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Alan Kaufman (center) sponsored the Michigan Chess Festival in November 2012 featuring seven Grandmasters and several other titled players. Here, he poses with tournament winner, GM Mesgen Amanov (left) and GM Yury Shulman (right), who tied for first. Alan plays, too, as he won the Senior Reserve title in August 2012. More coverage of both events and many more inside.

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Rank	Player	Rating	Rank	Player	Rating
1	FM Atulya Shetty	2433	51	Reynaldo Santiago	2000
2	Aaron Kahn	2414	52	Loyd Gentry	1993
3	FM Ildar Salakhutdinov	2365	53	Peter Chen	1991
4	FM Seth Homa	2352	54	Eric Larson	1990
5	Jiaxu Ye	2345	55	William Rhee	1982
6	Leonid Strugach	2289	56	Bronson Gentry	1972
7	FM David Sprenkle	2245	57	Manmohan Das	1970
8	Michael Bowersock	2227	58	Joseph Paris	1963
9	Eric Fischvogt	2217	59	Andrew Catlin	1963
10	Thomas Ward	2210	60	Jacob Fortuna	1962
11	Edward Song	2209	61	Gregory Bailey	1948
12	Kevin Noren	2203	62	Jennifer Skidmore	1948
13	John Brooks	2200	63	Kyle Webster	1937
14	Kevin Czuhai	2200	64	Joel Halloran	1932
15	Safal Bora	2200	65	Justin Chen	1931
16	Ariel Levi	2186	66	Ashley Carter	1929
17	Ameer Ghobrial	2180	67	Phil Roe	1925
18	Thomas Hartwig	2175	68	Allen Wickering	1924
19	Alisher Sanetullaev	2164	69	Zoran Stojanovski	1923
20	Michael Chen	2154	70	James Sawaski	1919
21	Robert O'Donnell	2152	71	Duane Croel	1915
22	Eugene Brumley Jr	2145	72	Gene Hickey	1913
23	Jalen Wang	2136	73	Tom Manion	1913
24	Evgeniy Khain	2129	74	Daniel Libby	1903
25	Anthony Nichols	2109	75	Justin Brown	1901
26	Ratko Bojanovic	2108	76	Ben Li	1901
27	David Hahn	2107	77	Stanley Jarosz Jr	1900
28	FM Andrew Hubbard	2107	78	Tony West	1894
29	Howard Bromberg	2105	79	Kevin Jackson Sr	1890
30	Matthew Sellers	2101	80	Don Vandivier	1890
31	Robert Ciaffone	2100	81	Kameron Tolliver	1884
32	Manis Davidovich	2094	82	Michael A Smith	1882
33	Tony Palmer	2092	83	Michael R Smith	1881
34	Epiphany Peters	2073	84	Mandy Lu	1878
35	Alex Strugach	2066	85	Ronald Williams	1872
36	Martijn Otten	2057	86	Douglas Fick	1870
37	Bradley Rogers	2055	87	Raymond Garrison	1869
38	Alexander Deatrick	2034	88	Virginia Vandenburg	1869
39	Salah Chehayeb	2031	89	Thomas Triplett	1865
40	Alan Gregg	2027	90	Michael Dang	1861
41	Andrew Konishi	2027	91	Rob Drake	1859
42	Apurva Virkud	2025	92	Gary Kitts	1855
43	Leyun Wang	2020	93	Michael Marson	1855
44	Benjamin Brandt	2011	94	Bryan Wilson	1854
45	Morgan Everett	2010	95	Mengshuang Li	1853
46	Jeff Aldrich	2009	96	Stewart Wilkinson	1840
47	Gary Pratt	2002	97	Thomas LaForge	1833
48	John Drexel	2000	98	Binu Gerald	1826
49	Barry Endsley	2000	99	Lonnie Rutkofske	1825
50	Ron Finegold	2000	100	Kiran Bemarkar	1823

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Current Michigan Champions

2012 Michigan Open	Atulya Shetty
2012 Michigan Open Reserve	Lawrence Yuhas
2012 Michigan Open Booster	Jason Zheng
2012 Michigan Amateur	Jennifer Skidmore
2012 Master/Expert Champion	Safal Bora
2012 Expert Champion	Morgan Everett
2012 Class A Champion	Benjamin Brandt
2012 Class B Champion	Daniel Libby
2012 Class C Champion	Timothy P. Johnson
2012 Class D Champion	Guarev Gidwani
2012 Class E Champion	Andrew Schremser
2012 Novice Champion	Chirag Rudrangi
2012 Bottom-Half Class Over 1900	David Sprinkle
2012 Bottom-Half Class U1900	Mandy Lu
2012 Bottom-Half Class U1700	Loren Schwiebert
2012 Bottom-Half Class U1500	David Meyer
2012 Bottom-Half Class U1300	Alex White
2012 Bottom-Half Class U1100	Leigh Ziegler
2011 Michigan Action	Atulya Shetty
2011 Michigan Quick	Fred Lindsay
2011 Michigan Speed	Atulya Shetty
2012 Senior Champion	Morgan Everett
2012 Senior Reserve Champion	Alan Kaufman
2011 Michigan Correspondence	Barry Endsley Eric Fischvogt
2012 Michigan Women's	Jennifer Skidmore
2012 Michigan Women's Reserve	Anna Sun
2012 Primary K-3 Team	Redford Washington Parks F
2012 Primary K-3 Team Reserve	Detroit F.L.I.C.S. A
2012 Elementary K-5 Team	Redford Washington Parks B
2012 Elementary K-5 Team Reserve	Redford Washington Parks D
2012 Elementary K-6 Team	Ann Arbor Clague Capablanca
2012 Junior High K-9 Team	Ann Arbor Greenhills A
2012 Junior High K-9 Team Reserve	Redford Washington Parks F
2012 High School 9-12 Team	Ann Arbor Skyline
2012 High School K-12 Team Reserve	Byron
2012 Michigan Junior	Atulya Shetty
2012 Michigan Young Junior	Jalen Wang
2012 Michigan Young Junior Reserve	Luke Hawver Daniel Khain
2012 Michigan Children's	Ben Li Harrison He
2012 Michigan Children's Reserve	Anirban Sarkar
2012 Michigan Young Children's	Justin Liang
2012 Michigan Young Children's Reserve	Thomas Brown
2012 Michigan Collegiate	Nitai Leve
2012 Scholastic Club K-12 Team	Ann Arbor Huron
2012 Scholastic Club K-12 Individual	Jalen Wang
2012 Scholastic Club K-8 Team	Troy All-Stars
2012 Scholastic Club K-8 Individual	Ben Li Daniel Motoc
2012 Scholastic Club K-5 Team	Troy All-Stars
2012 Scholastic Club K-5 Individual	Brian Wilson Jr Josiah Smith
2012 Scholastic Club K-3 Team	J-FORCE Roeper Rough Riders
2012 Scholastic Club K-3 Individual	Anthony Liao Aiden Song Justin Sui

From the Editor's Desk

Letter to the Editor

Congratulations to Fred Lindsay on his election to the Michigan Chess Hall of Fame! Fred was one of my mentors when I was learning to direct tournaments. I learned a lot from him, and treasure our many conversations.

Regards,
Dan Burg
National Tournament Director
Former President, Michigan Chess Association

This issue covers most of our recent major events and some of the other events that were missed from earlier in 2012. We should now be able to keep up with tournaments as they happen. I need your help in form of games (especially annotated ones), pictures, and observations from MCA events, events that you play in out of state and events at your local club. This is your magazine. I'm just putting it together.

In addition, many thanks to the following individuals for their contributions to this issue:

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Lon Rutkofske
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German Chess Federation	www.schachbund.de
Russian Chess Federation	www.russiachess.org

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2ND MICHIGAN CHESS FESTIVAL

Organizer Alan Kaufman's tireless work to get a bevy of strong International Grandmasters and top women players also brought out Michigan's chess stars. On the top four boards in the photo, GM Shabalov has the White pieces against eventual co-winner GM Mesgen Amanov, Michigan expert Thomas Hartwig plays Black against GM Sergey Kurdin, Pennsylvania expert Michael Opaska faces off against newly-minted FIDE Master Atulya Shetty (yay Atulya!!), and prodigal son Aaron Kahn plays Safal Bora.
Photo courtesy of Rose Homa

L to R: Tournament Sponsor Alan Kaufman, GM Yury Shulman, Tourament Director Jennifer Skidmore, and GM Mesgen Amanov. *Photo courtesy of Jeff Smith*

A Word from Our Sponsor
By **Alan Kaufman**

I'd like to share a few observations from my perspective as tournament organizer.

The Second Fall Festival had some interesting features and side-lights. Perhaps the most dramatic related to Hurricane ("Superstorm") Sandy. Grandmasters Sergey Kudrin and Sam Shankland, who flew to Michigan from "east coast" states, were able to make their way here without too much difficulty, since they came late in the week. But IM Irina Krush, who had been scheduled to arrive on Tuesday, faced severe difficulties.

IM Krush, the reigning US Womens Champion, learned early in the week that her Tuesday flight to Michigan had been canceled, due to the airport being closed. By Tuesday, it was clear that the airport would be closed on Wednesday, as well. As many chess fans are aware, IM Krush lives in Brooklyn. For several days after "Sandy," the bridges connecting Brooklyn to Manhattan, and the rest of the USA, were closed. Undaunted, IM Krush learned when the bridges became open to traffic. Almost the moment it was possible to do so, IM Krush drove to Michigan, to be with us.

IM Irina Krush (right) comptemplates her next move. David Friedman from Ohio is on the next board on the left of the photo.
Photo courtesy of Jeff Smith

Arriving Wednesday evening, IM Krush undertook a compressed and daunting schedule. On Wednesday she conducted a simultaneous exhibition at All the King's Men in

Warren. Thursday's activities focused on school children, and began early at the Detroit International Academy for Young Women (presentation/interview, discussion, and chess games), continued at Dicken Elementary in Ann Arbor (presentation, teaching, and so on) and ended back in Detroit for an evening simultaneous organized by Kevin Fite. At each of these events, IM Krush was an exemplary ambassador for chess. Both the "Dicken" and "Detroit International Academy" events were "covered" in the respective school district internal media.

FM Graham Burgess, a partner at Gambit Publications, again participated at the tournament. He gave a lecture, and served the "have a master analyze your games" function. His wit and style were much appreciated.

The tournament again gave Michigan players a chance to compete against highly rated players, including several GMs. For instance, GMs Shulman and Amanov shared first place. GM Shulman played against Morgan Everett, U of M student Martijn Otten (who is from Holland), and Atulya Shetty. The Shulman-Shetty game was tense and closely contested. GM Amanov played against Andy Catlin, John Brooks, and Tony Palmer. Ann Arbor's Alexander Deatrick played against three FIDE titled players: GM Finegold, WIM Zenyuk, and WIM Heredia. He was able to secure a draw against WIM Heredia. Other fine results included Michael Bowersock's victory against IM Krush, and Safal Bora's draw against GM Kudrin. Seth Homa played against GMs Shabalov and Finegold. All in all, Michigan players played over twenty games against FIDE titled players.

Round 2 Giant Killers: Michael Bowersock (left) beat IM Irina Krush and Spencer Finegold (right) held GM Sergey Kudrin to a draw. *Photo courtesy of Jeff Smith*

The strength of the tournament might be encapsulated by the following: GM Mikhalevsky played against WIM Carla Heredia in the second round.

I'm working on the Third Festival!

A Letter from WIM Carla Heredia

Five months ago, I came to USA to study Psychology and also have the possibility to play excellent tournaments here. I was blessed to be invited to play in the "Second Fall Chess Festival" in Michigan (2-4 November 2012). I went there with two aims: to play the best I can and also to help me prepare for the important Pan-American Championship to be held at the end of November.

The Second Fall Chess Festival was an incredible opportunity in all the aspects. In the tournament I made 3.5/5. I played against talented young players, and also I lost against GM Mikhalevski. As Capablanca said "you may learn much more from a game you lose than from a game you win."

But the Second Fall Chess Festival was not only about chess. Even though I was very far away from home, during the tournament I felt like I was at home because of the kindness and love people showed me. I really felt the "Gens una Sumus".

The Second Fall Chess Festival was a key tournament in my life. I learned a lot when I reviewed my games after the tournament. The tournament strengthened my resolve to earn the Woman Grandmaster title, and also increased my confidence that I could achieve my dream.

From 24 - 30 November, I played the Pan-american Championship in Uruguay. Remarkable masters also played there (IM, WIM, WFM). I was seeded 3rd, but began the tournament with a lot of energy and hope to play the best I can. This tournament has the particularity that gives the direct Woman Grand Master, the highest female title in chess. This title has been my dream for at least 10 years and "when you want something, the whole universe conspires to help you achieve it" (Paulo Coehlo). I made 7/9 and I won the Pan-American Championship and earned the direct Woman Grand Master Title.

The Second Fall Chess Festival was a catalyst to achieve the WGM title. I am sure that many young players that now have the opportunity to play this tournament will keep impressing the world with their performance and in a future will become masters. It is crucial in a chess career to be able to play against masters to earn confidence, learn from them, and try to beat them, and that is exactly what the Chess Festival offered. And of course the Fall Chess Festival had a friendly environment and that is also decisive to grow as chess player and as a person. I would like to congratulate Alan and his team for their efforts to create a festival where they promoted chess and values at its best.

The Alan Kaufman Interview

The Holland Chess Academy's David and Tamara Posthuma interviewed Alan Kaufman on November 5, 2012 about his vision for The Michigan Chess Festival and chess in Michigan. Alan Kaufman is the Vice President of the Michigan Chess Association and founder of Michigan Chess Festival LLC, sponsor of the Second Annual International Chess Tournament. 192 participants registered for this year's tournament, held at the Met Hotel in Troy, Michigan.

What inspired you to begin this annual festival?

I created Michigan Chess Festival LLC a couple years ago to promote bringing good chess tournaments into Michigan and to promote the idea of chess in Michigan.

More particularly, Michigan has an extraordinary group of very strong chess players, including two who live on the Lake Michigan lakefront, who, in order to find good competition have found it necessary to travel with their parents to tournaments in places like Chicago, Texas, California, New York, and places similarly far away in order to meet the competition that would allow them to grow as chess players. This has been taxing financially on the parents and also has been difficult on the children because the long trips sometimes take them away from school for days.

