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February 2015 USCF Rating List

(From USCF Website, Regular Rated within Last Year)

Rank	Player	Rating	Rank	Player	Rating
1	FM Seth Homa	2464	51	Barry Endsley	2000
2	IM Bogdan Vioreanu	2457	52	Manmohan Das	1998
3	FM Safal Bora	2455	53	Kameron Tolliver	1997
4	FM Atulya Shetty	2428	54	Jennifer Skidmore Smith	1992
5	FM Edward Song	2395	55	Alan Gregg	1992
6	CM Ehab Elyass	2353	56	Surya Parasuraman	1984
7	Michael Bowersock	2259	57	Daniel Sajkowski	1982
8	Ameer Ghobrial	2258	58	Ronald Williams	1982
9	Ben Li	2256	59	Loyd Gentry	1981
10	FM David Sprenkle	2241	60	Mike Williams	1970
11	WCM Apurva Virkud	2240	61	Michael A Smith	1970
12	Eric Fischvogt	2238	62	Kyle Webster	1969
13	Jalen Wang	2237	63	Gregory Bailey	1967
14	Thomas Hartwig	2230	64	Andrew Schremser	1967
15	Eugene Brumley	2228	65	Allen Wickering	1966
16	Kevin Noren	2226	66	Justin Chen	1965
17	Michael Chen	2218	67	Kevin Jackson Sr	1958
18	Evgeniy Khain	2211	68	Eric Larson	1947
19	Thomas Ward	2208	69	David Moody	1946
20	Kevin Czuhai	2200	70	Michael R Smith	1939
21	Timothy McGrew	2181	71	James Sawaski	1936
22	John Brooks	2179	72	Zachary Smith	1935
23	Ariel Levi	2177	73	Evan Hawver	1934
24	Ratko Bojanovic	2175	74	Robert Savage	1929
25	Negash Bezaleel	2160	75	Phil Roe	1928
26	Robert E O'Donnell	2152	76	Stanley Jarosz Jr	1928
27	Anthony Nichols	2151	77	Krishna Venkatasubba	1914
28	David Hahn	2145	78	Duane Croel	1912
29	Alexander Deatrick	2133	79	Tony West	1912
30	Manis Davidovich	2128	80	Tom Manion	1911
31	FM Andrew Hubbard	2113	81	Evan Giampa	1911
32	Robert Ciaffone	2102	82	Justin Meek	1902
33	Bronson Gentry	2094	83	Gary Robinson	1902
34	Ricardo Lastra	2081	84	Jeff Aldrich	1900
35	Chris Hankinson	2080	85	Alan Sun	1889
36	Joshua Posthuma	2071	86	Raymond Garrison	1888
37	Andrew Catlin	2069	87	Dan Hronchek	1884
38	Peter Chen	2066	88	Stewart Wilkinson	1880
39	Gjergj Dodaj	2064	89	Todd McAuliffe	1874
40	Bradley Rogers	2046	90	Harrison He	1870
41	Salah Chehayeb	2041	91	Leroy Walker	1867
42	Justin Brown	2039	92	Nick Schwerin	1864
43	Benjamin Brandt	2037	93	Tim Ritter	1857
44	William Rhee	2030	94	Clara McGrew	1856
45	Morgan Everett	2027	95	Jean-Paul Pegeron	1856
46	Michael Dang	2011	96	Thomas Triplett	1854
47	Peter Timmerman	2008	97	Derek Wilder	1850
48	Faris Gabbara	2002	98	Daniel Motoc	1850
49	John Drexel	2000	99	Douglas Fick	1849
50	Gregory Harris	2000	100	Brandon O'Neil	1848

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2014 Michigan Open	FM Seth Homa
2014 Michigan Open Reserve	Jeff Futrell
2014 Michigan Open Booster	Derek Yan
2014 Michigan Amateur	Surya Parasuraman
2014 Master/Expert	FM Seth Homa
2014 Expert Champion	Michael Chen
2014 Class A Champion	Michael A Smith
2014 Class B Champion	James Karakos
2014 Class C Champion	Ronald Grzegorczyk
2014 Class D Champion	Adam DeHollander
2014 Class E Champion	Nick Applebee
2014 Novice Champion	Chandrashekar Mani
2014 Bottom-Half Class Over 1900	Apurva Virkud
2014 Bottom-Half Class U1900	Andrew Schremser
2014 Bottom-Half Class U1700	Brandon Vasos
2014 Bottom-Half Class U1500	Connor Linn
2014 Bottom-Half Class U1300	Eric Wright
2014 Bottom-Half Class U1100	Dakshesh Daruri
2014 Michigan Action	Bogdan Vioreanu
2014 Michigan Speed	Alexander Deatrick
2014 Senior Champion	David Hahn
2014 Senior Reserve Champion	Ron Grzegorczyk
2013 Michigan Correspondence	Barry Endsley
2014 Michigan Women's	Jennifer Skidmore Smith
2014 Michigan Women's Reserve	Julia Shen
2014 Primary K-3 Team	Chrysler Elementary D
2014 Primary K-3 Team Reserve	Ann Arbor King Kramnik
2014 Elementary K-5 Team	Cornerstone Troy Barnard
2014 Elementary K-5 Team Reserve	Roeper Team A Schedule Team Roeper Philosophy
2014 Elementary K-6 Team	University Prep A
2014 Junior High K-9 Team	Ann Arbor Clague A
2014 Junior High K-9 Team Reserve	Our Lady of Good Counsel
2014 High School 9-12 Team	Ann Arbor Huron HS
2014 High School K-12 Team Reserve	Clio HS A
2014 Michigan Junior	Edward Song
2014 Michigan Young Junior	Michael Chen Surya Parasuraman
2014 Michigan Young Junior Reserve	Jacob Traschenko Pochmara DeJuan Ali-Tubbs
2014 Michigan Children's	Justin Liang
2014 Michigan Children's Reserve	Ethan White Avaneesh Prasad
2014 Michigan Young Children's	Nathan Ouyang
2014 Michigan Young Children's Reserve	Sohan Madishetty
2014 Michigan Collegiate	Tony West
2014 Scholastic Club K-12 Team	Ann Arbor Monsters
2014 Scholastic Club K-12 Individual	Jalen Wang Evan Hawver Kyle Webster Justin Chen
2014 Scholastic Club K-8 Team	Detroit City Chess Club
2014 Scholastic Club K-8 Individual	Daniel Hou
2014 Scholastic Club K-5 Team	Detroit City Chess Club
2014 Scholastic Club K-5 Individual	Nathan Ouyang
2014 Scholastic Club K-3 Team	Canton Miller
2014 Scholastic Club K-3 Individual	David Huang Michael Zheng Alan Zheng

Editor's Column

On the cover, we have the Michigan Representatives from the scholastic invitational events held during the U.S. Open. **Soumya Kulkarni**, the National Girls Invitational representative, gives her account of the event in this issue. **Michael Chen**, the Barber (K-8) representative and **Edward Song**, the representative to the Denker Tournament of High School Champions both had their articles printed in the previous issue of Michigan Chess. Edward Song also won the U.S. Cadet Championship last summer and gives us the account of the event and annotates a couple games.

A new Michigan Chess Hall of Fame member, **GM Ben Finegold**, was inducted during the 2015 Michigan Master/Expert and Class Championship on January 10, 2015. We will have more coverage in the next issue of Michigan Chess, but if you were not there, the video of his induction is now posted on the Michigan Chess Association Facebook page. While you are there be sure to like us on Facebook.

There is also sad news as Hall of Fame member, **Paul Simmons**, passed away on January 10, 2015. Part of his memorial was requesting donations to the Michigan Chess Association and we have received several donations at this point. Former student, Nassar Beydoun, gives us a first hand account of Mr. Simmons' work as a coach and teacher at the end of the issue. We have also re-published the article from 2006, when he was inducted in the Hall of Fame.

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Websites for chess clubs in Michigan are listed in "Chess Clubs" near the back of the magazine.

National/International Chess Websites

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World Chess Federation (FIDE)	www.fide.com
Chess Federation of Canada	www.chess.ca
English Chess Federation	www.englishchess.org.uk
German Chess Federation	www.schachbund.de
Russian Chess Federation	www.russiachess.org

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2014 Michigan Scholastic Club Championships

The 2014 Michigan Scholastic Club Championship was held on November 15 at the Michigan Union in Ann Arbor.

2014 Michigan Scholastic Club (K-12) Team Standings

No.	Club Team	Score
1	Ann Arbor Monsters	16.5
2	Ann Arbor Huron	15.0
3	Detroit City Chess Club	13.5
4	Detroit Country Day	13.5
5	Windsor	13.0
6	Holland Chess Academy	12.5
7	Midland Chess Club	11.5
8	Ann Arbor Aspen Knights	10.5
9	Ann Arbor Greenhills	10.0
10	Okemos Chess Club	10.0
11	East Lansing High School	6.0
12	Utica Schools	4.0

2014 Michigan Scholastic Club (K-12) Individual Standings

No.	Name	Rating	Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd 3	Rd 4	Rd 5	Score
1	Jalen Wang	2234	W22	W12	W7	W6	D5	4.5
2	Evan Hawver	1892	W52	W23	W35	D5	W11	4.5
3	Kyle Webster	1969	W41	W25	W27	D11	W10	4.5
4	Justin Chen	1950	W39	W37	W20	D10	W14	4.5
5	Alexander Deatrick	2134	W45	W32	W8	D2	D1	4.0
6	Michael Dang	2011	W44	W60	W29	L1	W23	4.0
7	Bryan Wilson	1751	W43	W26	L1	W20	W21	4.0
8	Michael Motoc	1669	W49	W16	L5	W25	W26	4.0
9	Alan Sun	1885	½	½	W41	W38	W24	4.0
10	Joshua Posthuma	2016	W64	W28	W13	D4	L3	3.5
11	Julian Wellman	1798	W42	W31	W21	D3	L2	3.5
12	Sofia Stanescu-Bellu	1575	W34	L1	W44	W30	D15	3.5
13	Jeffery Zhang	1665	W47	W30	L10	W31	D16	3.5
14	Clara McGrew	1858	½	W48	W17	W36	L4	3.5
15	Anish Nyayachavadi	Unr	W24	L35	W53	W28	D12	3.5
16	Christian Yanish	1312	W69	L8	W47	W60	D13	3.5
17	Stefano Lee	1339	W66	D63	L14	W40	W36	3.5
18	Sasha Konovalenko	1866	W46	L20	W45	D37	W22	3.5
19	Rachel Tao	1726	W50	D38	L36	WF	W37	3.5
20	Karthik Baskaran	1488	W72	W18	L4	L7	W43	3.0
21	Anvit Rao	1231	W33	W55	L11	W35	L7	3.0
22	Peyton Williams	1130	L1	W73	W51	W32	L18	3.0
23	Kevin Jiang	1512	W75	L2	W42	W55	L6	3.0
24	Saano Murembya	1441	L15	W58	W50	W29	L9	3.0
25	Adam Dehollander	1533	W76	L3	W46	L8	W42	3.0
26	Franklin Bromberg	1315	WF	L7	W62	W27	L8	3.0
27	Jeremy Mathews	1637	W57	W56	L3	L26	W38	3.0
28	Nicholas Konovalenko	1550	W73	L10	W39	L15	W46	3.0
29	Joy Chen	1635	W61	W53	L6	L24	W41	3.0
30	Derek Yan	1163	W51	L13	W56	L12	W47	3.0
31	Connor Linn	1348	W65	L11	W49	L13	W50	3.0
32	Tyler Damore	1539	W74	L5	W54	L22	W52	3.0
33	Minya Bai	Unr	L21	L43	W70	W49	W44	3.0
34	Brian Vinette	536	L12	L64	W65	W54	W45	3.0
35	Marcus Badgett	1590	W58	W15	L2	L21	D39	2.5
36	Donald Dameron	1555	D48	W40	W19	L14	L17	2.5
37	Jalen Woods	1526	W59	L4	W43	D18	L19	2.5
38	Hudson Allen	1236	W67	D19	W63	L9	L27	2.5
39	Jack Harris	1080	L4	W72	L28	W71	D35	2.5
40	Nathan Dudash	1164	½	L36	W71	L17	W62	2.5
41	You Zhou	1083	L3	W76	L9	W57	L29	2.0
42	Andrew Joseph	986	L11	W61	L23	W59	L25	2.0
43	Eric Chen	1018	L7	W33	L37	W68	L20	2.0
44	Maurice Badgett	1085	L6	W74	L12	W56	L33	2.0
45	Patrick Graham	1120	L5	W70	L18	W61	L34	2.0
46	Kevin Klucens	1066	L18	W59	L25	W67	L28	2.0
47	Advaith Vuppala	821	L13	W65	L16	W64	L30	2.0
48	Jacob Daniels	522	D36	L14	L57	W51	D53	2.0
49	Nicolas Miller	828	L8	W68	L31	L33	W65	2.0
50	Julia Shen	850	L19	W67	L24	W69	L31	2.0
51	Taimor Williams	Unr	L30	W57	L22	L48	W70	2.0
52	Yuyi Li	1080	L2	W75	L55	W58	L32	2.0
53	Connor Barash	1150	W68	L29	L15	D62	D48	2.0
54	Benjamin Kovacs	1043	L63	W66	L32	L34	W68	2.0
55	Michael Pappas	1643	W62	L21	W52	L23	---	2.0
56	Jarani Dubose	410	W71	L27	L30	L44	W69	2.0
57	John Hopper	811	L27	L51	W48	L41	W71	2.0
58	Philip Zhang	700	L35	L24	W72	L52	W67	2.0
59	Hasan Iqbal	248	L37	L46	W66	L42	W64	2.0
60	Marco Lorenzon	1583	W70	L6	W64	L16	---	2.0
61	Viraj Mohile	733	L29	L42	W75	L45	W66	2.0
62	Justin Tseng	821	L55	W69	L26	D53	L40	1.5
63	Daniel Motoc	1812	W54	D17	L38	LF	---	1.5
64	Anna Sun	1093	L10	W34	L60	L47	L59	1.0
65	Joe Leung	Unr	L31	L47	L34	W73	L49	1.0
66	David Wang	Unr	L17	L54	L59	W74	L61	1.0
67	Gil Glazer	Unr	L38	L50	W73	L46	L58	1.0
68	William Wang	Unr	L53	L49	W74	L43	L54	1.0
69	Zachary Fewkes	Unr	L16	L62	W76	L50	L56	1.0
70	Aaron Weldy	538	L60	L45	L33	W75	L51	1.0
71	Kalil Olsen	145	L56	Bye	L40	L39	L57	1.0
72	Sushil Hanumolu	247	L20	L39	L58	Bye	L74	1.0
73	Nabeel Rehemtulla	393	L28	L22	L67	L65	W75	1.0
74	T.J. Christian	350	L32	L44	L68	L66	W72	1.0
75	Gavin Lewis	195	L23	L52	L61	L70	L73	75
76	Katherine Ha	282	L25	L41	L69	---	---	76

