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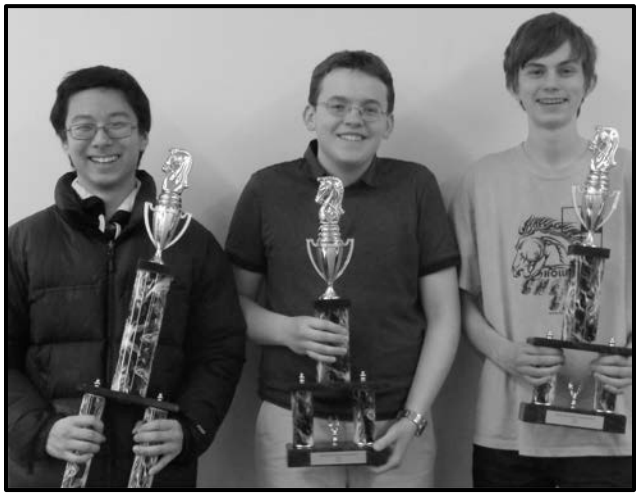

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2015 Michigan Young Junior Reserve	Ashwal Shastry Tejas Ayyagari Ashrith Mathiyazhagan
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2015 Michigan Children's Reserve	Tarun Rajesh Owen Appel
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K-3
K-5
K-8
K-12

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2015 Michigan Junior Championships

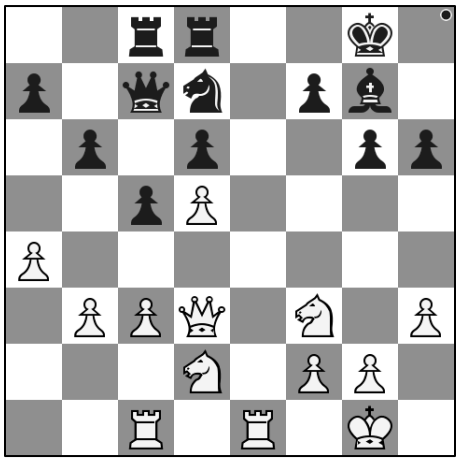
The 2015 Michigan Junior Championships was held over the weekend of March 14-15, 2015. This years event was held at the Bernhard Center at Western Michigan University in Kalamazoo. Unfortunately, the number of people willing to make this trip was very small and only 125 participants were involved This is far fewer than a typical Michigan Junior event. Thanks to all players that attended.

Michael Chen was one of the Co-Champions of the Michigan Junior (K-12) section. He will also be our representative to the Denker Tournament of High School Champions. He sent a couple of annotated games from the event.

Soumya Kulkarni (2223)
Michael Chen (1697)
Michigan Junior (2)
Kalamazoo, March 2015
Indian: Trompowsky, A45

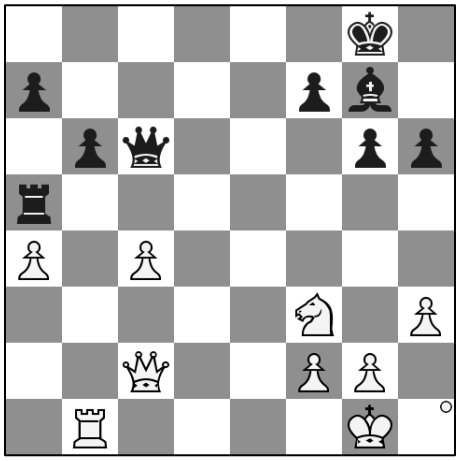
Notes by Michael Chen

1.d4 Nf6 2.Bg5
Trompovsky Attack
2...e6
2...Ne4 The main line. 3.Bf4 c5 4.f3 Qa5+ 5.c3 Nf6
3.e4 h6 4.Bxf6 Qxf6 5.c3 b6 6.Nf3 Bb7 7.Bd3 g6
I wanted to fianchetto my bishop because I hoped to develop pressure on the d4–pawn. Although the mobility of the bishop would be limited by the b2–c3–d4 pawn chain, I thought it was better than developing the bishop to e7 where it would get in the way of the queen and also have no potential for improvement. I was also planning on playing d6 and developing the knight to d7 and the d6–pawn would farther impeded the movement of Black's bishop. 7...Qg6 Black's attempt to win a pawn could be countered by 8.Nh4 Qg5 9.g3 c5 where the position would be even.
8.Qe2 Bg7 9.Nbd2 Qe7 10.h3 d6
Planning to develop the knight to d7. This would also give me the possibility of castling queenside. I briefly entertained the idea of castling on opposite sides to improve chances for a more dynamic game.
11.Rc1 Nd7 12.0–0 0–0
12...0–0–0 I considered this but I was afraid that after Ba6, and with better control of the center, White would be able to develop a better attack. 13.Ba6 g5 14.Qb5 Bxa6 15.Qxa6+ Kb8
13.Rfe1 Rac8
An attempt to gain some sort of play with c5.
14.a3 c5 15.Ba6
This is a good trade for White. White's bishop is worse than Black's since White's bishop is impeded by his e-pawn while Black's bishop helps put pressure on the center and is pretty important in defending the queenside. This trade was not really preventable by me.
15...Bxa6 16.Qxa6 Nb8
I thought it would be wise to expel White's queen from the queenside as soon as possible. I was also thinking about rerouting the knight to c6 where it would be more useful than on d7 as it can put pressure on d4 from c6.
17.Qd3 Rfd8
I was preparing to play d5 (probably after I move my queen) so I could develop pressure on the d-pawn/d-file.
18.d5
This gives the Black's dark-squared Bishop more activity but also closes the position significantly. Black's rooks now seem to be misplaced, as does White's c1–rook.
18...exd5 19.exd5 Qc7 20.b3 Nd7 21.a4



This was probably intended to prevent Bb2, winning the a3–pawn, after c4. However if White plays c4, taking on a3 for Black would lead to an immediate draw. 21.c4 Bb2 22.Rcd1 Bxa3 Here White has a strange sort of perpetual. 23.Qe3 White threatens the h6–pawn. Due to Black's bishop being terribly out of place on a3, Black cannot risk weakening his kingside farther. A move like h5, or even Kh7, would alllow White to develop a strong attack. 23...Kg7 The only move to hold everything together. **a)** 23...Kh7 White can now take advantage of Black's weak dark squares. 24.Qf4 Threatening both Qxf7 and Re7. If the knight moves (the only way to prevent both) then White can penetrate with her Queen on f6. 24...Ne5 Black is pretty much forced to return the pawn. (24...Nf8 25.Qf6 Re8 Only way to prevent Re7. *(25...Rd7 26.Qa1!!* A pretty move that would be hard to spot in a game. White gains a tempo on the bishop while preparing Ne4. *26...Bb4 27.Ne4* Black is lost here. Nf6 cannot be prevented, with either heavy loss in material or mate.*)* 26.Ne4 White also has the threat of Qa1 here. 26...Bb4 27.Nxd6 and White is significantly better.); **b)** 23...h5 24.Qf4 White has threats of Re7 and Ne4. Similar to the Kh7 variation, these threats will probably overwhelm Black; 24.Qc3+ Kg8 This prevents Re7 from doing much (something Kh7 would not have achieved). Now White can take the draw by repetition with Qe3 or play on. White is probably a little better because of Black's weak dark squares.
21...c4
An interesting pawn sacrifice. My main idea was to weaken White's pawn structure and activate my knight while also preventing White from playing c4 herself. I felt that if White got in c4 it would be very drawish, as White would not have serious attackable weaknesses, there is only one open file on the board, and no noticeable pawn breaks. White has three possible ways of recapture; two of them give the pawn back immediately while the third allows black to gain pressure on the c-file.
22.Nxc4!?
This allows Black to immediately regain the pawn, after which Black will have a better pawn structure and a slightly better position. 22.bxc4 This would have been the most challenging response as Black will not immediately win the pawn back. 22...Nc5 23.Qc2 Nb7 I had planned on this maneuver to get my knight to a5 which I thought was actually better than c5 because it could attack the c-pawn while prevent White from ever pushing a5 herself. 24.Nd4 Na5; 22.Qxc4 Qxc4 23.bxc4 Nc5 Here White also loses a pawn due to the fork on d3, the hanging a-pawn, and the weakness of the c-pawn. 24.Re7 Nxa4 25.Rxa7 Nxc3 26.Re1

22...Nc5 23.Qc2 Nxb3
Remove the guard tactic to regain the pawn.
24.Nxd6
A desperado, however Black still wins a pawn. This move is better than allowing Black to take on c4. 24.Qxb3 Qxc4 All three of White's queenside pawns are weak and have potential to be picked off.
24...Nxc1 25.Nxc8 Qxc8
I choose this over Rxc8 because I wanted to win the d5–pawn rather than the c3–pawn. This way I coud put pressure on both the c-pawn and the a-pawn.
26.Rxc1 Rxd5 27.c4 Ra5
Now because of Black's powerful dark-square bishop on the long diagonal, protection of the a4–pawn becomes very difficult.
28.Rb1 Qc6!



This allows White to play Rb5, which would pretty much force a trade of rooks. In the resulting endgame, White's weaknesses would be solved and the Queen + Knight combo would give White a slight edge. 28...Qa6 This move would win the a-pawn as White cannot protect it. However White can gain substantial compensation. 29.Rd1 Rxa4 *(29...Qc8* This would probably be best here. Black's position is good enough that White doesn't have anything better than moving the rook back to b1.*)* 30.Rd8+ Kh7 31.Qe4 Sacrificing a second pawn for play on the back rank against Black's king. 31...Qxc4 32.Qe8 Qc1+ 33.Kh2 h5 Only way to prevent mate on g8. 34.Qxf7 Black is probably still better but White has counter-play.
29.Rb5 Rxb5
I didn't see much point in playing Ra6 and avoiding the trade.
30.axb5 Qd7 31.Qd2 Qc7
I was still hoping to be able to pull out this endgame and avoided the trade of queens. However this was a mistake as it allows White to centralize her queen. It was much better to trade queens.
32.Qd5 Kh7
I was hoping to be able to mobilize my queen and I wanted to avoid any annoying checks on the back rank.
33.Nd4
White centralizes her knight which is most likely heading to c6.
33...Qf4
I figured this was my only chance to do anything.
34.Nc6 Bf8
I was still hoping of developing pressure against f2 with Bc5.
35.g3 Qf6 36.Qd8
White wants to force a queen trade as the weak a-pawn will give White an advantage in the resulting endgame.
36...Qa1+ 37.Kg2 Bc5
I was trying to decide between this move and Kg7. I was afraid of the queen trade after Kg7 so I decided on Bc5. The other choices would not be good. Bg7 would meet with Ne7 while Ba3 puts the bishop seriously out of play.
38.Qd5 Qf6 39.Qf3
Black can no longer avoid the trade of queens for much longer.
39...Qe6 40.Nd8 Qxc4 41.Qxf7+ Qxf7 42.Nxf7 Kg7 43.Nd8
White heads to the queenside to win the a-pawn.
43...Kf6
Already I made the wrong choice in this endgame. Black essentially has two paths to choose from. He can choose to stay on the kingside and try to defend the pawn-down minor piece endgame. The other choice is attempting to transfer the king to the queenside where he might be able to win the b-pawn. I decided to transfer my king to the queenside. The problem with this plan is that it leaves the kingside undefended.
44.f4 Ke7
44...g5 45.fxg5+ Kxg5 46.Kf3 Kf5 47.Nc6 This endgame would proabbly still be drawn.
45.Nc6+ Kd6 46.Nxa7 Kd5
I had thought that I would either win the b-pawn or White's knight will remain on a7 where it is out of play.
47.Kf3 Bd6
There is no point in playing Kc4 yet since it would just allow Ke4 and kingside play for White.
48.Nc8 Bc5
The knight has nowhere to go.
49.g4 Kc4 50.Na7 Bd6
This allows White to invade the kingside. I was hoping for Bb8. 50...Kd5 This probably would have been better. White can't evacuate the knight (without losing the b-pawn) and also cannot make progress on the kingside.
51.Ke4 Bb8 52.Nc6 Bd6 53.Ne5+ Kxb5 54.Nxg6
White is completely winning this endgame. Her kingside majority combined with the bad placement of Black's king is more than enough to win.
54...Kc5 55.g5 hxg5 56.fxg5 b5 57.Ne5 Kb4
This is pretty much the only move that doesn't lose immediately. It's the only move that allows me to meet g6 with Bf8 and not have it forked off. Black is still completely lost though.
58.g6?!
A slight inaccuracy, although not a big enough one to cost White the game. 58.Nd7 This move would have won immediately for White. A rare case where the White knight can dominate the bishop (with help from both kings). Black cannot prevent g6 and g7.
58...Bf8 59.h4 Bg7 60.h5 Kc3
I was hoping to generate some counter-play with my b-pawn. This at least temporarily prevents Nf7. Any other king move (besides Ka3) would have lost to Nf7. After Ka3 White can just play Nc6 and Black's king is too far away to do anything on the kingside. With Kc5 I still have the slim chance of getting the king to the kingside in time.
61.Nc6
61.Nf7? Leads to a drawn Queen vs. Queen + Knight endgame. 61...b4 62.h6 Bxh6 63.Nxh6 b3 64.g7 b2 65.g8Q b1Q+ White cannot escape checks.
61...Kc4
b4 would not have given Black any chances as his King is too far away to help.
62.Kf5 Kd5
A "tempo" on White's knight. In reality White should just continue with his plans and play Kg5, after which Black has no hope of holding.
63.Nb4+
63.Kg5 The threat of h6–g7 aided by a knight check to d8 will see the g-pawn queen.
63...Kd6 64.Kg5 Ke6 65.h6 Bc3 66.g7??
This move blows the win. It allows Black to play Kf7, after which nothing will stop Black from trading on g7. 66.Nc6 This move would still win. White now wins through a nice zugzwang tactic. The

