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As a former high school history teacher, I have always preached the value of being knowledgeable about history and the importance of taking away the significant lessons to be learned from it, thus avoiding the errors of the past. Surely, you recall the old adage: "Those that do not learn from the past are doomed to repeat it!" Certainly, we as chess enthusiasts are constantly reminded of the importance of studying our past games, the games of others, and recent chess trends to improve our knowledge, avoid repeating mistakes, and thus improve our future performance.

Probably the most significant lessons that the Covid-19 pandemic has impressed upon us has to be our vulnerability as humans. No one was immune to its deadly nature and nowhere has this been more apparent than within our own chess community as we have lost many fellow chess players, both friend and foe.

In no other arena can we be more effective in preventing a recurrence of the scourge of this invisible threat than to be vaccinated and follow the virus protective protocols. As citizens of the Michigan chess community these personal actions can protect ourselves and everyone around us. If we are to ever recover the freedom to play chess wherever and whenever we choose, the responsibility rests solely with us.

With the advent of the Delta variant, and in anticipation of the many others that may follow, we can learn the valuable lessons of the recent past 18+ months and do our part to checkmate this lethal menace!

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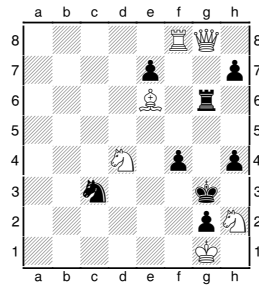
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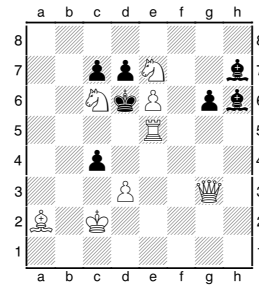
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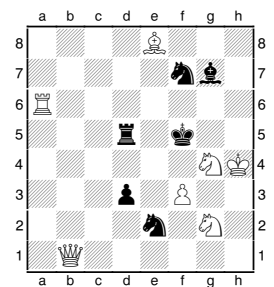
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Solutions can be found on page 8.



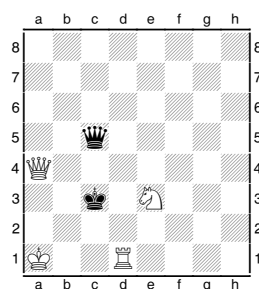
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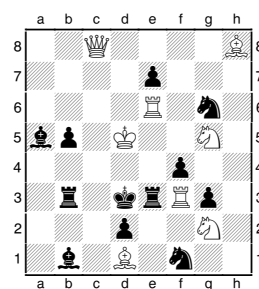
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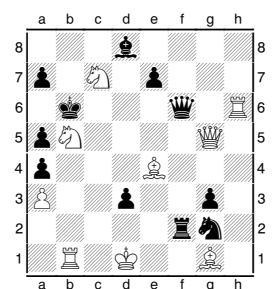
3. White to move and mate in two moves.



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:

- **Club Re-openings/informational changes:** If your chess club has returned to open for over the board play (OTB), please use the email address: <https://www.michess.org/submit-club> to contact Jeff Aldrich so that all relevant updates or changes can be published in the next edition.
- From MCA President, Jeff Aldrich:
 - With the increase of COVID in the US, especially the Delta variant, it is likely that we will need to include some form of minimum protection for our upcoming MCA events, such as requiring masks. We will follow state (Michigan Department of Health and Human Services) and local guidelines regarding safe gathering protocols. It is recommended that all players eligible be vaccinated before attending any of our events. Please monitor the MCA website, Facebook group, or email blast for the latest information on which protocols will be in place for each particular event.

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DeVos Place
Amway Grand Plaza Hotel
187 Monroe Ave. N.W.
Grand Rapids, MI 49503
(800) 253-3590
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Determining MCA Invitational Representatives for 2021

Due to COVID restrictions still in place, we were unable to hold the Michigan Junior and Michigan Senior events that we typically have in the Spring. These events determine our representatives for the invitational events held in conjunction with the U.S. Open. The COVID situation was appearing to improve, but not enough to hold full events, so we had to get creative to determine who would be our representatives. A big thanks to MCA board member, **Lei (Ray) Wang** for putting together our plan. We still wanted to be able to hold the determining event in person but needed to limit the attendance. To allow for greater participation, we held an online qualifier with rating minimums for each grade level (and another for the girls' event).

The top 4 players for each grade level from the online qualifier would meet in person the next week. There were only 4 girls signed up for the qualifier, so the online event was not held since all qualified, but only three players chose to participate in the championship event.

For the Senior event, we did not hold a qualifier, but instead, put a request for players interested in participating in the in-person event and selected the top 4 players that were available.

For the sections that resulted in a tie for the top player, we held a blitz playoff between the tied players. In the Children's section, **Jesse Ren** defeated **Marcus Zhang** 1.5-0.5 in the playoff. In the Girls' section, **Charisse Woods** won 2-0 versus **Nurayda Albeez**. **Bryan Wilson** captured video of both blitz playoffs which can be found on the MCA YouTube channel. Just search for Michigan Chess Association or you can find those, and other videos linked to our website, www.michess.org on the left side of the page. In the Junior section, **Michael Zheng** declined the invitation to play in the Denker Tournament of High School Champions, so **Larrance Xing** was our representative by finishing second in this event.

2021 MICHIGAN SCHOLASTIC ONLINE QUALIFIER: JUNIOR (9-12)

Chess.com, May 15, 2021

1	Michael Zheng	2184	W3	W6	D2	W4	3.5
2	Leyou Jiang	1919	W7	D4	D1	W5	3.0
3	Larrance Xing	1711	L1	W7	W9	W8	3.0
4	Yule Xie	1833	W5	D2	W6	L1	2.5
5	Justin Sun Liang	2250	L4	W9	W8	L2	2.0
6	Charisse Woods	1905	W8	L1	L4	Bye	2.0
7	Alex Kong	1661	L2	L3	Bye	W9	2.0
8	Stephen Washington	1430	L6	Bye	L5	L3	1.0
9	Arvin Avirah	1053	Bye	L5	L3	L7	1.0

2021 MICHIGAN SCHOLASTIC ONLINE QUALIFIER: YOUNG JUNIOR (6-8)

Chess.com, May 15, 2021

1	Ethan Lyu	1853	W4	W5	D2	W6	3.5
2	Ryan Wang	1953	D3	W7	D1	W5	3.0
3	Ashrith Mathiyazhagan	1612	D2	D4	W6	Bye	3.0
4	Nurayda Albeez	1409	L1	D3	Bye	W7	2.5
5	Charlie Reese	1631	W6	L1	W7	L2	2.0
6	Evan Morgan	1134	L5	Bye	L3	L1	1.0
7	Jonathan Byrd	966	Bye	L2	L5	L4	1.0

2021 MICHIGAN SCHOLASTIC ONLINE QUALIFIER: CHILDRENS (K-5)

Chess.com, May 15, 2021

1	Jesse Ren	1857	L6	W8	W4	W2	3.0
2	Lerui Zheng	1496	W9	W4	W6	L1	3.0
3	Freyr Wang	1298	L4	W7	W8	W5	3.0
4	Marcus Zheng	1619	W3	L2	L1	W6	2.0
5	Adhrit Bharath	1605	W7	L6	W9	L3	2.0
6	Rocky Wang	1376	W1	W5	L2	L4	2.0
7	Aishani Das	862	L5	L3	Bye	W9	2.0
8	Stanley Ren	718	½	L1	L3	Bye	1.5
9	Ronav Ramdas	608	L2	Bye	L5	L7	1.0

2021 MICHIGAN SENIOR CHAMPIONSHIP

Troy, May 23, 2021

1	Ariel Levi	2128	--	W	W	W	3.0
2	Sal Chehayeb	2072	L	--	W	L	1.0
3	Morgan Everett	2000	L	L	--	W	1.0
4	Ray Garrison	1979	L	W	L	--	1.0

2021 MICHIGAN JUNIOR (9-12) CHAMPIONSHIP

Troy, May 23, 2021

1	Michael Zheng	2178	--	W	W	W	3.0
2	Larrance Xing	1711	L	--	D	W	1.5
3	Yule Xie	1833	L	D	--	D	1.0
4	Leyou Jiang	1774	L	L	D	--	0.5

2021 MICHIGAN YOUNG JUNIOR (6-8) CHAMPIONSHIP

Troy, May 23, 2021

1	Ashrith Mathiyazhagan	1581	--	D	W	W	2.5
2	Ryan Wang	1841	D	--	D	W	2.0
3	Ethan Lyu	1838	L	D	--	W	1.0
4	Charlie Reese	1631	L	L	L	--	0.0

2021 MICHIGAN CHILDRENS (K-5) CHAMPIONSHIP

Troy, May 23, 2021

1	Jesse Ren	1857	--	D	D	W	2.0
2	Marcus Zheng	1597	D	--	W	D	2.0
3	Lerui Zheng	1496	D	L	--	W	1.0
4	Freyr Wang	1298	L	D	L	--	0.5

2021 MICHIGAN GIRLS CHAMPIONSHIP

















Troy, May 23, 2021

1	Charisse Woods	1905	--	D	W	1.5
2	Nurayda Albeez	1351	D	--	W	1.5
3	Mahathi Mathiyazhagan	858	L	L	--	0.0



**2021
Scholastic
Elementary
K-5
Champions
With TD Jeff
Aldrich**

2021 MCA Championships
Champions and Qualifiers – Photos and Article by Jeff Aldrich

			
2021 Elementary Champion Jesse Ren	2021 Elementary Qualifier Freyr Wang	2021 Elementary Qualifier Lerui Zheng	2021 Elementary Qualifier Marcus Zheng
			
2021 Girls Champion Charisse Woods	2021 Girls Qualifier Mahathi Mathiyazhagan	2021 Girls Qualifier Nurayda Albeez	2021 High School Champion Michael Zheng
			
2021 HS Qualifier & Denker Rep Larrance Xing	2021 High School Qualifier Leyou Jiang	2021 High School Qualifier Yule Xie	2021 Junior High Champion Ashrith Mathiyazhagan
			
2021 Junior High Qualifier Charlie Reese	2021 Junior High Qualifier Ethan Lyu	2021 Junior High Qualifier Ryan Wang	2021 Senior Champion Ariel Levi

GAMES FROM THE MCA CHAMPIONSHIPS AND QUALIFIER TOURNAMENTS

Michigan Senior 2021

Levi,Ariel - Everett,Morgan [A20]

English Opening

2021 Michigan Senior

Championship (1), 23.05.2021

1.c4 Nf6 2.g3 e5 3.Bg2 c6 4.d4 exd4
5.Qxd4 Na6 6.Nc3 Be7 7.Nf3 Nb4
8.Qd1 d5 9.a3 Na6 10.cxd5 cxd5
11.0-0 0-0 12.b4 Re8 13.Bb2 Bg4
14.h3 Bf5 15.Qb3 Bf8 16.Rfd1 Nc7
17.Nd4 Qd7 18.Nxf5 Qxf5 19.Rac1
Rad8 20.e3 Bd6 21.Rc2 Be5 22.Rcd2
Bxc3 23.Qxc3 Nb5 24.Qd3 Qxd3
25.Rxd3 Nc7 26.Bxf6 gxf6 27.Bxd5
Nxd5 28.Rxd5 Rxd5 29.Rxd5 Re7
30.Kg2 Kg7 31.Kf3 Kg6 32.g4 Rc7
33.h4 b6 34.Rd6 Kg7 35.Rd3 Kg6
36.Rd8 Kg7 37.Ra8 Re7 38.a4 h6
39.a5 bxa5 40.bxa5 Kh7 41.Kf4 Kg7
42.Kf3 Rd7 43.Ke2 Kh7 44.f4 Kg7
45.Kf3 Kh7 46.Ke4 Kg7 47.Rb8 Rd6
48.Rb5 Ra6 49.Kf5 Rc6 50.Ke4 Rd6
1-0

Garrison,Ray - Levi,Ariel [D41] QGD

2021 Michigan Senior

Championship (2), 23.05.2021

1.Nf3 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 d5 4.d4 c5
5.cxd5 Nxd5 6.e4 Nxc3 7.bxc3 cxd4
8.cxd4 Bb4+ 9.Bd2 Bxd2+ 10.Qxd2
0-0 11.Bc4 Nd7 12.0-0 b6 13.d5
Nc5 14.Rfe1 exd5 15.exd5 Qd6
16.Qg5 Bd7 17.Nd4 Rfe8 18.Nb5
Bxb5 19.Bxb5 f6 20.Qg4 Re5
21.Rxe5 Qxe5 22.Rd1 Qd6 23.Re1
Rf8 24.Qe2 Rd8 25.Qe7 Qxe7
26.Rxe7 Kf8 27.Rxa7 Rxd5 28.Ra8+
Ke7 29.Re8+ Kd6 30.Rd8+ Ke5
31.Rxd5+ Kxd5 32.Kf1 Kd4 33.Ke2
Ne4 34.Bd3 Nc3+ 35.Kd2 Nxa2
36.Bxh7 Nc3 37.Bf5 b5 38.Bg6 b4
39.Bc2 Kc4 40.Kc1 b3 41.Bf5 Na4
0-1

Chehayeb,Sal - Levi,Ariel [B20]

Sicilian Defense

2021 Michigan Senior

Championship (3), 23.05.2021

1.e4 c5 2.b4 b6 3.bxc5 bxc5 4.Nc3
Nc6 5.Nf3 d6 6.Bc4 e6 7.0-0 Nf6
8.d3 Be7 9.Rb1 0-0 10.Re1 a6 11.a3
h6 12.h3 Ra7 13.Be3 d5 14.Ba2 d4
15.Bxh6 dxc3 16.Bf4 Nd4 17.Nh2
Rb7 18.Rxb7 Bxb7 19.Re3 Re8
20.Rg3 Bf8 21.Bg5 Be7 22.f4 Bc6
23.Bh6 Bf8 24.Bg5 Be7 25.Bh6 Bf8

26.Nf1 Bb5 27.Ne3 Nxe4 28.Rg4 Nf6
29.Bg5 Be7 30.Rh4 g6 31.Rh6 Nd5
32.Qg4 Bxg5 33.fxg5 Kg7 34.Bxd5
exd5 35.Qh4 Rh8 36.Nxd5 Nf5
37.Rxh8 Qxh8 38.Qe4 Qe8 39.Qf4
Bc6 40.g4 Qe1+ 41.Kh2 Qd2+ 0-1

Michigan Elementary Championships

Zheng,Marcus - Ren,Jesse [B12]

Caro Kann Advance Var.

