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U8 All-Girls 2026 National Champion Siddhishree Sundaram
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From the Editor

Happy 250th birthday to America!

Hello Colorado, I'm glad to bring you our latest issue here on the eve of an incredible milestone in our great nations history. I ponder on the generations that came before us to give us our modern comforts that we can all too easily take for granted. Take a moment to think about all of the great men and women that helped create and defend this great nation for our freedoms we enjoy today. It is also humbling to think that this great publication has been a part of this nation for one fifth of that time. It is an honor for me to be a part of and continue this publications long history. A lot of great coverage here from this busy spring chess season as we enter summer. Thanks to Earle for his tireless work on so many tournaments and getting me photos. Congratulations to Siddhishree for her incredible achievement in Chicago as one of the best U8 girls in the nation thus her place on the cover. Enjoy my coverage on the World Team Championships from Hong Kong where some of the best players in the world came together for team play.

- John Brezina

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Colorado Chess News

History Section of the CSCA website

I've updated the History Section of the CSCA website to include photos of past tournament winners and added categories that were on the website years ago. Go to <https://coloradochess.com> and on the right hand side of the menu at the top named CSCA, drop down to History.

Also added is a new Obituary Section for members who are no longer with us.

This list is by no means complete, if you wish to write something to post about a member who has passed away who is not on the list, contact me.

Also send any photos you might have to link to existing players listed in the History Section who don't have a linked photo and let me know if you think something is inaccurate and needs to be corrected.

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U8 All-Girls 2026 National Champion Siddhishree Sundaram

Colorado's own Siddhishree Sundaram took first place in the Under 8 All-girls National Championship in Chicago (cover photo) in April of 2026. She can be seen playing in tournaments around Colorado and I have photographed her at some of those and the 2025 US Chess National K-12 Grade Championships. She has visited our Parker Chess Club many times and I have been fortunate to meet this young lady and watch her grow into a much stronger chess player. Her mother recently shared this letter for the Colorado chess community:

It has been incredible to watch Siddhishree's growth over the past year. When we registered her for Super Nationals in May 2025, she was a beginner with a rating of around 500. Seeing how much she has learned, improved, and matured as a chess player in just one year has been truly remarkable.

We are deeply grateful to the Colorado chess community, organizers, coaches, and fellow players for their encouragement and support. It has been a privilege to be part of such a welcoming and inspiring community. As parents, one of our favorite parts of this journey has been seeing the friendships Siddhishree has built through chess. Watching her reconnect with friends from other states at national tournaments has been just as rewarding as celebrating her achievements on the board.

- Siddhisree's Mother



Siddhi at the 2025 National Grade K-12 Championships



Siddhi at the 2026 DCC Spring Classic (Tied for first)

2026 Denver Open

Report and photos by Earle Wikle

From May 15 through 17, the Denver Open was held at the Hilton Garden Inn in the Denver Tech Center area. The schedule provided flexibility for the 5-round event by offering a 3-day schedule of G/90;+30 for round 1 on Friday, or a 2-day schedule of G/70;d10 for round 1, at 10am. Then the two sections were merged for round 2, at 1:30pm. This is how the 3-day versus 2-day started way back in the 80's. Some tournaments merge in round 3, but this tournament is not huge as some of the big CC tournaments. Merging in round 3 helps large tournaments by causing an accelerated pairing effect. Plus, with the later round 3 merger, I don't like the 2-day rounds disturbing the 3-day in round 2 when getting setup while 3-day schedule is playing. The other advantage of this format is the re-entry. Two players took advantage of a re-entry after two upsets on Friday. After getting some feedback from some of the players, most agreed, they liked the format of either playing one game Friday and two games on Saturday and Sunday, or three games Saturday and two games Sunday.

In the Championship section LM Sullivan McConnell placed 1st with 4.5 points. NM Eamon Montgomery and Sikander Baker-Nagar tied for 2nd and 3rd. NM Griffin McConnell, NM Daniel Herman, and NM Dmitry Kishinevsky, tied for 4th with 3.5 points. Brad Langer won the U2000 prize with 3.5 points, and the upset prize was won by Neel Yadatore for his win over NM Daniel Herman.

In the U2000 section Larry Wutt placed clear 1st with 4.5 points for the second time in less than a year at a DCC event. Vedanth Peesapaty placed 2nd with 4 points, and Nick Hvizda placed 3rd with 3.5 points. That left a seven way tie for 4th place with 3 points. The upset prize was won by Steven Garverick win over Emmett Lignell.

In the U1700 section Tarun Karthikeyan won 1st place with 4.5 points. In a three way tie with 4 points for 2nd 3rd and 4th between Ryan Gupta, Justin Dounce, and Liam Iverson. The upset prize was won by Ananya Medu for her win over Randy Schine.

In the U1400 section Ravi Thangirala placed 1st with 5 points, and Fared Ahamad placed 2nd with 4 points. There was a four way tie for 3rd and 4th between Kai Grayson, Philip Lesko, Simon Steele, and Jared Hall. While Justin Magruder won the upset prize with a victory over Donald Penning.

In the U1100 section, Benjamin Smith and Glen Holguin tied for 1st and 2nd with 4.5 points, and Quinn Shimko and Jared Coburn tied for 3rd and 4th with 4 points. The upset was won by Gerald Fitzgibbons for his win over Meghna Lambu.



Denver Open 2026 Crosstables

CHAMPIONSHIP

# Name	Rating	Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd 3	Rd 4	Rd 5	Total
1 LM SULLIVAN MAC MCCONNELL	2334	W22 (b)	W16 (w)	D5 (b)	W15 (w) 48	W4 (b)	4½ \$1200
2 NM EAMON C MONTGOMERY	2184	W23 (w)	W19 (b)	D15 (b) 99	D4 (w) 35.5	W5 (b)	4 \$625
3 SIKANDER BAKER-NAGAR	2028	W29 (w)	W21 (b)	L4 (b)	W18 (w)	W8 (b)	4 \$625
4 NM GRIFFIN MCCONNELL2237	2255	W11 (w)	W8 (b)	W3 (w)	D2 (b)	L1 (w)	3½ \$100
5 NM DANIEL HERMAN	2182	W20 (b)	W14 (w)	D1 (w) 76	W6 (b)	L2 (w)	3½ \$100
6 NM DMITRY KISHINEVSKY	2043	D12 (w)	W27 (b)	W18 (b)	L5 (w)	W16 (b)	3½ \$100
7 BRAD LANGER	1912	L9 (b)	W24 (w)	H---	W22 (b) 11	W14 (w)	3½\$225 (U2000)
8 JOSE PARRA	1958	W13 (b)	L4 (w)	W19 (w)	W9 (b) 245	L3 (w)	3
9 NM RHETT LANGSETH	2203	W7 (w)	L18 (w)	W11 (b)	L8 (w)	W20 (b)	3
10 SHUBH MISRA	1993	W24 (b)	L15 (w)	D14 (b)	W13 (w)	D12 (w)	3
11 ASHWIN MATHIMARAN	1872	L4 (b)	W26 (b) 169	L9 (w)	W19 (w)	W18 (b)	3
12 FELIX MCMILLAN	1889	D6 (b) 77	W25 (w) 99	H---	D16 (w) 2.5	D10 (b) 52	3
13 RYAN HAJALI	1746	L8 (w)	B---	W20 (b) 164	L10 (b)	W25 (w) 242	3
14 ENRICO MOSS	1860	W31 (w) 343	L5 (b)	D10 (w) 66.5	W23 (b)	L7 (b)	2½
15 FM GUNNAR ANDERSEN	2382	W17 (w)	W10 (b)	D2 (w)	L1 (b)	U---	2½
16 KRISH MATHIMARAN	1894	W28 (w)	L1 (b)	W21 (w)	D12 (b)	L6 (w)	2½
17 HENRY WALLACE KOVACS	1951	L15 (b)	D23 (w)	D27 (b)	D25 (w) 18.5	W24 (b)	2½
18 ROHAN JACOB DAVID	1860	W26 (w) 181	W9 (b) 343	L6 (w)	L3 (b)	L11 (w)	2
19 NEEL YADATORE	1806	W30 (w) 376	L2 (w)	L8 (b)	L11 (b)	W23 (w) 44	2
20 DANIEL MARMER	1910	L5 (w)	W28 (b)	L13 (w)	W29 (b)	L9 (w)	2
21 JEFFREY BAFFO	1730	B---	L3 (w)	L16 (b)	D26 (b) 155.5	D22 (w) 96.5	2
22 CM BRAD LUNDSTROM	1923	L1 (w)	W29 (b)	H---	L7 (w)	D21 (b)	2
23 FORREST R LUNDSTROM	1850	L2 (b)	D17 (b) 50.5	W26 (w) 191	L14 (w)	L19 (b)	1½
24 SANDEEP MATHEW	1796	L10 (w)	L7 (b)	D29 (w) 21	W28 (b)	L17 (w)	1½
25 CALEB NOAH KOELLER	1988	D27 (w)	L12 (b)	H---	D17 (b)	L13 (b)	1½
26 MURAT ERKAN	2041	L18 (b)	L11 (w)	L23 (b)	D21 (w)	W29 (b)	1½
27 ARIANA DANI	1793	D25 (b) 97.5	L6 (w)	D17 (w) 79	U---	U---	1
28 CARTER EDWARDS	1793	L16 (b)	L20 (w)	B---	L24 (w)	U---	1
29 WILLIAM WOLF	1838	L3 (b)	L22 (w)	D24 (b)	L20 (w)	L26 (w)	½
30 NM DANIEL HERMAN	2182	L19 (b)	U---	U---	U---	U---	0
31 NM RHETT LANGSETH	2203	L14 (b)	U---	U---	U---	U---	0

U2000

# Name	Rating	Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd 3	Rd 4	Rd 5	Total
1 LAURENCE ROBERT WUTT	1859	W23 (b)	W16 (w)	H---	W5 (w) 46	W4 (b) 97	4½ \$450
2 VEDANTH PEESAPATY	1886	W9 (w)	W3 (b)	H---	D4 (w) 35	W6 (b)	4 \$300
3 NICK HVIZDA	1794	W18 (b)	L2 (w)	W14 (b)	W16 (w) 6	D7 (b) 71.5	3½ \$188
4 CHRISTOPHER MOTLEY	1956	W20 (w)	W8 (b)	D11 (w)	D2 (b)	L1 (w)	3 \$16.14
5 KEITH JAY OXMAN	1905	W19 (w)	D15 (b)	W12 (w)	L1 (b)	D8 (w)	3 \$16.14
6 TIM MARTINSON	1831	W14 (w)	D12 (b)	D15 (w)	W11 (b)	L2 (w)	3 \$16.14
7 DAVID LELYUKH	1937	L11 (b)	W17 (w)	W13 (b)	H---	D3 (w)	3 \$16.14
8 JONATHAN SEALANDER	1824	W24 (b)	L4 (w)	H---	W13 (w)	D5 (b) 40.5	3 \$16.14
9 ELI COHRS	1735	L2 (b)	W18 (w)	H---	D12 (w) 16.5	W16 (b) 65	3 \$16.14
10 EMMETT LIGNELL	1941	L16 (b)	L13 (w)	W21 (b)	W17 (w)	W11 (b)	3 \$16.14
11 SANDER MACK-CRANE	1738	W7 (w) 199	W22 (b) 165	D4 (b) 109	L6 (w)	L10 (w)	2½
12 WILL EVANS	1768	W21 (w)	D6 (w) 31.5	L5 (b)	D9 (b)	D14 (b)	2½
13 STEVEN GARVERICK	1604	D22 (w) 149.5	W10 (b) 337	L7 (w)	L8 (b)	W21 (b)	2½ \$75 Upset
14 DANIEL SEAN DUGGAN	1465	L6 (b)	B---	L3 (w)	W19 (b) 261	D12 (w) 151.5	2½
15 MAX HIGA	1804	W17 (w)	D5 (w) 50.5	D6 (b) 13.5	H---	U	2½
16 DUWAYNE LANGSETH	1800	W10 (w) 141	L1 (b)	W19 (w)	L3 (b)	L9 (w)	2
17 VIAAN KHANDELWAL	1549	L15 (b)	L7 (b)	W23 (w)	L10 (b)	B---	2
18 SRII RUPPESH BEZAWADA	1499	L3 (w)	L9 (b)	B---	W21 (w)	U	2
19 ANDREW ROBICHAUD	1726	L5 (b)	W24 (w)	L16 (b)	L14 (w)	U---	1
20 CLIFTON P FORD	1800	L4 (b)	W23 (w)	U---	U---	U---	1
21 ELLA ZHANG	1403	L12 (b)	H---	L10 (w)	L18 (b)	L13 (w)	½
22 CM MIKE MALONEY	1903	D13 (b)	L11 (w)	U---	U---	U---	½
23 ANMAR ADNAN ALMALLAK	1511	L1 (w)	L20 (b)	L17 (b)	U---	U---	0
24 CHRISTOPHER PAUL BOWEN	U	L8 (w)	L19 (b)	U---	U---	U---	0



U1700 # Name	Rating	Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd 3	Rd 4	Rd 5	Total
1 TARUN BALA KARTHIKEYAN	1550	W24 (w)	W15 (b)	W7 (w)	D2 (w) 33	W6 (b) 12	4½ \$413
2 RYAN GUPTA	1616	W25 (w)	W18 (b)	W11 (w)	D1 (b)	D3 (b) 7.5	4 \$175.33
3 JUSTIN T DOUNCE	1631	W14 (b)	W16 (w)	H---	W5 (b) 57	D2 (w)	4 \$175.33
4 LIAM IVERSON	1261	L16 (b)	W12 (w) 179	W14 (b) 208	W19 (w) 195	W13 (b) 170	4 \$175.33
5 CALEB M KNEDLIK	1688	W12 (b)	L20 (w)	W19 (b)	L3 (w)	W16 (b)	3
6 TRISTAN CRUZ	1562	W23 (w)	L7 (b)	W25 (w)	W11 (b)	L1 (w)	3
7 RUSHIITHA BEZAWADA	1390	B---	W6 (w) 172	L1 (b)	W16 (w) 82	U	3
8 ANJALI KANITKAR	1183	L20 (b)	W23 (b) 254	W21 (w) 217	H---	D9 (w) 107.5	3
9 SHRI SHARAN RAMKUMAR	1398	D17 (w)	W22 (b) 95	H---	D13 (w) 16.5	D8 (b)	3
10 ANANYA MEDU	1186	L11 (w)	D21 (b) 107	D17 (w) 197.5	W22 (b) 307	W18 (w) 314	3 \$75 Upset
11 KARTHIKEYAN KANNAN	1533	W10 (b)	W13 (w)	L2 (b)	L6 (w)	D12 (b)	2½
12 ALEXANDER ROKUS VON KAENEL	1440	L5 (w)	L4 (b)	W24 (w)	W17 (b) 141	D11 (w) 46.5	2½
13 CHRISTIAN HARDY	1431	W22 (w)	L11 (b)	W18 (w) 69	D9 (b)	L4 (w)	2½
14 EUGENE BANG	1469	L3 (w)	W24 (b)	L4 (w)	H---	W21 (b)	2½
15 ARI MELTZER	1381	B---	L1 (w)	L16 (b)	H---	W23 (b) 56	2½
16 HEYMANTH K MANIKHANDAN	1472	W4 (w)	L3 (b)	W15 (w)	L7 (b)	L5 (w)	2
17 CHRIS C BURKHARDT	1581	D9 (b)	L19 (w)	D10 (b)	L12 (w)	W25 (b)	2
18 RANDOLPH SCHINE	1500	W26 (b)	L2 (w)	L13 (b)	W25 (w)	L10 (b)	2
19 NIVID SINGHAL	1456	W21 (w)	W17 (b) 125	L5 (w)	L4 (b)	U---	2
20 ADAM KINSEY	1508	W8 (w)	W5 (b) 180	U---	U---	U---	2
21 DEAN W BROWN	1400	L19 (b)	D10 (w)	L8 (b)	B---	L14 (w)	1½
22 ANAY GUPTA	1493	L13 (b)	L9 (w)	D23 (b)	L10 (w)	B---	1½
23 RYAN HAIG	1437	L6 (b)	L8 (w)	D22 (w) 28	W26 (b)	L15 (w)	1½
24 ANIRUDH SAIBALAN	1241	L1 (b)	L14 (w)	L12 (b)	H---	W26 (w)	1½
25 SIDDHISHREE SUNDARAM	1410	L2 (b)	W26 (w)	L6 (b)	L18 (b)	L17 (w)	1
26 JINHYUN SHIN	1049	L18 (w)	L25 (b)	L6 (b)	L23 (w)	L24 (b)	½
U1400 Name	Rating	Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd 3	Rd 4	Rd 5	Total
1 RAVI THANGIRALA	1286	W17 (b)	W22 (w)	W5 (w) 108	W3 (b) 65	W4 (w) 33	5 \$375
2 FAREED AHAMAD	1169	W24 (b)	D4 (w) 75	H---	W7 (w) 197	W12 (b) 107	4 \$225
3 KAI LUCAS GRAYSON	1351	W15 (b)	W9 (w)	W8 (b)	L1 (w)	D5 (w) 21.5	3½ \$56.25
4 PHILIP LESKO	1319	W16 (w)	D2 (b)	W20 (w)	W6 (b)	L1 (b)	3½ \$56.25
5 SIMON STEELE	1394	W25 (b)	W11 (w)	L1 (b)	W8 (w)	D3 (b)	3½ \$56.25
6 JARED HALL	1265	W10 (w)	W14 (b)	H---	L4 (w)	W13 (w)	3½ \$56.25
7 LAN TRUONG	1366	W13 (w)	L8 (b)	W16 (w)	L2 (b)	W11 (b)	3
8 NOAH D KEENE	1245	W21 (b)	W7 (w) 121	L3 (w)	L5 (b)	W15 (b)	3
9 DYLAN ALBERT KOVACS	1140	W12 (w)	L3 (b)	W14 (w) 60	L13 (b)	W16 (w) 42	3
10 JUSTIN MAGRUDER	1136	L6 (b)	W24 (w) 212	L11 (b)	W17 (w) 43	W14 (w) 64	3 \$75 Upset
11 CHRISTOPHER LABERGE	1234	W18 (w)	L5 (b)	W10 (w)	D12 (b) 21	L7 (w)	2½
12 BRENDAN MAHONEY	1276	L9 (b)	W15 (w)	W22 (b)	D11 (w)	L2 (w)	2½
13 STEVE MERRICK	1185	L7 (b)	W21 (w)	H---	W9 (w)	L6 (b)	2½
14 CAMERON MILLER	1200	W19 (b)	L6 (w)	L9 (b)	W20 (w)	L10 (b)	2
15 JUSTIN GARLAND ABEL	1172	L3 (w)	L12 (b)	W18 (w)	W19 (b)	L8 (w)	2
16 CONNOR LONG	1182	L4 (b)	W19 (w)	L7 (b)	W22 (w)	L9 (b)	2
17 HSET HSET NAING	1179	L1 (w)	L18 (b)	W21 (w)	L10 (b)	W20 (b)	2
18 CHARLIE KOVACS	1078	L11 (b)	W17 (w) 101	L15 (b)	L21 (b)	W22 (w) 64	2
19 ERIC N GESSLER	1036	L14 (w)	L16 (b)	B---	L15 (w)	W21 (b) 71	2
20 BLAIR OLIVER	1105	H---	W23 (w)	L4 (b)	L14 (b)	L17 (w)	1½
21 STEPAN ROSTOVTSSEV	1107	L8 (w)	L13 (b)	L17 (b)	W18 (w)	L19 (w)	1
22 GERA CRUZ	1142	B---	L1 (b)	L12 (w)	L16 (b)	L18 (b)	1
23 WONDEMAGEGN KIBREAB	U	H---	L20 (b)	U---	U---	U---	½
24 DONALD PENNING	1348	L2 (w)	L10 (b)	U---	U---	U---	0
25 VERONICA IRIS PINNA	1206	L5 (w)	U---	U---	U---	U---	0
U1100 Name	Rating	Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd 3	Rd 4	Rd 5	Total
1 BENJAMIN SMITH	817	W19 (w)	W25 (b)	W3 (w)	D7 (b) 141	W5 (b)	4½ \$300
2 GLEN ANTHONY HOLGUIN	1093	W16 (w)	W21 (b)	H---	W15 (w)	W7 (b) 6	4½ \$300
3 QUINN SHIMKO	U	W8 (b)	W27 (w)	L1 (b)	W22 (w)	W9 (b)	4 \$112.50
4 JARED W COBURN	1015	W23 (b)	L5 (w)	W22 (b)	W8 (w)	W10 (b)	4 \$112.50
5 JARED KERRY COLEMAN	U	W11 (w)	W4 (b)	D7 (w)	W6 (b)	L1 (w)	3½
6 VIK VAD	872	W13 (w)	W20 (b)	H---	L5 (w)	W17 (b) 108	3½
7 JAMES ALCORN JR	1099	W9 (b)	W10 (w)	D5 (b)	D1 (w)	L2 (w)	3
8 STEVEN DARRACOTT	U	L3 (w)	W29 (b)	W11 (w)	L4 (b)	W20 (w)	3
9 ROBERT PAUL SHELLEY	733	L7 (w)	W30 (b)	W20 (w)	W19 (b)	L3 (w)	3
10 SCOTT L WOODHAM	615	B---	L7 (b)	W25 (w)	W13 (b)	L4 (w)	3
11 NOAH PALERMO	877	L5 (b)	W24 (w)	L8 (b)	W26 (w) 17	W19 (b)	3
12 MICHAEL DE SEGUIN	1027	L20 (w)	L19 (b)	W21 (w)	W18 (w)	W15 (b)	3
13 JASON SATER	U	L6 (b)	W26 (w)	W27 (b)	L10 (w)	W21 (w)	3
14 ROBERT CRAIG KEHOE	U	L15 (w)	L16 (b)	W28 (w)	W25 (b)	W23 (b)	3
15 DIANA FISLER	866	W14 (b)	W18 (w)	H---	L2 (b)	L12 (w)	2½
16 DAVID KENNEDY	602	L2 (b)	W14 (w)	D18 (b)	L17 (w)	W25 (b)	2½
17 LOGAN SCHIFF	980	W24 (b)	L22 (w)	H---	W16 (b)	L6 (w)	2½
18 CRAIG ZIMMERMAN	U	W28 (w)	L15 (b)	D16 (w)	L12 (b)	W26 (w)	2½
19 KARL WICHOREK	U	L1 (b)	W12 (w)	W23 (b)	L9 (w)	L11 (w)	2
20 SATHISH KUMAR ANNAMALAI	U	W12 (b)	L6 (w)	L9 (b)	W27 (w)	L8 (b)	2
21 GOWTHAM LAMBU	456	B---	L2 (w)	L12 (b)	W24 (w)	L13 (b)	2
22 NOAH MULLINS	U	W29 (w)	W17 (b)	L4 (w)	L3 (b)	U---	2
23 GERALD FITZGIBBONS	511	L4 (w)	W28 (b) 327	L19 (w)	W30 (b)	L14 (w)	2 \$75 Upset
24 OLIVER OSENBAUGH	U	L17 (w)	L11 (b)	W29 (w)	L21 (b)	W28 (b)	2
25 SAMUEL OSENBAUGH	U	W26 (b)	L1 (w)	L10 (b)	L14 (w)	L16 (w)	1
26 SHIRLEY HERMAN	894	L25 (w)	L13 (b)	W30 (w)	L11 (b)	L18 (b)	1
27 ALEXANDRE HEUZE	917	W30 (w)	L3 (b)	L13 (w)	L20 (b)	L29 (b)	1
28 MEGHNA LAMBU	838	L18 (b)	L23 (w)	L14 (b)	B---	L24 (w)	1
29 DAN M RUPAREL	682	L22 (b)	L8 (w)	L24 (b)	U	W27 (w) 235	1
30 JOEY XIE	U	L27 (b)	L9 (w)	L26 (b)	L23 (w)	B---	1

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ROUND 2

SHUBH MISRA (1993) - FM GUNNAR ANDERSEN (2382)

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 e6 3.c3 Nf6 4.e5 Nd5 5.d4 cxd4 6.cxd4 b6 7.Be2 Qc7 8.a3 d6 9.exd6 Bxd6 10.0-0 0-0 11.Bd2 Bb7 12.h3 Nc6 13.Nc3 Nxc3 14.Bxc3 Ne7 15.Rc1 Rac8 16.Re1 Nd5 17.Bd2 Qe7 18.Ne5 Qh4 19.Rxc8 Rxc8 20.Nf3 Qe7 21.Ne5 Qh4 22.Nf3 Qf6 23.Bg5 Qg6 24.Bd3 Qh5 25.Be2 Nf4 26.Bxf4 Bxf4 27.Ne5 Qg5 28.Bf3 Rc1 29.Qe2 Bxe5 30.Bxb7 Bxd4 31.Be4 Bxb2 32.Rxc1 Qxc1+ 33.Kh2 Bxa3 34.Qd3 g6 35.Qd8+ Bf8 36.Qd3 Qf4+ 37.Kg1 Bc5 38.Bf3 Qc1+ 39.Bd1 a5 40.h4 a4 41.h5 a3 42.hxg6 hxg6 43.Qe2 Qb1 44.g3 a2 45.Kg2 a1Q 0-1

LM SULLIVAN MCCONNELL (2334) KRISH MATHIMARAN (1894)

1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.f3 e6 4.Nc3 Bb4 5.Bd2 Nd7 6.Nce2 Qb6 7.c3 Bd6 8.e5 Bb8 9.b4 Ne7 10.f4 Qd8 11.Nf3 b6 12.Ng3 a5 13.a3 c5 14.b5 a4 15.Bd3 Qc7 16.Rb1 h5 17.0-0 Nf8 18.Be3 Ra5 19.dxc5 bxc5 20.c4 d4 21.Bd2 Ra8 22.b6 Qd7 23.Ne4 Qc6 24.Nxc5 Qxc5 25.b7 Bxb7 26.Rxb7 Nc6 27.Qb1 Nd7 28.Ng5 Nd8 29.Rb5 Qc7 30.Be4 Ra6 31.c5 Ba7 32.c6 Nc5 33.Bb4 Nb3 34.Bd6 Qc8 35.c7 Nc6 36.Bxc6+ Rxc6 37.Rb8 d3+ 38.Kh1 Bxb8 39.cxb8Q Qxb8 40.Bxb8 d2 41.Qe4 Rc1 42.Qd3 Rxf1+ 43.Qxf1 0-0 44.Bc7 Rc8 45.Qd3 g6 46.h3 Rxc7 47.Qd8+ Kg7 48.Qxc7 d1Q+ 49.Kh2 Qd2 50.Qxf7+ Kh8 51.Qf8# 1-0

JOSE PARRA (1958)

NM GRIFFIN MCCONNELL (2255)
1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 c5 4.c3 Nc6 5.Nf3 cxd4 6.cxd4 Bg4 7.Be2 e6 8.Be3 Bxf3 9.Bxf3 Qb6 10.Qd2 Nge7 11.0-0 Nf5 12.Rd1 Nxe3 13.fxe3 Bb4 14.Nc3 0-0 15.a3 Bxc3 16.bxc3 Na5 17.Rdb1 Qc6 18.Qd3 Rac8 19.e4 Rfd8 20.Rb5 b6 21.exd5 exd5 22.Rc1 Nc4 23.a4 Rc7 24.Qf5 Na3 25.Qg5 Rdd7 26.Rb4 Re7 27.c4 Red7 28.Rc3 h6 29.Qc1 a5 30.Qxa3 axb4 31.Qxb4 Rd8 32.a5 bxa5 33.Qxa5 Rcc8 34.Rc2 Qg6 35.Rc3 Qb1+ 36.Kf2 Ra8 37.Qc7 Qb2+ 38.Kg3 Qxc3 39.e6 0-1

NM RHETT LANGSETH (2203)

