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EDITOR'S NOTE

The turnout for the 2021 MI Open Championships proved most promising for the resurgence of the MCA. The nearly 190 participants in the Open coupled with the 60 avid fans of rapid chess who jostled for the prizes at 2021 MI Speed Championships demonstrated that the hunger for in-person chess competition was alive and well in the Great Lakes State! MCA president, Jeff Aldrich had to be overwhelmed by the surge of players willing to part with their recent stimulus windfalls to renew their memberships and pony up the entry fees to once again feel the weighted chess pieces in their eager fingers, and hear the familiar sound of chess clocks being readied for action!

It seems that the enthusiasm carried over to the Bottom Half Class tournament hosted in Ann Arbor on the first weekend in October. It provided yet another opportunity to break out the chess sets and go at each other in a setting that permitted players in the lower half of each rating level the chance to challenge each other without the bleak prospects of being sacrificial offerings for those who occupied the lofty heights beyond the mean.

Let's hope the momentum from this pair of inaugural events returns the MCA to some sense of normalcy, and cross our fingers that the recent decline in covid cases marks the beginning of a new era of in-person chess.

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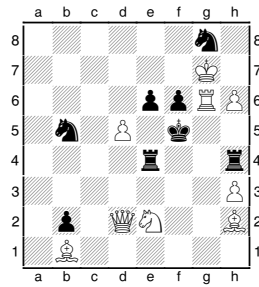
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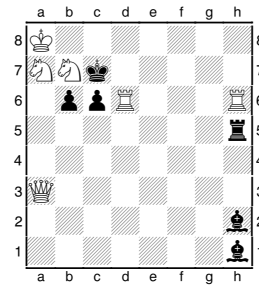
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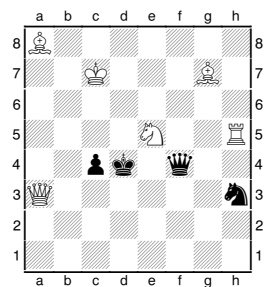
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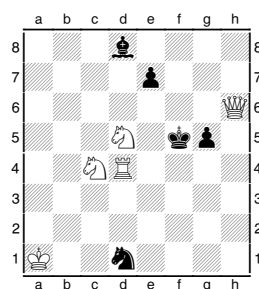
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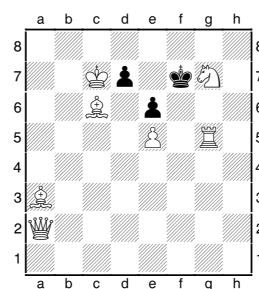
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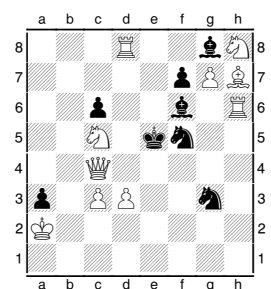
3. White to move and mate in two moves.



4. White to move and mate in two moves.



5. White to move and mate in two moves.



6. White to move and mate in two moves.

Notes and Announcements:

November 2021 Update - Remaining 2021 MCA Events

We plan to maintain the same mask policy used at the Michigan Open as described in the following paragraphs. For clarity, we have added an explicit medical exemption policy.

To provide the safest environment possible under the circumstances for all people involved with the tournament, masks must be worn in all public spaces related to the Michigan Open. This mask policy applies to all sanctioned games, skittles room, side events, and other activities, such as the general membership meeting and when in the TD room. Those covered by this policy include, but are not limited to, players in games, tournament staff, and other attendees, such as parents, in the above specified areas. Medical exemptions will be granted to people who meet the criteria as defined by the following CDC policy: <https://www.cdc.gov/quarantine/masks/mask-travel-guidance.html#disability-exemptions>. You may bring your own face covering. MCA will provide face coverings as well but will have a limited amount. Players choosing not to wear a face covering over their mouth and nose will be withdrawn from the tournament without a refund. No food will be allowed in the playing room. Water will be provided, and players may uncover only to take a drink. You may bring your own drink into the playing. Food consumption will be allowed in public spaces and skittles areas.

If you have had COVID-19 or been exposed to someone with COVID-19 in the 14 days prior to the tournament, we ask that you not attend. If you do not feel well prior to the tournament, please do not attend the event. We will offer a full refund of entry fee and memberships for anyone that fits these categories. If a player unexpectedly becomes ill during the event, they should withdraw. A prorated refund may be given up to 50% of the entry fee.

Pairings and results will be made available online to reduce the need to gather near postings. We discourage shaking hands before and after games. Draw offers/agreements and resignations should be made verbally or via clear actions indicating such. Hand sanitizer and disinfectant wipes will be provided in the playing rooms. It is recommended that players wash their hands prior to and after each game. (See more at: <https://www.michess.org/covid-19-update>)

2023 U.S. Open Championship, July 29-August 6
DeVos Place
Amway Grand Plaza Hotel
187 Monroe Ave. N.W.
Grand Rapids, MI 49503
(800) 253-3590
HR: \$144 single/double/triple/quad - Cutoff date: June 26, 2023

Michigan Chess Association- 2021 Annual Membership Meeting Minute
September 6, 2021 - 04:00PM EDT
Radisson Hotel, Lansing MI

A Quorum was present:

1.) Meeting Business:

- Agenda / Approved Unanimously
- Minutes from 2020 / Approved Unanimously

2.) President's Report :

- This MI OPEN CHP is the first in-person event since Spring of 2020.
- We will continue to require wearing a mask during these events, as it provides a simple effective solution to minimize the risk of spreading CV19. We encourage everyone to follow standard social distancing and appropriate practices to stay healthy.
- Going forward we expect to hold in-person events for the usual fall schedule.
- The Action CHP will hopefully be held in Ann Arbor in December, the Class CHP Jan 8/9 in Lansing, and the Scholastic Club this fall at a location yet to be determined, all pending availability of locations. Additional events we plan to hold in the Spring of 2022 are the Senior CHP in May and the Amateur in May/June.
- The US Open is scheduled for Grand Rapids MI in Jul/Aug of 2023 so the MI Open that year will also be held in Gr. Rapids. Next year's Open would preferably be held in Detroit. Any suggestions for the venue to recommend are appreciated.

3.) Treasurer's Report:

- Current account balances total approximately \$53,000. As of July 31. This is excellent news given the lack of OTB events over the past year and up about 10% from last year's report.
- Brad Rogers is stepping down after serving as MCA Treasurer the past few years. We thank him for his many years of superb service!

4.) USCF Delegates Meeting Report:

- No one from MCA attended this year's meeting. There were some minor changes to membership categories and the magazines were separated from the memberships as separate subscriptions. Next year's meeting will be in the LA , CA area. If anyone plans to be there and would like to represent MCA let us know.

5.) Membership Report

- Membership is down dramatically from last year and currently stands at 572 compared to 998 last year at this time. This is clearly due to the lack of OTB events. We expect this level to bounce back above 1K as we resume our regular tournament schedule.

6.) Election of Officers

- Stan Jarosz officiated over this portion of the meeting.
- Brad Rogers is stepping down as Treasurer and Ray Garrison is offering to take the position. Ray's spot as an MCA Board member At Large needs to be filled for the remaining year.
- No new candidates were proposed during the request for nominees other than one for each position so that the vote was done by unanimous acclamation.
 - President / Jeff Aldrich
 - VP / Loren Schwiebert
 - Secretary / Tim Kuhn
 - Treasurer / Ray Garrison
- The remaining year of Ray Garrison's at-large term will be filled by Lydia Aldrich after several other nominees were proposed but then withdrawn. Lydia was elected with unanimous acclamation.

7.) New Business / No new business was put forward.

8.) Adjournment / (Jack Kahn/Tim Kuhn seconded)

Respectfully Submitted by Timothy C. Kuhn
September 15, 2021

2021 BOTTOM HALF CLASS TOURNAMENT OCTOBER 2&3 – ANN ARBOR, MICHIGAN

An Adventure in Ann Arbor: A taste of Irony

The 2021 Bottom Half Class Tournament

by Lon Rutkofske

Having been absent from in-person play since the 2020 Master/Expert/Class event in Lansing, the weekend of October 2 and 3rd was on my calendar ever since I was unable to attend the 2021 MI Open. I was looking forward to meeting some old friends and hoped to have my way with some new ones! Travelling this weekend would prove to become a unique adventure, as my 90+ mile trip to Ann Arbor from Marysville would be made less stressful because I could stay in Canton with my daughter and son in law. This shorter commute featured a mere 30-minute jaunt to the tournament site at the Windham Garden hotel, south and less than a mile off the I-94 express way. Of course, the added benefit of saving me over \$200 in travel and accommodation expenses made the trip far more attractive. The sprawling **Windham Garden** complex proved to be an impressive, upscale venue, complete with pool, a plethora of conference rooms, a bar, food, beverage services and even a theatre! The only exception seemed to be the fact that restroom facilities were minimally adequate, with the closest pair to the playing hall, a mere 20 feet away, unfortunately being closed for the duration. This was a relatively small inconvenience, since the majority of participants I surmised, planned to spend most of their time in the playing hall or skittles room!

Comfortably arriving nearly an hour early, I checked in with TD **Jeff Aldrich**, and in looking over the registration list for the U1900 section and was pleasantly surprised to discover that I was the section's #2 highest rated entry. Feeling euphoric at this prospect, I proceeded to take a seat and people-watch as the myriad of players registered and was greeted



Eric Wright

with a hearty handshake and cheerful smile from **Eric Wright**. Ironically, I had just finished transcribing his games from the recent MI Open the previous Wednesday evening in preparation for publication in the Winter issue of **Michigan Chess**. We enjoyed a marvelous conversation sharing the fact that we were both former educators and discussed a wide variety of topics from news of the day, sports, the pandemic, retirement, and of course, chess. As we broke up, he graciously invited me to stay with him, should a future event bring us back in proximity, since he lived a very short distance from Ann Arbor. I guess I could best describe this whole experience as one of irony, since my first-round pairing was with none other than fellow **Port Huron Chess Club** member, **Josh Muir**, who had decided to take on the challenge of playing up a section! Josh lived just blocks from me in Marysville and attended PHCC meetings while in high school and community college! He has played in several of our club's online events, even after moving to Detroit to attend Wayne State to get his business degree. He is working in a comptroller's office for a local automotive supplier, *Faurecia*, and is in the process of purchasing a home in Madison Heights. Our first-round tussle ended up a draw by mutual agreement, mostly because I set my clock incorrectly. In round two I faced **Waleed Yassine**, with the white pieces, sacrificing a pawn in the opening hoping for an advantage in development. Ironically again, my ploy backfired as my young opponent ended up with the developmental advantage, and the free pawn to boot, winning the contest handily. Discouraged, I decided to take a third-round bye, to recoup my stamina, which initially appeared to be the less stressful plan. Yet again, irony stepped to foil my early evening return to Canton as the journey resulted in my being buffeted by strong winds and heavy rain.



Josh Muir

Morning found me up early, eager for the final two rounds intent on reconnecting with friends to discuss their round 3 results. Engaging my trusty **Garmin** yet again, I set out, confident that my electronic guide would shepherd me quickly and safely to the tournament site. Ironically, this was not going to be smooth sailing. It seems that throughout the day, there had been some serious modifications in the topography of my route from the previous morning. Instead, my machine and I were confronted with a series of detours, road closures, one way traffic directives, and a host of “infamous Michigan construction changes” that confused the both of us. In my ever-increasing frustration, it struck me that my “electronic pilot” was hung up in a continuous loop of right hand turns, and its endless torrent of “recalculations” was dooming us to experience an unusual and increasingly unwelcomed tour of the various environs of southern Ypsilanti. In a final fit of frustration, I switched off my “electronic companion”, drove into a Mobile gas station, which incidentally I had passed several times in our lengthy excursion, and meekly asked for directions. To my amazement, the attendant provided me with precise, and simple direction for a 5-minute alternative that liberated us from what could have been an inglorious fate trapped eternally on a vehicular hamster wheel. We arrived at the tournament site with one minute to spare!

Not ironically, my 4th round game was a catastrophe, but well-played by **Andrew Kauffman** who soundly punished my attempted Benoni with a pair of powerful bishops. After my rather speedy demise, I decided to call it quits, notifying Jeff of my withdrawal before hitting the road on my long journey to Marysville. The final painful irony manifested itself in the final standing...from 2nd before round one, to 2nd from the bottom...truly... “Pride cometh before the fall!”

While not being one of my stellar performances, I must say, it was a worthwhile experience being at the board again, amid the pre-tournament chaos and observing the ebb and flow of a major chess event! Despite some personal disappointment, the obvious positives of meeting new friends, socializing with those who really love the game, and competing once again on a larger stage are just a few of the marvelous things that make tournament chess compelling.

Some photo shots of the action at the 2021 BHC Tournament by Lon Rutkofske and Jeff Aldrich.



WINNERS FROM THE 2021 BOTTOM HALF CLASS TOURNAMENT

#	Name	Rtng	Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd 3	Rd 4	Rd 5	Total
1	FM Mark Heimann	2481	H	W 19	W 13	W 2	W 5	5
2	Ralph Tan	2221	W 16	W 9	W 18	L 1	W 8	4
3	Sean Tan	2032	W 12	D 8	L 11	W 18	W 14	4
4	Anthony Nichols	2123	W 23	W 7	H	W 6	U	4
5	Robert O'Donnell	2100	W 28	L 18	W 26	W 11	L 1	3
6	Rohan Padhye	2118	W 14	W 10	H	L 4	D 7	3
7	Michael Dang	2000	W 27	L 4	D 10	W 19	D 6	3
8	Benjamin Brandt	1957	W 29	D 3	H	W 9	L 2	3
9	Broderick Bauml	2025	W 20	L 2	W 23	L 8	W 17	3
10	Manmohan Das	1988	W 24	L 6	D 7	D 12	W 20	3
11	Joel Halloran	1901	H	W 17	W 3	L 5	D 15	3
12	Ashrith Mathiyazhagan	1736	L 3	W 29	D 17	D 10	W 21	3
13	Jesse Ren	2013	D 22	W 15	L 1	L 14	W 23	3
14	Yule Xie	1833	L 6	W 24	H	W 13	L 3	3
15	Krishna Sudharsan	2040	D 17	L 13	H	W 26	D 11	3
16	Megan Chen	1883	L 2	L 20	D 24	X 29	W 26	3
17	Alex Kong	1743	D 15	L 11	D 12	W 25	L 9	2
18	Carlos Guzman	1984	W 25	W 5	L 2	L 3	U	2
19	Ryan Wang	1907	W 30	L 1	H	L 7	D 22	2
20	Leyou Jiang	1718	L 9	W 16	H	D 21	L 10	2
21	Raymond Garrison	1959	L 26	W 22	H	D 20	L 12	2
22	Druvin Mutalam	1675	D 13	L 21	H	D 23	D 19	2
23	Jayakumar Ramanathan	1876	L 4	W 27	L 9	D 22	L 13	2
24	Rajesh Anand	1592	L 10	L 14	D 16	D 27	D 25	2
25	Nurayda Albeez	1579	L 18	L 28	W 27	L 17	D 24	2
26	Adhrit Bharath	1565	W 21	H	L 5	L 15	L 16	2
27	William Wang	1643	L 7	L 23	L 25	D 24	B	2
28	Ethan Lyu	1793	L 5	W 25	H	U	U	2
29	Tejas Ponugupati	852	L 8	L 12	B	F 16	U	1
30	Mauro Lopez	2317	L 19	U	U	U	U	0



Open - 1st Place
Mark Heimann - PA



Open - 2nd Place
Ralph Tan - OH



Open - Top U2200
Sean Tan - OH



Open - Top MI Player
Anthony Nichols

Bottom Half Class Tournament – U/1900 Section

#	Name	Rtng	Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd 3	Rd 4	Rd 5	Total
1	Max Wilson	1808	W 5	W 9	W 2	W 6	D 3	5
2	Abhinav Pullabhotla	1792	W 10	W 7	L 1	W 5	W 6	4
3	Rocky Wang	1572	L 9	W 10	H	W 8	D 1	3
4	Andrew Kauffman	1516	L 7	B	H	W 11	D 5	3
5	Alex Gorodetsky	1683	L 1	W 8	W 7	L 2	D 4	3
6	Waleed Yassine	1798	H	W 11	W 9	L 1	L 2	3
7	Elan Hong	1715	W 4	L 2	L 5	D 9	W 10	3
8	Joshua Muir	1676	D 11	L 5	W 10	L 3	W 9	3
9	Jeff Futrell	1760	W 3	L 1	L 6	D 7	L 8	2
10	Leonardo Segal	1642	L 2	L 3	L 8	B	L 7	1
11	Lonnie Rutkofske	1804	D 8	L 6	H	L 4	U	1



U1900 - 1st Place
Max Wilson



U1900 - 2nd Place
Abhinav Pullabhotla

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Bottom Half Class Tournament – U1700 Section

#	Name	Rtng	Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd 3	Rd 4	Rd 5	Total
1	Patrick Schilling	1671	W 6	D 3	H	W 7	W 4	4
2	Freyr Wang	1355	B	L 4	W 9	W 8	W 7	4
3	Loren Schwiebert	1600	W 10	D 1	W 7	D 4	D 8	3.5
4	Jed Amrine	1369	H	W 2	W 6	D 3	L 1	3
5	Harvey Hanke	1518	W 9	L 7	D 8	W 10	D 6	3
6	Stanley Ren	1590	L 1	W 10	L 4	W 9	D 5	2.5
7	Victor Rotberg	1649	W 8	W 5	L 3	L 1	L 2	2
8	Patricia Tan	1551	L 7	W 9	D 5	L 2	D 3	2
9	Christopher Van Lent	1629	L 5	L 8	L 2	L 6	B	1
10	Robert Raese	1514	L 3	L 6	B	L 5	U	1



U1700 - 1st Place
Patrick Schilling



U1700 - 2nd Place
Freyr Wang

Bottom Half Class Tournament – U1500 Section

#	Name	Rtng	Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd 3	Rd 4	Rd 5	Total
1	Sophie Salomon	1336	W 5	W 2	W 4	W 7	W 8	5
2	Aaron Y Liu	1469	W 6	L 1	W 3	W 4	W 5	4
3	Dron Das	1292	L 7	B	L 2	W 6	W 4	3
4	Eric Wright	1236	W 8	W 7	L 1	L 2	L 3	2
5	Billy Edwards	1449	L 1	W 9	L 6	B	L 2	2
6	Michael Bauml	1343	L 2	W 8	W 5	L 3	L 9	2
7	Abraham Lorber	1395	W 3	L 4	W 9	L 1	U	2
8	Jeffrey Solski	1380	L 4	L 6	B	W 9	L 1	2
9	Jonathan Byrd	991	B	L 5	L 7	L 8	W 6	2



U1500 - 1st Place
Sophie Salomon



U1500 - 2nd Place
Aaron Y Liu

Bottom Half Class Tournament – U1300 Section

#	Name	Rtng	Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd 3	Rd 4	Rd 5	Total
1	Anthony Lopresto	1007	W 23	W 7	W 14	W 8	W 5	5
2	Lukas Krueger	1128	W 26	W 9	W 6	D 5	W 11	4.5
3	Rishab Balaji	1047	W 25	W 4	L 5	W 22	W 7	4
4	William Walsh	1170	W 16	L 3	W 15	W 12	W 6	4
5	Kazuma David	1219	W 19	W 18	W 3	D 2	L 1	3.5
6	Michael Allon	1210	W 22	W 10	L 2	W 9	L 4	3
7	Srihari Anandheri Kandadai	1170	W 20	L 1	W 17	W 10	L 3	3
8	Aloke Hede	1282	L 10	W 21	W 16	L 1	W 15	3
9	Joseph Kello	715	X	L 2	W 18	L 6	W 14	3
10	Druheen Das	1085	W 8	L 6	W 24	L 7	W 16	3
11	Tyler Booher	1180	D 21	W 12	H	W 14	L 2	3
12	Tejas Valisetty	296	B	L 11	W 21	L 4	W 19	3
13	Jun Hong	1111	L 15	L 17	D 26	W 25	W 22	2.5
14	Jan Burdzinski	1150	W 17	W 15	L 1	L 11	L 9	2
15	Tarun Swaminathan	817	W 13	L 14	L 4	W 20	L 8	2
16	Winston Wang	911	L 4	W 25	L 8	W 18	L 10	2
17	Mahathi Mathiyazhagan	855	L 14	W 13	L 7	L 19	W 24	2
18	Beril Haskara	1087	W 24	L 5	L 9	L 16	W 21	2
19	Justin Napier	1001	L 5	L 24	W 25	W 17	L 12	2
20	Aditya Kumar	919	L 7	L 23	B	L 15	W 26	2
21	Samuel MacLeod	925	D 11	L 8	L 12	W 24	L 18	1.5
22	Jignesh Sadipirala	930	L 6	W 26	H	L 3	L 13	1.5
23	Ahmad Al-sadi	1228	L 1	W 20	H	U	U	1.5
24	Tiffany Li	711	L 18	W 19	L 10	L 21	L 17	1
25	Sam Ross	1250	L 3	L 16	L 19	L 13	B	1
26	Miah Guo	826	L 2	L 22	D 13	H	L 20	1



U1500-Top U1400
Dron Das



U1300 - 1st Place
Anthony Lopresto



U1300 - 2nd Place
Lukas Krueger



U1300-Top U1200
Rishab Balaji

[Chess is] a warlike and representative struggle for mastery. It [is] a conspectus of life itself, with the illusion of power over life, which is why, though unthinking people laugh to hear of it, the chess master often dies worn out, overstrained from an incredible depth and complexity of concentration prolonged over a period of years. Joseph Cross

Bottom Half Class Tournament – U900/Unrated Section

#	Name	Rtng	Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd 3	Rd 4	Rd 5	Total
1	Max New	unr.	W 19	W 15	W 33	W 6	W 2	5
2	Alec Wilhoite	unr.	W 30	W 8	W 18	W 17	L 1	4
3	Spencer Price	unr.	L 8	W 30	W 29	W 32	W 16	4
4	Dominic Signorello	796	W 5	W 29	L 7	W 23	W 17	4
5	Dhruv Alyum	310	L 4	W 42	W 11	W 36	W 22	4
6	Shreemayi Anandheri Kandadai	705	W 35	W 28	W 23	L 1	W 21	4
7	James McHugh	563	W 13	W 24	W 4	W 22	L 9	4
8	Varick Chen	535	W 3	L 2	W 37	W 33	W 18	4
9	Tanish Seelam	815	W 36	W 31	L 17	W 10	W 7	4
10	Alex Hausman	404	W 11	D 22	W 19	L 9	W 33	3.5
11	Aaradhya Gopireddy	unr.	L 10	W 34	L 5	W 30	W 32	3
12	Joseph Guido	unr.	W 27	L 17	W 14	L 18	W 31	3
13	Max Coats	unr.	L 7	W 20	L 31	W 40	W 27	3
14	Saketh Dondapati	379	W 43	L 33	L 12	W 37	W 24	3
15	Olivia Lin	719	W 41	L 1	L 22	W 35	W 28	3
16	Joshua Wu	622	L 28	W 39	W 40	W 31	L 3	3
17	Maruthappan Murugappan	569	W 25	W 12	W 9	L 2	L 4	3
18	Jaden Pietrzak	665	W 39	W 37	L 2	W 12	L 8	3
19	Henry Lewis	669	L 1	W 41	L 10	W 34	W 23	3
20	Henry Kuhns	371	L 24	L 13	W 25	W 38	W 36	3
21	Pranav Varier	565	W 26	L 23	W 28	W 24	L 6	3
22	Kyla Brink	735	W 34	D 10	W 15	L 7	L 5	2.5
23	Thomas Macias	unr.	W 32	W 21	L 6	L 4	L 19	2
24	Suzette Wanninkhof	unr.	W 20	L 7	W 27	L 21	L 14	2
25	Francis Hernandez	unr.	L 17	L 27	L 20	W 42	W 40	2
26	Jitvan Kollu	unr.	L 21	L 32	L 30	W 43	W 41	2
27	Dante Barrett	409	L 12	W 25	L 24	W 39	L 13	2
28	Jake Blanchard	unr.	W 16	L 6	L 21	W 29	L 15	2
29	Charvik Sapthagiri Bachu	459	W 42	L 4	L 3	L 28	W 37	2
30	Jonathan Yu	374	L 2	L 3	W 26	L 11	W 39	2
31	Rahul Gururajan	518	W 38	L 9	W 13	L 16	L 12	2
32	Andrew Xu	576	L 23	W 26	W 35	L 3	L 11	2
33	Ravi Kothari	762	W 40	W 14	L 1	L 8	L 10	2
34	Priest Price	144	L 22	L 11	W 42	L 19	W 38	2
35	Evan Croft	104	L 6	B	L 32	L 15	W 42	2
36	Tate Davis	332	L 9	W 38	H	L 5	L 20	1.5
37	Zara Burzo	unr.	X	L 18	L 8	L 14	L 29	1
38	Ryan Felton	unr.	L 31	L 36	W 41	L 20	L 34	1
39	Avi Jagannathan	unr.	L 18	L 16	W 43	L 27	L 30	1
40	Dylan Key	273	L 33	W 43	L 16	L 13	L 25	1
41	Torsha Basu	111	L 15	L 19	L 38	B	L 26	1
42	Tian Shen	unr.	L 29	L 5	L 34	L 25	L 35	0
43	Murugappan Periyakaruppan	unr.	L 14	L 40	L 39	L 26	U	0

WINNERS FROM THE 2021 BOTTOM HALF CLASS TOURNAMENT



**U900 - 1st Place
Max New**



**U900 - 2nd Place
Alec Wilhoite**



**U900 - 3rd Place
James McHugh**



**U900 - 4th Place
Dominic Signorello**



**U900 - 5th Place
Varick Chen**



**U900 – tied 2-9th with 4 pts
Tanish Seelam**



**U900 – Top U800
Shreemayi Kandadai**



**U900 – Top U600
Alex Hausman**



**U900 -Top U400
Dhruv Alyum**



**U900 - Top Unrated
Spencer Price**

**GAMES FROM THE 2021
BOTTOM HALF CLASS
TOURNAMENT**

Round 1 Games

Tan,Ralph (2231) - Chen,Megan (1883)
[E65] King's Indian Defense: Fianchetto
2021 Michigan Bottom Half Class Open
Ann Arbor (1), 02.10.2021
1.Nf3 Nf6 2.g3 g6 3.Bg2 Bg7 4.0-0 0-0
5.d4 d6 6.c4 c5 7.Nc3 Nc6 8.dxc5 dxc5
9.Qb3 Qb6 10.Na4 Na5 11.Nxb6 Nxb3
12.axb3 Rb8 13.Nxc8 Rfxc8 14.Rxa7 Nd7
15.Rd1 Rd8 16.h4 Ne5 17.Rxd8+ Rxd8
18.Nxe5 Bxe5 19.Be3 Bxb2 20.Bxb7 Rd1+
21.Kg2 Bd4 22.Bh6 1-0

Guzman,Carlos (1984) - Albeez,Nurayda (1579) [C41] Philidor
2021 Michigan Bottom Half Class Open
Ann Arbor (1), 02.10.2021
1.e4 d6 2.d4 e5 3.Nf3 Nd7 4.Nc3 Ngf6
5.Bg5 Be7 6.Qd2 c6 7.a4 0-0 8.Bc4 Ng4
9.Bxe7 Qxe7 10.0-0 Kh8 11.h3 Nh6
12.Rfe1 f5 13.exf5 Nxf5 14.Bf1 Nh4
15.Nxh4 Qxh4 16.dxe5 Nxe5 17.Re4 Qf6
18.Rae1 Bf5 19.Rb4 b6 20.f4 Nf7 21.g4
Bc8 22.Ne4 Qd8 23.Bg2 d5 24.Ng3 Re8
25.Rb3 Nd6 26.Rxe8+ Qxe8 27.Re3 Qf7
28.b3 Bd7 29.c4 dxc4 30.Qxd6 cxb3
31.Qb4 Be6 32.f5 Bc4 33.Rc3 b5 34.axb5
cxb5 35.Bxa8 Qe8 36.Be4 Qd8 37.Rxc4
bxc4 38.Qxc4 b2 39.Qb4 Qd1+ 40.Kf2 h6
41.Qf8+ Kh7 42.f6+ g6 43.Qg7# 1-0

Lyu,Ethan (1793) - O'Donnell,Robert (2100) [B41] Sicilian:Kan var.
2021 Michigan Bottom Half Class Open
Ann Arbor (1), 02.10.2021
1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 e6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 a6 5.c4
Nf6 6.f3 Qc7 7.Nc3 Bc5 8.Be3 d6 9.Qd2 0-0
10.Be2 e5 11.Nc2 Be6 12.0-0 Nc6
13.Kh1 Bxe3 14.Qxe3 Rac8 15.Rac1 Ne7
16.b3 b5 17.Nd5 Nfxd5 18.cxd5 Bd7
19.Nb4 Qb7 20.Qd2 f5 21.a4 fxe4 22.fxe4
Ng6 23.Nc6 Rxf1+ 24.Bxf1 Rf8 25.axb5
axb5 26.Qa5 Bxc6 27.dxc6 Qxc6 28.Qe1
Qb6 29.Qe2 b4 30.Qc4+ Kh8 31.Be2 Qe3
32.Rf1 Rxf1+ 33.Bxf1 Qf2 34.h3 h5
35.Qb5 Kh7 36.Qd3 Nf4 37.Qc4 h4
38.Kh2 Qe1 39.Bd3 Qg3+ 0-1

Mathiyazhagan,Ashrith (1736) - Tan,Sean (2032) [B15] Caro-Kann
2021 Michigan Bottom Half Class Open
Ann Arbor (1), 02.10.2021
1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.Nc3 dxe4 4.Nxe4 Nf6
5.Nxf6+ exf6 6.Nf3 Bd6 7.g3 0-0 8.Bg2
Re8+ 9.Be3 Bg4 10.0-0 Qd7 11.Qd3 Na6
12.c4 Rad8 13.Nd2 Be5 14.Nb3 c5 15.d5

Bxb2 16.Rae1 b6 17.Bd2 Be5 18.f4 Bf5
19.Be4 Bxe4 20.Rxe4 Bd6 21.Rfe1 Nc7
22.Bc3 a6 23.Kg2 Rxe4 24.Rxe4 Re8
25.Nd2 Rb8 26.Re2 b5 27.Ne4 Ne8
28.Qe3 Rc8 29.Ba5 Bf8 30.Bb6 bxc4
31.Bxc5 Qxd5 32.Bxf8 Kxf8 33.Kf2 g6
34.Qa3+ Kg7 35.Qxa6 Qd4+ 36.Kf1 Rb8
37.Nd2 Nd6 0-1

Wilson,Max (1808) - Gorodetsky,Alex (1683) [C05] French Tarrasch
2021 Michigan Bottom Half Class U1900
Ann Arbor (1), 02.10.2021
1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nd2 Nf6 4.e5 Nfd7 5.f4
c5 6.c3 Nc6 7.Ndf3 Qb6 8.Ne2 cxd4
9.cxd4 f6 10.a3 Be7 11.Nc3 0-0 12.Bd3
Kh8 13.Bc2 a6 14.h4 fxe5 15.dxe5 Ndx5
16.fxe5 Nxe5 17.Qe2 Nxf3+ 18.gxf3
Bxh4+ 19.Rxh4 Qg1+ 20.Qf1 Qg3+ 21.Qf2
1-0

Muir,Josh (1676) - Rutkofske,Lonnie (1804) [B54] Sicilian Defense
2021 Michigan Bottom Half Class U1900
Ann Arbor (1), 02.10.2021
1.e4 e6 2.c4 c5 3.Nc3 Nc6 4.Nf3 d6 5.d4
Be7 6.Be3 a6 7.Be2 cxd4 8.Nxd4 Nf6 9.0-0
0-0 10.f3 Qc7 11.Rc1 e5 12.Nb3 Qd8
13.Qd2 Be6 14.Nd5 h6 15.Bb6 Qd7
16.Rfd1 Bd8 17.Nxf6+ Bxf6 18.Qxd6 Nd4
19.Rxd4 exd4 20.Qxd7 Bxd7 21.Nxd4
Rac8 22.b3 Rfe8 23.Rd1 Bd8 24.Bxd8
Rexd8 25.Nc2 Be6 26.Ne3 Rxd1+ 27.Bxd1
b5 28.Be2 Kf8 29.Kf2 bxc4 30.Nxc4 Bxc4
31.Bxc4 a5 32.a4 Ke7 33.Ke3 f6 34.h4 Rc5
35.g4 Kd6 36.Kd4 g5 ½-½

Rotberg,Victor (1649) - Tan,Patricia (1551) B08 Pirc: Classical System
2021 Michigan Bottom Half Class U1700
Ann Arbor (1), 02.10.2021
1.e4 d6 2.d4 Nf6 3.Nc3 g6 4.Nf3 c6 5.Bd3
Bg7 6.h3 0-0 7.0-0 Be6 8.Re1 Nbd7
9.Ng5 Ne8 10.Be3 Nc7 11.f4 h6 12.Nxe6
Nxe6 13.e5 dxe5 14.dxe5 Nb6 15.Qg4 h5
16.Qh4 Rc8 17.Rad1 Nd5 18.Nxd5 Qxd5
19.c4 Qa5 20.Qxe7 Qa4 21.b3 Qxa2
22.Bxg6 Rce8 23.Bxf7+ Rxf7 24.Qxe8+ 1-0

Hanke,Harvey (1518) - Van Lent,Christopher (1629) [B23] Closed Sicilian
2021 Michigan Bottom Half Class U1700
Ann Arbor (1), 02.10.2021
1.e4 c5 2.Nc3 Nc6 3.f4 d6 4.Nf3 g6 5.Bc4
Na5 6.Be2 Bg7 7.0-0 Nf6 8.d3 0-0 9.Qe1
Nc6 10.Qh4 Qb6 11.Kh1 Nd4 12.Bd1 Nxf3
13.Bxf3 Qc7 14.Qg3 Nd7 15.f5 Ne5
16.Be2 b6 17.Nd5 Qd7 18.f6 Bxf6 19.Rxf6
e6 20.Nc3 Nc6 21.Bh6 Re8 22.Raf1 Nd4
23.Rxf7 Qxf7 24.Rxf7 Kxf7 25.Qf4+ Ke7
26.Bg5+ Kd7 27.Qf7+ 1-0

Wright,Eric (1236) - Solski,Jeffery (1380) [A05] Reti Opening
2021 Michigan Bottom Half Class U1500
Ann Arbor (1), 02.10.2021
1.Nf3 Nf6 2.g3 g6 3.Bg2 Bg7 4.d3 c6 5.e4
d6 6.0-0 0-0 7.h3 Nbd7 8.c3 Re8 9.Re1
h5 10.Bg5 Nf8 11.Nbd2 b5 12.d4 N8h7
13.Bf4 Bb7 14.e5 Nd5 15.Be3 Nxe3
16.Rxe3 Rb8 17.b3 d5 18.Nh2 Bc8 19.f4
f5 20.Qe2 e6 21.Kf2 Qb6 22.b4 a5 23.a3
Ra8 24.Ndf3 axb4 25.cxb4 g5 26.fgx5 Rf8
27.g6 f4 28.gxh7+ Kh8 29.Rd3 fxx3+
30.Kxx3 Qd8 31.h4 Bh6 32.Rf1 Ra7
33.Ng1 Bf4+ 34.Rxf4 Rxf4 35.Kxf4 Qxh4+
36.Ke3 Qg5+ 37.Kf2 Qh4+ 38.Rg3 Qxh2
39.Qf3 Qh4 40.Qf8+ Kxh7 41.Qg8+ Kh6
42.Qg6# 1-0

Sadipirala,Jignesh (930) - Allon,Michael (1210) [D00] QP Game
2021 Michigan Bottom Half Class U1300
Ann Arbor (1), 02.10.2021
1.d4 d5 2.Bf4 Nf6 3.e3 Nc6 4.c4 Bf5 5.Qb3
Na5 6.Qa4+ c6 7.Nc3 e6 8.Nf3 Nxc4
9.Bxc4 dxc4 10.Qxc4 Bd6 11.Bxd6 Qxd6
12.Nd2 Bg6 13.0-0 Ng4 14.Nf3 0-0 15.h3
Nf6 16.Ne5 Be4 17.Nxe4 Nxe4 18.Rad1
Rac8 19.f3 Ng3 20.Rf2 f6 21.Nd3 Kh8
22.Nc5 b5 23.Qxe6 Qxe6 24.Nxe6 Rfe8
25.Kh2 Rxe6 26.Kxx3 Rxe3 27.Rfd2 Kg8
28.d5 cxd5 29.Rxd5 a6 30.Rd6 Re2
31.Rxa6 Rxb2 32.Kg4 Rxx2+ 33.Kf4 Rc7
34.Rb6 Rg5 35.Rd4 Rgc5 36.Ke3 Re5+
37.Kd3 Kf7 38.Re4 Rxe4 39.Kxe4 Ra7
40.Rxb5 Rxa2 41.Rh5 Kg6 42.Rf5 Ra4+
43.Ke3 Kxf5 44.Kf2 Kf4 45.Kg2 Ra2+
46.Kh1 Kg3 47.Kg1 Ra1# 0-1