2014 Michigan Scholastic Club (K-8) Team Standings

No.	Club Team	Score
1	Windsor Friday Knights	17.5
2	Detroit City Chess Club	16.5
3	Ann Arbor Clague	15.5
4	Troy All Stars	15.0
5	JFORCE	14.5
6	Ann Arbor Monsters	14.5
7	Birmingham Roeper School	14.5
8	Troy Baker	12.5
9	Plymouth East	12.0
10	Ann Arbor Central Academy	9.0
11	Holland Chess Academy	9.0
12	Okemos	9.0
13	Utica Schools	8.5
14	Holt Rams	7.0
15	Ann Arbor Greenhills	3.0
16	Grosse Pointe Academy	3.0

2014 Michigan Scholastic Club (K-8) Individual Standings

No.	Name	Rating	Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd 3	Rd 4	Rd 5	Score
1	Daniel Hou	1586	W72	W67	W15	W12	W11	5.0
2	Lily Zhou	1860	W83	W30	W10	W36	W7	5.0
3	Forest Zhang	1306	W118	W85	W42	W9	D8	4.5
4	Alex Guo	1467	W86	W39	D27	W65	W23	4.5
5	Noah Winkler	1461	W75	D64	W66	W27	W25	4.5
6	Zhehai Zhang	1607	W84	D65	W64	W26	W24	4.5
7	Ryan Gudal	1508	W69	W137	W14	W19	L2	4.0
8	Ayush Das	1624	W73	W41	W16	D23	D3	4.0
9	Torrance Henry	1573	W88	W53	W13	L3	W41	4.0
10	Siddharth Jha	1374	W120	W61	L2	W48	W49	4.0
11	Eric Zhong	1448	W74	W68	W37	W34	L1	4.0
12	Dipankar Roy	1400	W93	W106	W38	L1	W47	4.0
13	Robby Riles	1353	W94	W57	L9	W55	W34	4.0
14	Elijah Harrison	1343	W101	W46	L7	W54	W35	4.0
15	Lauren Bradford	1356	W125	W54	L1	W106	W44	4.0
16	Ellen Tao	1372	W87	W63	L8	W99	W37	4.0
17	Gisele Motley	1404	W60	L40	W84	W38	W43	4.0
18	Dakshesh Daruri	1362	W107	L38	W72	W46	W45	4.0
19	Jada Hamilton	1343	W122	W98	W35	L7	W50	4.0
20	Blake Bottesi	1433	W100	L34	W82	W40	W39	4.0
21	Adam Gaisinsky	1702	L80	W105	W73	W58	W28	4.0

22	Kayden Pierre	1278	W126	L35	W69	W83	W36	4.0
23	Kamauri Washington	1441	W50	W56	W40	D8	L4	3.5
24	James Xiu	1465	W95	W49	D28	W32	L6	3.5
25	Brian Liu	1576	W82	W47	D26	W33	L5	3.5
26	Dorian Smalley	1352	W102	W44	D25	L6	W70	3.5
27	Madhav Ramesh	1327	W108	W115	D4	L5	W67	3.5
28	Christian Hausner	1334	W90	W89	D24	W29	L21	3.5
29	Michael Thomas	1451	W91	W43	D32	L28	W66	3.5
30	Darian Williams	1282	W119	L2	W88	W80	D31	3.5
31	Joshua Mathews	1428	W79	W48	L34	W68	D30	3.5
32	Josiah Smith	1323	W105	W80	D29	L24	W65	3.5
33	Lewis Melton	1437	W76	D66	W70	L25	W64	3.5
34	Kameron Wilson	1105	W81	W20	W31	L11	L13	3.0
35	Jason Zheng	1568	W78	W22	L19	W56	L14	3.0
36	Lamar Price	1450	W132	W45	W51	L2	L22	3.0
37	Chauncey Beard	1130	W59	W62	L11	W81	L16	3.0
38	Stephen Dzialo	1000	W103	W18	L12	L17	W92	3.0
39	Tyler Gibbs	1183	W113	L4	W91	W59	L20	3.0
40	Brian Wu	1039	W142	W17	L23	L20	W86	3.0
41	Richard Li	1276	W114	L8	W86	W57	L9	3.0
42	Jaidyn Hamilton	1441	W96	W58	L3	L43	W98	3.0
43	Ben Li	1116	W123	L29	W100	W42	L17	3.0
44	Michael Aldrich	847	W135	L26	W115	W51	L15	3.0
45	William Chung	1169	W130	L36	W96	W52	L18	3.0
46	Rohan Ray	923	W129	L14	W102	L18	W100	3.0
47	Jonhan Chen	1250	W110	L25	W95	W87	L12	3.0
48	Jordan Hoskins	1012	W104	L31	W94	L10	W96	3.0
49	Joseph Downs	1156	W109	L24	W92	W90	L10	3.0
50	Eric Huang	610	L23	W129	WF	W53	L19	3.0
51	Jade Ge	1316	W112	W52	L36	L44	W83	3.0
52	Kevin Cui	Unr	W55	L51	W85	L45	W89	3.0
53	Sriamsha Dubbaka	1248	W97	L9	W74	L50	W80	3.0
54	Aman Rawat Jr	866	W131	L15	W123	L14	W81	3.0
55	Dylan Stafeil	900	L52	W127	W108	L13	W93	3.0
56	Shivam Jha	1065	W140	L23	W76	L35	W82	3.0
57	Peyton Morgan	868	W139	L13	W71	L41	W90	3.0
58	Laurence Yang	1065	W141	L42	W120	L21	W88	3.0
59	Yahya Ahmed	Unr	L37	W101	W89	L39	W85	3.0
60	Andrew Fisher	526	L17	L81	W104	W124	W99	3.0
61	Benjamin Zhang	1035	W143	L10	L87	W94	W91	3.0
62	Arjun Bajaj	1440	W92	L37	L80	W107	W84	3.0
63	Noah Dehollander	896	W128	L16	L90	W125	W87	3.0
64	Evan Barash	1240	W71	D5	L6	W77	L33	2.5
65	Ellington King	1302	W127	D6	W77	L4	L32	2.5
66	Medha Tripathi	1038	W133	D33	L5	W117	L29	2.5
67	Naiyah Stinson	1188	W111	L1	D75	W116	L27	2.5
68	Nolan Bryant	1060	W124	L11	W93	L31	D78	2.5
69	Tejas Ayyagari	727	L7	W97	L22	D119	W118	2.5
70	Sai Vepa	980	D116	W117	L33	W75	L26	2.5
71	Nivedhita Nagarajan	175	L64	W78	L57	D74	W120	2.5
72	David Benkes-toth	764	L1	W119	L18	D118	W122	2.5
73	Steven Raphael	793	L8	W118	L21	D122	W119	2.5
74	Rejean Labreche	654	L11	W135	L53	D71	W121	2.5
75	Rishi Kalyan	683	L5	W142	D67	L70	W117	2.5
76	Samuel Kramer	569	L33	W131	L56	D115	W116	2.5
77	Samay Achar	930	D117	W116	L65	L64	W97	2.5
78	Kristian Popov	731	L35	L71	W134	W126	D68	2.5
79	Jed Amoguis	543	L31	D138	L116	W132	W115	2.5
80	Rithvik Kodali	798	W21	L32	W62	L30	L53	2.0
81	Kamil Stokowski	Unr	L34	W60	W98	L37	L54	2.0
82	Lewis Jackson	759	L25	W110	L20	W105	L56	2.0
83	Talmage Turner	812	L2	W132	W103	L22	L51	2.0
84	Mariam Mahmoud	785	L6	W126	L17	W108	L62	2.0
85	Zion Johnson	837	W121	L3	L52	W102	L59	2.0
86	Herbert Sanders	714	L4	W113	L41	W110	L40	2.0
87	Ryan Cole	501	L16	W136	W61	L47	L63	2.0
88	Samuel Weiss	751	L9	W114	L30	W127	L58	2.0
89	James Fulton	856	W134	L28	L59	W109	L52	2.0
90	Prasanth Peddireddy	418	L28	Bye	W63	L49	L57	2.0
91	Nikhil Mishra	668	L29	W133	L39	W111	L61	2.0
92	Kent Colbrunn	577	L62	W121	L49	W113	L38	2.0
93	Siddarth Nagisetty	524	L12	W104	L68	W128	L55	2.0
94	Kaleb Packard	451	L13	W130	L48	L61	W133	2.0
95	Lesean Johnson	688	L24	W111	L47	L97	W126	2.0
96	Timmy Joseph	640	L42	W141	L45	W103	L48	2.0
97	Stuart Atkinsmith	179	L53	L69	W129	W95	L77	2.0
98	Thomas Mosley	816	W136	L19	L81	W101	L42	2.0
99	Jacob Glenn-bradley	978	L115	W112	W125	L16	L60	2.0
100	Dominica Rooks	559	L20	W139	L43	W123	L46	2.0
101	Ezra Fessahazion	429	L14	L59	W130	L98	W128	2.0
102	Jose Diaz	435	L26	W124	L46	L85	W123	2.0
103	Yasine Baccouche	Unr	L38	W107	L83	L96	W127	2.0
104	Riad Seif	Unr	L48	L93	L60	W135	W125	2.0
105	Marcus Cohen	402	L32	L21	W140	L82	W124	2.0
106	Zachary Massat	907	WF	L12	W109	L15	---	2.0
107	Tyler Mingerink	489	L18	L103	W139	L62	W131	2.0
108	Khushi Afre	426	L27	W143	L55	L84	W134	2.0
109	Darby Fleig	441	L49	W134	L106	L89	W130	2.0
110	Dhruv Munipalle	247	L47	L82	W133	L86	W139	2.0
111	Cody Bartlett	141	L67	L95	W131	L91	W140	2.0
112	Ethan Setera	400	L51	L99	L128	W138	W129	2.0
113	Oviyan Anbarasu	140	L39	L86	Bye	L92	W143	2.0
114	Christopher Ryder	250	L41	L88	L124	W141	W138	2.0
115	Mariam Al-mohdar	Unr	W99	L27	L44	D76	L79	1.5
116	Adam Jasniewicz	Unr	D70	L77	W79	L67	L76	1.5
117	Ashwal Shastry	Unr	D77	L70	W138	L66	L75	1.5
118	Abdullah Bayi	399	L3	L73	W141	D72	L69	1.5
119	Jack Kolbert	302	L30	L72	W142	D69	L73	1.5
120	Aretina Davis	521	L10	W140	L58	D121	L71	1.5
121	Keiren Spalding	Unr	L85	L92	W132	D120	L74	1.5
122	Rohan Desai	431	L19	L123	W143	D73	L72	1.5
123	Kamal Khatib	Unr	L43	W122	L54	L100	L102	1.0
124	Adam Quesam	Unr	L68	L102	W114	L60	L105	1.0
125	Simon Hood	468	L15	W128	L99	L63	L104	1.0
126	Alan Atkinsmith	299	L22	L84	W135	L78	L95	1.0
127	Owen Stroup	336	L65	L55	W136	L88	L103	1.0
128	Noah Mahmoud	Unr	L63	L125	W112	L93	L101	1.0
129	Nathan Traum	Unr	L46	L50	L97	W143	L112	1.0
130	Madison Abrams	Unr	L45	L94	L101	W136	L109	1.0
131	Jared Shattuck	Unr	L54	L76	L111	W140	L107	1.0
132	Noah Humphries	322	L36	L83	L121	L79	W141	1.0
133	Charlie Brooks	Unr	L66	L91	L110	W142	L94	1.0
134	Siddharth Dineshkumar	Unr	L89	L109	L78	W139	L108	1.0
135	Branden Anton	Unr	L44	L74	L126	L104	W142	1.0
136	Aniyah Mims	Unr	L98	L87	L127	L130	Bye	1.0
137	Aaron Glueck	1181	W138	L7	LF	---	---	1.0
138	Aaron Abraham	Unr	L137	D79	L117	L112	L114	0.5
139	Chad Abraham	Unr	L57	L100	L107	L134	L110	0.0
140	Bedr Al-mohdar	Unr	L56	L120	L105	L131	L111	0.0
141	Ameerah Varis	Unr	L58	L96	L118	L114	L132	0.0
142	Shems Al-heleal	Unr	L40	L75	L119	L133	L135	0.0
143	Mariam Ashour	Unr	L61	L108	L122	L129	L113	0.0