2021 Scholastic Championship Elem
(1), 23.05.2021

1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 c5 4.c3 Nc6
5.Nf3 cxd4 6.cxd4 Bg4 7.Bb5 e6
8.Qa4 Qb6 9.Bxc6+ Qxc6 10.Qxc6+
bxc6 11.Nbd2 c5 12.h3 Bxf3 13.Nxf3
cxd4 14.Nxd4 Bb4+ 15.Bd2 Bxd2+
16.Kxd2 Ne7 17.Rac1 Kd7 18.f4
Rab8 19.b3 a6 20.Rc2 Rhc8 21.Rhc1
Rxc2+ 22.Rxc2 Rc8 23.b4 Rxc2+
24.Kxc2 Nc6 25.Kc3 Nxd4 26.Kxd4
Kc6 27.a4 Kb6 28.f5 g5 29.g4 Kc6
30.Kd3 h6 31.Kd4 Kb6 32.Kd3 Kc6
33.Kd4 ½-½

Wang,Freyr (1298) - Zheng,Lerui

(1496) [C54] Giuoco Piano

2021 Scholastic Championship Elem
(1), 23.05.2021

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.c3
Nf6 5.d4 exd4 6.cxd4 Bb4+ 7.Nc3
Nxe4 8.0-0 Bxc3 9.d5 0-0 10.dxc6
Bf6 11.Bd5 Nd6 12.cxb7 Bxb7
13.Bf4 Bxd5 14.Qxd5 Rb8 15.Rac1
Rb5 16.Qd3 Rb6 17.Rfd1 Bxb2
18.Rxc7 Qxc7 19.Bxd6 Rxd6
20.Qxd6 Qxd6 21.Rxd6 Rc8 22.g3
Rc7 23.Nd4 Bxd4 24.Rxd4 Kf8
25.Kg2 Ke7 26.Kf3 Rc3+ 27.Kg2 Ra3
28.Rd2 d5 29.Kf1 Ke6 30.Ke2 Ke5
31.f3 g5 32.h3 h5 33.Rd3 Rxa2+
34.Ke3 d4+ 35.Rxd4 Ra3+ 36.Rd3
Rxd3+ 37.Kxd3 Kd5 38.Kc3 a5
39.Kb3 Kd4 40.Ka4 Ke3 41.g4 h4
42.Kxa5 Kxf3 43.Kb5 Kg3 44.Kc5
Kxh3 45.Kd5 Kxg4 46.Ke5 h3 47.Kf6
h2 48.Kxf7 h1Q 49.Ke6 Qe4+ 50.Kd6
Qc4 51.Ke5 Qd3 52.Kf6 Kh5 53.Ke5
Kg6 54.Ke6 Qd4 55.Ke7 Qd5 56.Kf8
Qd8# 0-1

Ren,Jesse (1857) - Zheng,Lerui

(1496) [C45] Scotch Game

2021 Scholastic Championship Elem
(3), 23.05.2021

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.d4 exd4 4.Nxd4
Bc5 5.Nb3 Bb6 6.Nc3 d6 7.Qe2 Be6
8.Be3 Nf6 9.f3 Bc4 10.Qd2 Bxe3
11.Qxe3 Bxf1 12.Rxf1 Qe7 13.0-0-0
0-0-0 14.Nb5 Kb8 15.Na5 Qe8
16.Nxc6+ Qxc6 17.Qxa7+ Kc8
18.Nd4 Qa6 19.Qxa6 bxa6 20.Nc6
Rde8 21.Nb4 Kb7 22.Nd5 Nxd5
23.Rxd5 Rd8 24.Rfd1 Rhe8 25.R1d3
f6 26.Rb3+ Ka7 27.Ra5 Re5 28.Rxe5
dxe5 29.Rd3 Rxd3 30.cxd3 Kb6
31.Kc2 Kc5 32.Kc3 a5 33.b3 h5 34.a3
g5 35.b4+ axb4+ 36.axb4+ Kb5
37.Kb3 c6 38.Kc3 c5 39.bxc5 Kxc5
40.Kc2 Kd6 41.Kd2 h4 42.Kc3 Kc5
43.h3 Kd6 44.d4 exd4+ 45.Kxd4 Ke6
46.Ke3 Ke5 47.Kf2 Kf4 48.g3+ hxg3+
49.Kg2 Ke5 50.Kxg3 f5 51.exf5 Kxf5
52.Kg2 Kf4 53.Kf2 Kf5 54.Kg3 Kf6
55.Kf2 Kf5 56.Kg3 Kf6 57.f4 Kf5
58.fxg5 Kxg5 ½-½

Michigan High School Championships

Zheng,Michael - Xing,Larrance

[C07] French Tarrasch

2021 Scholastic Championship HS

(1), 23.05.2021

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nd2 c5 4.exd5
Qxd5 5.Ng3 Nf6 6.Bc4 Qd8 7.0-0
Nc6 8.dxc5 Bxc5 9.Qe2 h6 10.a3 a6
11.b4 Be7 12.Bb2 b5 13.Bd3 Bb7
14.Rfd1 Qb6 15.c4 0-0 16.cxb5
axb5 17.Bxb5 Nd5 18.Bc4 Bf6
19.Bxd5 Bxb2 20.Nc4 Qa6 21.Qxb2
exd5 22.b5 Qa4 23.Nb6 Qg4
24.bxc6 Bxc6 25.Nxa8 d4 26.Rxd4
Qg6 27.Qb1 Qf6 28.Qd3 Rxa8
29.Rd1 Bxf3 30.Rd8+ Rxd8
31.Qxd8+ Qxd8 32.Rxd8+ Kh7
33.gxf3 f5 34.a4 f4 35.a5 Kg6 36.a6
Kh5 37.a7 g5 38.a8Q Kh4 39.Qc6 h5
40.Rh8 g4 41.Qf6+ Kh3 42.Rxh5# 1-0

Xie,Yule - Jiang,Leyou [C95] Closed

Ruy Lopez: Breyer Var.

2021 Scholastic Championship HS

(1), 23.05.2021

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.h3 Nb8 10.d4 Nbd7

11.Nbd2 c5 12.Bc2 Re8 13.a4 Bb7
14.d5 c4 15.Nf1 Bf8 16.Ng3 g6
17.Be3 Qc7 18.Qd2 Bg7 19.Bh6
Bxh6 20.Qxh6 Nf8 21.Nh4 Bc8
22.axb5 a5 23.Re3 Kh8 24.Nhf5
Bxf5 25.Nxf5 Nh5 26.g4 f6 27.gxh5
gxf5 28.Qxf6+ Qg7+ 29.Qxg7+ Kxg7
30.exf5 Nd7 31.Rg3+ Kh6 32.Kh2
Nf6 ½-½

**Jiang,Leyou - Zheng,Michael [B84]
Sicilian Scheveningen**

2021 Scholastic Championship HS
(2), 23.05.2021
1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4
Nf6 5.Nc3 a6 6.Be3 e6 7.Be2 Qc7
8.0-0 b5 9.f3 Be7 10.Qe1 0-0
11.Qg3 Bb7 12.Bd3 Nbd7 13.Nce2
Rfe8 14.a4 b4 15.a5 Rac8 16.Nf4 Bf8
17.Nh3 d5 18.Bf4 Qc5 19.Be3 dxe4
20.fxe4 Qe5 21.Nf4 Nxe4 22.Qh3
Bc5 23.Nfe2 Ndf6 24.Rad1 Red8
25.Bxe4 Qxe4 26.Rf4 Qg6 27.Rxf6
Qxf6 28.Rf1 Qe5 29.Rf4 Be4 30.c3
bxc3 31.bxc3 Rb8 32.Kf2 Rb2
33.Qg3 Bd3 34.Qf3 Bxd4 35.cxd4
Qc7 36.Rg4 Bxe2 37.Rxg7+ Kxg7
38.Qg3+ Bg4+ 39.Ke1 Qc3+ 40.Kf1
Qd3+ 0-1

**Xing,Larrance - Xie,Yule [C90]
Closed Ruy Lopez**

2021 Scholastic Championship HS
(2), 23.05.2021
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4
Nf6 5.0-0 Be7 6.Re1 b5 7.Bb3 d6
8.h3 Na5 9.c3 Nxb3 10.Qxb3 0-0
11.d4 exd4 12.cxd4 d5 13.e5 Ne4
14.Nc3 Be6 15.Qc2 Nxc3 16.bxc3
Qd7 17.Bg5 h6 18.Bxe7 Qxe7
19.Nd2 c5 20.Nb3 cxd4 21.cxd4
Rfc8 22.Nc5 Rc6 23.Qd3 Qg5 24.Re3
Bf5 25.Qe2 Qh4 26.Rd1 Rg6 27.Qf3
Rg5 28.Qxd5 Re8 29.Qb3 Rc8
30.Rg3 Rc6 31.Rxg5 Qxg5 32.Qf3
Rg6 33.Ne4 Bxe4 34.Qxe4 Qh5
35.Rd3 Re6 36.Qg4 Qxg4 37.hxg4
Kf8 38.Kf1 Ke7 39.Ke2 Rc6 40.Kd2
Rc4 41.f3 Ra4 42.a3 a5 43.d5 b4
44.axb4 axb4 45.Kc2 Ra2+ 46.Kb3
Rxg2 47.d6+ Kd7 48.Re3 h5 49.gxh5
Rg5 50.Kxb4 Rxh5 51.Kc4 Rh1
52.Kd4 Rd1+ 53.Ke4 f6 54.f4 Ke6
55.Re2 Kd7 56.Kf5 Rd5 57.Rf2
½-½

**Jiang,Leyou - Xing,Larrance [B15]
French Defense**

2021 Scholastic Championship HS
(3), 23.05.2021
1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nd2 dxe4 4.Nxe4
Nf6 5.Ng3 c5 6.Nf3 Nc6 7.Bb5 Qa5+
8.Bd2 Qxb5 9.a4 Qb6 10.0-0 cxd4
11.Qe2 Be7 12.h3 0-0 13.Rfe1 Bd6
14.Ne4 Nxe4 15.Qxe4 f5 16.Qh4
Qd8 17.Bg5 Be7 18.Bxe7 Qxe7
19.Qf4 Qf6 20.Ne5 Nxe5 21.Rxe5 b6
22.Rae1 Re8 23.Qxd4 Bb7 24.Qd7
Qf7 25.Rd1 Qxd7 26.Rxd7 Bd5
27.b3 Red8 28.Rc7 Rdc8 29.Rxc8+
Rxc8 30.c4 Be4 31.f3 Bc2 32.Re3
Rd8 33.Rc3 Bd3 34.Kf2 f4 35.g3 e5
36.gxf4 exf4 37.c5 bxc5 38.Rxc5 Rb8
0-1

**Zheng,Michael - Xie,Yule [C78] Ruy
Lopez**

2021 Scholastic Championship HS
(3), 23.05.2021
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4
Nf6 5.d3 b5 6.Bb3 Bc5 7.c3 d6 8.0-0
h6 9.Nbd2 0-0 10.h3 Bb6 11.Re1
Na5 12.Bc2 c5 13.Nf1 Nc6 14.Ng3
Re8 15.Be3 Ne7 16.Nh4 d5 17.Qf3
Rb8 18.Bxh6 gxh6 19.Qxf6 Ng6
20.Qxd8 Rxd8 21.Nxg6 fxg6 22.exd5
Bc7 23.Ne4 Bb7 24.Nxc5 Bxd5
25.Nxa6 Rb7 26.Nxc7 Rxc7 27.Rxe5
Kf7 28.Rxd5 Rxd5 29.Bb3 Rcd7
30.Kf1 Kf6 31.Bxd5 Rxd5 32.Ke2
Re5+ 33.Kd2 Rg5 34.g4 h5 35.f4 Rd5
36.a4 hxg4 37.hxg4 bxa4 38.Rxa4
Rb5 39.Ra6+ Kf7 40.b4 Rd5 41.c4
Rd4 42.Ke3 Rd7 43.b5 Rd6 1-0

**Michigan Girls
Championships**

**Mathiyazhagan,Mahathi (858) -
Woods,Charisse (1905) [B30]
Sicilian Defense**

2021 Scholastic Championship Girls
(2), 23.05.2021
1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 e6 4.d3 a6
5.0-0 d5 6.Bb3 Be7 7.Bf4 Nf6
8.Nbd2 0-0 9.Re1 b5 10.a3 Bb7
11.h3 dxe4 12.dxe4 c4 13.Ba2 Nd4
14.c3 Nxf3+ 15.Nxf3 Bxe4 16.Bg5
Bb7 17.b3 h6 18.Bh4 cxb3 19.Bxb3
Qc7 20.Qc1 Rac8 21.Re3 Bc5 22.Rd3
Ne4 23.Nd2 Qf4 24.Nf3 Qf5 25.c4

Nxf2 26.Rc3 Nd3+ 27.Bf2 Bxf2+
28.Kf1 Nxc1 29.Raxc1 Bb6 30.R1c2
Rfd8 31.Rc1 Rd2 32.c5 Bxc5 33.Rxc5
Rxc5 34.Re1 Bxf3 35.gxf3 Qxh3+
36.Kg1 Rg5# 0-1

**Woods,Charisse (1905) -
Albeez,Nurayda (1351) [B07] Pirc
Defense**

2021 Scholastic Championship Girls
(3), 23.05.2021
1.e4 d6 2.d4 e5 3.dxe5 dxe5
4.Qxd8+ Kxd8 5.Bc4 Be6 6.Bxe6
fxe6 7.Nf3 Bd6 8.Nc3 Nf6 9.Bg5 Ke7
10.0-0 h6 11.Bh4 g5 12.Bg3 Nc6
13.a3 h5 14.h4 gxh4 15.Bxh4 Rag8
16.Rad1 a6 17.Rfe1 Rg4 18.g3 Rhg8
19.Kf1 b5 20.Rd3 Kf7 21.b4 Ne7
22.Nh2 R4g6 23.Ke2 Ng4 24.Nf3
Nc8 25.Red1 Nb6 26.Kf1 Be7 27.Ke2
Bxh4 28.Nxh4 Rf6 29.Rf1 Ke7
30.Nd1 Rgf8 31.f3 Nh6 32.Ne3 Rg8
33.f4 exf4 34.gxf4 Ng4 35.e5 Rf7
36.f5 Nxe3 37.Rxe3 exf5 38.Nxf5+
Ke6 39.Nd4+ Ke7 40.Rxf7+ Kxf7
41.e6+ Ke7 42.Nf5+ Kf6 43.e7 Re8
½-½



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

- #1 Ra8 Otto Wurzburg -1939
- #2 d4 Edgar Theimer -1939
- #3 Qb5 Alexander Kish -1939
- #4 Ka2 Geoffery Mott-Smith -1939
- #5 Rd6 F. Gamage - 1939
- #6 Qc1 F. Gamage - 1939

Annotators' Workshop



This month we see the return of long dormant and over worked Jason Morris. With seemingly renewed vigor for chess, he has put together a set of 6 games for your enjoyment.



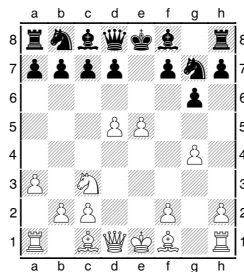
Dr. Jason Morris has been playing chess since he was 9 - (*Thanks mom for teaching me!*). He was and still is a HUGE Fischer "fanboy". His other favorite players are (in no particular order) Ivanchuck, Shirov, Morozevich, and Nakamura. His highest USCF rating was 2120, and has been a rated expert for 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?*"

Camenaes, Devin (2041) - Jaffe, Joel (2143) [C46] Scotch Four Knights

2021 States Cup Rd1 MI vs OH
<https://lichess.org/qP6OFzFs> (2),
 21.06.2021

1.e4 e5 2.Nc3 Nf6 3.a3 [White aims to achieve a Four-Knights position without worrying about the sortie Bb4. While 3... Bc5 is the most common reply, Black can also strike in the center immediately with 3... d5. An example was the bizarre

transposition: 1. a3 e5 2. e4 Nf6 3. Nc3 d5 4. exd5 Nxd5 5. Qf3 Nf6 6. d3 Nc6 7. Be3 Nd4 8. Bxd4 exd4 9. Ne4 Be7 10. Nxf6+ Bxf6 11. O-O-O O-O 12. g3 Be6 13. Bg2 Rb8 14. Qe2 b5 15. b3 Be7 16. Kb2 c5 17. Qd2 c4 18. Ka2 Bxa3 19. Ra1 Bb2 20. Qf4 c3 21. Kb1 Bxa1 22. Kxa1 Qa5+ 23. Kb1 Rb6 24. Bb7 Bxb3 25. cxb3 Qa3 26. Qc1 Qxb3+ 27. Ka1 Re8 0-1, D. Larouche (2215)-K. Shirazi (2355), St. Martin op, 1991. Black opts for a solid response.] **3...Nc6 4.Nf3 g6 5.Nxe5 Nxe5 6.d4 Nc6 7.d5 Nb8 8.e5 Nh5** [Apparently best. An early Magnus Carlsen (White) game continued instead: 8... Ng8?! 9.d6! cxd6 10.exd6 Qf6 11.Nb5 Na6 12.Bc4 Bh6 13.Qe2+ Kf8 14.Be3 Bxe3 15.fxe3 Qh4+ 16.g3 Qh5 17.Qf2 Qf5 18.Qe2 Qh5 19.Qf2 Qf5 20.Qe2 Nh6 21.Rf1 Qh5 22.Qf2 Qf5 23.Qe2 Qe5 24.O-O-O Kg7 25.Rd5 Qe8 26.Qd2 Rf8 27.Qd4+ with a crushing bind and 1-0 in 42 moves.] **9.g4 Ng7**



[To be considered was 9... Qe7 giving the material back to break White's initiative.] **10.d6** [Here, White stumbles, as his center was keeping Black from developing. White could have maintained that bind with 10. Qe2!, preventing any freeing pawn moves.] **10...cxd6 11.exd6 Ne6** [An immediate consequence of 10. d6 is that the knight can rejoin the battle. Stockfish gives -2.0 at this point, but the clock is ticking and Black is way behind in development.] **12.Bc4** [12. h4 was a much sharper try, but White is still losing.] **12...Bg7 13.Be3 0-0 14.h4 h6?** [Black makes a serious mistake by neglecting his development and giving White a fresh target. Much better was just 14... Nc6 or 14... Qa5.] **15.Qd2 Kh7?** [The