ROHAN JACOB DAVID (1860)
1.d4 f5 2.Nf3 g6 3.g3 Bg7 4.Bg2 Nf6 5.0-0 0-0 6.Nbd2 d6 7.b3 Nbd7 8.Bb2 c6 9.Ng5 Nb6 10.e4 h6 11.Nh3 g5 12.e5 Ne4 13.f4 Nxd2 14.Qxd2 g4 15.Nf2 h5 16.d5 Nxd5 17.Bxd5+ cxd5 18.Rae1 e6 19.Ba3 Rf7 20.exd6 b5 21.Nd3 Qb6+ 22.Kh1 Bb7 23.h3 Bc3 24.Qe2 b4 25.Bb2 Bxe1 26.Rxe1 Qxd6 27.Bd4 Ba6 28.Qe3 Bxd3 29.cxd3 Rc8 30.Re2 Qc6 31.Qe5 Kh7 32.Kg2 Qa6 33.Kh2 Re8 34.Re2 Rc8 35.Bc5 Qxd3 36.Qb2 Rfc7 37.Rd2 Qc3

38.Bxb4 Qxb4 39.Re2 d4 40.Qb1 Rc1 41.Qd3 Qc3 42.Qb5 Qc6 43.Qxc6 R8xc6 44.hxg4 hxg4 45.Kg2 R6c2 46.Kf2 d3 47.Rd2 Rxd2+ 48.Ke3 Rxa2 49.Kxd3 Ra3 50.Kd4 Ra4+ 51.bxa4 Kg7 52.a5 Ra1 53.Kc5 Rxa5+ 54.Kd6 Ra6+ 55.Ke7 Rb6 56.Kd7 a5 57.Kc7 a4 58.Kxb6 a3 59.Kc6 a2 60.Kd7 a1Q 61.Kxe6 Kg6 62.Kd5 Qe1 63.Kd4 Qe2 64.Kd5 Qe3 65.Kd6 Qe4 66.Kd7 Kf6 67.Kd6 Kf7 68.Kd7 Qe6+ 69.Kc7 Kf7 70.Kb7 Qd6 71.Ka7 Qc6 72.Kb8 Qd7 73.Ka8 Kd6 74.Kb8 Kc6 75.Ka8 Qb7# 0-1

JONATHAN SEALANDER (1824)

CHRISTOPHER MOTLEY (1956)
1.Nf3 d5 2.g3 c5 3.Bg2 Nf6 4.0-0 g6 5.d4 Bg7 6.dxc5 0-0 7.c4 Nc6 8.exd5 Nxd5 9.e4 Ndb4 10.Qb3 Be6 11.Qa4 Bc4 12.Rd1 b5 13.Rxd8 Raxd8 14.Qxb4 Nxb4 15.Nbd2 Nc2 16.Nxc4 Nxa1 17.Ne3 Nc2 18.Nd5 e6 19.Ne7+ Kh8 20.Bf4 Rd1+ 21.Bf1 Nd4 22.Nxd4 Bxd4 23.c6 Bf6 24.Bh6 Bxe7 0-1

MAX HIGA (1804)

KEITH JAY OXMAN (1905)
1.e4 d6 2.d4 Nf6 3.Nc3 g6 4.f4 Bg7 5.Nf3 0-0 6.Bd3 Nbd7 7.e5 dxe5 8.dxe5 Ng4 9.h3 Nh6 10.0-0 Nc5 11.Bc4 Qxd1 12.Rxd1 Be6 13.Bxe6 Nxe6 14.Rd7 Rfd8 15.Rxd8+ Rxd8 16.Be3 Nf5 17.Kf2 Nxe3 18.Kxe3 f6 19.Rf1 c5 20.a4 Nd4 21.Rf2 Nxf3 22.exf6 Bxf6 23.Rxf3 Bxc3 24.bxc3 Rd1 25.f5 Re1+ ½-½

CALEB M KNEDLIK (1688)

ADAM KINSEY (1508)
1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nd2 dxe4 4.Nxe4 Nf6 5.Nxf6+ Qxf6 6.Nf3 h6 7.c3 Bd6 8.Be3 b6 9.Bb5+ c6 10.Bd3 Bb7 11.Nd2 Qe7 12.Qg4 g6 13.Nc4 Bc7 14.0-0-0 Nd7 15.Bf4 Nf6 16.Qf3 c5 17.Bd6 Bxf3 18.Bxe7 Nd5 19.gxf3 Kxe7 20.dxc5 bxc5 21.Be4 Rad8 22.h4 f5 23.Bxd5 Rxd5 24.Rxd5 exd5 25.Re1+ Kf6 26.Ne3 Bf4 27.Kd1 Bxe3 28.fxe3 g5 29.h5 g4 30.f4 Ke6 31.b4 Kd6 32.Ke2 Re8 33.b5 d4 34.Kd3 Rxe3+ 35.Rxe3 dxe3 36.Kxe3 Kd5 37.a4 Kc4 38.Kf2 Kd5 39.Ke3 c4 40.Kf2 Kc5 41.Ke3 Kb6 42.Kd4 Ka5 43.Ke5 g3 44.Kxf5 g2 45.Kg6 g1Q+ 46.Kxh6 Qg8 47.f5 Kxa4 48.f6 Qf7 49.Kg5 Kxb5 50.h6 a5 0-1

JUSTIN T DOUNCE (1631)

HEYMANTH K MANIKHANDAN (1472)
1.Nf3 d5 2.c4 dxc4 3.Qa4+ Nc6 4.Qxc4 Bf5 5.g3 Nf6 6.Bg2 Bd7 7.d4 e6 8.0-0 Be7 9.Nc3 0-0 10.e4 Na5 11.Qd3 Bc6 12.Ne5 b6 13.Nxc6 Nxc6 14.e5 Nd5 15.Nxd5 exd5 16.Be3 Na5 17.Rac1 c6 18.b3 Bb4 19.f4 f5 20.Bd2 Bxd2 21.Qxd2 Qd7 22.Rfd1 Qe6 23.Bf1 Rac8 24.b4 Nb7

25.a4 Rfd8 26.Bg2 a6 27.Qd3 b5 28.a5 Rd7 29.Bh3 g6 30.Kh1 Rg7 31.Rg1 h5 32.Bg2 Nd8 33.Qb3 Rgc7 34.Rxc6 Rxc6 35.Bxd5 Qxd5+ 36.Qxd5+ Kh7 37.Re1 R6c7 38.e6 Re7 39.Qd6 Re8 40.Qd7+ Kh6 41.Qxc8 1-0

SIMON STEELE (1394)

CHRISTOPHER LABERGE (1234)
1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.exd5 cxd5 4.Nf3 Bg4 5.Bf4 Nc6 6.c3 e6 7.h3 Bh5 8.Bd3 Qf6 9.Qd2 h6 10.Ne5 Bd6 11.Qe3 0-0-0 12.Nd2 Nge7 13.g4 g5 14.Bg3 Bg6 15.Nxg6 Nxg6 16.0-0-0 Bxg3 17.fxg3 Nge7 18.Rhf1 Qg7 19.Nf3 Kb8 20.Kb1 Rhf8 21.Rf2 Rd6 22.Rdf1 f5 23.Ne5 Nxe5 24.dxe5 Rb6 25.gxf5 Nxf5 26.Bxf5 exf5 27.Rxf5 Rxf5 28.Rxf5 Re6 29.Qf3 Qd7 30.Rf8+ Re8 31.Rxe8+ Qxe8 32.Qxd5 Kc8 33.e6 Qd8 34.Qxd8+ Kxd8 35.Kc2 Ke7 36.Kd3 Kxe6 37.Ke4 h5 38.g4 hxg4 39.hxg4 a6 40.b4 b6 41.c4 a5 42.bxa5 bxa5 43.a4 Kd6 44.Kd4 Kc6 45.c5 Kc7 46.Kd5 Kc8 47.Kc6 Kd8 48.Kb7 1-0

NOAH D KEENE (1245)

LAN TRUONG (1366)
1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 d5 3.cxd5 Nxd5 4.e4 Nb6 5.Nf3 Bg4 6.Be2 N8d7 7.0-0 Bxf3 8.Bxf3 e5 9.d5 Be7 10.Nc3 0-0 11.Qc2 a6 12.Bg4 Nf6 13.Bh3 Re8 14.f4 Bc5+ 15.Kh1 Bd6 16.fxe5 Bxe5 17.Bg5 Qd6 18.Rad1 Nbd7 19.g3 h6 20.Bf4 Re7 21.Rf3 Rae8 22.Qf2 Nc5 23.Bf5 Bxf4 24.gxf4 Ncxe4 25.Nxe4 Nxe4 26.Bxe4 Rxe4 27.Rg1 Qxd5 28.Qg2 Qd4 29.Qf2 Qd5 30.Qg2 Qd4 31.Rg3 g6 32.Rxg6+ fxg6 33.Qxg6+ Kf8 34.Qh7 Qxg1+ 35.Kxg1 Re1+ 36.Kf2 R8e2+ 37.Kg3 Rg1+ 38.Kh3 Rgg2 39.Qxh6+ Kg8 40.Qf6 Rxh2+ 41.Kg4 Rxb2 42.Qd8+ Kf7 43.Qxc7+ Kf8 44.Kf5 Rb5+ 45.Kg6 Rg2+ 46.Kf6 Kg8 47.Qc8+ Kh7 48.Qh3+ 1-0

JAMES ALCORN JR (1099)

SCOTT L WOODHAM (615)
1.e4 c5 2.d4 cxd4 3.c3 dxc3 4.Nxc3 Nc6 5.Nf3 d6 6.Be4 e6 7.0-0 Nf6 8.Bg5 h6 9.Bh4 a6 10.e5 d5 11.exf6 g5 12.Bg3 dxc4 13.Qxd8+ Nxd8 14.Ne5 b5 15.Rad1 Bb7 16.f3 Nc6 17.Rd7 Nxe5 18.Rxb7 Nd3 19.Ne4 Nf4 20.Rd1 Rd8 21.Rxd8+ Kxd8 22.Rxf7 Ne2+ 23.Kf2 Nxg3 24.hxg3 Rg8 25.Ra7 g4 26.Rxa6 gxf3 27.gxf3 h5 28.Rxe6 Rg6 29.Re5 b4 30.Rxh5 Rh6 31.Ra5 Rh2+ 32.Ke3 Rxb2 33.Ra8+ Kd7 34.Rxf8 Rxa2 35.Rb8 Ra3+ 36.Kd4 Rd3+ 37.Kxc4 Ke8 Rb5 Kd8 Rb8+ 1-0

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ROUND 5

NM GRIFFIN MCCONNELL (2255)

LM SULLIVAN MCCONNELL (2334)

1.e4 e6 2.d3 d5 3.Nd2 c5 4.g3 Nc6 5.Bg2 Nf6 6.Ngf3 Qc7 7.0-0 Be7 8.b3 a5 9.a4 b6 10.Bb2 Ba6 11.exd5 exd5 12.Re1 0-0 13.Ne5 Rae8 14.f4 Nb4 15.Ndf3 d4 16.Be1 Nfd5 17.Bd2 Bf6 18.Rc1 Bc8 19.Nc4 Na2 20.Ra1 Nac3 21.Bxc3 Nxc3 22.Qd2 Be3 23.Nfe5 Bxe5 24.Nxe5 f6 25.Nf3 Bg4 26.Rxe8 Rxe8 27.Re1 Qd7 28.Kf2 Bxf3 29.Bxf3 Kf7 30.Rxe8 Qxe8 31.h4 Qe6 32.Kg2 Ke7 33.Qf2 Kd6 34.Qd2 Kc7 35.Qf2 b5 36.axb5 Kb6 37.Bc6 Nd1 38.Qf3 Ne3+ 39.Kh2 Nxc2 40.Ba8 Qd7 41.Qe4 Kxb5 42.Qxh7 Kb4 43.h5 Qg4 44.Qg6 Qxg6 45.hxg6 Ne3 46.Bf3 Kxb3 47.g4 a4 48.f5 a3 49.g5 Nxf5 0-1

NM DANIEL HERMAN (2182)

NM EAMON C MONTGOMERY (2184)

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 e6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nc6 5.Nc3 a6 6.Be3 Qc7 7.Qf3 Nf6 8.Qg3 Qxg3 9.fxg3 Bb4 10.Nxc6 dxc6 11.Bd3 e5 12.0-0 b5 13.h3 0-0 14.g4 Be6 15.Ne2 Nd7 16.Ng3 Bc5 17.Kf2 g6 18.Bxc5 Nxc5 19.Ke3 Rfd8 20.b3 a5 21.a3 Nxd3 22.cxd3 Bxb3 23.Rac1 Rd6 24.Rc3 Be6 25.Rb1 Kf8 26.Nh1 Ke7 27.Rc5 f6 28.g5 fxg5 29.Rxe5 Rdd8 30.Rxg5 Rdb8 31.Rc5 Kd6 32.Rbc1 Ra6 33.e5+ Kd7 34.Nf2 b4 35.axb4 axb4 36.R5c2 b3 37.Rb2 Ra2 38.Nd1 Rba8 39.Kd4 Rf8 40.Rcb1 Rf1 41.Nc3 Rxb1 42.Rxb1 Rxg2 43.Na4 Bxb3 44.Nc5+ Kc7 45.Rxb3 Bc8 46.Rb1 h5 47.Rf1 Rg4+ 48.Ke3 Bf5 49.Rb1 h4 50.Rb7+ Kd8 51.Rh7 Rg3+ 52.Kf2 Rg4 53.Nb7+ Ke8 54.Nd6+ Kf8 55.Nxf5 Rf4+ 56.Kg2 Rxf5 57.Rxh4 Rxe5 58.Rh7 Re7 59.Rh8+ Kg7 60.Rc8 Re6 61.Kg3 Rd6 62.Kf4 Kf6 63.Ke4 Re6+ 64.Kf4 g5+ 65.Kg4 Rd6 66.Rf8+ Ke5 67.Rf3 Rg6 68.Rf8 Rd6 69.Rf3 Kd4 70.Rf1 Rd5 71.Rc1 c5 72.Kf3 Kxd3 73.Rd1+ Kc4 74.Rc1+ Kb4 75.Rb1+ Kc3 76.Rc1+ Kd2 77.Rc4 Rf5+ 78.Kg3 Kd3 79.Rc1 c4 80.Rd1+ Kc2 81.Rd8 c3 82.Kg4 Re5 83.Rd4 Kb2 84.Rb4+ Kc1 85.Rb8 c2 86.Rb7 Rd5 0-1

JOSE PARRA (1958)

SIKANDER BAKER-NAGAR (2028)

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 c5 4.c3 Nc6 5.f4 cxd4 6.cxd4 Qb6 7.Nf3 Nge7 8.b3 Nf5 9.Bb2 Bd7 10.Be2 f6 11.Kf2 fxe5 12.fxe5 g5 13.g4 Nfxd4 14.Bxd4 Nxd4 15.Nxd4 Bc5 16.Ke3 0-0 17.Rf1 Rf4 18.Rxf4 gxf4+ 19.Kd3 Bxd4 20.Nc3 Bxe5 21.Qg1 Bb5+ 22.Kc2 Bxc3 23.Bxb5 Bxa1 24.Qxa1 Rc8+ 25.Bc4 Qf2+ 26.Kc3 Qe3+ 27.Kb4 dxc4 28.Qf6 Qc5+ 29.Ka4 b5+ 30.Ka5 Qa3+ 31.Kxb5 Rc5# 0-1

KRISH MATHIMARAN (1894)

NM DMITRY KISHINEVSKY (2043)

1.c4 e6 2.d4 Bb4+ 3.Nc3 f5 4.Nf3 Nf6 5.Bg5 0-0 6.e3 Qe8 7.Bxf6 Rxf6 8.Qc2 d5 9.cxd5 exd5 10.Qb3 Rb6 11.Qxd5+ Be6 12.Qe5 Bd6 13.Qa5 Rxb2 14.a3 a6 15.Nd2 Nc6 16.Qa4 b5 17.Qd1 Nxd4 18.Qc1 Rxd2 19.Qxd2 Nb3 20.Qb2 Nxa1 21.Qxa1 Be5 22.Qc1 Qc6 23.Ne2 Qb6 24.f4 Bf6 25.Kf2 Re8 26.Ng3 Bc8 27.Bd3 Rxe3 28.Qxe3 Bd4 29.Re1 Qd6 30.Qxd4 Qxd4+ 31.Re3 g6 32.Ke2 Kf8 0-1

CHRISTOPHER MOTLEY (1956)

LAURENCE ROBERT WUTT (1859)

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 Bg7 4.e4 d6 5.Be3 0-0 6.h3 Nbd7 7.g4 c5 8.d5 Nb6 9.Nf3 Nfd7 10.Nd2 e6 11.Bg2 exd5 12.cxd5 Ne5 13.0-0 f5 14.f4 Nec4 15.Nxc4 Nxc4 16.Bxc5 dxc5 17.e5 Ne3 18.Qd3 Nxf1 19.g5 Bd7 20.Rxf1 a6 21.Qc4 Re8 22.Qxc5 Rc8 23.Qd6 Bf8 24.Qf6 Be7 25.d6 Bxf6 26.gxf6 Qb6+ 27.Kh1Rxc3 0-1

TIM MARTINSON (1831)

VEDANTH PEESAPATY (1886)

1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 c5 4.Nf3 Nc6 5.Bb5 Bg4 6.c3 cxd4 7.cxd4 e6 8.0-0 Nge7 9.Bg5 Qb6 10.Qa4 Bxf3 11.gxf3 h6 12.Bxe7 Bxe7 13.Rc1 0-0 14.Bxc6 bxc6 15.Nc3 Qxb2 16.Rab1 Qd2 17.Rc2 Qd3 18.Kg2 f6 19.Rb7 Rae8 20.Nxd5 cxd5 21.Rcc7 fxe5 22.f4 Qe4+ 23.f3 Qxf4 24.Qb3 e4 25.Rxe7 exf3+ 26.Kh3 Rxe7 27.Rxe7 h5 0-1

JUSTIN T DOUNCE (1631)

RYAN GUPTA (1616)

1.Nf3 d5 2.c4 Nf6 3.g3 c5 4.Bg2 Nc6 5.cxd5 Nxd5 6.Nc3 e6 7.0-0 Be7 8.d3 h5 9.e4 Ndb4 10.Be3 Qxd3 11.Qa4 Qc2 12.Qa3 Nd3 13.Nd1 c4 14.Qc3 Qxc3 15.bxc3 Bd7 16.Rb1 Rb8 17.Nb2 Nxb2 18.Rxb2 b6 19.Bf4 Rd8 20.Rd1 0-0 21.Bf1 Na5 22.Ne5 Bc6 23.Rxd8 Rxd8 24.Nxc6 Nxc6 25.Bxc4 g5 26.Be3 Ne5 27.Be2 g4 28.Kg2 Rc8 29.Bd4 Bd6 30.Rb5 f6 31.h3 Kf7 32.a4 Kg6 33.a5 bxa5 34.Rxa5 Rc7 35.Rxa7 Rc8 36.Ra4 ½-½

TRISTAN CRUZ (1562)

TARUN BALA KARTHIKEYAN (1550)

1.Nf3 d5 2.g3 Nf6 3.Bg2 c5 4.0-0 Nc6 5.d3 Bf5 6.Re1 e6 7.Nbd2 Be7 8.Nf1 0-0 9.h4 h6 10.N1h2 Rc8 11.Bd2 Re8 12.a3 e5 13.e4 dxe4 14.dxe4 Nxe4 15.Qe2 Nxd2 16.Nxd2 Bxc2 17.Ndf3 Bd3 18.Qe3 e4 19.Rad1 Qb6 20.Nd2 f5 21.Bh3 Nd4 22.f3 Nc2 23.Qf4 Nxe1 24.Bxf5 Rf8 25.Qg4 c4+ 26.Kh1 Qf2 27.Be6+ Kh8 28.Qh3 Rc6 29.Bd5 Rd6 30.Bxe4 Qe2 31.Ra1 Qxd2 32.Bxb7 Rb6 33.Bd5 Rxb2 34.f4 Qf2 35.Ng4 Qe2 36.Ne5 Be4+ 37.Bxe4 Qxe4+ 38.Kg1 Bc5+ 39.Kf1 Qe2# 0-1

RAVI THANGIRALA (1286)

PHILIP LESKO (1319)

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 g6 5.Nc3 Bg7 6.Be3 Nf6 7.Be2 0-0 8.0-0 d5 9.exd5 Nxd5 10.Nxd5 Qxd5 11.Bf3 Qd7 12.Nxc6 bxc6 13.Qxd7 Bxd7 14.Rad1 Rfd8 15.Rxd7 Rxd7 16.Bxc6 Rdd8 17.Bxa8 Rxa8 18.b3 Bc3 19.Rd1 a5 20.a4 Rc8 21.Rd7 Kg7 22.Rd3 Bb4 23.c4 Bc5 24.Rd5 Bxe3 25.fxe3 Rb8 26.Rb5 Ra8 27.c5 Kf6 28.c6 Rc8 29.Rxa5 Rxc6 30.b4 Rb6 31.b5 e6 32.Ra6 Rb7 33.b6 Ke5 34.a5 Kd6 35.Ra7 Kc6 36.Rxb7 Kxb7 37.Kf2 h5 38.h4 f6 39.Kf3 g5 40.g3 Ka6 41.Ke4 g4 42.Kd4 Kb7 43.Ke4 1-0

KAI LUCAS GRAYSON (1351)

SIMON STEELE (1394)

1.d4 d5 2.Bf4 c5 3.e3 Nc6 4.c3 Nf6 5.Nf3 Bg4 6.Nbd2 e6 7.Be2 Bd6 8.Bxd6 Qxd6 9.h3 Bh5 10.0-0 0-0 11.dxc5 Qxc5 12.Nd4 Bxe2 13.Qxe2 Rfe8 14.N2b3 Qd6 15.Rac1 a6 16.c4 ½-½

JAMES ALCORN JR (1099)

GLEN ANTHONY HOLGUIN (1093)

1.e4 e5 2.d4 exd4 3.c3 dxc3 4.Nxc3 Nc6 5.Nf3 Bb4 6.Bc4 Nf6 7.Bg5 h6 8.Bd2 0-0 9.0-0 Bxc3 10.bxc3 Nxe4 11.Be3 Nxc3 12.Qc2 d5 13.Qxc3 dxc4 14.Qxc4 Be6 15.Qc3 Qd5 16.Rfd1 Qh5 17.Rab1 Bh3 18.gxh3 Qxf3 19.Rd3 Rad8 20.Rb3 Rxd3 21.Qxd3 Rd8 22.Qxd8+ Nxd8 23.Bxa7 Qd1+ 24.Kg2 b6 25.Bb8 Qd6 0-1

JARED KERRY COLEMAN (0)

BENJAMIN SMITH (817)

1.d4 b5 2.e4 Bb7 3.Bd3 e6 4.Ne2 Nf6 5.Nd2 c5 6.c3 c4 7.Bc2 Be7 8.0-0 d6 9.h3 0-0 10.Ng3 Nc6 11.f4 b4 12.Nxc4 bxc3 13.bxc3 Ba6 14.Bd3 Bxc4 15.Bxc4 d5 16.Bd3 dxe4 17.Nxe4 Nxd4 18.Be3 Nf5 19.Nxf6+ Bxf6 20.Bxf5 exf5 21.Rc1 Qa5 22.Qc2 Rfe8 23.Bd4 Re6 24.Bxf6 Rxf6 25.Rf3 Ra6 26.Rf2 Re8 27.c4 Re1+ 28.Rxe1 Qxe1+ 29.Rf1 Qe3+ 30.Kh2 Rg6 31.Rf3 Qc5 32.Qd2 Rd6 33.Rd3 Rxd3 34.Qxd3 g6 35.Kg3 Qa5 36.Qc2 Qe1+ 37.Kf3 Qf1+ 38.Qf2 Qxc4 39.Qxa7 Qd3+ 40.Qe3 Qd5+ 41.Kg3 Qxa2 42.Qe8+ Kg7 43.Qe5+ f6 44.Qe7+ Qf7 45.Qxf7+ Kxf7 46.Kf3 g5 47.g3 Kg6 48.g4 h6 49.Kg3 fxg4 50.hxg4 h5 51.gxh5+ Kxh5 52.fxg5 Kxg5 53.Kf3 f5 54.Ke3 Kg4 55.Kf2 Kf4 56.Kg2 Ke3 57.Kg3 f4+ 58.Kg2 Ke2 ½-½



2026 Colorado State Senior Championship and Under 50 Open

Report and photos by Earle Wikle

The tournament was held at the Embassy Suites in Loveland, Colorado with 21 seniors competing for the honor to represent Colorado at the U.S. Open for the Irwin Senior State champions of champions. This event has been hosted at the U.S Open for the past 9 years along with the scholastic representatives.

This year's Colorado State Senior Championship ended with a 1st and 2nd place tie between LM Randy Canney and NM Dmitry Kishinevsky with 3.5 points, but LM Randy Canney won the top spot to represent Colorado on tie-breakers. I think this is the first time Randy has represented Colorado for the event and I am so happy for Randy to finally get to go. In a three way tie for 3rd between Duwayne Langseth, Keith Oxman, and Jon Reietfors, and U1500 three way tie between, Dean Brown, Gary Jelinek, and Lawrence Pelo.

The Under 50 year old section had a tie for 1st and 2nd between NM Eamon Montgomery and NM Daniel Herman, and a tie for 3rd between Shubh Misra and Emmett Lignell. Tobin Fletcher won 1st U1500, and Maxwell Cale and Ethan Dunn tied for 2nd U1500.



