

COLORADO CHESS INFORMANT



*Special Daniel Naroditsky
Memorial Tournament Report*

*Colorado State
& Blitz Champion
Sullivan McConnell*

*Colorado Open
State Blitz Championship
Grand Chess Tour in St. Louis
The Chess Detective
Tactics Time! and much more...*



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From the Editor

Hello fellow Colorado chess enthusiasts. Another summer comes to an end and what better way to end it than to crown our State champion at the Colorado Open. Congratulations to Sullivan who not only won the title but shortly after went to Samarkand Uzbekistan along with his brother Griffin to represent Team USA at the Olympiad. Welcome back to Earle Wikle as our CSCA president and other new members. These volunteers do an incredible amount of work to keep our state chess scene vibrant, please thank them all. Another great issue here with coverage of our Colorado Open and a special report of mine from Charlotte NC where I was fortunate to attend the Daniel Naroditsky tournament. Thanks to everyone who submits articles for our Informant and keeps it going as not many states have such a publication. Please enjoy our latest issue and I welcome all feedback as future issues may look different as Microsoft Publisher will be no more. ...

- John Brezina

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2026 Colorado State Champion Sullivan McConnell

(photo by John Brezina)

CSCA President Earle Wikle's Message

... "Back in the Saddle Again"

First of all, I would like to thank Kevin McConnell for taking the reins for a year and really doing a tremendous job of organizing and documenting events with forms and budgets. This will help aid all future presidents in coming up with the schedules and plans to run the CSCA. Kevin's accomplishments of getting higher turnouts in the State Scholastics, Boulder Open, Class Championship, All Girls Championship, Blitz Championship and Colorado Open. As well as, adding new events like 960 tournament and Boulder Open. Really a fantastic job and a lot of effort that will be greatly appreciated. In addition, Congratulations to FM Sullivan McConnell for making FM, making it to 2400 rating, and winning the Colorado State Blitz Championship and Colorado State Championship.

Next my efforts will be geared towards getting the State Scholastic tournament ready for beginning of March. Yes, we are moving the event one month later to be able to take advantage of cheaper rates for rental space. Kevin arranged this move and with the savings it will help the organization, which I approve. Look for thing to come out soon on the CSCA website.

Also, I will be working on setting up a Richard "Buck" Buchanan memorial tournament. I want to bring back Bucks "Winter Springs Open" Dec. 5-6, at Garden of the Gods, Hyatt Place and the "Colorado Springs Open" tournament probably late February 2027 in Manitou (still working a deal).

I look forward to seeing all of you at future events and have a wonderful Fall and Winter seasons, wishing everyone glorious holiday celebrations, and remember to be careful and have fun.

- Earle Wikle



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CSCA 2026 Membership meeting

Reports

Last year's board was very successful in generating more attendance and increasing the overall business of the CSCA.

After last year's Colorado Open the treasury totaled \$24,103.30 with an over charge from the Hilton Gardens of \$2180.48, which was corrected in October. The Total was actually \$26,283.78, and this year's treasury totals \$32,901.55, that is a gain of \$6,617.77

As of the end of August the membership is at 328 members. Last year's membership was 289.

Elections for CSCA board

President - Earle Wikle (Elected unopposed)

Vice President - Jesse Cohen (Elected unopposed)

Secretary - Joyce Kovacs (Elected unopposed)

Treasurer - Dan Duggan (Elected unopposed)

Members at Large - Lloyd Gauthier, Andy Starr, Sharmila Kamath, Alex Von Kaenel

Top Three Junior representatives (Elected):

1. Tanya - Expand scholastic opportunities and side events during tournaments
2. Kaavya - Help girls in Colorado get involved with chess
3. Amitai - Create communications system to connect Colorado kids at tournaments

Colorado Delegates: Earle & Sharmila.

Alternates: Dean Brown

Miscellaneous Business:

Create scholastic committees to enable more kids with project ideas

Ping Lloyd if you need flyers or to advertise online

Create a representative/committee for seniors

New Business:

1. More FIDE titled tournaments in CO. Need people to become FIDE Arbiters. (Karthika S.)
2. Website improvements. Use AI to make suggestions? (Dean Clow)
3. Zombie Apocalypse, Clone Wars (Brian Wall)
4. Improve Blitz - board setup before start, noise control needed, start time too late for kids
5. Website - history updated by Lloyd
6. More girl tournaments (Karthika S.)
7. More Dual-rated/Blitz/Rapid/Quick tournaments (Henry Kovacs)
8. More bughouse (Brian Wall)
9. Scholarships or free memberships for girls and boys (Karthika S.)
10. Richard "Buck" Buchanan Memorial tournament in Colorado Springs (Earle)
11. Team Championships for Adults. Vote on best team names



Colorado Chess News

History Section of the CSCA website

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

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

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

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

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Colorado State Chess Association & Colorado Chess Informant win 2026 Chess Journalists of America awards



Team USA Finishes in 4th place at 3rd Olympiad for People with Disabilities



Team USA: Sullivan McConnell, Celine Atassi, Griffin McConnell, Pranav Shankar, Jordan Timm
(Photo courtesy US Chess)



Team USA vs Poland in Round 3
(Photo courtesy FIDE/Mark Livshitz)



Sullivan McConnell in Samarkand
(Photo courtesy FIDE/Mark Livshitz)



Team USA and their families (Photo courtesy US Chess)

2026 COLORADO STATE ALL GIRLS SCHOLASTIC CHESS CHAMPIONSHIP

By Earle Wikle

July 25, 2026

In April of 2019, during the Denver Open there were 45 young ladies who played in the inaugural CSCA Girls tournament. Then COVID hit and since that time the CSCA has tried on a number of occasions to host the tournament only with smaller turn outs. This year CSCA President Kevin McConnell succeeded in organizing a return of 45 young ladies to compete for the All Girls scholastic championship. The format was a fast-paced G/30; d5 five-round unrated Swiss tournament with three sections. This opened the door for many young ladies to play in their first tournament and compete with other girls. As well as it allowed experience rated players to encourage more girls to compete in rated events as they inquired on how to get a rating. A big success and a big thanks to Kevin McConnell, Jesse Cohen, and Andy Starr, for running the event.

In Grades K-8/K-12: Finishing 1st Ariana Dani completed a perfect 5–0 score and 2nd Kaavya Sakthisaravanan (4), 3rd Sloane Beth Murphy (4). In Grades K-5: 1st Ella Zhang (4½), 2nd Mithra Sakthi (4), 3rd Saanvi Male (3½). In Grades K-2: 1st Humshika Ravada completed a perfect 5–0 score and 2nd Niharika Varun (4), 3rd Grace Dasom Howell (4). The largest rating upset in the All Girls tables was Cora Sidles' 474-point upset over Naomi Anderson.

Name	Rating	Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd 3	Rd 4	Rd 5	Total
1 Ariana E Dani	1803	W10 (w)	W3 (b)	W4 (w)	W2 (b)	W5 (b)	5
2 Kaavya Sakthisaravanan	1653	W6 (b)	W8 (w)	W5 (b)	L1 (w)	W4 (b)	4
3 Sloane Beth Murphy	1347	W12 (b)	L1 (w)	W6 (b)	W7 (w)	W8 (b)	4
4 Siddhishree Sundaram	1369	W11 (w)	W7 (b)	L1 (b)	W8 (w)	L2 (w)	3
5 Cora Sidles	134	B---	W9 (b)	L2 (w)	W11 (b)	L1 (w)	3
6 Prisha Yedalwar	501	L2 (w)	W10 (b)	L3 (w)	W12 (b)	W13 (w)	3
7 Kristina Samora Iii	751	W13 (b)	L4 (w)	W12 (w)	L3 (b)	W9 (b)	3
8 Mia Jimenez	934	W9 (w)	L2 (b)	W11 (w)	L4 (b)	L3 (w)	2
9 Naomi Anderson	608	L8 (b)	L5 (w)	B---	W10 (b)	L7 (w)	2
10 Niharika Bhat U		L1 (b)	L6 (w)	W13 (b)	L9 (w)	W12 (w)	2
11 Julayna Perez	353	L4 (b)	W13 (w)	L8 (b)	L5 (w)	B---	2
12 Chloe Christine Ameter	200	L3 (w)	B---	L7 (b)	L6 (w)	L10 (b)	1
13 Faye Harris	U	L7 (w)	L11 (b)	L10 (w)	B---	L6 (b)	1



Colorado Open

By Earle Wikle

The Colorado Open contained four sections (Championship, U1900, U1600, and U1300).

In the Championship section with all the upsets of masters it was a bit of a survival for the top players. FM Sullivan McConnell mentioned to me after the tournament that he did not play any masters as a result of the upsets. In fact it was not even clear he would win on tie-breakers after he finished his game. At one point Sikander Baker-Nagar position looked better for him against Orgil Batsaikhan. If that result would have held for Sikander, it looked as though he would win the championship on tie-breakers. As Sullivan patiently waited, the game shifted in favor of Orgil Batsaikhan. However, it still was not clear that Sullivan would win on tie-breakers, until the player Sullivan played in round 1 finished his game. When Grayson Manuel finished his game with a win, Sullivan knew he clinched the Trophy.

In the Championship section, FM Sullivan McConnell & CM Orgil Batsaikhan tied for 1st and 2nd with $4\frac{1}{2}/5$, each winning \$1,100. For 3rd thru 5th, there was a three way tie between, visiting Josh Price from Idaho (who had a fantastic tournament), NM Dmitry Kishinevsky and NM Rhett Langseth, each winning \$450. U2100 1st place went to Shubh Misra with (3.5 points), earned \$200, and a seven way tie for U2100 2nd place with (3 points) between, Dean Clow, Jorge Rubio, Henry Kovacs, Felix Mcmillan, Derek Yin, Tarquin Bennion, and Wyatt Backhouse. Top Championship upset goes to Tarquin Bennion (1,902) over NM Christofer Peterson (2,242), +340, earned \$100.

In the U1900 section, there was six way tie with (4 points), for 1st thru 3rd between, Aaron Gindi, Joshua Samuel, Viaan Khandelwal, Buddy Diamond Jr., Subhanker Roy, and Christopher Bowen. Top U1900 upset was Ella Zhang (1,473) over John Schoenke (1,830), +357, earned \$100.

In the U1600 section, three tied for 1st thru 3rd with (4.5 points) David Cease, John Lees and Felix Graham, each winning \$500. Top upset U1600 was won by Charlie Kovacs earned \$100.

In the U1300 section, there was a tie with (4.5 points) for 1st and 2nd between Ethan Dunn and Brendan Mahoney received \$512.50 each, and eight players tied for 3rd place with (4 points), Arjun Sundaresan, Harley Richardson, Veronica Pinna, Sanjan Sendilkumar, Jared Coburn, Gavin Snyder, Sam Redenius, and Parker Barouch, each earned \$34.38. The most striking rating-gap result in the entire tournament was Parker Barouch's 1,008-point upset in the U1300 section, earned \$100.



Colorado Open State Champion Sullivan McConnell



2026 Colorado Open Final Standings

Championship Section

Name	Rating	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	Total	Prize
1 FM Sullivan McConnell	2399	W44 (w)	W22 (b)	W10 (w)	D6 (b)	W3 (w)	4½	\$1,100.00
2 NM Orgil Batsaikhan	2154	W37 (b)	W4 (w)	H---	W7 (b)	W6 (w)	4½	\$1,100.00
3 Josh Price	1979	W25 (b)	W12 (w)189	W38 (b)240	W24 (w)228	L1 (b)	4	\$450.00 :
4 NM Dmitry Kishinevsky	2026	W41 (w)	L2 (b)	W43 (w)	W12 (w)142	W11 (b)	4	\$450.00 :
5 NM Rhett Langseth	2102	W50 (w)	L10 (b)	W44 (w)	W19 (b)	W14 (w)	4	\$450.00 :
6 Sikander Baker-Nagar	2121	W29 (b)	W21 (w)	W15 (b)	D1 (w)139	L2 (b)	3½	
7 Shubh Misra	2046	W45 (b)	W35 (w)	D11 (b)	L2 (w)	W21 (b)	3½	\$200.00 :
8 NM Daniel Herman	2200	L11 (w)	D20 (b)	W34 (b)	W15 (w)	W13 (w)	3½	
9 Austin Powell	2123	D20 (w)	W39 (b)	D13 (w)	D10 (b)	W26 (w)	3½	
10 Derek Yin	1944	W34 (b)	W5 (w)158	L1 (b)	D9 (w)89.5	D16 (w)128	3	\$14.29 :
11 Tarquin Bennion	1902	W8 (b)298	W49 (b)340	D7 (w)72	D14 (b)76	L4 (w)	3	\$14.29 :
12 NM Matthew Wofford	2168	W28 (w)	L3 (b)	W22 (w)	L4 (b)	W25 (w)	3	
13 Wyatt Backhouse	1857	D14 (w)98.5	W40 (b)127	D9 (b)133	W17 (w)192	L8 (b)	3	\$14.29 :
14 Dean Clow	2054	D13 (b)	W36 (w)	W23 (b)	D11 (w)	L5 (b)	3	\$14.29 :
15 Henry Kovacs	1984	W47 (w)	W16 (b)216	L6 (w)	L8 (b)	W30 (w)	3	\$14.29 :
16 LM Brian D Wall	2200	W27 (b)	L15 (w)	D21 (b)	W39 (w)	D10 (b)	3	
17 Jorge Rubio	2049	W30 (w)	L19 (b)	W20 (w)	L13 (b)	W32 (w)	3	\$14.29 :
18 Felix Mcmillan	1972	L19 (w)	W41 (b)	H---	D27 (w)	W33 (b)	3	\$14.29 :
19 Neel Yadatore	1788	W18 (b)184	W17 (w)261	L24 (b)	L5 (w)	D28 (b)56	2½	
20 Leif Mcfadden	1890	D9 (b)116.5	D8 (w)155	L17 (b)	W34 (w)	D27 (b)5.5	2½	
21 Brad Langer	1945	W48 (w)	L6 (b)	D16 (w)	W31 (b)	L7 (w)	2½	
22 Grayson Manuel	1969	W31 (b)	L1 (w)	L12 (b)	D29 (w)	W41 (b)	2½	
23 Emmett Lignell	1987	W33 (w)	D24 (b)110	L14 (w)	L26 (b)	W39 (b)	2½	
24 NM Eamon Montgomery	2207	W26 (b)	D23 (w)	W19 (w)	L3 (b)	U---	2½	
25 Lincoln Mott	1807	L3 (w)	W28 (b)93	W46 (w)190	H---	L12 (b)	2½	
26 Laurence Robert Wutt	1903	L24 (w)	W33 (b)	H---	W23 (w)84	L9 (b)	2½	
27 Krish Mathimaran	1901	L16 (w)	D47 (b)	W48 (w)	D18 (b)35.5	D20 (w)	2½	
28 Keith Oxman	1900	L12 (b)	L25 (w)	W47 (w)	W43 (b)	D19 (w)	2½	
29 Tanya Prabhu	1882	L6 (w)	D48 (b)	H---	D22 (b)43.5	W40 (w)102	2½	
30 Forrest Lundstrom	1857	L17 (b)	L31 (w)	W37 (b)34	W42 (w)51	L15 (b)	2	
31 Nick Hvizda	1770	L22 (w)	W30 (b)87	D35 (b)80.5	L21 (w)	D42 (b)69	2	
32 Ashwin Mathimaran	1822	L46 (w)	D42 (b)43	W40 (w)162	D35 (w)54.5	L17 (b)	2	
33 Duwayne Langseth	1819	L23 (b)	L26 (w)	W50 (w)51	W44 (b)110	L18 (w)	2	
34 Jeffrey Baffo	1700	L10 (w)	W50 (b)170	L8 (w)	L20 (b)	B---	2	
35 Vedant Pravin Margale	1931	W43 (w)	L7 (b)	D31 (w)	D32 (b)	U---	2	
36 Ariana E Dani	1814	D40 (w)	L14 (b)	L39 (w)	D45 (b)15	W43 (w)	2	
37 Rohan Jacob David	1891	L2 (w)	L43 (b)	L30 (w)	W50 (b)	W45 (w)	2	
38 NM Griffin McConnell	2219	W42 (w)	W46 (b)	L3 (w)	U---	U---	2	
39 Jose De Jesús Parra	1921	D49 (w)	L9 (w)	W36 (b)	L16 (b)	L23 (w)	1½	
40 Tarun Bala Karthikeyan	1984	D36 (b)	L13 (w)	L32 (b)	W47 (w)	L29 (b)	1½	
41 Ted Doykos	1834	L4 (b)	L18 (w)	H---	W48 (b)	L22 (w)	1½	
42 CM Brad Lundstrom	1908	L38 (b)	D32 (w)	H---	L30 (b)	D31 (w)	1½	
43 Jeremiah Grant	U	L35 (b)	W37 (w)	L4 (b)	L28 (w)	L36 (b)	1	
44 Vedanth Peesapaty	1929	L1 (b)	W45 (w)	L5 (b)	L33 (w)	U---	1	

Championship cont.

