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Rank	Player	Rating	Rank	Player	Rating
1	FM Atulya Shetty	2465	51	Barry Endsley	2000
2	FM Seth Homa	2429	52	Alan Gregg	2000
3	Aaron Kahn	2418	53	Morgan Everett	2000
4	FM Nikhilesh Kunche	2376	54	Eric Larson	1996
5	Safal Bora	2334	55	Gregory Bailey	1995
6	Edward Song	2303	56	Gary Pratt	1987
7	FM David Sprenkle	2252	57	Loyd Gentry	1985
8	Jiaxu Ye	2243	58	Andrew Catlin	1978
9	Michael Bowersock	2229	59	Justin Chen	1978
10	Eric Fischvogt	2223	60	Jacob Fortuna	1975
11	Thomas Hartwig	2209	61	Michael R Smith	1974
12	Kevin Noren	2200	62	Fan Ye	1963
13	Kevin Czuhai	2200	63	Michael Dang	1958
14	John Brooks	2191	64	Jean-Paul Pegeron	1956
15	Eugene Brumley	2182	65	Raymond Garrison	1952
16	Ameer Ghobrial	2181	66	Shawn Bale	1949
17	Timothy McGrew	2181	67	Michael A Smith	1941
18	Ariel Levi	2180	68	Kameron Tolliver	1931
19	Zhenhua Chen	2169	69	Joshua Posthuma	1931
20	Ratko Bojanovic	2168	70	Allen Wickering	1930
21	Jalen Wang	2158	71	Kiran Bemarkar	1930
22	Michael Chen	2153	72	Kyle Webster	1927
23	Evgeniy Khain	2138	73	Kevin Jackson Sr	1926
24	Anthony Nichols	2135	74	Ashley Carter	1925
25	Robert O'Donnell	2131	75	Phil Roe	1925
26	Jason Whitten	2128	76	Joel Halloran	1916
27	Bronson Gentry	2127	77	Jennifer Skidmore	1913
28	Apurva Virkud	2120	78	Gene Hickey	1913
29	Manis Davidovich	2116	79	Manmohan Das	1902
30	FM Andrew Hubbard	2106	80	Stanley Jarosz Jr	1900
31	Howard Bromberg	2105	81	Zoran Stojanovski	1900
32	Matthew Sellers	2101	82	Tony West	1898
33	David Hahn	2100	83	Gary Robinson	1894
34	Alexander Deatrick	2093	84	Isaac Zylstra	1893
35	FM Ibrahim Chahrour	2078	85	Tom Manion	1890
36	Cornel Ferenti	2077	86	Don Vandivier	1890
37	Tony Palmer	2073	87	Matthew Trujillo	1889
38	Martijn Otten	2057	88	Daniel Libby	1884
39	Ben Li	2055	89	Rob Drake	1876
40	Salah Chehayeb	2042	90	Ronald Williams	1869
41	William Rhee	2029	91	Douglas Fick	1866
42	Benjamin Brandt	2024	92	Andrew Schremser	1866
43	Justin Brown	2016	93	Mandy Lu	1858
44	Daniel Sajkowski	2010	94	Todd McAuliffe	1858
45	Peter Chen	2008	95	Frederick Lahr	1856
46	Ricardo Lastra	2007	96	Gary Kitts	1855
47	Jeff Aldrich	2005	97	Michael Marson	1855
48	Reynaldo Santiago	2001	98	Thomas Triplett	1854
49	Ron Finegold	2000	99	Mengshuang Li	1853
50	John Drexel	2000	100	Bryan Wilson	1842

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2013 Michigan Open	FM Seth Homa
2013 Michigan Open Reserve	Julian Wellman
2013 Michigan Open Booster	Forest Zhang
2013 Michigan Amateur	Peter Chen
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2013 Expert Champion	Thomas Hartwig
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2013 Class B Champion	Joshua Posthuma
2013 Class C Champion	Scott Faust
2013 Class D Champion	Sasha Konovalenko
2013 Class E Champion	Adam DeHollander
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2013 Bottom-Half Class Over 1900	FM David Sprinkle
2013 Bottom-Half Class U1900	Loren Schwiebert
2013 Bottom-Half Class U1700	Robert Savage
2013 Bottom-Half Class U1500	Kyle Schwiebert
2013 Bottom-Half Class U1300	Charles Cassidy
2013 Bottom-Half Class U1100	Theodore Gregg
2012 Michigan Action	IM Bogdan Vioreau
2012 Michigan Quick	FM Atulya Shetty
2012 Michigan Speed	FM Atulya Shetty
2013 Senior Champion	Eric Fischvogt
2013 Senior Reserve Champion	Ruben Ramon
2011 Michigan Correspondence	Barry Endsley Eric Fischvogt
2012 Michigan Women's	Jennifer Skidmore
2012 Michigan Women's Reserve	Anna Sun
2013 Primary K-3 Team	Bloomfield Hills Roeper F
2013 Primary K-3 Team Reserve	Detroit Chrysler
2013 Elementary K-5 Team	Troy Barnard A
2013 Elementary K-5 Team Reserve	Detroit Chrysler Bishops
2013 Elementary K-6 Team	Redford Washington Parks
2013 Junior High K-9 Team	Detroit Spain Implods 1
2013 Junior High K-9 Team Reserve	Detroit Spain Implods 2 Sterling Heights Schuchard Detroit Cornerstone Green
2013 High School 9-12 Team	Ann Arbor Huron River Rats
2013 High School K-12 Team Reserve	Ann Arbor Huron Gold
2013 Michigan Junior	Safal Bora
2013 Michigan Young Junior	Edward Song
2013 Michigan Young Junior Reserve	Ishan Patke
2013 Michigan Children's	Bryan Wilson Jr
2013 Michigan Children's Reserve	Jonathan Laier
2013 Michigan Young Children's	Anthony Liao
2013 Michigan Young Children's Reserve	Alexander Bauer
2013 Michigan Collegiate	Ashley Carter
2012 Scholastic Club K-12 Team	Ann Arbor Huron
2012 Scholastic Club K-12 Individual	Jalen Wang
2012 Scholastic Club K-8 Team	Troy All-Stars
2012 Scholastic Club K-8 Individual	Ben Li Daniel Motoc
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2012 Scholastic Club K-5 Individual	Brian Wilson Jr Josiah Smith
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Editor's Column

I want to put out a special thank you to a couple of players that have answered my call for help with annotations. Tim McGrew and Peter Chen have agreed to help out and both annotated Michigan Open games for this issue. Also, Doug Fick has helped out with entering games from the yellow scoresheets that you turn in at tournaments.

Thanks to our new Michigan Open Champion, FM Seth Homa, for sending in his games from the tournament and annotating several, including his tournament winning game against GM Ben Finegold. We are always open players sending in their own games, especially, from our events where the titled players and 2200+ players are receiving free entry. We want strong players to come play in our event and we would like to get an annotated game or two from those of you who take advantage of this discount.

Even if you are not comfortable annotating games, please e-mail me your games for our MCA Championship events. For all game, article, and piture submissions to the magazine, please use the michessmag@gmail.com e-mail account.

Our next issue will focus on coverage of Alan Kaufman's International Festival. With the strong FIDE Norm Possible event, there should be more interesting games to choose from than ever.

Jeff Aldrich

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MICHIGAN CHESS ASSOCIATION

2013 Michigan Open

A few years ago, we found out that the geographical center of USCF members in Michigan was Livonia. Well, this year, we finally put the Michigan Open in Livonia at the Marriott and it was a great success. A total of 228 players competed in the event which was a good amount larger than last year's 205 in Troy. Therefore, it was the largest Michigan Open since the early 1990's. Jeff Aldrich was the Chief TD this year, helped out by Barry Hawver as the assistant.

Winning his first Michigan Open, with an upset of GM Ben Finegold in the final round, was FM Seth Homa. Finishing clear second was FM Atulya Shetty.

Final Round Post Analysis: Seth and Ben played the last game of the tournament, so they were able to spend a little time analyzing their game in the tournament hall as many spectators look on, including MCA President, Jennifer Skidmore. *Photo courtesy of Rose Homa.*

Here are a few more of the faces from the event courtesy of Rose Homa:

2013 Michigan Open - Open Section Standings

No.	Name	Rating	Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd 3	Rd 4	Rd 5	Rd 6	Rd 7	Score
1	Seth Homa	2386	W37	W4	W24	W17	D2	W3	W5	6.5
2	Atulya Shetty	2461	W27	W33	W42	W3	D1	D5	W8	6.0
3	Edward Song	2311	W31	W29	W11	L2	W27	L1	W17	5.0
4	Ben Li	2037	W41	L1	D18	W31	W30	W22	D7	5.0
5	Benjamin Finegold	2561	W43	W52	W28	½	W6	D2	L1	5.0
6	Alexander Deatrick	2054	D26	W60	W22	W16	L5	W35	D9	5.0
7	Tony Palmer	2074	W54	D32	D14	D30	W18	W11	D4	5.0
8	John Brooks	2184	W56	L28	W37	W24	W23	W17	L2	5.0
9	Apurva Virkud	2078	W55	D44	D23	W25	D11	W14	D6	5.0
10	Manis Davidovich	2082	W40	L24	W52	L11	W43	W37	W22	5.0
11	Michael R Smith	1882	WF	W12	L3	W10	D9	L7	W33	4.5
12	Frederick Kleist	2050	W21	L11	W38	L14	W32	D34	W35	4.5
13	David Hahn	2107	L18	W54	D31	W26	D42	D27	W23	4.5
14	Raymond Garrison	1842	½	W57	D7	W12	½	L9	W29	4.5
15	Andrew Hubbard	2124	L25	W40	W36	L35	½	W19	W27	4.5
16	Evgeniy Khain	2139	W61	W18	½	L6	½	D29	W28	4.5
17	Ariel Levi	2186	W38	W53	W19	L1	W33	L8	L3	4.0
18	Kiran Bemarkar	1810	W13	L16	D4	W57	L7	D36	W39	4.0
19	Vijay Sriram	1547	W39	W36	L17	L23	W53	L15	W43	4.0
20	Michael Dang	1952	L32	W59	D34	L22	½	W45	W26	4.0
21	Zachary Smith	1760	L12	L37	L43	W54	W48	W53	W36	4.0
22	Robert O'Donnell	2152	W30	½	L6	W20	W28	L4	L10	3.5
23	Kyle Webster	1891	D57	W45	D9	W19	L8	D33	L13	3.5
24	Kameron Tolliver	1883	W34	W10	L1	L8	½	L26	W44	3.5

Final Round Board 2: John Brooks takes FM Atulya Shetty while many other Open section games trail off in the background.

Young Players Intensely Concentrating

A few games from the Reserve Section.

Off to the Left is Reserve Champion, Julian Wellman, starting a critical Round 6 game.

25	Andrew Schremser	1831	W15	L42	W29	L9	D49	D39	D32	3.5
26	Frederick Lahr	1800	D6	L49	W50	L13	W31	W24	L20	3.5
27	Justin Chen	2014	L2	W55	W58	W32	L3	D13	L15	3.5
28	Salah Chehayeb	2031	W47	W8	L5	½	L22	W30	L16	3.5
29	Gregory Bailey	2033	W48	L3	L25	W40	W44	D16	L14	3.5
30	Tom Manion	1854	L22	W47	W49	D7	L4	L28	W45	3.5
31	Michael A Smith	1913	L3	W46	D13	L4	L26	W55	W47	3.5
32	Harrison He	1720	W20	D7	½	L27	L12	W52	D25	3.5
33	Vladimir Drkulec	2053	W46	L2	W56	W44	L17	D23	L11	3.5
34	Jalen Wang	2167	L24	W43	D20	W45	D35	D12	---	3.5
35	Matthew Trujillo	1822	½	½	W53	W15	D34	L6	L12	3.5
36	Manmohan Das	1928	W59	L19	L15	D46	W55	D18	L21	3.0
37	Ricardo Lastra	2003	L1	W21	L8	W38	WF	L10	---	3.0
38	Ronald Williams	1880	L17	W48	L12	L37	L41	W46	W53	3.0
39	Jennifer Skidmore	1932	L19	D50	L45	W58	W46	D25	L18	3.0
40	Jordan Carney	1803	L10	L15	W59	L29	W58	W41	---	3.0
41	Justin Liang	1647	L4	L56	Bye	L53	W38	L40	W54	3.0
42	William Rhee	2016	W50	W25	L2	½	D13	---	---	3.0
43	Joshua Posthuma	1906	L5	L34	W21	W48	L10	D44	L19	2.5
44	Brandon O'Neil	1723	W49	D9	D51	L33	L29	D43	L24	2.5
45	Alan Sun	1707	½	L23	W39	L34	W56	L20	L30	2.5
46	Evan Hawver	1796	L33	L31	W61	D36	L39	L38	W55	2.5
47	Soumya Kulkarni	1769	L28	L30	D55	W60	L52	W56	L31	2.5
48	John Thurman	1605	L29	L38	W54	L43	L21	D50	Bye	2.5
49	Morgan Everett	2042	L44	W26	L30	W52	D25	---	---	2.5
50	Ricky Warnicke	1759	L42	D39	L26	L55	½	D48	W58	2.5
51	Ibrahim Chahrour	2250	L52	W61	D44	½	LF	½	---	2.5
52	Stanley Jarosz	1900	W51	L5	L10	L49	W47	L32	---	2.0
53	Jean-Paul Pegeron	2024	W58	L17	L35	W41	L19	L21	L38	2.0
54	Michael Skidmore	1800	L7	L13	L48	L21	W60	W58	L41	2.0
55	Loren Schwiebert	1831	L9	L27	D47	W50	L36	L31	L46	1.5
56	Donald Darbro	1878	L8	W41	L33	½	L45	L47	---	1.5
57	Kevin Noren	2200	D23	L14	W60	L18	---	---	---	1.5
58	Mervin Draper	1137	L53	Bye	L27	L39	L40	L54	L50	1.0
59	Mohammad Chahrour	Unr	L36	L20	L40	½	---	½	---	1.0
60	Frederick Kung	1783	½	L6	L57	L47	L54	---	---	0.5
61	Mandy Lu	1923	L16	L51	L46	---	---	---	---	0.0