2014 Michigan Scholastic Club (K-5) Team Standings

No.	Club Team	Score
1	Detroit City Chess Club	16.5
2	Birmingham Roeper School	15.5
3	JFORCE	15.0
4	Troy All Stars	14.0
5	Windsor Friday Knights	13.0
6	Ann Arbor Monsters	12.5
7	Okemos	11.5
8	Grosse Pointe Academy	9.5
9	Troy Barnard	9.5
10	Utica Schools	9.0
11	Holland Chess Academy	8.5
12	Holt Rams	4.0
13	AAEH	3.0
14	South Canton Scholars	2.5

2014 Michigan Scholastic Club (K-5) Individual Standings

No.	Name	Rating	Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd 3	Rd 4	Rd 5	Score
1	Nathan Ouyang	1550	W68	W25	W9	W8	W7	5.0
2	Jack Li	1545	W33	W44	W27	W5	W6	5.0
3	Myles DeJongh	1213	W43	D21	W36	W19	W22	4.5

4	Anthony Liao	1209	W41	W61	W26	D18	W20	4.5
5	Avaneesh Prasad	728	W101	W16	W10	L2	W28	4.0
6	Aiden Song	1499	W66	W48	W14	W13	L2	4.0
7	Yashwant Dubbaka	1213	W64	W32	W65	W11	L1	4.0
8	Charisse Woods	1138	W74	W39	W34	L1	W26	4.0
9	Joshua Lee	1058	W102	W38	L1	W34	W40	4.0
10	David Makarczyk	1176	W42	W24	L5	W69	W37	4.0
11	Marisa Ricci	687	W99	W35	W31	L7	W27	4.0
12	Eric Hobson	1427	W51	L26	W33	W48	W18	4.0
13	Solmon Foster	896	W75	W63	W30	L6	W31	4.0
14	Ethan Guo	940	W73	W40	L6	W76	W35	4.0
15	Maxwell Motley	1172	W52	W62	L18	W32	W25	4.0
16	Alan Bui	1247	W67	L5	W51	W61	W29	4.0
17	Graham Barash	662	L63	W92	W70	W30	W49	4.0
18	Bode Neumeister	588	W79	W29	W15	D4	L12	3.5
19	Kaden Thornton	575	W105	D20	W23	L3	W56	3.5
20	Stephen Washington	1106	W84	D19	W83	W21	L4	3.5
21	Parker Frye	699	W80	D3	W55	L20	W50	3.5
22	Aristide Gardette	851	W92	D23	W50	W49	L3	3.5
23	Ryan Grace	533	W85	D22	L19	W57	W59	3.5
24	Pranav Srinivas	671	W100	L10	D52	W58	W55	3.5
25	Corin Tang	807	W56	L1	W43	W46	L15	3.0
26	Constantin Stanescu-Bellu	775	W87	W12	L4	W64	L8	3.0
27	Bryce Bottesi	1019	W81	W69	L2	W38	L11	3.0
28	Donovan Jackson	1073	W46	L34	W67	W39	L5	3.0
29	Henry Zocher	961	W77	L18	W53	W36	L16	3.0
30	Jared Ge	1355	W53	W54	L13	L17	W68	3.0
31	Rishi Shetty	1182	W47	W94	L11	W62	L13	3.0
32	Eva Erhardt	695	W107	L7	W42	L15	W67	3.0
33	Hayley Chenfang	471	L2	W97	L12	W78	W65	3.0
34	Luke Burmeister	627	W108	W28	L8	L9	W71	3.0
35	Alexander Boyd	1209	W71	L11	W66	W54	L14	3.0
36	Alexander Chang	535	W106	W37	L3	L29	W70	3.0
37	Mack Burmeister	905	W96	L36	W68	W45	L10	3.0
38	Maximus Norwood	596	W70	L9	W75	L27	W74	3.0
39	Jesse Newpol	657	W90	L8	W77	L28	W64	3.0
40	Shreya Kalyan	588	W95	L14	W93	W65	L9	3.0
41	Siddharth Karthikeyan	369	L4	W72	L48	W95	W62	3.0
42	Abdurrahman Bayi	251	L10	W95	L32	W72	W76	3.0
43	Alexander Kuplicki	396	L3	W101	L25	W93	W61	3.0
44	Amy Xiu	832	W97	L2	L64	W96	W66	3.0
45	Jeremy Kovacs	523	W103	L49	W63	L37	W73	3.0
46	Harrison Klee	224	L28	W86	W94	L25	W83	3.0
47	Roshan Shah	285	L31	W105	L61	W99	W69	3.0
48	Nolan Donovan	732	W89	L6	W41	L12	D53	2.5
49	Eric Zhang	714	½	W45	W58	L22	L17	2.5
50	Jack Burnham	520	D57	W59	L22	W91	L21	2.5
51	Jason Chen	448	L12	W87	L16	W97	D54	2.5
52	Thomas Manley	279	L15	W82	D24	L56	W86	2.5
53	Sullivan Klus	445	L30	W89	L29	W63	D48	2.5
54	Rishith Seelam	712	W98	L30	W74	L35	D51	2.5
55	Karma Gawa	431	½	W57	L21	W84	L24	2.5
56	Travis Mosley	115	L25	Bye	D71	W52	L19	2.5
57	Shihwan Song	Unr	D50	L55	W98	L23	W88	2.5
58	Ayden Le	Unr	D83	W88	L49	L24	W84	2.5
59	Aidan Behmer	Unr	½	L50	W88	W83	L23	2.5
60	Nathan Elias	Unr	L62	D71	L84	W101	W91	2.5
61	Walter Hamilton	687	W72	L4	W47	L16	L43	2.0
62	Yaseen Metwally	630	W60	L15	W73	L31	L41	2.0
63	Nathaniel Carlson	Unr	W17	L13	L45	L53	W94	2.0
64	Selga Jansons	387	L7	W99	W44	L26	L39	2.0
65	Aswath Karai	853	W78	W93	L7	L40	L33	2.0
66	Noalen Klein	466	L6	W79	L35	W92	L44	2.0
67	Evan Aeck	429	L16	W80	L28	W87	L32	2.0
68	Ismael Metwally	493	L1	W106	L37	W75	L30	2.0
69	Zoe Patterson	647	W86	L27	W96	L10	L47	2.0
70	Joseph Williams	Unr	L38	W102	L17	W77	L36	2.0
71	Owen Appel	305	L35	D60	D56	W100	L34	2.0
72	Brendon Vargo	Unr	L61	L41	W81	L42	W92	2.0
73	Grant Lyle	184	L14	W90	L62	W94	L45	2.0
74	Jenna Burnham	273	L8	W108	L54	W85	L38	2.0
75	Aryan Afre	152	L13	W85	L38	L68	W93	2.0
76	Dyllan Guarascio	587	L93	W78	W100	L14	L42	2.0
77	Alexander Lyon	203	L29	W107	L39	L70	W99	2.0
78	Saswat Saravanan	151	L65	L76	W89	L33	W95	2.0
79	Ian Zuber	Unr	L18	L66	L85	W102	W96	2.0
80	Eric Cui	103	L21	L67	Bye	L88	W100	2.0
81	Mihir Naik	203	L27	L100	L72	W106	W98	2.0
82	Alanna Butters	Unr	L94	L52	D86	D98	W97	2.0
83	Stephanie Dzialo	548	D58	W91	L20	L59	L46	1.5
84	Hunter Riendeau	234	L20	D98	W60	L55	L58	1.5
85	Thomas Lewis	Unr	L23	L75	W79	L74	D89	1.5
86	Charles Weaver	Unr	L69	L46	D82	W103	L52	1.5
87	Parker Mills	110	L26	L51	W107	L67	D90	1.5
88	Soham Inamdar	246	½	L58	L59	W80	L57	1.5
89	Lucas Maier	Unr	L48	L53	L78	W108	D85	1.5
90	Stella Pashyan	Unr	L39	L73	L92	W105	D87	1.5
91	Albert Mavrinac	105	½	L83	W102	L50	L60	1.5
92	Joshua Devolder	148	L22	L17	W90	L66	L72	1.0
93	Jack Hauptman	Unr	W76	L65	L40	L43	L75	1.0
94	Alexander Novoselov	650	W82	L31	L46	L73	L63	1.0
95	Orrin Batts	Unr	L40	L42	W106	L41	L78	1.0
96	Signe Smith	168	L37	W103	L69	L44	L79	1.0
97	Quentin Zeller	136	L44	L33	W105	L51	L82	1.0
98	Max Klaasen	Unr	L54	D84	L57	D82	L81	1.0
99	Abhinay Mundrigi	Unr	L11	L64	W108	L47	L77	1.0
100	Fletcher Klaasen	Unr	L24	W81	L76	L71	L80	1.0
101	Tarun Rajesh	Unr	L5	L43	D103	L60	D105	1.0
102	Nicolas Olson	210	L9	L70	L91	L79	Bye	1.0
103	Zoe Bamford	Unr	L45	L96	D101	L86	D106	1.0
104	Alexander Motea	Unr	Bye	---	---	---	---	1.0
105	Andrew Anton	Unr	L19	L47	L97	L90	D101	0.5
106	Wesley Billings	Unr	L36	L68	L95	L81	D103	0.5
107	Ishan Kumar	Unr	L32	L77	L87	½	---	0.5
108	Eli Bishar	Unr	L34	L74	L99	L89	---	0.0

2014 Michigan Scholastic Club (K-3) Team Standings

No.	Club Team	Score
1	Canton Miller	18.5
2	Ann Arbor Monsters	16.0
3	Holland Chess Academy	14.0
4	JFORCE	14.0
5	Windsor Friday Knights	13.0
6	Okemos	13.0
7	Detroit City Chess Club	13.0
8	South Canton Scholars	10.0
9	Troy Barnard	10.0
10	Grosse Pointe Academy	8.5
11	Utica Schools	8.5
12	Holt Rams	8.5
13	Troy All Stars	6.5

2014 Michigan Scholastic Club (K-3) Individual Standings

No.	Name	Rating	Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd 3	Rd 4	Rd 5	Score
1	David Huang	600	W99	W33	W23	W11	W4	5.0
2	Michael Zheng	953	WF	W28	W24	W8	W9	5.0
3	Alan Zheng	822	W68	W30	W58	W5	W7	5.0
4	Tobias Tang	713	W71	W31	W26	W6	L1	4.0
5	Tai Karir	971	W65	W54	W12	L3	W34	4.0
6	Charlie Reese	900	W90	W41	W14	L4	W20	4.0
7	Parini Rao	450	W101	W79	W13	W21	L3	4.0
8	Luke Hausner	775	W80	W39	W17	L2	W28	4.0
9	Shamanth Shastry	672	W96	W70	W27	W10	L2	4.0
10	Jacob Gaisinsky	876	W32	W29	W34	L9	W24	4.0
11	Kei Murakami	763	W37	W60	W59	L1	W29	4.0
12	Alex Kong	584	W25	W50	L5	W60	W32	4.0
13	Matthew Lindsey	756	W103	W57	L7	W30	W45	4.0
14	Aditya Kaza	520	W93	W38	L6	W31	W35	4.0
15	Eli Sevensma	667	W40	L58	W87	W57	W26	4.0
16	Bryan Chen	561	W106	L23	W72	W61	W25	4.0
17	Justin Hu	509	W97	W35	L8	W37	D18	3.5
18	Elan Hong	834	W56	L27	W74	W19	D17	3.5
19	Owen Aeck	249	D51	W83	W85	L18	W23	3.5
20	Eli Driscoll	Unr	½	W88	W22	W49	L6	3.5
21	Harry Strothman	378	½	W87	W36	L7	W49	3.5