Mathiyazhagan, Mahathi (855) - Burdzinski,Jan (1150) [B18] Classical Caro-Kann
2021 Michigan Bottom Half Class U1300
Ann Arbor (1), 02.10.2021
1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.Nc3 dxe4 4.Nxe4 Bf5
5.f3 Bxe4 6.fxe4 Nf6 7.Bd3 e6 8.Nf3 Be7
9.Bf4 0-0 10.Qe2 c5 11.c3 Nc6 12.Be3
Ng4 13.0-0-0 Nxe3 14.Qxe3 cxd4
15.Nxd4 Bg5 16.Nxc6 Bxe3+ 17.Kb1 bxc6
18.e5 Qa5 19.Rhe1 Bf4 20.Re4 Bxe5
21.Rh4 g6 22.h3 Rab8 23.Rd2 Bxc3
24.Rc2 Bxb2 25.Rxb2 Rxb2+ 26.Kxb2
Rb8+ 27.Kc1 Qc3+ 28.Bc2 Qe1+ 29.Bd1
Qxh4 30.Bf3 Qc4+ 31.Kd2 Qd4+ 32.Ke2
Rb2+ 33.Ke1 Qg1#

Round 2 Games

Sean Tan (2023) - Benjamin Brandt (1957) [D79] Fianchetto Grunfield
2021 Michigan Bottom Half Class Open
Ann Arbor (2), 02.10.2021
1.c4 g6 2.Nc3 Nf6 3.Nf3 Bg7 4.g3 0-0
5.Bg2 c6 6.0-0 d5 7.cxd5 cxd5 8.d4 Bf5
9.Bf4 Ne4 10.Qb3 Nxc3 11.bxc3 Nc6

12.Qxb7 Na5 13.Qa6 Be4 14.Nd2 Bxg2
15.Kxg2 Re8 16.Nf3 Nc4 17.Rab1 e5
18.dxe5 Nxe5 19.Bxe5 Bxe5 20.c4 Re6
21.Qa4 dxc4 22.Qxc4 Rc8 23.Qa4 Bf6
24.Rfd1 Qe8 25.Qxe8+ Rxe8 26.e3 Rc2
27.Rd2 Rec8 28.a4 R2c4 29.Ra2 a5
30.Rb6 R8c6 31.Rb5 R6c5 32.Nd2 Rc2
33.Rxc2 Rxc2 34.Ne4 Be7 35.Rxa5 f5
36.Ra7 Kf8 [Draw agreed]

Chen,Megan (1883) - Jiang,Leyou
(1718) [C52] Evan's Gambit Accepted
2021 Michigan Bottom Half Class Open
Ann Arbor (2), 02.10.2021
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.b4 Bxb4
5.c3 Ba5 6.d4 exd4 7.Qb3 Qe7 8.0-0 Bb6
9.Bg5 f6 10.Bf4 Na5 11.Qa4 Nxc4
12.Qxc4 d6 13.cxd4 g5 14.Be3 Be6 15.d5
Bg4 16.Nbd2 Nh6 17.Nd4 Bxd4 18.Bxd4
0-0 19.Rfc1 Rf7 20.Bb2 Rc8 21.Qb5 Qf8
22.Rc2 Bd7 23.Qa5 c6 24.Qxa7 cxd5
25.Rxc8 Bxc8 26.exd5 Qe7 27.Qd4 Nf5
28.Qc3 Bd7 29.Nf3 h6 30.Re1 Qd8
31.Nd2 Re7 32.Ne4 Bb5 33.Nxf6+ Kf7
34.Ne4 Rc7 35.Qf3 Kg6 36.Nc3 Re7
37.Ne4 Rf7 38.Qc3 Qc7 [White loses on
time.] 0-1

Baumli,Broderick (2025) - Tan,Ralph
(2221) [C01] French Defense: Exchange
Var.
2021 Michigan Bottom Half Class Open
Ann Arbor (2), 02.10.2021
1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Bd3 Nf6 4.e5 Nfd7 5.c3
c5 6.Ne2 Nc6 7.a3 Qb6 8.b4 c4 9.Bc2 a5
10.b5 Qxb5 11.a4 Qb6 12.Na3 Na7
13.Rb1 Qc7 14.Nf4 g6 15.Qg4 Be7 16.h4
Nf8 17.h5 Rg8 18.h6 Bd7 19.Nh3 Bc6
20.Ng5 Qd7 21.Qf3 0-0-0 22.Qxf7 Bxg5
23.Qxd7+ Nxd7 24.Bxg5 Rde8 25.f4 Kc7
26.Ke2 Nb6 27.Nb5+ Nxb5 28.axb5 Bd7
29.Ra1 Ra8 30.Rhb1 Rge8 31.Ra3 a4
32.Rb4 Ra5 33.Ra2 a3 34.Rb1 Bxb5
35.Rba1 Rea8 36.Be7 Kd7 37.Bc5 Na4
38.Bb4 R5a6 39.Kf3 Nb2 40.Rxa3 Nd3
41.Rxa6 bxa6 42.Bd6 a5 43.Rb1 Kc6
44.Kg4 Ra7 45.Kg5 Rf7 46.g3 Rf5+ 47.Kg4
Rh5 48.Ra1 Rxh6 49.Kg5 Rh2 50.Bd1 Rg2
51.Kg4 Rg1 52.Kf3 Nb2 53.Ke2 Rxg3
54.Rxa5 Rxc3 55.Ra7 Rc1 56.Ba3 c3+
57.Kf3 Rxd1 58.Bb4 c2 59.Ba5 Be2+
60.Kxe2 c1Q 0-1

Ren,Jesse (2013) - Sudharsan,Krishna
(2040) [A07] Reti Opening
2021 Michigan Bottom Half Class Open
Ann Arbor (2), 02.10.2021
1.Nf3 Nf6 2.g3 d5 3.Bg2 e6 4.0-0 Be7
5.d3 0-0 6.Nbd2 c5 7.e4 b5 8.b3 Nc6
9.Bb2 a5 10.Ne5 Nxe5 11.Bxe5 Bb7 12.a4
bxa4 13.Rxa4 Bc6 14.Ra1 Qd7 15.exd5
exd5 16.Qf3 Ra6 17.Rfe1 Rfa8 18.Qe2 h6
19.d4 cxd4 20.Bxd4 Bd8 21.Nf3 Bb5 22.c4

dx4 23.bxc4 Bc6 24.Ne5 Qxd4 25.Nxc6
Qd7 26.Ne7+ Bxe7 27.Bxa8 Bb4 28.Red1
Qa7 29.Rd8+ Kh7 30.Be4+ g6 31.Ra8 Qb6
32.c5 Rxa8 33.cxb6 Re8 34.b7 Kg7
35.Qb5 Bd6 36.Bc6 Re5 37.b8Q 1-0

Nichols,Anthony (2123) - Dang,Michael
(2000) [E15]Queen's Indian Defense
2021 Michigan Bottom Half Class Open
Ann Arbor (2), 02.10.2021
1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 b6 4.g3 Bb4+
5.Bd2 Bxd2+ 6.Nbxd2 Bb7 7.Qc2 c5 8.e4
d5 9.cxd5 exd5 10.e5 Ne4 11.Bd3 Nxd2
12.Qxd2 Ba6 13.dxc5 bxc5 14.0-0 0-0
15.Rac1 Bxd3 16.Qxd3 c4 17.Qf5 Qd7
18.Qh5 Nc6 19.Rfd1 Rfd8 20.Rxc4 dxc4
21.Rxd7 Rxd7 22.Ng5 h6 23.Ne4 Rb8
24.Nf6+ gxf6 25.Qg4+ Kh7 26.Qf5+ Kg8
27.Qg4+ Kh7 28.exf6 Rd1+ 29.Qxd1 Kg6
30.Qg4+ 1-0

O'Donnell,Robert (2100) -
Guzman,Carlos (1984) [A90] Dutch
Defense
2021 Michigan Bottom Half Class Open
Ann Arbor (2), 02.10.2021
1.d4 e6 2.c4 f5 3.g3 Nf6 4.Bg2 d5 5.Nf3 c6
6.0-0 Bd6 7.b3 Qe7 8.Bb2 0-0 9.Nbd2 b6
10.Qc2 Bb7 11.Ne5 Na6 12.Rac1 Rac8
13.Qb1 Rfd8 14.cxd5 cxd5 15.Nd3 Ne4
16.Nf3 Nb4 17.Rxc8 Rxc8 18.Nxb4 Bxb4
19.Qd3 Ba3 20.Ba1 Rc7 21.Ne5 Qe8 22.f3
Nf6 23.g4 Qc8 24.gxf5 Ba6 25.Qe3 Bc1
26.Qf2 Rc2 27.Re1 Rxa2 28.Bh3 Rxa1
29.e4 Qc3 0-1

Van Lent,Christopher (1629) - Tan
,Patricia (1551) E61 King's Indian
Defense
2021 Michigan Bottom Half Class U1700
Ann Arbor (2), 02.10.2021
1.d4 Nf6 2.Bf4 g6 3.e3 Bg7 4.c4 0-0 5.Nc3
d6 6.Nf3 Bg4 7.Bd3 Nbd7 8.h3 Bxf3
9.Qxf3 c6 10.0-0 Re8 11.b4 Rb8 12.c5 e5
13.dxe5 Nxe5 14.Bxe5 dxe5 15.Rfd1 Qe7
16.Ne4 Nxe4 17.Bxe4 f5 18.Bd3 e4
19.Bc4+ Kh8 20.Qe2 Bxa1 21.Rxa1 Rbd8
22.Rc1 Rd7 23.a4 Red8 24.b5 Rd2 25.Qe1
Qxc5 26.Kh2 Qe5+ 27.g3 Qb2 28.Rb1
Rxf2+ 29.Kg1 Rg2+ 30.Kf1 Qd2 31.bxc6
bxc6 32.Qxd2 Rgxd2 33.Rb7 Rd1+ 34.Ke2
R8d2# 1-0

Rutkofske,Lonnie (1804) -
Yassine,Walid (1798) [A11] English
Opening
2021 Michigan Bottom Half Class U1900
Ann Arbor (2), 02.10.2021
1.c4 g6 2.g3 c6 3.Bg2 Bg7 4.Nc3 e6 5.e4
Ne7 6.Nge2 0-0 7.0-0 d5 8.d4 dxc4 9.Be3
Nd7 10.Qc2 Nb6 11.Rad1 f5 12.Bg5 fxe4
13.Bxe4 Nbd5 14.h4 Qc7 15.h5 Nf5
16.hxg6 h6 17.Bc1 b5 18.Bf4 Nxf4 19.gxf4

Bb7 20.Bxf5 Rxf5 21.Qe4 Re8 22.Qg2 c5
23.f3 cxd4 24.Ne4 d3 25.N4g3 dxe2
26.Nxf5 exf1Q+ 27.Qxf1 0-1

Round 3 Games

Halloran,Joel (1901) - Tan,Sean (2032)
[D00] QP Opening
2021 Michigan Bottom Half Class Open
(3), 02.10.2021
1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5 3.e4 dxe4 4.Bg5 Bf5
5.f3 exf3 6.Qxf3 Qc8 7.Bc4 Bg6 8.Bxf6
gxf6 9.Nge2 Bh6 10.0-0 0-0 11.Rae1 Nc6
12.Nd5 Qd8 13.c3 a6 14.Bb3 Na5 15.Nef4
Re8 16.Nxg6 hxg6 17.Nxe7+ Rxe7
18.Qxf6 Rxe1 19.Qxg6+ Kh8 20.Qxh6+
Kg8 21.Bxf7# 1-0

Tan,Ralph (2221) - Guzman,Carlos
(1984) [A90] Dutch Defense
2021 Michigan Bottom Half Class Open
Ann Arbor (3), 03.10.2021
1.Nf3 e6 2.g3 d5 3.Bg2 f5 4.0-0 Nf6 5.d4
Bd6 6.c4 c6 7.Nc3 0-0 8.b3 Nbd7 9.Bb2
Qe7 10.Rc1 b6 11.e3 Bb7 12.Qe2 a5
13.Rfd1 Ba6 14.Nd2 Rac8 15.Qe1 Rfd8
16.Bf1 Bb7 17.Na4 h6 18.Nxb6 Nxb6
19.c5 Bc7 20.cxb6 Bxb6 21.Nf3 Nd7
22.Bc3 Ra8 23.a4 Rdc8 24.b4 axb4
25.Bxb4 Qd8 26.Ra1 Ba5 27.Rdb1 Rcb8
28.Qc1 Qc7 29.Qa3 Bxb4 30.Qxb4 Kf7
31.Qc3 Ra5 32.Nd2 Rba8 33.Qb4 R5a7
34.Nb3 Ba6 35.a5 Bxf1 36.Rxf1 Rb8
37.Qc3 Rb5 38.Rfc1 Nb8 39.Qd3 Qb7
40.Nc5 Qa8 41.Qe2 Rbxa5 42.Rxa5 Rxa5
43.Qh5+ g6 44.Qxh6 Ra1 45.Qh7+ Kf6
46.Rxa1 Qxa1+ 47.Kg2 Qb1 48.Qg8 Qb6
49.Qf8+ Kg5 50.h4+ 1-0

O'Donnell,Robert (2100) -
Bharath,Adhrit (1565) [D55] QGD
2021 Michigan Bottom Half Class Open
Ann Arbor (3), 03.10.2021
1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.Bg5 Be7
5.Nf3 0-0 6.e3 b6 7.cxd5 exd5 8.Bd3 Bg4
9.Qb3 Nbd7 10.Ne5 Be6 11.Nc6 Qe8
12.Nb5 Nb8 13.Nxe7+ Qxe7 14.Bxf6 gxf6
15.Qc2 Qb4+ 16.Ke2 Na6 17.a3 Qe7
18.Rhe1 c5 19.Bxh7+ Kg7 20.Bd3 c4
21.Bf5 Bxf5 22.Qxf5 Qe6 23.Qf3 Qd7
24.Nc3 Nc7 25.Kf1 Rh8 26.Ne2 Qd6 27.h3
Rag8 28.Ng3 Kf8 29.Kg1 Rg6 30.Nf5 Qe6
31.Rac1 Rg5 32.g4 Rhg8 33.Kf1 b5 34.e4
Qd7 35.Re3 dxe4 36.Rxe4 Qd5 37.Rce1
Rxf5 38.Qxf5 Qd8 39.Re7 Qxe7 40.Rxe7
Kxe7 41.Qc5+ Kd7 42.d5 Rc8 43.Qc6+ Kd8
44.Qxf6+ Ke8 45.d6 Ne6 46.Qe7# 1-0

Dang, Michael (2000) - Das, Manmohan
(1988) [A01] Nimzovich-Larsen Opening
2021 Michigan Bottom Half Class Open
Ann Arbor (3), 03.10.2021

1.b3 e5 2.Bb2 d6 3.e3 Nf6 4.c4 b6 5.d3
Be7 6.Ne2 Nc6 7.Nbc3 Bb7 8.Ng3 0-0
9.Nf5 Re8 10.Be2 Bf8 11.0-0 Ne7
12.Nxe7+ Qxe7 13.Bf3 Bxf3 14.Qxf3 e4
15.dxe4 Nxe4 16.Nd5 Qd8 17.Rfd1 Rc8
18.Rd4 Nc5 19.Rg4 Re6 20.Rd1 Nd7
21.Nb4 c5 22.Nd5 Ne5 23.Bxe5 Rxe5
24.Rf4 Qd7 25.Re4 Qe6 26.Qg3 Kh8
27.Rxe5 dxe5 28.e4 f6 ½-½

Heimann, Mark FM (2013) - Ren, Jesse
(2481) [A07] Reti Opening
2021 Michigan Bottom Half Class Open
Ann Arbor (3), 03.10.2021

1.Nf3 Nf6 2.g3 d5 3.Bg2 Bf5 4.0-0 e6 5.d3
Be7 6.Nbd2 h6 7.Re1 0-0 8.e4 dxe4
9.dxe4 Nxe4 10.Nxe4 Qxd1 11.Rxd1 Bxe4
12.Bf4 Na6 13.c3 Rfd8 14.Re1 Bd5 15.b4
Bd6 16.Be3 c5 17.a3 Rac8 18.Rac1 Nb8
19.c4 Be4 20.b5 Nd7 21.a4 a5 22.Bd2 b6
23.Bc3 Bxf3 24.Bxf3 Be5 25.Rc2 Bxc3
26.Rxc3 Ne5 27.Be2 Rd4 28.f4 Nd7
29.Rd3 Rd8 30.Red1 Nf6 31.Rxd4 Rxd4
32.Rxd4 cxd4 33.Kf2 Ne4+ 34.Kf3 Nc5
35.Bd1 Kf8 36.Bc2 Ke7 37.h3 g5 38.h4 f6
39.Ke2 gxf4 40.gxf4 e5 41.Kf3 Ke6 42.h5
Ke7 43.fxe5 fxe5 44.Bd1 Ke6 45.Bc2 Kf6
46.Bd1 Kf5 47.Kf2 Kf4 48.Bc2 e4 49.Ke1
d3 50.Bd1 e3 51.Kf1 e2+ 52.Bxe2 dxe2+
53.Kxe2 0-1

Yassine, Waleed (1798) - Futrell, Jeff
(1762) [B07] Pirc Defense
2021 Michigan Bottom Half Class U1900
Ann Arbor (3), 03.10.2021

1.e4 d6 2.d4 Nf6 3.Nc3 c6 4.Bg5 Nbd7
5.f4 Qa5 6.Bxf6 Nxf6 7.e5 Nd5 8.Qd2
Nxc3 9.Bd3 g6 10.Ne2 Bh6 11.Nxc3 0-0
12.0-0 b5 13.Qf2 Qb6 14.Ne4 Bf5 15.c3
Rad8 16.Qh4 Bg7 17.Rad1 dxe5 18.fxe5
Bxe4 19.Qxe4 e6 20.b4 Rd5 21.Kh1 Rfd8
22.Bc2 Qc7 23.Qh4 a5 24.a3 axb4
25.axb4 Ra8 26.Rf3 Qd8 27.Qf4 Ra7
28.Rdf1 Rdd7 29.Qg4 Qe8 30.h4 h5
31.Qg5 Qe7 32.Qf4 Qe8 33.g4 hxg4
34.Qxg4 Qd8 35.h5 g5 36.Qe4 g4
37.Qh7+ Kf8 38.Rf6 Rxd4 39.h6 Qd5+
40.Kg1 Bxf6 41.exf6 Ke8 42.Qg8+ Kd7
43.Qxf7+ Kd6 44.Qxa7 Rd2 45.Qc5+
Qxc5+ 46.bxc5+ Kxc5 47.f7 Rd8 48.f8Q+
Rxf8 49.Rxf8 Kc4 50.h7 Kxc3 51.h8Q+
Kxc2 52.Qd4 1-0

Tan, Patricia (1551) - Hanke, Harvey
(1518) [A48] London System
2021 Michigan Bottom Half Class U1900
Ann Arbor (3), 03.10.2021

1.d4 Nf6 2.Bf4 g6 3.Nf3 Bg7 4.e3 0-0
5.Bd3 d6 6.0-0 Nbd7 7.Nbd2 Qe8 8.e4 e5
9.Bg5 exd4 10.Nxd4 Nxe4 11.Nxe4 Bxd4
12.c3 Bg7 13.Re1 Ne5 14.f4 Nxd3 15.Nf6+
Bxf6 16.Rxe8 Rxe8 17.Qxd3 Bf5 18.Qd2

Bxg5 19.fxg5 Re5 20.Re1 Be4 21.Qf2
Rae8 22.Qf6 Rf5 23.Qd4 ½-½

Muir, Joshua (1676) - Segal, Leonardo
(1642) B10 Caro-Kann
2021 Michigan Bottom Half Class U1900
Ann Arbor (3), 03.10.2021

1.e4 c6 2.c4 d5 3.exd5 cxd5 4.cxd5 Qxd5
5.Nc3 Qa5 6.Nf3 Nf6 7.d4 g6 8.Bc4 Bg7
9.0-0 0-0 10.Qb3 a6 11.Nd5 Nc6
12.Nxf6+ Bxf6 13.Bh6 Bg7 14.Bxg7 Kxg7
15.d5 Nd8 16.Rfe1 b5 17.Bd3 e6 18.Rac1
exd5 19.Qxd5 Bb7 20.Qd4+ Kg8 21.Ng5
h6 22.Re3 hxg5 23.Rh3 f6 24.Bxg6 Rc8
25.Bh7+ Kg7 26.Rd1 Qc7 27.Qd3 Qf7
28.Qf5 Rc7 29.Rg3 Rh8 30.h4 Rxh7
31.hxg5 Rh1+ 32.Kxh1 Qh5+ 33.Rh3
Qxd1+ 34.Kh2 Qd6+ 35.f4 Kg8 36.Qg6+
Rg7 37.Qe8+ Qf8 38.Rh8+ Kxh8 39.Qxf8+
Kh7 40.Qxd8 fxg5 41.f5 Be4 42.f6 Rf7
43.Qe8 Bg6 44.Qe5 Kh6 45.Kg3 Bc2
46.Kf2 Kg6 47.Qc3 Rxf6+ 48.Kg1 Be4
49.g4 Rf4 50.Qc8 Rf6 51.Qe8+ Kh6
52.Qxe4 Rd6 53.Qe3 Rf6 54.Qe5 Kg6
55.Qe4+ Kh6 56.b3 Rd6 57.a4 bxa4
58.bxa4 Rf6 59.Qd4 Kg6 60.Qe4+ Kh6
61.Qh1+ Kg6 [And white wins a few
moves later!] 1-0

Wilson, Max (1808) -
Pullabhotla, Abhinav (1792) [C91] Ruy
Lopez

2021 Michigan Bottom Half Class U1900
Ann Arbor (3), 03.10.2021

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6
5.0-0 Be7 6.Re1 b5 7.Bb3 d6 8.c3 0-0
9.d4 Bg4 10.h3 Bxf3 11.gxf3 Na5 12.Bc2
Nh5 13.f4 Nxf4 14.Bxf4 exf4 15.Qg4 Bg5
16.Nd2 Nc6 17.Nf3 Bh6 18.h4 Qc8
19.Qg2 g6 20.e5 d5 21.Nh2 Ne7 22.Ng4
Bg7 23.h5 Nf5 24.Qh3 Nh6 25.f3 Nxg4
26.fxg4 Bh6 27.hxg6 hxg6 28.Qh4 Bg7
29.g5 Re8 30.Kg2 c5 31.Re2 cxd4 32.cxd4
f3+ 33.Kxf3 Qc4 34.Bb3 Qd3+ 35.Re3
Qf5+ 36.Kg2 Rac8 37.Rf1 Qd7 38.Rf4 Rc6
39.Qf2 a5 40.a4 b4 41.Ref3 Re7 42.Rh3
Kf8 43.Qf3 Rc8 44.Bxd5 Rc2+ 45.Kg3 Ke8
46.Rh2 Rxh2 47.Kxh2 Qc7 48.b3 Qc2+
49.Kg3 Qc3 50.Bxf7+ Rxf7 51.Rxf7 Qxd4
52.Kh3 Qxe5 53.Ra7 Qe6+ 54.Kg2 Bd4
55.Qa8+ Qc8 56.Qxc8# 1-0

Ren, Stanley (1590) - Amrine, Jed (1369)
[B95] Sicilian Najdorf
2021 Michigan Bottom Half Class U1700
Ann Arbor (3), 03.10.2021

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.d4 cxd4
5.Nxd4 a6 6.Bc4 e6 7.0-0 Be7 8.Bg5 Nxe4
9.Bxe7 Nxc3 10.Qg4 Qxe7 11.Qxg7 Qf8
12.Qxf8+ Kxf8 13.bxc3 b5 14.Bd3 Bb7
15.f4 Nd7 16.Nf3 Nb6 17.f5 e5 18.Rae1 f6
19.Nd2 d5 20.Nb3 Rc8 21.Rf2 Rxc3 22.Bf1
Kf7 23.g3 Rhc8 24.Rc1 Nc4 25.Bxc4 R8xc4

26.Na5 Rc7 27.Nxb7 Rxb7 28.Rd2 d4
29.Rd3 Rbc7 30.Rxc3 Rxc3 31.Kf2 d3
32.Ke3 Rxc2 33.Rxc2 dxc2 34.Kd2 Ke7
35.Kxc2 Kd6 36.g4 a5 37.h4 h6 38.h5 e4
39.Kc3 Ke5 40.g5 fxg5 41.f6 Kxf6 42.Kd4
Kf5 43.Ke3 Ke5 44.Ke2 Kf4 45.Kf2 g4
46.a3 g3+ 47.Kg2 e3 48.Kf1 Kf3 49.Ke1 g2
50.Kd1 g1Q+ 51.Kc2 Ke4 52.Kb2 a4
53.Kc2 Kd4 54.Kb2 Qd1 0-1

Byrd, Jonathan (1395) - Lorber, Abraham
(991) [C54] Giuoco Piano
2021 Michigan Bottom Half Class U1500
Ann Arbor (3), 03.10.2021

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.c3 Nf6 5.d4
exd4 6.cxd4 Bb4+ 7.Bd2 d5 8.exd5 Nxd5
9.Bxd5 Qxd5 10.Bxb4 Nxb4 11.Qa4+ Nc6
12.0-0 0-0 13.Nc3 Qf5 14.d5 Ne5 15.Nh4
Qg5 16.Nb5 Bh3 17.Nxc7 Nf3+ 18.Kh1
Nxb4 19.gxh3 Qg2# 1-0

Haskara, Beril (1087) - Kello, Joseph
(715) [B90] Sicilian Najdorf
2021 Michigan Bottom Half Class U1300
Ann Arbor (3), 03.10.2021

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6
5.Nc3 a6 6.f3 Nc6 7.Nb3 e5 8.Bc4 b5
9.Bd5 Bb7 10.Be3 Be7 11.g4 0-0 12.h4
Ne8 13.g5 Kh8 14.Qd2 f6 15.g6 h5 16.Bh6
f5 17.exf5 Rxf5 18.0-0-0 Qd7 19.Rdg1
Nf6 20.Bf7 Nb4 21.Na5 Bxf3 22.a3 Bxh1
23.axb4 Ne4 24.Qd5 Nxc3 25.Qxh1 Ne2+
26.Kd1 Nxc1 27.Qxa8+ Qd8 28.Qa7 gxh6
29.Nc6 Rf1+ 30.Kd2 Bg5+ 31.hxg5 Qxg5+
32.Kd3 Rd1+ 33.Kc3 Qg3+ 34.Qe3 Qxe3
0-1

Ross, Sam (1250) - Napier, Justin (1001)
[B01] Scandinavian Defense
2021 Michigan Bottom Half Class U1300
Ann Arbor (3), 03.10.2021

1.e4 d5 2.exd5 Qxd5 3.Nc3 Qd8 4.d4 e6
5.Nf3 g6 6.Bd3 Bg7 7.Bf4 Nf6 8.0-0 b6
9.Qd2 Bb7 10.Bb5+ c6 11.Bd3 Nbd7
12.Bh6 Bxh6 13.Qxh6 Qe7 14.Rfe1 0-0-0
15.a4 a5 16.Qd2 Qb4 17.Reb1 c5 18.dxc5
Bxf3 19.gxf3 Nxc5 20.Qe3 Rhe8 21.Bb5
Re7 22.Qe2 Rd6 23.Qe5 Ncd7 24.Bxd7+
Nxd7 25.Qh8+ Kb7 26.Qd8 Rd2 27.Rd1
Ne5 28.Kg2 Rxd8 29.Rxd8 Qxb2 30.Rad1
Qxc3 31.Rh8 Qxf3+ 0-1

Kazuma David (1219) - Rishab Balaji
(1047) [C18] French Winawer: Poison
Pawn

2021 Michigan Bottom Half Class U1300
Ann Arbor (3), 03.10.2021

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.e5 c5 5.a3
Bxc3+ 6.bxc3 Ne7 7.Qg4 Qc7 8.Qxg7 cxd4
9.Qxh8+ Kd7 10.Bb5+ Nbc6 11.Ne2 Qa5
12.Bxc6+ Nxc6 13.Bd2 dxc3 14.Bxc3 Qb5
15.Qxh7 Ke7 16.Qh4+ Kd7 17.Qh5 Ke7

18.0-0 Bd7 19.Qg5+ f6 20.Qxf6+ Ke8
21.Nf4 1-0

Round 4 Games

Halloran,Joel (1901) - O'Donnell,Robert
(2100) [A43] Schmid Benoni

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(4), 03.10.2021

1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 c5 3.d5 d6 4.e4 g6 5.Bf4
Bg7 6.Qd2 h6 7.Be2 Na6 8.h3 Nc7 9.a4
Bd7 10.Nf3 b6 11.g4 a6 12.0-0 b5 13.Qe3
b4 14.Nd1 Ncxd5 15.exd5 Nxd5 16.Qd2
Nxf4 17.Qxf4 e5 18.Qd2 Be6 19.c4 h5
20.Ng5 Bh6 21.Nxe6 Bxd2 22.Nxd8 Rxd8
23.gxh5 gxh5 24.Bf3 f5 25.Bc6+ Ke7
26.Ne3 Rhg8+ 27.Kh2 Bxe3 28.fxe3 Rdf8
29.Rg1 a5 30.Bd5 Rg1 31.Rxg1 Kf6
32.Kg3 b3 33.Kh4 Rb8 34.Bc6 Rb6 35.Be8
Rb8 36.Bb5 e4 37.Rg5 Ke5 38.Bd7 Rf8
39.Rg6 Rf6 40.Rxf6 Kxf6 41.Kxh5 d5
42.Bc6 d4 43.exd4 cxd4 44.c5 d3 45.Bb5
d2 46.Be2 f4 47.c6 Ke7 48.Bg4 Kd8
49.Kg5 f3 50.h4 d1Q 51.h5 Qd5+ 52.Kf4
Qxc6 53.Ke3 Qxa4 54.h6 Qc6 55.h7 Qh6+
56.Kxe4 Qxh7+ 57.Kxf3 Qd3+ 58.Kf2
Qd4+ 59.Kf3 Qxb2 60.Bf5 Qf6 0-1

Carlos Guzman (1984) - Sean Tan (2032)
[B12] Cari-Kann: Advance

2021 Michigan Bottom Half Class Open
Ann Arbor (4), 03.10.2021

1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 Bf5 4.Nf3 e6 5.Be2
c5 6.Be3 Qb6 7.Nc3 Nc6 8.0-0 c4 9.Rb1
Qa5 10.Nh4 Bg6 11.Qd2 Bb4 12.f4 Nge7
13.g4 Be4 14.a3 Bxc3 15.bxc3 0-0-0
16.Nf3 h6 17.Ra1 Qa4 18.Ra2 f5 19.g5
Ng6 20.Rf2 Bxf3 21.Bxf3 hxg5 22.fxg5
Rh4 23.Qe2 Rdh8 24.Ra1 Qb5 25.Qd1
Rh3 26.Bd2 Qa5 27.Qf1 Qd8 28.Re1 Qg8
29.Bg2 Rxb2 30.Rxf5 Qh7 31.Rf7 Rh1+ 0-1

Brandt,Benjamin (1957) -

Baumli,Broderick (2025) [B31] Sicilian
Defense

2021 Michigan Bottom Half Class Open
Ann Arbor (4), 03.10.2021

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 g6 4.0-0 Bg7 5.c3
Nf6 6.Re1 0-0 7.d4 d5 8.e5 Ne4 9.Bxc6
bxc6 10.Be3 Qb6 11.Qc1 cxd4 12.cxd4
Rb8 13.b3 Qa5 14.Qa3 Qxa3 15.Nxa3 Bg4
16.Rac1 Rb6 17.Nb1 f5 18.exf6 exf6
19.Nbd2 f5 20.Ne5 Bh5 21.Nxe4 dxe4
22.Nd7 Ra6 23.Nxf8 Bxf8 24.Rc2 Bd6
25.g3 Ba3 26.Rc4 Bf3 27.Ra4 Rxa4
28.bxa4 a5 29.Rb1 Bb4 30.Rc1 Kf7
31.Rxc6 Bd1 32.d5 Bxa4 33.Rc7+ Kf6
34.Bd4+ Kg5 35.Rxh7 Bb5 36.Be5 Kg4
37.Kg2 Bc4 38.d6 Bd5 39.h3+ Kg5 40.Kg1
Bc5 41.d7 Bb6 42.Rh8 e3 43.Bf4+ Kf6
44.Bxe3 1-0

Druvin Mutalam (1675) - Jayakumar
Ramanathan (1876) [C02] French

Advance

2021 Michigan Bottom Half Class Open
Ann Arbor (4), 03.10.2021

1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 Bf5 4.c3 e6 5.Nf3 c5
6.Bd3 Bxd3 7.Qxd3 Nc6 8.0-0 Qb6 9.Na3
cxd4 10.cxd4 Nge7 11.Be3 Nf5 12.Rfc1
Be7 13.Rc3 a6 14.Rb3 Qc7 15.Bd2 0-0
16.g4 Bxa3 17.bxa3 Nfe7 ½-½

Xie,Yule (1833) - Ren,Jesse (2013) [C80]
Open Ruy Lopez

2021 Michigan Bottom Half Class Open
(4), 03.10.2021

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6
5.0-0 Nxe4 6.d4 b5 7.Bb3 d5 8.dxe5 Be6
9.a4 b4 10.c3 bxc3 11.Nxc3 Nxc3 12.bxc3
Be7 13.Nd4 Nxd4 14.cxd4 0-0 15.Bc2
Qd7 16.Qd3 g6 17.f4 c5 18.Qg3 f5
19.dxc5 Bxc5+ 20.Be3 Rfc8 21.Rfc1 Qa7
22.Bxc5 Rxc5 23.Qf2 Rac8 24.Ra2 d4
25.Rb2 d3 26.Bd1 Qc7 27.Rxc5 Qxc5
28.Qxc5 Rxc5 29.Rd2 Bc4 30.Kf2 a5
31.Ke3 Kf8 32.Rb2 Rc7 33.Rb8+ Kf7 34.g3
Ke7 35.Bb3 Kf7 36.Bxc4+ Rxc4 37.Kxd3
Rxa4 38.Rb7+ Kg8 39.Rb8+ Kf7 40.Rb7+
Kg8 41.Ra7 Ra3+ 42.Kd4 Ra2 43.e6 a4
44.Ra8+ 1-0

Pullabhotla,Abhinav (1792) -

Gorogdetsky,Alex (1683) [E61] King's
Indian Defense

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1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 Bg7 4.Nf3 0-0
5.Bf4 d6 6.h3 Nbd7 7.e3 c5 8.Be2 a6 9.0-0
Rb8 10.Rc1 Re8 11.Bh2 Qa5 12.a3 Qd8
13.Qc2 b6 14.Rfd1 Bb7 15.b4 cxd4
16.exd4 Rc8 17.Qb1 Nf8 18.c5 d5 19.Na4
b5 20.Nb6 Rc6 21.Ne5 Re6 22.Bf3 Bc6
23.Qb3 Ba8 24.a4 N8d7 25.Nexd7 Nxd7
26.Nxa8 Qxa8 27.Bxd5 bxa4 28.Qxa4 Rf6
29.Bc6 Rxc6 30.Qxc6 Nb8 31.Bxb8 Qxb8
32.Qb6 Qf4 33.c6 Rb8 34.Qc5 Rb5 35.c7
Rxc5 36.Rxc5 Bxd4 37.c8Q+ Kg7 38.Rxd4
Qxd4 39.Rc1 Qd2 40.Qc3+ 1-0

Kauffman,Andrew (1615) -
Rutkofske,Lonnie (1804) [B27] Sicilian
Defense

2021 Michigan Bottom Half Class U1900
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1.Nf3 g6 2.e4 Bg7 3.d4 c5 4.c3 Qb6 5.Na3
d6 6.Bb5+ Nd7 7.0-0 Nh6 8.Qd3 0-0 9.h4
d5 10.exd5 Nf6 11.dxc5 Qxc5 12.Be3
Qxd5 13.Qxd5 Nxd5 14.Bc5 Nf5 15.Rad1
Be6 16.Ng5 Bf6 17.Nxe6 fxe6 18.Bd7 Kf7
19.Rfe1 Nc7 20.Nb5 Nxb5 21.Bxb5 Rfc8
22.Ba3 Rd8 23.Bd7 Bxh4 24.Bxe6+ Ke8
25.g3 Bf6 26.Bd5 Rab8 27.Bc5 b6 28.Ba3
Ng7 29.g4 h5 30.f3 h4 31.f4 g5 32.fxg5
Bxg5 33.Rf1 e6 1-0

Yassine,Waleed (1798) - Wilson,Max
(1808) [B23] Closed Sicilian

2021 Michigan Bottom Half Class U1900
Ann Arbor (4), 03.10.2021

1.e4 c5 2.Nc3 a6 3.f4 b5 4.Nf3 Bb7 5.e5
d5 6.e6 fxe6 7.Ne5 Nf6 8.Nxb5 axb5
9.Bxb5+ Nbd7 10.Nxd7 Nxd7 11.Qh5+ g6
12.Qe5 Rg8 13.Qxe6 Rg7 14.f5 gxf5
15.Rf1 Qc7 16.Qxf5 0-0-0 17.Kd1 Rxg2
18.d4 cxd4 19.Bf4 e5 20.Bg5 Re8 21.Bd2
e4 22.Ba5 Qxc2+ 23.Ke1 Bc6 24.Ba6+ Kb8
25.Qf4+ Ne5 26.h3 Bd6 [White lost on
time] 0-1

Schilling,Patrick (1671) - Rotberg,Victor
(1649) [B23] Closed Sicilian

2021 Michigan Bottom Half Class U1700
(4), 03.10.2021

1.e4 c5 2.Nc3 Nc6 3.Bb5 d6 4.Bxc6+ bxc6
5.f4 e6 6.Nf3 Ba6 7.d3 Nf6 8.0-0 g6 9.Qe1
Bg7 10.Kh1 Qc7 11.e5 Nd5 12.Ne4 dxe5
13.fxe5 Qe7 14.Nd6+ Kd7 15.Qa5 Nc7
16.Qxc5 f6 17.Nd4 f5 18.Qxc6+ Kd8
19.Qxa8+ Nxa8 20.Nc6+ Kd7 21.Nxe7
Kxe7 22.Bg5+ Kd7 23.Rfe1 Bxe5 24.Rxe5
Kxd6 25.Ra5 Nc7 26.Bf4+ 1-0

Schwiebert,Loren (1600) - Amrine,Jed
(1369) [B51] Sicilian Defense: Moscow
Var.

