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Letter From the Editor



Of chess it has often been said that life is not long enough for it - but that is the fault of life, not chess.

— *William Ewart Napier* —

AZ QUOTES

As we approach the shorter days of Winter, we turn our clocks back to give more daylight to our traditional workday. This tradition known as “Falling Back” helps us meet the challenges of the darker months ahead. Undoubtedly, there are going to be other challenges in our lives which can not be overcome by simply resetting clocks. However, it’s important to remember that when life becomes overwhelming, we can also fallback onto the chessboard. Time spent at the chessboard is time saved not lost.



California's Chess Talents!

Episode #3:

JM Vyom Vidyarthi

By FM Kevin Pan

In December 2021, FM Vyom Vidyarthi from California won the North American Junior Chess Championship, granting him the IM title and a GM norm. He finished ahead of famous chess prodigies like IM Arthur Guo, IM Josiah Stearman, and many others. In April of 2022, Vyom tied for first place in the Mission360 GM/IM Norm Event with GM Gabor Nagy and FM Maria Malicka. In summer of 2022, IM Vidyarthi won the Gold Medal yet again in the Pan American Youth Championship.

Chess is only one of the many extra-curricular activities Vyom enjoys. How does he accomplish so much in chess while devoting time to school and succeeding in other sports? I had an opportunity to speak with Vyom and gain valuable insight and advice.



[KP] Hello. Today we have International Master Vyom Vidyarthi, recent winner of the Pan American Youth Championship and numerous other events.

Congratulations on your recent Gold Medal performance. It seems the gold medal is becoming a norm for you, having won the North American Junior Championship in 2021 as well. How did you feel when you won yet again?

[VV] During the tournament I was just playing for fun, because I already have the (IM) title. I was mainly accompanying my sister who was playing in the U12 Girl section. She has the conditional WFM title already, but she has to get to 1900 rating for FIDE to actually receive the title. So ... I just wanted to play as I hadn't played for a while. I thought it would be fun. I hadn't played any international tournament recently. It was kind of weird. It was in Uruguay. There were few US players there. So, it is different from other international tournaments I've played in. But it was nice. I was really happy because it was my first big international tournament gold medal. It was also nice that Omya (Vyom's sister) also got first place in her section. So, it was great.

[KP] Very interesting. You're being a supportive brother! You achieved the IM title in 2021 by winning the North American Junior Championship. This was very special during the pandemic. Most players out there were not able to

play many tournaments. Can you share your journey? How were you able to keep playing?

[VV] To be completely honest, I have not been focusing on chess that much during the pandemic. In general, I do a lot of other things outside of chess, like sports, especially water polo. I practiced almost daily but did not spend that much time. I felt not playing that many tournaments was beneficial for me. A lot of players feel like they need to continuously play, and they can keep improving. But I think taking a break from tournaments for a while, though one might feel a little less confident going into the tournament, I definitely think that has benefited me. I went into the tournament... I was not thinking about whether I can get that IM title. I was just playing it more for fun, to get the experience. Yeah, I think cutting down the number of tournaments I play has helped me a lot.

[KP] Interesting! Do you think the mindset change, having less pressure, helped you?

[VV] Yeah, definitely. If I go into a tournament and think "ok, I need to do this". I played a GM Norm tournament in Charlotte when I tried to get the norm. This was a little bit later (than the North American Junior Championship). I started off really poorly. I drew the first GM which was fine. Then the next two games I just lost because I was thinking about the norm then

all the time. After that I realized, I am not going to get the norm. Then I thought ok let me just get the experience and finish +2 from that point on. When I don't have that pressure, I am not stressed out, I play better, I think.

[KP] Totally agree. Continuous progress in playing strength and rating is hard. But you've done something much harder which is to win multiple big events. A lot of strong chess players can't say they've done it. Can you share tips with those kids out there who want to replicate your event success? Were you nervous during the last round or not?

[VV] Let's take the last round for example. Personally, in both those tournaments, I thought I was the better player going into the last round than my opponents. If you take the North American Junior one in 2021. I had lost the penultimate round so I was half point behind first. A lot of things would have to go towards my favor for me to end up first. So, I was not really focusing on that. I was just playing my game and let whatever would happen happen then. But if you look at my other tournaments, since I started off pretty well, like in the Uruguay tournament, I played most of the more difficult players early on, so my last round, in comparison to my earlier rounds, has an easier opponent. So, I just focus on the fact that I thought I was the better player going into those games. I tried to ignore the situation and just focused on the game.

[KP] Was there a game or two you like on your chess journey?

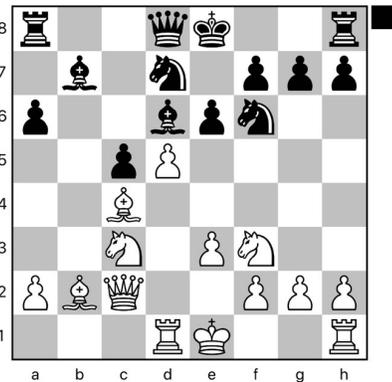
[VV] I thought about it...I guess the last round game of the junior tournament...I like that...that was my positional game.

Vyom Vidyarthi 2327 - Ming Lu 2318
1-0

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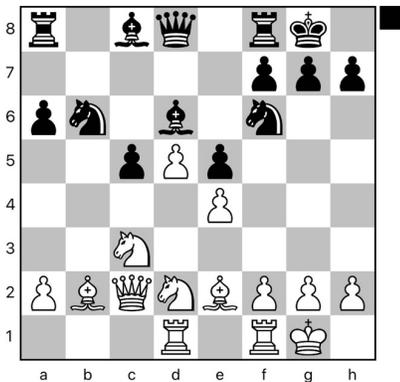
A11: English (also Grünfeld & QGD)

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5.b3 ♗bd7 6.♙b2 ♙d6 7.♗c2 a6
8.d4 b5 9.♙d3 dxc4 10.bxc4 bxc4
11.♙xc4 c5 12.♖d1 ♙b7 13.d5



Driving a permanent wedge into black's center 13...e5

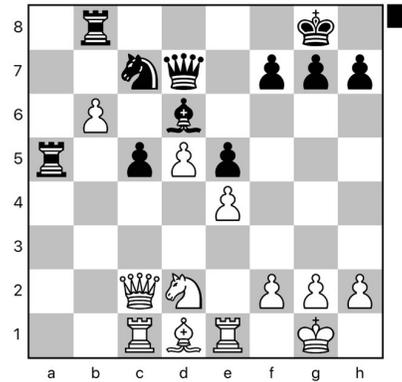
13...♗e7 14.dxe6 fxe6 15.O-O+=
14.e4 O-O 15.O-O ♗b6 16.♙e2 ♙c8
17.♗d2



Eyeing the c4 square along with opening up f4 ideas 17...♗e8 18.♗a4

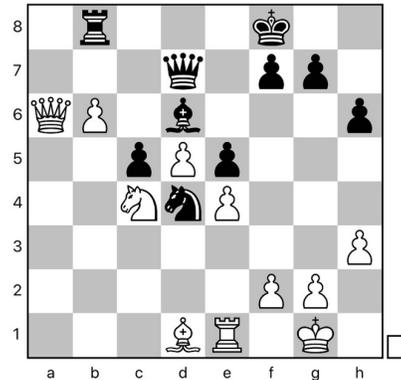
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21.♖fe1 ♗d7 22.♖c1 ♗c7 23.♙d1
♖fb8 24.♙c3 a5 25.a4 ♙a6
26.♙xa5 ♙b5?
26...♗e8 27.♙f3 ♗f6 28.♙c3 c4 29.a5+-

27.axb5 ♖xa5 28.b6!

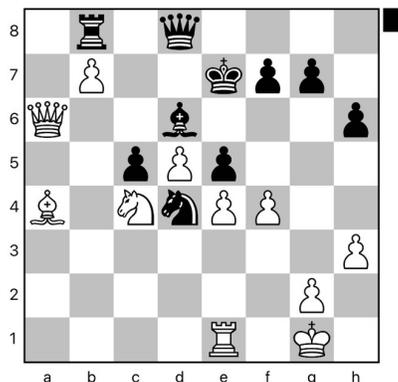


White's pawns begin rolling down the board...28...♗b5

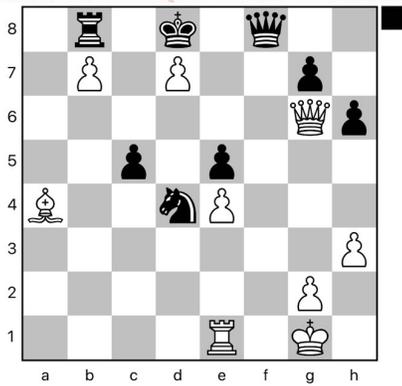
28...♖xb6 29.♗c4+-
29.♗b2 ♗d4 30.♗c4 ♖a6 31.♖a1
♖xa1 32.♗xa1 h6 33.♗a7 ♖b7
34.♗a6 ♖b8 35.h3 ♙f8



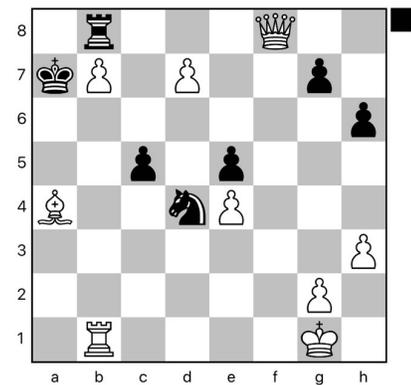
Black has almost no moves - the knight is trapped and the queen and rock are completely tied down 36.♙a4 ♗d8
37.b7 ♙e7 38.f4!



Playing in all sides of the board 38...f6
39.fxe5 ♙xe5 40.♗xe5 fxe5 41.♗g6!
♗f8 42.d6+ ♙d8 43.d7



Not a position you see everyday...
43... ♖c7 44. ♗e8 ♜b6 45. ♝b1+ ♕a7
46. ♗xf8



Vyom wins a brilliant game achieving gold at the North American Junior Championships and receiving the IM title! **1-0**

[KP] All right. Moving onto more general topics. What part of chess do you like the most?

[VV] If I think about it, when I play chess, I don't even know why I play. You sit there for hours. You are stressed. I don't understand why I enjoy it. This is really weird for me why I actually like it. Maybe it is the strategy, the ideas in general of positions... It is hard for me to think what exactly I like about the game. I just have an inclination towards it.

