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*"Chess Queen in Field"*  
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## From the Editor

Chess Politics... I often get a look of disbelief when I mention to my non-chess playing friends that in the world of chess there are those who play politics for whatever reason. "Why would there be such a thing in chess?", they ask. Well I suppose in this area of endeavor, why not? Humans are humans the world over.

FIDE, the world chess body recently elected a new President. This after many years of contentious leadership from the previous one. And it wasn't easy getting to this point.

The CSCA elected some new/returning people to the Board a month ago for the coming year. Since the previous election there were changes and controversies along the way.

Recently I closed the Facebook information page of the CSCA (though it was not an official page) because, instead of informing, there was too much sniping and finger pointing lately that it just was not healthy. The CSCA does have an official page and postings are monitored closely now.

Oh well, such is the beauty of life.

May Caissa be with you.

*Fred Eric Spell*



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## **CSCA Board Meeting Minutes (July 23, 2018)**

**P**relude: We had difficulty with the discord software and switched to a phone conference to communicate. Earle Wikle kept watch on the discord and added individuals as they came online. Because of this, I am uncertain who attended the meeting in addition to the Board members. *(Paul Covington)*

Meeting called to order about 8:35pm (delay due to the above mentioned communications problem).

Earle Wikle asked me to read the previous meeting's minutes. You may review them at [www.coloradochess.com/post/full/30](http://www.coloradochess.com/post/full/30) . The minutes were approved.

### **Old Business:**

- DGT Chess equipment was discussed: No additional equipment purchase at this time. Paul Covington donated two laptops to the CSCA to support the present DGT boards.

### **New Business:**

- Earle Wikle then thanked Dean Clow and J.C. MacNeil for their service on the Board and their work for Colorado Chess.
  - ▶ Earle then opened the floor for nominations to fill the vacant Board positions.
  - ▶ The first vacant position to fill was that of President.
- Paul Covington nominated Earle Wikle. Jesse Williams seconded the nomination. There were no additional nominations, so Earle was confirmed without opposition.
- The next position to fill was that of Vice President (Note: There were two discussions that happen here: (1) Whether or not filling the remaining positions was necessary and (2) A confirmation that we had enough Board members present to conduct business - we did).
- Jesse Williams nominated Paul Anderson for Vice President. Earle Wikle seconded. No additional nominations were made. Nominations were closed, and Paul Anderson declared Vice President.
- The Member at Large position was then opened for nomination. No one accepted the nomination. The position was left open.
- The Board did nominate Todd Bardwick as the Board Appointed Member At Large. He was unopposed. (Note: This is a position that is traditionally filled by the CSCA Scholastic Director and confirmed during the last board meeting prior to the Colorado Open.)
- Earle Wikle motioned that the Board vote on a change to the by-laws, which would then go to the membership for approval during the Membership meeting. His motion was seconded by Jesse Williams. After discussion, the motion passed 6-0. The motion will now be presented to the members for approval. *(Editor's Note: The proposed changes were withdrawn during the Membership meeting in September.)*
- Paul Covington made a motion to establish a separate CSCA bank account to receive donations for Scholastic members who are invited to represent the United States at an International chess tournament. This would include by name donations where the money would be given as a grant to the named person. The motion was seconded by Earle Wikle, and discussed. The donator would decide how the money would be handled (held over for the next year or returned to the donor) should the person named for the grant did not attend the event. This passed 5 to 1 (Paul Anderson dissented).
- Board authorized Todd Bardwick to purchase score sheets, if needed, for the Colorado Open. This is a reimbursable authorized expense.
- Paul Anderson made a motion that the Board schedule a hearing on the Shirley Herman petition which he had previously emailed to the board, at the next board meeting. Jesse Williams seconded. Discussion was heated and then passed 5 to 1 (Paul Covington dissented). *(Editor's Note: As Shirley Herman was not a member of the CSCA and so no action could be taken, the petition was withdrawn at a later date.)*

Earle Wikle motioned to adjourn, Jesse Williams second, and the meeting was adjourned.



## COLORADO OPEN REPORT

by J.C. MacNeil

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The attendance of 113 players at this year's premier CSCA tournament was only down by a couple of players from last year's attendance of 115 players. But down quite a bit from the 158 players at the 2014 Colorado Open.

It cannot be denied that internet chess has increased the popularity of chess, but at the same time, in my opinion, has no doubt affected attendance at weekend tournaments. In the comfort of your own home, you can play any time of the day or night, against equal strength players, essentially for free. A weekend over the board tournament requires a time commitment, an entry fee, maybe a membership fee, food and travel expenses, and possibly the cost of a hotel room. Offset somewhat for the players who win the prize money, but just an expense for the rest of us. An expense we gladly pay, while we lament why we didn't play Nc6 instead of Qxa2.

What internet chess doesn't provide is the intensity of the over the board game, or the camaraderie of the players before and between rounds. Speaking with friends face to face, rather than texting anonymously with strangers. An internet rating is a gauge but it is not an accomplishment like moving to the next higher USCF or FIDE rating class. Another significant factor is you know who you are playing over the board, and not wondering if you are playing against an engine on somebody's phone.

Still, time and progress march on at a dizzying pace in the modern world. Computers and the Internet are here to stay. Artificial intelligence is coming. The timeless game of chess will survive the machines, but will we? There is a plethora of science fiction where intelligent robots or machines decide we are not only not necessary, but a hindrance to machine progress. Go ahead, say that could never happen.

Before getting to who won what, here is a brief summary of the annual CSCA membership meeting, which was attended this year by about 25 people.

Todd Bardwick spoke about the new location for the Scholastic Championship tournament. Saying, "After many years of having the Tivoli on the Auraria campus for free, they are going to start charging for all events, even ones held by their student organizations - which we are not. Unfortunately the cost to rent the facility will be way too high for CSCA to continue holding the Scholastic State Championship there. We are very grateful for all the years we didn't have to pay rent to hold the tournament at the Tivoli - it is very expensive to rent a facility for an entire weekend for this huge event. Next year, the event will be held at the Arapahoe County Fairgrounds."

Earle Wikle, filling in as the CSCA President after Dean Clow resigned the position, reviewed the past years CSCA tournaments and mentioned why the Colorado - New Mexico match was canceled. Mr. Wikle also withdrew his proposed change to the CSCA by-laws. Generating some discussion about how to manage social media content to avoid risk to the CSCA. Mr. Wikle conducted the meeting in an efficient and proper manner. In his agenda for the meeting he reports the CSCA currently has 149 members.

Jeff Cohen reviewed CSCA financial matters, which generated discussion of how Tournament Directors could, and should, better report the financial details of CSCA tournaments. Dean Brown, as the new CSCA Treasurer, will be tasked with creating financial accountability worksheets for TD's to use.

Paul Covington, as the Colorado USCF delegate, reviewed the new USCF rule changes and other topics of interest to all USCF members.

The election of the new CSCA Board went as follows:

For President, Richard "Buck" Buchanan and Paul Covington were nominated. The vote by a show of hands was 10 to 9, with Mr. Buchanan being elected as the new President of the CSCA. Voted in by acclamation was: Kevin McConnell for Vice President; James LaMorgese for Secretary; Dean Brown for Treasurer; Jeff Cohen for Member at Large, and Todd Bardwick as the CSCA Scholastic Coordinator, remaining as the 2nd Member at Large.

Nominated for Junior Representative was Akshat Jain and Griffin McConnell and here is where the CSCA by-laws raised its ugly head. Ann Davies made the perfectly reasonable suggestion that they both be CSCA junior reps. Nope. The by-laws apparently say the CSCA can have only one. Both are dedicated to improving Colorado chess. Both are personable, smart, and well liked by all. Both would be conscientious of the responsibility of the position. So there we are with Griffin's dad and brother in the room, and expected to vote by a show of hands for one or the other. The vote ended in a tie and it was likely some of us voted twice. Once for Griffin and once for Akshat. Then they were going to pass out scraps of paper to have a re-vote, but weren't sure if that was allowed by the - carved in stone - CSCA by-laws. Mr. McConnell settled the issue by withdrawing Griffin's nomination. Akshat Jain will make a fine CSCA Junior Representative.

And that will be quite enough gripping about the CSCA by-laws. Here is who won a share of the very nice \$3,310.00 prize fund. I like that the Colorado Open had 4 sections, since that means more players have a chance to win some money.

The Championship section was won by Gunnar Andersen with a 4.5 point score. Micheal Mulyar, where are you? Come out and play. Gunnar needs some competition. Mr. Andersen only allowed a draw to Richard Shtivelband in round 4. His excellent play won the sweet 1st place prize of 550 dollars. Not to mention the title of being the 2018 Champion of Colorado.

Long time Colorado player, Zachary Bekkedahl, a superb chess instructor who runs the Chessmates Fort Collins school, and Alaa-Addin Moussa tied for 2nd - 3rd place with 4 points each. Mr. Moussa has recently moved to the Denver area from Michigan. He met Paul Covington at the National Senior Tournament of Champions, and here he is already winning money in Colorado. He and Zachary share the combined 2nd and 3rd place prize of 600 dollars. Mr. Bekkedahl had draws with Griffin McConnell and Dean Clow. Mr. Moussa only lost to Mr. Shtivelband. Clearly it was a really tight race for the top 3 prizes.

There was a 4-way for the U2100 prize. Sullivan McConnell, along with his brother, Griffin, were joined by Dean Clow and Sami Al-Adsani, to finish with 3 points. Mr. Al-Adsani can be quite proud of his score. Rated only 1722, here he is sharing the 200 dollar prize with 3 strong Experts.

The clear 1st place winner in the U1900 section was Joshua Samuel. Mr. Samuel only allowed a draw to Cory Kohler in the last round to finish with 4.5 points, and win 450 dollars for his fine play. I thought I had chances in my game against Mr. Samuel up until I didn't.

The combined 2nd and 3rd place prize was won by Cory Kohler, Dwight Sehler and Davin Yin. Cory and Dwight both had 2 draws and 3 wins, while Davin had 4 wins. The young tactical genius lost only to Mr. Samuel. Their 4 point scores earned 150 dollars each.

I am pleased to report that the current DCC Secretary and now the new CSCA Secretary, James LaMorgese, took clear 1st place in the U1600 section. Mr. LaMorgese took a 1st round bye then proceeded to win his next 3 games. Going into the last round, Ben Kester had the benefit of a 1st round forfeit win and then also won his next 3 games to have 4 points to Mr. LaMorgese's 3.5 points. A win or draw for Mr. Kester and he would take the top prize. James was having none of that. Winning the last round game netted Mr. LaMorgese 340 dollars.

The combined 2nd and 3rd place prize was shared by Ben Kester, Andrew Roerty, and Aysuh Vispute. All ending up with 4 points and each winning 115 dollars. Aysuh lost to Mr. Roerty in round 1, had a forced bye in round 2, and a forfeit win in round 5. He did win his games in rounds 3 and 4 over the board. Mr. Roerty only lost to Mr. Kester in round 3 and won his other games. In Aysuh's case, points are points, and all three players won 115 dollars.

The winner of the U1300 section also finished with a 4.5 point score. 113 players in the tournament and not one of them could win all their games. Try to tell me chess is not a difficult game. Daniel Renauer only allowed a draw to Charles Zhang in round 2 to take clear first place and win 250 dollars. Thomas Ngo only lost to Mr. Renauer in round 3 to finish with 4 points and win the clear 2nd place prize of 125 dollars.

The tournament was very well run by Todd Bardwick using Caissa Chess software developed by Dean Clow. A couple of

years ago, when Mr. Clow began directing the DCC Tuesday night tournaments using SwissSys, I distinctly remember one night hearing him say, "I can write something better than this." A few weeks later we had Caissa Chess and have been using it ever since. In my opinion it is far and away better than SwissSys. I can sure testify it makes writing these reports easier.

Thanks to the CSCA for organizing this great tournament every year. Thanks to all the players who participated in and made it a very competitive tournament. Congratulations to all the prize winners. It says here that next year I'm gonna be one of them.

John Brezina took some excellent pictures at this event, which can be viewed online at: <https://tinyurl.com/y8hc43fg>.

## Selected Games From Round 1

**Aleksandr Bozhenov** (1996)

**Gunnar Andersen** (2311)

Notes by Gunnar Andersen

**1.e4 c5 2.c3** (Been getting a lot of experience with this opening lately.) **2...g6 3.d4 cxd4 4.cxd4 d5 5.exd5 Qxd5?!** (Inaccurate, got my lines mixed up.) **6.Nc3 Qd8 7.Nf3 Bg7 8.Bb5+ Nd7 9.0-0 Nh6** (Maybe too "creative".) **10.Bg5 0-0 11.Qe2 Nf6 12.Rfe1 Nf5 13.Rad1 h6 14.Bxf6 Bxf6** (14...exf6!! Black will play ...Nd6 and ...f5 and blockade things. Brian Wall was very much in favor of this move when I showed the game to him.) **15.Ne5 Nd6 16.Bd3 Bf5 17.Ne4 Bxe4 18.Bxe4 (=)** (The cold blooded computer assesses this position as equal, at the time though I was frightened because it seemed to me that White can develop a dangerous attack.) **18...Qa5 19.Bb1 Rad8 20.Qg4 Bg7!** (Prophylaxis, so if he takes on g6 it won't be check.) **21.a3** (21.Nxg6? fxf6 22.Qxg6 Rf6 23.Qh7+ Kf8, I assessed this as much better for Black which seems to be correct; 21.Bxg6 fxf6 22.Nxg6 Rf6 23.Nxe7+ Kh8, I looked at something like this too, White has 3 pawns for a piece so I thought it was unclear but the engine prefers Black perhaps due to the fact that d4 is weak.) **21...h5 22.Qg3 e6?** (This seemingly solid move is very bad because now he can at least force a draw and I wanted to win this game, I calculated sacrifices on g6 but I missed one detail.) **23.Ba2?** (A mistake in kind, look at the variation on move 23 for White's best option. 23.Nxg6 fxf6 24.Rxe6! d6 and g6 hanging, I thought I was just losing here during the game, 24...Nf5 was my intention but there is a better move (24...Rfe8!! 25.Qxg6 Rxe6 26.Qxe6+ Kh8 27.Qg6 Kg8 =) 25.Qxg6 Nxd4 26.Qh7+ Kf7 27.Rxd4 (27.Qg6+, analyzed this with my friend Christofer Peterson, just a draw, 27...Kg8) 27...Rxd4 28.Ba2) **23...Nf5 24.Qc3 Qxc3 25.bxc3** (Black has a small plus because c3 is weak and he can target a3 with some ...Bf8 at some point.) **25...Rc8?** (I made this move way too quickly, it is JUST bad. 25...Rd6! much better, protecting e6 and d7 and I can still put my other rook on c8 I can also swing to a6 with my rook.) **26.Nd7** (Aleksandr had 9 minutes left and I had 16. There was no increment in this game. 26.Nxg6! fxf6 27.Bxe6+ Kh7 28.Bxc8 Rxc8, better version of the game.) **26...Rfd8 27.Nc5 Bf8 28.Nxe6!** (An excellent practical chance.) **28...fxe6**

**29.Bxe6+ Kg7 30.Bxc8 Rxc8** (I thought that Black is marginally better here. White only had 2 minutes so I could also play against that as well, there are many more tricks for Black than for White here, so I felt confident that I can win this position because I will certainly win at least one pawn back.) **31.Rb1 b6 32.Rb3 Rc4 33.h3 h4** (Stopping g4.) **34.Kf1 Ra4?** (34...Kf7! Much better to reduce counterplay.) **35.Re8 Nd6 36.Ra8 Nc4 37.Ke2 a6 38.g3!** (The weaker side wants to trade pawns in the endgame so that it is more difficult to exploit material advantages by queening pawns.) **38...hgx3 39.fgx3 Bxa3 40.g4 Be7** (Wanted to stop h4 h5 but this just walks into a pin.) **41.Kd3 b5 42.Ra7 Kf8 43.d5??** (Now he is just losing. 43.Rb1! Ra2 44.Rf1+ Ke8 (44...Kg8!! missed this beautiful resource 45.Rxe7 Rd2+) 45.Re1 Rd2+ 46.Ke4 Bh4 saw this in the game, though I could probably win here.) **43...Ra2 44.Rxb5 Rd2+ 45.Kxc4 axb5+ 46.Kxb5 Rxd5+** (Now I managed to win all 3 of his pawns whilst keeping my g6 pawn. That being said, I know rook and bishop vs rook pretty well, and even though it's a theoretical draw I felt that I could win especially considering the fact that Bozhenov was playing off of the delay here.) **47.Kc4 Rc5+ 48.Kd4 Rc6 49.Ke5?** (-+)(Now I am completely winning.) **49...Rxc3 50.h4 Bxh4 51.Kf4 Rc4+ 52.Kf3 g5!** (Idea ...Rf4 winning.) **53.Rb7 Rf4+ 54.Ke3 Rxc4 55.Rh7 Rf4 56.Rb7 Rf7 57.Rb5 Kg7 58.Ke2 Kg6 59.Ke3 Kh5 60.Ke2 Kg4 61.Rb4+ Rf4 62.Rb3 Rf2+ 63.Kd1 Rf3 64.Rb4+ Kh3 65.Ke2 Rf2+ 66.Ke3 Rf8 67.Ke2 g4** (White resigns) 0-1

**DuWayne Langseth** (1965)

**Christofer Peterson** (2226)

1.d4 Nf6 2.e3 d6 3.Nf3 g6 4.Be2 Bg7 5.0-0 0-0 6.b3 c5 7.Bb2 cxd4 8.Nxd4 Nc6 9.Nxc6 bxc6 10.c4 Qc7 11.Nc3 e5 12.Bf3 Be6 13.Rc1 Qd7 14.e4 Rfd8 15.Qd2 Qb7 16.Rfd1 Rd7 17.Qg5 Rad8 18.Rc2 h6 19.Qg3 d5 20.exd5 cxd5 21.cxd5 Nxd5 22.Nxd5 Bxd5 23.Rcd2 Bxf3 24.Rxd7 Rxd7 25.Rxd7 Qxd7 26.gxf3 Qd2 27.Ba3 Qxa2 28.Bc5 a5 29.f4 exf4 30.Qxf4 Qxb3 31.Qd6 a4 32.Qe7 h5 33.h3 Qe6 34.Qd8+ Kh7 35.Kg2 Qc6+ 0-1

**Mark Krowczyk** (1968)

**Brian Wall** (2290)

Notes by Brian Wall

**1.d4 c6 2.c4 Qc7** (Played 9 times. I informed Rhett Langseth that this was the most efficient path to the 'Rhetti' but he declined to embrace the improvement so I used it. My original idea was to copy the repertoires of the 4 people adjacent to me. Shtivelband and Ryan Swerdlin like 1.d4 d5. I have beaten Krowczyk's 1.d4 twenty different ways and I am always seeking new trails.) **3.Nc3 d6 4.e4 e5 5.Nf3 Nd7 6.Be3 Ngf6 7.Rc1** (Theoretical Novelty by Mark Krowczyk. 7.Be2!!; 7.h3!! played once.) **7...Be7 8.Be2! 0-0!! 9.0-0!! Rd8** (From an old Bronstein game.) **10.h3!! Nf8!! 11.Qb3 Ne6 12.Rfd1!** (12.Nd5!! +.77, 12...cxd5 13.cxd5 Qb6 14.Qxb6 axb6 15.dxe6 Bxe6 16.dxe5 dxe5 17.Bxb6) **12...exd4 13.Nxd4!! Nc5 14.Qc2!! a5 15.Rd2 Re8 16.Bf3 Bf8 17.Rcd1!! a4 18.Bf4 Qa5** (12 minutes spent setting up.) **19.Nf5 Ncxe4!!** (-.4) **20.Bxe4!** (+.2)(Felt like a mistake. I expected 20.Nh6+!! gxh6 21.Nxe4 Qf5 22.Nxf6+ Qxf6 23.Bxd6 Bf5 24.Qc1 Bg7, -.4) **20...Nxe4!! 21.Nh6+** (21.Nxg7 Bxg7 22.Nxe4 Bf5 23.f3 Re6 24.Bxd6 +.2, 24...Bxe4 (24...Rae8) 25.fxe4 Rae8) **21...gxh6! 22.Nxe4! Bf5!!** (Time left: Mark -