2021 Michigan Bottom Half Class U1700
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1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.Bb5+ Nd7 4.0-0 a6
5.Bxd7+ Bxd7 6.Nc3 Nf6 7.d3 g6 8.e5
dxe5 9.Nxe5 Bg7 10.Nxd7 Qxd7 11.Ne4
Nxe4 12.dxe4 0-0-0 13.Qe2 Qc7 14.c3
Rd7 15.Be3 Rhd8 16.Rad1 Kb8 17.g3
Rxd1 18.Rxd1 Rxd1+ 19.Qxd1 c4 20.Qf3
e6 21.Qd1 Kc8 22.Qa4 Qc6 23.Qxc6+
bxc6 24.Kf1 Kd7 25.Ke2 f5 26.Kf3 Kd6
27.Bf4+ Be5 28.exf5 exf5 29.Ke3 Kd5
30.Bxe5 Kxe5 31.f4+ Kd5 32.h3 h5 33.Kf3
c5 34.Ke3 Ke6 35.Ke2 Kd5 36.Kf3 Ke6
37.g4 h4 ½-½

Wright,Eric (1236) - Salomon,Sophie
(1336) [A07] Reti Opening

2021 Michigan Bottom Half Class U1500
Ann Arbor (4), 03.10.2021

1.Nf3 d5 2.g3 Bf5 3.d3 Nc6 4.Bg2 e6
5.Nbd2 Nf6 6.0-0 Bc5 7.Re1 Ng4 8.e3 h5
9.h3 Nf6 10.Ng5 Nd7 11.h4 Be7 12.Ngf3
Bg4 13.e4 g5 14.exd5 exd5 15.hxg5 Nde5
16.c3 Nxd3 17.Re3 Nxc1 18.Rxc1 Qd7
19.Qe1 0-0-0 20.Ne5 Nxe5 21.Rxe5 Be6
22.Qe3 d4 23.Qe4 c6 24.c4 Qc7 25.c5 h4
26.g4 h3 27.Bf3 h2+ 28.Kh1 Qa5 29.Nb3
Qxa2 30.Nxd4 Qxb2 31.Qc2 Qxd4 32.Re4
Qd3 33.Qxd3 Rxd3 34.Be2 Rd5 35.g6
Bxc5 36.f3 Bg1 37.Bc4 Rc5 38.Bxe6+ fxe6
39.Rxc5 Bxc5 40.Rxe6 Kd7 41.Re5 0-1

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Mutalam,Druvin (1675) - Wang,Ryan (1907) [B23] Sicilian Defense

2021 Michigan Bottom Half Class Open (5), 03.10.2021

1.e4 c5 2.Nc3 Nc6 3.Bb5 g6 4.Bxc6 dxc6 5.d3 Bg7 6.f4 Nf6 7.Nf3 0-0 8.0-0 Qc7 9.Qe1 Bg4 10.b3 Bxf3 11.Rxf3 a5 12.Be3 Nd7 13.Rb1 a4 14.e5 Qa5 15.Ne4 Qxe1+ 16.Rxe1 b6 17.a3 Rfd8 18.Bf2 Nf8 19.g4 Ne6 20.f5 Nd4 21.Bxd4 Rxd4 22.Nc3 ½-½

Tan,Sean (2032) - Xie,Yule (1833) [A29] English Opening

2021 Michigan Bottom Half Class Open (5), 03.10.2021

1.c4 e5 2.Nc3 Nf6 3.d3 Nc6 4.Nf3 Bb4 5.Bd2 d5 6.cxd5 Nxd5 7.g3 0-0 8.Bg2 Be6 9.0-0 Be7 10.a3 Re8 11.b4 f6 12.Qa4 Qd7 13.b5 Nb8 14.Rfb1 c6 15.d4 Nb6 16.bxc6 Nxc6 17.Qd1 exd4 18.Nb5 Rad8 19.Nxa7 Nxa7 20.Rxb6 Bc5 21.Rbb1 Nc6 22.Bb4 Nxb4 23.axb4 Bb6 24.Rc1 Rc8 25.Qd2 Bf7 26.e3 d3 27.Ne1 Bg6 28.Bf1 Red8 29.Rxc8 Qxc8 30.Nxd3 Qc4 31.Ra3 h6 32.Rc3 Qxb4 33.Qa2+ Bf7 34.Qxf7+ Kxf7 35.Nxb4 Ba5 36.Rb3 Rd2 37.Nd3 b6 38.Kg2 Ke6 39.Kf3 Kd5 40.Nf4+ Kc6 41.Bb5+ Kb7 42.Nh5 g5 43.Nxf6 Rd8 44.e4 Be1 45.Rd3 Rf8 46.e5 Bb4 47.Ke4 Kc8 48.Kf5 Be7 49.Ke6 Bc5 50.f4 h5 51.fxg5 h4 52.g6 hxg3 53.Rxg3 1-0

Ramanathan,Jayakumar (1876) -

Ren,Jesse (2013) [A09] Reti Opening

2021 Michigan Bottom Half Class Open (5), 03.10.2021

1.Nf3 d5 2.g3 c5 3.Bg2 Nc6 4.c4 d4 5.d3 Nf6 6.a3 e5 7.0-0 Be7 8.b4 Qc7 9.b5 Nd8 10.e3 0-0 11.exd4 cxd4 12.Re1 Bd6 13.Bg5 Nd7 14.Bxd8 Rxd8 15.Ng5 Nc5 16.Bd5 Rf8 17.Qf3 h6 18.Ne4 Nxe4 19.Qxe4 Kh8 20.Nd2 f5 21.Qg2 Rb8 22.c5 Bxc5 23.Nc4 Re8 24.f4 Bd7 25.Nxe5 Bxb5 26.Qh3 Rxe5 27.Rxe5 Bxd3 28.Qh5 Bb5 29.Qxf5 d3+ 30.Kh1 Rf8 31.Qe4 Bd6 32.Re6 Bd7 33.Qxd3 Bxe6 34.Bxe6 Re8 35.Bd5 b6 36.Bg2 Rd8 37.Qg6 Qc3 38.Rd1 Qb3 39.Re1 Bxa3 40.Be4 Qg8 41.Bb1 Rd6 42.Qh5 Rd8 43.Qg6 Bc5 44.Kg2 Rd6 45.Qh5 Rd2+ 46.Kh3 Rd5 47.Qg6 Rd6 48.Qh5 Rf6 49.Re8 Rf8 50.Ba2 Qxa2 0-1

Dang,Michael (2000) - Padhye,Rohan

(2118) [A01] Nimzovich-Larsen Opening

2021 Michigan Bottom Half Class Open (5), 03.10.2021

1.b3 e5 2.Bb2 Nc6 3.e3 d5 4.Bb5 Bd6 5.f4 Qe7 6.Nf3 Bg4 7.fxe5 Bxe5 8.Bxe5 Bxf3 9.Qxf3 Qxe5 10.Nc3 Nf6 11.0-0 0-0 12.Bxc6 bxc6 13.Qf4 Rfe8 14.Qxe5 Rxe5 15.Rf4 Ne4 16.Nxe4 dxe4 17.Raf1 f6

18.Kf2 Rc5 19.c3 Rd8 20.Ke1 Re5 21.Kd1 Kf7 22.Kc2 Ke6 23.Rd1 g5 24.Rf2 f5 25.h4 g4 26.g3 Rd3 27.c4 a5 28.a4 Kf6 29.Rdf1 c5 30.Rf4 h5 31.R4f2 Kg6 32.Rf4 Rd6 33.R4f2 Rf6 34.Rf4 Re8 35.R4f2 Rd8 36.Rf4 Rd3 37.R4f2 Rfd6 38.Re1 Rb6 39.Rb1 Rb8 40.Rf4 Rb7 41.Rff1 Rb6 42.Rf4 Rd8 43.Rbf1 Rbd6 44.R4f2 Rd3 45.Rd1 ½-½

Chen,Megan (1883) - Bharath,Ahrit

(1565) [B20] Sicilian Defense

2021 Michigan Bottom Half Class Open (5), 03.10.2021

1.e4 e6 2.b3 d5 3.Bb2 c5 4.exd5 exd5 5.Bb5+ Bd7 6.Qe2+ Qe7 7.Bxd7+ Nxd7 8.Nf3 Qxe2+ 9.Kxe2 Ngf6 10.Re1 0-0-0 11.Kf1 Bd6 12.Nc3 a6 13.h3 Rhg8 14.d4 g5 15.dxc5 Bxc5 16.Rad1 g4 17.hxg4 Nxc4 18.Nxd5 Nxf2 19.Rd2 Nh1 20.Bd4 Ng3+ 21.Kf2 Bxd4+ 22.Rxd4 Kb8 23.Ne7 Rg7 24.Red1 Kc7 25.Nd5+ Kc6 26.Ne7+ Kc7 27.Nd5+ Kc6 28.Nf6 Nxf6 29.Rxd8 Nge4+ 30.Kg1 Ng5 31.Rc8+ Kb5 32.Rd3 Nge4 33.Nd4+ Kb6 34.Nf5 Rg5 35.Nd6 Rg7 36.Nc4+ Kb5 37.a3 a5 38.Rb8 Nc5 39.Nd6+ Kb6 40.Rd1 Kc7 41.Rc8+ Kb6 42.Nc4+ Kb5 43.a4+ Kb4 44.c3+ Kxc3 45.Rxc5 Kxb3 46.Rb1+ Kc2 47.Na3+ Kd3 48.Rxb7 Ne4 49.Rd7+ Ke3 50.Rxa5 Ng5 51.Nc2+ Ke4 52.Rd4# 1-0

Tan,Ralph (2221) - Brandt,Benjamin

(1957) [D11] Slav Defense

2021 Michigan Bottom Half Class Open (5), 03.10.2021

1.Nf3 Nf6 2.g3 d5 3.Bg2 Bg4 4.Ne5 Bh5 5.0-0 Nbd7 6.d4 e6 7.c4 c6 8.Nc3 Nxe5 9.dxe5 Nd7 10.cxd5 exd5 11.Qc2 Be7 12.b3 Bg6 13.Qb2 0-0 14.Bf4 Re8 15.Rad1 Qb6 16.e4 d4 17.Na4 Qa5 18.Qxd4 Rad8 19.Qb2 b5 20.Nc3 Nf8 21.Ne2 Ne6 22.Be3 Bh5 23.f3 f6 24.exf6 Bxf6 25.Qc2 c5 26.Nf4 Nxf4 27.Bxf4 Bd4+ 28.Kh1 Re6 29.Bd2 Qa3 30.Bc3 Ra6 31.Bxd4 cxd4 32.Qc7 Qf8 33.Qe5 Bf7 34.Rd2 Qb4 35.Rfd1 h6 36.h3 Qc3 37.Qxb5 Ra5 38.Qb7 Bh5 39.Rd3 Qc2 40.R3d2 Qc3 41.g4 Bf7 42.Qe7 Re8 43.Qd6 Qe3 44.Rd3 Qf2 45.R1d2 Qe1+ 46.Kh2 Qb1 47.Qxd4 Rxa2 48.Rxa2 Qxa2 49.b4 Bc4 50.Rd2 Qa6 51.e5 h5 52.f4 hxg4 53.hxg4 Qh6+ 54.Kg3 Be6 55.Bd5 Bxd5 56.Qxd5+ Kf8 57.Qd6+ Qxd6 58.Rxd6 Rb8 59.Rd7 Rxb4 60.Rxa7 Re4 61.Kf3 Re1 62.Ra5 g5 63.fxg5 Kf7 64.Kf4 Rf1+ 65.Ke4 Re1+ 66.Kd5 Rd1+ 67.Ke4 Re1+ 68.Kf3 Kg6 69.Kf4 Rf1+ 70.Ke4 Kf7 71.Ra3 Rg1 72.Rf3+ Kg6 73.Kf4 Re1 74.Re3 Ra1 75.e6 Ra7 76.Rd3 Ra4+ 77.Ke5 Rxg4 78.e7 Kf7 79.Rf3+ 1-0

O'Donnell,Robert (2100) -

Heimann,Mark (2481) [E15] Queen's Indian Defense

2021 Michigan Bottom Half Class Open (5), 03.10.2021

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 b6 4.g3 Ba6 5.b3 Bb4+ 6.Bd2 Be7 7.Bg2 c6 8.0-0 d5 9.cxd5 cxd5 10.Nc3 0-0 11.Ne5 Nfd7 12.f4 Nxe5 13.fxe5 Nc6 14.Be3 Rc8 15.Na4 Nb4 16.Bf2 Rc2 17.Bf3 Rxa2 18.Rxa2 Nxa2 19.Qd2 Nb4 20.Rc1 Qd7 21.e3 Rc8 22.Rxc8+ Qxc8 23.Be2 Bxe2 24.Qxe2 Qc2 25.Qb5 Nd3 0-1

Wilson,Max (1808) - Wang,Rocky (1572)

[B28] Sicilian Defense

2021 Michigan Bottom Half Class U1900 (5), 03.10.2021

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 a6 3.c3 e6 4.d4 cxd4 5.cxd4 d5 6.e5 Nc6 7.Bd3 Qb6 8.0-0 Bd7 9.Bc2 Nge7 10.Nc3 Ng6 11.h4 0-0-0 12.a3 f6 13.h5 Nge7 14.b4 Qc7 15.Bf4 g5 16.Bg3 fxe5 17.Nxe5 Nxe5 18.Bxe5 Qxc3 19.Bxh8 Nc6 20.Bf6 Be7 21.Bxe7 Nxe7 22.Bxh7 Nc6 23.Qd3 Qxd4 24.Qxd4 Nxd4 25.Rfe1 Bb5 26.f3 Rh8 27.Bg6 Ne2+ 28.Kf2 Nf4 29.Re5 Rxh5 30.Rxe6 Rh6 31.Re8+ Bxe8 32.Bxe8 Re6 33.Bf7 Re2+ 34.Kf1 Rxg2 35.Bxd5 Rh2 36.Kg1 ½-½

Muir,Joshua (1676) - Futrell,Jeff (1760)

[C41] Philidor

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1.e4 d6 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.Nc3 e5 4.Bc4 h6 5.d4 Nbd7 6.dxe5 dxe5 7.0-0 c6 8.Be3 Qc7 9.Nh4 b5 10.Bb3 b4 11.Ne2 Nxe4 12.f4 Bc5 13.Bxc5 Nexc5 14.Bxf7+ Kxf7 15.fxe5+ Ke8 16.Nd4 Nf8 17.Qh5+ Kd8 18.Rad1 Bd7 19.Rf7 Kc8 20.e6 Ncxe6 21.Nxe6 Qb6+ 22.Nc5 Be6 23.Rb7 Qxb7 24.Qe8+ Kc7 25.Qe7+ Bd7 26.Rxd7+ Nxd7 27.Qxd7+ Kb6 28.Nxb7 Rab8 29.Nd6 Rhd8 30.Qe7 a5 31.Nhf5 a4 32.Nd4 Kc5 33.Ne6+ Kd5 34.Nxd8 b3 35.cxb3 axb3 36.a3 Ra8 37.Qe6+ Kc5 38.N8b7+ Kb6 39.Qxb3+ Kc7 40.Qf7+ Kb6 41.Nc4+ Kb5 42.b3 1-0

Segal,Leonardo (1642) - Hong,Elan

(1715) [B00] Queen's Fianchetto

Defense

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1.e4 b6 2.d4 Bb7 3.Nc3 e6 4.f4 Bb4 5.Qg4 Bxc3+ 6.bxc3 Bxe4 7.Qxg7 Qf6 8.Qg3 Bxc2 9.Nf3 Ne7 10.Bc4 Rg8 11.Qf2 Be4 12.Ng5 Bb7 13.Bd3 Nf5 14.Be4 d5 15.Nxh7 Qg6 16.Bxf5 Qxf5 17.Ng5 Nd7 18.0-0 0-0-0 19.a4 a5 20.Re1 Nf6 21.h3 Ne4 22.Nxe4 dxe4 23.Be3 Qxh3 24.c4 Rg3 25.Kf1 Qg4 26.Qe2 Qg6 27.c5 Rh8 28.cxb6 Rh1+ 29.Bg1 Rf3+ 30.Qxf3 exf3 31.Ra2 Qd3+ 32.Kf2 Qxd4+ 33.Re3 Rxg1

34.gxf3 Rg2+ 35.Kxg2 Qxe3 36.Rf2 cxb6
37.Kg3 e5 38.fxe5 Qxe5+ 39.Kg2 Bc6 40.Rc2
Qg5+ 41.Kf1 Kb7 0–1

Pullabhotla,Abhinav (1792) -
Yassine,Waleed (1798) [D15] Slav Defense
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1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.Nf3 Nf6 4.Nc3 Bg4 5.Ne5
Bh5 6.Qb3 Qb6 7.c5 Qxb3 8.axb3 Na6
9.Nxc6 e6 10.Ne5 Nb4 11.Kd2 g6 12.f3 g5
13.g4 Bg6 14.Nxg6 hxg6 15.Kd1 a6 16.Bxg5
Bg7 17.Ra4 Nc6 18.e3 Nd7 19.b4 0–0 20.b5
axb5 21.Bxb5 Rxa4 22.Bxa4 Ra8 23.Bxc6
Nxc5 24.dxc5 bxc6 25.Kd2 f6 26.Bh4 Kf7
27.f4 e5 28.Bf2 Ke6 29.h4 Bh6 30.Re1 f5
31.g5 Bg7 32.Bg3 e4 33.Rc1 d4 34.exd4
Bxd4 35.Ke2 Rb8 36.Rc2 Bxc3 37.bxc3 Kd5
38.Bf2 Kc4 39.Bd4 Kd5 40.Ke3 Rb1 41.Rh2
Rf1 42.Rh3 Rg1 43.h5 gxh5 44.Rxh5 Rg3+
45.Ke2 Rg4 46.g6 Rxg6 47.Rxf5+ Ke6
48.Rf6+ Rxf6 49.Bxf6 Kxf6 50.Ke3 Kf5 51.c4
1–0

Amrine,Jed (1369) - Schilling,Patrick (1671)
[D78] Fianchetto Grunfeld
2021 Michigan Bottom Half Class U1700
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1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nf3 Bg7 4.g3 0–0 5.Bg2
c6 6.0–0 d5 7.Nc3 h6 8.Re1 Be6 9.e4 Nxe4
10.Nxe4 dxe4 11.Rxe4 Bxc4 12.Rh4 g5
13.Nxg5 hxg5 14.Bxg5 Qd6 15.Be4 f5
16.Qh5 Nd7 17.Qh7+ Kf7 18.Bxf5 Rh8
19.Rh6 Qxh6 20.Bxh6 Rxh7 21.Bxh7 0–1

Salomon,Sophie (1336) - Solski,Jeff (1380)
[E61] King's Indian Defense
2021 Michigan Bottom Half Class U1500
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1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 Bg7 4.Bf4 d6 5.e3 c6
6.Nf3 Nbd7 7.Qb3 0–0 8.Bd3 Re8 9.Ng5 e5
10.dxe5 Nxe5 11.Bxe5 Rxe5 12.Nf3 Re7
13.0–0 Ng4 14.Rdf1 Nxe3 15.fxe3 Rxe3
16.Nd1 Rxd3 17.Qxd3 Bf5 18.Qb3 d5
19.Ne3 Bh6 20.cxd5 cxd5 21.Kd1 Be4 22.h4
f6 23.h5 1–0

Byrd,Jonathan (991) - Bauml,Michael
(1343) [B40] Sicilian Defense
2021 Michigan Bottom Half Class U1500
(5), 03.10.2021

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 e6 3.Nc3 a6 4.d3 Nc6 5.Be3 d5
6.exd5 exd5 7.Qe2 Be6 8.d4 cxd4 9.Bxd4 h6
10.0–0 Nge7 11.Ne5 Nxd4 12.Rxd4 g6
13.Rb4 Qc7 14.g3 Bg7 15.f4 Bxe5 16.Qxe5
Qxe5 17.fxe5 b5 18.Bg2 Rd8 19.Rd1 Nc6
20.Rb3 Nxe5 21.Bxd5 Bxd5 22.Nxd5 0–0
23.Ra3 Rd6 24.Ne7+ Kg7 25.Rxd6 Nc4
26.Raxa6 Nxd6 27.Rxd6 Re8 28.Nc6 Re2
29.Rd5 Rxh2 30.Rxb5 Rg2 31.a4 Rxg3 32.a5
Rg1+ 33.Kd2 h5 34.a6 h4 35.a7 Ra1 36.Ra5
Rxa5 37.Nxa5 g5 38.a8Q f5 39.Qc6 f4 40.b4
g4 41.b5 h3 42.b6 f3 43.b7 h2 44.b8R h1Q
45.Rb7+ Kh8 46.Qc8# 1–0

Das,Dron (1292) - Wright,Eric (1236) [D02]
QP Game

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1.Nf3 d5 2.g3 c5 3.Bg2 Nc6 4.d4 Bf5 5.c3
cxd4 6.Nxd4 Nxd4 7.Qxd4 e6 8.0–0 Ne7
9.Nd2 Nc6 10.Qf4 Bd6 11.Qa4 g5 12.e4
dxe4 13.Nxe4 g4 14.Nxd6+ Qxd6 15.Bf4
Qd7 16.Rad1 Qc8 17.Bh6 f6 18.Rd6 Kf7
19.Bxc6 bxc6 20.Rfd1 Be4 21.Qxe4 Ke7
22.Rxc6 f5 23.Qb4+ Kf6 24.Rxc8 Raxc8
25.Qd4+ 1–0

Walsh,William (1170) - Allon,Michael
(1210) [D00] QP Opening
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1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.Bf4 Nf6 4.e3 Nc6 5.Nc3 h6
6.Nf3 Nh5 7.Bg3 Nxg3 8.hxg3 Be7 9.cxd5
exd5 10.Bd3 Be6 11.Bc2 Qd7 12.Ba4 Bg4
13.Qb3 0–0 14.Ne5 Qe6 15.Nxg4 Qxg4
16.Nxd5 Bd6 17.Bxc6 bxc6 18.Nb4 Bxb4+
19.Qxb4 Rhe8 20.Rh4 Qe6 21.b3 g5 22.Rh1
Rxd4 23.Qxd4 Kb7 24.Rd1 f5 25.Qd7 Qe4
26.Qd4 Qxg2 27.Rxh6 Re4 28.Qc3 Re5 1–0

Lopresto,Anthony (1007) - David,Kazuma
(1219) [D35] QGD
2021 Michigan Bottom Half Class U1300
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1.d4 d5 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.c4 e6 4.cxd5 exd5 5.Nc3
Bf5 6.Bg5 c6 7.e3 Bb4 8.a3 Bxc3+ 9.bxc3
Nbd7 10.Bd3 Bxd3 11.Qxd3 Qa5 12.Bxf6
Nxf6 13.Nd2 0–0 14.0–0 Rfe8 15.Rfc1 Ne4
16.Nxe4 Rxe4 17.c4 Rae8 18.cxd5 Qxd5
19.Qc4 Qxc4 20.Rxc4 f5 21.g3 Kf7 22.Rc5
Kf6 23.a4 g5 24.a5 a6 25.Rc3 R4e7 26.Rb1
f4 27.Rbb3 fxe3 28.fxe3 h6 29.Kf2 Kf5 30.h3
Rf7 31.Rc5+ Ke4+ 32.Ke2 Rf3 33.Re5+ Rxe5
34.dxe5 Rf7 35.e6 Re7 36.Rb4+ Kd5 37.Kd3
Kc5 38.Re4 b5 39.axb6 Kxb6 40.Kd4 c5+
41.Kd5 Kb5 42.Kd6 Rxe6+ 43.Rxe6 c4
44.Kd5 a5 45.Re4 a4 46.Rxc4 a3 47.Rc1 Kb4
48.Ra1 Kb3 49.e4 Kb2 50.Rxa3 Kxa3 51.e5
Kb2 52.e6 Kc2 53.Ke4 Kd2 54.e7 Ke2 55.e8Q
Kf2 1–0

Kello,Joseph (715) - Burdzinski,Jan (1150)
[D04] Colle System
2021 Michigan Bottom Half Class U1300
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1.d4 d5 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.e3 c5 4.b3 Nc6 5.Bd3
cxd4 6.exd4 Bg4 7.0–0 Nxd4 8.Nbd2 e5
9.Bb2 Nxf3+ 10.Nxf3 e4 11.Qe1 Qe7
12.Bxf6 Qxf6 13.Bb5+ Kd8 14.Nd2 Bb4
15.a3 Bc3 16.Qe3 Qd4 17.Qf4 Qc5 18.Qxg4
Qxb5 19.Rad1 Qd7 20.Qg3 Qe6 21.Qxc3 f6
22.Qb4 Kc7 23.c4 a5 24.Qb5 Ra6 25.cxd5
[White won on Time] 1–0

Sadipirala,Jignesh (930) - Hong,Jun (1111)
[A50] Queen's Fianchetto Defense
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1.d4 Nf6 2.Bf4 e6 3.c4 b6 4.f3 d5 5.e3 Bb7
6.Nc3 Bb4 7.Qb3 Bxc3+ 8.Qxc3 0–0 9.cxd5
Nxd5 10.Qd2 Nxf4 11.exf4 Qf6 12.Bd3 Rd8
13.Ne2 Nc6 14.Be4 Rab8 15.Bxc6 Bxc6
16.0–0 Bb7 17.Rac1 Rbc8 18.Qd3 c5

19.Rfd1 cxd4 20.Rxc8 Bxc8 21.Qc4 Bb7
22.Rxd4 Rxd4 23.Qxd4 Qe7 24.Qa4 Bd5
25.Nc3 h6 26.Nb5 Qc5+ 27.Nd4 Qc1+ 28.Kf2
Qxb2+ 29.Kg3 Kf8 30.Qd7 g6 31.Nc6 Bxc6
32.Qd6+ Kg8 33.Qxc6 a5 34.a4 Qd4 35.Qb5
Kg7 36.Qc6 h5 37.h4 Kf6 38.Qe8 Qd6
39.Qc8 Qb4 40.Qd8+ Kg7 41.Qd1 b5
42.axb5 Qxb5 43.Qa1+ Kh7 44.Kf2 a4
45.Ke1 Qb3 46.Kd2 Qb4+ 47.Qc3 Qxf4+
48.Kc2 Qxh4 49.Kb2 Qf2+ 50.Qc2 Qxc2+
51.Kxc2 Kh6 52.Kc3 a3 53.Kb3 g5 54.Kxa3
Kg6 55.Kb3 Kf5 56.g3 h4 57.gxh4 gxh4
58.Kc3 Kf4 59.Kd2 h3 60.Ke2 h2 0–1

Swaminathan,Tarun (817) - Hede,Aloke
(1282) [C50] Giuoco Piano
2021 Michigan Bottom Half Class U1300
(5), 03.10.2021

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 h6 4.c3 d6 5.h3 Nf6
6.d3 a6 7.Bb3 Be7 8.Nbd2 0–0 9.Nf1 Na5
10.Nxb3 Nxb3 11.axb3 c5 12.Nh4 Nxe4
13.Nxe4 Bxh4 14.Qh5 Kh7 15.Be3 Be7 16.g4
f6 17.h4 Bxg4 18.Qxg4 f5 19.Qg2 fxe4
20.Qxe4+ Kg8 21.Rg1 Bxh4 22.Bxh6 Bxf2+
23.Kd2 Bxg1 24.Rxg1 Rf7 25.Qd5 Kf8 26.Bg5
Qd7 27.Rh1 Kg8 28.Rh4 Re8 29.Qh1 Rf2+
30.Ke3 Qf5 31.Rh8+ Kf7 32.Qh5+ Qg6
33.Qxg6+ Kxg6 34.Rxe8 Rxb2 35.Be7 Kf7 0–
1

Booher,Tyler (1180) - Krueger,Lukas (1128)
[C47] Scotch Game
2021 Michigan Bottom Half Class U1300
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1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.d4 exd4
5.Nxd4 d6 6.Nxc6 bxc6 7.Be2 d5 8.exd5
Nxd5 9.Nxd5 Qxd5 10.Qxd5 cxd5 11.Bb5+
Bd7 12.Bxd7+ Kxd7 13.0–0 Bd6 14.Be3
Rab8 15.b3 c5 16.Rad1 d4 17.Bg5 f6 18.Bh4
f5 19.f4 Rbe8 20.g3 Re2 21.Rf2 Rhe8 22.Kf1
Rxf2+ 23.Kxf2 h6 24.Re1 Rg8 25.Kf3 g5
26.fxg5 hxg5 27.Bxg5 Rxg5 28.Rg1 f4 29.g4
Rg8 30.h4 Ke6 31.Re1+ Be5 32.h5 Kf6
33.Rg1 Kg5 34.Re1 Bc7 35.Re7 Bb8 36.Re6
Bc7 37.Re7 Bb6 38.Re5+ Kh6 39.Kxf4 Bc7 0–
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MacLeod,Samuel (925) - Haskara,Beril
(1087) [B07] Pirc Defense
2021 Michigan Bottom Half Class U1300
(5), 03.10.2021

1.e4 d6 2.d4 Nf6 3.Nc3 c6 4.Nf3 Qa5 5.d5
Nxe4 6.Bd2 Nxc3 7.Bxc3 Qxd5 8.Bd3 e5
9.Qe2 Be6 10.Bc4 Qxc4 11.Qxc4 Bxc4 12.0–
0 Be7 13.Rhe1 Bd5 14.Kb1 Bxf3 15.gxf3
Nd7 16.Rg1 g6 17.f4 Rf8 18.fxe5 Nxe5 19.f4
Nc4 20.Rge1 Rd8 21.Bf6 Rd7 22.b3 Nb6
23.Re2 Nd5 24.Bg5 f6 25.c4 Nc3+ 26.Kc2
Nxe2 27.Bh6 Rg8 28.Rd2 Ng1 29.Rg2 Nf3
30.f5 Nd4+ 31.Kc3 Nxf5 32.Bf4 d5 33.cxd5
Rxd5 34.Re2 Nd4 35.Re3 g5 36.Bg3 Nf5
37.Rf3 Nxg3 38.hxg3 h5 39.Rd3 Rxd3+
40.Kxd3 h4 41.gxh4 gxh4 42.Ke3 h3 43.Kd4
h2 44.Kc4 h1Q 45.a4 Rg4+ 46.Kc3 0–1

**JOHN D.
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By Jesse Ren

The John D. Rockefeller III National Tournament of Elementary School State Champions is an annual invitational event run by US Chess that has determined the Rockefeller National Champion since 2020. The 2020 champion was a national master with a US Chess rating of 2203. \$18,519 in prizes will be awarded—including \$5,800 to the champion, of which \$5,000 is a scholarship to college or university of choice. The champion will qualify for the U.S. Cadet Championship and either the World Youth Championship or the World Cadet Championships, as long as eligibility requirements are met.

The 2nd Annual Rockefeller was held July 31 - August 3, 2021 in Cherry Hill, NJ at the Crown Plaza Philadelphia - Cherry Hill during the 122nd Annual U.S. Open Chess Championship. Players who completed all 6 rounds of the Rockefeller could register onsite at Chess Control for the U.S. Open's 4-day schedule, 6-day schedule, or 9-day schedule (with byes) for 50% of the early registration fee. Jesse Ren was Michigan's K-5 (Children's) represented after defeating Marcus Zheng in a blitz match playoff on May 15, 2021 on the Chess.com's online qualifying tournament.

Jesse Ren (1862) - Sepehr Golsefidy (1997) [E11] Bogo-Indian Defense 2021 Rockefeller (3), 01.08.2021 [JR] 1.Nf3 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.d4 Bb4+ [The Bogo-Indian. White has several moves after 14...cxd5] 14...Qh5 15.Nd4 Nb6 16.a4! [This move threatens to attack the N on b6.] 16...c5 17.a5! [Counterattacking the N.] 17...Nd7 [17...cxd4 18.axb6 dxe3 19.Qxe3] 18.Nb5?! [This was not a

good move and White missed out on an opportunity to get to a better position where White was going to be up at least a pawn.] [Better was... 18.a6! Rb8 19.axb7 cxd4 (19...Bxb7 20.Bxb7 cxd4 21.exd4) 20.bxc8Q Rfxc8 21.Qa4 Ne5 22.Qxd4 Nf3+ 23.Bxf3 Qxf3 24.Rxa7] 18...Ne5= 19.f4? [This is a bad move because it allows a discovered attack on the N.] 19...c4! 20.Qd1 Ng4 21.h3 Qxb5 22.hxg4 Qxb2 23.Qc1?? [The losing move. After this move White's position is hopeless.] [White is still in the game after... 23.a6! Qb6 24.Qf3 Rb8 25.Rfb1 Bxg4 26.Qxg4 Qxe3+ 27.Kf1 b5 28.Qf3 Qxf3+ 29.Bxf3 Rb6 30.Ra5.] 23...Qb5 24.Qc3 Bxg4 25.Rfb1 Qc5 26.Ra4 Be2 27.Kf2 Bd3 28.Rxb7 Rfe8 29.Qc1 Rad8 30.Ra3 Qh5 31.Ra2 Rc8 32.Rxa7 [White wins the pawn back but it's too late.] 32...c3 33.Rd7 Qb5 34.Rd5 Qb1 35.Ra1 Qb2+ 36.Kg1 Rxe3 37.Qxe3 Qxa1+ 38.Kh2 c2 39.Qxd3 Qf6 0-1

Jesse Ren (1862) - Manuel Alfonso Castillo (1388) [D11] Slav Defense 2021 Rockefeller (5), 02.08.2021 [JR] 1.d4 c6 2.Nf3 d5 3.e3 Bf5 4.c4 e6 5.Qb3 Qc7 6.Nh4? [Trying to get the bishop pair, but Black can maintain it.] 6...Bxb1? [6...Be4! 7.f3?? Bxb1 8.Rxb1 g5.] 7.Rxb1 Be7 8.Nf3 Nf6 9.Bd3 Nbd7 [...preparing for e6-e5.] 10.0-0 0-0 11.Qc2 Rac8 12.c5 e5 13.dxe5 Nxe5 14.Nxe5 Qxe5 15.b4 h6 16.Bb2 Qc7 17.Bf5 Rcd8 18.f4 [Preparing for a rook lift to f3.] 18...Nd7 19.Rf3 Bf6? [This move loses a pawn or gives Black really bad pawn structure.] 20.Bxd7 Bxb2 21.Bxc6 bxc6 22.Qxb2 Rde8 23.Qc2 Re4 24.Qd3 Rfe8 25.b5? [This move blunders a pawn and now it's equal.] 25...cxb5 26.Rxb5 a6 27.Rb3 Qxc5 28.Rc3 Qa5 29.h3 Qb6= 30.Kh2 Qd6 31.Ra3 Qc5 32.Qxa6 Rxe3 33.Rfxe3 Rxe3 34.Rxe3 Qxe3 35.Qc8+ Kh7 36.Qf5+ Kg8 37.Qe5! d4?? [After this move, White can trade Queens and win the e3 pawn and the game as well.] [37...Qd3 38.Qe8+ Kh7 39.Qxf7 White's up a pawn, but it's still a draw.] 38.Qxe3 dxe3 39.Kg3 Kf8 40.Kf3 Ke7 41.Kxe3 Kd6 42.Kd4 f6

43.a4 Kc6 44.a5 g5 45.f5 h5 46.a6 Kb6 47.Kd5 Kxa6 48.Ke6 g4 49.Kxf6 Kb5 50.h4 Kc5 51.Kg5 Kd4 52.Kxh5 Ke5 53.Kxg4 Kf6 54.h5 Kg7 55.Kg5 Kh7 56.f6 Kg8 57.h6 Kh8 58.f7 Kh7 59.Kh5 Kh8 60.f8Q+ Kh7 61.Qg7# 1-0

Hrishikesh Sai Vedula (1628) - Jesse Ren (1862) [C77] Ruy Lopez 2021 Rockefeller (6), 03.08.2021 [JR] 1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.d3 b5 6.Bb3 Be7 7.Nbd2 d6 8.Nf1 [This position has rarely been played.] 8...Na5 9.Bd2 Nxb3 10.axb3 Be6 11.Ne3 Qd7 12.b4 d5!? [Opening the center for by 2 B's.] 13.exd5 Nxd5 14.Nxd5 Bxd5 15.Bc3?! [If White is greedy and tries to get a pawn with.. 15.Nxe5 Qe6 16.Qe2 Bxg2 17.Rg1 Bb7] Black is down no material with 2 B's and a better pawn structure. If White takes the g7 pawn than Bf6 wins material. 18.Rxg7?? Bf6 Best, however, was 15.0-0; 15.0-0 f6] 15...Qg4 16.Rg1?! [White should just get his king castled to safety soon. Starting from here, White's King will be in danger...16.0-0 f6.] 16...Bxb4 17.Nxe5 Bxc3+ 18.bxc3 Qe6 19.Qe2 0-0 [Getting the king out of the center before attacking.] 20.Ng4 Qc6 21.Kd2 Rfe8 22.Ne3 f5 [Threatening f4.] 23.Qh5 Be6 24.f4 Qc5 25.d4 Qd6 [...with the idea of c5 and b4.] 26.Qf3 b4 27.Rgd1 a5 28.Ke1 Bd5 29.Qg3 bxc3 30.Kf2 Be4 [Protecting f5 and hitting c2.] 31.Ra4 Qe6 32.d5 Qb6 33.Ra2 Rad8 34.Kf1 Bxd5 [White resigned after this move was played. None of the variations work for him.] 35.Rxd5 [35.Nxd5 Rxd5 36.Rxd5 Qb1+ 37.Kf2 Qe1+ 38.Kf3 Qe2#; 35.Nxf5 Bc4+; 35.Raa1 Rxe3.] 35...Rxd5 36.Nxd5 Qb1+ 37.Kf2 Qe1+ 38.Kf3 Qe2# 0-1

**The Perplexing Problems of
Kenneth S. Howard from
The American Two-Move Chess
Problem; Dover Publications;
1962.**

- #1 Qc3 Charles Promislo -1915
- #2 Rd8 Gilbert Dobbs -1915
- #3 Rh6 William B. Rice - 1915
- #4 Nf4 William B. Rice - 1915
- #5 Ne6 Henry Wald Bettmann - 1915
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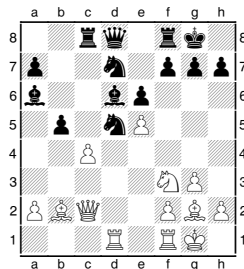
By Ariel Levi

I was the Michigan representative at the John T. Irwin National Tournament of Senior State Champions, July 31 - August 3, 2021. This tournament was held in Cherry Hill, NJ. A nice touch was the state flag that each player was given to post beside his or her board. I ended up with a score of 3/6, which was disappointing to me. By far my most interesting games were my 2 losses against IMs. In both games, I had the advantage but slipped up toward the late middle game. This was my second-round game. It represented something of a reunion, as my opponent, IM Mark Ginsburg, and I were both on the Columbia University chess team in the early 1980s.