1st U2000: Michael R Smith

1st U1900 Ray Garrison

Upset Prize Rd 1-2:
Vijay Sriram

Upset Prize Rd 5-6:
Zachary Smith

2013 Michigan Open - Open Section Prizewinners

2nd Place: Atulya Shetty

3rd Place: Edward Song

1st U2200: Ben Li

1st U2100 Alexander Deatrick

2013 Michigan Open - Reserve Section Standings

No.	Name	Rating	Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd 3	Rd 4	Rd 5	Rd 6	Rd 7	Score
1	Julian Wellman	1673	W83	W49	W22	D3	W15	W2	W7	6.5
2	Chris Schmidt	1687	W76	W55	W28	W9	W4	L1	W3	6.0
3	James Karakos	1543	W58	W20	W27	D1	W10	W8	L2	5.5
4	Jeffrey Guilfoyle	1765	W57	W19	D18	W30	L2	W17	W9	5.5
5	Sasha Konovalenko	1455	W79	W38	W26	D15	L8	W41	W16	5.5
6	Dwayne Bard	1433	D39	W57	L16	W56	W38	W18	W15	5.5
7	Jonathan Gorman	1742	W53	W12	L9	W52	W19	W11	L1	5.0
8	Jeff Futrell	1676	W60	D41	W29	W16	W5	L3	D13	5.0
9	Paris Coleman	1645	W80	W40	W7	L2	W61	W31	L4	5.0
10	Justin Aldrich	1680	W63	W13	D30	W18	L3	D32	W31	5.0
11	Brad Beagle	1615	W17	W75	L52	W76	W39	L7	W32	5.0
12	Rohan Talukdar	1614	W67	L7	W42	L17	W80	W35	W27	5.0
13	Patrick Kinnicutt	1460	W70	L10	W90	D38	W46	W26	D8	5.0
14	David Stockman	1570	W37	L29	D56	W62	½	W47	W28	5.0
15	Anthony Holden	1565	W44	W23	W54	D5	L1	W22	L6	4.5
16	Marcus Badgett	1481	½	W33	W6	L8	W34	W43	L5	4.5
17	Adam Gaisinsky	1210	L11	W92	W40	W12	W28	L4	D34	4.5
18	Surya Parasuraman	1554	W87	W34	D4	L10	W51	L6	W42	4.5
19	Joy Chen	1559	W82	L4	W70	W35	L7	W39	D20	4.5
20	Manuel Kaner	1627	W84	L3	L44	W68	W62	W54	D19	4.5
21	Ronald Grzegorczyk	1589	L33	W73	W24	L61	W60	D42	W48	4.5
22	Mike Nikitin	1513	W71	W91	L1	WF	D43	L15	W44	4.5
23	Akash Narayanan	1441	W66	L15	W59	D41	L26	W70	W43	4.5
24	Henry Zhang	1218	L26	W93	L21	W66	D40	W55	W41	4.5
25	Paul Zaczkowski	903	L40	W74	L53	D55	W91	W57	W64	4.5
26	Noel Bedy	1557	W24	W86	L5	D29	W23	L13	D33	4.0
27	Jewell Morris	1724	W47	W61	L3	L54	W36	W30	L12	4.0
28	Kevin Wang	1623	W74	W42	L2	W80	L17	W61	L14	4.0
29	Sam Costanzo	1449	W77	W14	L8	D26	L41	D36	W58	4.0
30	Eugene McClure	1522	W73	W35	D10	L4	½	L27	W62	4.0
31	George Avery Jones	1608	D62	W69	W45	D39	W54	L9	L10	4.0
32	Austin Ye	1551	W78	D45	L39	W84	W44	D10	L11	4.0
33	Jason Zheng	1217	W21	L16	L38	W90	D53	W40	D26	4.0
34	Tim Kuhn	1653	W93	L18	W48	½	L16	W63	D17	4.0
35	Nick Konovalenko	1427	W90	L30	W71	L19	W78	L12	W65	4.0
36	Christian Hausner	1183	L38	D79	W87	W45	L27	D29	W53	4.0
37	Bruce Webster	1188	L14	L77	L58	W82	W90	W81	W54	4.0
38	Jeannie Zhang	1568	W36	L5	W33	D13	L6	L48	W72	3.5
39	George Goeminne	Unr	D6	W50	W32	D31	L11	L19	D45	3.5

40	Jacob Crandell	1533	W25	L9	L17	W72	D24	L33	W70	3.5
41	Kyle Schwiebert	1557	W88	D8	½	D23	W29	L5	L24	3.5
42	Saurabh Jha	1389	W43	L28	L12	W81	W65	D21	L18	3.5
43	Mike Day	1652	L42	W89	W46	W53	D22	L16	L23	3.5
44	Robert McLean	1245	L15	W66	W20	½	L32	W49	L22	3.5
45	Ayush Das	1411	W59	D32	L31	L36	W89	D64	D39	3.5
46	Gary Swathell	1600	W72	D52	L43	W89	L13	D50	D51	3.5
47	Michael Motoc	1353	L27	W85	L86	W79	W58	L14	D50	3.5
48	Jason Ye	1323	L64	W68	L34	D71	W87	W38	L21	3.5
49	Christopher Hausner	1466	W56	L1	½	L51	W59	L44	W71	3.5
50	Robert Ellis	1345	L86	L39	D79	W88	W56	D46	D47	3.5
51	John Ryskamp	1263	L91	D87	W88	W49	L18	D53	D46	3.5
52	Krishna Venkatasubba	1734	W92	D46	W11	L7	½	½	---	3.5
53	Karthik Vuyyuru	1472	L7	W67	W25	L43	D33	D51	L36	3.0
54	Daniel Motoc	1509	W68	W64	L15	W27	L31	L20	L37	3.0
55	Mani Veerappan	1562	W65	L2	L80	D25	W73	L24	D56	3.0
56	Connor Linn	1042	L49	W83	D14	L6	L50	W74	D55	3.0
57	Carol Mayer-Kleist	1400	L4	L6	L73	W69	W79	L25	W78	3.0
58	Kenneth Lambdin	1037	L3	L84	W37	W91	L47	W78	L29	3.0
59	Zade Koch	Unr	L45	W78	L23	D63	L49	W89	D67	3.0
60	Aiden Song	1300	L8	D88	W69	D64	L21	L65	W77	3.0
61	Allan Watts	1504	W85	L27	W77	W21	L9	L28	---	3.0
62	Eric Zhong	1245	D31	½	W91	L14	L20	W77	L30	3.0
63	Daniel Hou	1313	L10	L70	W85	D59	W71	L34	D66	3.0
64	William Prusaitis	1686	W48	L54	D84	D60	½	D45	L25	3.0
65	Joshua Song	1053	L55	L80	Bye	W92	L42	W60	L35	3.0
66	Sid Byrapaneni	902	L23	L44	Bye	L24	D74	W88	D63	3.0
67	Siddharth Jha	1153	L12	L53	L92	W75	½	W87	D59	3.0
68	Thomas Hosmer	1130	L54	L48	W82	L20	L81	W90	W83	3.0
69	Kamauri Washington	1088	½	L31	L60	L57	D83	W91	W82	3.0
70	Micale Garland	1004	L13	W63	L19	½	W84	L23	L40	2.5
71	Karina Galushku	966	L22	W82	L35	D48	L63	W73	L49	2.5
72	Anthony Liao	1148	L46	L76	W74	L40	½	W75	L38	2.5
73	Paul Mills	1165	L30	L21	W57	½	L55	L71	W87	2.5
74	Timothy Heller	1231	L28	L25	L72	Bye	D66	L56	W81	2.5
75	Shivam Jha	694	W81	L11	L89	L67	½	L72	W88	2.5
76	Marilyn Smith	1458	L2	W72	W81	L11	½	---	---	2.5
77	Sudharsan Srinivasan	820	L29	W37	L61	L78	W85	L62	L60	2.0
78	Christian Yanish	1174	L32	L59	W83	W77	L35	L58	L57	2.0
79	Robby Riles	996	L5	D36	D50	L47	L57	L82	Bye	2.0
80	Ed Mandell	1346	L9	W65	W55	L28	L12	---	---	2.0
81	Sean McCormick	575	L75	Bye	L76	L42	W68	L37	L74	2.0
82	Arjun Bajaj	1232	L19	L71	L68	L37	Bye	W79	L69	2.0
83	Josiah Smith	1311	L1	L56	L78	½	D69	W85	L68	2.0
84	Gary Ugrinovskiy	1286	L20	W58	D64	L32	L70	½	---	2.0
85	Jade Ge	1101	L61	L47	L63	Bye	L77	L83	W90	2.0
86	Raymond Burwell	1730	W50	L26	W47	LF	---	---	---	2.0
87	Arnav Nadgir	1038	L18	D51	L36	W93	L48	L67	L73	1.5
88	Madhav Ramesh	1133	L41	D60	L51	L50	W93	L66	L75	1.5
89	Alex Guo	1066	½	L43	W75	L46	L45	L59	---	1.5
90	Srihari Srinivasan	635	L35	Bye	L13	L33	L37	L68	L85	1.0
91	Norman Haygood	1600	W51	L22	L62	L58	L25	L69	---	1.0
92	Nathan Wood	1462	L52	L17	W67	L65	---	---	---	1.0
93	James O'Neil	1294	L34	L24	½	L87	L88	---	---	0.5

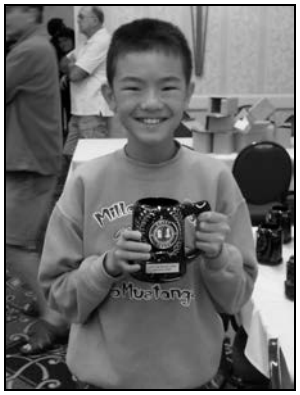
2013 Michigan Open - Reserve Section Prizewinners

1st U1500: Dwayne Bard

1st U1400: Adam Gaisinsky

1st U1300: Henry Zhang

1st U1200: Paul Zaczkowski



Upset Prize Rounds 1-2:
Jason Zhang

Upset Prize Rounds 3-4:
Ken Lambdin

3rd Place: James Karakos

1st U1600: Sasha Konovalenko

Upset Prize Rounds 5-6:
Paul Zaczkowski

2013 Michigan Open - Booster Section Standings

No.	Name	Rating	Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd 3	Rd 4	Rd 5	Rd 6	Rd 7	Score
1	Forest Zhang	1151	W58	W29	D4	W8	W9	W7	W5	6.5
2	Tony Zhao	1169	W54	W25	W23	W17	L3	W15	W11	6.0
3	Dipankar Roy	1055	W24	W42	W16	W43	W2	L5	W9	6.0
4	Jason Ouyang	693	W69	W22	D1	W32	L5	W17	W19	5.5
5	Diallo Smith	1166	W44	W55	W11	½	W4	W3	L1	5.5
6	Justin Kelm	1068	½	W14	L8	W27	W35	W10	W18	5.5
7	Anvit Rao	1090	W30	L15	W12	W39	W26	L1	W23	5.0
8	Nathan Ouyang	950	L21	W57	W6	L1	W34	W33	W26	5.0
9	Jason Jiang	1003	W40	W37	W50	W21	L1	W23	L3	5.0
10	Steven Fu	499	L16	Bye	W44	W13	W12	L6	W22	5.0
11	Anna Sun	1031	W52	W35	L5	W51	W25	W22	L2	5.0
12	Yashwant Dubbaka	867	W68	W28	L7	W45	L10	W27	W31	5.0
13	Jared Ge	1036	W45	W59	L43	L10	W24	W30	W25	5.0
14	Michael Lu	356	W56	L6	W37	L26	W60	W44	W35	5.0
15	Daniel Khain	945	W65	W7	½	W28	½	L2	W21	5.0
16	Saket Kulkarni	840	W10	W39	L3	D35	W28	L18	W36	4.5
17	Laurence Yang	999	W48	W53	W38	L2	D36	L4	W37	4.5
18	Matthew Arteaga	Unr	L63	W60	W30	W42	D19	W16	L6	4.5
19	Julia Shen	867	W57	W72	L21	W40	D18	W36	L4	4.5
20	Nicholas Huang	932	W47	L21	W54	L36	W39	D37	W40	4.5
21	Dorian Smalley	569	W8	W20	W19	L9	L22	W32	L15	4.0
22	Ben Li	940	W27	L4	W34	W53	W21	L11	L10	4.0
23	Noah Luntzlara	843	W46	W34	L2	W50	W43	L9	L7	4.0
24	Walter Linn	729	L3	W31	L35	W52	L13	W57	W49	4.0
25	Manish Karir	775	W67	L2	W62	W38	L11	W42	L13	4.0
26	Joshua Lee	832	W66	L38	W48	W14	L7	W43	L8	4.0
27	Robert Liu	547	L22	W74	W29	L6	W51	L12	W44	4.0
28	Torrance Henry	1045	W33	L12	W63	L15	L16	W45	W50	4.0
29	Justin Wu	806	W49	L1	L27	W57	W47	L31	W52	4.0
30	Michael Thomas	782	L7	W73	L18	W68	W46	L13	W47	4.0
31	Julius Allbee	510	L42	L24	W73	W59	W53	W29	L12	4.0
32	Sai Vepa	899	W62	L50	W58	L4	W45	L21	W48	4.0
33	Charisse Woods	729	L28	W65	L42	W71	W38	L8	W43	4.0
34	Michelle Tao	653	W74	L23	L22	W72	L8	W66	W42	4.0
35	Theodore Gregg	1092	W51	L11	W24	D16	L6	W58	L14	3.5
36	Uma Sriram	692	L38	W46	W64	W20	D17	L19	L16	3.5
37	Ryan Wu	660	W64	L9	L14	W62	W55	D20	L17	3.5
38	Rohit Ray	Unr	W36	W26	L17	L25	L33	D39	W58	3.5
39	Samuel Thompson	589	WF	L16	W59	L7	L20	D38	W60	3.5
40	Zachary Massat	609	L9	W67	W41	L19	½	W59	L20	3.5
41	Alexander Boyd	837	L72	W49	L40	L47	½	W63	W46	3.5
42	Brian Wu	996	W31	L3	W33	L18	W50	L25	L34	3.0
43	Mukund Jayaraju	Unr	W60	W63	W13	L3	L23	L26	L33	3.0
44	Chauncey Beard	836	L5	W71	L10	W70	W48	L14	L27	3.0
45	Luke Hausner	589	L13	W70	W55	L12	L32	L28	W64	3.0
46	Ethan Guo	490	L23	L36	W69	W54	L30	W56	L41	3.0
47	Parker Frye	546	L20	L64	W67	W41	L29	W51	L30	3.0
48	Caleb Kushner	574	L17	W69	L26	W64	L44	W55	L32	3.0
49	Rebecca Young	446	L29	L41	W56	L58	W63	W54	L24	3.0
50	Jacob Glenn	668	WF	W32	L9	L23	L42	W62	L28	3.0
51	Jalen Woods	794	L35	W52	W68	L11	L27	L47	W66	3.0
52	Bryce Bottesi	533	L11	L51	W65	L24	W70	W53	L29	3.0
53	Tai Karir	773	W61	L17	W72	L22	L31	L52	W67	3.0
54	Elijah Spratt	647	L2	W66	L20	L46	W65	L49	W70	3.0
55	Justin Song	1008	W73	L5	L45	W63	L37	L48	W62	3.0
56	Jahlin Brooks	715	L14	L62	L49	W66	W61	L46	W65	3.0
57	Sherrye Ye	509	L19	L8	W61	L29	W71	L24	D59	2.5
58	Morgan Ross	616	L1	W61	L32	W49	½	L35	L38	2.5
59	Sriamsha Dubbaka	887	W70	L13	L39	L31	W72	L40	D57	2.5
60	Michael Aldrich	670	L43	L18	D71	W73	L14	W68	L39	2.5
61	Yamini Vepa	359	L53	L58	L57	W74	L56	½	W68	2.5
62	Zion Johnson	517	L32	W56	L25	L37	W69	L50	L55	2.0
63	Aditya Bajaj	668	W18	L43	L28	L55	L49	L41	W72	2.0
64	Jonathan Chen	Unr	L37	W47	L36	L48	L66	W72	L45	2.0
65	Zoe Patterson	342	L15	L33	L52	Bye	L54	W69	L56	2.0
66	Emily Song	466	L26	L54	W74	L56	W64	L34	L51	2.0
67	Hayley Chenfang	384	L25	L40	L47	L69	W74	W71	L53	2.0
68	Bryce Lapham	125	L12	Bye	L51	L30	W73	L60	L61	2.0
69	Kyle Frassetto	240	L4	L48	L46	W67	L62	L65	W74	2.0
70	Emily Kinnicutt	203	L59	L45	Bye	L44	L52	W74	L54	2.0
71	A.N. Deljevic	Unr	½	L44	D60	L33	L57	L67	W73	2.0
72	Megan Wu	466	W41	L19	L53	L34	L59	L64	L63	1.0
73	Harry Crouch	523	L55	L30	L31	L60	L68	Bye	L71	1.0
74	Ethan Chen	Unr	L34	L27	L66	L61	L67	L70	L69	0.0
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2nd Place: Tony Zhao

