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2008 Michigan Open Reserve	Jack Wood
2008 Michigan Open Booster	Jeff Futrell
2008 Master/Expert	Aaron Kahn
2008 Expert	Leyun Wang
2008 Class A	Andrew Schilleman
2008 Class B	Shawn Bale
2008 Class C	Randal Nicolli
2008 Class D	Terry Combs
2008 Class E	Zachary Johnson
2008 Novice	Jack Spitzer
2008 Bottom-Half Class Top Section	Dmitriy Obukhov
2008 Bottom-Half Class U1900	Shawn Bale
2008 Bottom-Half Class U1700	Peter Chen
2008 Bottom-Half Class U1500	Forrest Reddick
2008 Bottom-Half Class U1300	Melissa Lee
2008 Bottom-Half Class U1100/Unr	Anirudha Hagadali
2008 Amateur	Jennifer Skidmore
2007 Action	Ben Finegold
2007 Quick	Ben Finegold
2007 Speed	Ben Finegold
2008 Women's	Jennifer Skidmore
2008 Senior	Greg Bailey
2008 Senior Reserve	Ruben Ramon
2008 Junior Champion	Atulya Shetty
2008 Young Junior Champion	Michael Chen
2008 Young Junior Reserve	Chandler Creech
2008 Children's Champion	Kyle Webster
2008 Children's Reserve	Jordan Candie Ivan Keener
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2008 Club K-12 Individual	James Canty III
2008 Young Children's Reserve	Andrew Jenkins
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2008 High School Team Reserve	Flint Kearsley C
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2008 Junior High K-9 Reserve Team	Redford Cornerstone B
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2008 Elementary K-5 Team	Ann Arbor King Kasparov
2008 Elementary K-5 Reserve Team	Utica Roberts D Grand Blanc Mason Powerchess Silver
2008 Primary K-3 Team	Ann Arbor Thurston Rooks

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Sugar Island Chess Klub

SICK Chess for Sick Minds

By Glen Schmiede

Chess players are a unique breed of people. The general public does not understand what this statement means. Most assume that it refers to a certain quirkiness or eccentricity. But those of us who are chess players know that it refers to our passion for the game.

This passion for the game includes a love of the game as players and, for many of us, a desire for chess to reach out and enrich the lives of others. Some of us are so fanatical about chess that we really believe society as a whole will benefit from exposure to the game. We believe that almost anyone who plays a few games will be hooked—and happy. And while we know that this assessment is not realistic, we hope that it is true.

Passion for the game is what drives the formation and expansion of chess clubs. A chess club is formed when a passionate chess player decides that it would be good (and convenient) to have a chess club in his or her local community.

I am one of those passionate players. My local community is Sugar Island, Michigan.

Sugar Island is located at the east end of the Upper Peninsula in the St. Mary's River, which connects Lake Superior to Lake Huron (much like the St. Clair and Detroit Rivers connect Lake Huron to Lake St. Clair and Lake Erie). A small car ferry runs from Sault Ste. Marie to Sugar Island. Sugar Island is relatively small—about 20 miles from north to south and varying from two to six miles wide. In contrast to Detroit, St. Clair, Port Huron, and the communities in between, Sugar Island is home to only about 700 year-round residents and 400 additional summertime residents. Of course, a population of this size calls out for a chess club to be formed!

The Sugar Island Chess Klub (SICK) was founded in 2006 with a couple chess sets and a bar owner's permission. It continues to survive—but with six sets and overhead lighting for the boards today.

"SICK Chess" is what we play. SICK Chess is fun chess. SICK Chess is chess at the Hilltop Bar. SICK Chess is chess with jukebox music, cigarette smoke, and a drink. SICK Chess is a game with a friend, an acquaintance, or a stranger who sees the boards and wants to play for the first time in 10 or 20 years. SICK Chess is a "Silent Partner" game in which two teams of partners compete, with the partners on each team alternating moves but not conferring (sometimes duct tape is required). SICK Chess probably is not the type of chess envisioned by state or national organizations when they encourage and promote local chess clubs; however, it may be the type of chess that allows small rural chess clubs



A partners game at the Sugar Island Chess Klub

to take hold and survive.

One of our most entertaining activities, in my opinion, is Silent Partners. If you have not played Silent Partners, you have no idea how difficult it is to keep quiet when your partner is about to make an important move. This is especially the case when he or she is reaching to make a move of the type that our bartender Ange would call "outrageous"—more commonly known in the chess world as a blunder. Bar owner and host Steve Miller, who usually plays on the opposite side of the board from me, has often threatened me with the use of duct tape. It's hard to understand how he could confuse one of my general comments about the weather ("it's a nice night") with something that could affect the game. It's also mysterious how Mr. Miller's cough often seems to be aggravated by his partner's hand movements. I suspect that we will continue to debate exactly what is meant by the word "silent" as long as we continue to play chess on Sugar Island. And it looks like play at our club will continue for some time.

Over 50 Islanders have played chess with our club over the past two years. We have been visited by current Upper Peninsula Champion Rob Roos and several notable players from downstate, including Tony Nichols, Ray Garrison, and Dave Sundeen. We have nights when only two players show up and nights when eight or ten will play. We have players who show up often and players who show up only once a year. We are happy to have them all.

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Interview: Vas Rajlich

When he lived in Michigan, Vas Rajlich spent his days as a computer programmer and many of his nights playing chess. Since leaving the state (and the country), Vas has combined the two activities, writing and developing the chess computer program Rybka, which recently won the World Computer Chess Championship with a score of 8/9, ceding only two draws. Vas now lives in Budapest and works on Rybka full-time.

Michigan Chess: Since leaving Michigan, you have become an IM, written the strongest computer chess program in the world, and met and married your wife, a WIM and Rybka team member. How much of that had you planned and how much took you by surprise?

Vas Rajlich: There wasn't any sort of master plan and there were a lot of detours but I always planned to write a chess program and I guess looking back everything seems kind of normal and predictable. I got quite into chess back when I was still in Michigan in the mid-to-late '90s and for some time had bigger plans as a player, but in retrospect this was never really in the cards. My main interests are AI, software and chess and it's nice to be able to combine them all like this. Getting married was of course the best surprise of all.

As a professional chess programmer, what does your typical work day look like?

I have more or less a normal software developer's schedule. Most of my time is spent writing, debugging and restructuring code and collecting and analyzing data. The one unusual twist is that a lot of my time is taken up by pure thinking. I'll often spend two or three days just thinking through one aspect of the problem before doing any actual work. Mostly, this means sitting at my desk with a pen and paper and the computer turned off. I also like to do my thinking during long walks, this is a sort of quirk of mine.

What different traits are required to be an effective programmer as opposed to an over the board player?

The required trait in both cases is talent. In both fields, you just have to "get it". It's hard to give a better answer here, I'm not sure how exactly programming talent differs from chess talent. It's reasonable to expect that they might be similar, but practice shows that they are vastly different.

The Deep Blue team's goal was to defeat Gary Kasparov. Do you have any definite goals for Rybka?

I want Rybka to be the best analysis tool for chess players. This means staying on top of the rating lists and developing new features for interactive analysis.

The newest version of Rybka has an estimated playing strength of 3100-3200. Is there a ceiling for how strong computers can get? Is there such a thing as perfect chess, and is that a reasonable goal?

It's not realistic (at least in the next twenty years or so) to develop an engine which plays absolutely perfect chess - that is, which wins every won position and draws or wins every drawn position. It should be possible though to develop an engine which never loses with white, and maybe even one which never loses with black. I'd guess that God's Elo is somewhere between 4000 and 5000 and that an engine which never loses with white is 10 to 15 years away.

Without giving away any trade secrets, can you tell us what sets Rybka apart from its competitors?

I'm pretty sure that there isn't any one big thing or even one category of things. It's just hundreds of little things which span all aspects of the game.

Michigan Amateur Championship

By Jennifer Skidmore

The 2008 Michigan Amateur championships were held at McCalmey plaza in Battle Creek. The slightly smaller than normal turnout was probably due to the conflicting Midwest Class Championships in Chicago, but there was an excellent turnout from the Battle Creek players. The field included no unrated players, many rapidly improving junior players, many senior players who were persistently on the top boards, and five former champions, three of whom had multiple prior titles. Only one Hall of Fame member entered the field. Brad Rogers handled the directing duties perfectly as all of the rounds started in a timely manner.

Of the top dozen finishers, only two were challenged by their first-round opponents. Daniel Libby, who eventually settled in eighth place after losing to the surprisingly skillful Robert Lombardo. Robert ultimately finished with 2.5 points and won the First U1400 trophy. Robert's first trophy spurred him on a tear of tournament games as he has subsequently competed in three events, nearly one each weekend. Stan Jarosz, who ultimately finished in fourth place, drew in round one with Kwame Hooker. Kwame recently returned to Michigan from San Diego and gained nearly 100 rating points for his superior effort. On board one, in an "all Garden Market Café" pairing, Jenny Skidmore faced Dave Stockman in a largely equal game that she eventually won.

Significant games in round two included a draw on board six between Michael Dang and Les Leroy Smith. Michael ultimately won the U1600 prize with his 3.5 score. Also in this round, Neal Anderson, eventual winner of the 2nd U1800 award, handed Oleg Tsodikov his only loss of the tournament. Oleg greatly enjoyed the time-control at the event and won the

top U1800 prize.

In round three, there were many clashes on the top boards. This was the first time during the tournament that less than 200 points would separate the players on boards one and two. On boards three and four, Greg Bailey and Mike Skidmore, terminated the initial perfect scores of Richard Wilson and John Brady. Gary Kitts won convincingly on board two while Mike Semerciyan held top-seeded Jennifer Skidmore to a draw. At the end of the night, the players and their pieces retired for some much needed rest.

And then, prior to round four, there were three...perfect scores that is. All of the perfect scores were former champions. Gary Kitts and Greg Bailey faced off on board one while the other perfect score, Mike Skidmore played Mike Semerciyan on board two, avoiding the Skidmore-Skidmore pairing. Kwame Hooker faced Jennifer Skidmore on board three in a 2.5 match-up while the remaining player with 2.5 points, Bethel McGrew, was paired with Stan Jarosz on board four. Three of the top four boards were decisive with points recorded for Gary Kitts, Jennifer Skidmore, and Stan Jarosz. The quartet for boards one and two in round five was completed by Mike Skidmore who drew with Mike Semerciyan.

Gary Kitts, the only undefeated player, faced top-seeded Jennifer Skidmore on board one while Mike Skidmore, the only other player with 3.5, was paired with the top player with three points, Stan Jarosz. Amongst these four, Gary Kitts held two prior Michigan Amateur titles, the Skidmores had four (one to Jenny and three to Mike) while Stan Jarosz had collected his title in 2004. Many scenarios could be created for crowning the new champion, but one of the most interesting had to be the

potential father-daughter photo-finish (not co-champions because neither had a perfect score) if both Mike and Jenny were to win their final round games. For a while, it appeared as though this might be the case. Then Jenny's position began to worsen and then things soured for Mike on board two as well. Further complications led to an improved position for Jennifer and while Mike learned firsthand that Stan Jarosz is not an opponent that one would wish to have in the final round, Gary realized that interrupting a Skidmore on a quest for the Amateur title is something best avoided although he did choose to exact revenge at the November Great Wraps event. Thus, Jennifer Skidmore earned her second Amateur title, only 15 years after her first. Gary Kitts collected a second-place trophy to add to his numerous collection, and Mike Semerciyan finished undefeated and in third place.

The Battle Creek/Kalamazoo metropolis produced three junior talents in Benjamin Ploehn, Subhodh Kotekal, and Anirudh Ghantasala, who won the first and second U1200 and second U1400 awards, respectively. Another student of Tony Palmer, Michael Chen, won the Top Junior award for the event, while Robert Moore had a strong showing and won the Top Senior award. Jeff Futrell, fresh from his awesome performance at the Michigan Open, finished second U1600. The final trophy was awarded to Kearsley student, Alex Patterson who won the Top U1000 prize.

We are seeking sites for the 2009 event – it would be splendid to see a larger field at this event.

1. e4 e6 2. d4 d5 3. exd5 exd5 4. Bd3
Nc6 5. c3 Bd6 6. f4

Unorthodox, I know, but this helps
achieve an early kingside attack

6. ... Nge7 7. Nf3 Bf5 8. O-O O-O 9.
Ne5 f6 10. Nxc6

Normally the knight would retreat to
f3 but with the threat of Bxf5, leaving
black with doubled c-pawns seemed to
be a good idea.

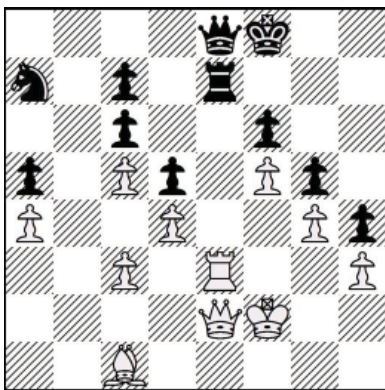
10. ... bxc6 11. Bxf5 Nxf5 12. Qh5 g6
13. Qh3 Qd7 14. g4 Ng7 15. f5 g5 16.
Be3 Rae8 17. Nd2 Qf7 18. Qf3 h5 19.
h3 h4 20. Rfe1

With the pawns locked on the kingside,
the rook is rather useless on the f-file
so this piece moved first, leaving the
a-rook to double.

