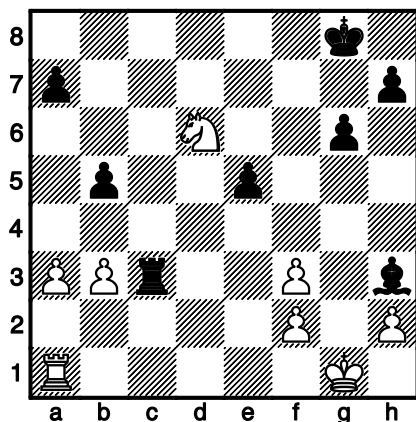
Maxwell Yang (1132) [A00]

2018 National Grades – Grade 1,
(4), 15.12.2018

After complications, Maxwell has reached a highly favorable R+B v R+N Ending :

- a) The White pawns on f3 and b3 are under attack
- b) White has split kingside pawns
- c) The black Rook is active
- d) Black has the long range Bishop versus the short range Knight with pawns on both sides of the board.

29.Nxd6



29...Rxb3+ 30.Ne4 Bf5 31.Nf6+ Kf7

[31...Kg7!]

32.Ng4 Ke6!

Excellent play as Maxwell demonstrates how to use the King in the endgame.

33.Re1

White double attacks the e5 pawn.

33...Rb1!

Maxwell forces the exchange of Rooks. Black could also win in more complicated ways – [33...Bxg4 34.fxg4 Rxa3 35.f4 b4 36.Rxe5+ Kd6+; 33...e4!]

34.Rxb1 Bxb1

–3.00 B v N Ending.

The Bishop + outside passed pawn, combined with the superior black King position should win.

35.Kg2 a5 36.Kg3 b4! 37.axb4

[37.a4!? Bc2 38.Ne3 Bxa4 39.Nc4 b3! 40.Nxa5 b2]

37...axb4

Even stronger was 37...a4!? 38.Ne3 (38.b5 a3 39.b6 Kd6! 40.Nxe5 a2 41.b7 Kc7) 38...a3+

As Maxwell quoted Jan Timman "The outside passed pawn is the enemy of the Knight!"

38.Ne3 b3 39.Nc4 Kd5 40.Nb2 Kd4 41.f4 e4

Also winning was – 41...exf4+ 42.Kxf4 Bd3! 43.Kg5 Kc3 44.Nd1+ Kc2 45.Ne3+ Kd2 and the b-pawn promotes.

42.Kg4 h6!?

Prophylaxis from a 6 year old as he looks to prevent the white King from penetrating!

Again, the plan of dominating and over-powering the white Knight was quite strong – 42...Bd3!? 43.Kg5 Bb5! 44.Kh6 Kc3 45.Nd1+ Kc2 46.Ne3+ Kd2 once again, the b pawn promotes.

43.h4

[43.f5 gxf5+ 44.Kxf5 e3+ 45.Kf4 exf2+]

43...Bc2

[43...h5+ 44.Kg5 e3 45.fxe3+ Kxe3; 43...Bd3!? 44.h5 Be2+]

44.f5 gxf5+ 45.Kh5

[45.Kxf5 e3+ 46.Kf6 exf2+]

45...f4! 46.Kxh6 e3 47.fxe3+ fxe3

48.Kg5 e2 49.Nd3 Bxd3

Of course this "Fischer Ending" of R+B v R+N was quite winning for Black, but one has to appreciate that our new Grade 1 Champion can play endgames at six years old! **0-1**



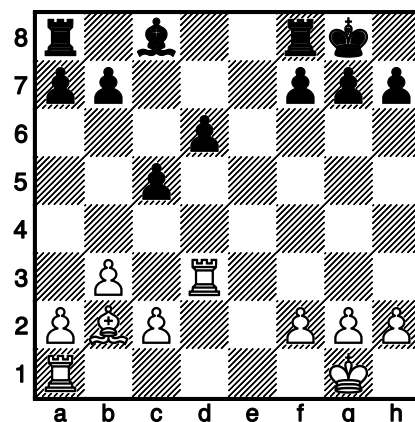
GM Henley with Kevin Pryor [L] and Marty Grund (Vice President of Operations at ICC) at ICC stand at Nationals.