It occurred to me after observing this for a while that we would

be well served in Michigan if we were able to establish a more broadly-based tradition of excellent tournaments that attract strong players.

What role has the Michigan Chess Association played?

There are very good tournaments available for people that are provided by the Michigan Chess Association (MCA), particularly the Class championship and the Open Championship. I think it is entirely possible that the MCA over the past 10 years has established the best Scholastic Championships in the country. The MCA has every reason to be proud of the work they have done. We have excellent scholastic chess, an excellent historic state championship, and a very fine class championship that attract strong players, but other than that, we don't have the pull of strong tournaments that some of our neighboring states have.

On the west side of the state, Stan Beckwith for several years has done the Great Lakes Open. Not only is that a wonderful tournament, but that tournament and the tournament I am about to mention inspired me to believe it was possible to take steps to the next level here in Michigan. I am very pleased to acknowledge the outstanding work that Stan Beckwith and the people who helped him organize that tournament have done.

What role has Michigan played in creating a greater chess culture?

Even older is the Motor City Open, which is the traditional Thanksgiving Day tournament. Here on the east side of the state, the strong tournament has been the Motor City Open. Before that, even before the USCF was created, there was something called the Midwest Chess Association that had a tradition of hosting strong championships. Michigan hosted several of them, including a couple of precursors of the national championship. We have hosted games in the past with such extraordinary luminaries in chess as Samuel Reshevsky and Reuben Fine, who were both candidates for the World Championship title. They played each other in Detroit in the championship event in the 1930s. That event is largely lost to the knowledge of chess history. Significant tournaments were also held in places that are sometimes called "outstate Michigan"…tournaments that have been held in places other than Detroit.

The point is that Michigan has a rich tradition of high-quality chess which has diminished over the past 30 or 40 years. The Motor City Open is a wonderful tournament played over the weekend of Thanksgiving. It does have a tradition of attracting one or two grandmasters each year to the tournament. So we do get a chance once a year. Over the past 30 years, we have seen either an International Master or a Grand Master each year, but it is not enough.

What special role do Chess Masters play in the Chess Festival?

What happens when you have the opportunity to see GMs play, or the possibility to play against them in a formal tournament, is you get an idea of what good chess looks like, what it plays like, what is required to accomplish it. It's not simply a chess question. Grand Masters are artists and sporting figures, they are very often teachers, and none of them get there on talent alone. Many of them aren't that talented, as compared to players with lesser achievements. Grand Masters are players who have worked incredibly hard at their craft.

Another benefit that we get from bringing good players in is a model for our young players as to what they need to do to advance. They also have a chance to learn about discipline, commitment, study, work and courage. It is hard to play chess. I am very good at losing chess games. This is the only thing about chess that I am an expert at. I know as much or more about losing as anybody else in the state. I have been a point donor on many times. A point donor means that I have lost rated games to players and have given them rating points.

What are some of the benefits of playing chess?

Losing is very hard. There are two aspects of losing. If you lose when you are in a tournament, it takes courage and character to cope with it and come back and then play well in your next game. If you also have the capacity to learn from your loss and commit to study to improve, that's a different kind of courage. Both of those things transfer from the chess world. The benefits of chess extend far beyond whether or not you become a good chess player or win a trophy.

One of the things we have has happened in Detroit over the past 10 years. We have-- mainly in inner city Detroit schools--some of the best teachers and coaches in the country. We have players from Detroit schools who have won state, regional, and national championships. What has happened with those young chess players who have become older, not just in Detroit but across the state, is that good chess players in general become good students, good college students, and contributors to society. I don't think it is a stretch to say that I am fulfilling a civic duty by helping to promote chess in Michigan.

Who are some of the internationally titled players involved in this year's tournament?

Sam Shankland (2686), GM, Brandeis college student

Yury Shulman (2675), GM, former US Champion, was born in Belarus

Alexander Shabolov (2671), GM, won or shared first at US Champion four times, born in Latvia and lives in Pittsburgh

Victor Mikhalevski (2637), GM from Israel, formerly from Belarus

Sergey Kudrin (2613), GM, two-time US Senior Champion, was born in Russia

Ben Finegold (2578), GM, born in Michigan, now works in St. Louis

Mesgen Amanov (2559), GM, had an incredible 2012 Olympiad playing first board for Turkmenistan

Irina Krush (2541), IM, US Women's Champion

Atulya Arya Shetty (2441), FIDE Master who lives in Michigan, He just had a fabulous US Open (5/7), and is the reigning Denker champion (pitted all high school state champions against each other)

Seth Homa (2351), FIDE Master who lives in Michigan

Iryna Zenyuk (2336), WIM, doctoral student, Born in Ukraine

Carla Heredia (2206), WIM, played for the Ecuadorian Woman's team in the Olympiads. Carlo now studies at Lindenwood University in St Louis

What is your vision for the Michigan Chess Festival in the future?

I want to help establish Michigan as a visible and recognized venue for high-quality tournaments at the highest level. I would

like to continue the kind of tournaments we are running and maybe run some different tournaments. I would like to put on tournaments in Michigan that would allow people to qualify for norms. This would allow people like Seth and Atulya to meet the next steps in their goals…so players can win their titles in Michigan.

Michigan's Top Player, FM Atulya Shetty, takes on GM Yury Shulman. *Photo courtesy of Jeff Smith*

Michigan native, GM Ben Finegold, analyzes the position as his father, Ron, looks on. *Photo courtesy of Jeff Smith*

West side junior, Joshua Posthuma. *Photo courtesy of Jeff Smith*

Winners and Crosstables

Open Section Winner GM Mesgen Amanov with Tournament Sponsor Alan Kaufman. *Photo courtesy of Jennifer Skidmore*

2012 Michigan Chess Festival – Open Section Standings

No.	Name	Rating	Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd 3	Rd 4	Rd 5	Score
1	Mesgen Amanov	2559	W32	W13	W38	W3	D2	4.5
2	Yury Shulman	2675	W30	W25	W9	W4	D1	4.5
3	Alexander Shabalov	2671	W41	W16	W10	L1	W7	4.0
4	Benjamin Finegold	2578	W42	W26	W19	L2	W16	4.0
5	Sergey Kudrin	2613	W47	D18	D17	W23	W8	4.0
6	Aaron Kahn	2415	W58	W29	L7	W17	W21	4.0
7	Sam Shankland	2686	W34	W15	W6	D8	L3	3.5
8	Victor Mikhalevski	2637	W31	W14	W11	D7	L5	3.5
9	Atulya Shetty	2441	WF	W28	L2	D20	W34	3.5
10	Carl Boor	2369	W44	W39	L3	W28	D12	3.5
11	Michael Bowersock	2202	W35	W24	L8	D27	W25	3.5
12	Jiaxu Ye	Unr	W27	L38	W30	W29	D10	3.5
13	John Brooks	2196	W51	L1	D25	W50	W27	3.5
14	Carla Heredia	2206	W57	L8	W32	D26	W33	3.5
15	Iryna Zenyuk	2336	W40	L7	W41	D33	W26	3.5
16	Seth Homa	2351	W46	L3	W42	W19	L4	3.0
17	Safal Bora	2153	D55	W20	D5	L6	W39	3.0
18	Spencer Finegold	2223	W52	D5	D33	D34	D20	3.0
19	Jalen Wang	2104	W56	W22	L4	L16	W40	3.0
20	Michael Opaska	2113	W54	L17	W40	D9	D18	3.0
21	Andrew Tang	2248	L22	W56	W47	W38	L6	3.0
22	Jeff Aldrich	1970	W21	L19	L28	W54	W38	3.0
23	Thomas Hartwig	2179	L39	W50	W52	L5	W44	3.0
24	Irina Krush	2541	W59	L11	W36	½	½	3.0
25	Morgan Everett	2000	WF	L2	D13	W36	L11	2.5
26	Alexande Deatrick	2047	W45	L4	W43	D14	L15	2.5
27	Vladimir Drkulec	2045	L12	W44	W48	D11	L13	2.5
28	Edward Song	2177	W43	L9	W22	L10	D32	2.5
29	Ariel Levi	2194	W48	L6	W39	L12	D31	2.5
30	Martijn Otten	2037	L2	W49	L12	W52	D35	2.5
31	Ben Rothschild	2017	L8	L40	W37	W45	D29	2.5
32	Andrew Catlin	2004	L1	W51	L14	W53	D28	2.5
33	Evgeniy Khain	2137	½	W53	D18	D15	L14	2.5
34	Manis Davidovich	2085	L7	W57	W53	D18	L9	2.5
35	Tom Manion	1897	L11	L47	W56	W41	D30	2.5
36	Matthew Larson	2034	½	W37	L24	L25	W49	2.5
37	Bryan Wilson	1840	½	L36	L31	W56	W47	2.5
38	Tony Palmer	2091	W49	W12	L1	L21	L22	2.0
39	Gregory Bailey	1946	W23	L10	L29	W43	L17	2.0
40	Phil Roe	1910	L15	W31	L20	W42	L19	2.0
41	Nicholas Crockett	2030	L3	W55	L15	L35	W48	2.0
42	David Friedman	2027	L4	W45	L16	L40	W51	2.0
43	Vijay Kodali	1662	L28	W46	L26	L39	W52	2.0
44	William Rhee	1985	L10	L27	W57	W51	L23	2.0
45	Kiran Bemarkar	1828	L26	L42	W58	L31	W54	2.0

46	Ben Li	1918	L16	L43	L51	W57	W53	2.0
47	Eric Larson	2016	L5	W35	L21	D48	L37	1.5
48	Evan Hawver	1792	L29	W58	L27	D47	L41	1.5
49	Kameron Tolliver	1898	L38	L30	½	W55	L36	1.5
50	Justin Chen	1948	½	L23	W55	L13	---	1.5
51	Frederick Lahr	1801	L13	L32	W46	L44	L42	1.0
52	Michael Smith	1907	L18	W54	L23	L30	L43	1.0
53	Ricky Warnicke	1767	Bye	L33	L34	L32	L46	1.0
54	Soumya Kulkarni	1610	L20	L52	Bye	L22	L45	1.0
55	Derrick Harper	1648	D17	L41	L50	L49	---	0.5
56	Angie Paula	1931	L19	L21	L35	L37	---	0.0
57	Ronald Williams	1912	L14	L34	L44	L46	---	0.0
58	Tony West	1921	L6	L48	L45	---	---	0.0
59	Gregory Bailey	1946	L24	---	---	---	---	0.0

U1800 Section Winner Mengshuang Li (right) with Tournament Sponsor Alan Kaufman (left) and GM Sergey Kudrin (center).
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2012 Michigan Chess Festival – U1800 Section Standings

No.	Name	Rating	Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd 3	Rd 4	Rd 5	Score
1	Mengshuang Li	1786	W36	W13	½	W12	W2	4.5
2	Andrew Schremser	1459	W23	W5	W39	W11	L1	4.0
3	Loren Schwiebert	1723	W16	D28	W19	D9	W11	4.0
4	Joshua Posthuma	1776	W22	W25	L11	W18	W6	4.0
5	Lawrence Yuhas	1718	W44	L2	W21	W27	W13	4.0
6	Kenneth Tack	1614	D8	W20	W28	W7	L4	3.5
7	Brandon O'Neil	1768	W32	D15	W24	L6	W14	3.5
8	Alan Sun	1730	D6	L24	W34	W19	W18	3.5
9	Franklin Zhou	1643	W40	D39	W10	D3	½	3.5
10	Jeremiah Byrd	1552	D20	W34	L9	W39	W29	3.5
11	Norman Haygood Jr	1491	W31	W27	W4	L2	L3	3.0
12	Angelo Fleming	1711	W45	W14	D18	L1	D15	3.0
13	Anthony Lacey	1653	W41	L1	W32	W25	L5	3.0
14	Rachel Tao	1496	W33	L12	W31	W22	L7	3.0
15	Nathan Metcalf	1543	W42	D7	½	D23	D12	3.0
16	Christopher Johnson	1597	L3	L40	W42	W41	W27	3.0
17	Sam Massick	1666	LF	½	½	W40	W26	3.0
18	Zhehai Zhang	1479	W35	W29	D12	L4	L8	2.5
19	Zachary Smith	1595	D21	W30	L3	L8	W33	2.5
20	Elliott Tong	1675	D10	L6	D26	W37	½	2.5
21	Austin Ye	1435	D19	W35	L5	D29	D22	2.5
22	Harrison He	1643	L4	W44	W41	L14	D21	2.5
23	Forrest Reddick	1654	L2	W37	W43	D15	---	2.5
24	Joy Chen	1606	½	W8	L7	W28	---	2.5
25	Teddy Tsai	1538	WF	L4	W40	L13	½	2.5
26	Mark Servinsky	1578	L39	D36	D20	W38	L17	2.0
27	Vince Valente	1607	W43	L11	W38	L5	L16	2.0
28	Lily Zhou	1401	Bye	D3	L6	L24	D31	2.0
29	Daumants Hazners	1764	D30	L18	W33	D21	L10	2.0
30	Mike Nikitin	1505	D29	L19	D36	D31	D34	2.0
31	Karthik Baskaran	1628	L11	W45	L14	D30	D28	2.0
32	Subramanian Ganapathiyapillai	1516	L7	W42	L13	L33	W40	2.0
33	Marcus Badgett	1372	L14	Bye	L29	W32	L19	2.0
34	Jeffery Zhang	1626	½	L10	L8	W45	D30	2.0
35	Alexander Sax	1627	L18	L21	L37	W42	W41	2.0
36	Marco Lorenzon	1643	L1	D26	D30	W43	---	2.0
37	Christopher Hausner	1398	½	L23	W35	L20	½	2.0
38	Vijay Sriram	1414	½	½	L27	L26	W43	2.0
39	Anagh Kulkarni	1785	W26	D9	L2	L10	---	1.5
40	Jeremy Mathews	1420	L9	W16	L25	L17	L32	1.0
41	Erica Forshaw	1429	L13	Bye	L22	L16	L35	1.0
42	Dennis White	1429	L15	L32	L16	L35	W45	1.0
43	Jason Ye	1435	L27	WF	L23	L36	L38	1.0
44	DeWayne Van Horn	1591	L5	L22	D45	½	---	1.0
45	Kenneth Schell	1500	L12	L31	D44	L34	L42	0.5