[KP] Yeah... probably other players will think the same way, why am I actually playing this because.. It seems like torture, but it is actually

pretty fun. So... on the topic of torture, is there anything you dislike about chess?

[VV] Not really. Just in general the problem with cheating that has been going around... I don't like that. It is so hard to detect it. Can we get rid of it? If you take sports, (because I am really into sports), that doesn't happen as often. I don't usually see that really, I'd say. But it seems like a big problem here. I wish this didn't happen and we didn't have to deal with it.

[KP] Which chess player do you admire the most? Someone you look up to?

[VV] I'd answer this question before all these scandals happened and I don't have to deal with it. I definitely look up to Magnus. He is definitely an incredible player. He has so many records. I just don't understand how he does it. He knows so much theory. Even for positions you feel like there is nothing to play for, he will find a way to outplay his opponent, one also at 2700 rating level. I think it is incredible, unbelievable.

[KP] Now let's talk about your life outside of chess. You had mentioned you love sports. Can you share what sports you do?

[VV] I play water polo, tennis and basketball. Mainly water polo and tennis. I do chess when I have spare time. Water Polo season is ongoing right now. I have a game right after this. I play both water polo and tennis inside and outside of school. I play basketball during

the winter season in school. So, if you ask me what my life looks like in school, that'd be water polo, tennis and chess.

[KP] If I understand you correctly, you actually play sports every season, right?

[VV] Yeah...

[KP] Do you think chess has helped you in sports, and vice versa?

[VV] Yeah. I definitely think that chess has helped a lot in water polo. The strategy in chess...you have to think ahead a lot in chess right. The same thing applies to water polo. You get a steal or something. You want to make sure to pass the ball to your teammates. So, take the chess strategy and implement it in water polo. You can think ahead and that gives you a lot of advantage over other players. You might not be the strongest, the biggest or the fastest. But if you can think ahead like that, it really gives you a huge edge over other people. I definitely think that was one of my biggest advantages. I am definitely not the fastest, the strongest but I am able to use that strength from chess and anticipate something better than others which gives me a little bit of the benefit there.

[KP] Another interesting thing I noticed...i just wanted to say...everyone I've interviewed so far; they've said they play tennis too. Maybe something about the non-physical part of the individualistic aspect. OK. So how

do you balance between your chess training and these other commitments? What does your typical day look like?

[VV] I have school from 8 to 3. From 3:45-5:45 PM I have practice for water polo (or other sports in season). After that I do my homework. Then whatever free time I have, I play some chess. In general, weekdays are pretty packed for me. Usually, it is just school and water polo or whatever sport I get for the season and homework. That's it. And on the weekends, I spend more time playing chess. But I mean...somewhat I think my kind of chess practice routine is similar to Nakamura. I just play a bunch of games (online). I spend some time studying but probably less than most people. I just like to play a lot and that has worked out for me.

[KP] You talked about this earlier. Your sister is also a very strong chess player. In fact, she is a four-time Pan American Youth Gold Medalist. So, what's the dynamics between you and your sister? Do you guys practice with each other? And what were the results?

[VV} We play in general. At times I asked to practice with her. I play table tennis with her. We are the only siblings in the family. It is hard for me to convince her to do something with me. She doesn't usually want to do something with me. When it comes to chess, ultimately, she would agree but most of the time when we were playing, I would tell her how to

improve but she doesn't really want to listen to me. But I know she actually takes it in. It benefits both of us. She definitely can help me as well when we practice. It is not just me helping her.

[KP] Now let's look into the future a little bit. You are an International Master now. What's your next goal? Do you plan to go for the Grand Master?

[VV] I have a few tournaments coming up in Nov. and Dec. with norms possible. I definitely want to try for the norm and the title before the end of high school. But I know this year is going to be my kind of last chance before I get really busy from junior year. So, I am trying in Nov. and Dec. in a few tournaments. I have one norm right now. I am trying for the other two. It is definitely not something I am dependent upon. I am happy with IM. If I could get GM that'd be great. It is just a target I have, definitely not something I am going all out for.

[KP] Ten years from now, how do you picture yourself? Will you continue playing chess?

[VV] I'll probably play chess for fun, once in a while. I am not gonna focus completely on chess. (I'll probably work on) something STEM related. That's what I like in school. I like math, and all the stem stuff. But I will definitely keep chess as a side thing.

[KP] One final question. For a six-year-old young player out there who would like to replicate your

success, what suggestion would you give to him or her from your chess career?

[VV] What I am going to say might be contrary to what other people might say but I think it is really important to balance chess with other stuff you are doing, other extracurricular activities you have. Not just focus on chess. Chess is a great way, and it helps a lot. But it is very important to keep school as our first priority, and then chess and whatever other stuff we are doing. I think about my friends. Most people play chess when they are young. I feel like around the very beginning a lot of people drop out. In the very beginning things might be tough for you to even start playing, that's when you just need to put in the work and be determined to actually continue. Once you get to the higher level, you are going to have ups and downs. There will be times when you are stuck at some rating for a year or something. That's when you will need to put in the extra work. At some point you will continue to climb. As long as you don't quit, and you continue to put in the work, you are going to do fine. It is just a matter of not giving up at any point.

[KP] That's very good advice right there! Thank you for all the advice and insights you gave based on your career. Thanks a lot, Vyom!

[VV] Thank you.

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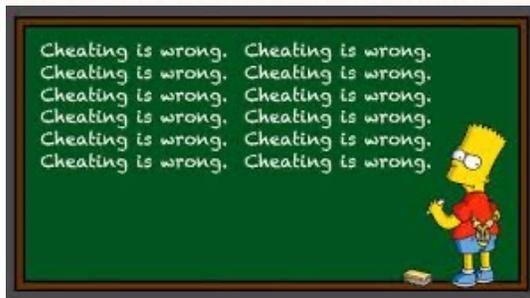
The Chess Files

The Answers are Out There

By James Eade
Eadefoundation.org



What's the latest chess controversy? Is there cheating in chess? How could that be controversial? There has been cheating in chess for as long as I can remember and certainly before that. Whether it was prearranged outcomes, in-game advice, or even what we called adjournments, the play has not always been the thing.



Now, however, chess is the stuff of humor on late-night TV shows and in the mainstream press. Magnus Carlsen, in a display of poor sportsmanship, withdrew from a round-robin Grandmaster tournament in St. Louis after losing to Hans Niemann.

Not only did he withdraw, but he allowed speculation that Hans was cheating in the game to go on unchecked. He even seemed to add fuel to the fire. This was

Cheater,
cheater,
pumpkin
eater



disrespectful not only to Hans, the other players, and the arbiters but also to the tournament organizers, who go to great lengths to put together such a tournament only to see it become associated with lame jokes and wild speculation.

Does Magnus apologize? No! The next time he plays Hans, he plays one move and resigns! What is going on here? Magnus is now giving the impression that he is too far above playing a cheater at all! Did he prove that Magnus was cheating? No! Did he provide any evidence that he cheated? No!

The only thing Magnus proved was that he was a sore loser. Now, the situation has deteriorated further. Hans has filed a 100-million-dollar lawsuit, naming Magnus, his company, chess.com, and others as defendants. There will be no way to prove that Hans was cheating, and it will be interesting to see how damages will be calculated.

The most likely result will be a settlement. Who knows for how much and when? The whole thing is just a black eye for chess. Never get lawyers involved when a simple mediation can suffice.

9 Incidentally, Hans has admitted

cheating in online games in the past. This appears to be good enough for many to assume he is cheating OTB in the present. The lack of cogent reasoning involved in drawing such conclusions boggles the mind. How can followers of a game based on logic be so illogical?

Suffice it to say that I will welcome the day we can go back to discussing the results of actual chess games rather than this unseemly world of he said, she said. There are so many positive things happening in the world of chess, I suppose I should've expected something like this.

I guess that being a chess champion is no guarantee that you have any sense of sportsmanship.



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2022 US Chess Championship

By Stephen Shaughnessy

Three former Berkeley Chess School Students were among the 14 players in this year's U.S. Chess Championship: Grandmaster Sam Shankland, the 2018 U.S. Champ, and GM Hans Niemann who both finished 7/13 and GM Christopher who finished 5.5/13

He was well prepared, and only had to start thinking after the 15th move. Early on, there was a chance for a 3-fold repetition of position draw, but the reigning champ declined against his younger foe. Yoo soon got a powerful attack against So's king-side castle, with the f-pawn being the bayonet. Christopher offered a knight sacrifice on move 24 that couldn't be accepted, and on move 32 sacrificed this same knight in order to smash So's castle!



The biggest upset of the tournament so far was in Round 2, with the youngest player in the tournament, 15-year-old Christopher Yoo, defeating defending champion Wesley So with the black pieces! Yoo bravely chose to play the Petroff Defense, which is a specialty of So's. In the interview after the game, Yoo explained that:

"I wanted to play an actual good opening, not try to be unsound, just be as solid as possible."

"It was more of an intuitive decision. I just felt like there had to be some huge attack after it, and I didn't calculate it that deeply. I just had the feeling, and I almost missed that he had this Qg2 Rf2 defense, and he was kind of defending everything, and I kind of got lucky that I still had resources after that."

On move 41 he allowed his rook to be captured by a bishop in order for the f-pawn to menace white's king, and So resigned after being completely surrounded on move 48. It's the biggest win of Christopher's young career, proving that he can compete with the very best!

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 NORTHERN CALIFORNIA TOP FIFTY

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Boris Spassky
 Former World Champion giving an autograph to a spectator at the US Open 1986
 Photo by H. Poschmann

Northern California TOP 50, Dec. 1986

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National Chess Day: Mission Accomplished!

By FM Kevin Pan



Mission360 National Chess Day
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Oct. 7th Free Simul

Oct. 7th Free Game Review

Oct. 9th Master Swiss
3RR G75+10 for USCF2000+

FM Eric Li WCM Ashley Pang FM Kevin Pan

<https://www.mission360non.org/events/2022-national-chess-day>

Ever since President Ford declared October 9th as National Chess Day in 1976, the second Saturday in October has always been a special day for chess enthusiasts in the United States. This year Mission360 came together with Bay Area Chess to organize a series of events for players of all levels.

On October 7th, FM Eric Li and WCM Ashley Pang hosted a free 20-board simul open to everyone. Among the sign-ups were eight beginners, but strong players like expert Andrew Guo also attended. After a couple hours of battle over the board, our master hosts prevailed. Expert Andrew Guo was the last one to finish. Hats-off to his great effort!