22	Vishnav Ramesh	137	D88	W51	L20	W73	W52	3.5
23	Iori Ishizawa	110	W108	W16	L1	W27	L19	3.0
24	Ezra Min	519	W73	W44	L2	W33	L10	3.0
25	Gautham Dineshkumar	Unr	L12	W65	W44	W41	L16	3.0
26	Karol Jasniewicz	Unr	W53	W55	L4	W48	L15	3.0
27	Wendy Zhang	318	W43	W18	L9	L23	W65	3.0
28	Jackson Agee	340	W74	L2	W64	W42	L8	3.0
29	Aaditya Desai	285	W72	L10	W66	W43	L11	3.0
30	Carson Hahn	246	W64	L3	W81	L13	W84	3.0
31	Mihir Bharadwaj	215	W42	L4	W91	L14	W67	3.0
32	Austin Nyboer	Unr	L10	W96	W54	W55	L12	3.0
33	Winfield Henderson	164	W69	L1	W68	L24	W59	3.0
34	Ashrith Mathiyazhagan	450	W92	W75	L10	W58	L5	3.0
35	Adhiyan Anbarasu	Unr	W61	L17	W70	W63	L14	3.0
36	Joel Burnham	107	D49	W84	L21	W53	D46	3.0
37	Jason Wang	Unr	L11	W80	W75	L17	W58	3.0
38	Abhiraaj Datta	142	W47	L14	WF	L52	W66	3.0
39	Jack Kendall	245	W77	L8	L42	W93	W68	3.0
40	Zakary Kindrick	Unr	L15	W47	L57	W95	W70	3.0
41	Luke Tremblay	335	W104	L6	W71	L25	W62	3.0
42	Daneil Cui	Unr	L31	W107	W39	L28	W60	3.0
43	Chase Parrott	Unr	L27	W106	W50	L29	W57	3.0
44	Alex Huang	122	W94	L24	L25	W72	W63	3.0
45	Abhijay Das	292	L62	W100	W93	W59	L13	3.0
46	Dries Mavrinac	160	½	L49	W88	W76	D36	3.0
47	Kaitlyn Tao	Unr	L38	L40	W104	W94	W61	3.0
48	Israel Jones	349	L59	W97	W98	L26	W77	3.0
49	Simon Elias	Unr	D36	W46	W52	L20	L21	2.5
50	Winston Knott	110	W82	L12	L43	W69	D55	2.5
51	Mason Winkel	Unr	D19	L22	L53	W88	W91	2.5
52	Oliver Loerwald	391	W95	D85	L49	W38	L22	2.5
53	Jacob Zwicker	234	L26	D76	W51	L36	W90	2.5
54	Suchir Nagisetty	374	W67	L5	L32	D64	W75	2.5
55	Sebastian Klus	386	W89	L26	W94	L32	D50	2.5
56	Kai Whitacre	Unr	L18	L69	D89	W101	W87	2.5
57	Mathathi Mathiyazhagan	225	W91	L13	W40	L15	L43	2.0
58	Luca Fessahazion	186	W102	W15	L3	L34	L37	2.0
59	David Parker	Unr	W48	W63	L11	L45	L33	2.0
60	Alexandra Larrea	235	W78	L11	W62	L12	L42	2.0
61	Noah Herdell	199	L35	W67	W79	L16	L47	2.0
62	Suhas Pachipulusu	Unr	W45	L86	L60	W74	L41	2.0
63	Andrew Lyon	421	W76	L59	W69	L35	L44	2.0
64	Akhil Mishra	Unr	L30	W89	L28	D54	D73	2.0
65	Shiv Krishana	Unr	L5	L25	W108	W81	L27	2.0
66	Alexander Wysocki	Unr	L86	W99	L29	W71	L38	2.0
67	Kesang Gawa	Unr	L54	L61	W82	W79	L31	2.0
68	Zane Lyle	Unr	L3	W95	L33	W99	L39	2.0
69	Isaiah Yanish	Unr	L33	W56	L63	L50	W102	2.0
70	Drew Martin	224	W100	L9	L35	W98	L40	2.0
71	Edward Zhang	Unr	L4	W78	L41	L66	W104	2.0
72	Celia Lyon	Unr	L29	W101	L16	L44	W99	2.0
73	Violet Appel	Unr	L24	D105	W83	L22	D64	2.0
74	Timothy Abrams II	Unr	L28	W90	L18	L62	W93	2.0
75	Maya Thornton	103	W98	L34	L37	W105	L54	2.0
76	Nikhil Srinivasan	Unr	L63	D53	W105	L46	D78	2.0
77	Oliver Morgan	Unr	L39	L103	W107	W102	L48	2.0
78	Zachary Koetje	Unr	L60	L71	W100	D87	D76	2.0
79	Henry Billings	Unr	W107	L7	L61	L67	W95	2.0
80	Zibby Zuber	Unr	L8	L37	L95	W106	W100	2.0
81	Hudason Lick	Unr	L87	W104	L30	L65	W96	2.0
82	Tyler Bakhuyzen	Unr	L50	L93	L67	W97	W94	2.0
83	Supratik Kuchibhatla	Unr	½	L19	L73	D89	W98	2.0
84	Aditya Achyut	Unr	½	L36	½	W92	L30	2.0
85	Aarush Kumar	Unr	W105	D52	L19	½	---	2.0
86	Andreas Boscariol	488	W66	W62	---	---	---	2.0
87	Nishant Nagarajan	103	W81	L21	L15	D78	L56	1.5
88	Jack Rollins	Unr	D22	L20	L46	L51	W105	1.5
89	Davin Adams	Unr	L55	L64	D56	D83	D92	1.5
90	Elijah Difalco	Unr	L6	L74	W96	D91	L53	1.5
91	Frederick Debord	Unr	L57	W108	L31	D90	L51	1.5
92	Titus Abrams	Unr	L34	L94	W97	L84	D89	1.5
93	Pranav Kannan	Unr	L14	W82	L45	L39	L74	1.0
94	Michael Hartnett	Unr	L44	W92	L55	L47	L82	1.0
95	Griffin Szatkiewski	Unr	L52	L68	W80	L40	L79	1.0
96	Vito Colombo	Unr	L9	L32	L90	W108	L81	1.0
97	Niko Cooksey	Unr	L17	L48	L92	L82	W107	1.0
98	Elle Bamford	Unr	L75	W102	L48	L70	L83	1.0
99	Harriet Henderson	Unr	L1	L66	W106	L68	L72	1.0
100	Naomi MacQueen	Unr	L70	L45	L78	Bye	L80	1.0
101	Gabriel Johnson	Unr	L7	L72	L102	L56	Bye	1.0
102	Olivia Parker	Unr	L58	L98	W101	L77	L69	1.0
103	Calder Buehler	Unr	L13	W77	LF	---	---	1.0
104	Molly Kendall	Unr	L41	L81	L47	D107	L71	0.5
105	Brenda Aldrich	136	L85	D73	L76	L75	L88	0.5
106	Annabel Klaasen	Unr	L16	L43	L99	L80	D108	0.5
107	Jade Burnham	101	L79	L42	L77	D104	L97	0.5
108	Afya Abukusumo	Unr	L23	L91	L65	L96	D106	0.5

2014 Michigan Women's Championships

The 2014 Michigan Women's Championship was held on November 23 in Ann Arbor at the Pierpont Commons on the North Campus of the University of Michigan.

2014 Michigan Women's Championship Standings

No.	Name	Rating	Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd 3	Rd 4	Score
1	Jennifer Skidmore Smith	1941	W5	W2	W3	W4	4.0
2	Sasha Konovalenko	1866	W4	L1	W5	W6	3.0
3	Joy Chen	1635	D6	W7	L1	Bye	2.5
4	Lauren Bradford	1356	L2	W6	W7	L1	2.0
5	Gisele Motley	1404	L1	Bye	L2	W7	2.0
6	Jade Ge	1316	D3	L4	Bye	L2	1.5
7	Charisse Woods	1138	Bye	L3	L4	L5	1.0

2014 Michigan Women's Reserve Standings

No.	Name	Rating	Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd 3	Rd 4	Score
1	Julia Shen	850	W4	W6	W2	W3	4.0
2	Zoe Frazier	918	W5	W7	L1	W6	3.0
3	Dominica Rooks	559	L6	Bye	W5	L1	2.0
4	Zoe Patterson	647	L1	L5	Bye	W7	2.0
5	Eva Erhardt	695	L2	W4	L3	Bye	2.0
6	Agniva Bhaumik	716	W3	L1	D7	L2	1.5
7	Khushi Afre	426	Bye	L2	D6	L4	1.5

2014 Michigan Women's: Side Event Standings

No.	Name	Rating	Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd 3	Rd 4	Score
1	William Rhee	2059	W3	W2	W4	W6	4.0
2	Jalen Woods	1526	W6	L1	L3	W4	2.0
3	Jared Ge	1355	L1	L4	W2	Bye	2.0
4	Nate Simon	1319	D5	W3	L1	L2	1.5
5	Ken Long	1633	D4	W6	---	---	1.5
6	Ethan Guo	940	L2	L5	Bye	L1	1.0

2015 MICHIGAN AMATUER

May 23-24, 2015

EVENT:	**2015 Michigan Amatuer Championship**
SITE:	**University Quality Inn** **3121 East Grand River Avenue** **Lansing, MI 48912**
ELLIGIBLITY:	**Open to players U2000** **USCF** membership required. **MCA** membership required for Michigan residents.
ENTRIES AND INFO:	Jennifer Skidmore Smith 734-678-0463 jmscamelot@gmail.com PO BOX 8064 Ann Arbor, MI 48107
REGISTRATION:	Online: onlineregistration.cc Site: 8:30-9:30. Players not paid or registered by 9:30 will be given a half point bye in round 1.
ENTRY FEES:	U2000 $30 by May 15, Juniors: (U18) $25 by May 15 U800 $20 by May 15 All categories $10 more after 5/15 or on-site
FORMAT:	5-SS Open to players U2000 (2-day 5/23-24) One ½-point bye allowed in rounds 1-4 5-SS Open to players U800 (1-day 5/23)
SCHEDULE:	U2000 SATURDAY ROUNDS: 10, 2:30, 7 SUNDAY ROUNDS: 10, 2:30 U800 SATURDAY ROUNDS: 10, 11:15, 1, 2:15, 3:30
TIME CONTROL:	**U2000 G/110;d5 U800 G/25;d5**
PRIZES:	**TROPHIES: U2000** 1st, 2nd, 3rd; 1st, 2nd: U1800, U1600, U1400, U1200; U1000 1st Unrated; 1st Under 18; 1st Over 64 **TROPHIES: U800** 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th 1st, 2nd: U600, U400, UNR
HOTEL:	**University Quality Inn** Room Rate $90+tax Call 517-351-1440 by May 8

2014 NATIONAL GIRLS INVITATIONAL TOURNAMENT by **Soumya Kulkarni**

After a culminated 21-hour drive down to Florida, sharing a backseat with my younger brother, stepping into the Rosen Hotel lobby was a welcome respite. Walking into our room was even better: a wall-to-wall window on the 16th floor provided gorgeous views of the city of Orlando and plenty of selfie opportunities. On the ground floor was the standard ballroom venue for the National Girls Invitational Tournament. The opening ceremonies for all three tournaments- the Denker, Barber, and NGIT- were in conjunction that evening and all the participants got a wonderful chance to learn a little bit about the history and significance of the tournaments.

Soon, the festivities ended and it was time to get down to business. The playing hall was an adjacent room separated both by tournament and by section. The top boards in each section were in the front of the room, in a roped off area, and these games could be viewed on the large projector in the spectators' area. Overall, I really enjoyed seeing extremely talented young chess players from around the country and understanding where I can go in the near future if I stick with the game and keep working hard. The following are 2 games I played at the tournament, selected with the hope that they may provide the greatest satisfaction to readers. Both of these games I was Black, playing against a Ruy Lopez Archangelsk set up.

Jessica Regam (2074)
Soumya Kulkarni (1757)
National Girls Invitational (2)
Orlando, FL, July 2014
Spanish: Archangelsk, C78

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0–0 b5 6.Bb3 Bc5 7.c3 d6 8.d4 Bb6 9.a4 Bb7 10.Re1 0–0 11.h3 h6 12.Bc2 Re8 13.d5 Ne7 14.b3 c6 15.c4 bxc4 16.bxc4 cxd5 17.cxd5 Rc8 18.Be3 Ba5

19.Re2 Bb4 20.Na3 a5 21.Bd2 Ba6 22.Nb5 Qd7 23.Rb1 Bxb5 24.axb5 Nexd5 25.exd5 Nxd5 26.Bxb4 Nxb4 27.Ba4 Qf5 28.b6 Red8 29.Rc1 Rb8 30.b7 Rxb7 31.Rxe5 dxe5 32.Qxd8+ Kh7 33.Rc8 Qb1+ 34.Kh2 Qe4 35.Nh4 Qf4+ 36.Kg1 1–0

Kimberly Ding (2082)
Soumya Kulkarni (1757)
National Girls Invitational (4)
Orlando, FL, July 2014
Spanish: Archangelsk, C78

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0–0 b5 6.Bb3 Bc5 7.Re1 d6 8.h3 0–0 9.c3 Re8 10.Bc2 h6 11.a3 Bb7 12.d3 a5 13.Nbd2 Qd7 14.Nf1 Ne7 15.Ng3 Bb6 16.Nh4 c5 17.Qf3 d5 18.Bxh6 Nxe4 19.dxe4 gxh6 20.Nh5 Qe6 21.Nf6+ Kh8 22.Nxe8 Rxe8 23.exd5 Bxd5 24.Qh5 Qf6 25.Qxe5 Qxe5 26.Rxe5 1–0

From Michigan, the other representatives were Michael Chen (Barber) and Edward Song (Denker). Our team tied for 2nd – 5th with a combined total of 12.5 points. Although I wish I had scored better in terms of points, I am proud of the games I played because they helped me improve my game over the summer.

The National Girls Invitational Tournament was a fantastic learning experience. In the end, Jennifer Yu of Virginia came first on tie-brakes in my section, along with Jessica Regam (CA) and Claudia Munoz (TX). Three of my five opponents placed in the top 10 at the end. It was nice getting to know all the talented girls because I had seen them around the country for years, through other tournaments, but had never really talked to them. Analyzing after the game and making conversation before the start of the round was a great way to get to meet people and when I see them at tournaments now, I will always have someone to talk with.