45:29, Brian - 34:39) **23.Nf6+!!** (Mark almost played 23.f3! (-.4) but at the last moment he took his hand away from the pawn, 23...Bxe4 24.fxe4 Qc5+ 25.Kh2 Re6) **23...Kh8! 24.Qc3** (24.Qc1! +.25; 24.b4 (-.15) 24...Bxc2 25.bxa5 Bxd1 26.Nxe8 Rxe8 27.Rxd1 Re2) **24...Qxc3!! 25.bxc3! Re6!!** (9 minutes spent, time left: Mark - 33:40 plus a 5 second delay, Brian - 24:55 plus a 5 second delay. 25...Red8! 26.Nh5 (26.Ng4; 26.Bxd6; 26.g4)) **26.Nd7!! Bg7!!** (10 minutes spent, time left: Mark - 26:14 plus a 5 second delay, Brian - 14:10 plus a 5 second delay. Finding these barely best moves is costing me too much time.) **27.g4!! Re4!!** (7 minutes spent, time left: Mark - 24:39 plus a 5 second delay, Brian - 7:45 plus a 5 second delay.) **28.Nb6!! Rg8!** (I considered 28...Rae8!! but didn't have time anymore for these tenths of a pawn decisions. My moves tend not to be best anymore. 29.Bxd6 Bg6 (29...Re1+; 29...Bxc3)) **29.Bg3** (29.Bxd6!! Bxc3 (29...Bg6) 30.f3) **29...Be6!** (29...Bg6!! 30.f3 Re3) **30.Rxd6 Bxc3?** (30...h5!! (+.7). Two bishops, better pawn structure 31.f3 Re3!! (31...Re2!!); 30...Re2!; 30...a3!) **31.Nxa4!!** (+.33) **31...Be5!! 32.Rxe6!!** (+.4) (5 minutes spent, time left: Mark - 14:17 plus a 5 second delay, Brian - 5:28 plus a 5 second delay.) **32...fxe6! 33.Nc5!! Bxg3!! 34.Nxe4! Be5!** (The end of my scoresheet. Mark - 13:30 plus a 5 second delay.) (34...Bh4!!) **35.Rd7!!** (+.8) **35...b6 36.f4!!** (+1) **36...Bb2! 37.Kf2 Rf8!** (37...Ra8!! (-.33) 38.g5 (38.Rd6; 38.Rc7; 38.Re7) ) **38.Kg3!! Bc1!! 39.Nd2!!** (+.33) 39...Ra8 (39...b5; 39...Kxg8; 39...c5; 39...Rf6) **40.Nb3!! Bb2!!** (The end of Mark's scoresheet.) **41.Rd2 Bc3!** (41...Rxa2 the pin was too scary in time pressure 42.Kf3!! +1 (42.Kg2 +.55) ; 41...Bf6!) **42.Rc2 Bf6!!** (-.6) **43.Kf3!** (43.Re2!!) **43...Rd8** (43...Kg8!! -.1 44.Ke4 Kf7) **44.Ke4** (44.c5!!(1.33/0); 44.Re2!! (+1.2)) **44...Kg7 45.c5!!** (+.75) **45...b5! 46.Na5!! Re8! 47.Rd2!! Be7 48.Rd7!!** (1.33/0) **48...Kf8!** (I had little time in a tough ending but I could never bring myself to offer a draw. It got down to White: king, rook, g4-pawn, f4-pawn vs Black: king, rook, h7-pawn, h6 pawn. The ending is probably drawn but I messed it up with 15 seconds and a 5 second delay.) **49.Kd4 Ke8 50.Rb7 Rd8+ 51.Ke5 Bxc5 52.Nxc6** (About 20 more moves (1.55/0)) ... 1-0

## Selected Games From Round 2

**Brian Wall** (2290)

**Michael Maloney** (1908)

Notes by Brian Wall

**1.d4 d6 2.e4 g6 3.c4 e5 4.Ne2 Nf6 5.f3 exd4 6.Nxd4 Bg7 7.Nc3 Nc6 8.Be3 Nxd4 9.Bxd4 0-0 10.Be2!!** (10.Qd2!!, played twice.) **10...Be6** (Theoretical Novelty by Michael Maloney. 10...Bh6!!, played once.) **11.0-0!!** (+.4) **11...Nd7** (Trade, trade, lose.) **12.Nd5** (12.f4!! (+.64); 12.Bxg7!! (+.6) 12...Kxg7 13.f4 f6 14.Rf3 (14.Qd4; 14.Qd2; 14.b3; 14.Rc1)) **12...Bxd5** (-.4) **13.cxd5!! Bxd4+!! 14.Qxd4! Qf6! 15.Qxf6!!** (15.Qd2!) **15...Nxf6! 16.Rac1!!** (16.Rfd1!!; 16.Rad1!!) **16...Rfc8 17.Rc3!** (17.Rfd1!!; 17.Kf2!!; 17.g4!!) **17...c5! 18.dxc6!! Rxc6!! 19.Rxc6!!** (+.6)(Somewhere between a White win and a draw.) **19...bxc6 20.Rd1** (20.Rc1!!) **20...Rd8** (Time left: Brian - 69 minutes plus a 5 second delay, Mike - 39 minutes plus a 5 second delay.) **21.e5** (21.b4!!; 21.Rc1!!; 21.Kf2!!) **21...Nd5!!** (-.44)(21...Ne8 (-.7) 22.f4!! (22.Kf2; 22.exd6; 22.Rd3; 22.Rd4;

22.g3)) **22.exd6!!** (22.Bb5 cxb5 23.Rxd5 a6 24.exd6 Kf8 25.Rd4 Ke8 26.Kf2 Kd7 27.Ke3 Re8+ 28.Re4 Rc8) **22...Rxd6! 23.Kf2 Kf8!! 24.Rd4 Ke7 25.Ra4 Rd7!!** (-.11) **26.f4 Kd6 27.Bf3 Rb7 28.b3! Nb4 29.Ke3 Nd5+ 30.Bxd5!!** (I don't really have anything. I didn't think I could break down Mike's central construction.) **30...Kxd5!!** (30...cxd5 31.Kd4 (+.6)) **31.Ra5+ c5!!** (Time left: Brian - 43 minutes plus a 5 second delay, Mike - 4 minutes, 48 seconds plus a 5 second delay.) **32.Kd3 Kc6 33.Ra6+ Kd5 34.g3 Rc7 35.h4 Rb7 36.h5 Re7 37.h6 Rb7! 38.g4 Re7! 39.g5!!** (+.2)(Now Mike has to worry about h7 every move. Time left: Brian - 37:12 plus a 5 second delay, Mike - 1:33 plus a 5 second delay.) **39...Rb7! 40.Ra5 Kd6 41.Ra4 Re7 42.Ra6+!! Kd5! 43.Rf6!! Rb7! 44.Ra6 Re7! 45.Ra4 Rb7 46.Ke3 Re7+ 47.Kf3!! Kc6 48.Rc4 Kd5! 49.Rc1!! Kd4** (I stopped keeping score, the rest is a very rough re-creation. I managed to win on the clock and on the board. Time left: Brian - 31 minutes plus a 5 second delay, Mike - 31 seconds plus a 5 second delay.) **50.Rd1+!! Kc3 51.Rd5 (+1)(51.Rd8!! Rb7 52.Rh8 f5 53.gxf6 Kb2 54.Ke4 Kxa2 55.Ke5 Kxb3 56.Ke6 Rb6+ 57.Kf7 c4 58.Rxh7 Rb8 59.Kg7 c3 60.f7 c2 61.Rh8 Rxh8 62.Kxh8 c1Q 63.f8Q Qc3+ 64.Kg8 Kc2 65.h7 Qb3+ 66.Kg7 Qb7+ 67.Qf7 Qb2+ 68.Kxg6 (+11)) 51...Kb4 52.Kg4 a5 53.Rd8!! a4 54.Kf3!! axb3!! 55.Rb8+!! Kc3!! 56.axb3!! Rc7! 57.Ke4!! Re7+ 58.Kd5!! Rd7+ 59.Ke5! (59.Kxc5!!) 59...Re7+ 60.Kf6!! (+1.6) 60...Re1 61.Kg7 Re4 62.Kxh7!! (+7) 62...Rxf4! 63.Kg7!! Rh4 64.h7 Kd4 65.h8Q!! Rxh8! 66.Rxh8!! (+10) 1-0**

**Christofer Peterson** (2226)  
**Richard "Buck" Buchanan** (2030)

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 Nc6 6.Bg5 e6 7.Qd2 Be7 8.0-0-0 0-0 9.f4 Qb6 10.Nb3 Rd8 11.g4 Nxg4 12.Qg2 Bxg5 13.Qxg4 Qe3+ 14.Kb1 Qxf4 15.Qg2 Bf6 16.Rd3 Bxc3 17.Rxc3 d5 18.Rf3 Qh4 19.Rg1 g6 20.exd5 exd5 21.Re3 Bf5 22.Bd3 Bxd3 23.Rxd3 Qe4 24.Qg3 Qe5 25.Qh4 Re8 26.a3 Rad8 27.Nd2 Qe7 28.Qh6 Qf8 29.Qh4 Re6 30.Nf3 Re4 31.Qg5 f6 32.Qg2 Ne5 33.Nxe5 Rxe5 34.Rgd1 Qf7 35.c4 Qe7 36.cxd5 Re2 37.Qf3 Qe5 38.R1d2 Rxd2 39.Rxd2 f5 40.Ka2 Kf7 41.Qb3 Rd7 42.Qb5 Qd6 43.Qc4 a4 44.b4 Rc7 45.Qb3 b5 46.Qh3 Kg7 47.Qe3 Rc4 48.Kb3 f4 49.Qf3 g5 50.Qg4 h6 51.Qf5 Rc7 52.h4 Qf6 53.Qh3 f3 54.Rd3 f2 55.Rf3 f1Q 56.Rxf1 Qd4 57.Qf3 Qc4+ 58.Kb2 Qd4+ 59.Kb1 Qe5 60.hxg5 hxg5 61.Qf8+ Kg6 62.Qf3 Rd7 63.Qd3+ Kg7 64.Rf5 Qe7 65.Qd4+ Kg6 66.Re5 Qf6 67.Qe4+ Kg7 68.Qe3 Qf1+ 69.Kb2 Qg2+ 70.Kb1 Qf1+ 71.Kb2 Qg2+ 72.Kb3 Rxd5 73.Re7+ Kg6 74.Qe6+ Kh5 75.Rh7# 1-0

**Dean Clow** (2037)  
**Akshat Jain** (2187)

1.d4 Nf6 2.Bf4 g6 3.e3 Bg7 4.Nf3 c5 5.c3 d5 6.Be2 Nc6 7.0-0 Nh5 8.Bg5 h6 9.Bh4 cxd4 10.Nxd4 Nf6 11.Nd2 0-0 12.Qb3 e5 13.Nxc6 bxc6 14.Rfd1 Be6 15.Qa3 Qb6 16.Bg3 Nd7 17.Rac1 Rfb8 18.b3 a5 19.Qa4 Nc5 20.Qh4 f5 21.f4 exf4 22.exf4 g5 23.fxg5 hxg5 24.Qh5 Nd3+ 25.Kf1 Nxc1 26.Bxb8 Bf7 27.Qxg5 Qxb8 28.Rxc1 Qxh2 29.Nf3 Qh6 30.Rc2 Qxg5 31.Nxg5 Bg6 32.Bd3 Re8 33.Re2 Rxe2 34.Kxe2 Bxc3 35.g4 Kg7 36.gxf5 Bh5+ 37.Ke3 Kf6 38.Nh7+ Ke5 39.Nf8 Bd4+ 40.Kd2 Bg4 41.Nd7+ Kd6 42.Nf8 Ke5 43.Nd7+ Kd6 44.Nf8 Bg7 45.Ng6 c5 46.Ke3 Bh6+ 47.Kf2 c4 48.bxc4 dxc4 49.Bc2 Kd5 50.Kg3 Bh5

51.Ne7+ Kd6 52.Nc8+ Ke5 53.Ne7 Be8 54.Kf3 Kd4 55.Ng8 Bh5+ 56.Kg3 Bg5 57.f6 Ke5 58.Ne7 Kxf6 59.Nc6 Bd2 60.Kf2 Ke6 61.Nd4+ Kd5 62.Nf3 Bh6 63.Bh7 Kc5 64.Ne5 Bf4 ... ½-½

**Dwight Sehler** (1788)  
**Mukund Gurumurthi** (1674)

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.d3 g6 4.g3 Bg7 5.Bg2 d6 6.0-0 Nf6 7.Re1 0-0 8.a4 a6 9.Na3 Bd7 10.Nc4 b5 11.axb5 axb5 12.Rxa8 Qxa8 13.Nb6 Qb7 14.Nxd7 Nxd7 15.c3 Ra8 16.d4 b4 17.e5 dxe5 18.dxe5 bxc3 19.bxc3 Qc7 20.e6 fxe6 21.Rxe6 Bxc3 22.Rxc6 Qxc6 23.Qb3+ c4 24.Qxc3 Rf8 25.Ne5 Qf6 26.Qxc4+ Kh8 27.Nf3 Ne5 28.Qf4 Nxf3+ 29.Bxf3 Qg7 30.Bb2 1-0

**Gunnar Andersen** (2311)  
**Neil Bhavikatti** (2103)  
Notes by Gunnar Andersen

**1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4** (Was in an Italian mood on Saturday.) **3...Bc5 4.0-0 Nf6 5.d3 0-0 6.c3** (This was round 2, so still no increment. Neil decided to go into the tank here which is not advisable without an increment at this early phase of the game. He thought for 16 minutes.) **6...d5 7.exd5 Nxd5 8.b4 Be7 9.b5 Na5** (e5 is "free".) **10.Bxd5** (10.Nxe5 this is okay but he gets the pawn back 10...Bf6 11.f4 Nxc3 12.Nxc3 Qd4+ 13.Kh1) **10...Qxd5 11.c4 Qd8 12.Nc3?! (Not the best move, but here Neil went into the tank for 20 minutes. 12.Bd2! is what one of my favorite players, Jobava, did here.) 12...c6 13.Re1N cxb5?! (30 minutes spent on this move, just ...f6 would've been fine instead. My friend Richard Shtivelband was highly critical of this move in the post mortem because it gives up the d5 square, where my knight can go if it wants. 13...f6 Black is just slightly better.) 14.Nxb5 Nc6 15.Bb2 (Black is still fine here.) 15...Bg4 16.h3 Bxf3 17.Qxf3 (White's pieces are not coordinated very well here at all, but somehow I thought I was better here.) 17...Bf6 18.Rab1! (Excellent move that does 3 things: 1. Defends the bishop on b2 from e4 discoveries 2. Puts rook on half open file 3. Moves the rook from a1 where it, and the rook on e1, would be forked after an eventual ...Bd4-c2.) 18...Qd7 19.Nc3 Nd4? (Engine says that this very natural move is actually a mistake. The inhuman 19...Be7! is the best move according to the engine but no human would play this after having invested a tempo on putting this guy to f6.) 20.Qe4?! (Now White's pieces are centralized, but this is not the best move. 20.Qg3! This move is much better, attacking e5 and pinning the pawn on g7 20...g6 21.Nd5 Bg7 22.Rxe5 (22.Bxd4 exd4 23.Re7 also very good.) 22...Bxe5 23.Qxe5 +-) 20...g6? (+-)(I thought that this move wasn't the best but I did not realize that this is actually the turning point, after which Black will lose.) 21.Nd5 Bg7 22.Bxd4 exd4 (I saw that I am tactically just winning a pawn here but this is also good positionally because the knight on d5 is a monster which cannot be assailed.) 23.Rxb7 (+-)(This rook is immune due to the discovery.) 23...Qa4 (23...Qxb7 24.Ne7+ the queen is lost.) 24.Re2?! (Too cautious. 24.Qf4! Qxa2 25.Ree7, this is an excellent way to exploit the weak 7th rank.) 24...Rab8 (Neil has about 7 minutes here and I had about 25, so I was able to leverage my time advantage as well as having a good position. I thought for a while here and came up with an interesting way to transform the advantage.) 25.Rxb8 Rxb8 26.Kh2! (An excellent prophylactic move, definitely my best**

move of the game but maybe even of the tournament. I am avoiding any back rank checks here and now White is just simply winning. My idea was if he moves his rook off the back rank I can start to assail the backrank or go after the 7th rank weaknesses.) **26...Qd7 27.Qe7 Qf5** (Accelerating the end. 27...Qxe7 28.Rxe7 this is easily winning.) **28.Qe8+** (Winning, but 28.Qd6! even better, but I saw that Qe8+ wins simply so I went for that instead.) **28...Rxe8 29.Rxe8+ Bf8 30.Ne7+** (Black resigns. I will take the queen and then the bishop and the pawn ending is very easily winning.) **1-0**

**J.C. MacNeil** (1671)

**Joshua Samuel** (1876)

Notes by J.C. MacNeil

**1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nd2 dxe4 4.Nxe4 Nd7 5.c4 Ngf6 6.Nc3 b6 7.Nf3 Bb7 8.Be2 Bd6 9.h3 h6 10.Be3 Qe7 11.Qb3 0-0 12.c5 bxc5 13.Qxb7 cxd4 14.Nxd4 Rfb8 15.Qa6 Rxb2 16.Nb3 Bb4 17.Qd3 Nd5 18.Bd2 Rxd2 19.Nxd2 Bxc3 20.Rc1 Ne5 21.Qc2 Qb4 22.Rb1 Qd4 23.Rd1 Nf4 24.Kf1 Bxd2 25.Qxd2 Qxd2 26.Rxd2 Rb8 27.g3 Nd5 28.Kg2 Kf8 29.f4 Nd7 30.f5 Ke7** (No excuse for not noticing ...Ne3 is a fork.) **31.Bf3 Ne3+ 32.Kf2 Nxf5 33.Rc1 Kd8 34.Rdc2 Ne5** (Even worse I fail to see ...Nd3 coming and play...) **35.Rxc7 Nd3+ 0-1**

**Sullivan McConnell** (2041)

**Rhett Langseth** (2168)

Notes by Sullivan McConnell

(This is a typical two advantages kind of game, as Rhett plays for a queenside attack on my backward pawn on d3, as I attack his king on the kingside. This has a amazing finish, that is quite nice, I beleive.) **1.e4 d6 2.d4 Nf6 3.Nc3 Nbd7 4.f4 e5 5.dxe5 dxe5 6.f5 Bb4 7.Bd3 Nc5 8.Bd2!** (This move gets a exclam, as it lets the center go with Bxf3, but obtains a powerful bishop and good attacking chances on the kingside.) **8...Nxd3+!** (Another exclam, in my opinion as he is creating a backward pawn on the d-file, and he does not think he is winning a pawn with 9.cxd3 Qxd3? 10.Qa4+!, and winning the bishop on b4.) **9.cxd3 0-0 10.Qf3** (Best square for the queen.) **10...b6 11.Nge2 Ba6 12.Nc1** (The point behind Nge2, and although passive this knight is a amazing piece, covering holes that my plan of a3, b4, b5 will make, and it defends the king later on in the game.) **12...Qd4 13.a3 Bc5?!** (This is a innacuaracy as it allows b4 to come with tempo.) **14.b4 Be7 15.Rb1 Rfd8** (I think the a-rook was slightly better here.) **16.N3e2** (One of the points of Rb1.) **16...Qd7** (Trying to stop b5.) **17.Rb3** (Defending. What else?) **17...c5** (Finality on the attack on the pawn.) **18.g4!** (Finally comes the attack! Notice how the f-rook would have been nicely placed on the f-file now, yet it would take up a vauluble square for the king. Also this move deserves a exclam as it does nothing to stop c4, winning the pawn. Part of my plan is the fact that the pawn on d3 gets in the way of all Black's pieces.) **18...c4 19.Rc3 cxd3 20.Ng3 h6 21.h4 Nh7 22.g5!?** (This has to happen now, or Black is setting up a fortress with f6, however this is a bit forcing the issue. Maybe f6 was better.) **22...hgx5 23.hgx5 Bxg5!** (I thought this lost but Black sets up a brilliant defense.) **24.Qh5 Bh6!!** (A shield that cannot be destroyed, for 25.Bxh6 d2+ speaks for itself about who is attacking!) **25.Qh2** (Now Bxh6 works.) **25...Qd4?** (A mistake in a more or less drawn

position, allowing the knight on c1 to get active for no reason.) **26.Nb3 Qd6** (This should have been played first.) **27.Bxh6!!** (Trading down the queens! This may seem insane but it helps give me a advantage.) **27...Qxh6** (Only move.) **28.Qxh6 gxh6 29.Rxh6** (I am down a pawn, but I have active piece play.) **29...Bb5!** (Stopping Rc6. Very strong.) **30.Kd2** (Very interesting game will follow as the knight on h7 is having trouble coming out.) **30...Ng5?** (This seemingly harmless knight attack on g5 is the move that lost the game. Already this is a difficult position, but the simple Kg7! was needed here, and the knight will be stuck for a while, but at least he is not losing on the spot.) **31.f6!!** (This amazing move is the reason why 30...Kg7 should have been played, as even though queens are off, I am planning to mate the Black king with either Rc1, R1h3, and Rh8 mate, or Nf5, Ne7+, Rh8 mate. This amazing pawn!) **31...Rd6 32.Rc1** (The mate on h8 is almost unstoppable, and here was Black's last chance to confuse the issue with Nf3+, Ke3!,d2,Nxd2!! and Rch1 is unstoppable. A way this could have gotten really interesting is Nf3+, Ke3, d2, Rch1!?, Rd3+!.,Kf2!, d1N+!! and crazy checks.) **32...Nh7 33.Rch1 Rxf6 34.Rxh7** (The rook on a8 will soon fall too.) **34...Re8 35.Rh8+ Kg7** (Clean-up time.) **36.Rxe8 Bxe8 37.Nh5+** (The rest has no point in being shown. One thing to learn from this is even with queens off, attacks can still happen easily and be successful.) ... **1-0**

**Tyler Wishall** (952)

**Tyler Thiesen** (1276)

**1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 g6 6.h3 Bg7 7.Bc4 0-0 8.Bd2 Qb6 9.Nb3 Nc6 10.Na4 Qc7 11.Nc3 Bd7 12.Qe2 Nb4 13.0-0-0 Rfc8 14.Bd3 Nxd3+ 15.Qxd3 b5 16.a3 a5 17.Nd4 b4 18.axb4 axb4 19.Nb1 Nxe4 20.Be3 Nc5 21.Qc4 Bxd4 22.Rxd4 Be6 23.Qxb4 Nd3+ 24.Kd2 Qxc2#**