Maxwell Yang (1132)

Max Cacciatore (1025) [A00]

2018 National Grades – Grade 1, (5),
17.12.2018

[Bishops Opening]



In this equal 2R+B v 2R+B ending, careless play by Black allows Maxwell to execute a winning tactic.

16...Bf5 17.Rxd6 Bxc2 18.Rc1 Bf5 19.Rxc5

White has recovered his pawn, but with accurate play the endgame should be drawn.

19...Be6 20.Rc7

Gaining the seventh rank and attacking the black b-pawn.

20...Rab8??

Black passively defends the b7 pawn, but it was more prudent to challenge White's active Rook with [20...Rac8!? 21.Rxc8 (21.Rxb7 Rc2 22.Ba3 Rxa2! 23.Bc1 Ra1 24.Rd1 Rc8 25.Rc7 Rb8 26.Rb7!)=] 21...Rxc8 22.Kf1=

21.Rxe6!+-

Max executes an exchange sacrifice to take advantage of the convergence of the white c7 Rook and b2 Bishop on the sensitive g7 square.

21...Rfe8

[21...fxe6 22.Rxg7+ Kh8 23.Rg6+ e5 24.Bxe5+ Rf6 25.Bxf6#]

22.Rxe8+ Rxe8

[22...Rxe8 Z0 Re1#]

23.Bc3!+- +5.30 (58). 1-0



This issue I have the opportunity to present to my readers a good number of chess material to improve their chess skills. The chess materials come in different platforms to appeal to players of different ages and learning preferences. For example, **The Master Method** series from **iChessnet** are resources that use video, chess databases and printable summaries to help the user to make the most out of the product. Each Master Method recommended in this issue will cover a particular

class of chess players, 1200- 1700, 1700-1900 and 1900 and up respectively. Then I will couple of books and three more DVD's

The Anna Rudolf Method's 15 hours DVD is my recommendation to players in the 1200-1700 rating range. Anna explains the right way to work on openings, middle game planning as well as practical advice to over the board play. The main values of **The Anna Rudolf Method** are the quality of the training examples selected by Anna Rudolf, the way the material is organized and presented.

Players in the 1700-1900 struggling to choose between mainlines versus sidelines will benefit from study the **Bulmanga Method**, in this DVD Irina Bulmanga, proposes a set of opening and shows the right timing to move from sidelines to main lines. Irina's suggestions and presentation are well structured. In summary, Irina makes a compelling case about using sidelines to use more time to learn other aspects of chess besides openings, but eventually a player above 2300 FIDE must play the main lines to continue his/her growth as a chess player. A very useful DVD on a subject that even today has not clear cut answer and each player needs to find his own path.

The Vallejo Method, is a DVD by GM Francisco Vallejo from Spain. Vallejo uses his own games to teach **1900 and up** how to improve their performance against strong opposition. Vallejo shows how to manage your time, defend difficult positions and prepare against a particular opponent among others topics. Paco Vallejo shares his thinking process as he struggles against fellow GMs in different situations so the audience can grasp how a GM develops the skill set to successfully navigate every type of chess position, good, bad or equal and play for a positive result. Highly recommended!

Openings Recommendations (Fire)

Active players with the white pieces may try to tackle the Sicilian Defense with the Smith Morra Gambit (**SMG**) to create the type of sharp middle games they like the most without the need to study the mainlines.

Recently, the ChessBase DVD **Smash the Sicilian**

with the Smith Morra Gambit by Michael Rahal was released and it became the best digital resource available on the **SMG** in both Spanish and English. To play the **SMG** white needs to know the ideas and concrete variations to navigate the sharp middle games out of the **SMG** accepted or the more positional middle games derived from the **SMG** decline. Rahal did a great job organizing and presenting the material and his fluency in both English and Spanish makes the DVD a pleasure to work on. Recommended!