20. ... Rb8 21. b4 Be7 22. Nb3 Ne8
23. Re2 Nd6 24. Nc5 Rfe8 25. Rae1
Nb5 26. Bc1 Bxc5 27. bxc5 Rxe2 28.
Rxe2 Re8 29. Bb2 a5 30. a4

This move blockades the a-pawn AND
banishes the black knight to the corner.

30. ... Na7 31. Re3 Rb8 32. Qe2 Kf8
33. Kg2 Re8 34. Bc1 Re7 35. Kf2
Qe8



At this point, black offered a draw; a

reasonable request if white has no plan,
but there are two important points to
consider: 1. I'm more likely to lose a
drawn game trying to win it than to
draw a drawn game and 2. White has
a plan.

36. Bd2 Rxe3 37. Qxe3 Qxe3+ 38.
Kxe3 Ke7 39. Kd3 Kd7 40. c4 Kc8 41.
Bxa5 Kb7 42. Bd2

It is harder to stop passed pawns on
both sides of the board.

42. ... Kc8 43. Kc3 Kd7 44. Kb4 Nc8
45. cxd5 cxd5 46. Kb5 c6+ 47. Ka6
Kc7 48. Ba5+ Kb8 49. Bd8

This move seals the Black king off from
the kingside pawns while still limiting
the activity of the black knight.

49. ... Na7

A rather bizarre side-line would be the
following: 49... Ka8 50. Bc7 Nd6 51.
Bxd6?? stalemate.

50. Bxf6 Black resigns

Jennifer Skidmore
Gary Kitts
Michigan Amateur Championship
2008.10.13

1. e4 d6 2. d4 f5

Interestingly, Brad Rogers and I had
been talking about this opening just
the day before. I am not so familiar
with it so I handled it as I handle
most openings: ignore them and try to
activate my pieces.

3. Bd3 fxe4 4. Bxe4 Nf6 5. Bd3 Nc6
6. c3 e5

With this move, black has virtually
achieved equality.

7. Bg5 exd4 8. Ne2

Rather than be left with an isolated
d-pawn, I chose to develop my
knights.

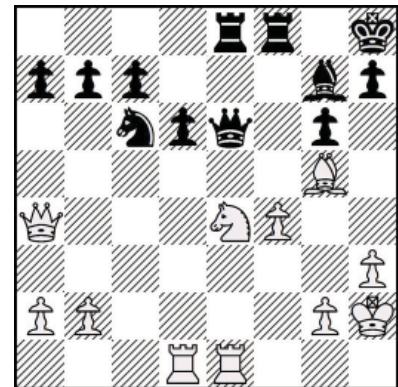
8. ... dxc3 9. Nbxc3 Be7 10. O-O O-O
11. Qb3+ Kh8 12. Rad1 Nd7 13. Be3
Nde5 14. Bb1

14. Be4 may have given white more
options in the center.

14. ... Bf6 15. Ng3 g6 16. Nce4 Bg7
17. Bg5 Qe8 18. f4 Ng4 19. h3 Nh6 20.
Rfe1 Qf7 21. Qa4 Nf5 22. Nxf5 Bxf5
23. Bc2 Rae8 24. Kh2 Bd7

24...d5 25. Ng3 Bxc2 26. Qxc2 h6 would
have been much more complicated for
white.

25. Bb3 Be6 26. Bxe6 Qxe6



27. Nf6

27. Nxd6 Qxe1 28. Rxe1 Rxe1 29.
Nxb7 is considered equal by Rybka 3.0,
much better for white than what might
have happened in the game.

27. ... Qxe1 28. Rxe1 Rxe1 29. Ng4
Re2

Rybka scores 29. ... h5 much better for
black.

30. Qc4 Rd2 31. Nh6

Threatening Qg8 and Nf7#.

31. ... d5

This meets the threat and advances the
d-pawn, but with black's disconnected
rooks a better plan was 31... Ne5 32.
Qf1 (not 32. fxe5 Bxe5+ 33. Bf4 33...
Bxf4+ 34. Kg1 Rd1+ 35. Kf2 Bxh6+).

32. Qb3 Nd4

This is really the losing move --
suddenly white's queen has very real
threats. Again, 32... Ne5 is a good way
to activate black's pieces.

33. Qxd5 Bxh6 34. Bxh6 Nf5 35. Qe5+ Kg8 36. Bxf8 Kxf8 37. Qxc7 Rxb2 38. Qc5+ Kg8 39. Qxa7 Nh4 40. Qb8+ Kf7 41. Qc7+ Kg8 42. Qd8+ Kf7 43. Qxh4 black resigns

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Jeff Futrell

Michael Chen

Michigan Amateur Championship
2008.10.11

Notes by Michael Chen

1. e4 e5 2. Nf3 Nc6 3. d4 exd4 4. Bc4

This is the Scotch Gambit.

4. ... Bb4+

This is one defensive strategy against White's move order, trying to win a pawn. 4... Nf6 5. O-O Bc5 would transpose to the Max Lange.

5. c3 dxc3 6. bxc3 Ba5

This line can be quite dangerous for Black so I have to be careful here. I think this move is fine. For example, it was played in Jaksland vs. Ronen,

1997.

7. O-O d6

Opens up a diagonal for the light-squared bishop and prevents white from advancing e4-e5 when I develop my knight to f6.

8. Qb3 Qe7

This guards f7 to avoid losing material.

9. Ng5 Nh6 10. Re1 O-O

Gets the king to safety and f7 is now well protected.

11. Qc2 Ne5 12. Bb3 Bb6

Pins the f2-pawn to the king so that white can't push f4 and dislodge my knight.

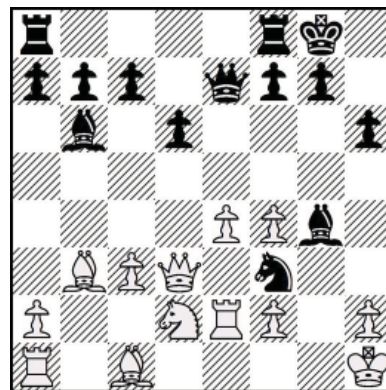
13. Kh1 Nhg4 14. Re2 h6

Trying to double white's kingside pawns.

15. Nf3 Nxf3 16. gxf3 Ne5 17. f4 Nf3 18. Nd2

White wants to trade off the Nf3 because it is a big threat to white's king.

18. ... Bg4 19. Qd3



19. ... Qh4! 20. Nxf3 Qh3

The double threats of 21 ... Qf1# and 21 ... Bxf3+ win material.

21. Ne5?

White misses the mate threat

21. ... Qf1# 0-1

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6	Tsodikov, Oleg (21) 1st U1800	1581	4.0	10.5	11.0	11.0	38.5
8	Anderson, Neal (9) 2nd U1800	1777	3.5	13.5	15.5	11.5	51.0
9	Chen, Michael L (15) 1st Junior	1636	3.5	13.5	15.5	10.0	42.5
10	Dang, Michael (20) 1st U1600	1588	3.5	12.0	12.0	11.0	38.5
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15	Futrell, Jeff (30) 2nd U1600	1403	3.0	10.0	10.0	7.0	30.0
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33	Ploehn, Benjamin (40) 1st U1200	820	2.0	8.0	11.0	4.0	29.0
35	Kotekal, Subhodh (39) 2nd U1200	920	2.0	6.5	9.5	4.0	24.5
38	Patterson, Alex (42) 1st U1000	670	1.5	8.0	10.5	5.0	29.0

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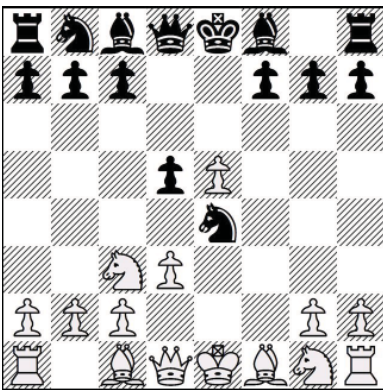
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The Vienna Gambit Part 2: The Oxford Variation 5.d3

By Subhodh Kotekal and Tony Palmer

To review from last time, the main line of the Vienna Gambit starts with 1. e4 e5 2. Nc3 Nf6, and now White plays 3. f4 offering to trade white's f-pawn for black's e-pawn, which would reduce black's control of the center. White can also utilize the half-open f-file to attack f7. Thus the Vienna Gambit is conceptually similar to the King's Gambit. After 3. f4, Black most commonly responds 3 ... d5 gaining space in the center; not 3 ... exf4?! 4. e5 Ng8 5. d4 and White will soon regain the pawn on f4 with a big advantage. Then 4. fxe5 Nxe4 and the most frequent move is 5. Nf3 (which we covered before), so let's examine the Oxford Variation 5. d3 which dislodges the Ne4 from its central outpost.



After 5. d3, the ChessGames.com database contains 356 games, with these statistics for Black's possible responses: 5 ... Nxc3 76%, 5 ... Bb4 15%, 5 ... Qh4+ 10%, and 5 ... Nc5 2%.

1) 5 ... Nxc3. The most common reply, trading knights while doubling white's pawns. After 6. bxc3 Black often advances 6 ... d4, then 7. Nf3 (7. cxd4? Qxd4 forks the Ra1 and the Pe5) Nc6 8. cxd4 Bb4+ (a key finesse) 9. Bd2 Bxd2+ 10. Qxd2 Nxd4 with chances for both sides.

2) 5 ... Bb4. An old line which has fallen out of favor after extensive analy-

sis. 6. dxe4 Qh4+ 7. Ke2 (7. g3? Qxe4+ and 8 ... Qxh1) Bxc3 (7 ... dxe4? 8. g3 Qh5+ 9. Kf2 is good for White; 7 ... Nc6 8. g3 Qg4+ is okay for Black) 8. bxc3 Bg4+ 9. Nf3 dxe4 trying to regain the piece, but White has the counter-pin 10. Qd4! preventing 10 ... exf3+? due to 11. gxf3 winning the Bg4. So Black plays 10 ... Bh5 instead, whereupon White breaks the pin (11. Kd2/Ke3) with a material advantage.

3) 5 ... Qh4+!?. The Modern Line, trying to win material but typically backfiring after 6. g3 Nxc3 7. Nf3 deflecting the queen off the e1-h4 diagonal; 7 ... Qh5 8. Nxd5 (8. Rg1 Nxf1 9. Rg5 Qh3 10. Nxd5 Nxc2 favors Black [Levenfish]) Bg4 (8 ... Nxc3 9. Nxc7+ Kd8 10. Nxa8 favors White [Barden/Penrose]) 9. Bg2 Nxc3 10. Nxc7+ & 11. Nxa8 and Black's Nh1 will be corralled faster than White's Na8. This variation with 8. Nxd5 is called the Wurzburger Trap.

4) 5 ... Nc5. A rare retreat which loses time and breaks the rule about moving the same piece again in the opening. White should play 6. d4 Ne6 7. Nf3 with solid control of the center, sound development and a spatial advantage.

Here are some interesting games demonstrating these Vienna Gambit lines:

1) Bartsch-Weicht (Correspondence DDR/BRD, 1988) 1. e4 e5 2. Nc3 Nf6 3. f4 d5 4. fxe5 Nxe4 5. d3 Qh4+!? 6. g3 Nxc3 (6 ... Nxc3 7. bxc3 Qe7 bails out safely) 7. Nf3 Qh5 8. Nxd5 (Wurzburger Trap) Nxc3 9. Nxc7+ Kd8 10. Nxa8 Bc5 11. d4 (Gaining space while hitting the Bc5) Be7 12. Bg2 Bh4+ 13. Kf1 Ng3+ (Desperado since the Knight was trapped) 14. hxc3 Bxc3 15. Qd2 (Developing with the twin threats 16. Qg5+ & 16. Qa5+) h6 16. Qa5+ b6 17.

Qxa7 (Defending the Na8, so Black is lost) Ba6+ 18. Kg1 Bh2+ 19. Nxc2 Qd1+ 20. Nf1 Qxd4+ 21. Be3 Qxe5 22. Bxb6+ Kc8 23. Bh3+ f5 24. Bxf5+! (Deflection) Qxf5 25. Qc7# 1-0.

2) Steinitz- Blackburne (London, 1876): 1. e4 e5 2. Nc3 Nf6 3. f4 d5 4. d3 Bb4 5. fxe5 Nxe4 (Transposing to the 5 ... Bb4 line) 6. dxe4 Qh4+ 7. Ke2 Bxc3 8. bxc3 Bg4+ 9. Nf3 dxe4 10. Qd4! Bh5 11. Ke3 Bxf3 12. Bb5+ (12. gxf3 Qe1+ 13. Kf4 Qh4+ and Black has perpetual check) c6 13. gxf3 cxb5 14. Qxe4 Qh6+ 15. Kf2 Qc6 16. Qd4 Na6 17. Ba3 b4!? 18. Bxb4 Nxb4 19. Qxb4 and White won the endgame (1-0, 53).