U1400 Section Winner Kyle Schwiebert (right) with Tournament Sponsor Alan Kaufman (left).
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2012 Michigan Chess Festival – U1400 Section Standings

No.	Name	Rating	Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd 3	Rd 4	Rd 5	Score
1	Kyle Schwiebert	1349	W23	D27	W8	W10	W3	4.5
2	Matthew Minear	1295	W13	W21	D5	W16	W7	4.5
3	Chidi Umachi	1170	W22	W24	W28	W5	L1	4.0
4	Thomas Sanchez	1300	W25	L8	W23	W27	W11	4.0
5	Surya Parasuraman	1354	WF	W29	D2	L3	W8	3.5
6	Akash Narayanan	1001	W20	D9	L10	W26	W16	3.5
7	Chiara Sackellares	771	½	W18	W9	WF	L2	3.5
8	Donald Jones	1093	W31	W4	L1	W24	L5	3.0
9	Alex White	1258	W32	D6	L7	W14	D10	3.0
10	Jeannie Zhang	1150	W35	½	W6	L1	D9	3.0
11	John Ryskamp	1274	W36	L28	W35	W12	L4	3.0
12	Darius Britton	1083	L28	W33	W13	L11	W30	3.0
13	Ellen Tao	1005	L2	Bye	L12	W34	W29	3.0
14	Connor Linn	1103	L24	W22	W32	L9	W23	3.0
15	Eric Zhong	1289	L33	½	D34	W21	W17	3.0
16	John Zhang	1314	½	W26	W17	L2	L6	2.5
17	Joshua Mathews	1055	D18	W19	L16	W33	L15	2.5
18	Jason Zheng	1194	D17	L7	L26	W36	W32	2.5
19	James O'neil	1243	½	L17	D21	D32	W27	2.5
20	Josiah Smith	1150	L6	L32	W36	½	W33	2.5
21	Gary Ugrinovskiy	820	W30	L2	D19	L15	D25	2.0
22	Robert White	1046	L3	L14	W31	D25	D26	2.0
23	Matthew Keilman	1082	L1	WF	L4	W35	L14	2.0
24	Adam Waller	1356	W14	L3	W25	L8	---	2.0
25	M Johnson Kerketta	1061	L4	W36	L24	D22	D21	2.0
26	Christian Hausner	1112	½	L16	W18	L6	D22	2.0
27	Justin Davis III	996	Bye	D1	½	L4	L19	2.0
28	DeJuan Mack	1304	W12	W11	L3	LF	---	2.0
29	You Zhou	1144	WF	L5	D33	D30	L13	2.0
30	Henry Zhang	Unr	L21	W31	½	D29	L12	2.0
31	Stephen White	Unr	L8	L30	L22	Bye	W35	2.0
32	Jeffrey Zhu	1060	L9	W20	L14	D19	L18	1.5
33	Stefano Lee	863	W15	L12	D29	L17	L20	1.5
34	Robert Ellis	1141	½	L35	D15	L13	D36	1.5
35	Daniel Hou	1006	L10	W34	L11	L23	L31	1.0
36	Derek White	Unr	L11	L25	L20	L18	D34	0.5

U1000 Section Winner Rohan Talukdar (center) poses with WIM Carla Heredia (left) and GM Sam Shankland (right)
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2012 Michigan Chess Festival – U1000 Section Standings

No.	Name	Rating	Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd 3	Rd 4	Score
1	Rohan Talukdar	921	W24	W9	W4	W5	4.0
2	Anna Sun	973	W33	W8	D13	W6	3.5
3	Kevin Klucens	694	D29	W31	W18	W13	3.5
4	Adam Gaisinsky	680	W7	W10	L1	W20	3.0
5	Jade Ge	902	W23	W32	W16	L1	3.0
6	Immanuel Arrington	889	W25	W21	W17	L2	3.0
7	Aiden Song	999	L4	W29	W14	W21	3.0
8	Brian Wu	727	W41	L2	W25	W22	3.0
9	Viraj Mohile	720	W42	L1	W26	W18	3.0
10	Jack Li	807	W35	L4	W24	W17	3.0
11	Micale Garland Jr	941	W28	L16	W23	W19	3.0
12	Brandon Lacey	862	L32	W33	W34	W16	3.0
13	Julia Shen	842	W26	W19	D2	L3	2.5
14	Dipankar Roy	666	D15	W30	L7	W36	2.5
15	Richard Li	954	D14	L17	W30	W29	2.5
16	Justin Song	715	W38	W11	L5	L12	2.0
17	Larry Dickens III	654	W36	W15	L6	L10	2.0
18	Marisa Ricci	377	W22	W20	L3	L9	2.0
19	Dakshesh Daruri	690	W43	L13	W27	L11	2.0
20	Jared Ge	752	W27	L18	W32	L4	2.0
21	J'Nise Byrd	697	W34	L6	W39	L7	2.0
22	Zion Johnson	191	L18	W28	W36	L8	2.0
23	Daniel Britton	608	L5	W38	L11	W37	2.0
24	Eric Zhang	645	L1	W43	L10	W33	2.0
25	Ashique Rahman	580	L6	W42	L8	W39	2.0
26	Jahlin Brooks	522	L13	WF	L9	W34	2.0
27	Sukrut Nadigotti	220	L20	W35	L19	W32	2.0
28	Forest Zhang	653	L11	L22	W41	W35	2.0
29	Tian Tian Hou	Unr	D3	L7	W31	L15	1.5
30	Frank Hou	Unr	D31	L14	L15	W42	1.5
31	Justin Wu	714	D30	L3	L29	W41	1.5
32	Michael Aldrich	561	W12	L5	L20	L27	1.0
33	Nolan Donovan	431	L2	L12	W38	L24	1.0
34	Nathan Ouyang	Unr	L21	W37	L12	L26	1.0
35	Ethan White	409	L10	L27	W43	L28	1.0
36	Dylan Stafeil	710	L17	W41	L22	L14	1.0
37	Takito Kuzuya	320	L40	L34	W42	L23	1.0
38	Ben Li	Unr	L16	L23	L33	W43	1.0
39	Luke Hausner	306	½	½	L21	L25	1.0
40	Chiar Sackellares	771	W37	---	---	---	1.0
41	Noah Newhard	218	L8	L36	L28	L31	0.0
42	Matthew Booker	Unr	L9	L25	L37	L30	0.0
43	Zizi Newhard	Unr	L19	L24	L35	L38	0.0

Nicholas Crockett (2030)
WIM Iryna Zenyuk (2336)
Michigan Chess Festival (3)
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Notes by Iryna Zenyuk
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White to Move

18.b3 Nd7 19.Bd1!
The bishop from c2 will defend the b3 and e4–pawns.
19...Nc5 20.Bc2 e6
As we saw already the d5 break is the most important idea in these endgames. With the last move I prepared the king maneuvre to the e7 and d5–break.
21.Rad1 Rfd8 22.Rd2 Kf8 23.Rfd1 Ke7
The king arrived on e7 just in time.
24.f4 f5
This can lead only to equality but if I wanted more f6 would be a better choice. f5 is really not a threat because it will lock the bishop on c2. 24...f6 This is probably the better way to counter the f5–push. 25.f5 gxf5 26.exf5 e5 The g-file will help black too get the rooks into play.
25.exf5?!
25.Re2 Kf6 26.Red2 Ke7
25...gxf5 26.Re1 Kf6 27.Red1 Bf3!
My opponent missed this intermediate move.
28.Re1 Rd7
With Bf3 I won time to double rooks on the d-file.
29.Kf2 Bh5
Keeping an eye on d1 is very important because I am trying to push d5.
30.Re3 Rad8 31.Re1 Na6
The knight is getting transfered to b4.
32.Re3
32.Bd1 Bxd1 33.Rexd1 was a better way to trade bishops.
32...Nb4 33.Bd1 Bxd1 34.Rxd1 d5!
At last the long-prepared d5–break.
35.cxd5 exd5 36.Re2
36.Rde1 d4 37.Re6+ Kf7 38.Nb1 Nd3+
36...d4 37.Na2 Na6!
This is the key move because the knight is going to c5 and from there it attacks the b3 and threatens to go to e4.
38.Red2 Nc5 39.Rb2 d3 40.Nc3 d2 41.Ke2 Re8+ 42.Kf1 Re1+ 43.Kg2 Rd3 44.Rbb1 Rxc3 0–1

IM Irina Krush (2541)
Michael Bowersock (2202) [A17]
Michigan Chess Festival (2)
November-2012
English: Hedgehog (Nimzovich), A17

1.Nf3 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.Qc2 b6 5.a3 Bxc3 6.Qxc3 Bb7 7.b4 d6 8.Bb2 Nbd7 9.g3 0–0 10.Bg2 c5 11.0–0 Rc8 12.d3 Qc7 13.Rac1 Qb8 14.Qd2 Qa8 15.Qf4 e5 16.Qd2 Rfe8 17.e4 b5 18.cxb5 d5 19.bxc5 Nxc5 20.Nxe5 dxe4 21.dxe4 Bxe4 22.f3 Bd5 23.Qb4 a5 24.Qh4 Qb8 25.Ng4 Nxg4 26.Qxg4 Ne6 27.a4 Qb6+ 28.Kh1 Rxc1 29.Rxc1 Qf2 30.Ba1 h5 31.Qf5 Nf4 32.Rg1 Qxg2+ 0–1

FM Seth Homa (2351)
David Friedman (2024)
Michigan Chess Festival (3)
November-2012
Philidor, C41
Notes by FM Seth Homa

1.e4 d6 2.d4 Nf6 3.Nc3 Nbd7 4.Nf3 e5 5.Bc4 Be7 6.0–0 0–0
Black has chosen the solid Philidor Defense.
7.Re1
White supports his classical center.
7...c6 8.a4 a5
An alternative way of playing is 8...b6 9.d5 cxd5 10.Nxd5 Bb7 11.b3 Rc8 where Black's only problem is the backwards d-pawn.
9.h3
A useful waiting move that prevents a later ...Bg4 or ...Ng4.
9...Qc7 10.Ba2
Another little improvement move. Sometimes the bishop becomes vulnerable to the black queen on the c-file and/or to ...d5 breaks. Meanwhile, it is not yet clear where the c1–bishop belongs.
10...exd4
Black makes a big decision. Instead of supporting his ...e5 grip in the center, he gives it up in order to pressure e4 and/or to exchange a few pieces. A fairly common occurence in the Philidor.
11.Nxd4 Nc5 12.Bg5
Interestingly, this natural move appears to be new. White had to correctly evaluate the position after 12...Ne6, as allowing too many exchanges would leave Black with no problems. This led me to calculating roughly 10 moves ahead.
12...Ne6
As Black has less space, it is normal to seek exchanges. However, it does not have the desired effect in this particular instance. After the game, my opponent and I thought Black's best was 12...Bd7 13.Qf3 Rad8 14.Rad1 although White obviously enjoys nice attacking chances; During the game, I was most concerned with 12...Qb6 , but it appears White has a very strong shot in 13.e5! dxe5 14.Rxe5 Bd6 15.Re3 White has a very dangerous kingside initiative; Rybka suggests 12...Be6! as being Black's best, where White's edge is minimal.

13.Bh4!
If Black wants to exchange pieces, he'll have to do it on White's terms. Black would have no problems after 13.Nxe6 Bxe6 14.Bxe6 fxe6 as exchanges ease Black's task and the black pawns are not weak at all.
13...Nxd4
This is basically forced, as allowing Nf5 would be too dangerous.
14.Qxd4
Black has developed White's queen to a nice square.
14...Be6 15.Bxe6 fxe6
What is the difference between this position and the one which would have arose after 13. Nxe6? Black thought he had equalized here.
16.e5!
This is the move White had counted on when playing 13.Bg5. Black's pawn structure is shattered. Accurate calculation was still required though, as many pieces are coming off. In particular, I came across a bizarre defensive idea.
16...dxe5
Black's planned 16...Nd5 loses a pawn to 17.exd6! Qxd6 18.Bxe7 Qxe7 19.Nxd5 cxd5 20.Qxd5
17.Qxe5 Qxe5 18.Rxe5
White has successfully created the first endgame weakness: the pawn on e6.
18...Bb4
The move that worried me most was 18...Nd7!? , for example: 19.Bxe7 Nxe5 20.Bxf8 Rxf8 21.Re1 *(*Better is *21.Ne4* or 21.b3, with a clear endgame advantage.*)* 21...Nc4 22.b3 Na3!? An absolutely incredible idea that I saw during the game. I stared at it, and stared...but did not find any way to trap the knight! 23.Re2 Rd8! Claiming the open d-file. Black always has the resource ...b5 if he needs it. White is probably still better, but it's not every day you encounter a move like 22...Na3!!?!.
19.Ne4!
Do not rush! 19.Rxe6 Bxc3 20.bxc3 is probably still good for White, but why allow Black to trade his awful bishop? The knight is a better defensive piece for Black.
19...Nxe4
19...Nd7 does not work due to 20.Rxe6 Kf7 21.Ng5+
20.Rxe4
This is a good moment to dwell a little on White's endgame plusses. Name all of his advantages.

How many did you come up with?
1) Pawn structure - Black has two pawn weaknesses on e6 and a5. White has none except for f2 (which is easily solved by playing the pawn to f3).
2) Minor pieces - Black's bishop looks active but is absolutely useless due to its lack of targets. White's bishop slices and dices key squares along the d-file.
3) White will own the only open file on the board - the d-file,
4) Counterplay - Black has none. This is due entirely to the lack of weaknesses in White's position.
Now that we have covered White's plusses in depth, we can see that his endgame advantage is actually much larger than one would expect at first glance.
20...Rae8
This looks a little unnatural maybe, but how else does Black activate his a-rook?
21.Rd1!
White now has a firm grip on the d-file. Black cannot challenge for it.
21...Rf7
All of White's pieces are active, except one. If 21...Rf5, aiming for ...Rd5, White can play 22.Rd7! and the rook must go back to 22...Rf7
22.Kf1!
King towards the center.
22...h6 23.Ke2 g5

I want to give this move a question mark, but what else was Black to do?!

24.Bg3 Kg7

Black now activates his own king.

25.h4!

Immediately latching onto another weakness - the pawn on g5. If we were talking about the Principle of Two Weaknesses, we could point to e6, g5, and a5 as the targets.