The Vienna Variation of the Queens Gambit Declined by Jack Ilczuk and Krzysztof Panczyk is a comprehensive book aimed to players with the black pieces looking to a sharp struggle in the QGD. Playing for a win with black entails risk and knowledge of concrete positions and the authors provide, explanations of all the major critical positions, but at the same time remain realistic about the game ended in a draw if both players are well prepared (just check a game between Ivanchuk and Morozevich in the QGD Vienna). The book is not a move by move format, but the seventy one dense annotated games provide clear explanations and plenty of reference games to help the reader to navigate the content.

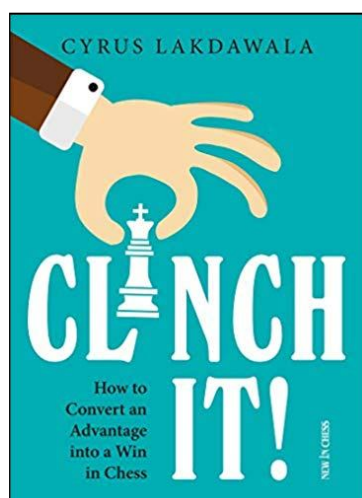
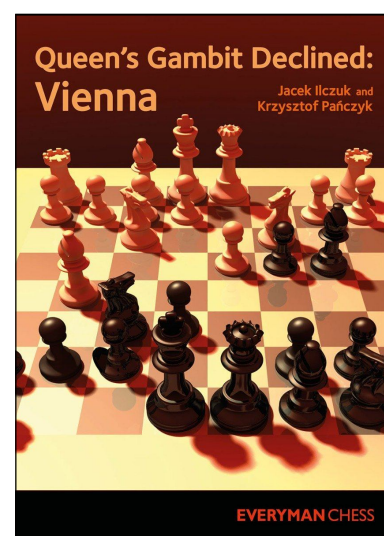
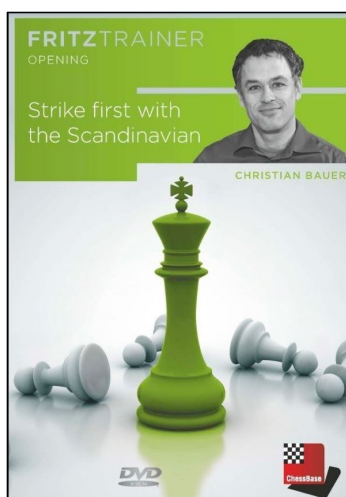
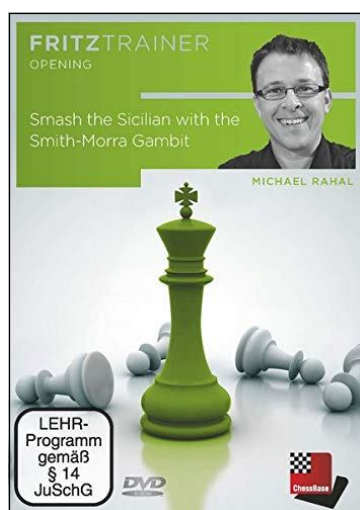
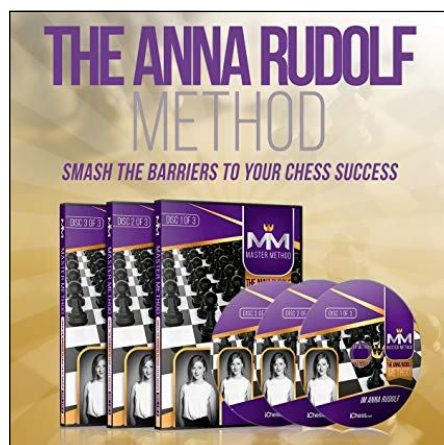
1...d5 - Complete Opening Repertoire For Black Against 1.d4 by GM Mesgen Amanov is my final recommendation to players looking to play solid, but without surrender winning chances as black. The format in this repertoire combine a neat organization of the material with a detailed cover of all major possibilities in such sharp positions coming from the Semi Slav Botvinnik and Meran. Amanov also cover other popular lines against 1.d4 d5, like the London, Exchange variation and Colle. This product is affordable without sacrificing quality. A good effort by chess trainer and author Amanov.