3) Shaposhnikov-Korchnoi (Sochi, 1958): 1. e4 e5 2. Nc3 Nf6 3. f4 d5 4. fxe5 Nxe4 5. d3 Nxc3 6. bxc3 Nc6 7. Nf3 d4 8. Bb2 (8. cxd4 Bb4+ inducing 9. Bd2, then 9 ... Bxd2+ 10. Qxd2 Nxd4) Bg4 (Fighting for the d4 square) 9. Be2 dxc3 10. Bxc3 Bc5 11. Qd2 (11. Qc1 might improve, but white plans to castle queenside.) 0-0 12. 0-0-0!? (Risky) Qd5 13. Qf4 Be6 14. a4 Rfd8 15. Kd2 a5 16. Ba1 Nb4 17. Ng5 Nxc2! 18. Nxe6?! (18. Kxc2 Qa2+ 19. Kc3 Bb4+ wins) Qa2 0-1 (The primary threat is 19 ... Nd4+ 20. Ke1/Ke3 Qxe2#, or 20. Kc1/Kc3 Qc2#).

The Oxford Variation with 5. d3 is less common than 5. Nf3, but Black must know how to respond correctly or else lose quickly. The Vienna Gambit is a very tactical opening with many traps and combinations, so both sides should be prepared. Join us next time when we cover the English Opening!

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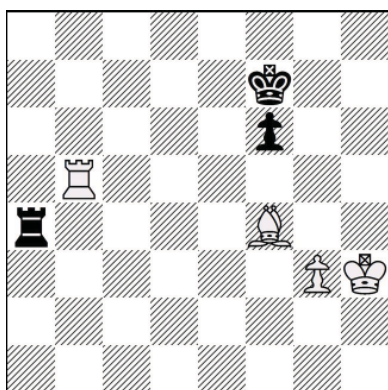
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Static Endgames, Part 2

by Fred Lindsay

In the second part of this series I will present analysis of the two static positions I gave as ‘homework’ in part one. Since these articles had to be written very close together there was no time to incorporate any feedback except from our new editor. As a former student, Nate is used to working on my homework problems. You are also invited to send your analysis to me at fplindsay@aol.com.

Eric Torman – Fred Lindsay
Ann Arbor 1991



White to play and win

White is a whole bishop ahead. Black has zero counter-play and no chance to trade off the remaining pawns. White can start by ganging up on the f-pawn.

1.Rb6 Ra5 2.Bc1 Rf5 3.Bb2 Kg5

Now comes the decisive breakthrough. White obviously needs to calculate the following moves very carefully.

4.Bxf6+! Rxf6 5.Rxf6 Kxf6 6.Kh4!

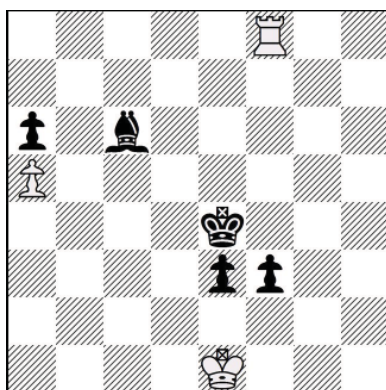
White wins

We have reached one of the most basic theoretical positions. One that is extremely important to know well.

Note that if white’s pawn were on g4 that this would be drawn.

You might wonder why I did not just resign earlier, especially considering that Eric was rated well over 2400. I never resign simply because my position is lost. I also want to be sure that the winning plan is trivial. Eric eventually won using this maneuver, but not before spending 25 moves on other ideas. The static nature of the position allowed him this luxury and he showed good technique by never advancing his pawn.

Jeremy Barth – IM Mark Ginsburg
New York 1981



Black to play and win

Let us look at the most obvious try first. This ending would be trivial if ... f2+ won, but it leads to the well-known draw of bishop and wrong rook pawn. This is very hard to work out at the board and is the type of endgame theory that is important to know. Indeed, it is all the theoretical knowledge needed to play this endgame correctly.

1...f2+? 2.Rxf2 exf2+ 3.Kxf2 Kd3 4.Ke1 Bf3! 5.Kf2 Bh5 6.Ke1 Kc2 7.Kf2 Kb3 8.Ke1 Kb4 9.Kd2 Kxa5 10.Kc1 Kb4 11.Kb2 a5 12. Ka1

There is no way to win because at-

tempts to drive white’s king from the corner will result in stalemate. If black’s bishop could control the queen-ing square there would be no defense.

It is not yet necessary to calculate any other long variations. The threat of ...f2+ keeps the rook mostly confined to the f-file. Ginsburg logically sent his king to attack the a-pawn.

1...Kd4 2.Kf1 Kc5 3.Ke1 Kb4 4.Rf5 Ka4 5.Kd1

5.Rf6 and 5.Kf1 leave the position essentially unchanged. 5.Kd1 led black to believe he had picked up an extra tempo and provoked him into making a big mistake.

5...f2?

This move requires exact calculation. Black needed to make absolutely sure it worked before committing himself. Note that it was not too late to march the king right back to e4 and start over, a typical characteristic of static positions.

6.Ke2

Oops, obviously black had only counted on 6...Rxf2. This same resource would have saved white after 4...f2+.

6...Bb5+ 79.Kxe3 f1=Q 80.Rxf1 Bxf1 81.Kd2 1/2-1/2

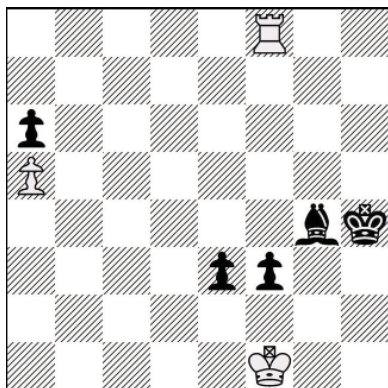
An International Master could only draw this endgame, but the win was not too difficult to find.

1... Bd7!

Beginning a simple plan. Black will use the bishop to obstruct the rook and shield his king.

2.Kf1 Bf5 3.Re8+ Kf4 4.Rf8 Kg5!
5.Rg8+ Kh4 6.Rf8 Bg4

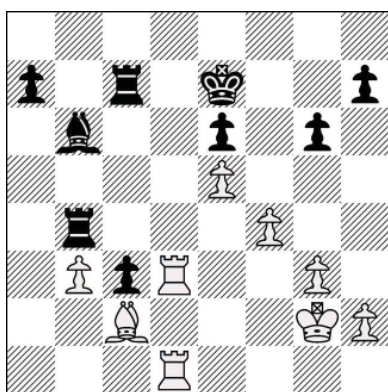
Black's king cannot be prevented from reaching g3 with an easy win. Note that very little calculation was required.



Black wins

Dynamic endgames are much different. Planning might still be important, but tactics and analysis of forcing lines play a much bigger role. Here is an example for homework.

Tony Renna – Murray Turnbull
Boston 1981



White to play

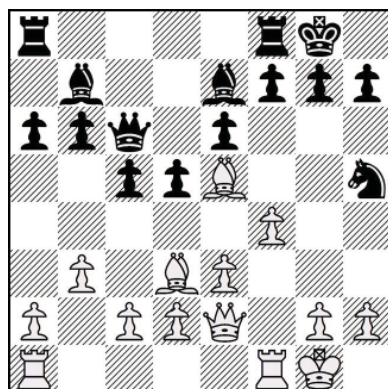
- 1) Briefly describe the ending. What is most important?
- 2) Suggest at least one logical plan for each player.
- 3) What do you think the result should be?
- 4) Analyze the most important variations.

The Double Bishop Sacrifice

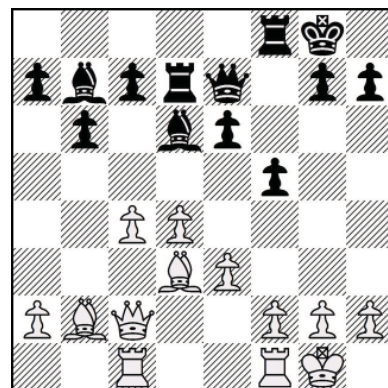
By Tony Palmer

The Double Bishop Sacrifice (DBS) is a standard tactical sequence which uses both bishops to clear out the pawns protecting the opposing king, and then mating with major pieces (queen and rook) on the wide open g and h files. There are several specific features which allow this tactic to succeed:

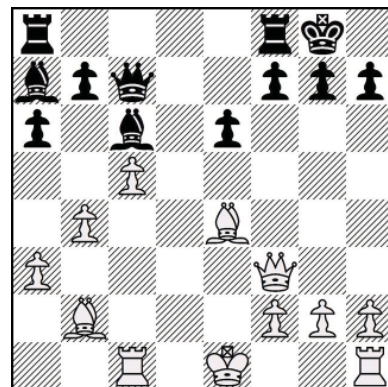
- 1) Undefended kingside
- 2) Both bishops pointing at h7/g7 for White or h2/g2 for Black (termed Horwitz Bishops)
- 3) Queen check on h5/h4
- 4) Rook lift to attack the king
- 5) No way to defend or block the checks by the queen and rook



Lasker-Bauer (Amsterdam, 1889). The textbook example of the DBS which was just set up by the preceding moves 14. Nh5! Nxh5 [Diagram]. Next White played 15. Bxh7+! Kxh7 (15 ... Kh8 16. Qxh5 threatens 17. Bg6+ mating) 16. Qxh5+ Kg8, and now the second bishop crashed through with 17. Bxg7! (threatening 18. Qh8#) Kxg7 18. Qg4+ Kh7 (18 ... Kf6 19. Qg5#) 19. Rf3 intending 20. Rh3#. Black prevented mate with 19 ... e5 20. Rh3+ Qh6 21. Rxh6+ Kxh6 but 22. Qd7! forked Black's bishops and White won shortly.

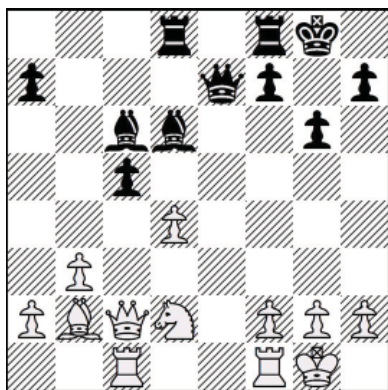


Burn-Owen (Liverpool, 1884). This game is considered to be the first example of the DBS in master play, but Black misplayed the attack and lost. White just recaptured 16. bxc4?! (16. Bxc4 would prevent any DBS) [Diagram], then 16 ... Bxh2+! 17. Kxh2 Qh4+ 18. Kg1 Bxg2!? 19. f3 (19. Kxg2 Qg5+ & 20 ... Rf6 wins) Bxf1 20. Bxf1 and the bishop came back to defend the king. Analysts later found 18 ... Bf3! as an improvement which wins neatly; 19. gxf3 Qg5+ & 20 ... Rf6 is decisive, or 19. Be2 Bxg2! (key difference) 20. f3 Qg3 wins. Computers suggest 18 ... Bf3! 19. Qd1 losing the queen to prevent mate, with the subsequent evaluation around -5 in Black's favor.

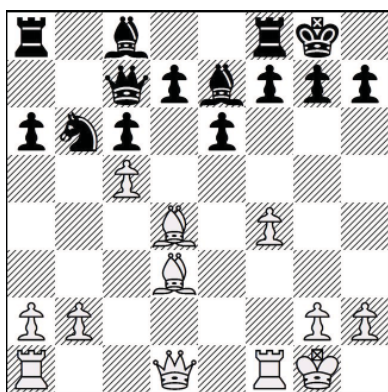


Miles-Browne (Lucerne, 1982). A more modern example of the DBS in action, which Black missed after 17. 0-0 Rad8? 18. Bxh7+! Kxh7 19. Qh5+

Kg8 20. Bxg7! Kxg7 21. Qg5+ Kh8 22. Qf6+ Kg8 23. Rc4 1-0. A key variation is 20 ... f6 21. Qh8+ Kf7 22. Bxf8 winning material due to 22 ... Rxf8? 23. Qh7+ with a Skewer on the Qc7. But let's look at this same game one move earlier. As we saw, White set up the potential DBS with 17. 0-0. Instead 17. Bxh7+!? Kxh7 18. Qh5+ Kg8 19. Bxg7!? f6 20. Qh8+ Kf7 21. Bxf8 is unclear due to 21 ... Qe5+ & 22 ... Rxf8 avoiding the potential Skewer threat (Burgess). Examine your combinations for any defensive tactics like a check or Zwischenzug before you sacrifice, not after.