25...Kg6 26.f3!

Another example of Do Not Hurry! White places all of his pieces and pawns on light squares...out of the range of Black's bishop.

26...Bf8

Black tries to stand pat.

27.Rd3!

The rook is very active along the 3rd rank.

27...Bb4 28.Rde3!

White's pieces have been improved to the max - the next step is attacking all of Black's weaknesses with full force.

28...Rfe7

The best defense. 28...Rf6 29.hxg5 hxg5 30.Be5! Rf7 31.Bd4 Rfe7 32.Bb6! and after c3, the a5–pawn would fall; 28...Kf6 loses a pawn much like the line given to 28...Rf6, for example: 29.hxg5+ hxg5 30.Be5+ Kg6 31.Bd4 Rfe7 32.Bb6

29.hxg5 hxg5 30.Rg4!

As is common when playing against two weaknesses, the stronger side switches the focus of attack very quickly. Ideas are Re5, f4 or Bh4.

30...Kf6?

Black's only real mistake of the game. Better was 30...Rf7! in order to meet 31.Re5 with 31...Rf5 White would have had to find another way to play.

31.c3! Bc5 32.Re5

Simultaneously attacking Bc5 and g5 (and also a5, indirectly). Black's position has collapsed.

32...Bd6 33.Rexg5 Bxg3 34.Rxg3

White is a clear pawn up.

34...e5 35.Rg6+!

Forcing the king backwards. It's never too late to mess up in chess. One should not allow things like ...Ke6–d5–c4.

35...Kf7

35...Kf5 would walk into a mate: 36.R3g5+ *(*Or *36.Ke3)* 36...Kf4 37.g3#

36.Ke3!

The king walks towards the desirable e4–square in preparation of laying siege to it. Black is nearly in zugzwang - almost every move of pawn or piece loses more material.

36...Re6 37.Rg7+ Kf6

If 37...Kf8 38.Rxb7

38.Ke4! 1–0

Black resigned, as there is no preventing 39.R3g6 checkmate.

Thomas Hartwig (2179)
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Michigan Chess Festival (1)
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King's Indian: Fianchetto (Simagin), E62
Notes by Thomas Hartwig

I think in general, that I tried too hard to win the following game. However, there were some interesting moments so I thought it was worthy of annotation.

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nf3 Bg7 4.g3 0–0 5.Bg2 d6 6.0–0 Nc6 7.Nc3 Bg4?!

This is a reasonable, albeit rare, line from Black. However, the idea Black had was not good.

8.h3 Bd7?

Black should play 8...Bxf3 here. The problem with his idea in the game is that 8.h3 is a useful move for white and there is no point in provoking it with loss of tempo. Now, white should have some advantage. 8...Bxf3 9.Bxf3 Nd7 10.e3 e5 11.d5 Ne7 12.e4 f5 is a theoretical line.

9.e4 e5 10.d5 Ne7 11.b4!?

A normal move, but white had good alternatives to consider. Probably the most natural move was the immediate 11.c5. As far as the move in the game, I liked the slow buildup and I didn't think 11...a5 was good here. 11.c5 Ne8 12.cxd6 cxd6 This move is more in the "spirit" of the King's Indian, although probably 12...Nxd6 is better. *(12...Nxd6⩲)* 13.Be3 f5 14.Qb3! A normal move in this type of position. The idea is to support Ng5–e6. It is important that it comes with tempo and black does not have a chance to play ...h6. 14...b5 15.Ng5⩲; 11.Ne1!? Qc8 12.Kh2 Re8 13.Nd3⩲ White could also try a totally different plan here, associated with playing f4 on the kingside.

11...a5 12.Ba3 axb4 13.Bxb4 b6 14.a4 Ne8 Here, Rybka showed an interesting idea for Black. He may as well gain a tempo by attacking the h3 pawn. The idea is actually based on maneuvering the queen to b7 in order to support ...Rxa1 and ...Ra8 with tempo, as well as the recapture ...Qxb6 which keeps black's pawn structure intact. It looks artificial but it is certainly clever on Black's part. 14...Qc8 15.Kh2 Nh5 16.a5 Qb7 17.axb6 Rxa1 18.Qxa1 Ra8 19.Qb2 Qxb6 20.Rb1∞

15.a5 f5?

Having looked at the game in retrospect, I am convinced that we made a series of mistakes here. Black should not allow axb6, and I should play it at the first opportunity. During the game, I was not sure about the merits of this capture since I thought that with the pawn on b6, it can help black build up a blockade on the c5 square for example. However, the d6 pawn also becomes weak which is the most important thing. 15...bxa5

16.Ng5?

White should play 16.axb6 for the reason mentioned, although this is also not too bad.

16...fxe4?

16...bxa5

17.axb6 Rxa1 18.Qxa1 cxb6 19.Qa7?

Here, I started to over press. The natural continuation was 19.Ncxe4, however I wanted more from the position and did not want to allow 19...Qc7. 19.Ncxe4 Qc7 20.Qa3 Nf5 21.g4 Nd4 22.Nxd6±

19...e3!

A great move, which I had noticed but underestimated... probably because I simply wanted to play 19. Qa7 too much. After this move appeared on the board, however, I realized that I had lost control of the position and several more mistakes followed.

20.fxe3?

Even this recapture is already another mistake from White. After the recapture, the position is objectively equal but the "initiative" has passed to Black. 20.Ne6! was still very interesting. White can simply sacrifice a pawn in order to keep control of the position here.

20...Rxf1+ 21.Bxf1 Bh6 22.h4 Nf5 23.Nce4 Bxg5 24.hxg5 Nxe3

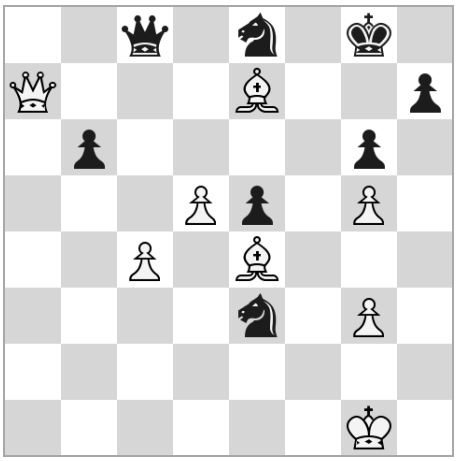
25.Bd3?

This position was not easy to play for White, however even still there were opportunities if only White can steady himself and calculate normally. The best move is 25.Be2!, and there would still be all to play for. Instead, White loses the game in two moves. 25.Be2 Nc2! The only move for black to maintain the balance. (25...Bf5 26.Nf6+ Nxf6 27.gxf6 Qxf6 28.Qb8+ Qf8 *(28...Kg7 29.Bxd6+–)* 29.Qxf8+!? Kxf8 30.Bxd6+ Kf7 31.Bxe5 b5 32.cxb5 Nxd5 33.Bc4 Be6 34.Kf2±) 26.Bxd6 Nd4!∞

25...Bf5 26.Bxd6??

White insists on throwing away the game. Even still, the correct idea of 26.Nf6+ leads to a tenable position for White.26.Nf6+ Nxf6 27.gxf6 Qxf6 28.Qb8+ Qf8 29.Qxf8+ Kxf8 30.Bxd6+ Kf7 31.Be2 Bg4 32.Kf2 Bxe2 33.Kxe3 Bxc4 34.Ke4∓

26...Bxe4 27.Be7 Qc8 28.Bxe4



28…Qh3!

White is lost after this move because Black's attack is too strong. I had optimistically hoped for 28...Qxc4, which should end in a draw. 28...Qxc4?? I considered this line which was part of the reason I went for 25.Bd3 and 26. Bxd6. 29.Qd7 Qf1+ 30.Kh2 Qe2+ 31.Kg1=

29.Kf2 Ng4+ 30.Kf3 Nh2+ 31.Ke2 Qf1+ 32.Kd2 Qf2+ 33.Kc3 Qe1+ 34.Kb3 Qxe4 35.Qxb6??

Played quickly. I saw that 35.Qd7 could be met with 35...Qf3+ and 36...Qf7 defending, so I changed my mind and went for this move without looking closely. Given how things have progressed so far, perhaps it was a merciful end to the game.

35...Qb1+ 0–1

I resigned. After the game, fortunately, my results improved in the next few rounds. The quality of my actual play was still not great, however. I won the rest of my games except for a loss to Kudrin in round 4, and finished on a respectable 3/5.

Thomas Hartwig (2179)
Will Rhee (1985)
Michigan Chess Festival (5)
November-2012
Semi-Slav: Meran (Chigorin), D46
Notes by Thomas Hartwig

In this last round game I won a miniature. Given that my opening repertoire is not geared for sharpness, this doesn't happen too often for me. Oddly enough, my opponent didn't have to do very much wrong before he already was in serious trouble.

1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.Nf3 e6 4.e3 Nf6 5.Nc3 Nbd7 6.Qc2 Bd6 7.Bd3 dxc4 8.Bxc4 b5 9.Be2 Bb7 10.0–0 a6?

Black wants to accelerate his play on the queenside, but this is not a good move. The problem is that white can still play 11.e4 which forces black to abandon the idea of ...c5 in favor of .. .e5. However, in that position he would much rather be castled instead of having the move 10...a6. 10...0–0 11.Rd1 Qb8! *(11...Qc7 12.Bd2! a6 13.b4! Bxb4? 14.Nxb5±)* 12.e4 e5 is a theoretical position, which is considered fairly balanced.

11.e4! e5 12.Rd1

The move 12.dxe5 was also promising. In comparison to the position in which Black has castled and is ready to play ...Re8, either move looks very good for White. 12.dxe5!? Nxe5 13.Nxe5 Bxe5 14.Be3 0–0 15.f4 Bxc3 16.bxc3±

12...Qe7?

This is an understandable move (getting off of the d-file), but insufficiently attentive to white's possibilities. Unfortunately the queen is badly placed in view of the possibility of Nf5.

13.dxe5! Nxe5 14.Nd4! Bc5

Surprisingly, Black is already busted. It says something about black's position that the best chance was to give up a piece, starting with 14...g6. 14...g6 15.f4 Ned7 16.e5 Nxe5 17.fxe5 Bxe5 18.Nf3±

15.Nf5 Qf8 16.Be3 Bc8?

Black's position was losing anyway, but he simply had to play 16...Bxe3 and hope for the best. It is understandable that he would avoid that variation, but this move simply loses instantly. 16...Bxe3 17.Nd6+ Ke7 18.fxe3 is also winning, but much harder to calculate for white. 18...Rb8 19.Nf5+ Ke8 20.Qd2 Nfd7

21.Bg4+–

17.Nxb5

Simple. I wish I had noticed the even more attractive line 17.Bxc5, but overall I can't complain. 17.Bxc5! Qxc5 18.Nxb5 Qxc2 19.Nc7+ Kf8 20.Rd8+

17...axb5 18.Bxc5 Qg8 19.Nd6+ Kd8 20.Nxf7+ Ke8 21.Nxe5 Bb7 22.Rd6 1–0

Black resigned.

GM Mesgen Amanov (2558)
Andy Catlin (1993)
Michigan Chess Festival (1)
November-2012
Dutch: Raphael, A80
Notes by Andy Catlin

1.d4 f5 2.Nc3 Nf6 3.Bg5 d5 4.Bxf6 exf6 5.e3 Be6 6.Bd3 Nc6 7.Nge2 Qd7 8.a3 0–0–0 9.b4 Kb8 10.Na4 Bd6 11.Nc5 Qc8N 12.c3 Rhe8 13.Qc2 Ne7 14.0–0 g5 15.f4 Rg8

Better is 15...h5

16.Rf2 h5 17.a4 h4 18.a5 h3 19.g3 Rde8 20.b5 Bf7 21.b6 Bxc5

"A bad move" - GM Amanov. Better is 21...cxb6 22.axb6 Bxc5 *(If 22...a6 23.Nxa6+! bxa6 24.Rxa6* with a strong attack*)* 23.dxc5 *(23.bxa7+? Bxa7* is good for Black. If *24.Qa4 Bb6)* 23...a6 and White's advantage is still small.

22.dxc5 a6 23.Nd4 c6 24.Bxf5 Nxf5 25.Qxf5 Bg6 26.Qxf6 Rxe3?

27.f5! Bh5 28.Qd6+ Ka8 29.Ne6 1-0

Black resigns. Thanks Alan for giving me this opportunity to play a grandmaster!

Menshuang Li beats Andrew Schremser to win the Under 1800 section. Andrew had a great run, especially for a 38th seed!! On board 2, Andrew's Holland Chess teammate Joshua Posthuma plays White against Kenneth Tack. Both Andrew and Joshua are coached by Dr. Tony Palmer.

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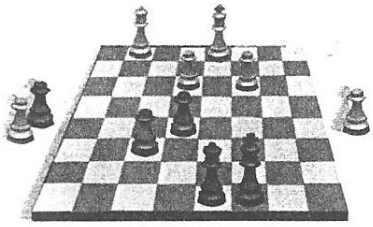

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Sat. 12:00pm-4:30pm

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2012 Michigan Amateur Championship

Jennifer Skidmore wins on Tie-Breaks over Greg Bailey

Jennifer Skidmore and Greg Bailey square off to a final round draw. Tie-breaks were unkind to Greg Bailey in 2012 as he tied for first in both the Amateur and Senior events.

The 2012 version of the Amateur was held at All the King's Men Chess Supplies over the fall weekend of October 6-7, 2012. A total of 50 players competed and many trophies were given away. Jeff Aldrich was the tournament director.