immediate threat is Nd8+ followed by g7. 66...Bf6+ This is the only move to prevent Nd8+ but after the simple 67.Kh5 Black is lost due to zugzwang.

66...Kf7 67.Nd5 b4

A last chance for Black to win. Taking the bishop would lose as White can't break through on the kingside while Black would queen.

68.Nxb4 ½–½

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Notes by Michael Chen

I had three points at the start of this match, along with two other people who were playing on board two. Joshua alone had four points. In order for me to have a chance, this was a must-win game for me. For a game where he only needed a draw, he played a strangely aggressive game. He told me afterwards that his game plan was to play an agressive game and get a perpetual.

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.g3 d5 4.Bg2 Be7 5.Nf3 0–0 6.0–0 dxc4

I had already played this line before against Joshua. We had played three times; he was White all three times and all three were Catalans.

7.Ne5

I wasn't sure what to do after this. I decided that the main problem was going to be my bishop. There wasn't much of a prospective for it after Bd7, so I decided to fianchetto it. However before being able to fianchetto, I would have to solve the problem of White's bishop. Most of my strategy afterward was pretty much focused on keeping his light-square bishop out of play.c7.Qc2 a6 8.Qxc4 b5 9.Qc2 Bb7 10.Bd2 Be4 11.Qc1 I had expected to see this line, which was the main line.

7...c6

This was the first step; I wanted to block his bishop which would allow me to push my b-pawn. It turns out my plan is actually not optimal (who would have guessed?). 7...Nc6 This is actually the main line, although it looks very strange. 8.Nxc6 bxc6 9.Na3 *(9.Bxc6 Rb8 10.Nc3 Bb7 11.Bxb7 Rxb7)* 9...Bxa3 10.bxa3 Ba6 11.Bxc6 Rb8

8.Nc3

I still can not fianchetto my bishop because of his knight and bishop.

8...Nbd7

I wanted to chase away his knight. This also activates my knight.

9.Nxc4

Now I still cannot fianchetto my bishop because of my c6–pawn. (That bishop is really annoying.)

9...Nd5

Once again I wanted to block his light-square bishop, this time with my knight. Now I can push b5. I also expected him to push e4, and I actually wanted him to play e4.

10.e4

I wanted him to play this because, although he would get a bigger center, this would block his light-square bishop.

10...Nxc3 11.bxc3 b5

Now I can fianchetto my bishop, with a tempo.

12.Ne3

Joshua said he wanted his knight on e3 to help participate in his kingside attack and wanted his knight to eventually end up on f5. The knight also helps in the center where potentially there are ideas of a d5 break in the center. The one minor drawback, is that the knight blocks the dark-square bishop. 12.Nd2 For some reason, I had expected this, which seemed to me like a more normal-looking retreat. I expected him to relocate his knight to f3. However e3 is a better place for his knight. 12...c5 13.d5 Rb8

12...Nb6

I was worried about potential kingside pressure so I decided to wait before committing my bishop to the queenside. I was also worried about pawn breaks like c4 and d5 so I wanted my knight to prevent those breaks.

13.f4

This move kind of took me by surprise. He only needed a draw so I was suprised that he would be so agressive. This was probably also why I did not expect f4.

13...Qc7

After f4, I expected to see f5 next. I wanted to be able to play e5 to counter that. I wanted to be able to keep his rook and bishop shut down.

14.f5 e5

I did not want to activate his pieces by capturing or allowing him to capture. Now I can keep his bishop blocked by his e-pawn as well as his rook and knight being impeded by his f5–pawn.

15.Qb3

Joshua said that he also looked at the f6 idea for Black after Ng4 and decided to prevent it (prophylactic!). This also guards the c3–pawn so dxe5 and Ng4 followed by e5 is now an option. 15.f6 I was a little bit wary of this move. 15...Bxf6 16.Rxf6 You can't sac a pawn without sacrificing the exchange afterward! 16...gxf6 I decided that White would not have sufficient play here for an exchange and a pawn. I was glad that I had kept my bishop on c8! 17.Ba3 Re8 18.Ng4 Bxg4 19.Qxg4+ Kh8; 15.Ng4 I had also looked at this. I decided I would be fine after 15...f6 16.dxe5 fxe5 17.Qb3+ Kh8; 15.dxe5 Qxe5 16.Ng4 This was another line I looked at where White could sacrifice his c3–pawn. I was kind of worried about taking it and opening up the a1–h8 diagonal for his bishop but it turns out to be fine. 16...Qxc3 17.Rb1 Nc4 And my pieces are active enough to prevent a major attack.

15...Nd7

I wanted to reinforce my defense of the e5–square. I was also worried if he was going to launch anything on the kingside that my knight would be out of play. Now I can possibly relocate my knight to f6.

16.Ng4 Kh8

I wanted to be able to play f6.

17.Ba3

Joshua said that he noticed that my rook was not defended as much so he decided to trade off my bishop and maybe apply more pressure. This is a good move because his bishop is not contributing much to the attack while my bishop is very important to my defense. This trade is definitely beneficial for him. 17.dxe5 I expected this and I was planning on playing 17...h5 which was slightly dangerous but it gives me control of e5. 18.Nf2 Nxe5 19.Bf4

17...Bxa3 18.Qxa3 c5

18...f6 I wanted to play this but I was worried about 19.Qe7 which creates a very annoying pin and the idea of dxe5 forcing fxe5 which would allow White to play f6. During the game I though that was too dangerous to allow and I didn't really see any convincing way to prevent it. However after (19.dxe5 This is actually a more accurate move order and White is definitely better after this. If 19...fxe5 then White now has *(19...h5* This is a better defense. *20.Ne3 Qxe5 21.Rad1* But White is still clearly better here.*)* 20.Qe7 and the threat of f6.) 19...Bb7 20.dxe5 Rfe8 21.Qd6 Qb6+ 22.Qd4 Nxe5 Black is perfectly fine.

19.f6 Nxf6 20.Nxf6

20.Nxe5

20...gxf6 21.Rxf6 b4 22.Qc1

22.cxb4 cxd4 This was my main idea after c5. The protected passed pawn provides sufficient compensation for my slightly weaker kingside. His light-squared bishop is also still out of play, blocked by his e-pawn.

22...bxc3

22...cxd4 I had decided that this was the best move. Unfortunately this move would lead to what I thought was a very drawish position. 23.cxd4 Qxc1+ 24.Rxc1 exd4 My pawns are too weak and I would definitely lose at least one pawn. This endgame does not give me much opportunity to play for a win.

23.Qh6

23.d5

23...Bg4

By this point I had already decided that I was going to sacrifice my bishop for the d4–pawn which would give me a pair of connected passed pawns and sufficient play.

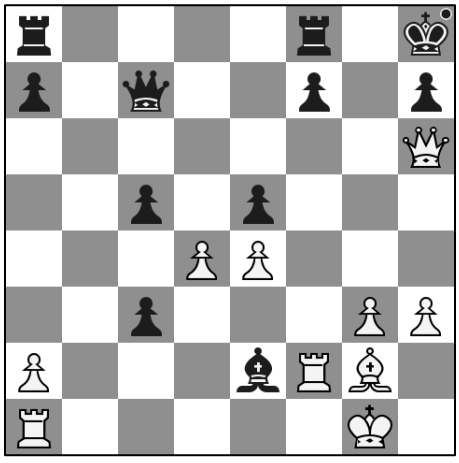
24.h3

I had actually planned to sacrifice my bishop here, however at the last moment I saw ghosts and backed out.

24...Be2

If I was not going to sacrifice my bishop immediately, this would be the only square for my bishop. 24...cxd4 25.hxg4 What I thought I saw was the idea of Kf2–Rh1 which I thought would lead to unstoppable mate. However I missed the defense 25...Rg8 followed by Rg7 and Black's kingside would be safe. 26.Raf1 Rg7

25.Rf2



Joshua offered me a draw as he is threatening both a perpetual check and my bisop. He told me after the game that he already expected me to sacrifice my bishop (he actually thought I would do it when he played h3) and that he didn't expect me to accept the draw. Here I ran into some problems deciding on the best way to sacrifice my bishop. I needed to prevent the perpetual check, still be able to capture d4, and I wanted to keep queens on the board to give me better chances for a win. Unfortunately there was no way to do all three.