45 Ryan Hajjali	1844	L7 (w)	L44 (b)	H---	D36 (w)	L37 (b)	1
46 Niall Mckenzie	1997	W32 (b)	L38 (w)	L25 (b)	U---	U---	1
47 Sandeep Mathew	1810	L15 (b)	D27 (w)45.5	L28 (b)	L40 (b)	U---	½
48 Steven Garverick	1739	L21 (b)	D29 (w)71.5	L27 (b)	L41 (w)	U---	½
49 NM Christofer Peterson	2242	D39 (b)	L11 (w)	U---	U---	U---	½
50 Daniel Marmer	1870	L5 (b)	L34 (w)	L33 (b)	L37 (w)	U---	0

U1900 Section	Rating	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	Total
1 Subhanker Roy	1784	W38 (w)	W22 (b)	W3 (b)25	D5 (w)1	D2 (b)	4 \$283.33 :
2 Christopher Paul Bowen	1767	W33 (b)	D12 (w)40	W17 (w)	W11 (b)	D1 (w)8.5	4 \$283.33 :
3 Aaron Gindi	1809	W21 (w)	W20 (b)	L1 (w)	W27 (b)	W11 (w)	4 \$283.33 :
4 Joshua Samuel	1800	W14 (w)	D17 (b)	W26 (w)	W24 (w)79	D5 (b)	4 \$283.33 :
5 Buddy Diamond Jr.	1786	W28 (b)	W29 (w)	W16 (b)	D1 (b)	D4 (w)7	4 \$283.33 :
6 Viaan Khandelwal	1800	D15 (b)	D7 (w)	W31 (b)	W16 (w)	W12 (w)47	4 \$283.33 :
7 Adam Huber	1568	D26 (w)91.5	D6 (b)116	W35 (w)168	D8 (b)119.5	W24 (w)311	3½
8 Owen Curtis	1807	D32 (b)	W15 (w)	H---	D7 (w)	W19 (b)	3½
9 Niall Case	1549	H---	W13 (w)118	L24 (b)	W20 (w)188	W18 (b)251	3½
10 John Schoenke	1830	D13 (b)	L16 (w)	W28 (b)	W32 (w)	W15 (b)	3½
11 Max Higa	1765	W30 (w)	W24 (b)114	W18 (b)35	L2 (w)	L3 (b)	3
12 Anthony Ross Whitt	1847	W19 (w)	D2 (b)	H---	W25 (w)	L6 (b)	3
13 Jack Adin Gottlieb	1667	D10 (w)81.5	L9 (b)	H---	W29 (w)	W25 (b)50	3
14 Sam Calvert	1617	L4 (b)	W36 (w)	L25 (b)	W34 (w)	W27 (w)83	3
15 Sam Nesbitt	1622	D6 (w)89	L8 (b)	W21 (w)41	W26 (b)129	L10 (w)	2½
16 Ella Zhang	1473	B---	W10 (b)357	L5 (w)	L6 (b)	D26 (w)139	2½
17 Ryan Gupta	1700	W34 (w)	D4 (w)50	L2 (b)	L22 (b)	W31 (w)	2½ \$100.00
18 Clifton Ford	1800	W39 (w)	W27 (b)	L11 (w)	D19 (b)	L9 (w)	2½ U1900
19 Cory Edward Foster	1693	L12 (b)	W33 (w)	W34 (b)	D18 (w)53.5	L8 (w)	2½
20 Kaavya Sakthi	1737	W31 (w)	L3 (w)	H---	L9 (b)	W28 (b)	2½
21 Mason Brady	1663	L3 (b)	D28 (w)	L15 (b)	W36 (w)	W30 (b)	2½
22 Ying-Te Yen	1535	W25 (b)182	L1 (w)	H---	W17 (w)165	U---	2½
23 Drew Banazek	1491	H---	L35 (b)	W39 (w)145	U---	W37 (b)209	2½
24 Ian Katz	1879	W37 (b)	L11 (w)	W9 (w)	L4 (b)	L7 (b)	2
25 Robert Z Blaha	1717	L22 (w)	W30 (b)	W14 (w)	L12 (b)	L13 (w)	2
26 Eli Cohrs	1751	D7 (b)	W32 (w)	L4 (b)	L15 (w)	D16 (b)	2
27 Bill Slichenmyer	1700	W36 (b)	L18 (w)	W29 (b)	L3 (w)	L14 (b)	2
28 Charlie W Zetterower	1613	L5 (w)	D21 (b)25	L10 (w)	W38 (b)	L20 (w)	1½
29 Srii Ruppesh Bezawada	1544	W35 (w)192	L5 (b)	L27 (w)	L13 (b)	D33 (b)31	1½
30 Maria E Leboeuf	1595	L11 (b)	L25 (w)	W33 (b)11	D35 (b)70.5	L21 (w)	1½
31 Sarvesh Rajesh	1547	L20 (b)	W39 (b)89	L6 (w)	D37 (w)76.5	L17 (b)	1½
32 Caleb Knedlik	1643	D8 (w)82	L26 (b)	W38 (w)	L10 (b)	U---	1½
33 Tristan Cruz	1606	L2 (w)	L19 (b)	L30 (w)	W39 (b)30	D29 (w)	1½
34 Rushiitha Bezawada	1505	L17 (b)	B---	L19 (w)	L14 (b)	D38 (w)53.5	1½
35 Jordan Ogas	1736	L29 (b)	W23 (w)	L7 (b)	D30 (w)	U---	1½
36 Heymanth Manikhandan	1514	L27 (w)	L14 (b)	H---	L21 (b)	B---	1½
37 Kenneth Doykos	1700	L24 (w)	D38 (b)	H---	D31 (b)	L23 (w)	1½
38 Quinn Leduc	1612	L1 (b)	D37 (w)44	L32 (b)	L28 (w)	D34 (b)	1
39 William Wolf	1636	L18 (b)	L31 (w)	L23 (b)	L33 (w)	U---	0

U1600 Section

#	Name	Rating	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	Total
1	David Cease	1498	W28 (w)	W10 (b)	W5 (w)25	W4 (w)8	D2 (b)	4½ \$500.00 :
2	John Lees	1142	W18 (b)261	W19 (w)339	W16 (b)293	W17 (w)370	D1 (w)178	4½ \$500.00 :
3	Felix Graham	1330	D22 (w)81.5	W23 (b)133	W27 (w)	W8 (w)	W7 (b)	4½ \$500.00 :
4	Tobin James Fletcher	1506	W9 (w)	W6 (b)	W20 (w)	L1 (b)	W10 (b)	4
5	Karthikeyan Kannan	1523	W37 (b)	W24 (w)	L1 (b)	W11 (w)	W9 (w)	4
6	Connor L Jacobs	1367	X---	L4 (w)	W33 (b)	W19 (w)114	W16 (b)68	4
7	Hansit Raj Ravada	1121	B---	D25 (w)171.5	W12 (b)460	W22 (w)372	L3 (w)	3½
8	Jefferson Zhang	1189	D16 (b)123	X---	W32 (w)198	L3 (b)	W17 (b)323	3½
9	Lan Truong	1355	L4 (b)	W21 (b)145	W13 (w)84	W25 (w)109	L5 (b)	3
10	Anay Gupta	1343	W21 (w)157	L1 (w)	W24 (b)110	W20 (b)131	L4 (w)	3
11	Ryan Haig	1381	W30 (w)207	L17 (b)	W28 (w)	L5 (b)	W20 (w)93	3
12	Shan M Obaidullah	1581	W13 (w)	L20 (b)	L7 (w)	W27 (b)	W23 (b)	3
13	Adeel Bhatti	1439	L12 (b)	W29 (w)	L9 (b)	W33 (w)	W22 (b)54	3
14	Siddhishree Sundaram	1422	D26 (b)	L16 (w)	D23 (w)20.5	W21 (b)78	W19 (b)59	3
15	Austin Houck	1307	L25 (b)	L34 (w)	W37 (b)69	W29 (w)12	W30 (b)281	3
16	Maxwell Robert Gulan	1435	D8 (w)	W14 (b)	L2 (w)	W18 (b)	L6 (w)	2½
17	Owen Emerson Christ	1512	W34 (b)	W11 (w)	H---	L2 (b)	L8 (w)	2½
18	Karthika Sakthisara-vanan	1403	L2 (w)	W31 (b)	H---	L16 (w)	W28 (b)	2½
19	Justin Magruder	1481	W31 (w)	L2 (b)	W34 (w)	L6 (b)	L14 (w)	2
20	Maxwell Cale	1474	W29 (b)	W12 (w)107	L4 (b)	L10 (w)	L11 (b)	2
21	Randolph G Schine	1500	L10 (b)	L9 (w)	W26 (b)	L14 (w)	W27 (b)	2
22	Christian Hardy	1493	D3 (b)	W35 (w)	H---	L7 (b)	L13 (w)	2
23	Dean W Brown	1463	D35 (b)	L3 (w)	D14 (b)	X---	L12 (w)	2
24	Alexander Von Kaenel	1453	W33 (w)	L5 (b)	L10 (w)	D28 (b)	D26 (w)	2
25	Erik Knudsen	1464	W15 (w)	D7 (b)	H---	L9 (b)	U---	2
26	Dylan Kovacs	1176	D14 (w)123	L32 (b)	L21 (w)	B---	D24 (b)138.5	2
27	Charlie Kovacs	1126	D32 (w)130.5	W30 (b)462	L3 (b)	L12 (w)	L21 (w)	1½ \$100.00 :
28	Blake Morris	1338	L1 (b)	W37 (w)38	L11 (b)	D24 (w)57.5	L18 (w)	1½ U1600
29	Jared Hall	1319	L20 (w)	L13 (b)	D31 (w)1.5	L15 (b)	B---	1½ Upset
30	Vivian Miller	1588	L11 (b)	L27 (w)	H---	W31 (b)	L15 (w)	1½
31	Om Thakekar	1322	L19 (b)	L18 (w)	D29 (b)	L30 (w)	W33 (b)	1½
32	Kai Lucas Grayson	1387	D27 (b)	W26 (w)	L8 (b)	U---	U---	1½
33	Joseph Aragon	1300	L24 (b)	B---	L6 (w)	L13 (b)	L31 (w)	1
34	Philip Lesko	1361	L17 (w)	W15 (b)	L19 (b)	F---	U---	1
35	Donald Henry Penning	1305	D23 (w)79	L22 (b)	H---	U---	U---	1
36	Anjali Kanitkar	1376	H---	F---	U---	U---	U---	½
37	Shawn Quinn	1376	L5 (w)	L28 (b)	L15 (w)	U---	U---	0
38	Nivid Singhal	1518	F---	U---	U---	U---	U---	0

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Name	Rating	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	Total
1 Ethan Dunn	1060	W51 (b)	W5 (w)229	W16 (b)96	D3 (b)79	W12 (w)126	4½ \$512.50 :
2 Brendan Mahoney	1286	W29 (b)	W27 (w)	W14 (b)	W8 (w)	D3 (b)	4½ \$512.50 :
3 Harley Blade Richardson	1218	W36 (b)	W45 (w)	W9 (b)	D1 (w)	D2 (w)34	4 \$34.38 :
4 Parker Barouch	272	W35 (w)919	W18 (b)1008	W22 (w)842	L6 (b)	W14 (w)822	4 \$34.38 :
5 Arjun Sundaresan	1289	W38 (w)	L1 (b)	W30 (w)	W17 (b)	W23 (w)	4 \$34.38 :
6 Veronica Iris Pinna	1187	W40 (w)	W21 (b)	H---	W4 (w)	D7 (b)	4 \$34.38 :
7 Jared W Coburn	1136	W41 (w)	D15 (b)	W32 (w)	W19 (b)	D6 (w)25.5	4 \$34.38 :
8 Sanjan Sendilkumar	1149	W54 (b)	W34 (w)	W37 (b)	L2 (b)	W15 (w)	4 \$34.38 :
9 Sam Redenius	1087	W46 (w)	W56 (b)	L3 (w)	W25 (b)	W22 (w)27	4 \$34.38 :
10 Gavin Snyder	1115	W59 (w)	L37 (b)	W56 (w)	W38 (b)	W26 (w)	4 \$34.38 :
11 Lane J Little	1073	D17 (w)	W48 (b)	W13 (w)3	L12 (b)	W31 (w)	3½
12 Rishabh Unmesh Nair	1186	W20 (b)	W52 (w)	H---	W11 (w)	L1 (b)	3½
13 Gautam Aathi	1076	W58 (b)	D49 (w)	L11 (b)	W36 (w)	W33 (b)	3½
14 Nihal Sai Alam	1094	W26 (b)	W28 (w)	L2 (w)	W24 (b)	L4 (b)	3
15 Vik Vad	991	W23 (b)	D7 (w)72.5	H---	W16 (w)165	L8 (b)	3
16 Eddie Shea	1156	W25 (w)	W24 (b)	L1 (w)	L15 (b)	W37 (w)	3
17 Craig Zimmerman	648	D11 (b)212.5	W63 (w)547	W49 (b)	L5 (w)	D27 (b)206	3
18 Robert Louis Ward	1280	D31 (w)	L4 (w)	W44 (b)	D21 (b)	W30 (w)	3
19 Steven Darracott	1099	B---	D30 (b)	W31 (w)	L7 (w)	D20 (b)	3
20 Gray Bass	857	L12 (w)	W39 (b)	D21 (w)89	W32 (b)191	D19 (w)121	3
21 Lawrence Pelo	1035	W47 (b)	L6 (w)	D20 (b)	D18 (w)122.5	W44 (b)	3
22 Shayaan Ehan Obaidullah	1114	W61 (b)	W44 (w)	L4 (b)	W37 (w)	L9 (b)	3
23 Benjamin Beard	U	L15 (w)	W41 (b)	W50 (w)	W42 (w)	L5 (b)	3
24 Jason Trichler	996	W62 (b)	L16 (w)	W28 (b)	L14 (w)	W46 (b)	3
25 Christopher R Ameter	840	L16 (b)	W62 (w)	W43 (b)190	L9 (w)	W42 (b)157	3
26 Dylan Brice	701	L14 (w)	W60 (w)299	W52 (b)297	W45 (w)344	L10 (b)	3
27 Stepan Rostovtsev	1060	W53 (w)	L2 (b)	H---	W49 (b)	D17 (w)	3
28 Christopher Drummond	U	W50 (w)	L14 (b)	L24 (w)	W40 (b)	W38 (w)	3
29 Marco Guerra	962	L2 (w)	W53 (b)	L38 (w)	W47 (b)	W39 (w)	3
30 Prisha Yedalwar	501	W43 (b)529	D19 (w)299	L5 (b)	W34 (w)495	L18 (b)	2½
31 Sean Matthews	960	D18 (b)160	W33 (w)	L19 (b)	W35 (w)231	L11 (b)	2½
32 Michael De Seguin	1048	D33 (b)	W55 (w)	L7 (b)	L20 (w)	W51 (b)	2½
33 Gavin M Morris	624	D32 (w)212	L31 (b)	W41 (w)213	W52 (b)374	L13 (w)	2½
34 Blair Oliver	996	W39 (w)	L8 (b)	H---	L30 (b)	W55 (w)	2½
35 Glen Holguin	1191	L4 (b)	W54 (w)	H---	L31 (b)	W49 (w)	2½
36 Logan Schiff	941	L3 (w)	W57 (b)	H---	L13 (b)	W50 (w)79	2½
37 Mason Doney	917	W63 (b)278	W10 (w)198	L8 (w)	L22 (b)	L16 (b)	2
38 Shirley Herman	983	L5 (b)	W58 (w)	W29 (b)	L10 (w)	L28 (b)	2
39 Michael Peacock	U	L34 (b)	L20 (w)	W58 (b)	W43 (w)	L29 (b)	2
40 Nate Faudel	877	L6 (b)	W51 (w)	L45 (b)	L28 (w)	W57 (b)	2

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41 Saanvi Male	837	L7 (b)	L23 (w)	L33 (b)	W58 (w)	W60 (b)163	2
42 Alexandre Heuze	997	L56 (w)	W46 (b)	W47 (w)	L23 (b)	L25 (w)	2
43 Gera Cruz	1030	L30 (w)	W59 (b)	L25 (w)	L39 (b)	W53 (b)	2
44 Shaarav Shyam	795	X---	L22 (b)	L18 (w)	W56 (b)	L21 (w)	2
45 Benjamin Smith	1045	W57 (w)	L3 (b)	W40 (w)	L26 (b)	U---	2
46 Chuck Price	695	L9 (b)	L42 (w)	W62 (b)	W57 (w)	L24 (w)	2
47 Gerald Fitzgibbons	614	L21 (w)	B---	L42 (b)	L29 (w)	W61 (w)121	2
48 Eli Rosenstein	902	H---	L11 (w)	L55 (b)	D60 (w)49	W59 (b)	2
49 Charles Drummond	U	W60 (b)	D13 (b)	L17 (w)	L27 (w)	L35 (b)	1½
50 Jeff Dank	1020	L28 (b)	W61 (w)	L23 (b)	D51 (w)	L36 (b)	1½
51 Nipun Srivastava	645	L1 (w)	L40 (b)	W59 (w)102	D50 (b)187.5	L32 (w)	1½
52 Steven Arthur Endersbee	998	X---	L12 (b)	L26 (w)	L33 (w)	D54 (b)	1½
53 John Harvey	627	L27 (b)	L29 (w)	W54 (b)211	H---	L43 (w)	1½
54 Sathish Kumar Annamalai	838	L8 (w)	L35 (b)	L53 (w)	W61 (b)	D52 (w)80	1½
55 Dan Ruparel	703	H---	L32 (b)	W48 (w)199	U---	L34 (b)	1½
56 Larry Kipe	U	W42 (b)	L9 (w)	L10 (b)	L44 (w)	U---	1
57 David Kennedy	616	L45 (b)	L36 (w)	B---	L46 (b)	L40 (w)	1
58 Haadhya Sendilkumar	668	L13 (w)	L38 (b)	L39 (w)	L41 (b)	W62 (w)	1
59 Frank F Atwood	747	L10 (b)	L43 (w)	L51 (b)	W62 (w)	L48 (w)	1
60 Chase Rylander	1000	L49 (w)	L26 (b)	H---	D48 (b)	L41 (w)	1
61 John Alexander Wismiller	735	L22 (w)	L50 (b)	H---	L54 (w)	L47 (b)	½
62 Tyler Tucker	U	L24 (w)	L25 (b)	L46 (w)	L59 (b)	L58 (b)	0
63 Grant Tupper	1195	L37 (w)	L17 (b)	U---	U---	U---	0
64 Payson Bingham	1116	F---	U---	U---	U---	U---	0
65 Dylan Shelby	U	F---	U---	U---	U---	U---	0



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ROUND 1

FM SULLIVAN MCCONNELL (2399)
VEDANTH PEESAPATY (1929)

1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.f3 e5 4.dxe5 Qb6 5.Nc3 Bc5 6.Na4 Bf2+ 7.Ke2 Qd4 8.Qxd4 Bxd4 9.exd5 Bxe5 10.Bd2 Nf6 11.Re1 0-0 12.Kd1 Bd6 13.Nc3 Bf5 14.Nge2 cxd5 15.Nd4 Bg6 16.Ndb5 Rd8 17.Nxd6 Rxd6 18.Nb5 Rc6 19.Bc3 Nbd7 20.g4 Nb6 21.Nd4 Rc7 22.Ba5 Rac8 23.c3 Rc5 24.Bb4 R5c7 25.Nb5 Rd7 26.g5 Bh5 27.gxf6 Bxf3+ 28.Be2 Bxh1 29.Rxh1 Nc4 30.b3 Ne3+ 31.Kd2 Re8 32.Nd4 gxf6 33.Bb5 1-0



JOSE DE JESÃS PARRA (1921)
NM CHRISTOFER PETERSON (2242)

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 g6 6.Be2 Bg7 7.Be3 Nc6 8.f3 Bd7 9.Qd2 h5 10.0-0 0-0 11.Rfd1 Ne5 12.Nd5 Rc8 13.b3 a6 14.c4 Bc6 15.Rac1 Kh7 16.h3 Re8 17.Kh2 Ned7 18.Qb4 Bxd5 19.cxd5 Nc5 20.Rc2 Qd7 21.Rdc1 e6 22.dxe6 fxe6 23.Rc3 Qd8 24.Nc2 Nfd7 25.Bd4 Qg5 26.Rd1 Ne5 27.Be3 Qe7 28.Nd4 Rf8 29.Rc2 h4 30.Qd2 Nf7 31.Bf1 d5 32.exd5 exd5 33.Bf2 Bh6 34.Qb4 Bf4+ 35.Kh1 Bd6 36.Qd2 Qe5 37.Bg1 Nh6 38.Re1 Qf6 39.Ne2 Nf5 40.Qxd5 Rce8 41.Bh2 Bxh2 42.Kxh2 Ne3 43.Qd2 Nxc2 44.Qxc2 Qd6+ 45.Kg1 Nd3 46.Rd1 Qb6+ 47.Kh2 Ne5 48.Rd5 Qf2 49.Rxe5 ½-½

NM GRIFFIN MCCONNELL (2219)
CM BRAD LUNDSTROM (1908)

1.e4 Nf6 2.e5 Nd5 3.Nc3 Nxc3 4.dxc3 d6 5.Nf3 Nc6 6.Bf4 Bg4 7.Bb5 g6 8.Qd5 Bxf3 9.Qxf3 Qd7 10.0-0-0 Bg7 11.Rhe1 0-0 12.Bc4 Nd8 13.Bg5 Ne6 14.Qg4 Rae8 15.f4 b5 16.Bb3 a5 17.Bh4 a4 18.Bd5 c6 19.Bf3 d5 20.f5 Nc5 21.Qd4 Qxf5 22.Bg4 Bh6+ 23.Kb1 Ne6 24.Bxf5 Nxd4 25.Bd7 Rd8 26.Bxe7 Nxc2 27.Kxc2 Rxd7 28.Bxf8 Kxf8 29.e6 Re7 30.exf7 Kxf7 31.Rxe7+ Kxe7 32.b3 axb3+ 33.axb3 Bf4 34.g3 Be5 35.b4 h5 36.Ra1 h4 37.Ra7+ Ke6 38.gxh4 Bxh2 39.Rg7 Kf5 40.Rg8 Bg3 41.h5 g5 42.h6 g4 43.h7 Be5 44.h8Q Bxh8 45.Rxh8 Kf4 46.Kd3 Kf3 47.Rf8+ Kg2 48.Ke2 g3 49.Rg8 1-0