**Zachary Bekkedahl** (2162)

**Griffin McConnell** (2016)

**1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 b5 6.Bb3 Be7 7.Re1 0-0 8.c3 d6 9.h3 Na5 10.Be2 c5 11.d4 Qc7 12.Nbd2 cxd4 13.cxd4 Nc6 14.d5 Nb4 15.Bb1 a5 16.a3 Na6 17.b4 axb4 18.axb4 Bd7 19.Qb3 Nc5 20.bxc5 Rxa1 21.c6 Bc8 22.Ba3 Qa5 23.Re3 Ne8 24.Qb2 Rxb1+ 25.Nxb1 f6 26.Rb3 Nc7 27.Nc3 g5 28.Nxb5 Nxb5 29.Rxb5 Qa4 30.Rb4 Qd1+ 31.Kh2 g4 32.Ng1 gxh3 33.gxh3 f5 34.Qe2 Qa1 35.Bb2 Qa7 36.Nf3 fxe4 37.Rxe4 Bg5 38.Kg2 Bf4 39.Nxe5 Bxe5 40.Bxe5 dxe5 41.d6 Qc5 42.d7 Qxc6 43.dxc8Q Rxc8 44.Kh2 Qc7 45.Qg4+ Kh8 46.Qf5 Re8 47.Rg4 Qe7 48.Qe4 Qe6 49.Rg3 Qf6 50.Rf3 Qg7 51.Rg3 Qf6 52.Rf3 Qg7 53.Qg4 Qxg4 54.hxg4 Kg7 55.Kg3 Ra8 56.Rb3 Ra4 57.Kh4 Rf4 58.Kg3 Ra4 59.f3 Ra6 60.Rb5 Kf6 ... ½-½**

## Selected Games From Round 3

**Christofer Peterson** (2226)

**Gunnar Andersen** (2311)

Notes by Gunnar Andersen

**1.e4** (Chris is a good friend whom I went to the Chicago Open and the World Open with, and I have a lot of respect for him. He's also a very good player, so I knew a tough battle was ahead.) **1...c5 2.Nf3 g6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nc6 5.Nc3 Bg7 6.Be3**

**Nf6 7.Bc4 0-0 8.Bb3 Ng4** (Prepared this saucy move before the game a bit, ended up showing up late to the game.) **9.Qxg4 Nxd4 10.0-0?** (This natural move is actually a big mistake here. 10.Qd1 this is the main move; 10.Qh4, Chris intended to play this move which Nyezmetdinov played in a very famous game.) **10...d5 11.Qh4 Nxb3 12.axb3 d4 13.Rfd1 e5 14.Bg5 f6 15.Bh6 Be6 16.Bxg7 Kxg7 17.Ne2 a6 18.Nc1 Rc8 19.c4?? dxc3!** (-+) (White is lost.) **20.Ne2** (20.Rxd8 cxb2 21.Rb1 (21.Rxf8 Rxc1+ 22.Rxc1 bxc1R# - rook for maximum aesthetic points.) 21...Rfxd8 Black is completely winning 22.Nd3 Rc1+ 23.Ne1 Rxb1) **20...cxb2 21.Rab1 Bxb3!!** (I do not usually award myself two exclamation points, but I feel that this move is deserving of such an annotation.) **22.Rxd8 Rfxd8** (There is simply no way to organize his pieces so that he will not lose.) **23.h3** (23.Qg4 Rc7 (-+); 23.f3 Rd2!! 24.Qg4 Rcc2 25.Ng3 Rxc2+ 26.Kh1 Rxh2+ 27.Kg1 Rcg2+ 28.Kf1 Bc4+ 29.Ne2 Bxe2+ 30.Ke1 Rxc4 31.fxc4 Bd3) **23...Rd1+ 24.Rxd1 Bxd1 25.Qg4 Bxe2??** (An absolutely hideous blunder that sours the entire combination. 25...b1Q, I thought that the two moves transposed.) **26.Qxc8??** (A blunder in return! Chris made this move instantly. 26.Qd7+ Kh6 27.Qd2+ g5 28.Qxb2 Bb5 (=), Black has practical chances though.) **26...b1Q+ 27.Kh2 Qxe4** (This position is resignable but Chris does not like resigning.) **28.Qd7+ Kh6 29.Qc8 Qb4** (Not the strongest but definitely the easiest.) **30.f3 Qe7 31.Kh1 Bb5 32.Qg8 Qe8 33.Qb3 Bc6 34.Qa3 Kg7 35.Qe3 e4 36.f4 a5 37.g4 a4 38.g5 Qd8 39.Qc5 e3+ 40.Kh2 Qd2+ 41.Kg3 Qf2+ 42.Kg4 f5+ (Wanted to flex because he wouldn't resign.) 43.Qxf5 Bf3# 0-1**

**Griffin McConnell** (2016)

**Brian Wall** (2290)

Notes by Brian Wall

**1.e4** (The McConnell boys made expert about 10 years younger than I did.) **1...a6** (Wall Opening for over 40 years. The main idea is to unnerve White by transposing to a known opening, making him feel like a failure.) **2.d4 e6** (My favorite for decades but in 2012 I experimented with at least 15 alternatives.) **3.c4 c5 4.d5!!** (+1) **4...d6! 5.Nc3! g6** (-1.2) **6.f4** (Theoretical Novelty by Griffin McConnell.) (6.Nf3!!; 6.Qa4+!!; 6.Be2!!; 6.Bd3!!; 6.h3!!) **6...Bg7! 7.Qc2?** (+.6) **7...exd5! 8.Nxd5?** (-.4) **8...Nc6! 9.Nf3 Nf6!! 10.Bd2 0-0!! 11.Bd3!! Bg4!! 12.Bc3 Bxf3!! 13.gxf3 Nxd5!!** (+1.2) **14.cxd5!** (Griffin has some hideous form of a Benoni.) **14...Nd4!** (I was happy with an opposite colored bishop middlegame attack. GM Dzindiznashvili had shown me a lot in those.) (14...Nb4!! wins a pawn 15.Bxb4 cxb4 16.h4 Qf6 17.Qd2 Bh6 (17...Rac8; 17...Qxb2)) **15.Qf2!!** (Typical McConnell play, they get bad games but then find so many best moves you want to tear your hair out.) **15...b5 16.Bd2 Qf6!** (16...c4!! 17.Bb1 Nf5!! did not occur to me 18.Bc3 Bxc3+ 19.bxc3 Qf6 20.Qd2 Nh4 21.Kf2 b4 22.Rc1 h6 (22...Rae8; 22...Rfb8).) **17.0-0 c4!!** (+1.3) **18.Bb1? Nxf3+!!** (+4) **19.Qxf3! Qxb2!! 20.e5! Qxd2!!** (20...b4!! (+1.7); Brad Lundstrom would have played 20...Qxa1?? -2.7 21.Bc3.) **21.Be4! f5!! 22.exf6! Rxf6 23.Rad1 Qxa2** (+4) (Three Connected Passed Pawn Wave Guy.) **0-1**

**Richard Shtivelband** (2294)

**Alaa-Addin Moussa** (2151)

1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.exd5 cxd5 4.c4 Nf6 5.Nc3 e6 6.Nf3 Be7 7.Bg5 0-0 8.c5 b6 9.b4 a5 10.Na4 Nfd7 11.Bxe7 Qxe7 12.Bb5 Ba6 13.Bxa6 Nxa6 14.b5 Nc7 15.Rb1 bxc5 16.b6 Na6 17.b7 Ra7 18.dxc5 Ndx5 19.Nxc5 Qxc5 20.0-0 Qe7 21.Qe2 Rb8 22.Nd4 Qd7 23.Rb6 Nc5 24.Qe5 Qe8 25.Qc7 Nd7 26.Nc6 Nxb6 27.Nxb8 Na8 28.Qc8 Kf8 29.Nd7+ 1-0

**Ryan Swerdlin** (2247)

**Sullivan McConnell** (2041)

Notes by Sullivan McConnell

**1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 b6 4.g3 Bb7 5.Bg2 Be7 6.0-0 0-0 7.d5 exd5 8.Nh4 c6 9.cxd5 Nxd5 10.Nf5 Bc5 11.e4 Ne7?** (A mistake losing the defensive bishop.) **12.Nxg7! Kxg7 13.b4 Bxb4 14.Qd4+ f6 15.Qxb4 c5 16.Qd2 Nbc6 17.Nc3 Nd4 18.Re1 Ng6 19.Ne2!** (Getting rid of my best piece. Very simple.) **19...Nxe2+ 20.Rxe2 Re8 21.Bb2 Ne5 22.Rd1 Bc6 23.Qc3 Nf7 24.e5!!** (Tactically getting the pawn back, and making a big advantage for White.) **24...Bxg2 25.e6?** (This amazing move is a mistake due to a major counter-tactic, I can flip from being in a crushing bind, to a completely winning position!) **25...d5!!** (The bishop on g2 makes this possible, otherwise it seems the amazing Rxd5!! would work, with my position crumbling to dust.) **26.Kxg2 d4 27.Qf3 Ne5 28.Qe4 Qd6** (Aiming to trade queens into a easily winning game, aka my passed pawns will roll over his defenses.) **29.f4 Ng6 30.Bxd4!** (The pawns had to be broken up, and this is practically forced, and is the best move with the engine after a while.) **30...cxd4 31.Rxd4 Qe7 32.h4 Rad8 33.h5 Rxd4 34.Qxd4 Qb7+??** (This one move gets rid of the win in seconds, the engine suggests that now White is equal!) **35.Kf2 Ne7 36.h6+ Kg8 37.Qxf6 Ng6 38.f5** (The move suggested by the engine is Rd2, with +1 for White!!) **38...Rf8** (This is equal.) **39.Qxf8+ Kxf8 40.fxc6 hxc6 41.e7+ Ke8 42.h7** (Only move.) **42...Qh1** (Only move.) **43.Rc2** (After this Qf2+, and taking the rook, and Kxe7 both draw.) **43...Kxe7 44.Rc8 Qh2+ 45.Kf3 Qh5+ 46.Kg2 Qe2+ 47.Kg1 Qe1+ 48.Kg2 Qe4+ 49.Kh2 Qe2+ 50.Kg1** (The game was agreed to a draw here.) ½-½

## Selected Games From Round 4

**Akshat Jain** (2187)

**Ryan Swerdlin** (2247)

1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.Nf3 e6 5.Bg5 Qa5 6.Bxf6 gxf6 7.e3 Nd7 8.Nd2 f5 9.Rc1 a6 10.Bd3 Rg8 11.g3 Be7 12.0-0 dxc4 13.Nxc4 Qc7 14.e4 b5 15.Ne5 Nxe5 16.dxe5 f4 17.Qh5 Rg5 18.Qf3 Qxe5 19.Ne2 Bb7 20.Qxf4 Qxf4 21.Nxf4 Rd8 22.Rfd1 Rc5 23.Rxc5 Bxc5 24.Bc2 Rxd1+ 25.Bxd1 Bd4 26.b3 c5 27.Bc2 c4 28.Ne2 e5 29.Kf1 Ke7 30.f3 Kd6 31.Ke1 Kc5 32.f4 Kb4 33.fxe5 Bxe5 34.Kd2 Ka3 35.bxc4 bxc4 36.Nc3 Kb2 37.Nd5 Kxa2 38.Nb6 c3+ 39.Kc1 h5 40.Nc4 Bc7 41.Bd1 h4 42.Kc2 hxc3 43.hxc3 Bxe4+ 44.Kxc3 Bxc3 45.Bb3+ Ka1 46.Nd2 Bg6 47.Bc4 a5 48.Kb3 f6 49.Be2 Be8 50.Nc4 a4+ 51.Ka3 Bf4 52.Bd1 Bb5 53.Kb4 Bxc4 54.Kxc4 a3 55.Kb3 Bc1 56.Bc2 Bb2 57.Bf5 a2 ½-½

**Coleman Hoyt** (1388)  
**Steven Butcher** (1355)

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 d6 5.Nc3 a6 6.Be3 e6 7.Bc4 Be7 8.Bb3 Nf6 9.f3 0-0 10.Qd2 Qd7 11.0-0-0 b5 12.Nce2 Bb7 13.g4 Ne5 14.Ng3 d5 15.g5 Ne8 16.Qe2 Bc5 17.exd5 Bxd5 18.Bxd5 Qxd5 19.Ndf5 Bxe3+ 20.Qxe3 Qxa2 21.Ne7+ Kh8 22.Qxe5 Qa1+ 23.Kd2 Qa4 24.Qe4 Qa5+ 25.Ke2 Rd8 26.Rd4 Qc7 27.Qxh7+ Kxh7 28.Rh4# 1-0

**Gunnar Andersen** (2311)  
**Richard Shtivelband** (2294)  
*Notes by Gunnar Andersen*

**1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Nc3** (*I did not sleep at all really before this game but I still prepared some stuff, I couldn't decide which line I wanted to play so I went for this one.*) **3...Nf6** (*3...g6, Richard played this last time and I won that game.*) **4.Bb5 Bd6** (*This move looks really weird but he will eventually get to play ...c6 ...Bc7 ...d5 and it will not look so weird.*) **5.0-0 0-0 6.Re1 Re8 7.d3** (*We played the exact same moves at the Colorado Closed but here he deviated from that game, 7.a3*) **7...Nd4!** (*Strong and logical.*) **8.Bc4** (*8.Nxd4 exd4 9.Ne2 Ng4 10.Ng3 Qh4 did not like this, 11.h3 Nxf2 12.Nf5*) **8...c6 9.a4?! Bb4** (=) (*If anything Black has a tiny micro plus here but it will not become tangible if White plays accurately.*) **10.h3!** (*This move ostensibly loses material, but I calculated to the end that it in fact does not.*) **10...d5 11.exd5 cxd5 12.Ba2 Nxf3+ 13.Qxf3 h6!** (*Keeping the position completely balanced, this is an excellent move. 13...d4 14.Ne4, I believe Richard said that he did not fully appreciate this move until this point 14...Bxe1 the White rook is taboo, 15.Bg5 Bd2 16.Nxf6+ gxf6 17.Bxf6 Re7 18.Rd1 Bb4 19.Qh5 (±). Was wanting something like this.*) **14.Bd2 e4? 15.dxe4 dxe4** (*Tried really hard to make taking on e4 work.*) **16.Qe2?!** (*16.Nxe4!! I was correct that this does work, even in the post mortem I could not figure out that White can win a pawn this way. There are many lines to calculate here too so it's not a very easy computational task 16...Bxd2 (16...Rxe4 17.Rxe4 Bxd2 18.Rd1, Transposes 18...Nxe4 19.Qxe4 Bxh3) 17.Rad1 Bxe1 (17...Rxe4 18.Rxe4 Nxe4 19.Qxe4 I understood that I can win my pawn back in something like this, 19...Qa5 (19...Bxh3!! I missed this move 20.Qxb7 Bxg2 21.Bxf7+ Kf8 22.Kxg2) 20.Qe8+ Kh7 21.Bxf7 sounds funny to say, but I missed this move in my calculations) 18.Rxd8 Rxd8 19.Nxf6+ gxf6 20.Qxf6 Rd7 21.Qg6+ Kf8 22.Qxh6+*) **16...Be6** (*A good move.*) **17.Bxe6 Rxe6 18.Rad1 Qe7 19.Nb5 Bc5** (*Here Richard proposed a draw which I accepted. I thought for roughly 8 minutes before accepting the draw, but I accepted it because I thought that if I played this position for 3 more hours that I would not likely win against someone of his strength, it would just be a draw anyway but I would be more tired. So, I decided to end the game in this position so that I could focus on winning my next game with Black against either Ryan Swerdlin or Akshat Jain, both of whom are very strong players.*) ½-½

**Sullivan McConnell** (2041)  
**Christofer Peterson** (2226)

1.e4 c5 2.Nc3 d6 3.f4 Nc6 4.Nf3 g6 5.Bb5 Bd7 6.0-0 Bg7 7.d3 e6 8.Bxc6 bxc6 9.e5 d5 10.Na4 Bf8 11.c4 Nh6 12.b3 Nf5 13.g4

Nd4 14.Be3 Qa5 15.Bd2 Qc7 16.Bc3 Be7 17.Bxd4 cxd4 18.c5 f6 19.Qe1 0-0 20.Nxd4 Rae8 21.Nf3 Bc8 22.Qe3 Ba6 23.Nd4 Bd8 24.Rae1 Rf7 25.exf6 Bxf6 26.Nxe6 Rxe6 27.Qxe6 Bxd3 28.Rf3 Ba6 29.f5 g5 30.Kg2 Kg7 31.Qd6 Qa5 32.Re6 Qd2+ 33.Rf2 Qd4 34.h3 Bd3 35.Qg3 Be4+ 36.Kh2 Qa1 37.Rxe4 dxe4 38.Qe3 Bd4 39.Qxg5+ Kf8 40.Qd8+ Kg7 41.Qg5+ ½-½

## Selected Games From Round 5

**Alexandre Blangy** (1742)  
**Davin Yin** (1699)

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 Bg7 4.e4 d6 5.Nf3 0-0 6.Be2 Nbd7 7.0-0 e5 8.d5 h6 9.Be3 Ne8 10.Rc1 f5 11.Ne1 f4 12.Bd2 Nef6 13.Bg4 h5 14.Be6+ Kh8 15.b4 g5 16.Nf3 Nh7 17.g3 Qf6 18.gxf4 g4 19.Ng5 exf4 20.Nxh7 Kxh7 21.Bf5+ Kh8 22.Bxf4 Nb6 23.Bxc8 Qxf4 24.Bf5 Be5 25.Re1 Qxh2+ 26.Kf1 Qh3+ 27.Ke2 Bxc3 28.Rg1 Qf3+ 29.Kf1 Qxd1+ 30.Rxd1 Rg8 31.c5 Nc4 32.cxd6 Nxd6 33.Be6 Rg7 34.Rh1 Rh7 35.a3 a6 36.Rd3 Be5 37.Kg2 Nxe4 38.Re3 Nxf2 39.Rxe5 Nxh1 40.Kxh1 Kg7 41.Kg2 Kf6 42.Re1 Re8 43.Kg3 c6 44.Rf1+ Ke7 45.Re1 Kd6 46.Rd1 Rxe6 47.dxe6+ Kxe6 48.Kf4 Rd7 49.Rh1 Rd5 50.Ke4 Rf5 51.a4 g3 52.a5 g2 53.Rg1 Rg5 54.Kf4 Kf6 0-1

**Christofer Peterson** (2226)  
**Brad Lundstrom** (1973)

1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 Bf5 4.h4 h5 5.Bg5 Qb6 6.Bd3 Bxd3 7.Qxd3 Qxb2 8.e6 f6 9.Be3 Qxa1 10.Qb3 b5 11.Nf3 a5 12.0-0 Na6 13.Nbd2 a4 14.Qa3 Qxf1+ 15.Kxf1 Nc7 16.c4 dxc4 17.Nxc4 Nxe6 18.d5 cxd5 19.Nb6 Rd8 20.Qd3 Kf7 21.Qf5 Rd6 22.Nc8 Ra6 23.Nb6 d4 24.Bxd4 Nxd4 25.Ne5+ 1-0

**Daniel Renauer** (1212)  
**Nathan Woo** (1255)

1.d4 d5 2.Bf4 Nf6 3.e3 Bf5 4.Bd3 Bxd3 5.Qxd3 Nc6 6.Nf3 e6 7.Nbd2 Bd6 8.Bg3 Bxg3 9.hxg3 Qd6 10.c3 0-0-0 11.Ng5 Qe7 12.b4 h6 13.Ngf3 e5 14.Qf5+ Nd7 15.b5 g6 16.Qc2 Na5 17.Qa4 b6 18.Nb3 Nxb3 19.Qa6+ Kb8 20.axb3 Nf6 21.Qxa7+ Kc8 22.Qa8+ Kd7 23.Qc6+ Kc8 24.Ra8# 1-0

**Dustin Booker** (Unrated)  
**Coleman Hoyt** (1388)

1.e4 e5 2.f4 exf4 3.Nf3 g5 4.Bc4 g4 5.Bxf7+ Kxf7 6.Ne5+ Ke8 7.Qxg4 Nf6 8.Qxf4 d6 9.Nf3 Nc6 10.0-0 Qe7 11.b3 Bg7 12.Nc3 Bg4 13.Nd5 Nxd5 14.exd5 Bxa1 15.Qxg4 Ne5 16.Qh5+ Kd7 17.Nxe5+ Bxe5 18.Rf7 Rae8 19.c3 Rhf8 20.Rxe7+ Rxe7 21.d4 Bxd4+ 22.Be3 Bxe3+ 23.Kh1 Rf1# 0-1

**DuWanye Langesth** (1965)  
**Akshat Jain** (2187)

1.d4 Nf6 2.e3 d5 3.f4 g6 4.c3 Bg7 5.Nf3 0-0 6.Bd3 b6 7.Qe2 Bb7 8.Nbd2 Nbd7 9.e4 dxe4 10.Nxe4 c5 11.0-0 cxd4 12.Nxf6+ Bxf6 13.Nxd4 Nc5 14.Be3 Nxd3 15.Qxd3 e5 16.fxe5 Bxe5 17.Rad1 Qh4 18.Nf3 Bxf3 19.Rxf3 Rad8 20.Qe2 Qxh2+ 21.Kf2 Qh4+ 22.Kg1 Bg3 23.Rd4 Qh2+ 24.Kf1 Qh1+ 25.Bg1 Rde8 26.Re3 Bh2 27.Qf2 Bxg1 0-1