25...Qb6

I decided that this was the best way to sacrifice my bishop. Although it failed to keep queens on, it took care of the other two criteria which were far more important. 25...f6 This was the move I originally planned to play where if he took the f6–pawn, my bishop would no longer be attacked while if he took my bishop I could simply play cxd4 and my pawn chain could be dangerous. The problem which I did not see until after Rf2 was 26.dxe5 after which I could not take on d4 and sacrificing my bishop would no longer yield sufficient compensation. Meanwhile if I did not sacrifice my bishop, I would simply lose a pawn. *(26.Rxf6 Rg8* Now all perpetual threats are off and despite the semi-exposed position of my king, it is actually quite safe. My advanced c-pawn would yield sufficient counterplay opportunites. *27.dxc5 c2 28.Rc1 Bd1 29.Kh2; 26.Rxe2 cxd4* My connected passed pawns have potential to become dangerous. Meanwhile White's extra bishop is still blocked by his e-pawn and not contributing much.*)* ; 25...Qe7 This would have been another option. 26.d5 Bd3 27.Rc1

26.Qxb6 axb6 27.Rxe2

27.dxc5 Not taking my bishop would have led to a safer draw. Joshua said he had calculated this line and prepared to make this move. Then he said he got distracted and acidentally took my bishop instead. 27...Bd3 28.Rf3 Rfd8 29.Bf1 Bxe4 30.Rxc3 bxc5 31.Rxc5 Ra3

27...cxd4

27...exd4 This recapture might give Black some better chances. The four black pawns guard each other surpisingly well and supported by the rooks would be very powerful. 28.Rc2 c4 29.Rd1 Rfd8 30.Bf1 b5

28.Rc2 b5 29.Rb1 Rfb8 30.Bf1 b4 31.g4 Kg7 32.Kf2 Kf6 33.Kg3 Rb6 34.Bc4 Threat of Rf1+.

34...Ra7

Protection of f7. Note that Rb7 would have lost to a skewer.

35.Rd1 Rc6

I wanted his bishop to commit to either blocking my d-pawn and remaining on the a6–f1 diagonal or protecting the a2–pawn and the a2–g8 diagonal.

36.Bb3 Rd6

Joshua was in severe time pressure at this point and had less than five minutes left. Meanwhile I still had 20 minutes and Black's position is arguably easier to play.

37.Rd3 Rdd7

I wanted to free my a-file rook. I was looking at ideas along the f-file and the g-file along with the a-file.

38.Rf2+ Kg6 39.Rc2 Ra8

I was thinking about Rg8 and doubling on the g-file.

40.Rf2

I realized now that one of my rooks would be forever tied to the defense of the f7–pawn and that my plan was impratical. I also didn't want to push f6 because I wanted maximum flexibility along the 6th-rank.

40...Ra3

Now I had expected him to keep playing Rc2–f2–c2–f2 and had ideas of possibly sacrificing my rook on b3 and then pushing c2 with my rook behind it.

41.Rc2 Rda7 42.Kf3 R7a6

I decided on infiltrating along the f-file. With his king placed badly on f3, none of his rooks will be able to challenge me.

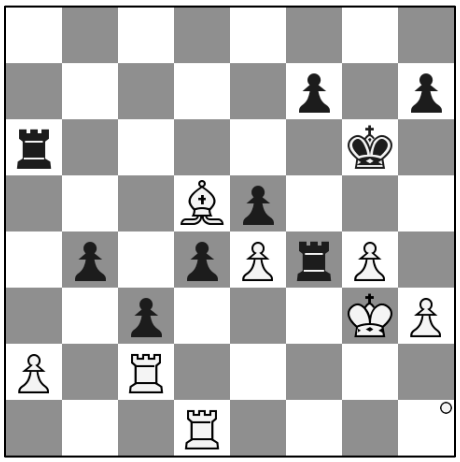
43.Kf2 Rf6+ 44.Kg2 Kg5

His rooks are tied down to blockading my pawns so neither of them can challenge me. The only useful square of infiltration is the f1–square which is currently being guarded by his king. I was hoping to make his king move away from guarding that square.

45.Kg3

45.Rf3 Rxf3 46.Kxf3 d3 47.Rc1 d2 48.Rh1 c2; 45.Rf2 Rxf2+ 46.Kxf2 Rxb3

45...Rf4 46.Bd5 Kg6 47.Rd1 Ra6



I decided to double on the f-file to make my infiltration easier.

48.Rd3
48.Rf2 Any attempt to challenge would lose. 48...d3 49.Ra1 *(49.Rxd3 Rxf2 50.Kxf2 c2)* 49...d2 50.Bb3 Ra3 51.Rh2
48...Rf1 49.Bc4 Raf6
Stopping any ideas of a discovery. I think Black should be winning by this point because of the passivity of White's rooks and the activity of Black's rooks.
50.Bd5 Rb1
Preparing to double on the first rank while also preparing ideas of Rb2. 50...R6f2 I had missed this move, probably because I was moving too fast. 51.Rxf2 Rxf2 52.Rd1 *(52.Kxf2* This would just allow Black to queen. *52...c2)* 52...c2 53.Rc1 d3 54.Kxf2 d2 55.Rxc2 d1Q
51.Bb3 Rff1 52.Bc4 Rg1+
52...Rb2 This would win too. I was moving fast as well, even though I had 15 minutes and he had less than one. 53.Bb3 Rxc2 54.Bxc2 Ra1 55.Bb3 Rxa2
53.Kh4 Rbf1
53...Rb2 I had saw this but thought it would turn into a rook and pawn endgame, something I was not sure I could easily win. 54.Bb3 Rxc2 55.Bxc2 Rg2 56.Bb3 c2 *(56...Rb2* With the threat of Rxb3, would just win easily. *57.Bd1 Rxa2 58.Kg3 Ra3 59.Kf2 b3)* 57.Bxc2 Rxc2
54.Bd5 Rf4
I wanted to distract the White bishop by attacking some of the weaker pawns.
55.Bc6 h5 56.Bd7
Mini trap.
56...Kh6
56...Rxe4?? 57.Bf5+ Kh6 58.Bxe4
57.Bf5 Rb1
Now with his bishop out of the way, I could easier promote my pawns.
58.Kg3 Rff1
Threatening Rb2.
59.Kh4
Joshua had one second left here with five second delay. The last 35 moves were blitzed out. 59.Bd7 An attempt by White to relocate the bishop would not end well. 59...Rg1+ 60.Kh4 hxg4 61.Ba4 *(61.Bxg4 Rb2; 61.hxg4 Rh1+ 62.Kg3 Rbg1+ 63.Kf2 Rh2+ 64.Kxg1 Rxc2 65.Ba4 Rxa2)* 61...gxh3 62.Kxh3
59...Rb2 60.Rxb2 cxb2 61.Rb3 b1Q 62.Rxb1 Rxb1 63.g5+ Kg7 64.Kxh5 d3 65.h4 d2 66.Bg4 d1Q 67.Bxd1 Rxd1 68.Kg4 Rd2 69.h5 Rxa2 70.Kf5 b3 71.h6+ Kh7 72.Kf6 Ra7 73.Kxe5 b2 74.Kf6 b1Q 75.Ke5 Re7+ 76.Kf6 Qxe4 77.g6+ Qxg6+ 78.Kxe7 f5 79.Kf8 f4 80.Ke7 f3 81.Kd7 f2 82.Kc7 f1R 83.Kb7 Rf7+ 84.Ka8 Qg8# 0–1

Crosstables

Junior Championship (K-12)

No.	Name	Rating	Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd 3	Rd 4	Rd 5	Score
1	Michael Chen	2223	W16	D9	D8	W14	W2	4.0
2	Joshua Posthuma	2072	W22	W19	W14	W13	L1	4.0
3	Alexander Deatrick	2121	W23	L13	W22	W9	W8	4.0
4	Brandon O'Neil	1844	W11	L7	W23	D5	W15	3.5
5	Evan Hawver	1948	W26	W18	L7	D4	W13	3.5
6	Gavin Roupe	851	L17	Bye	D18	W19	W22	3.5
7	Ben Li	2237	W15	W4	W5	½	---	3.5
8	Zachary Smith	1935	W27	D21	D1	W16	L3	3.0
9	Soumya Kulkarni	1697	W33	D1	W30	L3	D10	3.0
10	Nathan Dudash	1158	W20	L14	D15	W17	D9	3.0
11	Derek Yan	1170	L4	L16	W24	W28	W23	3.0
12	Surya Parasuraman	1969	W29	W17	D13	½	---	3.0
13	Muhan Luo	1649	W35	W3	D12	L2	L5	2.5
14	Clara McGrew	1856	W31	W10	L2	L1	D16	2.5
15	Sofia Stanescu-Bellu	1528	L7	W31	D10	W26	L4	2.5
16	Karthik Baskaran	1521	L1	W11	W28	L8	D14	2.5
17	Jeremy Mathews	1624	W6	L12	D26	L10	W27	2.5
18	Nicholas Konovalenko	1553	W25	L5	D6	W27	---	2.5
19	Karthik Vuyyuru	1641	W24	L2	D27	L6	W26	2.5
20	Akash Narayanan	1763	L10	W32	W29	½	---	2.5
21	Christian Hausner	1552	W34	D8	½	½	---	2.5
22	Stefano Lee	1429	L2	W33	L3	W30	L6	2.0
23	Sidnei Austin	1487	L3	W35	L4	W25	L11	2.0
24	Kyle Smith	1054	L19	L29	L11	Bye	W30	2.0
25	Cole Hodge	Unr	L18	L26	W35	L23	W34	2.0
26	Anvit Rao	1378	L5	W25	D17	L15	L19	1.5
27	Connor Linn	1369	L8	W34	D19	L18	L17	1.5
28	Cirus Shiran	532	Bye	L30	L16	L11	D32	1.5
29	Joshua Mathews	1395	L12	W24	L20	½	---	1.5
30	Jahlin Brooks	735	½	W28	L9	L22	L24	1.5
31	Jade Ge	1322	L14	L15	W32	½	---	1.5
32	Ruoyao Zhou	800	½	L20	L31	D34	D28	1.5
33	Sriamsha Dubbaka	1130	L9	L22	W34	½	---	1.5
34	Jonah Siekman	Unr	L21	L27	L33	D32	L25	0.5
35	Michael Aldrich	1079	L13	L23	L25	½	---	0.5

4th Place:
Brandon O'Neil

Grade 11:
Nathan Dudash Sofia Stanescu-Bellu

Grade 10:
Clara McGrew Jeremy Mathews

Grade 9:
Soumya Kulkarni Karthik Baskaran

Grade 8 & Under:
Ben Li Surya Parasuraman

5th Place:
Akash Narayanan

Grade 8:
Ayush Das

Young Junior Championship (K-8)

No.	Name	Rating	Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd 3	Rd 4	Rd 5	Score
1	Surya Parasuraman	1969	W10	W3	W5	W8	W2	5.0
2	Ben Li	2237	W15	W6	W4	W9	L1	4.0
3	Christian Hausner	1552	W18	L1	W16	W11	W9	4.0
4	Sasha Konovalenko	1790	W16	W7	L2	W23	W8	4.0
5	Akash Narayanan	1763	W21	W12	L1	W13	D6	3.5
6	Aiden Song	1554	W11	L2	W10	W12	D5	3.5
7	Joshua Mathews	1395	W29	L4	W28	W20	D14	3.5
8	Ayush Das	1677	W27	W28	W14	L1	L4	3.0
9	Nathan Ouyang	1746	W30	W19	W20	L2	L3	3.0
10	Jade Ge	1322	L1	W18	L6	W28	W17	3.0
11	Michael Aldrich	1079	L6	W26	W31	L3	W23	3.0
12	Madhav Ramesh	1335	W17	L5	W25	L6	W18	3.0
13	Dakshesh Daruri	1439	W22	L20	W19	L5	W21	3.0
14	Siddharth Jha	1365	D24	W25	L8	W17	D7	3.0
15	Ben Li	1323	L2	W30	L17	W19	W22	3.0
16	Jared Ge	1200	L4	W29	L3	D24	W26	2.5
17	Kazuma David	800	L12	Bye	W15	L14	L10	2.0
18	Samay Achar	1033	L3	L10	W30	W25	L12	2.0
19	Shivam Jha	964	W31	L9	L13	L15	W29	2.0
20	Bryan Wilson Jr	1814	W26	W13	L9	L7	---	2.0
21	Sriamsha Dubbaka	1130	L5	W22	L23	W29	L13	2.0
22	Kamil Stokowski	880	L13	L21	W27	W31	L15	2.0
23	Eric Zhong	1456	L28	W27	W21	L4	L11	2.0
24	Luke Hausner	864	D14	L31	D26	D16	D27	2.0
25	Pavan Kannan	796	Bye	L14	L12	L18	W28	2.0
26	Yashwant Dubbaka	1301	L20	L11	D24	W30	L16	1.5
27	Jonathan Chen	1112	L8	L23	L22	Bye	D24	1.5
28	Alexander Boyd	960	W23	L8	L7	L10	L25	1.0
29	Advaith Vuppala	870	L7	L16	Bye	L21	L19	1.0
30	Saket Kulkarni	1116	L9	L15	L18	L26	Bye	1.0
31	Arjun Bajaj	1472	L19	W24	L11	L22	---	1.0