3rd Place: Dipankar Roy

1st U1000: Jason Ouyang

2nd U1000: Nathan Ouyang

1st U800: Steven Fu

2nd U800: Dorian Smalley

1st U600: Michael Lu

1st Unrated: Matthew Arteaga

Upset Prize Rounds 1-2:
Dorian Smalley

Upset Prize Rounds 3-4:
Steven Fu

Upset Prize Rounds 5-6:
Michael Lu

Ricardo Lastra (2003)
Seth Homa (2386)
Michigan Open (1), Livonia, MI, August 2013
Robatsch, B06
Notes by Seth Homa

1.e4 c5 2.c3 d5 3.exd5 Qxd5 4.d4 g6
IM Bindi Cheng used this line to good effect against me in the 2013 Philadelphia Open.]
5.Nf3 Bg7 6.dxc5 Qxc5 7.Be3 Qa5 8.Bc4 Nf6 9.0–0 0–0 10.Nbd2 Qc7 11.Re1 Nc6
Black's pieces have flown to natural squares while White's are all a bit clumsy. The position is roughly balanced.
12.h3 b6 13.Qe2 Bb7 14.Ba6 Bxa6 15.Qxa6 Nd5 16.Bg5 Rac8 17.Qc4 e6 18.Rad1
18.Qh4 Nce7! would repel White's threats.
18...h6 19.Bh4 b5!
Black's minority attack on the queenside (two pawns vs three) is set in motion.
20.Qg4 Nce7
Black's kingside pawns do a nice job of keeping White's pieces out.
21.Nd4 Qb6
Protecting the b5–pawn and preparing ...b4, when White's b2–c3–d4 chain would come under huge pressure.
22.Nc2?
Down to 9 minutes to reach move 40, White reacts much too passively. White's last chance to relieve the pressure was 22.Bxe7! Nxe7 although Black's position is nice in any case.; 22.Nxe6 would not work: 22...fxe6 23.Rxe6 *(*Or *23.Bxe7 Nxe7 24.Rxe6 Qxf2+)* 23...Rc6 24.Rde1 Rf4!
22...Nf5 23.Ne4?
The losing move. White had to try 23.Bg3
23...Rc4! 24.Bg3 Rxe4 25.Rxe4 Nf6!
The tactical point.
26.Rxe6
If 26.Qf3 Nxe4 27.Qxe4 Nxg3 Black is up a piece due to the pin.]
26...Qxe6 0–1

Ben Finegold (2561)
Joshua Posthuma (1906)
Michigan Open (1), Livonia, MI
August 2013
Queen's Gambit Declined: Pillsbury, D55

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 d5 4.Bg5 Be7 5.e3 0–0 6.Nf3 b6 7.Be2 Bb7 8.Bxf6 Bxf6 9.cxd5 exd5 10.b4 c5 11.bxc5 bxc5 12.Rb1 Qc7 13.0–0 Rc8 14.Qb3 cxd4 15.Nb5 Qd7 16.Nfxd4 Na6 17.Qd1 Nc5 18.Bg4 Ne6 19.Nxe6 fxe6 20.Nd4 Bxd4 21.exd4 Re8 22.Re1 Ba6 23.Rb3 Re7 24.Rbe3 Rae8 25.h4 Qd6 26.Re5 g6 27.h5 Kf7 28.Qd2 Bc8 29.Qh6 Kf6 30.R1e3 Rf7 31.Rf3+ Ke7 32.Rxf7+ Kxf7 33.Qxh7+ Kf6 34.Rg5 1–0

John Thurman (1605)
Greg Bailey (2033)
Michigan Open (1), Livonia, MI
August 2013
Nimzo-Indian: Rubinstein, E40
Notes by Doug Fick

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.e3 Bxc3+ 5.bxc3 c5 6.d5 e5 7.Ne2 0–0 8.Ng3 d6 9.e4 Qa5 10.Qc2 Bd7 11.a4 Na6 12.Bd3 Rfb8 13.Bg5 Ne8 14.0–0 f6 15.Be3 Qd8 16.f4 Qe7 17.fxe5 dxe5 18.Nf5 Bxf5 19.exf5 Nd6 20.Qe2 Re8 21.Rae1 Qd7 22.Bc2 Re7 23.g4 Rae8 24.Kh1 b6 25.Ra1 Nb7 26.Be4 Na5 27.Qa2 Nc7 28.Rg1 Rd8 29.g5 Ne8 30.Rae1 Kh8 31.gxf6 gxf6 32.Bh6 Ng7 33.Ref1 Rg8 34.Rg4 Ne8 35.Rxg8+ Kxg8 36.Rg1+ Ng7 37.d6 Qxd6 38.Bd5+ Kh8 39.Qg2 Qc7
White to play. Can you find the move that leads to a 400 point upset?
40.Qe4
40.Bf7 Rxf7 41.Qa8+ and Black is mated after choosing how many pieces to throw uselessly in the way.
40...Qd7 41.Rg3
Bf7 leads to the same mate in the previous note.
41...Qc8 42.Qg4 Qc7 43.Qe4 Qc8 44.Qg4 Qd7 45.Qe4 Qc7 46.Kg2 Nb7 47.Qh4 Qd6 48.Bxg7+
48.Kh1 Nd8 49.Bxg7+ Rxg7 50.Qxh7+ Kxh7 51.Rh3# is a rather cute mate pointed out by Mr Fritz.
48...Rxg7 49.Rxg7 Kxg7 50.Bxb7 Qd7 51.Qg4+ Kh6 52.Bd5 Qxa4 53.Bf3 Qc2+ 54.Kh3 Qxc3 55.Qh4+ Kg7 56.Qg4+ Kf8 57.Kh4 Qd4 58.Kh5 Qxg4+ 59.Kxg4 Kg7 60.Be2 Kh6 61.h4 Kg7 62.Kg3 Kf7 63.Kf3 Ke7 64.Ke4 Kd6 65.Bd1 b5 66.cxb5 c4 67.h5 h6 68.Be2 Kc5 69.Bd1 Kxb5 70.Kd5 c3 0–1
Here White resigned according to the scoresheet but the position is drawn. Analysis by Fritz. 71.Ke6 a5 [All other moves lose. 72.Kxf6 a4 73.Kg7 (73.Kxe5? a3! and Black wins due to White's king being placed on the long diagonal. 74.f6 a2 75.Be2+ Ka5 76.f7 a1Q 77.f8Q c2+ 78.Kf5 c1Q–+) 73...a3 74.f6 a2 75.Be2+ Ka4 76.Bd1+ Ka5 77.f7 a1Q 78.f8Q Qxd1 79.Qc5+ and White gives perpetual check.

Seth Homa (2386)
Ben Li (2037)
Michigan Open (2), Livonia, MI
August 2013
Queen's Gambit Declined, D30
Notes by Seth Homa

Ben Li is yet another one of Michigan's many promising young players. He finished with an awesome result: 5.0/7! That put him in a tie for 3rd overall with

seven other players. In this game he shows how tough he is to beat!

1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.Nf3 Nf6 4.e3 e6

Black shows a willingness to enter the Meran, a sharp and immensely theoretical line of the Slav Defense.

5.b3

A quiet line but not one without poison. Such an approach was advocated in GM Avrukh's 1.d4 repertoire books.

5...Nbd7 6.Bd3 Bd6 7.0–0 Qe7 8.Bb2 0–0 9.Nbd2 e5!?

An interesting approach that I was not familiar with. Black wants to free his position and White must be very careful not to allow too many exchanges.

10.e4!

Strong. White is counting on his lead in development. Only 10.dxe5 had been played by Grandmasters according to my database. This confuses me as it seems after 10...Nxe5 11.Nxe5 Bxe5 12.Bxe5 Qxe5 White has no advantage at all and has very little left to trouble Black with.; Just bad is 10.cxd5? e4! 11.dxc6 bxc6 and Black wins a piece.

10...dxe4

The correct response. White's main idea was that 10...exd4 11.exd5 cxd5 12.Re1! Qd8 13.cxd5 Nxd5 14.Bxd4 should be advantageous to White as Black must still untangle his queenside pieces while White's pieces are ready to rumble.; Just bad is 10...dxc4 11.Nxc4 and Black's center will be overrun.

11.Nxe4 Nxe4

Or 11...exd4 12.Nxd6 Qxd6 13.Bxd4 with the bishop pair in an open position.

12.Bxe4

White has come out of the opening with a definite pull.

12...f5?

This should have ended the game very quickly but I missed a shot.

13.dxe5!

An in-between move! Not 13.Bc2 e4! and Black is better.

13...Nxe5 14.Bc2?

This is enough to keep a slight pull, but White had a knockout blow here. 14.Bxe5! Bxe5 15.Bd5+!! Kh8 I cut off my calculations after this move. *(15...cxd5 16.Qxd5+ Kh8 17.Qxe5* etc.*)* 16.Re1! and White comes out with extra material and a dominating position.

14...Nxf3+ 15.Qxf3

Who do you think is better in this position? I wouldn't be surprised if many people answered Black. However, the far advanced f-pawn actually creates problems for the second player. It exposes his king ever-so-slightly and locks in the c8–bishop. Meanwhile, White's bishops are firing quite nicely and he can jump into the center with his rooks next.

15...Qc7 16.h3 Be6

A bad positional decision would have been to exchange the dark-squared bishops with 16...Be5? 17.Bxe5 Qxe5 18.Rae1 Qf6 19.Qf4 as Black would have had no pawns left to control the weak dark squares within his camp.

17.Rfe1 Rae8 18.Re2!

Intending to double rooks on the e-file. Black has to worry about the protection of his f5–pawn if he tries to exchange off all the rooks. 18.Rxe6 was very tempting but it lacked enough punch. For example: 18...Rxe6 19.Bxf5 Rg6 and it's White who has to worry about his own king, especially around the f2–square.

18...Qf7

Note that 18...g6 would secure f5 but lose the king to 19.Qc3! This line highlights Black's difficulties.

19.Rae1 Bc8

Black uses some backrank tactics to keep his f5–pawn alive. Again, White does not worry about Black exchanging dark-squared bishops with 19...Bb4 20.Bc3 Bxc3 21.Qxc3 for the same reasons as before.

20.Qc3!

And now White uses tactics to keep Black from trading off all the rooks. 20.Rxe8 Rxe8 21.Rxe8+ Qxe8 22.Bxf5?? Qe1#; Rybka says 20.c5! was even stronger.

20...Rxe2 21.Rxe2

Black's position still seems basically sound but it isn't easy to defend.

21...Rd8

Intending ...Bf8, after which I didn't see a way to make progress. After some thought, I hit on an idea to force the rook to occupy f8 instead of the bishop. 21...Re8?? 22.Rxe8+ Qxe8 23.Qxg7#

22.Qe3

Temporarily preventing 22... Re8, toying with the idea of Qxa7 and also simply transitioning the queen to the kingside. This time I passed on 22.c5 because of 22...Bf8 followed by .. .Be6–d5. The c4–pawn is needed on c4 to blunt the light-squared bishop.

22...b6 23.Qg5

Now Black has no time to fortify his kingside with ...Bf8.

23...Rf8

Ben has defended very well. There is no obvious way for White to break through. Black has all the avenues into his position sealed up pretty tightly. White has to get creative. 23...Bf8?? 24.Qxd8; 23...Re8?? 24.Rxe8+ Qxe8 25.Qxg7#

24.c5!

A positional pawn sacrifice. Black's extra pawn will be quite meaningless.

24...bxc5

Forced. Worse would have been 24...Bxc5? 25.b4!! Bxb4 *(25...Qxa2 26.Qxg7#)* 26.Bb3! and Black will not only lose the queen but also the king!; Also no good would have been 24...Bc7 25.Re7! etc.

25.Bd3

White activates his light-squared bishop which had hitherto been his only dead piece.

25...Qg6?

This dooms Black to a passive, and likely lost, endgame. The best defense was 25...h6! although White maintains excellent positional pressure after 26.Qd2! Qg6 27.Bc4+ *(*In retrospect, *27.Be5* looks even stronger with play similar to that of the game.*)* 27...Kh7 28.Qc3 etc.

26.Bc4+ Kh8 27.Qxg6! hxg6 28.Be5!

Once the dark-squared bishops come off, Black will be unable to prevent White's pieces from invading his territory.

28...Bxe5

Black has no say in the matter - he must exchange. 28...Be7? 29.Bxg7+ Kxg7 30.Rxe7+; 28...Rd8 29.Bxd6 Rxd6 30.Re8+ Kh7 31.Rxc8

29.Rxe5 Rd8 30.g3!

Black's c5–pawn is not running away. It is more important to prevent the activation of Black's bishop.

30...Kh7

30...f4!? 31.g4! was my idea. The bishop can't come out to f5.

31.Kg2 Rd6 32.h4

Fixing Black's kingside pawns on light squares. They will become prey to my light-squared bishop later.

32...g5

Black couldn't just sit and do nothing but this advance merely hastens the end.

33.hxg5 Kg6 34.Re7! a5 35.f4

Suddenly Black's king is caught in a mating net.

35...Rd7 36.Bf7+ Kh7 37.g6+ 1–0

Black resigned as mate is unavoidable.

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English: Anti-Benoni, A31

1.d4 Nf6 2.Nf3 c5 3.c4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 b6 5.Nc3 Bb7 6.f3 e6 7.e4 d6 8.Be2 Be7 9.0–0 0–0 10.Kh1 a6 11.Be3 Nbd7 12.Qd2 Rc8 13.Rac1 Qc7 14.Rfd1 Qb8 15.Nc2 Rfe8 16.Qe1 d5 17.cxd5 exd5 18.exd5 Bd6 19.Qh4 Re5 20.Bf4 Rh5 21.Bxd6 Qxd6 22.Ne4 Nxe4 23.Qxh5 Nf2+ 24.Kg1 Nxd1 25.Bxd1 Qf4 26.Ra1 Nf6 27.Qh3 Qd2 28.Qg3 Nxd5 29.Qf2 Qg5 30.Qg3 Qf6 31.Qe1 Qxb2 32.f4 Nxf4 33.Qe7 Bxg2 34.Qd6 g5 35.Qe7 h6 36.h4 Rxc2 37.Bxc2 Qxa1+ 38.Kh2 Qh1+ 39.Kg3 Qxh4# 0–1

Edward Song (2311)
Michael R Smith (1882)
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French: Advance Winawer, C18
Notes by Peter Chen