**Richard Shtivelband** (2294)  
**Zachary Bekkedahl** (2162)

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 g6 3.Na3 Bg7 4.c3 Nf6 5.e5 Nd5 6.Qb3 Nb6 7.d4 cxd4 8.cxd4 0-0 9.h4 d5 10.h5 Nc6 11.Nc2 Bf5 12.Bd3 Na5 13.Qc3 Rc8 14.Qd2 Nac4 15.Qe2 Bxd3 16.Qxd3 Qc7 17.hxg6 fxg6 18.Kd1 Na4 19.Rb1 Qb6 20.Qb3 Qc6 21.Nb4 Qd7 22.e6 Qxe6 23.Qxa4 Rxf3 24.gxf3 Qf5 25.Ke2 Qxb1 26.Qd7 Nd6 27.Qe6+ Kh8 28.Qh3 h5 29.Nd3 Qc2+ 30.Bd2 Bh6 31.f4 Ne4 32.Rd1 Bxf4 33.Nxf4 Qxd1+ 34.Kxd1 Nxf2+ 35.Ke2 Nhx3 36.Nxh3 Rc2 37.Nf4 Kg7 38.Nxd5 Rxb2 39.Nxe7 h4 40.Nd5 h3 0-1

**Ryan Swerdlin** (2247)  
**Gunnar Andersen** (2311)  
 Notes by Gunnar Andersen

**1.d4** (Ryan is a good friend of mine as well, and I have a negative record against him so I knew that this game would be difficult to win. Furthermore, Richard Shtivelband also had 3.5/4 on board 2 with White so I thought that he would win that game as he was the rating favorite. All of this forced me to play for a win with Black, which is a tall task against such a strong player as Ryan.) **1...Nf6 2.c4 c5 3.d5 b5 4.exb5 a6 5.e3** (During my stint as a d4 player I liked this line quite a lot for White, I am not so sure now.) **5...g6 6.Nc3 Bg7 7.Nf3 0-0 8.a4 d6 9.Ra3 Bb7 10.Be2 axb5 11.Bxb5 Na6 12.0-0 Nc7 13.Bc4 e6 14.dxe6** (14.e4 Nxe4! 15.Nxe4 exd5 now Black has a beautiful phalanx of pawns in the middle of the board.) **14...fxe6** (I had prepared this using the Chessbase app on my phone before the game, now I was on my own.) **15.Re1?N Bxf3!** (=)(In the Benko, the White bishop is your worst piece, here Black gets to trade it and obtain a position resembling a Blumenfeld gambit.) **16.gxf3** (I thought I was better here but the engine says equal. I do not know if this is due to the fact that the engine quite likes to be up material, but nonetheless this is what it thinks. Black's compensation for the pawn is fairly obvious - he has the a and b files, a nice pawn center, and the White king is weak. 16.Qxf3 d5 17.Bd3 Ne4) **16...d5 17.Bf1 e5!?** (I thought that this was really good, but it seems to be too loosening. The computer does not like this way of playing from Black, although for a human it might look a bit intimidating due to Black's pawn mass in the center. I do not think that this move deserves a ? or even a ?!, I think it's a good way to play for a win for Black.) **18.Bg2 Ra6** (This move looks a bit weird, I was uncertain about it. 18...Kh8) **19.Qe2 Kh8!** (Prophylaxis getting off of the White diagonal.) **20.Rd1 Qa8 21.f4** (21.Nb5! Ne6 (21...Nxb5 22.axb5 Rxa3 23.bxa3, I believe we vaguely discussed this sort of position in the post mortem.) 22.b3, White is slightly better.) **21...exf4 22.exf4 Re6!** (Very weird stuff, now I am bringing my pieces away from the queenside and to the center.) **23.Qc2** (23.Be3 Qd8, I saw this stuff, to play ...d4; 23.Qf1! Ryan told me after the game he wanted to play this move.) **23...Qe8 24.Rf1 d4** (Only now is Black somewhat better.) **25.Nb1 Qe7 26.Nd2 Nfd5 27.Ne4?** (This is the turning point, I think that now Black is just better.) **27...Nb4! 28.Qb1?** (28.Qe2 Re8 29.f3, this would be safer but it still is not pleasant for White to play; 28.Qxc5 Rxe4!, removing the defender as usual 29.Qxe7 Rxe7) **28...Ncd5 29.Ng5** (Here I was freaking out because I missed this move and then Rh3 next, pinning g6. Thankfully everything worked out for me due to

tricks. Ryan had about 10 minutes here.) **29...Re1 30.Rh3??** (Now he is -6, Black is just winning here. 30.Ne4!, this move roughly keeps the balance.) **30...Nxf4 31.Rxh7+** (Now my friend and boss Zachary Bekkedahl was close to beating Richard Shtivelband on board 2, so I became very interested in that game. I was trying to calculate if Richard's king can capture Zach's pawn in time if he sacrifices something, and I tried to take the rook on h7 for a moment before realizing that this move is illegal!) **31...Kg8 32.h4!** (I missed this move, which was annoying here I had to compose myself again because I let myself get distracted by the game next to me, as well as thinking about the money I would win. I was confident that I was winning this position though, and I played what I believe is the best move.) **32...d3!** (Shutting down his queen.) **33.Rxg7+ Kxg7 34.Nf3 Ne2+** (Winning the knight on f3. Ryan resigns and I won my first Colorado Open!) **0-1**

**Shiven Saxena** (1265)  
**Andrew Roerty** (1452)

1.Nf3 d5 2.g3 c5 3.Bg2 Nc6 4.d3 Nf6 5.Nbd2 Bf5 6.0-0 Qd7 7.Re1 Bh3 8.e4 Bxg2 9.Kxg2 d4 10.e5 Nd5 11.Ng5 e6 12.a3 Be7 13.Nb3 0-0 14.Qg4 b6 15.h4 h6 16.Nf3 Kh8 17.Qh5 f6 18.Bd2 fxe5 19.Nxe5 Nxe5 20.Qxe5 Rf6 21.Rh1 Rf5 22.Qe2 Qc6 23.Kh2 Raf8 24.Rhf1 Rf3 25.Rae1 Bd6 26.Kg1 R8f6 27.Bc1 Ne3 28.Nd2 Nxf1 29.Nxf3 Nng3 30.fxg3 Rxf3 31.g4 Rg3+ 32.Kf2 Qg2# 0-1

**Sullivan McConnell** (2041)  
**Alaa-Addin Moussa** (2151)

1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.exd5 cxd5 4.Bd3 Nf6 5.Nf3 Nc6 6.h3 g6 7.0-0 Bg7 8.c3 0-0 9.Bf4 Bf5 10.Bxf5 gxf5 11.Ne5 e6 12.a4 Nd7 13.Nxc6 bxc6 14.Na3 Kh8 15.b3 Rg8 16.c4 Qh4 17.Qd2 Bf6 18.Kh2 Bg5 19.Bxg5 Rxg5 20.Nc2 Nf6 21.g3 Qh5 22.cxd5 cxd5 23.Qf4 Rg4 24.Qe5 Qh6 25.Rae1 f4 26.Kg2 Rg7 27.Kf3 Rc8 28.Rc1 Rc3+ 29.Kg2 f3+ 30.Kg1 Nd7 31.Qd6 Qxh3 32.Ne1 Rxc1 33.Qxd7 h5 34.Qc8+ Rxc8 0-1



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	PLAYER	RATING	PTS	RD 1	RD 2	RD 3	RD 4	RD 5
1	GUNNAR ANDERSEN	2311	4.5	W 20	W 7	W 5	D 4	W 8
2	ZACHARY BEKKEDAHL	2162	4.0	W 23	D 12	D 11	W 20	W 4
3	ALAA-ADDIN MOUSSA	2151	4.0	W 27	W 30	L 4	W 11	W 10
4	RICHARD SHTIVELBAND	2294	3.5	W 14	W 19	W 3	D 1	L 2
5	CHRISTOFER PETERSON	2226	3.5	W 15	W 29	L 1	D 10	W 14
6	AKSHAT JAIN	2187	3.5	W 22	D 11	H	D 8	W 15
7	NEIL BHAVIKATTI	2103	3.5	W 13	L 1	W 30	D 14	W 16
8	RYAN SWERDLIN	2247	3.0	W 16	W 25	D 10	D 6	L 1
9	RHETT LANGSETH	2168	3.0	W 26	L 10	L 14	W 28	W 20
10	SULLIVAN McCONNELL	2041	3.0	W 32	W 9	D 8	D 5	L 3
11	DEAN CLOW	2037	3.0	W 31	D 6	D 2	L 3	W 21
12	GRIFFIN McCONNELL	2016	3.0	W 28	D 2	L 18	D 16	W 23
13	SAMI AL-ADSANI	1722	3.0	L 7	L 20	W 31	W 30	W 26
14	BRAD LUNDSTROM	1973	2.5	L 4	W 27	W 9	D 7	L 5
15	DuWAYNE LANGSETH	1965	2.5	L 5	W 24	D 19	W 26	L 6
16	LARRY WUTT	1932	2.5	L 8	W 17	W 29	D 12	L 7
17	TEAH WILLIAMS	1682	2.5	L 19	L 16	H	W 33	W 28
18	BRIAN WALL	2290	2.0	L 30	W 21	W 12	U	U
19	SHEENA ZENG	2059	2.0	W 17	L 4	D 15	D 21	U
20	ALEKSANDR BOZHENOV	1996	2.0	L 1	W 13	W 22	L 2	L 9
21	MICHAEL MALONEY	1908	2.0	H	L 18	W 33	D 19	L 11
22	ANDREW STARR	1873	2.0	L 6	W 31	L 20	W 24	U
23	ROBERT BLAHA	1807	2.0	L 2	D 33	D 28	W 29	L 12
24	DANIEL MARMER	1672	2.0	L 25	L 15	W 27	L 22	W 29
25	EAMON MONTGOMERY	2042	1.5	W 24	L 8	H	U	U
26	GEORGE VOORHIS	1792	1.5	L 9	W 32	H	L 15	L 13
27	VEDANTH SAMPATH	1732	1.5	L 3	L 14	L 24	D 32	W 31
28	SELAH WILLIAMS	1312	1.5	L 12	B	D 23	L 9	L 17
29	RICHARD BUCHANAN	2030	1.0	W 33	L 5	L 16	L 23	L 24
30	MARK KROWCZYK	1968	1.0	W 18	L 3	L 7	L 13	U
31	JESSE WILLIAMS	1680	1.0	L 11	L 22	L 13	B	L 27
32	CHRISTOPHER MOTLEY	1623	1.0	L 10	L 26	H	D 27	U
33	TODD BURGE	1604	0.5	L 29	D 23	L 21	L 17	U

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PLAYER	RATING	PTS	RD 1	RD 2	RD 3	RD 4	RD 5
1 JOSHUA SAMUEL	1876	4.5	W 32	W 12	W 8	W 4	D 2
2 CORY KOHLER	1890	4.0	D 33	W 18	W 16	W 10	D 1
3 DWIGHT SEHLER	1788	4.0	W 34	W 19	D 10	W 5	D 6
4 DAVIN YIN	1699	4.0	W 25	W 28	W 13	L 1	W 8
5 HAROUN OMAR	1777	3.5	H	W 33	W 14	L 3	W 13
6 ISTVAN HORNYAK	1747	3.5	W 30	D 27	H	W 7	D 3
7 JEFFREY BAFFO	1797	3.0	W 20	L 13	W 27	L 6	W 19
8 ALEXANDRE BLANGY	1742	3.0	W 35	W 24	L 1	W 15	L 4
9 KENNTH DOYKOS	1749	3.0	L 24	W 35	H	W 27	D 12
10 STEVE KOVACH	1704	3.0	W 31	W 26	D 3	L 2	D 11
11 RYAN SNODGRASS	1736	3.0	L 27	W 30	H	W 28	D 10
12 J.C. MacNEIL	1671	3.0	W 15	L 1	H	W 29	D 9
13 VIBI VARGHESE	1640	3.0	W 22	W 7	L 4	W 24	L 5
14 WESLEY WOO	1597	3.0	W 17	D 16	L 5	D 18	W 21
15 LUKE NAMESNIK	1459	3.0	L 12	W 32	W 17	L 8	W 22
16 STEVEN KAUFMAN	1775	2.5	W 36	D 14	L 2	L 19	W 27
17 ALEXANDER FREEMAN	1764	2.5	L 14	W 34	L 15	W 31	D 18
18 BARRY RABINOVICH	1717	2.5	D 29	L 2	W 36	D 14	D 17
19 MUKUND GURUMURTHI	1674	2.5	W 21	L 3	D 28	W 16	L 7
20 CORY FOSTER	1667	2.5	L 7	L 21	D 25	W 36	W 28
21 CLIFTON FORD	1800	2.0	L 19	W 20	L 24	W 33	L 14
22 DANIEL IOFFE	1764	2.0	L 13	D 36	H	W 26	L 15
23 PHILLIP BROWN	1700	2.0	L 28	W 25	W 26	U	U
24 JOSHUA BLANCHFIELD	1596	2.0	W 9	L 8	W 21	L 13	U
25 ALEXANDER MARSH	1498	2.0	L 4	L 23	D 20	D 30	W 34
26 NICOLAS TORRES	1273	2.0	B	L 10	L 23	L 22	W 35
27 ADITYA KRISHNA	1529	1.5	W 11	D 6	L 7	L 9	L 16
28 THOMAS VOLPINI III	Unr	1.5	W 23	L 4	D 19	L 11	L 20
29 JEFFREY COHEN	1520	1.5	D 18	D 31	H	L 12	U
30 KYLAN JIN	1544	1.5	L 6	L 11	L 35	D 25	B
31 TED DOYKOS	1883	1.0	L 10	D 29	H	L 17	U
32 GARY BAGSTAD	1702	1.0	L 1	L 15	H	D 34	U
33 DAVID HUFNAGEL	1709	1.0	D 2	L 5	H	L 21	U
34 JOHN KRUE	1664	1.0	L 3	L 17	H	D 32	L 25
35 DAVID BACA	1529	1.0	L 8	L 9	W 30	U	L 26
36 JUSTIN PARKER	1636	0.5	L 16	D 22	L 18	L 20	U

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## Under 1600 Section

PLAYER	RATING	PTS	RD 1	RD 2	RD 3	RD 4	RD 5
1 JAMES LaMORGESE	1391	4.5	H	W 11	W 9	W 10	W 2
2 BEN KESTER	1522	4.0	X 28	W 24	W 3	W 6	L 1
3 ANDREW ROERTY	1452	4.0	W 4	W 15	W 2	W 12	W 9
4 AYUSH VISPUTE	1313	4.0	L 3	B	W 23	W 17	X 6
5 WILSON HE	1465	3.5	L 9	W 27	D 7	W 11	W 17
6 JUSTIN DOUNCE	Unr	3.0	W 21	W 8	W 17	L 2	F 4
7 NORBERT MARTINEZ	1581	3.0	L 8	W 13	D 5	W 19	D 10
8 GEORGE PESCHKE	1355	3.0	W 7	L 6	L 15	W 25	W 21
9 SHIVEN SAXENA	1265	3.0	W 5	W 12	L 1	W 15	L 3
10 AIDEN SIROTKINE	1272	3.0	D 26	W 14	W 19	L 1	D 7
11 ANDREW ESKENAZI	1261	3.0	W 18	L 1	W 26	L 5	W 20
12 HARSH MALI	1530	2.5	W 27	L 9	W 24	L 3	D 13
13 DEAN BROWN	1426	2.5	L 17	L 7	B	W 16	D 12
14 COLEMAN HOYT	1388	2.5	H	L 10	L 16	W 27	W 23
15 MICHAEL CRILL	1618	2.0	W 20	L 3	W 8	L 9	U
16 JAMES CURRAN	Unr	2.0	U	U	W 14	L 13	W 24
17 JOE BEANE JR	1533	2.0	W 13	W 23	L 6	L 4	L 5
18 WILLIAM WOLF	1424	2.0	L 11	D 25	L 20	B	D 19
19 ROBERT CERNICH II	1357	2.0	H	W 26	L 10	L 7	D 18
20 JOSEPH ARAGON	1367	2.0	L 15	D 21	W 18	D 23	L 11
21 GEORGE LOMBARDI	1307	2.0	L 6	D 20	H	W 22	L 8
22 ANN DAVIES	1500	1.5	L 24	U	H	L 21	W 25
23 DUSTIN BOOKER	Unr	1.5	W 25	L 17	L 4	D 20	L 14
24 DANNY HUNTER	1330	1.0	W 22	L 2	L 12	U	L 16
25 SCOTT WILLIAMS	1258	1.0	L 23	D 18	H	L 8	L 22
26 STEPHEN CHEN	1467	0.5	D 10	L 19	L 11	U	U
27 STEVEN BUTCHER	1355	0.5	L 12	L 5	H	L 14	U
28 RAHUL SAMPANGIRAMIAH	1354	0.0	F 2	U	U	U	U

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## Under 1300 Section

	PLAYER	RATING	PTS	RD 1	RD 2	RD 3	RD 4	RD 5
1	DANIEL RENAUER	1212	4.5	W 7	D 12	W 2	W 3	W 4
2	THOMAS NGO	1182	4.0	W 15	W 14	L 1	W 11	W 5
3	KARY FANG	1266	3.5	W 6	W 11	D 5	L 1	W 8
4	NATHAN WOO	1255	3.0	L 14	W 15	W 12	W 10	L 1
5	AMITAI SEBBA	1152	3.0	W 16	W 10	D 3	D 8	L 2
6	NICOLAS BEKKEDAHL	1111	3.0	L 3	W 16	L 10	W 12	W 13
7	TYLER WISHALL	952	3.0	L 1	L 8	W 14	W 15	W 10
8	TYLER THIESZEN	1276	2.5	L 12	W 7	W 13	D 5	L 3
9	RAPHAEL WORKMAN	Unr	2.5	L 10	L 13	W 15	D 14	W 16
10	STEPHEN KOMON	1214	2.0	W 9	L 5	W 6	L 4	L 7
11	ROBERT GARLAND	1155	2.0	W 13	L 3	H	L 2	D 12
12	CHARLES ZHANG	1121	2.0	W 8	D 1	L 4	L 6	D 11
13	ILAN SEBBA	Unr	2.0	L 11	W 9	L 8	W 16	L 6
14	ALAYNE WILINSKY	1104	1.5	W 4	L 2	L 7	D 9	U
15	CHARLES BEASLEY	896	1.0	L 2	L 4	L 9	L 7	B
16	DARREL LEFEVRE	785	1.0	L 5	L 6	B	L 13	L 9



**Karl Irons** (1826)**Richard Shtivelband** (2298)**Round 2**

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Nf6 4.0-0 Be7  
5.Re1 0-0 6.d3 d6 7.Nbd2 Na5 8.Bb3 c6  
9.Nf1 Nxb3 10.axb3 Re8 11.h3 Bf8  
12.Bg5 h6 13.Bh4 g5 14.Bg3 Nh5  
15.N3h2 Nf4 16.Bxf4 gxf4 17.Qh5 Re6  
18.Qf3 Rg6 19.Kh1 Qh4 20.Nd2 h5  
21.Rg1 Bg4! 22.hxg4 hxg4 23.g3 Qh5  
24.Qd1 f3 25.Ndf1 Be7 26.d4 Kg7  
27.dxe5 Rh8 28.Ra5 Qxh2+! 29.Nxh2  
Rhx2+ 0-1

**Cory Foster** (1715)**Aleksandr Bozhenov** (2011)**Round 2**

1.e4 c6 2.d4 d6 3.Nf3 h6 4.a4 a5 5.Bc4  
g5 6.0-0 Bg7 7.Nc3 Nd7 8.Be3 Nf8  
9.Qd3 Ng6 10.Rad1 Bg4 11.Qe2 Nh4  
12.Bxf7+ Kxf7 13.Nxg5+ hxg5 14.Qxg4



Nf6 15.Qxg5 Rh5 16.Qg3 Qh8 17.e5 Rg8  
18.Bg5 Bh6 19.f4 Bxg5 20.fxg5 Rhxg5  
21.exf6 Rxg3 22.fxe7+ Nf3+! 23.Kf2  
Rxg2+ 24.Kxf3 Qh3+ 25.Ke4+ Kxe7  
26.Rf3 d5+ 27.Ke3 Qxh2 28.Re1 Kd8  
29.Nb1 R8g3 0-1

**Sami Al-Adsani** (1731)**Brad Lundstrom** (1980)**Round 2**

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 Bg7 4.Nf3 0-0  
5.e4 d6 6.g3 Nbd7 7.Bg2 e5 8.0-0 c6 9.h3  
Qc7 10.Rb1 a5 11.Re1 exd4 12.Nxd4  
Nc5 13.Be3 Re8 14.Qc2 Bd7 15.Rbd1  
Re7 16.Nb3 Nxb3 17.axb3 Be6 18.Rd2  
Rd8 19.Qd1 Red7 20.Na4 c5 21.Nc3 Ne8  
22.Bg5 Ra8 23.Nb5 Qb6 24.f4 f6 25.Bh4  
a4 26.e5 fxe5 27.fxe5 d5 28.Bxd5 Rf7  
29.Nd6 Bxd5 30.Rxd5 Nxd6 31.Rxd6  
Qxb3 32.Rd8+ Rxd8 33.Qxd8+ Rf8  
34.Qd5+ Kh8 35.Re2 g5! 36.Bxg5