LAURENCE ROBERT WUTT (1903)
NM EAMON MONTGOMERY (2207)

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 e6 3.g3 d5 4.exd5 exd5 5.Qe2+ Be7 6.Bg2 Nf6 7.0-0 Nc6 8.d3 0-0 9.Nc3 Bg4 10.h3 Nd4 11.Qd1 Nxf3+ 12.Bxf3 Bxh3 13.Re1 Qd7 14.Bg5 Be6 15.Qd2 Rfe8 16.a4 Rad8 17.Qf4 h6 18.Bxh6 gxh6 19.Qxh6 Nh7 20.Re5 Bf8 21.Qh2 Bg7 22.Rh5 Bf5 23.Kg2 Bg6 24.Rxd5 Qe7 25.Rxd8 Qxd8 26.Rh1 Ng5 27.Bxb7 Qd7 28.Be4 Nxe4 29.Nxe4 Qb7 30.f3 f5 31.Nf2 Re3 32.Qh4 Qxf3+ 33.Kh3 Qxf2 34.Qd8+ Kh7 35.Qh4+ Bh6 36.Rh2 Qf1+ 37.Rg2 Re2 0-1

NM DANIEL HERMAN (2200)
TARQUIN JOHNSON BENNION (1902)

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 e6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nc6 5.Nc3 Qc7 6.g3 Nf6 7.Bg2 a6 8.0-0 Be7 9.Re1 d6 10.Be3 Bd7 11.f4 Rc8 12.Nb3 b5 13.a3 h5 14.h3 0-0 15.g4 g6 16.g5 Ne8 17.f5 Ne5 18.Nd4 Nc4 19.Bc1 Bxg5 20.Bxg5 Nxb2 21.Qf3 Qxc3 22.Qxc3 Rxc3 23.Be7 e5 24.Ra2 Nc4 25.Ne2 Re3 26.Kf2 gxf5 27.Rg1 f6 28.exf5 Kf7 29.Bxf8 Kxf8 30.Bd5 Rxh3 31.Rg8+ Ke7 32.Bxc4 bxc4 33.Rb2 Rxa3 34.Rb7 d5 35.Rh8 Kd6 36.Rxh5 Ra2 37.c3 Bc6 38.Rf7 d4 39.cxd4 exd4 40.Ke1 Bf3 41.Ng3 d3 42.Nf1 Bxh5 43.Rh7 Re2+ 44.Kd1 Bg4 45.Rh4 Bf3 46.Nd2 Bd5 47.Nxc4+ Bxc4 48.Rxc4 Re5 49.Kd2 Rxf5 50.Kxd3 Nc7 51.Rh4 Ne6 52.Rh8 Nc5+ 53.Ke3 a5 54.Ra8 a4 55.Kd4 Rf4+ 56.Ke3 Re4+ 57.Kf3 Kd5 58.Kg3 Kc4 59.Kf3 Re6 60.Kf4 Ra6 61.Rb8 a3 62.Rb1 a2 63.Rc1+ Kb4 0-1

KENNETH DOYKOS (1700)
IAN KATZ (1879)

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 e6 3.c3 d5 4.e5 Nc6 5.d4 h6 6.Be2 cxd4 7.cxd4 Bb4+ 8.Nc3 Nge7 9.a3 Ba5 10.b4 Bc7 11.0-0 a6 12.Bd3 Bd7 13.Re1 b5 14.Rb1 Bb6 15.Bc2 Qc7 16.Bb2 g6 17.Ne2 Qa7 18.Ra1 Nf5 19.Bxf5 gxf5 20.Qd2 Ke7 21.Nf4 Rag8 22.Nh5 Bd8 23.Nf6 Rg7 24.Rac1 Kf8 25.Nxd7+ Qxd7 26.Qc3 Ne7 27.Qc5 Kg8 28.Nh4 Ng6 29.Nxg6 fxxg6 30.Qc8 a5 31.bxa5 Kh7 32.Qxd7 Rxd7 33.a6 Ba5 34.Red1 Kg7 35.Rc6 Kf7 36.Rdc1 Rb8 37.Bc3 Bd8 38.Bb4 Ra8 39.R1c5 Rb8 40.Rc8 Rb6 41.R8c6 Ra7 42.Rxb6 Bxb6 43.Rxb5 Rxa6 44.Bc5 Bxc5 45.Rxc5 Rxa3 46.f3 Rd3 47.Rc7+ Ke8 48.Rg7 g5 49.Rg6 Kf7 50.Rf6+ Ke7 51.Rxh6 Rxd4 52.Rh7+ Kf8 53.Rh8+ Kg7 54.Re8 Kf7 55.Rh8 g4 56.fxxg4 Rxxg4 57.Ra8 Re4 58.Ra7+ Kg6 59.Ra8 Rxc5 60.Rd8 Re4 61.Kf2 Ra4 62.Kf3 Kg5 63.Rg8+ Kf6 64.Rd8 Ke5 65.Rh8 Ra3+ 66.Ke2 Ke4 67.Rh4+ f4 68.Rh6 Ra2+ 69.Kd1 e5 70.Rh3 Rxxg2 0-1

ANTHONY ROSS WHITT (1847)
CORY EDWARD FOSTER (1693)

1.e4 c5 2.Nc3 a6 3.Nge2 b5 4.g3 Bb7 5.Bg2 Nc6 6.0-0 e6 7.Qe1 Rb8 8.a3 Be7 9.f4 Nf6 10.d3 d6 11.h3 0-0 12.g4 Nd4 13.Nxd4 cxd4 14.Ne2 e5 15.Bd2 Qc8 16.Rc1 Nxg4 17.hxg4 Qxg4 18.Qf2 f5 19.Qf3 Qg6 20.Qg3 Qe8 21.fxe5 dxe5 22.Rxf5 Rxf5 23.exf5 Bxg2 24.Qxg2 Qh5 25.Rf1 Re8 26.f6 Bf8 27.Ng3 Qg6 28.fxxg7 Bxxg7 29.Be1 Qg4 30.Qb7 Qe6 31.Nf5 Qg6+ 32.Bg3 Rxc2 33.Ne7+ 1-0

RYAN HAIG (1381)
VIVIAN MILLER (1588)

1.d4 c6 2.c4 d5 3.Nf3 Nf6 4.Nc3 e6 5.Bg5 Nbd7 6.e3 Qa5 7.Qa4 Bb4 8.Qxa5 Bxa5 9.Bxf6 Nxf6 10.Nd2 dxc4 11.Bxc4 b5 12.Bd3 Bd7 13.f3 Bxc3 14.bxc3 Nd5 15.Ne4 0-0 16.Kd2 Rad8 17.Nc5 Bc8 18.Be4 e5 19.Bxd5 Rxd5 20.e4 Rd6 21.Ke3 Rfd8 22.Rhd1 b4 23.cxb4 Rxd4 24.Rxd4 Rxd4 25.a3 g6 26.Ra2 Kg7 27.Rc2 f5 28.Nd3 fxe4 29.fxe4 Bd7 30.Nxe5 Rxe4+ 31.Kxe4 Bf5+ 32.Kd4 Bxc2 33.Nxc6 Ba4 34.Nxa7 Bd7 35.b5 1-0

SHAN M OBAIDULLAH (1581)
ADEEL BHATTI (1439)

1.f4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.e4 d6 4.c4 g6 5.Nc3 Bg4 6.Be2 Bg7 7.0-0 e6 8.h3 Bxf3 9.Bxf3 Nge7 10.b3 0-0 11.Bb2 a6 12.Rb1 Nd4 13.Ne2 Nec6 14.d3 b5 15.Kh1 Qc7 16.Qd2 Rfd8 17.Rf2 b4 18.Rb1 Nxe2 19.Bxe2 Nd4 20.f5 exf5 21.exf5 Nxf5 22.Rf3 Bh6 23.Qe1 Rd7 24.g4 Ne3 25.Qh4 Nxf1 26.Qf6 Kf8 27.Qh8+ Ke7 28.Qxa8 Nd2 29.Bf6+ Ke6 30.Qd5# 1-0

MARCO GUERRA (962)
BRENDAN MAHONEY (1286)

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 e6 4.a4 Nf6 5.d3 h6 6.0-0 Be7 7.Nc3 0-0 8.Be3 d5 9.e5 Ng4 10.Bb5 d4 11.Bxh6 Nxh6 12.Ne4 Qc7 13.Bxc6 bxc6 14.Re1 Ba6 15.Qd2 Qd8 16.Qf4 c4 17.Rad1 c5 18.h4 cxd3 19.cxd3 Bb7 20.Nfg5 Rb8 21.Rd2 c4 22.Nd6 c3 23.bxc3 dxc3 24.Rc2 Bxd6 25.exd6 Nf5 26.Rxc3 Qxd6 27.Qc1 Rfc8 28.Rxc8+ Rxc8 29.Qb1 Qb6 30.Qa2 Bd5 31.Qe2 f6 32.Nxe6 Qxe6 33.Qxe6+ Bxe6 34.Rxe6 Nxh4 35.Re7 a6 36.Re6 a5 37.Ra6 Rd8 38.Rxa5 Rxd3 39.Rh5 Ng6 40.Ra5 Ne5 41.Ra8+ Kh7 42.a5 Ng4 43.f3 Rd1# 0-1



ROUND 2**GRAYSON MANUEL (1969)****FM SULLIVAN MCCONNELL (2399)**

1.d4 d5 2.c4 Nc6 3.Nf3 Bg4 4.Bg5 Nf6
5.Nc3 Bxf3 6.gxf3 e6 7.cxd5 exd5 8.Bxf6
Qxf6 9.e3 Bb4 10.Be2 0-0 11.Qb3 Rad8
12.0-0-0 Bxc3 13.Qxc3 Ne7 14.Kb1 Rc8
15.e4 c5 16.e5 Qb6 17.f4 cxd4 18.Qh3 f5
19.exf6 Qxf6 20.Bd3 g6 21.Qd7 Rf7
22.Qxb7 Qxf4 23.Rhe1 Rc7 24.Qb5 Kg7
25.Re2 Qf3 26.Rde1 Nc6 27.Bc2 a5 28.a3
d3 29.Qxd3 Qxd3 30.Bxd3 Nd4 31.Re5
Nf3 32.R1e3 Nxe5 33.Rxe5 Rxf2 34.Rxd5
Rd2 35.Be4 Rxd5 36.Bxd5 Rc5 37.Bg2
Rg5 38.Bf3 Rf5 39.Bg4 Rf1+ 40.Ka2 h5
41.Bd7 Rd1 42.Bc8 Rd8 43.Bb7 Rd2
44.h3 g5 45.Kb3 Rd3+ 46.Ka4 Rxh3
47.Kxa5 Rb3 48.Bd5 Rxb2 0-1

**NIALL MCKENZIE (1997)****NM GRIFFIN MCCONNELL (2219)**

1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 c5 4.c3 Nc6 5.Nf3
cxd4 6.cxd4 Bg4 7.Be2 Qb6 8.0-0 Bxf3
9.Bxf3 e6 10.Be3 Qxb2 11.Nd2 Qb6
12.Rb1 Qc7 13.Qa4 Nge7 14.Rfc1 h6
15.Qb5 Rb8 16.Qa4 Qd7 17.Be2 g6
18.Nf1 Bg7 19.Bb5 0-0 20.Qxa7 Qd8
21.Qc5 Na5 22.Qb4 Nf5 23.Bd2 b6
24.Ng3 Kh7 25.Nxf5 gxf5 26.Qc3 Qh4
27.Qe3 h5 28.Be2 Qe4 29.Bxa5 bxa5
30.Bd3 Qxe3 31.fxe3 Bh6 32.Kf2 Kg7
33.Kf3 Rfc8 34.Rxc8 Rxc8 35.Rb3 Kg6
36.Ra3 Ra8 37.Bb5 Bf8 38.Rc3 Bb4
39.Rb3 Rc8 40.a4 Rc2 41.Rb1 h4 42.Rf1
Bc3 43.Rg1 Bd2 44.Rd1 Bc1 45.h3 Kg5
46.Rd3 Bd2 47.Be8 Be1 0-1

NM EAMON MONTGOMERY (2207)**EMMETT LIGNELL (1987)**

1.Nf3 c5 2.g3 Nc6 3.Bg2 Nf6 4.0-0 e6 5.c4
Be7 6.b3 0-0 7.Bb2 d6 8.d4 cxd4 9.Nxd4
Bd7 10.Nc3 Nxd4 11.Qxd4 Bc6 12.Rfd1
Bxg2 13.Kxg2 Qa5 14.h3 Rfd8 15.Rd2 d5
16.cxd5 exd5 17.Qa4 Qxa4 18.Nxa4 Ne4
19.Rd3 b5 20.Nc3 Bf6 21.Rad1 Rde8
22.Nxd5 Bxb2 23.Ne7+ Kf8 24.Nxc8
Rxc8 25.Rd7 Ba3 26.Rb7 Bc5 27.b4 Nd6
28.Rd7 Bxb4 29.Rxa7 Rc6 30.e4 Bc5
31.Ra8+ Ke7 32.e5 Nc4 33.Rb8 Nxe5
34.Rxb5 Bd6 35.Rd2 Nc4 36.Re2+ Kf6
37.h4 Na3 38.Rb3 h5 39.Rd2 Nc4 40.Rf3+
Kg6 41.Rd5 Ne5 42.Rb3 f6 43.a4 Ng4
44.a5 Bc7 45.Rb2 Ra6 46.Ra2 Ne5 47.Rc5
Bd6 48.Rb5 Bc7 49.Kf1 Nc6 50.Rd2 Bxa5
51.Rd6 Bc7 52.Rd7 Be5 53.Rbb7 f5
54.Rd2 Bf6 55.Kg2 Ne5 ½-½

**LM BRIAN D WALL (2200) -****HENRY KOVACS (1984)**

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 d5 4.Nc3 Be7
5.Bg5 0-0 6.Qc2 c6 7.0-0-0 dxc4 8.e4
Nbd7 9.e5 Nd5 10.h4 Nxc3 11.bxc3 b5
12.Bxe7 Qxe7 13.Ng5 f5 14.f4 Bb7 15.g4
h6 16.gxf5 exf5 17.Nf3 Nb6 18.Nd2 Nd5
19.Nxc4 bxc4 20.Bxc4 Qa3+ 21.Kd2 Ba6
22.Bb3 Kh8 23.Rde1 Rad8 24.e6 Ne7
25.Re5 c5 26.Ke3 Bb7 27.Rd1 Be4 28.Qc1
cxd4+ 29.cxd4 Qb4 30.Qc5 Qxc5 31.Rxc5
Nd5+ 32.Bxd5 Bxd5 33.Ra5 Bxe6
34.Rxa7 Ra8 35.Re7 Rfe8 36.Rxe8+ Rxe8
0-1

JOSH PRICE (1979) -**NM MATTHEW WOFFORD (2168)**

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.Qc2 c5
5.dxc5 Bxc5 6.Nf3 Nc6 7.Bg5 h6 8.Bh4 b6
9.e3 Bb7 10.Be2 Rc8 11.0-0 g5 12.Bg3 h5
13.h4 g4 14.Ng5 Ne7 15.e4 Ng6 16.e5
Nh7 17.Nce4 Be7 18.f4 gxf3 19.Bxf3
Nxx5 20.hxg5 h4 21.Bh2 b5 22.b3 h3
23.Nf6+ Bxf6 24.Bxb7 Qb6+ 25.Qf2 Qxb7
26.gxh3 Nh4 27.exf6 Rc5 28.Bf4 Rf5
29.Qg3 Rh5 30.Kh2 Kf8 31.Rae1 Kg8
32.Rf2 d6 33.Qg4 e5 34.Qxh5 Rxf4
35.Ree2 Nf3+ 36.Kg3 Nd4 37.Rxf4 Nxe2+
38.Qxe2 exf4+ 39.Kxf4 bxc4 40.Qe8+
Kh7 41.Qf8 1-0

IAN KATZ (1879) -**MAX HIGA (1765)**

1.Nf3 Nf6 2.d4 d5 3.b3 g6 4.Bb2 Bg7
5.Nbd2 0-0 6.g3 c5 7.e3 cxd4 8.exd4 Nc6
9.Bg2 Bf5 10.a3 Rc8 11.0-0 Qc7 12.Re1
Ne4 13.c3 Na5 14.Nxe4 Bxe4 15.Nd2
Bxg2 16.Kxg2 Rfe8 17.Rc1 Qb6 18.b4
Nc4 19.Nxc4 Rxc4 20.Rc2 e6 21.f4 a5
22.Qd2 Rec8 23.Rec1 Bf8 24.Qf2 Qc7
25.h3 axb4 26.axb4 Bxb4 27.Qe3 Bf8
28.Rf2 Bg7 29.g4 Bxd4 30.cxd4 Rxc1
31.Bxc1 Qxc1 32.Qb3 Rc7 33.f5 exf5
34.gxf5 Rc3 35.Qxd5 Qg5+ 36.Kf1 Rc1+
37.Ke2 Rc2+ 38.Kf1 Rxf2+ 39.Kxf2
Qxf5+ 40.Qxf5 gxf5 41.Kf3 Kg7 42.Kf4
Kf6 0-1

MAXWELL CALE (1474) -**SHAN M OBAIDULLAH (1581)**

1.c4 f5 2.Nc3 e5 3.g3 Nf6 4.Bg2 c6 5.e3
Be7 6.Nge2 d6 7.d4 e4 8.0-0 d5 9.b3 0-0
10.Nf4 Bd6 11.cxd5 Bxf4 12.exf4 cxd5
13.f3 Nc6 14.Ba3 Re8 15.Nb5 Qb6
16.Nd6 Rd8 17.Bc5 Qc7 18.Nb5 Qd7
19.Bh3 g6 20.Re1 Nxd4 21.Nxd4 b6

22.Ba3 Ba6 23.Bb2 Qd6 24.Rc1 Rac8
25.Rxc8 Rxc8 26.fxe4 Nxe4 27.Nxf5 gxf5
28.Bxf5 Nf6 29.Be6+ Kf8 30.Bxf6 Re8
31.Bg7+ Kxg7 32.Qd4+ Kg6 33.f5+ Kh6
34.Qf6+ Rh8 1-0

KARTHIKEYAN KANNAN (1523) -**ALEXANDER ROKUS VON KAENEL**

1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 c5 4.Bb5+ Nc6 5.dxc5
e6 6.b4 a5 7.c3 Bd7 8.Bxc6 Bxc6 9.Nf3
Ne7 10.Nd4 axb4 11.cxb4 Qc7 12.f4 g6
13.Nc3 Bg7 14.Ncb5 Bxb5 15.Nxb5 Qb8
16.Nd6+ Kf8 17.Bb2 b6 18.Bd4 b5
19.Qd3 Nc6 20.a3 Na7 21.0-0 Ke7 22.Qg3
h6 23.Qh4+ Kf8 24.g4 Nc6 25.Bb2 Ne7
26.f5 gxf5 27.Qh5 Ng6 28.gxf5 Bxe5
29.fxg6 1-0