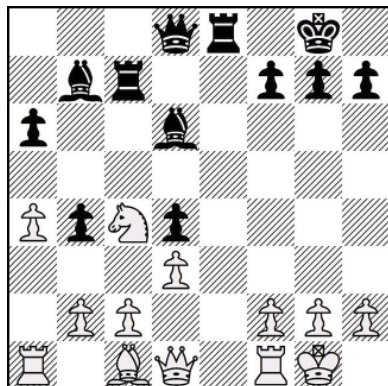


Nimzowitsch-Tarrasch (St. Petersburg, 1914). The preceding move was 19. exd4 [Diagram], leading to 19 ... Bxh2+! 20. Kxh2 Qh4+ 21. Kg1 Bxg2! and White declined the second bishop with 22. f3 due to 22. Kxg2? Qg4+ & 23 ... Rd5 mating. The game continued 22. f3 Rfe8 23. Ne4 Qh1+ 24. Kf2 Bxf1 and Black soon won.



Kuzmin-Sveshnikov (Moscow, 1973). White had played 16. Nb6! (Deflection

on the Nd5), and Black erred with 16 ... Nxb6? [Diagram]. Thus the classic DBS 17. Bxh7+! Kxh7 18. Qh5+ Kg8 19. Bxg7! Kxg7 20. Qg4+ Kh7 21. Rf3 1-0.



Kirilov-Furman (USSR Championship, 1949). White underestimated the danger and chose 19. Nc4? [Diagram], leading to the familiar 19 ... Bxh2+! 20. Kxh2 Qh4+ 21. Kg1 Bxg2! 22. Kxg2 Rc6. White gave back material with 23. Bf4 Qxf4 and tried to defend with 24. Rh1, but then 24 ... Rf6 25. Rh2 (25. Qd2 Qf3+) Rg6+ 26. Kh1 Re1+! (Deflection) 27. Qxe1 Qf3+ 0-1 (28. Rg2 Qxg2#). White might have more chances to hold with 23. Qf3!? Rg6+ 24. Qg3 but Black still retains the edge after 24 ... Re2! 25. Qxg6 fxg6.

Note DBS is not a widely accepted abbreviation for Double Bishop Sacrifice, perhaps to avoid confusion with dsb = Dark-Squared Bishop. But if anyone has executed a successful DBS in practical play, be sure to publish the game!

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Almost all our local players are unrated and have never played organized chess. In order to encourage them to play, the club has no membership fees. If four players are interested in a quad, the charge is \$3—which, of course, is how the club fills its coffers with its one-quarter holdback!

Thankfully, promotion costs are low. Sugar Island's monthly newsletter, *The Quacker*, which is published by the local Lioness Club, includes a chess club column at no cost. When we have a special event (like the annual Sugar Island Chess Extravaganza in June), we post flyers on the ferry and at our local convenience/fishing supply stores on the island. Our best promotional aids are our location (the only bar on the island) and our people (who always have interesting stories and aren't afraid to tell them). The scenery is a plus when you can look up during a game and see a flying squirrel or a hummingbird at the feeders just outside the window. There is, of course, other "wildlife" at the bar that attracts people as well.

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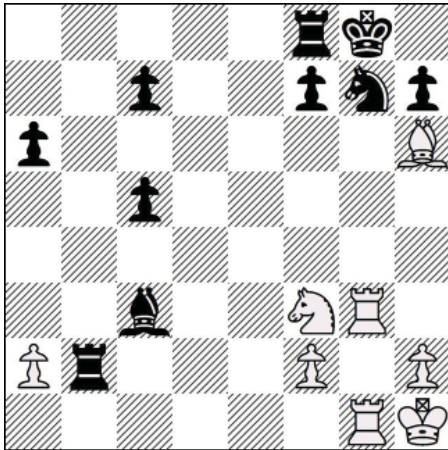
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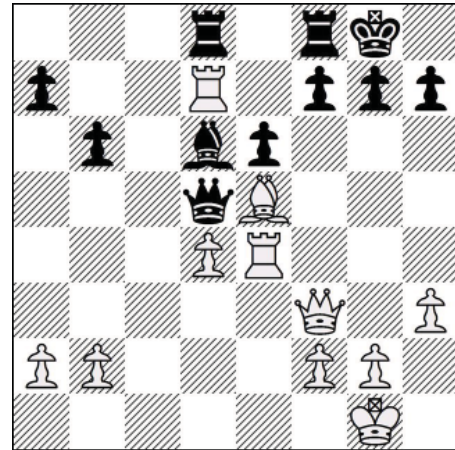
Tactics Quiz

By Tony Palmer

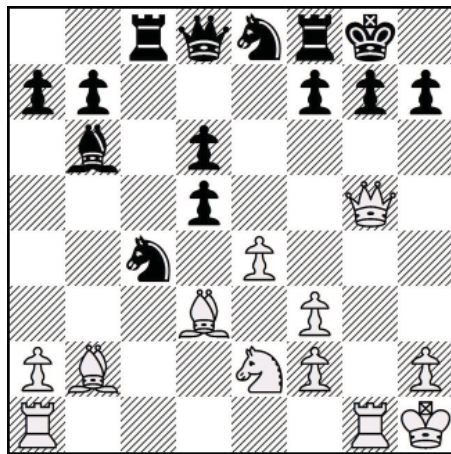
A Pillsbury Mate is a Rook check on the g file while the Bishop covers the long diagonal. A Morphy Mate is a Bishop check on the long diagonal while the Rook covers the g file. A Morphy Concealed Mate features the Rook and Bishop creating a Windmill to clear out potentially interposing material before delivering the Morphy Mate. Got it? (*Solutions on page 33.*)



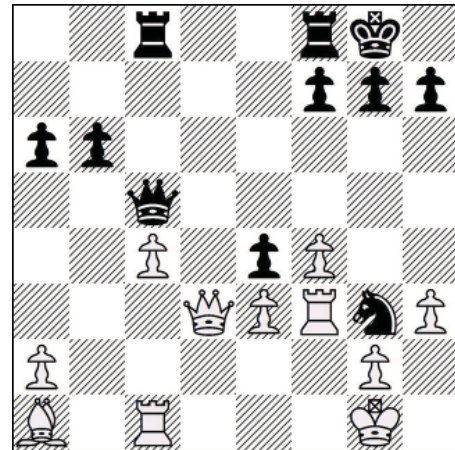
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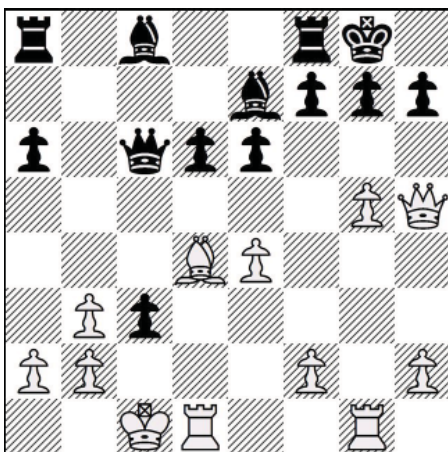
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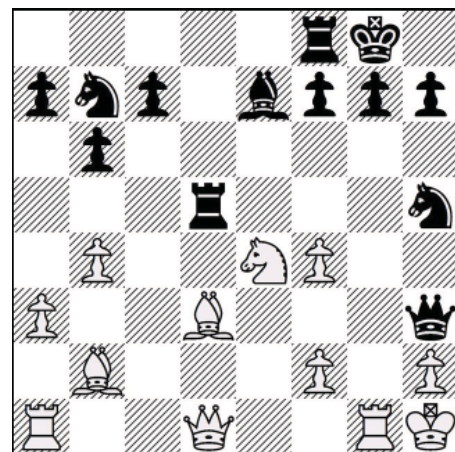
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Atulya Shetty at the World Youth Championship

Atulya Shetty, one of Michigan's most exciting young players, represented the United States at the World Youth Championship in Vung Tau, Vietnam. He scored a very solid 5.5/11 and answered some questions for Michigan Chess.

Michigan Chess: You did some fund-raising events in Michigan, including a simultaneous exhibition, to help support your trip. How did those turn out?

Atulya Shetty: I had two fundraisers to help with my trip. The first was a five round Action tournament held at Great Wraps, in downtown Ann Arbor. Ten players participated. The second was a simultaneous exhibition in which there were fifteen participants. The action tournament was serious. The simul was also serious, but everybody had fun. Some of my friends who came to support me were at their boards less than I was. Most of the time, they were at the snack table. The simul was held at Gretchen's House V, a childcare center that I attended from the time I was an infant until third grade. It was also the place where my friends and I learned to play chess as pre-schoolers.

Michigan players were very supportive. Many gave me very generous donations as well as dropping loose change and dollar bills at some other tournaments. All of these added up, and I am really very grateful for all the support I received. I would especially like to thank the Michigan Chess Association for their support and Jennifer Skidmore for organizing the fundraiser events and always cheering me on.



Chess-wise, what did you do to prepare for the tournament?

I worked fairly independently over the summer. In mid-August, I started working very intensely. I had lessons almost every weekday and sometimes two lessons a day on Saturday and Sunday. I also played practice games on Sundays. The Sunday before I left, I worked on chess more than I slept. That was a first!

What was your favorite moment of the tournament?

My favorite moment in the tournament was right after my eighth round because it was my best game in the tournament. I also liked that in the eleven rounds, I played opponents from ten countries. In the last round my opponent was from Tubingen, Germany, which is a sister city of Ann Arbor. It was also nice to exchange small gifts with my opponents. Coach Mike Skidmore and Mrs. Skidmore (of Kearsly High School in Flint) donated Michigan quarters which I gave each of my opponents. I received gifts like pens, flags, coins and postcards.

We heard you had an unusual incident involving the lights going out in the playing hall. What happened?

A couple of times, while we were in the middle of our games, the power went out and the playing hall was pitch black except for the little red lights on our clocks. On one occasion, I made a claim for a three move repetition, and the arbiter had to check our game by the light of a portable fluorescent lamp!

Did you have a chance to do any sightseeing in Vietnam? What was the coolest thing you saw?

The tournament was extremely well-organized. We were greeted at the airport with flowers, and throughout the tournament we had local college student volunteers assigned to us, who took care of all our needs. The opening and closing ceremonies were extravagant, with music and dance performances, Vietnam's top pop stars and fireworks. We heard later that the ceremonies were broadcast on national television.

Vung Tao is a small resort town about two hours by ferry from Ho Chi Minh City (formerly Saigon). The city was full of banners welcoming us and everyone was extremely hospitable.

We did some sightseeing in Ho Chi Minh City and in Vung Tao. In Ho Chi Minh City, we saw the Reconciliation Palace and the War Remnants Museum among other things. In Vung Tao we saw a few sights on the off day from the tournament. We also spent part of the off day playing football on the beach.

Roland Bezuidenhout

Atulya Shetty

World Youth Chess Championship

Vung Tau, Vietnam, 2008.10.20

Notes by Atulya Shetty

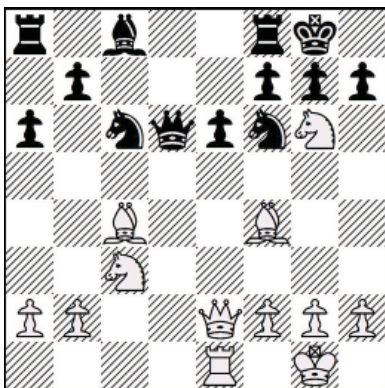
1. e4 c5 2. d4 cxd4 3. c3 dxc3 4. Nxc3 d6 5. Nf3 Nf6 6. Bc4 e6 7. O-O Be7

Another option was 7... a6 8. Qe2 b5 9. Bb3 Ra7 10. Rd1 Rd7. This line was shown to me by one of the US coaches and now black can just play Bb7 and Be7 and then castle and is just up a pawn for nothing because d6 is protected well.

8. Bf4 O-O 9. Re1

This move is dubious because white has to play Qd2 and Rfd1 and Rac1 and not Re1. Re1 allows black to defend easily.

9. ... Nc6 10. Qe2 a6 11. Rad1 Qc7 12. e5 dxe5 13. Nxe5 Bd6 14. Rxd6 Qxd6 15. Ng6



15. ... e5 16. Nxe5 Nxe5 17. Bxe5 Qb6 18. Bxf6 Qxf6 19. Nd5 Qd8 20. Ne7+ Kh8 21. Qh5 Qd2 22. Rd1 Qh6 23. Bxf7

Now black can just trade queens and can win easily.

23. ... Qxh5 24. Bxh5 Be6 25. b3 Rad8 26. Re1 Bf7 27. Bg4 Rfe8 28. h3 g6 29. Kf1 Kg7 30. h4 Kf8 31. Nc8 Rxe1+

Rxc8 might have been easier like the US coach recommended, but I thought it was easier to make white have no rook and trade of the bishops and trap the white knight.

32. Kxe1 Re8+ 33. Kd2 Be6 34. Bxe6 Rxe6 35. a4 Rc6 36. Na7 Rd6+ 37. Kc3 Ke8 38. Kc4 Kd7 39. Kc5 Rf6 40. b4 Kc7 41. b5 Kb8 42. b6 Rxf2 43. Kb4 Rxg2 44. Ka5 Rg4 45. h5 Rg5+ 46. Kb4 gxh5 47. Kc4 h4 48. a5 h3 49. Nc6+ bxc6 50. Kd3 h2 51. Ke2 h1=Q 52. b7 Qe4+ 53. Kd2 Rg2+ 54. Kc3 Rc2+ 55. Kb3 Qc4+ 56. Ka3 Ra2# 0-1

Saleh Mirzaei

Atulya Shetty

World Youth Chess Championship

Vung Tau, Vietnam, 2008.10.27

1. e4 c5 2. c3 d5 3. exd5 Qxd5 4. d4 Nf6 5. Nf3 e6 6. Na3 Nc6 7. Be2 a6

This is a mistake because it allows Nc4. Instead, I should have played

Qd8.