2012 Michigan Amateur Standings

No.	Name	Rating	Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd 3	Rd 4	Rd 5	Score
1	Jennifer Skidmore	1919	WF	W8	W22	W12	D2	4.5
2	Gregory Bailey	1923	W30	W24	W28	W13	D1	4.5
3	Ben Li	1914	D31	W21	W15	W10	D6	4.0
4	Angie Paula	1920	D21	W29	D14	W17	W12	4.0
5	Tom Manion	1811	W34	½	W31	D7	W14	4.0
6	Tony West	1942	W11	W9	L12	W18	D3	3.5
7	Michael A Smith	1914	W25	W48	L13	D5	W16	3.5
8	Jeff Futrell	1670	W37	L1	W49	D9	W23	3.5
9	Ricky Warnicke	1772	W43	L6	W30	D8	W26	3.5
10	Thomas LaForge	1834	W32	W26	½	L3	W25	3.5
11	Sam Costanzo	1573	L6	D43	W42	W38	W22	3.5
12	Frederick Lahr	1800	W33	W19	W6	L1	L4	3.0
13	Michael Marson	1802	W23	W16	W7	L2	---	3.0
14	Douglas Fick	1780	W44	D15	D4	W29	L5	3.0
15	Zachary Smith	1583	W38	D14	L3	D33	W29	3.0
16	Brandon O'Neil	1609	W40	L13	W41	W28	L7	3.0
17	Ronald Grzegorczyk	1652	L29	W35	W34	L4	W32	3.0
18	Stan Beckwith	1712	W41	L28	W32	L6	W35	3.0
19	Paris Coleman	1595	W47	L12	L29	W44	W33	3.0
20	Mani Veerappan	1536	LF	½	W43	D24	W28	3.0
21	David Meyer	1560	D4	L3	D35	W34	D24	2.5
22	Justin Aldrich	1816	W49	W36	L1	D23	L11	2.5
23	Surya Parasuraman	1240	L13	W40	W48	D22	L8	2.5
24	Anthony Bee	1730	W39	L2	½	D20	D21	2.5
25	Arthur Huerta	1359	L7	W37	½	W36	L10	2.5
26	Joy Chen	1620	W50	L10	½	W31	L9	2.5
27	Lily Zhou	1318	L28	L41	W46	D30	W42	2.5
28	Chris Schmidt	1850	W27	W18	L2	L16	L20	2.0
29	Karthik Baskaran	898	W17	L4	W19	L14	L15	2.0
30	Melissa Lee	1568	L2	W39	L9	D27	D31	2.0
31	Saurabh Jha	1362	D3	W42	L5	L26	D30	2.0
32	Jacob Crandell	1306	L10	W46	L18	W37	L17	2.0
33	James O'Neil	1207	L12	W47	D36	D15	L19	2.0
34	Larry Hodge	1249	L5	W50	L17	L21	W41	2.0
35	Jason Ye	1389	½	L17	D21	W39	L18	2.0
36	Eugene McClure	1626	W45	L22	D33	L25	D38	2.0
37	You Zhou	1002	L8	L25	W40	L32	W43	2.0
38	Donald Jones	Unr	L15	W44	½	L11	D36	2.0
39	M Johnson Kerketta	1099	L24	L30	W50	L35	W45	2.0
40	Dakshesh Daruri	621	L16	L23	L37	Bye	W44	2.0
41	Diallo Smith	1079	L18	W27	L16	½	L34	1.5
42	Austin Ye	1488	½	L31	L11	W47	L27	1.5
43	Josiah Smith	1138	L9	D11	L20	½	L37	1.0
44	Stefano Lee	1178	L14	L38	W45	L19	L40	1.0
45	Jack Li	693	L36	L49	L44	W46	L39	1.0
46	Adam Gaisinsky	891	L48	L32	L27	L45	W47	1.0
47	Michael Aldrich	583	L19	L33	Bye	L42	L46	1.0
48	Soumya Kulkarni	1627	W46	L7	L23	---	---	1.0
49	Rohan Talukdar	1253	L22	W45	L8	---	---	1.0
50	Saket Kulkarni	683	L26	L34	L39	---	---	0.0

2012 Michigan Amateur Prize Winners *(Photos by the editor)*

1st Place:
Jennifer Skidmore

2nd Place:
Greg Bailey

3rd Place:
Ben Li

1st U1800:
Jeff Futrell

2nd U1800:
Ricky Warnicke

1st U1600:
Sam Costanzo

1st U1400:
Surya Parasuraman

2nd U1400:
Arthur Huerta

1st U1200:
Karthik Baskaran

2nd U1200:
You Zhou

1st U1000:
Dakshesh Daruri

1st U800:
Jack Li

2nd U800:
Michael Aldrich

1st Unrated:
Don Jones

1st Senior (65 & Over):
Tom LaForge

Doug Fick (1780)
Karthik Baskaran (898)
Michigan Amateur (4)
October 2012
Italian, C50
Notes by Doug Fick

Having seen my young opponent beat two 1600's already this tournament I was determined not to be his 3rd upset victim. Apparently the event posted 898 rating was a non USCF one since reading the post-tournament results showed his rating go from unrated to a provisional of 1628!

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.0–0 Nf6 5.d4 Bxd4 6.Nxd4 Nxd4 7.Bg5

7.f4 d6 8.c3 is the other way to play this variation of the Max Lange Attack. In both cases White has good attacking chances.

7...0–0

This surprised me since the book line is to play d6 to get the queenside developed and to support e5.

8.f4 Qe7

I didn't think too much of this since it ignores queenside development. It does threaten Qc5 though so the move has to be taken seriously.

9.c3

9.fxe5 Qxe5 10.Bxf6 gxf6 11.c3 Nc6 was an alternative. Black's shattered kingside should give me enough compensation for the pawn.

9...Nc6 10.Nd2

With a wicked idea in mind but my opponent avoided it.

10...exf4

Rats. So much for a chance at a brilliancy. 10...Qc5+ 11.Kh1 Nxe4? 12.Nxe4 Qxc4 13.Nf6+!! It actually takes Fritz a few minutes to find this and see that it's good for White. 13...gxf6 Forced as Kh8 gets mated. *(13...Kh8 14.Qh5 Qd3 15.f5 h6 16.Bxh6* and Black is toast.*)* 14.Bxf6 Qe6 (14...Qe4 15.f5 d5 16.Qh5 Rd8 17.Qh6 Qg4 18.h3 and Black must surrender a boatload of material since 18...Qg3 19.Rf3 mates 18...Rd6 *(18...Qg3 19.Rf3* and mate is forced.*)* 19.hxg4 Rxf6 20.Qxf6+–) 15.fxe5 Nxe5 *(15...d5 16.Rf4* and with Qh5–h6 coming I have a winning attack.*)* 16.Qd2 Qg4 17.Bxe5 d6 18.Rf3 dxe5 19.Rg3 Qxg3 20.hxg3 And I'm better/ winning. Ok so I hadn't seen everything (Calculating at the board my brain started to drift after 15.fxe5) but instinctively thought all this would be good for me which Fritz later confirmed.

11.Bxf4 Qc5+ 12.Kh1 Nxe4 13.Bxf7+ Rxf7 14.Nxe4 Qe7?

I was glad to see this since it lets me get my pieces into a strong attacking position. 14...Qc4 15.Nd2 (15.Ng5 I thought this lost a piece but Fritz points out it actually leads to a draw. 15...Rxf4 16.Rxf4 Qxf4 17.Qd5+ Kh8 *(17...Kf8??* gets hammered. *18.Nxh7+ Ke8 19.Re1+ Ne5 20.Rxe5+* and Black must surrender the queen or be mated.*)* 18.Nf7+ with a draw by repetition.) 15...Qd5 16.Bxc7 with a roughly level position was what I was expecting.

15.Ng5 Rf8 16.Qd5+ Kh8 17.Bxc7

17.Rae1 This had been my original intention until I seen what I thought was a trap in Rxf4. 17...Rxf4 18.Nf7+ Rxf7 19.Qxf7 Qxf7 20.Rxf7 Kg8 and I thought I was losing here although it was later pointed out to me that 21.Ref1 h6 22.Rf8+ Kh7 23.Re8 a6 24.Rff8 Na7 would leave my opponent badly tied up. Despite the material deficit Fritz says I'm slightly better here. Sadly all this turned out to be fantasy chess as Fritz points out that 18.Qd3! Rxf1+ 19.Qxf1 and Black must lose his queen or get mated.

17...Rxf1+ 18.Rxf1 h6 19.Nf7+ Kh7 20.Qf5+ g6 21.Qh3

This doesn't blow it but Qf4 is a much better square for the queen.

21...h5 22.Bd6

I thought this was good since it blocked the d-pawn and by extension keeps my opponent's bishop from helping to defend. Turns out this lets slip most of my advantage according to Fritz and I should reposition the queen with Qf3.

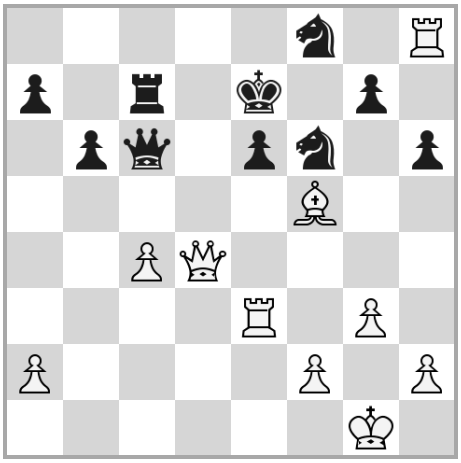
22...Qe2 23.Ng5+ Kh6??

Thinking he's winning a piece my opponent walks into mate. 23...Kg8! is best and now I would've had to play 24.Kg1 in order to keep a winning evaluation according to Fritz. Would I have found this? Probably since I was seeing Rf8+ only leading to a perpetual.

24.Bf8+ Kxg5 25.Qg3+ Qg4 26.h4# 1–0

Tony West (1942)
Ricky Warnicke (1772)
Michigan Amateur
October 2012
Catalan: Closed, E06
Notes by Doug Fick

1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.Nf3 Nf6 4.g3 e6 5.Bg2 Be7 6.Qc2 0–0 7.0–0 b6 8.Rd1 Bb7 9.Nbd2 Nbd7 10.e4 Rc8 11.e5 Ne8 12.b3 c5 13.dxc5 Bxc5 14.Bb2 dxc4 15.bxc4 Qe7 16.Ng5 Qxg5 17.Bxb7 Rc7 18.Nf3 Qe7 19.Be4 h6 20.Qe2 Bb4 21.Nd4 Nb8 22.Rac1 Bc5 23.Bb1 Bxd4 24.Rxd4 Nc6 25.Rh4 f5 26.exf6 Nxf6 27.Re1 Na5 28.Qd3 Qc5 29.Ba3 Qc6 30.Bxf8 Kxf8 31.Rd4 Nb7 32.Bc2 Nc5 33.Rd8+ Ke7 34.Qd4 Ncd7 35.Rh8 Qf3 36.Re3 Qc6 37.Bf5 Nf8



White to Play

What's the quickest route to victory?

38.Rxf8! Kxf8 39.Qd8+ Kf7 40.Bxe6+ Kg6 41.Qd3+ Kg5 42.Qf5#
1–0

Justin Aldrich (1816)
Surya Parasuraman (1240)
Michigan Amateur (4)
October 2012
Italian: Pianissimo, C50
Notes by Doug Fick

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.d3 Nf6 5.a3 d5 6.exd5 Nxd5 7.h3 Be6 8.0–0 Qd7 9.Re1 Bd6 10.Ng5 0–0–0 11.Nd2 h6 12.Nxe6 Qxe6 13.Ne4 f5 14.Nc3 Nce7 15.Qf3 c6 16.Be3 Kb8 17.b4 Bc7 18.Bc5 Qf6 19.Nxd5 Nxd5 20.b5 Nb6 21.Bxb6 Bxb6 22.bxc6 bxc6 23.Rab1 Kc7 24.Qg3 f4 25.Qg4 h5 26.Qe6 Qxe6 27.Bxe6 Kd6 28.Bf5 Rdf8 29.Be4 g5 30.Bf3 Rf6 31.Kf1 Rg6 32.Red1 g4 33.hxg4 hxg4 34.Be4

Black to Play

34...Rf6

34...f3! 35.gxf3 gxf3 36.Bxf3 Rf8 37.Rxb6 Best as alternatives are worse. *(37.Be4?? Rxf2+ 38.Ke1 Rg1#; 37.Ke2 Rgf6 38.Be4 Rxf2+)* 37...axb6 38.Be4 Rgf6 39.f3 And Black is winning but still has work to do.

35.Ke2 Rhf8 36.f3 gxf3+ 37.Bxf3 Rg8 38.Rh1 Rg3 39.Rh2 Bc5 40.a4 a5 41.Rb8 Rg7 42.Ra8 Bb6 43.Rc8 Kd7 44.Rch8 Kd6 ½–½

Josiah Smith (1138)
Sam Costanzo (1573)
Michigan Amateur (2)
October 2012
Sicilian: Alapin, B22
Notes by Doug Fick

1.e4 c5 2.c3 d6 3.d4 Nf6 4.dxc5 Nxe4 5.cxd6 Nxd6 6.Bf4 Qb6 7.Qc2 Bf5 8.Qb3 Qxb3 9.axb3 e6 10.Bxd6 Bxd6 11.Bb5+ Ke7 12.Nf3 Be4 13.Be2 Nd7 14.0–0 Bc6 15.Nbd2 a6 16.Nc4 Bc7 17.Rfe1 h5 18.Bd1 h4 19.Nfe5 Nxe5 20.Nxe5 Bxe5 21.Rxe5 h3 22.Bf3 Bxf3 23.gxf3 Rad8 24.Rc5 Rc8 25.Rxc8 Rxc8 26.Kf1 Rc5 27.b4 Rg5 28.Rd1 Rg2

29.Rd4 Rxh2 30.Kg1 Rg2+ 31.Kf1 Rg6 32.Rh4 Rh6 33.Rxh6 gxh6 34.Kg1 b5 35.Kh2 Kd6 36.Kxh3 Kd5 37.b3 e5 38.Kg4 Ke6 39.Kh5 Kf5 40.Kxh6 Kf4 41.c4 bxc4 42.bxc4 Kxf3 43.c5 Kxf2 44.c6 e4 45.c7 e3 46.c8Q e2 47.Qf5+ Kg2 48.Qg4+ Kf2 49.Qh4+ Kf1 50.Qh1+ Kf2 51.Qh2+ Kf1 52.Qf4+ Kg2 53.Qd2

53.Qe3 Kf1 54.Qf3+ is the correct way to win this ending. White must force the king in front of the pawn to gain time to bring his own king to assist. 54...Ke1 55.Kg5 Kd2 56.Qf2 Kd1 And now the checking procedure begins again. 57.Qd4+ Kc2 58.Qe3 Kd1 59.Qd3+ Ke1 60.Kf4 Kf2 61.Qe3+ Ke1 62.Kf3 and the win is easy.