ETHAN DUNN (1060) -**ARJUN SUNDARESAN (1289)**

1.d4 Nf6 2.Bg5 g6 3.Bxf6 exf6 4.e3 d6
5.Nf3 Bf5 6.c4 Nc6 7.Nc3 Bh6 8.Qb3 Rb8
9.Be2 Qe7 10.d5 Ne5 11.Qa4+ Bd7
12.Qxa7 0-0 13.Qd4 c5 14.dxc6 Bxc6
15.Nd5 Qd8 16.0-0 Bg7 17.Rfd1 f5
18.Qd2 Re8 19.Nxe5 Bxe5 20.Rac1 Bxd5
21.Qxd5 Bxb2 22.Rb1 Be5 23.Rxb7 Rxb7
24.Qxb7 Qh4 25.g3 Qf6 26.Qc6 Re6
27.Bf3 g5 28.Bd5 Re7 29.Rb1 f4 30.Rb8+
Kg7 31.Qc8 Bc3 32.Qf8+ Kg6 33.Rb3
fxe3 34.fxe3 Rxe3 35.Qg8+ Kh6 36.Qxf7
Qd4 37.Qf8+ Kh5 38.Qf7+ Kg4 39.Qf2
Qd1+ 40.Kg2 Qe2 41.h3+ Kh5 42.Bf3+
Rxf3 43.Qxe2 1-0

BRENDAN MAHONEY (1286) -**STEPAN ROSTOVTSEV (1060)**

1.c4 e5 2.Nc3 Nf6 3.g3 Bc5 4.e3 Nc6
5.Nge2 d6 6.h3 Be6 7.d4 exd4 8.exd4
Bxc4 9.dxc5 dxc5 10.Qxd8+ Rxd8 11.Bg5
Rd6 12.Bxf6 gxf6 13.b3 Ba6 14.Rd1 Nb4
15.Rxd6 cxd6 16.Nf4 Bxf1 17.Kxf1 Ke7
18.Nfd5+ Nxd5 19.Nxd5+ Ke6 20.Nf4+
Kd7 21.Kg2 Re8 22.Nd5 f5 23.Nf6+ Kd8
24.Nxe8 Kxe8 25.Re1+ Kd7 26.Kf3 b5
27.Kf4 a5 28.Kxf5 a4 29.bxa4 bxa4
30.Re4 Kc6 31.Rxa4 d5 32.Ke5 d4 33.Ke4
Kb5 34.Ra8 Kc4 35.Ra4+ Kb5 36.Rxd4
cxd4 37.Kxd4 Kc6 38.Ke5 Kc5 39.Kf6
Kd4 40.a4 1-0



ROUND 3**FM SULLIVAN MCCONNELL (2399) - DEREK YIN (1944)**

1.e4 c5 2.Na3 d6 3.c3 Nf6 4.g3 Nc6 5.Bg2 e6 6.d4 cxd4 7.cxd4 Be7 8.Ne2 0-0 9.0-0 a6 10.h3 Bd7 11.Be3 Rc8 12.g4 h6 13.Ng3 b5 14.Nc2 Na5 15.b3 d5 16.e5 Nh7 17.Qd2 Nc6 18.Nh5 Qa5 19.Qd1 Be8 20.f4 f5 21.gxf5 Rxf5 22.Ng3 Rf8 23.f5 exf5 24.Nxf5 Bg6 25.Qg4 Bxf5 26.Rxf5 Kh8 27.Bxd5 Nb4 28.Nxb4 Qxb4 29.Raf1 Qc3 30.Bxh6 1-0

**NM GRIFFIN MCCONNELL (2219) - JOSH PRICE (1979)**

1.e4 Nf6 2.e5 Nd5 3.Nc3 Nb6 4.d4 d6 5.Nf3 Bg4 6.h3 Bh5 7.Be2 e6 8.Bf4 d5 9.Qd2 Bxf3 10.Bxf3 Nc4 11.Qc1 c5 12.dxc5 Nc6 13.Be2 N6xe5 14.Bxe5 Nxe5 15.Bb5+ Nc6 16.b4 a5 17.a3 Qh4 18.0-0 g5 19.Qc3 Bg7 20.Nxd5 Kf8 21.Nb6 Bd4 22.Qf3 Ne5 23.Qxb7 Rd8 24.Rae1 g4 25.Rxe5 Bxe5 26.g3 Qh5 27.hxg4 Qxg4 28.Nd7+ Rxd7 29.Bxd7 Rg8 30.Qg2 Qd4 31.Qa8+ Kg7 32.Be8 Bxg3 33.Kg2 Be5 34.Rg1 Kf6+35.Kh3Rxxg1 36.Qf3+Kg5 0-1

HENRY KOVACS (1984) - SIKANDER BAKER-NAGAR (2121)

1.e4 e6 2.d3 d5 3.Nd2 Nf6 4.e5 Nfd7 5.f4 c5 6.Ng3 Nc6 7.c3 f6 8.exf6 Qxf6 9.g3 e5 10.fxe5 Ndx5 11.Be2 Bh3 12.Rg1 Ng4 13.Nf1 Bd6 14.Bg5 Qe6 15.Qd2 0-0 16.0-0 Rae8 17.Re1 Rxf3 18.Bxf3 Qxe1+ 19.Qxe1 Rxe1+ 20.Kd2 Rxf1 21.Rxf1 Bxf1 22.Bxg4 Kf7 23.Bc8 Ne5 24.Bf4 g5 25.Bxe5 Bxe5 26.Bxb7 d4 27.c4 h5 28.Be4 h4 29.Kel Bh3 30.Kf2 Kf6 31.Bf3 Bf5 32.Be2 a5 33.a4 g4 34.b3 Kg5 35.Bf1 Bg6 36.Be2 Be8 37.Bd1 Bc6 38.Be2 Kf5 39.Bd1 Bf6 40.Be2 Bg5 41.Bd1 Be3+ 42.Kf1 h3 43.Be2 Bg2+ 44.Kel Bgl 45.Bd1 Bf3 46.Be2 Bxh2 47.Kf2 Ke5 48.b4 cxb4 49.Bb3 Kd6 50.Be2 b3 0-1

TARQUIN JOHNSON BENNION (1902) SHUBH MISRA (2046)

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 d5 4.cxd5 exd5 5.Bg5 Be7 6.e3 h6 7.Bh4 0-0 8.Bd3 c6 9.Qc2 Re8 10.Nge2 Nbd7 11.h3 Ne4 12.Bxe7 Qxe7 13.Bxe4 dxe4 14.0-0 Nf6 15.Rfd1 Bf5 16.Ng3 Bg6 17.a3 Nd5 18.Nxd5 cxd5 19.Qb3 Qd7 20.Rde1 b6 21.Rc3 Bf5 22.Nxf5 Qxf5 23.Rac1 Re6 24.Rc8+ Rxc8 25.Rxc8+ Kh7 26.Qc2 Rg6

27.Rc6 f6 28.Kh2 Qg5 29.g3 f5 30.b4 Qh5 31.b5 Qf3 32.a4 a5 33.Kg1 Qh5 34.h4 Rf6 35.Rxf6 gxf6 36.Qc7+ Kg6 37.Qc2 Qf3 38.Qb3 Qe2 39.Qxd5 Qd1+ 40.Kh2 Kg7 41.Qc4 Qd2 42.Kg2 Qd1 43.d5 Qf3+ 44.Kg1 Qd1+ 45.Kh2 Qd2 46.Kg2 Qd1 47.Qa2 Qf3+ 48.Kh2 Qd1 49.Qc4 Qd2 50.Qc7+ Kg6 51.Kg2 Qd1 52.Qc3 Qf3+ 53.Kg1 Qd1+ 54.Kh2 Qxd5 55.Qc2 Qd3 56.Qa2 Kg7 57.Kg2 Qd1 58.Qc4 Qf3+ 59.Kg1 Qd1+ 60.Kh2 Qd2 61.Qc7+ Kg6 62.h5+ Kxh5 63.Qf7+ Kg5 64.Qg7+ Kh5 65.Qf7+ Kg5 66.Kh3 Qd1 67.Qg7+ Kh5 68.Qf7+ Kg5 69.Qg8+ Kh5 70.Qe8+ Kg5 71.Qg8+ Kh5 72.Qf7+ 1/2-1/2

NM EAMON MONTGOMERY (2207) - NEEL YADATORE (1788)

1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.Nf3 Nf6 4.Nc3 a6 5.c5 b6 6.cxb6 Qxb6 7.Na4 Qa7 8.e3 Nbd7 9.Bd3 e6 10.0-0 c5 11.dxc5 Nxc5 12.Nxc5 Bxc5 13.Bd2 Qb8 14.Bc3 Bd6 15.Qa4+ Bd7 16.Qh4 Be7 17.Ne5 Bb5 18.Bxb5+ axb5 19.Nc6 Qc7 20.Nxe7 Qxe7 21.Bb4 Ra4 22.a3 Qb7 23.Rac1 Rxb4 24.Qxb4 Kd7 25.Rc5 Rb8 26.Rfc1 Ne4 27.Rc7+ Qxc7 28.Rxc7+ Kxc7 29.Qe7+ Kb6 30.f3 Rb7 31.Qd8+ Rc7 32.fxe4 dxe4 33.Qd4+ Ka6 34.Qxe4 h6 35.h4 g6 36.Qf4 Rc1+ 37.Kh2 Rc2 38.Qxf7 Rxb2 39.Qxe6+ Ka5 40.e4 Ka4 41.Qa6+ 1-0

AARON GINDI (1809) - SUBHANKER ROY (1784)

1.d4 c6 2.e4 d5 3.Nc3 dxe4 4.Nxe4 Nf6 5.Nxf6+ exf6 6.Be3 Bd6 7.Bd3 Be6 8.Ne2 Bg4 9.Qd2 Nd7 10.Ng3 Nb6 11.c4 Bc7 12.0-0 Be6 13.b3 h5 14.Rae1 Nc8 15.f4 h4 16.Ne4 Ne7 17.Nc5 Bc8 18.Ne4 Nf5 19.Bf2 0-0 20.Bc2 b5 21.Rd1 Re8 22.Qd3 Bxf4 23.cxb5 cxb5 24.Qf3 Qc7 25.Nxf6+ gxf6 26.Qxa8 Qxc2 27.Rde1 Ne3 28.Bxh4 Bd7 29.Qf3 Bc6 30.Rxe3 Bxe3+ 0-1

CLIFTON FORD (1800) - MAX HIGA (1765)

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 Bg7 4.e4 d6 5.h3 0-0 6.Be3 e5 7.d5 a5 8.Nge2 Na6 9.g4 b6 10.Qd2 Nc5 11.Ng3 a4 12.Be2 Bb7 13.h4 Qc8 14.f3 c6 15.h5 cxd5 16.cxd5 Ba6 17.Bxc5 bxc5 18.Nxa4 Bxe2 19.Nb6 Qb7 20.Nxa8 Bxf3 21.Rh4 Bxg4 22.h6 Bh8 23.b3 Rxa8 24.Qg5 Qb4+ 25.Kf2 Qd4+ 26.Kg2 Qb2+ 0-1

**TOBIN JAMES FLETCHER (1506) - MAXWELL CALE (1474)**

1.Nf3 Nc6 2.d4 d5 3.c4 e6 4.g3 g6 5.Bg2 Bg7 6.Bg5 Nge7 7.Nc3 dxc4 8.Bxe7 Nxe7 9.Qa4+ Bd7 10.Qxc4 Bc6 11.e3 0-0 12.0-0 Re8 13.Rfc1 Nf5 14.b4 a6 15.a4 Re7 16.b5 axb5 17.axb5 Nd6 18.Qb3 Be8 19.Ne5 Qc8 20.Nd3 Rxa1 21.Rxa1 Qd7 22.Ra8 Bf8 23.Nc5 b6 24.Nxd7 Bxd7 25.Qb4 Kg7 26.Ra7 Re8 27.Qb3 Rc8 28.g4 Be7 29.e4 f6 30.e5 fxe5 31.dxe5 Nf7 32.f4 Bc5+ 33.Kf1 Be3 34.Ne4 Bxf4 35.Nf6 Be8 36.Qxe6 Bxb5+ 37.Kel Rd8 38.Rxc7 Bd2+ 39.Kf2 Be3+ 40.Kxe3 Rd3+ 41.Kf2 Rd2+ 42.Kel Rxxg2 43.Rxf7+ Kh6 44.Ng8+ Kg5 45.Rf5+ Kh4 46.Qf6+ Kh3 47.Rf3+ Rg3 48.Rxxg3+ Kxh2 49.Qh4# 1-0

**NIHAL SAI ALAM (1094) - BRENDAN MAHONEY (1286)**

1.b3 c5 2.Bb2 Nf6 3.Nf3 Nc6 4.e3 d6 5.d4 cxd4 6.exd4 e6 7.Nbd2 g6 8.Be2 Bg7 9.0-0 0-0 10.Re1 a6 11.c4 d5 12.Nf1 Rb8 13.Rc1 Bd7 14.Ng3 dxc4 15.Bxc4 b5 16.Bf1 Nd5 17.Ne4 Qb6 18.Nc5 Rfd8 19.a3 Na5 20.b4 Nb7 21.Qd2 Bc6 22.Ne5 Rbc8 23.Bd3 Nd6 24.Ra1 Nf5 25.a4 Bh6 26.Qc2 Nxb4 27.Qb3 Nxd3 28.Qxd3 f6 29.a5 Qa7 30.Nxc6 Rxc6 31.Rxe6 Rxc5 32.Rxf6 Bg7 33.Qb3+ Rcd5 34.Rb6 Kh8 35.Rc1 Nxd4 36.Bxd4 Bxd4 37.Rbc6 Qf7 38.R1c2 Bxf2+ 0-1

**SAM REDENIUS (1087) - HARLEY BLADE RICHARDSON (1218)**

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 c5 4.c3 Nc6 5.Nf3 Qb6 6.Bd3 cxd4 7.cxd4 Bd7 8.Qa4 Nxe5 9.Qd1 Nxf3+ 10.Qxf3 Bb4+ 11.Nc3 Qxd4 12.Bd2 Qe5+ 13.Be2 Nf6 14.0-0 Bxc3 15.Bxc3 Qe4 16.Qg3 Qg6 17.Bd3 Qxg3 18.fxxg3 0-0 19.Bxf6 gxf6 20.Rxf6 Kg7 21.Raf1 h6 22.R6f4 e5 23.Rf6 Be6 24.Bf5 Kxf6 25.Bxe6+ Kxe6 26.Re1 Rac8 27.Re2 Rc1+ 28.Kf2 Rfc8 29.g4 R8c2 0-1

ROUND 4**SIKANDER BAKER-NAGAR (2121) -****FM SULLIVAN MCCONNELL (2399)**

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.exd5 exd5 4.Nf3 Bd6
5.Bd3 Ne7 6.0-0 Bg4 7.c3 Nbc6 8.Nbd2
Qd7 9.Re1 h6 10.b4 0-0 11.h3 Bf5 12.Nb3
Ng6 13.b5 Nce7 14.Ne5 Bxe5 15.dxe5 b6
16.Nd4 Bxd3 17.Qxd3 Rfe8 18.f4 c5
19.bxc6 Nxc6 20.e6 Qb7 21.f5 Nxd4
22.Qxd4 Nf8 23.Qg4 fxe6 24.fxe6 h5
25.Qf5 g6 26.Qg5 Qe7 27.Qxd5 Nxe6
28.Ba3 Qxa3 29.Rxe6 Rxe6 30.Qxe6+
Kg7 31.Qe5+ Kh7 32.Qe7+ Kh6 33.Qf4+
Kg7 34.Qe5+ ½-½

*Position after 25...g6***JOSH PRICE (1979) -****NM EAMON MONTGOMERY (2207)**

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 Bg7 4.e4 d6 5.f4 0-0
6.Nf3 Na6 7.Bd3 e5 8.fxe5 dxe5 9.d5
Nh5 10.0-0 Nc5 11.Be2 Bg4 12.Be3 Nd7
13.h3 Bxf3 14.Qxf3 Nf4 15.Rae1 Qe7
16.g3 Nxh3+ 17.Kg2 Ng5 18.Qg4 h6
19.Bxg5 hxg5 20.d6 cxd6 21.Nd5 Qd8
22.Qh3 g4 23.Qh2 Nb6 24.Rh1 Re8
25.Qh7+ Kf8 26.Rhf1 Nxd5 27.exd5 f5
28.Bxf5 1-0

**SHUBH MISRA (2046) -****NM ORGIL BATSAIKHAN (2154)**

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.Bb5+ Bd7 4.Bxd7+
Qxd7 5.0-0 Nc6 6.Re1 Nf6 7.c3 g6 8.d4
Bg7 9.Bf4 0-0 10.dxc5 dxc5 11.Qxd7
Nxd7 12.Na3 Nde5 13.Nxe5 Nxe5
14.Rad1 Rfd8 15.Bxe5 Bxe5 16.Nc4 Bc7
17.a4 Kf8 18.f3 a6 19.a5 Ke8 20.Kf2 Rxd1
21.Rxd1 Rd8 22.Re1 Kd7 23.Rd1+ Kc6
24.Rxd8 Bxd8 25.Ne5+ Kb5 26.Nxf7
Bxa5 27.Ke2 Kc4 28.Kd2 Kb3 29.Kc1

Bc7 30.h3 a5 31.Kb1 a4 32.Ng5 a3
33.bxa3 Kxc3 34.Ne6 Bb6 35.Ka2 c4
36.Nf4 Kd2 37.Nd5 Bd4 38.Kb1 Bc5 39.f4
e6 40.Nb4 Bxb4 41.axb4 c3 42.f5 c2+ 0-1

DEAN CLOW (2054) -**TARQUIN JOHNSON BENNION (1902)**

1.f4 c5 2.Nf3 d5 3.g3 Nc6 4.Bg2 Nf6 5.0-0
g6 6.d3 Bg7 7.Qe1 d4 8.Na3 Nd5 9.Bd2 0-0
10.c3 e5 11.Nc2 exf4 12.gxf4 Re8 13.c4
Nde7 14.Ng5 h6 15.Ne4 b6 16.b4 cxb4
17.Nxb4 Bb7 18.Qh4 Nxb4 19.Bxb4 Bxe4
20.Bxe4 Nf5 21.Qh3 Rxe4 22.dxe4 Ne3
23.Rf3 d3 24.Rxe3 Bxa1 25.Rxd3 Qc7
26.f5 Qxc4 27.Bc3 Bxc3 28.Rxc3 Qxe2
29.fxc6 Qe1+ 30.Qf1 Qxf1+ 31.Kxf1 fxc6
32.Rc6 Rf8+ 33.Ke2 Kg7 34.Ke3 g5
35.Kd4 Rf6 36.Rc2 h5 37.e5 Rf7 38.Kd5
Kf8 39.e6 Rf1 40.Rc8+ Ke7 41.Rc7+ Ke8
42.Rxa7 Rf2 43.h3 g4 44.hxg4 hxg4 45.a4
g3 46.Rg7 Ra2 47.Kd6 Rd2+ 48.Kc6 Ra2
49.Kb5 g2 50.Kb4 Re2 51.Kb5 Ra2 52.e7
Kd7 53.Kb4 Rb2+ 54.Kc3 Ra2 55.Kb3
Re2 56.Kb4 Rb2+ ½-½