After the simul, Eric and Ashley held free game reviews for the participants and everyone who stopped by. It was great to see players of all ages and levels mingle together and celebrate chess. As GM Jeffrey Xiong said “...never forget that as exciting, intense, and nerve wracking as chess games may be, chess is just a game, and the most important goal above all else is to go out and have fun and enjoy the beauty of chess as a strategic game.”

On October 9th, Mission360 hosted a Master Swiss for eighteen experts and masters. Leading the field was IM Elliott Winslow, with other experienced players like NM Michael Walder, experts Christophe Bambou, Theodore Biyiasas, and Abhishek Handigol also competing. On the other side, strong scholastic players were up for the challenge: most notably FM Shawnak Shivakumar and reigning National K-5 Champion Aiden Liu.

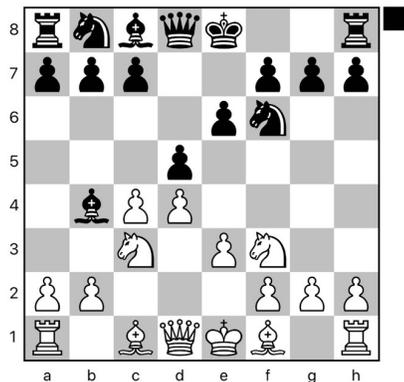


After a long day of chess, the final podium included players of all ages. IM Elliott Winslow, expert Advay Bansal, and expert Dylan Tang tied for first place with 2.5 out of 3. Dylan also claimed the

biggest upset by beating FM Shawnak Shivakumar! Here is an interesting game between IM Winslow and Expert Abhishek Handigol, annotated by IM Winslow himself.

Winslow,Elliott C 2259 -
Handigol,Abhishek 2084 1-0
Mission360,San Jose (1.1),2022.10.09
 (Annotator: Winslow,Elliott) E51: Nimzo-Indian,4.e3 O-O 5.Nf3 d5

1. $\Delta f3$ d5 2.d4 $\Delta f6$ 3.c4 e6 4. $\Delta c3$ $\Delta b4$
 4... $\Delta e7$
 4...c6
 4...c5
 4...dxc4
 4...a6
 4... $\Delta bd7$
 4...h6
 5.e3

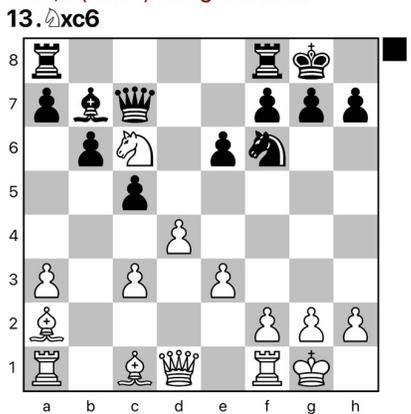


As often, I try to guide my younger (aren't they all?) opponents into openings from before they were born. Here I was thinking about the Piatigorsky Cup tournaments in 1963 and 1966; the Capa Club in St. Louis (actually Maplewood) had the books, and there were a lot of games from the old main line. Not that I remembered anything about them!

5. $\Delta g5$
 5.cxd5
 5. $\Psi a4+$
 5...O-O
 5...c5
 6.a3
 6. $\Delta d3$ c5 7.O-O $\Delta c6$
 7...dxc4 8. $\Delta xc4$ cxd4 9.exd4 b6
 6. $\Delta d2$
 6... $\Delta xc3+$ 7.bxc3 c5 8. $\Delta d3$
 8. $\Delta b2$?
 8.cxd5
 8. $\Delta b2$
 8...dxc4 9. $\Delta xc4$ $\Psi c7$ [#] 10. $\Delta a2$ b6

10... $\Delta c6$
 10...b5! 11.O-O $\Delta b7$ =
 11... $\Delta bd7$
 12. $\Delta e1$ $\Delta bd7$ 13. $\Delta b2$ $\Delta b6$ 14. $\Psi e2$ a6
 15.c4 $\Delta xc4$ 16. $\Delta xc4$ bxc4 17.dxc5
 $\Psi xc5$ 18. $\Delta ac1$ $\Delta ac8$ 19. $\Delta e5$ c3
 19... $\Delta d5$ Better was 20. $\Delta ed1$ $\Psi c7$
 21.f3 $\Delta h5$ 22.g4 f6
 20. $\Delta xc3$ $\Psi d5$?! 21.f3 $\Delta xc3$ 22. $\Delta xc3$
 $\Delta c8$ 23. $\Psi b2$ $\Psi b5$ 24. $\Delta b1$??
 24. $\Psi xb5$ axb5 25. $\Delta b4$ $\Delta d5$ 26.e4
 $\Delta xb4$ 27.axb4 $\Delta d8$ 28. $\Delta e3$ f6
 29. $\Delta d3$ $\Delta xd3$ 30. $\Delta xd3$ $\Delta f7$ 31. $\Delta f2$ e5
 32. $\Delta c5$ $\Delta c6$
 24... $\Delta xc3$ 0-1 (30) Korobov,A (2687)-
 Leko,P (2674) Hengshui 2019

11.O-O $\Delta b7$
 11... $\Delta bd7$?! 12. $\Psi e2$?!
 12. $\Delta b2$ $\Delta b7$ 13. $\Psi e2$
 12. $\Delta e1$ $\Delta b7$ 13.c4 $\Delta g4$?! 14.h3!+=
 12. $\Delta e5$
 12. $\Delta b2$ $\Delta bd7$ 13. $\Psi e2$
 12. $\Delta e1$ again; the subtle flight square f1
 12... $\Delta c6$
 12... $\Delta bd7$?! 13. $\Delta xd7$ $\Psi xd7$ 14.f3 $\Delta fd8$
 15. $\Delta b2$ $\Delta ac8$ 16. $\Delta c1$ $\Delta d5$ 17. $\Delta b1$
 $\Delta c4$ 18. $\Delta e1$ $\Psi b5$ 19. $\Psi d2$ e5 20. $\Psi f2$
 $\Psi e8$ 21.e4 [#] 21...cxd4 22.cxd4 exd4
 23. $\Delta xd4$ $\Psi e7$ 24.e5 $\Delta d5$ 25.f4 $\Delta a6$
 26. $\Delta xc8$ $\Delta xc8$ 27.e6 fxe6 28.f5 $\Psi g5$?
 28...e5 29. $\Delta xe5$ $\Delta f6$ +=
 29.h4?
 29.fxe6+- $\Delta f4$ 30.h4! $\Psi g4$
 30... $\Delta h3+$ 31. $\Delta h2$ $\Delta xf2$ 32.hxg5
 $\Delta d3$ 33. $\Delta e3$
 31.e7 $\Delta b5$ 32. $\Delta a2+$ $\Delta h8$ 33. $\Delta h2$ +-
 29... $\Psi g4$ 30.fxe6 $\Delta f8$ 31.e7 $\Delta xe7$
 32. $\Delta a2+$ 1-0 (32) Korobov,A (2687)-
 Vidit,S (2707) Hengshui 2019



13... ♖xc6
 14.f3 ♜fd8
 15.♙b2

15. ♜e1 cxd4 16.cxd4 e5 17.e4!?
 15... ♜ac8 16.e4= [#] 16...cxd4

16...e5?! 17.d5± ♖b5 18.♖b3 ♖b3
 19.♙xb3 c4 20.♙c2 ♗d7 21.a4 ♗c5
 22.♜fb1 ♜c7 23.♙a3 ♙a6 24.♙f2 f5
 25.♙e3 ♗d3 26.a5 bxa5 27.♙a4 ♜f7
 28.♙c6 ♜c7 29.♙a2 g6 30.g3 ♙f7
 31.♗d2 ♙f6 32.♙a2 g5 33. ♜aa1 f4+
 34.♙e2 h5 35. ♙f1 g4 36. ♙g2 ♜g8
 37.♙d6 ♜cg7 38.fxg4 fxg3 39.h3 hxg4
 40.h4 ♗f4+ 41. ♙xg3 ♗h5+ 42. ♙g2
 ♗f4+ 43. ♙g3 ♗h5+ ½-½ (43) Levitt,J
 (2465)-Kosten,A (2535) Hastings 1991

16... ♙a6
 16... ♖d7
 16... ♗e8

17.cxd4+= ♖c2 18. ♜f2
 18. ♖xc2 ♜xc2 19. ♜f2

18. ♜b1 ♙a6 19. ♖xc2 ♜xc2 20. ♜fc1
 18... ♖xd1+ 19. ♜xd1 ♙c6?! He should
 be sending his *knight* to c4.

Maybe he was concerned with 19... ♗e8
 20.d5 but he needn't be. 19... ♙a6
 makes more sense as well

20. ♙b3 ♙b5 21. ♜fd2
 21. ♜c2 ♜xc2 22. ♙xc2 ♜c8 23. ♙b3
 ♗e8+=

21... ♙c4 [#] 22. ♙c2
 22. ♙xc4 ♜xc4 23. d5 exd5 24. ♙xf6
 gxf6 25. ♜xd5
 25.exd5 ♜d6 26. ♜d4 ♜xd4 27. ♜xd4 b5
 28. ♙f2 ♙f8 29. ♙e3 ♙a6 30. ♜d3 ♙a4
 31. d6 ♙e8 32. d7+ ♙d8 33. ♙d2 b4
 34. axb4 ♜xb4 35. ♙c3 ♜b7 36. ♜d6
 ♜c7+ ½-½ (35) Levitt,J (2425)-Davies,N
 (2510) London 1994

25... ♜xd5
 25... ♜dc8! =
 26.exd5 ♙f8 27. d6 ♙e8 28. ♜e1+ ♙d8
 29. ♜e7 ♙a4 30. ♜xf7 h5+= 31. ♜xf6
 ♙d7 32. h4 ♜xa3

32...a5
 33. ♜h6 ♙a5 34. ♙f2 b5 35. ♜xh5 ♙a2
 + 36. ♙g3+=

22...b5 we both thought queenside
 expansion was right;

22... ♗e8! =

23. ♙f2

23. ♜c1

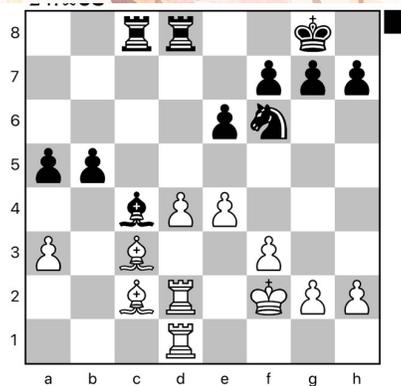
23. ♜b1

23. ♜a1

23...a5

23... ♗d7

24. ♙c3



With the photo of Tigran Petrosian
 looking down at me and the very recent
 New In Chess book on his Exchange
 sacrifices by Kotronias, I had to go for
 the following (and Abhishek
 accommodated the concept):

24. ♜c1+=

24... ♙e2?! [#]

Actually 24... ♙b3! 25. ♙xa5 ♙xc2
 26. ♙xd8 ♙xd1 27. ♙xf6 ♙xf3 28. gxf3
 gxf6 maintains a total "0.00" balance.