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.e5 c5 5.a3 Bxc3+ 6.bxc3 Qa5 7.Bd2 Qa4 8.Qb1 c4 9.h4 Nc6 10.h5 h6 11.Ne2 Bd7 12.Nf4 0–0–0 13.g3 Nge7 14.Bh3 Kb8 15.0–0 Nc8
On its way to b6. Black is crowded, so b6 is a reasonable square for the knight.
16.Ng2
White wants to play f4 then f5. It is the only way to break the current standstill.
16...Qa5
Threatening Nxd4 and applies pressure to the c3 pawn.
17.Qe1 Nb6
17...N6e7 Looks like that white is going to open the kindside, so it make sense to have the knight moving towards the kingside. 18.f4 g6 19.hxg6 fxg6
18.f4 g6 19.Ne3 Ne7
19...gxh5 Opening the g-file gives black chances of attacking the white king. Before, white position is easier to play. Now black would have equal chances. 20.f5 *(20.Qe2 Rdg8 21.Kh2 Rg7 22.Qxh5 Nxd4³)* 20...Rdg8 21.fxe6 Bxe6 22.Kh2 (22.Bxe6 fxe6 23.Kh2 Rh7 *(23...Rg6 24.Rf6)* 24.Rf6) 22...Rg6 23.Nf5 Rhg8
20.hxg6 fxg6
20...Nxg6 Keeps the g-file open but this is not the best spot for the knight.
21.Ng4 Nf5 22.Nf6
This is an important square for the rook. The knight guards e8,g8, and h7. This would bring problems to the black rooks and would prevent them from moving efficently.
22...h5
Not allowing white to kick the knight
23.Kg2 Ba4
23...Qa4 24.Bxf5 gxf5 25.Ra2 Be8 26.Rh1 Bg6 27.Qd1 Nd7 28.Nxh5 Qc6 29.Nf6 Nxf6 30.exf6 Ka8= White is up a pawn, but f6 is not guardable; 23...Be8 24.Bxf5 gxf5 25.Rh1 Bf7 26.a4 Nd7=
24.Ra2 Nc8
24...Nd7 It is better to trade off the white knight which is quite strong at f6.; 24...Be8 25.Bxf5 gxf5 26.Rh1 Bf7 27.Qe2 Nd7 28.Nxh5 Bxh5 29.Rxh5 Qb5 30.Ra1
25.Bxf5 gxf5 26.Rh1 Be8 27.Nxe8 Rdxe8 28.Qd1
There is no way for black to guard h5.
28...Qc7
28...h4 This might be a better move. The pawn is lost,but at least black can expose the white king and have a better chance to recapture the pawn 29.gxh4 Reg8+ 30.Kf2 Qd8 *(30...Qa4 31.h5 Rh6 32.Qf3³* h5 is hard to defend and white's king is not safe.*)* 31.h5 Qe8³ h5 is hard to defend and white's king is in a vulnerable position.
29.Rxh5 Qg7 30.Ra1
The other rook comes back into play.
30...Rxh5 31.Qxh5 Rh8 32.Qe2 Qh6
This position looks strong for black, but black doesn't have any winning moves.
33.Rg1
Although white is up a pawn, he also has two doubled pawns and black's pieces are more active. So it is about equal here.
33...Qh3+
33...Ne7 34.Kf3 Qh5+ 35.Kf2 Qg6
34.Kf2 Qg4?!
There is no need to trade the queen here. If the queens are still on the board, black queen will be quite active and black will have more attacking chances. 34...Ne7 White need to play g4 in order to have any winning chances, so black need to prepare to counter that. 35.g4 fxg4 36.Qxg4 Qh7 37.Qxe6? Qxc2 38.Qd6+ Ka8 39.Ke1 Qe4+ 40.Kf2 Nc6µ Black is winning.
35.Qxg4 fxg4 36.f5!
White needs to play this now to have any winning chances. Once the black knight moves to e7, white would not be able to break the black's defense. now white's bishop is also more active.
36...exf5 37.Kg2 Kc7 38.Rf1 Rh5 39.e6 Kd6 40.Re1 Ne7
40...Rh7 41.Bg5 Rg7 42.Bf4+ Kc6 43.Re5 Re7=
41.a4 Kc6
41...Nc6 42.Bc1 Ke7 43.Ba3+ Ke8 44.e7 Rh7
42.Bc1 Kb6?
The king needs to help out in order to stop the e6 pawn. 42...Kc7 43.Ba3 Kd8 44.Rb1 Rh6 45.Rxb7 Rxe6 46.Rxa7 Nc6 47.Rf7 Re2+ 48.Kf1 Rxc2 49.Rxf5 Rxc3 50.Rxd5+ Kc8 51.Rc5 Kd7 52.Rd5+ Kc8 53.Bd6 Black may be able to hold this.
43.Ba3 Rh7 44.Re5
Now black's knight and rook cannot move, black doesn't have any good moves. The white king is just going to march to f4 and take f5.
44...Kc6?!
Wastes an crucial move. King needs to go to d8. 44...Kc7 to go to d8 45.Bxe7 Rxe7 46.Rxd5 Rxe6 47.Rxf5± White is up a pawn, but black has a better chance of holding this position.
45.Kf2 b6
45...Kc7 46.Ke3 Kd8 47.Bxe7+
46.Ke3 Rg7 47.Bxe7 Rxe7 48.Kf4 1–0
Black resigns. Both sides played very well. It has been pretty even for most of the game, but white just want it more.

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Queen's Indian: Spassky (Averbakh), E14

1.b3 Nf6 2.Bb2 b6 3.e3 Bb7 4.Nf3 e6 5.d4 Be7 6.Bd3 0–0 7.Nbd2 c5 8.0–0 cxd4 9.exd4 Nc6 10.c4 d5 11.Re1 Re8 12.Rc1 dxc4 13.bxc4 Qd7 14.Bb1 Rad8 15.a3 Qd6 16.Qc2 g6 17.Qc3 Nb8 18.Ne5 Rc8 19.Qh3 Bf8 20.c5 bxc5 21.Ndc4 Qd8 22.dxc5 Rxc5 23.Rcd1 Rd5 24.Ne3 Bg7 25.Nxd5 Bxd5 26.Bd4 Nbd7 27.Nxd7 Qxd7 28.Bxf6 Bxf6 29.Ba2 Rd8 30.Bxd5 exd5 31.Qxd7 Rxd7 32.Rd3 d4 33.g3 Kg7 34.Kg2 Bd8 35.Kf3 f5 36.Re5 Kf6 37.Rb5 Ke6 38.h4 Bf6 39.Ke2 Bd8 40.Rdb3 h6 41.Kd3 f4 42.Rb7 Rd6 43.Rxa7 Kf5 44.a4 Kg4 45.a5 fxg3 46.fxg3 Kxg3 47.a6 Kxh4 48.Ra8 Bb6 49.Ra3 Rf6 50.Kc4 g5 51.Rd3 g4 52.Kb5 Rg6 53.Rb8 Ba7 54.Rb7 g3 55.Rxa7 g2 56.Rxd4+ Kh5 57.Rd1 g1Q 58.Rxg1 Rxg1 59.Rc7 Rb1+ 60.Kc6 Kg4 61.Rg7+ Kh4 62.a7 Ra1 63.Kb7 h5 64.a8Q Rxa8 65.Kxa8 Kh3 66.Kb7 h4 67.Kc6 Kh2 68.Kd5 h3 69.Ke4 Kh1 70.Kf3 Kh2 71.Rh7 1–0

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Spanish: Alapin, C60
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1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 Bb4 4.0–0 Nge7 5.c3 Ba5 6.d4 exd4 7.cxd4 d5 8.e5 0–0 9.h3 Bf5 10.Nc3 Be4?!
Not sure if this is the best move... It doesn't seem to serve a purpose. The bishop might be better on f5 rather than on e4.
11.Ng5 Bg6 12.a3 Bb6 13.Ne2 h6
13...Bh5 This move looks good but white has 14.Qc2 threatening mate *(14.g4 Bg6* Black's position is not bad here. The weakness on the kingside could be exploited.*; 14.Be3 Nf5 15.Qc2 Bg6³)* 14...Bg6=
14.Nf3 a6 15.Ba4
15.Bd3 Maybe this is a better move. The bishop is more active, and it challenges the g6–Bishop's control of the b1–h7 diagonal.
15...Ba7
This seems to be waste of a move.
16.Bd2 Be4 17.Bc3 Bxf3 18.gxf3 Qd7?!
Too slow. It does not do much for black. The white king was going to move to h2 anyways. 18...Ng6 The knight needs to get into the attack.; or 18...Nf5 This move gives the queen more attack possibilities and keeps pressure on the vulnerable d4–pawn.
19.Kh2 Nf5 20.Rg1
White now has counter-attack chances.
20...Nh4 21.Rg3 f6
Trying to bring the f8 rook into the attack
22.e6
Good move. sacrificing a pawn to prevent black from opening the f-file. This move also allows white to take the offense and play Nf4.
22...Qxe6 23.Nf4
The knight is now active and is attacking d5, and maybe later move to e6 or h4 and attack the g7–pawn.
23...Qd6 24.Qd2 Kh8
24...g5 25.Kh1 Kh8∓
25.Bc2 g5
White is going to trade knights here. Black can prevent that with 25...f5
26.Ng6+ Nxg6
This trade helps white.
27.Bxg6 f5 28.Bh5
This is not a bad spot for the bishop because the black knight has to guard b4 square and cannot come over to g7 to attack the bishop.
28...f4
Here Black might just try to prevent white from playing f4 later, but this move frees the white rook and the bishop while black does not have much attacking chances any more.
29.Rgg1 Qf6 30.Rad1 Ne7 31.Bb4 Nf5
I am not sure that the exchange sacrifice is the way to go here. 31...Rg8 This seems to be Ok to me.
32.Bxf8 Rxf8 33.Qb4 b5
33...Bxd4 is stronger 34.Qxb7? Bxf2 35.Rg2 Ne3
34.Rd2 Nxd4
34...Bxd4 is better
35.Rgd1
Now it is difficult for black to guard the d5 pawn
35...Nc6 36.Qb3 d4?!
Saves the pawn, but shuts the bishop out and leaves a lot of vulnerable light squares for white to attack.
37.Re1 Na5 38.Qe6 Qxe6?
Black should wait for white to take. Black is going to lose at least a pawn after this trade. Black may be in time trouble here, otherwise this move is hard to understand.
39.Rxe6 Nc4 40.Rxh6+ Kg7 41.Rg6+ Kh7?
41...Kh8
42.Re2 Nd6 43.Re7+ Rf7 44.Rxf7+ Nxf7 45.Rxa6 Ne5 46.Rxa7 d3 47.Rxc7+ Kh6 48.Bf7 Nxf3+ 49.Kg2 d2 50.Bb3 Nd4 51.Bd1 1–0

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Nimzo-Indian: Steiner, E20
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1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.g3
Boris Avrukh recommends this approach, sidestepping the straightforward Nimzo-Indian or Queen's Indian, in his well-regarded White repertoire books. Of course the game may transpose into a Bogo-Indian, or a Catalan, or a Nimzo-Indian, as it does here.
3...Bb4+ 4.Nc3
Now we are in a variation of the Nimzo-Indian originally (or at least very early) used by Alekhine but later championed by Romanishin, who won a nice game against Tal with it in 1977. Kasparov used a version of this system -- the kingside fianchetto, but after Nf3 -- in his world championship matches with Karpov in the 1980s. 4.Bd2 would land us in Bogo-Indian territory, when Black has the usual bewildering array of possible responses including 4...Bxd2+, 4...a5, 4...c5, and 4...Qe7.
4...0–0 5.Bg2 d5 6.Nf3
This move, offering to make a genuine gambit of the c-pawn, was Alekhine's original idea.
6...c5
This is a perfectly normal Nimzo-Indian concept, and it is a plausible over-the-board reaction from someone who has never seen the gambit before. (In fact, it was played in that stem game Alekhine-Golombek, Margate 1938.) But I worry that in this position opening the center may play into White's hands. It is very interesting to study the positions that arise if Black decides to take the money and run. After 6...dxc4!? 7.0–0 Nc6 8.e3 Black clears pieces off of the long diagonal with 8...Rb8 so that after a natural continuation like 9.Qc2 he can safely play 9...b5 Notwithstanding White's extra center pawn, I think Black may actually be better here. This whole line is particularly worthy of attention since it was Romanishin's choice against his own system in the game Bezold-Romanishin, Balatonbereny 1995.
7.a3?!
White wants the Bishop pair, and he is willing to pay a tempo and a temporary structural price for it. But I worry that Black can capitalize on those factors to wrest the advantage. At GM levels, a popular choice here is 7.cxd5 Nxd5 8.Bd2 cxd4 9.Nxd4 with rather balanced chances.
7...Bxc3+ 8.bxc3 Nc6?!
This would be a plausible moment for Black to try to steal a pawn with 8...dxc4 At first blush it looks like White can get the pawn back with 9.Qa4, but matters are not so simple: 9...cxd4 10.Nxd4 *(10.cxd4 Qd5 11.0–0 b5 12.Qb4 Bb7∓* leaves White without a way to exploit the long diagonal, while *13.a4?* actually backfires tactically: *13...Nc6! 14.Qxb5 Nxd4! 15.Qxd5 Nxe2+ 16.Kh1 Bxd5–+)* 10...e5 11.Nf3 Qc7∓ I don't see that White has any compensation for the pawn here.
9.cxd5
Now White dissolves his positional weakness without difficulty, and the momentary danger passes.
9...Nxd5?!
Although Black's decisive error comes a bit later, I think this move creates problems. No doubt Black wants to avoid an isolated d-pawn. But the price he pays

to avoid this is significant: the Knight on d5 is a target for advancing pawns, while the Bishop on c8 remains a non-combatant. 9...exd5 looks more viable to me, not fearing 10.dxc5 Qa5 11.0–0 Qxc5 when each side's weaknesses more or less cross-cancel, White's Bishop pair being balanced by Black's good development and the extra space that comes with the isolani.

10.Qc2 h6 11.0–0 Qf6

This move looks just a bit too compliant. Black could raise the positional stakes with 11...cxd4 12.cxd4 f5 trying to prevent White from getting a mobile e-pawn. If it works, White runs out of active ideas and Black might even organize ...e5 himself. The danger, of course, is that if White ever does enforce the move e4 under halfway decent circumstances, Black's position could become very brittle, and the pawn on e6 could be a long-term target. Positional choices like this are part of what make the Nimzo-Indian such a rich and difficult opening to master.

12.Bb2

12.e4 is fine right away.

12...c4?!

Black is tired of leaving the pawn on c5 dangling, and he may be reasoning that by pushing here he is shutting down a diagonal for White's Bishop. That is true, but it doesn't carry enough weight here, because in locking the queenside he has also taken all of the pressure off of White's d-pawn. Now White's mobile center surges forward without hindrance. 12...Nb6 13.dxc5 Nc4!? may not be great, but at least Black has some targets to aim at and can get the Bishop pair back in most reasonable lines.

13.e4 Nb6 14.a4

Now the Bishop has a new diagonal available. Black is struggling here to avoid being much worse.

14...Na5 15.Nd2

This Knight has big plans, but at the moment the move looks a little retrograde. 15.Ne5 looks good here, taking over an ever-expanding chunk of the center with f4 coming up.

15...Bd7 16.Ra2 Rfc8 17.f4

Now that center gets set in motion. Such positions are easier to play for White than for Black, but they are not necessarily lost.

17...Qd8 18.Rfa1 Qe8

18...Bc6

19.e5 Bc6 20.Ne4 Nd5?

Just an oversight in a tough position. 20...Rd8 might still hold the balance, though Black's Knights need to find a way to untangle over on the queenside.; 20...Bxe4 21.Bxe4 Rd8 22.f5 exf5 23.Bxf5 Nb3 24.Rf1 Nxa4 wins a pawn under obscure circumstances. I think I would rather have the Bishops here.

21.Nd6!

Oops!

21...Qd7 22.Bxd5?!

Giving up the good Bishop isn't necessary here and could make White's winning process longer than it needs to be. White can play 22.Nxc8 without fear here since after 22...Ne3 23.Bxc6! Black's Queen, too, is hanging, so White wins a piece. Note that 23...Qxc6?? falls flat because of 24.Ne7++–

22...Bxd5 23.Nxc8 Rxc8 24.Rf1

Now the threat of f5 is huge.

24...Nb3!?

If Black played this move to set a trap, then he deserves credit for it.

25.h3!

This apparently meaningless move is actually quite good. The plausible 25.f5 now misfires after 25...exf5 26.Qxf5 Qxf5 27.Rxf5 because Black's Bishop is looking at White's Rook over the top of a few intervening pieces. So Black has the shot 27...Nxd4 28.cxd4 c3 29.Bxc3 Bxa2∓ when suddenly material is equal and White's pawns are worse.

25...a5

Black has the threat of rearranging his Queen and Bishop on the long diagonal and coming in "head first" with the threat of a check at h1. But now, thanks to h3, White can meet that rearrangement calmly with Kh2 when the vital squares at h1 and g2 are covered, e.g. 25...Nxd4 26.cxd4 c3 27.Raa1 cxb2 28.Qxb2 Bc6 29.a5 Qd5 30.Kh2±

26.g4 Bc6

Black gets the right idea, but it's a little late now.