**NM DMITRY KISHINEVSKY (2026) -****NM MATTHEW WOFFORD (2168)**

1.Nf3 Nf6 2.g3 b5 3.e3 a6 4.a4 b4 5.Bg2
Bb7 6.d4 e6 7.Nbd2 c5 8.a5 cxd4 9.exd4
d5 10.0-0 Be7 11.Nb3 Nbd7 12.Ne1 0-0
13.Nd3 Bc6 14.Re1 Qb8 15.h4 Rc8 16.h5
h6 17.g4 Nh7 18.f4 Re8 19.Bd2 Ra7
20.Bf3 Bb5 21.Be3 Rc7 22.Qd2 Rcc8
23.Re2 Bxd3 24.Qxd3 Qd6 25.Kh1 Kh8
26.Rg1 f6 27.Bf2 Bf8 28.Bg3 Qc6
29.Rge1 Qc4 30.Rxe6 Rxe6 31.Rxe6 Qxc2
32.Qxc2 Rxc2 33.Re2 Rxe2 34.Bxe2 f5
35.Bxa6 Bd6 36.Bc8 Nhf6 37.a6 Bb8
38.Na5 Ne4 39.Bxd7 Nxc3+ 40.Kg2 Ne2
41.Nc6 Nxf4+ 42.Kf3 fxg4+ 43.Kxg4 Nd3
44.Nxb8 1-0

SUBHANKER ROY (1784) -**BUDDY DIAMOND JR. (1786)**

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.c3 Nf6 4.Bb5+ Bd7
5.Qe2 a6 6.Bxd7+ Qxd7 7.e5 Nd5 8.Qe4
e6 9.0-0 Nc6 10.d4 cxd4 11.exd6 Nf6
12.Qh4 Bxd6 13.cxd4 0-0 14.Bh6 Ne7
15.Bg5 Ng6 16.Qh3 Nd5 17.Nc3 Ndf4
18.Bxf4 Bxf4 19.d5 Rfd8 20.Rfd1 exd5
21.Qxd7 Rxd7 22.Nxd5 Rad8 23.Nc3 Bd2
24.Ne4 Bb4 25.Rxd7 Rxd7 26.Rc1 f6
27.g3 Kf7 28.Rc4 Be7 29.Kf1 h6 30.Ke2
Nf8 31.Rd4 Rc7 32.Nd6+ Bxd6 33.Rxd6
Ke7 34.Rd3 Ne6 35.Nh4 Rc2+ 36.Rd2
Nd4+ 37.Kd3 Rxd2+ 38.Kxd2 Kd6

39.Kd3 Kd5 40.Ng6 Nf3 41.Nf4+ Ke5
42.h4 g5 43.hxg5 hxg5 44.Ng6+ Kf5
45.Ne7+ Ke6 46.Ng6 Ne5+ 47.Nxe5 Kxe5
48.f3 b5 49.b3 f5 50.a4 bxa4 Kd4+ Kd5+
½-½

**MAX HIGA (1765) -****CHRISTOPHER PAUL BOWEN (1767)**

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6
5.Nc3 a6 6.Be3 e5 7.Nb3 Be7 8.f3 Be6
9.Qd2 h5 10.0-0 Nbd7 11.h3 h4 12.f4 b5
13.f5 Bc4 14.Kb1 a5 15.Bxc4 bxc4 16.Nc1
Rb8 17.Rhe1 Qc7 18.Bg5 Qb7 19.b3 Qc6
20.Nd5 Nxd5 21.exd5 Qc5 22.Bxe7 Kxe7
23.Qd4 Qb5 24.a4 Qxa4 25.Re4 Rhc8
26.Qa1 Qb5 27.Qb2 a4 28.Re3 axb3
29.cxb3 Rb6 30.Rd4 c3 31.Qc2 Qa5
32.Na2 Ra8 33.Rxh4 Qxd5 34.Rxc3 Rab8
35.Rhc4 Nc5 36.Kb2 Rxb3+ 37.Rxb3
Rxb3+ 38.Ka1 Rd3 39.Nb4 Qa8+ 40.Kb1
Rb3+ 41.Kc1 Qa1+ 42.Kd2 Rb2 43.Nd5+
Kd8 0-1

JOHN LEES (1142) -**OWEN CHRIST (1512)**

1.c4 e5 2.Nc3 Nc6 3.Nf3 g6 4.g3 Bg7
5.Bg2 d6 6.0-0 Nge7 7.d3 0-0 8.e4 Bg4
9.h3 Bd7 10.Nh4 Nd4 11.f4 f5 12.exf5
Nexf5 13.Nxf5 Nxf5 14.g4 Nd4 15.Bxb7
Rb8 16.Bg2 h5 17.Ne2 Nxe2+ 18.Qxe2
hxg4 19.hxg4 exf4 20.Bd5+ Kh7 21.Qh2+
Bh6 22.Bxf4 g5 23.Be3 Qe7 24.Be4+ Kg7
25.Bd4+ Rf6 26.Bxf6+ (white went on to win) 1-0

HARLEY BLADE RICHARDSON (1218)**ETHAN DUNN (1060)**

1.d4 c5 2.d5 Nf6 3.c4 b5 4.cxb5 a6 5.bxa6
Bxa6 6.Nc3 d6 7.e4 Bxf1 8.Kxf1 g6 9.g3
h5 10.h4 Bg7 11.Nge2 Nbd7 12.Kg2 Ne5
13.f3 Qb6 14.Qc2 0-0 15.Bf4 Nfd7 16.a4
Rfb8 17.Nb5 Rc8 18.Be3 Qa5 19.Rhb1 c4
20.Ned4 Ne5 21.Nc6 Nxc6 22.Bxc5 Nb4
23.Bxb4 Qxb4 24.Nc3 Ra5 25.Ra3 Rca8
26.Rba1 Rb8 27.R1a2 Kf8 28.Nb5 Ke8
29.Qf2 Kd8 30.Nd4 Bxd4 31.Qxd4 Qe1
32.Rc3 Rxa4 33.Rca3 Rxa3 34.Rxa3 Qe2+
35.Qf2 Qxb2 36.Qxb2 Rxb2+ 37.Kf1 Rb3
38.Ra8+ ½-½



ROUND 5**FM SULLIVAN MCCONNELL (2399) - JOSH PRICE (1979)**

1.e4 Nf6 2.e5 Nd5 3.Nc3 Nb6 4.a4 a5 5.d4 d6 6.Nf3 g6 7.h4 h6 8.Be3 Bg7 9.exd6 cxd6 10.Bb5+ Bd7 11.Qd2 Nc6 12.Ne4 Nb4 13.Qe2 N6d5 14.c3 Nxe3 15.fxe3 Nd5 16.h5 g5 17.Nf2 f5 18.g3 Nf6 19.e4 0-0 20.Bc4+ Kh7 21.e5 Ne4 22.Nxe4 fxe4 23.e6 Bxe6 24.Nxg5+ hxg5 25.Bxe6 d5 26.h6 Bxh6 27.Qg4 Ra6 28.Rxh6+ Kxh6 29.0-0-0 Rxe6 30.Qxe6+ Kg7 31.Qg4 e6 32.Qxe6 Rf6 33.Qg4 Rf2 34.Rh1 Qf6 35.Qh3 Kg8 36.Kb1 Qg7 37.Ka2 Rf8 38.Qg4 Qg6 39.Qd7 Qf7 40.Qd6 Re8 41.g4 e3 42.Rh5 e2 43.Rxg5+ Qg7 44.Qxd5+ Kh8 45.Rh5+ 1-0

NM ORGIL BATSAIKHAN (2154) - SIKANDER BAKER-NAGAR (2121)

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.Bg5 Bb4 5.e5 h6 6.exf6 hxg5 7.fxg7 Rg8 8.Qh5 Qf6 9.Nf3 Qxg7 10.0-0-0 Nd7 11.h4 g4 12.Ne5 Bxc3 13.bxc3 Nf6 14.Qg5 Qxg5+ 15.hxg5 Ne4 16.Nxg4 Rxg5 17.Rh8+ Ke7 18.f3 Nxc3 19.Re1 Nxa2+ 20.Kb2 Nb4 21.Be2 Nc6 22.f4 Rg6 23.c3 Rb8 24.Bf3 Bd7 25.Rh7 Rf8 26.f5 Rg5 27.f6+ Kd6 28.Nh6 Be8 29.Bg4 Na5 30.Rg7 Nc4+ 31.Kc1 Rxg4 32.Nxg4 Rh8 33.Ne5 Nxe5 34.dxe5+ Kc5 35.g4 Rh2 36.g5 Kc4 37.g6 Ba4 38.gxf7 Rc2+ 39.Kb1 Kb3 40.f8Q Rb2+ 41.Kc1 Ka2 42.Qb4 Rc2+ 43.Kd1 Bb3 44.Re2 c5 45.Qxb3+ 1-0

NM RHETT LANGSETH (2102) - DEAN CLOW (2054)

1.e4 Nc6 2.d3 g6 3.c3 Bg7 4.Nd2 e6 5.Ngf3 Nge7 6.Be2 0-0 7.d4 d5 8.e5 Nf5 9.g4 Nh4 10.Nxh4 Qxh4 11.Nf3 Qd8 12.g5 Ne7 13.h4 Nf5 14.Bd3 c5 15.Bxf5 exf5 16.dxc5 Re8 17.Qd4 f6 18.gxf6 Bxf6 19.Bg5 Bxg5 20.hxg5 Be6 21.0-0-0 Qc7 22.Rh6 b6 23.cxb6 axb6 24.a3 b5 25.Qh4 Rxa3 26.Kc2 Re8 27.Rd3 Ra4 28.Nd4 Qb7 29.Rh3 Rc7 30.Rxg6+ 1-0

*Position after 29...Rc7***TARQUIN JOHNSON BENNION (1902) NM DMITRY KISHINEVSKY (2026)**

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 Bg7 4.e4 d6 5.Be2 Nbd7 6.Be3 c6 7.Nf3 e5 8.d5 c5 9.Nd2 h5 10.h4 a6 11.a3 Nh7 12.Qc2 Rb8 13.b4 b6 14.f3 0-0 15.g4 Kh8 16.b5 Ndf6 17.g5 Ne8 18.bxa6 Ra8 19.Nb5 Rxa6 20.a4 f6 21.gxf6 Bxf6 22.Bf2 Bd7 23.Nb3 Bg7 24.Qd2 Rf4 25.Bg3 Rf7 26.a5 Nhf6 27.0-0 Kh7 28.axb6 Bh6 29.Qc3 Rxb6 30.Ra7 Rg7 31.Qa5 g5 32.Kh1 g4 33.Kh2 Bf4 34.Bxf4 exf4 35.Ra8 Qe7 36.Qxb6 Nxd5 37.Qd8 g3+ 38.Kg1 Qe6 39.exd5 Qxe2 40.Ra2 Qxa2 41.Qxe8 0-1

NM DANIEL HERMAN (2200) - WYATT BACKHOUSE (1857)

1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.cxd5 cxd5 4.Bg5 g6 5.Nc3 Nc6 6.e3 h6 7.Bh4 g5 8.Bg3 a6 9.Bd3 Nf6 10.Rc1 e6 11.h4 g4 12.h5 Bd6 13.Nge2 e5 14.dxe5 Nxe5 15.Bb1 Be6 16.Nd4 Nc4 17.Nxe6 fxe6 18.Bg6+ Ke7 19.Bh4 Qb6 20.0-0 Raf8 21.b3 Ne5 22.Qxd5 Nxg6 23.hxg6 Rhg8 24.Qh5 g3 25.Ne4 gxf2+ 26.Kh1 Qxe3 27.Nxd6 Kxd6 28.Bxf6 Rxf6 29.Rfd1+ Ke7 30.Rc7+ Ke8 31.g7+ 1-0

BUDDY DIAMOND JR. (1786) - JOSHUA SAMUEL (1800)

1.d4 e6 2.c4 d5 3.Nf3 Nf6 4.g3 c6 5.Bg2 Bb4+ 6.Nbd2 Nbd7 7.0-0 0-0 8.a3 Bd6 9.Qc2 e5 10.cxd5 cxd5 11.dxe5 Nxe5 12.Nxe5 Bxe5 13.Nf3 Bd6 14.Rd1 Be6 15.Bg5 h6 16.Bxf6 Qxf6 17.Nd4 Rac8 18.Qd2 Be5 19.Nxe6 fxe6 20.e3 Bxb2 21.Ra2 Bc3 22.Qd3 b6 23.Rc2 Ba5 24.Rdc1 Rxc2 25.Rxc2 Qe7 26.Rc6 Qf6 27.f4 Qa1+ 28.Bf1 Qf6 29.h3 Qe7 30.Bg2 Rd8 31.f5 exf5 32.Bxd5+ Kh8 33.Qd4 Kh7 34.e4 Qg5 35.Qd3 Qd2 ½-½

**CHRISTOPHER PAUL BOWEN (1767) - SUBHANKER ROY (1784)**

1.d4 c6 2.c4 d5 3.Nf3 Nf6 4.g3 Bf5 5.Nc3 e6 6.Qb3 Qb6 7.c5 Qxb3 8.axb3 Bc2 9.b4 Na6 10.b5 Nb4 11.Ra3 Be4 12.Kd2 Nc2 13.Nxe4 dxe4 14.Kxc2 exf3 15.exf3 Be7 16.Bf4 0-0 17.Bc4 cxb5 18.Bxb5 Nd5 19.Be3 Rfc8 20.Kd2 a6 21.Bc4 Rd8 22.Bxd5 Rxd5 23.b4 e5 24.Kc3 Rad8 25.dxe5 Rxe5 26.Rc1 f5 27.h4 Red5 28.Rc2 Rd3+ 29.Kb2 Rd1 30.Bg5 Bxg5 31.hxg5 R1d4 32.Rb3 f4 33.g4 Kf7 34.c6 bxc6 35.Rxc6 Rd2+ 36.Rc2 Kg6 37.Rbc3

Kxg5 38.Rc5+ Kg6 39.Rc6+ R8d6 40.Rxd6+ Rxd6 41.Kc3 Kg5 42.Re2 Kh4 43.Re7 Kh3 44.Rxg7 Kg2 45.Rxh7 Kxf3 46.g5Rg6 47.Rh6Rxg5 48.Rxa6 Kxf2 ½-½

JOHN LEES (1142) - DAVID CEASE (1498)

1.c4 e5 2.Nc3 Nf6 3.Nf3 Nc6 4.g3 d5 5.cxd5 Nxd5 6.d3 Bb4 7.Bd2 0-0 8.Bg2 Be6 9.Rc1 Nxc3 10.bxc3 Bc5 11.Qc2 h6 12.Be3 Bb6 13.0-0 Qd7 14.Rfd1 Bf5 15.Qb2 Bh3 16.Bh1 f5 17.d4 f4 18.Bd2 fxg3 19.hxg3 exd4 20.cxd4 Nxd4 21.Be3 Nxf3+ 22.Bxf3 Qf5 23.Bxb6 cxb6 24.Rc7 Rf7 25.Rxb7 Rxb7 26.Bxb7 Rf8 27.f3 Qc5+ 28.Qd4 Qc7 29.Qd5+ Rf7 30.Qd8+ Qxd8 31.Rxd8+ Kh7 32.Bd5 Rd7 33.Rxd7 Bxd7 34.e4 Kg6 35.f4 Kf6 36.Kf2 Be6 37.e5+ Ke7 38.Bxe6 Kxe6 39.g4 g5 40.Kf3 b5 41.fxg5 hxg5 42.Ke4 a5 43.Kd4 b4 44.Kc4 Kxe5 45.Kb5 Kf4 46.Kxa5 Kxg4 47.Kxb4 Kf4 48.a4 g4 49.a5 g3 50.a6 g2 51.a7 g1Q 52.a8Q Qb1+ 53.Kc5 Ke5 ½-½

**HANSIT RAJ RAVADA (1121) - FELIX GRAHAM (1300)**

1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 c5 4.c3 Nc6 5.Nf3 Bg4 6.Bb5 e6 7.h3 Bxf3 8.Qxf3 Qb6 9.Bxc6+ bxc6 10.Qd1 cxd4 11.cxd4 Bb4+ 12.Nc3 Ne7 13.a3 Bxc3+ 14.bxc3 0-0 15.Be3 Nf5 16.0-0 Rab8 17.Qc2 Qb3 18.Qd3 Qb5 19.Qxb5 Rxb5 20.Rfb1 Rfb8 21.Rb4 a5 22.Rxb5 Rxb5 23.a4 Rb3 24.Bd2 Rb2 25.Be1 h6 26.g4 Nh4 27.Kf1 Nf3 28.Ra3 Rb1 29.Ke2 Nxe1 30.Kd2 Nf3+ 31.Ke3 Ng5 32.h4 Nh7 33.Ra2 Nf8 34.Kd2 Nd7 35.Kc2 Rb7 36.f4 Kf8 37.Ra3 Ke7 38.g5 h5 39.Ra2 g6 40.Ra3 Kd8 41.Ra2 Kc8 42.c4 Nb6 43.cxd5 cxd5 44.Ra1 Nc4 45.Kd3 Rb3+ 46.Kc2 Ra3 47.Re1 Rxa4 48.f5 Ra2+ 49.Kc3 Rf2 50.fxg6 fxg6 51.Kb3 Rh2 52.Rf1 Rxh4 53.Ka4 Rxd4 54.Kb5 Rg4 55.Rf8+ Kd7 56.Rf7+ Ke8 57.Ra7 Rxg5 58.Ra8+ Kd7 59.Ra7+ Kc8 60.Kc6 Kb8 61.Rb7+ Kc8 62.Ra7 Kd8 63.Rh7 Rxe5 64.Rh8+ Ke7 65.Rh7+ Kf6 66.Rh8 a4 67.Ra8 a3 68.Rf8+ Kg5 69.Rf2 Re4 70.Kd7 h4 71.Rg2+ Kf4 72.Rxg6 a2 73.Rg1 Re2 74.Rf1+ Kg3 75.Rg1+ Rg2 76.Re1 h3 77.Kxe6 h2 78.Kxd5 Rg1 79.Re8 h1Q+ 80.Kxc4 Qc6+ 81.Kb3 Qxe8 82.Kxa2 Qe3 83.Kb2 Rd1 84.Kc2 Rd2+85.Kc1Qe1# 0-1

Colorado State Blitz Championship

By Earle Wikle

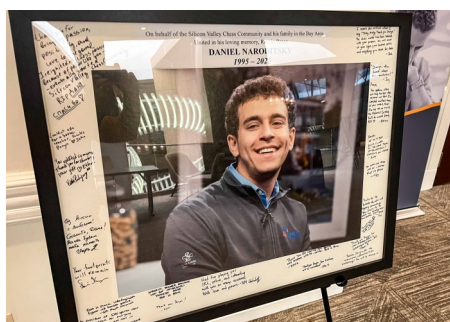
The blitz time control of G/5; d3 with 6 double rounds adding up to 12-game of Blitz. In the critical round 5 between FM Sullivan McConnell and FM Gunnar Andersen, because the Blitz format used two-game matches, the result ended in a split match. When Gunnar, having lost one game in the previous round to Austin Powell, needed to win both games to overtake Sullivan or score one win and a draw to even the score. Because of the result, Sullivan became the clear winner.