3rd Place: Christian Hausner
4th Place Sasha Konovalenko
2nd Place Ben Li

Grade 7:
Michael Aldrich Madhav Ramesh Joshua Mathews

Grade 6:
Ben Li Siddharth Jha

Grade 5 & Under:
Nathan Ouyang Aiden Song

Young Junior Reserve (K-8 U800)

No.	Name	Rating	Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd 3	Rd 4	Rd 5	Score
1	Ashwal Shastry	539	W14	W17	D5	W6	D2	4.0
2	Tejas Ayyagari	723	W13	D6	W16	W7	D1	4.0
3	Ashrith Mathiyazhagan	470	W19	L4	W12	W8	W7	4.0
4	Ethan Chen	629	W9	W3	L7	W5	D6	3.5
5	Nivedhita Nagarajan	446	W11	W8	D1	L4	W10	3.5
6	Ethan Setera	562	W12	D2	W17	L1	D4	3.0
7	Jose Diaz	464	W20	W18	W4	L2	L3	3.0
8	Siddarth Nagisetty	606	W15	L5	W11	L3	W12	3.0
9	Oviyan Anbarasu	350	L4	W19	D10	D17	W11	3.0
10	Mithran Kannan	358	L17	W14	D9	W16	L5	2.5
11	Faith McGrew	Unr	L5	W15	L8	W13	L9	2.0
12	Suchir Nagisetty	296	L6	W20	L3	W15	L8	2.0
13	Saghana Parasuraman	392	L2	L16	W18	L11	W19	2.0
14	Abinivesh Hemakumar	137	L1	L10	W20	L18	W16	2.0
15	Matthew Raymond	303	L8	L11	W19	L12	W20	2.0
16	Cody Bartlett	326	D18	W13	L2	L10	L14	1.5
17	Kristian Popov	714	W10	L1	L6	D9	---	1.5

18	Sovereign Schoenherr	613	D16	L7	L13	W14	---	1.5
19	Sayaka David	Unr	L3	L9	L15	W20	L13	1.0
20	Daniel Pruitt	Unr	L7	L12	L14	L19	L15	0.0

K-8 Reserve Co-Champions:
Ashrith Mathiyazhagan Tejas Ayyagari Ashwal Shastry

5th Place: Nivedhita Nagarajan
4th Place: Ethan Chen

Children's Championship (K-5)

No.	Name	Rating	Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd 3	Rd 4	Rd 5	Score
1	Rishi Shetty	1193	W19	W2	W3	W4	W5	5.0
2	Arjun Bajaj	1472	W8	L1	W10	W7	W6	4.0
3	Mack Burmeister	819	W14	W6	L1	W10	W4	4.0
4	Yashwant Dubbaka	1301	W12	W15	W7	L1	L3	3.0
5	Anthony Liao	1219	W20	L7	W8	W11	L1	3.0
6	Jared Ge	1200	W11	L3	W13	W12	L2	3.0
7	Saket Kulkarni	1116	W17	W5	L4	L2	W13	3.0
8	Marisa Ricci	1098	L2	W19	L5	W15	W14	3.0
9	Jonathan Chen	1112	L13	L11	W20	W16	W12	3.0
10	Avaneesh Prasad	1127	D18	W13	L2	L3	W11	2.5
11	Pranav Srinivas	792	L6	W9	W15	L5	L10	2.0
12	Alexander Boyd	960	L4	W16	W14	L6	L9	2.0
13	Sullivan Klus	701	W9	L10	L6	W20	L7	2.0
14	Joshua Lee	1217	L3	W18	L12	W17	L8	2.0
15	David Makarczyk	1163	W16	L4	L11	L8	W19	2.0
16	Aswath Karai	703	L15	L12	W19	L9	W17	2.0
17	Ethan Chen	629	L7	D20	W18	L14	L16	1.5
18	Jaegun Song	702	D10	L14	L17	L19	W20	1.5
19	Luke Burmeister	777	L1	L8	L16	W18	L15	1.0
20	Nolan Donovan	906	L5	D17	L9	L13	L18	0.5

2nd Place: Arjun Bajaj
3rd Place: Mack Burmeister

5th Place: Anthony Liao

Grade 5: Marisa Ricci

Grade 4: Jared Ge Saket Kulkarni

Children's Reserve (K-5 U600)

No.	Name	Rating	Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd 3	Rd 4	Rd 5	Score
1	Tarun Rajesh	107	W2	W4	L3	W6	Bye	4.0
2	Owen Appel	318	L1	W6	W7	W3	W5	4.0
3	Quentin Zeller	328	W5	W7	W1	L2	D4	3.5
4	Tanish Devaram	225	W6	L1	W5	Bye	D3	3.5
5	Joshua Devolder	204	L3	Bye	L4	W7	L2	2.0
6	Saswat Saravanan	412	L4	L2	Bye	L1	W7	2.0
7	Mihir Naik	150	Bye	L3	L2	L5	L6	1.0

K-5 Reserve Co-Champions: Owen Appel Tarun Rajesh

3rd Place:: Quentin Zeller
4th Place: Tanish Devaram
5th Place Saswat Saravanan

Young Children's Championship (K-3)

No.	Name	Rating	Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd 3	Rd 4	Rd 5	Score
1	Michael Zheng	1290	W10	W12	W2	W4	W5	5.0
2	Shamanth Shastry	846	W15	W5	L1	W10	W4	4.0
3	Eleanor Klinger	488	W18	W6	L4	W7	W10	4.0
4	Luke Hausner	864	W16	W7	W3	L1	L2	3.0
5	Bryan Chen	583	W11	L2	W16	W6	L1	3.0
6	Ezra Min	689	W8	L3	W9	L5	W11	3.0
7	Parini Rao	603	W17	L4	W11	L3	W13	3.0

8	Vishnav Ramesh	368	L6	L11	W18	W15	W12	3.0
9	Ben Miller	686	D13	W18	L6	L12	W16	2.5
10	Aditya Kaza	511	L1	W13	W12	L2	L3	2.0
11	Jason Shi	Unr	L5	W8	L7	W14	L6	2.0
12	Sovereign Schoenherr	613	W14	L1	L10	W9	L8	2.0
13	David Parker	353	D9	L10	W14	D16	L7	2.0
14	Mathathi Mathiyazhagan	340	L12	W15	L13	L11	W17	2.0
15	Saghana Parasuraman	392	L2	L14	W17	L8	W18	2.0
16	Ashrith Mathiyazhagan	470	L4	W17	L5	D13	L9	1.5
17	Adhiyan Anbarasu	337	L7	L16	L15	W18	L14	1.0
18	Erik Howe	995	L3	L9	L8	L17	L15	0.0

3rd Place: Eleanor Klinger

2nd Place: Shamanth Shastry

4th Place Luke Hausner

Grade 3: Sovereign Schoenherr Ezra Min Parini Rao

Grade 2: Ben Miller Vishnav Ramesh

Grade 1: Jason Shi

Young Children's Reserve (K-3 U300)

No.	Name	Rating	Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd 3	Rd 4	Rd 5	Score
1	Cameron Liu	105	W3	W8	W9	W2	W5	5.0
2	Sebastian Klus	298	W12	W9	W5	L1	D3	3.5
3	Katelyn Lu	296	L1	W7	W13	W8	D2	3.5
4	Justin Loveday	Unr	L9	D11	W7	W12	W10	3.5
5	Aditya Achyut	252	W13	W6	L2	W11	L1	3.0
6	Supratik Kuchibhatla	150	W10	L5	L11	W9	W8	3.0
7	Abhiraaj Datta	249	½	L3	L4	Bye	W11	2.5
8	Nikolas Greborunis	237	W11	L1	W10	L3	L6	2.0
9	Michael Abel	220	W4	L2	L1	L6	Bye	2.0
10	Nicholas Jimenez	Unr	L6	W12	L8	W13	L4	2.0
11	Elizabeth Min	101	L8	D4	W6	L5	L7	1.5
12	Nishant Nagarajan	129	L2	L10	Bye	L4	D13	1.5
13	Olivia Parker	105	L5	Bye	L3	L10	D12	1.5

K-3 Reserve Champion: Cameron Liu

3rd Place: Katelyn Lu

4th Place: Justin Loveday

5th Place: Aditya Achyut

6th Place Supratik Kuchibhatla

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2015 ANNUAL UNIVERSAL K-12 SCHOLASTIC CHAMPIONSHIP

5-SS, G-40;d5
December 5, 2015

FORMAT: The 2015 Annual Universal K-12 Scholastic Championship is a USCF rated tournament OPEN TO K-12 ONLY. 3 Sections (K-12, K-6, K-3). USCF and MCA Memberships are required and can be purchased on site. Up to TWO 1/2-point byes allowed - must be requested prior to start of RD 3.

TIME CONTROL: GAME/40;d5 **ROUNDS:** 11, 1:15, 3, 4:45

ENTRY FEE: $30 by Tues., Dec. 1st; Add $5 after

REGISTRATION: Sat., Dec. 5th, 9:00 - 10:15 AM

PRIZES: Trophies for Top 3 in each section. Trophies for: K-12: TOP Grade 10-12, TOP Grade 7-9 and Under Grade 7. K-6: TOP Grade 5-6, TOP Grade 3-4 and TOP Under Grade 4. K-3: Top Grade 2-3 and Top K-1.

2015 ANNUAL HOLIDAY MINI CHESS CAMP

FOR BEGINNER/INTERMEDIATE PLAYERS AGES 6-14

STARTS: Mon., Dec. 28th, 9 AM. **ENDS:** Wed., Dec. 30th 12 Noon

FORMAT: **THREE-DAY (3-Day) Mini Holiday Chess Camp for beginner and intermediate players ages 6-14. Your child can learn or improve his/her knowledge of the game of Chess! BEGINNER PLAYERS will have fun learning the game of Chess, including the history, the playing board, its chessmen, how the pieces move, value of the pieces, basic opening moves, beginning strategies and tactics, and how to checkmate their opponent. INTERMEDIATE PLAYERS will review the basics and learn multiple openings, more complex middlegame and endgame tactics and strategies of play, and more! On the last day of camp, a CLASS TOURNAMENT will be held, and TROPHIES will be awarded! The players learn a LOT about chess, play puzzle contests for prizes, and have a LOT of FUN while learning! This is a very good holiday activity for your children! It keeps them happy, busy and learning after the holiday!**

PRIZES: **TROPHIES and Other Prizes (choice of chess key chains, small glass chess sets, magnetic chess sets, chess pencils, etc.).**

ENTRIES/INFO: **Dr. Ed Mandell, All The King's Men, 26640 Gratiot Avenue, Roseville. MI 48066. (248) 635-2375 (Dr. Ed's Cell) - (586) 558-4790 - Fax: (586) 558-2046 – EMAIL: allthekingsmench@aol.com**

2015 Michigan Amateur Championship

The 2015 Michigan Amateur Championships was held in Lansing at the University Quality Inn over Memorial Weekend (May 23-24). The main section was open to players rated under 2000. There was also a one-day U800 section for beginners on Saturday. Jennifer Skidmore was the tournament director.