In conclusion, I would love to be able to go back to the NGIT next year, (especially if it is in Florida)! The atmosphere, the playing environment, and the nightly walks to neighboring Walgreens for chocolate milk helped make this an important part of my summer. As a student, sometimes it is hard to balance my passion for chess with all the other obligations we have as kids. Playing at the National Girls Invitational Tournament has motivated me to continue trying hard and aiming high in the field of chess.

2014 U.S. CADET CHESS CHAMPIONSHIP by Edward Song

During the summer I played in the 2014 US Cadet Chess Championship, which was during July 19-23. This tournament is like a preliminary step to the U.S. Junior Chess Championship, as it is an invitational tournament for the top US players under the age of 16. This year they selected the top 9 players, plus a wildcard, Andrew Zheng from Maryland (formerly from Michigan), who was a local player, also with a decent rating. Each day there are two rounds, with the exception of the last day, having one round. Before the tournament, I was not in high expectations, as I had a terrible World Open performance, which concluded less than two weeks before this tournament, while many of my fellow competitors had good performances in the World Open. However, I unexpectedly ended up winning the U.S. Cadet Championship anyway, and now I will give my view of how the tournament went.

Before the tournament started, all of the competitors were invited to a group dinner, and most of the ten competitors, including me, went to this dinner. It was pretty fun and relaxing, and we shared many interesting stories and jokes. The drawing of lots was also on that day, and I found out that I was to play former World Youth silver medalist Cameron Wheeler from California as black in the first round the next day, so after the dinner finished, I did some last minute preparation for Cameron.

I must admit, I did not have a very competitive mood the first day. In the first round, Cameron quickly caught me off guard with his rare 4th move, but I equalized easily and could have played for an advantage. Being sluggish for some reason we went into a symmetrical position where I had only a symbolic advantage but it was nothing, so we agreed a draw after 20 moves. However, it wasn't the type of fighting draws that usually happen in junior competitions whenever there is a draw. I realized that I came to the U.S. Cadet to fight for victories and interesting games, not to go for short draws and just hanging around during the free time. The next round was not much better though. I played Ruifeng Li from Texas in the 2nd round with white, and some complications went into a closed ending where Ruifeng missed his chance to breakthrough and provide risks for both sides, so we agreed a draw in a position where no one could do anything. This game was not particularly inspiring, as it wasn't a fighting draw, so I was not completely satisfied with what happened in the games, even though I started with a solid two draws.

The next day felt much better. In the 3rd round, I was paired against New Yorker Nicolas (Nico) Checa with black, and managed to catch him in my preparation. He clearly didn't understand the opening, and I got a dream endgame in the variation, trading queens and getting three connected passers that was too much for Nico to deal with. Overall, it was a smooth game and definitely a game that reminded me that I can play fighting and interesting chess. Next round I was paired against the other player from New York, Joshua Colas with black, and I was definitely lucky. I got a slightly worse position out of the opening, when suddenly Josh missed a simple tactic around move 15 and had to play the rest of the game a piece down. He actually managed to survive for more than 30 moves but still had to resign in the end, because a piece is a piece. So my score was 3/4, and I was tied in the lead along with Cameron and Rhode Islander Chris Gu. Together with Kapil Chandran from Connecticut, who was on 2.5/4 at that time, us four players were in the real race for the lead in the tournament.

I expected an extremely tough day for rounds 5 and 6, as in round 5 I was paired against top seed Mika Brattain from Massachusetts with white, who had a rough start but managed to redeem himself a bit by winning the previous round, and in the 6th round I was paired against Chris Gu with black, the game which I feared the most, as Chris was also one of the favorites before the event and showed that he was in good form after four rounds. However, I ended up having another good day. Before the tournament I knew that Mika was a very aggressive player who likes to attack. Against Mika I chose the Short variation of the Caro Kann, and he responded in

very risky manner by grabbing my pawn on b2 with his queen early in the game. He brought his queen back home while keeping his pawn, but my initiative was already becoming very strong. With some nice tactics I completely demolished my opponent in the end and won after only 27 moves. It was clear that he did not like defending and preferred to attack, but in this game I was the attacker. I grabbed the clear lead with 4/5 as Cameron and Chris both drew their games. However, it was still a tight race as Kapil won his game to catch Cameron and Chris, so I had a pack of followers who were very close behind me. The next round proved to be crucial as I was paired against Chris with black, while Cameron was paired against Kapil. Chris is known for fighting all the way to the end. He is very strong with white and always presses on for the win, but the game against Chris reminded me that I was in excellent form, as I equalized early in the opening and held a relatively effortless draw, despite being in very slight pressure the whole game, but in the other game, Kapil crushed Cameron in a fantastic attack to catch me at 4.5/6, with Chris following at 4 points and Cameron lagging behind at 3.5 points at the end of the day.

I was paired against Andrew Zheng with white in round 7, and this was an encounter between the first place and the last place, as Andrew was simply outclassed and had 0.5/6 before this round. Andrew was getting soundly outplayed in almost every single game, and this game was no exception. He sacked a piece early in the game for three pawns and better placed pieces, but I consolidated, kept my extra piece, took many of his pawns, and won. Meanwhile Kapil suffered a loss against Ruifeng, so once again I grabbed the clear lead with 5.5/7. Chris also could not get his gear going again, and drew his 5th game. It seemed like Chris's long streak of draws prevented him from winning the tournament. Meanwhile Cameron defeated the out-of-form Joshua Colas to catch up with Kapil and Chris with 4.5/7. Even though I had a full point lead going into round 8, I was worried due to the fact that Chris was paired against Josh and Andrew in the final two rounds, who occupied the last two spots, which means an easily possible 2/2 final run for Chris, so I figured that I would probably need at least 1.5/2 in the final rounds to win the tournament outright. Well, I was wrong. The next round was dramatic, as I suffered my first loss to my friend Andrew Tang from Minnesota, who was only in the middle of the field and was not in his best form. I simply played a terrible opening and was fighting for a draw in a worse position the entire game with black, which eventually I could not achieve, although I definitely had some chances. However, Chris failed to take advantage as Josh played extremely solidly against Chris with white and held a fairly simple draw, ending his long streak of losses. Cameron was held to a draw by Ruifeng, but Kapil managed to grind down Nico in a long endgame to catch up with me at 5.5/8 points, with Cameron and Chris following behind at 5/8. It was a difficult loss, but I knew that if I can keep myself together and win the last round, I have nothing to be disappointed about.

Actually, in the last round, I was paired in the crucial matchup against my co-leader at that time, Kapil Chandran with white. I knew this was it. This would be the championship game that everyone would look forward to when they watched the US Cadet online, and I was ready to give all I could to win this game. If I win, I win the championship, if I lose, it goes to Kapil, and if I draw, there would be a tiebreaker between me, Kapil, and possibly Cameron and Chris provided they win their games. While evaluating my chances, I decided that I have a better chance of beating Kapil than winning the tiebreaker, so I decided to concentrate solely on trying to win this single game and temporarily "forgot" about everything else: my streak of wins in rounds 3-5, my loss to Andrew Tang, and also any non-chess related stuff. This mindset helped me to win an exciting game. Even though my opening didn't go that well, Kapil played very ambitiously, leaving his king in the center in a hedgehog and tried to strike first, which usually doesn't happen in the hedgehog. ☺ I decided to postpone capturing back his pawn on f4 by opening the e-file to his king, but Kapil responded in very risky fashion by keeping his pawn on f4 with g5, maintaining an extra pawn, but weakening his position. From then on, we both knew that someone is pretty much going to lose the game and that there would be no playoff, as the game was quickly becoming very sharp and crazy for both sides. However, the position was very easy to play for me, and I managed to outplay Kapil in the complex middlegame and got a clearly better position. Kapil finally cracked under the pressure by sending his king to the wide open kingside. With some nice attacking moves I managed to finished off Kapil and he resigned one move before getting mated. When he offered his hand at the end of the game, I knew this was the moment. This was the golden moment for me; everyone would know who I was, and all because of this dramatic victory in the last round! After shaking his hand, I was able to analyze the game afterwards with my opponent, together with Chris Gu and Andrew Zheng, with extreme pleasure inside myself. As it turned out in the last round, Chris defeated Andrew easily, while Cameron managed to ground down Nico in a long endgame to catch him with 6/9 points and 2nd place. But it didn't matter to me. I finished with clear first with 6.5/9 points, and I was happy. For this accomplishment, I received $500 and a full scholarship to UMBC, as well as free entry to the Washington International (which I chose to not play). This is definitely a breakthrough to my chess career. Thanks to everyone who helped me on my chess progress and also all the people who congratulated me on my victory! ☺

Edward Song (2367)
Mika Brattain (2453)
U.S. Cadet (5)
Rockville, MD, July 2014
Caro-Kann: Advance (Short), B12

*Notes by **Edward Song***

1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 Bf5 4.Nf3
I was also thinking about playing 4.Be3
4...e6 5.Be2 c5
Previously he played 5...Nd7
6.Be3 Qb6
6...cxd4 is another line, but white gets the advantage after 7.Nxd4 Ne7 8.Nd2 Nbc6 9.N2f3±
7.c4!
The exclamation is for the psychological point of view, as Mika spent almost ten minutes before making his next obvious move. 7.Nc3 is the main line.
7...Qxb2 8.Nbd2
The first critical moment.
8...Nc6?!
Known to be not the best. 8...Ne7 was played by Macieja against Volokitin twice in 2003.
9.cxd5 exd5 10.dxc5± d4?!

Ambitious, but risky. 10...Nge7 Developing pieces is better.

11.Nc4 Qb4+ 12.Bd2 Qxc5 13.Rc1

Here white has already a dangerous initiative.

13...Qd5

13...d3 14.Ne3! (I must admit, here I was planning to play 14.Nd6+ But after 14...Bxd6 15.Rxc5 Bxc5! *(15...dxe2 16.Qc1)* 16.Qc1 Bxf2+ 17.Kxf2 dxe2 18.Kxe2 0–0–0± Black has a reasonable game.) 14...dxe2 15.Qxe2 Qa3 16.Nxf5±

14.Qb3

Threatening Nd6+.

14...Qd7 15.0–0 d3

∩15...Nh6

16.Bd1

Here I realized that black's position is not easy to defend. In fact, after a few seconds Houdini already gives this as a winning advantage for white!

16...Nh6 17.Qb2!

Giving way for the bishop to a4 and also eyeing the rook on h8 for future tactics. ☺

17...Be6 18.Ba4

Here I believe black is lost.

18...Bd5

18...Be7 19.Na5 Rc8 20.Qxb7! is game over.

19.e6!!

Some nice tactics clinch the game.

19...fxe6

19...Bxe6 20.Bxh6 is easy for white, as is; 19...Qxe6 20.Rfe1

20.Bxh6

The queen on b2 proves to be useful. ☺

20...Bxf3

Trying to at least break up my king cover, but this fails.

21.Ne5!

This elegant zwischenzug makes everything simple.

21...Qc7 22.Nxf3 0–0–0 23.Ne5!

The knight returns, and now black has to solve the problem of his c6 knight.

23...Rd6 24.Nxc6 bxc6 25.Bf4

Complete domination. Black's army is scattered. Now white wins a rook and the game is over.

25...c5 26.Bxd6 Bxd6 27.Qb3 1–0

Black cannot defend against all of the threats, not to mention that he is down a rook, so he resigned. This is probably one of the most impressive wins I've ever had in my life.

Edward Song (2367)
Kapil Chandran (2365)
U.S. Cadet (9)
Rockville, MD, July 2014
Sicilian: Paulsen, B43

Notes by Edward Song

This was the last round, and before this game, Kapil and I were the only people tied for first, so this is essentially the championship game that everyone would look forward to. This turned out to be a very exciting game, and even Kapil admitted he had fun playing this game.

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 e6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 a6 5.Nc3 Qc7 6.Bd3 Nf6 7.0–0 d6

I was expecting 7...Nc6

8.a4

8.Qe2 is perhaps more critical.

8...b6

Remembering the time when Kapil played the hedgehog against my friend and colleague Safal Bora last year at Denker champs, I kind of expected this.

9.Qe2 Nbd7 10.Bd2 Be7 11.f4 Bb7 12.b4!?

Looks strange, but I didn't want to give up my bishop after Nc5.

12...g6

Ambitious, but unnecessary. 12...0–0 13.g4 g6! (Kapil missed this move) is better.

13.Kh1 e5!

The point.

14.Nb3 exf4 15.Nd5!?

I did not like 15.Rxf4 because of the simple 15...0–0

15...Nxd5 16.exd5 g5!?

Ambitious, but very risky. I missed this move. Later when we analyzed the game, Kapil liked 16...f3! and black gets a good game after 17.Rxf3 Ne5; 16...Ne5 17.Bxf4 Nxd3 18.Qxd3 0–0 is also possible.

17.c4 Ne5 18.Nd4 h5?!

Kapil said that this move is to prevent g3 after black castles kingside (I didn't even consider this idea), but this is time consuming. I thought this was to play h3 later. 18...Bf6 looks solid and safer than the text.

19.Bc3 h4 20.Nf3

Here Kapil realized that he is worse. Kapil only considered 20.Nf5 here.

20...Bf6

20...f6 is positionally horrible, but maybe it's worth a try.

21.Rae1 0–0??