25. ♙xa5! Of course!

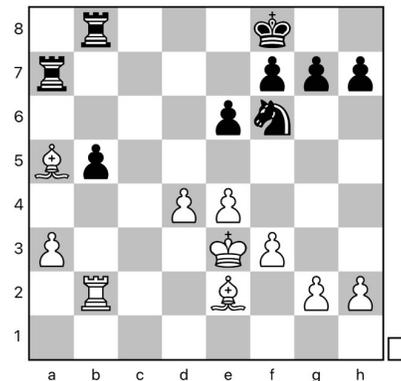
25. ♙xe2 ♜xc3 26. ♜b1 ♜xa3 27. ♜xb5
 g6

25... ♙xd1 26. ♙xd1 ♜d7 27. ♙e2 ♜b8
 28. ♙e3 [#] 28... ♙f8?!

28... ♗e8 29. ♙b4 ♗d6 30. ♜c2+= f6
 31. ♜c6 ♗c4+ 32. ♙xc4 bxc4 33. ♜xc4

White has what plus there is, but it's
 likely to be drawn.

29. ♜b2± ♜a7?!



29...♖db7 30.♙b4+

30. h4

30...♗g8 31.♖c2

31. ♙d6 ♖d8 32. ♙g3 ♗h5 33. ♙e1 ♖a8 34. ♙b4 ♗f6 35. ♖c2± comes around to the same thing, mostly

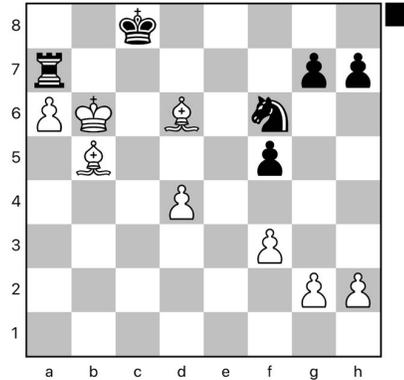
30. ♙b4+ ♗g8 31. ♙d6 ♖bb7

31...♖ba8 32.♖b3

32. ♖xb5 ♖xb5 33. ♙xb5 [#] Quite won. 33... ♗d7 34. ♗d3 f6 35. ♗c3 ♗f7 36. a4 ♗e8 37. ♗b4 ♗d8 38. a5 ♗c8 39. a6 f5 40. exf5

40. ♗a5

40...exf5 41. ♗a5 ♗f6 42. ♗b6



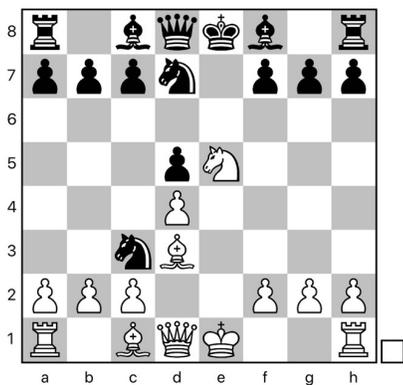
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The beauty of chess goes much beyond only the results, and the best players learn to appreciate their losses as learning experiences. Expert Michael Walder contributed the following annotated game that he lost.

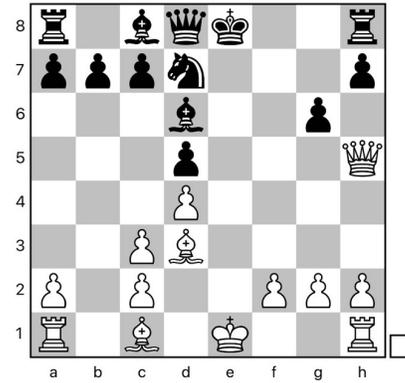
Walder - Shivakumar 0-1

Mission360/BAC Master Swiss, lichess.org, 2022.10.11 (Annotator: Michael Walder) C43: Petrov, Modern Attack, symmetrical variation

1.e4 e5 2.♗f3 ♗f6 3.d4 ♗xe4 4.♙d3 d5 5.♗xe5 ♗d7 6.♗c3 ♗xc3!



is currently scoring better than 6...Nxe5. C43: Petroff Defence: 3 d4.7.bxc3 ♙d6 8. ♗h5 8. O-O is the more popular line and perhaps better line. 8...g6 9. ♗xg6 [#] An over the board inspiration, and its bad. 9...fxg6 N



9... ♗f6? 10. ♗e2+ ♙e6 11. ♗xh8 ♗d7 12. ♖b1 ♗xh8 13. ♖xb7 ♗g7 14. O-O ♖g8 15.g3 h5 1-0 (35) Tomczak, J (2603)-Kashlinskaya, A (2484) Chess.com INT 2020

10. ♗xg6+ hxg6?

10... ♗e7! 11. ♗g5+ ♗f6 12. ♗h4 ♗f8

13. ♙d3-+

11. ♗xh8+?

11. ♗xg6+=

11... ♗f8 12. O-O ♙e6?!

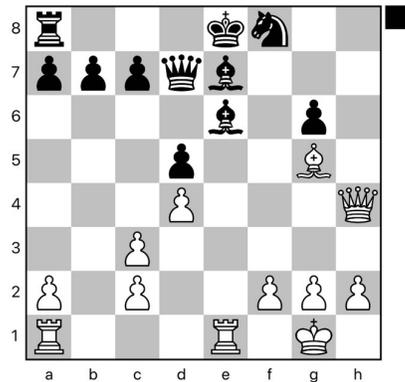
12... ♙f5 13. ♖e1+ ♗f7±

13. ♖e1 ♗d7±

13... ♗d7=+

14. ♙g5 ♙e7?

15. ♗h4?



+0.47/21 [#]

15. ♙xe7+- +2.84/16 15... ♗xe7 16.c4

16. ♖ab1 b5±

15... ♙xg5+= 16. ♗xg5 Black must now prevent Re5. 16... ♗e7 17. ♗xe7+ ♗xe7 18.c4

-0.18/19

18. ♖e5 Better was +0.25/13

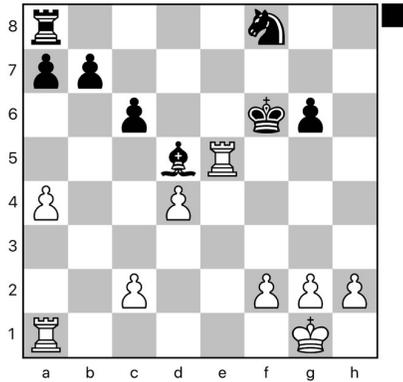
18... ♗f6 19.cxd5 -0.22/16

19. ♖ab1 +0.12/28 should be considered.

19... ♙xd5= 20. ♖e5 c6 Black has compensation. 21.a4!

California's Chess Talents!

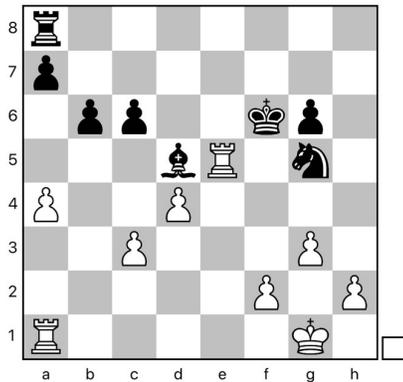
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21... ♖e6 22.c3 b6 23.g3?? -6.03/17
 [#] The final blunder in a mistake ridden game.

23.f4= -0.09/15

23... ♗g5!



0-1

It is worth mentioning two of our student volunteers and Mission360 resident tournament directors, experts Nicholas Weng and Xuli Dai, served as assistant TDs. They were crucial in ensuring the tournament ran smoothly.

This was the first National Chess Day experience for Mission360, and we plan to turn this into an annual event. Our vision is to connect people with chess and provide everyone with equal opportunities. If you share the same passion, please consider joining us at

<https://www.mission360foru.org/>.



Caption: US Chess School #41. IM Vyom is the third one from the left on the middle row and FM Kevin is the second one from the left on the front row.

I first met Vyom in 2017 when we played in the last round of the National K-5 section and drew. Since then, we've played five times and crossed paths in team events as well. It is intriguing to observe how Vyom has grown over the years. His passion for chess and positive energy has motivated many people around him, including myself, and I am sure his best successes are yet to come.



Blitz Chess and Halloween: An Annual Tradition

By Chris Torres

Halloween is about costumes, candy and of course, chess. Every year, members of the Daily Chess Musings community do almost as much checkmating as they do trick or treating. In fact, our annual Halloween Blitz Chess Extravaganza is one of the most popular events in the Daily Chess Musings club on chess.com.

For a third straight year- the tradition of Halloween with chess continued to grow. I began this Daily Chess Musings tradition In 2020 in response to social distancing requirements placing a damper on Halloween festivities. Now in our third year, The Halloween Blitz Chess Extravaganza is just added fun for chess players before trick or treating. In addition to bragging rights, winners earn an additional raffle ticket for each victory during the course of The Halloween Blitz Chess Extravaganza and when the event concludes, every participant is automatically entered into the raffle for a chance to win cool Daily Chess Musings prizes. To share the excitement beyond the bounds of our club, the entire event

is also broadcast on twitch for chess enthusiasts all over the world to see the action live.

Congratulations to the top finishers of the blitz tournaments and the raffle winners. The game below was a particularly exciting match between two outstanding young chess players from California which culminated in an exciting endgame played under extreme time pressure.

1 ENGLISH OPENING Kunj_1 - SmartField 0:1, 10/30/2022.

1. c4 c5 2. ♘c3 ♘f6 3. e4 e5 Nc6 is an important alternative for black to consider.