Crosstables

Amateur Championship (U2000)

No.	Name	Rating	Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd 3	Rd 4	Rd 5	Score
1	James Sawaski	1986	W8	W17	W4	W14	D3	4.5
2	Gavin Roupe	851	W49	D41	W20	W26	W7	4.5
3	Jeff Aldrich	1900	W28	W23	W12	D6	D1	4.0
4	Jeffrey Guilfoyle	1780	W45	W29	L1	W18	W12	4.0
5	James Karakos	1806	W32	D25	D9	W13	W16	4.0
6	Stanley Jarosz	1928	W40	W16	D7	D3	D9	3.5
7	Justin Liang	1790	W36	W22	D6	W25	L2	3.5
8	Ed Mandell	1383	L1	W43	W34	W17	D10	3.5
9	Arthur Huerta	1611	W37	D26	D5	W31	D6	3.5
10	Ronald Grzegorczyk	1661	L29	W42	W32	W30	D8	3.5
11	I.C. Matias	1747	½	W46	D13	D15	W25	3.5
12	Curley Taylor Jr	1502	W48	W20	L3	W38	L4	3.0
13	Joe Beane Jr	1500	W52	D19	D11	L5	W36	3.0
14	Nassar Beydoun	1793	W30	W18	W15	L1	---	3.0
15	Dakshesh Daruri	1436	W50	W38	L14	D11	D26	3.0
16	Ezekiel Houghton	1631	W31	L6	W44	W29	L5	3.0
17	Ayush Das	1701	W47	L1	W35	L8	W33	3.0
18	George Goeminne	1442	W39	L14	W46	L4	W29	3.0
19	Thomas LaForge	1804	W33	D13	L25	W28	D21	3.0
20	Vijay Kodali	1816	W35	L12	L2	W44	W32	3.0
21	Allan Watts	1545	1/2	L24	W40	W27	D19	3.0
22	Alexander Bemben	1462	W34	L7	L31	W43	W30	3.0
23	Gary Swathell	1624	W43	L3	L30	W42	W35	3.0
24	Jose Ybarra	1347	½	W21	---	½	W31	3.0
25	Patrick Kinnicutt	1543	W51	D5	W19	L7	L11	2.5
26	Robert Bemben	1838	W27	D9	1/2	L2	D15	2.5
27	Jade Ge	1318	L26	W37	D28	L21	W45	2.5
28	John Jones	Unr	L3	W45	D27	L19	W44	2.5
29	Samay Achar	1042	W10	L4	W49	L16	L18	2.0
30	Jared Ge	1211	L14	W39	W23	L10	L22	2.0
31	Zachary Houghton	918	L16	W40	W22	L9	L24	2.0
32	Ben Li	1254	L5	W52	L10	W39	L20	2.0
33	Derek Yan	1242	L19	W48	L38	W34	L17	2.0
34	Anitej Bhaskar	788	L22	W36	L8	L33	W47	2.0
35	Yashwant Dubbaka	1301	L20	WF	L17	W37	L23	2.0
36	Michael Aldrich	1180	L7	L34	W51	W46	L13	2.0
37	Kazuma David	872	L9	L27	W45	L35	W42	2.0
38	James Walters Jr	1773	W44	L15	W33	L12	---	2.0
39	Tejas Ayyagari	735	L18	L30	W47	L32	W43	2.0
40	Ashwin Balaji	1378	L6	L31	L21	D51	W46	1.5
41	Michael Pappas	1702	W42	D2	---	---	---	1.5
42	Agniva Bhaumik	1127	L41	L10	W48	L23	L37	1.0
43	Alex Kong	911	L23	L8	W50	L22	L39	1.0
44	Sriamsha Dubbaka	1130	L38	W50	L16	L20	L28	1.0
45	Mervin Draper	1142	L4	L28	L37	W48	L27	1.0
46	Anthony Clark	252	Bye	L11	L18	L36	L40	1.0
47	Jonathan Chen	1070	L17	L49	L39	W50	L34	1.0
48	Sean McCormick	820	L12	L33	L42	L45	W51	1.0
49	David Sundeen	1600	L2	W47	L29	---	---	1.0
50	Emily Kinnicutt	417	L15	L44	L43	L47	Bye	1.0
51	Advaith Vuppala	840	L25	LF	L36	D40	L48	0.5
52	Nicolas Miller	805	L13	L32	---	---	---	0.0

U800 Section

No.	Name	Rating	Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd 3	Rd 4	Rd 5	Score
1	Ruoyao Zhou	772	W26	W28	W12	W10	W3	5.0
2	Eric Huang	685	W33	W21	W9	W13	W10	5.0
3	Ethan Chen	701	W38	W4	W5	W11	L1	4.0
4	Ethan Kopel	524	W17	L3	W37	W25	W11	4.0
5	Wesley Pasikowski	585	W20	W37	L3	W27	W9	4.0
6	Ralph Carter	575	L23	W36	W30	W24	W12	4.0
7	Cameron Abrams	636	W39	L9	W35	W23	W14	4.0
8	Jahlin Brooks	739	1/2	L23	W40	W15	W25	3.5
9	Abhijay Das	456	W32	W7	L2	W19	L5	3.0
10	Jayson Woolfork	674	W29	W27	W16	L1	L2	3.0
11	Nolan Wong	597	W35	W14	W13	L3	L4	3.0
12	Grant Tang	627	W36	W24	L1	W16	L6	3.0
13	Bryan Chen	686	W30	W18	L11	L2	W32	3.0
14	Anthony Li	573	W22	L11	W29	W17	L7	3.0
15	Jason Pasikowski	125	L16	W34	W18	L8	W35	3.0
16	Ben Miller	564	W15	W25	L10	L12	W24	3.0
17	Rylan Grasse	Unr	L4	W38	W21	L14	W27	3.0
18	Cirus Shiran	535	W41	L13	L15	W31	W23	3.0
19	Khushi Afre	618	L24	W39	W26	L9	W30	3.0
20	Abinivesh Hemakumar	224	L5	L35	W38	W26	W28	3.0
21	Sovereign Schoenherr	476	W31	L2	L17	W36	D22	2.5
22	Jared Shattuck	150	L14	L26	W33	W35	D21	2.5
23	Aryan Afre	213	W6	W8	L25	L7	L18	2.0
24	Nate Mcneilly	247	W19	L12	W28	L6	L16	2.0
25	Nolan Donovan	771	W34	L16	W23	L4	L8	2.0
26	T.J. Christian	425	L1	W22	L19	L20	W36	2.0
27	David Shi	484	WF	L10	W31	L5	L17	2.0
28	Noalen Klein	556	W40	L1	L24	W29	L20	2.0
29	Alex Huang	302	L10	W32	L14	L28	W41	2.0
30	Melinda Montgomery	339	L13	W41	L6	W37	L19	2.0
31	Kierth Lingam	Unr	L21	W33	L27	L18	W39	2.0
32	Chase Parrott	386	L9	L29	W39	W40	L13	2.0
33	Joseph Crachiola	327	L2	L31	L22	W38	W37	2.0
34	Jenna Burnham	382	L25	L15	L36	W41	W40	2.0
35	Jack Burnham	466	L11	W20	L7	L22	L15	1.0
36	Saswat Saravanan	271	L12	L6	W34	L21	L26	1.0
37	Jade Burnham	105	Bye	L5	L4	L30	L33	1.0
38	Mihir Naik	350	L3	L17	L20	L33	Bye	1.0
39	Joel Burnham	301	L7	L19	L32	Bye	L31	1.0
40	Kalil Olsen	119	L28	Bye	L8	L32	L34	1.0
41	Sayaka David	107	L18	L30	Bye	L34	L29	1.0

Stan Jarosz (1928)
Ashwin Balaji (1378)
Michigan Amateur (1)
Lansing, May 2015
Slav: Dutch, D18

1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.Nf3 Nf6 4.Nc3 dxc4 5.a4 Bf5 6.e3 e6 7.Bxc4 Nbd7 8.0–0 Be7 9.Qe2 0–0 10.h3 Qc7 11.e4 Bg6 12.d5 cxd5 13.exd5 Nb6 14.Bb3 Nbxd5 15.Nb5 Qc5 16.Bd2 Qb6 17.a5 Qd8 18.Ne5 Be4 19.f3 Bf5 20.g4 Bg6 21.h4 Rc8 22.Rac1 Bd6 23.Rxc8 Qxc8 24.Nxd6 Qc5+ 25.Kh1 Qxd6 26.h5 Bxh5 27.gxh5 Nxh5 28.Qh2 Ndf6 29.Rd1 Qa6 30.Bc3 g6 31.Bc4 b5 32.axb6 Qxb6 33.b3 Qe3 34.Bd4 Qg5 35.Rg1 Qh6 36.Ng4 Nxg4 37.fxg4 Qf4 38.Qxf4 Nxf4 39.Rf1 g5 40.Ra1 Rd8 41.Bf6 Rd7 42.Bxg5 Nd5 43.Ra6 Kg7 44.Bd2 Nc7 1–0

John Jones (Unr)
Jeff Aldrich (1900)
Michigan Amateur (1)
Lansing, May 2015
Caro-Kann: Advance, B12

1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 Bf5 4.Bd3 Bxd3 5.Qxd3 e6 6.Nf3 Ne7 7.Nbd2 Nd7 8.Nb3 Nf5 9.Bg5 Be7 10.Bxe7 Qxe7 11.c3 0–0 12.0–0 c5 13.Nxc5 Nxc5 14.dxc5 Qxc5 15.Nd4 Nxd4 16.cxd4 Qc4 17.Qc3 Qxc3 18.bxc3 Rac8

19.Rfc1 Rc4 20.Rc2 Rfc8 21.Rac1 b5 22.a3 a5 23.g3 b4 24.axb4 axb4 25.Kf1 bxc3 26.Ke2 Rxd4 27.Rxc3 Re4+ 28.Kd3 Rxc3+ 29.Rxc3 g5 30.Rc8+ Kg7 31.f3 Rxe5 32.Rb8 Re1 33.Rb2 h5 34.Kd4 Kf6 35.Rd2 Kf5 36.Kd3 f6 37.Re2 Rxe2 38.Kxe2 e5 39.Kd3 e4+ 40.fxe4+ dxe4+ 41.Ke3 Ke5 42.h3 f5 43.Kf2 Kd4 44.Ke2 f4 45.h4 f3+ 46.Kf2 gxh4 47.gxh4 Kd3 48.Ke1 e3 49.Kf1 Kd2 50.Kg1 e2 51.Kf2 e1Q+ 52.Kxf3 Qe3+ 53.Kg2 Ke2 54.Kh2 Kf2 55.Kh1 Qh3# 0–1