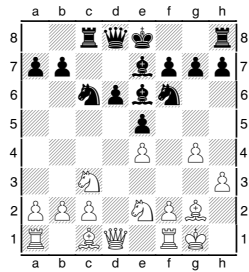
king will not be safe here.] **16.f4 Re8 17.0-0-0! Nc6 18.f5** [This is good, but 18. Bd5 preventing the b-pawn from moving keeps the bind going. If now 18... b6? to play Bb7, then 19. Bxc6 dxc6 20. d7 wins material.] **18...Ne5 19.Be2 Nf8** [19... b6 was the lesser of evils.] **20.Nd5! b6 21.Rhf1** [Again fine, but 21. f6! wins immediately. The rest is brutal mop-up.] **21...gxf5 22.gxf5 f6 23.Rg1 Bb7 24.Nc7 Rc8 25.Rxg7+ Kxg7 26.Bxh6+ Kh7 27.Bh5 Re7 28.Rg1 Rxc7 29.dxc7 Qxc7 30.Bxf8 1-0**

Hutton, Henry (2059) - Shetty, Atulya (2563) [B56] Classical Sicilian

2021 States Cup Rd3 MI vs MN
<https://lichess.org/c4pnYlRj> (1),
 13.07.2021

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 Nc6 [The Classical Sicilian variation -- a good practical choice for black to avoid the reams of Najdorf theory with 5... a6.] **6.h3** [When White plays h3 against the Najdorf, the idea is to create an extended fianchetto with g4, Bg2 to exert control over d5. But in that line, Black has spent his 6th move on a6. Here, Black is already pressuring the Nd4, and this lets Black equalize immediately with e5. Sharper is 6. Bc4 (the Fischer-Sozin Attack). Fischer-Benko, 1962 continued 6. Bc4 Qb6 7. Nde2 e6 8. O-O Be7 9. Bb3 O-O 10. Kh1 Na5 11. Bg5 Qc5 12. f4 b5 13. Ng3 b4 14. e5 dxe5 15. Bxf6 16. Nce4 Qd4 17. Qh5 Nxb3?? 18. Qh6! exf4 19. Nh5 f5 20. Rad1 Qe5 21. Nef6+ Bxf6 22. Nxf6+ Qxf6 23. Qxf6 Nc5 24. Qg5+ Kh8 25. Qe7 Ba6 26. Qxc5 Bxf1 27. Rxf1 1-0.] **6...e5 7.Nde2 Be7** [Plausible is 7... Be6 aiming for an early d5. For example, 7... Be6 8. Be3 Qa5 pinning the Nc3 and enabling active plans involving Rd8 followed by d5, or just d5 or b5 immediately] **8.g4! Be6 9.Bg2 Rc8** [By playing this move, Black can only castle kingside now, so white might do better to complete his development with something like Be3 and Qd2 and keep Black guessing

which way he'll castle. Instead, white immediately commits, and this lets Black indulge in a speculative attack at the cost of castling himself.] **10. 0-0**



10...h5!? 11.g5 [The only alternative to keep lines closed, but the bubble of unprotected squares around the White king increases.] **11...Nh7 12.h4 Nf8** [12. .. Qd7 to control the white squares g4 and h3 was an option.] **13.f4** [It seems that the drawbacks of this move (opening the g1-a7 diagonal and permanently weakening e5) outweigh its chief benefit of opening the f-file, but White can't let Black build his attack unopposed.] **13...exf4 14.Nxf4 Bg4 15.Bf3?** [This mistake lands white in trouble. Either 15. Qe1, 15. Qd3, or even the non-human 15. Qd2 were best. Black pounced with...] **15...Ne5! 16.Be2** [Opening the h-file and giving Black a huge outpost on f3 with 16. Bxg4?? hxg4 is hopeless, so White must retreat and lose time.] **16...Nfg6 17.Nxg6 Nxg6 18.Bxg4?** [White had to let his h-pawn go with 18. Rf2 Nxh4. Play could go 19. Nd5 Ng6 20. c3 Bxg5 21.Bxg4 hxg4 22. Qa4+ or 19. Bxg4 hxg4 21. Qxg4 Ng6 22. Nd5, but either way White is much worse.] **18...hxg4 19.Qxg4 Rxh4 20.Qf5 Ne5 21.Be3** [The g-pawn is dead anyway, so best was to pitch it with 21. g6 Rg4+ 22. Kh1 Rxg6 23. Bf4 Rf6 24. Qh5 Qd7 25. Nd5 and Black still has to get coordinated. Now, Black seals the win with...] **21...g6! 22.Qf2 Rg4+ 23.Kh1 Kd7!** [A humorous move, exploiting the h-file and threatening 24. ..Qh8+ 25.Qh2 Rh4.] **24.Qh2 Bxg5 25.Nd5** [Missing the point, but White was lost anyway.] **25...Rh4 0-1**

Talghader,John (2084) - Levi,Ariel (2129) [B35] Sicilian Defense:

Accelerated Dragon

2021 States Cup Rd3 MI vs MN

<https://lichess.org/s6fiuVHL> (1),

13.07.2021

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 g6 [The Accelerated Dragon, which permits black to play d7-d5 in one move later and also avoid the dreaded Yugoslav Attack. For example, 5. f3? Bg7 6. Be3 Qb6 7. Nf5 Qxb2 8. Nxc7+ Qxc7 and Black is up a solid pawn.] **5.Nc3 Bg7 6.Be3 Nf6 7.Bc4 Qa5 8.0-0 0-0 9.Bb3 d6 10.h3 Bd7 11.Nf3 Rac8** [To this point, both players have demonstrated their knowledge of theory. Usual play for Black revolves around getting a knight to c4, possibly with the thematic threat of sacrificing the exchange on c3 to win the White e-pawn and attack the resulting weak pawns on the c-file. White normally tries to exploit his central space advantage. Michalik (2583)-Plat (2555), Slovakia CH, 2016 continued 12. Re1 Rfd8 13. Qe2 Qh5 14. Rad1 b6 15. Bf4 Na5 16. Nd5 Re8 17. Nxf6+ exf6 18. Rxd6 Bc6 19. Bd5 f5 20. e5 Bxd5 21. Rxd5 h6 22. Qd3 Nc6 23. Rd7 Re6 24. Rxf7 Rce8 25. Rc7 g5 26. Qxf5 Nd8 27. Rd1 1-0.] **12.Qd2 b5** [An interesting choice, since black could also try 12. .. Qh5 threatening to exploit the early h3 by 13. ... Bxh3, but White can avoid the drama with 13. Ne1 b5 14. f3 Be6 15. Ne2 Bxb3 16. Nf4 Qh4 17. axb3. The principled alternatives are 12. ..Rfe8 to cover e7 and 12. ..a6, transposing to the "Dragonorf" structure. White's reaction is best.] **13.a3 a6** [Marginally better was 13. ..Qd8 to vacate a5 with the dual ideas of expanding with a7-a5-a4 or relocating the Nc6 to c4. The b-pawn is immune since e4 hangs. White is consistent in his plan, but centralizing his rooks with 14. Rfe1 followed by Rad1 and being patient might have been better than forcing the issue as he does now.] **14.Bh6 Qb6 15.Bxg7** [15. Rad1 was still good.] **15...Kxg7 16.Rfe1 Rfe8** [Thematic, but here Black can equalize immediately with 16. ..Ne5!, the point being that if 17. Nxe5 dxe5

Black has pawn control over f4, f5, d4 and he can play e6 controlling d5. The e5 pawn blocks the long diagonal, the c-file is a source of active counterplay, and Black's king is much safer.] **17.Qf4** [An inaccuracy, since Black could respond with 17. ..Nd4 18. Nxd4 Qxd4 19. Rad1 Qe5 when White has the unpleasant choice of leaving Black with a centralized queen or trading into one of those Sicilian endings that tends to favor Black. Black opts for a less forcing line.] **17...Qc5 18.Rad1 Ne5!** [Black finds the right path at last. Now on 19. Nxe5 dxe5 20.. Qe3 a5! Black has a little initiative. White's best here might be to offer a draw by repetition with 19. Nd4 Nc6 20. Nf3 Ne5. Instead, he presses his luck with...] **19.Nd5 Be6?** [Black loses his way in the complications. The right sequence was 19. ..Nh5! 20. Qe3 Qxe3 21. Rxe3 Nxf3+ 22. Rxf3 Be6 when Black is better. Now, White has big advantage with...] **20.Nxe5! dxe5 21.Qxe5 Bxd5 22.exd5** [The skirmish is over and Black has lost his vital e-pawn.] **22...a5 23.a4 b4 24.Rd4 Kg8?** [Unpinning the knight, but missing the point of White's last move and ending any hope of resistance.] **25.Rc4 Qd6 26.Rxc8 Rxc8 27.Qxe7 Qf4 28.d6 Nh5** [Nine moves too late!] **29.d7 1-0**

Camenares,Devin (2041) -

Narayanan,Samrug (2297) [C07]

Sicilian Defense

2021 States Cup Rd3 MI vs MN

<https://lichess.org/t9PFzqco> (1),

13.07.2021

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nd2 c5 4.c3?! [This move is dubious at this point since it just leads by force to a simplified isolani structure with no compensation after 4... cxd4 5. cxd4 dxe4 6. Nxe4 Nf6 7. Bd3 Nxe4 8. Bxe4. Play could then continue 8... Bb4+ 9. Bd2 Bxd2+ 10. Qxd2 Nd7 11. Ne2 Nf6 12. Bf3 Qb6 when Black has no worries.] **4...cxd4 5.cxd4 Nc6 6.Ngf3** [The only move to not be worse!] **6...Nf6?** [An instructive mistake. Black gives White a chance to close the center with tempo by 7. e5!, transposing to a well-known pawn

sacrifice line after 7...Nfd7 8.Bd3 Qb6 9.0-0 Nxd4 10. Nxd4 Qxd4 11. Nf3 Qb6 12. Qc2 when White has good attacking chances. White is also better in the line 7. e5! Nfd7 8. Bd3 f6 9. exf6 Nxf6 10. 0-0 Bd6 11. Re1. Black's best was simply 6... dxe4 7. Nxe4 Be7 8. Bd3 Nf6 and playing against the isolated d-pawn.] **7.Bd3** [White misses his chance and Black rectifies his previous mistake.] **7...dxe4! 8.Nxe4 Be7 9.0-0 0-0 10.Ng3** [Another positional inaccuracy since the knight really has no future on g3, and this gives Black a tempo to blockade d5 with 10... Nb4!. Instead, Black chooses the slightly inferior...] **10...h6** [Clearly not 10...Nxd4?? 11. Nxd4 Qxd4 12. Bh7+ winning the queen.] **11.a3** [[White stops the Nb4 idea.] **11...b6 12.Ne5!** [Tricky, but Black can decline the pawn and come out better after 12...Bb7. Instead, he grabs the bait.] **12...Nxd4? 13.Be3** [Suddenly, 14. Bxd4 Qxd4 15. Bh7+ is threatened again and the knight has no good retreat except to f5.] **13...Nf5 14.Nxf5 exf5** [Now, it's questionable if Black's majority can produce a passed pawn or not. White should grab the bishop pair now for some compensation with 15. Nc6 Qc7 16. Nxe7+ Qxe7 17. Qf3 Ne4 18. Rac1.] **15.Qf3 Qd5 16.Rfd1? Be6?** [A double mistake, since White allowed and Black missed a clear win with 16...Qxe5! 17. Qxa8 Ng4 hitting h2 and the Be3. After 18. g3 (forced) Nxe3 19. fxe3 Qxe3+ 20. Kg2 Qe5 Black threatens both Qxb2+ and f4 winning. Now, White is just slightly worse for his suspicious opening play.] **17.Nc6 Rfe8** [Better was just 17...Bd8 threatening to preserve the bishop at c7. Then if 18. Nxd8 Qxf3! 19. gxf3 Raxd8, Black is nearly winning. White's best is then 18. Nd4 Qxf3 19. gxf3 when he's slightly worse.] **18.Nxe7+ Rxe7 19.Qf4** [This hands Black the initiative. Much better was the sneaky 19. Qg3 Ng4 20. Bf1 Qb7 21. Bd4! threatening h3.] **19...Qb3! 20.Bxf5 Rae8 21.Bxe6 Rxe6 22.Bd4? Qxd1+** [It's mate after 23. Raxd1 Re1+ 24. Rxe1 Rxe1.] **0-1**

Titus,Andrew (2325) - Camenares,Devin (2041)

[B50]Sicilian Defense
2021 States Cup Rd3 MI vs MN
<https://lichess.org/Al78GUft> (2),
13.07.2021

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.Nc3 e5 [Surrendering the d5 square like this in the Sicilian is a serious positional concession - Black is already worse. White wastes no time clamping down.] **4.Bc4 h6** [Another remarkable waste of time. Black is asking to get demolished.] **5.a4** [Not really necessary since Black has no time for a6-b5 and the simple 5. d3 was best.] **5...Nc6 6.Nd5** [Clearly, White wanted to free the c-pawn to play c3, but reducing the scope of the Bc8 with 6. h3 was more logical.] **6...Nf6 7.d3 Bg4** [Instead, 7... Nxd5 8. Bxd5 Be6 9. c3 Be7 10. 0-0 0-0 was roughly equal.] **8.c3 a6** [Since b5 is not a threat, the purpose of this move is unclear and it just weakens the dark squares.] **9.Be3** [9. 0-0 was fine, too.] **9...Be7 10.Qb3** [It is surprising that, having played Be3, White would overlook 10. b4!, exploiting the weakness of 8...a6. For if 10... cxb4? 11. Bb6 all but compels Black to give up the queen with 11... Nxd5 12. Bxd8 Nxc3 13. Qb3 Kxd8 when White still has to be careful.] **10...Na5?** [Black falls apart. Relatively better was 10...0-0 as the b-pawn is tactically defended after 11. Qxb7 Nxd5 12. Bxd5 Rb8!. The idea is 13. Qxc6 is met by Rb6 trapping the queen.] **11.Nxf6+ Bxf6 12.Bxf7+ Ke7 13.Qa2 Rc8 14.Nd2 Rf8 15.Bd5** [White is clearly winning now.] **15...Qd7 16.Nc4** [A significant slip, helping Black trade one of his worst pieces. Better was 16. h4 to restrict Black further.] **16...Nxc4 17.Qxc4** [Now Black could get rid of his useless dark-square bishop with 16... Bg5. Instead, he played...] **17...b5?** [Opening the a-file makes things worse, as we'll see.] **18.axb5 axb5 19.Qb3 Rc7 20.0-0 Bg5** [Why not the obvious 20... Be2 21. Re1 Bxd3 at least getting a pawn? Now, the Black king will be bracketed by White's pieces.] **21.Bxg5+ hxg5 22.Qc2** [Angling for the g-pawn.] **22...Rh8 23.Qd2 Kf6** [[The likely intended 23...