[3... ♘c6 4. g3 g6 5. ♗g2 ♗g7 6. ♘ge2 O-O 7. O-O ♘e8 8. a3 d6 9. ♖b1 a5 10. d3 ♘c7 11. ♘d5 ♖b8 12. ♘xc7 ♣xc7 13. ♘c3 ♗d7 14. ♗f4 ♣d8 15. ♘b5 ♘d4 16. a4 ♗c6 17. ♗e3 ♣d7 18. f4 f5 19. ♣d2 ♘b3 20. ♣d1 ♘d4 21. ♣d2 ♘b3 22. ♣d1 ♘d4 23. ♣d2 1/2-1/2, Miezis Normunds (LAT) 2557 - Roiz Michael (ISR) 2677 , Dresden 11/13/2008 Olympiad]

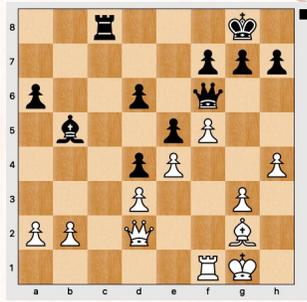
4. g3 ♘c6 5. ♗g2 d6 6. ♘ge2 ♗d7 Here, black has many other options that make sense.

[6... ♘d4 7. ♘xd4 cxd4 8. ♘d5 ♘xd5 9. exd5 ♗e7 10. O-O h5 11. d3 h4 12. g4 h3 13. ♗e4 ♖h4 14. ♗f3 ♗d7 15. ♗h1 b5 16. b3 bxc4 17. bxc4 ♖b8 18. ♖g1 ♗g5 19. ♗e2 ♣f6 20. f3 ♗e3 21. ♗xe3 dxe3 22. ♖b1 ♣d8 23. ♖xb8 ♣xb8 24. ♣b3 ♣c7 25. ♖b1 ♗e7 26. ♣b4 ♖h8 27. ♗f1 f5 28. gxf5 ♗xf5 29. ♗e2 a5 30. ♣b6 ♣xb6 31. ♖xb6 ♖d8 32. ♗g1 ♖f8 33. ♗h1 ♗d7 34. a3 ♖f6 35. ♖b1 ♖g6 36. ♗f1 e2 37. ♗xe2 ♖g2 38. ♗f1 ♖a2 39. ♖b7 ♗d8 40. ♖b3 a4 41. ♖c3 ♖b2 42. ♗g1 ♖b3 43. ♖c1 ♖xa3 44. ♗f2 ♖a2 45. ♗g3 a3 46. ♖c3 ...0-1, Zamit Spyridon (GRE) 2102 - Shahtahtinsky Alekper (GRE) 2310 , Nikea 2002 It (open); 6... ♘b4 7. d3 a6 8. a3 ♘c6 9. O-O g6

10. h3 e7 11. f4 O-O 12. e3 d4
 13. g4 xg4 14. hxg4 xg4 15. e2
 exf4 16. xxf4 h5 17. h3 d5 18. e3
 dxe4 19. dxe4 xxf3 20. xxf3 xxf2 21.
 xxf2 g5 22. g2 d2 23. h3
 e3c3 24. bxc3 xxc3 25. xf4 ad8 26.
 xh5 d2 1/2-1/2, Rudolph Stefan -
 Haerig Wilfried (GER) 2159 , Meppen
 2002 Ch Niedersachsen (juniors)
 (under 18);
 6... h5 7. h3 e7 8. f4 e6 9. d3 g6 10.
 d5 d7 11. xe7 xe7 12. c3
 O-O-O 13. a3 c6 14. b4 h4 15. g4
 xg4 16. hxg4 xg4 17. xg4 xg4
 18. e3 f5 19. xg4 fxg4 20. d5
 df8 21. O-O h3 22. b5 g3 23. bxc6 g2
 24. e1 bxc6 25. e7 c7 26. xg6
 exf4 27. xf4 1-0, Kraus Tomas (CZE)
 2433 - Egorov Pavel (RUS) 2237 ,
 Prague 8/11/2017 lt "Summer Open";
 6... g6 7. d3 e7 8. O-O O-O 9. f4 e8
 10. b1 e4 11. h3 xe2 12. xe2 a6
 13. g4 h6 14. g3 d7 15. g5 h5 16. f5
 f8 17. f6 e8 18. h4 b5 19. b3 b8
 20. e3 bxc4 21. bxc4 c7 22. e2
 b6 23. e3 fb8 24. xb6 xb6 25.
 xh5 gxh5 26. xh5 xf6 27. gxf6
 xf6 28. xf6 b1 29. g2 b2 30.
 f2 b7 31. e6 1-0, Poveda Julio
 Cesar - Patino Daniel Santiago (COL)
 2015 , Bogota 12/ 3/2010 lt (open);
 6... e7 7. O-O O-O 8. h3 h6 9. d3 d7
 10. f4 exf4 11. xf4 a6 12. g4 e5 13.
 g3 g6 14. e3 e5 15. d2 b5
 16. b3 b4 17. ce2 h7 18. d4 cxd4
 19. xd4 a5 20. ad1 a6 21. gxf5
 xf5 22. xf5 c7 23. f4 g5 24.
 h1 xf4 25. xf4 e8 26. d2 e6
 27. fd1 f6 28. d4 e7 29. b5
 c5 30. d5 c8 31. xd6 e6 32.
 f5 e8 33. d6 xd6 34. xd6
 c8 35. d2 c5 36. d5 xd5 37.
 exd5 d3 38. e6 d8 39. e7 g5
 40. xg7 f8 41. h4 f7 42. g6
 e8 43. xf6 e1 44. h2 e2 45.
 xh6 e1 46. xf7 ...1-0, Polukhin
 Alexander (RUS) 2033 - Gorelov Viktor
 N (RUS) 1784 , Tambov 8/29/2020
 Memorial V.Korensky (open);
 6... e4 7. d3 d4 8. O-O xe2 9.
 xe2 xe2 10. xe2 e7 11. e3
 O-O 12. d2 d7 13. ab1 b6 14. a3
 b8 15. h1 c6 16. e3 d4 17.
 xd4 cxd4 18. f4 c7 19. f2 ab8
 20. fe5 dxe5 21. bf1 d6 22. c2
 b5 23. b4 bxc4 24. xc4 e6 25. b3
 b6 26. c2 e5 27. c8 c6 28.

xf8 xf8 29. d5 f6 30. xe5
 xf1 31. xf1 e6 32. c7 a8 33.
 e2 e8 34. d7 e6 35. e3 d8
 36. b5 f8 37. c4 a5 38. bxa5
 xa5 39. c5 g8 40. e4 e6 41.
 b5 g6 42. d7 e7 43. e6 a7
 44. d5 c7 45. e4 g7 46. d5
 ...1-0, Stock Andreas (GER) 2065 -
 Brunner Sophia (GER) 1884 , Pardubice
 7/21/2019 lt (open) (b);
 6... e6 7. d3 e7 8. O-O d7 9. f4
 e3 10. f5 xg2 11. xg2 h5 12. h3
 O-O-O 13. a3 g6 14. b4 gxf5 15. xf5
 h4 16. g4 dg8 17. bxc5 dxc5 18. d5
 xg4 19. hxg4 xg4 20. f2 hg8
 21. h1 e6 22. e3 e6 23. f6
 g2 24. xg2 xg2 25. xg2 d4
 26. xd4 exd4 27. af1 a6 28. f4
 xf4 29. 1xf4 b5 30. cxb5 axb5 31.
 xc5 b7 32. xb5 a6 33. d5
 c6 34. f2 c3 35. d6 b5 36.
 f5 a4 37. fd5 d2 38. h3 xd3
 39. xh4 xa3 40. a6 1-0, Yang
 Christopher X (USA) 2139 - Deng
 Haoyou (CHN) 1672 , Internet 12/
 2/2020 lt "RBI Open" (Qualifier 2);
 6... a6 7. h3 e6 8. d3 h5 9. e5 e7
 10. f4 d4 11. O-O c8 12. f5 e7 13.
 xf6 xf6 14. d5 d8 15. xd4
 cxd4 16. h4 e6 17. c1 xd5 18.
 cxd5 e7 19. b3 d7 20. b6 ac8
 21. h2 xc1 22. xc1 c8 23. xc8
 c8 24. a4 d7 1/2-1/2, Reinhardt
 Johannes 1705 - Altstadt Karl Simon
 1704 , Magdeburg 9/ 7/2012 Ch North
 Germany (team) (juniors) (under 14)]
 7. d3 e7 8. O-O O-O 9. e5 a6 10.
 xf6 xf6 11. d5 c8 12. f4 d4?! ±
 [12... exf4!? 13. d2 Is a lively
 alternative.]
 13. xd4 cxd4 14. f5 e6 15. xf6 xf6
 16. h4 b5 17. c1 bxc4 18. xc4 e6
 19. xc8 xc8



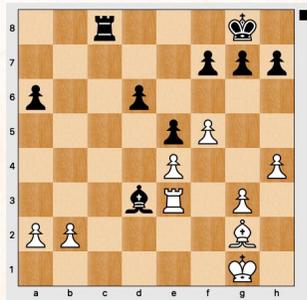


20. ♖d2? White misses their best opportunity to fight for control the c-file. The correct plan is Rf2 with the idea of moving it to c2.

[20. ♖f2 h6 21. ♖c2 ♖b8 22. ♖h2 ♖d8 23. ♖h3 ♖a5 24. b3 ♖d8 25. ♖f3 a5 26. ♖d2 ♖b6 27. ♖c1 ♖a6 28. ♖e2 ♖b5 29. ♖d1 ♖c8 With both players having shared custody of the open c-file.]

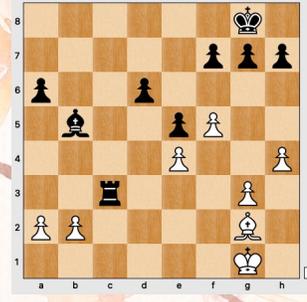
20... ♗h6 Black punishes white's last mistake immediately. Trading queens would allow black's remaining pieces to dominate white's. 21. ♖d1 ♖e3 22. ♖xe3 dxe3 23. ♖e1 ♖xd3? Taking "the seventh" with the rook should be a higher priority than capturing a backward pawn with a bishop. For this reason, black should have played Rc2.

[23... ♖c2 24. ♖xe3 ♖xb2 would maximize black's advantage.]