Openings Recommendations (Ice)

The **3...Qa5 Scandinavian** is a very tough nut to crack and to prove any advantage against it white has to play energetically since black can equalize if white relies on natural moves. In consequence this variation of the Scandinavian is popular choice at all levels of chess. **Strike First with the Scandinavian** by GM Christian Bauer is the most current and complete digital resource on the 3...Qa5. Recommended.

Finally, I want to suggest the book **Clinch IT! How to Convert an Advantage into a Win in Chess** by Cyrus Lakdawala to players below master level that fail to convert a chess advantage and win more games. The main values this book has to offer to the readers (in my opinion) are the detailed list of error that club players make when they try to convert an advantage and the one hundred and sixteen positions selected by the author to help the reader to fix his/her mistakes converting a chess advantage. The list will help the audience to identify any mistakes he/she is making more often and self-diagnoses the "problem". Then the training positions will help the reader to "cure the bleeding of chess points". The positions are a good mix of recent and classic games, the old games are stepping stones in each chapter to understand how today's GMs use the same

ideas than the master of the past to convert an advantage against better defenders than the old master faced two hundred years ago.



An upset win from the National Grades

by Bryan Tillis

The Palm Beach Chess lead Franklin Academy Palm Beach Gardens team took third place in the 7th grade section at Nationals.

This was round 7 in a must win situation against a higher rated player, I am very proud of my student Tyler in how he handled himself and kept his nerves bringing us a big win helping us ultimately finish in 3rd place overall in the 7th grade section. This game as well as others from Nationals are fully analyzed on YouTube on the Palm Beach Chess channel.

Von Lindenberg, Tyler (1556) Baalla, Nura (1911) [C14]

CFCC Orlando Sunshine Open (7),
16.12.2018

[Tillis, Bryan & Tyler]

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.Bg5 Be7
5.e5 Nfd7 6.h4

The Alekhine - Chatard Attack
6...h6

One of the most common moves in practice and what I suggest in my book with GM Lenderman on the French on chessable.com, in retrospect, I think I would suggest just castling into it at this point with a slightly worse position. This opening for white is very difficult for black to meet and achieve full equality.

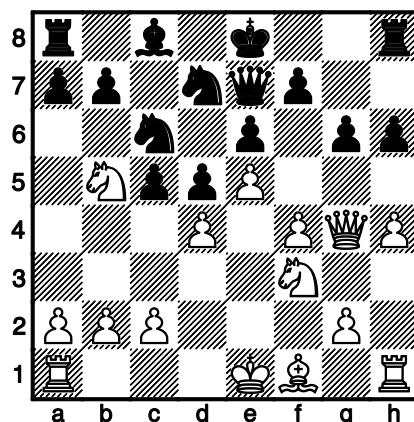
[6...0-0 7.Qg4 f5 8.Bxe7 Qxe7 9.Qg5 Rf7 with a position better for white as nearly all these lines are, but interesting at least that black isn't getting mauled yet on the kingside; 6...Bxg5 plays into white's hands 7.hxg5 Qxg5 8.Nh3 Qe7 9.Qg4 g6 10.Nf4 with the good bishop gone for black and an open h-file for attacking the long-term prospects of comfortable equality is gone for the French player]
7.Bxe7 Qxe7 8.Qg4 g6

The knee jerk reaction we prepared for before the game.
9.f4 c5

9...a6 is required in this position to stop ideas of Nb5 after c5
10.Nf3 Nc6 11.Nb5

White is much better by this point, Black has a very bad bishop on c8 and

holes in the position due to the absence of the dark squared bishop.



11...Kd8

This only makes matters worse.