Rh5 fails to 24. f3 Be6 25. g4 and 26. Qxg5+.] **24.Ra6 Be6 25.d4!** [Now the center is dynamited and the king will be hunted.] **25...Bxd5 26.dxe5+ Kf7 27.Rxd6 Qg4 28.Qxd5+ Ke7 29.Rg6 Rhc8 30.Rxg7+ Kf8 31.Qg8# 1-0**

Rajanish,Adhvaith (1999) - Talghader,John (2084) [B41] Kan Sicilian

2021 States Cup Rd3 MI vs MN
<https://lichess.org/FuVn9nN3> (3),
13.07.2021

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 e6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 a6 [The Kan Sicilian. White has many options here, with 5. Bd3 being the most flexible.] **5.c4** [Opting for a Maroczy Bind structure.] **5...Nf6 6.Nc3 Qc7** [A true "Kan". A popular alternative is the "Pin Variation" with 6... Bb4, which White now promptly prevents.] **7.a3 Nxe4!?** [A bit too optimistic. White can proceed with either 8. Nxe4 Qe5 9. Bd3 Qxd4 10. Qe2 Be7 11. Be3 Qe5 12. f4 with an attack, or 8. Nxe4 Qe5 9. Qc2 f5 10. Be3 fxe4 11.c5 Be7 12. Nb3 0-0 13. 0-0-0 with a bind.] **8.Nxe4 Qe5 9.Be3** [This isn't as forceful as the other previous variations, and White doesn't have full compensation for his pawn.] **9...Qxe4 10.Qd2 Bc5?** [This should lose the bishop pair and hand the advantage to White after 11. f4! threatening to trap the queen with 12. Bd3. Black's only move is to play 11... Bxd4 12. Qxd4 Qxd4 13. Bxd4, but Black's weakness on the dark squares and the bishop pair are more than enough for White to claim a plus. Instead, White played...] **11.Be2?** [Now, Black should play 11... Nc6 with advantage.] **11...0-0** [Once again, White has an opportunity for f4, but chooses the less accurate...] **12.Bd3 Qe5 13.0-0 f5** [An inaccuracy which actually loses the grip on the dark squares. The next few moves are forced.] **14.Nf3 Bxe3 15.fxe3 Qc7** [Better was Qf6.] **16.e4! f4 17.e5 g6** [Better was 17... Nc6 18. Rae1 g6 19. b4 b5 20. c5 Bb7, but white still has compensation for the pawn.] **18.Rae1** [To be considered was 18. Qc2! threatening Bxg6. Then if 18...Kg7, there could follow 19. Be4! with the idea of intercepting the Nc6

and dominating the d6 square with Rad1 later.] **18...Nc6 19.Ng5?** [This is a positional mistake, trading the much more valuable e5 pawn for the inferior f4 pawn.] **19...b6??** [Which, inexplicably, Black does not take! 19... Nxe5 20. Rxf4 Nxd3 21. Rxf8 Kxf8 22. Qxd3 Qc5+ 23. Qe3 Qxe3 24. Rxe3 h6 25. Rf3+ Ke7 26. Nf7 d5! and Black is OK. Now, White is winning with the shot 20. Nxf7!! Kxh7 21. Rxf4 Rxf4 22. Qxf4 d5 23. Bxg6! 24. Kxg6 Re3 and Black loses material.] **20.Rxf4 Bb7 21.Nxh7! Nxe5 22.Rxf8+ Rxf8 23.Nxf8 Ng4 24.g3** [A major slip. 24. h3 was the correct luft. White is still winning.] **24...Qc5+ 25.Kf1 Qxf8+ 26.Kg1??** [A tragic blunder, perhaps in time trouble!?] **26...Qf3 27.Rf1 Qh1# 0-1**



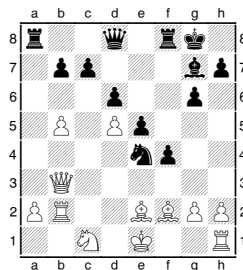
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Ruth Haring 2021 Experience

My overall experience at this tournament was absolutely amazing. I made so many new friends, all from different states. My performance in the tournament was also pretty good. Out of 6 games I won 3, drew one, and lost 2. I was actually winning one in one of my losses, but I think I still played well. Aside from the tournament, there were many activities with special guests and even a pizza social where you could just mingle with the players in your section and age group. There was even a girls only club room with Jennifer Shahade who was reviewing games for any girl who wanted, and everyone else was hanging out and playing blitz or bughouse. There were even free hats and magazines for everyone who stopped by. In the opening ceremony, everyone was very welcoming and energetic; there were a lot of special guest speakers, such as, John Rockefeller and Sunil Weeramantry who told some stories

and welcomed the players. There was a point that stuck with me when Sunil Weeramantry said that we were all champions for being there, no matter how good or bad we do in the tournament. and that really helped me stay really positive throughout the event. This experience reminded me of the *Susan Polgar All Girls Tournament* in St. Louis in terms of environment and the amount of fun we had outside of playing long chess games. I would love to be able to go back next year.

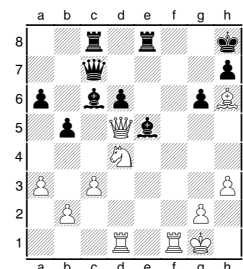
Ehsani,Yassamin (2117) - Woods,Charisse (1875) [E85] King's Indian: Samisch
Cherry Hill, NJ Cherry Hill, NJ (2), 08.01.2021 [Woods,Charisse]
1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 Bg7 4.e4 d6 5.f3 0-0 6.Nge2 Nbd7 7.Be3 e5 8.d5 Nb6 9.Nc1 Ne8 10.Qd2 f5 11.Be2 f4 [I wanted to try and kill anything on the kingside and gain an early space advantage here.] **12.Bf2 Nf6 13.Rb1 Bd7 14.b4 Na4 15.Nxa4 Bxa4 16.b5 a6** [With Qb4 coming this look awkward, but I had a plan to play Bc2 and get 2 pawns for a piece with compensation.] **17.Qb4 axb5 18.cxb5 Bc2 19.Rb2 Ra4 20.Qc3 Bxe4 21.Qb3 Ra8 22.fxe4 Nxe4**



[Thankfully, this position is still roughly equal, but I had to be careful not to lose any pawns.] **23.Bg4 Kh8 24.0-0 Qg5 25.Bf3 Nxf2 26.Rbxf2 e4 27.Bxe4 Bd4 28.Ne2 Bxf2+ 29.Rxf2 Qe5 30.Qc2 Kg7!?** [To be honest, I forgot about c7 and paid for it.] **31.Qxc7+ Rf7 32.Qc4** [Surprisingly, this position is still roughly equal.] **32...g5 33.Nd4 Kg8 34.Re2 Qg7 35.Bf5 Rc7 36.Qd3 Rc1+ 37.Kf2 g4 38.Be6+ Kh8 39.Nf5 Qa1 40.Qd4+ Qxd4+ 41.Nxd4 h5 42.Nf5 Ra3 43.Rd2 Rh1 44.Nxd6 Rxh2 45.Kg1 g3 46.Nf7+**

Kg7 47.Ng5 Re3?? [47...f3 is completely equal, Re3 is a blunder since I don't protect d8 fast enough anymore. 48.Nxf3 Rxf3 49.Rd1 Rf2 50.Bh3 Rxa2 51.d6 Ra8 52.d7 Rd8.] **48.Rd1 Re2 49.Bh3 Kf6 50.d6 Kxg5 51.d7 f3 52.d8Q+ Kf4 53.Qf6+ Ke3 54.Qxf3# 1-0**

Woods,Charisse (1875) - Braddy,Elizabeth (1440) [B72] Sicilian Dragon
Cherry Hill, NJ Cherry Hill, NJ (5), 08.02.2021 [Woods,Charisse]
1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 g6 6.Bc4 Bg7 7.0-0 0-0 8.h3 Nc6 9.Be3 Bd7 10.Qd2 Rc8 11.Bb3 a6 12.f3 Ne5 13.Qe2 Qa5 14.Rad1 b5 15.Nd5 Nxd5 16.Bxd5 Nc4 [Giving up the bishop pair was worth it since the knight would cause me nothing but problems.] **17.Bxc4 Rxc4 18.c3 Rcc8 19.a3 Rfd8 20.f4 e6 21.f5 exf5 22.exf5 Re8 23.fxg6 fxg6 24.Qf3 Qc7 25.Qd5+ Kh8 26.Bf4 Be5 27.Bh6** [Trading bishops may have been better, but I decided Bh6 would be more helpful to me in the long run.]
27...Bc6



28.Qb3 Qb7 29.Rf7 Re7 30.Rdf1 Rxf7 31.Rxf7 Qa8 32.Nxc6 Qxc6 33.Qe6 Re8?? [I got pretty lucky with this blunder, it's now mate in 6.] **34.Qe7! Qc5+ 35.Kh1 Rxe7 36.Rf8# 1-0**

Methodical thinking is of more use in chess than inspiration. - Purdy

Games from the 2nd States Cup

Venkat,Abhyudhaya (1950) - Camenares,Devin (2041) [D34] Tarrasch Defense

2021 States Cup Rd6 MI vs IL
<https://lichess.org/vLO6kdTT> (1),
03.08.2021

1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 c5 4.cxd5 exd5 5.Nf3 Nc6 6.g3 Nf6 7.Bg2 Be7 8.0-0 0-0 9.Bg5 cxd4 10.Nxd4 h6 11.Bxf6 Bxf6 12.e3 Be6 13.Nxe6 fxe6 14.Qb3 Qe7 15.Rad1 Na5 16.Nxd5 Qc5 17.Nxf6+ Rxf6 18.Qa4 Qb6 19.Rd7 Raf8 20.Qg4 R8f7 21.Rxf7 Rxf7 22.b3 Nc6 23.Qxe6 Qa5 24.Bd5 Nd8 25.Qe8+ Kh7 26.Bxf7 Nxf7 27.Qxf7 Qxa2 28.Qf5+ Kg8 29.Rd1 1-0

Rao,Patrick (1983) - Rajanish,Adhvait (1999) [C67] Ruy Lopez: Berlin Defense

2021 States Cup Rd6 MI vs IL
<https://lichess.org/QLs3Zonj> (1),
03.08.2021

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 Nf6 4.0-0 Nxe4 5.Re1 Nd6 6.Nxe5 Nxe5 7.Rxe5+ Be7 8.Ba4 0-0 9.d4 Bf6 10.Re1 Nf5 11.c3 d5 12.Nd2 c6 13.Bc2 g6 14.Nf1 Ng7 15.Bf4 Bf5 16.Bb3 Re8 17.h3 g5 18.Bh2 Qd7 19.Qd2 Bg6 20.Ne3 h5 21.Bc2 Re6 22.Re2 Rae8 23.Rae1 Be4 24.f3 Bg6 25.Nd1 Rxe2 26.Rxe2 Rxe2 27.Qxe2 Bxc2 28.Qxc2 Qe6 29.Kf2 g4 30.hxg4 hxg4 31.Qe2 gxf3 32.Qxe6 Nxe6 33.gxf3 Bg5 34.Ne3 Bxe3+ 35.Kxe3 Kf8 36.Bd6+ Ke8 37.f4 Kd7 38.Be5 Ke7 39.f5 Nf8 40.Kf4 Nd7 41.Bg7 f6 42.Bh6 Nb6 43.b3 Nc8 44.Kg4 Nd6 45.Bf4 Ne4 46.c4 dxc4 47.bxc4 Nd6 48.Bxd6+ Kxd6 49.Kh5 b5 50.cxb5 cxb5 51.Kg6 Ke7 52.d5 a5 53.d6+ Kxd6 54.Kxf6 b4 55.Kg7 a4 56.f6 b3 57.axb3 axb3 58.f7 b2 59.f8Q+ Kd5 60.Qb4 1-0

Aldrich,Jeff (1921) - Fan,Zheyuan (1983) [A83] Dutch Defense: Staunton Gambit

2021 States Cup Rd6 MI vs IL
<https://lichess.org/fCWlstTo> (1),
03.08.2021

1.d4 f5 2.e4 fxe4 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.Bg5 c6 5.Bxf6 exf6 6.Nxe4 d5 7.Ng3 Be6 8.Bd3 Bd6 9.Nf3 Nd7 10.Qe2 Qe7 11.0-0-0 0-0-0 12.Rde1 Rde8 13.Nh4 Bf4+ 14.Kb1 Qb4 15.c3 Qa5 16.Qf3 Bd2 17.Re2 Bxc3 18.bxc3 Qxc3 19.Rc2 Qxd4

20.Nhf5 Bxf5 21.Nxf5 Qb4+ 22.Rb2 Re1+ 23.Rxe1 Qxe1+ 24.Kc2 Nc5 25.Rb1 Nxd3 26.Qxd3 Qxf2+ 27.Kb3 g6 28.Nd4 Re8 29.Qh3+ f5 30.Nc2 Qb6+ 31.Ka3 Qxb1 32.Nb4 Qc1+ 33.Ka4 Re3 0-1

Kuhn,Tim (1656) - Kalghatgi,Nikhil (2245) [B18] Classical Caro-Kann

2021 States Cup Rd6 MI vs IL
<https://lichess.org/FZ3XSbBo> (1),
03.08.2021

1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.Nc3 dxe4 4.Nxe4 Bf5 5.Ng3 Bg6 6.f4 e6 7.Nf3 Nd7 8.Bd3 Bxd3 9.Qxd3 Ngf6 10.0-0 Qb6 11.c3 Bd6 12.c4 0-0-0 13.Be3 Qc7 14.Ne5 Nxe5 15.fxe5 Bxe5 16.Qa3 Bxg3 17.hxg3 a6 18.Bf4 Qb6 19.c5 Qb5 20.Bd6 Rd7 21.Qe3 Ne8 22.a4 Qc4 23.b3 Qd5 24.Be5 f6 25.Bd6 Nxd6 26.cxd6 Rxd6 27.Rfd1 Rhd8 28.b4 e5 29.Rac1 exd4 30.Qf4 d3 31.Rc5 Qd4+ 32.Qf2 Qxb4 33.Qf5+ Kb8 34.a5 d2 35.Kh2 Rd5 36.Rxd5 Rxd5 37.Qxh7 Qxa5 38.g4 Qa4 39.Qc2 Qxc2 0-1

Camenares,Devin (2041) - Rao,Patrick (1983) [C54] Giuoco Piano

2021 States Cup Rd6 MI vs IL
<https://lichess.org/ZxnKah0B> (2),
03.08.2021

1.e4 e5 2.d4 exd4 3.Bc4 Nc6 4.Nf3 Bc5 5.c3 Nf6 6.cxd4 Bb4+ 7.Nbd2 0-0 8.0-0 d5 9.exd5 Nxd5 10.a3 Be7 11.Ne4 Bg4 12.Be3 Nb6 13.Be2 Bh5 14.Ng3 Bg6 15.Rc1 Nd5 16.Bb5 Nb8 17.Bd2 c6 18.Bc4 Nb6 19.Ba2 N8d7 20.Re1 Bd6 21.Ne4 Bc7 22.Bg5 Qb8 23.h3 Re8 24.Nc3 h6 25.Rxe8+ Qxe8 26.Nh4 Bh7 27.Be3 Nf6 28.Nf3 Rd8 29.Qf1 Bb8 30.b4 Nbd5 31.Bd2 Nxc3 32.Rxc3 Nd5 33.Rc1 Nf4 34.Re1 Qd7 35.Bxf4 Bxf4 36.Qc4 b5 37.Qc5 Bd6 38.Qh5 Qf5 39.Qh4 Qd7 40.Ne5 Bxe5 41.dxe5 Qd2 42.e6 Qxe1+ 43.Kh2 Qe5+ 44.g3 Qf6 45.exf7+ Kf8 46.Qg4 Qxf2+ 0-1

Rajanish,Adhvait (1999) - Venkat,Abhyudhaya (1950) [B12] Caro-Kann: Advance

2021 States Cup Rd6 MI vs IL
<https://lichess.org/dGlt0lp5> (2),
03.08.2021

1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 c5 4.dxc5 e6 5.a3 Bxc5 6.b4 Be7 7.Bb2 Nd7 8.Nf3 f6 9.Bd3 a5 10.b5 Nh6 11.0-0 Nf7 12.exf6 Bxf6 13.Bxf6 Qxf6 14.c3 0-0 15.Bc2 Nc5 16.Qd4 b6 17.Nbd2 Bb7 18.Rae1 Rae8 19.Ne5 Nxe5 20.Qxe5 Qxe5 21.Rxe5 Nd7 22.Re2 e5 23.c4 d4

24.Be4 Bxe4 25.Nxe4 Nf6 26.Rfe1 Rc8 27.Nd6 Rcd8 28.Ne4 Nh5 29.g3 Nf6 30.Nxf6+ gxf6 31.f4 d3 32.Rd2 Rfe8 33.fxe5 fxe5 34.Re4 Kf7 35.Kf2 Ke6 36.Ke3 Kf5 37.Rxd3 Rxd3+ 38.Kxd3 Rd8+ 39.Ke3 Rd1 40.Rh4 Ra1 41.Rh5+ Kg4 42.Rxe5 Rxa3+ 43.Kd4 Ra2 44.Re4+ Kf3 45.Rh4 Rd2+ 46.Ke5 a4 47.Rxh7 a3 48.Ra7 a2 49.h4 Kg4 50.Ra6 Re2+ 51.Kd6 Rh2 52.Kc6 Kxg3 53.Kxb6 Kf3 54.Ka7 Rxh4 55.Rxa2 Rxc4 56.b6 Ke4 57.b7 Rc7 58.Ka8 Rxb7 59.Kxb7 1-0

Kalghatgi,Nikhil (2245) - Aldrich,Jeff (1921) [B12] Caro-Kann: Advance

2021 States Cup Rd6 MI vs IL
<https://lichess.org/2DWgDb9k> (2),
03.08.2021

1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.f3 e6 4.Nc3 Nf6 5.Be3 Be7 6.Qd2 0-0 7.Nge2 a5 8.h4 b5 9.e5 Nfd7 10.h5 f6 11.f4 a4 12.h6 g6 13.0-0 b4 14.Nb1 Na6 15.g4 c5 16.Bg2 Nb6 17.dxc5 Nc4 18.Qd3 Bxc5 19.Bxc5 Nxc5 20.Qxc4 dxc4 21.Rxd8 Rxd8 22.Bxa8 Ba6 23.Bf3 fxe5 24.fxe5 b3 25.Nbc3 Rf8 26.Nd4 Rf4 27.Rd1 Rf8 28.a3 Bc8 29.Ne4 Nd7 30.Nxe6 Rxf3 31.N4g5 Rf2 32.cxb3 axb3 33.a4 Re2 34.Nc5 Rxe5 35.Nxd7 Rxe5 0-1