Ginsburg, Mark (IM) (2373) - Levi, Ariel (2150) [E09]Closed Catalan: Main line
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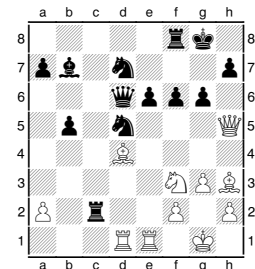
1.Nf3 Nf6 2.d4 e6 3.g3 d5 4.Bg2 Be7 5.c4 0-0 6.0-0 Nbd7 7.Qc2 c6 8.Nbd2 b6 9.b3 Ba6 [Bb7 is the main alternative, but Ba6 puts more pressure on White's center, especially the c4 pawn.] **10.Bb2 Rc8 11.Rad1** [The main alternative is 11.e4, after which I had planned 11...c5, with the book line being 12.ed, ed. White gets a small advantage with 13.Qf5, 13.Rad1, or 13.Rfe1.] **11...c5 12.dxc5 Bxc5** [12.Nxc5 was also possible, but Bxc5 creates tactical opportunities along the c file and gives Black's Q the e7 square.] **13.e4** [By playing 13.Qb1, White could get his Q out of the line of fire of the c8 rook and keep the game simpler. 13.e4 makes the game very complicated, and my opponent and I were both spending a lot of time around here. I was considering mainly 13...dc and 13...b5, the latter being the Stockfish preference.] **13...dxc4 14.bxc4** [If 14.Nxc4, I had planned to play 14...Qe7. Then if 15.e5, Nd5; 16.Qe2, Rc7; 17.Nd4, Rfc8 with approximate equality.] **14...b5 15.e5?!** [Double-edged.] **15...Nd5** [The tactics on the c-file enable this move, which gives Black a slight advantage. The

other N moves, to g4, h5, or e8, all give White a clear advantage.] **16.Ne4?** [During the game I thought that White could play 16.Ng5, so that after 16...Qxg5, 17.Ne4, he would regain his piece (Black's N on d5) because his Q now defends f2, making Bxf2+ ineffective. If 16.Ng5, I had planned to play Bxf2+ before taking the g5 N, e.g.: 16.Ng5, Bxf2+; 17.Rxf2, Qxg5; 18.Ne4, Qe7; 19.Qb3, Rxc4; 20.Nd6, Rb4. I wasn't sure who stood better here. Black is a pawn ahead with a reasonably solid position, but White has some attacking prospects.] **16...Be7** [This prevents a N from moving to g5. The main alternative was bc, but this would allow White to get his attack started with 17.Nfg5.] **17.Nd6?!** [At this point in the game, my opponent seemed dissatisfied with his position, and thought a long time here before he played Nd6. Stockfish evaluates the position as highly favorable for Black, but this move worsens White's position further. Stockfish recommends 17.Ba1, a very unhuman move. After the game, my opponent said he felt he had to try something aggressive.] **17...Bxd6** [Diagram]



18.exd6 Rxc4?! [Here I had a choice between taking the pawn with the R or the b-pawn. I weighed the advantages of an active R and c-file control more than getting a passed c-pawn. This turned out to be the suboptimal choice, as 18...bc would have increased my advantage, with threats of advancing the c-pawn and getting a N to d3.] **19.Qd2 Bb7 20.Rfe1 Qb6 21.Qg5** [The main alternative, N7f6, was better: 21...N7f6; 22.Bd4, h6; 23.Bxb6, hg; 24.Bxa7, Ra8; 25.Be3, g4; 26.Ne5, Bxg2; 27.Nxd7, Nxd7; 28.Kxg2, Rxa2 and Black retains the advantage.] **21...f6 22.Qh5 Rc2** [I thought that this move would gain a tempo and post my R on a more aggressive square before I took the d6 pawn. But right after I made this move, I regretted it. The R is now unprotected and gives White some tactical opportunities to attack my kingside. Better was the immediate 22...Qxd6.] **23.Bd4 Qxd6** [Now I was expecting 24.Ng5, which works tactically

because of the unprotected R on c2. The following wild line from Stockfish shows that White can gain an advantage: 24.Ng5, fg; 25.Be4, N7f6; 26.Bxf6, Nxf6; 27.Rxd6, Rxf2; 28.Kxf2, Nxe5+; 29.Kg1, Bxe4; 20.Rxe4, Rc8. During the game, I analyzed this line to 27.Rxd6, did not consider 27...Rxf2, but planned to try for counterplay against White's K by playing 27...Nxe4, rather than take White's Q (27...Nxe5) and end up down the exchange with a disadvantage after 28.Bxc2.] **24.Bh3?!** [I was relieved to see this move, but the position remains complicated and White still has an attack for his 2-pawn deficit.] **24...g6** [Diagram]



[I played this reluctantly, as it weakens my kingside further. But I rejected my main alternative 24...Nc7, because it would allow White to regain a pawn and retain pressure down the central files.] **25.Rxe6 Qa3 26.Qg4 Nc5** [I considered 26...Nf4 as well, but in the limited time I had left could not work out whether 27.Ng5 was good or possibly even winning for White. With 26...Nc5, I opened the diagonal to make my opponent worry about ...Bc8.] **27.Ne1** [After the game Mark said he thought he was in trouble here and just wanted to avoid blundering in time pressure.] **27...Rc4** [It was either this or Rc1.] **28.Rd6?!** [Stockfish gives 28.Bg2 with equality.] **28...Bc8** [Now Black has the advantage again.] **29.Qh4?** [Better was 29.Qe2, Bxh3; 30.Rxd5, Ne6; 31.Be3. But the position is so complicated that both of us were playing the more obvious moves.] **29...Bxh3?** [I played this obvious move in time pressure, missing 29...Qa4!, attacking the R on d1 and the B on d4. According to Stockfish, Black would have a substantial advantage after Qa4. But I was aiming to take advantage of White's loose R on d6.] **30.Qxh3 Nf4** [Now it's about equal again.] **31.Qg4 Ncd3 32.Rd7 Nxe1 33.Rxe1?!** [Either gf or Qxf4 would be about equal.] **33...Qb4?** [Down to about 3 minutes, I had narrowed my candidate moves to this vs. Rc1. The move I played lost; Rc1 would likely have

won, as it forces White to find several "only" moves, including the almost impossible-to-find-in-time-trouble

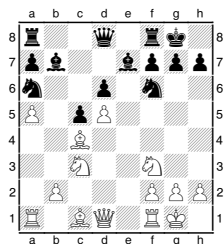
35.Bc5! 33...Rc1; 34.Rd1, h5; 35.Bc5!, hg; 36.Bxa3, Nh3+; 37.Kf1, Rxd1+; 38.Rxd1, Rc8; 39.Rd6, Rc2; 40.Rxf6, g5. We looked at this Stockfish-generated line after the game, agreeing that it would be a tough one for White to navigate.]

34.Rd1 [Now it's all over. If 34...Nh5, White plays 35.Qe6+, then 36.Qe3 to threaten 37.Qh6, and eventually work the Q into the weakened kingside.] **34...Rxd4** [and resigns. A disappointing end to a complex seesaw battle.] **1-0**

Matros, Alexander (IM) (2408) - Levi, Ariel (2150)

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1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 c5 3.d5 b5 4.Nf3 Bb7 5.a4 bxc4 [An alternative is 5...Qa5+; 6.Bd2, b4; 7.Qc2, d6; 8.e4, Nbd7, shifting the upcoming battle to the center and kingside. With bc, I aimed to put a N on b4 to increase the pressure on White's d5 pawn.] **6.Nc3 e6 7.e4 exd5** [Before I played this, I spent a lot of time planning what I would play if White played 8.e5. I intended 8...Ne4. Then, if 9.Nxd5, Qa5+; 10.Nc3, Nc6; 11.Bd2, Nxd2; 12.Nxd2, Black's position should be fine. However, my opponent recaptured on d5 quickly. GM John Fedorowicz, who wrote a book on the Benko Gambit, was playing on the adjacent board. At this point, he was taking an interest in my game. Later, out of curiosity, I looked up this variation in his book, which was published in 1990. He gave: 7.e4, ed; 8.ed, d6; 9.Bxc4, Be7; 10.0-0, 0-0; 11. Re1, Re8; 12.Bf4, Nbd7; 13.a5, a6; 14.h3, Bf8; 15.Rxe8, Nxe8; 16.Qd2, h6; 17.g4, with better chances for White (Spraggett-Qi, Interzonal, Taxco, 1985.) **8.exd5 d6 9.Bxc4 Be7 10.0-0 0-0 11.a5 Na6** [Diagram]

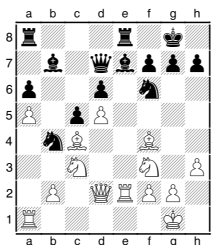


[Following my plan of getting this N to b4 to increase the pressure on White's d5 pawn. The position resembles those that arise from the Franco-Benoni Defense

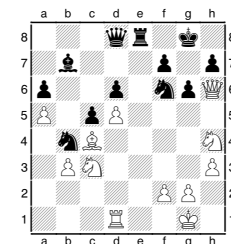
(1.e4, e6; 2.d4, c5; 3.d5, ed; 4.ed; 5.Nc3, Nf6; 6.Nf3, Be7; 7.Be2, 0-0; 8.0-0, Na6; 9.Bf4, Nc7; 10.Re1, b6; 11.h3, Re8, as in

Unzicker-Larsen, Lugano, 1970 (0-1, 40). Larsen had much success on the Black side of such positions, using the plan of attacking White's d5 pawn with his light-squared bishop and knights (usually from f6 and c7), and sometimes his queen from f5. With White tied down defending his d5 pawn, Larson would gradually advance on the queenside, create weaknesses in White's pawn structure, and then win in the endgame. I tried to apply a similar plan here, with a N on b4 rather than c7.]

12.Re1 Nb4 13.h3 [I had to calculate how to respond to 13.Qe2. Taking the d5 pawn would give White the advantage, e.g., 13...Bxd5; 14.Nfxd5, Nfxd5; 15.Bxd5, Nxd5; 16.Qe4, Nb4; 17.Qxe7, Nc2; 18.Bg5. I had planned to play 13...Re8, and if White then played 14.Bb5, Nd7. When I checked this position with Stockfish, to my surprise the top recommendation was not 14...Nd7, but giving up the exchange immediately with 14...Bf8: 14...Bf8, 15.Bxe8, Qxe8; 16.Qxe8, Nxe8; 17.Rd1, Nc7; 18.Nd2, Ba6, evaluating this as White having a tiny advantage. Black will capture the d5 pawn as compensation for the exchange. On 14...Nd7, Stockfish gave the following: 15.a6, Bxd5; 16.Nxd5, Nxd5; 17.Bc6, Nc7; 18.Bxa8, Qxa8; 19.Bf4, Ne6; 20.Bg5, Nf6; 21. Bxf6, Bxf6, with a slight (about 1/3 pawn) advantage for White.] **13...a6 14.Bf4 Re8 15.Qd2 Qd7 16.Re2** [Diagram]



[If 16.Bb3, threatening to skewer Black's Q and R, then simply 16...Qc7; 17.Ba4, Reb8 or d8, and White has to go back with 18.Bb3 to protect his weak d5 pawn. According to Stockfish, better would be 16.Ng5, followed by Ne4 to trade a pair of knights.] **16...Bf8 17.Rxe8 Rxe8 18.b3 Qf5** [Here it is-four pieces attacking White's d5 pawn. Black now has an advantage.] **19.Rd1 g6 20.Nh4 Qd7 21.Bg5 Bg7** [21...Ne4 was a good alternative.] **22.Bh6 Bxh6 23.Qxh6 Qd8** [Diagram]



[I was optimistic around here. White's N is clumsily placed, and White's weak pawns on d5 and a5 are liabilities. Stockfish evaluates this position as almost a pawn's worth advantage for Black.] **24.g4** [If now 24...Qxa5, 25.Nf5 would give White the advantage.] **24...Ne4 25.Nxe4 Rxe4 26.Nf3 f6** [Weakening my kingside but the best bet for retaining an advantage. 26...Qf8, for example, would allow 27.Qxf8+, Kxf8; 28.Ng5, Rd4; 29.Nxh7+, Ke7; 30.Re1+, Kd8; 31.Ng5 with equality.] **27.Nd2 Re5 28.Nf3 Re4 29.Nd2** [A tacit draw offer. If I play Re5, White would repeat with 30.Nf3. After the game my opponent said he realized he had the worse position and was willing to repeat. During the game I thought I was justified in trying for more, so I played an alternative but suboptimal R move.] **29...Rd4?!** [29...Re8 or 29...Re7 would have retained an advantage.] **30.Re1** [Now Black's advantage is gone. Here, I needed to play 30...Qf8 and settle for a drawish position after 31.Qxf8+, Kxf8; 32.Ne4, Bxd5; 33.Nxd6, Bxc4; 34.Re8+, Kg7; 35.Nxc4, Rd3.] **30...Bxd5?** [I thought I could safely "cash in" my advantage by taking White's d5 pawn. But I miscalculated the tactics here.] **31.Ne4** [After this, all variations favor White.] **31...Bxc4?!** [Stockfish evaluates Rxe4 as better, but after 32.Bxd5+, Nxd5; 33.Rxe4 the position is simple for White to play. I chose the weaker, but more complicated continuation so that my opponent would have to do some work to convert his advantage to a win.] **32.Nxf6+ Kf7** [If 32...Qxf6, White mates in 2 with 33.Re8+] **33.g5** [Good enough, but 33.Ne8 would be quicker: 33.Ne8; Qxe8; 34.Qxh7+, Kf8; 35.Qh8+, Bg8; 36.Rxe8+] **33...Qh8 34.Re8 Qg7 35.Re7+ Kxe7 36.Qxg7+ Bf7 37.Nxh7 Nd5 38.Qf8+ Ke6 39.Qd8 Rf4 40.Qc8+ Ke5 41.Qxa6 Be6 42.Qe2+ Kf5 43.a6 Nb4 44.a7 Bd5 45.Qe7 Bf3 46.Qf7+ Ke4 47.a8Q+ d5 48.Qae8+ Kd3 49.Qxf4 1-0**

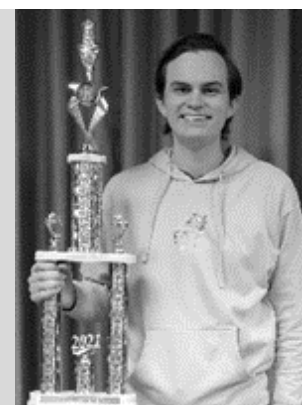
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Joshua Posthuma managed to hang on to secure yet another year as state champion in this year's rendition of Michigan's annual championship shootouts. Despite the numerous logistical and pandemic issues surrounding the event, it was remarkably well-attended luring nearly 180 entrants away from the comfort and security of their electronic devices and into the playing halls of the Lansing Radisson hotel in search of some very welcomed personal combat! Kudos go the Jeff Aldrich and the MCA board for moving us forward!

Open Section

	Name	Rtng	Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd 3	Rd 4	Rd 5	Rd 6	Rd 7	Total
1	FM Joshua Posthuma	2459	W 17	W 45	D 2	W 19	D 6	W 4	W 8	6
2	Justin Liang	2250	W 30	W 28	D 1	D 3	W 12	D 6	W 7	5.5
3	Clara McGrew	2102	W 29	W 14	H	D 2	H	W 24	W 6	5.5
4	Manis Davidovich	2200	W 33	W 47	W 7	L 6	W 20	L 1	W 13	5
5	Mauro Lopez	2333	D 44	W 32	D 20	W 27	D 8	D 9	W 12	5
6	FM Seth Homa	2425	W 11	D 12	W 13	W 4	D 1	D 2	L 3	4.5
7	Cameron McLeman	1837	W 48	W 51	L 4	W 25	D 13	W 21	L 2	4.5
8	David Hahn	2104	W 49	D 22	D 16	W 29	D 5	W 15	L 1	4.5
9	Rohan Padhye	2123	D 32	W 10	W 22	D 12	W 14	D 5	U	4.5
10	Gary Pratt	1800	H	L 9	W 44	L 13	W 40	W 22	W 26	4.5
11	Zachary Smith	1897	L 6	W 43	D 34	W 36	L 21	W 32	W 16	4.5
12	Michael Dang	1994	W 43	D 6	W 21	D 9	L 2	W 17	L 5	4
13	Manmohan Das	1983	D 23	W 34	L 6	W 10	D 7	W 14	L 4	4
14	Stanley Jarosz	1900	W 41	L 3	W 37	W 16	L 9	L 13	W 21	4
15	Ayush Das	1863	W 42	L 27	H	W 47	W 28	L 8	D 20	4
16	Ashrith Mathiyazhagan	1631	D 18	W 44	D 8	L 14	X 48	W 28	L 11	4
17	Nathan Ouyang	1902	L 1	L 37	W 23	W 33	W 31	L 12	W 29	4
18	Gregory Bailey	1917	D 16	L 21	L 32	D 39	W 38	W 34	W 31	4
19	Krishnan Sudharsan	2038	W 36	W 38	H	L 1	H	W 20	U	4
20	Benjamin Brandt	1944	H	W 24	D 5	W 31	L 4	L 19	D 15	3.5
21	Edward Shen	1410	H	W 18	L 12	W 26	W 11	L 7	L 14	3.5
22	Hunter Reed	1914	W 39	D 8	L 9	W 32	L 24	L 10	W 35	3.5
23	Alex Kong	1715	D 13	L 42	L 17	D 44	W 33	W 30	D 28	3.5
24	Ryan Wang	1834	D 25	L 20	W 49	W 48	W 22	L 3	U	3.5
25	Anthony Nichols	2143	D 24	H	W 33	L 7	W 29	D 27	U	3.5
26	Charisse Woods	1883	L 34	W 46	D 38	L 21	W 37	W 36	L 10	3.5
27	Thomas Reusser	1975	W 35	W 15	H	L 5	H	D 25	U	3.5
28	Jacob Fortuna	1958	W 40	L 2	D 36	W 38	L 15	L 16	D 23	3
29	Waleed Yassine	1784	L 3	W 41	W 45	L 8	L 25	W 39	L 17	3
30	Marcus Zheng	1875	L 2	W 40	L 42	D 35	D 39	L 23	W 34	3
31	Patrick Schilling	1775	H	H	X 51	L 20	L 17	W 41	L 18	3
32	Yule Xie	1821	D 9	L 5	W 18	L 22	W 35	L 11	U	2.5
33	Ezekiel Houghton	1873	L 4	W 50	L 25	L 17	L 23	W 49	D 39	2.5
34	Jack Hauptman	1453	W 26	L 13	D 11	D 45	H	L 18	L 30	2.5
35	Rajesh Anand	1701	L 27	L 48	W 46	D 30	L 32	W 37	L 22	2.5
36	Ethan Lyu	1797	L 19	W 39	D 28	L 11	W 45	L 26	U	2.5
37	Justin Song	1766	L 45	W 17	L 14	D 40	L 26	L 35	B	2.5
38	Nurayda Albeez	1495	B	L 19	D 26	L 28	L 18	D 43	D 41	2.5
39	Adhrit Bharath	1579	L 22	L 36	B	D 18	D 30	L 29	D 33	2.5
40	Daut Yakupov	1675	L 28	L 30	W 43	D 37	L 10	W 44	U	2.5
41	William Wang	1622	L 14	L 29	L 50	B	W 49	L 31	D 38	2.5
42	FM Mark Heimann	2495	L 15	W 23	W 30	H	U	U	U	2.5
43	Leyou Jiang	1741	L 12	L 11	L 40	W 46	D 44	D 38	U	2
44	Ronald Williams	1887	D 5	L 16	L 10	D 23	D 43	L 40	U	1.5
45	David Arganian	2023	W 37	L 1	L 29	D 34	L 36	U	U	1.5
46	Arjun Bajaj	1655	L 51	L 26	L 35	L 43	B	H	U	1.5
47	Raymond Garrison	1975	W 50	L 4	H	L 15	U	U	U	1.5
48	Nathaniel Criss	2112	L 7	W 35	H	L 24	F 16	U	U	1.5
49	Alexander Relyea	1800	L 8	H	L 24	H	L 41	L 33	U	1
50	Alex Gorodetsky	1687	L 47	L 33	W 41	U	U	U	U	1
51	Joel Halloran	1910	W 46	L 7	F 31	U	U	U	U	1

Prize Winners



**2021 Michigan Champion
Joshua Posthuma**



**2nd Place
Justin Liang**



**3rd Place
Clara McGrew**



**U2200
Cameron McLeman**



**U2100
Gary Pratt**



**U2000
Zachary Smith**

2021 Michigan Open Tournaments: Reserve Section

Reserve Winners

	Name	Rtng	Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd 3	Rd 4	Rd 5	Rd 6	Rd 7	Total
1	Scott Harkema	1650	W 42	D 28	W 12	W 35	H	W 31	W 2	6
2	Max Wilson	1772	W 62	D 33	W 11	W 20	W 31	W 6	L 1	5.5
3	Victor Pesola	1639	W 67	W 52	D 31	L 13	W 28	W 33	W 15	5.5
4	Lerui Zheng	1675	W 15	W 25	D 13	D 37	W 38	D 5	W 14	5.5
5	Leonardo Segal	1471	D 35	W 69	W 18	W 64	W 48	D 4	D 6	5.5
6	Elan Hong	1567	W 66	W 14	W 48	W 8	W 13	L 2	D 5	5.5
7	Samuel Curran	1744	W 79	L 11	W 43	W 70	D 16	W 19	W 17	5.5
8	Jeffrey Davis	1726	W 54	W 23	W 36	L 6	W 37	H	D 12	5
9	Jeffrey Matthews	1473	W 39	L 31	W 53	H	H	W 58	W 22	5
10	Nicolas Casey	1496	W 71	L 13	W 67	L 14	W 51	W 27	W 23	5
11	Samuel Thompson	1338	W 61	W 7	L 2	W 56	L 44	W 39	W 31	5
12	Benjamin Fowler	1308	D 38	W 27	L 1	W 30	W 63	W 21	D 8	5
13	John Whitworth	1776	W 58	W 10	D 4	W 3	L 6	W 36	U	4.5
14	Christopher Van Lent	unr.	W 74	L 6	W 46	W 10	H	W 20	L 4	4.5
15	Brandon Carter	1067	L 4	W 80	W 32	D 63	W 56	W 48	L 3	4.5
16	Robert Raese	unr.	L 33	W 62	W 66	W 23	D 7	L 17	W 36	4.5
17	Gary Swathell	1579	W 41	W 53	D 64	D 21	D 19	W 16	L 7	4.5
18	Eric Kellogg	1098	W 81	D 30	L 5	W 60	L 20	W 56	W 34	4.5
19	Jed Amrine	1483	W 70	L 64	W 65	X 59	D 17	L 7	W 43	4.5
20	Paul Zaczkowski	1556	D	W 40	W 45	L 2	W 18	L 14	W 33	4.5
21	Jessica Lauser	1697	W 51	D 37	W 33	D 17	D 36	L 12	D 29	4
22	Alex Juntti	unr.	D 29	L 63	D 69	W 41	W 46	W 37	L 9	4
23	Jeffrey Solski	1381	W 80	L 8	W 77	L 16	W 70	W 38	L 10	4
24	David Sundeen	1600	W 57	D 45	L 35	L 27	W 54	D 40	W 55	4
25	Gautam Parthasarathy	1320	W 73	L 4	L 39	W 65	W 49	L 26	W 59	4
26	Rocky Wang	1558	W 75	W 59	H	L 31	D 27	W 25	U	4
27	Jacob Stamm	1268	D 78	L 12	W 61	W 24	D 26	L 10	W 49	4
28	Freyr Wang	1395	W 72	D 1	W 30	L 48	L 3	D 35	W 50	4
29	Myles DeJongh	1198	D 22	L 35	W 54	L 33	X 74	W 63	D 21	4
30	Charles Collins	1600	W 55	D 18	L 28	L 12	H	W 66	W 40	4
31	Patrick Kidwell	1772	W 46	W 9	D 3	W 26	L 2	L 1	L 11	3.5
32	Ronald Grzegorzczuk	1500	L 50	W 41	L 15	D 40	W 72	L 43	W 61	3.5
33	Justin Schilling	1429	W 16	D 2	L 21	W 29	W 35	L 3	L 20	3.5
34	Aaron Y Liu	1523	W 77	L 48	W 62	L 38	D 43	W 42	L 18	3.5
35	Alan Tom	unr.	D 5	W 29	W 24	L 1	L 33	D 28	D 41	3.5
36	Richard Wilson	1500	W 76	W 65	L 8	W 39	D 21	L 13	L 16	3.5
37	John Kling	1390	W 49	D 21	W 44	D 4	L 8	L 22	D 38	3.5
38	Alexander Kellogg	unr.	D 12	W 78	D 63	W 34	L 4	L 23	D 37	3.5
39	Derek Lindamood	unr.	L 9	W 79	W 25	L 36	W 68	L 11	D 46	3.5
40	Aaron Z Liu	1056	D 63	L 20	W 79	D 32	W 47	D 24	L 30	3.5
41	Abhijay Das	1050	L 17	L 32	W 73	L 22	W 53	W 52	D 35	3.5
42	Jun Hong	1093	L 1	W 49	L 56	D 72	W 69	L 34	W 60	3.5
43	Michael Allon	1136	L 48	W 72	L 7	W 57	D 34	W 32	L 19	3.5
44	Tim Kuhn	1656	H	W 50	L 37	W 52	W 11	U	U	3.5
45	Josh Stenczynski	unr.	W 47	D 24	L 20	H	H	W 60	U	3.5
46	Andrew Pappas	1199	L 31	W 71	L 14	W 67	L 22	X 70	D 39	3.5
47	Eric Wright	1397	L 45	W 57	L 70	W 53	L 40	L 55	W 67	3
48	Jeffrey Guilfoyle	1755	W 43	W 34	L 6	W 28	L 5	L 15	U	3
49	Andrew J Kolozsvary	unr.	L 37	L 42	W 55	W 69	L 25	W 57	L 27	3
50	Mathieu Lerner	410	W 32	L 44	L 58	L 51	W 67	W 68	L 28	3
51	Andrew D Kolozsvary	1102	L 21	L 77	W 76	W 50	L 10	L 59	W 71	3
52	Jakob Mortimore	483	B	L 3	W 74	L 44	L 58	L 41	W 72	3
53	Aditya Kumar	836	W	L 17	L 9	L 47	L 41	W 65	W 68	3
54	Chase Harris	1122	L 8	D 61	L 29	W 75	L 24	H	W 70	3
55	Samedh Rajadhyaksha	859	L 30	L 56	L 49	W 80	W 71	W 47	L 24	3
56	Lydia Aldrich	1668	L 65	W 55	W 42	L 11	L 15	L 18	W 66	3
57	Jeremy Nielson	826	L 24	L 47	W 80	L 43	W 65	L 49	W 69	3
58	Nita Patel	1290	L 13	H	W 50	H	W 52	L 9	U	3
59	Jake Mantela	unr.	W 60	L 26	W 68	F 19	U	W 51	L 25	3
60	Tyler Booher	1223	L 59	W 75	H	L 18	W 61	L 45	L 42	2.5
61	Jignesh Sadipirala	unr.	L 11	D 54	L 27	W 62	L 60	X 72	L 32	2.5
62	Wallace Harris	1177	L 2	L 16	L 34	L 61	D 73	W 80	W 75	2.5
63	Loren Schwiebert	1636	D 40	W 22	D 38	D 15	L 12	L 29	U	2.5
64	Pranjal Dangwal	1780	W 68	W 19	D 17	L 5	U	U	U	2.5
65	Khalid Proctor	999	W 56	L 36	L 19	L 25	L 57	L 53	W 76	2
66	Jonathan Byrd	988	L 6	L 74	L 16	W 73	W 76	L 30	L 56	2
67	Judah Smith	866	L 3	W 73	L 10	L 46	L 50	W 76	L 47	2
68	Jan Burdzinski	1299	L 64	W 76	L 59	W 71	L 39	L 50	L 53	2
69	Beril Haskara	1130	H	L 5	D 22	L 49	L 42	W 75	L 57	2
70	Joseph Kello	557	L 19	B	W 47	L 7	L 23	F 46	L 54	2
71	Caleb Proctor	723	L 10	L 46	B	L 68	L 55	W 73	L 51	2
72	Oleg Bezuglov	unr.	L 28	L 43	W 75	D 42	L 32	F 61	L 52	1.5
73	Michael Flemmings	unr.	L 25	L 67	L 41	L 66	D 62	L 71	W 80	1.5
74	John Kilgore	1363	L 14	W 66	L 52	H	F 29	U	U	1.5
75	Jadie Woods	921	L 26	L 60	L 72	L 54	W 80	L 69	L 62	1
76	Mason Marsh	804	L 36	L 68	L 51	B	L 66	L 67	L 65	1
77	Alexander Brown	748	L 34	W 51	L 23	U	U	U	U	1
78	Patrick Schilling	1775	D 27	L 38	U	U	U	U	U	0.5
79	Kendrick Hodje	1157	L 7	L 39	L 40	U	U	U	U	0
80	Donald Stuard	unr.	L 23	L 15	L 57	L 55	L 75	L 62	L 73	0
81	Jessica Lauser	1697	L 18	U	U	U	U	U	U	0



1st Place: Scott Harkema - OH



2nd Place
Elan Hong: MI Champ



3rd Place
Max Wilson



U1600
Leonardo Segal



U1500
Benjamin Fowler



U1400
Samuel Thompson



U1300
Brandon Carter



U1200
Eric Kellogg



Top Unrated
Christopher VanLent

2021 Michigan Open Tournaments: Booster Section Winners

	Name	Rtng	Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd 3	Rd 4	Rd 5	Rd 6	Rd 7	Rd 8	Total
1	Dron Acharya Das	1167	W 48	W 36	W 12	W 6	W 4	W 2	W 10	W 11	8
2	Stanley Misevich	unr.	W 28	W 14	W 10	W 11	W 3	L 1	W 17	W 6	7
3	Druheen Acharya Das	897	W 51	W 5	W 39	W 17	L 2	D 6	W 19	W 10	6.5
4	Rishab Balaji	764	W 8	W 16	W 9	W 21	L 1	L 11	W 14	W 17	6
5	William Scott Shall	unr.	W 15	L 3	L 19	W 36	W 43	W 24	W 12	W 13	6
6	Braden Gavin Cheung	984	W 50	W 18	W 13	L 1	W 39	D 3	W 11	L 2	5.5
7	Yeshwin Gadde	859	L 35	W 47	W 23	W 25	L 10	W 39	D 18	W 20	5.5
8	Michael S Mcguire	unr.	L 4	L 23	W 45	W 44	D 27	W 41	W 22	W 19	5.5
9	Samuel Philip Harlan	unr.	D 21	W 38	L 4	W 22	H	H	W 30	W 18	5.5
10	Joshua Asirvatham	1024	W 34	W 44	L 2	W 35	W 7	W 12	L 1	L 3	5
11	Anthony A Lopresto	991	W 53	W 40	W 24	L 2	W 16	W 4	L 6	L 1	5
12	Joyce Liang	873	W 52	W 22	L 1	W 18	W 13	L 10	L 5	W 25	5
13	Justin Howard Napier	unr.	W 43	W 20	L 6	W 26	L 12	W 40	W 15	L 5	5
14	Daniel Hammer	995	W 47	L 2	W 37	W 40	L 15	W 25	L 4	W 27	5
15	Mila Wang	753	L 5	W 49	W 29	W 41	W 14	L 17	L 13	W 24	5
16	Brett Kozma	unr.	W 37	L 4	W 42	W 30	L 11	L 18	W 23	W 28	5
17	Ethan Andrew Harr	991	W 45	W 29	W 35	L 3	D 19	W 15	L 2	L 4	4.5
18	Dominic Signorello	unr.	W 41	L 6	W 27	L 12	W 26	W 16	D 7	L 9	4.5
19	Tanish Seelam	777	L 40	W 53	W 5	W 24	D 17	W 20	L 3	L 8	4.5
20	Winston Huang Wang	645	W 25	L 13	D 22	W 38	W 21	L 19	W 26	L 7	4.5
21	Miah Guo	715	D 9	W 55	W 31	L 4	L 20	L 22	W 37	W 35	4.5
22	Timothy R Green	unr.	W 27	L 12	D 20	L 9	W 38	W 21	L 8	D 30	4
23	Arvind Ranjan Hebsur	431	L 24	W 8	L 7	W 31	W 28	L 30	L 16	W 47	4
24	Andrew Isaacson	unr.	W 23	W 42	L 11	L 19	W 46	L 5	W 32	L 15	4
25	Logan C Mallery	unr.	L 20	W 43	W 36	L 17	W 37	L 14	W 46	L 12	4
26	Olivia Lin	791	L 29	W 45	W 32	L 13	L 18	W 33	L 20	W 39	4
27	Ryan Rochon	698	L 22	W 52	L 18	W 29	D 8	D 35	W 39	L 14	4
28	Jason Asirvatham	869	L 2	W 34	W 44	L 39	L 23	W 43	W 40	L 16	4
29	Henry Michael Lewis	unr.	W 26	L 17	L 15	L 27	W 48	L 36	W 44	W 41	4
30	Henry Diemer	821	W 56	L 39	W 48	L 16	D 35	W 23	L 9	D 22	4
31	Adithya Balaji	1126	W 32	L 35	L 21	L 23	W 45	D 37	D 41	W 36	4
32	Jacob Wang	379	L 31	W 54	L 26	W 55	L 41	W 42	L 24	W 40	4
33	Kyle Tew	unr.	L 36	L 48	W 34	L 37	W 47	L 26	W 49	W 42	4
34	Alex Hausman	330	L 10	L 28	L 33	W 50	W 49	L 38	W 51	W 46	4
35	Nathan Robert Ondrus	unr.	W 7	W 31	L 17	L 10	D 30	D 27	D 36	L 21	3.5
36	Aishani Das	536	W 33	L 1	L 25	L 5	W 50	W 29	D 35	L 31	3.5
37	Brendan Eye	515	L 16	W 56	L 14	W 33	L 25	D 31	L 21	W 45	3.5
38	Sota Chida	316	W 55	L 9	D 41	L 20	L 22	W 34	L 42	W 48	3.5
39	Kyla Shai Brink	unr.	W 46	W 30	L 3	W 28	L 6	L 7	L 27	L 26	3
40	Isaac Walsh	unr.	W 19	L 11	W 46	L 14	W 42	L 13	L 28	L 32	3
41	Tiffany Li	771	L 18	W 50	D 38	L 15	W 32	L 8	D 31	L 29	3
42	Victor Alexander Papa	536	W 54	L 24	L 16	W 47	L 40	L 32	W 38	L 33	3
43	Dante Lucius Barrett	432	L 13	L 25	W 52	W 49	L 5	L 28	L 45	W 50	3
44	Liam Kangas	417	W 49	L 10	L 28	L 8	W 51	L 46	L 29	W 52	3
45	Dhruv Aylum	242	L 17	L 26	L 8	W 56	L 31	W 54	W 43	L 37	3
46	Andrew Xu	676	L 39	W 51	L 40	W 48	L 24	W 44	L 25	L 34	3
47	Dylan Key	250	L 14	L 7	W 56	L 42	L 33	W 52	W 50	L 23	3
48	Jonathan Yu	412	L 1	W 33	L 30	L 46	L 29	D 49	W 53	L 38	2.5
49	Justin Macauley	unr.	L 44	L 15	W 53	L 43	L 34	D 48	L 33	W 51	2.5
50	James Kangas	216	L 6	L 41	W 54	L 34	L 36	W 53	L 47	L 43	2
51	Thomas Kolozsvary	101	L 3	L 46	L 55	W 54	L 44	W 56	L 34	L 49	2
52	Madison Walker	unr.	L 12	L 27	L 43	L 53	W 56	L 47	W 54	L 44	2
53	Priest Price	227	L 11	L 19	L 49	W 52	L 54	L 50	L 48	B	2
54	Torsha Basu	unr.	L 42	L 32	L 50	L 51	W 53	L 45	L 52	W 56	2
55	Ashrita Bharath	998	L 38	L 21	W 51	L 32	B	U	U	U	2
56	Avyaan Ram Valvani	unr.	L 30	L 37	L 47	L 45	L 52	L 51	B	L 54	1
57	Alexander Brown	748	U	U	U	U	U	U	U	U	0