2026 COLORADO SENIOR CHAMPIONSHIP Crosstables

2026 COLORADO SENIOR CHAMPIONSHIP

# Name	Rating	Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd 3	Rd 4	Total	Solkoff
1 LM RANDY CANNEY	2209	W5 (b)	W3 (w)	D6 (b)	W7 (w)	3½	11 \$277.50
2 NM DMITRY KISHINEVSKY	2043	H---	W10 (w)	W9 (b)	W6 (w)	3½	6.5 \$277.50
3 DUWAYNE LANGSETH	1800	W15 (w)	L1 (b)	W12 (w)	W9 (b)	3	8.5 \$45
4 KEITH OXMAN	1905	W11 (w)	D14 (b)	W16 (b)	D8 (w)	3	7.5 \$45
5 JON RIETFORS	1641	L1 (w)	W15 (b)	W18 (b)	W14 (w) 59	3	6.5 \$45
6 CM EARLE WIKLE	1933	W21 (w)	W17 (b)	D1 (w) 138	L2 (b)	2½	9
7 CM BRAD LUNDSTROM	1923	D10 (b)	W13 (w)	W14 (b)	L1 (b)	2½	9
8 LAURENCE WUTT	1859	W12 (b)	L9 (w)	W11 (b)	D4 (b) 23	2½	9
9 BARRY HEPSLEY	1700	W18 (w)	W8 (b) 159	L2 (w)	L3 (w)	2	9.5
10 ANDREW PINEDA	1500	D7 (w)	L2 (b)	W17 (w)	D13 (b)	2	9
11 DEAN BROWN	1400	L4 (b)	W20 (w)	L8 (w)	W16 (b)	2	7.5 \$51.67 U1500
12 GARY JELINEK	1232	L8 (w)	W21 (b) 368	L3 (b)	W18 (w)	2	7 \$51.67
13 LAWRENCE PELO	1080	D19 (w)	L7 (b)	W20 (w)	D10 (w) 210	2	6.5 \$51.67
14 KENNETH DOYKOS	1700	W20 (b)	D4 (w) 102.5	L7 (w)	L5 (b)	1½	9
15 BLAIR OLIVER	1105	L3 (b)	L5 (w)	B---	D17 (b)	1½	7
16 SHIRLEY HERMAN	894	H---	W19 (b) 902	L4 (w)	L11 (w)	1½	6.5
17 GERALD FITZGIBBONS	511	B---	L6 (w)	L10 (b)	D15 (w) 297	1½	5.5
18 CHUCK PRICE	654	L9 (b)	B---	L5 (w)	L12 (b)	1	7
19 JOSE DE JESUS PARRA	1796	D13 (b)	L16 (w)	U---	U---	½	3.5
20 CARLOS DIAZ	U	L14 (w)	L11 (b)	L13 (b)	U---	0	5.5
21 DIMITRI KOSTERIS	1600	L6 (b)	L12 (w)	U---	U---	0	4.5

2026 U50 CHAMPIONSHIP

# Name	Rating	Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd 3	Rd 4	Total	Solkoff
1 NM EAMON MONTGOMERY	2184	W11 (b)	W4 (w)	D5 (b)	W3 (b)	3½	10.5 \$220
2 NM DANIEL HERMAN	2182	H---	W15 (b)	W9 (w)	W5 (w)	3½	5 \$220
3 SHUBH MISRA	1993	W13 (b)	W6 (w)	W8 (b) 210	L1 (w)	3	10 \$47.50
4 EMMETT LIGNELL	1941	W20 (w)	L1 (b)	W12 (w)	W8 (w) 262	3	7.5 \$47.50
5 ALEXANDER KISLUKHIN	1898	W16 (b)	W7 (w) 90	D1 (w) 143	L2 (b)	2½	10
6 FELIX MCMILLAN	1889	W10 (w)	L3 (b)	W11 (w)	D7 (w) 49.5	2½	9.5
7 CALEB KOELLER	1988	W14 (w)	L5 (b)	W15 (w)	D6 (b)	2½	7.5
8 NM RHETT LANGSETH	2203	W12 (w)	W9 (b)	L3 (w)	L4 (b)	2	9.5
9 PATRICK ZIJLSTRA	1975	B---	L8 (w)	L2 (b)	W10 (b)	2	7.5
10 TOBIN FLETCHER	1182	L6 (b)	W13 (w) 422	W14 (b) 366	L9 (w)	2	7.5 \$95 U1500
11 QUINN LEDUC	1668	L1 (w)	W20 (b)	L6 (b)	W17 (w)	2	7
12 SANDEEP MATHEW	1796	L8 (b)	W19 (w)	L4 (b)	W16 (w)	2	7
13 STEVEN GARVERICK	1604	L3 (w)	L10 (b)	W20 (w)	W15 (b) 256	2	6
14 DREW BANAZEK	1548	L7 (b)	D17 (w)	L10 (w)	W20 (b)	1½	5.5
15 ENRICO MOSS	1860	W17 (b)	L2 (w)	L7 (b)	L13 (w)	1	9
16 MAXWELL CALE	1285	L5 (w)	L18 (b)	B---	L12 (b)	1	7 \$30 U1500
17 ETHAN DUNN	1025	L15 (w)	D14 (b) 261.5	H---	L11 (b)	1	4.5 \$30 U1500
18 LOGAN STEWMON	1663	U---	W16 (w)	U---	U---	1	0.5
19 ROBERT DOWNES	1340	H---	L12 (b)	U---	U---	½	2
20 KRISTEPH CASSIMIRE	1372	L4 (b)	L11 (w)	L13 (b)	L14 (w)	0	8.5



Games from the 2026 COLORADO SENIOR CHAMPIONSHIP

ROUND 1

JON RIETFORNS (1641) -

LM RANDY CANNEY (2209)

1.d4 e6 2.Nf3 f5 3.g3 Nf6 4.Bg2 Be7 5.0-0 0-0 6.c4 Ne4 7.Nc3 Bf6 8.Qc2 d5 9.cxd5 exd5 10.Bf4 c6 11.Be5 Nd7 12.Bxf6 Qxf6 13.e3 Kh8 14.b4 g5 15.Ne2 Nd6 16.a4 a6 17.Nd2 Nb6 18.Nc1 Nbc4 19.Nd3 Be6 20.Nf3 Rae8 21.Nfe5 Re7 22.Qe2 Rg7 23.f4 g4 24.Nxc4 Nxc4 25.Ne5 Nd6 26.Qc2 h5 27.Qc5 Bc8 28.Rf2 h4 29.Rc1 Rh7 30.Rfc2 hxg3 31.hxg3 Kg7 32.Bxd5 cxd5 33.Qxd5 Qe6 34.Rc7+ Kg8 35.Qg2 Rh3 36.d5 Qh6 37.Re7 Ne4 38.Nf7 Rxf7 39.Rxc8+ Rf8 0-1

CM EARLE WIKLE (1933) -

DIMITRI KOSTERIS (1600)

1.c4 f5 2.Nc3 Nf6 3.g3 e6 4.Bg2 Be7 5.d3 0-0 6.e4 fxe4 7.dxe4 e5 8.Nf3 d6 9.0-0 Nc6 10.a3 Qe8 11.b4 Bg4 12.h3 Bh5 13.Qd3 h6 14.Nh4 Nh7 15.Nf5 Ng5 16.Nd5 Bd8 17.Bxg5 hxg5 18.b5 Nb8 19.c5 Bg6 20.cxd6 cxd6 21.Nxd6 Qd7 22.Nc4 Qe6 23.Rad1 Nd7 24.Nde3 Nc5 25.Qd5 Qxd5 26.Rxd5 Nxe4 27.Nxe5 Bh7 28.Rd7 Bb6 29.N5c4 1-0

STEVEN GARVERICK (1604) -

SHUBH MISRA (1993)

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.g3 d5 4.Bg2 Be7 5.Nf3 0-0 6.0-0 b6 7.Nc3 Bb7 8.Qc2 a6 9.cxd5 exd5 10.a4 Nbd7 11.Rd1 c5 12.b3 Rc8 13.Bb2 Ne4 14.Nd2 Nxf2 15.Kxf2 cxd4 16.Qd3 Ne5 17.Qxd4 Bc5 18.Nc4 Qf6+ 19.Kg1 Bxd4+ Bc1 Qd8+ 0-1

ROUND 2

LM RANDY CANNEY (2209) -

DUWAYNE LANGSETH (1800)

1.d4 d5 2.Nc3 f5 3.Bg5 c6 4.f3 h6 5.Bf4 Nf6 6.e4 fxe4 7.fxe4 dxe4 8.Nxe4 Bf5 9.Ng3 Bg6 10.Bd3 Bxd3 11.Qxd3 Qd5 12.Nf3 Nbd7 13.Qg6+ Qf7 14.Qxf7+ Kxf7 15.0-0 g5 16.Ne5+ Nxe5 17.Bxe5 Bg7 18.Nf5 Rhf8 19.Rae1 Rad8 20.Nxe7 Rd7 21.Nf5 Kg6 22.Nxg7 Kxg7 23.Rxf6 Rxf6 24.Rf1 Rdf7 25.Rxf6 Rxf6 26.Bxf6+ Kxf6 27.Kf2 Kf5 28.Ke3 b5 29.c3 a5 30.b3 h5 31.Kf3 g4+ 32.Ke3 Ke6 33.Ke4 Kd6 34.c4 a4 35.Kf4 Ke6 36.Ke4 a3 37.d5+ Kd6 38.Kd4 h4 39.c5+ Kxd5+ Ke4+ 1-0

GERALD FITZGIBBONS (511) -

CM EARLE WIKLE (1933)

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 Bg7 4.Nf3 d6 5.e4 0-0 6.Bd3 e5 7.dxe5 dxe5 8.0-0 Nbd7 9.Be3 Ng4 10.Bd2 Nc5 11.Be2 c6 12.Re1 Qb6 13.Rb1 Nxf2 14.Qe2 Ng4 15.Kh1 Ne6 16.h3 Nf6 17.Nxe5 Nh5 18.Qf3 Bxe5 19.Rbd1 Ng3+ 0-1

KENNETH DOYKOS (1700) -

KEITH JAY OXMAN (1905)

1.e4 d6 2.d4 Nf6 3.Nc3 g6 4.Nge2 Bg7 5.g3 0-0 6.Bg2 e5 7.h3 Nc6 8.Be3 exd4 9.Nxd4 Nxd4 10.Bxd4 Be6 11.0-0 c6 12.Re1 Qe7 13.Qd2 h5 14.Rad1 Rfd8 15.Qf4 Ne8 16.Bxg7 Kxg7 17.Qg5 Nf6 18.a3 a5 19.a4 Qb6 20.b3 Qc5 21.Qe3 Qxe3 22.Rxe3 Kf8 23.Red3 Ke7 24.Ne2 d5 25.exd5 Bxd5 26.Bxd5 Nxd5 27.Re1 Kf8 28.Red1 Ke7 29.Re1 Kf8 30.Red1 Ke7 1/2-1/2

LAURENCE WUTT (1859) -

BARRY HEPSLEY (1700)

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.Bb5+ Bd7 4.Bxd7+ Nxd7 5.0-0 g6 6.c3 Bg7 7.d4 Ngf6 8.Re1 e5 9.d5 0-0 10.Nbd2 b5 11.a4 a6 12.Nf1 Qc7 13.Ng3 c4 14.Bg5 Nc5 15.axb5 axb5 16.Qe2 Nb3 17.Rxa8 Rxa8 18.Nd2 Nc5 19.Rb1 Ra2 20.Qd1 Qd7 21.h3 h5 22.b3 cxb3 23.Bxf6 Bxf6 24.Nxb3 Na4 25.Qf3 Bg7 26.Na5 Ra3 27.Rb3 Ra1+ 28.Kh2 Nc5 29.Rxb5 Qxb5 30.Nc6 Qb7 31.Qe3 Qb1 32.h4Qc1 33.Qe2Qf4 34.Kh3 Bf8 0-1

PATRICK ZIJLSTRA (1975) -

NM RHETT LANGSETH (2203)

1.e4 d6 2.d4 Nf6 3.Nc3 e5 4.dxe5 dxe5 5.Qxd8+ Kxd8 6.Bc4 Ke8 7.f4 Bb4 8.Bd3 Nbd7 9.Nf3 Nc5 10.0-0 exf4 11.e5 Nxd3 12.cxd3 Bxc3 13.bxc3 Nh5 14.Nd4 g5 15.Rb1 b6 16.c4 Bg4 17.Rb3 Kd7 18.h3 Be6 19.Nxe6 Kxe6 20.d4 Rhd8 21.Bb2 Ng3 22.d5+ Ke7 23.Ba3+ Ke8 24.Rxg3 fvg3 25.Rf5 c5 26.Bc1 b5 27.Bxg5 bxc4 28.d6 Rdb8 29.Kf1 Rb1+ 30.Ke2 Rb2+ 31.Kf3 Rf2+ 32.Ke4 c3 33.e6 fxe6 34.Rxc5 Rf5 35.Rxf5 exf5+ 36.Kxf5 Kd7 37.Ke4 c2 38.Kf3 Re8 39.Bc1 Rc3+ 40.Ke2 Kxd6 41.Kd2 Rc6 42.Bb2 Kd5 43.Bc3 Rxc3 0-1

NM EAMON MONTGOMERY (2184) -

EMMETT LIGNELL (1941)

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.Qc2 0-0 5.Nf3 e5 6.dxe5 h6 7.g3 Na6 8.Bg2 Nxc5 9.0-0 Bxc3 10.Qxc3 b6 11.b3 Bb7 12.Bb2 Qc7 13.Rad1 Rfd8 14.Qc1 Nce4 15.Nd4 a6 16.f3 Ng5 17.e4 d6 18.Qe3 Qc5 19.Nc2 Qxe3+ 20.Nxe3 Rac8 21.Rd2 Ne8 22.h4 Nh7 23.Rfd1 b5 24.e5 bxc4 25.bxc4 d5 26.cxd5 exd5 27.f4 Nc7 28.Nxd5 Nxd5 29.Bxd5 Bxd5 30.Rxd5 Rxd5 31.Rxd5 Nf8 32.Rd2 Kh7 33.Ba3 Kg8 34.Rd6 a5 35.Rd5 Ne6 36.f5 Nd8 37.Rxa5 Nc6 38.Rc5 Ra8 39.Rxc6 Rxa3 40.Rc8+ Kh7 41.e6 fxe6 42.fxe6 Ra7 43.Rc2 Kg8 44.Re2 Kf8 45.e7+ Ke8 46.Kf2 Ra3 47.Kg2 h5 48.Kh3 Ra5 49.Kg2 Ra3 50.Kf2 g6 51.Kg2 Ra5 52.Kh3 Ra3 53.Re6 Rxa2 54.Rxg6 Ra5 55.Rg5 Ra4 56.Rxh5 Kxe7 57.Rf5 1-0

SHUBH MISRA (1993) -

FELIX MCMILLAN (1889)

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 e6 3.c3 d5 4.exd5 Qxd5 5.d4 Nf6 6.Na3 a6 7.Nc4 Nbd7 8.Be2 b5 9.Ne3 Qc6 10.0-0 Be7 11.a4 Bb7 12.dxc5 Nxc5 13.axb5 axb5 14.Rxa8+ Bxa8 15.Nd4 Qb6 16.Bxb5+ Ncd7 17.Nc4 Qc7 18.Bg5 0-0 19.Bxd7 Qxc4 20.Bxf6 Bxf6 21.Qa4 Qd5 22.Be6 Bxc6 23.Qxc6 Bxd4 24.Qxd5 exd5 25.cxd4 Rc8 26.b4 Kf8 27.b5 Ke7 28.f3 Kd7 29.Rb1 Kc7 30.Rc1+ Kb7 31.Rc5 Rd8 32.Rc6 Rd7 33.Kf2 Kb8 34.h4 Rb7 35.Rc5 Rd7 36.g4 Rd6 37.Kg3 Kb7 38.Kf4 f6 39.g5 Kb8 40.Kg4 Kb7 41.gxf6 gxf6 42.Kf5 Rd8 43.Ke6 Re8+ 44.Kxf6 Rf8+ 45.Kg7 Rf4 46.Rxd5 Rxh4 47.Rd6 h5 48.Rh6 Rxd4 49.Rxh5 Rf4 50.Rh3 Rb4 51.Kg6 Kc8 52.Rh5 Kd7 53.Rf5 Ke7 54.f4 Rb1 55.Rc5 Rg1+ 56.Kf5 Rh1 57.Rc7+ Kd8 58.Rg7 Rb1 59.Rb7 Kc8 60.Rb6 Kc7 61.Rc6+ Kd7 62.Rc5 Rg1 63.Kf6 Ke8 64.f5 Rh1 65.Ke6 Re1+ 66.Re5 Rf1 67.f6 Rf2 68.Rf5 Rd2 69.Rd5 Re2+ 70.Kd6 Kd8 71.Kc6+ Kc8 72.Rf5 Re6+ 73.Kc5 Re8 74.f7 Rf8 75.Kd6 Rd8+ 76.Ke7 Rd7+ 77.Ke6 Rd8 78.f8Q 1-0

ALEXANDER KISLUKHIN (1898) -

CALEB NOAH KOELLER (1988)

1.e4 c5 2.Nc3 a6 3.Nf3 d6 4.d4 cxd4 5.Nxd4 Nf6 6.Be2 Nbd7 7.a4 e6 8.g4 Nc5 9.f3 Be7 10.Be3 Qa5 11.Qd2 g6 12.g5 Nh5 13.Kf2 0-0 14.b4 Qxb4 15.a5 d5 16.e5 f6 17.Rhb1 Qxb1 18.Rxb1 fxe5 19.Nb3 d4 20.Nxd4 exd4 21.Qxd4 Rf5 22.h4 e5 23.Qd1 Bd7 24.Rxb7 Rd8 25.Qd5+ Be6 26.Qc6 Nxb7 27.Qxe6+ Kf8 28.Bc4 1-0



Games from the 2026 COLORADO SENIOR CHAMPIONSHIP

ROUND 3

CM EARLE WIKLE (1933)

LM RANDY CANNEY (2209)

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 d5 4.Bg5 Ne4
5.cxd5 Nxc3 6.bxc3 Qxd5 7.Nf3 Bg7
8.Qb3 Qxb3 9.axb3 c5 10.e3 Nc6 11.Bb5
Bd7 12.0-0 h6 13.Bh4 g5 14.Bg3 0-0
15.Rac1 cxd4 16.exd4 a6 17.Bxc6 Bxc6
18.Rfe1 Bxf3 19.gxf3 e6 20.Be5 Rfd8
21.Kg2 Rac8 22.Bxg7 Kxg7 23.f4 Rd5
24.fxg5 Rxg5+ 25.Kf3 Rh5 26.Rg1+ Kf6
27.Rg2 Rh3+ 28.Rg3 Rxh2 29.c4 Rh5
30.Ke3 Rf5 31.Rcg1 h5 32.Rh1 Rh8
33.Rh4 Rc8 34.f4 Rc6 35.Rgh3 Rb6
36.Ke4 Rb4 37.Rxh5 Rxh5 38.Rxh5 Rxb3
39.Rc5 b5 40.cxb5 Rxb5 41.Rc7 a5
42.Ra7 Rf5 43.Ke3 Kg6 44.Ke4 Kh5
45.d5 Rxd5 46.Rxf7 Kg6 47.Ra7 Kf6
48.Rb7 Rd1 49.Rb5 a4 50.Ra5 Ra1 51.f5
Re1+ 52.Kf3 Rf1+ 53.Ke3 Rxf5 54.Rxa4
Rb5 55.Rf4+ Kg5 56.Ra4 Kf5 Ke4+ Ke5+
Ke3 Kf5 ½-½

NM RHETT LANGSETH (2203)

SHUBH MISRA (1993)

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 e6 3.c3 d5 4.d3 Nc6 5.Nbd2
Bd6 6.Be2 Nf6 7.0-0 0-0 8.a3 b6 9.b4 a6
10.Re1 Qc7 11.Bb2 Bb7 12.Rc1 dxe4
13.Nxe4 Nxe4 14.dxe4 Bf4 15.Rc2 Rad8
16.Qb1 Ne5 17.Nxe5 Bxh2+ 18.Kxh2
Qxe5+ 19.Kg1 Bxe4 20.Bd3 Rxd3
21.Rce2 Rh3 22.Rxe4 Qh2+ 23.Kf1 Qh1+
24.Ke2 Qxg2 25.Rf4 Qd5 26.c4 Qh5+
27.f3 Rh2+ 28.Ke3 e5 29.Rf5 Qh6+
30.Ke4 Qc6+ 31.Kd3 Qd6+ 32.Kc3 Qd4+
33.Kb3 Rxb2+ 34.Qxb2 Qd3+ 35.Qc3
Qxf5 36.Rxe5 Qb1+ 37.Qb2 Qd3+ 38.Qc3
Qd1+ 39.Kb2 Rd8 40.Qc2 Qxf3 41.Qe2
Qf6 42.Ka2 g6 43.bxc5 bxc5 44.Rxc5 Qc3
45.Rd5 Rb8 46.Rd1 Qb3+ 47.Ka1 Qxa3+
48.Qa2 Qc3+ 49.Qb2 Qxb2# 0-1

ROUND 4

LM RANDY CANNEY (2209) -

CM BRAD LUNDSTROM (1923)

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Qxd4 Nc6
5.Bb5 Bd7 6.Bxc6 Bxc6 7.Nc3 Nf6 8.Bg5
e6 9.0-0-0 Be7 10.Rhe1 0-0 11.e5 dxe5
12.Qh4 Nd5 13.Rxd5 Bxg5+ 14.Nxg5
Qxg5+ 15.Qxg5 exd5 16.f3 f6 17.Qd2
Rac8 18.Kb1 Rfd8 19.g4 Rc7 20.h4 d4
21.Ne4 Rdc8 22.h5 1-0

NM DMITRY KISHINEVSKY (2043) -

CM EARLE WIKLE (1933)

1.Nf3 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.d3 Bg7 4.Na3 d6
5.Rb1 e5 6.Bd2 Nc6 7.Qc1 Nb4 8.Ra1 Bd7
9.h3 h5 10.e3 Bc6 11.Bxb4 cxb4 12.Nc2
Bxf3 13.gxf3 Qb6 14.Qd2 a5 15.Rg1 Nd7
16.Rb1 Qc6 17.Be2 b5 18.cxb5 Qxb5
19.f4 Qa4 20.d4 Rc8 21.Bd3 Qxa2 22.Ke2
Qb3 23.f5 e6 24.fxe6 Qxe6 25.Ra1 b3
26.Ne1 Bxd4 27.Ba6 Rc4 28.Bxc4 Qxc4+
29.Qd3 Qxd3+ 30.Nxd3 Bb6 31.Ra3 Ke7
32.Rxb3 Rc8 33.Rc1 Rxc1 34.Nxc1 Ke6

35.Rb5 Bd8 36.Nb3 a4 37.Nd4+ Kf6
38.Nc6 Be7 39.Rb7 Ke6 40.Nd4+ 1-0

KEITH JAY OXMAN (1905) -
LAURENCE WUTT (1859)

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.d3 g6 4.g3 Bg7 5.Bg2
Nf6 6.Nbd2 d6 7.0-0 0-0 8.a4 a5 9.Nc4
Bg4 10.h3 Bd7 11.Be3 Qc7 12.c3 e5
13.Qb3 Be6 14.Nfd2 Nd7 15.Qc2 Rad8
16.Na3 Nb6 17.Ndc4 Nxc4 18.Nxc4 f5
19.Bg5 Rd7 20.Ne3 f4 21.gxf4 exf4
22.Nd5 Bxd5 23.exd5 Ne5 24.f3 h6
25.Bh4 g5 26.Bf2 h5 27.d4 cxd4 28.Bxd4
Rf6 29.Qf2 Rdf7 30.Qe2 Rh6 31.Qe4 Qd7
32.c4 g4 33.hxg4 hxg4 34.fxg4 Qxg4
35.Ra3 Rf5 36.Bxe5 Bxe5 37.Qf3 Bd4+
38.Rf2 Bxf2+ 39.Kxf2 Qh4+ 40.Kf1 Re5
41.Qf2 Qxf2+ 42.Kxf2 Rf6 43.Rb3 Re7
44.Bh3 Re3 45.Rxe3 fxe3+ 46.Kxe3 b6
47.Be6+ Kf8 48.Kd3 Rf3+ 49.Kc2 Ke7
50.Kb1 Kf6 51.Bc8 Ke5 52.Ba6 Kd4
53.Bb5 Kc5 54.Kc2 Kb4 55.Kd2 Kb3
56.Ke2 Rh3 57.Kd2 Rh2+ 58.Ke3 Kxb2
59.Kf4 Kc3 60.Kf5 Kb4 61.Ke6 Kc5
62.Kd7 Rb2 63.Kc7 Rh2 64.Kd7 Rh6
65.Ke7 Rg6 66.Kd7 Rg7+ 67.Ke6 Rc7
68.Kf6 Rh7 69.Ke6 Rh3 70.Kd7 Re3
71.Kd8 Re1 72.Kd7 Re4 73.Kc7 Re7+
74.Kd8 Rg7 75.Kc8 Kd4 76.Kd8 Ke5
77.Bd7 Kd4 78.Bb5 Kc3 79.Kc8 Kb4
80.Kd8 Kc5 81.Kc8 Rg3 82.Kd7 Rb3
83.Kc7 Rb4 84.Kb7 ½-½

BARRY HEPSLEY (1700) -

DUWAYNE LANGSETH (1800)

1.d4 d5 2.Nf3 e6 3.Bg5 f6 4.Bh4 Nh6 5.e3
Nf5 6.Bg3 Nxg3 7.hxg3 Bd6 8.Bb5+ c6
9.Bd3 Nd7 10.Bg6+ Ke7 11.Rxh7 Rxh7
12.Bxh7 f5 13.Nh4 Nf6 14.Bg6 Qh8
15.Nd2 Qh6 16.Qf3 Bd7 17.0-0-0 Rh8
18.c3 Qg5 19.Qe2 Rxh4 20.Nf3 Qxg6
21.Nxh4 Qg4 22.Nf3 e5 23.dxe5 Bxe5
24.Qe1 Bd6 25.Rd4 Ne4 26.Nh2 Qh5
27.Nf1 Qh1 28.Rd1 Qxg2 29.f4 Qf2
30.Qxf2 Nxf2 31.Rd2 Ng4 32.Kc2 Ke6
33.b3 c5 34.c4 Bc6 35.Kc3 b5 36.cxd5+
Bxd5 37.Rb2 a5 38.Rd2 c4 39.Re2 b4+
40.Kc2 Be4+ 41.Kc1 c3 0-1

SHUBH MISRA (1993) -

NM EAMON MONTGOMERY (2184)

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 e6 3.c3 d5 4.exd5 exd5 5.d4
Nf6 6.Bd3 c4 7.Bc2 Bg4 8.0-0 Be7 9.h3
Bh5 10.Re1 0-0 11.a4 Nc6 12.Nbd2 Re8
13.Nf1 Bd6 14.Bg5 Rxe1 15.Qxe1 Bxf3
16.gxf3 Qd7 17.Bxf6 gxf6 18.Kg2 Ne7
19.Ng3 Ng6 20.Bxg6 hxg6 21.Qd2 Kg7
22.Qc2 Re8 23.h4 Qe7 24.h5 Bxg3
25.Kxg3 f5 26.f4 Qe2 27.Qxe2 Rxe2
28.hxg6 Rxb2 29.gxf7 Rb3 30.Re1 Rxc3+
31.f3 Rd3 32.Re7 Rxd4 33.Rxb7 c3
34.Rb1 Rxa4 35.Kf2 d4 36.Ke2 Ra2+
37.Kd3 Rd2+ 38.Kc4 c2 39.Rc1 d3 40.Kc3
Rd1 41.Rxd1 cxd1Q 42.Kd4 0-1

NM DANIEL HERMAN (2182) -

ALEXANDER KISLUKHIN (1898)

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 e6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 a6
5.Bd3 Nc6 6.Nxc6 bxc6 7.0-0 Bc5 8.Qg4
Qf6 9.Nc3 h5 10.Qe2 e5 11.Kh1 Nh6
12.Qxh5 g6 13.Bg5 Qg7 14.Qf3 Ng8
15.Qg3 d6 16.f4 f6 17.fxe5 fxg5 18.exd6
Bd4 19.e5 Be6 20.Rae1 g4 21.Ne2 Bxe5
22.Nf4 g5 23.Nxe6 Bxg3 24.Nxg7+ Kd7
25.Rf7+ Kxd6 26.Nf5+ Kc5 27.Nxg3 Nh6
28.Rg7 Rhg8 29.Rxg8 Nxg8 30.Re5+ Kb6
31.Kg1 Nf6 32.Ne4 Nd5 33.c4 Nb4 34.c5+
Ka5 35.Bf1 Nxa2 36.Re6 Nb4 37.b3 Nc2
38.Rxc6 Re8 39.Rxa6+ Kb4 40.Rb6+ Ka5
41.Nd6 Re1 42.Nb7# 1-0

EMMETT LIGNELL (1941) -

NM RHETT LANGSETH (2203)

1.e4 d6 2.d4 Nf6 3.Nc3 e5 4.Nf3 Nbd7
5.Bc4 Be7 6.0-0 0-0 7.Bb3 c6 8.a4 a5
9.dxe5 dxe5 10.Qe2 Qc7 11.h3 Nc5
12.Bc4 Nfd7 13.Be3 Nb6 14.Ba2 Nbxa4
15.Nxa4 Nxa4 16.Bxf7+ Rxf7 17.Rxa4 b5
18.Raa1 Be6 19.Rfd1 h6 20.Nd2 a4
21.Nb3 Be4 22.Qg4 Bd6 23.Nd2 Rf6
24.Nxc4 bxc4 25.c3 Qf7 26.Qe2 Kh7
27.Qc2 Rg6 28.Kh1 a3 29.bxa3 Rf8 30.a4
Qe7 31.f3 Qh4 32.Rxd6 Rxd6 33.Bc5 Qd8
34.Bxd6 Qxd6 35.a5 Qc5 36.a6 Ra8
37.Qb2 Ra7 38.Qb8 Kg6 39.Qc8 Kf7
40.Rb1 Re7 41.Qf5+ Ke8 42.Rb8# 1-0

FELIX MCMILLAN (1889) -

CALEB NOAH KOELLER (1988)

1.e4 e5 2.Nc3 a6 3.f4 b5 4.Nf3 Bb7 5.d3
e6 6.g3 b4 7.Ne2 d5 8.e5 Ne7 9.Bg2 h5
10.0-0 Nf5 11.h3 Qb6 12.Kh2 Nc6 13.Bd2
a5 14.Qc1 Ba6 15.Be3 Nxe3 16.Qxe3 Ne7
17.Nh4 g6 18.c4 Rd8 19.b3 d4 20.Qf3 Rb8
21.Qf2 Ng8 22.Ng1 Be7 23.Ngf3 Bb7
24.Ng5 Bxg2 25.Kxg2 Nh6 26.Ngf3 Qc6
27.Kh2 a4 28.Rfe1 a3 29.Qe2 Kd7 30.Rf1
Rbg8 31.Qd2 Rg7 32.Rf2 Rhg8 33.Ng5
Bxg5 34.fxg5 Nf5 35.Nxf5 exf5 36.h4 Re8
37.Qf4 Re6 38.Re1 Rg8 39.Rfe2 Rge8
40.Kg1 Ke7 ½-½



2026 Boulder Open

Report and photos by Earle Wikle

On April 25th and 26th, the Boulder Open returned at the Village Center. Part of the University of Colorado Boulder. The last Boulder Open was held July of 2019 by Andrew Starr, so almost 6 years and 9 months since the last Boulder Open. I think several players were happy to have the tournament return since the max limit of 80 players was reached. The room was large enough to hold 100 players, but there was a shortage of tables, so the tournament could only seat 80 players with what was provided. Andy did an excellent job with managing the tournaments schedule and keeping up with the tournament results. I believe there are already plans being made for next year and increasing capacity.