27.Qe2

27.f5 looks good right away.

27...Qd5

27...Bxa4!? picks up a pawn, which might enable Black to put up more resistance.

28.Kh2!

The only move, but sufficient.

28...g6 29.f5!

Now lines come open and Black's position falls apart.

29...b5 30.fxg6! fxg6 31.axb5 Bxb5 32.Qc2 Be8 33.Ba3 1–0

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English: Ultra-Symmetrical (Mecking), A39

1.Nf3 Nf6 2.c4 c5 3.Nc3 g6 4.g3 Bg7 5.Bg2 0–0 6.0–0 Nc6 7.d4 cxd4 8.Nxd4 Ng4 9.e3 d6 10.b3 Nge5 11.h3 Qa5 12.Bb2 Nxd4 13.exd4 Nc6 14.Ne2 Qh5 15.g4 Qh4 16.Bc3 f5 17.f3 f4 18.d5 Ne5 19.Bd4 h5 20.Nc3 hxg4 21.hxg4 Bxg4 22.fxg4 Nxg4 23.Rf3 Bxd4+ 24.Qxd4 Qh2+ 25.Kf1 Ne3+ 26.Ke2 Qxg2+ 27.Rf2 Qg4+ 28.Kd2 Qf5 29.Ne4 Ng4 30.Rf3 Ne5 31.Rf2 Qh3 32.Raf1 Qe3+ 0–1

Ben Finegold (2561)
Atulya Shetty (2461)
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Queen's Pawn: Levitsky, D00

1.d4 d5 2.Bg5 c6 3.e3 Qb6 4.Qc1 Bf5 5.Nf3 Nd7 6.c4 e6 7.Nc3 Ngf6 8.c5 Qd8 9.b4 h6 10.Bf4 g5 11.Bg3 Nh5 12.Be5 Nxe5 13.Nxe5 Bg7 14.Be2 Nf6 15.0–0 0–0 16.b5 Nd7 17.bxc6 Nxe5 18.cxb7 Rb8 19.dxe5 Rxb7 20.Nb5 Bxe5 21.Nd4 Qf6 22.Rd1 Rc7 23.Qa3 Bxd4 24.exd4 e5 25.Qg3 Re7 26.dxe5 Rxe5 27.Qc3 Kg7 28.Bf1 Bd7 29.Qa5 Re7 30.Rac1 Bc6 31.h3 Rb8 32.Rc3 Re4 33.Rb3 Rbe8 34.Rf3 Qe7 35.Qc3+ Qe5 36.Qxe5+ R8xe5 37.Rc3 Rb4 38.Ra3 Re7 39.Ra6 Rc7 40.Be2 Rb2 41.Bf3 Rc2 42.Bxd5 Rxc5 43.Bb3 Be4 44.Rd4 Bc2 45.h4 Bxb3 46.axb3 Rb7 47.b4 Rcb5 48.Ra4 Kf6 49.Rd6+ Kg7 50.Rd4 Kf6 51.hxg5+ hxg5 52.Kh2 Ke5 53.Rg4 f6 54.f3 Kf5 55.Kg3 Rc7 56.Rd4 Rcb7 57.Rc4 Kg6 58.Kf2 a5 59.bxa5 Ra7 60.a6 Rb6 ½–½

Chris Schmidt (1687)
James Karakos (1543)
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English: Ultra-Symmetrical, A38
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1.c4 Nf6 2.Nc3 g6 3.g3 Bg7 4.Bg2 d6 5.Nf3 c5 6.d3 Nc6 7.0–0 Bg4 8.h3 Bd7 9.Bg5 h6 10.Bxf6 [10.Bd2 I think this is a better move as it keeps the bishop. 10...0–0 11.a3 Qc8 12.Kh2

10...Bxf6 11.Qd2 Qc8 12.h4

12.Kh2 This is probably a better move, as it doesn't weaken the king-side pawn structure.

12...Bg7

12...g5 13.hxg5 hxg5

13.e3 0–0 14.Rac1 Bh3 15.b3?!
15.d4 cxd4 16.exd4; 15.Bxh3 Qxh3 16.d4
15...Bxg2 16.Kxg2 Qd7
16...Qg4 It is better to play it immediately as it stops d4 and black can start trying to pressure the kingside. 17.Rfd1
17.d4 cxd4 18.exd4 Qg4 19.d5 Ne5 20.Nxe5 Bxe5?
20...dxe5 This is a better move as it does not lose the h-pawn.
21.Qxh6 Bg7 22.Qe3 Bf6 23.Rh1 Kg7 24.Qf3
24.Ne4 Keeping queens on improves white's chance of winning. Also this move forces a trade of knight for bishop. 24...Be5 25.f4 Bf6 26.Nxf6 exf6
24...Qxf3+ 25.Kxf3 a6 26.Ne4 Be5 27.h5 gxh5 28.Rxh5 Rh8 29.Rch1 Rxh5 30.Rxh5 Rh8
30...b6 I think keeping rooks on is the best option for black. 31.g4
31.Rxh8 Kxh8 32.c5 f5 33.Ng5 Bf6 34.Ne6
34.c6! Black cannot stop white from queening. 34...bxc6 35.dxc6 Bxg5 36.c7
34...dxc5 35.Nxc5 b5 36.Nxa6 Bc3
36...Kg7 Although white is already winning, black's best chance is to get the king into play. 37.a4 bxa4 38.bxa4
37.Kf4 Be1 38.f3 Kg7 39.g4
39.Kxf5 Bxg3 40.Ke6 Bd6 41.f4 Kf8 42.f5
39...fxg4 40.fxg4 Kf6 41.Nb8 b4 42.Nc6 Bc3 43.g5+ Kf7 44.Kf5 Ke8 45.Ke6 Bd2 46.g6 Bg5
46...Bh6 47.Nxe7
47.g7 1–0

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Pirc: 150 Attack, B07
Notes by Tim McGrew

1.e4 d6 2.d4 Nf6 3.Nc3 g6 4.Be3
This anti-Pirc system is known in Great Britain as the 150 Attack, since a British rating of 150 is equal to about an 1800 USCF, and the line is popular with A players.
4...a6!?
White's attack unfolds nicely if Black plays natural moves. So Black delays castling, disguising his intentions, and uncurls on the queenside instead.
5.f3 b5 6.e5?!
Usually, White plays e5 in the Pirc only if one of two conditions has been met: either he has castled already and can put a Rook behind the e-pawn, or he has played f4 and can recapture with either pawn on e5. Here, neither condition is met, and the pawn on f3 now looks rather silly, since it supports nothing and gets in the way of the Knight on g1. 6.Qd2 looks more logical.
6...Nfd7
But this reaction partly justifies White's pawn push. Black could react more vigorously with 6...b4!? 7.exf6 bxc3 8.bxc3 exf6 when both sides have weak pawns but Black's King is safe and White no longer has a commanding lead in either space or time.
7.f4 Bg7 8.Nf3 0–0
8...Bb7 looks more in keeping with the hypermodern strategy.
9.Bd3 Nb6
That's an odd spot for the Knight, but this fellow aims to misbehave.
10.h4 Nc4!?
This move confronts White with a choice: retreat one Bishop, or swap off the other? 10...h5 would prevent h5 ideas, though White might still be a bit better after just 11.0–0
11.Bc1?!
The wrong decision. Although the lightsquare Bishop is "good," White needs to capitalize on his lead in development before Black can vaporize the center. So the right idea was 11.Bxc4! bxc4 12.h5!± with some initiative and a choice of opening the h-file or closing it all down with h6, after which White can play to keep the darksquare Bishop buried on h8 for the rest of the game.
11...dxe5 12.fxe5?!
White is still thinking of this as a position where he has an attack going on the kingside. But in a moment the truth dawns. 12.dxe5± offers White a small plus based on the fact that Black's darksquare Bishop is locked out of the game.
12...c5!
Here's what is really going on: White is losing his center. All of it.
13.Be4?
In a bad position, bad moves are easy to find. White spots the Rook on a8, but burning several tempi to get it isn't a particularly wise choice. 13.dxc5 minimizes the damage, though after 13...Qc7 14.Bxc4 bxc4 15.h5 Qxc5 16.Qd5 Qxd5 17.Nxd5 Ra7³ Black is probably a bit better thanks to his Bishop pair and White's weak e-pawn.
13...cxd4
Black could also just redeploy to the d-file with 13...Ra7 14.dxc5 Rd7 15.Qe2 and then pick up the e-pawn methodically with 15...Qc7∓
14.b3?
Having said "A," White must say "B." 14.Bxa8 would limit the damage. A sample line might run 14...dxc3 15.Qxd8 Rxd8 16.bxc3 Bf5 17.Nd4 Bxe5 18.Bh6 Bxd4 19.cxd4 Bxc2 20.Kf2 Rxd4 when Black has a lot more pawns but the strange material imbalance gives White some chances to salvage the game.
14...Nxe5 15.Bxa8 Qa5
Now White rues the weakening of the c3 square.
16.0–0
16.h5 Qxc3+ 17.Bd2 Qc7 18.hxg6 hxg6∓
16...Qxc3 17.Bf4 Nbc6 18.Qe1
18.Nxe5 Nxe5 is not much better.
18...Qc5
18...Nxf3+ also works well: 19.Rxf3 d3 20.Rc1 Qc5+ 21.Kh1 dxc2 22.Be3 Qd6 23.Rxc2 Ne5 24.Rf1 Bf5–+
19.Rd1?
After this move, Black's advantage assumes decisive proportions. The last chance to stay in the fight at all was 19.Nxe5 Nxe5 20.b4!? Unfortunately, Black's moves aren't too difficult to find, and after 20...Qd6 21.a3 Bg4 22.Be4 f5 23.Bd3 Nxd3 24.cxd3 e5∓ Black is winning.
19...Nxf3+ 20.gxf3
20.Rxf3 gives Black a happy choice between 20...e5 and the immediate 20...Bg4, both of which are winning.
20...Bh3 21.Bxc6 Bxf1 22.Bd7 Qd5 23.Bg4 f5 24.Bh5 Bh3 25.Qg3 gxh5
This is very slightly inaccurate, but it doesn't really matter now. 25...e5 26.Bd2 Qc5 27.Qxh3 Qxc2–+; 25...Qc5 26.Kh1 Qxc2 27.Rc1 Qxa2
26.Qxh3 e5 27.Bg5 h6 28.Bc1 Rf6 29.Kh2 e4 30.Rg1 Qd6+ 31.Qg3 Qxg3+ 32.Rxg3 Kh7 33.Kg2 Rg6
Simple chess. 33...Rc6 is a faster win, but pinning and exchanging Rooks is a sure one.
34.fxe4 fxe4 35.Kf2 Rxg3 36.Kxg3 Be5+ 37.Kf2 Kg6 38.Ba3 Bg7 39.Ke2 Kf5 40.Bc5 Bf6 41.a4 Kg4 42.axb5 axb5 43.c4 dxc3 44.Ke3 Bxh4 0–1

Evan Hawver (1796)
Loren Schwiebert (1831)
Michigan Open (7)
September 2013
Caro-Kann: Advance (Bayonet), B12
Notes by Tim McGrew

1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 Bf5

3...c5!? gives the game something of the feel of an Advance French. After 4.dxc5 Black usually plays 4...e6 when the lost tempo is not terribly important compared to the fact that White, having voluntarily captured on c5, is committed to a fairly toothless line of the Advance Variation. Or at least that's the idea!

4.Nc3 e6 5.g4

White enters one of the sharpest lines of the Advance Variation. The idea is to chase Black's Bishop around and ultimately to saddle him with a structural weakness -- a weak pawn on g6 or a backward pawn on e6. All of this comes at some structural cost to White as well. But if Black is unable to generate counterplay quickly enough, the weaknesses White has created will be of overriding importance.

5...Bg6 6.Nge2 f6

This move has been used by GMs, so I cannot speak with great confidence, but it feels wrong to me. By analogy with the French Defense, the move Black really wants to play, if he can get away with it, is 6...c5 White can menace the Bishop with 7.h4 h5 8.Nf4 But here it seems that Black can sacrifice the h-pawn for very decent counterplay: 8...Bh7! 9.Nxh5 Nc6 10.dxc5 Bxc5 Black has done very well from this position lately.

7.Nf4 Bf7 8.exf6 This exchange on f6 may be premature. White can keep Black bunched up and dodging blows by 8.Qe2 Qe7 *(8...fxe5 9.Qxe5 Nd7 10.Qe2*± leads to structures similar to those in the actual game*)* 9.Nd3 Nd7 10.h4

8...Nxf6?

After this recapture, Black's position is just bad: the weakness on e6 and the weak square e5 become White's permanent possessions. The right move, for better or worse, is to take with the pawn, giving Black some control over e5. After 8...gxf6 the pawn itself helps control e5, and by capturing this way Black also clears the g7 square so that the Bishop can join from g7. After the further 9.Qe2 Qe7 10.Nd3 Black should subordinate everything else to the goal of achieving ...e5, so the right idea is 10...Nd7 11.f4 Bg7 with ...e5 up next against nearly any legal White move.

9.Bh3?!

White is taking latent aim at the weakness on e6, threatening g5. But the highest priority should be to control the square in front of the pawn so that it cannot move out of range. 9.Qe2 is therefore better, with an immediate threat to e6 that stops any move like ...Bb4. Then White can increase the pressure against e5 sufficiently to ensure that Black cannot free himself.

9...Bb4!?

This is a creative way of countering the threat.

10.Bd2

This move meets the threat of ...Ne4, but it looks too slow. Perhaps the best idea is to unpin immediately with 10.0–0 Bxc3 11.bxc3 Ne4 12.Qe1!± when the Knight does not look so strong on e4 and the weakness of e6 is obvious after a further f3.; 10.g5? could now be met with 10...Ne4! 11.0–0 Nxg5∓ and White has nebulous compensation for the pawn.

10...Bxc3 11.Bxc3 Ne4!

This Knight is very strong, and now Black has the additional threat of ...Qf6. White has lost the initiative and must find a way to hold the balance despite his rather loose kingside pawn structure.

12.Qe2 Ng5?

This error turns a pleasant plus into a desperate minus. Black's Knight was strong on e4 and had no reason to move. White's Bishop, on the other hand, was poorly placed on h3 and wants to move to g2 to prevent a Knight from reappearing there. And the Knight is running out of squares. 12...Nd7 13.0–0 Qf6 14.Nd3 h5! would give Black a significant initiative on the kingside.

13.Bg2

Suddenly, the threat of h4 looms, and Black must give up both a pawn and his most active minor piece and suffer with a permanent weakness on e6.

13...0–0 14.h4 Ne4 15.Bxe4 dxe4 16.Qxe4 Re8?

There is absolutely no hope that Black will be able to get in ...e5, so this move is purely a defensive reaction. In a difficult position, Black's best aim is just to finish the activation of his pieces by getting his Knight to d5. For that purpose, 16...Nd7 is probably best.

17.0–0–0 Nd7 18.g5 Nf8

18...Nb6 is too slow now, as White can either play h5 and get the kingside attack rolling or, more daringly, try 19.d5! when the pawn cannot be taken in any of the three ways because of Qd4 or Qe5 and mate incoming on g7, e.g. 19...Nxd5 *(*or *19...exd5 20.Qd4 Kf8 21.Qxg7+ Ke7 22.Bf6++–)* 20.Qe5 Nxc3 21.Rxd8+–

19.Rdg1

Natural and strong. 19.d5 is still very strong as well.