8. Nc4 Qd8 9. O-O cxd4 10. cxd4 Be7

I felt pretty good about this position because white had an isolated pawn that I could play against and my knight can easily blockade it.

11. Nce5 Nb4

I didn't want weak pawns for myself and I wanted to bring my knight to d5 and blockade the isolated pawn.

12. a3 Nbd5 13. Bd3 O-O 14. Bb1

This is not a good move because it blocks his rook. He was trying to attack on the kingside but there isn't much of an attack.

14. ... Bd7 15. Bg5 Bb5 16. Re1 Rc8 17. a4 Bc6 18. h4 h6 19. Bxf6

I took with the knight just to be safe with the h7 square.

19. ... Nxf6 20. Qd3 Re8 21. Nxc6 Rxc6 22. Ba2 Rd6 23. Rac1 Nd7

This isn't good because my knight is good on f6 where it can always go to d5.

24. Bb1 Nf8 25. Qe4 Bf6

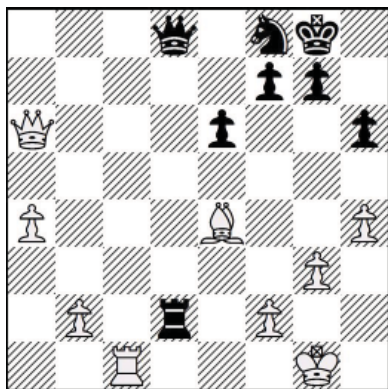
This is bad because I'm giving up a pawn that will lead to losing another

pawn for an isolated pawn.

26. Qxb7 Bxd4 27. Nxd4 Rxd4 28. Rc7

This isn't good because it allows me to protect the a6 pawn. White should just take on a6 and use the two passed pawns to win.

28. ... Rd1 29. Rc1 Rd6 30. g3 Re7 31. Qf3 Red7 32. Be4 Rd2 33. Re2 Rxe2 34. Qxe2 Rd2 35. Qxa6??



Losing a piece.

35. ... Qd4 36. Qf1 Qxe4 37. b3 Rb2 38. Qd1 Qb4 39. Rc8 Qb6 40. Qf3 Rxb3 41. Qa8 Rb1+

41... Rxb3+ just wins but I didn't see this during the game.

42. Kg2 Qb7+ 43. Qxb7 Rxb7 44. Ra8 g6 45. a5 Rb3 46. a6 Ra3 47. Kf1 Kg7 48. a7 Nd7 49. Ke1

My opponent may have been hoping I would play Nb6 and then after Rb8 it is tough to win.

49. ... Ne5 50. Ke2 Nc6 51. Rc8 Nd4+ 52. Kf1 Rxa7 0-1

Susan Polgar All-Star Camp

By Epiphany Peters

In late July, I went to a chess camp held by Susan Polgar at Texas Tech University in Lubbock, Texas. We drove all the way from Michigan which took several days. She was our teacher for most of the time, but Paul Truong sometimes took over.

There were eight girls total from age eight to 18. I was so happy to see my friend, Apurva there.

On the first night, we played games and analyzed them. We studied puzzles, endgames, and exercises where we found the best of three plans. We were also given the opportunity to ask her any chess-related question. Above all else, Susan Polgar emphasized playing out positions, so that's what we did the most.

On the last day of camp, she gave a simul and gave us an opportunity to ask more chess-related questions.

I enjoyed the camp a lot. As well as making new friends, I learned a great deal. I found playing out positions especially useful and I hope to go back again!

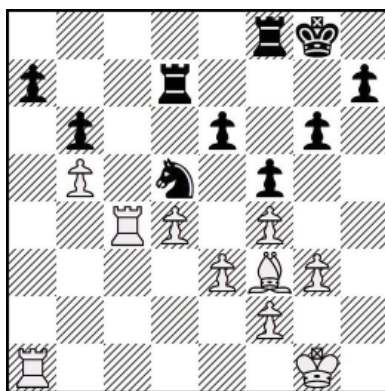
Here is a position I played out:

Epiphany Peters

Sayaka Foley

Susan Polgar Chess Camp,
2008.09.21

Notes by Epiphany Peters



White to play

1. Rac1 Rfd8 2. Kf1 Kf7 3. Ke2 Ke7 4. Ra4 Ra8 5. Bxd5 Rxd5 6. Rc7+ Rd7 7. Rxd7+ Kxd7 8. f3

The white b-pawn prevents both black pawns from advancing.



8. ... a5 9. bxa6 Kc6 10. Kd3 b5 11. Ra1 Kb6 12. Kc3

Black must exchange rooks to capture the pawn.

13. Rxa6+ Kxa6 14. Kb4 Kb6 15. e4

Black is in zugzwang. Not 15. g4 fxg4 16. fxg4 h5 17. gxh5 gxh5 and black's passed h-pawn is unstoppable.

15. ... Kc6 16. Ka5 h5 17. Kb4 Kb6 18. d5 exd5 19. exd5 Kc7 20. Kxb5 Kd6 21. Kc4 Kd7 22. Kc5 Kc7 23. d6+ Kd7 24. Kd5 Kd8 25. Ke6 Ke8 26. Kf6

26. d7+ was better. If 26. ... Kd8 then 27. Kd6 and black is in zugzwang: 27. ... h4 28. gxh4 g5 29. fxg5 (29. hxg4 would be stalemate) f4 30. Ke6 Kc7 31. Ke7 and white wins.

26... Kd7 27. Kxg6 Kxd6 28. Kxf5 Ke7 29. Kg6 Black ran out of time. 1-0

The 2009 MICHIGAN JUNIOR CHESS CHAMPIONSHIPS.

March 14-15, 2009

ALL JUNIOR EVENTS: MSU UNION, Michigan State University
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2009 MICHIGAN JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS ENTRY FORM

EVENT: (Circle)

Young Children's Championship K-3

Young Children's Reserve K-3 U500

Children's Championship K-5

Children's Reserve K-5 U700

Young Junior Championship K-8

Young Junior Reserve K-8 U800

Junior Championship K-12

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Address: _____ City: _____ Zip Code: _____ .

Grade: _____ Phone: _____ USCF ID _____ Rating: _____ .

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All players with 4 points earn a trophy!

EVENT	Junior Championship	Young Junior Championship	Young Junior Reserve	Children's Championship	Children's Reserve	Young Children's Championship	Young Children's Reserve	Children's Sponsors	Junior Sponsors
Grade	K-12	K-8	K-8 U800	K-5	K-5 U700	K-3	K-3 U500	OPEN TO ALL	
Date	March 14-15	Sunday March 15th		Saturday March 14th				Saturday	Sunday
Check in	8:30-9:30am	ALL SECTIONS. NO ON-SITE REGISTRATION MANDATORY CHECK IN 7:30-8:30 am							
Round Times	Mar 14: 10 - 2 - 6 Mar 15: 10 - 2	FIVE ROUNDS ALL COMPETITORS PLAY ALL FIVE ROUNDS. 9 - 11 - 1 - 3 - 5						10 - 12:30 - 3:30	
TL	40/90 SD 30	TIME CONTROL FOR ALL ROUNDS IS G/60 or G/55 5 second time delay. EACH PLAYER HAS AN HOUR FOR THE GAME.							
Entry	\$15 Advance by 3/6/09 \$25 Advance by 3/13/09 All mailed entries must be postmarked by 3/6/09 NO ON-SITE REGISTRATION FOR ALL SECTIONS.								
Memb	Michigan Chess Association and USCF Memberships Required					MCA only	MCA only	MCA +USCF	
Awards	Top 5 Top 3 Gr 9u-12 Scholarships: 1 st \$500 2 nd \$250	Top 5 Top 3 Gr 6u-8	Top 5	Top 5 Top 3 Gr 4u-5	Top 5	Top 5 Top 3 Gr Ku-3	Top 5	Top 2 Medals A-E	

Michigan Club Championship

By Jennifer Skidmore and Nate Solon

Welcome to the Michigan Scholastic Club Championships, our state's newest and fastest growing state championship. From humble beginnings, just two years ago, our attendance has nearly doubled from 213 total participants to 362. In this unique event, competitors participate as individuals and as members of a club. For this event, you don't need a club, there are plenty of individual awards, and it doesn't matter if your club has four members or 15 members, only the top four individual scores count towards an award.

For those of you who have experienced them, the Club Championships are a day filled with camaraderie. Clubs are formed from school teams such as Cranbrook, Kearsley, and East Grand Rapids Lakeside, class sessions such as Success with Chess, Okemos, and Ann Arbor Super Monsters, groups of friends like the 4-H Knights and St. George's Chess Club, and regular meeting places outside of school and class such as the Detroit City Chess Club, Carrel Chess Club, and Garden Market Café.

The story this year was domination by the Detroit City Chess Club. In the previous issue, Michigan Chess Magazine honored the passing of Detroit chess teacher and supporter Harold Steen. Mr. Steen would no doubt have been proud of the performance of the club from Detroit. They showed up with both quantity and quality, entering loads of players in each section and scoring extremely well.

Detroit won the K-12 section with their top four players scoring an amazing 17 out of 20 possible points. Their closest competitors were the Ann Arbor Super Monsters, made up of Ray Garrison's students from various Ann Arbor schools, who scored 14.5. Second place was an especially impressive result for the Super Monsters since they were all middle school students playing up. Detroit won the K-8 as well, edging another Ann Arbor team, the Emerson Eagles, by just half a point. The K-5 champions were, surprise, Detroit again, once again squeezing out victory by just half a point, this time ahead of the Michigan Chess Academy. Only the K-3 stopped Detroit from scoring a clean sweep. Success with Chess achieved success with 16.5 points, ahead of the Ann Arbor Super Monsters with 16.

Games

Brendon Lee won a nice attacking game in the last round of the K-12 section against Jamonte Adams.

Brendon Lee

Tamonte Adams

Michigan Club Championship K-12

Notes by Brendon Lee

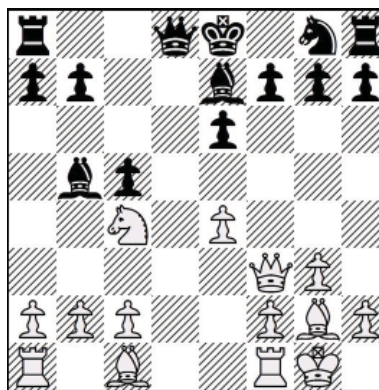
1. e4 e6

My opponent chooses the French Defense. I thought I would try something different this time than the Classical or Winawer so I decided to play the King's Indian Attack.

2. d3 d5 3. Nd2 c5 4. Ngf3 Nc6 5. g3 dxe4 6. dxe4 Nd4

My opponent moves the knight twice in the opening so I continue to develop to gain tempi.

7. Bg2 Be7 8. O-O Nxf3+ 9. Qxf3 Bd7 10. Nc4 Bb5



11. Rd1

I chose this move to attack the queen and keep the tempo over Ne5 threatening mate in one which could be easily defended.

11. ... Qc7 12. Bf4 Qc8 13. Ne5 Bf6 14. a4 Bxe5 15. Bxe5 f6 16. axb5 fxe5

This exchange has created a pawn weakness around my opponent's uncastled king.

17. Qh5+ Ke7 18. Qxe5 Nf6 19. Qg5

Setting up the pin to win the knight with e5.

19... Kf7 20. e5 Nd7 21. Ra4 Rg8 22. Bh3

I bring another piece into play to hunt down the black king. The black king is exposed and the black pieces are

not coordinated

22. ... h6 23. Rf4+ Ke8 24. Qg6+ Kd8 25. Bxe6 Kc7 26. Bxg8 26... Nxe5 27. Qd6# 1-0

Justin Chen and Nathen Bromberg played a wild back-and-forth game with lots of sacrifices. This would be a good game to examine on your own if you are interested in improving your tactics.

Justin Chen

Nathan Bromberg

Michigan Club Championship K-12

Notes by Justin Chen

1. d4 d5 2. c4 e6 3. Nc3 Nf6 4. Nf3 Be7 5. e3 O-O 6. Bd3 c5 7. O-O Nc6 8. b3 b6 9. Bb2 Bb7 10. Bc2

Not exactly a mistake, but it isn't the best move because of 10. ... Nb4. Better was 10. cxd5.

10. ... Nb4 11. Bb1

Now, unless I want to trade knight for bishop, my bishop is stuck.