This looks crazy, and indeed it loses. Chris Gu also criticized Kapil after the game for making this ridiculous move. ☺

22.Qe4!

Threatening mate on h7.

22...Rfe8

22...Nxd3 23.Bxf6 is game over.

23.Bxe5 dxe5 24.Nxg5!!

A move which effectively ends the game.

24...Qe7

24...Bxg5 25.Qh7+ Kf8 26.Qh8+ Ke7 27.Rxe5+ and black is lost.

25.Qh7+ Kf8 26.d6!

Black's queen cannot protect f7 while at the same time dodging white's attacks.

26...Qd7 27.Bf5 Bxg2+

The only move, but ok, he loses a piece.

28.Kxg2 Qc6+ 29.Be4 Qxc4 30.Qh6+! Bg7 31.Nh7+ Kg8 32.Nf6+! Kf8

32...Bxf6 33.Rg1!! and black is mated down the g-file. *(33.Bh7+ Kh8 34.Bd3+* is also good enough; this is what Kapil saw*;* I was actually going to play *33.Kh1* which is slightly inaccurate, but it eventually doesn't matter.*)*

33.Nd7+ 1–0

Black resigns one move before getting mated.

2014 Michigan Action Championship

The 2014 Michigan Action Championship was held on December 13 at the Pierpont Commons on the North Campus of the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor. The Michigan Quick Championship has been discontinued and the Michigan Speed Championship is now part of the Michigan Open

2014 Michigan Action Championship Standings

No.	Names	Rate	Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd 3	Rd 4	Rd 5	Rd 6	Score
1	Bogdan Vioreanu	2458	W29	W10	W23	W2	W5	D3	5.5
2	Jennifer Skidmore Smith	1941	W32	W16	W11	L1	W10	W12	5.0
3	Derek Wilder	1760	W44	W28	W18	W6	D9	D1	5.0
4	Justin Meek	1864	W33	W30	L5	W37	W11	W9	5.0
5	Kevin Noren	2207	W35	W12	W4	W8	L1	D7	4.5
6	William Rhee	2059	W20	W13	W17	L3	D7	W15	4.5
7	Daniel Motoc	1812	W36	W37	D9	W14	D6	D5	4.5
8	Julian Wellman	1798	W42	W19	W14	L5	D13	W23	4.5
9	Manmohan Das	2018	W27	W15	D7	W22	D3	L4	4.0
10	Chris Schmidt	1743	W45	L1	W27	W19	L2	W28	4.0
11	William Fleming	1786	W38	W24	L2	W25	L4	W27	4.0
12	Anthony Bee	1700	W43	L5	W20	W30	W23	L2	4.0
13	Ayush Das	1675	W56	L6	W32	W24	D8	D16	4.0
14	Jeff Aldrich	1900	W47	W31	L8	L7	W22	W25	4.0
15	Michael Motoc	1668	W49	L9	W33	W29	W17	L6	4.0
16	Karthik Vuyyuru	1664	W51	L2	W47	W26	D18	D13	4.0

17	Akash Narayanan	1810	W48	W25	L6	W21	L15	W24	4.0
18	Ken Long	1633	½	W41	L3	W40	D16	W26	4.0
19	Sidnei Austin	1465	W59	L8	WF	L10	W33	W31	4.0
20	Siddharth Jha	1374	L6	W56	L12	W45	D21	W40	3.5
21	Brian Liu	1557	W57	L23	W44	L17	D20	W38	3.5
22	Arjun Bajaj	1440	½	W53	W40	L9	L14	W32	3.5
23	Justin Aldrich	1857	W46	W21	L1	W31	L12	L8	3.0
24	Zachary Johnson	1424	W26	L11	W39	L13	W36	L17	3.0
25	Alex Guo	1467	W39	L17	W43	L11	W47	L14	3.0
26	Gregory Sulisz	Unr	L24	W46	W28	L16	W29	L18	3.0
27	Robby Riles	1353	L9	W49	L10	W44	W30	L11	3.0
28	Mahesh Mahabaleshwar	1408	W34	L3	L26	W41	W46	L10	3.0
29	Dipankar Roy	1400	L1	W45	W34	L15	L26	W48	3.0
30	Daniel Hou	1619	W54	L4	W38	L12	L27	W41	3.0
31	Eugene Mcclure	1623	W50	L14	W36	L23	W35	L19	3.0
32	Nickolas Jennings	1340	L2	W51	L13	W43	W37	L22	3.0
33	Anthony Liao	1209	L4	W54	L15	W52	L19	W45	3.0
34	Kevin Cui	Unr	L28	W42	L29	L36	W56	W46	3.0
35	Eric Wright	1381	L5	L43	W55	W56	L31	W44	3.0
36	Ben Li	1116	L7	W59	L31	W34	L24	D37	2.5
37	Deangelo Watkins	1493	W58	L7	W52	L4	L32	D36	2.5
38	Joshua Li	1000	L11	W57	L30	D39	W53	L21	2.5

39	Ravindar Eppakayala	Unr	L25	W48	L24	D38	L41	W53	2.5
40	DaRhon Conner	1063	1/2	W55	L22	L18	W54	L20	2.5
41	Nolan Donovan	732	1/2	L18	W53	L28	W39	L30	2.5
42	Benjamin Zhang	1035	L8	L34	D54	L53	W51	W43	2.5
43	Amiyatosh Pwnanandam	937	L12	W35	L25	L32	W59	L42	2.0
44	Tai Karir	971	L3	W58	L21	L27	W52	L35	2.0
45	Michael Aldrich	949	L10	L29	W58	L20	W50	L33	2.0
46	Joshua Lee	1187	L23	L26	W51	W50	L28	L34	2.0
47	Jade Ge	1316	L14	W50	L16	W49	L25	---	2.0
48	Shivam Jha	1065	L17	L39	L50	W58	W49	L29	2.0
49	Aaron Valiquette	760	L15	L27	W59	L47	L48	W57	2.0
50	Joe Leung	516	L31	L47	W48	L46	L45	W56	2.0
51	Devin Lu	536	L16	L32	L46	Bye	L42	WF	2.0
52	Eva Erhardt	695	1/2	1/2	L37	L33	L44	W58	2.0
53	Ezra Min	519	1/2	L22	L41	W42	L38	L39	1.5
54	Matthew Chang	440	L30	L33	D42	W55	L40	---	1.5
55	Mihir Naik	203	1/2	L40	L35	L54	L57	Bye	1.5
56	Julia Shen	883	L13	L20	W57	L35	L34	L50	1.0
57	Storm Kierschke	Unr	L21	L38	L56	L59	W55	L49	1.0
58	Brian Gury	Unr	L37	L44	L45	L48	Bye	L52	1.0
59	Benjamin Stalker	Unr	L19	L36	L49	W57	L43	LF	1.0

A Game from Safal Bora

Safal Bora (2366)
Giorgi Margelashvilli (2548)
UTD Fall FIDE Open (4)
November 2014
English: Ultra-Symmetrical, A37

Notes by Safal Bora

1.Nf3 c5 2.g3 g6 3.Bg2 Bg7 4.c4 Nc6 5.Nc3 d6 6.0–0 e6 7.e3 Nge7 8.d3
8.d4 0–0 9.Re1 Re8 10.b3 Rb8 11.Bb2 cxd4 12.exd4 d5 13.cxd5 exd5 14.Ne5 Be6 15.Qd2 Rc8 16.Rad1 Qa5 17.Nxc6 Nxc6 18.Nxd5 Qxa2 19.Nc3 Qxb3 20.d5 Red8 21.Qc1 Bg4 22.dxc6 Bxd1 23.Nxd1 Bxb2 24.Nxb2 bxc6 25.Nc4 Qd3 26.h4 Re8 27.Rd1 Qe2 28.Bf1 Qf3 29.Rd3 Qg4 30.Nd6 Rcd8 31.Nxe8 Rxe8 32.Qxc6 Re1 33.Rd8+ 1–0 Grischuk,A (2783)-Dominguez Perez,L (2754)/Beijing CHN 2013/The Week in Chess 997

8...0–0 9.a3 Rb8 10.Rb1 b6 11.Qc2 Bb7 12.b4 Qd7 13.Ne2 h6 14.Bb2 e5 15.b5
15.Qa4 a6 16.bxc5 dxc5 17.Nc3 Rfd8 18.Rfd1 Qe6 19.Ba1 Bc8 20.Qc2±

15...Nd8 16.d4 cxd4 17.exd4 Qc7 18.Qc3 Nf5 19.d5 Bc8 20.Nd2 Nb7 21.Ne4 Nc5 22.Qc2 Bd7 23.a4 Rbc8 24.Rbc1 h5 25.Ba3 Bh6 26.Bxc5! bxc5
26...Bxc1 27.Qxc1 dxc5 28.Nf6+ Kg7 29.Nxh5+ Kh7 30.Nf6+ Kg7 31.Nh5+=

27.Ra1
27.Nf6+ Kg7 28.Nxd7 Qxd7 29.Rb1 Nd4 30.Nxd4 cxd4 31.b6 axb6 32.Rxb6 Rc5 33.Rc6 Rc8 34.Qd3 f5 35.Rb1 Kh7 36.Rbb6 e4 37.Qxd4 Bg7 38.Qd2 R5xc6 39.dxc6 Rxc6 40.a5 Qc7 41.Rxc6 Qxc6 42.Qd5=

27...Bg7 28.Rfc1?!
28.a5 Nd4 29.Nxd4 exd4 *(29...cxd4 30.Rfb1 f5 31.b6 d3 32.Qd1 Qb8 33.Qxd3 fxe4 34.Bxe4 Bf5 35.b7 Rc7 36.a6±)* 30.Qd2 Rce8 31.Rab1 Bf5 32.Rfe1=]

28...Nd4 29.Nxd4 cxd4 30.c5 dxc5 31.Qxc5 Qxc5 32.Nxc5 Bf5 33.d6 Bh6 34.Bc6?
34.Rc4! Rfd8 35.a5 d3 36.b6 axb6 37.axb6 d2 38.b7 Rb8∓

34...Bxc1 35.Rxc1 Rfd8 36.Nb7 d3
36...Rd7! This is what I expected but during the game, I was in time pressure and couldn't figure out a move. 37.Rd1 Rxb7 38.Bxb7 Rd8 I thought this was completely lost... 39.f4 f6 40.a5 Rd7= *(40...Rxd6 41.b6 axb6 42.a6+–)*

37.Rd1 e4 38.Nxd8 Rxd8 39.d7 Kf8
39...Kg7 40.Kf1 Kf6 41.Ke1 Ke5 42.Rc1 Kd4 43.Kd2 Bxd7

40.Kf1 Bg4?
The start of a wrong plan.

41.Rd2 f5 42.a5 Ke7 43.h4 Kd6 44.Ke1 Kc5 45.Rb2 f4 46.Bxe4 fxg3 47.fxg3 Kd4 48.Bxd3??
less than 30 secs and I miscalculated. 48.Bxg6 Kc3 49.Ra2 Rxd7 50.Ra3+ Kb4 51.Rxd3 Re7+ 52.Kd2 Re2+ 53.Kc1 Re6 54.Bh7 Re7 55.Bg6 Re6=

48...Kxd3 0–1
The first time I ever flagged!

Games from the 2014 Motor City Open

Edward Song (2384)
Ben Li (2264)
Motor City Open (3)
Dearborn, November 2014
Réti: King's Indian, A08

Notes by Edward Song

I wasn't in the mood for any theoretical battles, so I tried to shift the struggle to the middlegame.

1.Nf3 d5 2.g3
Believe it or not, I never played this specific position with white before!

2...c5
I was expecting 2...c6

3.Bg2 Nc6 4.d4 Nf6 5.0–0 e6
In the last round, Ben, who must have been frustrated by how things went in this game, played 5...Bg4!? against Safal Bora, perhaps catching him by surprise. Safal won anyway, but he had a much harder time than what happened in this game.

6.c4
This variation is not something I regularly play, but it's nice to try some new stuff ☺.

6...dxc4 7.dxc5 Bxc5?!
⩀7...Qxd1 The main theoretical move.

8.Qa4
8.Qxd8+ is more popular and should also be good for an advantage: 8...Nxd8 *(8...Kxd8 9.Nbd2)* 9.Ne5

8...0–0
8...Bd7 9.Qxc4 Bb6 is probably a better choice.

9.Qxc4 Be7 10.Nc3 a6?!

Not good. It weakens the b6 square without an apparent reason. 10...Bd7±

11.Rd1 Qe8?!

More strange play. After this it's very hard for black to develop his pieces without making serious positional concessions. 11...Bd7 Black does not have to fear the pin on the d-file. He should be able to finish developing eventually. But of course it's better to play Bd7 one move earlier.

12.Nd4!

Now black has serious problems.

12...Nxd4

12...Ne5 13.Qb3 is not good. Black has no moves.; 12...Bd7 is possible, trying to develop the pieces, but after 13.Nxc6 Bxc6 14.Bxc6 Qxc6 15.Qxc6 bxc6 it's clear that black has to suffer for a long time trying to get a draw.; 12...Na5 was a move I looked at, but looks like 13.Qa4 keeps a comfortable advantage.

13.Qxd4 Qd8 14.Be3

14.Bf4 is probably more accurate.

14...Qxd4 15.Bxd4

A dream Catalan position, with a monstrous bishop on g2 and a passive bishop on c8. It's very difficult for black to develop here.