19...Ng6 20.h5! Nxf4 21.Qxf4 Rf8 22.Bb4

Many moves win now. 22.g6 works because of the weakness of g7, e.g. 22...Bxg6 23.Qg3+–

22...e5 23.Qxe5

23.dxe5+–

23...Re8 24.Qf4 Bd5 25.Rh4 Re4

25...a5

26.Qg3 Qe8 27.h6 Rxh4 28.Qxh4 Qg6

28...Qe4 would be worth a try if White would exchange Queens, heading toward an opposite color Bishop ending. But of course that wouldn't happen.

29.hxg7 Be4 30.Qf4 Bxc2??

Black falls on his sword.

31.Qf8+ 1–0

Seth Homa (2386)
Ben Finegold (2561)
Michigan Open (7), Livonia, MI
September 2013
A30
Notes by Seth Homa

Prior to this game, Ben Finegold had not lost a Michigan Open game in his past 10 events at least. The first critical position of the game occured before the clock was started. Some background information: I had intended to vary from my usual 1.e4/1.d4 openings and play 1.c4 against Ben a week prior to the tournament. However, I was not expecting to have a half-point lead on Ben entering the last round! What to do? Play something I know better than 1. c4 or potentially kick myself forever by playing 1.c4 for the first time in my life?

1.c4!

Fortune favors the stupid, er, I mean brave!

1...b6

The tournament situation dictated that Ben win this game, so transpositions to the Slav would not be forthcoming. He decided to steer the game into channels where my inexperience with 1.c4 would favor him.

2.Nf3 c5

I had mainly expected 2...Bb7 3.g3 Bxf3

3.g3 Bb7 4.Bg2 Nf6 5.0–0 e6

In my database, I only had games where Ben had chosen 5...g6

6.Nc3 Be7

Ben had never played this line before. I tried to piece together half-forgotten pointers from Shipov's epic tome on the Hedgehog Defense from work I had done three years ago.

7.d4 cxd4 8.Qxd4 0–0

Ben thought for a long time over this move which added to my confidence. If Black intends to play the a6/b6/d6/e6/Nbd7 setup, then he has to begin with 8...d6

9.Rd1 Nc6

This is a line in the Hedgehog, but one with a drawish reputation - not good for Ben, but acceptable for me as Atulya could only tie me if he won on board two. If Black tries to adopt the aforementioned setup now with 9...d6 then I believe White gets a lasting advantage after 10.Bg5 Nbd7 11.Nb5! when Black has problems protecting his d-pawn and 11...d5 would prematurely open the center.

10.Qf4 a6

The main line is 10...Qb8 but then Black has nearly zero legit winning chances after 11.Qxb8 Raxb8 12.Bf4 Rbc8 13.Ne5 I say nearly because, after all, we're talking about Ben here. He's pulled more rabbits out of hats than I have bananas from my ears.

11.b3 Rc8 12.Bb2 Qc7

Not the move Black wanted to play as he enters the queenless middlegame with an added weakness on b6. Black has development problems as can be seen after 12...d6 13.Rac1 Qc7? 14.Nd5!

13.Qxc7 Rxc7 14.Rac1

I saw 14.Nd5 during the game but didn't think 14...exd5 15.cxd5 Nxd5 16.Rxd5 Nb4 17.Rd2 gave White much of an advantage. Hindsight, however, says I'm an idiot.

14...Na7

An ugly move, but Ben doesn't give me a second chance at the Nd5 idea.

15.Na4! Nc8

15...b5 16.cxb5 Rxc1 17.Rxc1 axb5 18.Rc7 Bxf3 19.Bxf3 bxa4 20.Rxa7 axb3 21.axb3 looked pretty nice for White.

16.Nd4 Ne4

Ben was highly critical of this move afterwards as he trades too many pieces.

17.e3 d6

During the game, 17...f5!? concerned me a little.

18.Nc3 Nxc3 19.Bxc3 Bxg2 20.Kxg2 Rd8 21.Bb4

FM Shetty looked like he was winning by this point on board two. That meant I needed at least a draw to tie for first place.

21...Kf8 22.a4

Locking down on the b5–square but also introducing the threat of a4–a5, creating a weakness on a6.

22...a5

I was so happy to see this move. White can play for the win with little risk. Perfect for the situation.

23.Ba3

White has to worry about just one pawn break now, d6–d5.

23...Ke8 24.Nb5 Rcd7 25.e4

Locking down on said pawn break.

25...Na7 26.Nxa7

Ben considered this a mistake as Black was not really threatening to take on b5. That would allow a rook to penetrate to c6.

26...Rxa7 27.Rc3

Here, and not c2. This allows the rook to zoom along the 3rd rank if need be.

27...Kd7 28.Rf3

Fixing another pawn on a dark square.

28...f6 29.Rfd3 Kc6 30.f4

Ben considered this position nearly equal and I thought I had a solid advantage! Probably both statements are true, as my technique soon becomes less than stellar.

30...Rad7 31.Kf3 Kc7 32.g4 Rf8 33.f5?

Badly mistimed. My goal was to constrain Ben and not allow him any tricks. Fail!

33...d5!

White should never have allowed this freeing advance.

34.Bc1!

The only way to keep the game alive. I briefly considered 34.fxe6 dxe4+ 35.Kxe4 Rxd3 36.Rxd3 Bxa3 37.Rd7+ Kc6 38.Rxg7 but soon gave this up as being "overly optimistic".; 34.Bxe7 dxe4+ 35.Kxe4 Rxe7 would be completely equal.

34...dxe4+ 35.Kxe4

This position is probably equal. I began to wonder how good my tiebreaks were...

35...Rxd3?!

Ben relaxed too soon. I was more worried about the immediate 35...exf5+! It seems Black holds after 36.Kxf5 g6+! and the White king is forced backwards as 37.Ke6?? rebounds horribly after 37...Bd6! THAT would be a typical Ben comeback!

36.Rxd3 exf5+?

Ben later thought he could hold after 36...e5 which may be true. Would h4 and g5 bring any advantage for White? It looks good, but maybe it wouldn't be enough to win.

37.Kxf5!

Things have become tricky for Black again. The White king wants in via e6, f7 and then taking on g7.

37...Re8

Black has set up tricks based on ...Bd6 and ...Re5. Now White has to be careful.

38.Rh3!

The only move that preserves White's advantage. In fact, it should be good enough to win.

38...Bf8

Now 38...g6+ leads to nothing after 39.Ke6! Ba3+ 40.Kf7 Rf8+ *(*Or *40...Re7+ 41.Kxf6)* 41.Kg7 and Black has no time to take the bishop.

39.Rxh7

White has won a critical pawn. Moreover, Black must avoid trading rooks as the bishop ending would be totally lost.

39...Re1 40.Bh6

First forcing Black's pieces to passive positions.

40...Re7 41.Bf4+ Kd7 42.Rh8 Re8

My technique suffers a little from finegoldphobia for the rest of the game, but the win doesn't slip my grasp.

43.Kg6

Ben thought 43.h4 intending h5 was much faster but I didn't want my rook trapped.

43...Re4 44.Kf5 Re8 45.Rh3 Re2 46.Rd3+ Kc6 47.Bg3

Now everything is set for the king to advance on g6 and g7.

47...Ba3 48.Kg6 Bb2 49.Kxg7 f5+

49...Re4 50.h3 f5+ 51.Kg6 fxg4 52.Kf5! As noted by Ben.

50.Kg6 fxg4 51.Kf5 Re8 52.Kxg4

White is now two pawns to the good.

52...Rg8+ 53.Kf5 Rf8+ 54.Ke6 Rf6+ 55.Ke7 Rf5 56.Rd6+ Kb7 57.Rd7+ Ka8 58.Kd6!

Heading over to the queenside and assisting in checkmate threats.

58...Rf3 59.Kc6 Rxb3 60.Rd8+ Ka7 61.Bb8+ Ka8 62.Rg8

62.c5! bxc5 63.Bd6+ Ka7 64.Bxc5+ Ka6 65.Ra8# would have been a crisper finish but I was imagining fictitious defenses.

62...Ba3

The only move that doesn't drop a piece, but now White transitions into winning piece trades.

63.Bd6+ Ka7 64.Rg7+ Ka8 65.Rg3 1–0

And Black resigned. This was both my first win against Ben and also my first Michigan Open Championship! Hooray!

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2013 Michigan Senior Championships

Eric Fischvogt Clearly Wins the Senior

The Michigan Senior Championships were once again held in the Flint area at the Eastside Senior Center where the Genesee County Chess Clubs meets on a weekly basis. The tournament was held over the weekend of September 28-29. Master Eric Fischvogt was held to a draw in round 1, but finished with three wins in a row to take the Senior title.

Ruben Ramon captured his second Reserve section title by winning his first three games and then holding Ed Mandell to a draw.

2013 Michigan Senior – Open Section Standings

No.	Name	Rating	Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd 3	Rd 4	Score
1	Eric Fischvogt	2223	D11	W4	W10	W3	3.5
2	Gregory Bailey	2011	L10	W14	W11	W8	3.0
3	Ronald Williams	1880	D7	W5	W12	L1	2.5
4	Jewell Morris	1724	D5	L1	W14	W10	2.5
5	Faris Gabbara	2002	D4	L3	W13	W12	2.5
6	Alan Gregg	2000	W9	D10	D8	D7	2.5
7	David Hahn	2107	D3	D11	D9	D6	2.0
8	Raymond Garrison	1842	W14	D12	D6	L2	2.0
9	William Wingrove	1687	L6	Bye	D7	D11	2.0
10	Lonnie Rutkofske	1813	W2	D6	L1	L4	1.5
11	Michael R Smith	1882	D1	D7	L2	D9	1.5
12	Gary Swathell	1600	W13	D8	L3	L5	1.5
13	Don Vandivier	1890	L12	1/2	L5	D14	1.0
14	Jean-Paul Pegeron	2024	L8	L2	L4	D13	0.5

2012 Michigan Senior - Open Section Prizewinners

2nd Place: Greg Bailey

1st U1800: Jewell Morris

2013 Michigan Senior – Reserve (U1600) Section Standings

No.	Name	Rating	Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd 3	Rd 4	Score
1	Ruben Ramon	1409	W11	W4	W6	D2	3.5
2	Ed Mandell	1317	D3	W8	W9	D1	3.0
3	Brian Bezrutch	1472	D2	W7	D5	W6	3.0
4	Larry Martin	Unr	W9	L1	W10	W7	3.0
5	Thomas Kampfert	1373	W10	L6	D3	W9	2.5
6	Ronald Grzegorczyk	1589	W8	W5	L1	L3	2.0
7	Ken Lambdin	1037	Bye	L3	W11	L4	2.0
8	David Boucher	1335	L6	L2	Bye	W10	2.0
9	Jonah Lowery	1366	L4	Bye	L2	L5	1.0
10	Troy Webb	Unr	L5	W11	L4	L8	1.0
11	Ralph Carter	Unr	L1	L10	L7	Bye	1.0

2012 Michigan Senior - Reserve Section Prizewinners

2nd Place: Ed Mandell

1st U1400: Thomas Kampfert

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Michael R Smith (1882)
Eric Fischvogt (2223)
Michigan Senior (1), Flint, MI
September 2013
Modern: Rossilimo, A41

1.e4 g6 2.d4 Bg7 3.c4 d6 4.Nc3 Nc6 5.Be3 e5 6.Nf3 Bg4 7.d5 Nd4 8.Be2 Bxf3 9.Bxf3 c5 10.dxc6 bxc6 11.g3 Rb8 12.b3 Qa5 13.Rc1 Ne7 14.Bg2 0–0 15.0–0 f5 16.Qd2 Kh8 17.f4 fxe4 18.Bxe4 Nef5 19.fxe5 dxe5 20.Qe1 Qc5 21.Kh1 Nxe3 22.Qxe3 Nxb3 23.Qxc5 Nxc5 24.Bxc6 Nd3 25.Rb1 Nf2+ 26.Kg1 Rxb1 27.Rxb1 Ng4 28.Ne4 Bh6 29.a4 Be3+ 30.Kg2 Bd4 31.Bb5 Kg7 32.c5 Nf2 33.Ng5 Rf6 34.c6 Bb6 35.Re1 h6 36.Nf3 e4 37.Ne5 Bc7 38.Nd7 Rf5 39.Re2 Ng4 40.Rxe4 Rf2+ 41.Kh3 h5 42.Re2 Rf3 43.Re7+ Kh6 44.Be2 Rc3 45.Bxg4 hxg4+ 46.Kxg4 Rc4+ 47.Kf3 Rxc6 48.Ne5 Bxe5 49.Rxe5 Rc3+ 50.Re3 Rc4 ½–½

Michael R Smith (1882)
David Hahn (2107)
Michigan Senior (2), Flint, MI
September 2013
Pirc: 150 Attack, B07
Notes by Jeff Aldrich

1.e4 d6 2.d4 Nf6 3.Nc3 g6 4.Be3 Bg7 5.f3 c6 6.Qd2 Qa5 7.Bd3 b5 8.Nge2 Nbd7 9.0–0 0–0 10.Bh6 e5 11.Kh1 Qb6 12.dxe5 Nxe5 13.Bxg7 Kxg7 14.Rad1 b4 15.Nb1 c5 16.Nf4 Nxd3 17.Nxd3 Ba6 18.Rfe1 Rad8 19.Nf4 Rfe8 20.Qf2 Re5 21.Rd2 Qa5 22.a3 bxa3 23.Nxa3 Qa4 24.Red1 Ne8 25.Rd5 Rxd5 26.Nxd5 Rb8 27.Nc3 Qb4 28.Re1 Qxb2 29.Rb1 Qxc3 30.Rxb8 Qxa3 31.Rxe8 Qc1+ 32.Qg1 Qxc2 33.Qa1+ Kh6 34.h4 Bd3 35.Qf6 Bf1 36.Qg5+ Kg7 37.e5 dxe5 38.Qxe5+ Kh6 ½–½

Draw agreed here as time was running low for both players, but 39.Qg5+ Kg7 40.h5 and Black must take desperate measures to avoid mate.