24. ♖xe3 ♖b5 25. ♖c3?! No need to allow black the opportunity to isolate white's queenside pawns by exchanging rooks

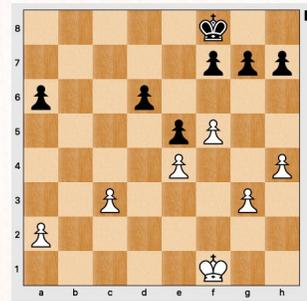
[25. ♖b3!? ♖c1 26. ♖h2 h5 27. ♖c3 ♖d1 28. ♖c8 ♖h7 29. ♖f3 ♖d2 30. ♖g1 ♖e2 31. ♖xe2 ♖xe2 32. ♖a8 g6 33. fxg6 ♖xg6 34. ♖xa6 ♖xb2 should be a draw.]



25... ♖xc3 26. bxc3 ♖f8 27. ♖f1 ♖xf1?!

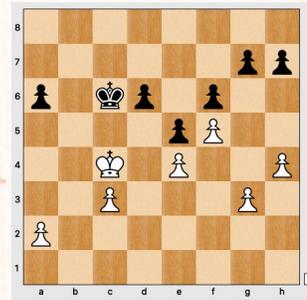
Given the pawn structure, black should not have been in a hurry to exchange bishops.

[27... ♖e7!? 28. c4 ♖a4 29. ♖f2 ♖d7 30. ♖e3 ♖c6 31. a3 ♖c5 32. ♖d3 ♖b3 33. ♖c3 ♖d1 34. ♖d2 ♖h5 35. ♖c3 ♖f3 36. ♖d3 h6 37. ♖e3 Seems to be black's best plan to earn a full point.]



28. ♖xf1 ♖e7 29. ♖e2 ♖d7 30. ♖d3 ♖c6 31. ♖c4? Not allowing black to play d5 is more important than taking opposition with Kc4. Pawn c4 would keep black's weak pawn on d6.

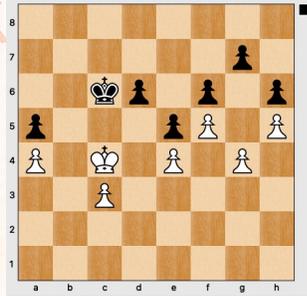
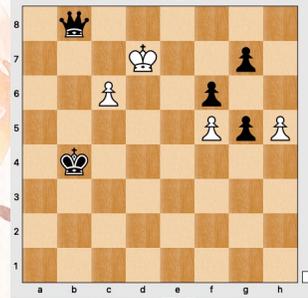
[31. c4 h5 32. ♖c3 ♖b6 33. ♖b4 a5 34. ♖b3 ♖c6 35. ♖c3 g6 36. fxg6 fxg6 37. a3 ♖b6 38. ♖c2 ♖c7 39. ♖b3 ♖b6 Is an elementary draw.]



31... f6?? Pawn to f6 is a huge strategic mistake that allows white's pawns to advance on the kingside giving white a winning opportunity. Instead, black should have played pawn to h5.

[31... h5 32. ♖d3 ♜b5 33. f6 g6 34. ♜e3 ♜c4 35. ♜d2 a5 36. ♜c2 a4 37. ♜d2 a3 38. ♜c2 d5 39. exd5 ♜xd5 40. ♜d3 ♜e6 41. c4!s winning for black.]

32. g4 h6 33. h5 a5



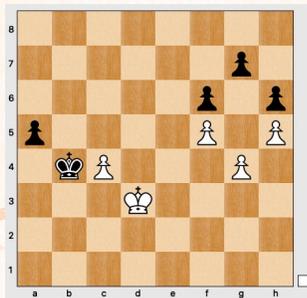
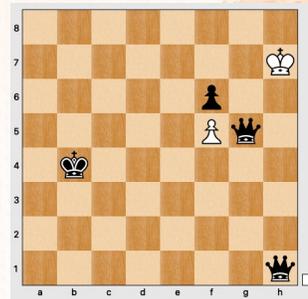
34. a4 Advancing the a-pawn once would have been fairly instructive..

[34. a3 a4 35. ♜b4 d5 36. exd5 ♜xd5 37. c4 ♜d4 38. c5 e4 39. c6 e3 40. c7 e2 41. c8=♖ e1=♖ 42. ♜xa4 ♖d1 43. ♜a5 ♖d2 Is a draw worthy of study.]

34... d5 35. exd5 ♜d6 36. ♜b5 e4 37. ♜c4 e3 38. ♜d3 ♜xd5 39. ♜xe3 ♜c4 40. ♜d2 ♜b3 41. ♜d3 ♜xa4 42. c4?? Taking the opposition with Kc4 is necessary for a draw.

[42. ♜c4 ♜a3 43. ♜d5 a4 44. c4 ♜b4 45. c5 a3 46. c6 a2 47. c7 a1=♖ 48. c8=♖ ♖e5 49. ♜c6 ♖e4 50. ♜d7 ♖xg4 51. ♜e6 ♖e2 Barring a major blunder, this will result in a draw.]

49... ♖b8 50. c7 ♖xc7 51. ♜xc7 g4 52. ♜d7 g3 53. ♜e7 g2 54. ♜f7 g1=♖ 55. ♜g8 ♖g5 56. h6 gxh6 57. ♜h7 h5 58. ♜h8 h4 59. ♜h7 h3 60. ♜h8 h2 61. ♜h7 h1=♖# [0:1]



42... ♜b4 43. ♜d4 a4 44. c5 a3 45. ♜d5 a2 46. c6 a1=♖ 47. g5 hxg5 48. ♜e6 ♖e5 49. ♜d7

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Chess By Lauren

By Lauren Goodkind



Analyzed by Sharanya Chudgar and Lauren Goodkind

Hi Readers,

This is Lauren Goodkind. Here is an online chess game that was played by my student, Sharanya Chudgar, who had the black pieces. My comments are in Orange while her comments are in red.

This tournament game of mine was played on March 26, 2022, with a G/25+5 time control. This means I had twenty-five minutes to begin with, and a five second increment per move. In this game of mine, I was playing the Black pieces, and I found an opportunity for a trap that won the game for me. In this tournament, I won 2nd place, and I would not have been able to do so if I hadn't found this trap and won this game.

I started playing chess in 4th grade and thought of it just as a hobby. But today, it's something totally different for me – it may be a board game, but it's nonetheless important to me. As I started

enjoying chess more and more, I decided to take chess to a different level, and started playing in a lot of tournaments. Chess being a highly male sport, I, being a girl myself, was and still am inspired to play in chess tournaments and win them!

I thought that Sharanya played well in this online game.

Playing White: littledragon_zhu
(1740 lichess.org rating)

Playing Black: chudgarsharanya
(1510 lichess.org rating)

Date: 03/26/2022

Result: 0-1

Sharanya also plays in United States Chess Federation tournaments. Since she loves playing chess, I hope that this article will inspire more girls and women to play chess.

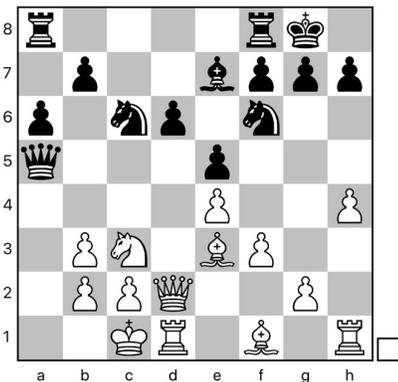


Follow the Code to
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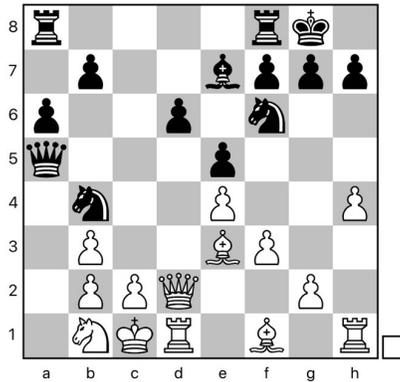
B90: Sicilian,Najdorf,Byrne (English) Attack

1.e4 c5 Sicilian Defense Opening **This is a very common opening****2.♟f3** takes control of center **2...d6** prevents e5 **3.d4** center control **3...cxd4** classic Sicilian Defense **4.♞xd4** takes back **4...♞f6** threatens free e4 pawn.**5.♞c3** protects pawn **5...a6** classic Sicilian Defense **a6 also prevents white's knights from going to b5**.**6.♞e3** development **6...e5** kicks out d4 knight **7.♞b3** escapes threat **7...♞e6** development **8.f3** supports e4 pawn, but also creates kingside weakness **8...♞e7** development **9.♞d2** makes room for castling **9...♞c6** development/center control **10.O-O-O** getting kings to safety **11.h4** wanted to start a pawn storm.

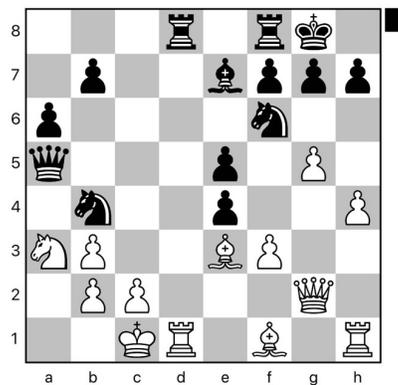
Pawn storms often occur when players castle on opposite sides.**11...♞xb3** takes knight to create double-pawn **12.axb3** takes back **12...♞a5** threatens Qa1# **I like Qa5 because the black queen is closer to white's king.Qa5 actually doesn't threaten checkmate.If Qa1, then white moves the knight to b1.**



13.♞b1 blocks Qa1#,threatens queen; **Nb1 is a passive move** prefer **Kb1 to stop Sharanya's queen from going to a1**.**13...♞b4** blocks **14.Qxa5**; controls kingside,threatens **Na2#**.**Since Sharanya is attacking,I like Nb4 since this move prevents a queen trade.As a general rule if you are attacking in chess,try to avoid a queen trade.Nb4 also threatens checkmate by Na2 since the king is surrounded by his or her pieces! This checkmate is called smothered mate,which doesn't happen too often in chess.If a smothered mate happens,then this is a time where the king wants to capture his or her piece to escape checkmate! Unfortunately,capturing your own pieces in chess is against the rules.**



14.♞a3 moves knight to better spot **14...d5** trying to create open file for rook attack **15.g4** pawn storm to attack knight **15...dxe4** creates open file for rook attack **16.g5** attacks knight; **Yes,g5 is threatening to capture Sharanya's knight on f6**.**16...♞ad8** forces queen to move,has open file control **I like Rad8 a lot! This move creates a bigger threat than white's g5 move.As Sharanya mentioned,Rad8 threatens white's queen,which is a lot more powerful than a knight.As a general rule, if your opponent is threatening something,try to make a much bigger threat!****17.♞g2** BLUNDER,



gives free rook after: **Na2+** – winning tactic!