In the Open section in round 1, FM Gunnar Andersen was held to draw by Felix McMillian. This eventual set up for a last round game between the two 2300s. Unfortunately for Gunnar he was trailing and needed a win, because of the first round draw for Gunnar it meant Sullivan was due white. The game reached symmetrical position with opposite color bishops and queens to finish in a draw, and to give LM Sullivan McConnell clear first. The second and third place ended up with a four way tie between FM Gunnar Andersen, NM Daniel Herman, Sean Pearson, and NM Dmitry Kishinevsky.

In the under 1800 section, Ryan Gupta and William Stanton tied for 1st and 2nd. Stanton gained 249 rating points with a performance rating of (1892). Tying for 3rd Kaavya Sakthisaravanan and Logan Stewmon.

In the under 1400 section, Christian Hardy won clear 1st with 4.5 points. Maxwell Cale was 2nd with 4 points, and three way tie for 3rd between Steve Merrick, Maxwell Banks, and Justin Magruder, with 3.5 points.



Boulder Open Crosstables

OPEN

#Name	Rating	Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd 3	Rd 4	Rd 5	Total
1 LM SULLIVAN MCCONNELL	2338	W39 (w)	W22 (b)	W4 (w)	W6 (b)	D2 (w) 17.5	4½ \$800
2 FM GUNNAR ANDERSEN	2373	D23 (b)	W36 (w)	W13 (w)	W16 (b)	D1 (b)	4 \$200
3 NM DANIEL HERMAN	2201	H---	W38 (w)	W32 (b)	W15 (w)	D6 (b) 35	4 \$200
4 SEAN PEARSON	2053	W26 (b)	W28 (w)	L1 (b)	W12 (w)	W14 (w)	4 \$200
5 NM DMITRY KISHINEVSKY	2040	W14 (w)	D29 (b)	H---	W13 (w)	W10 (w)	4 \$200
6 FM EUGENE YANAYT	2271	W34 (b)	W10 (w)	W20 (b)	L1 (w)	D3 (w)	3½
7 NM MATTHEW WOFFORD	2175	W24 (w)	L13 (b)	W29 (w)	D19 (b)	W18 (w)	3½
8 AMITAI SEBBA	1916	W33 (w)	L16 (b)	H---	W28 (w)	W19 (b)	3½
9 SHUBH MISRA	1952	L28 (b)	W25 (w)	D27 (b)	W29 (w)	D15 (w)	3
10 HENRY KOVACS	1930	W35 (w)	L6 (b)	W30 (w)	W20 (w) 289	L5 (b)	3
11 CM BRAD LUNDSTROM	1919	L29 (b)	D26 (w)	H---	W30 (b)	W21 (w) 167	3
12 ROHAN DAVID	1848	L16 (w)	W33 (b)	W21 (w) 238	L4 (b)	W22 (b) 110	3
13 JOSE DE JESÁS PARRA	1796	W21 (w)	W7 (w) 379	L2 (b)	L5 (b)	W32 (b) 199	3
14 WILLIAM WOLF	1775	L5 (b)	W39 (b) 101	W22 (w) 183	W32 (w) 220	L4 (b)	3
15 RYAN HAJJALI	1753	W17 (w) 210	W31 (w) 329	H---	L3 (b)	D9 (b) 99.5	3
16 NM SERGEY GALANT	2179	W12 (b)	W8 (w)	H---	L2 (w)	U---	2½
17 CRAIG WILCOX	1963	L15 (b)	W24 (w)	H---	W26 (b)	U---	2½
18 DANIEL MARMER	1916	W30 (b)	L20 (w)	D28 (b)	W27 (w)	L7 (b)	2½
19 JEREMY ROLDAN	1857	L20 (b)	W35 (w)	W36 (b)	D7 (w) 159	L8 (w)	2½
20 NM GRIFFIN MCCONNELL	2219	W19 (w)	W18 (b)	L6 (w)	L10 (b)	U---	2
21 JORGE RUBIO	2086	L13 (b)	W23 (w)	L12 (b)	W25 (w)	L11 (b)	2
22 EMMETT LIGNELL	1958	W27 (w)	L1 (w)	L14 (b)	W35 (b)	L12 (w)	2
23 FELIX MCMILLAN	1889	D2 (w) 242	L21 (b)	H---	D33 (w)	D27 (b)	2
24 TED DOYKOS	1838	L7 (b)	L17 (b)	H---	X---	D28 (w)	2
25 SANDEEP MATHEW	1783	L31 (b)	L9 (b)	W39 (w) 93	L21 (b)	B---	2
26 ENRICO MOSS	1782	L4 (w)	D11 (b) 68.5	X---	L17 (w)	D29 (b)	2
27 NICK HVIZDA	1711	L22 (b)	W34 (w) 160	D9 (w) 120.5	L18 (b)	D23 (w) 89	2
28 CARTER EDWARDS	1679	W9 (w) 273	L4 (b)	D18 (w) 118.5	L8 (b)	D24 (b) 79.5	2
29 ARIANA DANI	1630	W11 (w)	D5 (w) 205	L7 (b)	L9 (b)	D26 (w) 76	2
30 ELLA ZHANG	1423	L18 (w)	B---	L10 (b)	L11 (w)	W33 (b) 110	2
31 CM DEAN CLOW	2082	W25 (w)	L15 (b)	H---	U---	U---	1½
32 CHRISTOPHER MOTLEY	1995	H---	W37 (b)	L3 (w)	L14 (b)	L13 (w)	1½
33 JORDAN OGAS	1533	L8 (b)	L12 (w)	B---	D23 (b) 178	L30 (w)	1½
34 JOSHUA SAMUEL	1871	L6 (w)	L27 (b)	L35 (b)	X---	U---	1
35 STEVEN GARVERICK	1630	L10 (b)	L19 (b)	W34 (w) 241	L22 (w)	U---	1
36 TAYLOR NELSON	1246	B---	L2 (b)	L19 (w)	F---	U---	1
37 CHRISTOPHER BOWEN	U	D38 (b)	L32 (w)	H---	U---	U---	1
38 WYATT BACKHOUSE	1908	D37 (w)	L3 (b)	F---	F---	U---	½
39 NEEL YADATORE	1876	L1 (b)	L14 (w)	L25 (b)	U---	U---	0



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#Name	Rating	Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd 3	Rd 4	Rd 5	Total
1 RYAN GUPTA	1667	W10 (b)	D9 (w)	W3 (b) 21	W2 (w)	D4 (w)	4 \$400
2 WILLIAM STANTON	1300	W13 (w)	W5 (w) 351	W8 (b) 400	L1 (b)	W9 (w) 286	4 \$400
3 KAAVYA SAKTHISARAVANAN	1688	H---	W13 (b)	L1 (w)	W7 (b)	W6 (b)	3½ \$87.50
4 LOGAN STEWMON	1663	W11 (w)	W7 (b)	H---	D8 (w) 18.5	D1 (b) 2	3½ \$87.50
5 QUINN LEDUC	1651	W15 (w)	L2 (b)	W9 (b)	L6 (w)	W8 (b) 49	3
6 NIVID SINGHAL	1520	L8 (b)	W14 (w)	W17 (b)	W5 (b) 131	L3 (w)	3
7 ANJALI KANITKAR	912	B---	L4 (w)	W11 (b) 488	L3 (w)	W13 (b) 741	3
8 KENNETH DOYKOS	1700	W6 (w)	W12 (b)	L2 (w)	D4 (b)	L5 (w)	2½
9 ADAM HUBER	1586	W17 (w)	D1 (b) 40.5	L5 (w)	W10 (b)	L2 (b)	2½
10 JON EISEN	1445	L1 (w)	W15 (b)	H---	L9 (w)	W14 (w)	2½
11 DEAN BROWN	1400	L4 (b)	W16 (w)	L7 (w)	D14 (b) 18	W15 (b)	2½
12 JAMES WILLIAM NEWBY JR	1627	W16 (b)	L8 (w)	H---	U	U	2
13 JUSTIN DOUNCE	1653	L2 (b)	L3 (w)	D14 (b)	X---	L7 (w)	1½
14 KARTHIKA SAKTHISARAVANAN	1436	H---	L6 (b)	D13 (w) 108.5	D11 (w)	L10 (b)	1½
15 ANAY GUPTA	1274	L5 (b)	L10 (w)	L16 (b)	B---	L11 (w)	1
16 JOHN BLOEMKER	1214	L12 (w)	L11 (b)	W15 (w) 60	U---	U---	1
17 ELIAS WINTERMUTE	1012	L9 (b)	B---	L6 (w)	F---	U---	1

U1400

#Name	Rating	Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd 3	Rd 4	Rd 5	Total
1 CHRISTIAN HARDY	1383	D16 (b)	W20 (w)	W9 (w)	W7 (b)	W6 (b)	4½ \$350
2 MAXWELL CALE	1300	L12 (b)	W21 (w)	W11 (b)	W11 (w)	W7 (w)	4 \$200
3 STEVE MERRICK	1258	W13 (b)	D11 (w)	H---	W16 (b)	D4 (w)	3½ \$41.67
4 MAXWELL BANKS	1135	W21 (b)	W12 (w)	L7 (b)	W19 (w)	D3 (b) 61.5	3½ \$41.67
5 JUSTIN MAGRUDER	U	W15 (b)	W8 (w)	H---	L6 (w)	W9 (b)	3½ \$41.67
6 PHILIP LESKO	1319	W17 (w)	L9 (b)	W15 (w)	W5 (b)	L1 (w)	3
7 DYLAN KOVACS	1141	W18 (w)	W10 (b)	W4 (w)	L1 (w)	L2 (b)	3
8 BLAIR OLIVER	1133	W23 (w)	L5 (b)	H---	D10 (w)	W17 (b)	3
9 EDDIE SHEA	1086	W24 (b)	W6 (w) 233	L1 (b)	W12 (b)	L5 (w)	3
10 EDGAR RAMOS	855	W14 (b)	L7 (w)	H---	D8 (b) 139	W15 (w) 229	3
11 ISAAC BEGLEY	1070	W22 (b)	D3 (b) 94	D16 (w)	L2 (b)	D12 (w)	2½
12 ANSHUL SINGHAL	897	W2 (w)	L4 (b)	W14 (b) 369	L9 (w)	D11 (b) 86.5	2½
13 VIK VAD	780	L3 (w)	W23 (b)	H---	L14 (w)	W19 (b)	2½
14 BRENDAN MAHONEY	1266	L10 (w)	W18 (b)	L12 (w)	W13 (b)	U---	2
15 CHARLIE KOVACS	1084	L5 (w)	W24 (b)	L6 (b)	W22 (w)	L10 (b)	2
16 STEPAN ROSTOVTSSEV	1064	D1 (w)	W19 (b)	D11 (b) 3	L3 (w)	U---	2
17 JIYAAAN SATHISHKUMAR	1016	L6 (b)	W22 (w)	L2 (w)	W20 (b)	L8 (w)	2
18 ELI ROSENSTEIN	765	L7 (b)	L14 (w)	H---	W21 (b)	D22 (w)	2
19 GERALD FITZGIBBONS	526	B---	L16 (w)	W20 (b) 403	L4 (b)	L13 (w)	2
20 SHIRLEY HERMAN	929	H---	L1 (b)	L19 (w)	L17 (w)	W23 (b)	1½
21 CHUCK PRICE	654	L4 (w)	L2 (b)	H---	L18 (w)	B---	1½
22 COLE STANTON	U	L11 (w)	L17 (b)	W23 (w)	L15 (b)	D18 (b)	1½
23 CRAIG ZIMMERMAN	U	L8 (b)	L13 (w)	L22 (b)	B---	L20 (w)	1
24 ALEXANDER OSTROVSKIY	U	L9 (w)	L15 (w)	B---	U---	U---	1



Games from the Boulder Open

ROUND 2**EMMETT LIGNELL (1958) -****LM SULLIVAN MCCONNELL (2338)**

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.exd5 exd5 4.Nf3 Nc6
5.Be2 Bd6 6.Be3 Nge7 7.Nc3 a6 8.0-0 Bf5
9.a3 Qd7 10.b4 f6 11.Re1 0-0 12.Nd2 Be6
13.Nb3 b6 14.b5 axb5 15.Nxb5 Nf5
16.Bd3 Nxe3 17.fxe3 f5 18.Nd2 Be7
19.Qf3 Na5 20.Nc3 Nb7 21.Ne2 Rxa3
22.Rxa3 Bxa3 23.Ra1 Bb4 24.c3 Bd6
25.Nf4 Na5 26.Nxe6 Qxe6 27.Rf1 g6
28.Qe2 Re8 29.Rf3 c5 30.c4 cxd4 31.cxd5
Qe5 32.g3 dxe3 33.Nc4 Nxc4 34.Bxc4
Rc8 35.Kg2 Rxc4 36.Qxc4 e2 37.Qc8+
Bf8 38.d6 e1Q 39.d7 Q1e2+ 40.Rf2
Q5e4+ 41.Kg1 Qe1+ 42.Rf1 Qh1+ 0-1

FM EUGENE YANAYT (2271) -**HENRY KOVACS (1930)**

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.g3 d5 4.Bg2 Be7 5.Nf3
0-0 6.0-0 dxc4 7.Qc2 a6 8.a4 Bd7 9.Rd1
Bc6 10.Nc3 Bxf3 11.Bxf3 c6 12.Ne4 a5
13.Nd2 Na6 14.Nxc4 Nb4 15.Qb3 Nfd5
16.Bd2 b6 17.h4 Qc7 18.Rac1 Rac8
19.Ne5 c5 20.e4 Nf6 21.Be3 Rfd8 22.Bf4
Bd6 23.Bg5 Be7 24.Rc4 h6 25.Be3 Qb8
26.Nd3 cxd4 27.Bf4 Qa7 28.Nxb4 axb4
29.Rxc8 Rxc8 30.Be5 Nd7 31.Bxd4 Nc5
32.Qxb4 Nxa4 33.Qb5 Nc5 34.b4 Qa4
35.Qc4 Qb3 36.Qxb3 Nxb3 37.Be3 e5
38.Rd5 f6 39.Bg4 Rd8 40.Rxd8+ Bxd8
41.Be6+ Kf8 42.Bxb3 Be7 43.b5 Bd8
44.Kf1 Ke7 45.Bd5 Kd6 46.Ke2 f5 47.Bc6
fxe4 48.Bxe4 Kc7 49.Bc6 Bf6 50.Kd3 Be7
51.Ke4 Bf6 52.Kd5 Bd8 53.Ke4 1-0

DANIEL MARMER (1916) -**NM GRIFFIN MCCONNELL (2219)**

1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5 3.Bf4 a6 4.e3 b5 5.a3
e6 6.Nf3 c5 7.dxe5 Bxc5 8.Bd3 Bb7 9.0-0
0-0 10.Re1 Nc6 11.e4 Ng4 12.Bg3 Qb6
13.Qe2 d4 14.Nb1 f6 15.e5 f5 16.Ng5 Nd8
17.h3 Nh6 18.Bf4 Ndf7 19.Nd2 Nng5
20.Bxg5 Nf7 21.Bf4 Rad8 22.Nf3 h6
23.Kh2 Qc6 24.Rg1 Be7 25.Qd2 0-1

NM SERGEY GALANT (2179) -**AMITAI SEBBA (1916)**

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.c3 Nf6 4.e5 Nd5
5.Bc4 e6 6.0-0 Nb6 7.Bb3 c4 8.Bc2 d6
9.exd6 Bxd6 10.d4 Qc7 11.Nbd2 Bf4
12.Qe2 Ne7 13.g3 Bh6 14.Ne5 Nf5
15.Bxf5 exf5 16.Nexc4+ Qe7 17.Qxe7+
Kxe7 18.Re1+ Kf6 19.Nxb6 axb6 20.a3
Be6 21.Nf1 g5 22.h4 f4 23.hxg5+ Bxg5
24.Bxf4 Bxf4 25.gxf4 Rag8+ 26.Ng3 h5
27.Kh2 Bd5 28.Re5 Bf3 29.Rf5+ Ke7
30.Re1+ Kd8 31.Rg5 h4 32.Nf5 Rng5
33.fxg5 Rh5 34.Nd6 Rh7 35.Re3 Bc6
36.f4 Kd7 37.Nc4 Kc7 38.Ne5 Ba4
39.Ng4 Kd6 40.Nf6 Rh8 41.c4 Rc8 42.b3
b5 43.c5+ 1-0

JAMES WILLIAM NEWBY JR (1627) -**KENNETH DOYKOS (1700)**

1.c4 e6 2.Nc3 d5 3.d4 Nf6 4.cxd5 exd5
5.Bg5 c6 6.Nf3 Nbd7 7.e3 Qa5 8.a3 Ne4
9.Rc1 Nng5 10.Nxg5 Be7 11.Nf3 Nf6
12.Bd3 Bg4 13.0-0 0-0 14.Re1 Rfe8
15.Qd2 Bxf3 16.gxf3 Rad8 17.Kh1 Bd6
18.e4 dxe4 19.fxe4 Bb8 20.e5 Nd5 21.Qc2
g6 22.Ne4 Kg7 23.Rg1 Qb6 24.Ng3 Kh8
25.Ne2 Qc7 26.f4 Ne3 27.Qd2 Nf5
28.Bxf5 gxf5 29.Qd3 Qd7 30.Qh3 Rg8
31.Nc3 Rg6 32.Rxg6 fxxg6 33.Rg1 Rg8
34.Ne4 Qd5 35.Qg2 Qxe4 36.Qxe4 fxe4
37.Re1 a6 38.Rxc4 Ba7 39.e6 Re8 40.Kg2
Kg7 41.b4 Kf6 0-1

ROUND 4**FM EUGENE YANAYT (2271) -****LM SULLIVAN MCCONNELL (2338)**

1.Nf3 d5 2.d4 Nc6 3.g3 Bg4 4.Bg2 Nf6
5.h3 Bxf3 6.Bxf3 e5 7.dxe5 Nxe5 8.Bg2
c6 9.0-0 Bc5 10.Nd2 h5 11.e4 h4 12.g4
Qc7 13.exd5 0-0-0 14.c4 Kb8 15.Nb3
Nexg4 16.hxg4 h3 17.Be4 cxd5 18.Bxd5
Rxd5 19.Qf3 Rd3 20.Be3 Bxe3 21.fxe3
Rh4 22.Rae1 Rxxg4+ 23.Kh1 Rg2 24.Qxxh3
Rg3 25.Qf5 Rd8 0-1

NM SERGEY GALANT (2179) -**FM GUNNAR ANDERSEN (2373)**

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 e6
5.Be3 Nf6 6.Nd2 d5 7.Nxc6 bxc6 8.e5
Nd7 9.f4 f6 10.Bd3 g6 11.Qg4 Qe7
12.exf6 Qxf6 13.0-0 Bc5 14.Rae1 0-0
15.c3 Bxc3+ 16.Rxc3 Nc5 17.Bc2 e5
18.Qg5 Qxg5 19.fxxg5 Rxf1+ 20.Nxf1 e4
21.b4 Ne6 22.Bb3 a5 23.b5 a4 0-1

HENRY KOVACS (1930) -**NM GRIFFIN MCCONNELL (2219)**

1.e4 c6 2.d3 d5 3.Nd2 g6 4.g3 Bg7 5.Bg2
e5 6.c3 Ne7 7.Ne2 0-0 8.0-0 Bg4 9.h3
Bxe2 10.Qxe2 Nd7 11.Nb3 f5 12.Bg5 Bf6
13.Bh6 Re8 14.f4 exf4 15.Bxf4 dxe4
16.dxe4 Nd5 17.Qd3 Nxf4 18.gxf4 fxe4
19.Bxe4 Qb6+ 20.Kh1 Nf8 21.f5 g5
22.Qc4+ Kg7 23.Nc5 Re7 24.b4 Qc7
25.Rf3 Rae8 26.Bd3 b6 27.Ne6+ Nxe6
28.fxe6 Rxe6 29.Raf1 Qd6 30.Qg4 R8e7
31.Qh5 Kf8 32.Qxg5 Ke8 33.Qg8+ Kd7
34.Bf5 Qd5 35.c4 Qe5 36.Bxe6+ Rxe6
37.Qxxh7+ Be7 38.Qf5 Bxb4 39.Qxe5
Rxe5 40.Rf7+ Be7 41.Kg2 Ke6 42.R7f4
Re2+ 43.R1f2 Re3 44.Rg4 a5 45.h4 a4
46.h5 Re5 47.Rg6+ Kd7 48.h6 Rh5 49.Rf3
Ke8 50.Rh3 1-0

**ROUND 5****LM SULLIVAN MCCONNELL (2338) -****FM GUNNAR ANDERSEN (2373)**

1.e4 c5 2.Nc3 g6 3.Nge2 Nc6 4.g3 Bg7
5.Bg2 d6 6.0-0 e5 7.Nd5 Nge7 8.Nec3 0-0
9.d3 Rb8 10.a4 Nb4 11.Nxb4 cxb4 12.Na2
Nc6 13.c3 bxc3 14.Nxc3 Be6 15.Be3 a6
16.Nd5 Bxd5 17.exd5 Nd4 18.Bxd4 exd4
19.Qb3 Qd7 20.Rac1 Rfc8 21.Rfe1 Rxc1
22.Rxc1 Rc8 23.Rxc8+ Qxc8 24.Qb6 Qd7
25.b3 f5 26.Bf3 Kf7 27.Kg2 Ke7 28.b4
Qc8 29.b5 axb5 30.Qxb5 Bf6 31.a5 Qd7
32.Qb6 Kf7 33.a6 bxa6 1/2-1/2

FM EUGENE YANAYT (2271) -**NM DANIEL HERMAN (2201)**

1.d4 d5 2.c4 dxc4 3.Nf3 Nf6 4.e3 b5 5.a4
b4 6.Bxc4 e6 7.0-0 c5 8.b3 Be7 9.Nbd2 0-0
10.Bb2 Bb7 11.Rc1 Nbd7 12.Qe2 Rc8
13.Rfd1 Qc7 14.e4 Qf4 15.Bb5 Rfd8 16.d5
exd5 17.e5 Ne4 18.Bxd7 Nxd2 19.Rxd2
Rxd7 20.e6 Rdd8 21.Be5 Qf5 22.exf7+
Qxf7 23.Qb5 Ba8 24.Qa6 Bf8 25.Ng5 Qf5
26.f4 h6 27.Qe6+ Qxe6 28.Nxe6 Rd7
29.Bd4 c4 30.bxc4 dxc4 31.Nxf8 Rd6
32.Bc3 Rxd2 33.Bxd2 Kxf8 34.Bxb4+ Kf7
35.Kf2 Be4 36.g3 Bd3 37.Bc3 Re8 38.Re1
Rxe1 1/2-1/2

SEAN PEARSON (2053) -**WILLIAM WOLF (1775)**

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 g6 4.d4 exd4
5.Nxd4 Bg7 6.Be3 Nge7 7.Nc3 0-0 8.Qd2
Na5 9.Be2 d5 10.exd5 Nxd5 11.Nxd5
Qxd5 12.Bf3 Qe5 13.Qe2 c5 14.Nb5 Qxb2
15.0-0 Qe5 16.Rad1 Be6 17.Nd6 Rad8
18.Qb5 Rxd6 19.Rxd6 Bc4 20.Qxa5 Bxf1
21.Rd5 Qa1 22.Rd1 Qxd1 23.Bxd1 Ba6
24.Bf3 Bd4 25.Bxd4 cxd4 26.Qd5 Re8
27.h4 Rc8 28.Be4 h5 29.Bxg6 Rc5
30.Qxf7+ Kh8 31.Qh7# b6 1-0

NM DMITRY KISHINEVSKY (2040) -**HENRY KOVACS (1930)**

1.Nf3 d5 2.e3 Nf6 3.b3 c5 4.Ba3 e6 5.d4
b6 6.Bb5+ Bd7 7.Bd3 Be7 8.Ne5 0-0 9.0-0
Nc6 10.Nxd7 Qxd7 11.Bb2 Rfd8 12.Nd2
cxd4 13.exd4 Bd6 14.Re1 Ne7 15.Qe2
Ng6 16.g3 Rac8 17.Rec1 Ne8 18.Ba6 Rb8
19.a4 Nc7 20.Bd3 Re8 21.Nf3 f6 22.c4
Qf7 23.h4 Nf8 24.c5 bxc5 25.dxc5 Be7
26.Nd4 Nd7 27.Qc2 g6 28.Nc6 Ra8 29.b4
a5 30.Nxe7+ Qxe7 31.b5 e5 32.Ba3 Qd8
33.b6 Ne6 34.Qa2 e4 35.Bb5 d4 36.b7 Rb8
37.c6 1-0

PHILIP LESKO (1319) -**CHRISTIAN HARDY (1383)**

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Nf6 4.d3 h6 5.0-0
Bc5 6.c3 d6 7.d4 exd4 8.cxd4 Bb6 9.Re1
Bg4 10.Qb3 0-0 11.e5 Bxf3 12.exf6 Nxd4
13.Qd3 Qxf6 14.Re3 Bc6 15.Nc3 Nf5
16.Ne4 Qd4 17.g4Nxe3 18.Bxe3 Qxe4 0-1

Colorado Class Championship - Kathy Schneider Memorial

Report and photos by Earle Wikle

The 2026 Colorado Class Championship was held in Colorado Springs at the Hyatt Place on Garden of the God's. This year we honor Kathy Schneider, one of our friends and longtime local chess player that passed away on December 25, 2025. Her family came in town and had a memorial service and presented photographs of Kathy and a quilt made from shirts that Kathy collected with her travels all around the United States with her friend Dean Brown. We had a nice tribute with her family. Family was very important to Kathy and she did a massive amount of genealogy work. We give great thanks to Kathy's family for sponsoring the 2026 Colorado Class Championship. With Dean putting together a special prize from donations for whoever played Kathy in a rated chess game and finished with the best score would win. The prize was won by Shirley Herman.

Here are the results from each section. Although Jason Nigatu finished with 2.5 points he withdrew from the tournament and therefore was not eligible for prize money. It is part of the rules of chess.