Qxg3+ 37.Rg2 Qe1+ 38.Kh2 Bxe5+ 0-1

**Karthik Selva** (1642)**Calvin DeJong** (1951)**Round 2**

1.c4 e5 2.Nc3 Nf6 3.g3 d5 4.cxd5 Nxd5  
5.Bg2 Be6 6.Nf3 f6 7.b3 Nc6 8.Bb2 Be7  
9.0-0 0-0 10.Rc1 Qd7 11.Nxd5 Bxd5  
12.d3 Nd4 13.Nxd4 Bxg2 14.Kxg2 exd4  
15.Qc2 Qd5+ 16.f3 c5 17.Ba3 Rac8  
18.Qc4 Qxc4 19.Rxc4 a5 20.Rfc1 b5  
21.R4c2 b4 22.Bb2 Rfe8 23.Bxd4 Kf7  
24.Kf2 Rc6 25.Be3 Rec8 26.d4 Ke6  
27.g4 Kd5 28.dxc5 g5 29.Rc4 h5 30.gxh5  
Rh8 31.Kg2 Rxh5 32.Re4 Rc7 33.c6 Bd6  
34.Rd1+ Kxc6 35.Rc4+ Kd7 36.Be5 Rc6  
37.Bxd6 Rxd6 38.Rcd4 Rxd4 39.Rxd4+  
Kc6 40.e4 Rh7 41.Rd5 Ra7 42.Rf5 Rd7  
43.Rxf6+ Kc5 44.Rf5+ Kb6 45.Rd5 Rc7  
46.Rd2 a4 47.Re2 axb3 48.axb3 Rc3  
49.e5 Kc7 50.Rb2 Kd7 51.Kg3 Ke6  
52.Kg4 Kxe5 53.Kxg5 Rxf3 54.Kg4 Rf1  
55.Kg3 ½-½

**Steven Butcher** (1248)**Brian Rountree** (1908)**Round 2**

1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.g3 dxc4  
5.Qa4+ Bd7 6.Qxc4 Bc6 7.Nf3 Nbd7  
8.Bg2 a6 9.0-0 Be7 10.b4 Nb6 11.Qb3  
Nbd5 12.Ne5 Nxb4 13.Nxc6 bxc6 14.Qc4  
0-0 15.Ba3 Nbd5 16.Bxe7 Qxe7 17.Rab1  
Qd6 18.Rb7 Nxc3 19.Qxc3 Nd5 20.Qa5  
Rfc8 21.Rc1 Ne7 22.e4 g6 23.d5 exd5  
24.Bh3 f5 25.exd5 Nxd5 26.Bg2 Qe5  
27.Rxc6 Rd8 28.Rxc7 Qa1+ 29.Bf1  
Nxc7 30.Qxc7 Qf6 31.Qxh7+ Kf8  
32.Qh6+ Ke8 33.Bc4 Rd1+ 34.Bf1 Rad8  
35.Qe3+ Kf8 36.Qh6+ Kg8 37.Qf4 Kf8  
38.Qb4+ Kg8 39.Qc4+ ½-½

**Dean Brown** (1400)**Jared Staggers** (Unrated)**Round 2**

1.e4 c5 2.Nc3 Nc6 3.Bb5 g6 4.Nf3 Bg7  
5.Bxc6 bxc6 6.0-0 e5 7.d3 Ne7 8.Bg5 0-0  
9.Qc1 d6 10.Bh6 Rb8 11.Bxg7 Kxg7  
12.h3 f5 13.b3 f4 14.Qb2 Rf6 15.Ne2 h6  
16.h4 Bg4 17.Kh2 Bxf3 18.gxf3 Kh7  
19.Rg1 Re6 20.Rg4 d5 21.Rag1 dxe4  
22.fxe4 f3 23.Nc1 Qf8 24.c3 h5 25.Rg5  
Qf4+ 26.Kh3 c4 27.Qc2 Rd6 28.bxc4 c5  
29.Nb3 Rdb6 30.Qd2 Qf6 31.Qe3 Rc6  
32.Nxc5 Rb2 33.Nd7 Qe6+ 34.Kg3 Qxd7  
35.Qxf3 Kh6 36.Qf8+ Kh7 37.Qf7+ Kh6  
38.Qf8+ Kh7 39.Qf7+ Kh6 ½-½

**Alexander Freeman** (1797)**Robert Carlson** (1590)**Round 2**

1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.Nc3 dxc4 4.a4 Nf6  
5.Nf3 Bf5 6.e3 e6 7.Bxc4 Bd6 8.0-0 0-0  
9.Re1 Bb4 10.Qb3 Bxc3 11.bxc3 Qb6  
12.Ba3 Qxb3 13.Bxb3 Re8 14.Nd2 Ne4



15.Nxe4 Bxe4 16.Rad1 Nd7 17.f3 Bg6  
18.e4 a5 19.c4 Nf6 20.Bd6 Red8 21.c5  
Ne8 22.Bg3 Nf6 23.Bc4 Rd7 24.Bf2  
Rad8 25.Rb1 Ne8 26.Rb6 Nc7 27.Rxb7  
Na8 28.Reb1 Rxb7 29.Rxb7 h6 30.Kf1  
Kh7 31.Ke2 f5 32.Ke3 fxe4 33.fxe4 Bh5  
34.Bxe6 Bd1 35.Be1 Bxa4 36.Bxa5 Re8  
37.Bf5+ Kh8 38.Be1 Bc2 39.Bg3 Kg8  
40.Be5 g5 41.Bd7 Rd8 42.Bxc6 1-0

**Coleman Hoyt** (1238)**Dean Brown** (1400)**Round 3**

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 g6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nc6  
5.Nc3 Bg7 6.Be3 Nf6 7.f3 0-0 8.Qd2 Re8  
9.0-0-0 a6 10.Bc4 Na5 11.Be2 d6 12.g4  
Be6 13.Nxe6 fxe6 14.Na4 Nd7 15.Qb4  
b5 16.Nb6 Nc6 17.Qb3 Nxb6 18.Qxe6+  
Kh8 19.h4 Na4 20.c3 Qc8 21.Qb3 Na5  
22.Qf7 Nxc3 23.h5 Nxa2+ 24.Kd2 Nc4+  
25.Ke1 Nxe3 26.hxg6 Nc2+ 27.Kf2 h6  
28.Rxh6+ Bxh6 29.Qh7# 1-0

**Alexandr Bozhenov** (2011)**Gunnar Andersen** (2295)**Round 3**

1.e4 c5 2.c3 g6 3.Nf3 Nc6 4.d4 cxd4  
5.cxd4 d5 6.exd5 Qxd5 7.Nc3 Qd8 8.d5  
Nb8 9.Qb3 Bg7 10.Bc4 Nh6 11.0-0 0-0  
12.Bf4 Nf5 13.Nb5 Na6 14.d6 exd6  
15.Rad1 Nc5 16.Qc2 Ne6 17.Bxd6 Nxd6  
18.Rxd6 Qe7 19.Rfd1 a6 20.Nc3 b5  
21.Bd5 Qxd6 22.Bxa8 Qc5 23.Qe2 Nf4  
24.Qe4 Qf5 25.h3 Bxc3 26.bxc3 Qxe4  
27.Bxe4 Ne2+ 28.Kf1 Nxc3 29.Rd4 Be6

30.a3 Bc4+ 31.Bd3 Bxd3+ 32.Rxd3 Rc8  
33.Ne5 Nb1 34.Rd7 Rc1+ 35.Ke2 Rc2+  
36.Ke3 Nxa3 37.Nxf7 Nc4+ 38.Kf3 b4  
39.Rb7 b3 40.Ke4 b2 41.Kd3 Rc1  
42.Nh6+ Kf8 43.Ng4 h5 44.Nf6 Ne5+  
45.Ke4 b1Q+ 46.Rxb1 Rxb1 47.Kxe5 a5  
48.Nd7+ Ke7 49.Nc5 a4 0-1

**Richard Shtivelband** (2298)

**Brad Lundstrom** (1980)

**Round 3**

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6  
5.Nc3 g6 6.Be3 Bg7 7.f3 Nc6 8.Qd2 0-0  
9.0-0-0 Nxd4 10.Bxd4 Be6 11.g4 Qa5  
12.Kb1 Rfc8 13.a3 Rab8 14.h4 b5  
15.Nd5 Qxd2 16.Rxd2 Nxd5 17.exd5  
Bxd4 18.Rxd4 Bd7 19.Bd3 h6 20.Re1  
Kf8 21.Rf4 g5 22.Rfe4 e5 23.dxe6 fxe6  
24.hxg5 hxg5 25.Rh1 Rb6 26.Rh7 Ke8  
27.Re2 Kd8 28.Rg7 Rc5 29.Rh2 Rb7  
30.Rhh7 Re5 31.Be4 d5 32.Bg6 Re1+  
33.Ka2 e5? 34.Bf5 1-0

**Brian Rountree** (1908)

**Daniel Herman** (1954)

**Round 3**

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 e6 3.c3 Nf6 4.e5 Nd5 5.d4  
cxd4 6.cxd4 d6 7.a3 Nc6 8.Bd3 b6 9.0-0  
Bb7 10.Bd2 Be7 11.Nc3 Nxc3 12.Bxc3  
d5 13.Qe2 0-0 14.Nd2 Qd7 15.f4 f5  
16.exf6 Rxf6 17.g3 Raf8 18.Nf3 Qe8



19.Ng5 Rh6 20.Nxe6 Bc5 21.Nxf8 Qxe2  
22.Bxe2 Nxd4 23.Bxd4 Bxd4+ 24.Kg2  
Kxf8 25.Ra2 Rc6 26.b4 Rc3 27.Bf3 Ba6  
28.Rd1 Bc4 29.Rad2 Be3 30.Rb2 d4  
31.Re1 Rxa3 32.b5 Bd3 33.Bd1 Ra5  
34.Be2 Bg6 35.h3 Ra3 36.Bd1 Be4+  
37.Kf1 Ke7 38.Bc2 Bd5 39.Bxh7 Bc4+  
40.Kg2 Ra5 41.Kf3 Bxb5 42.Rxe3+ dxe3  
43.Kxe3 Bc6 44.Rb1 Rh5 45.Be4 Bxe4  
46.Kxe4 Rxh3 47.Ra1 a5 48.Ra3 Rh6  
49.g4 Kd7 50.g5 Rc6 51.f5 Kc7 52.f6!  
gxf6 53.g6 Rc5 54.Rg3 Re5+ 55.Kf4 Re8



56.Kf5 b5 57.g7 Rg8 58.Kxf6 a4 59.Kf7  
Rxc7+ 60.Kxc7 Kb6 61.Kf6 b4 62.Ke5  
Kc5 63.Rg8 Kc4 64.Rc8+ Kb3 65.Kd4 a3  
66.Kc5 a2 67.Ra8 Kb2 68.Kxb4 a1Q  
69.Rxa1 Kxa1 1/2-1/2

**Derek Isabelle** (1503)

**Edward Yasutake** (1756)

**Round 3**

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 g6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6  
5.Nc3 Nc6 6.Be3 Bg7 7.Bc4 0-0 8.f3 Qb6  
9.Bb3 Nxe4 10.Nf5 Nxc3 11.Qd2 Qa5  
12.Nxg7 Rd8 13.Bh6 Qe5+ 14.Kf2 Nb5  
15.Rae1 Qd4+ 16.Qe3 d5 17.Kg3 Qxe3  
18.Rxe3 Nd6 19.Rhe1 e6 20.h4 Ne7  
21.Kf2 Bd7 22.Bg5 Kxg7 23.Bxe7 Rdc8  
24.Rc3 Rxc3 25.bxc3 Nf5 26.Bc5 Nxb4  
27.Rh1 Nf5 28.g4 Rc8 29.Ba3 Nh6  
30.Bc1 Ng8 31.Be3 f6 32.Bxa7 Ne7  
33.Be3 e5 34.f4 Bxg4 35.fxe5 fxe5  
36.Bg5 Nf5 37.Bxd5 Rxc3 38.Bb3 h6  
39.Bd2 Rf3+ 40.Ke1 h5 41.Bd5 Ra3  
42.Bb4 Re3+ 43.Kd2 Re2+ 44.Kc3 Nd4  
45.Bb3 Bf5 46.Rc1 h4 47.Be7 h3 48.Rh1  
Nxb3 49.axb3 Rxc2+ 50.Kb4 h2 51.Bd6  
Kf6 52.Re1 e4 53.Rh1 e3 54.Rxh2 e2  
55.Bg3 e1Q+ 56.Bxe1 Rxh2 ... 0-1

**Christopher Motley** (1591)

**Zane Youssef** (1035)

**Round 3**

1.e4 d6 2.d4 Nf6 3.Nc3 Nbd7 4.f4 c6  
5.Bc4 Qc7 6.e5 Nb6 7.Bxf7+ Kxf7 8.exf6  
exf6 9.Nf3 Bg4 10.Ng5+ fxe5 11.Qxg4  
Re8+ 12.Ne2 gxf4 13.0-0 Ke7 14.Bxf4  
Kd8 15.Bg5+ Be7 16.Rf7 Qd7 17.Qxd7+  
Nxd7 18.Rxe7 Rxe7 19.Bxe7+ Kxe7  
20.d5 cxd5 21.Nf4 Nb6 22.a4 Rf8 23.a5  
Nc4 24.Nxd5+ Ke6 25.Nc3 Rf5 26.b4  
Ne3 27.Re1 Re5 28.Re2 d5 29.Na4 Kd6  
30.h3 Nc4 31.Rxe5 Nxe5 32.b5 Nc4  
33.a6 b6 34.Kf2 Na3 35.Nxb6 Nxb5  
36.Na4 Na3 37.c3 Kc6 38.Ke3 Kb5

39.Nb2 Kxa6 40.Nd3 Nb5 41.Nb4+ Kb6  
42.Nxd5+ Kc5 43.Kd3? Kxd5 44.c4+  
Kc5 45.cxb5 Kxb5 46.h4 Kc5 47.g4 Kd5  
48.Ke3 Ke5 49.Kf3 a5 0-1

**Gunnar Andersen** (2295)

**Richard Shtivelband** (2298)

**Round 4**

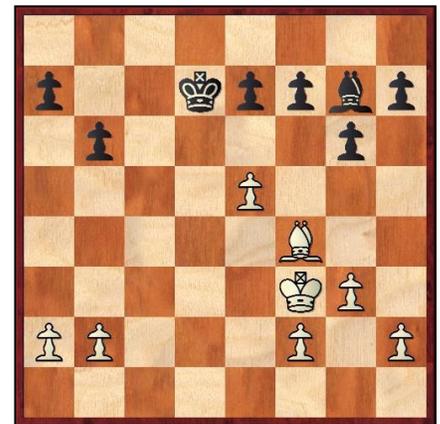
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5.Nxd4 Bg7 6.Be3 Nge7 7.Qd2 d6  
8.0-0-0 Bd7 9.h4 h6 10.f4 h5 11.Bc4 Ng8  
12.Rhe1 Nh6 13.f5 Ng4 14.Bg5 Qc8  
15.Nxc6 bxc6 16.e5 Bxe5 17.fxe6 fxe6  
18.Ne4 Rf8 19.Nxd6+ cxd6 20.Qxd6 Rf7  
21.Rxe5+ Nxe5 22.Qxe5+ 1-0

**Alexander Marsh** (1550)

**Neil Hendren** (1233)

**Round 4**

1.Nf3 Nf6 2.g3 g6 3.Bg2 Bg7 4.0-0 0-0  
5.d3 d5 6.Nbd2 b6 7.e4 dxe4 8.Nxe4  
Nxe4 9.dxe4 Bb7 10.Qxd8 Rxd8 11.Ne1  
Ba6 12.Nd3 Bxd3 13.cxd3 Rxd3 14.e5 c6  
15.Bf4 Nd7 16.Bxc6 Rd8 17.Bxd7 R8xd7  
18.Rac1 Kf8 19.Rc8+ Rd8 20.Rxd8+  
Rxd8 21.Rc1 Ke8 22.Rc7 Rd7 23.Rc8+  
Rd8 24.Rxd8+ Kxd8 25.Kg2 Kd7 26.Kf3



Ke6 27.Ke4 h5 28.b4 b5 29.Kd4 a6  
30.Kc5 Bxe5 31.Bxe5 Kxe5 32.Kb6 Kd5  
33.Kxa6 Kc4 34.a3 e5 35.Kb6 e4 36.Kc6  
g5 37.Kd6 Kb3 38.Kc5 Ka4 39.h3 f5  
40.Kd5 Kxa3 41.Ke5 f4 42.gxf4 gxf4  
43.Kxf4 Kxb4 44.Kxe4 Kc3 45.f4 b4  
46.f5 b3 47.f6 b2 48.f7 b1Q+ 49.Ke5 Qf1  
50.Ke6 h4 51.Ke7 Kd3 52.f8R Qxf8+  
53.Kxf8 Ke3 54.Ke7 Kf3 55.Kf6 Kg3  
56.Kf5 Kxh3 0-1

**Gunnar Andersen** (2295)

**Mark Krowczyk** (1954)

**Round 5**

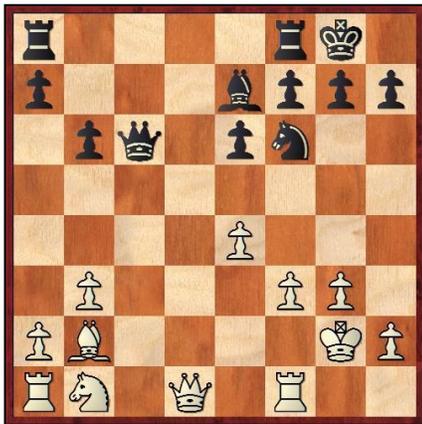
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5.Nc3 d6 6.exd6 cxd6 7.Nf3 Be7 8.Bd3 Nc6 9.Be3 0-0 10.Rc1 Bd7 11.Bb1 f5 12.d5 Ne5 13.dxe6 Bxe6 14.b3 Rf6 15.Nd4 Qd7 16.Nxe6 Qxe6 17.0-0 Rg6 18.Bxb6 axb6 19.Qd5 Rf8 20.Rce1 Qxd5 21.Nxd5 Bh4 22.Rd1 Bd8 23.f4 Ng4 24.Rfe1 Rh6 25.h3 Nf6 26.Bxf5 Nxd5 27.Rxd5 Bh4 28.Re3 Rhf6 29.Be6+ Kh8 30.f5 g6 31.g4 Re8 32.Red3 gxf5 33.gxf5 Re7 34.Rxd6 Rg7+ 35.Kf1 h5 36.Rd8+ Kh7 37.R8d7 Rxd7 38.Rxd7+ Kh6 39.Rxb7 Kg5 40.Rxb6 ... 1-0

**Brad Lundstrom** (1980)  
**Daniel Herman** (1954)

**Round 5**

1.Nf3 c5 2.b3 b6 3.Bb2 Bb7 4.g3 Nf6 5.Bg2 e6 6.0-0 Be7 7.c4 0-0 8.d4 cxd4 9.Nxd4 Bxg2 10.Kxg2 d5 11.cxd5 Qxd5+ 12.f3 Nc6 13.e4 Qd7 14.Nxc6 Qxc6



15.Nc3 Rfd8 16.Qe2 Rac8 17.Rac1 Qb7 18.Rfd1 Rxd1 19.Rxd1 Bb4 20.Qd3 h6 21.a3 Be7 22.e5 Nd5 23.Nxd5 exd5 24.Rd2 Qd7 25.Rc2 Qe6 26.Rd2 h5 27.b4 h4 28.g4 Bg5 29.Rc2 Bf4 30.Rxc8+ Qxc8 31.Qf5 Qc4 32.Kf2 Bxh2 33.e6 Qc7 34.exf7+ Qxf7 35.Qc8+ Kh7 36.Qc2+ Qg6 37.Qd2 h3 38.Bd4 Qb1 39.Ke2 Bg3 40.Bc3 h2 41.Qd4 Qc2+ 0-1

**Alexander Freeman** (1797)  
**Derek Isabelle** (1503)

**Round 5**

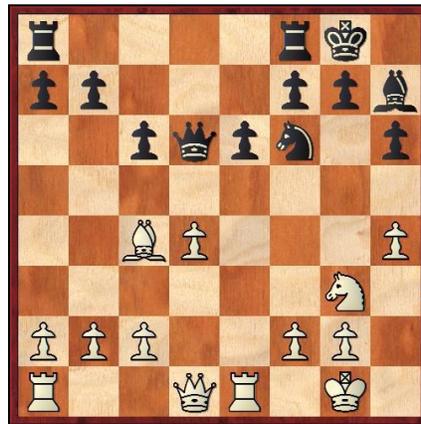
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34.Rxe6 Rxa3 35.Rxc6 Rd8 36.h6 g6 37.Rc2 Kg8 38.Kg4 Kf8 39.Rf2+ Ke7 40.Rf6 Rd6 41.Rxd6 Kxd6 42.Bxg6! Ra4 43.Bxh7 d3+ 44.Kh5 d2 45.Bc2 Ke7 46.h7 Ra1 47.Kg6 Rh1 48.Kg7 d1Q 49.Bxd1 Rxd1 50.h8Q Rd8 51.Qxd8+ Kxd8 52.Kf8 1-0

**Christopher Motley** (1591)  
**Robert Carlson** (1590)

**Round 5**

1.e4 c6 2.Nc3 d5 3.Nf3 dxe4 4.Nxe4 Bf5 5.Ng3 Bg6 6.h4 h6 7.Ne5 Bh7 8.Bc4 e6 9.d4 Nd7 10.Nxd7 Qxd7 11.0-0 Nf6 12.Bf4 Bd6 13.Bxd6 Qxd6 14.Re1 0-0