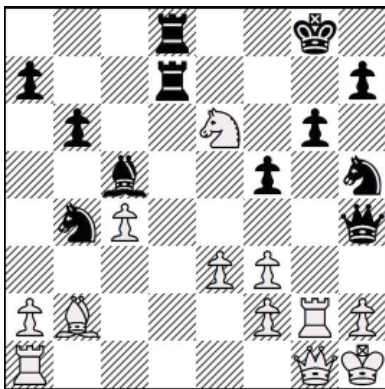
11. ... dxc4 12. bxc4 Bxf3 13. gxf3

13. Qxf3 cxd4 14. exd4 Qxd4 15. a3 Na6 16. Rd1 is fairly even, slightly better than what I played

13. ... Bd6 14. Kh1 Nh5 15. Rg1 Qh4 16. Rg2 f5 17. dxc5 Bxc5 18. Qg1 Rad8 19. Ne4 Rf7 20. Ng5 Rfd7 21. Bxf5

I am not sure I have to play this, but it seemed liked the only logical solution to Rd1.

21. ... exf5 22. Ne6 g6



23. Rxc6+

Now even though I am down a bishop, my attack might be enough

compensation.

23. ... Kf7 24. Nxd8+ Rxd8 25. Rh6 Ng3+

Oops, I missed that one.

26. Qxg3 Qxh6 27. Qc7+ Be7 28. Rg1 28. Qd6 29. Rg7+ Kf8 30. Qxa7 Nd3 31. Bd4 Ne5 32. Rxh7 Nc6

I am not sure this is forced, but he trades into a winning endgame.

33. Qxb6 Nxd4 34. Qxd6 Rxd6 35. exd4 Rxd4 36. Rh5 Rf4 37. Kg2 Kg7 38. a4

Hopefully my passed pawns will keep him busy for awhile...

38. ... Bd6 39. a5 Kg6 40. Rh8 Rxc4 41. Ra8 Ra4 42. a6 Bc5

Overall, I don't know how I drew this game for three reasons: (1) Nathan hung his bishop later so I was up two pawns, (2) I lost one pawn and traded off the other so I had one pawn to zero; (3) I had three minutes and he had less than a minute. Aargh!! Oh well, it was a good game.

[Apparently the game continued with both players not keeping score because of time pressure. -Ed]

1/2-1/2

If there was a prize for endurance it would have to go to Kyle Webster. His was the last game in the playing hall for two rounds in a row. He won the first game and lost the second, but showed great fighting spirit by using every available resource in both games.

Colin Harman

Kyle Webster

Michigan Club Championship K-12

Notes by Kyle Webster

1. d4 f5 2. c4 Nf6 3. Nc3 g6 4. Bf4 Bg7 5. e3 d6 6. Nf3 0-0 7. Be2 Be6?

Apparently, I was scared by a ghost, Qb3, with some combination with Ng5. This move really doesn't do much, and it blocks a potential push of e5.

8. 0-0 Nh5

Definitely not the best move for black.

9. Bg4 h6 10. Bh4 Nf6 11. b4

Trying to start a pressing queenside attack.

11. ... g5 12. Bg3 Bf7 13. Bd3 e6 14. b5 Nbd7 15. a4 Nh7

Threatening h5.

16. Qc2 Qe7

A waiting move, also for the purpose of lateral defense.

17. a5 g4 18. Bh4 Ng5 19. Nxc5 hxc5 20. Bg3 Be8

Right idea, but a better move would have been 20...Bh5! (21.f3 f4 [22.Bf2 gxf3] 22.Be1 fxe3) 21.h3 f4 22.Bh2 gxh3 23.gxh3 f3! which shuts off defense from white's other pieces.

21. f3 f4 22. exf4 gxf4 23. Bf2 gxf3 24. gxf3 Qg5+ 25. Kh1 Bh5 26. Qe2 e5 27. Ne4

A move that I overlooked. Now I might be in trouble.

27. ... Qh6 28. Rg1 Rae8 29. Rg2 Re7 30. Rag1 Nf6 31. Bh4

Which falls to...

31. ... Bxf3 32. Nxf6+ Rxf6 33. Qxf3 Qxh4 34. Rg4 Qh6 35. Qxb7 f3 36. R4g3 f2

36. ... Qe3 loses to 37.Qf8+!! Rf8 38.Qe6+!! Rxe6 39.Rxg7+ with checkmate next move. Since both of us were in time pressure, we did not keep recording the following moves. However, I hung my rook by moving too fast with only two seconds left on my clock (with a five second delay). We ended up in an interesting position (white pieces: Rh7, Kc6, Bd1 and black pieces: Kd8, pd2, Bc1) which I eventually lost.

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2009 MICHIGAN SCHOLASTIC TEAM CHESS CHAMPIONSHIPS

NO ON-SITE REGISTRATION Check-in: [7:30-8:15am El ,Pr, & JH] [8:30-9am HS]. Teams checking in late may be paired separately.

EVENT	SITE	OPEN TO	RNDS	TIME CONTROL	REG. DEADLINE	TROPHIES	ENTRIES
PRIMARY K-3 CHAMPIONSHIP February 7, 2009	MSU Union Abbot @ Grand River E. Lansing, MI 48824	K-3	5-SS 9, 11, 1, 3 and 5	G/45 or G/40 5sec delay Rounds 1, 2, & 3 G/60 or G/55 5 sec delay Rounds 4 & 5	postmarked by 1/30/09 or online by 2/4/09	Top 10 teams + all at 3.5 Board Prizes: Gold 5 pts, Silver 4-4.5 pts Bronze 3.5 pts	ALL TEAMS \$40 Jennifer Skidmore 4151 Chester Apt. 211 Ypsilanti, MI 48197 (734) 678-0463 jmscalot@gmail.com
ELEMENTARY K-5 CHAMPIONSHIP February 7, 2009		K-5	5-SS 9, 11, 1, 3 and 5			Top 7 teams + all at 3.5 Board Prizes: Gold 5 pts Silver 4-4.5 pts Bronze 3.5 pts	
ELEMENTARY K-5 RESERVE February 7, 2009		K-5 U500	5-SS 9, 11, 1, 3 and 5			Top 8 teams + all at 3.5 Board Prizes: Gold 5 pts Silver 4-4.5 pts Bronze 3.5 pts	
ELEMENTARY K-6 CHAMPIONSHIP February 7, 2009		K-6	5-SS 9, 11, 1, 3 and 5			Top 10 teams + all at 3.5 Board Prizes: Gold 5 pts Silver 4-4.5 pts Bronze 3.5 pts	
JR. HIGH K-9 CHAMPIONSHIP February 14, 2009	Southfield Birney Middle School 27225 Evergreen Rd Southfield, MI 48076	K-9	5-SS 9, 11, 1, 3 and 5	G/45 or G/40 5sec delay Rounds 1, & 2	postmarked by 2/06/09 or online by 2/11/09	Top 10 teams + all at 3.5 Board Prizes: Gold 5 pts Silver 4-4.5 pts Bronze 3.5 pts	ALL TEAMS \$40 Jeff Aldrich 7453 Whippoorwill Ln. Davison, MI 48423 (810)955-7271 jeffchess@charter.net
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HIGH SCHOOL CHAMPIONSHIP 9-12 February 28, 2009	Kettering University Student Center 1700 W. Third Ave. Flint, MI 48504	High School "A" teams. <i>One team per school</i>	4-SS 9:30, 12, 2:45, 6	G/60 or G/55 5sec delay Rounds 1, & 2 G/75 or G/70 5 sec delay Rounds 3 & 4	postmarked by 2/20/09 or online by 2/25/09	Top 10 teams Board Prizes: Gold 4 pts Silver 3.5 pts Bronze 3 pts	ALL TEAMS \$40 Jennifer Skidmore 4151 Chester Apt. 211 Ypsilanti, MI 48197 (734) 678-0463 jmscalot@gmail.com
HIGH SCHOOL RESERVE K-12 February 28, 2009		Additional HS teams or HS teams rated U1000 K-12	4-SS 9:30, 12, 2:45, 6	G/60 or G/55 5sec delay Rounds 1, & 2 G/75 or G/70 5 sec delay Rounds 3 & 4		Top 6 teams Board Prizes: Gold 4 pts Silver 3.5 pts Bronze 3 pts	

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2009 MICHIGAN SCHOLASTIC TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS

Please send entries at least one week before the tournament

TOURNAMENT: (Circle)

Primary K-3

Elementary K-5

Elementary Reserve K-5 U500

Elementary K-6

Junior High K-9

Junior High Reserve K-9 U700

High School Reserve K-12

High School 9-12

School_____	Coach_____
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Name	Grade	USCF ID	USCF Expr.	MCA Expr.	Rating
Bd 1 _____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
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Bd 3 _____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Bd 4 _____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Alt. _____					

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All tournaments: Teams of 4 + alternate. Alternate must play board 4. Minimum 3 players for a team.

All players on a team must be full time students at the same school.

Check-in: Primary, Elementary, & Junior. High: 7:30-8:15am; High School: 8:30-9:00am

ADVANCE REGISTRATION ONLY!

K-3 Club

1	SUWC Success With Chess	MI	(14)	16.5
2	AASM Ann Arbor Super Monsters	MI	(7)	16.0
3	OKCC Okemos	MI	(6)	14.5
4	TRBK Troy Barnard Knightmares	MI	(4)	14.5
5	MICA Michigan Chess Academy	MI	(13)	14.0
6	AAWI Ann Arbor Wines	MI	(7)	12.5
7	DCCC Detroit City Chess Club	MI	(6)	11.5



K-3 Individual

No.	Name	St	Rate	Pts
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3	Young, Matthew	MI	607	5.0
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8	Zhong, Xiao Xuan	MI	509	4.0
9	Chen, Joy Rong	MI	737	4.0
10	Jiang, Hao Jiang	MI		4.0
11	Krishnan, Surya	MI	682	4.0
12	Li, Ryan	MI	532	4.0
13	Alson, Andrew	MI	778	4.0
14	Curry, Daniel	MI	344	4.0
15	Yanish, Christian	MI	617	4.0
16	Chen, Alvin	MI	766	4.0
17	Vandermeer, Joel	MI	399	4.0
18	Lee, David	MI	522	4.0



Bottom right: Matthew Young, Patrick Graham, and Clarice Whalen
Middle: Jacob Pochnura
Top: Michael Pappas



Left to right from top:
 Success with Chess; Ann Arbor Super Monsters; Okemos; Michigan Chess Academy; Ann Arbor Wines
 Not pictured: Troy Barnard Knightmares

K-5 Club

1	DCCC Detroit City Chess Club	MI	(10)	16.0
2	MICA Michigan Chess Academy	MI	(5)	15.5
3	WIFK Windsor Friday Knights	MI	(5)	15.5
4	OKCC Okemos	MI	(7)	14.5
5	EGRL East Grand Rapids Lakeside	MI	(9)	13.5
6	AAKI Ann Arbor King	MI	(4)	13.5
7	AASM Ann Arbor Super Monsters	MI	(7)	13.0

K-5 Individual

No.	Name	St	Rate	Pts
1	Zhong, Xiao Xiang	MI	1189	5.0
2	Berman, Nathan C	MI	959	4.5
3	DeForest, David	MI		4.5
4	Chitale, Anirudh D	MI	1118	4.5
5	Lu, Mandy	MI	1037	4.5
6	Candie, Jordan	MI	876	4.0
7	Jenkins, Andrew	MI	748	4.0
8	Wan, Caleb Chi-Kei	MI	896	4.0
9	Tao, Rachel	MI	888	4.0
10	Miklavcic, William	MI	966	4.0
11	Thomas Jr, Arnold	MI	726	4.0
12	Darlington, Nichol	MI	644	4.0
13	Young, Danielle	MI	661	4.0
14	Brown, Dwayne	MI	420	4.0
15	Ye, Hanyan	ON	1163	4.0
16	Yang, Jack	MI	774	4.0
17	Arsenault, Taylor	ON		4.0
18	Taylor, Justice	MI		4.0



From top right:

Xiao Xiao Zhong, Nathan Berman, David DeForest, Anirudh Chitale, Mandy Lu





Left to right from top:
 Detroit City Chess Club, Michigan Chess
 Academy, Windsor Friday Knights, Oke-
 mos, East Grand Rapids

K-8 Club

1	DCCC Detroit City Chess Club	MI	(19)	15.5
2	AAEE Ann Arbor Emerson Eagles	MI	(4)	15.0
3	AASM Ann Arbor Super Monsters	MI	(6)	14.0
4	GMC Ann Arbor Garden Market Cafe	MI	(5)	14.0
5	C3 Carrell Chess Club	MI	(5)	13.5
6	MICA Michigan Chess Academy	MI	(5)	13.0
7	OKCC Okemos	MI	(4)	12.0

K-8 Individual

No.	Name	St	Rate	Pts
1	Myers, Joshua	MI		5.0
2	Dang, Michael	MI	1558	5.0
3	Wellman, Julian	MI	1333	4.0
4	Ying, Andrew	MI	1292	4.0
5	Kidd, Samuel Rober	MI	1095	4.0
6	Young, Jason	MI	1036	4.0
7	Hsing, Kevin	OH	1194	4.0
8	Hadagali, Anirudha	MI	1033	4.0
9	Jackson, Jalen	MI	982	4.0
10	Mitchell, Ryan	MI	867	4.0
11	Ingram, Guwain	MI	948	4.0
12	Zhang, Jeffery	MI	866	4.0
13	Cui, David	MI	938	4.0
14	Rostami, Darius	MI	1099	4.0
15	Patke, Mayank	MI	1047	4.0