Class Championship Winners	
Name	Winners
Master/Expert (2000+): 1st,2nd,3rd	(2.5) AUSTIN POWELL (2064)
	(2.5) LM BRIAN D WALL (2200)
	(2.5) NM DANIEL HERMAN (2177)
Class A (1800 - 1999): 1st & 2nd	(3) BRANDON STOYANOVICH (1982)
	(3) FORREST LUNDSTROM (1846)
Class A (1800 - 1999): 3rd	(2.5) GRAYSON MANUEL (1968)
	(2.5) JOHN SCHOENKE (1807)
	(2.5) TIMOTHY BRENNAN (1800)
	(2.5) CM EARLE WIKLE (1933)
Class B (1600 - 1799): 1st	(4) LINCOLN MOTT (1638)
Class B (1600 - 1799): 2nd	(2.5) VIAAN KHANDLWAL (1703)
Class B (1600 - 1799): 3rd	(2) BUDDY DIAMOND JR (1796)
	(2) CHRISTOPHER BOWEN (1710)
	(2) TARUN KARTHIKEYAN (1706)
Class C (1400 - 1599): 1st,2nd,3rd	(3) CHRISTIAN HARDY (1444)
	(3) JAMES J BADER (1475)
	(3) WILLIAM NIXON (1541)
Class D (1200 - 1399): 1st & 2nd	(3) CAMERON SOLANO (1306)
	(3) MARQUIS BROWN (1305)
Class D (1200 - 1399): 3rd	(2.5) ROBERT L WARD (1208)
	(2.5) SIDDHISHREE SUNDARAM (1369)
Class E & Unrated (<1200 & Unrated): 1st	(4) ZACHARY ANSELL (U)
Class E & Unrated (<1200 & Unrated): 2nd & 3rd	(3) SAM REDENIUS (1041)
	(3) SHIRLEY HERMAN (774)
	(3) VIK VAD (978)
	(3) DERRICK ARAGON (U)
	(3) JONATHAN CHRISTIAN (U)



2026 Colorado Class Championships - Kathy Schneider Memorial Crosstables

Master/Expert (2000+)						
#Name	Rating	Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd 3	Rd 4	Total
1 AUSTIN POWELL	2064	D2 (b) 68	W6 (w)	D4 (w)	D4 (w)	2½ \$150
2 LM BRIAN D WALL	2200	D1 (w)	D3 (b)	W5 (w)	D1 (b)	2½ \$150
3 NM DANIEL HERMAN	2177	L4 (b)	D2 (w) 11.5	W6 (b)	W5 (b)	2½ \$150
4 JASON NIGATU	2030	W3 (w) 147	W5 (w) 139	D1 (b) 17	U---	2½
5 NM RHETT LANGSETH	2169	W6 (w)	L4 (b)	L2 (b)	L3 (w)	1
6 JOSE PARRA	2020	L5 (b)	L1 (b)	L3 (w)	B---	1
Class A (1800 - 1999)						
#Name	Rating	Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd 3	Rd 4	Total
1 BRANDON STOYANOVICH	1982	W2 (b)	W12 (w)	D3 (w)	D5 (b)	3 \$225
2 FORREST LUNDSTROM	1846	L1 (w)	W10 (b)	W11 (w)	W3 (b)	3 \$225
3 TIMOTHY BRENNAN	1800	W9 (w) 129	W7 (w) 132	D1 (b) 91	L2 (w)	2½ \$25
4 JOHN SCHOENKE	1807	W6 (w) 126	D5 (w) 80.5	L7 (b)	W9 (b) 122	2½ \$25
5 GRAYSON MANUEL	1968	W11 (w)	D4 (b)	D9 (w)	D1 (w) 7	2½ \$25
6 CM EARLE WIKLE	1933	L4 (b)	H---	W8 (b)	W7 (w)	2½ \$25
7 LAURENCE WUTT	1932	W10 (w)	L3 (b)	W4 (w)	L6 (b)	2
8 DUWAYNE LANGSETH	1800	B---	L9 (b)	L6 (w)	W11 (b) 10	2
9 HABTAMU ASEGED	1929	L3 (b)	W8 (w)	D5 (b) 19.5	L4 (w)	1½
10 NICK HVIZDA	1803	L7 (b)	L2 (w)	D13 (b)	B---	1½
11 NEEL YADATORE	1810	L5 (b)	W13 (w)	L2 (b)	L8 (w)	1
12 DANIEL MARMER	1895	W13 (w)	L1 (b)	U---	U---	1
13 CLIFTON FORD	1800	L12 (b)	L11 (b)	D10 (w) 1.5	U---	½
Class B (1600 - 1799)						
#Name	Rating	Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd 3	Rd 4	Total
1 LINCOLN MOTT	1638	W4 (b) 72	W6 (w) 115	W3 (b) 68	W5 (w) 158	4 \$225
2 VIAAN KHANDELWAL	1703	L6 (b)	D4 (w) 3.5	W8 (b)	W3 (w) 3	2½ \$150
3 TARUN KARTHIKEYAN	1706	W5 (w) 90	W7 (b) 25	L1 (w)	L2 (b)	2 \$25
4 CHRISTOPHER BOWEN	1710	L1 (w)	D2 (b)	D7 (w) 10.5	W8 (b)	2 \$25
5 BUDDY DIAMOND JR	1796	L3 (b)	W8 (w)	W6 (b)	L1 (b)	2 \$25
6 HANS P KRULL	1753	W2 (w)	L1 (b)	L5 (w)	D7 (b)	1½
7 KYLE LUO	1731	D8 (b)	L3 (w)	D4 (b)	D6 (w) 11	1½
8 STEVEN GARVERICK	1664	D7 (w) 33.5	L5 (b)	L2 (w)	L4 (w)	½
Class C (1400 - 1599)						
#Name	Rating	Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd 3	Rd 4	Total
1 CHRISTIAN HARDY	1444	W2 (w) 97	W9 (w) 108	D5 (b) 55	D4 (w) 34.5	3 \$150
2 WILLIAM NIXON	1541	L1 (b)	W8 (w)	W7 (b) 12	W5 (w) 13	3 \$150
3 JAMES J BADER	1475	W7 (w) 78	D5 (w) 39.5	D4 (b) 19	W6 (b)	3 \$150
4 ROBERT CARLSON	1513	D10 (w)	W6 (b)	D3 (w)	D1 (b)	2½
5 SARVESH RAJESH	1554	W11 (w)	D3 (b)	D1 (w)	L2 (b)	2
6 DEAN BROWN	1401	B---	L4 (w)	W9 (b) 151	L3 (w)	2
7 KARTHIKEYAN KANNAN	1553	L3 (b)	W10 (b)	L2 (w)	D8 (w)	1½
8 ELLA ZHANG	1449	L9 (b)	L2 (b)	W10 (w)	D7 (b) 52	1½
9 ADAM KINSEY	1552	W8 (w)	L1 (b)	L6 (w)	U---	1
10 ANMAR ALMALLAK	1431	D4 (b) 41	L7 (w)	L8 (b)	U---	½
11 JEREMY GOOD	1481	L5 (b)	U---	U---	U---	0
Class D (1200 - 1399)						
#Name	Rating	Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd 3	Rd 4	Total
1 MARQUIS BROWN	1305	L4 (b)	W3 (b)	W9 (w)	W2 (w) 1	3 \$187.50
2 CAMERON SOLANO	1306	B---	W4 (w) 63	W6 (b) 8	L1 (b)	3 \$187.50
3 ROBERT L WARD	1208	D8 (b) 56	L1 (w)	W7 (w) 133	W5 (b) 4	2½ \$37.50
4 SIDDHISHREE SUNDARAM	1369	W1 (w)	L2 (b)	H---	W8 (w)	2½ \$37.50
5 SIMON STRAUB	1212	W7 (w) 129	L6 (b)	W8 (b) 108	L3 (w)	2
6 JARED HALL	1314	W9 (b)	W5 (w)	L2 (w)	U	2
7 ANANYA MEDU	1341	L5 (b)	D8 (w)	L3 (b)	W9 (w)	1½
8 ANAY GUPTA	1320	D3 (w)	D7 (b) 10.5	L5 (w)	L4 (b)	1
9 MIHALY TOT	1200	L6 (w)	B---	L1 (b)	L7 (b)	1
Class E/Unrated <1200						
#Name	Rating	Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd 3	Rd 4	Total
1 ZACHARY ANSELL	U	W3 (w)	W4 (b)	W2 (w)	W5 (b)	4 \$225
2 JONATHAN CHRISTIAN	U	W17 (b)	W6 (w)	L1 (b)	W9 (w)	3 \$45
3 SHIRLEY HERMAN	774	L1 (b)	W19 (w)	W13 (b)	W7 (w)	3 \$45
4 VIK VAD	978	W18 (b)	L1 (w)	W11 (b)	W8 (w)	3 \$45
5 DERRICK ARAGON	U	W16 (b)	W8 (w)	W9 (b)	L1 (w)	3 \$45
6 SAM REDENIUS	1041	W11 (w)	L2 (b)	W7 (b)	W10 (w)	3 \$45
7 RYLEE FRISBEY	U	W15 (w)	W10 (b)	L6 (w)	L3 (b)	2
8 JASON TRICHLER	U	W12 (w)	L5 (b)	W15 (w)	L4 (b)	2
9 CRAIG ZIMMERMAN	554	B---	W13 (b)	L5 (w)	L2 (b)	2
10 DANIEL BOTES	U	X---	L7 (w)	W12 (b)	L6 (b)	2
11 SHAARAV SHYAM	680	L6 (b)	B---	L4 (w)	W16 (w) 85	2
12 MICHAEL SEGUIN	925	L8 (b)	W16 (w)	L10 (w)	W14 (b)	2
13 CJ COFFEY	U	W19 (b)	L9 (w)	L3 (w)	W15 (b)	2
14 DAN RUPAREL	674	H---	U	W17 (b) 130	L12 (w)	1½
15 KRISTINA SAMORA	751	L7 (b)	W17 (w) 53	L8 (b)	L13 (w)	1
16 JOHN WISMILLER	765	L5 (w)	L12 (b)	W19 (w)	L11 (b)	1
17 FRANK ATWOOD	804	L2 (w)	L15 (b)	L14 (w)	W19 (b)	1
18 JOHN HARVEY JR	633	L4 (w)	H---	U---	U---	½
19 DAVID KENNEDY	682	L13 (w)	L3 (b)	L16 (b)	L17 (w)	0
20 AVANEESH SINHA	932	F---	U---	U---	U---	0

Games from the Colorado Class Championships

ROUND 1

**LM BRIAN D WALL (2200) -
AUSTIN POWELL (2064)**

1.d4 Nf6 2.Nf3 d5 3.Bg5 Ne4 4.Bf4 c5
5.dxc5 Nc6 6.e3 Bg4 7.h3 Bxf3 8.gxf3
Nxc5 9.Nc3 e6 10.h4 Bd6 11.Bxd6 Qxd6
12.Qd2 0-0 13.0-0-0 a6 14.h5 h6 15.Ne4
Qe7 16.Nxc5 Qxc5 17.Kb1 Rac8 18.f4
Rfd8 19.c3 b5 20.Rc1 a5 21.Rg1 Rb8
22.f5 exf5 23.Qd3 f4 24.exf4 Qxf2 25.Qg3
Qxg3 26.Rxg3 Kf8 27.Bd3 f6 28.Bf5 d4
29.Reg1 Rb7 30.Be4 Rd6 31.cxd4 Re7
32.Bg6 Nxd4 33.Rc3 Rd8 34.Rd1 Red7
35.Rcd3 b4 36.b3 Rd6 37.Kb2 Nb5
38.Rxd6 Rxd6 39.Re1 Rd2+ 40.Kc1 Rd8
41.Re6 Nc3 42.Kb2 Ra8 43.a3 Nd5 44.f5
Nc7 45.Rc6 bxa3+ 46.Kxa3 Ra7 47.Ka4
Ke7 48.Rc5 Kd6 49.Rxa5 Rxa5+ 50.Kxa5
Ke7 51.Kb6 Kd8 52.b4 Kc8 53.Kc6 Kb8
½-½

**JASON NIGATU (2030) -
NM DANIEL HERMAN (2177)**

1.e4 e5 2.f4 Nc6 3.Nf3 Qf6 4.Nc3 exf4
5.Nd5 Qd6 6.d4 Nf6 7.Be4 Nxe4 8.Bxf4
Qg6 9.0-0 Bd6 10.Re1 0-0 11.Bd3 f5
12.Bxd6 1-0

**FORREST LUNDSTROM (1846) -
BRANDON STOYANOVICH (1982)**

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 g6
5.Nc3 Bg7 6.Nxc6 bxc6 7.Be4 Nf6 8.e5
Ng8 9.Qf3 e6 10.Bf4 f6 11.Qg3 Qa5
12.exf6 Nxf6 13.0-0 Qb4 14.Be2 Qxb2
15.Rab1 Qa3 16.Nb5 Qxg3 17.Nc7+ Ke7
18.Bxg3 Ne4 19.Nxa8 Nc3 20.Bd3 Nxb1
21.Rxb1 e5 22.Nc7 d5 23.Rb8 Kd6 24.Na6
c5 25.Be2 c4 26.Nb4 a5 27.Na6 Kc6
28.Nb4+ axb4 29.Rxb4 Bf5 30.Bf3 e4
31.Be2 Ra8 32.f3 Rxa2 33.Bxc4 dxc4
34.Rxc4+ Kd5 35.Rc7 Bd4+ 36.Kf1 e3
37.c4+ Ke6 38.Be1 Bd3+ 39.Kg1 e2+
40.Kh1 Ra1 0-1

**GRAYSON MANUEL (1968) -
NEEL YADATORE (1810)**

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.Qc2 b6 5.e4
Bb7 6.Bd3 d5 7.cxd5 exd5 8.e5 Nfd7
9.Nge2 e5 10.0-0 cxd4 11.Nxd4 Nc6
12.Nf5 Bf8 13.Qe2 Nc5 14.Nb5 g6
15.Nfd6+ Bxd6 16.Nxd6+ Kf8 17.Bh6+
Kg8 18.f4 Nb4 19.Bb5 Bc8 20.a3 Nba6
21.Bc6 Rb8 22.Bxd5 Ne6 23.Bxe6 fxe6
24.b4 Nc7 25.Bg5 Qf8 26.Rac1 Nd5
27.Ne4 h6 28.Nf6+ Kg7 29.Nxd5 hxg5
30.Rc7+ Kh6 31.fxg5+ Kxg5 32.Qe3+
Kh5 33.Qh3+ Kg5 34.Qg3+ Kh5 35.Rxf8
1-0

**TARUN KARTHIKEYAN (1706) -
BUDDY DIAMOND JR (1796)**

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6
5.Nc3 a6 6.a4 e5 7.Nf3 Be7 8.Bd3 Be6 9.0
-0 h6 10.Re1 Nbd7 11.Qe2 Qc7 12.h3 0-0
13.Nh4 d5 14.exd5 Nxd5 15.Nxd5 Bxd5
16.Nf5 Rfe8 17.Qg4 Bg5 18.Bxg5 hxg5
19.Qxg5 g6 20.Ne7+ Rxe7 21.Qxe7 Qc6
22.Re3 Nf6 23.Qxe5 Bxg2 24.Qg5 Be6
25.Bxe4 Nxe4 26.Qg2 f5 27.Rae1 Qb6
28.Rb3 Qc6 29.a5 Rd8 30.Rb6 Qe5
31.Qxg6+ Kf8 32.Qh6+ Ke8 33.Qh8+ Kf7
34.Rxb7+ Ke6 35.Rxe4+ fxe4 36.Qxd8
Qg5+ 1-0

**JAMES J BADER (1475) -
KARTHIKEYAN KANNAN (1553)**

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 Bc5 4.c3 d6 5.d4
exd4 6.cxd4 Bb4+ 7.Kf1 Ba5 8.Qa4 Bb6
9.d5 Bg4 10.dxc6 Kf8 11.Nbd2 bxc6
12.Bxc6 Rb8 13.h3 Bh5 14.g4 Bg6 15.b3
Qf6 16.e5 dxe5 17.Ba3+ Ne7 18.Kg2 Rd8
19.Qb4 a5 20.Qxe7+ Qxe7 21.Bxe7+
Kxe7 22.Nc4 e4 23.Rhe1 Bd4 24.Rad1
Bc3 25.Rxd8 Rxd8 26.Re3 Rd3 27.Nh4 f5
28.Nxf5+ Bxf5 29.gxf5 Kf6 30.Bxe4 Rd4
31.Kf3 Bb4 32.Rd3 c5 33.Rxd4 cxd4
34.Bd3 Bc3 35.Ke4 Kg5 36.f4+ Kh4
37.Bf1 Kg3 38.Ne5 Kf2 39.Bd3 Kg3
40.Nc6 Kxh3 41.Nxd4 h5 42.Ne2 Bb2
43.Kf3 h4 44.Bc4 Kh2 45.Bd5 Kh3
46.Be4 Bf6 47.a3 Bb2 48.b4 Bxa3 49.bxa5
Bc5 50.Nc3 Kh2 51.Nd5 h3 52.Ne3 Kg1
53.Ng4 h2 54.Kg3 h1Q 55.Bxh1 Kxh1
56.a6 Kg1 57.f6 gxf6 58.Nxf6 1-0

**SARVESH RAJESH (1554) -
JEREMY GOOD (1481)**

1.e4 Nf6 2.e5 Nd5 3.d4 d6 4.f4 dxe5
5.fxe5 Bf5 6.Nf3 1-0

**HANS P KRULL (1753) -
VIAAN KHANDLWAL (1703)**

1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.f3 e6 4.c4 dxe4 5.Nc3
Bb4 6.Bf4 Bxc3+ 7.bxc3 Nf6 8.Qc2 Qa5
9.g3 Qf5 10.Rc1 Nbd7 11.Bg2 exf3
12.Nxf3 Qxc2 13.Rxc2 0-0 14.0-0 b6
15.Ne5 Nxe5 16.Bxe5 Bd7 17.Bxf6 gxf6
18.Rxf6 Kg7 19.Rcf2 Rae8 20.h4 Re7
21.h5 Rg8 22.Be4 Kf8 23.Kg2 Rh8 24.h6
Ke8 25.Kf3 Kd8 26.Kf4 Kc7 27.Rh2 Be8
28.Rh5 Kd8 29.Rg5 Re7 30.Rg7 Ke7
31.Ke5 Kf8 32.Bxh7 c5 33.Bd3 Rxh6
34.Rxh6 Kxg7 35.Rh7+ Kg8 36.Kf6 cxd4
37.Rg7+ Kh8 38.cxd4 Rc6 39.Rh7+ Kg8
40.Ke7 Rc8 41.Rh5 a6 42.Rg5+ Kh8
43.Kf8 Ba4+ 44.Kxf7 Rc7+ 45.Kxe6 Rc6+
46.Ke5 Rc8 47.d5 Re8+ 48.Kd4 Rd8
49.Rg6 Rb8 50.Ke5 Re8+ 51.Re6 Rb8
52.Kf6 Rf8+ 53.Ke7 Rb8 54.Kf7 Rb7+
55.Re7 Rb8 56.d6 Rg8 57.d7 Rd8 58.Re8+
Ra8 1-0

**SIDDHISHREE SUNDARAM (1369) -
MARQUIS BROWN (1305)**

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.d4 exd4 4.Nxd4 Bc5
5.Nb3 Bb6 6.Qe2 d6 7.Nc3 Nf6 8.Be3 Be6
9.Bxb6 axb6 10.Rd1 0-0 11.Qd2 Ne5
12.Be2 Bc4 13.0-0 Bxe2 14.Qxe2 Re8
15.Qd2 Qd7 16.Qf4 Qg4 17.Qxg4 Nexg4
18.Rfe1 Ne5 19.Nd4 Nc4 20.b3 Ne5
21.Ndb5 Rac8 22.f4 Nc6 23.Nd5 Nxd5
24.exd5 Nb4 25.Rxe8+ Rxe8 26.Nxc7 Re2
27.Nb5 Nxc2 28.Nxd6 Ne3 29.Rc1 Rxg2+
30.Kh1 Kf8 31.Re1 Rg6 32.Rxe3 Rxd6
33.Rd3 Rf6 34.d6 Rxf4 35.d7 Ke8 1-0

**SAM REDENIUS (1041) -
SHAARAV SHYAM (680)**

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.Nc3 Nf6
5.d3 h6 6.Be3 Bb4 7.Qd2 0-0 8.0-0 d6
9.Rad1 Bg4 10.Qe2 Nd4 11.Bxd4 exd4
12.Nd5 Re8 13.Nxb4 d5 14.h3 1-0

ROUND 2

**JASON NIGATU (2030)
NM RHETT LANGSETH (2169)**

1.e4 d6 2.d4 Nf6 3.Nc3 e5 4.Nge2 c6 5.a4
exd4 6.Nxd4 d5 7.e5 Ng4 8.e6 h5 9.exf7+
Kxf7 10.h3 Nf6 11.Be2 Bd6 12.0-0 Qc7
13.Nf3 Na6 14.Bg5 Nc5 15.Nh4 Be6
16.Bxf6 Kxf6 17.Bd3 g5 18.Qf3+ Bf4
19.Ne2 Nxd3 20.cxd3 Bg4 21.hxg4 hxg4
22.Qxg4 Rxh4 23.Qf3 Rah8 24.g3 Rh3
25.Nxf4 gxf4 26.Rae1 Kf5 27.Qe2 Kg5
28.Qe6 Rh1+ 29.Kg2 f3+ 30.Kxf3 Rf8+
31.Kg2 Rf6 32.Qe3+ Kg4 33.Rxh1 1-0

**NM DANIEL HERMAN (2177) -
LM BRIAN D WALL (2200)**

1.g3 c5 2.Bg2 Nc6 3.Nf3 g6 4.0-0 Bg7
5.d3 Nf6 6.Nbd2 0-0 7.e4 Rb8 8.Re1 e5
9.Nc4 d6 10.Bg5 h6 11.Bxf6 Qxf6 12.Ne3
Qd8 13.Nd5 Be6 14.Nd2 b5 15.a4 b4
16.Nc4 Bxd5 17.exd5 Ne7 18.a5 a6
19.Qe2 Rb7 20.Rab1 Qe7 21.h4 Rfb8
22.h5 g5 23.f4 exf4 24.gxf4 Bf6 25.Rf1 g4
26.Kh1 Kh8 27.Ne3 Rg8 28.Nxg4 Nf5
29.Kh2 Rxg4 30.Qxg4 Ne3 31.Qh3 Nxf1+
32.Rxf1 Qd7 33.Qf3 Qe7 34.Rf2 Bxb2
35.Re2 Qh4+ 36.Bh3 Re7 ½-½



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ROUND 4

**AUSTIN POWELL (2064) -
LM BRIAN D WALL (2200)**

1.d4 Nc6 2.Nf3 d5 3.c4 e6 4.Nc3 Nf6
5.Bg5 Be7 6.e3 0-0 7.Rc1 a6 8.cxd5 Nxd5
9.Bxe7 Qxe7 10.Nxd5 exd5 11.Be2 Na7
12.0-0 Bg4 13.Ne5 Bxe2 14.Qxe2 Nb5
15.Qc2 c6 16.Nd3 Nd6 17.Nc5 Rae8 18.g3
h5 19.Qe2 g6 20.h4 Kg7 21.Qf3 f5 22.Kg2
Ne4 23.Rh1 Rf7 24.Nd3 Nd2 ½-½

**NM RHETT LANGSETH (2169) -
NM DANIEL HERMAN (2177)**

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.d3 Nf6 4.Nbd2 Bc5
5.Be2 0-0 6.c3 d5 7.0-0 a5 8.exd5 Qxd5
9.Nc4 h6 10.Ncxe5 Nxe5 11.d4 Nxf3+
12.Bxf3 Qc4 13.dxc5 Qxc5 14.Be3 Qf5
15.Re1 Be6 16.Qa4 Bd5 17.Bxd5 Nxd5
18.Rad1 Nxe3 19.Rxe3 Rad8 20.Ree1
Rxd1 21.Qxd1 Qb5 22.Qe2 Qxe2 23.Rxe2
Rd8 24.f4 Kf8 25.Kf2 Rd1 26.Ke3 Ke7
27.Ke4 Kd7 28.g4 a4 29.Ke5 Ra1 30.a3
Rg1 31.Kf5 g6+ 32.Kf6 Rxc4 33.Kxf7
Rxf4+ 34.Kxg6 Rh4 35.Kf7 Rf4+ 36.Kg7
Rh4 37.Rf2 b6 38.Kf7 Rg4 39.h3 Rg3
40.h4 Rg4 41.Rd2+ Kc6 42.Rd4 h5
43.Ke6 b5 44.Kf5 Rg2 45.Rb4 Kc5 46.b3
axb3 47.Rxb3 Rg3 48.a4 bxa4 49.Rb7 Kc6
50.Rb4 a3 51.c4 Rg4 52.Ra4 Rxh4
53.Rxa3 Rxc4 54.Ra6+ Kd5 55.Kg5 h4
56.Rf6 Re4 57.Rf7 c5 58.Kf5 Rd4 59.Rh7
c4 60.Rh8 c3 61.Rc8 Rc4 62.Rd8+ Kc5
63.Rc8+ Kd4 64.Rd8+ Ke3 65.Re8+ Kf3
66.Re1 c2 67.Re1 h3 68.Ke5 h2 69.Kd5
Rc8 70.Kd4 Kg2 71.Re1 h1Q 72.Re2+ Kf1
73.Re3 Qg1 74.Kd3 Rc3+ 75.Kxc3 Qxe3+
76.Kb4 Qd3 77.Ka4 Qc3 78.Kb5 Qd4
79.Kc6 c1R+ 80.Kb5 Qb2+ 81.Ka4 Ra1#
0-1

GRAYSON MANUEL (1968) -

BRANDON STOYANOVICH (1982)
1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 Bg7 4.e4 d6 5.Nf3
0-0 6.Be2 c5 7.d5 a6 8.0-0 b5 9.cxb5 Nbd7
10.a4 axb5 11.Bxb5 Ba6 12.Ra3 Bxb5
13.axb5 Nb6 14.Qe2 Qc7 15.Ra6 Ra7
16.Be3 Rfa8 17.Rfa1 Nfd7 18.Nd2 Nb8
19.Rxa7 Rxa7 20.Qf1 N8d7 21.Ra6 Nb8
22.Ra1 Qb7 23.Nb3 Rxa1 24.Qxa1 Nc4
25.Qa4 Nxb2 26.Qa5 Bxc3 27.Qxc3 Qxb5
28.Bh6 f6 29.h4 Na4 30.Qh3 Qd7 31.Qd3
Nb6 32.Na5 Kf7 33.Qb3 Qc7 34.Qh3 Qc8
35.Qb3 N6d7 36.Nc6 Ke8 37.Na7 Qc7
38.Nb5 Qd8 39.Na7 Qb6 40.Nb5 Na6
41.Qa4 Nc7 42.Na3 Qb4 43.Qa7 Qb6
44.Qa4 Qa6 45.Qb3 Nb6 46.Be3 Kf7
47.h5 e6 48.dxe6+ Nxe6 49.Nb1 gxf5
50.Nc3 Qe4 51.Qxb6 Qxc3 52.Qxd6 Qa1+
53.Kh2 Qe5+ 54.Qxe5 fxe5 55.Kg3 c4
56.Kf3 Nd4+ 57.Bxd4 exd4 58.Ke2 c3
59.Kd3 Kf6 60.f4 h4 61.Kc2 Ke6 62.Kd3
Kd6 63.Kc2 Kc5 64.f5 Kc4 65.f6 d3+
66.Kc1 c2 67.Kd2 Kb3 68.f7 Kb2 69.f8Q
c1Q+ 70.Kxd3 Qc2+ 71.Ke3 Qc3+ 72.Ke2

Qc2+ 73.Ke3 Qc3+ 74.Ke2 Kc2 75.Qf3
Qd4 76.Qe3 Qe5 77.Qd2+ Kb1 78.Qd3+
Kb2 79.Qd2+ Kb1 80.Qd5 Kb2 ½-½

**TIMOTHY BRENNAN (1800) -
FORREST LUNDSTROM (1846)**

1.d4 Nf6 2.Bg5 d5 3.e3 c5 4.c3 Qb6 5.Qb3
c4 6.Qxb6 axb6 7.Nd2 b5 8.Ngf3 Nc6
9.Be2 h6 10.Bf4 Bf5 11.0-0 b4 12.Ne5
bxc3 13.bxc3 Ra3 14.Rfe1 e6 15.f3 Nh5
16.Nexc4 Nxf4 17.exf4 dxc4 18.Nxc4 Ra7
19.a4 Be7 20.Ne3 Bh7 21.Bb5 0-0 22.g3
h5 23.Kf2 Rd8 24.Rd1 Raa8 25.Nc4 Rac8
26.Nb6 Rc7 27.Ke3 Na7 28.Rdc1 Nxb5
29.axb5 f6 30.c4 Bg6 31.Ra8 Kf8 32.Rca1
Be8 33.Rxd8 Bxd8 34.Ra8 Ke7 35.d5 Rd7
36.Nxd7 Bxd7 37.d6+ Ke8 38.Kd4 b6
39.Kc3 e5 40.fxe5 fxe5 41.Kb4 Bh3 42.c5
bxc5+ 43.Kxc5 Bg2 44.b6 Bxf3 45.Ra7
Bg5 46.Rxg7 Be3+ 47.Kb5 Bg1 48.b7
Bxb7 49.Rxb7 Bxh2 50.Kc6 Bxg3 51.d7+
Bh4 0-1