1st Place: Dron Das



2nd Place
Stanley Misevich



3rd Place
Druheen Das



4th Place
Rishab Balaji



5th Place
Willam Shall



U1000 - 1st Place
Braden Cheung



U1000 - 2nd Place
Yeshwin Gadde



U800 - 1st Place
Mila Wang



U800 - 2nd Place
Tanish Seelam



U600 - 1st Place
Arvind Hebsur



U600 - 2nd Place
Jacob Wang



Unrated-1st Place
Michael McGuire



Unrated-2nd Place
Samuel Harlan

Chess never has been and never can be aught but a recreation. It should not be indulged in to the detriment of other and more serious avocations - should not absorb or engross the thought of those who worship at its shrine, but should be kept in the background, and restrained within its proper province. As a mere game, a relaxation from the severe pursuits of life, it is deserving of high commendation. *Paul Morphy*

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	Name	Rtng	Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd 3	Rd 4	Rd 5	Total
1	Joshua Posthuma	2459	WW 23	WW 6	WW 17	WL 2	WW 8	9
2	Mark Heimann	2495	WW 38	WW 10	WD 4	LW 1	WW 14	8.5
3	Manmohan Das	1983	WW 44	WL 12	WW 22	LW 11	WW 19	8
4	Justin Liang	2250	WW 31	WW 18	LD 2	WL 25	WW 27	7.5
5	Benjamin Brandt	2059	W 42	WW 32	WL 19	WW 18	WD 11	7.5
6	Marcus Zheng	1875	WW 46	LL 1	WW 39	DW 12	WW 28	7.5
7	Waleed Yassine	1784	WW 59	DW 37	WW 34	LL 8	WW 25	7.5
8	Mauro Lopez	2333	WW 50	WL 30	WW 35	WW 7	LL 1	7
9	Michael Dang	1994	WW 29	W 22	LW 12	WW 20	W 10	7
10	Zachary Smith	1897	WW 49	LL 2	WW 31	WW 36	W 9	7
11	Thomas Reusser	1975	WW 45	WW 28	WL 26	WL 3	LD 5	6.5
12	Alex Kong	1715	WW 60	LW 3	WL 9	DL 6	WW 34	6.5
13	Daniel Blanca	1438	WW 16	LD 34	LW 15	WW 37	LW 21	6.5
14	Manis Davidovich	2200	WW 24	LW 27	WL 30	WW 26	LL 2	6
15	Anthony Nichols	2143	WL 32	LW 42	WL 13	WW 50	LW 22	6
16	Robert O'Donnell	2100	LL 13	WW 51	LW 50	DW 32	WD 30	6
17	Devin Camenares	2041	WW 43	WW 36	LL 1	LL 19	WW 35	6
18	Jessica Lauser	1825	WW 47	LL 4	WW 40	LL 5	WW 39	6
19	Ethan Lyu	1797	WW 58	WL 25	LW 5	WW 17	LL 3	6
20	Max Wilson	1772	WW 33	DL 26	DW 37	LL 9	WW 42	6
21	Richard Espartinez	1741	DW 55	LL 35	DW 48	WW 41	WL 13	6
22	Leyou Jiang	1741	WW 53	W 9	LL 3	WW 45	WL 15	6
23	Arjun Bajaj	1674	LL 1	WW 46	LW 45	WW 43	W 26	6
24	Scott Harkema	1650	LL 14	LW 57	LW 29	WW 46	WW 47	6
25	Michael Zheng	2175	WW 39	LW 19	DW 27	LW 4	LL 7	5.5
26	Clara McGrew	2102	WW 41	DW 20	LW 11	LL 14	W 23	5.5
27	Yule Xie	1821	WW 57	WL 14	DL 25	WW 38	LL 4	5.5
28	Daut Yakupov	1675	WW 54	LL 11	WW 44	WD 30	LL 6	5.5
29	Samuel Thompson	1365	LL 9	LW 53	WL 24	WW 48	DW 36	5.5
30	Ayush Das	1863	WW 56	LW 8	LW 14	LD 28	LD 16	5
31	Tim Kuhn	1656	LL 4	WW 47	LL 10	LW 44	WW 52	5
32	William Wang	1622	LW 15	LL 5	WW 33	DL 16	DW 38	5
33	Matthew Bailo	unr.	LL 20	LW 41	LL 32	WW 53	WW 50	5
34	Nathan Ouyang	1902	WW 51	WD 13	LL 7	LW 35	LL 12	4.5
35	Pranjal Dangwal	1780	WD 48	WW 21	LL 8	WL 34	LL 17	4.5
36	Justin Song	1766	WW 52	LL 17	WW 42	LL 10	DL 29	4.5
37	Nathaniel Criss	2112	WW 40	DL 7	DL 20	LL 13	LW 43	4
38	Lerui Zheng	1675	LL 2	DW 49	WW 55	LL 27	DL 32	4
39	Ashrith Mathiyazhagan	1631	LL 25	WW 58	LL 6	WW 56	LL 18	4
40	Adhrit Bharath	1579	LL 37	WW 59	LL 18	LL 47	WW 55	4
41	Aaron Y Liu	1523	LL 26	WL 33	WW 52	LL 21	WL 44	4
42	Freyr Wang	1395	W 5	WL 15	LL 36	WW 57	LL 20	4
43	Jeffrey Solski	1381	LL 17	LW 52	WW 53	LL 23	WL 37	4
44	Ahmad Al-sadi	1228	LL 3	WW 60	LL 28	WL 31	LW 41	4
45	Dron Das	1167	LL 11	WW 54	WL 23	LL 22	WL 49	4
46	Druheen Das	897	LL 6	LL 23	WW 59	LL 24	WW 57	4
47	Alexander Brown	748	LL 18	LL 31	WW 54	WW 40	LL 24	4
48	Alan Tom	unr.	LD 35	WL 55	DL 21	LL 29	WW 56	4
49	Ethan Harr	991	LL 10	DL 38	WL 57	LW 55	LW 45	3.5
50	Lydia Aldrich	1668	LL 8	WW 56	WL 16	LL 15	LL 33	3
51	Andrew D Kolozsvary	1102	LL 34	LL 16	WL 58	LL 52	WW 60	3
52	Michael McGuire	unr.	LL 36	WL 43	LL 41	WW 51	LL 31	3
53	Justin Napier	unr.	LL 22	WL 29	LL 43	LL 33	WW 58	3
54	Meghna Waghray	unr.	LL 28	LL 45	LL 47	LW 60	WW 59	3
55	William Shall	unr.	DL 21	LW 48	LL 38	WL 49	LL 40	2.5
56	Aditya Kumar	888	LL 30	LL 50	WW 60	LL 39	LL 48	2
57	Ryan Rochon	698	LL 27	WL 24	LW 49	LL 42	LL 46	2
58	Winston Wang	678	LL 19	LL 39	LW 51	LW 59	LL 53	2
59	Maruthappan Murugappan	511	LL 7	LL 40	LL 46	WL 58	LL 54	1
60	Suzette Wanninkhof	unr.	LL 12	LL 44	LL 56	WL 54	LL 51	1



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4th Place
Justin Liang



5th Place
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U2000 2nd Place
Michael Dang



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U1600 1st Place
Daniel Blanca



U1600 2nd Place
Freyr Wang



U1400 1st Place
Samuel Thompson



U1200 1st Place
Druheen Das



U1000 1st Place
Dron Das



U1000 2nd Place
Ryan Rochon



U800 1st Place
Alexander Brown



U800 2nd Place
Winston Wang



U600 1st Place
Maruthappan
Murugappan



Unrated 1st Place
Matthew Bailo



Unrated 2nd Place
Alan Tom

Michigan Open Games: Open Section Round 1 Games

Williams,Ron (1887) - Lopez,Mauro
(2333) [A20] English Opening

2021 Michigan Open – Open Section
Lansing (1), 03.09.2021 [ceag]

1.c4 e5 2.g3 Nf6 3.Bg2 c6 4.d4 Bb4+
5.Bd2 Bxd2+ 6.Qxd2 e4 7.e3 0–0 8.Ne2
d5 9.b3 Be6 10.Qc2 Na6 11.a3 Qa5+
12.Qd2 Qb6 13.c5 Qd8 14.Nbc3 Nc7
15.0–0 Qd7 16.Nf4 Bf5 17.Rab1 g5
18.Nfe2 b5 19.Rbe1 g4 20.Nf4 Ne6
21.Nxe6 fxe6 22.Ne2 h6 23.Kh1 Nh7
24.Nf4 Ng5 25.Qb2 a5 26.Ra1 Rf7 27.Rfc1
Rh7 28.Kg1 h5 29.Kf1 h4 30.Ke2 Kf7
31.Rh1 Rah8 32.Rac1 Qd8 33.Qa1 Rh6
34.Kd2 R8h7 35.Ne2 Ke7 36.Kc2 hxg3
37.hxg3 Rh2 38.Rxh2 Rxh2 39.Nf4 Nf3
40.Rh1 Qh8 41.Rxh2 Qxh2 42.Qh1 Qxh1
43.Bxh1 Ng5 44.Kd2 Nf7 45.Bg2 e5
46.Ne2 Bd7 47.Bf1 Kf6 48.b4 axb4
49.axb4 exd4 50.Nxd4 Ke5 51.Be2 Ng5
52.Ke1 Kf6 53.Kd2 Nf7 54.Kc3 Ke5 55.Kd2
Ng5 56.Ke1 Kf6 57.Kd2 Kg6 58.Ke1 Kh5
59.Kd2 Nf7 60.Kc3 Kg5 ½–½

Nichols,Anthony (2143) - Wang,Ryan
(1834) [D38] QGD

2021 Michigan Open – Open Section
Lansing (1), 03.09.2021 [ceag]

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 d5 4.Nc3 Bb4
5.cxd5 exd5 6.Bg5 h6 7.Bh4 0–0 8.e3 Bf5
9.Qb3 Bxc3+ 10.bxc3 Nbd7 11.Be2 c5
12.0–0 c4 13.Qxb7 Qb6 14.Qxb6 axb6
15.a4 g5 16.Bg3 Ne4 17.Rfc1 Ra6 18.Ra3
Rfa8 19.Rca1 Nxc3 20.hxg3 Bc2 21.Nd2
Nf6 22.R1a2 Rxa4 23.Rxa4 Bxa4 24.e4
Nxe4 25.Nxe4 dxe4 26.Bxc4 Bc6
27.Rxa8+ Bxa8 28.Kf1 Kf8 29.g4 Ke7
30.Ke2 f6 31.Ke3 Bc6 32.Be2 b5 33.d5
Bxd5 34.Bxb5 Kd6 35.Kd4 e3 36.f3 Bc6
37.Be2 Be8 38.Kxe3 Kc5 39.Bd3 h5
40.gxh5 Bxh5 41.Bh7 Bf7 42.g3 Kc4
43.Kd2 Bd5 44.Bd3+ Kc5 45.Ke3 Bc6 46.f4
gxf4+ 47.Kxf4 Bd7 48.Bf5 Bc6 49.Be6 Kd6
50.Kf5 Ke7 51.c4 Ba4 52.Bd5 Bb3 53.Ke4
Bc2+ 54.Kd4 Bf5 55.Kc5 Bd7 56.Kd4?
[56.Kb6+–] 56...Bf5 57.c5? Kd7 58.Ke3
Ke7 59.Kf4 Bc8 60.Be4 Be6 61.Bf5 Bf7
62.Kg4 Be8 63.Kh4 Bf7 64.Bg4 Bg6 65.Bf3
Kd7 66.Kg4 Ke6 67.Kf4 Bf7 68.Bd1 Bg6
69.Bb3+ Kd7 70.Bd5 Ke7 71.c6 Kd6
72.Be4 Be8 73.Kf5 Ke7 74.Bf3 Bf7 75.Be4
Bh5 76.c7 Kd7 77.Kxf6 Kxc7 78.Kg5 Be2
79.Kf4 Kd6 80.Bf3 Bc4 81.g4 Ke7 82.Ke5
Kf7 83.Be4 Kg7 ½–½

Jiang,Leyou (1741) - Dang,Michael
(1994) [B00] Nimzovich Defense

2021 Michigan Open – Open Section
Lansing (1), 03.09.2021 [ceag]

1.e4 Nc6 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.Nc3 d5 4.e5 Nd7
5.d4 Nb6 6.Bd3 Bg4 7.Be3 e6 8.h3 Bxf3
9.Qxf3 Nb4 10.Qg4 Qd7 11.a3 Nxd3+
12.cxd3 Na4 13.Nxa4 Qxa4 14.0–0 Qb5
15.Qe2 Be7 16.h4 0–0–0 17.b4 h5 18.Qd2
Kb8 19.Rfb1 Qa4 20.Qb2 Bxh4 21.Qc3
Be7 22.Bd2 g5 23.Rc1 Rc8 24.b5 g4
25.Rcb1 h4 26.Rb4 Bxb4 27.axb4 Qxb5
28.Ra5 Qb6 29.Bg5 Rce8 30.b5 g3 31.Bc1
h3 32.fxg3 h2+ 33.Kh1 Reg8 34.Bf4
[34.Ba3 Rxc3 35.Bc5 Rxc2+–] 34...c6
35.Qb4 cxb5 36.Rxb5 Qa6 37.Ra5 Qxd3
38.Ra1 Rc8 39.Rb1 Rc7 40.Ra1 b6 41.Bg5
Qc4 42.Qd6 Qxd4? 43.Rc1 Qc4 44.Rxc4
dxc4 45.Bd8? [without the B, the queen
can't form a battery and will be unable to
defend against the qside pawns]
45...Rxd8 46.Qxd8+ Kb7 47.Qd2 c3
48.Qc2 a5 49.Kxh2 a4 50.Qe4+ Kb8
51.Qb4 Kb7 52.Qe4+ Rc6 53.Qf3 c2
54.Qxf7+ Rc7 55.Qf3+ Ka7 56.Qa3 c1Q
57.Qxa4+ Kb7 58.Qe4+ 0–1

Xie,Yule (1821) - Padhye,Rohan (2100)
[C96] Closed Ruy Lopez

2021 Michigan Open – Open Section
Lansing (1), 03.09.2021 [ceag]

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6
5.0–0 Be7 6.Re1 b5 7.Bb3 d6 8.c3 0–0
9.h3 Na5 10.Bc2 c5 11.d4 Nd7 12.Nbd2
exd4 13.cxd4 Nc6 14.d5 Nce5 15.Nxe5
Nxe5 16.f4 Ng6 17.Nf3 Bh4 18.Nxh4
Qxh4 19.Rf1 Bxh3 20.gxh3 Qg3+ 21.Kh1
Qxh3+ 22.Kg1 Qg3+ 23.Kh1 Nh4 24.Qe2
Qh3+ 25.Kg1 Qg3+ 26.Kh1 Qh3+ 27.Kg1
f5 28.Kf2 fxe4 29.Ke1 Nf3+ 30.Rxf3 exf3
31.Qe6+ Qxe6+ 32.dxe6 g6 33.Be4 Rae8
34.Kf2 Kg7 35.b3 h6 36.Bb2+ Kh7 37.f5
gxf5 38.Rg1 fxe4 39.Rg7+ Kh8 ½–½

Jarosz,Stan (1900) - Wang,William
(1622) [D02] QP Game

2021 Michigan Open – Open Section
Lansing (1), 03.09.2021 [ceag]

1.d4 d5 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.Bf4 e6 4.e3 c5 5.c3
Nc6 6.Nbd2 Bd6 7.Bg3 0–0 8.Bd3 Re8
9.Ne5 Qc7 10.f4 c4 11.Bc2 b5 12.Ndf3 b4
13.Nxc6 Qxc6 14.Ba4 Qb6 15.Bxe8 Nxe8
16.0–0 Bd7 17.Ne5 Bc8 18.Qa4 Ba6
19.Qd7 Bxe5 20.fxe5 Qc7 21.Qxc7 Nxc7
22.cxb4 c3 23.bxc3 Bxf1 24.Kxf1 Rc8
25.a4 Na8 26.Be1 Nb6 27.Ke2 a5 28.bxa5
Nc4 29.a6 Ra8 30.Rb1 h6 31.Rb4 Rxa6
32.e4 Nb6 33.exd5 Nxd5 34.Rc4 Nf4+
35.Kf3 Nd3 36.Bd2 Nb2 37.Rb4 Nxa4
38.c4 Nb6 39.Ke4 Nd7 40.c5 Ra2 41.c6 1–
0

Arganian,David (2023) - Song,Justin
(1766) [B53] Sicilian Defense

2021 Michigan Open – Open Section
Lansing (1), 03.09.2021 [ceag]

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Qxd4 Nc6
5.Bb5 Bd7 6.Bxc6 Bxc6 7.Nc3 Nf6 8.Bg5
e6 9.0–0–0 Be7 10.Rhe1 Qb6 11.Qd2 Rd8
12.Nd4 h6 13.Bxf6 Bxf6 14.f3 0–0 15.Kb1
Bxd4 16.Qxd4 Qxd4 17.Rxd4 Rfe8
18.Red1 d5 19.exd5 Bxd5 20.b3 a6
21.Nxd5 exd5 22.Rxd5 Rxd5 23.Rxd5 Re2
24.Rd8+ Kh7 25.Rd7 Rxc2 26.Rxb7 Rxh2
27.c4 Rh1+ 28.Kb2 Rh2+ 29.Kc3 Rh5
30.Kd4 Rh1 31.c5 Rc1 32.Rb4 Rd1+
33.Ke5 Re1+ 34.Re4 Rxe4+ 35.fxe4 1–0

Houghton,Ezekiel (1873) -
Manis,Davidovich (2200) [A25] English
Opening

2021 Michigan Open – Open Section
Lansing (1), 03.09.2021 [ceag]

1.c4 e5 2.Nc3 Nc6 3.g3 Nf6 4.Bg2 Bc5 5.e3
a6 6.Nge2 d6 7.a3 h6 8.b4 Ba7 9.Bb2 0–0
10.0–0 Bf5 11.d4 exd4 12.exd4 Re8
13.Nd5 Bg4 14.Nxf6+ Qxf6 15.f3 Be6
16.Rc1 Ne5 17.Nf4 Nxc4 18.Nxe6 Nxb2
19.Qb3 Rxe6 20.Kh1 Qxd4 21.Rxc7 Rae8
22.Bh3 R6e7 23.Rxe7 Rxe7 24.Rc1 g6
25.Bg2 Nd3 0–1

Yakupov,Daut (1675) - Fortuna,Jared
(1958) [B13] Caro-Kann Exchange Var.

2021 Michigan Open – Open Section
Lansing (1), 03.09.2021 [ceag]

1.e4 c6 2.Nf3 d5 3.exd5 cxd5 4.d4 a6 5.c4
Nf6 6.Bg5 Ne4 7.Bf4 e6 8.a3 Be7 9.Bd3
Nc6 10.0–0 Nf6 11.Nc3 dxc4 12.Bxc4 b5
13.Bd3 Bb7 14.Rc1 Rc8 15.Ne5 Nxd4
16.Be3 Nc6 17.Nxc6 Bxc6 18.Qe2 0–0
19.Rfd1 Nd5 20.Nxd5 Bxd5 21.Rxc8 Qxc8
22.Qh5 g6 23.Qg4 Bf6 24.h4 h5 25.Qg3
Kh7 26.Qf4 Bg7 27.Qg5 Qd8 28.Qxh5+
Kg8 29.Qg4 f5 30.Qxg6 Qxh4 31.Rc1 Qf6
32.Qxf6 Bxf6 33.Bh6 Rd8 34.g4 fxc4
35.Rc7 Bf3 36.Bc2 Bxb2 37.Bg5 Rb8
38.Bd3 Rb7 39.Rc8+ Kf7 40.a4 bxa4
41.Bxa6 Rd7 42.Rc5 Rd5 43.Rc7+ Kg6 0–1

Hahn,David (2104) - Relyea,Alex (1800)
[B10] Caro-Kann

2021 Michigan Open – Open Section
Lansing (1), 03.09.2021 [ceag]

1.c4 c6 2.e4 d5 3.exd5 cxd5 4.cxd5 Nf6
5.Nc3 Nxd5 6.Nf3 Nc6 7.Bc4 Nb6 8.Bb3
Bf5 9.d4 e6 10.0–0 Be7 11.d5 Nb4
12.dxe6 fxe6 13.Nd4 Bc5 14.Nxf5 exf5
15.Qh5+ g6 16.Re1+ Be7 17.Qe2 Nc6
18.Bg5 h6 19.Bxe7 Nxe7 20.Rad1 Qc7
21.Nb5 Qc5 22.Nd6+ Kf8 23.Qxe7# 1–0

McLeman,Cam (1837) - Criss,Nathaniel
(2112) [C02] French Defense; Advance
Var.

2021 Michigan Open – Open Section
Lansing (1), 03.09.2021 [ceag]

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 c5 4.c3 Bd7 5.Nf3 Qb6 6.a3 c4 7.Nbd2 Nc6 8.Be2 Na5 9.0-0 Nb3 10.Nxb3 Ba4 11.Be3 Bxb3 12.Qd2 a5 13.Ng5 h6 14.Nh3 0-0 15.f4 Ne7 16.g4 g6 17.Rf2 Bg7 18.Raf1 Qc6 19.Kh1 Rdf8 20.Ng1 Rh7 21.Bf3 Qa4 22.Ne2 Bc2 23.Ng3 Bd3 24.Be2 Bxe2 25.Qxe2 Qc6 26.Bc1 f5 27.exf6 Rxf6 28.f5 gxf5 29.gxf5 h5 30.Bg5 h4 31.Bxf6 hxg3 32.Bxe7 gxf2 33.f6 Bh6 34.Rxf2 Kd7 35.Qh5 Qc8 36.Qg6 Qh8 37.Qg4 Qb8 38.Re2 Be3 39.h3 Qf4 40.Qxf4 Bxf4 41.Kg2 1-0

Homa,Seth (2425) - Smith,Zachary (1897) [D45] Semi-Slav

2021 Michigan Open – Open Section
Lansing (1), 03.09.2021 [ceag]

1.c4 c6 2.Nf3 d5 3.e3 Nf6 4.Nc3 e6 5.b3 Bd6 6.Bb2 0-0 7.Qc2 Nbd7 8.Be2 a6 9.d4 b5 10.0-0 Re8 11.e4 b4 12.e5 bxc3 13.Bxc3 Be7 14.exf6 Bxf6 15.Bd3 h6 16.Rfe1 Bb7 17.Ne5 Bxe5 18.dxe5 c5 19.f4 d4 20.Bd2 f5 21.exf6 Qxf6 22.Re2 a5 23.a4 Nf8 24.Rf1 Qd8 25.Be1 Bc6 26.Qd1 Rb8 27.Bc2 Rb7 28.Qd3 Rf7 29.Re5 Nd7 30.Rh5 e5 31.fxe5 Rxf1+ 32.Kxf1 Nxe5 33.Qh7+ Kf8 34.Rf5+ Nf7 35.Qh8+ Ke7 36.Qxg7 1-0

Round 2 Games

Shen,Edward (1410) - Bailey,Greg (1917) [E61] King's Indian Defense

2021 Michigan Open – Open Section
Lansing (2), 04.09.2021 [ceag]

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 Bg7 4.Nf3 d6 5.Bg5 Na6 6.a3 c5 7.d5 Bd7 8.e4 0-0 9.Be2 Nc7 10.Qc2 a6 11.a4 Rb8 12.Qb3 b5 13.axb5 axb5 14.cxb5 Nxb5 15.Nxb5 Bxb5 16.Qc2 Bxe2 17.Qxe2 Qb6 18.Rb1 Rb7 19.0-0 Rfb8 20.b3 Qb5 21.Qc2 Qb4 22.Nd2 Ng4 23.Nc4 Bd4 24.Bd2 Qb5 25.h3 Nf6 26.Na5 Rd7 27.Nc6 Re8 28.b4 e6 29.bxc5 Qxc5 30.Qd3 e5 31.Rb5 Nxe4 32.Rxc5 Nxc5 33.Qc4 Ne4 34.Qe2 Nxd2 35.Qxd2 Bc5 36.Rb1 Kg7 37.Rb8 Rxb8 38.Nxb8 Ra7 39.Nc6 Ra1+ 40.Kh2 Rf1 41.f3 h5 42.h4 Bg1+ 43.Kh3 Bf2 44.g3 Bc5 45.Na5 Rxf3 46.Nb7 Ba3 47.Qe2 Rb3 48.Qa6 Bc1 49.Nxd6 Bf4 50.Ne4 f5 51.Qf6+ Kh7 52.Ng5+ Bxg5 53.hxg5 f4 54.Qxe5 Rxg3+ 55.Kh2 Rg4 56.d6 f3 57.d7 f2 58.Qe7+ 1-0

Bharath,Adhrit (1543) - Lyu,Ethan (1797) [A85] Dutch Defense

2021 Michigan Open – Open Section
Lansing (2), 04.09.2021 [ceag]

1.d4 f5 2.e3 Nf6 3.Nf3 e6 4.c4 d6 5.Nc3 Be7 6.Bd3 0-0 7.0-0 b6 8.e4 fxe4 9.Nxe4 Bb7 10.Re1 Nxe4 11.Bxe4 d5 12.cxd5 exd5 13.Bd3 Nc6 14.Ne5 Nxe5 15.Rxe5 Bf6 16.Rh5 g6 17.Rxh7! Bxd4 18.Bxg6 Qf6

19.Qc2?? Qxf2+ 20.Qxf2 Rxf2 21.h3 Rf7+ 22.Kh2 Be5+ 23.Kg1 Rxh7 24.Bxh7+ Kxh7 25.Rb1 Re8 26.Bd2 Bg3 27.Rf1 d4 28.Rf7+ Kg6 29.Rf1 Re2 30.Bf4 Rxg2+ 31.Kh1 Rh2+ 32.Kg1 Rh1# 0-1

Gorodetsky,Alex (1687) -

Houghton,Ezekiel (1873) [B12] Caro-Kann: Advance Var.

2021 Michigan Open – Open Section
Lansing (2), 04.09.2021 [ceag]

1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 Bf5 4.Nf3 e6 5.Be2 c5 6.Be3 Qb6 7.Nc3 Nc6 8.0-0 c4 9.Ne1 Qxb2 10.Qb1 Qxb1 11.Rxb1 0-0 12.g4 Bg6 13.f4 f6 14.f5 Bf7 15.exf6 Nxf6 16.g5 Ne8 17.Bg4 Nc7 18.fxe6 Bxe6 19.Bxe6+ Nxe6 20.Rf7 Be7 21.Nb5 Rd7 22.Nf3 Rf8 23.Rxf8+ Bxf8 24.Ne5 Nxe5 25.dxe5 d4 26.Bf2 a6 27.Nd6+ Bxd6 28.exd6 Rxd6 29.h4 d3 30.cxd3 Rxd3 31.Kf1 Nf4 32.Re1 Kd7 33.Bc5 Ne6 34.Bb6 Kd6 35.a4 Rh3 36.Re4 Kd5 37.Rg4 Rf3+ 38.Ke2 Rf4 39.Rxf4 Nxf4+ 40.Kf3 Ne6 41.Ke3 g6 42.a5 Ng7 43.Kf4 c3 44.Ke3 Kc4 45.Ke2 Nf5 46.Bf2 Nd4+ 47.Kd1 Kd3 0-1

Smith,Zachary (1897) - Jiang,Leyou (1741) [D92] Grunfeld

2021 Michigan Open – Open Section
Lansing (2), 04.09.2021 [ceag]

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 d5 4.Nf3 Bg7 5.Bf4 0-0 6.Rc1 dxc4 7.e4 Bg4 8.e5 Nd5 9.Nxd5 Qxd5 10.Bxc4 Qe4+ 11.Be3 Nc6 12.0-0 Rad8 13.Ng5 Bxd1 14.Nxe4 Bg4 15.f3 Bf5 16.Rfd1 Bxe4 17.fxe4 e6 18.Bb5 Rb8 19.Bxc6 bxc6 20.Rd2 Rb6 21.Rc4 Rd8 22.Rdc2 f6 23.exf6 Bxf6 24.e5 Bg7 25.Rxc6 Rxc6 26.Rxc6 Rd7 27.Rxe6 Kf7 28.Ra6 Re7 29.Kf2 c5 30.dxc5 Bxe5 31.b4 Bxh2 32.c6 Bb8 33.Bc5 Re4 34.c7 1-0

Fortuna,Jacob (1958) - Liang,Justin (2250) [A47] London System

2021 Michigan Open – Open Section
Lansing (2), 04.09.2021 [ceag]

1.Nf3 Nf6 2.d4 e6 3.e3 c5 4.c3 b6 5.Nbd2 Bb7 6.Bd3 cxd4 7.exd4 Be7 8.0-0 0-0 9.Re1 d6 10.Qe2 Re8 11.Ne4 Nbd7 12.Bf4 Nf8 13.h3 Ng6 14.Bh2 Nd5 15.Bb5 Rf8 16.Ba4 a6 17.c4 Ndf4 18.Qe3 Nh5 19.Nc3 Rc8 20.Bd1 Nf6 21.b3 d5 22.Be2 Ba3 23.Rab1 Ne7 24.g4 Bb4 25.Red1 b5 26.c5 Qa5 27.Rdc1 Ne4 28.Nxe4 dxe4 29.Bd6 exf3 30.Bxe7 Rfe8 31.c6 Bd2 32.Qxf3 Ba8 33.Bd6 Bxc1 34.Rxc1 Qd2 35.Bf4 Qxd4 36.a4 Qb6 37.axb5 axb5 38.Be3 Rxc6 39.Qf4 Rxc1+ 40.Bxc1 Qc6 41.f3 e5 42.Qe3 Rc8 43.Ba3 Qc3 44.Bd3 Qa1+ 45.Kg2 Qxa3 46.Bxb5 Qb2+ 47.Kg3 Rc3 48.Bd3 Rc8 49.Be4 Qd4 50.Qe2 Rd8 0-1

Yassine,Waleed (1784) - Wang,William (1622) [B23] Closed Sicilian

2021 Michigan Open – Open Section
Lansing (2), 04.09.2021 [ceag]

1.e4 c5 2.Nc3 d6 3.Bc4 Nf6 4.d3 g6 5.f4 Bg7 6.Nf3 0-0 7.0-0 Nc6 8.Qe1 a6 9.Qh4 b5 10.Bb3 Be6 11.Bxe6 fxe6 12.Ng5 Qd7 13.Qh3 Nd8 14.Ne2 [14.e5! dxe5 15.fxe5 Qd4+ 16.Be3 Qxe5 17.Rxf6 Rxf6 18.Qxh7+ Kf8 19.Re1] 14...d5? 15.e5 Bh8 16.exf6 exf6 17.Nf3 Nf7 18.b3 f5 19.Rb1 e5 20.fxe5 Nxe5 21.Nxe5 Bxe5 22.Bf4 Bg7 23.Rbe1 Rfe8 24.c3 Re6 25.d4 Rae8 26.Qd3 cxd4 27.cxd4 Qe7 28.Kf2 Re4 29.Qd2 Qh4+ 30.Bg3 Qg4 31.Be5 Qh4+ 32.Kg1 Bh6 33.Qc3 Be3+ 34.Kh1 Bf2 35.Bg3 Bxg3 36.Nxg3 Rxe1 37.Rxe1 Rxe1+ 38.Qxe1 Kf7 39.Qe5 1-0

Wang,Ryan (1834) - Brandt,Benjamin (1944) [C90] Closed Sicilian

2021 Michigan Open – Open Section
Lansing (2), 04.09.2021 [ceag]

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 Be7 6.d3 b5 7.Bb3 d6 8.c3 0-0 9.a4 Bd7 10.Nbd2 Na5 11.Bc2 c5 12.Re1 Qc7 13.Nf1 Nc6 14.Ng3 Rfb8 15.h3 b4 16.Bg5 h6 17.Be3 Bf8 18.d4 Na5 19.Nd2 c4 20.Qf3 bxc3 21.bxc3 Rb2 22.Rec1 Qd8 23.Nf5 Kh7 24.Rab1 Rab8 25.Rxb2 Rxb2 26.Qg3 g6 27.dxe5 dxe5 28.Nh4 Bd6 29.Nhf3 Nh5 30.Qh2 Qf6 31.Bd1 Nf4 32.Bxf4 exf4 33.Be2 Bc5 34.e5 Qf5 35.Nxc4 Rxe2 36.Nxa5 Rxf2 37.Nd4 Ra2 38.Nab3 Ba7 39.Rf1 g5 40.Kh1 Qxe5 41.h4 Kg6 42.a5 Bb8 43.Qg1 g4 44.Re1 Qh5 45.Qf1 Qxh4+ 46.Kg1 f3 47.Qxa6+ Kg7 48.Nxf3 gxf3 0-1

Halloran,Joel (1910) - McLeman,Cam (1837) [A57] Benko/Volga Gambit

2021 Michigan Open – Open Section
Lansing (2), 04.09.2021 [ceag]

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 c5 3.d5 b5 4.Qc2 d6 5.e4 g6 6.cxb5 a6 7.Nc3 Bg7 8.h3 0-0 9.Nf3 Nbd7 10.Bf4 axb5 11.Bxb5 Ba6 12.Bxa6 Rxa6 13.0-0 Qb6 14.Rfe1 Rb8 15.Rab1 Qb7 16.Nd2 Nb6 17.b3 Nh5 18.Bh2 Bxc3 19.Qxc3 Rxa2 20.Nc4 Nxc4 21.Qxc4 Qb4 22.Qxb4 Rxb4 23.e5 Nf4 24.exd6 exd6 25.Re8+ Kg7 26.Rd8 Ra6 27.Rd1 Ne2+ 28.Kf1 Nc3 29.Rc1 Nb5 30.g4 Rxb3 31.Re1 Rxh3 32.Kg2 Rh4 33.Kg3 g5 34.Re7 Ra3+ 35.f3 Nd4 0-1