53...Kf1 54.Qd3 Kf2 55.Qd2 Kf1 56.Qf4+ Kg2 ½–½

Chris Schmidt (1850)
Brandon O'Neil (1609)
Michigan Amateur (4)
October 2012
English: Hedgehog, A17

1.c4 Nf6 2.Nc3 e6 3.d3 d5 4.cxd5 exd5 5.g3 Bd6 6.Bg2 c6 7.Nf3 0–0 8.0–0 Re8 9.Re1 Nbd7 10.Bg5 h6 11.Bxf6 Nxf6 12.Qd2 Bf5 13.a3 a5 14.Nd4 Bh7 15.Na4 b5 16.Nc3 Qb6 17.e3 b4 18.Nce2 c5 19.Nf3 Qb5 20.Red1 Rad8 21.axb4 axb4 22.Ra7 Ra8 23.Rxa8 Rxa8 24.d4 Ne4 25.Qe1 c4 26.Nd2 Ra2 27.Nxe4 Bxe4 28.Bxe4 dxe4 29.Rb1 c3 30.Nc1 Rxb2 31.Rxb2 cxb2 32.Na2 b3 33.Nc3 Qa5 34.Qb1 Qxc3 35.Kg2 Qc2 0–1

Greg Bailey (1923)
Melissa Lee (1568)
Michigan Amateur (1)
October 2012
Bird: Dutch, A03

1.f4 c5 2.Nf3 e6 3.e3 d5 4.c3 Ne7 5.Be2 g6 6.0–0 Bg7 7.d4 b6 8.Ne5 0–0 9.Nd2 Nd7 10.Ndf3 Bb7 11.Bd2 Nxe5 12.fxe5 Rc8 13.Qe1 c4 14.Qg3 b5 15.Rf2 Bc6 16.Raf1 a5 17.a3 Ra8 18.Qh3 Qd7 19.Ng5 h6 20.Nxf7 Nf5 21.Rxf5 exf5 22.Nxh6+ Bxh6 23.Qxh6 Qg7 24.Qg5 Be8 25.Bf3 Qd7 26.Be1 Ra7 27.h4 Qe6 28.h5 Rh7 29.hxg6 Rg7 30.Qd8 Qxg6 31.Qxd5+ Kh8 32.Kf2 Rh7 33.Ke2 f4 1–0

Fred Lahr (1800)
Angie Paula (1920)
Michigan Amateur (5)
October 2012
English: Anglo-Indian, A15

1.Nf3 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.g3 Nc6 4.Bg2 Be7 5.0–0 0–0 6.b3 d5 7.Bb2 d4 8.d3 e5 9.e3 dxe3 10.fxe3 Ng4 11.Qc1 Bc5 12.d4 exd4 13.exd4 Nxd4 14.Nxd4 Bxd4+ 15.Kh1 Bxb2 16.Qxb2 Ne3 17.Re1 Nxg2 18.Kxg2 b6 19.Nc3 Bb7+ 20.Kf2 Qf6+ 21.Kg1 Qf3 22.Qc2 Qh1+ 0–1

Doug Fick (1780)
Tom Manion (1811)
Michigan Amateur (5)
October 2012
Petrov: Cozio, C42

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.Nxe5 d6 4.Nf3 Nxe4 5.Qe2 Qe7 6.d3 Nf6 7.Bg5 Be6 8.Nc3 Nc6 9.Ne4 0–0–0 10.Nxf6 gxf6 11.Be3 d5 12.c3 Kb8 13.g3 Qd7 14.Bg2 Bh3 15.0–0 Re8 16.Qd2 h5 17.Rfe1 Bxg2 18.Kxg2 Ne5 19.Bd4 Bd6 20.Nxe5 fxe5 21.Be3 h4 22.d4 hxg3 23.fxg3 Qh3+ 24.Kg1 e4 25.Qg2 Qg4 26.Qe2 Qg6 27.Kg2 Rxh2+ 28.Kxh2 Qxg3+ 29.Kh1 Rh8+ 30.Qh2 Qxh2# 0–1

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2012 Michigan Senior Championships

Morgan Everett wins Michigan Senior on tie-break over Greg Bailey

NM Morgan Everett (left), 64, won the 2012 Michigan Senior Championship on tie-break over Mesick strongman Greg Bailey (right), 61. Stan Jarosz beat ultra-solid top seed Bob Ciaffone in an inspired round 2 attacking game, but fell to Bailey then Gary Kitts in the Sunday rounds.

The Morgan Everett Interview
By **Andy Catlin**

Morgan Everett agreed to an interview before his round 4 showdown with Bailey:

"I started playing in 1957. Fred Reinfeld taught me how to play chess. I read his Chess in a Nutshell, and his Chess Traps, Pitfalls, and Swindles. I used to read Reinfeld in bed at night with a flashlight when I was supposed to be asleep. My mother busted me, of course!

"I used to read Reinfeld in bed at night with a flashlight… My mother busted me!"

I went to Cass Tech. I wasn't the best player there! I was third board, after Kreuger and Eddie Headd.

I got my 2200 rating [and National Master title!—wmc] at the 1992 U.S. Open, held at the Hyatt Regency in Dearborn.

My favorite player has changed over the years. It was Bobby Fischer. Now, the player I admire the most is Karpov. Philippine GM Rogelio Antonio once told me that I was really Karpov, and only thought I was Fischer! My favorite Michigan player was Paul Poschel. I also used to admire Dan Boyk and Wesley Burgar. I also admired Tom Mazuchowski—he stopped playing when he became aware that he couldn't play as well as he used to.

In the early 1960s, I played with a Black chess club called the knights. Dr. Howard Gaba would invite people to his house for chess tournaments. A lot of people were not coming because we were there. We told Dr. Gaba that maybe we should stop coming over. He said, "[Forget] them, keep coming!" There were a number of Black Michigan chess players. One went on to become Dean of Wayne State Law School, another became state treasurer.

I'm retired with 5 children—four girls and a boy. My girls are all in their 40s. I've been married to my wife Naomi for 30 years. She's very understanding about chess tournaments—Naomi is the reason that I play. I first worked at a mailman. After I graduated from college in 1977, I worked for Detroit Edision for 31 years, first as a technician, then as an engineer. I became plant manager at River Rouge and two other power plants. After retirement, I've done some freelance jobs, writing some reliability studies.

My favorite books are Seirawan's endgame book, and Karpov's Chess is My Life. Karpov has good notes, and makes clear the difference between positional chess and tactical chess.

Chess is good for kids. It teaches them to think logically. And as in life, you suffer reverses, and learn how to take defeat.

Playing computers can be bad for you—you'll think every opening is a draw. I haven't played Internet chess or correspondence chess. Correspondence chess nowadays seems like one computer against another.

I still play as well as I used to early in the game. But now I get tired and am more prone to make mistakes. I want to play as long as I can play a representative game. You don't need to be a Picasso to be an artist, as long as it satisfies you. I hope to play chess into my 80s.

Open Section Round 3 Match-Ups: On the closest board, Andy Catlin (left) tries to slow down eventual Champion, Morgan Everett. On board 2, the road to the Senior Championship always goes through Greg Bailey (right) as he takes on Stan Jarosz.

Another aspect of the Senior Championships is that it is a more social event. Here several players watch a key Reserve section game.

2012 Michigan Senior – Open Section Standings

No.	Name	Rating	Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd 3	Rd 4	Score
1	Morgan Everett	2004	W3	W8	W7	L2	3.0
2	Gregory Bailey	1917	L9	W12	W5	W1	3.0
3	Gary Kitts	1884	L1	W10	D8	W5	2.5
4	Lonnie Rutkofske	1816	L5	D6	W12	W8	2.5
5	Stanley Jarosz Jr	1942	W4	W11	L2	L3	2.0
6	Don Vandivier	1893	L11	D4	D10	W9	2.0
7	Andrew Catlin	1980	W12	W9	L1	---	2.0
8	Ronald Grzegorczyk	1616	W10	L1	D3	L4	1.5
9	Victor Rotberg	1693	W2	L7	½	L6	1.5
10	Michael Smith	1910	L8	L3	D6	D12	1.0
11	Robert Ciaffone	2108	W6	L5	---	---	1.0
12	Thomas LaForge	1870	L7	L2	L4	D10	0.5

2012 Michigan Senior – Reserve (U1600) Section Standings

No.	Name	Rating	Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd 3	Rd 4	Score
1	Alan Kaufman	1524	W4	W3	L2	W6	3.0
2	Noel Bedy	1537	D5	W6	W1	L3	2.5
3	Brian Bezrutch	1466	W7	L1	D4	W2	2.5
4	Thomas Kampfert	1260	L1	W5	D3	W8	2.5
5	Ed Mandell	1427	D2	L4	W8	W7	2.5
6	Ruben Ramon	1438	W8	L2	W7	L1	2.0
7	Claude Williams Jr	1242	L3	W8	L6	L5	1.0
8	Harry Crouch	425	L6	L7	L5	L4	0.0

Feedback Wanted!

Players age 50 and over are eligible to play in the Senior Championships. We have not scheduled the 2013 event and, if you are eligible, would like to know what your preferred time frame would be:

- Spring: Late May or Early June
- Summer: Late July or Early August
- Fall: Sometime in October

We would also welcome any other feedback that would help make our event a success. Send your feedback to jeffchess@charter.net.

2012 Michigan Senior - Open Section Prizewinners

Champion:
Morgan Everett

1st U1800:
Ron Grzegorczyk

2012 Michigan Senior - Reserve Section Prizewinners

Champion:
Alan Kaufman

1st U1400:
Thomas Kampfert

Don Vandivier (1893)
Bob Ciaffone (2108)
Michigan Senior: Open (1)
August 2012
Sicilian: Richter, B62
Notes by Doug Fick

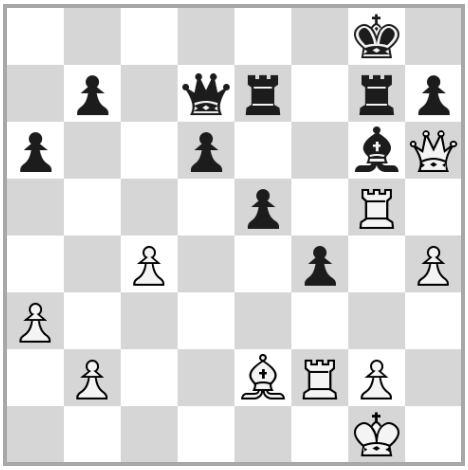
1.e4 e6 2.d4 c5 3.Nf3 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 d6 6.Bg5 Be7 7.f4 Nc6 8.Nxc6 bxc6 9.e5 dxe5 10.Qxd8+ Bxd8 11.fxe5 Nd7 12.Bxd8 Kxd8 13.0–0–0 Ke7 14.Re1 Bb7 15.g3 c5 16.Rg1 Rab8 17.Bg2 Bxg2 18.Rxg2 Rb4 19.a3 Rb6 20.Rf2 Rhb8 21.b3 a5 22.Rf4 Rc6 23.h4 c4 24.Rxc4 Rxc4 25.bxc4 Rc8 26.Re4 Rc5 27.Kd2 Nxe5 28.Na4
28.Nd5+ Kd6 29.Ne3 Avoids material loss.
28...Rxc4 0–1

Stan Jarosz (1942)
Lon Rutkofske (1816)
Michigan Senior: Open (1)
August 2012
English: Anti-Benoni, A31
Notes by Lon Rutkofske

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 c5 3.Nf3 g6 4.Nc3 Bg7 5.e4 0–0 6.Be2 cxd4 7.Nxd4 d6 8.Be3 Na6 9.0–0 Nc5 10.f3 a6 11.Qd2 Ne6 12.Rfd1 Re8 13.Rac1 Qa5 14.Nxe6 fxe6 15.Nd5 Qxd2 16.Nxf6+ Bxf6 17.Rxd2 b6 18.b4 Rb8 19.c5 bxc5 20.bxc5 dxc5 21.Rxc5 Rb2 22.Rxb2 Bxb2 23.Bc4 Kf7 24.Rc6 Rd8 25.Bxa6 Bxa6 26.Rxa6 Rc8 27.Rb6 Ba3 28.Rb3 Bc1 29.a3 Rc2 30.Bxc1 Rxc1+ 31.Kf2 Rc2+ 32.Kg3 Ra2 33.h4 h6 34.f4 h5 35.Kf3 Kf6 36.g3 e5 37.Rb6+ e6 38.Ra6 Ra1 39.a4 Rf1+ 40.Ke2 Ra1 41.a5 Ra3 42.Ra8 Rxg3 43.a6 Ra3 44.a7 Kg7 45.fxe5 Kh7 46.Kd2 Kg7 47.Kc2 g5 48.hxg5 h4 49.Re8 h3??
Just a blunder plain and simple. 49...Rxa7 50.Rxe6 h3 51.Rh6 h2 52.Kb2 Ra4 should draw.]
50.a8Q 1–0

Victor Rotberg (1693)
Greg Bailey (1926)
Michigan Senior: Open (1)
August 2012
Sicilian: Maróczy, B38
Notes by Andy Catlin

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 g6 5.c4 Bg7 6.Be3 Nf6 7.Nc3 d6 8.Be2 a6 9.0–0 0–0 10.Rc1 Bd7 11.f3 Rc8 12.Qd2 Re8 13.a3
In grandmaster practice, White almost always now plays 13 Rfd1.
13...Ne5 14.Nd5 e6 15.Nxf6+ Bxf6 16.f4 Nc6 17.Nf3 e5 18.f5 gxf5 19.exf5 Bxf5 20.Ng5 Bg6 21.Rf2 Nd4 22.Bxd4 Bxg5 23.Be3 Bxe3 24.Qxe3 f5 25.Qh6 Rc7 26.Rc3 Rg7 27.Rg3 Qd7 28.h4 f4 29.Rg5 Ree7?!



30.Bg4 Qc7 31.Rd2 Qxc4 32.h5 Qc1+ 33.Rd1 Qe3+ 34.Kh1 Qe4 35.Bf3 Qc2 36.Rxd6 e4 37.Rd8+ Kf7 38.hxg6+ hxg6 39.Rxg6 Rxg6 40.Rf8+ Ke6 41.Qxg6+ Kd7 42.Bg4+ Kc7 43.Rc8# 1–0

A fine attacking game by Victor Rotberg.