From top right:

Joshua Myers and Michael Dang; Andrew Ying; Samuel Kidd; Jason Young; Kevin Hsing

Not pictured: Julian Wellman





Left to right from top:
 Detroit City Chess Club; Ann Arbor Emerson Eagles; Ann Arbor Super Monsters; Ann Arbor Garden Market Cafe; Carrell Chess Club

K-12 Club

No.	Name	St	Rate	Pts
1	DCCC Detroit City Chess Club	MI	(9)	17.0
2	AASM Ann Arbor Super Monsters	MI	(5)	14.5
3	STGC St. George's Chess Club	MI	(5)	12.5
4	AAHU Ann Arbor Huron	MI	(8)	12.0
5	AAGH Ann Arbor Greenhills	MI	(5)	11.0
6	MIKE Flint Kearsley	MI	(5)	9.0
7	BHCR Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook	MI	(9)	8.0

K-12 Individual

No.	Name	St	Rate	Pts
1	Canty III, James	MI	2153	5.0
2	Adams, Ja'monte	MI	1452	4.0
3	Hawver, Evan W	MI	1639	4.0
4	Lee, Brendon	ON	1726	4.0
5	Kemp, Kayeen	MI	1549	4.0
6	Redden, Sherman	MI	1575	4.0
7	Webster, Kyle D	MI	1559	4.0
8	Mellis, Patrick Al	MI	1466	4.0
9	Tolliver, Kameron	MI	1556	4.0



From top right:

James Canty III; Ja'monte Adams; Evan
Hawver; Brendon Lee; Kayeen Kemp





Left to right from top:
 Detroit City Chess Club; Ann Arbor Super
 Monsters; St. George's Chess Club; Flint
 Kearsley; Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook
 Not pictured: Ann Arbor Huron; Ann Arbor
 Greenhills

Games from around the State

Ben said this game against John Bidwell was one of the best he ever played.

John Bidwell

Ben Finegold

Toledo November Swiss

2008.11.08

Notes by Ben Finegold

1. e4 c5 2. g3 Nc6

Black can also try to take advantage of 2.g3 and play 2... d5. I thought my opponent would be familiar with that line, so I tried something else.

3. Bg2 g6 4. Ne2 Bg7 5. c3

This is white's idea with 2.g3. He wants to play a Closed Sicilian, but without the Nc3. Now white can try for c3 and d4. I try to prevent d4, as well as keep the Ne2 at bay.

5. ... e5 6. d3 Nge7 7. Be3 d6 8. O-O O-O 9. Qd2

Now I wanted to try to play d5, so I protected c5 a little more.

9. ... b6 10. d4?!

Trying to beat me to the punch! Now I played an interesting way, and the game looks like a Benoni! Unfortunately, black has all the Benoni trumps, and white is on the defensive.

11. ... exd4! 11. cxd4 Ba6

White's d4 is too weak, so he must give me the dark squares, especially e5.

12. d5 Ne5 13. Na3 f5!

Black must attack quickly whilst he still has the initiative.

14. Rfe1?

Played after long thought, but this walks into black's play. Better was to sacrifice the exchange with 14.Nf4 and try to get counterplay with a later Ne6.

Nd3 15. Reb1 Qd7! 16. Nc3 Rae8!

Black is winning, due to his great

activity and white's sorry rooks.

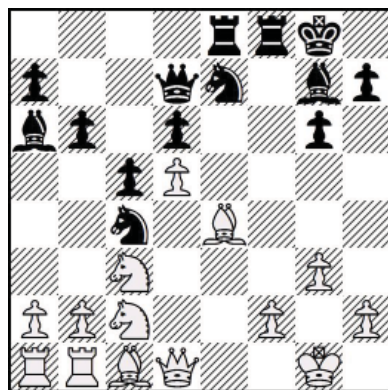
17. Nc2 fxe4 18. Bxe4 Ne5

Eyeing c4 and f3.

19. Qd1 Nc4

White must stop 20....Nxb2.. so...

20. Bc1



White's pieces are amusingly placed on the queenside!

20. ... Nf5 21. Qg4 Ne5

I figured he would maintain the pin with 22.Qh3, but assumed that was not a good square. Bidwell must have also disliked h3 for his queen, so he beats (another) retreat.

22. Qd1 Nd4 23. Ne1 Qh3

Threatening 24...Qf1#.

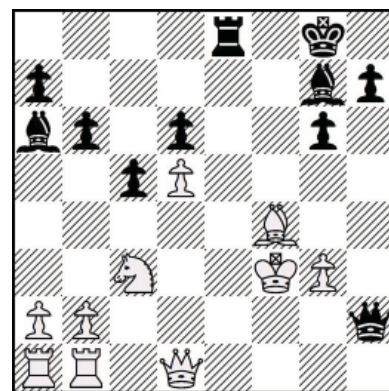
24. Bg2 Nef3+!! 25. Nxf3 Nxf3+ 26. Bxf3 Rxf3

The rook is immune, and now white's king has no defense.

27. Bf4

(27. Be3 Rxe3 28. fxe3 Rxe3+ 29. hxe3 Qxe3+ 30. Kh1 Qh3+ 31. Kg1 Bh6 -+)

27... Rxf2 \$1 28. Kxf2 Qxh2+ 29. Kf3



19. ... Bc8!!

A nice finishing move.

0-1

Tony annotated this nice tactical win from the very strong West Michigan Open.

Andrew Elenbogen

Tony Palmer

West Michigan Open

2008.11.01

Notes by Tony Palmer

1. b3 d5 2. Bb2 Nf6 3. g3 Nbd7

3... c6 4. Bg2 Bg4 5. Nf3 Nbd7 6. O-O e6 Pantsulaia-Jobava (Tbilisi, 2000) with a level game.

4. Bg2 e5

Double fianchetto openings are solid but extremely slow; black should choose a sound set-up instead of trying to refute white's play. Note that aggressive advances like ... c5 and ... f5 (along with ... e5 and ... d5) are exactly what white wants black to do.

5. c4

Playing b3 plus c4 is called the Anglo-English Opening. A famous game is Nimzowitsch-Marshall (Marienbad, 1925): 1. Nf3 Nf6 2. c4 e6 3. b3 d5 4. Bb2 c5 5. cxd5 exd5 and black won the endgame.

5. ... dxc4 6. bxc4 Bc5 7. Nf3 e4 8. Nd4

8. Ng5? Bxf2+! 9. Kxf2 Ng4+ 10. Kg1 Qxg5 11. Bxe4 Qc5+ and white's king is exposed.

8. ... O-O 9. O-O Bxd4

A trading sequence based on the undefended pawn on c4.

10. Bxd4 Nb6 11. Bxb6

11. Bxf6 Qxf6 12. Nc3 Nxc4 13. Nxe4 Qb2!? would have led to a very interesting game.

11... axb6 12. Nc3 Qd4 13. Qc2

13. Qb3!? Bf5 and black threatens 14 ... Qxd2.

13. ... Qxc4 14. Rfc1

14. Bxe4 Nxe4 15. Qxe4 regains the pawn but leads to an endgame where black's bishop is better than white's knight.

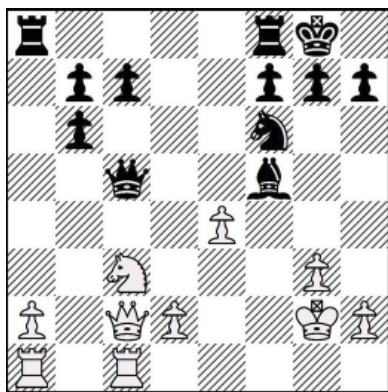
14... Bf5 15. f3?!

Trying to pin and win the pawn on e4, but there's a hole. Better was 15. Qb3 Qxb3 16. axb3 per Fritz 7.

15... Qc5+ 16. Kh1?!

The best way out is 16. e3 exf3 17. d4 but I planned the forcing sequence 17. ... Bxc2 18. dxc5 fxg2 19. Rxc2 bxc5 and black is up two pawns in the endgame.

16... exf3 17. e4 fxg2+ 18. Kxg2



18. ... Nxe4! 19. Rf1?!

19. Nxe4 Qxc2 20. Rxc2 Bxe4+ and the fork is decisive, but now there's another puzzle.

19... Nxc3!

20. Rxf5 Nxf5 and black is up a rook. Although 17 ... fxg2+ won a piece, Fritz 7 found 17 ... Nxe4! 18. Bxf3 (otherwise Black executes Smothered Mate with Philidor's Legacy) Nf2+ winning white's queen. Study tactics!

President's Corner

The USCF Governance is structured with an executive board, but there are actually 150 members serving as the USCF Board of Directors. The seats are distributed similar to the US House of Representatives, and are proportioned by USCF members per state. Michigan has three delegates. MCA Treasurer Jeff Aldrich, MCA Vice President Jennifer Skidmore, and MCA Appointed Director Bill Calton are your representatives to the USCF. MCA Elected Director Stan Beckwith serves as the first alternate. The Delegates meet every year at the US Open. All of their contact information is included in this magazine, and I encourage MCA members to contact your representatives with any USCF issues and concerns.

The MCA, despite the recent downturns in the economy, will continue to organize the State Championships, Publish the magazine, sponsor our most talented young players, and promote chess throughout Michigan.

We will not be asking congress for any bailouts, and we will not be acquiring a fleet of jets.

Season's Greetings to everyone and a prosperous and successful 2009.

Bradley Rogers, President, MCA

Solutions from Tactics Quiz (page 15)

1) 1. Rxg7+! Bxg7 2. Bxg7 wins the Rb2 (2 ... Rfb8 3. Bxb2+) but Black stepped into 2 ... Rxa2? 3. Bf6# 1-0. Pillsbury Mate.

2) 1. Rxd6! Rxd6 2. Qf6! 1-0 (2 ... gxf6 3. Rg4+ Kh8 4. Bxf6#; 2 ... Qxe5 3. Qxe5). Morphy Mate.

3) 1. Qxg7+! Nxc7 2. Rxg7+ Kh8 3. Rg8+! Kxg8 4. Rg1+ Qg5 5. Rxg5# 1-0. Note the double check. 3. Rg8+! was necessary because the Bb2 was en prise. Pillsbury Mate.

4) 1. Rxg3! exd3 2. Rxg7+ Kh8 3. Rxf7+ Kg8 4. Rg7+ Kh8 5. Rg3+ 1-0. Morphy Concealed Mate.

5) 1. Qh6! e5 (1 ... gxh6 2. gxh6+ Bg5 3. Rxg5#; 1 ... f6 2. gxf6) 2. Bxe5! dxe5 3. Qxc6 and White won (1-0). Pillsbury Mate.

6) 1. Qxh5!! Qxh5 2. Rxg7+ Kh8 3. Rxf7+ Kg8 4. Rg7+ Kh8 5. Rxe7+ Kg8 6. Rg1+ 1-0. Morphy Concealed Mate.

Michigan Chess Tournament Calendar

December/January 2008-9

All events require USCF and MCA memberships and are NoSmoking NoComputers unless otherwise stated. Memberships can be purchased at any tournament. Other state memberships are acceptable for non-Michigan residents. Send Announcements to : Mike Skidmore, 5483 Kathy Dr. Flint, Mi. 48506. (810) 736-6944 Work (810) 591-5329 Fax: (810) 591-9888. Email: Phish28@aol.com ★★MCA Championship Events Please note events listed are a service of MCA. MCA is in no way responsible for cancellations or changes. Be sure to always contact your organizer! MCA WebSite @ <http://www.michess.org>
Courtesy of NICK POPE

DECEMBER TOURNAMENTS:

Dec 1-22 UNIVERSAL Chess Club Month Long Swiss
Dec 13 ★★ **ACTION!** ★★ **Dec 14 QUICK !!** ★★ & **SPEED !!!**
ALL 3 EVENTS AT All The Kings Men 27170 Dequindre Rd Warren MI. (Just North of 11Mile Rd in back of Parkview Square Strip Mall): All Events Title & Trophy to 1st. ENT&INF: Ed Mandell (586) 558-4790 E-mail All the kingsmench@aol.com

Dec 13 MICHIGAN ACTION 6-SS EF: \$25 by Dec 9 + \$5 later. (jr.\$10 off). TL: G/30 REG: 9-10:30. RDS: 11-12:45-2-3:15-4:30-6:15. \$\$: \$730 (b50 6/class) 1st \$150, 2nd \$100. \$60 TOP X,A,B,C,D, U1200, UNR **Dec 14 MICHIGAN QUICK 6-SS** EF: \$20 by Dec 9 \$5 + later. TL: G/10. No time delay. REG: 9:30-11. RDS: 11:30-12:30-1-1:30-2-2:30. \$\$: \$480 (b/30 3/class) 1st \$100, 2nd \$60, \$40 TOP X,A,B,C,D, E U1000/Unr.