Ronald Williams (1880)
Gary Swathell (1600)
Michigan Senior (3), Flint, MI
September 2013
English: Ultra-Symmetrical (Botvinnik), A36

1.c4 c5 2.g3 Nf6 3.Bg2 Nc6 4.Nc3 g6 5.e4 d6 6.Nge2 Bg7 7.0–0 0–0 8.d3 Bg4 9.h3 Be6 10.Be3 Qc8 11.Kh2 Rb8 12.Qd2 Re8 13.Rab1 Bd7 14.f4 e5 15.Nd5 Nxd5 16.cxd5 Nd4 17.Rf2 f5 18.fxe5 Bxe5 19.Rbf1 Qc7 20.Nxd4 cxd4 21.Bf4 Rf8 22.Bxe5 dxe5 23.Qb4 Rbe8 24.Qb3 Qb6 25.Qa3 a5 26.h4 Qb4 27.Qxb4 axb4 28.Bh3 Bb5 29.Rd2 fxe4 30.Be6+ Kg7 31.Rxf8 Rxf8 32.dxe4 d3 33.Kg2 Ra8 34.b3 b6 35.Bg4 Ra7 36.Kf2 Rc7 37.Ke3 Kf8 38.d6 Ra7 39.Be6 Ke8 40.g4 Ra8 41.h5 g5 42.h6 Rd8 43.d7+ Ke7 44.Bf5 Kf6 45.Rd1 Ke7 46.Rc1 d2 47.Kxd2 Bxd7 48.Ke3 Kf6 49.Bxd7 Rxd7 50.Rc6+ Kf7 51.Rxb6 Ra7 52.Rxb4 Rxa2 53.Rb5 Kg6 54.Rb6+ Kf7 55.Kd3 Rg2 56.Kc4 Rxg4 57.Kd5 Rg1 58.Kxe5 g4 59.Kf4 g3 60.Kf3 Re1 61.Kxg3 Rxe4 62.Kf3 Re1 63.Kf4 Re2 64.Kf5 Re7 65.b4 Rd7 66.b5 Rd5+ 67.Ke4 Rd7 68.Rc6 Ke7 69.Ke5 Kd8 70.Rd6 Ke7 71.Rxd7+ Kxd7 72.Kf6 Kc7 73.Kg7 Kb6 74.Kxh7 Kxb5 1–0

Greg Bailey (2011)
Michael R Smith (1882)
Michigan Senior (3), Flint, MI
September 2013
Bird: Dutch, A03

1.f4 d5 2.b3 Nf6 3.Nf3 g6 4.Bb2 Bg7 5.e3 b6 6.Bb5+ c6 7.Be2 Bb7 8.0–0 0–0 9.Qe1 Nbd7 10.Na3 Rc8 11.c4 e6 12.cxd5 exd5 13.Rc1 Qe7 14.Nc2 c5 15.d4 Ne4 16.Ne5 Nxe5 17.dxe5 f6 18.exf6 Bxf6 19.Bxf6 Rxf6 20.Bd3 Re8 21.Qh4 Kg7 22.Rf3 Rf7 23.Qe1 Bc8 24.Bxe4 Qxe4 25.Qc3+ Kg8 26.Rf2 Bf5 27.h3 Qe6 28.Rf3 Bxc2 29.Rxc2 Qe4 30.Rd2 Rd8 31.Qd3 Rfd7 32.Qxe4 dxe4 33.Rxd7 Rxd7 34.Rf2 Rd1+ 35.Rf1 Rxf1+ 36.Kxf1 Kf7 37.g4 Ke6 38.Ke2 b5 39.Kd2 Kd5 40.a4 a6 41.a5 Ke6 42.Kc3 Kd5 43.b4 cxb4+ 44.Kxb4 Kd6 45.h4 Kd5 46.h5 gxh5 47.gxh5 Ke6 48.Kc5 Kf5 49.Kd5 h6 50.Kd4 Kg4 51.Ke5 Kxh5 52.f5 b4 53.f6 b3 54.f7 b2 55.f8Q b1Q 56.Qf7+ Kg4 57.Qf4+ Kh5 58.Qf5+ Kh4 59.Qf6+ Kh5 60.Qxa6 Qd3 61.Qc6 Kg5 62.Qf6+ Kh5 63.Qf5+ Kh4 1–0

Ray Garrison (1842)
Greg Bailey (2011)
Michigan Senior (4), Flint, MI
September 2013
Caro-Kann: Goldman, B11

1.e4 c6 2.Nc3 d5 3.Qf3 e6 4.Qg3 g6 5.d4 Bg7 6.Nf3 Ne7 7.Bf4 dxe4 8.Nxe4 Nf5 9.Nd6+ Qxd6 10.Bxd6 Nxg3 11.Bxg3 c5 12.0–0–0 cxd4 13.Be5 0–0 14.Bxg7 Kxg7 15.Nxd4 e5 16.Nb5 Nc6 17.Bc4 Rb8 18.Rd2 Bf5 19.Nd6 Bc8 20.Rhd1 Nd4 21.c3 Nf5 22.Ne4 h5 23.Nc5 b5 24.Bb3 Nh4 25.Nd7 Bxd7 26.Rxd7 Nxg2 27.Rxa7 Rb6 28.Re7 Rf6 29.Rd2 Rf5 30.Bc2 Rg5 31.Rb7 Ne1 32.Be4 Rg4 33.f3 Rf4 34.Rf2 Rd8 35.Rxb5 f5 36.Re2 fxe4 37.Rxe1 exf3 38.Rbxe5 f2 39.Rf1 Rd3 40.Re2 Rdf3 41.Kd2 g5 42.Re7+ Kf6 43.Re8 g4 44.Rf8+ Kg5 45.Rxf4 Kxf4 46.a4 h4 47.a5 g3 48.hxg3+ hxg3 49.a6 g2 0–1

Michigan Action, Quick, and Speed Championships

December 14-15, 2013 – Ann Arbor, MI

	Michigan Action	Michigan Quick	Michigan Speed
When	12/14/13 (Saturday)	12/15/13 (Sunday)	12/15/13 (Sunday)
Where:	Pierpont Commons East Room 2101 Bonisteel Blvd Ann Arbor, MI 48109	UofM League Building Room 4 911 N. University Ave Ann Arbor, MI 48109	UofM League Building Room 4 911 N. University Ave Ann Arbor, MI 48109
Format:	6 round swiss	6 round swiss	Round Robin Preliminaries and finals
Time Control:	G/30 + 5 sec delay	G/10	G/5
Registration:	9:30 – 10:30	10:15 - 11:00	10:15 - 2:30
Rounds:	11, 12:45, 2, 3:15, 4:30, 6:15	11:30, 12:30, 1:00, 1:30, 2:00, 2:30	Preliminaries 3:00 Finals 5:00
Entry Fee: Chess Lovers Package Play in all 3 for $45! (add $10 after 12/11/13)	$25 by 12/11/13 add $10 after 12/11/13 $5 discount if under 18 www.onlineregistration.cc	$15 by 12/11/13 add $5 after 12/11/13 www.onlineregistration.cc	$10 by 12/11/13 add $5 after 12/11/13 www.onlineregistration.cc
Prizes:	1st $150+trophy, 2nd $100 3rd $75 top A,B,C,D,E,U/1000, U/800 or Unr $75	1st $75+trophy, 2nd $40 3rd $30 top A,B,C,D,E,U/1000, U/800 or Unr $30	75% of entries paid out in prizes.
Entries / Info:	Michael Smith redwing_85@hotmail.com (734) 625-5057 PO BOX 8064 Ann Arbor, MI 48107 Make checks payable to Michigan Chess Association preferred registration method is online registration system http://www.onlineregistration.cc scroll down to Michigan Chess Association tournaments		

The 2013 MICHIGAN SCHOLASTIC CLUB CHESS CHAMPIONSHIPS.

November 9, 2013

ALL EVENTS: **UM-Dearborn Fairlane Conference Center**

1900 Hubbard Dr, Dearborn, MI 48126

ENT&INF**:** Michael Smith, P.O. Box 8064 Ann Arbor, MI 48107. (734) 625-5057.

e-mail: redwing_85@hotmail.com

2013 MICHIGAN CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS ENTRY FORM

EVENT: (Circle)

K-3

K-5

K-8

K-12

Name: _____ Coach : _____ CLUB:_____.

Address: _____ City: _____ Zip Code: _____.

Grade: _____ Phone: _____ USCF ID _____Rating: _____.

Birthdate: _____Entry Fee: $_____ see chart. MCA membership $_____MCA $10 / $15 w/ Magazine /$25 family AND USCF $_____ (under 24 yrs.) $26 /$33 w/mag (under 15 yrs.) $22/$28 w/mag (under 13 yrs.) $17/$24 w/ mag Total: _____.

(Players purchasing memberships just prior to the event should bring receipt with Affiliate Name & ID, Date of Purchase, and Name of Seller, or they may be required to purchase memberships on-site.) No USCF tournament memberships allowed

Do not send cash. Make all checks or money orders payable to Michigan Chess Association or MCA

EVENT	**K-12 Club**	**K-8 Club**	**K-5 Club**	**K-3 Club**
Grade	**K-12**	**K-8**	**K-5**	**K-3**
Date	**Saturday November 9th**			
Check in	Players who have paid in advance will be paired for round 1, and do not need to check in. Coaches should inform TD before 8:15 if one of their players will not be present. No refunds will be given for anyone who is paired for the first round. Coaches should email TD their club roster's in the week before the tournament.			
Round Times	**FIVE ROUNDS** **ALL COMPETITORS PLAY ALL FIVE ROUNDS.** **9 - 11 - 1 - 3 - 5**			
TL	**TIME CONTROL FOR ALL ROUNDS IS G/45 or G/40 5 second time delay.** **EACH PLAYER HAS 45 MINUTES FOR THE GAME.**			
Entry	**$20** Advance by 11/01/13 **$30** Advance by 11/08/13 All mailed entries must be postmarked by 11/01/13 **NO ON-SITE REGISTRATION** FOR ALL SECTIONS. Preferred registration method is the online registration system. Go to www.michess.org and click on the club championship, then there will be a link to the online registration system. Entry Fee, USCF memberships, and MCA memberships can now all be purchased online through MCA's new online registration system! • Purchasing USCF memberships through MCA via the online registration benefits MCA and is the same price as buying a membership from USCF directly			
Memb	**Michigan Chess Association and USCF Memberships Required**			**MCA only**
Awards	Top 7 Individuals Overall + any with 4 points Top 7 Clubs (top 4 individual scores from each club are used)	Top 7 Individuals Overall + any with 4 points Top 7 Clubs (top 4 individual scores from each club are used)	Top 7 Individuals Overall + any with 4 points Top 7 Clubs (top 4 individual scores from each club are used)	Top 7 Individuals Overall + any with 4 points Top 7 Clubs (top 4 individual scores from each club are used)

Michigan Chess Clubs

Bay City Chess Club Tue 8:00am-4:00pm; Bay City Mall food court, 4101 E. Wilder Rd.; Mike Snobeck (989) 686-8001

Benton Harbor, Solid Grounds Cafe Chess Club Thur 6:30-9:00pm; Solid Grounds Cafe, 124 Water Street, Benton Harbor, MI; 49022 "in the Arts District"; Carl Brecht e-mail: carlbrecht@netscape.net; *All ages welcome! Hours of cafe for play anytime at www.Solid-groundsCafe.com*

Cadillac Chess Club Wed 6:00-10:00pm; Horizon Books, 115 S. Mitchell; Terry Oss (231) 775-6143 or Duane Croel (231) 885-1249

Canton, Carrel Chess Club Thu 6:00-9:00pm, and as needed for tournaments; Westland Library, 6123 Central City Parkway, Westland, MI 48185; Michael Carrel (734) 377-4907 ; http://carrelchessclub.webs.com/

Dearborn, Ford Chess Club Tue 5:00-8:00pm; Ford Motor Co World Headquarters Cafeteria; North Entrance, Michigan Ave & Southfield Fwy; Norm Haygood (248) 366-0954; George Oprean (586) 756-4967; e-mail: nhaygoodjr@aol.com or Archangel365@comcast.net

Detroit City Chess Club Fri 5:00-9:00pm; Detroit Institute of Arts (DIA), 5200 Woodward Ave., Detroit, MI 48202; Kevin Fite kevin@fite.com; Sherman Redden (313) 657-2268; redden@detroitcitychessclub.com; http://www.detroitchessclub.com

East Lansing Chess Club Tues 1pm-4pm, Fri 10am-3:30pm; East Lansing Seniors Program, 819 Abbott Road; karndt@ci.east-lansing.mi.us (517) 337-1113; Mervin J. Draper; e-mail: pjdbad@aol.com

Elkhart County Chess Club Tue 7:00-10:00pm; First Congregational Church, 3rd & Marion St. in downtown Elkhart, IN ~ 7 miles south of State line; Roger Blaine (574) 257-9033 e-mail: reblaine@hotmail.com

Flint Public Library Chess Club 1st & 3rd Sat 3-5:30pm; Flint Public Library, 1026 E. Kearsley St, Flint, MI 48502; Check the Library website calendar to confirm dates: http://www.fpl.info/ or Alonzo Hill ahill@fpl.info

Genessee County Chess Club (Flint) Tue 6:30-9:30pm; Eastside Senior Citizens Center Activity Room, 3065 N. Genesee Rd; Flint, MI 48506; Jeff Aldrich (810) 955-7271 e-mail: jeffchess@charter.net

Grand Rapids Area Chess Club Tue 7:00-10:00pm; Common Ground Coffee, 1319 Fulton E, Grand Rapids; Katy Ford (616) 240-0832; e-mail: katymford@sbcglobal.net

Greenville Chess Club Thu 6:30-8:30pm; Greenville Area Community Center, 900 East Kent Rd; Robert Wilson (616) 754-9163 e-mail: gacc@oneisp.net; *All levels welcome. No cost to participate. Come have fun!*

Grosse Pointe Chess Club Tue, 7:30-10:00pm; Downtown Borders, 17141 Kercheval St, North of Cadieux; Tim Kuhn (313) 884-0118 e-mail:timkuhn@yahoo.com

Calvary Knights Chess Club Sat 2:00-5:00pm; Calvary United Methodist, 15010 North Holly Rd, Holly, MI 48442; David Crutcher (248) 942-4904; e-mail: dcrutche@hotmail.com; http://calvaryknights.webs.com/

Holland Chess Club (interschool scholastic chess club) Sat 9:30-11:00am; Eagle Crest Charter Academy, 11950 Riley St, Holland; David Posthuma (616)283-7703 davep@echurchessential.com; Website: www.hollandchessclub.com

Jackson Chess Club Thu 7:00pm; Cottage Inn Pizza, 1208 W. Michigan Ave.; Lineas Baze (517) 788-6324 e-mail:zalmon@prodigy.net; *All ages and ratings welcome, from novice to expert. No dues or fees for membership. Rated and unrated games available.*

Kalamazoo Chess Club Sun 3:00pm; Bigby's Coffee Shop, 6800 S. Westnedge Ave., Portage, MI, 49002 Tim McGrew e-mail: timothy.mcgrew@wmich.edu

Kalkaska, Cherry Street Elementary Chess Club; Wed 3:00-4:00pm; Cherry Street Elementary, 315 South Cherry St; Rich Hilts e-mail: wizerman@hughes.net; Website: www.mrhiltsclass.com/chess_club.htm

Kentwood Chess Club; Hours of the bookstore: Mon-Sat 9:00am-10:00pm, Sun 10:00am-7:00pm.. Schuler Books & Music 2660 28th St SE Grand Rapids, MI 49512. It meets in the café area on Tue, Wed, & Fri from 6-10pm. Antowine Jordan e-mail: pilot_cougar_chess@live.com

Lansing Chess Club Wed 6:00 - 10:00 PM; Room 127, LCC Technology and Learning Center, NE corner of Capitol and Shiawassee. Tuesdays, 6:00 - 8:00 PM; Gone Wired Cafe, 2021 East Michigan Ave; David Sundeen (517) 394-8080; Tony Nichols e-mail:sensie48910@yahoo.com; http://www.lansingchessclub.blogspot.com

Livingston County Chess Club Mon 6:00-9:45pm; Hartland Senior Center, 9525 E. Highland Rd (M-59),Howell, MI 48843, ¼-mile west of US-23; Ken Lamb (810)-599-4134; Matt Trujillo (810)-225-3000; Website: http://www.livingstoncountychessclub.blogspot.com/ Email: livingstoncountychessclub@hotmail.com or lcchess@yahoo.com

Livonia Chess Club Wed 12:00-5:00pm; Senior Citizens Bldg, SE Corner of Five Mile Rd & Farmington Rd; George Geominne; e-mail: geologoe@twmi.rr.com; Bob Mekus (313) 592-1450

Marquette Chess Club Thur 7:00pm; Masonic Building, 128 West Washigton St; Tom Hogan (906) 869-1719

Mesick Public Library Chess Club Thu 3:00-5:00pm; 207 North Eugene Street, Mesick, MI 49668; Greg Bailey or Duane Croel (231) 885-2604

Midland Chess Club Mon 7:00pm (Sep-May); Midland High School Rm 245, 1301 Eastlawn; John Warner (989) 839-8290

Muskegon Chess Club Mon & Thur, 7:00 - 10:00 PM; Barnes & Noble Bookstore (in cafeteria), 5275 Harvey St., Muskegon, MI; Steve Dumas (231) 798-2968 e-mail: stevedumas1@comcast.net; *Minimum age: 10*