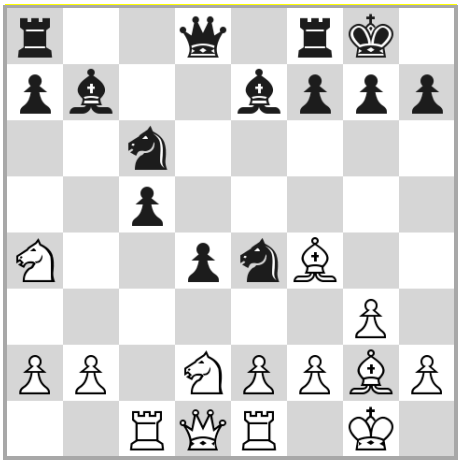
Mike R Smith (1910)
Ron Grzegorczyk (1616)
Michigan Senior: Open (1)
August 2012
Sicilian: Labourdonnais (Löwenthal), B32

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 e5 5.Nb5 d6 6.c4 a6 7.N5a3 Nf6 8.Nc3 Be7 9.Be2 0–0 10.Nc2 Be6 11.0–0 Qc7 12.Bg5 h6 13.Bxf6 Bxf6 14.Ne3 Nd4 15.Ncd5 Qd8 16.Rc1 Bg5 17.Rc3 Bxe3 18.Nxe3 Rc8 19.f4 f6 20.Bg4 Qb6 21.Bxe6+ Nxe6 22.Qd5 Rfe8 23.f5 Rc5 24.Qd2 Nd4 25.Kh1 Qd8 26.Nd5 Rc8 27.Rg3 Kf7 28.Qd1 Rg8 29.Qh5+ Kf8 30.b3 Qe8 31.Rg6 Rd8 32.Re1 Rd7 33.Re3 Rf7 34.Reg3 Qd8 35.Qxh6 Qa5 36.b4 Qxa2 37.h4 Qb1+ 38.Kh2 Ne2 39.Qe3 Nxg3 40.Qb6 Rd7 0–1

Gary Kitts, (1891)
Stan Jarosz (1942)
Michigan Senior: Open (4)
August 2012
Caro-Kann: Classical, B18

1.Nc3 d5 2.e4 c6 3.d4 dxe4 4.Nxe4 Bf5 5.Ng3 Bg6 6.N1e2 h6 7.Nf4 Bh7 8.Bc4 Nf6 9.0–0 Nd5 10.c3 e6 11.Re1 Be7 12.Qg4 Nxf4 13.Bxf4 Bg5 14.Bxg5 hxg5 15.Rxe6+ Kf8 16.Re3 Bg6 17.Rae1 Na6 18.Bxa6 bxa6 19.Qe2 f5 20.Re7 Qd5 21.Qxa6 f4 22.Qb7 Qd8 23.Nf1 Rb8 24.Qxa7 Rh7 25.Qc5 Kg8 26.Qxc6 Bf7 27.b3 Rh6 28.Qc7 Qf8 29.Rxf7 1–0

Bob Ciaffone (2108)
Stan Jarosz (1942)
Michigan Senior: Open (2)
August 2012
Notes by Doug Fick



Black to Play

14...Nxf2??

White to play. Can White refute Black's sacrifice?

15.Kxf2 g5 16.Ne4?

16.Nxc5! Bxc5 17.Bxc6 Bxc6 18.Rxc5 gxf4 19.Rxc6 And Black has nothing to show for the piece.

16...gxf4 17.Nexc5 fxg3+ 18.Kg1?

Simply hxg3 preparing Bf3 and Kg2 when White is fine. After this Black gets real attacking chances. 18.hxg3 Bg5 19.Bf3! Bxc1 20.Qxc1+– And White will wind up with two pieces for a rook.

18...Bg5 19.Nxb7 Be3+ 20.Kh1 Qh4 21.h3 Ne5

White's a piece up but Black has developed a powerful kingside attack with the devastating threat of Ng4–f2. With the text White tries to bring one of his offside knights back to the defense but it isn't enough.]

22.Nbc5

22.Rc5 Ng4 23.Rf1 Nf2+ 24.Rxf2 gxf2 25.Rf5 is given by Fritz and looks to be White's best defense in this complicated position. Black is still better thanks to his kingside attack and open lines for his rooks but White is still alive and he's better off than what happens in the game.

22...Ng4 23.Nd3 Nf2+ 24.Nxf2 gxf2 25.Rf1 Kh8–+

All Black has to do is double on the g-file and White can do nothing to stop it.

26.Qd3 Rae8 27.Qf5 Rg8 28.Rcd1 Rg6 29.Nc5 Reg8 30.Qf3 Rg3 0–1

Lon Rutkofske (1816)
Don Vandivier (1893)
Michigan Senior: Open (2)
August 2012
Sicilian, B20
Notes by Lon Rutkofske and Doug Fick

1.e4 c5 2.c4 Nc6 3.g3 d6 4.d3 g6 5.Nc3 Bg7 6.Nge2 Bg4 7.Bg2 Qd7 8.h3 Bxe2 9.Nxe2 e6 10.Rb1 Nge7 11.Be3 0–0 12.0–0 b6 13.Qc1 Rad8 14.a3 d5 15.Bh6 f5 16.Bxg7 Kxg7 17.f4 dxe4 18.dxe4 fxe4 19.Qc3+ Nd4 20.Rbd1 Kg8 21.Qe3 Nef5 22.Qxe4 Qf7

Lon: Don pointed out that 22...Nxe2+ 23.Qxe2 Nxg3 looks very exciting, but after 24.Qf3 things dont look as promising.

23.Kh2 Rd6 24.Rde1 Rfd8 25.Nc3 Kg7?

Lon: Again, both of us find ample ways to waste valuable tempi...

26.Qe5+ Qf6??

Lon: This loses the exchange to 27.Qxf6+ Kxf6 28.Ne4+!

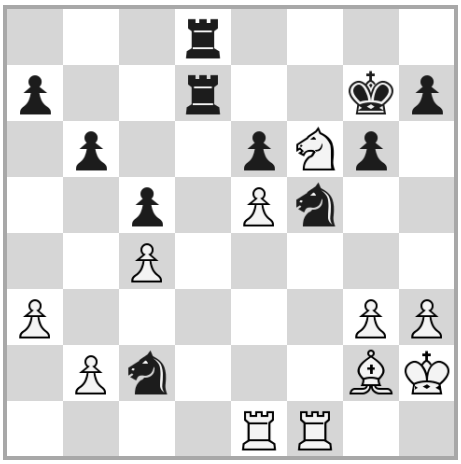
27.Ne4??

Lon: It is obvious that both of us are playing too fast, since I return the favor!

27...Qxe5 28.fxe5 R6d7 29.Nf6 Nc2

Lon: This is a nice shot, and gives Black the winning edge as he takes control of the d-file. 30.Nxd7 Nxe1 31.Rxe1 Rxd7 32.Re2 Rd3 gives Black a great game.

Doug: Not quite if White reacts correctly.



White to Play

30.Rc1

Doug: 30.Nxd7 Nxe1 31.Nxc5! Temporarily wins a pawn but more importantly since White is threating Nxe6+ Black has no time to save the e1 knight. 31...bxc5 32.Rxe1 Rd2 33.b4 Rc2 34.bxc5 Rxc4 35.c6 Rc2! *(35...Rc3? 36.Rd1* Winning according to Fritz.*)* 36.Kg1 Black's active rook all but assures him of regaining the pawn so it's probably best to do so now. If White's

rook moves away from guarding e3 then Ne3 will cost White the c6–pawn. *(36.Rd1 Ne3 37.Rg1 a5* And White is slightly worse as he is currently tied down and Black can restore material equality at will.*; 36.g4?? Nh4 37.Rg1 Nf3+–+)* 36...Nxg3 37.Rb1= White should draw this easily.

30...Rd2 31.Ne4 Re2 32.Rf2 Rxf2 33.Nxf2∓ Rd2

Doug: Oops. Instead of simply retreating to e3 Black lets White off the hook by walking into a forced draw.

34.Ne4 ½–½

Lon: Black has to settle for the repetition in order to save his knight.

Greg Bailey (1926)
Tom LaForge (1864)
Michigan Senior: Open (2)
August 2012
Grob: Gambit, A00
Notes by Doug Fick and Andy Catln

1.g4

Doug: When you're playing Black this is about the last move you expect to see at the board. The Grob is a terrible opening but it works sometimes because it's hard to take seriously as Black

Andy: Kids, don't try this at home.

1...d5 2.Bg2 Bxg4 3.c4 Nf6 4.Qb3 Qd7 5.cxd5 c6 6.Nc3 e6 7.f3

Doug: A strange looking move in a strange position. h3 followed by e4 is a much more natural way to kick the bishop and build up in the center.

7...Bh5 8.dxe6 fxe6 9.e4 Bc5

Doug: Fritz wants to play Bf7 to fortify e6 and set up potential e5 ideas but I think the majority of human players would be content with the text, getting the king castled to safety and making it difficult for White to do likewise.

10.Nge2 0–0 11.d4 Bxd4 12.Nxd4 Qxd4 13.Qxb7 Nbd7 14.Ne2 Qd3 15.Nf4 Qd6 16.Nxh5 Nxh5 17.Qb3?

Doug: White really needs to castle here and try to get his rooks into the game instead of losing more time with his queen. Black quickly develops a strong position.

17...Nc5 18.Qc3 Nd3+ 19.Ke2–+

Andy: Black's only problem here is that he has too many good moves to choose from.

Black to Play

19...Ng3+??

Doug: I give this a ?? for two reasons. First Black has a perfectly safe way to maintain his advantage and secondly this sac winds up giving White the better position! The last thing Black needs to do is continue a tactical slugfest when he can calmly develop his rooks and then go about attacking the white king. 19...Nxc1+ 20.Raxc1 Nf4+ 21.Kf1 Rad8 And White's position looks absolutely ridiculous since the pawn grab walks into forced mate. 22.Qxc6?? Qd3+ 23.Kf2 Qd2+ 24.Kg3 Qxg2+ 25.Kh4 g5#

Andy: The computer engines give one convincing line as 19...Nxc1+ 20.Raxc1 *(20.Rhxc1 Qxh2; 20.Qxc1 Nf4+ 21.Kf1 Qd3+)* 20...Nf4+ 21.Kf1 *(21.Kf2 Nd3+)* 21...Rad8 with attacking ideas like ...Qb8 followed by ...Rd3 or ...Rd2 and ...Qb5+

20.hxg3 Qxg3 21.Kxd3 Qxg2 22.Re1

Doug: All White has to do now is get his king to safety and the extra piece will win. He proves up to the task.

22...Rxf3+ 23.Be3 Rd8+ 24.Kc4 e5 25.Rac1 Qh3 26.Kb3 Rd4 27.Qxc6!

Andy: Greg sets a trap.

27...Rxe3+?

Doug: Black falls into another pitfall and loses more material.

28.Rxe3 Qxe3+ 29.Rc3

Andy: And gains Black's queen

29...Qxc3+

Doug: Forced since Qe8 is mate.

30.bxc3 Rd8 31.Qe6+ Kf8 32.Qxe5 h6 33.c4 Rd7 34.c5 Re7 35.Qd6 Ke8 36.e5 1–0

Noel Bedy (1537)
Ruben Ramon (1438)
Michigan Senior: Reserve (2)
August 2012
Queen's Pawn: Blackmar, D00
Notes by Doug Fick

1.d4 d5 2.e4 dxe4 3.Nc3 Bf5 4.f3 exf3 5.Nxf3 e6 6.Bc4 c6 7.0–0 Nf6

Here's where the fun begins.

8.Ne5?!

White sets a trap but the move has a flaw.

8...Be7??

And Black falls in headfirst. It's extremely natural to try get castled quickly,especally when defending a gambit opening but sometimes natural moves have to take a backseat to tactics and calculations. 8...Bxc2! 9.Qxc2 Qxd4+ 10.Kh1 Qxe5 And despite the open lines and lead in development I seriously doubt White has enough compensation for three whole pawns.

9.Nxf7

As crushing as this is Rxf5 wins a piece for nothing since exf5 would allow Nxf7.

9...Kxf7 10.Rxf5 Rf8 11.Ne4

White is simply winning here. His light-square bishop is probably worth a rook and he has a powerful attack to boot.

11...Kg8 12.Bxe6+ Kh8 13.c3??

Oops. White forgets his knight is hanging now.

13...Nxe4 14.Rh5

Now Black is just up a piece for a pawn and all that's left to do is deal with the threatened mate in two.

14...Nd7??

Unless of course Black overlooks it. After this blunder it's lights out.