Fan,Zheyuan (2013) - Kuhn,Tim (1656) [A10] English Opening

2021 States Cup Rd6 MI vs IL
<https://lichess.org/bfcfxHTB> (2),
03.08.2021

1.c4 g6 2.Nc3 Bg7 3.g3 Nf6 4.Bg2 c6 5.e4 0-0 6.Nge2 d5 7.cxd5 cxd5 8.exd5 Nbd7 9.d4 Nb6 10.Qb3 e6 11.0-0 Nfxd5 12.Rd1 Rb8 13.Nf4 Nxf4 14.Bxf4 Nd5 15.Bxb8 Bd7 16.Bd6 Re8 17.Nxd5 exd5 18.Bxd5 Bc6 19.Bxf7+ Kh8 20.Bxe8 Qxe8 21.Be5 Bxe5 22.dxe5 Qc8 23.e6 1-0

Camenares,Devin (2041) - Fan,Zheyuan (2013) [A10] English Opening

2021 States Cup Rd6 MI vs IL
<https://lichess.org/VWkWddd5> (3),
03.08.2021

1.c4 f5 2.Nc3 Nf6 3.d3 d6 4.e4 e5 5.f4 Nc6 6.Nf3 fxe4 7.dxe4 Bg4 8.Be3 Qd7 9.Qd2 0-0-0 10.0-0-0 Kb8 11.Kb1 Re8 12.h3 exf4 13.Bxf4 Bh5 14.e5 Bxf3 15.gxf3 Nxe5 16.c5 Qf5+ 17.Ka1 Nxf3 18.Qc1 Nh5 19.Be3 Ng3 20.Bd3 Qf6 21.Nd5 Qh4 22.Bf2 Re5 23.cxd6 Bxd6 24.Bxg3 Qxg3 25.Bc4 Rhe8 26.Nc3 a6 27.Rhf1 Qxh3 28.Bf7 R8e7 29.Bd5 Ng5

30.Rf8+ Ka7 31.Rg1 Qe3 32.Qxe3+ Rxe3 33.Rxg5 Re1+ 34.Nb1 Rxb1+ 35.Kxb1 Re1+ 36.Kc2 Bxf8 37.Bg8 h6 38.Rf5 Bd6 39.Rf3 g5 40.Rb3 Re2+ 41.Kd3 Re5 42.Bf7 Rf5 43.Bh5 Bf4 44.Bf3 Rb5 45.Rxb5 axb5 46.b3 Kb6 47.Kd4 c5+ 48.Ke4 c4 49.bxc4 bxc4 50.Kf5 c3 51.Bd1 Kc5 52.Kg4 Kb4 53.Kh5 Ka3 54.Kxh6 Kxa2 55.Kh5 Kb2 56.Kg4 c2 57.Bxc2 Kxc2 0-1

Rajanish,Adhvaith (1999) -

Kalghatgi,Nikhil (2245) [B71] Sicilian Dragon

2021 States Cup Rd6 MI vs IL
<https://lichess.org/wakvAijU> (3),
03.08.2021

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 g6 6.f4 Nc6 7.Be2 Bg7 8.Be3 0-0 9.Bf3 Qb6 10.Qd3 Nb4 11.Qd2 Ng4 12.Bxg4 Bxd4 13.Bxd4 Qxd4 14.Bxc8 Raxc8 15.0-0-0 Qb6 16.a3 Rxc3 17.axb4 Rc4 18.c3 Rfc8 19.Kb1 a5 20.bxa5 Qxa5 21.Qd3 b5 22.Rhe1 b4 23.cxb4 Rxb4 24.Re2 Ra4 0-1

Venkat,Adhyudhaya (1950) -

Aldrich,Jeff (1921) [D11] Semi-Slav Defense

2021 States Cup Rd6 MI vs IL
<https://lichess.org/EICQA2rl> (3),
03.08.2021

1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.Nf3 Nf6 4.e3 e6 5.b3 Be7 6.Bb2 0-0 7.Bd3 b6 8.0-0 Bb7 9.Nc3 Nbd7 10.Qc2 Rc8 11.e4 dxe4 12.Nxe4 Nxe4 13.Bxe4 Nf6 14.Bd3 h6 15.Rad1 Qc7 16.c5 Nd5 17.a3 Qf4 18.Ne5 Qg5 19.Bc1 Qh5 20.f4 f5 21.g4 fxg4 22.Bh7+ Kh8 23.Ng6+ Kxh7 24.Nxe7+ Kh8 25.Nxc8 Rxc8 26.Rde1 Ba6 27.Rf2 bxc5 28.dxc5 Re8 29.Bb2 Nf6 30.Re5 Qh4 31.f5 g3 32.hxg3 Qxg3+ 33.Rg2 Qxe5 34.Bxe5 1-0

Rao,Parick (1983) - Kuhn,Tim (1656)

[C77] Ruy Lopez

2021 States Cup Rd6 MI vs IL
<https://lichess.org/IGGfml7s> (3),
03.08.2021

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.d3 Bc5 6.c3 b5 7.Bb3 0-0 8.0-0 d5 9.Nbd2 Bg4 10.Re1 d4 11.Nf1 dxc3 12.bxc3 b4 13.Bb2 bxc3 14.Bxc3 Nd4 15.Bxd4 Bxd4 16.Rb1 c5 17.h3 Bh5 18.Ng3 Bg6 19.Nxd4 exd4 20.f4 h5 21.f5 Bh7 22.Nxh5 Nxh5 23.Qxh5 Rb8 24.e5 Rb6 25.Rf1 Rh6 26.Qf3 Qh4 27.e6 fxe6 28.fxe6 Kh8 29.Qxf8+ 1-0

Kalghatgi,Nikhil (2245) -

Camenares,Devin (2041) [A00] Polish Opening

2021 States Cup Rd6 MI vs IL
<https://lichess.org/jBSqUz0A> (4),
03.08.2021

1.b4 e5 2.Bb2 Bxb4 3.Bxe5 Nf6 4.Nf3 Nc6 5.Bb2 0-0 6.c3 Ba5 7.e3 d5 8.Be2 Re8 9.0-0 Bg4 10.d3 Bxf3 11.Bxf3 Ne5 12.Be2 c6 13.Nd2 Qd6 14.Nf3 Bc7 15.Nxe5 Qxe5 16.g3 h5 17.Bf3 h4 18.Rb1 hxg3 19.hxg3 Qg5 20.Kg2 Re6 21.c4 Rd8 22.Bxf6 gxf6 23.Rxb7 Bd6 24.cxd5 cxd5 25.Rh1 Rxe3 26.Rh4 Rxf3 27.Qxf3 f5 28.Rh5 Qg6 29.Rxf5 Rc8 30.Rxf7 Bxg3 31.Qxg3 Qxg3+ 32.Kxg3 Rc3 33.Rfd7 Rxd3+ 34.f3 1-0

Fan,Zheyuan (2013) -

Rajanish,Adhvaith (1999) [C00]

Symmetrical English

2021 States Cup Rd6 MI vs IL
<https://lichess.org/8qqqanHG> (4),
03.08.2021

1.c4 e6 2.e4 c5 3.Nc3 Nc6 4.g3 d6 5.Bg2 Nge7 6.Nge2 g6 7.0-0 Bg7 8.d3 0-0 9.Be3 Nd4 10.Qd2 e5 11.Bh6 Be6 12.Bxg7 Kxg7 13.f4 Rb8 14.b3 f5 15.fxe5 dxe5 16.Nd5 Nec6 17.Rac1 Nxe2+ 18.Qxe2 Nd4 19.Qd2 Bxd5 20.cxd5 Qd6 21.Qa5 Ne2+ 22.Kh1 Nxc1 23.Rxc1 b6 24.Qxa7+ Rf7 25.Qa4 f4 26.gxf4 Rxf4 27.Bh3 Rbf8 28.Qa7+ R8f7 29.Qa8 Qf6 30.Qc8 Rf2 31.Qg4 Rxa2 32.d6 Qf2 33.Qg3 Qxg3 34.hxg3 Raa7 35.b4 cxb4 36.Rb1 Rfd7 37.Bxd7 Rxd7 38.Rxb4 Rxd6 39.Kg2 Rxd3 40.Rxb6 Rd4 41.Kf3 Rd3+ 42.Kg4 Re3 43.Rb4 h5+ 44.Kh3 Kh6 45.Kg2 Kg5 46.Kf2 Ra3 47.Rb5 Kg4 48.Rxe5 Rf3+ 49.Ke2 Rxg3 50.Re6 g5 51.Rh6 Ra3 52.e5 h4 53.Kf2 Ra5 54.e6 Re5 55.Rf6 h3 56.Rh6 Kf5 57.Rxh3 Rxe6 58.Rf3+ Kg4 59.Rg3+ Kh4 60.Ra3 g4 61.Ra8 g3+ 62.Kg2 Re2+ 63.Kf1 Rb2 64.Rh8+ Kg4 65.Rg8+ Kf4 66.Rf8+ Ke4 67.Re8+ Kd4 68.Rd8+ Kc3 69.Rc8+ Kd2 70.Rd8+ Kc1 71.Rc8+ Kb1 72.Rg8 g2+ 73.Rxg2 Rxg2 74.Kxg2 ½-½

Aldrich,Jeff (1921) - Rao,Patrick (1983)

[E81] King's Indian: Samisch

2021 States Cup Rd6 MI vs IL
<https://lichess.org/iUUgwLVI> (4),
03.08.2021

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 Bg7 4.e4 d6 5.f3 0-0 6.Be3 c5 7.d5 e5 8.Qd2 Ne8 9.g4 f5 10.gxf5 gxf5 11.h4 f4 12.Bf2 h5 13.Nh3 Bf6 14.Ng5 Ng7 15.Rg1 Bxg5 16.Rxg5 Rf6 17.0-0-0 Qe8 18.Be1 Rg6 19.Qg2 Kh7 20.Nb5 Rxg5 21.Qxg5 Qd7 22.Rd2

a6 23.Nc3 Qf7 24.Rg2 Nd7 25.Rg1 Nf6 26.Nd1 Bd7 27.Nf2 b5 28.b3 Rg8 29.Qg2 Nf5 30.Qh2 Ne3 31.cxb5 Nxf1 32.Rxf1 Bxb5 33.Rg1 Rxg1 34.Qxg1 c4 35.Nh3 Qc7 36.Ng5+ Kh8 37.Ne6 Qf7 38.Qg5 cxb3 39.axb3 Bd7 40.Nd8 Qg7 41.Qxg7+ Kxg7 42.Nb7 Bg4 43.Nxd6 Bxf3 44.Nf5+ Kf7 45.Nd6+ Ke7 46.Nf5+ Kd7 47.Bc3 Bxe4 48.Bxe5 Ng4 49.Nd6 Bxd5 50.Bxf4 Bxb3 51.Kb2 Bd5 ½-½

Kuhn,Tim (1656) -

Venkat,Adhyudhaya (1950) [B15]

Caro-Kann

2021 States Cup Rd6 MI vs IL
<https://lichess.org/vaeHvDBm> (4),
03.08.2021

1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.Nc3 dxe4 4.Nxe4 Nf6 5.Ng3 h5 6.h4 Bg4 7.f3 Qc7 8.N1e2 e6 9.Bf4 Qa5+ 10.c3 Bf5 11.Nxf5 exf5 12.Qa2 Nbd7 13.b4 Qb6 14.Ng3 g6 15.a3 Bg7 16.Bc4 0-0 17.0-0 Nd5 18.Bd2 Qc7 19.Nxf5 gxf5 20.Qxf5 N7f6 21.Rae1 Qg3 22.Re4 Qg6 23.Qxg6 fxg6 24.Re7 b5 25.Bd3 Nxe7 26.Re1 Ned5 27.Bxg6 a5 28.f4 axb4 29.axb4 Ra2 30.Rd1 Nd7 31.Bxh5 Nxf4 32.Bg4 Nf6 33.Bxf4 Nxg4 0-1

Umanksy,Greg (1396) - Levi,Ariel

(1219) [B22]Caro-Kann: Exchange Var.

2021 States Cup Rd7 MI vs MA
<https://lichess.org/RenuEkow> (1),
10.08.2021

1.e4 c5 2.c3 Nf6 3.e5 Nd5 4.d4 cxd4 5.Nf3 Nc6 6.cxd4 d6 7.exd6 Qxd6 8.Nc3 Bg4 9.Be2 e6 10.h3 Bh5 11.0-0 Be7 12.Qb3 Bxf3 13.Bxf3 Nxd4 14.Qa4+ Nc6 15.Nxd5 exd5 16.Re1 0-0 17.Bf4 Qb4 18.Qxb4 Bxb4 19.Red1 Rfd8 20.a3 Be7 21.Bxd5 Bf6 22.Rab1 Nd4 23.Bc4 Rac8 24.Bf1 Nb3 25.Rxd8+ Rxd8 26.Bc4 Nd2 27.Bxd2 Rxd2 28.Re1 Kf8 29.b3 a6 30.a4 g6 31.Re2 Rd1+ 32.Kh2 h5 33.Kg3 Bd8 34.Re3 Bb6 35.Rd3 Rxd3+ 36.Bxd3 Ke7 37.Be4 Bc7+ 38.Kh4 b6 39.Kg5 Ke6 40.Bb7 a5 41.Ba6 Be5 42.Bc4+ Ke7 43.g4 hxg4 44.hxg4 Bd4 45.f3 Be3+ 46.Kh4 Bf4 47.Kh3 Kf6 48.Kg2 Ke7 49.Kf2 f6 50.Ke2 Kd6 51.Kd3 Kc5 52.Ke4 ½-½

Jain,Vihaan (1454) -

Rajanish,Adhvaith (1999) [B90]

Sicilian Najdorf

2021 States Cup Rd7 MI vs MA
<https://lichess.org/E75Gqbid> (1),
10.08.2021

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 a6 6.Be3 e5 7.Nb3 Be6 8.f3 Be7

9.Qd2 0-0 10.0-0 Nbd7 11.g4 b5
12.h4 Nb6 13.h5 h6 14.g5 hxg5 15.Bxg5
b4 16.Nb1 Nxe4 17.Bxe7 Nxd2 18.Bxd8
Nxb3+ 19.axb3 Rfxd8 20.Bh3 Bxh3
21.Rxh3 f5 22.h6 g6 23.Rg1 Kf7 24.h7
Nd5 25.Nd2 Nf4 26.Rh2 d5 27.Re1 Kf6
28.Nf1 Rh8 29.Ne3 Ra7 30.Reh1 d4
31.Nc4 Re7 32.Na5 Nh5 33.Nc6 Rexh7
34.Nxb4 a5 35.Nc6 Rc7 36.Nxa5 Ra8
37.Nc4 Nf4 38.Kd2 e4 39.fxe4 fxe4
40.c3 Rxc4 41.bxc4 e3+ 42.Kc2 d3+
43.Kb3 Rb8+ 44.Ka4 e2 45.Rf2 d2
46.Rxf4+ Ke5 47.Rff1 exf1Q 48.Rxf1
Rxb2 49.Ka3 Rc2 50.Kb3 Rc1 51.Rf2
d1Q+ 52.Kb4 Rb1+ 53.Kc5 Qd6# 0-1

Kuhn,Tim (1656) -
Varatharajan,Venkatraman (1684)
[B03] Alekhine's Defense

2021 States Cup Rd7 MI vs MA
<https://lichess.org/6Ti0hmSO> (1),
10.08.2021

1.e4 Nf6 2.e5 Nd5 3.d4 d6 4.exd6 cxd6
5.c4 Nb6 6.Nc3 g6 7.Nf3 Bg7 8.Bd3 Bg4
9.Be3 Nc6 10.d5 Ne5 11.h3 Bxf3
12.gxf3 0-0 13.f4 Nexc4 14.Bxc4 Nxc4
15.Qb3 Qc7 16.f5 Nxb2 17.Ne4 Nd3+
18.Qxd3 Bxa1 19.h4 Rac8 20.h5 Qc2
21.Qb5 Bc3+ 22.Kf1 Qxe4 23.Rg1 Bg7
24.fxg6 fxg6 25.Qb3 Rc3 26.Qxb7 Rxe3
27.hxg6 Re1# 0-1

Rajanish,Abhinav (1640) -
Ayyappan,Santhosh (1707) [D35] QGD
2021 States Cup Rd7 MI vs MA
<https://lichess.org/K86KvTYQ> (1),
10.08.2021