[11...h5 12.Qg3 0-0 13.0-0-0 Nxd4 14.Nfxd4 cxd4 15.Be2 Nc5 16.Rxd4 Kh8 17.Qa3 is much better for white as well if black elects to stop h5]

12.h5 cxd4 13.Nd6

13.hxg6 is crushing on the spot
13...fxg6 14.Qxg6.

13...g5

Black sees the breakthrough and stops it, black is not lost now.

14.0-0-0 f6 15.Bb5 f5?

15...gxf4 16.Bxc6 Nxe5 gets rough equality and a mess where the higher rated player can outplay her lower counterpart.

16.Qg3 gxf4 17.Qxf4 Rh7 18.Bxc6 bxc6 19.Nxd4 Kc7 20.Rd3

20.Rh3 is better as the h-file Rook isn't doing anything to assist in the attack, develop all of the pieces!

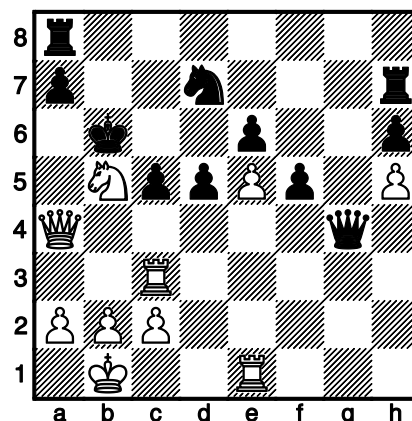
20...Ba6 21.Rc3 c5 22.N4b5+

Allows black back into the game, don't play the clock, play the board.

[22.b4 breaks black's back 22...c4 23.Rg3 +7 for white 23...Nf8 24.Rg8 Rg7 25.N4xf5 exf5 26.Nxf5 Qxb4 27.Rxg7+ wins]

22...Bxb5 23.Nxb5+ Kb6 24.Qa4 Qg5+ 25.Kb1 Qxg2 26.Re1 Qg4

Tyler: "I didn't want to trade, and by this time she had 2 min on her clock."



27.Nd4 Now white is losing!

[27.Qa3 best 27...Kxb5? 28.Rb3+ Kc6 29.Qa6+ Nb6 30.Rxb6+ axb6 31.Qxa8+ Rb7 32.Qc8+ Rc7 33.Qxe6+ will win]

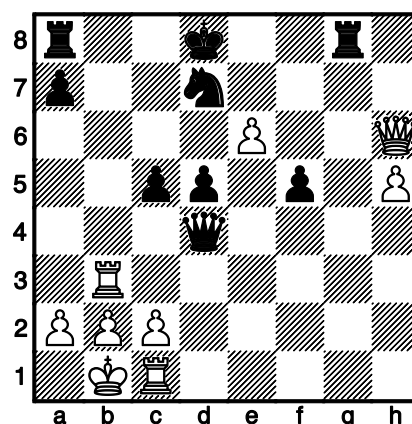
27...Qxd4 28.Rb3+ Kc7 29.Qa5+ Kc8 30.Qa6+ Kd8 31.Qxe6 Qd2

With 31...Re7 32.Qxh6 Rxe5 33.Rf1 Qh4, black is better but it is not a trivial win with little time on the clock.

32.Rg1

Better is 32.Rc1 Re7 33.Qd6 with the threat of e6.