Oak Park Chess Club Thu 6:30-10:30pm; Oak Park Community Center, 14300 Oak Park Blvd. (9.5 Mile, west of Coolidge) (248) 691-7555

Petoskey Chess Club Tue 7:00-10:00pm; Horizon Books, 319 E. Mitchell St., Petoskey; Dave Mitchell (231) 548-1478

Port Huron Chess Club Thu 6:30-10:00pm (except holidays); Palmer Park Recreation Center, 2829 Armour St, Port Huron, 48460; Lon Rutkofske (810) 388-9219 e-mail: ishking@aol.com; Website: http://porthuronchessclub.yolasite.com/

Redford Chess Club Fri 2:30-4:30pm; Thurston High School, 26255 Schoolcraft; Eric Nelson (313) 535-4000 x1110 e-mail: nelser01@southredford.net
Saint Clair Saturday Chess Club Sat 9:00am-12:00pm Burger King, Corner of Clinton and River Rd; Jaime Chan (810) 326-3745 e-mail: jaime@saturdaychess.com; Website: www.saturdaychess.com
Saint Joseph Chess Club Wed 6:00-8:00pm; Saint Joseph Public Library, 500 Market St; Tony Palmer (269) 982-5128
Sault Ste. Marie, Sugar Island Chess Klub Thu 7:00pm; Hilltop Bar, 5389 E 1 1/2 Mile Road, Sugar Island; Glen Schmiege (906) 635-5791, e-mail: gschmiege@nodinwifi.com
South Bend Chess Club (Indiana) Thu7:00-10:00pm; Meijer Store, 5020 Grape Rd, Mishawaka, IN ~4 Miles south of State line. Grape Rd 1/4 Mile South of Douglas Rd. Roger Blaine (574) 257-9033; e-mail: reblaine@hotmail.com
Spring Lake District Youth Chess Club (Ages 8-18) 2nd Mon 4:00-5:30pm; Spring Lake District Library, 123 E. Exchange St; Lisa Donner: (616) 846-5770 x107
Troy Chess Club (casual chess) Thur 6:30-10:15pm; Troy Community Center, 3179 Livernois Ave., Troy (248) 524-3484 (I-75 exit 69, east on Big Beaver Rd 1/4 mile to Livernois. U-turn. 1 Block N of Big Beaver, W. of Livernois.) Don Mailing: (248) 391-2940
Troy Youth All-Star Chess Club Sat 3:00-5:00pm; Troy Community Center -3179 Livernois Rd, Troy, MI 48083
The club is open to any K-12 students who are interested in improving his/her chess skills. Come in and have fun!
Club information:
http://games.groups.yahoo.com/group/TYASCC/
Feng Zhong, xyzf99@yahoo.com (248) 825-6192
Chris Hausner, chausner_mi@yahoo.com (313) 575-5617
Traverse City Chess Club Wed 6:00-11:00pm; Horizon Books, 243 E Front St, Traverse City; Joe Revnell (231) 633-1323
Universal Chess Club Mon-Sat 12:00-6:00pm, Sun 12:00-5:00pm; 27170 Dequindre (just north of 11 mile in Parkview Square strip Mall, around back); Ed Mandell (586) 558-4790 e-mail: allthekingsmench@aol.com; Website: www.allthekingsmenchess.com; *All Ages/strengths welcome! Sets provided; clocks for rent. Snacks & beverages are available for purchase.*

Michigan Chess Tournament Calendar November/December 2013

Online Registration for MCA Events:
https://www.onlineregistration.cc
Online MCA Membership Join or Renewals:
https://onlineregistration.cc/memberships/MCA/index.php
Online Payments Accepted, Instant Feedback of Registration/Membership.

All events require USCF and MCA memberships, and are No Smoking, No Computers unless otherwise stated. Memberships can be purchased at any tournament. Other state memberships are acceptable for non-Michigan residents. Please send your tournament announcements via e-mail to jeffchess@charter.net.
PLEASE NOTE! Events listed are a service of MCA. MCA is in no way responsible for cancellations or changes. Be sure to always contact your organizer!

NOVEMBER TOURNAMENTS:

Nov 2 Chess for Charity X
The River, 255 S. Squirrel Rd. Auburn Hills, MI 48326. **4-SS**. **Rds:** 1-2-3-4. **EF:** $10, Free USCF Cat 1 & Above. **TL:** G/25;d5. **$$:** 1st $10, 2nd $10, 3rd $10, U1500 $10, U900 $10. **Ent/Info:**. http://gamesinmichigan.com/chessforcharity, David Lame, dave@gamesinmichigan.com

Nov 3 Troy Youth All-Star CC Action Quads
Troy Public Library, 510 W. Big Beaver. Troy, MI 48084. **3-RR**. **Reg:** 1pm for Payment. Advance only via e-mail/text. NO on-site registrations. **Rds:** 1:30-2:30-3:30. **EF:** $5 by 11/1, $10 on 11/2 **TL:** G/30 (G/25;d5). **$$:** 1st $10, 2nd $6 each quad. **Ent/Info:**. TYASCC-owner@yahoogroups.com, 248-825-6192

Nov 9 ★★MICHIGAN SCHOLASTIC CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS★★ Dearborn *See Page 20 for Details*

Nov 15 FRIDAY KNIGHT ACTION QUADS! #81
Pierpont Commons: Center Room and Valley Room, 2101 Bonisteel Blvd, Ann Arbor, MI 48109. **3-RR** Quads by rtg. **Reg:** 6:30-6:50pm **Rds:** 7-8-9pm. **EF:** $10 by 6pm day of tourney (go to michess.org listing for PayPal link to pay), $10 at the door, $15 if paid after 6:50pm. **TL:** G/30 (G/25;d5). $$: $16/quad. **Ent/Info:** Jennifer Skidmore 734-678-0463, jmscamelot@gmail.com

Nov 16 ★★2012 MICHIGAN WOMEN'S CHAMPIONSHIPS★★
Pierpont Commons - East Room (U of M North Campus), 2101 Bonisteel Blvd,Ann Arbor, MI 48109. 2 Sect (Open, U1000) + Side Event, **4-SS**, One ½-point bye avail rd 1-3. **TL:** Open: Rd 1 G/75;d5, Rd 2-4 G/90;d5; U1000/Side Event: G/60;d5. **Rds:** Open: 9:15-12:15-3:15-6:40 , U1000/Side Event: 12:15-2:15-4:15- 6:40 . **EF:** Open/U1000 $20 by 11/13, add $10 after, $5 discount if under 18; Side Event $15 by 11/13, add $10 after. Online Reg: https://www.onlineregistration.cc. Make checks payable to **Michigan Chess Association**. **Reg:** Open: 8:15-9am; U1000/Side Event: 8:15-11:45am. **$$:** Open: 1st $75 + troph, 2nd Troph, Top B,C,D,E/Unr Troph; U1000: 1st, 2nd Top U800, U600, U400, Unr Troph; Side Event: Troph: 1st, 2nd, U1400, U1200, U1000, U800. **Entries/Info:** Michael Smith, redwing_85@hotmail.com, (734) 625-5057, PO BOX 8064, Ann Arbor, MI 48107

Nov 24 CANTON SUNDAY QUADS
Canton Public Library, 1200 South Canton Center Rd, Canton, MI 48188. **3-RR**. **TL:** G/30 (G/25;d5). **Rds:** 1pm-2:30pm-4pm. **EF:** $6 by PayPal only. **Reg:** 12:30am-1:00pm. **$$:** $15 per quad . **ENT&INF:** Tim Heller (chessclub@wowway.com) or Manmohan Das (mrwiz.usa@gmail.com)

Nov 29 – Dec 1 MOTOR CITY OPEN Sponsored In Part By Michigan Chess Festival, LLC! Motor City Casino Hotel, 2901 Grand River Ave, Detroit, MI 48201. 6-SS (5-SS in U1000 section). **HR:** $119 by 11/15, Reserve online at http://www.motorcitycasino.com OR call toll-free, 1-866-STAY-MCC (866-782-9622). **6-SS** (U1000: **5-SS**). 4 Sections: Open (FIDE-Rated), U1800, U1400, U1000. Top 3 Sections have 2-Day and 3-Day Schedules. 1-Day Only Schedule for U1000. Up to three ½-point byes, must be requested prior to start of Rd 4. Multiple Day Sections merge after Rd 3. Unrated eligible Only for Overall and Unr Prizes in all sections; may not be allowed in lower sections at discretion of Organizer/TD. **TL:** Open, U1800, U1400: 3-Day: Rd 1-4 G/120;d5, Rd 5-6 40/120;d,SD/30; 2-Day: Rd 1-3 G/40;d5, Rd 4 G/120;d5, Rd 5-6 40/120;d5,SD/30. U1000: G/25;d0. **Rds:** Open, U1800, U1400: 3-Day: Fri 12-6, Sat 11-6, Sun 10-3:30. 2-Day: Sat 11-1-3-6, Sun 10-3:30. U1000: Sat 10:40-12:20-2-3:30-6. **EF:** By 11/11, add $10 after; By 11/18, add $20 after; Open: 3-Day: $113, 2-Day: $122. IM/GM Free (EF of $100 ded from prize); U1800: 3-Day: $83, 2-Day: $82, Re-Entry: $50. U1400: 3-Day: $63, 2-Day: $62, Re-Entry:

$40; U1000: $30. **Reg:** 3-Day: Fri 9-11am, 2-Day/1-Day: Sat 8:30-10am. **$$:** $10,000, 80% Guaranteed! Open: $4400 (b/50): $1500-$900-$600; U2400, U2200, U2000, U1800/Unr: $350 each. U1800 Sect: $3300 (b/50): $1200-$700-$400; U1600, U1400/Unr: $300-$200 each; U1400 Sect: $2300 (b/50): $700-$500-$300; U1200, U1000/Unr: $250-$150 each. U1000: Large Trophies for Top 5 and 1st-2nd U800, U600, Unr; Medals 3.5pts. Quartz Clock for Biggest Upset in Each Section! **Entries/Info:** Ed Mandell, All The King's Men Chess and Brain Games, Inc. 27170 Dequindre Road, Warren, MI 48092, (586) 558-4790, Fax: (586) 558-2046, Email: allthekingsmench@aol.com, Website: www.allthekingsmenchess.com.

DECEMBER TOURNAMENTS

Dec 6 FRIDAY KNIGHT ACTION QUADS! #82
See Nov 15 Event

Dec 7 UNIVERSAL ANNUAL K-12 CHAMPIONSHIP
All the King's Men Chess Supplies, 27170 Dequindre Road, Warren in Parkview Square Strip Mall**. 4-SS**, 3 Sections (K-12, K-6, K-3).Up to 2 half-point byes, req prior toRd 3. **TL:** G/40. **Rds:** 10:30-12:30-2:15-4. **EF:** $25; Add $5 After 12/3. Reg: 9-9:45am. **$$:** Troph: K-12: Top 3 Overall, Gr 10-12, Gr 8-9, Gr 6-7, Under Gr 6; K-6: Gr 5-6, Gr 3-4, Under Gr 3; K-3: Gr 2-3, Gr K-1. **Ent/Info:** Dr. Ed Mandell, 27170 Dequindre Road, Warren, MI 48092, (586) 558-4790, Fax (586) 558-2046, Email: allthekingsmench@aol.com

Dec 7 Dexter Community Education Scholastic Chess Tournament
Cornerstone School, 7480 Dan Hoey Rd, Dexter, MI. **4-SS**, 4 Sections based on Grade: K-6 Unrated, K-3 Rated, K-5 Rated, K-8 Rated. Note: Unrated sections are open to anyone who has not played more than one rated tournament. **TL:** G/30 (G/25;d5). **Rds:** 9:45am-11am-12:15pm-1:30pm. **EF:** Adv One Week Prior: K-6 Unrated: $10; Rated Sections: $15; After $5 More. **Reg:** Online: www.onlinedexter.com, K-6 Unrated Reg Code: #68-A, K-3 Rated Reg Code: #68-B, K-5 Rated Reg Code: #68-C, K-8 Rated Reg Code: #68-D; Note: If you do not have an account, one will need to be created. For registration assistance call Carla (734) 424-4180 or Kathy 424-4100 Ext. 1303; Mail: Dexter Community Education, 7714 Ann Arbor St., Dexter, MI 48130. Checks payable to Dexter Community Education. E-mail: rmdrake@umich.edu & pay on-site with cash or check payable to Dexter Community Education. On-site: 9-9:30 am: Add $5 to entry fee. $$: Trophies awarded. Ent/Info: Organizer: Rob Drake rmdrake@umich.edu 269-779-0193; Chief TD: Jenny Skidmore jmscamelot@gmail.com

Dec 10 *Genesee County CC* ACTION QUADS
Eastside Senior Center, 3065 N. Genesee Rd. Flint, MI 48506. **3-RR** Quads by rtg. **Reg:** 6:00-6:25pm **Rds:** 6:30-7:30-8:30. **EF:** $5 **TL:** G/30 (G25;d5) **$$:** $15/quad. **Ent/Info:** Jeff Aldrich 810-955-7271. jeffchess@charter.net

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Dec 15 Troy Youth All-Star CC Action Quads
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Jan 3 FRIDAY KNIGHT ACTION QUADS! #83
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Jan 14 Genesee County C.C. Quick Swiss

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DIRECTIONS:	**From East:** I-496 to Grand Ave (Exit 7A), Right on Grand Ave. **From West:** I-496 to Pine/Walnut Streets (Exit 6), Left on Grand Ave.
ROOM RATE	$102.95 + tax by January 3, 2014, after if space available. www.radisson.com/lansingmi - Promotion Code: CHES14 *Let us know if you are staying at the hotel for the tournament.*
8 SECTIONS:	Master/Expert (FIDE Rated), A, B, C, D, E (U1200) Novice (Sat)/Fun Swiss (Sun): U1000/Unrated, 1-Day Each
MEMBERSHIPS:	Must be a member of the US Chess Federation & Michigan Chess Association. (Members of other state associations OK)
CLASS ELIGIBILITY:	The most recent USCF rating supplement will be used for determining ratings. Players must play in the class in which their rating indicates. Unrated players must play in the Novice section. Players may request to play up in class (or unrated players may request being seeded into a class) if their recent tournament history shows achievement into that class. The tournament director must approve all requests and will assign a rating to the player within the rating window of that class.
ADVANCE ENTRY FEES:	**M/X:** $45 (U18 $5 off), **A, B, C, D, E:** $42 (U18 $5 off) **Novice/Fun Swiss:** $25 each ($40 when registering for both) Free entry to GM, IM, FM, & 2200+, advanced entry fee deducted from prize. Advance entries must be paid by January 9. ALL entry fees paid after January 9 will be $10 more.
ADVANCE REGISTRATION:	Online: https://onlineregistration.cc/ Jeff Aldrich (TD), 7453 Whippoorwill Ln., Davison, MI 48423; Make Checks Payable to **MCA.** jeffchess@charter.net; (810) 955-7271
ON-SITE REGISTRATION:	Saturday: 8:00-9:00am Fun Swiss: 8:30-9:30am
ROUNDS:	**M/X, Class Sections:** Sat 10am, 2:30pm, 7 pm; Sun 10am, 2:30pm **Novice/Fun Swiss:** 10am, 11:30am, 1:30pm, 3pm, 4:30pm
TIME CONTROL:	**M/X, Class Sections:** G/120;d5 **Novice/Fun Swiss:** G/30;d5

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Novice/Fun Swiss: Trophies to Top 5 Overall, Top U800, Top U700, Top U600, Top Unrated.
State Champions (Top Michigan Resident): Master/Expert, Expert, and Each Class plus Novice. Trophies for all place-winners listed above.