Top finisher: FM Sullivan McConnell, scored 11/12 and earned \$500 for 1st place. FM Gunnar Andersen, scored 10/12 and earned \$325 for 2nd place. With 9/12, Austin Powell, LM Brian D Wall, Jorge Rubio, and Orgil Batsaikhan, each earned \$43.75 for a tie for 3rd place. In the U1500, 1st place went to Tarun Bala Karthikeyan, and earned \$250. In the U1500, 2nd place, there was a four way tie with 8/12, between Ethan Dugas, Neel Yadatore, Philip Lesko, and Kaavya Sakthisaravanan, each earning \$37.50.



Naroditsky Memorial Rapid & Blitz Tournament

By John Brezina



July 3-5, 2026

When I first learned of this tournament early in the year, I reached out to Charlotte Chess Center owner and founder Peter Giannatos for the honor of photographing and attending this event. He responded immediately with an enthusiastic yes and I began planning for what became one of the most enjoyable tournaments I have covered despite the sad circumstances that led to it. Daniel Naroditsky was just shy of 30 years old when he passed away on October 19, 2025 and sent shock waves through the chess world. His impact on the chess world was enormous and the people he had touched, as could be seen through the outpouring of support for his family and this memorial tournament.



Marriott City Center Charlotte

It was to be held in downtown Charlotte at the Marriott City Center hotel on the fourth of July weekend. I have known about the Charlotte Chess Center and Daniel's involvement as the Grandmaster-in-residence for years, but this would be my first trip to the city. The tournament was held over three days: a 7-round rapid portion on day one, an 11-round blitz tournament on day two, and the creator invitational and top ten blitz final on the last

day. Each tournament had two fields, a challengers and masters sections. Over 300 players registered including some of the best players in the world such as Hikaru Nakamura, Fabiano Caruana, Wesley So, and world champion challenger Javokhir Sindarov to name just a few.



Top seed Hikaru Nakamura

A unique element to this memorial tournament was the creator invitational. It included ten of the world's top streamers and content creators such as Gotham Chess Levy Rozman, Chess.com Daniel Rensch, The Botez sisters, and Chessbase India Sagar Shah to start. They played a nine round tournament amongst themselves the final day as well as participating in the rapid and blitz portions. Fans delight to meet so many well known players and content creators all at the same tournament or better yet, a chance to play against them across the board.



Chess.com CCO Daniel Rensch

The Marriott played a great host as fans and players alike were welcomed upon entering. You could always find chess fans playing in the lobby at all hours over the weekend. An escalator whisked everyone upstairs to the foyer where a nice memorial of photos and memorabilia were set up to honor Daniel. A large board representing not only major financial donors to the memorial fund but having every donor's name printed. Especially touching were the gallery of photos of Daniel in chess and all facets of his life. Everyone had to check in before entering the playing hall and the staff did an excellent job of creating an exceptional tournament experience.



The memorial fund donor board

I received my pass and settled into the media room where I first met Kelly Centrelli, the Charlotte Chess Center Communications Manager. We discussed some of the ground rules and formalities for taking photos as she was also the official photographer for the Charlotte club. She was an absolute pleasure to work with during the tournament and some of her incredible photos can be found on the Charlotte Chess Center Foundation website: <https://www.cltccf.org>. Then I met up with executive director Peter Giannatos himself who was busy with final touches on a very professional and well run memorial tournament. After meeting and thanking him for his efforts, it is easy to see why the Charlotte Chess Center has been so successful for the past twelve years with him at the helm. I encourage everyone to visit their website to see the incredible amount of work they do for chess, or better yet, pay a visit to their beautiful city and club: <https://www.charlottechesscenter.org>.



Peter Giannatos & Elena Naroditsky

The large playing hall was divided off for spectators to allow them to watch the top ten master's DGT boards along one wall or top streamer boards up close on the other side with many of the challenger's games behind them. With only seven rounds of rapid in such a strong field,

every game mattered. There were many great photo opportunities every time I turned with so many players including legends like Boris Gelfand and Vasyl Ivanchuk. It was great to see Robert Hess playing as well honoring his friend and commentating partner Daniel. Many people know that Daniel & Robert were a great commentating team for Chess.com's online Speed Chess Championships, which made it a favorite of mine to watch.



Legend Boris Gelfand



Commentating partner Robert Hess

Top favorite Fabiano Caruana started out with two wins and then drew Ivanchuk in round three. He then faltered in rounds four and five with a rare consecutive two losses keeping him from the top of the field. Many eyes were on the young world champion challenger Sindarov who also started strong with two wins but then ran into the young US Grandmaster Andy Woodward. Andy, who is all business at the chessboard, delivered Javokhir his only loss of the tournament. Sindarov bounced back by winning the remaining games, setting up an intense tie break for first place.



Javokhir Sindarov set the pace

The player to keep pace with him was the formidable Indian Grandmaster Aravindh Chithambaram. After round six, five players sat at 5/6 points to set up an intense final round. The young Woodward played a very strong Olexandr Bortnyk and had to settle on a draw to finish with 5.5/7. First Sindarov was able to clinch the win over Aydin Suleymanli who was having an incredible tournament. This put Chithambaram in a must win game against Grigoriy Oparin in order to catch the leader. The Indian GM put the pressure on and was able to win the final game to set up tie-break games for first.



Sindarov's win over Suleymanli



Chithambaram's must win game to tie

After a short break, the players readied for a final battle as a large crowd gathered around. They would play a best of two blitz games with an Armageddon to follow if necessary. Sindarov took game one as Chithambaram got into time pressure and handed the Indian GM his first loss of the day. By now it was getting late into the evening but a large crowd remained to watch the finale. Pressured into a must win situation, Chithambaram was able to get a big advantage in their second game but lost control and the tables soon turned. Sindarov pinned the opponent's king into the corner and soon was able to convert the win and take the rapid crown. After a short trophy presentation, everyone prepared and rested for the next day's blitz tournament.



A large crowd around the final tie-breaks

The next day I arrived early to enjoy some quiet time around the memorial set up in the lobby for Daniel. Going through his photos was a special moment which reminded me of the few times I had captured him at the board. The first time was in 2015 at the US Championships in St. Louis and then again in 2017.



My first photo taken of Daniel

But my favorite moment I captured of Daniel was in New York in 2024 at the World Rapid & Blitz Championships. Blitz has always been his forte and he proved once again to the world he is one of the best. He will be most remembered in his epic game against Vasyl Ivanchuk where he won on time and showed his deep sportsmanship by quietly remaining at the board with a devastated Ivanchuk. Once all the dust was settled, Daniel was tied for first with nine other players at 9.5 points, but only eight would move on to the finals the next day. Two players would have to be cut on tie-breaks, and it would be Naroditsky and Dubov losing out and causing some frustration with Daniel and many others. Thus the "Naroditsky rule" system of tie-breaks and Armageddon if necessary in the Naroditsky Memorial tournament.



The epic blitz game in New York 2024

The hall was filled with excitement for all the blitz action to take place over eleven rounds. Fans lined up for a chance to catch a glimpse of their favorite players or streamers and were thrilled when an absolute blitz legend showed up. The room was abuzz as Hikaru Nakamura arrived and then was appropriately bombarded with photograph and signature requests. It was fun to see all the players and streamers kindly obliging fans with photos and such as this was a great rare opportunity to

catch them all together between rounds. I even spotted a Colorado player in the challengers field that I recognized from our Denver tournaments, Jeremy Roldan. Hikaru started off slow in round one with a draw against the formidable Irene Sukanadar, but turned it up to climb back to the top of the leaderboard and finish in clear first with 8.5/11 points. He took the top spot of the top ten to reach the blitz finals the next day.



Fans line up for Hikaru Nakamura



Colorado's Jeremy Roldan

The next seven spots were secured by players reaching 8.0/11 points including the only non-grandmaster, the little-known Ethan Sheehan, who was having the tournament of his life. The last two spots would have to be a fight of tie-breaks in a single Armageddon game though as five players sat at 7.5/11. Boris Gelfand was one of those players and he showed the youngsters he still has what it takes to play with the best. He had to face bullet-specialist Andrew Tang in the first round while the others had byes. A large crowd gathered to watch these two strong players of different generations battle at blitz. Boris was laser focused and hovered over the board like a hawk and took down the Penguin with the white pieces.



Boris Gelfand & Andrew Tang faceoff (Kelly Centrelli photographing in back)

Next he faced Ray Robson with the white pieces and needed a must win again in this Armageddon game. Once again the legend Gelfand proved his mettle against the youngster Robson and took home the win to secure a spot in the blitz finals. At the same time another generational battle was taking place for the last spot. Leinier Dominguez, a former world blitz champion, faced the current world champion challenger Javokhir Sindarov. Leinier had the white pieces and therefore needed the win. They reached an endgame where he had only a knight and rook against a lone rook for Sindarov. Leinier played out a long endgame trying any possible tricks in a blitz game where mistakes can happen but Sindarov gave him no chances and held the draw to take the last spot in the finals.



Sindarov about the clinch the final spot

Two action packed days of chess already but the final day was the pinnacle for fans. The first ever, as far as I know, creator and streamer tournament with ten of the best known in the world faced off in nine rounds playing each other once. Perhaps the most well known of the bunch with millions of followers is Levy Rozman. Rarely do I get to catch him at the board with the most recent being last year at the USA vs India match in Texas. Definitely a fan favorite as he was always drawing fans in for photos and autographs.



Gotham Chess Levy Rozman

The only Grandmaster in the field was Canadian 'Chessbrah' Aman Hambleton who famously chess boxed Lawrence Trent in 2022. I was fortunate to meet Aman in Toronto for the Candidates tournament in 2024 where he was doing commentary in the fan zone. It was great to see Sagar Shah of Chessbase India at the board again as well, also in front of the camera where we usually see him.



'Chessbrah' GM Aman Hambleton

All the content creators were very generous with their time for fans in between rounds which made this tournament extra special. It would take too much time to cover each of them and their contributions to chess but all were very kind and a pleasure to meet. The five boards were set up on the main stage where fans lined up to watch the games and pairings of players rare to see together. Round one kicked off with five decisive games with IM John Bartholomew taking down Sagar and Levy taking down Danny Rensch. The Botez sisters were paired up together in round two and the younger Andrea shocked her sister Alexandra with a perpetual draw. Andrea was all pumped up afterwards but it was short lived, as it would be her only half point of the day.



The entertaining Botez sisters battle

Round four and with his fourth win, John Bartholomew took the lead and never looked back. He went on to win the rest of his games as well with a perfect 9-0 score. He must be watching some of his own chessable courses which are quite popular. Levy Rozman tried his best to catch up but took a respectable second place with 7/9 points. Chess.com can be proud of their very own as Mr. Rensch took clear third place. Popular streamer and WGM Dina Belenkaya was just behind him with clear fourth place at 5.5/9 points.



John Bartholomew on to a 9-0 sweep

A very entertaining group of players that kept the crowd captivated and involved while at the same time remaining serious with their moves on the board. Charlotte's very own Mike Klein interviewed the champion John Bartholomew after a touching trophy presentation by Daniel's mother Elena. She was present for the entire weekend and was very gracious and thankful for all the well wishes and sympathy by so many that knew Danya. She took time for a rare and short interview with Sagar Shah too which was very endearing. After all of this the day was only half over as we were still in for a treat of blitz finals.



Elena's emotional trophy presentation



Mike Klein interviews the champion

The room was full of spectators again for the blitz finals, fans and players alike. The two favorites Sindarov and Nakamura started off slow with draws in round one while the only non-grandmaster Ethan Sheehan started with a win over GM Semen Khanin. Semen played in a Denver Martin Luther King Tribute tournament in 2023 along with his Texas Tech team and he took first place which we spoke briefly about before one of his games. A big shock came in round three when the number one seed, Hikaru Nakamura, was handed a loss by Ethan Sheehan.



Ethan Sheehan shocked the blitz field

The little-known player was becoming very well-known quickly after this upset and his eventual third place finish in a very strong field. In round six, the two top American players faced off, Wesley So and Nakamura. Things began to tense up as all five boards were decisive. Sindarov's victory over the young US Junior champion Andy Woodward put him in the lead with 5/6 points. Sheehan continued his surprises with a win over Vasif Durarbayli and was in second with 4.5/6 points.



Sindarov takes the lead with this win

Wesley's win over Hikaru kept him in the hunt with only three rounds to go. The three kept their positions after all winning their games in round seven leading into the penultimate round. Sindarov continued his winning streak with a big win over legend Boris Gelfand. But the game to watch was between Wesley and Ethan to determine second place. Ethan held his own for most of the game where an intense endgame ensued. Wesley managed to pinch his opponent's king in the center of the board and take the win to finally slow down Ethan.



Wesley So's win slowed Ethan Sheehan

In the final round, just Wesley could catch leader Sindarov but only if he lost his game to Nakamura. The pressure was on after Wesley won his game but the young Uzbekistani showed nerves of steel against the top seed and drew his way to another championship clinching both titles. A spectacular end to a wonderful memorial tribute tournament honoring Daniel. Awards and trophies were presented to the top three by Elena once again. Ethan Sheehan took third place while Wesley So clinched second. And then another trophy for the world champion challenger Javokhir Sindarov as the blitz champion this time. He spoke some kind words afterwards and then on to more interviews and photos.



Sindarov holds the draw for the title

I can't thank Peter Giannatos and his crew enough for such a wonderful tournament and experience in Charlotte and I look forward to next year's edition. Sindarov mentioned returning next year as the defending memorial champion, extra special if he returned with another crown, as world champion...



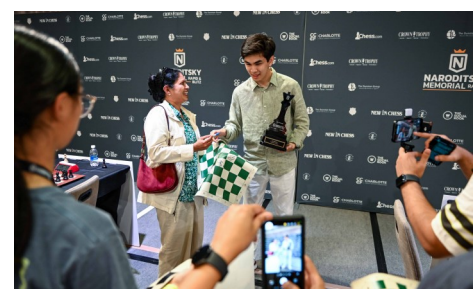
Rapid & Blitz Champ Javokhir Sindarov



Wesley So takes second place in blitz

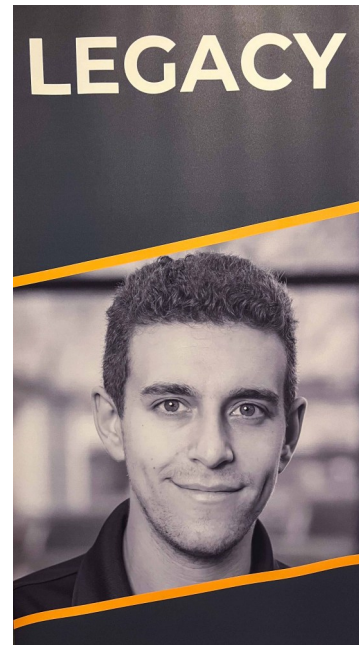
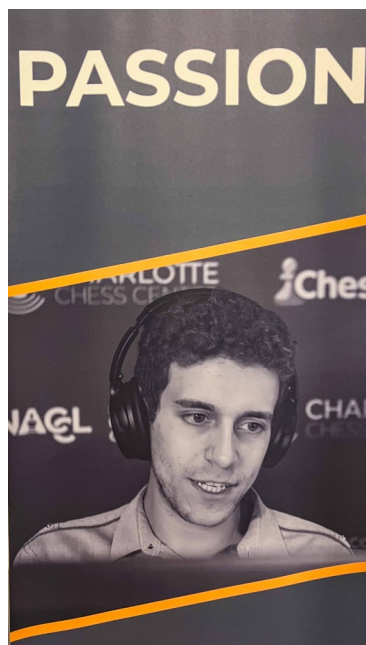
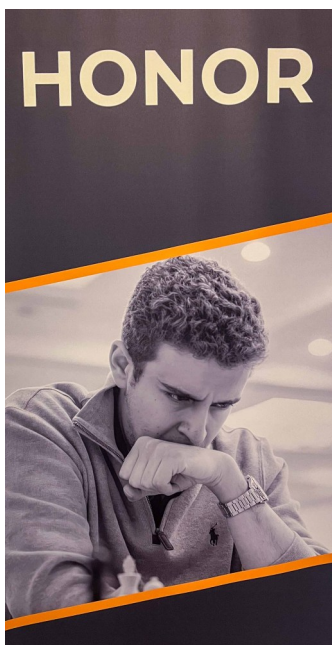


Underdog Ethan Sheehan in third place



Javokhir Sindarov kindly obliges his fans

More photos from the Naroditsky Memorial Rapid & Blitz Tournament



The Grand Chess Tour settles in St. Louis

By John Brezina

August has always been a special month for chess in St. Louis for annually hosting one of the strongest chess tournaments in the world, the Sinquefeld Cup. But this year it was an extra special month with the culmination of the Grand Chess Tour and finals all held in August at the beautifully renovated and expanded St. Louis Chess Club. One visit to the club and World Chess Hall of Fame across the street, you can easily see why this has officially become the Chess Capital of the United States, perhaps the world in my humble opinion.



The front sidewalk and tables of the St. Louis Chess Club

The St. Louis Rapid & Blitz took place followed by the Sinquefeld Cup which would determine the final four players that would compete in the Grand Chess Tour Finals held for the first time in St. Louis. Another first at the club was the Sinquefeld Cup and the Cairns Cup played alongside each other simultaneously. A fitting tribute putting these two tournaments together as they are both named for the founders of the St. Louis Chess Club, Rex & Jeanne (Cairns) Sinquefeld. The Sinquefeld Cup has special meaning for me as it was the first tournament and the very first time I set foot in the St. Louis Chess Club, back in 2014.

While the club has changed and grown over the years, what hasn't changed is the special feeling you get as you enter the place that has hosted some of the best chess players in the world. Like many chess players, I had always been used to the small clubs that met in a library, church basement, bars, parks or anywhere you could lay down a chess board. I never imagined a chess club this special let alone ever getting to meet the top players. Life had become busy with other priorities, but I had always continued to follow the game in printed magazines, remember those? Well, it was in a ChessLife magazine that I saw an ad for the 2014 Sinquefeld Cup and that world champion Magnus Carlsen would be playing in St. Louis.

It was certainly rare for top players to compete in the United States at that time, let alone in St. Louis I thought. So I had to see for myself why the world chess champion would come and play a tournament in St. Louis. Arriving in the Central West End neighborhood, you first see the side-

walk lined with stone chess tables in front of the club where locals meet and play. Across the street, like a beacon watching over the sea of chess, is the world's largest chess piece in front of the World Chess Hall of Fame. You begin to realize quickly that this is not your typical chess club. Upon entering the club for the first time, I was greeted at the front desk by staff who I have remained friends with through the years.



Play a game of chess outside in front of the club while the world's largest chess piece looms nearby

I looked around in amazement at the beautiful chess club that was adorned with chess memorabilia and playing areas. A seating area with a large screen was set for fans to watch the games on the broadcast with live analysis. But I was most impressed by the access upstairs to the playing hall itself. For a small fee you were given a wristband, and after an electronics check, allowed upstairs to a roped off area that gave you access up close to the boards and players. Here I stood just feet away from the world champion Magnus Carlsen as he made his moves on the board. Later after the rounds were over, fans could wait downstairs for the players after they finished interviews. Magnus was being interviewed and I was waiting like other fans for a chance to meet him. While waiting, I happened to meet his father Henrik Carlsen who was kind enough to have his son stop for a photo and autograph with me after his interview. I was hooked. This moment is what brought me back into a chess world I never dreamed of. It inspired me to start my own chess club, photograph and write articles on chess events around the world, and become editor of our state online magazine, the Colorado Chess Informant.