15.c3 Rad8 16.Nh5 Nhx5 17.Qxh5 Bg6 18.Qe5 b5 19.Bf1 Rd7 20.g4 Qxe5 21.Rxe5 Rfd8 22.Bg2 Rd6 23.b4 Bd3 24.Rc5 Rc8 25.a4 a6 26.axb5 axb5 27.Ra6 Bc4 28.Bxc6 Rb8 29.Ra5 Be2 30.g5 hxg5 31.hxg5 f6 32.g6 Bd3 33.Bxb5 Bxg6 34.Rc6 Rxc6 35.Bxc6 Bd3 36.f4 Kf7 37.Kf2 Rh8 38.Bg2 Rc8 39.Rc5 Rh8 40.b5 Rh2 41.Kg3 Rh8 42.b6 Rb8 43.b7 Ba6 44.Rc7+ Kg6 45.c4 Kh6 46.c5 g5 47.fxg5+ Kxg5 48.c6 f5 49.Rd7 f4+ 50.Kf2 Kg4 51.c7 Rxb7 52.Bxb7 Bxb7 53.Rd8 Kf5 54.c8Q Bxc8 55.Rxc8 Ke4 56.Re8 Kd5 57.Kf3 1-0

**Dean Brown** (1400)  
**Scott Williams** (1175)

**Round 5**

1.e4 c6 2.d4 d6 3.c4 Qc7 4.Be2 Nf6 5.Nc3 g6 6.h3 Bg7 7.Nf3 Nbd7 8.0-0 0-0 9.Be3 Re8 10.Qc1 e5 11.d5 Nc5 12.Bxc5 dxc5 13.Rd1 Rd8 14.dxc6 bxc6 15.Rxd8+ Qxd8 16.Nxe5 Qc7 17.Nf3 Nh5 18.Bd1 Rb8 19.Bc2 Nf4 20.Kf1 Be6 21.Nd2 Bd4 22.Rb1 Qe5 23.Na4 Qg5 24.g3 Bxh3+ 25.Ke1 Ng2+ 26.Ke2 Bxf2! 27.Kxf2 Qe3+ 0-1

**Tristan Cruz** (856)  
**Alexander Marsh** (1550)

**Round 5**

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 Bg7 4.e3 0-0 5.Nf3 d6 6.Be2 Nbd7 7.0-0 e5 8.dxe5 Nxe5 9.Nxe5 dxe5 10.Qxd8 Rxd8 11.Rd1 Rxd1+ 12.Bxd1 Be6 13.b3 e4 14.Rb1



Rd8 15.Be2 Bg4 16.f3 exf3 17.Bxf3 Bxf3 18.gxf3 Ne8 19.Ne2 Rd1+ 20.Kg2 Bf8 21.Nc3 Rd3 22.Ne4 Rd1 23.Nc3 Rd3 24.Ne4 f5 25.Nf2 Rd7 26.Bb2 Bc5 27.Rd1 Rxd1 28.Nxd1 Nd6 29.Be5 Kf7 30.Bxd6 Bxd6 31.f4 Kf6 32.Nf2 c6 33.h3 Bc5 34.Kf3 Ke6 35.Nd3 Bd6 36.Nf2 c5 37.e4 fxe4+ 38.Kxe4 b6 39.Ng4 h5 40.Ne5 Bxe5 41.fxe5 g5 42.a3 a5 43.a4 h4 44.Kf3 Kxe5 45.Kg4 Kf6 46.Kf3 Kf5 47.Ke3 g4 48.hxg4+ Kxg4 49.Kf2 h3 50.Kg1 Kg3 0-1

**Aiden Sirotkine** (1301)  
**Jared Staggers** (Unrated)

**Round 5**

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.d4 e6 4.Nc3 Nf6 5.Be3 b6 6.Bc4 Be7 7.0-0 0-0 8.Re1 Na5 9.Qe2 d5 10.exd5 exd5 11.Bg5 Nxc4 12.Qxe7 Qxe7 13.Rxe7 Be6 14.dxc5 bxc5 15.Nb5 Bd7 16.Nc7 Rac8 17.Bxf6 Rxc7 18.Ne5 Nxe5 19.Bxe5 Rb7 20.b3 Re8 21.Rxe8+ Bxe8 22.Rd1 Bc6 23.Bd6 c4 24.f3 f6 25.Kf2 cxb3 26.axb3 a5 27.Rd4 Kf7 28.Ke3 Ke6 29.Bg3 g5 30.Be1 Ra7 31.h4 a4 32.bxa4 Bxa4 33.c4 dxc4 34.Rxc4 Bd1 35.Bc3 gxh4 36.Rc6+ ½-½



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	PLAYER	RATING	PTS	RD 1	RD 2	RD 3	RD 4	RD 5
1	GUNNAR ANDERSEN	2295	5.0	W 33	W 7	W 10	W 2	W 5
2	RICHARD SHTIVELBAND	2298	4.0	W 14	W 8	W 11	L 1	W 12
3	DANIEL HERMAN	1954	4.0	D 26	W 20	D 6	W 24	W 11
4	EDWARD YASUTAKE	1756	4.0	W 21	L 9	W 27	W 10	W 15
5	MARK KROWCZYK	1954	3.5	W 19	W 24	H	W 15	L 1
6	BRIAN ROUNTREE	1908	3.5	X	D 29	D 3	D 22	W 20
7	ANDREW STARR	1860	3.5	W 35	L 1	H	W 29	W 16
8	KARL IRONS	1826	3.5	W 37	L 2	D 16	W 19	W 22
9	RHETT LANGSETH	2150	3.0	W 18	W 4	W 23	U	U
10	ALEKSANDR BOZHENOV	2011	3.0	W 28	W 32	L 1	L 4	W 25
11	BRAD LUNDSTROM	1980	3.0	W 41	W 16	L 2	W 25	L 3
12	CALVIN DeJONG	1951	3.0	W 34	D 25	H	W 14	L 2
13	ALEXANDER FREEMAN	1797	3.0	L 29	W 26	L 14	W 39	W 27
14	MUKUND GURUMURTHI	1639	3.0	L 2	W 40	W 13	L 12	W 24
15	JOSHUA SAMUEL	1902	2.5	W 40	W 39	H	L 5	L 4
16	SAMI AL-ADSANI	1731	2.5	W 38	L 11	D 8	W 21	L 7
17	GARY BAGSTAD	1700	2.5	W 31	L 23	H	W 38	U
18	CHRISTOPHER MOTLEY	1591	2.5	L 9	H	L 22	W 41	W 26
19	JAMES MULBERRY	1529	2.5	L 5	W 30	H	L 8	W 35
20	COLEMAN HOYT	1238	2.5	H	L 3	W 34	W 32	L 6
21	SCOTT WILLIAMS	1175	2.5	L 4	W 28	H	L 16	W 34
22	ZANE YOUSSEF	1035	2.5	L 32	W 41	W 18	D 6	L 8
23	SARA HERMAN	1948	2.0	W 27	W 17	L 9	U	U
24	DAVIN YIN	1737	2.0	W 30	L 5	W 39	L 3	L 14
25	KARTHIK SELVA	1642	2.0	W 36	D 12	H	L 11	L 10
26	ROBERT CARLSON	1590	2.0	D 3	L 13	D 36	W 31	L 18
27	DEREK ISABELLE	1503	2.0	L 23	W 31	L 4	W 36	L 13
28	ALEXANDER MARSH	1550	2.0	L 10	L 21	W 37	L 30	W 38
29	STEVEN BUTCHER	1248	2.0	W 13	D 6	H	L 7	U
30	NEIL HENDREN	1233	2.0	L 24	L 19	W 41	W 28	U
31	SHIRLEY HERMAN	1023	2.0	L 17	L 27	W 40	L 26	W 39
32	CORY FOSTER	1715	1.5	W 22	L 10	D 38	L 20	U
33	VIBI VARGHESE	1671	1.5	L 1	L 35	H	L 34	W 41
34	DEAN BROWN	1400	1.5	L 12	D 36	L 20	W 33	L 21
35	DEREK ESKELDSON	1352	1.5	L 7	W 33	H	U	L 19
36	JARED STAGGERS	Unr	1.5	L 25	D 34	D 26	L 27	D 37
37	AIDEN SIROTKINE	1301	1.5	L 8	L 38	L 28	W 40	D 36
38	TRISTAN CRUZ	856	1.5	L 16	W 37	D 32	L 17	L 28
39	GEORGE PESCHKE	1462	1.0	X	L 15	L 24	L 13	L 31
40	AYUSH VISPUTE	1326	1.0	L 15	L 14	L 31	L 37	B
41	WILLIAM WOLF	1512	0.0	L 11	L 22	L 30	L 18	L 33

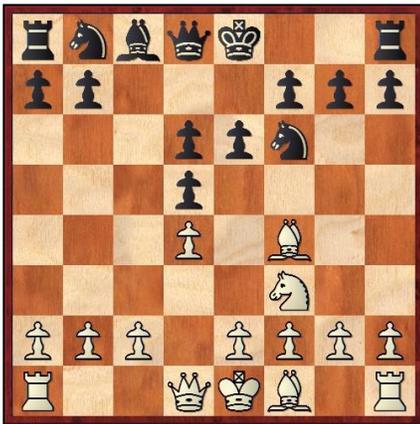
## Update to D00: Chigorin 3.Bf4

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This letter was motivated by Komodo 12 (K12) to update our previous article in July, 2016 using K9 on D00: Chigorin 3.Bf4.

Here we used the i7-4790 on 32 GB RAM with: 7 CPUs; 18 GB hash table; default options; and infinite analysis to depth 45.

1.d4 d5 2.Nc3 Nf6 3.Bf4 e6 4.Nb5 Bd6 5.Nxd6+ cxd6 6.Nf3

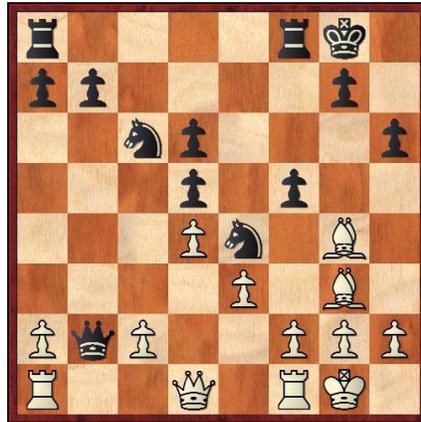


From this point, there are five lines, with all ending in even positions at (+0.00).

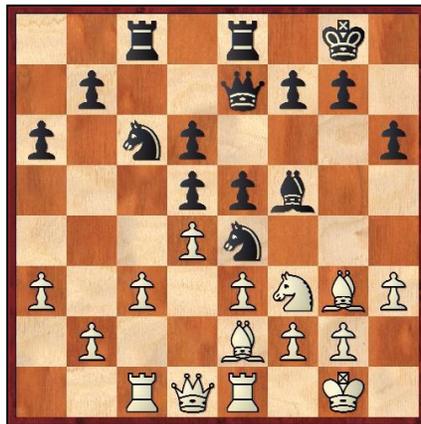
(1) 6...h6 7.e3 Nc6 8.Bg3 Ne4 9.Nd2 Nxc3 10.hxc3 e5 11.c3 0-0 12.Be2 Ne7 13.0-0 Be6 14.Qb3 Qd7 15.Rad1 Rac8



(2) 6.Bg3 h6 7.e3 0-0 8.Bd3 Nc6 9.Ne2 e5 10.0-0 e4 11.Bb5 Qb6 12.Nc3 Bg4 13.Be2 Qxb2 14.Nxe4 Nxe4 15.Bxg4 f5



(3) 6.e3 0-0 7.Nf3 Nc6 8.Bg3 h6 9.Be2 Re8 10.0-0 Qe7 11.Rc1 e5 12.c3 Bf5 13.h3 a6 14.Re1 Rac8 15.a3 Ne4



(4) 6.c3 Nc6 7.e3 0-0 8.Bg3 h6 9.Be2 Ne4 10.Nf3 Re8 11.Nd2 Nxc3 12.hxc3 e5 13.Qb3 Qa5 14.Qc2 Qb6 15.Qb3 Qa5



(5) 6.h3 0-0 7.e3 Re8 8.Nf3 Nc6 9.Bh2 e5 10.c3 Bf5 11.Be2 Be4 12.0-0 Rc8 13.Nd2 Bf5 14.Rc1 h6 15.Nf3 Be4



We prefer this line 5 for the aesthetic of h3 to afford White a parking space for the bishop at h2.

**Remark:** From K12's preferred line 1, should White delay the 5.Nb5 with 5.e3, we noticed a subsequent novel move by Black to protect the weakened c7 square.

4.e3 Bb4 5.Nge2 0-0 6.a3 Be7 7.Nb5 Ne8!



Except for the bishop on e7, Black is castled with pieces on rank 8, ready to sling shot forward. White does have the queen bishop developed, pawn at e3, and b4 protected.

8.Nbc3 c5 9.dxc5 Bxc5 10.g4 Bd6 11.Qd3 Nc6 12.0-0-0 Qb6 13.g5 Bd7 14.Kb1 Rc8.

This completes the transcript.



# A Chess Engine Perfect Game, & a Ply Prediction Statistic

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We used the chess engine Komodo 12.1 (K12) on an i7-4790 and 32 GB RAM, 7 CPUs, 18 GB hash table; default options; and infinite analysis.

The opening choice was that preferred by K12. The sequence of turns (plies) begins as the Réti opening (A04–A09), but soon transposes to the correctly classified D06: Queen’s Gambit Declined, Baltic Defense.

This opening was named after the Estonian GM Paul Keres, and also known as the Grau Defense or the Sahovic Defense.

In Colorado, the Baltic (and Vereosov) was used with tournament success by the chess masters Mikhail and Philipp Ponomarev.



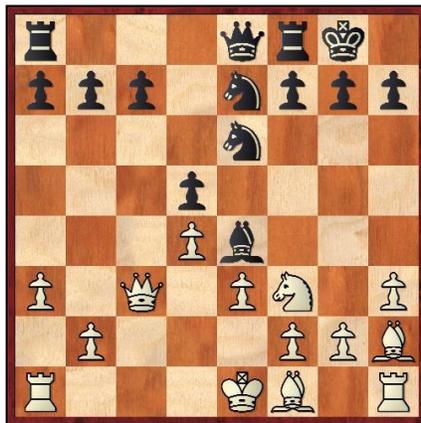
1.Nf3 d5 2.d4 Bf5 3.c4 e6 4.Nc3 Bb4 5.Bg5 Ne7



6.cxd5 exd5 7.Qb3 Nbc6 8.a3 Bxc3+ 9.Qxc3 0–0



10.e3 Qe8 11.Bf4 Nd8 12.h3 Ne6 13.Bh2 Be4



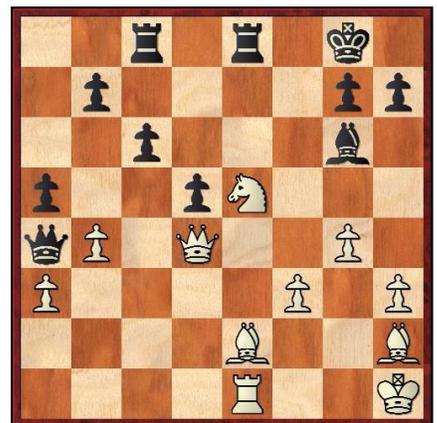
14.Be2 Rc8 15.b4 f5 16.0–0 f4



17.Ne5 fxe3 18.f3 Bg6 19.Rad1 a5 20.Rfe1 Qa4 21.Qxe3 Nf5 22.Qc3



22...Rfe8 23.Kh1 c6 24.g4 Nfxd4 25.Rxd4 Nxd4 26.Qxd4



26...Qxa3 27.bxa5 Qxa5 28.Bg3 Ra8 29.h4 Bc2 30.Bf1 Qa4 31.Qb6 Qb3 32.Qc7



32...Rf8 33.Qd6 Rfe8 34.Qd7 Bg6 35.h5  
Rad8 36.Qc7 Rc8 37.Qa5 Bc2 38.h6  
gxh6 39.Qd2 Re6



48.Bxh4 Rxe5 49.fxe5 Qh6 50.Kg3 Qe3+  
51.Rf3 Qe1+ 52.Kg2 Qxe5



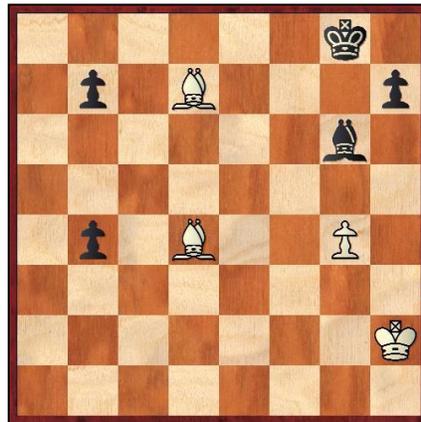
60.Kg3 h6 61.Be6+ Kf8 62.Kf4 Bc2  
63.Bc5+ Kg7 64.Bxb4 b6 65.Bc3+ Kf8  
66.Ke5 Kg7 67.Bd4 b5 68.Bc3 Bg6  
69.Bf5 Bf7 70.Kd6+ #50



40.Kh2 Bg6 41.Re2 Rce8 42.f4 Qa4  
43.Qb2 h5 44.Rf2



53.Rf2 Qe4+ 54.Kh2 Qe5+ 55.Qxe5  
Rxe5 56.Rb2 d4 57.Bf6 Rb5 58.Rxb5  
cxb5 59.Bxd4 b4



The subsequent mate was after exchange  
of White-squared bishops by a promoted  
queen.

Remark: Excluding the specialty mating  
engines, we noticed that accuracy of the  
prediction of the next turn or ply was  
consistent as to the move depth divided  
by four. For example, a move depth of  
45/4 plies equaled 11 as the number of  
plies to be consistently predicted. This  
meant at the depth of 45 moves, K12  
predicted accurately only the next 11-  
plies for the look ahead of a five move  
depth.



44...Qe4 45.Bd3 Qe3 46.Bf5 R6e7  
47.Bd7 h4



## Remembering Dave Jellison

by Curtis Carlson

*"Every problem that I solved became a rule which served afterwards to solve other problems." - Rene Descartes*

*"The way he plays chess demonstrates a man's whole nature." - Stanley Ellin*

*"The task of those of us with brains is to stand on the edge of the inexpressible and to lasso with words what everyone can feel and no one can say." - Howard Bloom*

*"Life is an ongoing exploration into a future that is unknowable but not unimaginable. Dealing with that uncertainty is what it means to be human." - Steve Horwitz*

*"Chess is a terrible game! If one does not have a center, one's opponent has the freer game, and if you do have the center, it gives you worries." - Siegbert Tarrasch*

*"When I crossed over from academic to popular writing, a university press editor advised me not to make the common professor's mistake of talking down to readers, as if they were semi-literate chicken pluckers. Think of them, she said, as if they are as smart as you are, but happen not to know something that you know." - Steven Pinker*

When finishing my last article ([http://www.coloradochess.com/informant/July\\_2018.pdf](http://www.coloradochess.com/informant/July_2018.pdf) / p.20), I was amazed to learn my longtime friend David K. Jellison died of cardiac arrest on February 5, 2018. He is survived by his former wife Beth, and his daughter Alexa. He was born on March 21, 1954, 23 days before me; curiously Alexa was born on October 29, 1996, 24 days before my son Jonathan. Fortunately for me the trend didn't continue, and my life didn't end on March 2.

Dave and I had shared many adventures in the early '70s; the Fischer boom was a great time to play chess! We met in 1970 at a high school tournament and became good friends. He graduated from Jefferson High School in 1972 and got a music degree from the University of Northern Colorado in 1980.



*(Dave was an optimist who expected to make a full recovery from a heart ailment. Thanks to Natalia Martin for providing this photo.*

*Picture taken - February 3, 2018)*

An active year for us was 1974. In March we took memorable trip to Las Vegas for the National Open. In July we went to the North American Open in Stillwater, Oklahoma, and then to the New York City US Open in August. Between road trips we played many blitz games at John Watson's recently opened Chess House. We had another busy year in 1975, when we returned to Stillwater and then went to Lincoln, Nebraska for the US Open. In December, Dave played first board for UNC in the Intercollegiate in Columbus, Ohio, where he drew World Open winner Alan Trefler. He once said chess was like baseball, where any team might beat any other team.

Dave was about 2100 strength until the late '70s when he broke into 2300 after many hours of hard study. His FIDE rating was a respectable 2255, while his USCF rating peaked at 2323. In the early 80s he played in Europe with mixed results. He has games online at:

<http://www.chessgames.com/perl/chessplayer?pid=33373> and  
<https://2700chess.com/games?search=Jellison,%20David>

Dave's playing style was unique; Brian Wall once said he could make any move look playable! We broke even in about a dozen tournament games. In May 1973 I won our first in Wyoming, but three

weeks later he beat me badly at the Air Force Academy Open. He played **1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cd 4.Nd4 Nf6 5.Bc4?! Bob Wendling** laughed at my passive **5...e6**, but I disliked 5...Ne4 6.Bf7 Kf7 7.Qh5 g6 8.Qd5 although it's equal or slightly better for Black after 8...e6 9.Qe4 Bg7 (or 9...d5 10.Qf4 Qf6 11.Qf6 Kf6 12.Nc3 Nc6). Also reasonable was 5...Qa5 6.Nc3 (6.Bd2!? Qc5 7.Bb5 Nbd7 8.Bd7 Bd7 9.Nb3 Qe5 =+) 6...Ne4 7.Qf3 Nf6 8.O-O Nbd7 =. We later emulated the 1984 Karpov - Kasparov match with cautious draws, although he decisively won our last game in 1979. It's hard to believe it's been nearly four decades since we last played.