15...Nd7

15...Rb8 can be met by 16.Be5 *(*or *16.Ba7)*; 15...Rd8 16.Bb6 Rxd1+ 17.Rxd1 does not help black.

16.Rac1 Bf6 17.Bxf6 Nxf6

Trading the dark squared bishops does nothing to help black develop his pieces.

18.Na4!

Aiming for the weakened b6 square.

18...Bd7 19.Nb6 Rad8 20.Nxd7 Rxd7 21.Rxd7 Nxd7 22.Bxb7

Black has managed to develop and trade a few pieces, but with that he had to sacrifice a pawn. The position is lost.

22...Rb8

22...a5 is probably the best chance, but a move like 23.Rc7 should win. White is up a pawn and has much more active pieces.

23.Rc7 Nf8 24.b4!

Completely paralyzing black. My plan is a3 and Bxa6.

24...e5

Trying to activate his knight.

25.Bd5! Ne6

25...Rxb4 26.Bxf7+ Kh8 27.Rc8 g6 28.Rxf8+ Kg7 29.Ra8 Kxf7 30.Rxa6 is completely lost.

26.Bxe6 fxe6 27.a3

Black cannot avoid losing another pawn and trading rooks at the same time.

27...Rb5 28.Rc5

It's important to double check if such a forcing move is actually winning, since the emerging c-pawn is going to be lost for sure.

28...Rxc5 29.bxc5 Kf7 30.f3!

The easiest. White goes after the e-pawns.

30...Ke7 31.Kf2 e4 32.f4!

Keeping things simple.

32...Kd7 33.Ke3 Kc6 34.Kxe4 Kxc5 35.Ke5 a5 36.e4 Kc4 37.Kxe6 a4 38.e5 Kb3 39.Kf7 Kxa3 40.e6 1–0

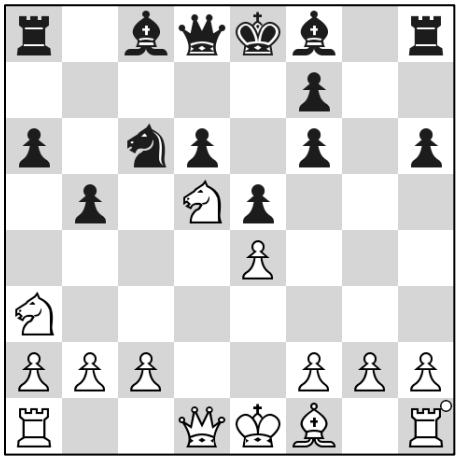
Brandon O'Neill (1856)
Kameron Tolliver (2006)
Motor City Open (4)
Dearborn, November 2014
Sicilian: Pelikán (Chelyabinsk), B33

Notes by Brandon O'Neil

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 e5 6.Ndb5 d6 7.Bg5 a6 8.Na3 b5 9.Nd5 h6?

Black should instead play 9...Be7 in order to have time to castle. For example, 10.Bxf6 Bxf6 11.c3 Bg5 12.Nc2 0–0=; After 9...h6 white can now take advantage of black's centralized king by attacking thec7 square.

10.Bxf6 gxf6



White to Move

11.Bxb5!

White's a3 knight will now reach b5 with enormous pressure on c7. Furthermore, black's lack of queenside pawns will become a critical factor in the endgame.

11...axb5 12.Nxb5 Be7

12...Be7 13.Nbc7+ Kd7 14.Qg4+ f5 15.Qxf5# is a threat.; 12...Qa5+ is useless on account of 13.c3 Qxb5 14.Nc7+

13.Nbc7+ Kf8 14.Nxa8 Qa5+ 15.c3 Qxa8 16.Qf3?

16.Nb6! trading off black's strong light-squared bishop was much more straight forward.

16...Rg8?

At the small expense of his f6–pawn, black could have played 16...Bd8! and preserved his powerful light-squared bishop.

17.Nb6 Qa6 18.Nxc8 Qxc8 19.Qh3?!

I figured that trading queens would leave me with anadvantageous ending due to my passed a and b pawns. However, 19.Qh3 is perfectly playable, after which 19...Qb7! 20.Qxh6+ Ke8 and black will win either of white's b2 or g2 pawns.

19...Qxh3 20.gxh3 f5 21.a4!?

I was too focused on my queenside pawns to care even the slightest bit about my own kingside. Perhaps this was a bit careless, but the position seems much easier to play for white than it does for black.

21...fxe4 22.a5 Bh4 23.Ke2?!

Eliminating black's chance to play ...e3, but a better defense was 23.b4 Rg2 24.Ra2 e3 25.Kf1 considering that white gets his pawns rolling while defending.

23...Rg2 24.Rhf1 Rxh2 25.a6 Na7 26.Ra4!

Lifting the rook and switching it to the b-file is the only real way for white to make progress.

26...Ke7 27.Rb4 Nc6 28.Rb7+ Ke6 29.Rc7 Kd5 30.c4+ Kd4 31.Rxc6 e3 32.a7 Bxf2 1–0

Ronald Burnett (2478)
Edward Song (2384)
Motor City Open (4)
Dearborn, November 2014
Réti: Symmetrical (Nimzovich), A05
Notes by Edward Song

Before this game, I was the only one on 3/3, and my opponent had 2.5/3. I knew that this is probably going to be a long game, and I was ready for it.

1.Nf3 Nf6 2.b3

Burnett plays many openings, so it was hard to expect what he would play in this game.

2...d6 3.d4 g6 4.Bb2 Bg7 5.g3 0–0 5...b6!?

6.Bg2 c6

6...Bf5!? 7.Nh4 Be4 8.f3 Bc6 9.e4 e6∞; 6...e5!? 7.dxe5 Nfd7

7.0–0 Qc7 8.a4 Nbd7

8...a5 is another move, stopping a5.

9.Nbd2 b6

A strange move, but it was already hard to develop my pieces. 9...e5?! 10.dxe5 dxe5 11.Nc4 e4 12.Ng5↑

10.Re1 Bb7 11.e4 Rad8

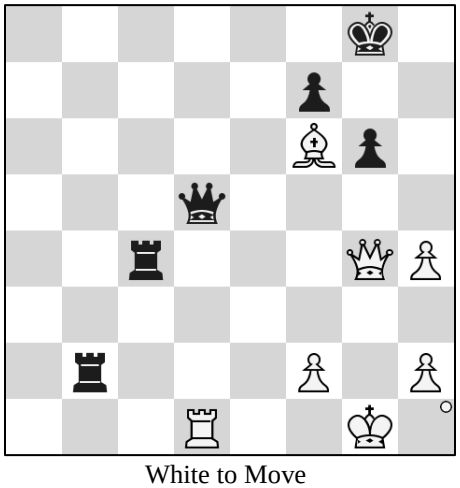
11...e5 is not good because of 12.dxe5 dxe5 13.Nc4 Rad8 *(13...Rfe8 14.Nd6)* 14.Qd6! and white has pressure.

12.c4
12.e5 is another move to consider. 12...dxe5 13.dxe5 Nd5; 12.Qe2 A simple developing move shouldn't be bad either.
12...e5 13.a5!
If black gets in a5 with e5, then his position should be completely fine, so this move aims to disrupt that.
13...exd4 14.Nxd4 Nc5 15.Qc2 Rfe8 16.b4 Ne6 17.axb6 axb6 18.Nxe6 Rxe6 19.c5±
Shutting the b7 bishop out of play. Black must search for counterplay.
19...bxc5
19...dxc5 20.bxc5 b5 21.Nb3 looks better for white.
20.bxc5 d5
Aiming to try to simplify the position.
21.e5
21.exd5 Rxe1+ 22.Rxe1 cxd5± is another option. (22...Nxd5 23.Bxg7 Kxg7 24.Qb2+ *(24.Nc4±)* 24...Kg8 25.Bxd5 cxd5 26.Qd4±)
21...Nd7 22.f4
22.Bh3 Ree8 23.f4 may be more accurate, but it probably isn't a big deal.
22...Ree8 23.Bh3
23.Ra7 looks scary, but black might be okay after 23...Ra8 24.Rea1 Rxa7 25.Rxa7 Qb8
23...Nf8
The problem is black is cramped, which makes white's position slightly easier to play with. But now I'm threatening to play Bc8.
24.Bc3 Ra8 25.Nb3 Rxa1 26.Rxa1 Bc8 I have solved one of my problems, but my position is still passive.
27.Bxc8
I was slightly surprised by this move, but white can still create problems based on my passive position and the weak c6 pawn. I expected 27.Bf1±
27...Rxc8
27...Qxc8 28.Ra7
28.Ra6 Nd7 29.Na5 Nb8 30.Rb6
White looks completely dominating. However, I now search for counterplay. Even though black is cramped, he is still solid, while white is in danger of overextending himself. The position isn't as easy as you would think for white.
30...Qe7 31.Bd4 Qe6 32.Rb7 h5!
Starting my counterplay. I am threatening to raid my opponent's king with h4 and possibly push it to h3 to create a serious dent in white's camp.
33.Kg2 h4 34.Qd3 h3+
This pawn will be a pain in the neck for white, as he has to be very careful of his king position if he wants to try to grind me down with his extra space. Nothing comes off of 34...hxg3? 35.hxg3
35.Kf3 Nd7 36.g4?
An awful move that overextends white's position severely. But it's already hard to think of a move for white, as his position is overextended and white's king is not in the best shape. He must constantly be aware of threats to his king.
36...Ra8!
More threats! Here white had about 20 minutes while black had about 5 minutes, but Burnett was starting to get nervous, as I have serious counterplay. Meanwhile, despite having only 5 minutes left, I felt quite relaxed in this position, as it's already easier to play with black, due to my much safer king's position. It's clear that white's strategy has totally gone wrong. 36...g5?! immediately is not good because of 37.Qf5; 36...Bxe5!? is a shocking move that Houdini found. When you think of it, it makes some sense, because white's king is terribly exposed. However, I think it's only best to make such a move if your opponent is in time trouble. 37.fxe5 Nxe5+ 38.Bxe5 Qxe5⩲ and white has to be extremely careful.
37.f5?
Panic. But here it's already unpleasant for white. 37.Nb3? is no good either: after 37...Ra2, black has a very strong attack.; 37.Qc3 trying to prevent the rook from being active, allows the blow 37...g5! and white's position collapses.
37...Nxe5+
Breaking through.
38.Bxe5 Qxe5 39.Nxc6 Qxh2!
Now black is already totally winning, but here I had around 4 minutes, so Burnett was determined to give me a hard time.
40.Ne7+ Kh8 41.Nxg6+!? fxg6 42.Rxg7
Trying to confuse matters as much as possible.
42...Qg2+ 43.Kf4
43.Ke3 runs into 43...Qg3+
43...Ra4+ 44.Kg5
44.Ke5 Kxg7 *(44...Qb2+* is possible too.*)* 45.f6+ Kf7–+
44...Qxg4+
Things become a little tricky after 44...Rxg4+ but black should be winning anyway: 45.Kf6 Qb2+ 46.Ke6 Kxg7! *(46...Re4+? 47.Kxd5; 46...Qxg7? 47.Qxh3+!)*
45.Kf6 Qh4+ 46.Ke6 Kxg7
Now it's time to take the rook. 46...Qe4+? loses the win: 47.Qxe4 Rxe4+ 48.Kf6! *(*or *48.Kf7)*
47.Qc3+ Rd4 48.c6 Qf6+ 49.Kd7 Rc4 0–1

Safal Bora (2366)
Ben Li (2157)
Motor City Open (6)
Dearborn, November 2014
Queen's Pawn: Zukertort (Catalan), D02

Notes by Safal Bora

1.Nf3 d5 2.g3 c5 3.Bg2 Nc6 4.d4 Nf6 5.0–0 Bg4 6.Ne5 cxd4 7.Nxg4 Nxg4 8.e3 8.e4! Nf6 9.exd5 Nxd5 10.c3 e6 11.cxd4 Be7 12.Nc3 0–0 13.Nxd5 exd5 14.Be3± White has the bishop pair in an open position.
8...Nf6 9.exd4 e6 10.c3 Be7 11.Bf4 0–0 12.Nd2 Rc8 13.Re1 Bd6 14.Be3 14.Bxd6 Qxd6 15.Qe2 This is more or less equal. I wanted to have more dynamic play in the game so I decided to keep my bishop.
14...b5 15.Qe2 b4 16.c4 dxc4 17.Nxc4 Be7 18.Rad1 Nd5 19.Bc1 Bf6 20.Ne5 Qd6 21.Qa6!?
This is the start of a forced sequence of moves where White nets a pawn but Black gets sufficient compensation.
21...Rfd8 22.Nxc6 Rxc6 23.Qxa7 Ra6 24.Qc5 Rxa2 25.Bxd5 Qxd5
25...exd5 26.Qxd6 Rxd6 27.Re8#
26.Qxb4 h5!
Ben Li tries to create weaknesses on my kingside.
27.Bf4 h4 28.gxh4 Rc8 29.Qd2 Qb5 30.Bg5 Rxb2 31.Qf4 Rcc2 32.Rf1 Qb8 33.Qg4 Qd8 34.d5!
A brilliant pawn sac which opens up the position.
34...exd5?
34...Bxg5 This probably keeps the balance. 35.Qxg5 Qxg5+ 36.hxg5 Rc5 37.h4 exd5 38.Rd4=
35.Rxd5 Qxd5 36.Bxf6 g6 37.Rd1 Rc4
This is a good puzzle to solve.