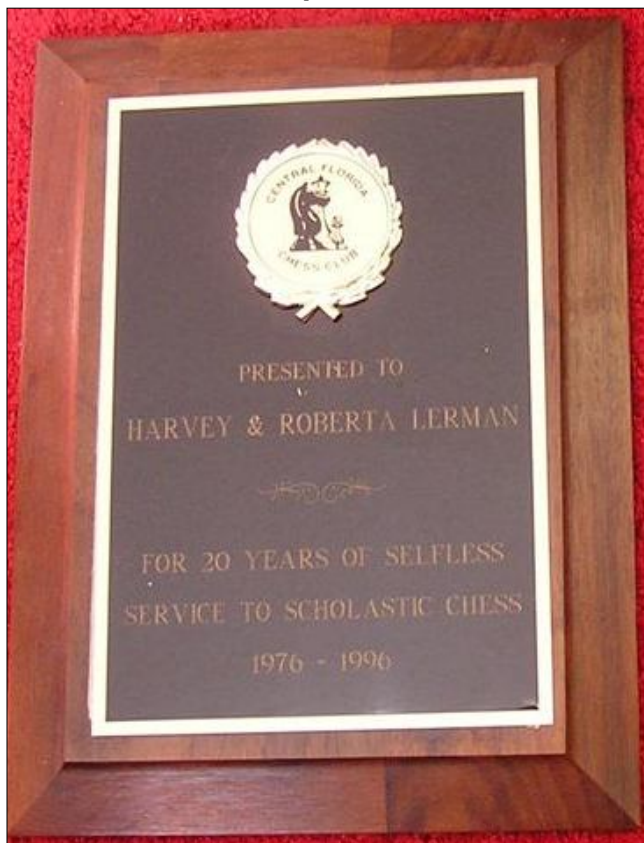
32...Rg7 33.Rc1 Qd4 34.Qxh6 Rg8 35.e6



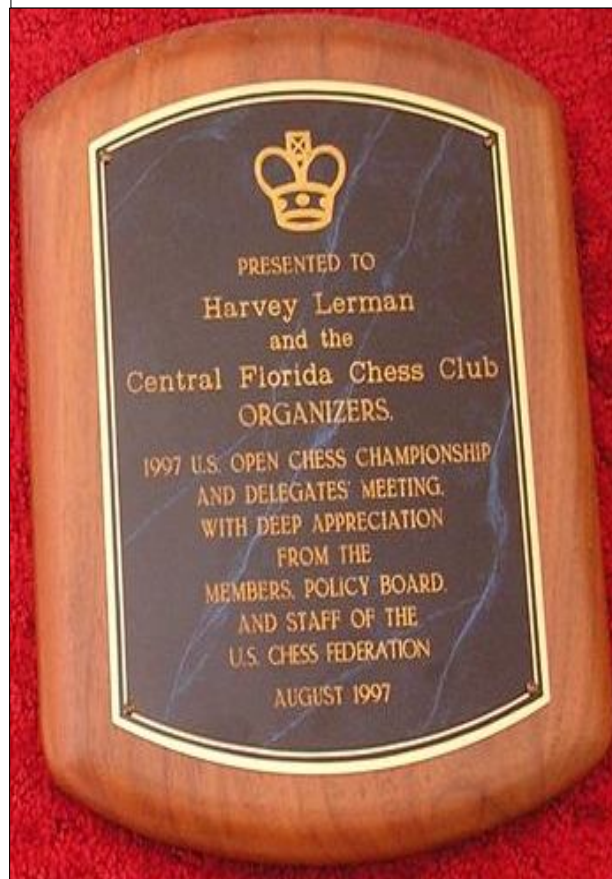
Tyler: "Here she was at 1 second so I stopped notation so she wouldn't have time to think. I won the knight eventually and the game ended in a stair case mate with queens and rooks on the board."