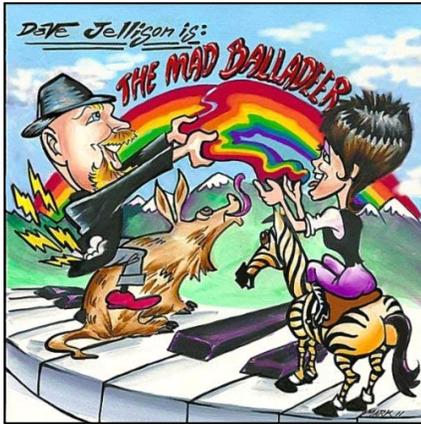
*(Dave and IM John Watson at a 1977 California tournament.)*

Dave moved to New Hampshire in 1989 and lived there seventeen years. He married Beth Clougherty in June 1992. My wife Jessica and I (and Brian Wall) attended their wedding. It was a moving outdoor ceremony where he expressed deep love for Beth, but they unfortunately divorced about ten years later. He played sporadically in New England with inconsistent results. His last tournament appears to be the 2002 New Hampshire Open:

<http://www.uschess.org/msa/XtblMain.php?200207141510.1-10406111>.

His disappointing results and the breakup of his marriage may have motivated his 2006 move to Austin to pursue a career as a singer. He said it was a 'way cool city', and was well known in local music circles. Many of his Texas friends didn't know he played chess! He has pix with them at:

<https://www.facebook.com/djellison1>, and also has an album at Amazon:



I last saw Dave in November 1996, when he proudly showed me Alexa's baby pix. It didn't occur to me then I would never see him again. We last spoke on the phone in 2001, and kept in infrequent contact on Facebook. He was a great friend who is well remembered and much missed. I learned much from him and our association made me a different, better person.

Beth kindly sent me Dave's game scores from tournaments spanning thirty years. He identified his ten best games against nine masters and expert Brian Wall.

**DJ - Paul Kuroda (2200)  
1976 Arkansas Open**

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 g6 5.Be3 Bg7 6.Nc3 Nf6 7.Bc4 d6 8.f3 O-O 9.Qd2 Bd7 10.h4 Qa5 11.O-O-O Rfc8 12.Bb3 Ne5 13.Kb1 Nc4 14.Bxc4 Rxc4 15.Nb3 Qa6 16.h5 Nxh5 17.Nd5 e6 18.Nc3 Rac8 19.Bh6 Bxc3 20.bxc3 Rxc3 21.Rc1 f6 22.e5 Ng3 23.exf6 Kf7 24.Bf8!



Nxh1 25.Qh6 e5 26.Qg7+ Ke6 27.Qe7+ Kf5 28.Bh6 Ng3 29.Qxd7+ Kxf6 30.Bg7+ Kg5 31.Qg4# 1-0

Kuroda became a senior master and tied for first in the 1982 National Open.

**Dmitry Agrachov (2200) - DJ  
1977 Colorado Open**

1.e4 Nf6 2.e5 Nd5 3.d4 d6 4.Nf3 Bg4 5.Be2 e6 6.O-O Be7 7.c4 Nb6 8.Be3 O-O 9.Nbd2 Nc6 10.exd6 cxd6 11.h3 Bh5 12.Rc1 f5!? 13.d5 exd5 14.cxd5 Nb4 15.Qb3 Na6 16.Bxa6 bxa6 17.Nd4 f4 18.Ne6 fxe3 19.Nxd8 exd2 20.Nc6 Bg5 21.Ra1 Be2 22.Qg3 Bf4 23.Ne7+ Kh8 24.Qh4 Bh6 25.Qg3 Rf6 26.f4 Bxf1 27.Rxf1 Bxf4 28.Qd3 Be3+29.Kh2 Rxf1 30.Qxf1 Nc4 31.Nf5 Bf4+ 32.Qxf4 d1Q 33.Qxc4 Qe1 34.Qd4 Qe5+ 35.Qxe5 dxe5 36.Kg3 Rd8 37.Ne3 g6 38.Kf3 Kg7 39.Ke4 h5 40.Kxe5 Re8+ 41.Kd4 Kf6 42.g3 Rb8 43.Nc4 Re8 44.b3 Re2 45.Kc5 Rg2 46.g4 hxg4 47.hxg4 Rxc4 48.d6 Ke6 49.d7 Rg5+ 50.Kc6 0-1

Agrachov immigrated from the USSR in 1977 and played in the 1980 US Junior championship.

**DJ - Brian Wall (2199)  
4th Match Game / June 22, 1981**

1.g3 c6 2.d4 d5 3.Bg2 Bf5 4.Nf3 e6 5.O-O Bd6 6.b3 b5 7.c4 Nd7 8.Bb2 bxc4 9.bxc4 Ne7 10.Nbd2 Rb8 11.Qc1 O-O 12.e4 dxe4 13.Ng5 Nc8 14.Ngxe4 Be7 15.Qc3 Nf6 16.Rad1 Qc7 17.Nc5 Bxc5 18.dxc5 Ne7 19.Ba1 Rfd8 20.Ne4 Bxe4 21.Bxe4 Rxd1 22.Rxd1 Rd8 23.Rb1 Rd7 24.Bf3 Ne8 25.a4 f6 26.a5 Qc8 27.Qe3 Nc7 28.Bc3 Kf7 29.g4 e5 30.g5 Ne6 31.Bg4 Nxg5 32.Bxe5 Ng6 33.Bd6 Rb7 34.Bxc8 Rxb1+ 35.Kg2 1-0 ... on move 40.

The Pawn Wave Guy loses to doubled pawns.

**DJ - Randy Canney (2200)  
Rocky Mountain Team Championship  
November 7, 1982**

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 d5 4.Qb3 dxc4 5.Qxc4 Be6 6.Qd3 Nc6 7.Nf3 Bg7 8.e4 O-O 9.h3 Nb4 10.Qe2!? c6 11.a3 Qa5 12.Rb1 Na2 13.Bd2 Nxc3 14.Bxc3 Qb6 15.Ng5 Bc8 16.Rd1 h6 17.Nf3 Be6 18.Qe3 Bb3 19.Rd2 Ba4 20.Bd3 Bb5 21.O-O Bxd3 22.Rxd3 Kh7 23.Ne5 Rad8 24.f4 Ne8 25.Kh1 Nd6 26.Qe1 Qc7 27.Re3 e6 28.Qg3 a5 29.h4 Rg8 30.h5 Bf8 31.Qh3 g5 32.f5 Bg7 33.fxe6 Bxe5 34.dxe5 g4 35.Qh4 Nf5 36.Rxf5 Rd1+

37.Kh2 fxe6 38.Rf6 Qg7 39.Rg6 Qf7 40.Qf6 1-0

Canney won the 1978 Colorado Open and held a 2300 rating for many years.

**Randy Canney (2200) - DJ  
Colorado Springs CC Round Robin  
October 14, 1983**

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 e6 3.d3 Nc6 4.g3 d5 5.Nbd2 Nf6 6.Bg2 Be7 7.O-O O-O 8.e5 Nd7 9.Re1 b5 10.Nf1 a5 11.h4 a4 12.a3 b4 13.Bf4 Ba6 14.axb4 Nxb4 15.Rxa4 Bb5 16.Rxa8 Qxa8 17.Ng5 Qa2 18.Nh2 Qxb2 19.Qh5 Bxg5 20.hxg5 Qxc2 21.Rc1 Qb2 22.Be4 dxe4 23.Ng4 Nxd3 24.Rd1 N3xe5 25.Nh6+ gxh6 26.Kg2 Be2 0-1

**James Hamblin (2100) - DJ  
Mike Freeman Memorial  
May 20, 1984**

1.e4 c5 2.c3 e6 3.d4 d5 4.exd5 exd5 5.Nf3 Nc6 6.Be2 Bd6 7.dxc5 Bxc5 8.O-O Nf6 9.Nbd2 Bf5 10.Qa4 O-O 11.Nb3 Bd6 12.Bg5 h6 13.Bh4 a6 14.Nbd4 b5



15.Nxc6 bxa4 16.Nxd8 Rfxd8 17.Bxf6 gxf6 18.Nd4 Be4 19.f3 Bg6 20.Bd1 a3 21.Rf2 Rac8 22.bxa3 Bxa3 23.f4 Be4 24.Nb3 Rxc3 25.Rd2 d4 26.Be2 d3 27.Rad1 a5 28.Bf3 Bxf3 29.gxf3 a4 30.Rg2+ Kf8 31.Nd2 Rc1 32.Rxc1 Bxc1 33.Kf1 Re8 34.Ne4 f5 35.Nf6 Re6 36.Rg8+ Ke7 37.Nd5+ Kd6 38.Rd8+ Kc5 39.Rc8+ Kxd5 40.Rxc1 Re2 41.Rc7 Rxb2 0-1

James "Humble" Hamblin won the 1972 and 1976 Denver Opens, and beat Walter Browne in the 1983 National Open.

**DJ - IM Walter Shipman  
US Masters Open / October 8, 1984**

1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.Nf3 Nf6 4.Nc3 dxc4

5.e4 b5 6.Qc2 e6 7.h3 a6 8.Be3 Nbd7  
9.g4 h6 10.g5 hxg5 11.Nxg5 Bb7 12.Rg1  
e5 13.O-O-O Qa5? 14.dxe5 Nxe5 15.f4  
Nd3+ 16.Bxd3 cxd3 17.Qxd3 b4 18.Qc4!



Qc7 19.Na4 c5 20.Nb6 Ra7 21.Rd7 1-0 ...  
on move 29.

Dave crushes a well known IM.

**DJ - Alexander Fishbein (2320)**  
**May Daze**  
**May 19, 1985**

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 d6 3.Nc3 g6 4.e4 Bg7 5.f3  
O-O 6.Be3 e5 7.d5 c6 8.Bd3 cxd5 9.cxd5  
Ne8 10.Qd2 Na6 11.Bxa6 bxa6 12.Nge2  
f5 13.exf5 gxf5 14.O-O Nf6 15.f4 Ng4  
16.Bf2 Nxf2 17.Rxf2 Rb8 18.fxe5 Bxe5



19.Nf4 Qb6 20.Kh1 Qd4 21.Nd3 Bg7  
22.Rd1 Re8 23.Rf3 Bd7 24.h3 Re7  
25.Nf4 Qxd2 26.Rxd2 Rbe8 27.g3 Bf6  
28.Kg2 Bg5 29.Kf2 Rb8 30.Nce2 Bf6  
31.b3 Rc8 32.Re3 Kf7 33.Kf3 Rxe3+  
34.Kxe3 Re8+ 35.Kf3 Re4 36.Rc2 Bd8  
37.g4 Bb6 38.Rc3 Re8 39.g5 a5 40.a4  
Bc5 41.Nh5 Bc8 42.Nf6 Re5 43.Nf4 Re1  
44.Nxh7 Rf1+ 45.Kg3 Kg7 46.Nf6 Rg1+  
47.Kh4 Ba6 48.Ne6+ Kg6 49.Nxc5 dxc5  
50.Nh5 c4 51.Nf4+ Kf7 52.bxc4 Ra1  
53.d6 Bc8 54.Re3 Rf1 55.Re7+ Kg8

56.Nd5 1-0

Fishbein got his GM title in 1992 and  
played in several US championships.  
Among many other achievements he beat  
Bent Larsen in the 1990 World Open. He  
resides in New Jersey and still plays  
actively.

**Alexander Fishbein (2350) - DJ**  
**Metro Tournament**  
**April 20, 1986**

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 e6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 a6  
5.Nc3 Qc7 6.Bd3 Nc6 7.Nb3 Nf6 8.O-O  
b5 9.a3 Be7 10.f4 d6 11.Qe1 O-O 12.Qg3  
Bb7 13.Bd2 b4 14.axb4 Nxb4 15.Kh1  
Nxd3 16.Qxd3 Rac8 17.Na5 Ba8 18.Rfe1



d5 19.exd5 Nxd5 20.Nxd5 Bxd5 21.c4  
Bxc4 22.Qxc4 Qxc4 23.Nxc4 Rxc4  
24.Rxa6 Rd8 25.Be3 h6 26.Kg1 Rc2  
27.Rb6 Rd3 28.Kf1 Bh4 29.Rb8+ Kh7  
30.g3 Bf6 31.Re2 Rd1+ 32.Kf2 Rh1!  
33.Rxc2 Rxh2+34.Kf3 Rxc2 35.b4 g5  
36.b5 Rc3 37.Ke4 Bg7 38.fxg5 hxg5  
39.g4 Kg6 40.Rb6 Rb3 41.Bc5 Rg3  
42.Rc6 Rxc4+ 43.Kf3 Rf4+ 44.Kg2 Bd4  
0-1 ... on move 58.

**DJ - IM Joe Bradford (2400)**  
**National Open**  
**March 14, 1987**

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 c5 3.d5 b5 4.cxb5 a6 5.Nc3  
axb5 6.e4 b4 7.Nb5 d6 8.Bf4 Nbd7 9.Nf3  
Nb6 10.Bd3 g6 11.e5 Nfxd5 12.exd6  
exd6 13.Qe2+ Be6 14.Bg5 Be7 15.Bh6  
b3 16.O-O Rxa2 17.Rad1 Kd7 18.Bc4  
Nxc4 19.Qxc4 Qa8 20.Nc3 Nxc3  
21.Qxc3 Rc8 22.Rfe1 Qa5 23.Qg7 Qd8  
24.Ne5+ Kc7 25.Nxf7 Qd7 26.Ne5 Bf8  
27.Qxf8 Rxf8 28.Nxd7 Rxf2 29.Kxf2  
Rxb2+ 30.Rd2 Rxd2+ 31.Bxd2 Kxd7  
32.Bc3 d5 33.Ra1 d4 34.Bb2 Kc6  
35.Ra6+ Kd5 36.Kf3 Bf5 37.g4 Bc2



38.Ra8 g5 39.Rd8+ Kc4 40.Rc8 Bd1+  
41.Kg3 Kb4 42.Rb8+ Kc4 43.Rc8 d3  
44.Rd8 Be2 45.h3 Kb4 46.Kf2 c4 47.Rd5  
h5 48.gxh5 Bxh5 49.Ke3 Bf7 50.Rd4 Be6  
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1/2-1/2

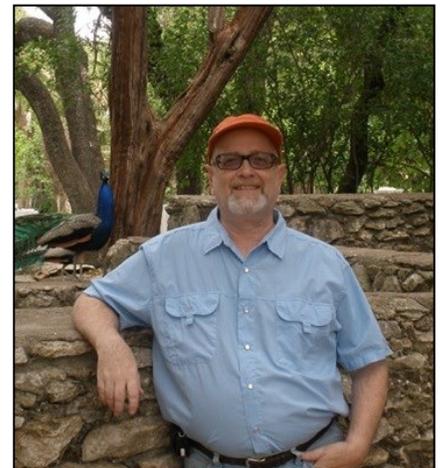
An interesting and complicated ending.  
Big Joe won the 1978 US Open in  
Phoenix, and in 1979 won brilliancy  
prizes for these complex Alekhine like  
games:

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If there are any questions, corrections, or  
remarks about this article I can be  
reached at [curt2309@comcast.net](mailto:curt2309@comcast.net).

I appreciate the opportunity to share  
memories about Dave and other old  
friends.



(Dave Jellison - 2016)

## Tribute to Dave Jellison

by Curtis Carlson & Tim Stevens

*“What do I do to make you love me*

*What do I do to make you care*

*What do I say when lightning strikes me*

*And I awake to find you’re not there”*

From “Sorry Seems To Be the Hardest Word”, sung by Dave Jellison “The Mad Balladeer”, which you can find on YouTube (<https://tinyurl.com/yav45bbj>).

### David Sewell vs. Dave Jellison 1975 Intercollegiate at University of Colorado

1.e4 Nf6 2.Nc3 e5 3.Bc4 Nxe4 4.Qh5  
Nd6 5.Bb3 Nc6 6.Nb5 g6 7.Qf3 f5  
8.Qd5 Qe7 9.Nxc7+ Kd8 10.Nxa8 b6



(An early transposition from Alekhine’s Defense to the Vienna Game “Frankenstein-Dracula” variation! Tim Harding named this as what would probably happen if the Frankenstein Monster and Count Dracula sat down to a game of chess. Harding’s 1976 book “Vienna Opening” has a 12-page chapter on this variation. Eric Schiller’s 2012 book on this variation is 188 pages long [be aware that Schiller’s books can have poor reviews]. Black’s exchange sacrifice is extremely complicated, and a lot of fun!) 11.Qf3 Bb7 12.d3 Nd4 13.Qg3 (Losing a critical tempo, Evans-Santasiere Pittsburg 1946 continued 13.Qh3 f4 14.c3 N4f5 15.Ne2 g5 16.Rf1 h5 17.g4 Qg7 18.f3 hxg4 19.Qxg4 Rxh2, 0-1 on move 49.) 13...f4 14.Qh3 N6f5 15.c3 Nh4 16.f3 (Stopping Bxg2.) 16...Ndf5 17.Nxb6 (In this tactical variation it is better to make Black spend

a move on Bxa8.) 17...axb6 18.g4 e4 (18.Ne3+ 19.Bxe3 fxe3 20.O-O Qg5 21.Kc2 Bd6 22.Kb1 h5 23.gxh5 Qxh5 24.Qg3 Nxf3 25.Nxf3 Bxf3 26.Rde1 e2 eventually simplifies to an equal position.) 19.fxe4 (19.dxe4 Nxf3+ 20.Qxf3 Nh4 21.Qd3 Bxe4 22.Qd4 Nf3+ 23.Nxf3 Bxf3+ 24.Be3 Qxe3+ 25.Qxe3 fxe3 - equal.) 19...Bxe4 20.dxe4 Qxe4+ 21.Kf1 Ne3+ (21...Bc5 22.gxf5 g5 23.Qg4 Kc8 24.Bd1 Qxh1 25.b4 h5 26.Qxg5 Qd5 27.bxc5 Rg8 - advantage to Black.) 22.Bxe3 fxe3 23.Qxh4+ Be7 24.Qg3 Rf8+ 25.Ke1 Bc5

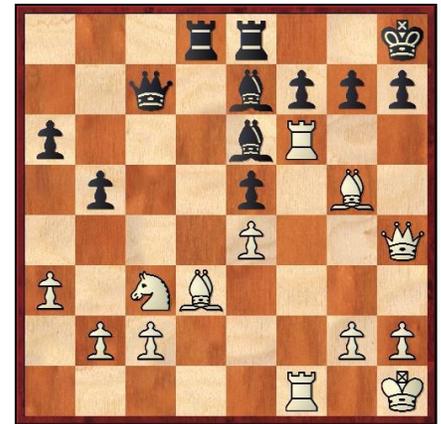


Dave shows great patience for someone down a rook and a knight! 26.Ne2 (26.Rd1 saves the game for White 26...e2 27.Nxe2 Qxh1+ 28.Kd2 Qe4 29.Bc2 Qe6 30.Nd4 Qd6 31.Qg2 Qf4+ 32.Kd3 - holds the extra piece.) 26...Qxh1+ 27.Qg1 Qe4 28.Rd1 Rf2 29.Bd5 Rxe2+ 30.Kxe2 Qxc2+ 31.Kf3 e2 32.Qxc5 (32.Rd4 Bxd4 33.Qxd4 e1Q 34.Qxb6+ Ke8 35.Qb8+ Ke7 36.Qb4+ d6 37.Qb7+ - gains a perpetual.) 32...exd1Q+ 0-1

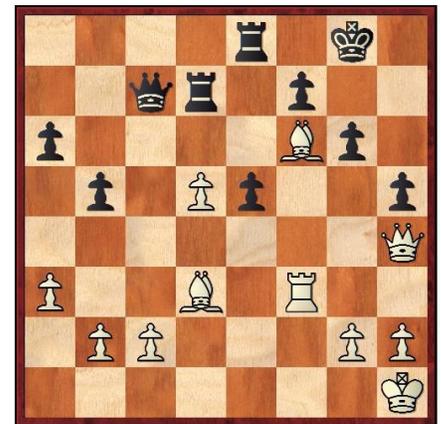
### Dave Jellison vs. J.W. Nelson Chess House “29th Annual Julius Caesar Memorial Tourney”, June 1974

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 e6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 a6  
5.a3 Qc7 6.Nc3 Nc6 7.Be3 Nf6 8.f4 d6  
9.Be2 Be7 10.O-O b5 11.Kh1 Bb7  
12.Bd3 O-O 13.Qe2 Rfe8 14.Rad1 Bf8  
15.Qf3 Ne7 (Well, both players are making slow moves with 5.a3, 11.Kh1, Be2-d3, 13...Rfe8 and 15...Ne7, but the tactics ahead are quite amazing.) 16.Qh3 Ng6 17.Nf3 Rad8 18.Qg3 Kh8 19.Nh4 Nxe4 20.Qxh4 e5 (This gives White the open f-file plus the d5 square, better is 20...Be7 21.Qg3 d5 22.e5 d4 23.exf6 Bxf6 24.Qh3 h6 25.Nxb5 axb5 - equal.) 21.fxe5 dxe5 22.Bg5 Be7 23.Rf3 Be8

(To stop 24.Rh3) 24.Rdf1 Be6 25.Rxf6!



25...Bxf6 (25...gxf6 26.Rxf6 Rxd3 27.Rh6 [27.cxd3 Qd8] Bxg5 [27...Bf5 28.exf5 Bxg5 29.Rxh7+ Kg8 30.Qxg5+ Kxh7 31.f6 and mates] 28.Rxh7+ Kg8 29.Rh8+ Kg7 30.Qh7+ Kf6 31.Rxe8 Rd8 32.Nd5+ Bxd5 33.Qf5+ Kg7 34.Qxg5+ Kh7 35.Rxd8 and wins.) 26.Rxf6 Kg8 27.Rf3 Rd7 28.Nd5 (28.Bf6 Qd6 29.Nd5 g6 30.Be7 Qxe7 31.Nf6+ Qxf6 32.Qxf6 also wins.) 28...Bxd5 29.exd5 g6 30.Bf6 h5



31.Qxh5! gxh5 32.Rg3+ Kf8 33.Bh7 1-0 (Due to 34.Rg8#.) Dave shared the brilliancy prize in the tournament for this game!