1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.cxd5 exd5
5.Bg5 Be7 6.e3 b6 7.Bd3 Bg4 8.Nge2 0-
0 9.Qc2 h6 10.Bh4 c6 11.0-0 Nbd7
12.Ba6 c5 13.Bg3 Bxe2 14.Qxe2 cxd4
15.exd4 Re8 16.Qf3 Ne4 17.Nxe4 dxe4
18.Qxe4 Bd6 19.Qd5 Bxg3 20.hxg3 Nf6
21.Qxd8 Raxd8 22.Rad1 Re4 23.d5
Rxd5 24.Rxd5 Nxd5 25.Bb7 Rd4
26.Bxd5 Rxd5 27.Rc1 Rd2 28.Rc8+ Kh7
29.Rc7 Rxb2 30.Rxa7 Kg6 31.a4 Kf6
32.a5 bxa5 33.Rxa5 g5 34.f4 g4 35.Rh5
Kg6 36.Rh4 f5 37.Rh1 h5 38.Kh2 Rb8
39.Rd1 Rb4 40.Rd6+ Kg7 41.Rd5 Kf6
42.Rd6+ Kg7 43.Rd5 Kg6 44.Rd6+ Kg7
45.Rd5 Kg6 46.Rd6+ ½-½

Levi,Ariel (2129) - Jain,Vihaan (1454)
[A20] English Opening

2021 States Cup Rd7 MI vs MA
<https://lichess.org/9iY5gNsQ> (2),
10.08.2021

1.c4 e5 2.g3 Nf6 3.Bg2 Nc6 4.Nc3 Bc5
5.e3 d6 6.Nge2 Bg4 7.0-0 0-0 8.h3 Be6

9.d4 exd4 10.exd4 Nxd4 11.Nxd4 Bxc4
12.Re1 c6 13.b3 Qa5 14.Bb2 Ba6 15.a3
Qc7 16.Rc1 Rfe8 17.Rxe8+ Rxe8 18.b4
Bb6 19.b5 cxb5 20.Ndx5 Qc5 21.Qf1
Ba5 22.a4 Bxc3 23.Bxc3 Qg5 24.Kh2
Ne4 25.Re1 d5 26.Bd4 Rd8 27.Qd3 Nd6
28.Re5 1-0

Rajanish,Adhvaith (1999) -
Umanksy,Greg (1396) [D00] Q-Pawn
Game

2021 States Cup Rd7 MI vs MA
<https://lichess.org/HNUwDHG2> (2),
10.08.2021

1.d4 d5 2.Bf4 c5 3.e3 Nc6 4.Nf3 Nf6
5.Nbd2 Bf5 6.dxc5 e6 7.c4 dxc4 8.Nxc4
Qxd1+ 9.Rxd1 Bxc5 10.Bd6 Ne4
11.Bxc5 Nxc5 12.Nd6+ Ke7 13.Nxf5+
exf5 14.Bc4 Rad8 15.Ke2 f6 16.Bb5 Ne5
17.Nd4 g6 18.Rc1 b6 19.f4 Ned7
20.Nc6+ Kd6 21.Rhd1+ Kc7 22.Nxd8
Rxd8 23.Bxd7 Rxd7 24.b4 Rxd1
25.Kxd1 Kd6 26.bxc5+ bxc5 27.Kd2 Kd5
28.Kd3 g5 29.g3 gxf4 30.gxf4 a5 31.a4
h5 32.Rc4 h4 33.h3 Kc6 34.e4 fxe4+
35.Kxe4 f5+ 36.Ke5 1-0

Ayyappan,Santhosh (1707) - Kuhn,Tim
(1656) [B50] Sicilian Defense

2021 States Cup Rd7 MI vs MA
<https://lichess.org/e6H62AOU> (2),
10.08.2021

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nc6
5.c4 g6 6.Nc3 Bg7 7.Be3 Bd7 8.Be2 e5
9.Ndb5 Nd4 10.Nxd6+ Kf8 11.Bxd4
exd4 12.Nd5 Bc6 13.Nb5 Bxb5 14.cxb5
Qa5+ 15.Qd2 Qa4 16.Bd1 Qc4 17.Bb3
Qxb5 18.Nc7 Qb6 19.Nxa8 Qa6
20.Qb4+ Ne7 21.Nc7 Qf6 22.Nd5 Qe6
23.Nxe7 Qxe4+ 24.Kf1 Qd3+ 25.Kg1
Qe4 26.Re1 Qf4 27.Nf5+ Kg8 28.Re8+
1-0

Varatharajan,Venkatraman (1684) -
Rajanish,Abhinav (1640) [B25] Closed
Sicilian

2021 States Cup Rd7 MI vs MA
<https://lichess.org/r7WLnNpZ> (2),
10.08.2021

1.e4 c5 2.Nc3 d6 3.g3 Nc6 4.Bg2 g6 5.d3
Bg7 6.Bd2 e6 7.f4 Nge7 8.Nf3 0-0 9.0-
0 b6 10.e5 dxe5 11.fxe5 Bb7 12.Qe2
Qc7 13.Bf4 Nf5 14.Nb5 Qd7 15.c3 a6
16.Na3 Qc7 17.g4 Nfe7 18.Nc4 Rad8
19.Nd6 Nc8 20.Nxb7 Qxb7 21.Nd2 b5
22.Nb3 Qe7 23.Bxc6 c4 24.dxc4 bxc4
25.Nd4 Nb6 26.Qe3 Qc7 27.Bg2 Nd5
28.Bxd5 Rxd5 29.Rfe1 Rb8 30.Rab1
Qa5 31.Nc6 Qb5 32.Nxb8 Qxb8 33.b4
Rd3 34.Qf2 Rxc3 35.a4 Ra3 36.b5 Rxa4

37.bxa6 Qa8 38.Qb6 h6 39.Qb8+ Qxb8
40.Rxb8+ Kh7 41.Rb6 c3 42.Bc1 Rxg4+
43.Kf2 Rh4 44.Kg3 g5 45.a7 Ra4 46.Rb7
c2 47.Be3 Bxe5+ 48.Kf2 Bxh2 49.Rb8
Ra2 50.Rc1 Rxa7 51.Bxa7 Bxb8 52.Bxb8
f5 53.Rxc2 Kg6 54.Be5 f4 55.Rc8 h5
56.Rg8+ Kf5 57.Bb2 g4 58.Kg2 f3+
59.Kg3 Ke4 60.Re8 h4+ 61.Kxg4 f2
62.Rxe6+ Kd3 63.Rf6 Ke2 64.Rxf2+ Kxf2
65.Kxh4 ½-½

Varatharajan,Venkatraman (1684) -
Levi,Ariel (2129) [B24] Closed Sicilian

2021 States Cup Rd7 MI vs MA
<https://lichess.org/LAj4M9Nd> (3),
10.08.2021

1.e4 c5 2.Nc3 Nc6 3.g3 g6 4.d3 Bg7
5.Bd2 e5 6.Bg2 Nge7 7.f4 d6 8.Nf3 0-0
9.Qe2 Bg4 10.h3 Nd4 11.Qd1 Bxf3
12.Bxf3 Qd7 13.Bg2 exf4 14.Bxf4 h6
15.Qd2 g5 16.Be3 Ng6 17.0-0 Rac8
18.Nd5 Qe6 19.c3 Nc6 20.Rf2 Nce7
21.Nxe7+ Qxe7 22.Raf1 Qe6 23.a3 Rc7
24.h4 gxh4 25.Bxh6 hxg3 26.Rf5 b6
27.Bxg7 Kxg7 28.Rh5 Rh8 29.Rxh8
Nxx8 30.Rf5 Ng6 31.Bh3 1-0

Ayyappan,Santhosh (1707) -
Rajanish,Adhvaith (1999) [B94]
Sicilian Najdorf

2021 States Cup Rd7 MI vs MA
<https://lichess.org/YiTiGaPb>,
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1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6
5.Nc3 a6 6.Bg5 Nbd7 7.Qd2 h6 8.Bh4
Qc7 9.f3 e6 10.0-0-0 Be7 11.g4 Nxe4
12.Nxe4 Bxh4 13.Kb1 d5 14.Nc3 0-0
15.f4 b5 16.f5 Nc5 17.Nf3 Bf6 18.fxe6
fxe6 19.Bg2 b4 20.Ne2 Ne4 21.Qe1 a5
22.Nfd4 a4 23.Bxe4 dxe4 24.Qxb4 a3
25.b3 Ba6 26.Nxe6 Qe5 27.N2d4 Rfe8
28.Qc5 Rxe6 29.Qxa3 Rd6 30.Rhe1
Rxd4 31.Rxd4 Qxd4 32.Kc1 Qa1+
33.Kd2 Qc3+ 34.Kd1 Qa1+ 35.Kd2 Bc3+
36.Ke3 Qxe1+ 37.Kf4 Rf8+ 38.Qxf8+
Kxf8 39.a4 Bb7 40.a5 Qf2# 0-1

Rajanish,Abhinav (1640) - Jain,Vihaan
(1684) [D10] Slav Defense: Exchange

2021 States Cup Rd7 MI vs MA
<https://lichess.org/qF35Qr8z> (3),
10.08.2021

1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.cxd5 cxd5 4.Bf4 Nf6
5.e3 Bf5 6.Nc3 Nc6 7.Nf3 e6 8.Bd3 Bg6
9.Bxg6 hxg6 10.Qb3 Bb4 11.0-0 Nh5
12.Bg3 Nxg3 13.hxg3 Qd7 14.a3 Bd6
15.Rad1 0-0-0 16.e4 dxe4 17.Nxe4
Rh5 18.Rfe1 Rdh8 19.Kf1 Na5 20.Rc1+
Kb8 21.Qc3 Qb5+ 22.Re2 Rh1+ 23.Ng1
Qd7 24.Qxa5 Bc7 25.Qc3 Bb6 26.Rec2

Bxd4 27.Qc7+ Qxc7 28.Rxc7 Bxb2 29.R1c2 f5 30.Ng5 Re8 31.Nf7 Bxa3 32.Rd7 Rc8 33.Rxc8+ Kxc8 34.Rd8+ Kc7 35.Rg8 Bb2 36.Ng5 Kd6 37.Rb8 Rh5 38.Rxb7 Bf6 39.Nf7+ Kc6 40.Rxa7 e5 41.Ra5 Kb6 42.Rd5 Kc6 43.Rd1 e4 44.Ne2 Rh1+ 45.Ng1 Kc5 46.f3 e3 47.Ke2 Bd4 48.Ng5 Kc4 49.Ne6 Ba7 50.Nf4 g5 51.Nd5 Rxc7 52.Rxc7 Kxd5 53.Rd1+ Ke5 54.Rd7 Bd4 55.Rxc7 f4 56.gxf4+ Kxf4 57.Rd7 Be5 58.Rd5 Bb8 59.g3+ Kxc7 60.Rxc7+ Kf4 61.Rg4+ Kf5 62.Kxe3 Ba7+ 63.Kd3 Bb8 64.Re4 Bf4 65.Kc4 Be5 66.Kd5 Bf4 67.Kd4 Bg5 68.Re5+ Kf6 69.Ke4 Bh6 70.f4 Bf8 71.Rf5+ Ke7 72.Ke5 Bg7+ 73.Kd5 Bf6 74.Rh5 Bg7 75.f5 Kf6 76.Ke4 Bf8 77.Kf4 Bd6+ 78.Kg4 Bf8 79.Rh8 Bg7 80.Rg8 Kf7 81.Ra8 Kf6 82.Ra6+ Kf7 83.Kg5 Bf8 84.Rf6+ Kg7 85.Rxf8 Kxf8 86.Kf6 Ke8 87.Kg7 Ke7 88.f6+ Ke8 89.f7+ Kd7 90.f8Q Kc6 91.Qd8 Kc5 92.Kf6 Kc4 93.Ke5 Kc3 94.Qd4+ Kb3 95.Qc5 Kb2 96.Kd4 Kb3 97.Qc3+ Ka4 98.Qb2 Ka5 99.Kc5 Ka6 100.Qb6# 1-0

Kuhn,Tim (1656) - Umanksy,Greg (1396) [C05] French Defense; Tarrasch Var.

2021 States Cup Rd7 MI vs MA
<https://lichess.org/RQw3Kz0x> (3),
 10.08.2021

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nd2 Nf6 4.e5 Nfd7 5.c4 c5 6.Ngf3 Nc6 7.cxd5 exd5 8.Bd3 Be7 9.0-0 0-0 10.Re1 cxd4 11.Nf1 h6 12.Ng3 Bb4 13.Bd2 Bxd2 14.Qxd2 Re8 15.e6 fxe6 16.Nh5 Nf6 17.Nxc7 Kxc7 18.Nh4 Ne4 19.Qf4 e5 20.Nf5+ Bxf5 21.Qxf5 Qf6 22.Qd7+ Re7 23.Qxd5 Qxf2+ 24.Kh1 Nf6 25.Qd6 Rd8 26.Qa3 Qd2 27.Re2 Qb4 28.Rae1 Qxa3 29.bxa3 e4 30.Bc4 d3 31.Re3 d2 32.Rg3+ Kh7 33.Rd1 e3 34.Be2 Ne4 35.Rf3 Nf2+ 36.Kg1 Nxd1 37.Bxd1 Nd4 0-1

2021 States Cup Rd7 MI vs MA
<https://lichess.org/lOyD4nZe> (4),
 10.08.2021

1.c4 e5 2.g3 Nf6 3.Bg2 d5 4.cxd5 Nxd5 5.Nf3 Nc6 6.0-0 Be7 7.d4 exd4 8.Nxd4 21.Rxd1 Qd8 22.Qc3+ f6 23.Qd2 Kh8 24.Qe2 Qe8 25.Qg4 Qg6 26.Qe6 f5 27.Qd7 f4 28.Bd2 Be5 29.Re1 fxc3 30.hxc3 Rad8 31.Qxb7 Bg7 32.Bc3 Bxc3 33.Nxc3 Rd2 34.Ne4 Rd4 35.Nxc5 Qf6 36.Re2 Rd1+ 37.Kg2 Qh6 38.f3 Qh1+ 39.Kf2 Qg1# 0-1

Rajanish,Adhvaith (1999) -
 Varatharajan,Venkatraman (1684)
 [A45] Trompowsky Attack

2021 States Cup Rd7 MI vs MA
<https://lichess.org/q61HCV27> (4),
 10.08.2021

1.d4 Nf6 2.Bf4 g6 3.Nc3 d5 4.e3 Bg7 5.h4 h5 6.Nf3 Bg4 7.Be2 c6 8.Ne5 Bxe2 9.Qxe2 Nbd7 10.0-0-0 Qb6 11.f3 0-0-0 12.Nxf7 Rdf8 13.Nxh8 Rxh8 14.e4 e6 15.exd5 exd5 16.Rhe1 Qd8 17.Qe6 Qe8 18.Qd6 Qd8 19.Re3 Bf8 20.Qe6 Bb4 21.a3 Ba5 22.b4 Bc7 23.Bxc7 Qxc7 24.Rde1 a5 25.b5 cxb5 26.Nxb5 Qf4 27.Kb1 Qf5 28.Qe8+ Nxe8 29.Rxe8+ Rxe8 30.Rxe8# 1-0

Jain,Vihaan (1454) - Kuhn,Tim (1656)
 [C59] Two Knights Game

2021 States Cup Rd7 MI vs MA
<https://lichess.org/royVpBZ0> (4),
 10.08.2021

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Nf6 4.Ng5 d5 5.exd5 Na5 6.Bb5+ c6 7.dxc6 bxc6 8.Be2 h6 9.Nf3 e4 10.Ne5 Qd4 11.Ng4 Nxg4 12.Bxc6 f5 13.Bh5+ Ke7 14.c3 Qf6 15.d4 Ba6 16.Be2 Bb7 17.Bf4 Qh4 18.g3 Qf6 19.Qa4 Rg8 20.Qxa5 g5 21.Be5 Qg6 22.Qc7+ Ke8 23.Qxb7 Rd8 24.Bc4 Rg7 25.Bxc7 Bxc7 26.Na3 f4

27.gxf4 gxf4 28.0-0-0 h5 29.Rhg1 Qf6 30.Rxc7 1-0

Umanksy,Greg (1396) -

Rajanish,Abhinav (1640) [B22]