**LINCOLN MOTT (1638) -
BUDDY DIAMOND JR (1796)**

1.e4 c5 2.Nc3 d6 3.Nge2 Nc6 4.d4 cxd4
5.Nxd4 g6 6.Be3 Bg7 7.f3 Nf6 8.Qd2 0-0
9.g4 Ne5 10.0-0-0 a6 11.h4 b5 12.Bh6 b4
13.Nb1 Be6 14.h5 Bxa2 15.hxg6 Qc7
16.Bxg7 b3 17.Qh6 fxg6 18.Bxf8 Rxf8
19.c3 Bxb1 20.Qxf8+ Kxf8 21.Ne6+ Kf7
22.Nxc7 Be2 23.Be2 h5 24.g5 Nfd7 25.f4
Nc6 26.Be4+ Kf8 27.Ne6+ Ke8 28.Rde1
a5 29.Bb5 Na7 30.Bxd7+ Kxd7 31.Nd4 1-0

**VIAAN KHANDELWAL (1703) -
TARUN KARTHIKEYAN (1706)**

1.e4 e5 2.Be4 Nf6 3.d4 Nxe4 4.dxe5 d5
5.Qxd5 Qxd5 6.Bxd5 Nc5 7.Nc3 c6 1-0

**CHRISTIAN HARDY (1444) -
ROBERT CARLSON (1513)**

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nc3 dxe4 4.Nxe4 Bf5
5.Ng3 Bg6 6.Nf3 Nf6 7.Be4 e6 8.c3 Be7
9.0-0 0-0 10.Re1 Nbd7 11.Bf4 Nh5
12.Nxh5 Bxh5 13.Be2 Nf6 14.Ne5 Bxe2
15.Qxe2 Nd7 16.Nxd7 Qxd7 17.Qg4 Bf6
18.Rad1 Qd5 19.a3 Rfe8 20.Bh6 Qf5
21.Qxf5 exf5 22.Bd2 Kf8 23.Kf1 Rxe1+
24.Rxe1 Re8 25.Bf4 Rxe1+ 26.Kxe1 Ke7
27.Ke2 a6 28.Ke3 h6 29.Be5 Bg5+ 30.f4
Bf6 31.h3 Bxe5 32.dxe5 f6 33.Kd4 b6
34.c4 Ke6 35.exf6 Kxf6 36.b4 Ke6 37.Ke3
b5 38.Kd4 Kd6 39.g4 fxg4 40.hxg4 g6
41.cxb5 cxb5 42.Ke3 h5 43.f5 h4 44.fxg6
Ke6 45.Kf4 Kf6 46.g5+ Kxg6 47.Kg4 h3
48.Kxh3 Kxg5 49.Kg3 Kf5 50.Kf3 Ke5
51.Ke3 Kd5 52.Kd3 Ke5 53.Kc3 Ke4
54.Kb3 Kd5 55.a4 Kd4 56.axb5 axb5
57.Ka3 Kc3 58.Ka2 Kc4 59.Ka3 Kc3
60.Ka2 Kxb4 61.Kb2 Kc4 62.Kc2 b4
63.Kb2 b3 64.Kb1 Kc3 65.Kc1 b2+
66.Kb1 ½-½

**WILLIAM NIXON (1541) -
SARVESH RAJESH (1554)**

1.e4 e5 2.f4 exf4 3.Nf3 d6 4.d4 g5 5.Bc4
Bg7 6.0-0 h6 7.Nc3 Nc6 8.Nd5 Be6 9.Bb5
a6 10.Ba4 b5 11.Bb3 Na5 12.c3 Nxb3
13.axb3 a5 14.Re1 c6 15.c4 b4 16.c5 exd5
17.exd5 Kd7 18.dxe6+ fxe6 19.cxd6 Qb6
20.Kh1 Qxd6 21.Qd3 Ne7 22.Re4 Rhe8
23.Bd2 Nc6 24.Rae1 Ra8 25.Qc4 e5
26.Qf7+ Qe7 27.Qd5+ Kc7 28.Qb5 Qd7
29.dxe5 Bxe5 30.Qe2 Qf5 31.Qb5 Kd6
32.Rc4 Qd7 33.Qc5+ Kc7 34.Rxe5 Rxe5
35.Qxe5+ Qd6 36.Qxa5+ Kb7 37.Qb5+
Kc7 38.Nd4 Qxd4 39.Qxc6+ Kb8 40.Rxd4
Rxd4 41.Qb6+ 1-0

**MARQUIS BROWN (1305) -
CAMERON SOLANO (1198)**

1.d4 Nf6 2.Bf4 d5 3.e3 Bf5 4.Nd2 e5
5.Bb5+ Nc6 6.dxc5 Qa5 7.c4 a6 8.cxd5
axb5 9.dxc6 bxc6 10.Ngf3 Rd8 11.a3 Rd5
12.b4 Qd8 13.0-0 Ne4 14.Nd4 Nxd2
15.Qxd2 e5 16.Rfe1 exf4 17.exf4+ Be7
18.Rad1 0-0 19.Qe3 Re8 20.Nxc6 Qd7
21.Rxd5 Qxd5 22.Nxe7+ Rxe7 23.Qxe7
g6 24.Qe8+ Kg7 25.Qxb5 Qd2 26.Ra1
Qb2 27.Qf1 Bd3 28.Qc1 Qd4 29.Qd1 Kf8
30.a4 Qc3 31.b5 Bc2 32.Qc1 Qb3 33.a5
Bd3 34.c6 Bf5 35.Qa3+ Qxa3 36.Rxa3
Ke7 37.a6 h5 38.a7 h4 39.a8Q h3 40.Re3+
Kf6 41.Qa1# 1-0

**DERRICK FERNANDEZ ARAGO -
ZACHARY ANSELL (0)**

1.e4 c6 2.c3 d5 3.e5 c5 4.d4 Nc6 5.Bb5
Bf5 6.Ne2 e6 7.0-0 Qb6 8.Bxc6+ bxc6
9.Ng3 Ne7 10.dxc5 Qxc5 11.Be3 Qb5
12.b4 a5 13.Be5 axb4 14.cxb4 Bxb1
15.Qxb1 Ng6 16.Bxf8 Kxf8 17.Qb2 Ke7
18.Rfc1 Rhc8 19.Rc5 Qb8 20.Re1 Qa7
21.Ra1 Qa3 22.Qd2 Ra4 23.Qg5+ Kd7
24.Rac1 Qxb4 25.Qh5 h6 26.Qf3 Nxe5
27.Qh5 Kd6 28.R5c2 Rca8 29.Qe2 Qb5
30.Rxc6+ Qxc6 31.Rxc6+ Nxc6 32.h3
Rxa2 33.Qg4 Rg8 34.Qf4+ Ne5 35.Qb4+
Kc6 36.f4 Nc4 37.f5 Rga8 38.fxe6 fxe6
39.Qe7 e5 40.Qxg7 Rb2 41.Nf5 Raa2
42.Qxh6+ Kb5 43.Nh4 d4 44.Qe6 Kb4
45.Qe7+ Kc3 46.Qg5 d3 47.Nf3 Rxc2+
48.Qxg2 Rxc2+ 49.Kxg2 d2 50.Nxd2
Kxd2 51.Kf3 Kd3 52.h4 e4+ 53.Kf2 Kd2
54.h5 e3+ 55.Kf3 e2 0-1



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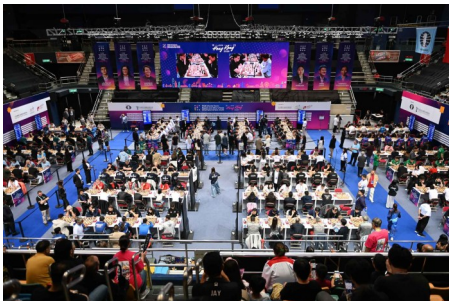
By John Brezina

The 2026 World Rapid & Blitz Team Championships were held in Hong Kong this year and I was excited to return after my first visit to this city over 30 years ago. Planning for this trip started months in advance after I saw the lineup of players attending: Magnus Carlsen, Ding Liren, Fabiano Caruana, Hans Niemann, Vasyil Ivanchuk and world champion challenger's Javokhir Sindarov and Vaishali Rameshbabu to name just a few. This tournament is surprisingly only four years old and was started in 2023 by Wadim Rosenstein and his group in collaboration with FIDE. I attended the 2025 event in London the previous year and loved the format and number of great players in attendance to photograph and meet.



The Hong Kong skyline and harbor

It was held June 17-21 with the first three days of rapid play and then two days of blitz at the Queen Elizabeth Stadium on Hong Kong island. I was able to arrive very early on June 18 for the second day of rapid play after traveling nearly 10,000 miles. The new Hong Kong airport is incredibly large and very efficient and one of my favorites. The logistics of getting around the airport and into the city are very easy with a direct express train onto Hong Kong island in just 24 minutes. After checking into a sponsor hotel next door, I went to check out the playing venue after getting my media badge and was able to catch a round of the World Team Amateur Rapid Chess Cup.



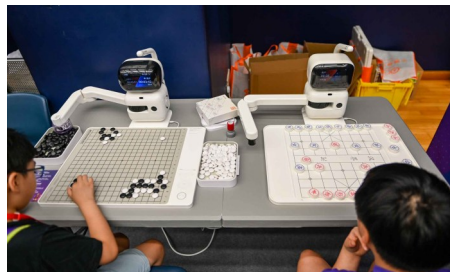
The incredible playing hall at Queen Elizabeth Stadium

These young teams competed on the same boards and playing hall as the main team groups but in the morning. It gave me a chance to scope out the floor and surrounding bleacher seats as well as capturing some of these players in action. Chief arbiter Anastasia Sorokina oversaw the Amateur Cup and it was great catching up with her as I've seen her at so many different tournaments. I also got the chance to meet the President of the Hong Kong Chinese Chess Federation, Mr. KK Chan who was in attendance for the young players. The round finished up around noon and the floor had to be prepared for the main event at 2:00pm.



Mr. KK Chan & Anastasia Sorokina

This gave me a little more time to scope out the rest of the stadium. It was very well laid out for players and fans alike considering it was such a large scale tournament with over 300 players and thousands of fans over all the days. A fan zone was set up downstairs in a large area where all sorts of games were being played in addition to chess as the Asian Mind Sport Festival brought all sorts of games to the floor. Most fascinating was the robotics on display where fans had a chance to compete against machines. Not chess but Mahjong and Go! Side by side the robotic arms grabbed tiles and stones and placed them on the boards with great precision against their human opponents.



The robots are taking over!

Back upstairs fans were already lining up to catch a glimpse of their favorite players at the entrance to the stadium. A corridor was lined up inside for players arriving lined with fans but more fun to watch were

the fans waiting outside. Some players arrived by foot and others in a constant line of taxi service. Each time a car pulled up, a crowd anxiously awaited to see who would emerge. If it was a well known player, the crowd politely swarmed in for autographs or pictures. The same if a player was spotted in the distance walking towards the venue, a bee swarm of fans would swarm in for the autograph and selfie. The kind and affable GM David Howell, who was commentating and not playing, especially excited fans as he tried entering the building. He kindly obliged many fans outside and inside like a rock star before a concert.



GM David Howell obliging his fans

The players were all very giving to the fans throughout the event. Ticket holders had a chance inside as well to line up and catch a player and more so for the VIP ticket holders who could line up around the playing floor near the action. A media room was set aside to keep our gear in and get some work done between rounds. This was only day two of the rapid and the action was heating up. There were 48 teams competing in the rapid & blitz tournaments. Six-player teams played twelve rounds in the rapid portion with four games each day. We were only allowed five minutes to photograph on the floor once the games started and then could only photograph from the bleacher seats afterwards. The top eight teams were roped off though and made closeups difficult unless they fell to the lower boards.

The best time was before the round started where we could wander through the boards and get some good closeups and meet the players. There are far too many teams to mention but all eyes were on top team WR Chess. A dream team if there ever was: Magnus Carlsen, Fabiano Caruana, Jan Duda, Hou Yifan, Alexandra Kosteniuk, Wesley So, MVL, Wadim Rosenstein and Gombojav Zandanshatar. Each team of six had to sport at least one female player and one amateur player rated under 2000 with no limit on the rest.



The dream team WR Chess with Magnus

Another new exciting team to watch was Endgame.AI headed by Hans Niemann. Joining him was former world blitz champion Leinier Dominguez and Denis Lazavik. Team Hexamind returned headed by Alireza Firouzja along with Levon Aronian, Anish Giri, and world rapid champion Volodar Murzin. Defending rapid champs Team MGD1 returned as well with an incredible lineup with Arjun Erigaisi on top board. Hometown Chinese team Dragon Chilling would steal the show though with former world champion Ding Liren on top board with a power team alongside him.



Endgame.AI founder Hans Niemann

Players and teams slowly arrived at first and then some perennial late comers. It had an Olympiad feel to the event as players mingled with old friends and shared many laughs. It was a jovial atmosphere on the floor until the handshake over the board. Former world champion challenger Nigel Short was seen early on the floor chatting with friends and I had the chance to speak with him briefly about first meeting him in St. Louis at the Battle of the Legends exhibition with Garry Kasparov. VIP fans also began lining up behind the ropes around the tables where the biggest crowd formed in front of whose table? Magnus Carlsen's of course.



GM Nigel Short

The first round of the day was about to start when the seat across from Magnus was empty, a bit of irony. His opponent Vladislav Artemiev of team Mr Birdie and friends, arrived nearly eight minutes late and still managed to draw the world number one. WR Chess was still able to win the match 4-2 but slipped the next rounds and finished the day in 11th place after Magnus lost two games in a row. While winning the match is most important, overall wins on the boards are critical for tie-breaks. Dragon Chilling ended day two with the lead after two match victories and two drawn matches against Endgame AI and Team MGD1, closely behind.



Ding Liren leading Dragon Chilling

Team Barys shined on day two with team leader Dmitry Andreikin and veteran Peter Svidler. They gained 6/8 points on the day to finish in sole third place. I've always been a big fan of Peter and it's great to see him at the board, and he is an excellent commentator too. I have met Peter many times in St. Louis at events and he is such a down to earth guy. I was pleasantly surprised when he got up just before his game on the top boards and came over to say hello and shake my hand after seeing me in the pool of cameramen. Peter had a great day with his victory over Fabiano Caruana which helped take down WR Chess. It was my first time photographing Andreikin as well along with several other players, a nice benefit of these team tournaments with such a variety of players.



Peter Svidler in his game against Fabiano

This was all just on my first day in Hong Kong after a 14-hour nonstop flight! After a welcome night's sleep, I got up early to explore some of the city before the final day of rapid. Hot and muggy are not

enough to describe the weather but it is a welcome change actually after such a dry period back in Colorado. Drink enough water during the day and it is quite manageable. The highlight was taking the Peak Tram up to Victoria Peak, the highest point on Hong Kong island, with the best view of the skyline and harbor. Trying out local "mom and pop" restaurants was a treat too and prices are very reasonable all around compared to most big cities.

The matchup everyone wanted to see on the start of day three was between Magnus Carlsen and the young world champion challenger Javokhir Sindarov. I planted myself near the board early in prime real estate to catch the opening handshake before the swelling crowd. The youngster went on to hand Magnus his third loss in two days and helped team Uzbekistan draw the match with WR Chess. Dragon Chilling came out strong in round nine with a huge 5-1 victory over team Barys that helped keep them on top of the field. The critical match of round nine was between Team MGD1 and Hexamind however, with both teams in close contention for first. Team MGD1 just edged out a victory to put the heat on Dragon Chilling.



Magnus about to faceoff with Sindarov

Round ten threw everything in the air after team Hexamind handed Dragon Chilling their first match loss with a commanding 4-2 win led by the young rapid world champion Volodar Murzin scoring his sixth straight victory. WR Chess was handed a shocking upset by team Azerbaijan and a fourth loss in a row to an unrecognizable Magnus Carlsen. Then in the penultimate round eleven, Dragon Chilling again stumbled and lost to Mr Birdie and friends who now took the lead into the final round. But to their benefit, both Team MGD1 and Hexamind drew their matches, setting up a nail biting finish. Mr Birdie led with 17 match points going into the last round with Dragon Chilling, Team MGD1 and Hexamind at 16 points each. Team Mr Birdie and friends were led by Vladislav Artemiev & Liem Le Quang with three strong young American players: Sam Sevian, Awonder Liang, and US Women's champion Carissa Yip.

A match win for team Mr Birdie guaranteed first place but Hexamind stood in their way. And their leader Alireza Firouzja

stepped up on board one with a crucial victory over time-troubled Artemiev, who lost on time and the match. Meanwhile Dragon Chilling dominated their lower rated last round opponents by a score of 5-1. More impressive was that Team MGD1 also dominated by a score of 5-1 over the very strong team Barys. Three teams sat on 18 match points out of 24, but tie-breaks gave Dragon Chilling the well deserved victory with such a strong performance throughout. Afterwards the team joined par excellence interviewer Charlize Van Zyl for some final thoughts and then took many team photos along with Honorary President of the Hong Kong Chinese Chess Federation Mr. Geoffrey Kao. What a finish and this was only the first half of this incredible tournament.



Rapid Champions Team Dragon Chilling

Saturday was the first day of blitz and it was an exhausting eleven rounds followed by another round of 16 match. The 48 teams were divided into four pools and played each team once in their pool. The top four teams in each pool faced off in a round of 16 match afterwards with two game matches with each color. So in other words, there was a lot of fast action chess played today with a lot of emotions poured over the board. All eyes were on Magnus once again and defending blitz champs team WR Chess. Last year in London it was Hikaru Nakamura that led the team to victory, can Magnus do the same this year? All the team info and chess results can be found on the FIDE World Team website here:

<https://worldrapidblitzteams2026.fide.com/>



Hans Niemann and Ding Liren

Pool A was won by WR Chess with Chess United taking second place. Former world champion Vishy Anand led Chess United and it was a great pairing in round three

with Magnus & Vishy across from each other once again. I tried to get close in for some photos where a huge crowd gathered. Magnus won the game and went on to win his first eight games. Also playing on Chess United was the newly elected and very young GM Faustino Oro. I had a chance to speak with him briefly about my first time photographing him at Wijk Aan Zee. He has grown up much since then and still wears his signature red glasses. He is as personable as he comes across in his interviews, a very nice young man and definitely one to watch in the future.



All eyes and lenses were on this game Magnus Carlsen & Vishy Anand



Second youngest GM in history at age 12 Faustino Oro

Pool B was handily won by Endgame.AI and followed by Dragon Chilling. Leader Hans Niemann showed his blitz mettle by winning 9/11 points on his birthday no less. Hans has matured much and is creating quite a fan following. Fans swarmed him every time he came through the crowds and he always obliged every autograph and photo that time would allow.



Hans Niemann with a young fan

Pool C was perhaps the strongest and Hexamind came out on top with blitz phenom Firouzja leading the way and Anish Giri winning his first eight games. Team Uzbekistan took second with Nodirbek taking over the top board in blitz from Sindarov who had it in the rapid portion. Team MGD1 and SkyChess rounded out the top four.



Team Uzbekistan vs Team MGD1

Pool D was dominated by Mr Birdie and friends who went undefeated and won all of their matches, the only team to do so. Kazchess took second and were led by blitz veteran Alexander Grischuk and Richard Rapport.

As if this wasn't enough chess already, the 16 teams were then paired up to reduce the field further. WR Chess easily defeated team Indonesia while Uzbekistan barely slipped by Azerbaijan to set up the first quarterfinal match the following day. Mr Birdie sailed smoothly through and would face Dragon Chilling in the quarter finals after they took down team Barys. Endgame.AI and Team MGD1 would face off in the quarterfinals after winning their matches. Hexamind took a quarterfinal slot against the Indian team Chessgurukul who upset Chess United. Chessgurukul was led by Pragganandhaa and his sister Vaishali. Watching the games between veteran Anand against the young Pragg was a treat to watch where Pragg has such respect for the former world champion. Afterwards as the siblings and team were celebrating their victory, I had a chance to congratulate Vaishali twice with her winning the right to challenge world champion Ju Wenjun later this year.



Pragganandhaa and Vishy Anand

Before the quarter final matches began Sunday afternoon, the World Team Amateur finals took place around noon. I made a point to get there early as the final day would bring in large crowds and it gave me a chance to photograph the amateur finals. The playing hall was being transformed into quite a light show spectacular for the finals and the floor had been reduced to four long tables and 24 boards. The final match came down to the Golden Stars (Vietnam) and Bosoo Noyon (Mongolia). They drew their first matches which set up an armageddon game between the two top players from each team. Mongolia's WFM Khuslenzaya had the black pieces and draw odds against Vietnam's Nguyen Duy Dat. After a long tough struggle, Nguyen won the game and the match for his team. Trophies and medals were presented to the winners afterwards by the Hong Kong Chinese Chess Federation President and other officials. A fine ending to the inaugural world amateur team championships.



Amateur Team Champions Golden Stars

Then the final eight teams were introduced to the floor with the showmanship and lightshow of a WWF wrestling match. After everyone settled in at the board, normalcy and quiet filled the hall as the games began. Magnus and Fabiano sitting next to each other versus across from one another was a rare treat to see. The former adversaries were now on the same team and faced Uzbekistan's best. The veterans stepped up their games and defeated both Nodirbek and Sindarov but the team WR Chess still lost their first match 3.5/2.5. The second match ended in a tie 3-3 so the defending blitz champs were knocked out. I couldn't help but be a little disappointed that there would be no final with the possibility of Magnus facing Hans.



Even these players on your team won't guarantee victory in this tough event

Hexamind then took down Chessgurukul with victories in both matches by a point each with the help of Volodar Murzin winning both of his games. The next big battle was between Team MGD1 and Endgame.AI. Hans held Arjun to a draw while his teammate Denis Lazavik did the same in game one. Alexey Sarana and Jiner Zhu won their games to help team Endgame.AI win their first match. Their second match ended in a tie so Endgame.AI was one step closer to the finals. The battle royale was between Dragon Chilling and Mr Birdie. The top board games were both drawn between Artemiev and Ding Liren while the rest were all decisive in both matches. Mr Birdie took the first match 3.5/2.5 while the Dragon struck back and took match two by the same 3.5/2.5. Then a third game match was all it took as the Chinese team clipped Mr Birdie by a score of 4-2.



*The Battle Royale:
Mr Birdie and friends vs Dragon Chilling*

The semifinals had some lopsided results and took three games each to determine the finalists. Endgame.AI fell in the first game by just a point but kicked it into high gear in game two and won by an incredible score of 5-1 led by Hans' victory over Firouzja. The momentum continued into game three with all decisive games and a score of 4-2 putting Endgame into the finals game. Dragon Chilling took down game one decisively by a score of 4.5/1.5 despite Ding's loss to Nodirbek. But Uzbekistan struck back in game two and reversed the same score. Then in game three the final score ended the same again, 4.5/1.5 but in Dragon Chilling's favor setting up the finals against Endgame.AI.

The teams were given a rest break as there was entertainment scheduled before the final match. Renowned Malaysian-Chinese singer Gin Lee was introduced to a screaming crowd as she performed three of her songs. She walked onto stage and wished all the fathers a Happy Father's day before singing her first song. After the short concert performed by Gin Lee, the teams were both called up for a final time with a packed stadium.



Singer Gin Lee entertaining the crowd before the final match

Could the hometown Chinese team pull off a double crown victory or would the American Hans Niemann led team stop them? After the fanfare settled down and the players settled in, six simultaneous handshakes started the final match. The first game started rather lopsided when Endgame.AI was only able to get two draws and fell 5-1. Perhaps Endgame was running out of gas after five grueling days of chess or the Dragon was riding high after the rapid victory and not ready to chill just yet. I think this may have been the case as game two ended identical with Endgame once again pulling off only two draws. The Dragon Chilling was anything but as they took the double gold crown!



Hans' expression says it all in the final

Shortly after, the stage was cleared for trophy and medal presentations as part of the closing ceremony. First the top three teams in the rapid portion were called up individually and then remained onstage for one giant lined up group photo. A rare photo to capture and I didn't want to miss it so I was fortunate to think ahead and photograph the closing ceremony from the center balcony with unobstructed views as the floor was quite crowded. Then the top three blitz teams made their way up with Dragon Chilling last to take another gold medal home. Again the teams were lined up end to end with another fantastic rare photo of incredible players. I then made my way back down to the floor as many players and teams remained to get more photos or just stay in the moment a bit longer. A great time to meet many of the players and I was able to capture some unique moments late into the evening.

Another great event by organized by FIDE and the Hong Kong Chinese Chess Federation. All the staff it took for such an event is a daunting undertaking and it was all organized extremely well. Everyone was very kind and hats off to all the volunteers and the city of Hong Kong for hosting such an incredible event. I can't wait to see what city hosts next year...



Silver Team MGD1

Rapid Champions Dragon Chilling

Bronze Team Hexamind



Silver Team Endgame.AI

Blitz Champions Dragon Chilling

Bronze Team Uzbekistan



Team Mr Birdie and friends



Team MGD1

En Passant

By Paul Anderson, Colorado Springs Chess Club President



On July 10th, 2005, the Colorado Chess community lost Al Ufer (photo: far right). It was the first time one of my chess opponents had died. Since I was writing my blog at the time, I asked my readers to send me their games with Al as a tribute to him:

"I think it speaks volumes about Al that his passing was the only time I was flooded with chess game submissions. I have kept the tradition going until I published all the games I received. This year will be the last game.

So, I have decided to bring an end to my Al Ufer Week. However, before I close things out, I wanted to thank those people who helped me out over the years and add a few words of my own.

Thanks to Dean Brown, Tom Mullikin, Paul Grimm, Jon Fortune, LaMoyné Splichal, Randy Reynolds, Barb Fortune, Brian Walker, and Michael Varney for sharing their thoughts and games."

From *Gone Fishin'*

<https://cschessnews.blogspot.com/2011/07/gone-fishin.html>

Unfortunately, more chess opponents have passed on over the years. In 2025, Peter Swan and Kathy Schneider died, and in 2026, Richard "Buck" Buchanan also died. All of these chess players were regulars at the Colorado Springs Chess Club some time during my tenure (1997 to present), and I decided that I would continue my tradition of publishing a game in their memory.



Peter Lee Swan (photo: top left) - Colorado Springs, Colorado died on May 3, 2025 at age 85.

I played Peter 3 times (+3-0=0) from 4/5/2008 to 5/5/2011 and published one game when we faced each other in the 2010 City Championship. Since I won all 4 games and the title, I turned the games into a 4-part blog. Here is Peter's part:

Dirty Work

Tuesday March 15, 2011

"Like the castle in his corner in a medieval game, I foresee terrible trouble and I stay here just the same."
(W. Becker, D. Fagen)

I still love playing chess after 14 years, but getting out this website is becoming a bit of a chore. In fact, I am about a month behind when I usually start my chess season, and I have to relearn everything I did last year.

So, to keep things simple, I have decided to start my new year with an article I wrote for the Colorado Chess Informant about my run to the Colorado Springs City Championship. Hope you enjoy it!

Game Of The Week

It all started back in 1997. Back when Elway couldn't win the big game. He was still the Fran Tarkenton of the modern NFL with three losses in three Super Bowls and 14 years invested in the pursuit. In fact, his hopes were all but gone, with the NFC's dominance of the AFC currently standing at 13 straight victories. The main question was which AFC team was going to be that year's sacrifice on the altar of the Packers return to glory.