Dec 14 MICHIGAN SPEED USCF not req. EF:\$15 by Dec 9. +\$5 later REG: 9:30-11. RDS: Prelims 3, Finals 5:00. TL: G/5 \$\$: 70% Ent

Dec 13 (SWC) Success With Chess Rated K-9 Championship Macomb Township Recreation Center 20699 Macomb Street Macomb, MI 48042 **4-SS**. TL: G/30. REG: by Dec 4. Check in 9:30-9:45. RDS: 10-11-12-1. EF:\$18 Sect. K-3, K-9. \$\$: Troph Top 3. ea sect.
Dec 13 (SWC) Success With Chess Rated K-9 Unrated Scholastic 4-SS. TL: G/20. Check in 9:30-9:45. RDS: 10 - ENT&INF Chantelle Mitchell at successwithchess@comcast.net (586)226-9082.

Dec 14 Lansing's Mighty Mini Swiss
North Network Center 730 W Maple Lansing, MI 48906
 3-SS REG: 9:00-9:45 EF: \$21. TL: G/90 \$\$: 1st \$75 2nd \$48 ea sect. \$100 to 3 pt score in sect of 8. RDS: 10, 1:30, 4:30. ENT & INF: Tony Nichols, Email sensi48910@yahoo.com

Dec 16 PARKVIEW WEEKLY TUESDAY QUICK SWISS
 5-SS. 27170 Dequindre Rd Warren MI. (Just North of 11Mile Rd in back of Parkview Square Strip Mall) Unrated. No memberships req. EF:\$15. REG: 6-6:45 RDS: 7-9:00 TL:G/10. \$\$:70% EF Dir. ENT&INF:Ed Mandell (586) 558-4790

Dec 19 REMINDER! Game 4 Detroit Metro League Series

Dec 29-Dec 31 UNIVERSAL Chess Club Holiday Mini Chess Camp Ages 6-14. 27170 Dequindre Rd Warren MI. (Just N of 11Mile Rd in back of Parkview Square Strip Mall) EVENT: 9-12. EF: \$99. 3 days of fun chess activities. Dir. ENT&INF:Ed Mandell (586) 558-4790

Dec 30 PARKVIEW WEEKLY TUESDAY QUICK SWISS
 5-SS. 27170 Dequindre Rd Warren MI. (Just North of 11Mile Rd in back of Parkview Square Strip Mall) Unrated. No memberships req. EF:\$15. REG: 6-6:45 RDS: 7-9:00 TL:G/10. \$\$:70% EF Dir. ENT&INF:Ed Mandell (586) 558-4790

JANUARY TOURNAMENTS:

Jan 2 FRIDAY KNIGHT ACTION QUADS! #11
 2200 Fuller Court, Ann Arbor Garden Market Café (located main floor Huron Towers) *Come early and have dinner in the café.* 3-RR Quads by rtg. REG: 6:30- RDS: 7-8-9. EF: \$5 TL: G/30. \$\$: \$16 per quad. ENT&INF: Jennifer Skidmore 734-678-0463. E-mail jmscamelot@gmail.com

Jan 6 PARKVIEW WEEKLY TUESDAY QUICK SWISS
 5-SS. 27170 Dequindre Rd Warren MI. (Just North of 11Mile Rd

in back of Parkview Square Strip Mall) Unrated. No memberships req. EF:\$15. REG: 6-6:45 RDS: 7-9:00 TL:G/10. \$\$:70% EF Dir. ENT&INF:Ed Mandell (586) 558-4790

Jan 5-26 UNIVERSAL Chess Club Month Long Swiss
 27170 Dequindre Rd Warren MI. (Just N. of 11Mile Rd in back of Parkview Sq Strip Mall) 4-SS 1RD each Monday of the Month. Dir. ENT&INF:Ed Mandell (586) 558-4790

Jan 10 UNIVERSAL Chess Club Unrated Beginners Open
 27170 Dequindre Rd Warren MI. (Just N. of 11Mile Rd in back of Parkview Sq Strip Mall) 4-SS Open to Unr. or U900 No mem req. EF:\$20 REG: 11-11:45 RDS: 12-1:20-2:10-3:00. TL:G/25. \$\$:1st USCF, 2nd MCA, 3rd MCA Alt prize for mem. Dir. ENT&INF:Ed Mandell (586) 558-4790.

Jan 13 PARKVIEW WEEKLY TUESDAY QUICK SWISS
 5-SS. 27170 Dequindre Rd Warren MI. (Just North of 11Mile Rd in back of Parkview Square Strip Mall) Unrated. No memberships req. EF:\$15. REG: 6-6:45 RDS: 7-9:00 TL:G/10. \$\$:70% EF Dir. ENT&INF:Ed Mandell (586) 558-4790

Jan 14 GENESEE Chess Club QUICK SWISS
 Kearsley High School 4302 Underhill Dr, Fl int, MI. Dir: ENT&INF: Jeff Aldrich (810) 955-7271 h E-mail jeffchess@charter.net

JANUARY TOURNAMENTS

2008 FIRST BIG EVENT FOR 2008!

JAN 17 - 18 ★★ 2008 MICHIGAN MASTERS EXPERTS CLASS CHAMPIONSHIP ★★

RADISSON HOTEL LANSING 111 N Grand Avenue Lansing, MI 48933. Call (517) 482-0188, \$92+tax by January 5, 2009

5-SS 7 Sections - 8 State Championship Titles!!
 EF: \$40 Master/Expert; \$30 A, B, C, D, E (U1200); \$20, Novice (U1000 or Unrated) All ent by Jan 16 + \$10 after. (U18 \$10 off / \$5 off novice). REG: 8-9 Sat Jan 18. TL: G/120 RDS: 10-2:30-7 Sun TL: G/150. RDS: 10-3:30. \$\$: PRIZES GTD M/X Section (\$780 Gtd + 6 Grand Prix pts!): \$280-\$180, X \$210, U2100 \$110. **A,B,C Sections:** \$175-\$115, U1900/U1700/U1500 \$95. **D,E Sections:** \$145-\$95, U1300/U1100 \$70. **Novice Sect:** Troph to 1st -5th overall, Top U900, Top U800, Top U700, 1st & 2nd Unr ENT&INF: Jeff Aldrich 7453 Whippoorwill Ln. Davison, MI 48423 jeffchess@charter.net Ph: (810)955-7271

Jan 23 REMINDER! Game 5 Detroit Metro League Series

Jan 24, 25 UNIVERSAL Chess Club SUPER SWISS 9-SS
 27170 Dequindre Rd Warren MI. (Just N of 11Mile Rd in back of Parkview Square Strip Mall) EVENT: 9-12. EF: \$40 + \$10 past Jan 20 REG: 9-9:40. RDS: Sat: 10, 11:30, 2:30, 4, 5:30, 7:30 Sun: 12, 2, 3:30.. \$\$:1200 (b40 / 70% gtd) 1st \$350, 2nd \$250, Top U2100, U1800, U1500, U1200/Unr \$15 ea. Dir. ENT&INF:Ed Mandell (586) 558-4790

Jan 27 PARKVIEW WEEKLY TUESDAY QUICK SWISS
 5-SS. 27170 Dequindre Rd Warren MI. (Just North of 11Mile Rd in back of Parkview Square Strip Mall) Unrated. No memberships req. EF:\$15. REG: 6-6:45 RDS: 7-9:00 TL:G/10. \$\$:70% EF Dir. ENT&INF:Ed Mandell (586) 558-4790

Jan 30 FRIDAY KNIGHT ACTION QUADS! #12
 2200 Fuller Court, Ann Arbor Garden Market Café (located main floor Huron Towers) *Come early and have dinner in the café.* 3-RR Quads by rtg. REG: 6:30- RDS: 7-8-9. EF: \$5 TL: G/30. \$\$: \$16 per quad. ENT&INF: Jennifer Skidmore 734-678-0463. E-mail jmscamelot@gmail.com

FEBRUARY TOURNAMENTS:

Feb 2-23 UNIVERSAL Chess Club Month Long Swiss
 27170 Dequindre Rd Warren MI. (Just N. of 11Mile Rd in back of Parkview Sq Strip Mall) 4-SS 1RD each Monday of the Month. Dir.

ENT&INF:Ed Mandell (586) 558-4790

Feb 4 *GENESEE Chess Club* *Unrated QUADS!*

Kearsley High School 4302 Underhill Dr, Flint, MI. Dir: ENT&INF:

Jeff Aldrich (810) 955-7271 h E-mail jeffchess@charter.net

TEAM TOURNAMENTS: ☆☆

The MICHIGAN CHESS SCHOLASTIC TEAM CHAMPS

See chart in this issue

Feb 7 MICHIGAN PRIMARY / ELEMENTARY TEAM CHAMP

PRIMARY K-3, ELEMENTARY K-5 U 500, ELEMENTARY K-5

ELEMENTARY K-6 Michigan State University MSU Union Abbott

Rd and Grand River Lansing, MI 48824. 5-SS. 4 SECT. RD:1 9:00 am

Jennifer Skidmore 4151 Chester Dr #211 Ypsilanti, MI 48197.

(734) 678-0463.E-mail jmscamelot@gmail.com

Feb 14 ☆ MICHIGAN JR HIGH TEAM CHAMPS ☆ 5-SS

K-9, K-9 U 700 Southfield Birney Middle School 27225 Evergreen Rd

Southfield, MI 48076 Rd 1 9:00 am. Jeff Aldrich

7453 Whippoorwill Ln. Davison, MI 48423 (810)955-7271

jeffchess@charter.net

Feb 28 ☆☆MICHIGAN HIGH SCHOOL CHAMPIONSHIPS ☆☆

Kettering University Student Center 1700 W. Third St. Flint, MI 48504.

4-SS Rd.1 9:30am

Jennifer Skidmore 4151 Chester Dr #211 Ypsilanti, MI 48197.

(734) 678-0463.E-mail jmscamelot@gmail.com

READ No ON SITE REGISTRATION AT ANY TEAM EVENT!

ENTRY FEE FOR EACH TEAM IN TEAM EVENT \$40.

MANDATORY CHECK IN 7:30-8:15am

FOR ELEM AND JH TEAM EVENTS.

\$10 processing fee for incomplete or non on line entries.

SEE CHART IN THIS ISSUE FOR FURTHER DETAILS!

Feb 25 *GENESEE Chess Club* *FREE RATED SWISS!*

Kearsley High School 4302 Underhill Dr, Flint, MI. Dir:

ENT&INF: Jeff Aldrich (810) 955-7271 h E-mail [jeffchess@](mailto:jeffchess@charter.net)

[charter.net](mailto:jeffchess@charter.net)

MARCH TOURNAMENTS:

Mar 6 FRIDAY KNIGHT ACTION QUADS! #13

2200 Fuller Court, Ann Arbor Garden Market Café (located main floor

Huron Towers) *Come early and have dinner in the café.* 3-RR Quads

by rtg. REG: 6:30- RDS: 7-8-9. EF: \$5 TL: G/30. \$\$: \$16 per quad.

ENT&INF: Jennifer Skidmore 734-678-0463. E-mail [jmscamelot@](mailto:jmscamelot@gmail.com)

[gmail.com](mailto:jmscamelot@gmail.com)

MICHIGAN JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS

Mar 14 - 15 ☆☆MICHIGAN JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS ☆☆

READ MANDATORY Check in 7:30 – 8:30 NO on site Reg!

Players NOT checking in by 8:30 will NOT be paired for round 1

ALL JUNIOR EVENTS Michigan State University

MSU Union Abbott Rd and Grand River Lansing, MI 48824

Mar 14 ☆☆Young Children's Reserve K-3. Open to U500. 5-SS

MCA req. Sat. Mar 14 only. 5R-SS.TL:G/45 Rds.9-11 TL: G/60 Rds

1-3-5.Reg7:45-8:30.Ent:\$15 by Mar 6 \$25 by Mar 13.Troph top 5, &

4pts

Mar 14 ☆☆ Children's Reserve K-5. Open to U700. 5-SS USCF

MCA req. Sat Mar 14 only.. TL: G/45. Rds.9-11 G/60 Rds 1-3-5.

Reg.7:45-8:30.Ent:\$15 by Mar 6 \$25 by Mar 13 .Troph top 5 & 4pts

Mar 14 ☆☆Young Children's Championship K-3. 5-SS MCA

USCF req. Sat,urday Mar14 Only. TL:G/45 Rds. 9-11TL: G/60 Rds

1-3-5 Ent:\$15 by Mar 6 \$25 by March 13.Troph top 5+ top 3 K-3 & 4pts

Mar 14 ☆☆Michigan Children's Championship K-5. USCF

MCA req. Sat, Mar 14 only. 5-SS. TL:G/45. Rds. 9-11 G/60 Rds 1-3-5.

Ent:\$15 by Mar 6 \$25 by Mar 13 Troph top 5.+ top 3 grd 4-5 & 4pts

Mar 14 or Mar 15 Children or Junior Sponsors (Proceeds to MI JR)

3-SS Open.USCF. MCA req. Sat or Sun TL:G/60.Rds. 9-11-2. Reg.

Ent:\$15 by Mar6 \$25 by Mar 13 Troph. Top 2 Medals top A,B,C,D,E

Mar 15 ☆☆Michigan Young Junior Championship K-8

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