Twelve years later and many tournaments in between, I have seen many changes at the club while some remained the same. Early handwritten pairings and scorekeeping have become digital screens throughout the club. Fans can still get up close in the playing hall but have much more room downstairs to watch the games or play themselves. The incredible core broadcast team remains but their studio has advanced and moved around over the years, now set-

ting into a large professional studio a block away at the Chase Park Plaza hotel. Out front the sidewalk is still lined with chess tables that is still a favorite part of mine, meeting new friends over the board from all over. The old historic brick building from the street outside looks little unchanged, but after a three year renovation and expansion, the chess club inside is a mix of modern and old looks that a chess fan could only dream of.



The new broadcast studio and professional staff at work

Nearly five times larger in space now, the club has plenty of room to host much larger tournaments all in house. There are more rooms for classes, private lessons, amateur tournaments, or just a large playing area. The upstairs main playing hall has expanded and even has an addition in the back for players to rest and relax between games. During tournaments fans still take the same stairs up to see the players but now come down to a larger area with commentary and refreshments where they can still follow the games. Combine all of this with the Hall of Fame across the street with its incredible exhibits and chess themed restaurants nearby, I like to call this the "Disney World" of chess.

The Grand Chess Tour has seen many changes as well over the past decade with certain cities and formats coming and going. It started with just three events in 2015 but today there are five events, two classical and three rapid & blitz events. In St. Louis we start with the rapid & blitz tournament which first appeared in 2017 and brought a former world champion out of retirement to play, Garry Kasparov. Today we have two new players visiting St. Louis for the first time, Vincent Keymer and world champion challenger Javokhir Sindarov. Three rounds of rapid games were played each day in the first three days followed by two days of blitz with nine exhausting rounds each day.



German #1 Vincent Keymer's first visit to St. Louis

Five American players were in the roster including the 2025 rapid & blitz champion Levon Aronian. India's Praggnanandhaa shined in the rapid portion finishing in first after three days with 12 points with Sindarov close behind with 11 points. Sindarov had been in the U.S. for several tournaments beforehand including the Naroditsky Memorial tournament where he placed first in both the rapid and blitz portions, a great warmup for this tournament. Shortly before St. Louis he had been in Miami Beach for the WRChess USA vs. Uzbekistan match which they narrowly lost. Another great preparation for the St. Louis Rapid & Blitz as he faced several of the same American players there. Sindarov has been on quite a performance run since winning the Cyprus Candidates and seems to be very comfortable at the board. Watching him at the U.S. events, he displays confidence at the board and shows little emotion, making him hard to read. Very much like Gukesh at the board, which I believe will be a close tossup in the world championship match later this year.



Javokhir Sindarov facing Fabiano Caruana in the USA vs Uzbekistan match in Miami Beach a week before St. Louis helping prepare him for the rapid & blitz



Vincent Keymer & Javokhir Sindarov faceoff both as first timers in St. Louis

The two days of blitz games are where fans are treated to best action at the board as clocks run low. More fans showed up to watch the games in person which is understandable as there are more games and faster action. When the rounds take place on the weekends, crowds grow at the club since most people have weekends off with games starting at noon each day. The best gauge of popularity though is through the live broadcast which reaches most countries around the world and attracts large numbers. It cannot be overstated what Rex Sinquefeld has done with

the St. Louis Chess Club and his revival or "renaissance" of American chess. Not only bringing in and supporting some of the top players in the world but inspiring chess around the country with their scholastic programs and outreach. Just in my own experience with my chess club, I see new players weekly, old and young alike, looking for that special over the board experience and fellowship that is a unique quality of chess. Combining this with the boom of Chess.com and chess television series and documentaries, I feel chess is more popular now than ever in the U.S. and I'm thrilled to be a part of it.



The playing hall where fans can get up close to the action

Praggnanandhaa led the pack early in the blitz perhaps with momentum from winning the rapid portion a day earlier. The players combine their point score from both formats to determine a winner. A blitz win is worth only one point, but with eighteen games over two days, anything can change. I arrived early to the rounds to photograph the players as they sat down but most showed up at literally the last minute. Games took place every 30 minutes so depending how fast the game went, players had ample time in the back hall and rooms to grab a bite, analyze their games or just relax between the stressful rounds. Pragg finished ahead of the pack after the first day without a loss.



Praggnanandhaa faces world champion challenger Sindarov

The next day the first round started out slowly with four draws but round two it flipped with four decisive games. It was Awonder Liang that delivered Pragg his only loss of the tournament while Sindarov, So and defending champion Aronian won their games to stay close behind the leader. Vincent Keymer seemed to struggle a bit with the faster time controls as he lost five games on day one and four on

day two. He was quite animated at the board and you could feel his struggle. He is not to be taken lightly though as he won the earlier GCT classical match in Romania and has performed very well in Freestyle events as well. It was in the penultimate round that Pragg faced Sindarov which determined the winner. Sindarov needed a win to have a chance to leapfrog Pragg, but the game ended in a draw and gave Pragg the title with a round to spare. Sindarov then had to settle for second place a point and a half behind with the combined scores.

Shortly after securing the title before the last round, Pragg was in great spirits in a back media room and on his phone, presumably with his sister Vaishali who was in St. Louis as well for the upcoming Cairns Cup. Afterwards I was able to catch a serene moment where Pragg was looking out the window pondering his latest victory, one of my favorite photos. He drew his last game quickly and then was escorted to the studio where he was interviewed by Maurice Ashley. Waiting at the studio was his sister Vaishali and you can see the strong sibling ties they have together. After his interview he posed for many official photos with the trophy before a closing dinner and then on to prepare for the next tournament, the Sinquefeld Cup.



Pragg pondering the moment shortly after securing the win



The champion Praggnanandhaa with his trophy at the studio

I returned to St. Louis about a week later to capture a few rounds of the Sinquefeld Cup where most of the same players attended minus the wildcards. There was double the action though with the Cairns Cup playing alongside for the first time in their history. Twenty players and ten boards to cover so fans were spoiled for choice on which game to watch. Players slowly arrived and first to show up each day was defending champion Wesley So who was always in great spirits and seemed the most relaxed telling stories and

witty jokes. It felt like a more relaxed atmosphere since we were back to classical time controls after such an intense blitz match just days earlier. Fabiano Caruana started out strong with the only win in round one but his compatriot Wesley So delivered Fabi his first loss in round three.



Maxime Vachier LaGrave faces Vincent Keymer

Five rounds were played before a well deserved rest day on Saturday for the annual fundraising gala for the St. Louis Chess Club. Celebrating their tenth year of the gala, this has been one of my favorite events to attend. It is a great event to meet so many people involved with chess including all the players. Most are formally dressed but it is a much relaxed evening for attendees to enjoy great food, drink, company, incredible auction items, and chess of course to support a great cause. At the end of round five, Wesley So led with 3.5 points with no losses. Vincent Keymer seemed to find his rhythm again with the slower time controls and trailed just behind half a point.



The fundraiser gala and dinner with player introductions

After the rest day, round six was rather quiet draws except for Anish Giri taking down his compatriot Jorden Van Foreest in 41 moves with his King stuck wide open in the corner. Round seven was the same except it was Sindarov that scored against German number one Vincent Keymer. Fans downstairs that knew where to wait had a great opportunity to catch the players for autographs and photos after their games and all were accommodating. Many of the players were shuttled to the studio for interviews with Maurice Ashley along with commentators Peter Svidler, Yasser Seirawan, and Cristian Chirila. They were very forthcom-

ing in their analysis along with the computer.

The penultimate round eight proved itself once again with three decisive games. The key game was Pragg defeating MVL which tied him with leader Wesley So who drew his game and led into an intense round nine. Wesley faced Sindarov who only trailed by half a point while Pragg faced Anish. Vincent was also a half point behind and faced Jordan so the title was still up for grabs. No one seemed to take any chances as all five games ended in draws setting up a tie break match between Pragg and Wesley. Two rapid games were played which ended in draws leaving a final armageddon game where Wesley drew black odds and needed just a draw to win the title.



A determined Wesley So wins back to back Sinquefeld titles

The game turned tense when Pragg had a winning advantage with a pawn up but both players were in time trouble with no increment until move 60. A time scramble ensued and Wesley kept his cool and a draw was within reach again but he needed quick moves to reach the increment which he did and then played until move 86 with only kings on the board. Wesley wins back to back Sinquefeld Cups which has never happened and Sindarov and Keymer shared third place. With these final scores the four players were established for the Grand Chess Tour Finals also being played in St. Louis. Wesley So, Fabiano Caruana, Vincent Keymer and Praggnanandhaa. It proves why each leg of the tour is important and to finish strong for GCT points which translates to much more money for the finals.



Fabiano Caruana defends his 2025 Grand Chess Tour title



Special guest Seth Makowsky (founder of Poison Pawn) rings the opening bell for round six of both tournaments

Why all this action was going on, the ladies in the room next door were giving fans quite a show as well. The setup for fans was great as they could step back and forth easily to watch either tournament and display screens all around helped to follow the games. The Cairns Cup is a bit younger having started in 2019 as a tribute to Jeanne Sinquefield's maiden name, Cairns. She started the tradition of ringing the opening bell at the start of each round which has been bestowed on countless other people involved with chess. Chief arbiter Chris Bird, who has been part of the Sinquefield Cup since it began in 2013, and his staff are always professional and attentive to the players' needs.



Former Women's World Chess Champion Alexandra Kosteniuk

Three former winners of the Cairns Cup were in the field: Carissa Yip, Humpy Koneru and Tan Zhongyi. The ladies were always kind for a nice photo before putting their game faces on, especially former women's world champion Alexandra Kosteniuk who remained in good spirits despite a rough start. It was Zhongyi that set the pace by taking the lead early by winning three of her first four games. She never looked back and the only player to keep a close pace was the young Alice Lee. There was still a chance going into the last round for Alice to catch Zhongyi trailing by a full point. Of course she would need to win and Tan to lose, of which one happened. Zhongyi did lose her last and only game of the match but Alice Lee could only draw, handing Tan her second Cairns Cup win. The sixteen year old Lee had an incredible tournament though taking clear second and earning her first grandmaster norm. Her intense

focus over the board at such a young age is remarkable to watch and photograph.



A great example of the intense focus the young Alice Lee shows at the board earning her second place and her first grandmaster norm at only 16 years old



Tan Zhongyi (r) claimed her second Cairns Cup title Here she's keeping an eye on her closest rival Alice Lee

Another great series of tournaments that are always well run and organized come to an end. The first class facilities and staff make this an enjoyable visit each and every time. I encourage every fan to make a pilgrimage once to this mecca of chess to see our game elevated to the highest levels for players and fans alike. I am quite honored and privileged to have attended and covered so many tournaments over the years. Every time I visit it is like a family reunion seeing so many friends, staff and players I have known over the years. Now it is time to put the camera down and play a little street chess out in front of the club with some of the old locals, the grass roots of the game...



Victory is Guaranteed, but Not for me. *Conflict, Preparation, and Surrender*

“Vices and virtues are in war. Trouble and pain will be. Victory is guaranteed, but not for me¹.”

I. The War Within

Vices and virtues are in war. Not metaphorically, not symbolically — but truly, daily, and without cease. The battlefield is the heart. The combatants are desire and discipline, pride and humility, fear and courage. Every choice is a skirmish. Every hesitation is a wound. Every act of obedience is a victory not yet seen. The war is not fought with steel or fire, but with surrender, honesty, and the quiet courage to face oneself.

II. The Reality of Trouble

Trouble and pain will be. Not as punishment, but as preparation. Not as failure, but as formation. “I tell you these things so you will be prepared.” “In this life you will have trouble.” “You will try to do good and fail; do good anyway.” Trouble is not the enemy. Trouble is the teacher. Pain is not the verdict. Pain is the sharpening. The path is narrow. The climb is steep. The silence is frightening. The stillness is revealing. And yet — forward.

III. The Death of the Old Self

Fear must die. Greed must die. Pride must die. Entitlement must die. Impatience must die. These are not slain in a single moment, but weakened day by day as humility rises, as curiosity awakens, as perseverance endures. The death of vice is not an act of violence, but an act of surrender.

IV. The Rise of the New Mind

Humility rises first — the foundation. Curiosity rises next — the openness. Perseverance is required always — the endurance. *(Take up your cross daily.)* These virtues do not shout. They do not demand. They do not boast. They grow quietly, in the still places, in the honest places, in the places where fear once ruled. This is the renewal. This is the rebuilding. This is the transformation.

V. The Surrendered Victory

Victory is guaranteed, but not for me. Not by my strength. Not by my merit. Not by my cleverness. Not by my endurance. Victory belongs to Him. The battle belongs to the Lord. The outcome is His. The glory is His. The triumph is His. My role is obedience. My calling is perseverance. My posture is humility. My hope is surrender. More of Him. Less of me.

VI. The Final Declaration

I will fight the war within. I will expect trouble. I will endure pain. I will rise in humility. I will walk in curiosity. I will persist in perseverance. I will lay down fear, greed, and pride. I will trust the victory that is not mine. For the victory is guaranteed — but not for me.

¹ Author unknown

THE SYSTEM —Chess Gospel according to a World Champion

(Jeffrey Baffo, September, 2026)

Hans Berliner's **The System* (1999) is one of the most provocative chess books ever written. It is equal parts visionary, eccentric, contradictory, and deeply instructive. The book's central thesis — that chess is either solved or very nearly so — drew fire from the chess public, but the real substance of Berliner's worldview lies not in his predictions, but in the underlying principles he believed governed correct play.

Hans Berliner (1929–2017) was an American grandmaster of correspondence chess and one of the most influential thinkers in the field of computer chess. He won the Fifth World Correspondence Chess Championship (1965–1968) with a dominant +12 score, becoming the first American to hold the title. A pioneering researcher at Carnegie Mellon University, Berliner contributed foundational work to early chess programs, game-tree search, and heuristic evaluation. His 1999 book *The System: A World Champion's Approach to Chess* presents his attempt to codify the principles underlying correct play, drawn from both his correspondence experience and his analytical research. Berliner's legacy spans competitive excellence, scientific innovation, and a lifelong pursuit of chess truth.

Below is a distilled, structured summary of **Berliner's chess gospel**, with **board control** placed exactly where he intended it: at the center of everything.

1. The Prime Directive: Board Control

For Berliner, **board control is the fundamental metric of correctness**. It is the chess equivalent of a physical law — not a heuristic, not a guideline, but the underlying geometry of truth.

The side that controls more squares is closer to the correct move.

Everything else in *The System* flows from this idea:

- Centralization is good because it increases board control.
- Pawn breaks are correct when they increase board control.
- Development is correct when it increases board control.
- King safety is essential because losing the king means losing board control.
- Material is secondary to board control.
- * Initiative is simply temporary board control.

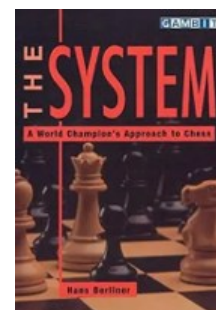
Berliner believed he had uncovered the *physics* of chess: **Control the board → control the game → approach perfect play.**

In my opinion, the quintuple filtered and distilled approach to chess is shown in it's "final boss" form in how Berliner treated the ultimate hypermodern opening; The Grunfeld Defense#. When you see this diagram and Berliner's comments you have the very soul of "The System" in concentrated form.



White to play. Critical position in the Grunfeld Defense.

1. d4 Nf6 2. c4 g6 3. Nc3 d5 4. cxd5 Nxd5
5. e4 Nxc3 6. bxc3 Bg7 7. Bc4 O-O 8. Be3
c5 9. Ne2 Nc6 "The System and winning
(my emphasis added) move is 10.Rc1"



***The System: A World Champion's Approach to Chess** Hans Berliner, London: Gambit Publications, 1999. 240 pp. ISBN 1-901983-20-4

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2. Chess Is (Almost) Solved

Berliner's metaphysical claim:

Chess is either solved or very close to being solved.

Not in the sense that humans can memorize the solution, but in the sense that:

- There *is* a best move in every position.
- That move can be found by analysis.
- Principles are only approximations of truth.
- * The game is deterministic, not mystical.

This belief is the foundation of his System: If chess has a solution, then the correct move must be discoverable — and board control is the compass that points toward it.

3. Rules Are Dangerous — Except His

Berliner repeatedly warns:

- “General principles mislead.”
- “Rules are crutches.”
- “Dogma blinds you to the best move.”
- * “Every position must be solved concretely.”

And yet...

He constantly refers to his preferred moves as “**System moves.**”

This is the great irony of the book — and the charm. Berliner is completely sincere and totally unaware of the contradiction. In his mind:

Ordinary rules are false idols. System rules are distilled truth.

He is not rejecting rules; he is rejecting *bad* rules.

4. The System's Core Principles

A. Centralization

Pieces belong in the center unless concrete analysis proves otherwise. Centralization = maximum board control.

B. Purposeful Development

Develop only when the move increases control or prepares a control-increasing action. Automatic development is a sin.

C. Pawn Breaks as Structural Levers

The correct pawn break often decides the game. Breaks are judged by their effect on board control, not by classical “opening theory.”

D. King Safety

King safety is non-negotiable because losing the king means losing all control. This is not a principle — it is a geometric necessity.

E. Initiative Over Material

Activity and control trump pawns. Material is a tool, not a goal.

F. Opening Evaluations Based on Control Geometry

Berliner's opening preferences make perfect sense once board control is the metric:

Openings he loves (high control):

- Caro-Kann
- English
- Ruy Lopez
- * Queen's Gambit Declined

Openings he distrusts (low control or ceding control):

- King's Indian
- Sicilian
- French
- Benoni
- Alekhine's Defense
- * Grünfeld

He is not judging openings by fashion — he is judging them by **control geometry**.

G. Counterintuitive Correctness

The best move is often the one that violates classical principles but increases board control. Berliner delights in moves that “look wrong” but are geometrically right.

5. The Correspondence Chess Lens

Berliner's worldview is shaped by his background as a world correspondence champion. In correspondence chess:

- Time is virtually unlimited.
- Analysis is deep.
- Psychology is irrelevant.
- Accuracy is paramount.
- * Board control is measurable.

His System is not designed for OTB chaos — it is designed for **perfect play**. This explains both its brilliance and its impracticality.

6. The System Is a Vision, Not a Method

Berliner, despite his best intentions, was not offering a recipe. He was offering a revelation. He believed:

- Chess has a hidden structure.
- He had glimpsed it.
- Board control was the key.
- His System was a map of that structure.
- * Future engines would confirm it.

In many ways, he was right. In other ways, he was charmingly wrong. But the sincerity of his vision is undeniable.

7. The Gospel in Hierarchical Form

Here is the distilled hierarchy of Berliner's System:

1. **King safety is the prime directive, it is the first rule because it is a form of localized board control that wins or loses a game independent of any other factor.**
2. Board control is the measure of correctness.
3. The best move is the one that increases board control.
4. Principles are dangerous unless they increase board control.
5. Openings are good if they maximize board control.
6. Development is correct only if it increases board control.
7. Pawn breaks are correct only if they increase board control.
8. Material is secondary to board control.
9. Initiative is temporary board control.
10. The System is the codification of board control.

This is the gospel according to Hans Berliner.

Final Note

My recommendation, read *The System* the way it should be read:

- with humor
- with affection
- with discernment
- with curiosity
- * with respect

It is not a manual. It is not a theory. It is not a treatise.

It is a **manifesto** — a passionate attempt by a brilliant, eccentric mind to articulate the underlying truth of chess.