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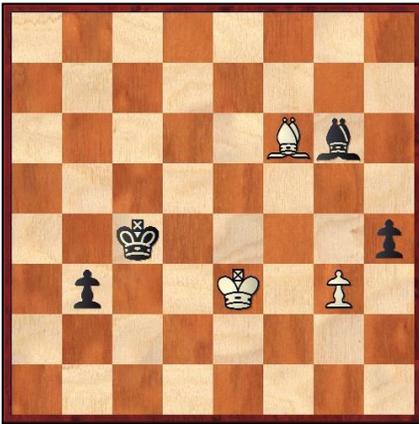
## Winning Opposite Color Bishop Endgames

by NM Todd Bardwick

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In the July 2018 edition of the *Colorado Chess Informant*, we looked at some examples of how to win opposite color bishop endgames. Now it is your turn to try to figure out how to win these complex endgames.

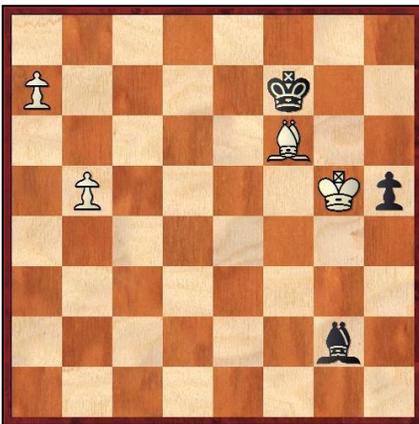
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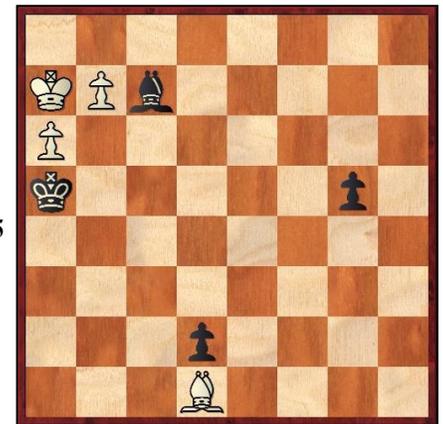
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Position after 59.hxg3  
Black to move



**#4**  
Position after 47.Kg1  
Black to move



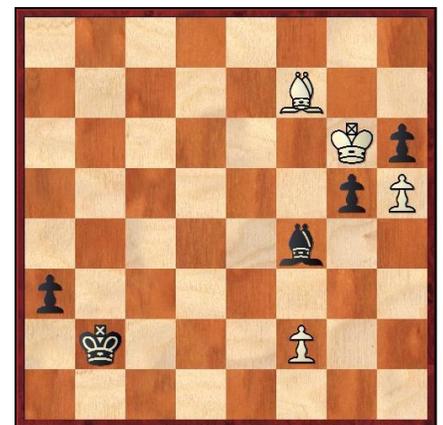
**#2**  
Position after 45...gxh5  
White to move



**#5**  
Position after 67...Ka5  
White to move



**#3**  
Position after 59.Bc5  
Black to move



**#6**  
Position after 69.Kg6  
Black to move

## #1

This game took place between Aron Nimzowitsch and Jose Raul Capablanca in Riga, Latvia, 1913. Black played **59...h3! 60.Kf2 Bf5 61.g4 Bxg4 62.Kg3 Kd3** (Black will force White to sacrifice his bishop for the b-pawn and then march his king over to help out the h-pawn. Note that Black has the light-squared bishop to support the promotion square on h1.) **63.Kh2** (63.Kxg4 h2) **63...Kc2 64.Kg3 b2 65.Resigns**

## #4

Veselin Topalov played White against Alexey Shirov in this 1998 game from Linares, Spain. **47...Bh3!** (A brilliant sacrifice by Shirov. If he goes into the opposite color bishop ending with **47...Be4 48.Kf2 f5 49.g3 Kd6 50.Bd4 Kc6 51.Ke3 Kb5 52.Bb2 Kc4 53.Be5 Kb3 54.Kd2 a3 55.Bd4 Kc4 56.Ke3** and White can draw by blockading the queenside pawns on the dark squares.) **48.gxh3 Kf5 49.Kf2 Ke4 50.Bxf6 d4 51.Be7 Kd3 52.Bc5 Kc4 53.Be7 Kb3 54.Resigns** (54.Ke2 Kc2 or 54.Bc5 d3 55.Ke3 Kc2 and White can't stop Black's pawns.)

## #2

**46.Kf5! Resigns** (Of course, **46.Kxh5? Kxf6** and Black easily draws by marching his king to the queenside. **46.Kf5** wins for White because his king can move to the queenside to help his pawns. White must keep Black's king from reaching the queenside pawns first, where Black could easily draw by blockading the a- and b-pawns. With his bishop on the h4-d8 diagonal and his king reaching e6 or d6, White can keep Black's king boxed out.) This position is from a game between Max Euwe and Daniel Yanofsky played in Groningen, Netherlands, 1946.

## #5

**68.b8Q Bxb8+ 69.Kb7!** (Black's bishop is stuck on the short a7-b8 diagonal. If he leaves, a7 promotes the pawn. Black's king must stay in contact with the a6 pawn from a5 or b5 so White can't take the bishop. White's bishop will stay on the d1-h5 diagonal, preventing Black's pawns from advancing. White will be able to play **Be2** to keep Black's king off b5 at the right time and force him to a4 or b4.) **69...Kb5 70.Bg4 Resigns** (70...Ka5 71.Be2. Black is in zugzwang and will have to give away both his pawns and then White's bishop can return to the f1-a6 diagonal to force a final zugzwang.) This game was between Ricardo Calvo and Donald Byrne and took place in Palma de Mallorca, Spain, in 1968.

## #3

This game is from the 1955 USSR Championship in Moscow between Alexander Kotov and Mikhail Botvinnik. Botvinnik played the ingenious **59...g5! 60.fxg5 d4+ 61.exd4** (Black's bishop not only protects the b-pawn but also blockades both of White's pawns on the a2-g8 diagonal.) **61...Kg3 62.Ba3 Kxh4 63.Kd3 Kxg5 64.Ke4 h4 65.Kf3 Bd5+ 66.Resigns** (Black has the bishop that protects the promotion square (h1) of the rook pawn. Black can move his bishop to e6 to protect h3 and then to d7 to block White's passed pawn. Black's king can then march to the queenside to force ...b2 and eliminate White's bishop.)

## #6

This game took place in 1964 in Tel Aviv, Israel, between Owen Hindle and Guenther Moehring. **69...Be3!** (A nice bishop sacrifice. White cannot stop both the a- and g- pawns after **70.fxe3 g4**. If **70.f3**, then **70...a2 71.Bxa2 Kxa2** and **72. Kxh6 g4+** is easily winning for Black.) **70.Kxh6 g4+ 71.fxe3 g3 72.Kh7 g2 73.h6 g1Q 74.Kh8 a2 75.Bxa2 Kxa2 76.h7 Qg6 77.e4** (It is too bad for White that he has the e-pawn. Without it, the position would be drawn.) **77...Qf7 78.Resigns** (78.e5 Qf8#)

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# Tactics Time!

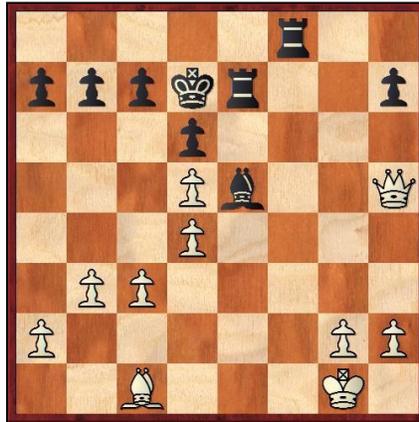
by Tim Brennan

One of the best ways to improve your game is to study tactics, such as the following, from games played by Colorado players. Answers are on the next page.

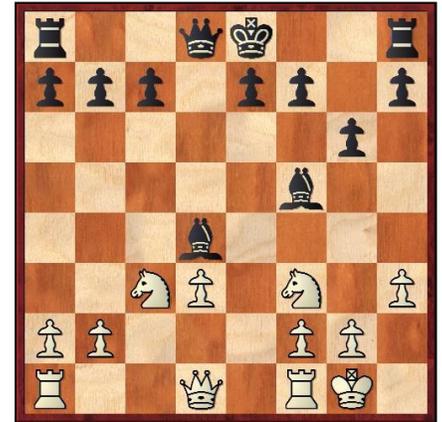
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**1. DuWayne Langseth - Akshat Jain**  
*Colorado Open / September 2018*  
 Black to move



**2. Dustin Booker - Coleman Hoyt**  
*Colorado Open / September 2018*  
 Black to move



**3. Griffin McConnell - Selah Williams**  
*Colorado Open / September 2018*  
 White to move



**4. Mark McGough - Paul Anderson**  
*July One Night Quick / July 2018*  
 Black to move



**5. Todd Walker - Mukund Gurumurthi**  
*Denver Chess Club / July 2018*  
 White to move



**6. Vedanth Sampath - Alexandre Blangy**  
*Denver Chess Club / July 2018*  
 White to move



**7. Michael Igoe - Rithvik Ijju**  
*Denver Chess Club / July 2018*  
 Black to move



**8. Brian Wall - Cory Kohler**  
*Denver Chess Club / July 2018*  
 White to move



**9. Vibi Varghese - Gunnar Andersen**  
*Pikes Peak Open / August 2018*  
 Black to move



### **Tactics Time Answers:**

- 1.** 26...Bh2 attacks the pinned bishop and threatens checkmate with Qxg1#.  
27.Qf2 Bxg1 28.Qxg1 Qxg1+ 29.Kxg1 Rxe3.
- 2.** 21...Bxd4+ 22.Be3 Bxe3+ 23.Kh1 Rf1#.
- 3.** 13.Qa4+ forks the king and bishop.
- 4.** 23...Qxg3+ the f2-pawn is pinned. 24.Bg2 Qxg2#.
- 5.** 24.Bxg4 removes the defender of the queen. 24...Qxh5 25.Bxh5 wins a piece.
- 6.** 20.Bxh7+ Kh8 21.Nxf7#.
- 7.** 9...Nxc4 wins a pawn with a discovered attack. 10.fxc4 Bxh4+.
- 8.** 9.Bxf7+ Kxf7 10.Ng5+ picks up a pawn for White.
- 9.** 24...Rxc2+ 25.Kxc2 Qxd1.

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Colorado Springs

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Rounds 1 & 2: G/90; d/05  
Rounds 3 - 5: G/90; inc/30  
Centennial

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October 18, 2018  
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Golden

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Denver

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October 20, 2018  
5 Round / Swiss  
G/30; d/0  
Golden

### **Bughouse Birthday Bash**

October 20, 2018  
5 Round / Double Round Robin  
G/5; d/0  
Colorado Springs

### **2nd Annual Club Chess!! Medieval Gala Tournament**

October 27 - 28, 2018  
4 Round / Swiss  
G/90; d/05  
Colorado Springs

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October 27, 2018  
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Colorado Springs

### **CSCC November Swiss 90**

November 6 - 27, 2018  
4 Round / Swiss  
G/90; inc/30  
Colorado Springs

### **Club Chess!! Classical Wednesdays**

November 7 - 28, 2018  
5 Round / Swiss  
G/90; inc/30  
Colorado Springs

### **November Action**

November 11, 2018  
4 Round / Swiss  
G/30; d/05  
Colorado Springs

### **November Scholastic Action**

November 11, 2018  
4 Round / Swiss  
G/30; d/05  
Colorado Springs

### **Denver Scholastic Chess Series #3**

November 17, 2018  
5 Round / Swiss  
Denver

**Summit School of Chess  
Tournament Series #3**

November 24, 2018  
5 Round / Swiss  
G/30; d/05  
Golden

**SSC #3 Open "Broncos" Division**

November 24, 2018  
5 Round / Swiss  
G/30; d/0  
Golden

**Winter Springs Open**

December 1 - 2, 2018  
4 Round / Swiss  
G/90; inc/30  
Manitou Springs

**CSCC December Swiss 90**

December 4 - 18, 2018  
3 Round / Swiss  
G/90; inc/30  
Colorado Springs

**Summit School of Chess  
Tournament Series #4**

December 8, 2018  
5 Round / Swiss  
G/30; d/0  
Golden

**Denver Scholastic Chess Series #4**

December 8, 2018  
5 Round / Swiss  
Denver

**SSC #4 Open "Broncos" Division**

December 8, 2018  
5 Round / Swiss  
G/30; d/0  
Golden

**Holiday Gift of Chess Action**

December 22, 2018  
4 Round / Swiss  
G/30; d/05  
Colorado Springs

**Holiday Gift of Chess Scholastic Action**

December 22, 2018  
4 Round / Swiss  
G/30; d/05  
Colorado Springs

**Holiday Gift of Chess Bug-House**

December 22, 2018  
7 Round / Round Robin  
G/5; d/0  
Colorado Springs

**Holiday Gift of Chess Crazy 8's G\75**

December 23, 2018  
3 Round / Swiss  
G/75; d/05  
Colorado Springs

**Denver Scholastic Chess Series #5**

January 12, 2019  
5 Round / Swiss  
Denver

**Summit School of Chess  
Tournament Series #5**

January 19, 2019  
5 Round / Swiss  
G/30; d/0  
Golden

**SSC #5 Open "Broncos" Division**

January 19, 2019  
5 Round / Swiss  
G/30; d/0  
Golden

**Denver Scholastic Chess Series #6**

February 2, 2019  
5 Round / Swiss  
Denver

**February Action**

February 2, 2019  
4 Round / Swiss  
G/30; d/05  
Colorado Springs

**February Scholastic Action**

February 2, 2019  
 4 Round / Swiss  
 G/30; d/05  
 Colorado Springs

**Summit School of Chess  
Tournament Series #6**

February 9, 2019  
 5 Round / Swiss  
 G/30; d/0  
 Golden

**SSC #6 Open "Broncos" Division**

February 9, 2019  
 5 Round / Swiss  
 G/30; d/0  
 Golden

**Denver Scholastic Chess Series #7**

March 16, 2019  
 5 Round / Swiss  
 Denver

**March Action**

March 16, 2019  
 4 Round / Swiss  
 G/30; d/05  
 Colorado Springs

**March Scholastic Action**

March 16, 2019  
 4 Round / Swiss  
 G/30; d/05  
 Colorado Springs

**Summit School of Chess  
Tournament Series #7**

March 23, 2019  
 5 Round / Swiss  
 G/30; d/0  
 Golden

**SSC #7 Open "Broncos" Division**

March 23, 2019  
 5 Round / Swiss  
 G/30; d/0  
 Golden

**Denver Scholastic Chess Series #8**

April 6, 2019  
 5 Round / Swiss  
 Denver

**Summit School of Chess  
Tournament Series #8**

April 27, 2019  
 5 Round / Swiss  
 G/30; d/0  
 Golden

**SSC #8 Open "Broncos" Division**

April 27, 2019  
 5 Round / Swiss  
 G/30; d/0  
 Golden

**Denver Scholastic Chess Series #9**

May 4, 2019  
 5 Round / Swiss  
 Denver

*For more detailed information on these upcoming  
 Colorado events, please visit the CSCA website at*

*[www.ColoradoChess.com/newtourn.shtml#tournamentContent](http://www.ColoradoChess.com/newtourn.shtml#tournamentContent)*



## COLORADO CHESS CLUB DIRECTORY

**Boulder Chess Club:** Meets Wednesdays at the University Memorial Center (First Floor) on the CU Boulder campus, 6:30-9:30pm. 1669 Euclid Avenue, 80309. [www.BoulderChess.com](http://www.BoulderChess.com).

**Carbondale Chess Club:** Meets every Tuesday from 6:00pm until the wee hours at Kahhak Fine Arts & School, 411 Main Street, Carbondale, 81623. All levels and ages are welcome and chess coaching is available. Please contact Majid Kahhak at (970) 704-0622 or email: [Mkahhak@sopris.net](mailto:Mkahhak@sopris.net).

**Castle Rock Chess Club:** Meets every Monday from 6:00-9:00pm at the Philip S. Miller Library, 100 South Wilcox Street, Castle Rock, 80104.

**Chess Knights:** (Highlands Ranch) Meets on the 2nd & 4th Wednesday evenings from 7:00-9:00pm. Highlands Ranch Library, 9292 Ridgeline Boulevard, 80129. Information is also available on the Chess Knights' Web site at [HighlandsRanchLibraryChess.org](http://HighlandsRanchLibraryChess.org). Contact: Frank Atwood (720) 260-1493 or by email: [FrankAtwood@HighlandsRanchLibraryChess.org](mailto:FrankAtwood@HighlandsRanchLibraryChess.org).

**Chessmates Chess Club:** (Fort Collins) 4825 South Lemay Avenue, 80525. Mondays & Thursdays 5:00-6:30pm for Advanced players, Tuesdays for Beginners from 5:15-6:15pm. Instructed by Zachary Bekkedahl. For more information contact Zachary Bekkedahl by email at [info@chessmatesfc.com](mailto:info@chessmatesfc.com) or go to [www.chessmatesfc.com](http://www.chessmatesfc.com).

**Colorado Springs Chess Club:** Meets Tuesday evenings, 7:00-10:00pm, in the ballroom of the Acacia Apartments building, 104 East Platte Avenue. Scheduled activities every meeting at 8:00pm (must show up by 8:00pm or you might be locked out). For information see our website at [www.SpringsChess.org](http://www.SpringsChess.org) or email Richard "Buck" Buchanan at [buckpeace@pcisys.net](mailto:buckpeace@pcisys.net) or call (719) 685-1984.

**Craig Chess Club:** Call Rick or Mary Nelson, (970) 824-4780 to schedule play.

**Denver Chess Club:** Meets on Tuesdays, 6:00-10:00pm at the Third Christian Reformed Church, 2400 South Ash Street, Denver. (303) 733-8940. [www.DenverChess.com](http://www.DenverChess.com).

**Denver Chess / Meetup.com:** This group is run through the social site *Meetup.com*, and our page is [www.Meetup.com/Learn-to-Play-Chess/](http://www.Meetup.com/Learn-to-Play-Chess/). Players must join in order to receive information and sign up for events. Contact: David Costantino at [avs1cup@yahoo.com](mailto:avs1cup@yahoo.com) or through the group's *Meetup.com* page.

**Durango Chess Club:** Meets on Wednesdays from 6:00-9:00pm at Durango Joe's Coffee Shop, 732 East College Drive.

**Fort Collins Chess Club:** Currently meets Tuesdays, 7:00pm, in the food court of the Lory Student Center (2nd level),

Colorado State University. You can email Randy Reynolds at [randy\\_tesyana@msn.com](mailto:randy_tesyana@msn.com). On the web - [groups.yahoo.com/group/fort\\_collins\\_chess](http://groups.yahoo.com/group/fort_collins_chess).

**Fort Lewis College Chess Club:** Meets Thursday nights in the X-treme room which is located the College Union Building, the club is sponsored by the school and is a USCF affiliate club. For more info, contact Andrea Browne at (970) 247-6239.

**Grand Junction Chess Club:** Meets Mondays at 6:30pm in the Safeway at Starbucks, 2901 Patterson Road. Call Rick Lovato at (970) 243-1073.

**Grand Junction Junior Chess Club:** Meets every 3rd Saturday of the month at the Knights of Columbus Building, 2853 North Avenue. Call Rand Dodd at (970) 245-4015.

**Greeley Chess Club:** Meets Wednesdays, 6:00-9:00pm at Your Place Coffee, 2308 West 17th Street, Greeley. Contact Brad Lundstrom at [ChessCoach2014@gmail.com](mailto:ChessCoach2014@gmail.com). Or call him at (970) 415-3855.

**Lafayette Chess Club:** Meets Mondays, from 6:00-9:00pm at the Mojo Coffeehouse, 211 North Public Road in Lafayette. For more information send an email to [aerofirewp@yahoo.com](mailto:aerofirewp@yahoo.com) or contact Victor Creazzi at (303) 332-7039.

**Longmont Chess Club:** Meets Wednesdays from 6:30-9:00pm. Check [www.LongmontChess.com](http://www.LongmontChess.com) for current meeting location. Email Todd Burge at [Admin@LongmontChess.com](mailto:Admin@LongmontChess.com) or call (720) 220-5240.

**Northeast Denver Chess Club:** Meets Mondays and Thursdays from 4:00-8:00pm at 2575 Vine Street, Denver. Call (303) 320-6716 for more info.

**Pagosa Springs Chess Club:** Meets on Tuesdays (6:00-9:00pm) and on Saturday mornings (9:00-Noon) at Nello's Restaurant, 135 Country Center Drive, #A. For more information contact Anthony Steventon by email at [asteveton@centurytel.net](mailto:asteveton@centurytel.net) or at (970) 731-3029.

**Pueblo Chess Club:** Meets at the Hanging Tree Café, 209 South Union, 81003 on Tuesdays and Thursdays after 6:30pm. For more info contact Liz Nickovich at [chessliz@comcast.net](mailto:chessliz@comcast.net) or by phone at (719) 696-8389.

**Rifle Chess Club:** Meets Thursdays, 6:30-9:00pm, at City Hall. For information email Dane Lyons at [duilen@gmail.com](mailto:duilen@gmail.com).

**Stonebridge Games Chess Club:** (Longmont) Meets Tuesdays at 5:00pm. 449 Main Street, Longmont. Call (303) 776-3796 for more info.





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