Yes,Qg2 is a huge blunder because the queen isn't protecting the white rook on d1.Sharanya took advantage of this **Qg2 blunder by Na2+**! Now white's king is forced to move to b1,where the king isn't protecting the rook on d1. Please notice that white's king is the only piece that is protecting the rook on d1.Also notice that white's white-squared bishop isn't developed yet,which prevents white's h1 rook from protecting the white rook on d1.

17... ♖a2+ forced move leaving rook free to take; As a friendly reminder if white developed his or her white squared bishop, then white's h1 rook could have captured Sharanya's rook on d1! This is why developing all the knights and bishops in the opening is important!

18. ♖b1 ♗xd1+ takes free rook

19. ♗xa2 forced move 19... ♗xa3 takes knight, creates kingside weakness

20. bxa3 must happen, or else Bc5#; The bishop can also move to b4, d5 or e7 to deliver checkmate too. 20... ♗c3 threatening Qa1#

As Sharanya mentioned love the Qc3 move because Sharanya's queen is threatening Qa1#. Also, Qc3 also threatens Ra1 checkmate too! 21. ♗c4 MISTAKE Missed Mate in One; White cannot stop checkmate now. If white wanted to make the game last a little longer, then white could have played Bc1, which temporarily stops the checkmate. How? This move blocks Sharanya's d1 rook to go to a1, which is the checkmating square. After Sharanya simply captures the bishop on c1, there is no way for white to stop Sharanya from checkmating on the next move. 21... ♗a1# checkmate, 0-1.

Please notice that Ra1 is not checkmate since white's h1 rook can simply capture the rook on a1.*

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Richmond Chess Festival

By Jennifer Bates



BCS partnered with TC Ball and the West Coast Chess Alliance to host the free Richmond Chess Festival on October 8th (photos by Myriah Ball attached). With space generously donated by COBIZ Richmond, and Richmond's Ed Fund supplying refreshments, trophies, and medals, more than one hundred children and adults joined us for a quad tournament, a bit of bughouse, casual games, and more! Richmond Police Chief Bisa French was our special guest, and Officer Stephen Purcell and Sargent Josh Clark heard the call of duty and came to play the kids. A great time was had by all!



2023 AARP Purpose Prize Fellowship

By Jennifer Bates

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AARP Purpose Prize Fellow

Elizabeth Shaughnessy
Berkeley Chess School
BERKELEY, CALIFORNIA



BCS Founder and Executive Director Elizabeth Shaughnessy has been selected as a 2023 AARP Purpose Prize Fellow! Each year, the Purpose Prize honors fifteen individuals, aged fifty and older, who are using their knowledge and life experience to solve challenging social problems.

BCS is honored and grateful that the Purpose Prize Jury recognized the value of Elizabeth's work, and the role chess can play in helping all children, especially those struggling with learning inequalities, flourish academically and in their lives. Because of Elizabeth's Fellowship, the Berkeley Chess School will receive a \$10,000 grant and one year of technical assistance from the AARP! To learn more about the AARP Purpose Prize, visit <https://www.aarp.org/about-aarp/info-2022/purpose-prize-winners.html>.

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Say Gay Chess Day

By Chris Torres

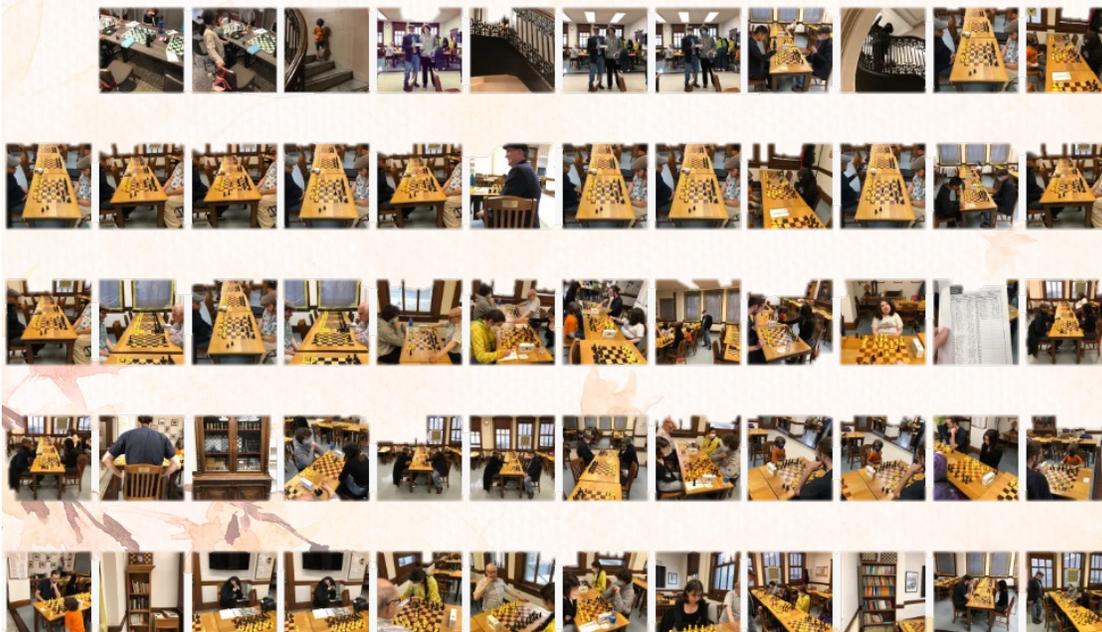
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I was honored to be employed as the Chief Tournament Director for The Eade Foundation's Say Gay Chess Day chess tournament. It was especially fitting that James Eade formally welcomed the gay community into the chess community in a place that has such a storied chess history as The Mechanics' Institute in San Francisco. In all, approximately twenty people participated in the inaugural Say Gay Chess Day, and I am proud to have been part of this truly historic day for Northern California chess. Hats off to Jim Eade and [The Eade Foundation](#) for sponsoring the event!



GM James Eade with tournament winner Travis Torres-O'Callaghan



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2		<u>FM Eric Yuhan Li</u>	5.5 2nd place: \$570;
3	3-7	<u>IM David -F Pruess</u>	4.5 2-way split = \$997.50 each
4		<u>Henry ^ Deng</u>	4.5 -F = \$841.50
5		<u>FM Shawnak ^ Shivakumar</u>	4.5 1st u2300: \$570;
6		<u>Vincent ^ Qin</u>	4.5 2nd u2300: \$285;
7		<u>Tanmay ^ Khattar</u>	4.5 3rd u2300: \$114;
			3rd place: \$285;
			4th place: \$114;
			5-way split = \$273.60 each
			-F = \$117.60

X (2000-2199)

#	Place	Name	Total Prize
1	1	<u>Colin B Albert</u>	6.5 1st place: \$855
2	2-3	<u>Jacob Chiang</u>	5.5 1st u2100: \$399;
3		<u>Niko ^ -E Pompe</u>	5.5 2nd place: \$399;
4	4-5	<u>Hanchi ^ Yao</u>	4 2-way split = \$399 each
5		<u>Andrew Yun ^ -E Wong</u>	4 -E = \$199.50
6	6-10	<u>Luke -E Widjaja</u>	3.5 2nd u2100: \$285;
7		<u>Om ^ -E Chinchwadkar</u>	3.5 3rd place: \$171;
8		<u>Imran ^ -E Champsi</u>	3.5 2-way split = \$288 each
9		<u>Kapilan ^ -E Karunakaran</u>	3.5 -E = \$144
10		<u>Yashas ^ -E Patil</u>	3.5 3rd u2100: \$114;
			4th u2100: \$114;
			4th place: \$114;
			5-way split = \$68.40 each
			-E = \$34.20

A (1800-1999)

#	Place	Name	Total Prize
1	1	<u>Suyuan ^ -E Gui</u>	5.5 1st place: \$741
2	2-4	<u>Rudy Goece Tia</u>	5 -E = \$370.50
3		<u>Jayden David ^ Lee</u>	5 1st u1900: \$342;
4		<u>Noah ^ Baldonado</u>	5 2nd place: \$342;
5	5-7	<u>Michael S -E Ho</u>	4.5 3rd place: \$171;
6		<u>Austin ^ -E Jin</u>	4.5 3-way split = \$285 each
7		<u>Jenny ^ Qi</u>	4.5 2nd u1900: \$171;
8	8-11	<u>Yivang ^ -E +m Zheng</u>	4 3rd u1900: \$114;
9		<u>Kshitij ^ Tomar</u>	4 4th place: \$114;
10		<u>Laurie ^ Qiu</u>	4 3-way split = \$133 each
11		<u>David ^ Jin</u>	4 -E = \$66.50
			4th u1900: \$114;
			4-way split = \$28.50 each
			-E = \$14.25

B (1600-1799)

#	Place	Name	Total Prize
1	1	<u>Anand ^ -E Sethuraman</u>	6.5 1st place: \$741
2	2	<u>Marina ^ -E Xiao</u>	5 -E = \$370.50
3	3-7	<u>Kaelyn Kim Dasovich</u>	4.5 2nd place: \$342
4		<u>Hansika ^ Kolli</u>	4.5 -E = \$171
5		<u>Colin ^ -E Yi</u>	4.5 1st u1700: \$342;
6		<u>Savir ^ -E Khanna</u>	4.5 2nd u1700: \$171;
7		<u>Anvitha ^ Penagalapati</u>	4.5 3rd u1700: \$114;
8	8-12	<u>John M -E Eid</u>	4 3rd place: \$171;
9		<u>Hebert D Garcia</u>	4 4th place: \$114;
10		<u>Mohammad Soltani</u>	4 5-way split = \$182.40 each
11		<u>Easwar ^ -E Gnana Hari Sekar</u>	4 -E = \$91.20
12		<u>Fred ^ -E Zhang</u>	4 4th u1700: \$114;
			3-way split = \$38 each
			-E = \$19

C (1400-1599)