2021 States Cup Rd7 MI vs MA
<https://lichess.org/uGyv21F1> (4),
 10.08.2021

1.e4 c5 2.c3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.cxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 g6 6.Nf3 Bg7 7.Bb5+ Bd7 8.0-0 0-0 9.e5 Ne8 10.Re1 Bxb5 11.Nxb5 a6 12.Nc3 dxe5 13.dxe5 Nc6 14.e6 Bxc3 15.exf7+ Rxf7 16.bxc3 Qxd1 17.Rxd1 Nd6 18.Rb1 Rd8 19.Ba3 Nb5 20.Rxd8+ Nxd8 21.Bb4 Nc6 22.h3 Rf5 23.Re1 Nxb4 24.cxb4 Kf7 25.Re5 Nc3 26.a3 Rxe5 27.Nxe5+ Ke6 28.Nc4 b5 29.Ne3 Nb1 30.Nc2 Kd5 31.Kf1 Kc4 32.Ke2 Kb3 33.Kd3 Nxa3 34.Nxa3 Kxa3 35.Kc3 Ka4 36.f4 a5 37.bxa5 Kxa5 38.Kb3 b4 39.g4 Kb5 40.h4 Kc5 41.h5 Kd4 42.hxc6 hxc6 43.Kxb4 Ke4 44.f5 gxf5 45.gxf5 Kxf5 46.Kc3 Ke4 47.Kd2 Kf3 48.Ke1 Ke3 49.Kf1 e5 50.Ke1 e4 51.Kd1 Kf2 52.Kd2 e3+ 53.Kc2 e2 54.Kb1 e1Q+ 55.Ka2 Qb4 56.Ka1 Ke2 57.Ka2 Kd2 58.Ka1 Kc2 59.Ka2 Qa4# 0-1



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My Denker Journey

By Larrance Xing



As a chess player who went without playing competitive chess for a few months, the 2021 GM Arnold Denker invitational was both exciting and challenging. On one hand, there's the thrill of playing against great players from around the country; on the other hand, there was the pressure of trying to win matches against tough opponents while I was relatively rusty. Before the start of the first match, each player received the flag of their respective state and a medal carved with the face of GM Arnold Denker. Throughout the matches players would stick their flag next to the chess boards and it was interesting getting to know which states my opponents were representing. In terms of matches, I had a rough ride, as my rating was near the bottom of the roster. I faced one 2200, one 2100, one 2000, two 1900, and one 900 rated player. For the first 5 matches I won against anyone rated lower than 2000 and lost against anyone rated higher than 2000. In most of my matches I put up a good fight and my losses were generally due to miscalculations in late middle game or end game. In my last match I got scared and thus played extremely carefully, resulting in a draw. Alas, I did not play extraordinarily well or contribute much to the team standings, but I have no regrets regarding the invitational. Overall, the invitational was a spectacular experience and I hope the Michigan representatives to the other invitationals also enjoyed their time in Cherry Hill as much as I did!



Larrance Xing (1734) - Ryan Luo (2203) [B12] Caro -Kann: Advance

Denker Tournament of Champions Crowne Plaza Cherry Hill, NJ (1) 01.08.2021

1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 Bf5 4.Bd3 Bxd3 5.Qxd3 e6 6.a3 [Preparing for b4 in order to free up the black-squared bishop in the case of Qb6] **6...c5** [Black trying to put pressure on the center] **7.c3 Nc6 8.b4 cxd4 9.cxd4 Rc8** [Black taking control of the c-file and putting pressure on White's bishop.] **10.Ne2** [Protects the bishop and prepares for pushing the pawn to f4.] **10...Nge7** [Black gets ready to move his knight to f5 in order to put additional pressure on the d4 pawn.] **11.Bg5** [Pinning Black's knight in order to prevent Nf5.] **11...Qb6 12.Bxe7** [Gets rid of the knight to ensure the d4 pawn's

safety.] **12...Bxe7 13.Nbc3 a6 14.0-0 0-0 15.Kh1** [Gets the king out of the sight of Black's queen in order to prepare for f4 in the case of f6.] **15...f6 16.f4 fxe5 17.fxe5 Rxf1+ 18.Rxf1 Rf8** [Black wants to simplify the board and move into endgame.] **19.Rxf8+ Bxf8 20.Na4 Qc7 21.g4** [Gaining more space on the king's side and getting ready to mobilize the king.] **21...Qf7 22.Kg2 b5** [If White plays Nc5, Black could just take and create a comfortable passed pawn.] **23.Nb2 Nd8 24.h3 Qc7 25.Qc3?** [Trying to simplify the board, but gives Black the advantage in the process.] **25...Qxc3 26.Nxc3 Nc6 27.Ne2 a5** [White has to give up the b4 pawn.] **28.Nd3 axb4 29.axb4 Nxb4?** [Gives White the chance of winning a pawn back.] **30.Ndf4 Nc2 31.Nxe6 b4 32.Nc7?** [Nc1 is a much better move, stopping Black's pawn and essentially ensuring a draw.] **32...b3 33.Nxd5 b2 34.Ndc3 Na3** [White cannot stop Black's pawn, but White's 2 central pawns make it hard for Black to win.] **35.d5??** [White chooses to go for the pawn promotion since Black is low on time.] **35...Bb4** [White could still most likely draw if he can just mobilize the king.] **36.d6??** [White continues to go for it.] **36...Kf7 37.Nd4** [White plans to move e6 d7 then Nc6+ if Black promotes.] **37...Ke8 38.Nc6 Bxc3 39.e6 Bf6 40.d7+ Kf8 41.d8Q+ Bxd8 42.Nxd8 b1Q** [White resigns.] **0-1**

Larrance Xing (1734) - Eli Moore (1902) [B04] Alekhine's Defense

Denker Tournament of Champions Crowne Plaza Cherry Hill, NJ (6), 03.08.2021

1.e4 Nf6 2.e5 Nd5 3.d4 d6 4.Nf3 dxe5 5.Nxe5 Bf5 [Targeting White's c2 pawn.] **6.c3** [Preventing Nb4.] **6...e6 7.Bd3** [Getting rid of Black's white-colored bishop in order to secure White's white squares.] **7...Bxd3 8.Qxd3 Nd7 9.Qb5 Rb8 10.Qxd7+** [Quickly pushing the match into endgame.] **10...Qxd7 11.Nxd7 Kxd7 12.Nd2 Nf4 13.0-0** [Black's knight isn't much of a threat, the only thing its able to do is trade for White's bishop.] **13...Ne2+ 14.Kh1 Nxc1** [Moves on into a knight vs. bishop endgame.] **15.Raxc1 Be7 16.Nf3 f6** [Protecting the e5 square.] **17.Rfe1 Rhe8 18.Kg1 Bd6 19.h3** [Moving pawns to white squares in order to make it difficult for Black to capture.] **19...c6 20.Re4** [Taking the center squares.] **20...b5 21.b3 a5 22.c4?** [If Black captures the pawn, White's pawn structure becomes vulnerable.] **22...bxc4 23.Rxc4 Rb4** [If White takes, Black will have a big advantage.] **24.Nd2 e5?** [Black resolves some of White's pawn structure issues for White.] **25.dxe5 Rxe5 26.Rxe5 Bxe5 27.a3** [Trying to force Black to trade rooks.] **27...Rb5 28.Kf1** [Mobilizing the king.] **28...Bd6 29.a4 Rb4 30.Ke2 Rxc4 31.bxc4 Ke6 32.Kd3 f5?? 33.Nf3?** [Nb3 then Nd4 would've forked Black's pawns and won the game.] **33...c5** [Limiting White's knight.] **34.Nd2 Bc7 35.Nb3 Bb6** [Completely equal position.] **36.f4 Kf6 37.Ke3 g5 38.g3 Kg6 39.Kf3 Kh5 40.fxg5 Kxg5 41.h4+ Kf6 42.Kf4 h5 43.Kf3 Ke5 44.Ke3 Bc7** [Attempting to trick White into capturing the c5 pawn.] **45.Kf3 Bd6 46.Ke3** [Both sides agree to draw.] $\frac{1}{2}-\frac{1}{2}$

Clarification on how the USCF determines each state's monthly top players.

Inconsistencies resulting from the publication of the Summer issue was raised by a member concerned that the listing of the Top 100 did not reflect the true players in good standing. Because of the scourge of Covid-19, it became virtually impossible for in-person play due to the nearly world-wide fear of infection, thereby resulting in wholesale cancelation of virtually all such chess-related events, tournaments, matches and team play. As a result, the August 2020 USCF rating list reflected participation virtually, drastically limiting opportunities for traditionally very active Michigan players. My usual procedure was to access the USCF website and download and post the names of Michigan's Top 100 available from its system. As a result, players with ratings as low as 1581 appeared on that list mostly due to their participation in online activity, which significantly negatively skewed the list.

My contact with USCF Executive Director Carol Meyer was delegated to Boyd Reed, USCF Events Director, and his explanation is detailed below:

- *Mr. Rutkofske – your email was forwarded to me by the Executive Director. My apologies for our previous failure to promptly answer your inquiry. That is certainly not intentional. Everyone in the Events Department is wearing a lot of hats these days, particularly Mr. Kormick. Despite our best efforts, an email may occasionally go unanswered, especially if the answer isn't immediately clear. As members of staff, my colleagues in the Events Department and I are not privy to Board discussions, though we strive to rapidly implement any instructions from them.*
- *To the best of my knowledge, the criteria for computing state OTB rankings is still as it was prior to the pandemic, which means the 12-month inactivity threshold would still be in effect. No one on our staff has the authority to alter those requirements. That can only be accomplished through a directive from the Executive Board, in the form of a motion passed by formal vote. The Board did pass a motion earlier this year, suspending the inactivity threshold for invitational event rating lists and national top-100 lists. However, that motion did not extend to state rankings, so it wasn't implemented there.*
- *A copy of this email will be sent to the Executive Director. As an ex officio member of the Board, and the chief executive of the Federation, any concerns my colleagues and I have that might warrant Board consideration are properly communicated through her.*

At this point, rather than delay the issue, my task will be to unravel and reconstruct the MI Top 100 list that was in effect from the Spring 2020 list. Hopefully, the Winter issue of *Michigan Chess* will feature a more accurate list. - Lon Rutkofske, editor

He who plays Morphy must abandon all hope of catching him in a trap, no matter how cunningly laid, but must assume that it is so clear to Morphy that there can be no question of a false step. - Anderssen



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2021 MICHIGAN BOTTOM HALF CLASS CHAMPIONSHIPS
Ann Arbor, October 2-3, 2021

SITE:	Wyndham Garden - Ann Arbor 2900 Jackson Ave, Ann Arbor, MI 48103
ROOM RATE	Room Rate \$94+tax, Includes Breakfast & WiFi Call 734-665-4444 by September 1, rate may be higher afterwards
6 SECTIONS:	Open, U1900, U1700, U1500, U1300 U900/Unr: 1-Day Sat Only <i>Open Section is FIDE rated.</i> Up to One Half-Point Bye Rounds 1-4
MEMBERSHIPS:	Must be a member of the US Chess Federation & Michigan Chess Association. (Members of other state associations OK)
ADVANCE ENTRY FEES:	Advance entries must be paid by September 30. All entry fees paid after, add \$10 more. Open: \$55 (U18 \$5 off), Free entry to GM, IM, FM, & 2200+, adv entry fee deducted from prize. U1900, U1700, U1500, U1300: \$45 (U18 \$5 off) Playing up allowed, but add \$10 per group jump to entry fee. U900/Unr: \$28
ADVANCE REGISTRATION:	Online: https://onlineregistration.cc/ Jeff Aldrich (TD), P.O. Box 40, Flint MI 48501; Make Checks Payable to MCA. jeffchess64@gmail.com ; (810) 955-7271
ON-SITE REGISTRATION:	Saturday: 8:30-9:30am
ROUNDS:	Open, U1900, U1700, U1500, U1300: Sat 10am, 2:30pm, 7 pm; Sun 10am, 2:30pm U900/Unr: 10am, 11:30am, 1:30pm, 3pm, 4:30pm
TIME CONTROL:	Open, U1900, U1700, U1500, U1300: G/90+30inc U900/Unr: G/30;d5

\$2220 GUARANTEED PRIZE FUND

Open Section (GPP 6): 1st \$325, 2nd \$200, U2200: \$120, U2000: \$120

U1900 Section: 1st \$160, 2nd \$110, U1800 \$75

U1700 Section: 1st \$160, 2nd \$110, U1600 \$75

U1500 Section: 1st \$160, 2nd \$110, U1400 \$75

U1300 Section: 1st \$160, 2nd \$110, U1200 \$75, U1000 \$75

State Champions (Top Michigan Resident): Awarded to all 2 day scheduled sections.

U900/Unr Section: Trophies to Top 5 Overall, Top U800, Top U600, Top U400, Top Unrated.

Trophies for all place-winners listed above

2021 Michigan Women's Championship & Men's Side Event

October 16, 2021

SITE:	Twin Knights Gaming 4955 Rochester Rd, Troy, MI 48085
SECTIONS	Women's Open Women's Reserve (U1000/Unr) Men's Side Event
ELIGIBILITY:	USCF membership required. MCA membership required for Michigan residents.
ENTRIES AND INFO:	Jeff Aldrich 810-955-7271 jeffchess64@gmail.com (preferred) P.O. Box 40 Flint, MI 48501
REGISTRATION:	Online: onlineregistration.cc On-Site: 8:30-9:30.
ENTRY FEES:	\$22 by Oct 14, Add \$8 after
FORMAT:	4-SS (One ½-point bye allowed in rounds 1-3)
SCHEDULE:	Open/Men: 10am - 1pm – 3:30pm – 6pm Reserve: 10am - 11:30am – 1:30pm – 3:00pm
TIME CONTROL:	Open/Men: G/50;d10 Reserve: G/30;d5
PRIZES:	TROPHIES: Open: 1st, 2nd, Top B, C, D, E, Unr <i>If the Open section winner is 12th Grade or Under, she will represent Michigan at the Ruth Haring National Girls Tournament of Champions!</i> Reserve: 1st, 2nd, Top U800, U600, U400, Unr Men: 1st, 2nd, Top U1400, U1200, U1000, U800, Unr

Many an expert says that there is a certain affinity between [Capablanca's] style and that of the world master, Lasker. There may be some truth in it. Lasker's style is clear water, but with a drop of poison which is clouding it. Capablanca's style is perhaps still clearer, but it lacks that drop of poison. - J. Mieses

2021 MICHIGAN SCHOLASTIC CLUB CHESS CHAMPIONSHIPS

November 20, 2021

ALL EVENTS: Lansing Convention Center

333 E. Michigan Ave, Lansing, MI 48933

ENT&INF: Jeff Aldrich P.O. Box 40, Flint, MI 48501. (810) 955-7271, e-mail: jeffchess64@gmail.com

Team Rooms Available, First Come First Serve, Contact Jeff Aldrich for Details.

Online registration: <http://www.onlineregistration.cc> Do not send cash. Make all checks or money orders payable to Michigan Chess Association

EVENT	K-12 Club	K-8 Club	K-5 Club	K-3 Club
Grade	K-12	K-8	K-5	K-3
Info	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Equipment: Boards and Pieces are provided for tournament games. Bring your own set for skittles between rounds. Bring Clocks: Games may start without clocks, but games running long will have a clock placed on them with very little time. Notation: All players must record the moves of their game until one player has less than 5 minutes remaining on the clock. Younger players just learning to write should make an attempt by writing the piece or check marks. Please bring writing utensils as they are not provided. Cell Phones: No Players may have cell phone in their possession during their game. Spectators: Parents and Coaches will be separated from the playing area once games begin. 			
Check in	Players who have paid in advance will be paired for round 1, and <i>do not</i> need to check in. Coaches/Parents should inform TD before 8:15 if one of their players will not be present. Processing Fee of \$3 deducted for withdrawn entries. No refunds will be given for anyone who is paired for the first round. Coaches should email TD their club rosters in the week before the tournament.			
Round Times	FIVE ROUNDS ALL COMPETITORS PLAY ALL FIVE ROUNDS. 9 - 11 - 1 - 3 - 5			
TL	G/40;d5			
Entry	\$25 Advance by 11/15/2021 All mailed entries must be postmarked by 11/11/2021 Online registration: http://www.onlineregistration.cc (Preferred Method) If an invoice is needed for school payment, please contact the TD by 11/8/2021 to allow time for processing.		\$42 Advance by 11/19/2021 at 8pm NO ON-SITE REGISTRATION FOR ALL SECTIONS.	
Memb	Michigan Chess Association and USCF Memberships Required			MCA only
Awards	Top 7 Individuals Overall + any with 4 points Top 7 Clubs (top 4 individual scores from each club are used)	Top 7 Individuals Overall + any with 4 points Top 7 Clubs (top 4 individual scores from each club are used)	Top 7 Individuals Overall + any with 4 points Top 7 Clubs (top 4 individual scores from each club are used)	Top 7 Individuals Overall + any with 4 points Top 7 Clubs (top 4 individual scores from each club are used)

NO OUTSIDE FOOD or COOLERS per Lansing Center Rules!!! Concessions available on-site

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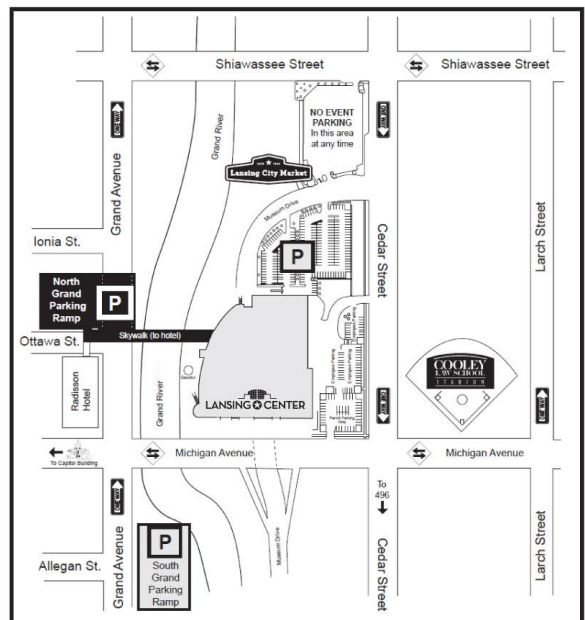
City of Lansing: On Street Metered Park is free on weekends.