Reed,Hunter (1914) - Hahn,David (2104) [A36] Symmetrical English

2021 Michigan Open – Open Section
Lansing (2), 04.09.2021 [ceag]

1.c4 g6 2.g3 Bg7 3.Bg2 c5 4.Nc3 Nc6 5.a3 Nf6 6.Rb1 a5 7.e3 0-0 8.Nge2 d6 9.0-0 Bf5 10.e4 Bd7 11.d3 Ne8 12.Bg5 Nc7 13.Nd5 Ne6 14.Be3 Rb8 15.b4 axb4 16.axb4 Nxb4 17.Nxb4 cxb4 18.Rxb4 b5 19.cxb5 Rxb5 20.Rxb5 Bxb5 21.Qb3 Ba6

22.Qa3 Bb7 23.Rb1 Qa8 24.Qb4 Ba6
25.Nc1 Qc8 26.Bf3 Qc2 27.Qb3 Qxb3
28.Rxb3 Nd4 29.Bxd4 Bxd4 30.Ne2 Bf6
31.g4 Rc8 32.Kg2 Rc2 33.Ra3 Bb5 34.Rb3
Ba6 35.Ra3 Bb5 36.Rb3 Ba6 37.Ra3 Bb5
½–½

Lopez, Mauro (2333) - Xie, Yule (1821)
[C90] Closed Ruy Lopez

2021 Michigan Open – Open Section
Lansing (2), 04.09.2021 [ceag]
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6
5.0–0 Be7 6.d3 b5 7.Bb3 d6 8.c3 0–0
9.Re1 Na5 10.Bc2 c5 11.Nbd2 Re8 12.Nf1
Bf8 13.Ng3 g6 14.h3 Nc6 15.d4 cxd4
16.cxd4 Bb7 17.d5 Nb8 18.a4 Nbd7
19.Bd2 Qe7 20.axb5 axb5 21.Qe2 Ba6
22.Ra2 Rec8 23.b4 Nb6 24.Rea1 Qb7
25.Bd3 Nc4 26.Bc1 Nd7 27.h4 Ndb6
28.Bc2 Nd7 29.h5 Qb6 30.hxg6 hxg6
31.Ng5 Bg7 32.Qg4 Nf6 33.Qh3 Rcb8
34.Nxf7 Kxf7 35.Qe6+ Kf8 36.Bh6 Re8
37.Qxf6+ Kg8 38.Qxg7# 1–0

Jarosz, Stan (1900) - McGrew, Clara
(2102) [A81] Dutch Defense

2021 Michigan Open – Open Section
Lansing (2), 04.09.2021 [ceag]
1.d4 e6 2.Nf3 f5 3.g3 Nf6 4.Bg2 Be7 5.0–
0 0–0 6.Bg5 d6 7.Nbd2 Nc6 8.Bxf6 Bxf6
9.e4 e5 10.dxe5 dxe5 11.c3 a5 12.exf5
Bxf5 13.Qb3+ Kh8 14.Qxb7 Qd6 15.Nc4
Qc5 16.Nfd2 Ne7 17.Qf3 Rad8 18.Ne3
Rxd2 19.Nxf5 Bg5 20.Qh5 Rxf5 21.Be4 g6
22.Qg4 Rfxf2 0–1

Round 3 Games

Brandt, Benjamin (1944) - Lopez, Mauro
(2333) [B30] Sicilian Defense

2021 Michigan Open – Open Section
Lansing (3), 04.09.2021 [ceag]
1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 e6 4.0–0 Nge7
5.d4 cxd4 6.Nxd4 Qb6 7.Nxc6 dxc6 8.Be2
Ng6 9.a4 Be7 10.Na3 e5 11.Nc4 Qc7
12.g3 Bh3 13.Re1 Rd8 14.Bd2 0–0 15.Qc1
Rd7 16.a5 b5 17.axb6 axb6 18.Be3 b5
19.Nd2 Nf4 20.Bf1 [20.gxf4 exf4 21.Ba7
Ra8] 20...Bxf1 21.Nxf1 Ne6 22.Ra7 Qc8
23.Rxd7 Qxd7 24.Rd1 Qc7 25.Qa1 Qb7
26.Qa7 Qxa7 27.Bxa7 Ra8 28.Rd7 Kf8
29.Be3 Ra2 30.Ra7 Rxb2 31.Ra8+ Nd8
32.Bb6 Ke8 33.Ne3 g6 34.Rc8 Kd7
35.Rc7+ Kd6 36.c4 Ne6 37.Ra7 Nd4
38.cxb5 Rxb5 39.Nc4+ Ke6 40.Kg2 Rb4
41.Rxe7+ Kf6 42.Nxe5 Kxe7 43.Bc5+ Ke6
44.Bxb4 Kxe5 45.f3 f5 46.exf5 gxf5 47.Kf2
Kd5 48.g4 c5 49.Bc3 Nb5 50.Bd2 c4 51.h4
c3 52.Bc1 fxd4 53.fxd4 Ke4 54.h5 Nd4
55.g5 Nf5 56.g6 h6 57.Ke2 Kd4 58.Kd1
Kd3 59.Bf4 c2+ 60.Kc1 Ng7 61.Bxh6 Nxh5
62.g7 Nxd7 63.Bxg7 ½–½

Hahn, David (2104) -
Mathiyazhagan, Ashrith (1631) [A25]

English Opening
2021 Michigan Open – Open Section
Lansing (3), 04.09.2021 [ceag]
1.c4 e5 2.g3 Nf6 3.Bg2 Bc5 4.Nc3 d6 5.e3
Nc6 6.Nge2 0–0 7.0–0 Bb6 8.d3 Bf5 9.h3
h6 10.Kh2 Rb8 11.f4 Bh7 12.f5 Ne7 13.e4
c6 14.g4 Nd7 15.Ng3 f6 16.Qe2 Bd4 17.h4
Qe8 18.Bh3 Qf7 19.Bd2 d5 20.cxd5 Bxc3
21.bxc3 cxd5 22.g5 hxg5 23.hxg5 fxd5
24.Bxg5 Nf6 25.exd5 Nxd5 26.Qxe5
Rfe8 27.Qd4 Rbd8 28.Qxa7 Nxc3 29.Bxf6
gxf6 30.Rg1 Kh8 ½–½

Jiang, Leyou (1741) - Yakopov, Daut
(1675) [B33] Sicilian Defense:
Pelikan/Sveshnikov Var.

2021 Michigan Open – Open Section
Lansing (3), 04.09.2021 [ceag]
1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6
5.Nc3 e5 6.Ndb5 d6 7.Bg5 a6 8.Na3 b5
9.Nd5 Be7 10.Bxf6 Bxf6 11.c3 Bg5 12.Nc2
0–0 13.Bd3 Ne7 14.Nce3 Nxd5 15.Nxd5
Be6 16.0–0 Bxd5 17.exd5 f5 18.f3 Bf4
19.Qe2 Qg5 20.g3 Be3+ 21.Kg2 f4 22.Qe1
Rf6 23.g4 Rh6 24.Rh1 Rh4 25.h3 h5
26.Bf5 g6 27.Be6+ Kg7 28.a4 hxg4
29.Bxg4 e4 30.Qd1 exf3+ 31.Qxf3 b4
32.cxb4 Rc8 33.Qe4 Rc4 34.Qxc4 Rxc4+
35.Kf3 Rg3+ 36.Ke2 Rg2+ 37.Kf1 Qg3
38.Qc3+ Kh7 39.Qe1 Qf3+ 40.Qf2 Qxf2#
0–1

Lyu, Ethan (1797) - Fortuna, Jared (1958)
[B00] Nimzovich Defense

2021 Michigan Open – Open Section
Lansing (3), 04.09.2021 [ceag]
1.d4 b6 2.e4 Bb7 3.Nc3 e6 4.Nf3 Bb4
5.Bd3 Nf6 6.e5 Ne4 7.Bd2 Nxd2 8.Qxd2
a6 9.a3 Be7 10.Ne4 d5 11.Ng3 c5 12.c3
h6 13.Rc1 Nc6 14.h4 c4 15.Bc2 Qd7
16.Qf4 Bf8 17.Qg4 g6 18.Nd2 0–0–0
19.f4 h5 20.Qf3 Kb8 21.Ne2 Be7 22.g3
b5 23.Ra1 Rdf8 24.Qg2 a5 25.0–0 Bd8
26.Rfc1 Ne7 27.Rcb1 Nf5 28.Bxf5 gxf5
29.Kh2 Rfg8 30.Qf2 Be7 31.Nc1 Rg4
32.Ne2 Rhg8 33.Rg1 Qd8 34.Nf3 R4g7
35.Ng5 Qb6 36.Rgb1 a4 37.Rg1 Rh8
38.Raf1 ½–½

Dang, Michael (1974) - Shen, Edward
(1676) [A01] Nimzovich/Larsen Opening

2021 Michigan Open – Open Section
Lansing (3), 04.09.2021 [ceag]
1.b3 Nf6 2.Bb2 e6 3.e3 Be7 4.Nf3 d6
5.Be2 Nbd7 6.c4 b6 7.0–0 8.Nd4 Bb7
9.Bf3 Bxf3 10.Qxf3 Ne5 11.Qe2 c5 12.Nf3
Ned7 13.Nc3 a6 14.d4 Qc7 15.Rfd1 cxd4
16.exd4 Rfe8 17.Rac1 Qb7 18.d5 exd5
19.cxd5 b5 20.Ne4 Nxe4 21.Qxe4 Bg5
22.Qg4 Bf6 23.Ba3 Nb6 24.Qf5 Nc8
25.Ng5 Bxg5 26.Qxg5 h6 27.Qg3 Ne7

28.Bb2 Nf5 29.Qf4 Qd7 30.Rc6 Re2
31.Ba3 Rae8 32.h3 R2e4 33.Qd2 Re2
34.Qc3 Qa7 35.Rf1 Rxa2 36.Bxd6 Nxd6
37.Rxd6 Qe7 38.Qc6 Rd8 39.Rxd8+ Qxd8
40.Re1 Qh4 41.Qc5 Rd2 42.Qc8+ Kh7
43.Qf5+ g6 44.Qxf7+ Kh8 45.Re8# 1–0

Bailey, Greg (1945) - Xie, Yule (1821)
[D05] Colle System

2021 Michigan Open – Open Section
Lansing (3), 04.09.2021 [ceag]
1.f4 d5 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.e3 c5 4.d4 e6 5.c3 Nc6
6.Bd3 Bd6 7.0–0 0–0 8.Ne5 Ne7 9.Nd2 b6
10.g4 Bb7 11.Qf3 Nd7 12.Qh3 Nf6
13.Nef3 Ne4 14.Bxe4 dxe4 15.Ng5 h6
16.Ngxe4 cxd4 17.cxd4 Rc8 18.Ng3 Rc2
19.Nde4 Qa8 20.Nxd6 Rg2+ 21.Qxg2
Bxg2 22.Rf2 Bf3 23.h3 Qc6 24.Bd2 Bd5
25.Bb4 Qd7 26.Nde4 Rc8 27.Bxe7 Qxe7
28.Nc3 Bb7 29.a3 Qh4 30.Kh2 Rc6 31.e4
Rd6 32.Rd1 Bc8 33.e5 Rd8 34.Rfd2 Bb7
35.Nb5 Bf3 36.Rh1 Bxh1 37.Nxh1 Qe1
38.Rf2 Rd5 39.Nxa7 Rxd4 40.Kg2 Rd1
41.Ng3 Qg1+ 42.Kf3 Rd3+ 0–1

Relyea, Alex (1800) - Wang, Ryan (1834)
[B31] Sicilian Defense

2021 Michigan Open – Open Section
Lansing (3), 04.09.2021 [ceag]
1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 g6 4.0–0 Bg7 5.c3
e5 6.d3 Nge7 7.Be3 d6 8.Nbd2 0–0 9.Nc4
f5 10.Qb3 Kh8 11.Ng5 h6 12.Nxd6 Qxd6
13.Nf7+ Rxf7 14.Qxf7 Be6 15.Bxc5 Qxc5
0–1

Song, Justin (1766) - Jarosz, Stan (1900)
[B84] Sicilian Scheveningen

2021 Michigan Open – Open Section
Lansing (3), 04.09.2021 [ceag]
1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 e6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6
5.Nc3 d6 6.Be2 Be7 7.Be3 Nc6 8.Qd2 a6
9.f4 Qc7 10.0–0–0 0–0 11.Bf3 Nxd4
12.Bxd4 e5 13.Be3 b5 14.g4 b4 15.Nd5
Nxd5 16.exd5 exf4 17.Bxf4 a5 18.h4 Bd7
19.g5 Bf5 20.Rd1 Rfc8 21.Be4 Bxe4
22.Rxe4 Bf8 23.h5 Rab8 24.Rh2 b3 25.a3
bxc2 26.Qd3 Qb6 27.Rxc2 Qxb2+ 28.Kd2
Rxc2+ 29.Qxc2 Qxa3 30.Qc7 Rb2+ 31.Ke1
Qf3 0–1

Arganian, David (2023) - Yassine, Waleed
(1784) [A13] English Opening

2021 Michigan Open – Open Section
Lansing (3), 04.09.2021 [ceag]
1.c4 e6 2.Nc3 g6 3.d4 d5 4.Bf4 Bg7 5.e3
c6 6.Nf3 Nd7 7.Rc1 Ne7 8.c5 0–0 9.Be2
Nf5 10.0–0 f6 11.h3 e5 12.Bh2 e4 13.Nd2
Bh6 14.b4 Rf7 15.Re1 Nf8 16.Nf1 Ne6
17.b5 Ng5 18.bxc6 bxc6 19.Qa4 Bd7
20.Ba6 Nh4 21.Nd2 Bxh3 22.Bg3 Qd7
[22...Nxd2] 23.Bxh4 Bxg2 24.Kxg2 Qh3+
25.Kg1 Qxh4 26.Bf1 Qg4+ 27.Kh2 Rc8

28.Qd1 Qh4+ 29.Kg1 f5 30.f4 exf3
31.Nxf3 Qg3+ 32.Kh1 Nxf3 0-1

Round 5 games

Hahn,David (2104) - Lopez,Mauro (2333)
[A20] English Opening

2021 Michigan Open – Open Section
Lansing (5), 05.09.2021 [ceag]

1.c4 e5 2.g3 Nf6 3.Bg2 c6 4.d4 Bb4+
5.Bd2 Bxd2+ 6.Qxd2 e4 7.Nc3 d5 8.e3 0-
0 9.Nge2 Re8 10.cxd5 cxd5 11.0-0 Bf5
12.f3 Nbd7 13.fxe4 Bxe4 14.Nxe4 Nxe4
15.Bxe4 dxe4 16.Nc3 Ne5 17.Qg2 Nf3+
18.Kh1 f5 19.g4 f4 20.exf4 Qxd4 21.Rad1
Qc5 22.Nxe4 ½-½

McLemer,Cam (1857) - Das, Manmuher
(1983) [B10] Caro-Kann

2021 Michigan Open – Open Section
Lansing (5), 05.09.2021

1.e4 c6 2.c4 d5 3.exd5 cxd5 4.cxd5 Nf6
5.Bb5+ Bd7 6.Qb3 Bxb5 7.Qxb5+ Qd7
8.Qxd7+ Nbx7 9.Nc3 Nb6 10.Nf3 Nbx5
11.0-0 e6 12.d4 Rc8 13.Bd2 Bd6 14.Nb5
Bb8 15.Rac1 Ke7 16.Rxc8 Rxc8 17.Rc1
Rxc1+ 18.Bxc1 Nb4 19.Nc3 Nd3 20.Ne2
Nd5 21.b3 Nxc1 22.Nxc1 Nb4 23.Kf1 f6
24.Ke2 Kd6 25.Kd2 Kd5 26.Kc3 a5 27.a3
Nc6 28.Ne2 g5 29.h3 h5 30.Kd3 Na7
31.Nc3+ Kc6 32.Nd2 Bd6 33.Nc4 Bc7
34.Ne4 b5 35.Ne3 Bd8 36.a4 Nc8 37.Nc5
bxa4 38.Nxe6 Be7 39.bxa4 Nb6 40.Nc4
Nxa4 41.Nxa5+ Kd7 42.Ng7 h4 43.Nf5
Bb4 44.Nc4 Nc3 45.f4 Nd5 ½-½

Albeez,Nurayda (1495) - Bailey,Greg
(1917) [A80] Dutch Defense
2021 Michigan Open – Open Section
Lansing (5), 05.09.2021

1.d4 f5 2.Bf4 Nf6 3.e3 e6 4.Nf3 Be7 5.h3
0-0 6.Bd3 d6 7.c4 c6 8.0-0 Nbd7 9.Nc3
Qe8 10.Bh2 d5 11.c5 Ne4 12.Qc2 Rf6
13.b4 Qh5 14.Ne5 Nxe5 15.Bxe5 Rg6
16.Kh2 Bd7 17.Nxe4 fxe4 18.Be2 Qg5
19.Rg1 Rf8 20.Raf1 a6 21.a4 Rf5 22.Bf4
Qf6 23.g4 Rxf4 24.exf4 Qxf4+ 25.Kh1 Qh6
26.Qb3 Bg6 27.Rd1 Bh4 28.Rgf1 Rf6
29.Qe3 Bg5 30.Qb3 Rf3 31.Rd3 Qxh3+
32.Kg1 Qxg4+ 33.Kh1 Qh3+ 34.Kg1 Bf4
35.Rfd1 Qh2+ 36.Kf1 Qh1# 1-0

**Games from
Rounds 4, 6 & 7**
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2021 MI Open Games/ Reserve and Booster Section

Round 1 Games

Lerner,Mathieu (410) -
Grzegorzczk,Ronald (1500) [B33]
Sicilian: Pelikan

2021 Michigan Open - Reserve Lansing
(1), 04.09.2021

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 e5
5.Nf3 Nf6 6.Nc3 Be7 7.Bc4 0-0 8.0-0 a6
9.Be3 b5 10.Bb3 Bb7 11.Bg5 d6 12.Re1
Na5 13.Nd5 Nxb3 14.Nxf6+ Bxf6 15.Bxf6
Qxf6 16.axb3 Rad8 17.c4 Qe7 18.cxb5
axb5 19.Ra7 Rd7 20.Qd3 Bc6 21.Ra6 Rc7
22.Rc1 Rfc8 23.h3 h6 24.Nd2 Kf8 25.Nf1
Qe6 26.Re1 f6 27.Ne3 g6 28.Nd5 Bxd5
29.exd5 Qf7 30.Rxd6 f5 31.Rxe5 Rc1+
32.Kh2 Re8 33.Qe3 Rxe5 34.Qxe5 Rc7
35.Qh8+ Ke7 36.Qd8# 1-0

Booher,Tyler (1223) - Mantela,Jake
(UNR) [B13] Caro-Kann Exchange
2021 Michigan Open - Reserve Lansing
(1), 04.09.2021

1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.exd5 cxd5 4.Nf3 Nc6
5.Nc3 Bf5 6.Bb5 Nf6 7.Ne5 Rc8 8.Nxc6
bxc6 9.Ba6 Rb8 10.Bd3 Qc8 11.Bxf5 Qxf5
12.0-0 e6 13.b3 Bd6 14.f4 0-0 15.Ne2
Ne4 16.Qd3 Rfc8 17.c4 c5 18.dxc5 Bxc5+
19.Be3 dxc4 20.bxc4 Bxe3+ 21.Qxe3 Qc5
22.Qxc5 Nxc5 23.Rab1 Na6 24.Rxb8 Nxb8
25.Rc1 Na6 26.Nd4 Nb4 27.Nb5 a6
28.Nd6 Rc6 29.Rb1 Kf8 30.Rxb4 Rxd6
31.c5 Rc6 32.Rb6 Rxc5 33.Rxa6 Rc1+
34.Kf2 Ke7 35.Ra7+ Kf6 36.a4 g6 37.g4

Kg7 38.a5 Ra1 39.a6 h5 40.gxh5 gxh5
41.Kg3 Kf6 42.Ra8 Kf5 43.a7 Ra2 44.h3
Ra3+ 45.Kh4 f6 46.Rh8 Rxa7 47.Rxh5+
Kxf4 48.Rh6 Rf7 49.Kh5 Kf5 50.Rh8 Re7
51.Ra8 e5 52.Ra1 Rh7# 0-1

Sadipirala,Jignesh (UNR) -
Thompson,Samuel (1338) [D02] QP
Game

2021 Michigan Open - Reserve Lansing
(1), 04.09.2021

1.d4 d5 2.Bf4 e6 3.e3 c5 4.Nf3 c4 5.Nbd2
b5 6.e4 Qe7 7.Be2 Nf6 8.exd5 Nxd5 9.Bg5
Qb4 10.b3 Nc3 11.Qc1 Nxe2 12.Kxe2 c3
13.Ne4 Bb7 14.Qe3 Nd7 15.Nxc3 Rc8
16.Kd2 h6 17.Bf4 g5 18.Bg3 g4 19.Ne5 h5
20.Nxd7 Bh6 21.Nf6+ Ke7 22.Bf4 Bxf4
23.Qxf4 Qxc3+ 24.Ke2 Bxg2 25.Rhe1
Qxc2+ 26.Qd2 Bf3+ 27.Ke3 Rc3+ 28.Qxc3
Qxc3+ 29.Kf4 Qxd4+ 30.Kg5 Qxf6# 0-1

Solski,Jeffrey (1381) - Stuard,Donald
(UNR) [C30] King's Gambit Declined
2021 Michigan Open - Reserve Lansing
(1), 04.09.2021

1.e4 e5 2.f4 Nc6 3.Nf3 Bc5 4.c3 d6 5.Bc4
Nh6 6.d4 exd4 7.cxd4 Bb4+ 8.Nc3 Bg4
9.0-0 Bxf3 10.Rxf3 0-0 11.f5 Qh4
12.Bxh6 Qxh6 13.Rg3 a6 14.Nd5 Ba5
15.Qg4 Nxd4 16.Rh3 Qd2 17.Nf6+ Kh8
18.Rxh7# 1-0

Lindamood,Derek (UNR) -
Matthews,Jeffrey (1473) [C01] French
Exchange
2021 Michigan Open - Reserve Lansing
(1), 04.09.2021

1.e4 e6 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.d4 d5 4.exd5 exd5
5.c4 Nf6 6.Nc3 Bb4 7.a3 Bxc3+ 8.bxc3 0-
0 9.Be2 Ne4 10.Qc2 Bf5 11.Qb2 Na5
12.Qb5 c6 13.Qb4 b6 14.0-0 Qd6 15.c5
Qc7 16.cxb6 axb6 17.Ne5 c5 18.Qb2 c4

19.f3 Nd6 20.g4 Bg6 21.Qb5 Nxb5 22.Bd2
Nb3 23.Rfd1 Nxa1 24.Rxa1 Rxa3 25.Rc1
Rfa8 26.Kg2 Ra2 0-1

Nielson,Jeremy (826) - Sundeen,David
(1600) [C45] Scotch Game
2021 Michigan Open - Reserve Lansing
(1), 04.09.2021

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.Nc3 Nc6 4.d4 exd4
5.Nxd4 Nxd4 6.Qxd4 d6 7.Bg5 Be7 8.0-0-
0 Bd7 9.h4 h6 10.Be3 0-0 11.f3 Bc6 12.g4
Nh7 13.Bd3 Bxh4 14.Bf2 Bf6 15.Qe3 Ng5
16.Kb1 Ne6 17.f4 Bd4 18.Qg3 Bxf2
19.Qxf2 Qf6 20.Ne2 Nc5 21.Qg3 Rfe8
22.g5 Qg6 23.Qh4 Bxe4 24.Bxe4 Nxe4
25.Rdg1 Nd2+ 26.Kc1 Nf3 27.Qf2 Nxe1
28.Rxe1 Qe4 29.gxh6 Qe3+ 30.Qxe3 Rxe3
31.Kd2 Rae8 32.Nc3 g6 33.f5 Kh7 34.Nd5
Re2+ 35.Kd1 Kxh6 36.Rh1+ Kg5 37.Rh7 c6
38.Nc3 R2e7 39.fxg6 Kxg6 40.Rh2 f5
41.Ne2 Re4 42.Ng3 Rd4+ 0-1

Kellogg,Alexander (UNR) -
Fowler,Benjamin (1308) [C55] Two
Knights Game

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1.e4 Nf6 2.Bc4 Nc6 3.Nc3 e5 4.Nf3 Be7
5.0-0 0-0 6.d3 d6 7.h3 Bd7 8.Be3 Na5
9.Bb3 Nxb3 10.axb3 a6 11.Re1 c6 12.d4
exd4 13.Bxd4 Qc8 14.e5 dxe5 15.Nxe5
Be6 16.Qf3 Qc7 17.Ne4 Nxe4 18.Qxe4
Bf6 19.Nf3 Bxd4 20.Nxd4 Bd5 21.Qg4
Rae8 22.c4 Be6 23.Nxe6 Rxe6 24.Rxe6
fxe6 25.Qxe6+ Kh8 26.Re1 Qb6 27.Qe7
Qxf2+ 28.Kh1 h6 29.Qe2 Kh7 30.Qd3+ g6
31.Re7+ Rf7 32.Rxf7+ Qxf7 33.Qd6 h5
34.Kh2 Kh6 35.Kg3 Qf5 36.Qf4+ Qg5+
37.Kf3 h4 38.b4 Kh5 39.Qg4+ Qxg4+
40.hxg4+ Kg5 41.b5 Kf6 42.Kf4 g5+
43.Ke4 Ke6 44.Kd4 ½-½

Amrine,Jed (1483) - Kello,Joseph (557)
[E68] K-I Defense
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1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nf3 Bg7 4.g3 0-0 5.Bg2
d6 6.0-0 Nbd7 7.Nc3 e5 8.e4 Rb8 9.d5
Re8 10.b4 Nf8 11.Be3 b6 12.h3 Kh8
13.Rc1 Nh5 14.c5 f5 15.cxd6 f4 16.dxc7
Qxc7 17.Ne2 Qf7 18.Bd2 h6 19.g4 Nf6
20.Nc3 N8h7 21.Re1 g5 22.Nb5 Bf8
23.Rc7 Nd7 24.Rxa7 h5 25.gxh5 Qxh5
26.Bc3 g4 27.hxg4 Qxg4 28.Nd2 Qg7
29.Nc4 Qh6 30.f3 Ng5 31.Kf1 Nf7 32.Nc7
Re7 33.d6 Nxd6 34.Qxd6 Nf6 35.Bxe5
Be6 36.Nxe6 Rg7 37.Rxg7 Bxd6 38.Nxd6
1-0

Round 2 Games

Kumar,Aditya (836) - Swathell,Gary
(1579) [C01] French Exchange
2021 Michigan Open - Reserve Lansing
(2), 04.09.2021

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.exd5 exd5 4.Nf3 Nf6
5.Be2 Be7 6.Nc3 c6 7.Bg5 0-0 8.0-0 Ne4
9.Bxe7 Qxe7 10.Bd3 f5 11.Re1 Qf6
12.Bxe4 fxe4 13.Ne5 Qxf2+ 14.Kh1 Be6
15.Rf1 Qxf1+ 16.Qxf1 Rxf1+ 17.Rxf1 Nd7
18.Nxd7 Bxd7 19.Ne2 Rf8 20.Re1 Bg4
21.Ng3 Rf2 22.h3 Be6 23.Re2 Rxe2
24.Nxe2 Kf7 25.Kg1 g5 26.Kf2 Bf5 27.c3
Kf6 28.g4 Bg6 29.a3 h5 30.gxh5 Bxh5
31.Ng3 Bd1 32.Ne2 Bxe2 33.Kxe2 Kf5
34.Kf2 Kf4 35.b4 a6 36.a4 e3+ 37.Ke2 Kg3
38.Kxe3 Kxh3 39.Kf2 g4 40.Kg1 Kg3 41.a5
Kf3 42.Kf1 Ke3 43.Kg2 Kd3 44.Kg3 Kxc3
45.Kxg4 Kxd4 46.Kf5 0-1

Davis,Jeffery (1726) - Solski,Jeffery
(1381) [B72] Sicilian Dragon
2021 Michigan Open - Reserve
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1.e4 g6 2.d4 Bg7 3.Nc3 c5 4.Nf3 cxd4
5.Nxd4 Nc6 6.Be3 Nf6 7.Bc2 d6 8.Qd2 h5
9.f3 a6 10.0-0-0 Bd7 11.Kb1 b5 12.Nxc6
Bxc6 13.h4 Rb8 14.Nd5 Ng8 15.Ba7 Ra8
16.Bb6 Qb8 17.Nc7+ Kf8 18.Nxa8 Bxa8
19.Bd4 Nf6 20.a3 Bh6 21.Qc3 Kg7 22.e5
dxe5 23.Bxe5 Qc8 24.Qb4 Qe6 25.Bxf6+
exf6 26.Rhe1 Qc8 27.Bf1 Rd8 28.Qa5 Rd5
29.Rxd5 Bxd5 30.Rd1 Qd7 31.Re1 Bd2
32.Re7 Qxe7 33.Qxd2 Qd7 34.Bd3 Qc8
35.Qe2 Be6 36.Be4 Qe8 37.Qd2 Qd7
38.Qd3 Qa7 39.Qf1 Qc7 40.Qe1 Qd7
41.Qe2 Qa7 42.Qf1 Qe7 43.Bd3 Qc5
44.Be4 Qa7 45.Bd3 Qd7 46.Qf2 Qd5
47.b3 a5 48.Qe2 a4 49.c4 bxc4 50.Bxc4
Bf5+ 51.Ka2 Qd4 52.bxa4 Qxh4 53.a5
Qd4 54.a6 Qc5 55.Kb3 Qb6+ 56.Bb5 g5
57.a4 g4 58.fxg4 Bxg4 59.Qe7 Bc8 60.Ka3
Bxa6 61.Bxa6 Qxa6 62.Qc5 h4 63.Qd5
Qc8 64.a5 h3 65.gxh3 Qxh3+ 66.Ka4 f5

67.a6 Qf1 68.Qb7 Qa1+ 69.Kb5 f4 70.a7
f3 71.a8Q Qb2+ 72.Ka6 Qa3+ 73.Kb6
Qb4+ 74.Kc7 Qe7+ 1-0

Matthews,Jeffery (1473) -
Kidwell,Patrick (1772) [A47] London
System

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1.d4 Nf6 2.Nf3 b6 3.Nc3 Bb7 4.e3 e6
5.Bd3 c5 6.0-0 Nc6 7.a3 Bd6 8.Nb5 Bb8
9.e4 a6 10.Nd6+ Bxd6 11.e5 Be7 12.exf6
gxf6 13.c3 Qc7 14.Re1 0-0-0 15.b4 c4
16.Bxc4 Nxb4 17.cxb4 Qxc4 18.Bf4 Bc6
19.Qe2 Qxe2 20.Rxe2 Rdg8 21.Rc1 Kb7
22.d5 Bxd5 23.Rc7+ Ka8 24.Bg3 Bc6
25.Nd4 Rc8 26.Nxc6 Rxc7 27.Bxc7 dxc6
28.Bxb6 Rb8 29.Ba5 Rb5 30.g3 Kb7
31.Re4 f5 32.Rd4 Rd5 33.Rc4 c5 34.bxc5
Bxc5 35.Bb4 Bd4 36.Bc3 Bxc3 37.Rxc3 e5
38.Re3 a5 39.h3 f6 40.Kg2 a4 41.Kf3 Kc6
42.g4 Rd4 43.g5 fxg5 44.Rxe5 Rd3+
45.Re3 Rxe3+ 46.Kxe3 Kc5 47.f4 gxf4+
48.Kxf4 Kc4 49.Kxf5 Kb3 50.Ke4 Kxa3
51.Kd3 Kb2 0-1

Wilson,Max (1772) - Schilling,Justin
(1429) [C74] Ruy Lopez: Deferred
Steinitz

2021 Michigan Open - Reserve Lansing
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1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 d6 5.c3
Nf6 6.d4 b5 7.Bc2 Be7 8.0-0-0 9.a4 Bb7
10.Qe2 Re8 11.axb5 axb5 12.Rxa8 Qxa8
13.Qxb5 Ba6 14.Qb3 Bxf1 15.Kxf1 Qa6+
16.Kg1 Rb8 17.Qa4 Qxa4 18.Bxa4 Rb6
19.Na3 Ra6 20.Bb5 Rb6 21.d5 Na7
22.Bd3 Nd7 23.b4 Rb8 24.Nc4 Nb6
25.Na5 Na4 26.Bd2 g6 27.g4 Nb6 28.Be3
Bf8 29.c4 Re8 30.c5 dxc5 31.bxc5 Nxd5
32.exd5 e4 33.Bc4 exf3 34.d6 Re5 35.Nb7
cxd6 36.cxd6 Nc6 37.h3 Nb8 38.Nd8 Re4
39.Bd5 Rb4 40.Nxf7 Rb1+ 41.Kh2 Rd1
42.Bb3 Rd3 43.Bc4 Rd1 44.Kg3 Bg7
45.Kxf3 Kf8 46.Ke2 Rb1 47.Ng5 Rb2+
48.Kd3 Ke8 49.Be6 Nd7 50.Nxh7 Ne5+
51.Ke4 Rb4+ 52.Kd5 Rb5+ 53.Ke4 [Draw
Agreed] ½-½

Allon,Michael (1136) - Bezuglov,Oleg
(UNR) [A45] Trompowsky Attack

2021 Michigan Open - Reserve
Lansing (2), 04.09.2021

1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 e6 3.e4 Bb4 4.Bd3 0-0
5.Bg5 h6 6.Bh4 Be7 7.Nf3 d6 8.0-0 b6
9.e5 Nfd7 10.Bxe7 Qxe7 11.Be4 d5
12.Bd3 a6 13.Ne1 Bb7 14.f4 c5 15.Be2
Nc6 16.Nf3 cxd4 17.Nxd4 Qc5 18.Bd3
Nxd4 19.Kh1 Nf5 20.Qh5 Ne3 21.Rf3 d4
22.Ne4 Bxe4 23.Bxe4 Ra7 24.Rg3 Nf5
25.Bxf5 exf5 26.Qxh6 g6 27.Rh3 1-0
Hong,Elan (1567) - Van Lent,Christopher
(UNR) [B23] Closed Sicilian

2021 Michigan Open - Reserve Lansing
(2), 04.09.2021

1.e4 c5 2.Nc3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Bxc6 dxc6
5.d3 Nf6 6.f4 e6 7.Nf3 b5 8.0-0 Qb6
9.Kh1 b4 10.Na4 Qa5 11.b3 c4 12.e5 cxb3
13.exf6 Qxa4 14.cxb3 Qb5 15.Bb2 gxf6
16.Bxf6 Rg8 17.Ne5 Qd5 18.Qe2 c5
19.Rf2 Bb7 20.Rg1 Bd6 21.Nc4 Bc7 22.f5
Kd7 23.Be5 exf5 24.Bxc7 Rae8 25.Nb6+
Kc6 26.Nxd5 Rxe2 27.Rxe2 Kxd5 28.Re7
Kd4 29.Be5+ 1-0

Hodge,Kendrick (1157) -
Lindamood,Derek (UNR) [B21] Sicilian:
Smith-Morra Gambit

2021 Michigan Open - Reserve Lansing
(2), 04.09.2021

1.e4 c5 2.f4 e6 3.Nf3 d5 4.exd5 exd5
5.Be2 Nc6 6.0-0 Nf6 7.d4 cxd4 8.Nxd4
Qb6 9.Bb5 Bc5 10.Bxc6+ bxc6 11.c3 0-0
12.Kh1 a5 13.a4 Ba6 14.Rf2 Ne4 15.Rf3
Rfe8 16.b3 Rab8 17.Nd2 Bxd4 18.Bb2
Nf2+ 19.Rxf2 Bxf2 20.Qg4 Qe3 21.c4 d4
22.Nf3 c5 23.h4 Rxb3 24.Ne5 Rxb2
25.Qf5 Rxe5 26.fxe5 Re2 27.Rf1 Re1
28.Rxe1 Qxe1+ 29.Kh2 Bg3+ 30.Kh3 Qxe5
31.Qd7 g6 32.Qd8+ Kg7 33.Qxa5 Bc8# 0-
1

Stuard,Donald (UNR) - Carter,Brandon
(1067) [B02] Alekhine's Defense

2021 Michigan Open - Reserve Lansing
(2), 04.09.2021

1.e4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5 3.e5 Nfd7 4.d4 c5
5.Nxd5 cxd4 6.Bf4 Qa5+ 7.c3 Qxd5 8.c4
Qe4+ 9.Ne2 d3 10.f3 dxe2 11.Bxe2 Qxf4
12.0-0 Qxe5 13.Qc2 Qc5+ 14.Rf2 Nc6
15.f4 Nd4 16.Qe4 Nf6 17.Qe3 Nxe2+
18.Qxe2 Ng4 19.Kh1 Nxf2+ 20.Kg1 Nh3+
21.Kh1 Nxf4 22.Qd2 Ng6 23.Rd1 Bg4
24.Rc1 Rd8 25.Qe1 Qd6 26.Qf2 Qd1+
27.Rxd1 Rxd1+ 28.Qg1 Rxg1+ 29.Kxg1 e5
30.Kf2 Bc5+ 31.Kg3 Be6 32.b3 e4 0-1

Kuhn,Tim (1656) - Lerner,Mathieu (UNR)
[B18] Classical Caro-Kann

2021 Michigan Open - Reserve Lansing
(2), 04.09.2021

1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.Nd2 dxe4 4.Nxe4 Bf5
5.Qf3 e6 6.c3 Nd7 7.Ne2 Ngf6 8.N2g3 Bg6
9.Bf4 h5 10.Bd3 h4 11.Nxf6+ Nxf6 12.Ne4
Nxe4 13.Bxe4 Bxe4 14.Qxe4 Qb6 15.0-0-
0 0-0-0 16.Bg5 Rd6 17.Bxh4 f5 18.Qf4
Rg8 19.Rhe1 Qc7 20.Qe3 Qf7 21.Bg3 Rd8
22.d5 exd5 23.Qxa7 f4 24.Qa8+ Kd7
25.Qxb7+ 1-0

Pesola,Victor (1639) - Mortimore,Jakob
(483) [E51] Nimzo-Indian: Rubinstein

2021 Michigan Open - Reserve
Lansing (2), 04.09.2021

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.e3 0-0
5.Bd2 d5 6.Nf3 Nbd7 7.Bd3 dxc4 8.Bxc4

b6 9.0-0 Bb7 10.Qe2 Rc8 11.Rfd1 Be7 12.e4 c5 13.d5 exd5 14.exd5 Re8 15.Qd3 Bd6 16.Re1 Ne5 17.Nxe5 Rxe5 18.Rxe5 Bxe5 19.Re1 Bxc3 20.Bxc3 Nxd5 21.Rd1 Qg5 22.Bxd5 Rd8 23.Qg3 Qxg3 24.hxg3 Bxd5 25.b4 c4 26.Rd4 b5 27.Rg4 g6 28.Rd4 Kf8 29.Rh4 h5 30.g4 Ke7 31.gxh5 gxh5 32.Rxh5 Be6 33.Rxb5 Rd1+ 34.Kh2 Rd3 35.Be5 Ra3 36.Rb7+ Ke8 37.Bb8 c3 38.Rc7 Bf5 39.Bxa7 c2 40.Be3 Kd8 41.Rc5 Ke7 42.Bc1 Rxa2 43.Rxf5 Ra1 44.Bb2 c1Q 45.Bxc1 Rxc1 46.Kg3 Rc4 47.b5 Rb4 48.f4 Ke6 49.Re5+ Kd6 50.Kg4 f6 51.Rf5 Ke6 52.g3 Rb3 53.Rc5 Rb4 54.Kh5 Kd6 55.Rc6+ Ke7 56.b6 Rb5+ 57.Kg6 f5 58.Rf6 Ke8 59.Kg7 Rb3 60.Rg6 Ke7 61.Rc6 Rxc3+ 62.Kh6 Rb3 63.Kg5 Rb5 64.Rh6 Kf8 65.Rc6 Ke8 66.Kf6 Kd7 67.Re6 Kd8 68.Kg6 Kd7 69.Rf6 Ke8 70.Kg7 Kd8 71.Rf8+ Kd7 72.b7 Rxb7 73.Rf7+ Kc8 74.Rxb7 Kxb7 75.Kf6 Kc8 76.Kxf5 Kd8 77.Kf6 Kd7 78.f5 Ke8 79.Kg7 1-0

Dangwal,Pranjal (1780) - Amrine,Jed (1483) [B51] Sicilian Defense: Moscow Var.