It was at that time I was playing in a championship of my own. The Colorado Springs Chess Club was holding its annual October tradition, the city championship. I had no plans on winning this event, as I had just started playing at the club earlier that year.

In fact, I hadn't even cracked the 1700 ratings barrier at the club yet. I was just playing for fun and hoping to improve my game. However, I went +3-1, tied for 2nd place, and my only loss was to the eventual champion. Surprisingly, it seemed like I was knocking at the door of a championship. My chances of winning a title were far greater than the Broncos. I just needed to pick up that last game.

Well, that last game proved to be a thorn in my side. Out of the 14 years I invested in this event, eight times I went +3-1=0. Dan Avery, Buck Buchanan, and Jeff Fox were the biggest thorns, accounting for six of the eight close-but-no-cigar championship runs.

Year, Wins, Losses, Thorn, City Champion

1997, 3, 1, Dan Avery, Dan Avery
1998, 3, 1, Dan Avery, Dan Avery
1999, 3, 1, David Fisch, Jeff Fox
2000, 3, 1, Dan Avery, Dan Avery
2003, 3, 1, Andrew Chow, Buck Buchanan
2009, 3, 1, Jeff Fox, Jeff Fox

It is now 2010, and the Broncos stunning upset over the Packers in Super Bowl 32 and back-to-back titles are but a distant memory. However, my title hopes have yet to be realized. Now I am stuck with Fran and Jim on the bench of title-less players.

The only consolation is that, after a long drought, I am back to only being one game away from the championship. In fact, 2009 is another time that my only loss was to the eventual champion (which happened to me 6 times). So, all I have to do is figure out how to beat that one guy.

I entered the 2010 Colorado Springs Chess Club Championship with the usual expectation of being able to do well, just not perfect, and falling a game short of title contention. It is a strong showing of players for the club, which puts me in the 4th seed. In the past, I have been as high as the top seed, but typically I am in the middle of the pack, like this year, as this is the one club event that seems to draw out some of the higher-rated players in the city. Being the top seed has been a curse the past 5 years, as it has been since NM Josh Bloomer won the title in 2005 that the highest-rated player has been able to take home the crown.

I drew Peter Swan in the first round on board 4. He is a newcomer to the club. So, we haven't played before. I choose something safe and comfortable for me and wait to see what kind of mistakes I get. I think that 11...e4 just drops a pawn and does not put much thought into a response.



It turns out he is not bad after 13...Ne5, which is where he wanted the knight when he started the sacrifice. However, without the rook and bishop, the fork tactic is easily avoided and leaves Peter with too little force to overcome his material disadvantage.

The Long And Winding Road To Triumph, Part I

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 O-O 8. h3 Bd7 9. Bd3 e5 10. Qc2 Re8 11. Ng5 e4 12. Ngxe4 Nxe4 13. Nxe4 Rxe4 14.
 Bxe4 Bxb2 15. Qxb2 Qe7 16. Bd5 Ne5 17. Qc3 Qf6 18. O-O Be6 19. f4 Nd7 20. Qxf6
 Nxf6 21. Bf3 Rb8 22. a4 a5 23. Rad1 Bd7 24. d4 Bc6 25. dxc5 dxc5 26. Rd6 Ne8
 27. Rd3 Bxf3 28. gxf3 Nf6 29. Rfd1 Re8 30. Kf2 Re7 31. Rd8+ Kg7 32. Rc8 b6 33.
 Rdd8 Rd7 34. Rxd7 Nxd7 35. Rc7 Nf8 36. Rb7 Ne6 37. Rxb6 Nc7 38. Rc6 Ne6 39. Ra6
 g5 40. f5 Nf8 41. Rxa5 Nd7 42. Ra6 Ne5 43. Ke2 h5 44. Rd6 g4 45. fxg4 hxg4 46.
 hxg4 Nxg4 47. a5 Nf6 48. Rxf6 Kxf6 49. e4 Ke5 50. a6 Kxe4 51. a7 Kxf5 52. a8=Q
 f6 53. Kf3 1-0

<https://www.chessvideos.tv/chess-game-replayer.php?id=67001>

From *The Long And Winding Road To Triumph, Part I*

<https://cschessnews.blogspot.com/2011/03/the-long-and-winding-road-to-triumph.html>



Kathy A. Schneider (photo: black pieces vs Tom Mullikin) - Colorado Springs, Colorado died on December 25, 2025 at age 75.

I played Kathy 5 times (+5-0=0) from 4/14/1998 to 4/12/2005 but never published one. We were too far apart in rating to be paired very often. We spent far more time off-the-board where she helped me with my family's genealogy. We found all my 2nd Great-Grandparents, and she was able to connect me with my 11th Great-Grandfather, John Howland Sr. He was the oldest surviving Pilgrim to come over on the Mayflower (after falling off the boat and being pulled back aboard). So, to celebrate she ate Thanksgiving with my family.

So, here is our first game we played together where I was lucky to get the win.

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Richard "Buck" Buchanan (photo: left) - Colorado Springs, Colorado died on May 6, 2026 at age 81.

I played Buck 89 times at the club from 6/9/1998 to 7/16/2024 winning 48 and losing 41 (with a handful of draws included). I was his most common opponent in classical, rated-chess where we split 40 games (see below). He could be considered my "chess dad" as he was born in '44 just one year after my dad. My dad taught me to play; Buck taught me to play better. Plus, Buck left me an inheritance. I got the Colorado Springs Chess Club from him (in a manner of speaking). Also, I got the Colorado Renaissance Festival from him. He asked me to help him as a chess-playing monk on 6/13/1998, and I spent 26 years in the heat, the rain, and the hail until 7/21/2024. I published many of our games together, as he was typically higher-rated than I was and a challenge to beat. However, one game I enjoyed enough to make it my Game Of The Year blog.

Rank Opponent	Games	Win	Draw	Loss	Win %
1 Paul D ANDERSON					
CO	40	17	6	17	50.0
2 Dean W BROWN					
CO	39	32	3	4	85.9
52 Allan UFER					
CO	4	4	0	0	100.0
186 Kathy A SCHNEIDER					
CO	1	1	0	0	100.0

End Of The Season

Sunday, August 19, 2012

Well, another chess season has come to a close for me. It is time for me to move on to managing the website for my other hobby (<https://spamfootball.blogspot.com/>), but I will return after the football season ends.

Before I go, I wanted to clean up some loose ends. Of course, you can still send in news items or articles during the off-season, and I will email them along to the subscribers. Any games I receive will be stored at the Colorado Springs Chess News' Yahoo! group. You can also join the group to keep receiving chess games all year round.

So, before I finish typing my chess thoughts for another year, I want to thank all the people who sent in games and articles, all the people who took the time to tell me something nice about the newsletter, and all the people who take the time to read this.

Game Of The Year

This chess year has been good expanding-my-horizons-wise. I became an officer of the club for the first time and started teaching individual lessons. Also, Tim Brennan finally got me to sign up for Twitter (<http://twitter.com/cschesnews>), and we decided to spark some controversy by pretending to have a heated debate in the Colorado Chess Informant over when a chess player should resign. It was the most feedback I have received on an article in a long time. I wrote a couple of other articles as well.

2012 Colorado Chess Informant Articles:

Double Trouble (<https://cschesnews.blogspot.com/2012/04/double-trouble.html>)

How To Improve At Chess (<https://cschesnews.blogspot.com/2012/05/how-to-improve-at-chess-part-i.html> & <https://cschesnews.blogspot.com/2012/06/how-to-improve-at-chess-part-ii.html>)

Wise Beyond Her Years (<https://cschesnews.blogspot.com/2012/07/wise-beyond-her-years.html>) & Tim Brennan's Response (<https://cschesnews.blogspot.com/2012/07/nothing-is-over.html>)

This chess year has been good number-wise. I had more upsets this year (2) than last year (1). However, they are getting harder to come by, as my rating has passed up my usual upset victims. Despite not beating a lot of higher rated players, I still may break or tie a number of personal bests this year.

- 76.64% overall winning percentage (record: 2011 - 75.41%)
- 2067 peak club rating (record: 2011 - 2057)
- 79.55% USCF winning percentage (record: 2009 - 74.29%)
- 2029 peak USCF rating (record: 2009 - 2003)
- 35 most USCF-rated wins (record: 2008 - 32.5)
- 9 fewest USCF-rated losses (record: 2009 - 9)
- 3 sole 1st Place tournament finishes (record: 2010 - 4)

TREGUBOV–ROMANISHIN, Ohrid 2001

By Jeffrey Baffo April 2026

The Art of Redirected Force

(Positional Motifs in a Catalan Masterpiece)

A High-Quality Encounter Between Two Heavyweights

This was a elite-level effort from both sides. Tregubov produced **95.7% accuracy**, corresponding to an estimated **2850 performance rating**, while Romanishin defended with **91% accuracy** — a **2600-level effort** from the veteran. The quality of play was high throughout; the winner simply played with greater truth.

E15 — EU-ch 2nd, Ohrid 2001 White: GM Pavel Tregubov (2628) **Black:** GM Oleg Romanishin (2559) **Result:** 1–0
1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 b6 4.g3 Ba6 5.Nbd2 Bb4 6.Qc2 Bb7 7.Bg2 Be4 8.Qb3 Nc6 9.0–0 Bxd2 10.Bxd2 0–0 11.Rfd1 h6 12.Qe3 a6 13.Bc3 Re8 14.Bh3 b5 15.b3 bxc4 16.bxc4 Rb8 17.Ne5 d6

I. The Shape of the Battle

The opening takes on the familiar contours of a Catalan-influenced struggle: White's long-diagonal pressure, Black's queenside fianchetto, and the latent tension around the c- and e-files. Romanishin's early ...Ba6 and ...Bb7 make his intentions unmistakable — he is heading for the **Bb7/Qb7 battery**, one of the most dangerous counter-motifs in these structures. It is a plan with weight. And Tregubov senses that weight long before it materializes.

II. The f-Pawn as Wedge and Warning



The first critical motif: **18 f3! dxe5 19.dxe5 Nd5 20.cxd5 Bxd5 21 f4! Ne7 22. g4 Qc8 23.f5! Ba8 24.f6! (diagram)** Not merely a pawn advance, it is a positional declaration. The f-pawn becomes a wedge that fractures Black's kingside, restricts his minor pieces, and forces Romanishin into a defensive posture he did not choose. The timing is exquisite: Tregubov advances the pawn *before* Black's battery can fully form, ensuring that the coming pressure on g2 will be met not with resistance, but with **redirection**.

A remarkable feature of this phase is Tregubov's willingness to violate one of the most cherished positional maxims: *do not advance pawns in front of your king*. Yet here he plays his pawns out like flamethrower; g4, f3, f4, f5, and f6 and he does it with complete confidence. This is not bravado — it is deep understanding. The center is closed, Black lacks the pieces to punish the advance, and White's king will soon step into the center where the pawn moves actually *increase* his safety. This is creativity of a high order: a principled rule broken for principled reasons.

III. The Battery Arrives — and White Steps into It



In many positions, the long-diagonal battery is a **serious attacking resource**, influencing the entire board. Here, too, it was a **powerful weapon**, one that required accurate, pre-emptive handling. Tregubov does not attempt to blunt the battery directly. He does something far more sophisticated **24...Ng6 25.fxg7 Qb7 (diagram) 26.Kf2!** A humble move—but the entire game pivots on it. The King begins a purposeful walk: **Kf2 → e3**, stepping *out* of the diagonal entirely and preparing the Queen trade that will neutralize Black’s only source of counterplay. **26...Rbd8**

27.Qxh6! Exquisite timing, not to mention nerves of steel. White has calculated precisely; he has time for this lightning Queen raid, snatching the Black h-pawn but still able to make it back and cover the King. Bravo! **28 27...Qb6+ 28.Qe3 Qxe3+ 29 Kxe3!** This is the moment of truth. The battery’s “weight” was accepted, guided, and transformed. The Queen trade is not a defensive concession — it is a **strategic victory**.

With queens gone:

- the diagonal is harmless,
 - the bishop on b7 becomes a spectator,
- and the King on e3 becomes a central defender and attacker simultaneously.

This is the chess equivalent of a Jiu-Jitsu pivot: the opponent commits force, and that force becomes the lever of his own defeat.

IV. The Birth of the Passed Pawn — and the Cost of Stopping It

The h-pawn advance is the final motif in Tregubov’s orchestration, but it must be understood correctly. This was not an “unstoppable” passer in the pure, study-like sense. Black *did* prevent its promotion — but only at a cost far too high.

29...Kxg7 30.Bf1 Rd5 31.Rxd5 Bxd5 32.Kf2 Bc4 33.e3 Bxf1 34.Rxf1 Rd8 35.Rc1 Rd5 36.Bd4 Ra5 37.Rxc7 Rxa2+ 38.Kg3 Ra5 39.h4 Kg8 40.h5 Nxe5 41.g5 Rb5 42.g6 fxc6 43.h6 Nf7 44.h7+ Kxh7 39 h4! 40 h5! 43 h6! 44. h7+! Kxh7

Each advance forces a concession:

- ...Kh8 allows Rf7+
 - ...Kxh7 walks into checks and rook infiltration
 - ...Nh8 or ...Nf7 ties the knight to passive misery
- ...e5 or ...g5 weakens critical squares

The pawn itself is not the winning factor. The *cost of restraining it* is what breaks Black’s position. By the time the pawn reaches h7, Romanishin’s pieces are so overburdened that the final rook swing (**45 Rxf7+ 46 Re7**) becomes decisive. The passer has done its job — not by promoting, but by **extracting concessions that fatally damaged Black’s coordination**.

This is the hallmark of a high-class passed pawn: not inevitability of queening, but inevitability of *harm*.

V. Material vs. Truth — Why the Advantage Was Decisive

It is worth noting that Tregubov's material advantage at the end — **numerically little more than a pawn** — was only a small part of the story.

Two pawns can often fight a piece effectively, and in many endgames can even *outperform* it. But not here. Romanishin's pawns were:

- **divided,**
 - **scattered,**
 - **“leaderless”,**
- and unable to create an effective fighting force.

Meanwhile, Tregubov's forces were:

- **centralized,**
- **coordinated,**

and operating on open lines of their own choosing.

The material edge was modest; the **positional edge was enormous**, and it was the latter — not the former — that sealed the defender's fate.

VI. The Final Conversion

After **45.Rxf7+ Kh6 46.Re7 Black resigns 1-0** The Black position collapses. his King is exposed; his pieces are uncoordinated. The White h-pawn has done its deadly work. The resignation is not a surprise — the position is beyond repair.

VII. Lessons from this Game

This encounter is a model of **redirected force** — a strategic lesson in how to meet a powerful plan not with resistance, but with transformation.

Key motifs:

- **The f-pawn wedge:** space, restriction, and kingside fracture.
- **The long-diagonal battery:** accepted, neutralized, and converted.
- **The King walk:** prophylaxis and centralization in perfect harmony.
- **The h-pawn passer:** not unstoppable, but unanswerable without ruin.
- **The modest material edge:** decisive only because the positional factors were overwhelming.
- **The final rook invasion:** harvesting the ripe pawns.

Tregubov's play is subtle, powerful, and deeply instructive. He does not refute Romanishin's plan — he **uses it**. This is the truth of positional chess at its finest.

Tregubov,Pavel V (2628) - Romanishin,Oleg M (2559) [E15]

EU-ch 2nd Ohrid (12), 13.06.2001

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 b6 4.g3 Ba6 5.Nbd2 Bb4 6.Qc2 Bb7 7.Bg2 Be4 8.Qb3 Nc6 9.0-0 Bxd2 10.Bxd2 0-0 11.Rfd1 h6 12.Qe3 a6 13.Bc3 Re8 14.Bh3 b5 15.b3 bxc4 16.bxc4 Rb8 17.Ne5 d6 18.f3 dxe5 19.dxe5 Nd5 20.cxd5 Bxd5 21.f4 Ne7 22.g4 Qc8 23.f5 Ba8 24.f6 Ng6 25.fxg7 Qb7 26.Kf2 Rbd8 27.Qxh6 Qb6+ 28.Qe3 Qxe3+ 29.Kxe3 Kxg7 30.Bf1 Rd5 31.Rxd5 Bxd5 32.Kf2 Bc4 33.e3 Bxf1 34.Rxf1 Rd8 35.Rc1 Rd5 36.Bd4 Ra5 37.Rxc7 Rxa2+ 38.Kg3 Ra5 39.h4 Kg8 40.h5 Nxe5 41.g5 Rb5 42.g6 fxg6 43.h6 Nf7 44.h7+ Kxh7 45.Rxf7+ Kh6 46.Re7 1-0

THE WYVILL ILLUSION

Staunton, Williams, and the Birth Pains of Positional Understanding

By Jeffery A. Baffo, May 3, 2026

In the 1851 London Tournament—the first international chess event in history—Howard Staunton stood as a world-leading player and theoretician. Elijah Williams¹, by contrast, was known as a strong player, but if he was famous, it was mostly for his glacial pace of play. In their 3rd-place playoff, Williams produced a positional masterpiece that exposed a blind spot in Staunton’s strategic vision.

The surviving record of this match is tragically thin. Only one complete game has reached us, and even that one is rarely annotated. But Willy Hendriks, in his wonderful book *On the Origin of Good Moves*², preserved a crucial fragment of another Williams victory—one that begins from a position so distinctive it practically demands reconstruction. The **Wyvill pawn formation**³.



White’s pawns on **c3–c4–d4–e3** and Black’s on **c5–d6–e4–f5** create the classic **Wyvill pawn formation**, a structure that fascinated Staunton and ensnared him more than once. To the 1851 eye, this was harmonious: White appears to command space, maintain central presence, and support the elegant **Ba3** idea. Modern understanding, however, reveals the truth—this formation is a positional trap. White’s “center” is a mirage: Black’s **e4 wedge** clamps the dark squares, freezes every meaningful pawn break, and quietly hands the initiative to the second player.

In this fragment, Williams understood all of that intuitively. Staunton did not.

¹ Elijah Williams (1809–1854) was an English master best known for his participation in the 1851 London Tournament, where he finished third. Contemporary accounts often criticized his extremely slow pace of play—Staunton famously quipped that Williams “took root at the board”—but modern evaluation shows him to be a very capable positional player whose best games, including his victories over Staunton, reveal a surprisingly modern strategic touch.

² Willy Hendriks, *On the Origin of Good Moves: A Skeptic’s Guide to Getting Better at Chess* (New in Chess, 2020), p.112

³ The **Wyvill formation** takes its name from Marmaduke Wyvill, the English master who employed it with both colors in the 1851 London Tournament. It arises from the characteristic pawn chains **c4–d4–e3** for White and **c5–d6–e4** for Black, producing a locked center with sharply asymmetrical strategic demands.

From the diagram position (after Black's 14th move), Williams' play is astonishingly modern. His accuracy—**91.2%** by engine metrics—reflects a player who consistently improved his worst-placed piece, maintained the integrity of his pawn chain, and struck only when the position demanded it. Staunton, by contrast, managed only **69.2%**, drifting into passivity and allowing Williams to dictate play.

The critical sequence begins with:

15...Qf7! A quiet move, but a perfect one. Black reorganizes behind the e4 wedge, preparing ...g5, ...f4, and pressure on the dark squares. White has no constructive plan. Every pawn break is denied. Every piece is tied to a defensive task. The rest of the game;

15...Qf7 16.f3 Staunton's comment here is revealing. He claimed that he (White) was "...throwing away a Pawn without (equivalency) of any kind." However, a pawn is lost in any case, as Hendriks points out "disastrously" so after, for example. **16.d5 Ne5! 16...Qxc4 17.fxe4 fxe4 18.Bh3 b5 19.Nf4 Nb6 20.Bg2 Qf7 21.dxc5 Nc4 22.Qc1 Qa7 23.Re1 dxc5 24.Bb2 g5 25.Ne2 Bg4 26.h3 Bf3 27.Kh2 Rad8 28.Ba1 Rd2 29.Rb2 Rfd8 30.Nd4 Rxb2 31.Bxb2 cxd4 32.cxd4 Bxg2 33.Kxg2 Nd5 34.Kh2 Rf8 35.Qc2 Qf7 36.Re2 Qf1 37.Bc1 Nb4 0-1**

Williams' technique from here is clinical. He expands on the kingside, opens the c-file on his terms, and liquidates into a winning endgame with the calm of a man who knows the position is almost playing itself. Staunton resigned on move 37, a position so hopeless even a "show me" man like Howard was convinced.

What makes this fragment historically important is not the tactics—it's the *mis-evaluation*. Staunton, the great theoretician, repeatedly steered into this structure because it *looked* right. It promised space, central control, and the aesthetically pleasing Ba3 idea. But chess was evolving, and the deeper truths of pawn chains, color complexes, and long-term structural weaknesses were still being discovered.

Williams, the slow player mocked by contemporaries, simply felt the position better.

This game is a reminder that even giants can be misled by their own positional biases—and that the birth of modern chess understanding was not a straight line, but a series of hard-won realizations. Hendriks sums it up beautifully; "**The Wyvill formations and the plans we saw Williams use against them are still as topical today as they were a century and a half ago.**"

Hard Pressed

Revisiting Gligorić–Fischer, Palma de Mallorca 1970

By Jeffery Baffo, June 11, 2026

There is a special kind of reverence surrounding the games of Robert James Fischer. His games — even individual moves — have been analyzed as deeply as those of virtually any other world champion in history. Over time, some of the ideas and strategies attributed to him have taken on a mythic quality, wrapped in narratives so compelling that they go unchallenged for decades

One such narrative appears in Jan Timman’s magnificent book *The Unstoppable American*^[1]. Discussing Fischer’s penultimate game of the 1970 Interzonal — his win over Svetozar Gligorić — Timman writes that Fischer was (“...for the second time in 3 months”) vs. this very same Grandmaster) “demonstrably lost,” concluding at a key moment that Black had “run out of resources.”

It is a dramatic claim. Modern analysis tells a different story.

This article revisits that moment, not to diminish Timman — one of the great chess writers *and* one of the strongest Grandmasters of his era^[2] — but to refine the record and honor the truth happening on the

Gligoric, Svetozar - Fischer, Robert James [A77 Modern Benoni]

Palma de Mallorca Interzonal Palma de Mallorca (22), 10.12.1970

Review Statistics (Engine-Assisted Evaluation)

- **Opening Accuracy:** 100% (both sides)
- **Middlegame Accuracy:** White 86.7% · Black 95.1%
- **Overall Accuracy:** White 90.9% · Black 96.5%
- **Performance Rating:** Gligorić 2600 · Fischer 2950

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 c5 4.d5 exd5 5.cxd5 d6 6.Nf3 g6 7.e4 Bg7 8.Be2 0–0 9.0–0 Re8 10.Nd2 Nbd7 11.a4 Ne5 [12.Qc2 g5!?](#) See diagram below



13.Nf3 Nxf3+ 14.Bxf3 h6 15.Bd2 a6 16.Be2 Qe7 17.Rae1 Qe5 18.Kh1 Qd4 19.f3!? Interestingly, Timman calls this “...a cautious, defensive move, (implying a missed opportunity) but paradoxically adds that it also “guarantees White’s advantage.” It’s worth giving proper weight to the fact that Gligorić — a lifetime professional with “ice in his stomach” and everything riding on this game — absolutely saw 19.f4, evaluated it, and deliberately rejected it. No author, no engine, and certainly no amateur analyst has more “skin in the game” than the man who lived the position, whose entire Professional Chess career had led to that moment...and Gligorić chose a different path.



[My engine assisted analysis found this stunning idea; Rh5!! 27.Bxh6 Qe5!! 28.Rxg7+ Kh8!! 29.Bf4 Qxg7 30.Nxe4 Rxe4 31.d6= 0.00 at 31 ply deep.]

19...Nh5 20.Nb5 axb5 21.Bxb5 Qe5 22.Bc3 Qe7 23.Bxe8 Qxe8 24.Bxg7 Kxg7 25.b4 cxb4 26.Qb2+ Qe5 27.Qxb4 Nf4 28.Rd1 b6 29.Rf2 Nd3 30.Qxb6 Nxf2+ 31.Qxf2 Rxa4 32.Kg1 Ra1 33.Qe1 Ra2 34.Qg3 Qb2 35.h4 Ra1 0–1

1. Chaos in an Open Benoni

After 1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 c5 4.d5, the game enters an Open Benoni — a battlefield both players knew intimately. Gligorić handles the early middlegame with clarity and purpose, achieving the kind of position Benoni players dream of: space, centralization, and latent kingside pressure.

Fischer responds with the provocative:

12...g5!? (“Revolutionary... full of dynamics” — Timman)

It is risky, double-edged, and entirely in character. By move 18–19, engines give White a healthy but not decisive pull — around +1.20. Gligorić has the initiative; Fischer has problems to solve. But nothing here justifies the word “lost.”

2. Timman’s Verdict: “Black Has Run Out of Resources”

The critical moment in Timman’s narrative comes after:

19.f4 g4 20.e5 dxe5 21.fxe5 Rxe5 22.Rf4 Bf5 23.Qc1 Be4 24.Bxg4 Nxc4 25.Rxg4 Rae8 26.Rd1

Here Timman writes that Black has “run out of resources.”

Visually, it is easy to sympathize:

- White's pieces are swarming.
- Black's king looks exposed and awkward.
- The White bishop (from d2) and White Rook (on g4) are teaming up to win Black's g7 Bishop!

From a human standpoint — especially in a sharp Benoni — this feels like a position where Black is on the verge of collapse.

But that is where Timman stops.

And that is where the story turns.

3. A Biblical Parallel Worth Noting

There is a moment in this game where Fischer's position looks hopeless — pieces swarming him, lines opening, threats multiplying. It is easy to see why Timman was sure Black had "run out of resources."

But appearances can deceive.

Paul once described the Christian life in terms that feel uncannily appropriate here:

"(We are) Hard²pressed on every side, but not crushed; perplexed, but not in despair; persecuted, but not abandoned; struck down, but not destroyed." (2 Corinthians 4:8–9)

Fischer's position is exactly that: pressed, attacked, under fire — but not lost.

And just when the pressure seems unbearable, the board reveals a hidden resource...



4. The Move Timman Missed: 26...Rh5!!

In the position after 26.Rd1, where Timman's analysis stops, modern engines calmly suggest a move that looks almost insane at first glance:

26...Rh5!!

This is pure Fischer:

- calm under fire
- prioritizing counterplay over material
- trusting the long-term geometry of the position
- refusing to panic in the face of apparent disaster

After 27.Bxh6 Qe5 28.Rxg7+ Kh8, the attack continues, but it no longer has the character of a forced win. The game becomes a razor-sharp, dynamically balanced fight.

The line can continue, for example, to a position after **31.d6**, where:

- White is down the exchange
- White has a powerful passed d-pawn
- Black's king is no longer in immediate danger
- Both sides have active pieces and real chances

At 31-ply depth, the engine evaluation is **0.00**.

Equal. Not "lost." Not "winning." Just brutally, beautifully balanced.

5. What This Means for the Narrative

Timman's verdict — "Black has run out of resources" — rests on a position where Black, in fact, has a stunning defensive resource that completely changes the evaluation.

Once **26...Rh5!!** is seen:

- The idea that Fischer was "demonstrably lost" collapses
- The position becomes one of mutual danger, not one-sided doom
- Gligorić has excellent attacking chances, but no forced win
- Fischer, with best play, holds the balance

This does not make Timman wrong in spirit — Fischer was under severe pressure. But it does mean the objective evaluation was overstated.

Fischer was never lost. He was only tested.

6. The Actual Game: Danger Avoided, Technique Displayed

In the game, Gligorić chose a different path, and Fischer responded with the precision that defined his peak years. His defensive choices and later counterplay — especially the queenside opening and rook activity — show a player who not only survives danger but turns it into a winning endgame.

The final phase, with the advancing a-pawn, is classic Fischer: no rush, no nerves, just clean conversion.

7. Conclusion: Pressed, But Not Crushed

For decades, this game has been cited as one of the rare moments in Fischer's 20–0 Interzonal run where he was "in serious trouble," even "lost" against Gligorić.

The first part is true: Gligorić did pose him real, practical problems.