Jeff Guilfoyle (1780)
Marvin Draper (1142)
Michigan Amateur (1)
Lansing, May 2015
Queen's Gambit Declined: Capablanca, D66

1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.Bg5 Be7 5.Nf3 0–0 6.e3 c6 7.Rc1 Nbd7 8.Bd3 h6 9.Bh4 Re8 10.0–0 Nf8 11.Ne5 N6d7 12.Bxe7 Qxe7 13.f4 Nxe5 14.fxe5 Ng6 15.Qh5 Qg5 16.Qxg5 hxg5 17.Rf2 Ne7 18.g4 Bd7 19.Rcf1 Rf8 20.h3 g6 21.Kg2 b6 22.b4 Kg7 23.Kg3 Rab8 24.Rh1 a6 25.cxd5 Nxd5 26.Nxd5 exd5 27.Rhf1 b5 28.Rf6 Be6 29.R1f2 Ra8 30.Bxg6 fxg6 31.Rxe6 Rxf2 32.Kxf2 Rc8 33.Re7+ Kf8 34.Ra7 Re8 35.Rxa6 Re6 36.Ra7 Re7 37.Rxe7 Kxe7 38.Kg3 Ke6 39.h4 Kf7 40.h5 Kg7 41.a3 Kh6 42.e6 gxh5 43.e7 1–0

David Sundeen (1600)
Gavin Roupe (851)
Michigan Amateur (1)
Lansing, May 2015
Sicilian: Closed (Korchnoi), B23

1.e4 c5 2.Nc3 e6 3.g3 d5 4.exd5 exd5 5.Bg2 Nf6 6.d4 Be6 7.Bg5 Be7 8.Nge2 cxd4 9.Nxd4 Nc6 10.0–0 Qb6 11.Nxe6 fxe6 12.b3 0–0 13.Ne2 Rac8 14.Be3 Qc7 15.Nf4 Nd8 16.Bh3 Kf7 17.Re1 Re8 18.c4 Bb4 19.Re2 dxc4 20.bxc4 g5 21.Nxe6 Nxe6 22.Bxe6+ Rxe6 23.Bxg5 Rxe2 24.Qxe2 Re8 25.Qf3 Qe5 26.Bf4 Qxa1+ 0–1

Ezekiel Houghton (1631)
Stan Jarosz (1928)
Michigan Amateur (2)
Lansing, May 2015
Sicilian: Barnes (Bastrikov), B48

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 e6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 a6 5.Nc3 Qc7 6.Be3 Nf6 7.Bd3 Nc6 8.f3 Nxd4 9.Bxd4 Bc5 10.Bxc5 Qxc5 11.a4 0–0 12.Qe2 d6 13.e5 dxe5 14.Ne4 Nxe4 15.Qxe4 f5 16.Qc4 Qe3+ 17.Kd1 Bd7 18.Re1 Qf2 19.Rxe5 Qxg2 20.Qf4 Bc6 21.Ra3 Bxf3+ 22.Kc1 Qg1+ 23.Kd2 Qd1+ 24.Ke3 Be4 25.Rxe4 fxe4 26.Qxe4 Qe1+ 27.Kd4 e5+ 0–1

Jeff Aldrich (1900)
Gary Swathell (1624)
Michigan Amateur (2)
Lansing, May 2015
Grünfeld: Three Knights (Schlechter Deferred), D94

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 d5 3.Nc3 c6 4.Nf3 g6 5.e3 Bg7 6.Bd3 0–0 7.0–0 Be6 8.b3 Qc8 9.Ne5 c5 10.Ba3 cxd4 11.exd4 Re8 12.f4 Nc6 13.Be2 Qd8 14.c5 Ne4 15.Bb2 f5 16.Bb5 Rc8 17.Bxc6 bxc6 18.Nf3 Bf7 19.a3 Qc7 20.g3 a5 21.Na4 h6 22.Qc2 g5 23.Ne5 gxf4 24.gxf4 Bxe5 25.fxe5 e6 26.Nb6 Rcd8 27.Rae1 Kh7 28.Bc1 Rg8+ 29.Kh1 Rg4 30.Re3 Rdg8 31.Rh3 h5 32.Qe2 Ng5 33.Bxg5 R8xg5 34.Qe3 Qd8 35.Rg3 Qg8 36.Rxg4 hxg4 37.Nd7 Qg6 38.Rg1 Kg7 39.Nf6 Qh6 40.Rb1 Kg6 41.Rg1 Rh5 1–0

Ashwin Balaji (1378)
Zachary Houghton (918)
Michigan Amateur (2)
Lansing, May 2015
Two Knights: Traxler, C57

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Nf6 4.Ng5 Bc5 5.Nxf7 Bxf2+ 6.Kxf2 Nxe4+ 7.Kg1 Qh4 8.g3 Nxg3 9.hxg3 Qxg3+ 10.Kf1 d5 11.Qh5 g6 12.Qh4 Qf3+ 13.Qf2 Qxh1+ 14.Qg1 Qf3+ 15.Qf2 Qxf7 16.Qxf7+ Kxf7 17.Bxd5+ Be6 18.Nc3 Ke7 19.Ke2 Nd4+ 20.Kd3 c6 21.Bxe6 Kxe6 22.b3 h5 23.Bb2 g5 24.Re1 Rad8 25.Ke3 Nxc2+ 26.Kf2 Nxe1 27.Kxe1 h4 28.Kf1 Rxd2 29.Bc1 Rf8+ 30.Ke1 Rdf2 31.Bxg5 h3 32.Ne4 Rf1+ 33.Ke2 h2 34.Ng3 R8f2+ 35.Ke3 Rf3+ 36.Ke2 Rxg3 37.Kxf1 Rxg5 38.Kf2 h1Q 39.Ke3 Rg3+ 40.Ke2 Qh2+ 41.Ke1 Rg1# 0–1

Curley Taylor Jr (1502)
Jeff Aldrich (1900)
Michigan Amateur (3)
Lansing,May 2015
Queen's Pawn: Closed (Colle), D05

1.d4 d5 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.e3 e6 4.Bd3 c5 5.c3 Nc6 6.0–0 Qc7 7.g3 Be7 8.Nbd2 e5 9.dxe5 Nxe5 10.Nxe5 Qxe5 11.Bb5+ Kf8 12.Be2 Bh3 13.Re1 h5 14.Nf3 Qc7 15.Nh4 Rd8 16.Ng2 g5 17.Bf3 Ne4 18.Bxh5 Qd7 19.Bf3 Qf5 20.Qe2 Qh7 21.Bxe4 dxe4 22.f3 Bf5 23.h4 exf3 24.Qxf3 Be4 25.Qf2 gxh4 26.g4 h3 0–1

Patrick Kinnicutt (1543)
Thomas LaForge (1804)
Michigan Amateur (3)
Lansing, May 2015
Petrov: Italian, C42

1.e4 d6 2.Nf3 e5 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.Bc4 Be7 5.d3 0–0 6.Be3 c6 7.a3 Ng4 8.Qd2 Nxe3 9.fxe3 Nd7 10.0–0–0 b5 11.Ba2 a5 12.a4 b4 13.Ne2 Nc5 14.b3 Be6 15.Kb2 Qb6 16.Ng3 Bf6 17.Nh5 Be7 18.Ng3 Nd7 19.Nf5 Bxf5 20.exf5 d5 21.e4 d4 22.g4 f6 23.h4 Rf7 24.g5 c5 25.g6 Rff8 26.h5 h6 27.Nh2 Rfc8 28.Ng4 Bf8 29.Rdg1 Ra7 30.Rg3 Nb8 31.Rhg1 Rcc7 32.Nxh6+ gxh6 33.g7 Rxg7 34.Rg6 Raf7 35.Qxh6 Nd7 36.Qd2 Rxg6 37.fxg6 Re7 38.h6 Qe6 39.Qg2 Bxh6 40.Qh2 Bf4 41.Qh5 Nf8 42.Rh1 Nxg6 43.Qxg6+ Rg7 44.Qh5 Kf8 45.Qh8+ Qg8 46.Qxg8+ Rxg8 47.Rh7 Rg7 48.Rh8+ Kf7 49.Ra8 Rg1 50.Bb1 Bh6 51.Rxa5 Bf8 52.Ra7+ Kg6 53.a5 Rh1 54.Rd7 Rh8 55.Rd8 Kf7 56.a6 Ke7 57.Rb8 1–0

Jeff Aldrich (1900)
Stan Jarosz (1928)
Michigan Amateur (4)
Lansing, May 2015
Queen's Gambit Declined: Neo-Orthodox (Anti-Tartakower), D55

1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Be7 4.Nf3 Nf6 5.Bg5 h6 6.Bxf6 Bxf6 7.e3 0–0 8.Qc2 c5 9.Rd1 cxd4 10.exd4 Nc6 11.cxd5 exd5 12.Be2 Bg4 13.0–0 Bxf3 14.Bxf3 Nxd4 15.Qd3 Nxf3+ 16.Qxf3 Bxc3 17.Rxd5 Qf6 18.Qxc3 Qxc3 19.bxc3 Rfc8 20.Rb5 b6 21.Rc1 Rc4 22.g3 Rac8 23.Rb3 Ra4 24.a3 Rc5 25.Kg2 Rac4 26.Kf1 b5 27.Ke2 a5 28.Kd2 Rd5+ 29.Ke2 Re4+ 30.Kf1 Rc5 31.Rd1 Rec4 32.Rd8+ Kh7 33.Rb8 a4 34.R3xb5 Rxb5 35.Rxb5 Rxc3 36.Ra5 Rxa3 37.h4 g6 38.Ra7 Kg7 39.Ra6 h5 40.Ke2 Ra2+ 41.Ke3 a3 42.f3 f6 43.Kf4 Kf7 44.g4 hxg4 45.Kxg4 f5+ 46.Kg5 Rg2+ 47.Kf4 a2 48.Ke5 Re2+ 49.Kf4 Ke7 50.h5 gxh5 51.Kxf5 h4 52.Kg4 Rh2 53.f4 Kf7 54.Kg5 Ke7 55.f5 h3 56.Kg4 Rf2 ½–½

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Champion
James Sawaski

2nd Place (Tied 1st)
Gavin Roupe

3rd Place
Jeff Aldrich

1st U1800
Jeffrey Guilfoyle

U1600

1st : Ed Mandell

2nd: Curley Taylor Jr

U1200

1st: Zachary Houghton

2nd: Samay Achar

2nd U1000
Kazuma David

1st Unrated
John Jones

1st Senior
I.C. Matias

1st Junior
Dakshesh Daruri

U800 Section: Tied 1st Place

Eric Huang

Ruyao Zhou

U800 3rd Place
Ethan Chen

U800 4th Place
Ethan Kopel

U800 5th Place
Wesley Pasikowski

U800 Section: Top U600
Abhijay Das Ralph Carter

U800 Section: Top Unrated
Kierth Lingam Rylan Grasse

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8 SECTIONS:	Master/Expert (FIDE Rated), A, B, C, D, E (U1200) Novice (Sat)/Fun Swiss (Sun): U1000/Unrated, 1-Day Each
MEMBERSHIPS:	Must be a member of the US Chess Federation & Michigan Chess Association. (Members of other state associations OK)
CLASS ELIGIBILITY:	The most recent USCF rating supplement will be used for determining ratings. Players must play in the class in which their rating indicates. Unrated players must play in the Novice section. Players may request to play up in class (or unrated players may request being seeded into a class) if their recent tournament history shows achievement into that class. The tournament director must approve all requests and will assign a rating to the player within the rating window of that class.
ADVANCE ENTRY FEES:	**M/X:** $45 (U18 $5 off), Free entry to GM, IM, FM, & 2200+, adv entry fee deducted from prize. **A, B, C, D, E:** $42 (U18 $5 off), **Novice:** $25; Advance entries must be paid by January 14. For entry fees paid after January 14, add $10 more. **Fun Swiss:** $15
ADVANCE REGISTRATION:	Online: https://onlineregistration.cc/ Jeff Aldrich (TD), P.O. Box 40, Flint MI 48501; Make Checks Payable to **MCA.** jeffchess@charter.net; (810) 955-7271
ON-SITE REGISTRATION:	Saturday: 8:00-9:00am Fun Swiss (Sunday): 8:30-9:30am
ROUNDS:	**M/X, Class Sections:** Sat 10am, 2:30pm, 7 pm; Sun 10am, 2:30pm **Novice/Fun Swiss:** 10am, 11:30am, 1:30pm, 3pm, 4:30pm
TIME CONTROL:	**M/X, Class Sections:** G/115;d5 **Novice/Fun Swiss:** G/30;d5

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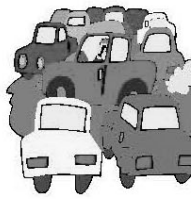

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WHERE: ROYAL DEARBORN HOTEL & CONVENTION CENTER

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START TIME: FRIDAY, 11/27: 11 A.M. • END TIME: SUNDAY, 11/29: 7:30 P.M.