2021 Michigan Open - Reserve Lansing (2), 04.09.2021

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.Bb5+ Nd7 4.Nc3 Ngf6 5.0-0 a6 6.Bxd7+ Bxd7 7.Re1 e6 8.d4 cxd4 9.Qxd4 Be7 10.b3 0-0 11.Ba3 Rc8 12.Rac1 Qc7 13.Ne2 Bc6 14.Ng3 d5 15.Bxe7 Qxe7 16.e5 Nd7 17.Nh5 Nc5 18.Qg4 g6 19.Nf6+ Kg7 20.Qh4 Rh8 21.Qb4 Rc7 22.Re3 Qf8 23.c4 dxc4 24.Rxc4 Nd7 25.Qc3 Qd8 26.Rd3 Bxf3 27.Rxc7 Bc6 28.Rcxd7 Bxd7 29.Rxd7 Qc8 30.Qd2 b5 31.Nh5+ gxh5 32.Qg5+ Kf8 33.Qe7+ Kg8 34.Qxf7# 1-0

Round 3 Games

Kello,Joseph (557) - Wright,Eric (1397) [E47] Nimzo-Indian: Rubinstein

2021 Michigan Open - Reserve Lansing (3), 04.09.2021

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.e3 0-0 5.Bd3 Bxc3+ 6.bxc3 d5 7.Nf3 dxc4 8.Bxc4 c5 9.Ba3 Qa5 10.Qc2 Qxa3 11.0-0 cxd4 12.cxd4 Nd5 13.Rfe1 Qc3 14.Qe2 Nc6 15.Rab1 Na5 16.Rec1 Qa3 17.Bd3 Nc3 18.Bxh7+ Kh8 19.Qd3 Ne2+ [19...Nxb1 looks better!] 20.Qxe2 Kxh7 21.Rc5 f5 22.Ng5+ Kg6 23.Ne4 Nc6 24.Rb3 Nxd4 25.exd4 Qa4 26.Rg3+ Kf7 27.Qh5+ Ke7 28.Rxg7+ Kd8 29.Qg5+ 1-0

Kidwell,Patrick (1772) - Pesola,Victor (1639) [E48] Nimzo-Indian: Rubinstein

2021 Michigan Open - Reserve Lansing (3), 04.09.2021

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.e3 0-0 5.Bd3 d5 6.Nge2 dxc4 7.Bxc4 b6 8.0-0

Bb7 9.Qc2 c5 10.Rd1 Qc7 11.d5 Bxc3 12.Nxc3 exd5 13.Nxd5 Nxd5 14.Bxd5 Nd7 15.b3 Nf6 16.Bxb7 Qxb7 17.Bb2 Qe4 18.Qc3 Rfd8 19.Rd2 Rxd2 20.Qxd2 Qh4 21.f3 h6 22.Rd1 Rc8 23.g3 Qg5 24.e4 Qxd2 25.Rxd2 Rc6 26.Kf2 Kh7 27.Bxf6 Rxf6 28.e5 Re6 29.f4 Kg6 30.g4 f5 31.Kf3 b5 32.Rd5 Rc6 33.Rd6+ Rxd6 34.exd6 fxg4+ 35.Kxg4 Kf6 36.f5 c4 37.bxc4 bxc4 38.Kf4 c3 39.Ke3 Kf7 40.Kd3 Ke8 41.Kxc3 Kd7 42.Kc4 Kxd6 43.Kd4 h5 ½-½

Mathews,Jeffery (1437) - Kumar,Aditya (836) [D04] Colle System

2021 Michigan Open - Reserve Lansing (3), 04.09.2021

1.d4 d5 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.e3 Bf5 4.Bd3 Bg6 5.Ne5 e6 6.Nxg6 hxg6 7.c4 Bb4+ 8.Bd2 Bxd2+ 9.Qxd2 Nc6 10.Nc3 Qd7 11.c5 b6 12.cxb6 cxb6 13.a3 0-0-0 14.Rc1 Kb7 15.h3 g5 16.0-0 g4 17.hxg4 Nxg4 18.Qe2 e5 19.f3 e4 20.Ba6+ Kb8 21.fxg4 Qd6 22.Kf2 Qf6+ 23.Ke1 Qh4+ 24.Kd2 Qg3 25.Rh1 Rh2 26.Rxh2 Qxh2 27.Qf2 f6 28.Qf4+ Qxf4 29.exf4 Nxd4 30.Ke3 Nb3 31.Rd1 Kc7 32.Rxd5 Rxd5 33.Nxd5+ Kc6 34.Kxe4 Nc5+ 35.Kd4 Nxa6 36.Nb4+ Nxb4 37.axb4 Kd6 38.b5 g6 39.f5 g5 40.b3 Kd7 41.Kd5 1-0

Carter,Brandon (1067) -

Grzegorzczuk,Ronald (1500) [B30] Sicilian Defense

2021 Michigan Open - Reserve Lansing (3), 04.09.2021

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 Qc7 4.0-0 a6 5.Bxc6 bxc6 6.e5 e6 7.Nc3 Ne7 8.d4 Nd5 9.Ne4 cxd4 10.Qxd4 c5 11.Qd1 Bb7 12.c4 Nb6 13.Nd6+ Bxd6 14.exd6 Qc6 15.b3 f6 16.Qd2 0-0 17.Ba3 Rf7 18.Qe3 Rc8 19.Rfd1 a5 20.Ne1 e5 21.f3 a4 22.Nd3 Re8 23.Bxc5 Nc8 24.Nb4 1-0

Guilfoyle,Jeffrey (1755) - Hong,Elan (1567) [E12] Queen's Indian Defense

2021 Michigan Open - Reserve Lansing (3), 04.09.2021

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 b6 4.g3 Bb7 5.Bg2 d5 6.cxd5 exd5 7.0-0 Be7 8.Nc3 0-0 9.a3 Nbd7 10.b4 Ne4 11.Bb2 Ndf6 12.Ne5 Nxc3 13.Bxc3 Ne4 14.Bb2 Bf6 15.f3 Nd6 16.Qc2 Re8 17.Ng4 Nc4 18.e4 Nxb2 19.Nxf6+ Qxf6 20.Qxb2 dxe4 21.fxe4 Qg6 22.d5 c6 23.d6 Qxd6 24.Rad1 Qe7 25.Rf4 Rad8 26.Rdf1 f6 27.Rh4 Qe5 28.Qc2 c5 29.Qc4+ Kh8 30.Kh1 Rd4 31.Qc2 Bxe4 32.Bxe4 Rxe4 33.bxc5 Rxd4 34.gxh4 bxc5 35.Rc1 Qd5+ 36.Kg1 Qd4+ 37.Kh1 h6 38.Qxc5 Qxh4 39.Qc6 Qe4+ 40.Qxe4 Rxe4 0-1

Segal,Leonardo (1471) - Kellogg,Eric (1098) [B23] Closed Sicilian

2021 Michigan Open - Reserve Lansing (3), 04.09.2021

1.e4 c5 2.Nc3 Nc6 3.Bb5 e6 4.Bxc6 bxc6 5.d3 d5 6.f4 d4 7.Nce2 Nh6 8.Nf3 Be7 9.0-0 0-0 10.Ne5 Bb7 11.f5 Bd6 12.Nc4 Bxh2+ 13.Kxh2 Qh4+ 14.Kg1 Ng4 15.Bf4 exf5 16.Bg3 Qh6 17.Rxf5 Ba6 18.Bf4 Qe6 19.Nxd4 cxd4 20.Qxg4 Bxc4 21.dxc4 Qxe4 22.Rg5 g6 23.Kf2 f6 24.Rc5 g5 25.Re1 Qxf4+ 26.Qxf4 gxf4 27.Rxc6 Rac8 28.Rxc8 Rxc8 29.b3 Kf7 30.Kf3 Rc6 31.Kxf4 a5 32.Rd1 Rd6 33.Rd2 Ke6 34.Ke4 f5+ 35.Kf4 h6 36.Re2+ Kf6 37.Re5 d3 38.Rxf5+ Ke6 39.cxd3 Rxd3 40.Re5+ Kf6 41.Rd5 Rc3 42.Rxa5 1-0

Swathell,Gary (1579) - Dangwal,Pranjal (1780) [E11] Bogo-Indian

2021 Michigan Open - Reserve Lansing (3), 04.09.2021

1.Nf3 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.d4 Bb4+ 4.Bd2 c5 5.a3 Bxd2+ 6.Qxd2 cxd4 7.Nxd4 Nc6 8.Nxc6 bxc6 9.Nc3 d5 10.e3 Ba6 11.cxd5 Bxf1 12.Rxf1 cxd5 13.0-0-0 Rc8 14.Kb1 0-0 15.h3 Qb6 16.Qd4 Qb3 17.Qb4 Rxc3 18.Qxc3 Qb6 19.f3 a5 20.Rc1 Ne8 21.Qc5 Qa6 22.Qc6 Qd3+ 23.Ka1 Qxe3 24.Qc3 Qe2 25.Qc2 Qb5 26.Qc5 Qa6 27.Qc6 Qe2 ½-½

Round 4 Games

Lindamood,Derek (UNR)-

Wilson,Richard (1500) [B75] Sicilian

Dragon: Yugoslav Attack

2021 Michigan Open - Reserve Lansing (4), 04.09.2021

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 g6 6.f3 Bg7 7.Be3 Nc6 8.Qd2 Bd7 9.Nb3 0-0 10.Bh6 Rc8 11.Bxg7 Kxg7 12.0-0-0 a5 13.h4 Rh8 14.g4 Ne5 15.Be2 a4 16.Nd4 Qa5 17.h5 a3 18.Nd5 axb2+ 19.Kxb2 Qxd2 20.Rxd2 Nxd5 21.exd5 Nc4+ 22.Kc1 Nxd2 23.Kxd2 Rc5 24.c4 Ra8 25.Ke3 Rxa2 26.h6+ Kf6 27.f4 e6 28.g5+ Ke7 29.Rb1 exd5 30.Rxb7 Ra3+ 31.Kd2 Kd8 32.Nb5 Bxb5 33.cxb5 Rc7 34.Rb6 Re7 35.Rxd6+ Kc7 36.Rxd5 Ra2+ 37.Kc3 Raxe2 38.f5 R2e5 39.f6 Rxd5 40.fxe7 Re5 41.Kc4 Rxe7 42.Kc5 Re5+ 0-1

Raese,Robert - Solski,Jeffery (1381)

[A04] King's Indian Attack

2021 Michigan Open - Reserve Lansing (4), 04.09.2021

1.Nf3 e6 2.g3 Bc5 3.Bg2 c6 4.0-0 Nf6 5.d3 h6 6.Nbd2 d5 7.e4 Na6 8.d4 Bb6 9.e5 Ne4 10.c3 f5 11.Nxe4 fxe4 12.Nh4 Kd7 13.Qh5 Kc7 14.f3 Nc5 15.fxe4 Nxe4 16.Bxe4 dxe4 17.Rf7+ Bd7 18.Qg6 Qe8 19.Qxg7 Rg8 20.Qf6 Rf8 21.Rxf8 Qxf8 22.Bxh6 Qd8 23.Rf1 Be8 24.Qxe6 Bxd4+ 25.cxd4 Qxd4+ 26.Kh1 e3 27.Qd6+ Qxd6

28.exd6+ Kxd6 29.Bxe3 Kc7 30.Rf8 b6
31.Nf5 c5 32.Ng7 Bc6+ 33.Kg1 Kd7
34.Rxa8 Bxa8 35.Bg5 Be4 36.Kf2 Bb1
37.a3 a5 38.Ke3 b5 39.h4 a4 40.h5 b4
41.axb4 cxb4 42.h6 a3 43.bxa3 b3 44.a4
Bc2 45.Bf6 Kc6 46.Ne6 Kd6 47.Ng5 Kc5
48.a5 Kb4 49.a6 1-0

Davis,Jeffery (1726) - Hong,Elan (1567)
[C10] French Defense

2021 Michigan Open - Reserve

Lansing (4), 04.09.2021

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nc3 dxe4 4.Nxe4 Nd7
5.Nf3 Ngf6 6.Bd3 Nxe4 7.Bxe4 Nf6 8.Bd3
c5 9.dxc5 Bxc5 10.0-0 h6 11.Qe2 0-0
12.Be3 Qc7 13.h3 b6 14.c3 Bb7 15.Bxc5
Qxc5 16.Rad1 Nh5 17.Be4 Ng3 18.Qd2
Nxf1 19.Rxf1 Bxe4 0-1

Kuhn,Tim (1656) - Mortimore,Jakob
(483) [B50] Sicilian Defense

2021 Michigan Open - Reserve

Lansing (4), 04.09.2021

1.e4 c5 2.Nc3 Nc6 3.g3 Nf6 4.Nf3 d6
5.Bg2 e5 6.d3 Be7 7.Nd5 Nxd5 8.exd5
Nb4 9.c4 0-0 10.a3 Na6 11.Bd2 Bg4 12.h3
Bh5 13.g4 Bg6 14.Qe2 Re8 15.h4 f5 16.h5
fxg4 17.hxg6 gxf3 18.Bxf3 h6 19.0-0
Bg5 20.Rdg1 Bxd2+ 21.Qxd2 Rf8 22.Bg4
Nc7 23.Rxh6 gxh6 24.Qxh6 Qe7 25.g7
Qxg7 26.Be6+ Nxe6 27.Qxe6+ Rf7
28.Rxg7+ Kxg7 29.Qxd6 Rxf2 30.Qxe5+
Kf7 31.Qh5+ Ke7 32.Qg5+ Kf7 33.d6 Rg8
34.Qe7+ Kg6 35.d7 Kh5 36.Qh7+ 1-0

Zaczkowski,Paul (1556) - Wilson,Max
(1772) [B90] Sicilian Najdorf

2021 Michigan Open - Reserve

Lansing (4), 04.09.2021

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6
5.Nc3 a6 6.a4 Nc6 7.Nxc6 bxc6 8.a5 e6
9.Be3 Nd7 10.Qg4 d5 11.exd5 cxd5
12.Qa4 Bd6 13.Bd3 0-0 14.Ne4 Be5 15.c3
Rb8 16.Ng5 h6 17.Qh4 Bf6 18.f4 e5
19.Bh7+ Kh8 20.Qh5 Bxg5 21.fxg5 Kxh7
22.gxh6 g6 23.Qe2 Qh4+ 24.g3 Qe4 25.0-
0-0 Nc5 26.b4 Nb3+ 27.Kb2 Nxa5
28.Rhe1 Nc4+ 29.Kb3 Be6 30.Bc5 Qxe2
31.Rxe2 Rfc8 32.Kc2 Rxc5 0-1

Pesola,Victor (1639) - Whitworth,John
(1776) [D07] Queen's Gambit: Chigorin
Defense

2021 Michigan Open - Reserve

Lansing (4), 04.09.2021

1.d4 d5 2.c4 Nc6 3.Nf3 Bg4 4.cxd5 Bxf3
5.exf3 Qxd5 6.Be3 e5 7.Nc3 Bb4 8.dxe5
Qxe5 9.Rc1 Nf6 10.Bc4 Rd8 11.Qa4 0-0
12.0-0 a6 13.Be2 Bxc3 14.Rxc3 Nd5
15.Rb3 Nxe3 16.fxe3 Rd2 17.f4 Qf5
18.Bf3 Na5 19.Ra3 b6 20.Qb4 Rfd8
21.Rc3 Qf6 22.Qa3 c5 23.Qa4 Rxb2
24.Rd3 g6 25.Rxd8+ Qxd8 26.Rd1 Qe7

27.e4 Qe6 28.Rd8+ Kg7 29.Qa3 Qf6
30.Qd3 Rb4 31.g3 Qa1+ 32.Bd1 Nc6
33.Rd6 Rd4 34.Rxd4 Qxd4+ 35.Qxd4+
Nxd4 36.e5 f6 37.Kf2 fxe5 38.fxe5 Kf7
39.Ke3 Ke6 40.Ke4 h5 41.g4 h4 42.g5 b5
43.Bg4+ Nf5 44.Bxf5+ gxf5+ 45.Kf4 c4
46.g6 c3 47.Ke3 f4+ 48.Kd3 0-1

Grzegorzczuk,Ronald (1500) - Liu,Aaron
(1056) [C47] Scotch Four Knights

2021 Michigan Open - Reserve

Lansing (4), 04.09.2021

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.d3 h6 5.g3
Bb4 6.a3 Bxc3+ 7.bxc3 d5 8.Qe2 0-0
9.Bg2 dxe4 10.dxe4 Bg4 11.h3 Bh5 12.0-
0 Qe7 13.Qe3 Rad8 14.Nh4 Bg6 15.a4 b6
16.Ba3 Qe6 17.Bxf8 Rxf8 18.Nxg6 fxf6
19.Rfd1 Nd7 20.Kh2 Nc5 21.Rd2 Qc4
22.f3 Qf7 23.a5 Ne6 24.axb6 axb6 25.Rf1
Na5 26.Qe2 h5 27.h4 g5 28.hxg5 Nxg5
29.f4 exf4 30.Rxf4 Qg6 31.Rxf8+ Kxf8
32.Rd8+ Ke7 33.Qd3 Qc6 34.Rd5 Kf6
35.Qe3 Ne6 36.Qf3+ Ke7 37.Qxh5 Qxc3
38.Qh4+ Qf6 39.Qxf6+ gxf6 40.Bh3 c6
41.Rd2 Nc4 42.Rd3 Ne5 43.Rb3 b5
44.Bxe6 Kxe6 45.Kg2 f5 46.exf5+ Kxf5
47.Kf2 Ke4 48.Ke2 Nc4 49.c3 Ne5
50.Rb4+ Nc4 51.Rb1 Ne3 52.Rh1 Nd5
53.Rh4+ Kf5 54.Kd3 c5 55.Rh5+ Ke6 ½-½

Round 5 Games

Booher,Tyler (1223) - Sadipirala,Jignesh
(UNR) [B01] Scandinavian Defense

2021 Michigan Open - Reserve

Lansing (5), 05.09.2021

1.e4 d5 2.exd5 Qxd5 3.Nc3 Qa5 4.d4 e6
5.Nf3 c5 6.dxc5 Bxc5 7.Bd2 Qb6 8.Bb5+
Nc6 9.0-0 Nf6 10.Bxc6+ Qxc6 11.Bg5 Ne4
12.Nxe4 Qxe4 13.Qd8# 1-0

Thompson,Samuel (1338) - Kuhn,Tim
(1656) [A01] Nimzovich-Larsen Opening

2021 Michigan Open - Reserve

Lansing (5), 05.09.2021

1.b3 d5 2.Bb2 Bf5 3.e3 c5 4.Ne2 Nc6 5.d3
e5 6.Nd2 Bd6 7.g3 Nge7 8.Bg2 0-0 9.a3
Be6 10.h3 f5 11.c4 d4 12.e4 f4 13.gxf4
exf4 14.Nf3 Ng6 15.Neg1 Nce5 16.Kd2
Nh4 17.Rh2 b5 18.cxb5 Nhg6 19.Nxe5
Nxe5 20.Nf3 Qa5+ 21.b4 Qxb5 22.Nxe5
Bxe5 23.Qh5 Qb8 24.Bf3 c4 25.Bg4 Bf7
26.Qg5 f3 27.Kc2 cxd3+ 28.Kd1 Bf4
29.Qe7 Qb5 30.Bxf3 Bb3+ 31.Ke1 d2# 0-
1

Zaczkowski,Paul (1556) - Kellogg,Erik
(1098) [D48] Semi-Slav

2021 Michigan Open - Reserve

Lansing (5), 05.09.2021

1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.Nf3 Nf6 4.Nc3 e6 5.e3
Nbd7 6.Bd3 dxc4 7.Bxc4 b5 8.Bd3 Bb7
9.0-0 a6 10.e4 c5 11.e5 Nd5 12.Re1 Be7

13.Nxd5 Bxd5 14.Bf4 Rc8 15.a4 c4 16.Be4
Bxe4 17.Rxe4 Nb6 18.axb5 axb5 19.Bd2
Nd5 20.Qe1 Ra8 21.Rg4 g6 22.Bh6 Nb4
23.h4 Nd3 24.Qb1 Rxa1 25.Qxa1 Qb8
26.Nd2 f5 27.exf6 Bxf6 28.Qa6 Kf7
29.Ne4 Rd8 30.Nxf6 Kxf6 31.Bg5+ Kf7
32.Bxd8 Qxd8 33.Qxb5 Qc7 34.d5 Qe5
35.dxe6+ Qxe6 36.Qxc4 Qxc4 37.Rxc4
Nxb2 38.Rc7+ Kg8 39.g4 Nd3 40.Kg2 Nf4+
41.Kf3 Nd5 42.Ra7 h6 43.Ke4 Nf6+ 44.Kf4
Kh8 45.f3 Kg8 1-0

Kling,John (1390) - Davis,Jeffery (1726)
[D40] QGD

2021 Michigan Open - Reserve

Lansing (5), 05.09.2021

1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.Nf3 Be7 5.e3
0-0 6.Bd3 dxc4 7.Bxc4 c5 8.0-0 Nc6
9.dxc5 Bxc5 10.Qc2 a6 11.b3 b5 12.Be2
Nb4 13.Qb1 Bb7 14.a3 Nbd5 15.Nxd5
Nxd5 16.b4 Bb6 17.Bb2 Nf6 18.Rd1 Qe7
19.Bd4 Bxd4 20.Nxd4 Rac8 21.Qb2 Rc7
22.Rac1 Rfc8 23.Bf3 Bxf3 24.Nxf3 Nd5
25.Nd4 Nc3 26.Rd2 Rc4 27.Kf1 Na4
28.Rxc4 Rxc4 29.Qb1 Qc7 30.Nb3 g6
31.Qa1 Rc2 32.Rxc2 Qxc2 33.Nd4 Qd3+
34.Ne2 Nb6 35.Qc3 Qb1+ 36.Qc1 Qb3
37.Nd4 Qd3+ 38.Ne2 Nc4 39.Ke1 Nxa3
40.Qc8+ Kg7 41.Qc3+ Qxc3+ 42.Nxc3
Nc2+ 43.Kd2 Nxb4 44.Ne4 Nc6 45.Kc3 Kf8
46.Nf6 h5 47.Ne4 Ke7 48.f4 f6 49.Nc5 a5
50.Ne4 e5 51.f5 gxf5 52.Ng3 f4 53.exf4
exf4 54.Nxh5 f3 55.gxf3 a4 56.Nf4 b4+
57.Kb2 a3+ 58.Kb3 Kd6 59.Ka2 Ke5
60.Nd3+ Kd4 0-1

Liu,Aaron (1056) - Wright,Eric (1397)
[C01] French Exchange

2021 Michigan Open - Reserve

Lansing (5), 05.09.2021

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.exd5 exd5 4.c4 Nf6
5.Nc3 Bb4 6.Bg5 Bxc3+ 7.bxc3 Qe7+
8.Be2 0-0 9.Be3 dxc4 10.Bxc4 Ne4
11.Ne2 Nc6 12.0-0 a6 13.Qc2 Bf5 14.Bd3
Bg6 15.Nf4 Nf6 16.Nxg6 fxf6 17.Rab1 b5
18.a4 Na7 19.axb5 Nxb5 20.Bxb5 axb5
21.Rxb5 c6 22.Qb3+ Qf7 23.Qxf7+ Rxf7
24.Rb6 Rc8 25.c4 Re7 26.Bg5 Re4 27.Bxf6
gxf6 28.Rd1 Rc7 29.f3 Re6 30.d5 Rd6
31.Ra1 Kf7 32.Raa6 Ke7 33.Rxc6 Rdx6
34.Rxc6 Rxc6 35.dxc6 Kd6 36.c7 Kxc7
37.Kf2 Kc6 38.Ke3 Kc5 39.Kd3 h5 40.h4
g5 41.g3 Kc6 42.Kd4 gxh4 43.gxh4 f5
44.c5 f4 45.Ke4 Kxc5 46.Kxf4 Kd5 47.Kf5
Kd6 48.f4 Ke7 49.Kg6 Kf8 50.Kf6 Kg8
51.Ke7 1-0

Round 6 Games

Wright,Eric (1397) - Bharath,Ashrita
(859) [A06] Reti Opening

2021 Michigan Open - Reserve

Lansing (6), 06.10.2021

1.Nf3 d5 2.d3 Nf6 3.Bf4 c5 4.Nbd2 Nc6
5.e4 dxe4 6.dxe4 Bg4 7.Bb5 Qb6 8.Bxc6+
Qxc6 9.e5 Ne4 10.Qc1 Nxd2 11.Nxd2
Qxg2 12.Rf1 Rd8 13.b3 e6 14.Qb2 Be7
15.f3 Bh4+ 16.Bg3 Qxd2# 0-1

Kellogg,Alexander (UNR) - Solski,Jeffery
(1381) [C02] French Advance

2021 Michigan Open - Reserve
Lansing (6), 06.10.2021

1.e4 c5 2.c3 e6 3.d4 cxd4 4.cxd4 d5 5.e5
f6 6.Nf3 Nc6 7.Bb5 Bd7 8.exf6 Nxf6 9.0-
0 Be7 10.Ne5 0-0 11.Nxd7 Qxd7 12.Be3
Rac8 13.Nd2 Bd6 14.Nf3 Qc7 15.Rc1 Qb8
16.Bd3 e5 17.dxe5 Nxe5 18.Bf5 Rce8
19.h3 Nxf3+ 20.Qxf3 g6 21.Bd7 Nxd7
22.Qxd5+ Rf7 23.Rcd1 Bh2+ 24.Kh1 Nb6
25.Bxb6 axb6 26.g3 Bxg3 27.fxg3 Ref8
28.Rxf7 Rxf7 29.Rf1 Qe8 30.Kg2 Qe2+ 0-
1

Grzegorzcyk,Ronald (1500) -

Allon,Michael (1136) [C47] Scotch Four
Knights

2021 Michigan Open - Reserve
Lansing (6), 06.10.2021

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.d3 Bc5
5.h3 d6 6.Qe2 Nd4 7.Nxd4 exd4 8.Nd1 0-
0 9.f4 Re8 10.g4 d5 11.Bg2 dxe4 12.dxe4
Bd7 13.Qd3 Nxe4 14.Bxe4 Qh4+ 15.Kd2
Bb4+ 16.c3 dxc3+ 17.Nxc3 Rad8 18.Kc2
Ba4+ 19.Nxa4 Rxd3 20.Bxd3 Qf2+ 21.Kb3
Qd4 22.Bf5 g6 23.Bc2 Ba5 24.a3 Qd5# 0-
1

Pesola,Victor (1639) - Shilling,Justin
(1429) [B21] Sicilian Defense-Smith
Morra Gambit

2021 Michigan Open - Reserve
Lansing (6), 06.10.2021

1.d4 c5 2.e4 cxd4 3.Nf3 e5 4.Bc4 Be7 5.0-
0 Nc6 6.c3 Qb6 7.cxd4 exd4 8.Qe2 d6
9.e5 dxe5 10.Nxe5 Nxe5 11.Qxe5 Qf6
12.Qb5+ Qc6 13.Na3 a6 14.Qb3 Bxa3
15.Bxf7+ Kf8 16.bxa3 Qc3 17.a4 Qxb3
18.Bxb3 Bf5 19.Ba3+ Ke8 20.Rfe1+ Kd7
21.Re5 Nh6 22.Rc1 Rhc8 23.Rd5+ Ke8
24.Re1+ 1-0

Juntti,Alex (UNR) - Kling,John (1340)
[C11] Classical French Defense

2021 Michigan Open - Reserve
Lansing (6), 06.10.2021

1.e4 e6 2.Nf3 d5 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.e5 Nfd7
5.d4 c5 6.dxc5 Bxc5 7.Bd3 Nc6 8.Bf4 Qb6
9.0-0 Qxb2 10.Nb5 0-0 11.Bxh7+ Kh8
12.Qd3 Ncxe5 13.Nxe5 Nxe5 14.Qh3 Ng4
15.Bd3+ Nh6 16.Bxh6 e5 17.Bxg7+ Kxg7
18.Qh7+ Kf6 19.Rfb1 Qxa1 20.Rxa1 e4
21.Qh6+ Ke7 22.Be2 Be6 23.Nc7 Rac8
24.Nxe6 fxe6 25.Rf1 Bd4 26.Bg4 Rf6
27.Qg7+ Kd6 28.Bd1 Rc7 29.Qg3+ e5
30.Kh1 e3 31.f4 e4 32.f5+ Kc6 33.Qg5 Kb6

34.Re1 Kb5 35.Rxe3 Bxe3 36.Qxf6 Bf2
37.Qe6 Kc4 38.f6 Rc6 39.Qe7 Bh4
40.Qxb7 Rxf6 41.g3 Rf1+ 42.Kg2 Rxd1
43.gxh4 e3 44.Qb3+ 1-0

Rease,Rob (UNR) - Swathell,Gary (1579)
[A07] Reti Opening

2021 Michigan Open - Reserve
Lansing (6), 06.10.2021

1.Nf3 Nf6 2.g3 c6 3.Bg2 d5 4.0-0 g6 5.d3
Bg7 6.Nbd2 0-0 7.c3 Bd7 8.e4 dxe4
9.dxe4 Qc8 10.Re1 Bg4 11.Qc2 Nbd7
12.h3 Be6 13.b3 Nb6 14.Ng5 Bd7 15.Kh2
h6 16.Ngf3 a5 17.Bb2 c5 18.c4 a4 19.e5
Nh7 20.Ne4 Bf5 21.g4 axb3 22.axb3 Rxa1
23.Rxa1 Bxe4 24.Qxe4 f5 25.exf6 Nxf6
26.Qxg6 Qe6 27.Ne5 Qd6 28.Bxb7 Nxb4+
29.Qxg4 Rxf2+ 30.Kg1 Rxb2 31.Rd1 Qxe5
32.Rd8+ Kf7 33.Qf3+ Bf6 34.Bd5+ Nxd5
35.Rxd5 Qe1+ 36.Qf1 Qxf1+ 37.Kxf1 Rxb3
38.Rxc5 Rxh3 0-1

Lindemood,Derek (UNR) -

Thompson,Samuel (1336) [A04] QP
Game

2021 Michigan Open - Reserve
Lansing (6), 06.10.2021

1.e4 b6 2.d4 Bb7 3.f3 e6 4.c4 d6 5.Be3 g6
6.Nc3 Bg7 7.Bd3 Ne7 8.Nge2 Nd7 9.Qd2
h6 10.d5 e5 11.b4 a5 12.a4 axb4 13.Nb5
Nc5 14.Nc1 c6 15.dxc6 Nxc6 16.Bc2 Ke7
17.0-0 Qd7 18.Ra2 Qe6 19.Nc7 Qxc4
20.Nxa8 Rxa8 21.Bxc5 dxc5 22.Bb3 Qd4+
23.Qxd4 exd4 24.Bd5 Ra7 25.Nd3 Ba6
26.Rd1 Ne5 27.Nxe5 Bxe5 28.a5 b5 29.g3
g5 30.Rf1 d3 31.f4 gxf4 32.gxf4 Bd4+
33.Kg2 c4 34.e5 b3 35.Raa1 b2 36.Rab1
c3 37.Be4 b4 38.f5 c2 39.f6+ Kf8 40.Rbe1
Bc3 41.e6 fxe6 42.Bg6 Bxe1 43.Rxe1 Bc4
44.Be4 Bd5 0-1

Sundeen,David (1600) - Liu,Aaron (1056)
[C30] King's Gambit Declined

2021 Michigan Open - Reserve
Lansing (6), 06.10.2021

1.e4 e5 2.f4 Bc5 3.Nf3 Nc6 4.Nc3 d6 5.f5
Nf6 6.d3 h6 7.h3 0-0 8.Na4 Bb6 9.Nxb6
axb6 10.Be2 d5 11.Nd2 Nb4 12.a3 Na6
13.Bf3 Nc5 14.0-0 dxe4 15.dxe4 Bd7
16.Qe1 Bc6 17.Qg3 Bxe4 18.Nxe4 Nfxe4
19.Qxe5 Re8 20.Qf4 Qd4+ 21.Kh2 Qe5
22.Qxe5 Rxe5 23.Bf4 Re7 24.Rae1 Rae8
25.b4 Na4 26.Rxe4 Rxe4 27.Bxe4 Rxe4
28.Bxc7 Rc4 29.Be5 Rxc2 30.Rf3 Kh7
31.Kg3 Nb2 32.Bxb2 Rxb2 33.Rc3 Ra2
34.Kf3 g6 35.fxg6+ Kxg6 36.g3 f5 37.g4
fxg4+ 38.hxg4 Kg5 39.Rd3 Ra1 40.Rd5+
Kf6 41.Rf5+ Kg6 42.Rb5 Rxa3+ 43.Kf4 Rb3
44.Rxb6+ Kg7 45.Rxb7+ Kf6 46.Rb6+ Kg7
47.b5 Kh7 48.Rb7+ Kg6 49.Rb8 Kf6
50.Rb6+ Kg7 51.Rb7+ Kf6 52.b6 Rb4+
53.Kg3 Rb3+ 54.Kh4 Kg6 55.Rb8 Rb5
56.b7 Kg7 ½-½

Round 7 Games

Kling,John (1390) - Kellogg,Alexander
(UNR) [E38] Nimzo-Indian Classical

2021 Michigan Open - Reserve
Lansing (7), 06.09.2021

1.d4 e6 2.c4 Nf6 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.Nf3 0-0
5.Qc2 d5 6.e3 c5 7.a3 cxd4 8.Nxd4 Bxc3+
9.Qxc3 Nc6 10.Nxc6 bxc6 11.Bd3 Re8
12.0-0 e5 13.cxd5 cxd5 14.b4 Bb7 15.Bb2
Rc8 16.Qb3 Qd6 17.Rfd1 Ng4 18.Be2 Qg6
19.h3 Nf6 20.Bf3 Ne4 21.Qd3 Ng5
22.Qxg6 Nxf3+ 23.gxf3 hxg6 24.Rac1 Rc4
25.Rxc4 dxc4 26.Kg2 Re7 27.Rc1 e4
28.Rxc4 exf3+ 29.Kg3 Ba6 30.Rc5 Be2
31.Bd4 Kh7 32.Kf4 a6 33.h4 f5 34.Be5
Kh6 35.Rc6 Kh7 36.h5 g5+ 37.Kxf5 Bd3+
38.e4 Rf7+ 39.Kxg5 Bxe4 40.Re6 Rf5+
41.Kg4 Bd3 42.Re7 Kg8 43.Rxg7+ Kf8
44.Rg5 Rxg5+ 45.Kxg5 Kg8 46.Kf4 Be2
47.h6 Kh7 48.Bg7 Kg6 49.a4 Kf7 50.b5
axb5 51.axb5 Bxb5 52.Kxf3 Bd3 53.Kf4
Bh7 54.Ke5 Bg8 55.f4 Bh7 56.Bf6 Bg8
57.Kf5 Bh7+ 58.Kg5 Bg8 59.Bd8 Bh7 60.f5
Bg8 ½-½

Schilling,Justin (1429) - Zaczkowski,Paul
(1556) [D13] Slav Defense: Exchange

2021 Michigan Open - Reserve
Lansing (7), 06.09.2021

1.d4 Nf6 2.Nf3 c5 3.c3 cxd4 4.cxd4 e6
5.Nc3 d5 6.Bg5 Be7 7.e3 0-0 8.Bd3 h6
9.Bh4 Ne8 10.Bg3 Nc6 11.a3 f5 12.0-0
Nf6 13.Ne2 Ne4 14.Nf4 Qe8 15.Bb5 g5
16.Nd3 Bd7 17.h3 Nxb3 18.fxg3 Nxd4
19.Nxd4 Bxb5 20.Nxe6 Bd6 21.Nxf8
Qxe3+ 22.Nf2 d4 23.Qh5 Bxg3 24.Qg6+
Kxf8 25.Qxh6+ Ke7 26.Rae1 Bxf2+ 27.Kh2
Bxe1 28.Qh7+ Kd6 29.Qg6+ Kc7 30.Qf7+
Kb6 31.Rxf5 Bg3+ 0-1

Carter,Brandon (1067) - Pesola,Victor
(1639) [B52] Sicilian Defense: Moscow
Var.