The second part — "demonstrably lost" — does not survive modern scrutiny.

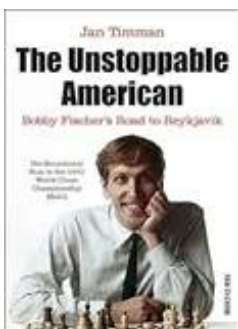
With the resource **26...R6h5!!**, followed by accurate defense, the engine's cold verdict is clear:

Fischer was never lost. He was only hard-pressed — but not crushed.

And in that sense, this game becomes more than a tactical skirmish. It becomes a small echo of a larger truth:

Strength is not the absence of pressure. Strength is surviving the pressure without breaking.

Just as Paul wrote, and just as Fischer was; Hard Pressed.

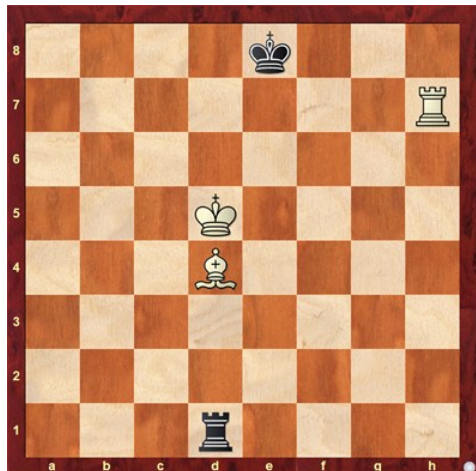


[1]The Unstoppable American: Bobby Fischer's Road to Reykjavik, New in Chess, Jan Timman Aug 25,2021

[2]Jan Timman (b. 1951) stood among the world's very best for more than two decades, a perennial World Championship Candidate and one of the most formidable tournament players of his generation. With over 60 international victories and a peak ranking of world No. 3, he combined elite competitive strength with a remarkable literary legacy, including the founding of New in Chess.

Rook and Bishop vs. Rook technique

By Jeffrey Baffo



R+B vs R: The Winning Method When the Defending King Is Boxed In

In general, **Rook + Bishop vs Rook** is a theoretical draw because:

- the rook gives endless checks
- the attacker cannot shield the King
- the Bishop is loose and vulnerable
- coordination is difficult

But there is one huge exception:

If the defending King is trapped on the edge and the attacker can build “Bishop shelter”, the position becomes winning

Let’s break down the winning mechanism into clean, digestible principles.

★ 1. The Kill Box (Fatal Funnel)

White’s King and Bishop create a **corridor** — a long, narrow zone where the black King is trapped.

With only the two Kings, the corridor is 3 squares long, and the defender can always run out the side of the funnel to escape a check.

But when the Bishop joins the King:

- the corridor becomes 4–5 squares long
 - the Bishop controls the escape squares
- the funnel is too long now, the black King cannot “run” anymore

This leaves Black only two defensive resources:

1. **Block** the back-rank check

Check the white King

★ 2. Why the Black Rook Is Overloaded

Because his King is trapped on the edge, the black rook must always be ready to block a back-rank check.

This means:

- it must stay on what we will call the **access file**
- it cannot leave that file
- it cannot wander

it cannot check freely

It is tied down.

This is the key to the win.

★ 3. The Attacker’s Plan: Switch Sides + Bishop Zugzwang

White wins by combining two ideas:

A. Switching Sides

White’s rook swings from one wing to the other, threatening mate from both sides.

The black rook must constantly shuffle to stay in position to block.

B. Bishop Zugzwang

White makes a *precise Bishop waiting move* that:

- prevents the black rook from checkKing
 - forces the rook to stay on the access file
- but leaves it with **no safe squares** on that file

This is the heart of the win.

★ 4. The Access File Problem (The f-file analysis)

Assume the black rook must stay on the **f-file** to block a check on the g or h files
Here is the issue with each square:

Square	Problem
f1	Immediate zugzwang — he has
f2	Hanging — rook is lost
f3	Only playable square, but leads to the fatal sequence
f4	Hanging
f5	Hanging
f6	Hanging
f7	Hanging
f8	Trapped — Bishop dominates

This is the entire win in one table.
The defender has **one** square: **f3**.
And that is the square White wants.

★ 5. The Final Mechanism: Forcing the Rook to f3

White uses the Bishop to:

- take away checking squares
- take away escape squares
- take away blocking squares

Eventually, Black is *forced* into the only legal move:

...Rf3

And now the win is simple:

- White plays **Be5**, blocking the rook's return
- The position repeats but with **Black to move**
- Black must play **...Rf3** again
- White plays **Re7+**
- The black King can only go to d8 or f8
- White's rook swings to the long side
- There is no safe interposition square
- The back-rank check is unstoppable

Mate follows quickly

This is the “switch sides → zugzwang → block the block → mate” mechanism.

★ 6. The Winning motif in One Sentence

Trap the King on the edge, tie the rook to blocking duty, use the Bishop to create zugzwang, force the rook to the only square, block its return, switch sides, and deliver the decisive back-rank check.

The Solution;

1.Ke6 Re1+ 2.Be5 Rf1 3.Rb7 Rd1 4.Rg7 Rf1 5.Bg3 Rf3 6.Bd6 Re3+ 7.Be5 Rf3 8.Re7+ Kd8 9.Rb7 Rc3 10.Bf6+ Ke8 11.Rb8+ Rc8 12.Rxc8# 1-0

Remembering Steve Henderson

by Tim Stevens

Steve Henderson was active in Colorado chess in the 1970s and 1980s before moving away to the West Coast. He was best known for winning the 1980 Denver Open. Steve also represented us in tournaments in the surrounding states. We lost a long-time member of our chess community when Steve passed away this past February.



Steve had a real mind for games. Later in life Steve used his game strategy skills to earn a living as a day trader. He would get up early in California, as the stock market opened at 9:30 AM East Coast time. He had two computer monitors plus watched a financial channel on TV. He understood how a news event could affect a certain industry or company and then would invest to make gains. Numerous non-traders thought his job sounded easy--just watch screens and make trades according to your trading system. If they showed interest and asked Steve about doing day trading, he would loan them a book called Market Wizards, and after reading it they would no longer be interested.

In 1989 Steve moved to the Oregon coast to teach workshops on cognitive self-help techniques at the Ken Keyes Center. There he met Linda Seeley, his life partner from then on. In 1996, they moved to the San Francisco area where he joined a group that day-traded stocks. Later he and Linda moved to Southern California where he traded on his own.

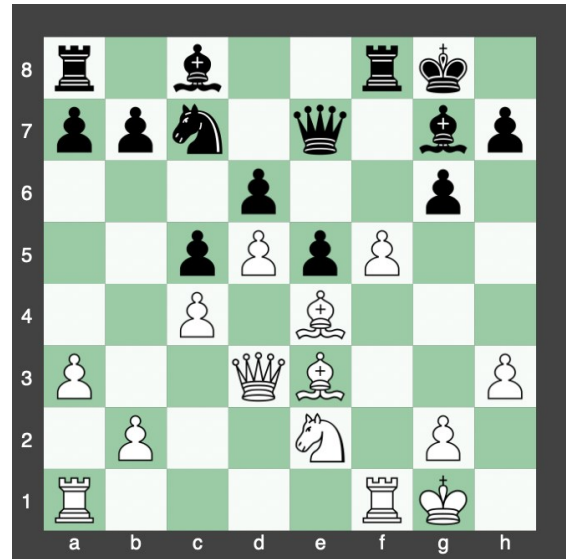
Here is Steve's win in the 1972 Colorado Open as an A-player over much higher rated master Robert Wendling.

White: Steve Henderson, 1882

Black: Robert Wendling, 2240

Colorado Open, Denver Colorado, September 1972

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 c5 3.d5 g6 4.Nc3 Bg7 5.e4 d6 6.Bd3 O-O 7.Nge2 e5 8.O-O Nh5 9.Be3 f5 10.f4 Nf6 11.h3 fxe4 12.Nxe4 Nxe4 13.Bxe4 Qe7 14.Qd3 Na6 15.a3 Nc7 16.f5



This aggressive move is actually a mistake due to a Black tactic of an intermediate move of ...e4. Either 16.fxe5 or 16.Rae1 would have retained White's advantage. Wendling uncharacteristically missed this tactic so this worked out well for Steve. Example lines are 16...gxf5 17.Bxf5 Rxf5 18.Rxf5 e4 19.Qb3 Bxf5 +- or 16...gxf5 17.Ng3 fxe4 18.Rxf8+ Qxf8 19.Qxe4 +-.

16...gxf5 17.Bxf5 Bxf5 18.Rxf5 Rxf5 (18...e4 19.Rxf8+ Rxf8 20.Qd2 b5 =) 19.Qxf5 Rf8 20.Qg4 b5 21.b3 bxc4 22.bxc4 Rb8 and now Steve finishes nicely 23.Rf1 Kh8 24.Ng3 Ne8 25.Bg5 Bf6 26.Rxf6 Nxf6 27.Qh4 Qf7 28.Bxf6+ Kg8 29.Nf5 Qc7 30.Qg5+ Kf8 31.Ne7 Ke8 32.Qg8+ Kd7 33.Qe6+ Ke8 34.Ng6+ 1-0.

Steve and three others once took a term off from Colorado State University and drove to Las Vegas to seek their fortunes by using their game strategy skills.

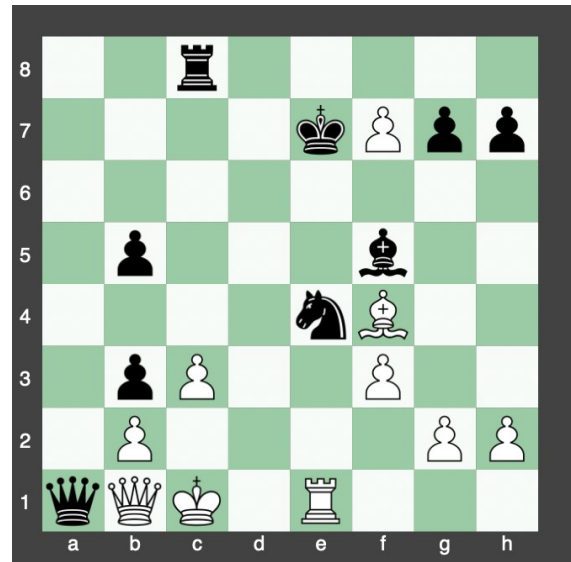
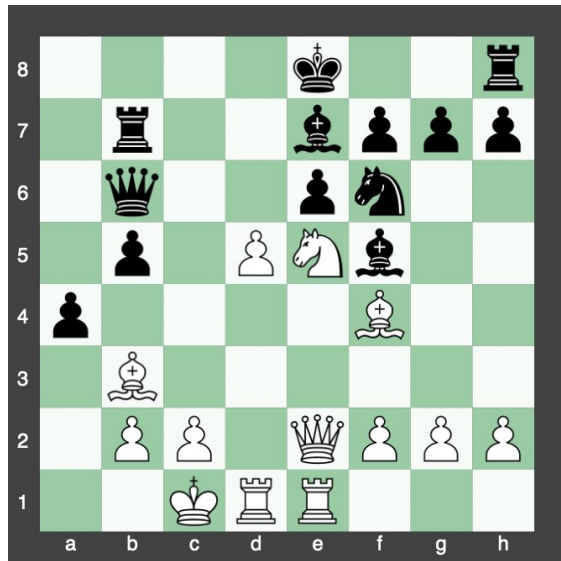
While trying to open bank accounts, they were accused of robbing the bank and detained, with Vegas police pointing guns at them as they were lying on the pavement. Fortunately the FBI arrived, talked to each of them, could see they hadn't done anything and let them get up and leave.

Here is a game of Steve's from the 1971 Colorado Open. A special brilliancy prize was given to both players for a sharp-on-sharp draw by repetition.

White: Robert O'Donnell age 20, 1971
 Black: Steve Henderson age 16, 1662
 1971 Colorado Open, Denver Colorado, September 1971

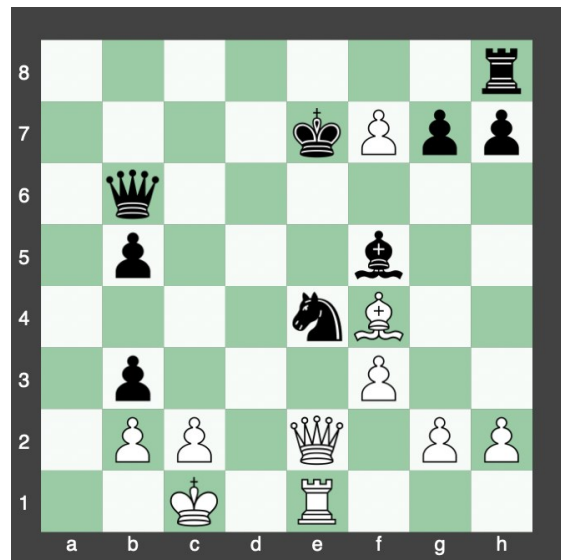
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 6.Nxf6+ Nxf6 7.Bf4 Bf5 8.Nf3 e6 9.Qe2 Be7 10.O-O-
 O b5 11.Bb3 a5 12.a4 (better is 12.d5 Nxd5 13.Bxd5
 cxd5 =>) Qb6 13.Rhe1 Ra7 (better is 13...bxa4
 14.Bxa4 Nd5 15.Qc4 O-O -+) 14.Ne5 Rb7 15.axb5
 cxb5 (15...a4) 16.d5 (16.g4) 16...a4

22...Rc8 (22...Ra8 would be crushing after 23.Bg5+
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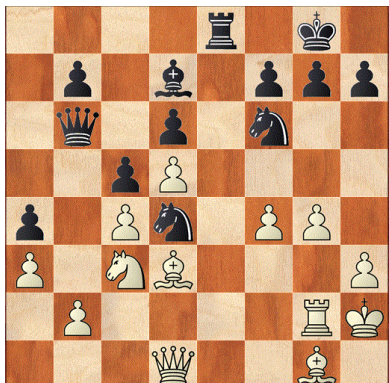
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 Qd8+ 30.Ke3 Qb6+ 31.Kf3 Kxf7) 26.bxc3 Qxc3+
 27.Kd1 Qd4+ 28.Kc1 Qc3+ (a last try is 28...Qc4+
 29.Kd1 Kxf7 30.fxe4 Bg4+ 31.Kd2 Qd4+ 32.Qd3
 Qf2+ 33.Kc3 Qxe1+ however likely a draw) 29.Kd1
 Qd4+ draw.

17.dxe6 axb3 18.exf7+ Kf8 19.Nd7+ Rxd7 20.Rxd7
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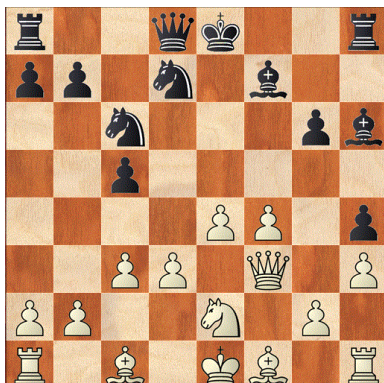


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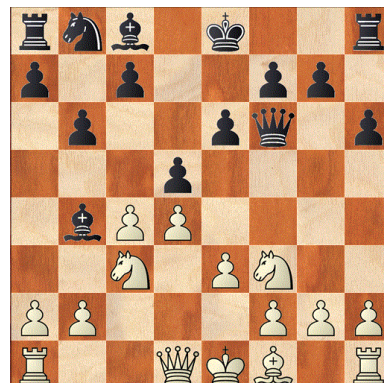
These positions came from recent games played in Colorado. Answers on the next page. *By Tim Brennan*



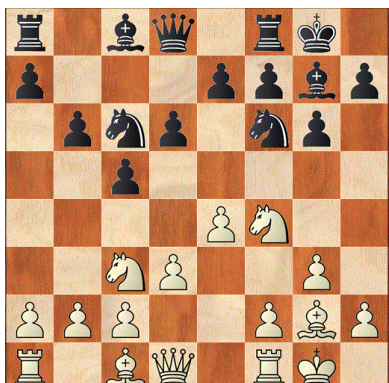
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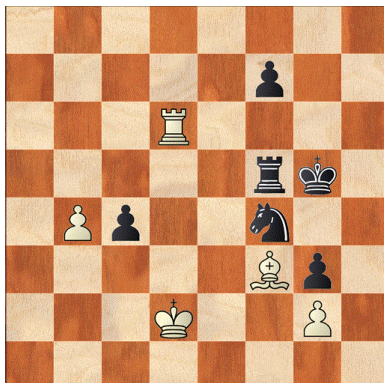
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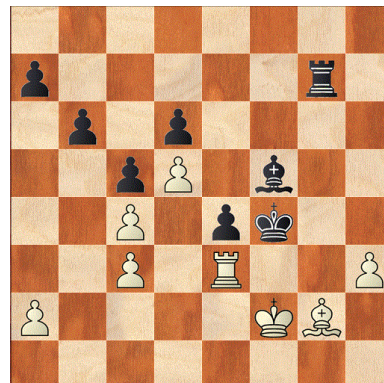
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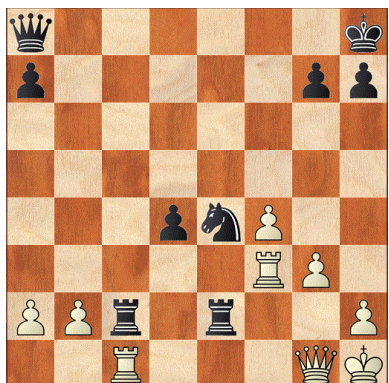
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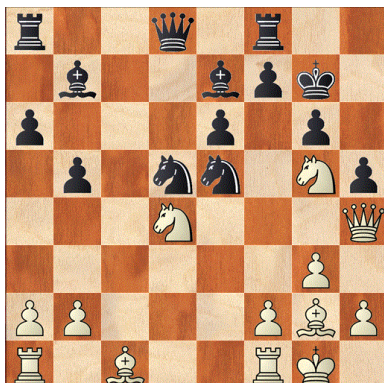
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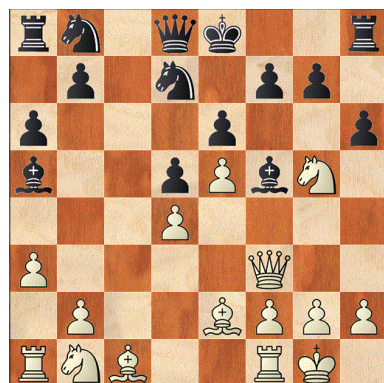
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**Answers:**

1. **24...Re1!!** Leaves the White Queen with no good squares because of all the forking possibilities.
2. **17...Nde5!** Takes advantage of the misplaced Queen and uncastled King. **18. fxe5 Nxe5** and the Queen has no good squares because of the forking possibilities with the King.
3. **8. Qa4+** forks the King and Bishop.
4. **9. e5** double discovered attack.
5. **45...Nxb2!** Wins a valuable pawn. **46. Bxb2 Rf2+** forking the King and Bishop **47. Kex3 Rxb2**
6. **52...Rxb2+!** The White King is overloaded **53. Kxb2 Kxe3**
7. **29...Nxb3+!** **30.Qxb3 Rxc1+** **31.Qg1 Qxf3#.**
8. **18.Ndxe6+!** **Fxe6** **19.Nxe6+** family fork
9. **13.Nxf7+ Kxf7** **14.g4** attacking the now pinned bishop.

CUTTING OFF THE KING

By NM Todd Bardwick

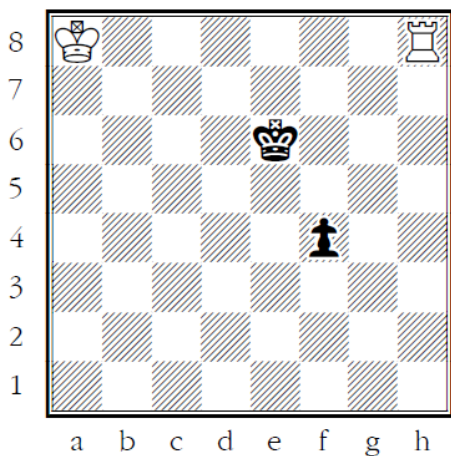
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Rooks are more valuable than minor pieces (bishops and knights) because they can touch both white and black squares and are long-range pieces that can move across the board in only one move.

We are taught early on in our chess career that rooks like open files and love to invade the opponent's territory on the 7th or 8th rank. A rook on the 7th rank is generally considered to be worth a pawn because there are often pawns there that haven't moved that are vulnerable to attack.

Usually rooks get to the 7th rank in the endgame when there are fewer enemy pieces on the board to prevent the invasion. A rook on the 7th rank has another benefit: it cuts off the enemy king from moving to the center of the board, which is where he wants to go in the endgame.

Here is how a rook can cut off the king from helping his pawn promote.

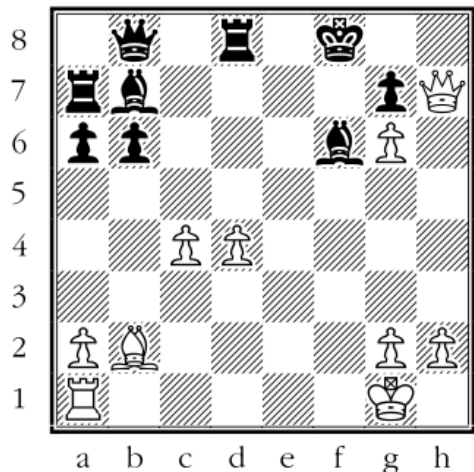


Black's pawn would like to promote on the f1-square and force a draw because White's rook would have to sacrifice itself for the new queen. If the pawn makes a run for it and gets too far away from the protection of the black king, the rook may be able to hunt it down. Therefore, Black would like to move his king to either e5 or f5 to help escort the pawn up the board. Notice that White's king is far away from the action and can't help stop the pawn if Black's king and pawn marched up the board together.

If it is White's move, he should play **1.Rh5!** cutting off the Black's king from the pawn. If the pawn takes off on his own with 1...f3, then 2.Rh3 f2 3.Rf3 and the pawn is lost.

Since the pawn cannot advance and the king cannot help it out, White will have time to bring his king back into the game, and with the rook's help, capture the pawn and win the game.

Consider this position from a game that took place in Moscow in 1935 between Mikhail Botvinnik and Vitaly Chekhover where the rook cuts off the king from escaping to safety.



White played **34.Re1!** cutting off Black's king from escaping to the queenside where his friends are and threatening **35.Qh8 mate**. Black must start giving back material and eventually gets checkmated. The game continued, **34...Be5 35.Qh8+ Ke7 36.Qxg7+ Kd6 37.Qxe5+ Kd7 38.Qf5+ Kc6 39.d5+ Kc5 40.Ba3+ Kxc4 41.Qe4+** Notice that queen now cuts off the king from running back to his other pieces. **41...Kc3 42.Bb4+ Kb2 43.Qb1 mate**

Remember that rooks and queens can be quite useful cutting off the opposing king (along ranks or files) from where he wants to go by containing him in many different types of positions.

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More info can be found online at [Colorado State Chess Association](https://www.ColoradoStateChessAssociation.com)

Colorado Chess Club Directory

<https://ColoradoChess.com/Club/>

Aurora Chess Club: Saturdays

More Info: www.aurorachessclub.com

Aurora Library Chess Club: Fridays

<https://auroraco.libnet.info/events?term=chess&r=range&start=2026-01-11&end=2026-12-31>

Boulder Chess Club: Wednesdays

More Info: www.meetup.com/boulderchess

Boulder Library Chess Club For Kids: Mondays

<https://calendar.boulderlibrary.org/calendar/events/?t=d&q=chess&cid=12892&cal=12892&inc=0>

Broomfield Library Chess Club: 1 Thursday/month

<https://compass.broomfield.org/event/broomfield-chess-club-47196>

Canon City Library Chess Club: Wednesdays

<https://www.canoncity.org/calendar.aspx?>

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Castle Rock Chess Club: Mondays

More Info: www.castlerockchessclub.org

Colorado Springs: Balanced Rook Chess Club: Thursdays

More Info: <https://www.facebook.com/BalancedRook>

Colorado Springs Chess Club: Tuesdays

More Info: <https://sites.google.com/view/colorado-springs-chess-club/home>

Colorado Springs: CS Kids Chess Club: Mondays

More Info: www.facebook.com/groups/131445216496856

Colorado Springs: Quick Quad Tournaments: Mondays & 2 Saturdays each month

More Info (Search for IHOP): <https://www.coloradochess.com/newtourn.shtml>

Colorado Springs: Switchback Chess Club: Saturdays

<https://www.instagram.com/switchbackchessclub/>

Colorado Springs: Sr. Center Chess Club {55+}: Fridays

<https://seniorcenter.ppyymca.org/wp-content/uploads/sites/3/2025/12/YMCASCGroupSpring2026.pdf>

Colorado Springs: Silver Key Chess Club {55+}: Tuesdays

<https://www.silverkey.org/activity-centers/>

Denver Chess Club: Tuesdays

More Info: <https://denverchess.com/tournaments/upcoming>

Denver: Learn to Play Chess MeetUp: Multiple club's events listed each week

More Info: www.meetup.com/Learn-to-Play-Chess

Denver: Oprah's Rook Club: Wednesdays

More Info: <https://linktr.ee/oprahsrookclub>

Durango Chess Club: Mondays

More Info: www.guildhousegames.com/event-calendar.html

Erie: Library Adult Social Chess Club: 1 Tuesday/month

<https://highplains.libcal.com/event/15734802>

Fort Collins Chess MeetUp Group: Wednesdays

More Info: www.meetup.com/fort-collins-chess-meetup-group

Frisco: Summit County Chess Club: Wednesdays

www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100064653976129

Granby Library Chess Club: Mondays

More Info: <https://gclid.librarycalendar.com/events/month>

Grand Junction/Palisade: Grand Valley Chess: Mondays & Thursdays

<https://grandvalleychess.com/>

Grand Junction Pawns & Pints: Sundays

More Info: <https://www.instagram.com/pawnsandpints.gj/>

Greeley Chess Club

More Info: Contact Brad Lundstrom: ChessCoach2014@GMail.com



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Highlands Ranch: Chess Knights: 2nd & 4th Wednesday of the month

More Info: www.HighlandsRanchLibraryChess.org

Lafayette Chess Club: Thursdays

More Info: www.facebook.com/groups/840770652747409

Longmont: Library Drop In Chess: 1 Sunday/month

<https://highplains.libcal.com/event/15769790>

Longmont: Library Middle/High School Chess Club: 1 Tuesday/month

<https://highplains.libcal.com/event/15734802>

Louisville: Sr. Center Chess: Mondays

<https://www.louisvilleco.gov/living-in-louisville/recreation-senior-center/programs-activities/senior-services/senior-classes-programs>

Loveland: Chilson Sr. Center Drop-In Open Chess Challenge {55+}: Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays

<https://www.lov.gov.org/services/parks-recreation/chilson-senior-center>

Montrose Library Chess Club: Tuesdays

More Info: <https://www.montroselibrary.org/series/chess-club-2/>

Monument: Silver Key Chess Club {55+}: Mondays

<https://www.silverkey.org/activity-centers/>

Parker Chess Club: Mondays

More Info: <https://parkerchessclub.godaddysites.com/club-info>

Pueblo Chess Club: Mondays & Fridays

More Info: <https://www.pueblochess.com/>

Vail Chess Club: 2nd & 4th Sunday of the month

More Info: www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61580147297162

Wellington: Strategic Minds Chess Academy: Saturdays

<http://www.hive5studios.com/chess>

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State Wide Colorado State Chess Association www.coloradochess.com/tournaments/view-upcoming/

State Wide CAISSA Chess (Filter "State" for CO) <https://caissachess.net/caissalive>

Chess Lessons: Denver Metro Area

Chess Academy of Denver <https://coloradomasterchess.com/>

Chessmates Chess Club www.chessmatesfc.com/

Mile High Chess <https://milehighchess.com/>

PALS Chess Academy <https://palschess.com/>

Summit School of Chess <https://summitschoolofchess.com>

Kings of Chess www.kingsofchess.com/

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