In the end, *The System* remains one of the most unusual and compelling contributions to modern chess thought. Berliner was not offering a repertoire, nor a theory, nor a set of fashionable heuristics. He was attempting to describe the underlying physics of the game — the geometry of control, the primacy of king safety, and the logic that governs correct play when analysis is pushed to its limits. Whether or not chess is “nearly solved,” as he boldly suggested, his principles illuminate the game in ways that still resonate today. They challenge us to think more deeply, to question our habits, and to measure our decisions not by tradition but by truth. For that reason alone, *The System* remains a work of lasting value: a reminder that even in a game of infinite beauty, clarity is possible, and understanding is within reach for those willing to look.



Author Jeffrey Baffo

The Force is Strong with This One

Jeffrey Baffo, Sept. 2026

Introduction

My relationship with the Cochrane Gambit began long before this game was played. In my chess library I keep a “100 random chess items” study grouping — books, articles, curiosities I revisit from time to time as part of my ongoing chess training. One of those items is David Bronstein’s *200 Open Games*(1). On page 52, in the introduction to a completely normal game, Bronstein casually dropped a tactical thunderbolt.

He wrote:

“No weaker, in the author’s opinion, is the bold 4.Nxf7! After ...Kxf7 5.d4 White has two mobile pawns in the center, which promise him a lasting advantage.”

He described trying the sacrifice in a simultaneous exhibition, and how Black quickly found himself facing *insoluble problems*. Bronstein ended with a challenge:

“You must certainly try the knight sacrifice on f7!”

That sentence lodged itself in my mind. Bronstein wasn’t merely recommending a move — he was inviting the reader into an adventure.

Years later, in this 1992 correspondence game, I finally accepted his invitation.

The game earned **Runner-Up for Non-Master Game of the Year** in Alex Dunne’s Chess Life correspondence column(2), and was later included in John Lutes’ 1994 monograph on the Petroff Defense(3) Alex Dunne misspelled my name as “Jeffrey Batto”! That error was carried over into Lutes book. I wrote him a note, and he promised to correct it, if possible, in future editions.

What follows is the story of how Bronstein’s spark became one of the most memorable attacking games I’ve ever played.

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Match (92P159) (1), 11.05.1992 [Petroff’s Def., Cochrane’s Gambit]

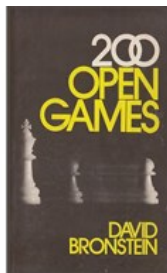
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.Nxe5 d6 4.Nxf7 Kxf7!? Bronstein’s challenge accepted. The knight sacrifice drags the king into the open and gives White long-term attacking chances. Engines may scoff, but humans often struggle to neutralize the initiative.

5.d4 Be7 6.Nc3 g6 7.Bh6 Bf8 8.Bc4+ Ke8 9.Bg5 Be7 10.e5! My goals: develop with tempo, keep his king exposed, and preventing Black from coordinating, and steering the game into this Queen trade does all of those things. When you have a sound attack, you do not have to avoid all trades.

dxe5 11.dxe5 Qxd1+ 12.Rxd1 Ng8 13.Nd5 Bxg5 14.Nxc7+ Ke7 15.Nxa8 This knight on a8 will escape in the nick of time knowing it has done its job: disrupting Black’s queenside and being a general nuisance.

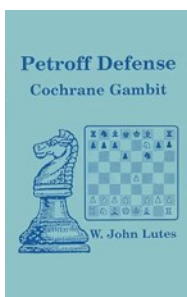
Nc6 16.0–0 Be6 17.Bxe6 Kxe6 The king continues to wander, exactly what White wants

18.f4 Be7 19.g4 Nh6 20.Nc7+ Kf7 21.h3 Rc8 22.e6+ Kf8 23.Nd5 Bc5+ 24.Kg2 Ng8 Black’s pieces are awkward; mine are active and coordinated.



(1)[200 Open Games](#) David Bronstein 1973 English translation, Macmillan, Inc.

(2)The game initially appeared in “The Check is in the Mail” Chess Life magazine, Vol. 48, #10 (October) 1993, pg. 23. The award of Runner up was some months later. Here’s what Alex had to say; “Jeff Batto (Colorado Springs, CO) shows the way to inject life against the (sometimes) dull Petroff: the slow tide of the Cochrane Gambit. The finish alone is worth the price of admission.”



(3)[W. John Lutes](#) | Jan 1, 1994, Chess Enterprises, pg. 186. 187

Critical Moment I — Move 26

25 f5 gxf5

Here I faced a major decision. In my mind, the *thematic* intention was to recapture with **26 gxf5**, continuing the “pawn roller” that often accompanies the Cochrane Gambit. After all, wasn’t the whole point of the opening to sacrifice a knight for mobile pawns?

But when I looked deeper, I realized the roller wasn’t rolling. After ...Nf6, Black blockades everything, and my pawn mass becomes inert.

So I forced myself to examine a move that looked inconsistent with the narrative — a “pointless check.”

26 Rxf5+!

This move changed the entire character of the game. The f-file became the decisive asset. In hindsight, this rook lift was the beginning of the mating net.

Critical Moment II — Move 27 (Using the Force!)

26... Ke8 27 Rf7

I played this move without seeing the final combination. My candidate moves for the next turn all involved queenside expansion — especially 28.c4, which I nearly played.

Then I had the thought that has saved me more than once:

“I might as well look at some stupid checks...”

That moment of discipline revealed the truth. Here is the position before the final sequence — the moment where the Force truly awakens.



The Final Combination — Double Decoy (“The Godfather Invitation”)

27... Nce7 28 Nc7+!! The first decoy — a knight sacrifice that forces the rook to c7 and clears the **d-file**. **28... Rxc7 29 Rd8+!** This is what I call the Godfather Invitation.

I “made him an offer he couldn’t refuse.”

Black’s king *must* step onto d8 — the only square where the final mate becomes possible. He accepts the invitation, and the trap closes.

29... Kxd8 30 Rf8# Checkmate!

Black finishes the game while in an astonishing material deficit; 3 full pieces down. But the reward is clean, geometric mate. The rook that began the attack on f5 delivers the final blow on f8. Even now, this sequence gives me a thrill. It’s the kind of finish that reminds me why I love chess.

Conclusion

This game is the culmination of several threads in my chess life:

- Bronstein’s challenge to “try the knight sacrifice on f7.”

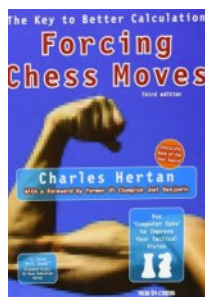
- My fascination with romantic openings.

The discipline to examine *forcing moves*(4) even when they look absurd.

- The realization that the f-file, not the pawn roller, was the true path to victory.

The joy of discovering a mating net only after refusing to prune the analysis tree too early.

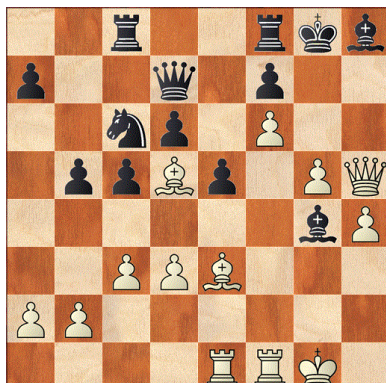
I’m proud this game was recognized by Alex Dunne and included in John Lutes’ monograph. More importantly, I’m grateful for what it taught me about my own thinking — and about the beauty of forcing moves.



(4)Forcing Chess Moves: The Key to Better Calculation I would certainly be remiss if I failed to mention this wonderful book by [Charles Hertan](#) . My copy is the 1st edition published by New In Chess, 2008.

Tactics Time!

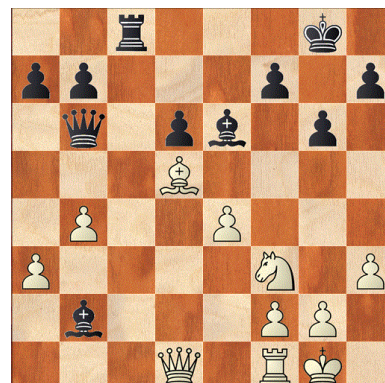
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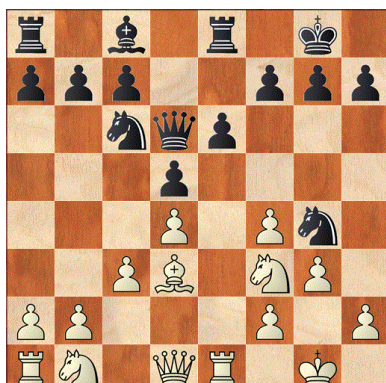
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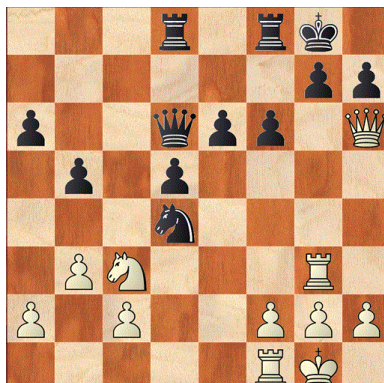
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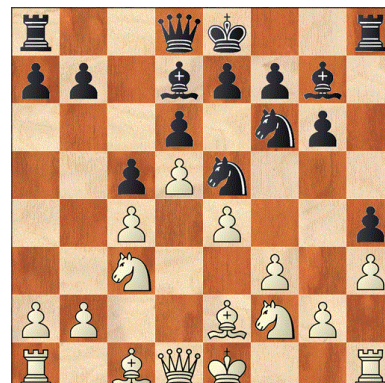
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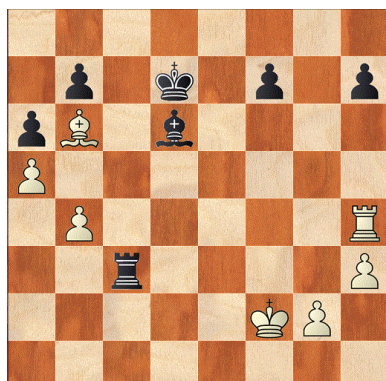
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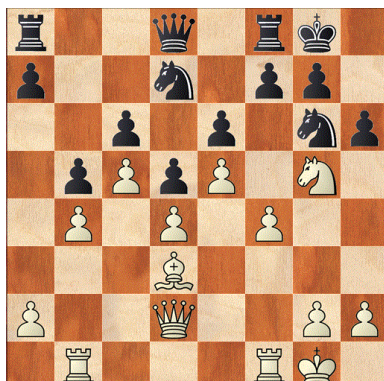
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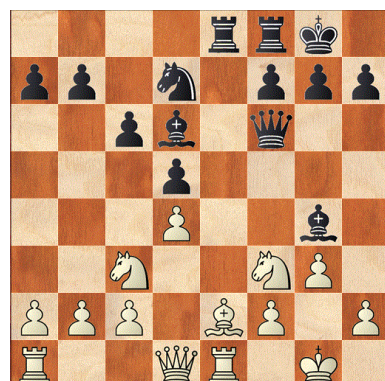
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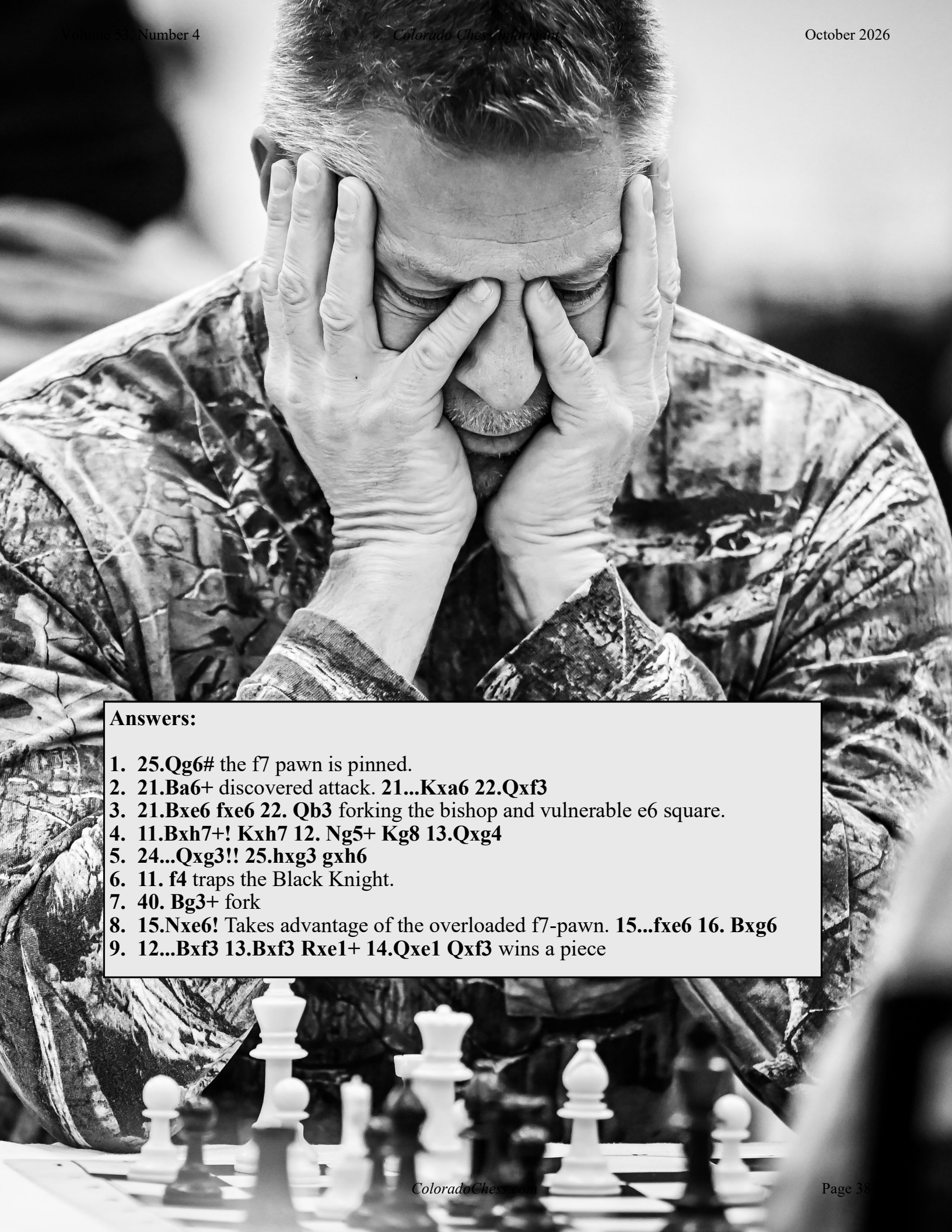


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**Answers:**

1. **25.Qg6#** the f7 pawn is pinned.
2. **21.Ba6+** discovered attack. **21...Kxa6 22.Qxf3**
3. **21.Bxe6 fxe6 22. Qb3** forking the bishop and vulnerable e6 square.
4. **11.Bxh7+! Kxh7 12. Ng5+ Kg8 13.Qxg4**
5. **24...Qxg3!! 25.hxg3 gxh6**
6. **11. f4** traps the Black Knight.
7. **40. Bg3+** fork
8. **15.Nxe6!** Takes advantage of the overloaded f7-pawn. **15...fxe6 16. Bxg6**
9. **12...Bxf3 13.Bxf3 Rxe1+ 14.Qxe1 Qxf3** wins a piece

SACRIFICING TO FORCE MATE

By NM Todd Bardwick

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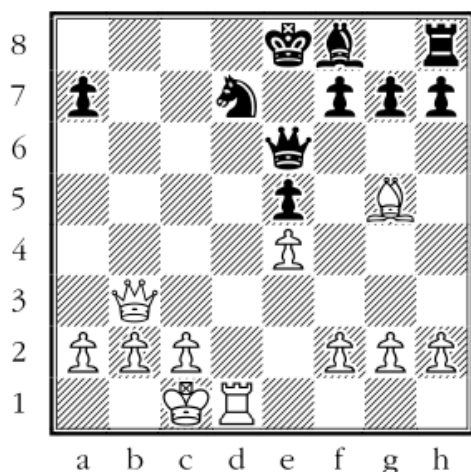
Chess has been referred to as both a sport and an art form. When we think of chess as an art form, it is often the beauty and logic that backs up a sacrifice that uncovers the truth in the position and proves the validity of the idea that we are trying to express.

A sacrifice occurs when material is voluntarily given away. The purpose of a sacrifice is to gain another type of advantage, often to weaken the defenses of the enemy king.

There can be a fine line between a sacrifice and a blunder. Most sacrifice ideas aren't justified, so it is good advice to make sure that your sacrifice leads to a forced mate, an eventual recovery of your material, or some other tangible advantage.

Some of the most beautiful sacrifices occur when a queen is given up to force mate. Here are a couple examples from two of the most famous chess games of all time.

Lets pick up the clues from this position from Paris in 1858 with Paul Morphy playing White against the Duke of Brunswick and Count Isouard.

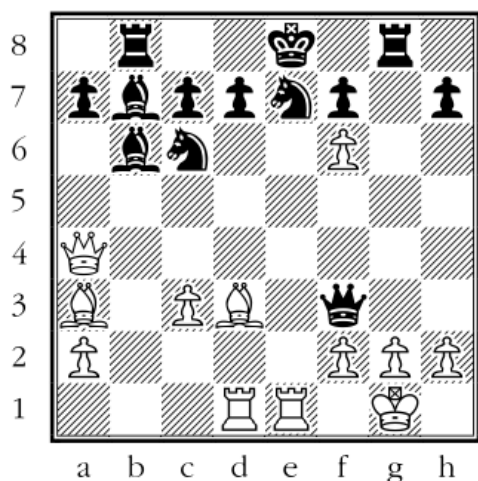


Position after 15...Nxd7(B)



White is behind in material, but has an advantage in piece activity and king safety. Black's king is trapped in the center. Black's knight is actually pinned to the d8 square because if he moves it anywhere except for f6, White can play Rd8 mate. Observing this, Morphy sacrifices his lady and plays the pretty forcing line, **16.Qb8+!!** forcing **16...Nxb8 17.Rd8 mate!** Of course Morphy saw this mating idea many moves earlier when he started sacrificing the material that led up to this position.

Here is a position from the famous “Evergreen Game” that took place in Berlin in 1852 between Adolf Anderssen and Jean Dufresne. Anderssen was considered the best player of his time and years later the first World Champion, Wilhelm Steinitz, called this game the “evergreen in Anderssen’s laurel wreath.”



Position after 19...Qxf3 (N)



First picking up clues, you will notice that White (Anderssen) has sacrificed both knights to reach this position. Black’s king is stuck in the middle of the board. Also observe that all of White’s pieces are on active squares. Of course, Black threatens mate with 20...Qxg2.

White sacrifices his rook by playing **20.Rxe7+! Nxe7** (Better would have been 20...Kd8, but White is still winning after 21.Rxd7+ Kc8 22.Rd8+ Kxd8 23.Bf5+ Qxd1+ 24.Qxd1+) and then the queen with **21.Qxd7+! Kxd7 22.Bf5+** A powerful double-check that forces a king move. **22...Ke8 22...Kc6** loses to 23.Bd7 mate! **23.Bd7+ Kf8 24.Bxe7 mate!**

When your opponent’s king is out in the open and your pieces are developed to good squares, be on the lookout for a sacrifice or a series of sacrifices that lead to checkmate. If you can create a masterpiece with a beautiful sacrifice, maybe your game will join these as one of the most famous ever played!

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