White to Move

38.Qf3!! Qxd1+ 38...Qxf3 39.Rd8+ Kh7 40.Rh8# **39.Qxd1 Rb8 40.h5!+– 1–0**

Bloopers of Chess

by **Dan Hronchek** and **FM Seth Homa**

Imagine GM Pal Benko standing in front of a room full of spectators… while analyzing a game by an amateur chess player who played white against the Benko opening.

The question asked by the amateur player went something like this, "I think his opening is pretty bad. Is it?" asked the amateur who didn't know the name of the opening or that it matched the name of the man standing in front of him.

The bloopers that happen in chess games also come from vital missing bits of information. Those of us, "in the know," snicker a little, but hopefully handle those moments with the same class as Mr. Benko. Give it a little frown and move on.

The below game was submitted by Fide Master Seth Homa who recently competed in the "Master" class at the Michigan Class Championships. Seth is playing the black pieces against a strong club player, Greg Bailey in 2014. The notes are written by Seth:

1. b3
Is this a bad move? Not really. White will still be fighting for the central squares after 2. Bb2.
1...e5 2.Bb2 Nc6 3.c4
White is fighting for the d5-square.
3...Nf6 4.e3 d5
The strategic principle in question is piece development.
5.Nf3
Now he has two attackers on my e5-pawn.
5...e4
Grabbing space and forcing the white knight to move again.
6.cxd5
White says, "If you take my knight, I'll take yours on c6!"
6...Qxd5
Rapidly developing the pieces.
7.Nd4
Bad would be (7.Bxf6 exf3 8.Bb2 fxg2 with a fork and winning lots of material.
7...Bd7
Notice how I try my best to develop a piece with every move. In the opening, I do not want to waste time.
8.Nc3
Attacking my queen. Where is the best place for her to retreat?
8...Qg5
Pro Tip: In the opening, there are three things you should always try to do: 1) Attack the center, 2) Develop as fast as possible, and 3) Try to prevent your opponent from developing. My move prevents white from developing his f1-bishop.
9.Ncb5
White is violating one of our basic "opening rules." He continues to move the same pieces more than once!
9...Bd6
I protect my weak pawn and develop yet another piece! Now I have 5 pieces in the game to White's 3 pieces. I would like to have castled, but there was a problem: 9...0-0-0 10.Nxc6 Bxc6 11.Nxa7+ Not good! Also bad was 9... Rc8 10. Nxc6 Bxc6 11. Nxa7 with a fork.
10.Nxd6+ cxd6 11.Nb5
The blooper moment begins as Greg prepares to grab a pawn – he doesn't know something or has maybe forgotten something that I know!
11...0-0
I sacrifice a pawn!! Why?? Pro Tip: In the opening, sometimes a lead in development is MORE IMPORTANT than material. This is one of those times.
12.Nxd6
White is up a clean extra pawn - I am not going to get it back!
12...Nb4
The opening is over - we're 12 moves into the game and Black's pieces are developed actively.
13.Bxf6
Greg makes a critical mistake. He thought he was winning a second pawn but missed a tactic. The idea behind 12.Nb4 can be better seen after 13.Nc4 Nd3+ 14.Bxd3 Qxg2 an "In-between" move. Instead of naturally capturing the bishop, I would take a pawn and threaten the rook. I'll take the bishop next after 15.Rf1 and have a huge advantage.
13...Qxf6 14.Nxe4
White is up two pawns for now.
14...Nxc2 15.Qxc2 15...Qxa1+
This was the point - the white queen no longer protected the rook on a1.
16.Ke2
An understandable mistake. White doesn't want to lose material! However, his bishop cannot get out and neither can his rook! Development is more important than material again! He could have tried 16.Qd1 This loses the a pawn, but then he can play on with Bd3 and 0-0.
16...Bb5+ 17.d3 Rac8
Pro Tip: When you are attacking, try to include as many pieces into the attack as possible. Your chances of getting a checkmate go way up!
18.Qd2 Rfd8 19.Kf3

This sad move was almost forced. At least the d3-pawn is protected now, right?

19...Bxd3

Wrong! The white bishop is pinned.

20.Bxd3

White pretty much had to do this or else I would have played ...Bxf1 winning more material.

20...Qxh1

Munch, munch!

21.Ng5 Qxh2

Black is up 4 points in material. This is enough to win.

22.Qe2 Qh5+ 23.Kf4 Qxe2

Pro Tip: When you are up in material, trade pieces. The endgame will be easily winning for me with 4 extra points. I could also have kept the queens on the board and tried to checkmate. Both options were good.

24.Bxe2 h6 25.Nf3 Rc2

Winning MORE material.

26.Bc4 Rxf2

Munch, munch.

27.Kg3 Rxa2 28.Ne5 Rdd2 29.Bxf7+ Kf8 30.Bc4 Rxg2+ 31.Kf3 Raf2+ 32.Ke4 h5 0-1

Black has eaten a lot of pawns. I did this so I could create a passed pawn that would turn into a new queen. White gave up as he saw my h5-pawn intended to run all the way.

In Passing: MCA Hall Of Fame Member, Paul Simmons

By Nassar Beydoun, MD

It was the fall of 1978. School was back in session and I, being the eager student that I was, would arrive early before school started and waited for the bell to ring. The Dearborn Maples Junior High Chess Team would hold practice early in the morning in Mr. Simmons' class room. He taught French and English at Maples, and was also the Chess Coach. Peeking through the window, watching the Chess Team playing games raised my curiosity. One day, I got enough courage to ask Mr. Simmons if I could join the Chess Team. He took me in with open arms, taught me the moves, and gave me books to read. Within a couple months, I was playing first board for his Team.

Mr. Simmons did so much for his students, words cannot do him justice. Not only did he mentor us and drive us to compete against other schools in league play, but he also took us to countless local and state tournaments, on his own time and expense, to develop us as players. He would raise money for a few of us to attend Chess Camp, where William Lombardy lectured. He would take us to Fred Lindsay's Chess Supplies for books. Through his guidance and encouragement, we evolved as students, chess players, and individuals. He would take us out to eat whether we won or lost. I still remember the days of Pizza Hut, Taco Bell, and Mexican Fiesta. Coming from Dearborn, a blue collar working class community, those days are special to us.

The Maples Junior High Chess Team, class of 1979, moved on to Fordson High School, which did not have a chess team at that time. Mr. Simmons, again on his own time, organized the high school team. He held practice at Fordson High and Maples Jr. High on alternating days and even started chess at Maples Elementary School around the same time. In 1981, during my junior year, we competed at the High School State Championship for the first time, and finished second in the State!

After high school, chess took a back seat to college, medical school, residency, fellowship, career and family. I kept in touch with Mr. Simmons as he wrapped up his teaching days and retired. I saw him not only as a Chess Coach, but also as a father figure and friend. We would go to the annual Father's Day weekend Lobsterfest at Ashley's in Ann Arbor and reminisce about the past. As the years passed and Mr. Simmons' health began to fail, he would talk about the special days at Maples and Fordson as if they were yesterday…stating details that I have long forgotten, but he remembered vividly.

Mr. Simmons passed away on January 10, 2015 at the age of 75. He is survived by his son, Michael, his sister, Norma, and by hundreds of chess players and thousands of students in Dearborn. He will be missed.

Goodbye my Coach, Friend, Mentor, and Inspiration. You treated us like we were your own children, and for that, we will be forever grateful.

The Following Article was Published in the Nov/Dec 2006 issue of Michigan Chess

A new name has been added to the Michigan Chess Hall of Fame. Paul Simmons was inducted during the General Membership Meeting at the 2006 Michigan Open. Coffee and cupcakes were offered during the meeting in celebration.

Paul was the first Michigan Chess Association Scholastic Director from 1980 to 1988 and established the foundation for much of today's scholastic success. He organized the first Michigan Elementary Team Championship on February 5, 1983. The tournament was held at Plymouth-Salem High School with one section and 18 teams competing. Prior to this, the top elementary team from the Junior High Team Championship was declared the Elementary Team Champion. The Elementary team

Championship is now the largest chess event held annually in the state with four sections and more than 130 teams competing.

Paul was a chess coach in the Dearborn school system leading teams to Michigan State Championships at every level.

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; 27170 Dequindre (just north of 11 mile in Parkview Square strip Mall, around back); Ed Mandell (586) 558-4790 e-mail: allthekingsmench@aol.com; Website: www.allthekingsmenchess.com; *All Ages/strengths welcome! Sets provided; clocks for rent. Snacks & beverages are available for purchase*

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MARCH TOURNAMENTS:

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Mar 14-15 ★★ 2015 MICHIGAN JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS
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Mar 17 Genesee County C.C. Action Quads
Eastside Senior Citizens Center Activity Room. 3065 N. Genesee Rd, Flint. **3-RR,** Sect of 4 by Rtg, **TL:** G/25;d5. **RDs:** 6:30-7:30-8:30pm. **EF:** $5 **REG:** 6-6:25pm **$$:** $15/Quad. **Ent&Info:** Jeff Aldrich, (810) 955-7271, jeffchess@charter.net

Mar 21 Traverse City Challenge #4
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 11/21, $25 site. **Reg:** Online (preferred): http://www.cherrychess.com/tourney/tc_2015_03.html, Onsite: 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: $100-$45, U1900 $55; Reserve: $100-$45, U1300/Unr $55: **Ent/Info:** e-mail webmaster@cherrychess.com or website http://www.cherrychess.com/tourney/tc_2015_03.html.

Mar 28 Thinkers Challenge #5 ***** CANCELLED *****

APRIL TOURNAMENTS:

Apr 3 FRIDAY KNIGHT ACTION QUADS! #92
U of M 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 (go to michess.org listing for PayPal link to pay), $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

Apr 6 – Apr 27 UNIVERSAL MONTH-LONG SWISS
All The King's Men Chess Supplies and Brain Games in the Parkview Square Strip Mall, 27170 Dequindre Rd,Warren, MI 48092. 4-SS. One Rd each Mon night. TL: G/90;d5. Rds: 6:15pm each week. EF: $25. Reg: 4:30-5:30pm. $$: 70% of Entries. Ent/Info: Dr. Ed Mandell, (586) 558-4790. Email: allthekingsmench@aol.com, http://www.allthekingsmenchess.com

Apr 21 *Genesee County CC* QUICK SWISS
Eastside Senior Center, 3065 N Genesee Rd. Flint, MI 48506. **5-SS**, One Section with Class Prizes. **Reg:** 6:00-6:25pm **Rds:** 6:30-7-7:30-8-8:30pm. **EF:** $5 **TL:** G/15. **$$:** 75%. **Ent/Info:** Jeff Aldrich 810-955-7271 jeffchess@charter.net

PLAN AHEAD CALENDAR:

May 1 FRIDAY KNIGHT ACTION QUADS! #93 *See Apr 3*

May 19 *Genesee County CC* Blitz Championship
Eastside Senior Center, 3065 N. Genesee Rd. Flint, MI 48506. 2RR w/ 10 or less, RR w/ 11-18, 6 Rd 2SS w/ 19 or more. **Reg:** 6:00-6:25pm **Rds:** 6:30-7-7:30-8-8:30-9pm. **EF:** $8 **TL:** G/5 (no delay). **$$:** Awards to 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 1st U1800, U1600, U1400, U1200, U1000. **Ent/Info:** Jeff Aldrich 810-955-7271. jeffchess@charter.net

May 23-24 ★★ 2015 MICHIGAN AMATEUR CHAMPIONSHIP
University Quality Inn, 3121 East Grand River Ave, Lansing, MI 48912. HR: $90+tax, 517-351-1440 by 5/8. Open to U2000. **5-SS**, 2-day 5/24-25, One ½-point bye allowed in rds 1-4. **5-SS**, Open to players U800 (1-day 5/24). **Reg:** 8:30-9:30am. **Rds:** *U2000:* Sat 10-2:30-7, Sun 10-2:30; *U800:* Sat 10-11:15-1-2:15-3:30. **TL:** *U2000:* G/110;d5, *U800:* G/25;d5. **EF:** *U2000:* $30 (U18 $25) by 5/15, *U800:* $20 by 5/15, $10 more after 5/15 or on-site; Register at www.onlineregistration.cc. **$$:** *U2000:* Trophies to 1st, 2nd, 3rd; 1st, 2nd: U1800, U1600, U1400, U1200; U1000. 1st Unrated; 1st Under 18; 1st Over 64; *U800:* Trophies to U800 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th; 1st, 2nd: U600, U400, UNR. **Ent/Info:** Jennifer Skidmore, PO BOX 8064, Ann Arbor, MI 48107, 734-678-0463, jmscamelot@gmail.com.

Jun 5 FRIDAY KNIGHT ACTION QUADS! #93 *See Apr 3*

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Date	3/15 - 3/16	Sunday March 15th		Saturday March 14th				Saturday	Sunday	Saturday
Register	ALL SECTIONS. NO ON-SITE REGISTRATION – register and pay online http://www.onlineregistration.cc									
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TL	G/120 or G/115 with 5 sec delay	TIME CONTROL FOR ALL ROUNDS IS G/60 or G/55 5 second time delay. EACH PLAYER HAS AN HOUR FOR THE GAME.								Rd 1. G/60 Rd 2-4 G/90
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