#	Place	Name	Total Prize
1	1	<u>Akshaj -E Pulijala</u>	5.5 1st place: \$570
2	2-3	<u>Alexander Pn ^ Ng</u>	5 -E = \$285
3		<u>Vatsel -E Srivastava</u>	5 1st u1500: \$285;
4	4-7	<u>Rohan Dash</u>	4.5 2nd place: \$285;
5		<u>David ^ Sartorio</u>	4.5 2-way split = \$285 each
6		<u>Kanwar ^ Sethi</u>	4.5 -E = \$142.50
7		<u>Zerui Titus ^ -E Mei</u>	4.5 2nd u1500: \$114;
8	8-11	<u>Arunachalam -E Kasi</u>	4 3rd u1500: \$114;
9		<u>Revansh Gupta</u>	4 3rd place: \$114;
10		<u>Zhuovuan ^ Wu</u>	4 4th place: \$114;
11		<u>Kevin ^ Arakkal</u>	4 4-way split = \$114 each
			-E = \$57
			4th u1500: \$114;
			4-way split = \$28.50 each
			-E = \$14.25

D (1200-1399)

#	Place	Name	Total Prize
1	1-2	<u>Brigham A Aldrich</u>	5.5 1st place: \$570;
2		<u>Arvin ^ Agrawal</u>	5.5 2nd place: \$285;
3	3-6	<u>Kar Lun Cheng</u>	5 2-way split = \$427.50 each
4		<u>Dylan -E Umino</u>	5 1st u1300: \$285;
5		<u>Srihan Veera S ^37 Kongara</u>	5 2nd u1300: \$114;
6		<u>Maksym ^ -E Zadavsvichko</u>	5 3rd place: \$114;
7	7	<u>Cun ^ -E Hui</u>	4.5 4th place: \$114;
8	8-13	<u>Tapas Aara -E Natraj</u>	4 4-way split = \$156.75 each
9		<u>Roger ^ -E Pan</u>	4 -E = \$78.38
10		<u>Aida -E ^ Amin</u>	4 3rd u1300: \$114
11		<u>Uy ^ -E Nguyen</u>	4 -E = \$57
12		<u>Abhinav ^ -E Sinha</u>	4 4th u1300: \$114;
13		<u>Ethan ^ -E Ma</u>	4 5-way split = \$22.80 each
			-E = \$11.40

E (u1200)

#	Place	Name	Total Prize
1	1	<u>Kornel Csernai</u>	6 1st place: \$570
2	2-3	<u>Leia Lin</u>	5.5 1st u1100: \$285;
3		<u>Ryan Christopher Burns</u>	5.5 2nd place: \$285;
4	4-5	<u>Kevin Neil Ahumada</u>	5 2-way split = \$285 each
5		<u>Alec Whang Thompson</u>	5 3rd place: \$114;
6	6-9	<u>Bill -E Huang</u>	4.5 4th place: \$114;
7		<u>Felix Castro</u>	4.5 2-way split = \$114 each
8		<u>Shan Ramesh Lee</u>	4.5 2nd u1100: \$114;
9		<u>Kishor -E Bhat</u>	4.5 3rd u1100: \$114;
			4th u1100: \$114;
			4-way split = \$85.50 each
			-E = \$42.75



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Hex A			
#	Name	Total	Prize
1	Andrew Guo	9	1st place: \$60
2	Vincent Qin	6	
3	Sven 2m Titgemeyer	6	
Hex B			
#	Name	Total	Prize
1	Ethan Sun	7	1st place: \$60
2	Laurie Qin	6.5	
3	Dan Field	5	
Hex C			
#	Name	Total	Prize
1	Michael -E Xiao	7.5	1st place: \$60 -E = \$30
2	Zhuoyuan Wu	7	
3	Neil \$40? Chalissery	6	
Hex D			
#	Name	Total	Prize
1	Aashray Manchanda	7	1st place: \$60
2	Alex Khodaverdian	6.5	
3	Brigham A Aldrich	5	Top in the bottom 1/2: \$40
4	Roger -E Pan	5	2-way split = \$20 each -E \$10
Hex E			
#	Name	Total	Prize
1	Kanwar Sethi	8	1st place: \$60
2	Matthew Lau	7	
3	Ethan Han	6	
Hex F			
#	Name	Total	Prize
1	Sivavishnu Srinivasan	8	1st place: \$60
2	Ryan Christopher Burns	7.5	
3	Alec \$40 2m Thompson	7	

Section F (u1000)		
#	Name	Total Place
1	Leo Sm20 Ni	4.5 1st & 2nd Place
2	Revansh Dsouza	4.5
3	Ethan Sm20 Han	4 3rd & 4th Place
4	Mikhail Grigorev	4 5th, 6th, 7th, 8th & 9th Place
5	Maxim Timokhin	3.5
6	Krish Vazirani	3.5
7	Mikhail Boldakov	3.5
8	Sativik Dunna	3.5
9	Mehmet Gelgi	3.5
Section G (u800)		
#	Name	Total Place
1	Zachary Chen	5 1st Place
2	Zimo Tang	4 2nd & 3rd Place
3	Rajdarshan Jogdand	4 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th & 8 Place
4	Harshith Sai Mannaru	3.5
5	Adit Rajaram	3.5
6	Kashvav Ganapathy	3.5
7	Ryder Se Margalit	3.5
8	Ivan Tam	3.5
Section H (400-599)		
#	Name	Total Place
1	Harish Paschapur	5 1st Place
2	Eric Liu	4 2nd, 3rd & 4th Place
3	Mingyuan Song	4
4	Ritwik ^ Saha	4
5	Steve Sm20 Tuvshinjargal	3.5 5th Place
6	Hanfei Li	3 6th, 7th, 8th, 9th, 10th & 11th Place
7	Felix Leung	3
8	Havva Kondraguntla	3
9	Neil Vartak	3
10	Jayden Choi	3
11	Skanda ^ Vasishta	3
Section JJ (u400)		
#	Name	Total Place
1	Avery Xu	5 1st Place
2	Ryan Wang	4 2nd, 3rd, 4th & 5th Place
3	Kartik Rajan Sm20 Bharadwaj	4
4	Pradyun Kalwa	4
5	Harika Ch Appalla	4
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3	Patrick Peijun Liu	3 2-way split = \$625 each
4	Tanmay Khattar	3 2nd place: \$350;
5	Niko Pompe	3 3rd place: \$150;
6	Andrew Yun ^ -E Wong	3 2nd u2300: \$250;
7	Imran ^ -E Champs	3 3rd u2300: \$100;
8	Joshua ^ -E Xia	3 6-way split = \$141.67 each -E = \$70.84

1500-1999

#	Name	Total Prize
1	David Jin	4.5 1st place: \$500
2	Daniel T -E Oshima	4 2nd place: \$250;
3	Adam Benjamin -E Stevens	4 3rd place: \$100;
4	Yash Shah	4 2-way split = \$175 each
5	Yuvraj Singh Sawhney	3.5 -E = \$87.50
6	Jenny X ^ -E Qi	3 1st u1700: \$350
7	Anders Thomas Kostrub	3 2nd u1700: \$150;
8	Aditya Panikkath	3 3rd u1700: \$100;
9	Rishi -E Bhattacharjya	3 5-way split = \$50 each
10	Rohan Dash	3 -E = \$25
11	Pudur X ^ -E Ramaswamy	3

under 1500

#	Name	Total Prize
1	Andrew Andi Wu	4.5 1st place: \$500
2	Yuan Qiu	3.5 1st u1300: \$350
3	David Fager	3 2nd place: \$250;
4	Serena Liu	3 3rd place: \$100;
5	Ishaan Jain	3 2nd u1300: \$150;
6	Marcus -E Guan	3 3rd u1300: \$100;
7	Sri Ansh -E Dumpala	3 6-way split = \$100 each
8	Daniel Paley	3 -E = \$50

Blitz

Section 1

#	Name	Total Prize
1	Dipro Chakraborty	9 Top player = \$60
2	Zee Chin	5
3	Adam Benjamin Stevens	4.5 Top player (bottom) = \$40
4	Yash Shah	4.5 2-way split = \$20

Section 2

#	Name	Total Prize
1	Sivavishnu Srinivasan	13 Top player = \$60
2	Neil Chalissery	12
3	Neil Zachary Rodas	10
4	Ryan Mathia	8 Top player (bottom) = \$40

CalChess Calendar

Saturday, November 19

Kids Quads (BAC @ Fremont)
 Kids Quads (BAC @ Palo Alto)
 Kids C4L Quads (BAC @ Fremont)
 Kids Swiss (BAC @ Fremont)
 CashDay Quads G/75 +5 (BAC @ Fremont)
 BCS Cash Quads @ Berkeley Chess School in Berkeley

Tuesday, November 22

Felix German Memorial Tuesday
 Night Marathon FIDE-rated

Friday, November 25

2022 Peoples Class Warfare Class
 Championship
 2022 Kids u1000 Championship
 2022 Girls Championship
 Kids Blitz (u1000)

2022 Peoples Class Warfare Class
 Championship

Saturday, November 26

2022 Peoples Class Warfare Class
 Championship
 Kids Quads (BAC @ South Milpitas)
 Kids C4L Quads (BAC @ South Milpitas)
 Kids Swiss (BAC @ South Milpitas)
 2022 Peoples Class Warfare Class
 Championship

Sunday, November 27

2022 Peoples Class Warfare Class
 Championship
 Kids Swiss (BAC @ South Milpitas)
 Kids C4L Hexes (BAC @ South Milpitas)
 Kids Quads (BAC @ South Milpitas)
 2022 Peoples Class Warfare Class
 Championship

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Tuesday, November 29

Felix German Memorial Tuesday
Night Marathon FIDE-rated

Saturday, December 3

Kids Quads (BAC @ North Milpitas)

Kids Quads (BAC @ Palo Alto)

Kids C4L Hexes (BAC @ North
Milpitas)

Kids Swiss (BAC @ North Milpitas)

CashDay Swiss G/60 +5 (BAC @
North Milpitas)

21th Guthrie McClain Memorial
Championship

Tuesday, December 6

Felix German Memorial Tuesday
Night Marathon FIDE-rated

Saturday, December 10

Hamilton Winter Scholastic
Championship

Mechanics' Institute Monthly
Scholastic Swiss - IN PERSON

Berkeley Weekender G/90:+30 @

Berkeley Chess School in Berkeley
Mechanics' Championship Quads

Sunday, December 11

Berkeley Weekender G/90:+30 @

Berkeley Chess School in Berkeley

Tuesday, December 13

Felix German Memorial Tuesday
Night Marathon FIDE-rated

Saturday, December 17

4th Annual Donaldson Championship
FIDE-rated

Sunday, December 18

4th Annual Donaldson Championship
FIDE-rated

Tuesday, December 20

Felix German Memorial Tuesday
Night Marathon FIDE-rated



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