1-0

The Plaque Awards



Harvey Lerman Plays Chess - Part 4

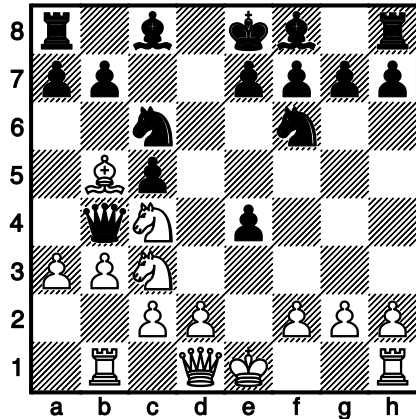


Puzzles by Anony Mous

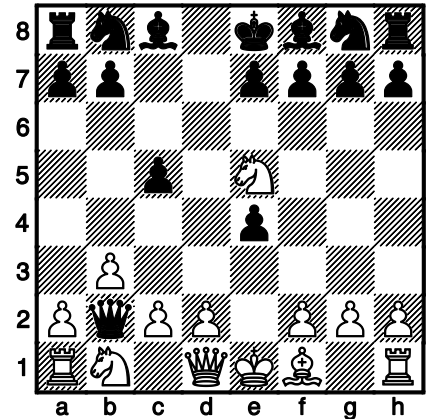
A. After 1.Nf3 d5 2.b3 c5 3.e4?! (The Norfolk Gambit) dxe4
4.Ne5 Qd4?! 5.Bb2! Qxb2, what happens?
Can White force a win with best play?

SOLUTION

6.Nc3 Nf6 7.Rb1 Qa3 8.Bb5+ Nc6 9.Nc4 Qb4 And white wins the Queen by:
10.a3 1-0



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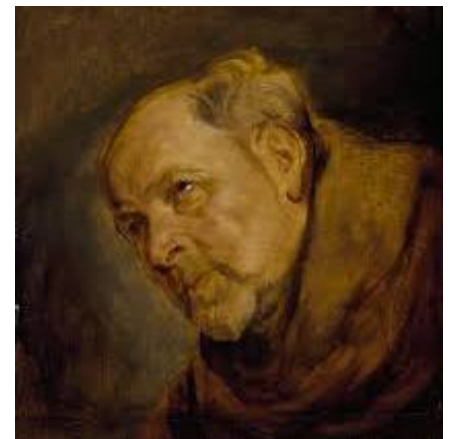
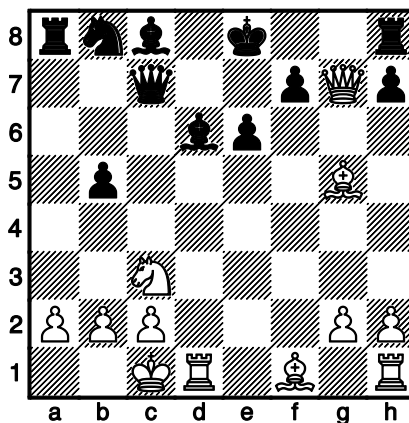
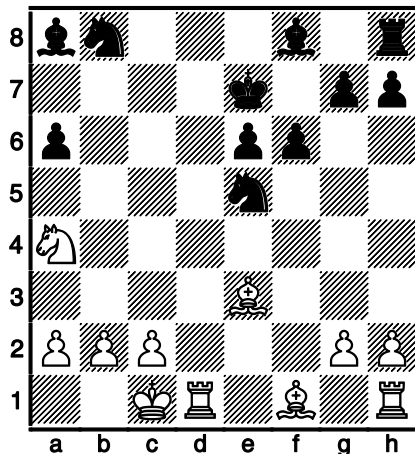
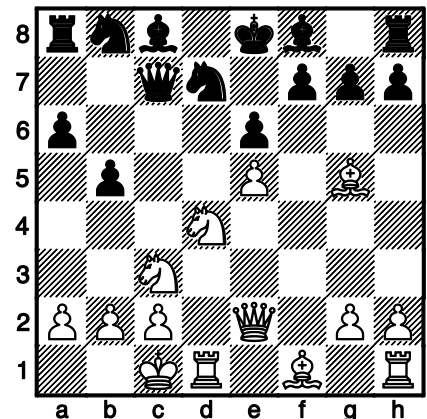


B. 1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 a6 6.Bg5 e6 7.f4 b5!? ==>
(Polugaevsky) 8.e5 dxe5 9.fxe5 Qc7 10.Qe2 Nfd7 11.0-0-0
2 questions : Why is the Pe5 immune to capture by either piece? B1Q or B1N

SOLUTIONS

B1Q: 11...Qxe5 12.Qxe5 Nxe5
13.Ndxb5 f6 14.Nc7+ Ke7 15.Be3
Bb7 16.Nxa8 Bxa8 17.Na4 &
white wins.