Lansing Center Parking: Open 24 Hours. Fees charged: 5 a.m. to 11 p.m. Monday through Sunday. Rate: \$2 per hour with a daily maximum of \$10. Cash and Credit Card: Accepted at entrance or exit.

Lansing Center Permit Parking: Open 24 Hours. This lot is available to the public AFTER 6 p.m. Monday through Friday and all day on weekends (Saturday and Sunday). Rate: \$10 Flat Fee. Cash & Credit Card: Accepted

North Grand Parking Ramp: Open 24 Hours Fees charged: 8 a.m. - 10 p.m. Monday through Friday \$1.50/half hour, \$15 daily maximum. Weekends (Saturday and Sunday): \$10 flat fee, per space, per entry, per day. Cash & Credit Card: Accepted

South Grand Parking Ramp: Privately Owned & Operated. Call 517-708-3800 for more information



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P = Secondary Parking

2022 MICHIGAN MASTER/EXPERT & CLASS CHAMPIONSHIPS

FOR EIGHT STATE CHAMPION CLASS TITLES!

Lansing, January 8-9, 2022

NOTE: Players are not allowed to have cell phones on their person during their games.

SITE:	Radisson Hotel Lansing, 111 N. Grand Avenue (near the State Capitol in Downtown Lansing), (517) 482-0188
DIRECTIONS:	From East: I-496 to Grand Ave (Exit 7A), Right on Grand Ave. From West: I-496 to Pine/Walnut Streets (Exit 6), Left on Grand Ave.
ROOM RATE	\$119 + tax by December 14, 2021, after if space available. www.radisson.com/lansingmi - Promotion Code: CHE122 <i>Let us know if you are staying at the hotel for the tournament.</i>
8 SECTIONS:	Master/Expert (FIDE Rated), A, B, C, D, E (U1200) Novice (Sat only): U1000/Unrated One Half-Point Bye, Rounds 1-4. Must request by start of Round 3.
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 6. For entry fees paid after January 6, add \$10 more.
ADVANCE REGISTRATION:	Online: https://onlineregistration.cc/ Jeff Aldrich (TD), P.O. Box 40, Flint MI 48501; Make Checks Payable to MCA . jeffchess64@gmail.com ; (810) 955-7271
ON-SITE REGISTRATION:	Saturday: 8:30-9:30am
ROUNDS:	M/X, Class Sections: Sat 10am, 2:30pm, 7 pm; Sun 10am, 2:30pm Novice: 10am, 11:30am, 1:30pm, 3pm, 4:30pm
TIME CONTROL:	M/X, Class Sections: G/90+30inc Novice: G/30;d5

\$2850 GUARANTEED PRIZE FUND

Master/Expert (GPP 10): 1st \$300, 2nd \$200; **Expert:** \$230 **U2100:** \$120
Class A, B, C, D, E: 1st \$180, 2nd \$120; **U1900/U1700/U1500/U1300/U1100:** \$100
Novice: Trophies to all with 4 points or more as Top Overall (min 5)
Top U900, Top U800, Top U700, Top U600, Top U500, Top U400, Top U300, Top Unrated.
State Champions (Top Michigan Resident): Master/Expert, Expert, and Each Class plus Novice.
Trophies for all place-winners listed above.

MICHIGAN CHESS CLUBS

-Due to the Covid-19 Pandemic and Stay at Home restrictions – please contact your club to determine when it will reopen!!!

Flint, Genesee 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: jeffchess64@gmail.com

Grand Rapids Chess Club; Tue: Begins 6:30pm - Michael Brooks, G.R.C.C. Director; michaelforwinterpromise@gmail.com Phone: 616-334-0220 (best by text) Northlawn Baptist Church, 1157 Northlawn St. NE; <http://www.grandrapidschesscenter.org>

Grosse Pointe Chess Club – Wed: 6:00-8:00pm; Mandell Chess Club; 21539 Harper Ave.; St. Clair Shores, MI 48080; Tim Kuhn – 313-451-1071; e-mail: timckuhn53@gmail.com - for more info check out "Grosse Pointe Chess" on Facebook.

Jackson Chess Club – Thu: 7:00-12:00pm; Cottage Inn Pizza, 1208 W Michigan Ave, Jackson, MI 49202; James Stockham email: jimio73@comcast.net; Phone: 517-395-4704

Kalamazoo Chess Club -Sun :3-5pm; Water Street Coffee Joint; 245 W Centre Ave., Portage, MI 49024 Contact: Tim McGrew – timothymcgrew@gmail.com

Livonia Chess Club -Wed; 12pm-5pm Contact: George Geominnie – georgegeominnie@gmail.com

Mandell Chess Club-Call for hours: 21539 Harper Ave.; St. Clair Shores, MI 48080; Contact: Ed Mandell Phone: 248-635-2375 or email : allthekingsmench@aol.com

Oak Park Chess Club – Thur - begins at 4pm ; Oak Park Rec Center; 14300 Oak Park Blvd, Oak Park, MI 48237 Contact: Rody Yezman; Phone:248-320-1333 or email: DrRody@aol.com

Oakland County Chess Club – 6:00 pm, every 6 weeks or so ; Central United Methodist Church, 3882 Highland Rd.(Near M59 & Pontiac Lake Rd.), Waterford, MI 48328, schedule of meetings can be found on facebook: [facebook.com/oaklandcountychessclub](https://www.facebook.com/oaklandcountychessclub), Contact Matt Berg, 248-385-6481, bergles@yahoo.com

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>

South Haven Chess Club – Tues: 6:00-10:00pm; Arby's, 73123 Co Rd., South Haven, MI 49090) Contact: David Carlson, (269)-214-4331; email:dhcaow@gmail.com

St. Clair Chess Club – Sat: 10am.- 4:00pm; St. Clair Burger King - 205 Clinton Ave. – Tom Broyles 810-326-0121 ; e-mail: tjbroyles@aol.com (All but major holidays/weekends.)

Steeplechess Knights – Fridays: 3-4:30 pm; Tamarack District Library - 832 S. Lincoln Ave., Lakeview, MI 48850; Beginner chess lessons and mentoring available, K-12 scholastic tournaments; Everyone Welcome; Contact: Bethany Wheeler, (231)-354-6613, email: mrspatrickwheeler@gmail.com

Traverse City Chess Club – Wed. 7-10:00pm at *Horizon Books* and Sat. 1-4:00pm at *Books a Million*: Contact Andrew Beider 248-227-7236 for information or by email: andybeider@gmail.com

Twin Knights Chess Club: times vary: Twin Knights Gaming: 4955 Rochester Rd., Troy, MI 48085 Contact: Gregory Harris Phone: Store + 248-817-5829 or cell: 313-465-2579 or email: TwinKnightsChess@gmail.com

Westland Chess Club: Sat: 1-4 pm; Thurs; 6-8pm: William P Faust Public Library, 6123 Central City Pkwy, Westland, MI 48185; Phone: 734-326-6123 or email : questions@westlandlibrary.org

Ypsilanti Chess Club: Thur: 6-9 pm - Aubree's Pizzeria & Grill, 2122 Whittaker Rd, Ypsilanti, MI 48197. Boards are provided. If you like blitz, bring a clock.) Justin Meek; 734-619-9433; Justinmeek81@gmail.com

For club updates or new club listings, please contact Jeff Aldrich [https://www.michess.org/submit-club](https://www.michess.org/). Club information must be confirmed yearly to remain on this list!

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Michigan's Top 100
 From USCF Website Rating List
 (Regular Rated as of August 1, 2021)

Rnk	Player	Rtng	Rnk	Player	Rtng
1	IM ATULYA ARYA SHETTY	2578	51	JEFF R ALDRICH	1921
2	GM ROGELIO ANTONIO	2574	52	GREGORY E BAILEY	1920
3	IM SAFAL BORA	2530	53	DEREK WILDER	1920
4	IM BEN LI	2490	54	JESSE REN	1913
5	FM JOSHUA POSTHUMA	2463	55	DANIEL GARCIA	1907
6	IM EDWARD SONG	2457	56	NATHAN J OUYANG	1902
7	FM MR. SETH HOMA	2399	57	STANLEY J JAROSZ JR.	1900
8	MAURO LOPEZ	2322	58	ZACHARY SMITH	1897
9	JAMES CANTY III	2300	59	CHARISSE WOODS	1895
10	FM ANDREW HUBBARD	2280	60	HUNTER REED	1894
11	JUSTIN LIANG	2250	61	BRYAN WILSON	1893
12	KEVIN BALL	2206	62	NICK SCHWERIN	1892
13	PETER GILRUTH	2204	63	BRELEN WILKES	1891
14	TIMOTHY J MCGREW	2201	64	JAMES DEAN	1890
15	ERIC V FISCHVOGT	2200	65	RONALD WILLIAMS	1887
16	MANIS DAVIDOVICH	2200	66	DANIEL MOTOC	1887
17	ALEXANDER DEATRICK	2185	67	MOHAMED A SATTI	1883
18	MICHAEL ZHENG	2175	68	MIKE MEI	1874
19	ARIEL S LEVI	2150	69	AYUSH DAS	1862
20	ANTHONY NICHOLS	2143	70	RYAN R WANG	1859
21	SURYA PARASURAMAN	2138	71	MICHAEL D BROOKS	1853
22	JOHN BROOKS	2133	72	CAMERON MCLEMAN	1837
23	KAMERON TOLLIVER	2114	73	DALTON BARKSDALE	1825
24	ADHVAITH RAJANISH	2108	74	YULE XIE	1821
25	CLARA MCGREW	2102	75	KAMERON WILSON	1820
26	WFM SASHA KONOVALENKO	2096	76	TODD MCAULIFFE	1819
27	AL L SPRAGUE	2095	77	GARY T MORTON	1813
28	WILLIAM E FULLER	2067	78	ETHAN TOBY LYU	1812
29	GJERGJ DODAJ	2067	79	LONNIE RUTKOFKSKE	1807
30	ANDREW SCHREMSE	2061	80	DONALD MASON	1800
31	SALAH CHEHAYEB	2058	81	FREDERICK H LAHR	1800
32	BRADLEY ROGERS	2044	82	KRISHNA VENKATASUBBA	1793
33	DEVIN CAMENARES	2041	83	NICHOLAS SADOWSKI	1793
34	JUSTIN L BROWN	2039	84	SIDDHARTH JHA	1786
35	BRONSON GENTRY	2022	85	WALEED YASSINE	1784
36	JAMES H SAWASKI	2017	86	JAMES CANTY JR.	1781
37	JOHN R DREXEL	2012	87	PRANJAL DANGWAL	1780
38	MORGAN EVERETT	2000	88	JOHN WHITWORTH	1776
39	BENJAMIN BRANDT	1997	89	PATRICK SCHILLING	1775
40	HUGO JU NAM	1990	90	CHRISTOPHER PAYNE	1775
41	MANMOHAN DAS	1983	91	MICHAEL SATCHELL	1770
42	MICHAEL DANG	1983	92	PATRICK KIDWELL	1763
43	MICHAEL CLARK	1976	93	LEYOU JIANG	1750
44	RAYMOND GARRISON	1975	94	ALAN ZHENG	1744
45	JONATHAN SILVERSTEIN	1970	95	KIRK MCCOLLINS	1742
46	AIDEN SONG	1959	96	RICHARD ESPARTINEZ	1741
47	DANIEL SAJKOWSKI	1956	97	LARRANCE XING	1734
48	HUSO AVDIC	1942	98	TOM A MANION	1729
49	WILL BROOKS	1936	99	ALEX KONG	1715
50	JOEL HALLORAN	1925	100	ALEX STROBEHN	1712

Current Michigan Champions

2020 Michigan Open	Canceled due to Covid-19 Pandemic
2020 Michigan Open Reserve	Canceled due to Covid-19 Pandemic
2020 Michigan Open Booster	Canceled due to Covid-19 Pandemic
2020 Michigan Amateur	Canceled due to Covid-19 Pandemic
2020 Master/Expert	Mark Heiman
2020 Expert Champion	Sasha Konovalenko
2020 Class A Champion	Alan Gregg, Raymond Garrison
2020 Class B Champion	Patrick Kidwell, Hunter Reed, Waleed Yassine
2020 Class C Champion	Jonathan Silverstein, Zachary Johnson,
2020 Class D Champion	Kaylan Bhaumik
2020 Class E Champion	Marcus Zheng
2020 Novice Champion	Peter Bruder
2020 Michigan Action	Canceled due to Covid-19 Pandemic
2020 Michigan Speed	Canceled due to Covid-19 Pandemic
2020 Senior Champion	Canceled due to Covid-19 Pandemic
2020 Senior Reserve Champion	Canceled due to Covid-19 Pandemic
2020 Senior Novice Champion	Canceled due to Covid-19 Pandemic
2020 Michigan Women's	Canceled due to Covid-19 Pandemic
2020 Bottom-Half Class Open	Canceled due to Covid-19 Pandemic
2020 Bottom-Half Class U1900	Canceled due to Covid-19 Pandemic
2020 Bottom-Half Class U1700	Canceled due to Covid-19 Pandemic
2020 Bottom-Half Class U1500	Canceled due to Covid-19 Pandemic
2020 Bottom-Half Class U1300	Canceled due to Covid-19 Pandemic
2020 Bottom-Half Class U900/Unr	Canceled due to Covid-19 Pandemic
2020 Primary K-3 Team	Ann Arbor King Carlsen
2020 Elementary K-5 Team Reserve	Ann Arbor Dicken, Detroit Chrysler
2020 Elementary K-6 Team	Detroit Cornerstone Blue
2020 Junior High K-9 Team	Boulan Park MS A
2020 Junior High K-9 Team Reserve	Detroit Bates Gold
2020 High School 9-12 Team	Detroit Cass Tech HS Green
2020 High School K-12 Team Reserve	U of D Jesuit A, Detroit Renaissance HS A
2020 Michigan Junior	Canceled due to Covid-19 Pandemic
2020 Michigan Young Junior	Canceled due to Covid-19 Pandemic
2020 Michigan Young Junior Reserve	Canceled due to Covid-19 Pandemic
2020 Michigan Children's	Canceled due to Covid-19 Pandemic
2020 Michigan Children's Reserve	Canceled due to Covid-19 Pandemic
2020 Michigan Young Children's	Canceled due to Covid-19 Pandemic
2020 Michigan Young Children's Reserve	Canceled due to Covid-19 Pandemic
2020 Scholastic Club K-12 Team	Canceled due to Covid-19 Pandemic
2020 Scholastic Club K-12 Individual	Canceled due to Covid-19 Pandemic
2020 Scholastic Club K-8 Team	Canceled due to Covid-19 Pandemic
2020 Scholastic Club K-8 Individual	Canceled due to Covid-19 Pandemic
2020 Scholastic Club K-5 Team	Canceled due to Covid-19 Pandemic
2020 Scholastic Club K-5 Individual	Canceled due to Covid-19 Pandemic
2020 Scholastic Club K-3 Team	Canceled due to Covid-19 Pandemic
2020 Scholastic Club K-3 Individual	Canceled due to Covid-19 Pandemic