2021 Michigan Open - Reserve
Lansing (7), 06.09.2021

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.Bb5+ Bd7 4.Bxd7+
Nxd7 5.d4 cxd4 6.Nxd4 Ngf6 7.Qd3 g6
8.Be3 Bg7 9.Nc3 0-0 10.f3 a6 11.Qd2 Ne5
12.b3 Rc8 13.Nce2 Nc6 14.Nxc6 Rxc6
15.Nd4 Rc8 16.0-0 e5 17.Ne2 d5 18.Bg5
dxe4 19.Qxd8 Rfxd8 20.fxe4 Rxc2
21.Rad1 Rxd1 22.Rxd1 h6 23.Bxf6 Bxf6
24.Re1 Bd8 25.Kf1 Bb6 26.Rc1 Rxa2
27.Nc3 Rf2+ 28.Ke1 Rxd2 0-1

Mathews,Jeffery (1473) - Juntti,Alex
(UNR) [B08] Classical Pirc Defense

2021 Michigan Open - Reserve
Lansing (7), 06.09.2021

1.d4 Nf6 2.Nf3 g6 3.Nc3 Bg7 4.e4 d6
5.Bc4 Bg4 6.h3 Bxf3 7.Qxf3 e5 8.dxe5
dxe5 9.Bg5 c6 10.0-0 0-0 11.Rad1 Qe7

12.Rd3 b5 13.Bxb5 cxb5 14.Nd5 Qe6
15.Nxf6+ Bxf6 16.Qxf6 Qxf6 17.Bxf6 Nc6
18.c3 Rfe8 19.g4 Re6 20.g5 h6 21.h4 Kf8
22.Rfd1 Ke8 23.Rd6 hxg5 24.hxg5 Rxd6
25.Rxd6 Rc8 26.Rd5 b4 27.c4 Nd4 28.b3
Ne2+ 29.Kf1 Nc3 30.Rxe5+ Kf8 31.f3 Nxa2
32.Ra5 Nc1 33.Rxa7 Rb8 34.c5 Nxb3
35.c6 Ke8 36.Re7+ Kf8 37.c7 Rc8 38.Rd7
1-0

Collins, Charles (1600) - Liu, Aaron (1056)
[D30] QGD

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1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.g3 c5 4.Bg2 Nf6 5.Nf3
Nc6 6.0-0 Be7 7.cxd5 exd5 8.dxc5 Bxc5
9.Qc2 Bb6 10.Rd1 0-0 11.e3 Bg4 12.Nc3
d4 13.Nb5 d3 14.Rxd3 Nb4 15.Rxd8 Nxc2
16.Rxf8+ Kxf8 17.Rb1 Rd8 18.Nfd4 Bxd4
19.Nxd4 b6 20.Bd2 Nxd4 21.exd4 Rxd4
22.Bc3 Rd6 23.Bb4 Ke7 24.Bxd6+ Kxd6
25.f4 Be6 26.a3 Kc5 27.Rc1+ Kd6 28.Rc6+
Kd7 29.Rc3 Kd6 30.b4 Bf5 31.h3 Ne4
32.Bxe4 Bxe4 33.Kf2 h5 34.g4 hxg4
35.hxg4 g6 36.Ke3 Bd5 37.Kd4 Be6 38.g5
b5 39.Rc5 a6 40.Rc3 Bf5 41.Rc5 Be6 42.a4
bxa4 43.Ra5 Kc6 44.Rxa4 Kb5 45.Ra5+
Kxb4 46.Rxa6 Kb5 47.Rxe6 1-0

Wilson, Max (1772) - Harkema, Scott
(1650) [B93] Sicilian Najdorf

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1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6
5.Nc3 g6 6.Be2 a6 7.f4 Nbd7 8.f5 b5 9.a3
Bb7 10.Bf3 Ne5 11.Bf4 Nfd7 12.0-0 Bg7
13.h4 Qb6 14.Nce2 gxf5 15.Be3 fxe4
16.Nf5 Qxe3+ 17.Nxe3 exf3 18.Nd4 fxg2
19.Rf2 Rg8 20.Ndf5 Bf8 21.a4 b4 22.c3
bxc3 23.bxc3 Nc5 24.Nd5 Rg6 25.Rxg2
Rxg2+ 26.Kxg2 e6 27.Kh3 Bxd5 28.Nd4
Ncd3 29.Qb1 Kd7 30.c4 Nf2+ 31.Kg3
Ne4+ 32.Kh3 Nxc4 33.Qf1 f5 34.Qe2 Bg7
35.Rd1 Be5 36.Nxf5 Rg8 37.Rxd5 exd5
38.h5 Rg5 39.Qf3 Ncd2 40.Qe3 Rxh5+
41.Kg2 Rg5+ 42.Kh3 Rxf5 43.Qa7+ Ke6
44.a5 Rf3+ 45.Kg2 Rg3+ 46.Kh1 Rh3+
47.Kg2 Rh2+ 0-1

Hong, Elan (1567) - Segal, Leo (1471)
[B14] Caro-Kann: Panov-Botvinnik Attack

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1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.exd5 cxd5 4.c4 Nf6
5.Nc3 e6 6.Bg5 Be7 7.Nf3 Nc6 8.Be2 dxc4
9.Bxc4 a6 10.0-0 b5 11.Bb3 0-0 12.a3
Bb7 13.Qd3 Na5 14.Bc2 g6 15.Rfd1 Nc4
16.Rab1 Rc8 17.Ne5 Nd5 18.Bxe7 Qxe7
19.Nxd5 Bxd5 20.Nxc4 Bxc4 21.Qe3 Rfd8
22.Rd2 Rd6 23.Rbd1 Rcd8 24.f3 Qd7
25.Bb3 Bxb3 26.Qxb3 Rd5 27.f4 f6 28.g3
Kg7 29.Re1 e5 30.fxe5 fxe5 31.Rde2 Qa7
32.Rxe5 Rxe5 33.Rxe5 Qxd4+ 34.Re3 Re8
35.Qc3 Qxc3 36.Rxc3 Re2 37.Rc7+ Kh6
38.Ra7 Rxb2 39.Rxa6 Kh5 40.Rd6 g5
41.Rd3 Rb1+ 42.Kg2 b4 43.axb4 Rxb4
44.Rd2 Rb5 45.h3 Kg6 46.g4 ½-½

Rajadhyak, Samedh (859) -
Sundeen, David (1600) [D02] QP Game

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1.d4 d5 2.Nf3 e6 3.g3 c5 4.Be3 c4 5.Bg2
Nf6 6.0-0 Be7 7.c3 Bd7 8.Nbd2 0-0 9.Ne5
Nc6 10.Bg5 Nxe5 11.dxe5 Ng4 12.Bxe7
Qxe7 13.e3 Nxe5 14.e4 Bc6 15.Re1 Nd3
16.Re3 Nxb2 17.exd5 Nxd1 18.Rxd1 Qc5
19.dxc6 bxc6 20.Ne4 Qe7 21.Ree1 Rab8
22.a4 Rfe8 23.Nd2 Qc5 24.Ne4 Qe7
25.Nd2 g6 26.Nxc4 Red8 27.Ne5 Rxd1
28.Rxd1 Rd8 29.Rxd8+ Qxd8 30.Bxc6 Qd6
31.f4 f6 32.Ng4 Qxc6 33.Nxf6+ Kg7
34.Ng4 Qxa4 35.Kg2 Qc2+ 36.Kh3 a5
37.Kh4 a4 38.h3 a3 39.c4 a2 40.c5 Qf5
41.Nf6 Qxf6+ 42.Kg4 a1Q 43.h4 Qf5+
44.Kf3 Qf1+ 0-1

Grzegorzczak, Ronald (1500) -
Sadipirala, Jignesh (UNR) [C47] Scotch
Game

2021 Michigan Open - Reserve
Lansing (7), 06.10.2021

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Nc3 Bc5 4.Be2 Nf6
5.0-0 d5 6.exd5 Nxd5 7.Ne4 Bb6 8.Bb5
Bd7 9.c4 Nf6 10.d3 Nxe4 11.dxe4 0-0
12.Qc2 Nd4 13.Nxd4 Bxd4 14.Bxd7 Qxd7
15.Bd2 Rad8 16.Bc3 c5 17.Bxd4 exd4
18.Qd3 Rfe8 19.Rae1 Re6 20.Re2 Rde8
21.Rfe1 Qe7 22.f4 a6 23.f5 Rd6 24.e5 Rc6
25.Qg3 Kh8 26.f6 gxf6 27.exf6 Rxf6
28.Rxe7 Rxe7 29.Rxe7 Rg6 30.Qe5+ f6
31.Qb8+ Rg8 32.Qc7 Rg5 33.Rxh7+ Kg8
34.Kf7# 1-0

Armine, Jed (1483) - Allon, Michael
(1136) [D02] QP Game

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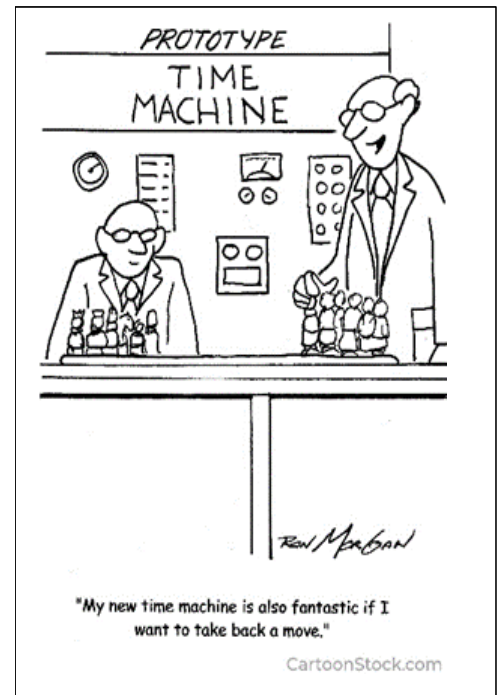
1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5 3.Nf3 c5 4.Bf4 Nc6 5.e3
Bg4 6.h3 Bxf3 7.gxf3 cxd4 8.exd4 Qb6
9.Bb5 e6 10.Bxc6+ Qxc6 11.0-0 Rc8
12.Qd3 Bb4 13.Bd2 Nh5 14.Qe3 0-0
15.Qg5 g6 16.Nxd5 Bxd2 17.Ne7+ Kg7
18.Qxd2 Qxf3 19.Qg5 Nf4 20.Kh2 Qxh3+
21.Kg1 Ne2# 0-1

2021 MI Open Games Booster Section

Das, Aishani (536) - Kyle, Tew (UNR)
[C44] Scotch Game

2021 Michigan Open - Booster Lansing
(1), 04.09.2021

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.d4 exd4 4.Bc4 Bb4+
5.c3 dxc3 6.0-0 cxb2 7.Bxb2 Nf6 8.e5 Ne4
9.Qd5 d6 10.Qxf7# 1-0



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chess-player cares more for
the process of attaining his
goal than for the goal itself.

F. Dostoyevsky



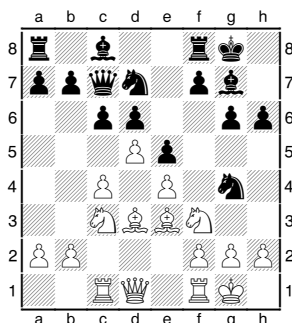
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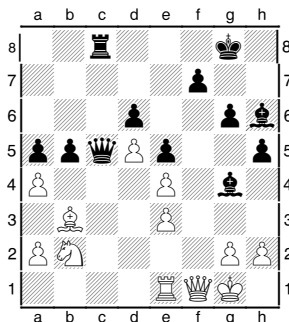
Chris Eagle played in tournaments from 1980 to 1996, with many top-10 finishes in the Michigan Open, Motor City Open, and Michigan Masters-Experts. He retired from tournament play with a USCF rating of 2146. Chris' chess highlights include winning the 1995 U.S. Amateur championship, tying for first at the 1991 USCF Region V championship, and beating GM Arthur Bisguier at the 1992 U.S. Open. Chris still follows chess, plays on chess.com, and occasionally coaches. To help with annotations, he uses *Chessbase* and *Stockfish*.

Bharath, Adhrit (1541) - Reed, Hunter (1914) [E61] King's Indian Defense
2021 Michigan Open – Open Section
Lansing (1), 03.09.2021 [ceag]

1.d4 Nf6 2.Nf3 g6 3.e3 Bg7 4.c4 0–0 5.Nc3 d6 6.Bd3 Nbd7 7.0–0 [Both sides have chosen simple development schemes and we're still in territory known to GMs. Neither side has a specific plan, although usually the center will soon get locked and White will attack on the K-side and Black on the Q-side.] **7...e5 8.e4 c6 9.Bg5 Qc7 10.Rc1 h6 11.Be3 Ng4 12.d5?!**



[White has done a great job of keeping the tension in the center and 12. Qe2 would have kept the position equal. Without a pawn on d4, the e3 pawn will be a long-term liability.] [12.Qe2 Nxe3 13.fxe3! and, unlike the game, the pawn on e3 provides useful support to d4 and White's center. (not 13.Qxe3 exd4 14.Nxd4 Qb6 15.Nb3 Qxe3 16.fxe3 and White's pawn structure gives Black a big edge.)] **12...Nxe3 13.fxe3 Qb6** [For the next 15 moves, Black shows excellent technique, relentlessly stalking the e3 pawn.] **14.Qe2 Nc5 15.Rb1?!** [The alternative is Bb1 but the B doesn't have a very bright future and the move played threatens to expand on the Q-side.] **15...a5 16.b3 Bd7 17.Na4?!** [It's hard to find good ideas for White but this weakens his already weak pawn structure.] [A better idea is working towards b4 with 17.a3! as 17...Nxb3 18.Na4 loses the knight.] **17...Nxa4 18.bxa4 Qa7 19.Bc2 cxd5 20.cxd5** [Not an easy choice. I prefer undoubling the pawns and giving the B some scope with exd5, but that has the drawback of leaving a backward pawn on the open c-file.] **20...Rfc8 21.Bb3 Rc3 22.Rfe1** [The fallout from the weak pawn structure is that White has to use his pieces solely for defense while Black can improve the placement of his.] **22...Rac8 23.Nd2 h5 24.Nc4 Bg4 25.Qf1 Qc5 26.Rbc1 Rxc1 27.Rxc1 Bh6 28.Re1 b5!** [...and Black finally wins the e-pawn as the knight has to move.] **29.Nb2** [29.axb5 a4 wins a piece.]

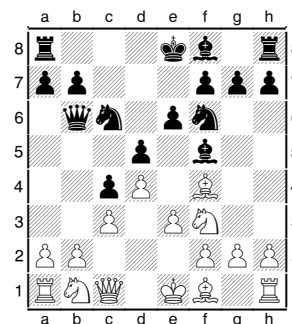


29...Bxe3+ 30.Kh1 Bd2 [Black forces all of White's pieces to the Q-side before shifting his focus to White's K.] **31.Rb1 bxa4 32.Nxa4 Qe3 33.h3** [This allows for a pretty finish but the e-pawn is falling and White is already lost.] **33...Be2 34.Qf6 Qxe4 35.Rg1 Bb4 36.Nb6 Rc3 37.Kh2 Bc5 38.Qd8+ Kg7 39.Re1 Qf4+ 40.Kh1 Rxb3+ 41.gxh3 Bf3# 0–1**

Jarosz, Stan (1900) - Padjey, Rohan (2123) [D02] QP Game

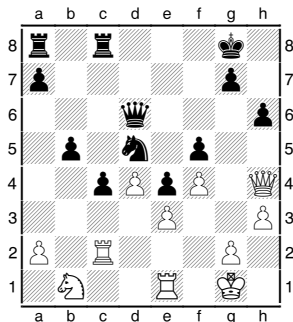
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Lansing (5), 05.09.2021 [ceag]

1.d4 d5 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.Bf4 c5 4.e3 Nc6 5.c3 Qb6 6.Qb3 c4 7.Qc2 Bf5 [This opening looks very tricky, but it's well known book, and both players are undoubtedly familiar with it.] **8.Qc1 [8.Qxf5 Qxb2–+] 8...e6**



9.Nbd2 h6 10.Be2 Be7 11.h3 0–0 12.0–0 Rfc8 [Black's pawn chain and both Bs already point to the Q-side, so he fully commits to advancing to fighting on that side of the board.] **13.Ne5 Nxe5 14.Bxe5 Nd7 15.Bg3 Bd6!?** [You would not normally trade off the Bs that are on the same color as all the enemy pawns, but in this case, the White B is more active than its counterpart and the remaining Black B, being outside the pawn chain, is more active than its counterpart.] **16.Bxd6 Qxd6 17.Bf3 Bd3 18.Re1 f5** [...b5 was natural and strong, but this opportunistic space trap is interesting too.] **19.Be2 Bxe2 20.Rxe2 e5 21.Qf1 e4** [Black has gained space on both sides of the board and given time, he'll create

weak White pawns by playing ...b4 or ...f4 - White can't just defend and needs to be active.] **22.f3 Rf8 23.f4?!** [When your pieces don't have many squares, like White's, try to trade them off.] [better was 23.fxe4 fxe4 (23...dxe4 doesn't work here because the c-pawn hangs.) 24.Rf2 and some pieces will come off.] **23...Nf6 24.b3 b5 25.Qe1 Rfc8 26.bxc4?!** [White has no practical way to coordinate his pieces, there just isn't enough room. Black, on the other hand, will happily give White a protected, passed d-pawn knowing he can blockade and have a great outpost for his knight.] **26...dxc4 27.Qh4 Nd5** [...and there's no way for White to guard all his pawns.] **28.Rc1 Qa3 29.Rc2 Nxc3 30.Re1 Nd5** [The game is objectively won; Black just needs to shepherd the c-pawn home.] **31.Nb1 Qd6**

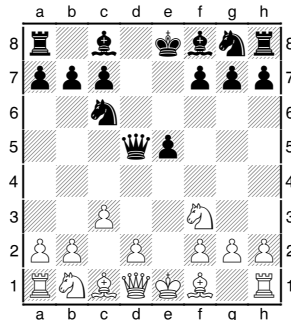


[...not 31...Qd3? 32.Rd2 trapping the Q!]**32.g4 c3!** [Completely trapping the knight - worth the cost of a pawn that can probably be won back anyway.] **33.gxf5 b4 34.Kh1 Qf6 35.Qh5 Ne7 36.Rg1 Nxf5 37.Rg6 Qf7 38.Kh2 Rc6!** [After 39. Rcg2, Black trades pieces on g6 and then c2 makes a new Q. A great example of the power of space in chess.] **0-1**

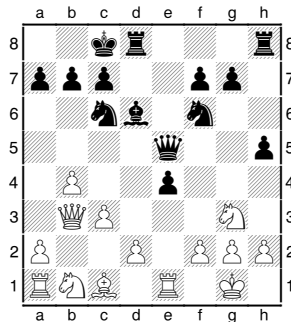
Yassine,Waleed (1784) - Nichols, Anthony (2130) [C44] Scotch Gambit
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Lansing (5), 05.09.2021[ceag]

Michigan Chess

[Here is a nice miniature featuring a blistering attack.] **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.c3 d5 4.exd5** [Right away, White leaves book and gives Black an easy game. 4. Qa4 or Bb5 are must-plays in this position.] **4...Qxd5**



5.b3 [...preparing Bc4, but this too slow and ends up being a wasted move.] **5...Bg4 6.Be2 0-0-0** [Now White is going to have a rough time developing since his d-pawn is fixed.] **7.0-0 e4 8.Nd4 Bxe2 9.Nxe2 Nf6** [...and now Black is going to aim all his pieces at the White K, while White can only put a single minor piece in the way.] **10.b4 Bd6 11.Ng3 h5 12.Qb3 Qe5** [Keeping his Q and lining it up for a possible mate.] **13.Re1**



[...lining up a tactic, but Black has too many pieces vs too few defenders.] **13...Ng4 14.d4 Qf6 15.Be3 Qh4 16.h3 Bxg3 17.hxg4 hxg4!** [The open h-file is worth more than the piece.] **18.fxg3 Qxg3 19.Bf2 Rh1+! 20.Kxh1 Qxf2 0-1**

Dr. Jason Morris has been playing chess since he was 9 - (Thanks mom for teaching me!). He was and still is a HUGE Fischer "fanboy". His other favorite players are (in no particular order) Ivanchuck, Shirov, Morozevich, and Nakamura. His highest USCF rating was 2120, and has been a rated expert for 30 years – in his own words: "not because I'm stupid, but because I just don't have time to study and play anymore!". His best chess result was probably going 5 wins - 1 loss – 0 draws at the 1992 Pan Am College Team Tournament, where the Michigan Technological University team that he captained won clear 2nd place. Currently sporting a 2041 USCF rating, Dr. Morris laments: "Unfortunately, life interferes with me getting any better, but who knows?"

Dang,Michael (1994) - Homa,Seth (2425) [B32] Sicilian Defense: Lowenthal Variation

2021 Michigan Open – Open Section
Lansing (2), 04.09.2021 [J. Morris]

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 e5 [The Lowenthal Variation of the Sicilian, which was explored in the McDonnell - De La Bourdonnais match of 1834. Black claims equal central space at the expense of a backward d-pawn. As in all open Sicilians, play revolves around d5, and move order is very important. For example, if Black substitutes 4. ..Nf6 striking at e4 first before playing e5, we get the very sharp Lasker-Pelikan (Sveshnikov) variation.] **5.Nb5 d6 6.N1c3** [Because Nf6 was delayed, White now has the option of playing the Maroczy Bind structure with 6. c4 and then N1c3 with the idea of getting an iron grip on d5. Inaccurate defense was punished in Kasparov - Lautier, Moscow, 2002 which continued 6. ..a6 7. Na3 b5 8. Nd5 Nge7 9. c4 Nxd5 10. cxd5 Ne7 11. Nc2 Bd7 12. Bd3 g6 13. O-O Bg7 14. Be3 O-O 15. Rc1 f5 16. f3 f4 17. Bf2 g5 18. Nb4 Ng6 19. Be2 h5 20. Kh1 Rf7 21. a4 bxa4 22. Nxa6 Nf8? 23. Rc6! Rf6 24. Qxa4 Rg6 25. Qb4 Qf6 26. Nb8

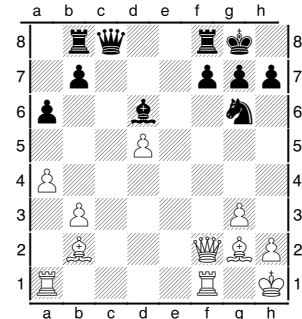
Rxb8 27. Qxb8 g4 28. Rc7 gxf3 29. Bxf3 Bg4 30. Qe8 Qg5 31. Rg1 h4 32. h3 Bh5 33. Qf7+ Kh8 34. Rc8 1-0.)] **a6** [Much more frequently played is 6. ..Nf6 7.Bg5 a6 transposing to the Sveshnikov, but with the option for White to damage Black's structure with 8. Bxf6 gxf6 (8. .. Qxf6?? 9. Nc7+). In that case, Black would get the customary bishop pair, the open g-file, and counterplay against e4 with f6-f5.] **7.Na3 Be7** [Again, it's more usual to chase the White knights with 7. .. b5, threatening b4 winning a piece immediately or driving the Nc3 away from guarding e4 later. Black does have a positional idea with this move order to exchange his dark square bishop with 8. ..Bg5. White can stall this by regrouping with 8. Nc4 and 9. Ne3 clamping on d5, but he chooses the quieter...] **8.Bd3 Nf6 9.Nd5?** [A consequence of Bd3 was that d5 is no longer controlled by White's queen, so besides this move violating opening principles of moving the same piece twice, this a mistake that drops the d-pawn. Equal was 9. Nc4 headed for d5 or just 9. 0-0.] **Nxd5 10.exd5 Qa5+ 11.Bd2 Qxd5 12.0-0 0-0** [Black was probably reluctant to extend his center while uncastled, but 12. .. e4 was better.] **13.Nc4 Qd4 14.Be3 Qh4 15.g3 Qh3 16.Nb6 Rb8 17.Nxc8 Rbxc8** [Here, White is down a pawn, but he has the bishop pair and control of d5 as compensation. The best plan is 18. Be4 to secure d5 first, then c3 to deny Black the d4 outpost. However, White jumped the gun and Black pounced in the center.] **18.c3? d5! 19.f4 d4?!** [Imperative was 19. .. e4! 20. Be2 Qe6 where Black will consolidate with Rfd8.] **20.cxd4 exd4 21.Bd2 Bf6?!** [Another slip, since 21. ..Bb4! would loosen White's dark squares. For example, 21. .. Bb4 22.a3 Bxd2 23.Qxd2 Qd7 24.Rae1 Qd6 25.Re2 Rfe8 26.Rxe8+ Rxe8 27.Re1 Rd8 28.Kf2 and Black is ahead a solid

pawn with a safer king.] **22.Qf3 Rfe8 23.g4 Qxf3 24.Rxf3 g6 25.Rff1 Rc7 26.Rac1 h6 27.Rfe1** [Due to the passive position of the Bf6, it's hard to make progress. Black decides to try the minor piece ending, but that just reduces his advantage further.] **Rce7 28.Kf1 Rxe1+ 29.Rxe1 Rxe1+ 30.Kxe1 g5 31.Be4 Kf8 32.Ke2 Ke7** [At this point, Black's advantage has eroded to equality.] **33.Bd5 gxf4 34.Bxf4 Bg5 35.Bxg5+** [Better was 35. Bc7 if White wanted to pressure Black a bit.] **hxg5 36.Kd3 Ne5+ 37.Kxd4 Nxd4 38.Bxb7 a5 39.h3 Nf2 40.Bc8 Kd6 41.Bf5 Nh1 42.a3 Ng3 43.Bd3 f5 44.b4** [White played accurately after his opening mistake, and the players declared peace.] ½-½

Homa,Seth (2425) - Das,Manmohan (1983) [A22] English Opening: King's English Variation, Two Knights Variation, Reversed Dragon
2021 Michigan Open – Open Section
Lansing (3), 04.09.2021 [J. Morris]

1.c4 e5 2.Nc3 Nf6 3.g3 d5 4.cxd5 Nxd5 5.Bg2 Nb6 6.e3 Nc6 7.Nge2 Be7 8.0-0 0-0 9.f4 exf4 10.Nxf4 Ne5 11.d4 Ng6 12.Nd3 c6 13.b3 [Time to take stock. Both sides have been playing top moves, and they find themselves in an odd sideline of the King's English. The position is dynamically equal: White has the better center and a half-open f-file, but his king is less safe. Black has the more compact structure and safer king, but he has no secure central posts for his knights. White has purposefully avoided exchanges to keep the position complicated and unbalanced. What follows is more pushing and probing by White.] **Bf6** [White now gains a tempo by attacking the rook at f8.] **14.Ba3 Be7?! 15.Bb2 Nd5 16.Nxd5 cxd5 17.Qf3 Be6 18.e4!** [Mobilizing his center, creating a passed d-pawn.] **dxe4 19.Qxe4 Rb8?** [Too passive, allowing White to seize the initiative and open the a1-h8 diagonal.] **20.d5 Bd7 21.Kh1?!**

[Missing a shot with the centralizing 21. Qd4! For example, if Black responds mechanically with 21. .. Bf6, he's just about lost after 22. Rxf6! Qxf6 23. Qxf6 gxf6 24. Nc5! Bf5 25. g4! Bxg4 26. Ne4 and Black is in trouble.] **Bb5 22.a4 Bxd3 23.Qxd3 Bd6 24.Qf5** [Better was 24. Bd4 or 24. Rae1.] **Qc8 25.Qf2** [Not as simple a retreat as it appears.] **a6?** [Missing White's subtle threat. Re-routing the knight from the passive g6 square to e5 was better.]



26.Bxg7! Bxg3 [A counter desperado, else Black just loses a pawn after 26. .. Kxg7 27. Qf6+ and 28. Qxd6. Fortunately in chess, recaptures are not obligatory.] **27.Qb2!** [27. Qd4! is also very good. Now Black has two things hanging and White has none.] **Bd6 28.Rac1 Qd8** [Now, this is a tough practical decision: to take the exchange or keep the Bg7. White decides to cash in, correctly intuiting that the weakening of f7, his passed d-pawn, and extra exchange will eventually tell.] **29.Bxf8 Qxf8 30.Qf6 Be5 31.Qf5 Re8 32.Bh3?!** [Miraculously, White can ditch his d-pawn to activate his Bg2 with 32. d6! For example, 32. d6 Bxd6 33.Bd5 Re5 34.Bxf7+ Kg7 35.Qf6+ Kh6 36.Rg1 Qg7 37.Qxd6 Qxf7 38.Rxg6+ and Black will be down a rook.] **Kg7 33.Rc8 Rxc8 34.Qxc8 Qb4 35.Qd7 Bf4 36.Qg4 Qd2 37.Qg2 Qb4 38.Bf5 Be5 39.Qf2 f6 40.Qc2 Qd6 41.Be4 Bd4 42.Qc8 Qe7 43.Qe6 Qd8 44.d6** [Finally the d-pawn advances, and that ends the resistance.] **Be5 45.d7 Bd4 46.Qe8 Bb6 47.Rg1** [The rook is

immune and Black's defenses are overrun.] **1-0**

McLeman, Cameron (1837) – Criss, Nathaniel (2112) [C02] French Defense: Advance Variation, Wade Variation

2021 Michigan Open – Open Section Lansing (1), 04.09.2021 [J. Morris]
1. e4 e6 2. d4 d5 3. e5 c5 4. c3 Bd7 5. Nf3 Qb6 6. a3 [This is the most frequent move, but White has many options here. GM Motylev - GM Kovalev, Amplico European (Rapid), 2012 continued 6. Bd3 cxd4 7. Nxd4 Ne7 8. O-O Nbc6 9. Nf3 h6 10. h4 g5 11. hxg5 hxg5 12. Bxg5 Qxb2 13. Bf6 Qxa1 14. Qb3 Na5 15. Qc2 Nc4 16. Bxc4 dxc4 17. Bxh8 Nd5 18. Ng5 b5 19. Ne4 b4 20. Nbd2 b3 21. Nxb3 cxb3 22. Qxb3 Qxf1+ 23. Kxf1 Rc8 24. c4 1-0.] **c4 7. Nbd2 Nc6 8. Be2 Na5 9. O-O Nb3 10. Nxb3 Ba4 11. Be3** [GM Kotsur – CM Meier, 6th Wichern Open, 2001, went 11. Nfd2 Ne7 12. Qe1 Bxb3 13. Nxb3 cxb3 14. Be3 Nc6 15. c4 Nxd4 16. Bxd4 Qxd4 17. cxd5 Qxd5 18. a4 Bc5 19. Rd1 Bd4 20. Bb5+ Ke7 21. Qb4+ Bc5 22. Qh4+ 1-0.] **Bxb3 12. Qd2 a5** [Black's pawn chain points to the queenside, so he should be trying to engineer b5-b4 to get counterplay. However before he can get active, he has to get his kingside pieces developed. Meanwhile, white can grab space with 13. g4 and 13. f4, and then break through with f4-f5.] **13. Ng5 h6 14. Nh3 O-O-O** [Long-term, this is problematical since theory says one should not advance pawns where one's king is castled, however one is supposed to advance where one has a space advantage. Black is going to find himself without active counterplay. What follows is a battle for the f5 square, with both sides missing

opportunities as the resulting positions are very difficult to

assess.] **15. f4** [Seems natural, but prepping the battlefield with 15. g4 was better.] **Ne7** [Here, Black could have physically blocked White's advance with 15. .. f5! When the presence of the f4 pawn makes breaking through harder. Capturing en passant on f6 helps Black's development log jam.] **16. g4 g6** [A good move, but better was 16. .. f5!] **17. Rf2 Bg7 18. Raf1 Qc6** [Loss of time. Again, just f5 is best.] **19. Kh1** [This isn't necessary, either. White is all ready for f5.] **Rdf8 20. Ng1 Rh7 21. Bf3 Qa4** [Black is feigning to play b5-b4, but really just wants his QB to help guard f5.] **22. Ne2 Bc2 23. Ng3 Bd3 24. Be2 Bxe2 25. Qxe2 Qc6** [Since Black hasn't played f5, white should immediately play it himself. A positional motif here is to sacrifice the f-pawn with 26. f5!? with the idea to vacate f4 for the Nh3. For example, 19. f5 gxf5 20. Nf4 Rdg8 (20... Bf8 21. Nh5) 21. Nh5 Bf8 22. Nf6 Rg6 23 Rg2 and for the price of a pawn, White has increased his grip on Black, whose pieces have no squares. Capturing on g4 for Black always just exposes the weak f7 pawn. It's easy for Black to get in trouble from here. For example, Black might try 23. ..Bg7 but white has 24. h4! and if 24. ..Bxf6 25. exf6 Rxf6 then 26. h5! and g5 is hard to meet.] **26. Bc1 f5** [Finally! But the situation has changed, and 26. .. f6 is preferable. Black's idea would be to capture on e5, to open the f-file for exchanges, and to stabilize the pawn structure.] **27. exf6 Rxf6?!** [Much better was 27. .. Bxf6. This move allows White to set up an Alekhine's Gun on the

e-file. One line might be: 28. Rf3 Bf8 29.Re3 Ng8 30.Re1 and now Black can't protect e6. Both 30. .. Kd7 and 30. .. Rhe7 fail to 31. g5! Instead, white sticks to his idea.] **28. f5 gxf5 29. gxf5 h5??** [After a tough defense, Black blunders and leaves g5 unprotected.] **30. Bg5** [White is winning at this point.] **h4 31. Bxf6 hxg3?** [31. .. Bxf6 was much better.] **32. Bxe7 gxf2 33. f6** [Still enough to win.] **Bh6 34. Rxf2 Kd7 35. Qh5 Qc8 36. Qg6 Qh8 37. Qg4** [More threatening was 37. Qg3.] **Qb8** [A multi-purpose move to guard d6, to threaten h2 and to support b5-b4, but it's a little too late at this point.] **38. Re2 Be3 39. h3?** [This dissipates a big chunk of White's advantage by letting the Black queen get active. Obviously not 39. Rxe3?? Qxh2#, but 39. Bc5 was better. Black hurries to simplify.] **Qf4! 40. Qxf4?** [And now White has to work much harder for the win. 40. Kg2 was best.] **Bxf4 41. Kg2 1-0** [Was this on time? Black is clearly worse, but White has work to do yet.]



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2	GM ROGELIO ANTONIO JR.	2574	52	AIDEN SONG	1959
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