B1N: 11...Nxe5 12.Ndxb5 axb5
13.Qxe5 Bd6 14.Qxg7 White wins!



Anony Mous
our Chess-playing monk

CHESS CALENDAR

Florida Chess Tournaments Clearing House

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Date	Event	Location	Contact
2019			
Jan 4-6	5th Gulf Coast New Year's Open	Embassy Suites Fort Myers--Estero	BRCC
Feb 1-3	Central Florida 2019 Winter Open	Avanti Palms Resort - Orlando	CFCC
Feb 2	FCA South Regional Scholastic	The Greene School - West Palm Beach	FCA
Feb 8-10	US Amateur Team Championship South	Ramada Gateway -- Kissimmee	BRCC
Feb 16	FCA North Regional Scholastic	Holiday Inn I-295/Baymeadows Road - Jacksonville	FCA
Mar 1-3	Florida State Scholastic Championship	Wyndham Orlando Resort - Orlando	FCA
Mar 15-17	Southern Class	Wyndham Orlando Resort - Orlando	CCA
Mar 15-17	2019 National High School (K-12) Championship	Renaissance Schaumburg Hotel - Schaumburg, IL	USCF
Apr 12-14	National All-Girls National Championships	Hyatt Regency McCormick Place - Chicago, IL	USCF
Apr 26-28	2019 National Junior High (K-9) Championship	Gaylord Texan Resort - Grapevine, TX	USCF
Apr 26-28	26th Space Coast Open	International Palms Resort - Cocoa Beach	SCF
May 10-12	2019 National Elementary (K-6) Championship	Gaylord Opryland Resort - Nashville, TN	USCF
May 31-Jun 2	CFCC 2019 Orlando Sunshine Open & Scholastic	Westin Lake Mary, Orlando North	CFCC
Jun 7-9	10th Summer Solstice Open	Hyatt - Boca Raton	BRCC
July 13-14	North Florida Open	Holiday Inn I-295 Baymeadows - Jacksonville	JAXCC
Jul 19-21	Southern Open	Wyndham Orlando Resort - Orlando	CCA
Aug 3-11	120th U.S. Open	Rosen Center Hotel - Orlando	USCF
Aug30-Sep2	Arnold Denker Florida State Championship	Marriott - Palm Beach Garden	FCA
Oct 14	National Chess Day		USCF
??	CFCC 2019 Orlando Autumn Open	TBD	CFCC
Nov 15-17	Turkey Bowl	TBD	BRCC
Dec 13-15	National Grades K-12 Championships	Disney's Coronado Springs Hotel - Lake Buena Vista	USCF

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SCSC : Space Coast Scholastic Chess	
TCC : Tallahassee Chess Club	(850)345-7838
USCF : United States Chess Federation	(800)903-8723

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**5th Annual Gulf Coast New Year's Open
January 4-6, 2019**

**Embassy Suites Fort Myers-Estero, 10450 Corkscrew Commons Dr, Estero 33928
5SS, Premier section FIDE rated.**

\$11,000/b180, 50% Guaranteed, 40 Grand Prix Points

HR: \$159, (239) 949-4222; These are 2-room suites with a sleeper sofa in the living room and include complimentary cooked-to-order breakfast, two-hour beverage reception nightly, Internet, refrigerator & microwave.

(See bocachess.com for tournament flyer and online entry)

**Central Florida 2019 Winter Open
February 1-3, 2019**

**Avanti Palms Resort, 6515 International Drive, Orlando 32819
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(See centralflchess.org for details)

**2019 US Amateur Team Championship South
Feb 8-10, 2019**

Ramada Gateway, 7470 W. Irlo Bronson Memorial Hwy, Kissimmee 34747

HR: (800)327-9170 Mention "Chess Tournament"

(See www.ramadagateway.com and bocachess.com for details)

See floridachess.org for a complete list and details of Florida chess events.