IM ALEX LENDERMAN LECTURE on FRI, 11/28, 5-6 P.M. ($10)

IM or FM LECTURE on SAT, 11/28, 5-6 P.M. ($10)

DIRECTIONS: Located North of Michigan Ave, South of Hubbard St, East of Evergreen Rd, West of Southfield Rd. For maps, go online to http://www.mapquest.com or http://www.yahoo.com.

FORMAT: 6-SS. 4 SECTIONS: OPEN, U1800, U1400, U1000 (4-SS in U1000 Section). Top Section FIDE-Rated. OK to play up. SITE: ROYAL DEARBORN HOTEL & CONVENTION CENTER (Lodging Info below). All Sections except U1000 have 2-Day and 3-Day Schedules. No Re-Entries in OPEN or U1000 Sections. Up to THREE 1/2-pt. byes available (2 in U1000 Section)–must be requested before start of Rd 4 (Rd 3 in U1000 Section). SECTIONS MERGE AFTER RD 3. PRIZE FUND: $10,000! 80% Guaranteed (b/50 per section). Grand Prix Points: 60 (enhanced). Unrated eligible ONLY for Overall and UNRated prizes in all sections; can play in any section. USCF and a STATE memberships required; can be purchased on site. Online registration available at http://www.onlineregistration.cc. Scroll down to All The King's Men, then click this tournament. Book Vendor on site with books, clocks, sets, other supplies and accessories for sale. Commemorative Motor City Open chess boards on sale for $10, including pieces.

ENTRY FEE: By Mon, 11/16 (add $10 after; add $20 after Mon, 11/23): OPEN Section: 3-DAY: $113. 2-DAY: $112. IM's and GM's Free! ($100 EF deducted from prize). No Re-Entries Allowed. U1800 Section: 3-DAY: $83. 2-DAY: $82. Re-Entries: $50. U1400 Section: 3-DAY: $63. 2-DAY: $62. Re-Entries: $40. U1000 Section (1-Day 0nly): $30. No Re-Entries Allowed. TIME CONTROL: OPEN, U1800, U1400 Sections: 3-DAY SCHEDULES: RDs 1-6, 40/120;d5, SD/30. 2-DAY SCHEDULE: RDs 1-3, G-40;d5. RDs 4-6, 40/120;d5, SD/30. U1000 Section: 1-DAY SCHEDULE (Sat. only): G/45;d5. Up to THREE 1/2-pt. byes available (2 in U1000 Section)–must be requested before start of Rd 4 (Rd 3 in U1000 Section). ROUNDS: OPEN, U1800, U1400 Sections: 3-DAY SCHEDULES: FRI: 11, 6. SAT: 11, 6. SUN: 10, 3:30. 2-DAY SCHEDULES: SAT: 10:30, 12:30, 2:30, 6. SUN: 10, 3:30. U1000 SECTION (4-SS): SAT: 10, 12, 2, 4. REGISTRATION: 3-Day Schedules: Fri, 11/27: 8-10 AM. 2-Day Schedules: Sat, 11/28: 8-9:30 AM. 1-Day Schedule: **Sat, 11/28: 8-9 AM. Register** online at http://www.onlineregistration.cc.

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INFO/ENT: Dr. Ed Mandell (248) 635-2375 (Cell) Email: allthekingsmench@aol.com.

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Susan Polgar Foundation Girls' Invitational

Sasha Konovalenko represented Michigan at 12th Susan Polgar Foundation Girls' Invitational chess tournament at Webster University, St. Louis, MO on July 27-30, 2015. Sasha took 1st place in a puzzle solving competition and 11th overall.

The attached picture shows Sasha with Susan Polgar. More details can be found on Susan Polgar's website: https://chessdailynews.com/12th-annual-spf-girls-invitational-at-webster-university/

Sasha will also be playing at 2015 World Youth Chess Championship in Greece. Look for more coverage in a future issue of Michigan Chess magazine.

Picture coutesy of Alex Konovalenko

Michigan Chess Clubs

Ann Arbor Chess Club Wed 6pm-10pm; Espresso Royale, 324 S State St; Eric Wright (734) 846-4432 *Parking available at the Maynard St Parking structure. No Dues. Bring a set and a clock! All are welcome, young and old, of all playing strengths.*

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Grand Rapids Area Chess Club Tue 7:00-10:00pm; Common Ground Coffee, 1319 Fulton E, Grand Rapids; Eugene Brumley (616) 987-0131; e-mail: eugenebrumley@gmail.com

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

mail:sensie48910@yahoo.com;
http://www.lansingchessclub.blogspot.com
Livingston County Chess Club Mon 6:00-9:45pm; Hartland Senior Center, 9525 E. Highland Rd (M-59),Howell, MI 48843, ¼-mile west of US-23; Ken Lamb (810)-599-4134; Matt Trujillo (810)-225-3000; Website: http://www.livingstoncountychessclub.blogspot.com/ Email: livingstoncountychessclub@hotmail.com or lcchess@yahoo.com
Livonia Chess Club Wed 12:00-5:00pm; Senior Citizens Bldg, SE Corner of Five Mile Rd & Farmington Rd; George Geominne; e-mail: geologoe@twmi.rr.com; Bob Mekus (313) 592-1450
Marquette Chess Club Thur 7:00pm; Masonic Building, 128 West Washigton St; Tom Hogan (906) 869-1719
Mesick Public Library Chess Club Thu 3:00-5:00pm; 207 North Eugene Street, Mesick, MI 49668; Greg Bailey or Duane Croel (231) 885-2604
Midland Chess Club Mon 7:00pm (Sep-May); Midland High School Rm 245, 1301 Eastlawn; John Warner (989) 839-8290
Muskegon Chess Club Mon & Thur, 7:00 - 10:00 PM; Barnes & Noble Bookstore (in cafeteria), 5275 Harvey St., Muskegon, MI; Steve Dumas (231) 798-2968 e-mail: stevedumas1@comcast.net; *Minimum age: 10*
Oak Park Chess Club Thu 6:30-10:30pm; Oak Park Community Center, 14300 Oak Park Blvd. (9.5 Mile, west of Coolidge) (248) 691-7555
Petoskey Chess Club Tue 7:00-10:00pm; Horizon Books, 319 E. Mitchell St., Petoskey; Dave Mitchell (231) 548-1478
Port Huron Chess Club Thu 6:30-10:00pm (except holidays); Palmer Park Recreation Center, 2829 Armour St, Port Huron, 48460; Lon Rutkofske (810) 388-9219 e-mail: ishking@aol.com; Website: http://porthuronchessclub.yolasite.com/
Redford Chess Club Fri 2:30-4:30pm; Thurston High School, 26255 Schoolcraft; Eric Nelson (313) 535-4000 x1110 e-mail: nelser01@southredford.net
Saint Clair Saturday Chess Club Sat 9:00am-12:00pm Burger King, Corner of Clinton and River Rd; Jaime Chan (810) 326-3745 e-mail: jaime@saturdaychess.com; Website: www.saturdaychess.com
Saint Joseph Chess Club Wed 6:00-8:00pm; Saint Joseph Public Library, 500 Market St; Tony Palmer (269) 982-5128
Sault Ste. Marie, Sugar Island Chess Klub Thu 7:00pm; Hilltop Bar, 5389 E 1 1/2 Mile Road, Sugar Island; Glen Schmiege (906) 635-5791, e-mail: gschmiege@nodinwifi.com
South Bend Chess Club (Indiana) Thu7:00-10:00pm; Meijer Store, 5020 Grape Rd, Mishawaka, IN ~4 Miles south of State line. Grape Rd 1/4 Mile South of Douglas Rd. Roger Blaine (574) 257-9033; e-mail: reblaine@hotmail.com
Spring Lake District Youth Chess Club (Ages 8-18) 2nd Mon 4:00-5:30pm; Spring Lake District Library, 123 E. Exchange St; Lisa Donner: (616) 846-5770 x107
Troy Chess Club (casual chess) Thur 6:30-10:15pm; Troy Community Center, 3179 Livernois Ave., Troy (248) 524-3484 (I-75 exit 69, east on Big Beaver Rd 1/4 mile to Livernois. U-turn. 1 Block N of Big Beaver, W. of Livernois.) Don Mailing: (248) 391-2940
Troy Youth All-Star Chess Club Sat 3:00-5:00pm; Troy Community Center -3179 Livernois Rd, Troy, MI 48083. The club is open to any K-12 students who are interested in improving his/her chess skills. Come in and have fun! Club information: http://games.groups.yahoo.com/group/TYASCC/. Feng Zhong, xyzf99@yahoo.com (248) 825-6192. Chris Hausner, chausner_mi@yahoo.com (313) 575-5617
Traverse City Chess Club Wed 6:00-11:00pm; Horizon Books, 243 E Front St, Traverse City; Joe Revnell (231) 633-1323
Universal Chess Club Mon-Sat 12:00-6:00pm, Sun 12:00-5:00pm; *NEW STORE LOCATION!!* 26640 Gratiot Ave, Roseville, MI 48066; Ed Mandell (586) 558-4790
e-mail: allthekingsmench@aol.com; Website: www.allthekingsmenchess.com; *All Ages/strengths welcome! Sets provided; clocks for rent. Snacks & beverages are available for purchase*

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SEPTEMBER TOURNAMENTS:

Sep 4-7 ★★2015 MICHIGAN OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP
CAUSEWAY BAY HOTEL LANSING, 6820 South Cedar St, Lansing, MI 48911 HR: Thru 8/31, after if avail. $109.50 Includes Breakfast; ***Phone:*** *517-694-8123.* **7-SS** 3 Sect: Open (all), Reserve (U1800), Booster (U1200); 3 Schedules. **RDS**: 4-day: Fri(9/4): 7:30pm, Sat 10:30am, 6:30pm, Sun 10am, 7pm, Mon 9am, 3:30pm. 3-day: Sat (9/5): 10am, 1pm, then merge w 4-day. 2-day (Booster & Reserve only): Sun (9/6): 9am, 10:30am, 12pm, 1:30pm, then merge w 4-day. ½ pt bye for RDS 1-6, max of 2. Must request before RD 4. **TL**: 4-day: 40/120;d5, SD/55;d5, 3-day: RDS 1&2 G/75;d5. 2-day: RDS 1-4, G/30;d5. **REG**: www.onlineregistration.cc, Jeff Aldrich, P.O. Box 40, Flint MI 48501, 810-955-7271, jeffchess@charter.net. **REG**: Site: 4-day: Fri (9/4): 6-6:29pm. 3-day: Sat (9/5): 9-9:29am. 2-day: Sun (9/6): 8:00-8:29am. **EF**: Adv Ent (Paid by 8/31) **Open:** $55 for 4-day, $56 for 3-day, $65 site. Free Entry to GM/IM/FM/2200+ when registered by 8/31, $55 EF deduct from prize. **Reserve:** $45 for 4-day, $46 for 3-day, $47 for 2-day, $55 site. **Booster:** $35 for 4-day, $36 for 3-day, $37 for 2-day, $45 site. **U18:** $5 discount, Re-entry allowed for 4-day advance price. **MEMB MTG**: 4:30pm Sat, Aug 9/5. MCA members, make your voice heard! Checks payable to **MCA**. Be sure to specify schedule, and select correct entry fee! **USCF memb. req. MCA memb. req for MI residents. $3150 GUARANTEED PRIZE FUND** Trophies for all Place-Winners (& 2nd Place Each Class in Booster) **OPEN:** 1st $500, 2nd $300, 3rd $250 (20 GPP). U2200: $200; U2100: $200; U2000: $200; U1900: $200. **RESERVE:** 1st $300, 2nd $225, 3rd $150, U1600: $125; U1500: $125; U1400: $125; U1300: $125; U1200: $125. **BOOSTER:** Trophies to 1st, 2nd, 3rd; U1000, U800, U600: 1st & 2nd each; Unrated 1st.

Sep 6 ★★2015 MICHIGAN SPEED CHAMPIONSHIP
Held with the Michigan Open. USCF Blitz rated, Memb Rqrd. **5-2SS**. **TL:** G5;d0. **Rds:** Starts at 3pm. **EF:** $16 online in adv. $25 onsite. **Reg:** www.onlineregistration.cc, Sun 9-2:30pm. **$$:** 1st Troph + $150, 2nd: $125, 3rd: $100, 4th: $75, 5th: $50; Troph

1st, 2nd U2000, U1800, U1600, U1400, U1200, U1000, U800, U600, U400, Unr

Sep 11 FRIDAY KNIGHT ACTION QUADS! #97
University of Michigan Pierpont Commons, 2101 Bonisteel Blvd, Ann Arbor, MI 48109. **3-RR** Quads by rtg. **Reg:** 6:30-6:50pm **Rds:** 7-8-9pm. **EF:** $11 by 6pm day of tourney (online: onlineregistration.cc), $11 at the door, $15 if paid after 6:50pm. **TL:** G/30 (G/25;d5). $$: $16/quad. **Ent/Info:** Jennifer Skidmore 734-678-0463, jmscamelot@gmail.com

Sep 14-28 UNIVERSAL MONTH-LONG SWISS
All the King's Men Chess Supplies, 26640 Gratiot Ave, Roseville, MI 48066**. 4-SS. TL:** G/90;d5. **Rds:** 6:15pm each week. **EF:** $25. **Reg:** 5-6pm. **$$:** 70% of entries. **Ent/Info:** Dr. Ed Mandell, (586) 558-4790. Email: allthekingsmench@aol.com, http://www.allthekingsmenchess.com

Sep 15 *Genesee County CC* Blitz Extravaganza!
Eastside Senior Center, 3065 N. Genesee Rd. Flint, MI 48506.**2RR.** Sect of 6-8 by rtg.. **Reg:** 6:00-6:25pm **Rds:** Starts about 6:30pm. **EF:** $5 **TL:** G/5 (no delay). **$$:** Sect of 8: 1st $16-$8; Sect of 7: 1st $14-$7; Sect of 6: $12-$6 . **Ent/Info:** Jeff Aldrich 810-955-7271. jeffchess@charter.net

Sep 18-20 Harold Steen Memorial Cup
See Details On Page 6

Sep 19 Traverse City Challenge VI
Grand Traverse Mall Community Room, 3200 S Airport Rd West, Traverse City MI 49684. **3-SS**. 2 sections (Open, Reserve: U1600/Unr). **TL:** G/60+30(inc). **Rds:** 10:30am-2pm-5pm. **EF:** $22 by 9/18, $25 site. **Reg:** Online (preferred): http://www.cherrychess.com/tourney/register15.html, Site: 9:30-10:20am, Mail: Mike Williams, 450 Eden St, Kingsley MI 49649. Be sure to include your name, USCF ID number, choice of section, and bye request if any. **$$:** Open (b/12): $100-$60, U1900 $40; Reserve (b/12): $100-$60, U1300/Unr $40: **Ent/Info:** e-mail webmaster@cherrychess.com

Sep 20 Troy Youth All-Star CC Action Quads
Troy Public Library, 510 W. Big Beaver. Troy, MI 48084. **3-SS**. **Reg:** 1pm for Payment. Advance only via e-mail/text. NO on-site registrations. **Rds:** 1:30-2:30-2:30. **EF:** $5 by 9/18, $10 on 9/19 **TL:** G/30 (G/25;d5). **$$:** 1st $10, 2nd $6 each quad. **Ent/Info:**. TYASCC-owner@yahoogroups.com,

Sep 29 Genesee County C.C. Free Rated Swiss
Eastside Senior Citizens Center Activity Room. 3065 N. Genesee Rd, Flint. **3-SS**, **TL:** G/25;d5. **RDs:** 6:30-7:30-8:30pm. **EF:** $0 **REG:** 6:00-6:25pm **$$:** None. **Ent&Info:** Jeff Aldrich, (810) 955-7271, jeffchess@charter.net

OCTOBER TOURNAMENTS:

Oct 2 FRIDAY KNIGHT ACTION QUADS! #98
See Sep 11 Event for Details

Oct 3-4 ★★2015 MICHIGAN SENIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS★★ *See Details on the Back Page*
Eastside Senior Citizens Center, 3065 N. Genesee Rd, Flint, MI 48506. South entrance off Genesee Road, just south of Richfield Rd. Community Center is straight back off of Genesee Rd. **4-SS / 2 Sections**, Must be 50 years old by 12/31/2015, Open and Reserve (U1600). One ½-point bye allowed in rds 1-3, must req prior to rd 2. **TL:** G/135. **Rds:** 10:00am - 3pm both days. **EF:** $20 by 10/10, On-site: $25. **Reg:** www.onlineregistration.cc, Sat 9-9:45am. **$$:** Open: 1st $75 + Trophy, 2nd & U1800: Trophy; Reserve: 1st: $50 + Trophy, 2nd & U1400: Trophy. **Ent&Info:** Jeff Aldrich, P.O. Box 40, Flint, MI 48501, (810) 955-7271, jeffchess@charter.net

Oct 4 *Genesee County CC* Young Guns Quads
Eastside Senior Citizens Center Activity Room. 3065 N. Genesee Rd, Flint. **3-RR,** Sect of 4 by Rtg, **TL:** G/60;d5. **RDs:** 10am-1pm-3:30pm. **EF:** $15 **REG:** 9-9:45pm **$$:** $50/Quad. **Ent&Info:** Jeff Aldrich, (810) 955-7271, jeffchess@charter.net

Oct 10 UNIVERSAL UNRATED BEGINNERS' OPEN
All the King's Men Chess Supplies, 26640 Gratiot Ave, Roseville, MI 48066**. 4-SS.** 2 Sect (Open, U16yo), Unrated or U800. No Memb Rqrd. **TL:** G/30;d5. **Rds:** 12-1:45-3-4:15pm. **EF:** $20. **Reg:** 10:30-11:15am. **$$:** 1st: USCF Memb, 2nd: MCA Memb, 3rd: MCA Memb. **Ent/Info:** Dr. Ed Mandell, (586) 558-4790. Email: allthekingsmench@aol.com, http://www.allthekingsmenchess.com

Oct 11 Lansing Mini-Swiss
Lansing Community College, Room 356, 422 North Washington Square, Lansing, MI 48933. **3-SS.** Sections of 8 by rtg. **Reg:** 9-9:45pm **Rds:** 10am-1:30pm-4:30pm. **EF:** $21 **TL:** G/90. $$: 1st $74, 2nd $48 each sect; 3-0 = $100. **Ent/Info:** Tony Nichols, sensie48910@yahoo.com, 517-394-3676

Oct 20 – Nov 17 *Genesee County C.C.* Club Championship
Eastside Senior Center, 3065 N. Genesee Rd. Flint, MI 48506. **5-SS,** 1/gm/wk, Up to 2 half-point byes in rds 1-4. Please arrive by 6:25pm each week to be paired. **Reg:** 10/20 or 10/27, 6-6:25pm. **Rds:** 6:30/wk. **EF:** $8 ($6 U18) **TL:** G/80;d5. **$$:** 1st, 2nd 3rd; Top U1800, U1600, U1400, U1200, U1000/Unr. **Ent/Info:** Jeff Aldrich 810-955-7271, jeffchess@charter.net

NOVEMBER TOURNAMENTS:

Nov 6 FRIDAY KNIGHT ACTION QUADS! #99
See Sep 11 Event for Details

Nov 7 ★★ 2015 MICHIGAN WOMENS CHAMPIONSHIP
University of Michigan Pierpont Commons, Ann Arbor, *See MCA Website for Details*

Nov 8 Lansing Mini-Swiss *See Oct 11 Event*

Nov 14 ★★ 2015 MICHIGAN SCHOLASTIC CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS
Lansing Convention Center, Lansing, *See Page 5 for Details*

PLAN AHEAD CALENDAR:

Dec 12 ★★ 2015 MICHIGAN ACTION CHAMPIONSHIP
University of Michigan Pierpont Commons, Ann Arbor

Jan 16-17 ★★2016 MICHIGAN MASTER/EXPERT & CLASS CHAMPIONSHIPS ★★
Radisson Hotel, Lansing *See Page 19 for Details*

Feb 13 ★★2016 MICHIGAN HIGH SCHOOL TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS ★★
Oakland Center, Oakland University, Rochester

Feb 13 ★★2016 MICHIGAN JUNIOR HIGH TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS ★★
Oakland Center, Oakland University, Rochester

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2015 MICHIGAN SENIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS

Flint, October 3-4, 2015

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ENTRY FEE:	$20 by 10/1, On-site: $25
ADVANCE REGISTRATION:	Online Registrtion Preferred: https://www.onlineregistration.cc/ Jeff Aldrich (TD), P,O. Box 40, Flint, MI 48501; jeffchess@charter.net; (810) 955-7271 (cell/text)
ON-SITE REGISTRATION:	Saturday, 9:00-9:45am
ROUNDS:	4-SS; 10am, 3pm Both Days
TIME CONTROL:	G/135;d5
PRIZES	**Open:** 1st: $75 + Trophy 2nd & U1800: Trophy **Reserve:** 1st: $50 + Trophy 2nd & U1400: Trophy

Too Young? Look For Young Guns Quads Side Event! Details on the tournament calendar or online at www.michess.org.