15.Rxh7+ Kxh7 16.Qh5# 1–0

Ruben Ramon (1438)
Alan Kaufman (1509)
Michigan Senior: Reserve (4)
August 2012
Pirc, B07

1.e4 d6 2.d4 Nf6 3.Bd3 e5 4.d5 Be7 5.Ne2 0–0 6.0–0 Nbd7 7.b4 a5 8.bxa5 Rxa5 9.Bd2 Ra8 10.f3 Nc5 11.Be3 Nxd3 12.Qxd3 b6 13.c4 Nd7 14.Ng3 Nc5 15.Qc2 Bh4 16.Bf2 Bxg3 17.Bxg3 f5 18.Nd2 f4 19.Bf2 Qg5 20.Kh1 Rf6 21.Rg1 Rh6 22.Bxc5 Rxh2+ 23.Kxh2 Qh4# 0–1

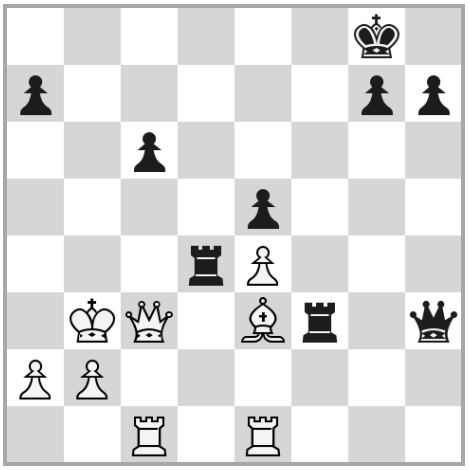
Thomas Kampfert (1260)
Ed Mandell (1401)
Michigan Senior: Reserve (2)
August 2012
Notes by Doug Fick

White to Play

40.Rxh7
40.Rf7+ Kg8 41.Rxf6+ Kh8 42.Rf8#
40...Re1 41.Rf7+ Kg8 42.Re7+ Kf8 43.Rxe1 Nxe1 44.f4 Nc2 45.Bd3 Nd4 46.Bxg6 a4 47.Bf2 Ne6 48.Bc2 a3 49.Bb3 Nxf4 50.Bc5+ 1–0

Morgan Everett (2007)
Andy Catlin (1974)
Michigan Senior: Open (3)
August 2012
French: Steinitz, C11
Notes by Morgan Everett and Andy Catlin

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.e5 Nfd7 5.Nf3 c5 6.dxc5 Nc6 7.Bf4 Bxc5
Morgan: 7...Nxc5 is a better line for Black.
8.Bd3 a6
Andy: In his book "The French Defence Reloaded," GM Vitiugov recommends 8...f6 9.exf6 Qxf6!? with complex play.; 8...0–0? 9.Bxh7+ Kxh7 10.Ng5+ Kg6 11.Qd3+ f5 12.Qg3 with a very strong attack.
9.0–0 b5 10.Qe2?!
Morgan: A mistake--I didn't want to give up my bishop. 10.Re1
10...Nb4 11.a3!
Andy: After for example 11.Rfe1 Nxd3 12.Qxd3 Black can dream of eventually playing ...b5–b4 and ...a6–a5, with an eye to activating his bad French light-squared bishop on a6. 12...b4 13.Nxd5!?
11...Nxd3 12.Qxd3
Andy: 12.cxd3
12...Bb7 13.Rad1 b4 14.axb4 Bxb4 15.Nd4 Qc7



16.Qg3! 0–0–0?
Andy: Reckless. I discarded 16...0–0 Not realizing that Black is fine after 17.Bh6 Qxe5
17.Qxg7 Rdf8 18.Rfe1 Nc5 19.Re3! Rhg8 20.Qxh7 Rh8 21.Qg7 Rfg8 22.Qf6 Rh5 23.Bg3 Kb8 24.Qf3 Rh7 25.Na2 Qa5 26.Nxb4 Qxb4 27.Qe2?! Qxb2 28.Nb3?! Ne4 29.Qd3 Rgh8 30.h3 Rc8 31.Nd4 Rc3 32.Qe2 Rh8!
Morgan: A good move.
Andy: But Black is still losing--the idea is to be able to shore up Black's position by moving this rook to c7.
33.Qf3 Rxe3 34.Qxe3 Rc8 35.Bf4 Rc4

36.Kh2!
Andy: Black was hoping for 36.Qc1? Qxc1 37.Bxc1 Nc3 38.Rd3 Rxd4! 39.Rxc3 Rd1+ 40.Kh2 Rxc1; Also strong is 36.Qb3! Qxb3 37.cxb3 and Black's a-pawn loses its passer status.
36...a5 37.Qb3 Rb4?
Andy: I didn't want to let him move his c-pawn to the b-file, but now my rook is seriously off-sides. More tenacious would have been 37...Qxb3! 38.cxb3 Nxf2 39.Rd2 Rb4
38.Qxb2 Rxb2 39.f3 Nc5 40.h4 Nd7 41.h5 f6 42.h6 Nf8 43.exf6+ 1–0

Thomas Kampfert (1260)
Brian Bezrutch (1466)
Michigan Senior: Reserve (3)
August 2012
Queen's Gambit Declined, D35
Notes by Doug Fick

1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.Qc2 c5 5.Nf3 Nc6 6.cxd5 exd5 7.e3 cxd4 8.Nxd4 g6 9.Bd3 Bg7 10.0–0 0–0 11.Nxc6 bxc6 12.Ne2 Qd6 13.f3 c5 14.Rd1 Qc6 15.b3 Bb7 16.Rb1 Rfe8 17.Ng3 Rac8 18.a4 Nd7 19.Bb5 Qe6 20.e4 a6 21.Be2 dxe4 22.Bc4 Qe7 23.fxe4 Bxe4?? 24.Nxe4 Bd4+ 25.Rxd4??
25.Nf2 And White's just up a piece for a pawn.
25...cxd4 26.Ng3 Qe1+ 27.Nf1 Ne5 28.Qf2 Qxf2+ 29.Kxf2 Nxc4 30.bxc4 Rxc4 31.a5 Rc2+ 32.Bd2 d3 33.Re1 Rd8 34.Kf3 Rd5 35.Ne3 Rxd2 36.Nxd5 Ra2 37.Ne7+ Kg7 38.Nc6 Rb2 39.Ke3 Rxg2 40.Kxd3 Rxh2 41.Nb8 Ra2 42.Re5 f5 43.Nxa6 Kf7 44.Nb4 Ra3+ 45.Kd4 f4 46.Nd3 Ra4+ 47.Kc3 f3 48.Nf2 Kf6 49.Rb5 g5 50.Kb3 Ra1 51.Kb2 Re1 52.Ng4+ Kg6 53.a6 Re2+ 54.Kb3 f2 55.Nxf2 Rxf2 56.Rb6+ Kh5 57.Rb7
57.a7 And White wins according to Fritz.
57...Rf8 58.Rxh7+ Kg4 ½–½

Greg Bailey (1926)
Morgan Everett (2007)
Michigan Senior: Open (4)
August 2012
Bird, A02

1.f4 Nf6 2.b3 b6 3.Nf3 Bb7 4.d3 Bxf3 5.gxf3 e6 6.e4 Nh5 7.Be3 Qh4+ 8.Bf2 Qxf4 9.Bh3 Nc6 10.c3 Be7 11.Nd2 Ne5 12.Ke2 Qf6 13.Bg3 Nf4+ 14.Bxf4 Qxf4 15.Qg1 Qxd2+ 16.Kxd2 Nxf3+ 17.Ke3 Nxg1 18.Rhxg1 Bf6 19.d4 d6 20.Raf1 Ke7 21.Kf4 g5+ 22.Kg3 h5 23.Bg2 Rag8 24.h3 c5 25.Rd1 Rc8 26.Rd3 cxd4 27.cxd4 Rc2 28.a4 Rhc8 29.Bf3 Rh8 30.Bd1 Rc1 31.Rf1 Rh7 32.Kg2 g4 33.hxg4 Rg7 34.d5 hxg4 35.dxe6 fxe6 36.Rg3 Rb1 37.Bxg4 Be5 38.Rxb1 1–0

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My Trip to the 2012 World Youth Chess Championships

By **Safal Bora**

My mom and I flew for the World Youth Chess Championships in Maribor, Slovenia on November 6th from the Detroit airport at 7 p.m. It was my first experience in an international chess tournament, so I was very excited. When we reached Slovenia, we had to take a bus from the capital city of Ljubljana to Maribor. The bus took five hours to reach our hotel which was longer than expected. Fortunately, we did reach and I slept immediately when I reached the hotel.

The tournament had 11 rounds and I was playing in the Under 14 boys section. Every day had one round except for one day where there were two rounds. There was also a free day. On the days with one round, the U.S. team members got to prepare with their coaches before the round at 3 p.m. and analyze their games when they finished their rounds. The day there were two rounds we got no preparation and analysis because of lack of time. Overall, U.S. got 2 gold medals, 1 silver, and 1 bronze and placed 3rd in the world after India and Russia who tied for first in medal count with 8 medals each!

On my free day, I went to Vienna, Austria where we got to see many different museums and architectures. It is a very beautiful city and has a very interesting history.

I scored 6.5/11 points and placed 43rd in the world in my section. Here is how I did:

Rd.	Bo.	Seed No	Name	Rtg	FED	Club/City	Pts.	Res.
1	46	132	Georg Nero	1713	EST	Estonia	3.5	s 1
2	5	5	FM Bilel Bellahcene	2354	FRA	France	8.0	w 0
3	34	94	Luis MiguelAguilar	1882	BOL	Bolivia	5.5	s 1
4	32	88	Hong-Da Tony D Guo	1920	RSA	South Africa	4.0	w 1
5	17	21	Christopher Wu	2239	USA	USA	7.0	s 0
6	30	84	Sven Tica	1931	CRO	Croatia	5.5	w 1
7	13	15	Christopher Gu	2283	USA	USA	7.5	s 0
8	28	85	Mark Plotkin	1928	CAN	Canada	6.0	w 1
9	24	73	Andrew P Horton	1968	ENG	England	5.5	s 1
10	11	13	Jinshi Bai	2288	CHN	China	8.0	w 0
11	25	65	Miradil Zeynalli	2027	AZE	Azerbaijan	6.5	s ½

Georg Nero (1713 FIDE)
Safal Bora (2048 FIDE)
World Youth Championships Under 14
November 2012
Réti: Zukertort (Nimzovich), A06
Notes by Safal Bora

1.Nf3 Nf6 2.e3 g6 3.b3 Bg7 4.Bb2 d5 5.c4 dxc4

Better was 5. 0-0 since taking his pawn develops his bishop. I liked my bishop on g7, so I did not want to trade it with his bishop on b2.

6.Bxc4 0-0 7.0-0 c6 8.d4 Nbd7 9.Qc2 Nb6 10.Nbd2!?

This move loses his bishop for the knight in an open position. But, it brings his other pawn towards the center. After 10.Bd3 Nbd5 11.a3 Be6 white enjoys a slight advantage.

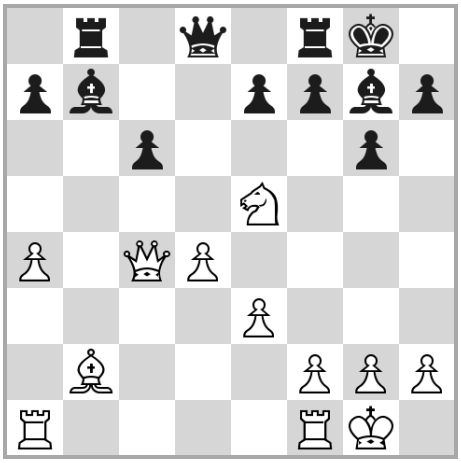
10…Nxc4 11.bxc4 b5!?

I wanted to win, so I tried to create complications.

12.Ne5 Bb7

12…Ng4! and if 13.Nxc6 Qc7 threatening mate on h2 and the knight on c6.

13.Qb3 Nd7 14.Ndf3 Nxe5 15.Nxe5 Rb8 16.a4 bxc4 17.Qxc4



Black to Play

17...c5! 18.dxc5 Bxg2

I play 17…c5 but followed with the wrong continuation. The best line here is 18…Qc7 19.f4 Bxg2 20.Rf2 Bh3 and black has an advantage.

19.Rfd1 Qc8 20. Kxg2 Rxb2 21.Nd7 Qc6+ 22.Qd5 Rc8 23.Qxc6 Rxc6 24.Rab1 Rc7 25.Rxb2 Bxb2 26.Rb1??

After this move, by force white loses a pawn. The best continuation is 26.a5 f5 27.a6 Kf7 28.Rb1 Ke8 29.Nb8 Ba3 30.Rb7 Kd8 31.c6 Bd6 32.Nd7 Rxc6 33.Rxa7 Kc8. This is position is a draw since neither side can make much progress.

26…Ba3 27.Rb3 Bxc5 28.Rc3?

His best drawing chances were if he played 28.Nxc5 since after 28…Rxc5 29.Rb7 Ra5 30.Rxe7 Rxa4 I am a pawn up but my rook is in front of the pawn.

Bd6 29.Rxc7 Bxc7 30.f4 Bd6 31.a5 f6 32.Kf3??

I thought he would play a6 since after Ke8 he can play Nb6. Now he just loses a piece.

32.Ke8 0-1

Overall, this tournament was one of the best tournaments of my life since I got to play people from many different countries. I also received a lot of coaching and attention from the U.S. staff during the tournament. Lastly, I want to thank all those individuals and organizations that supported me in my endeavor to this great tournament.

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2012 Michigan Junior Championships

By **Tournament Director Michael Smith**

The 2012 Michigan Junior Championships were held in March on the campus of Michigan State University. The 346 entries was a nice increase from last year. This tournament was divided into 8 sections. Collegiate, K-12, K-8 championship and reserve sections, K-5 Championship and reserve sections, and K-3 championship and reserve sections.

The K-12 section had a turnout of 30 players this year. Atulya Shetty was the highest rated player at 2323. Experts Michael Bowersock, Jalen Wang, Eric Larson, and Epiphany Peters would provide the main competition for Atulya. The final round saw 2 former champions (Shetty and Bowersock) playing each other. Atulya would win the game to finish with a perfect 5-0 score. In addition to a $500 scholarship, this earned him the right to represent Michigan at the Denker Tournament of High School Champions at the U.S. Open in Vancouver Washington. (He went on to win the Denker too!) Joe Paris, Eric Larson, and Kyle Webster formed a 3-way tie for second place with 4 points.

The Collegiate section had a great turnout of 20 players, thanks largely to a good showing by the University of Michigan Chess Club. University of Michigan master Nitai Leve scored a perfect 4-0 to become the Michigan Collegiate Champion. He also won a $150 scholarship. Michael Zaghi of the University of Windsor scored 3.5 points to take second place. The K-8 Championship section was very strong again this year. The winner of the K-8 represents Michigan at the Barber tournament of K-8 champions at the U.S. Open. The possibility of winning this once again kept a lot of good players in this section, instead of playing up in the K-12. This year the section had 4 experts plus another 3 class A players. Our young players keep getting stronger, it seems not long ago that this section was regularly won by class C or D players. Jalen Wang won the section with 4.5 points, drawing Apurva Virkud in the last round. Five players tied for second with 4 points. Luke Hawver and Daniel Khain tied for first in the K-8 reserve section.

Ben Li and Harrison He were co-champions in the K-5 Championship section, both scoring 4.5 points. Anirban Sarkar won the K-5 reserve with a perfect 5-0 score. Justin Liang won the K-3 Championship section with a perfect 5-0 score. Arjun Bajaj took second place with 4.5 points. Thomas Brown won the K-3 reserve with a perfect 5-0 score, Christopher Cavey took second with 4.5 points.

Editor's Note: You can find the details for the 2013 Michigan Junior Championship on the back cover.

2012 Michigan Collegiate Standings

No.	Name	Rating	Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd 3	Rd 4	Score
1	Nitai Leve	2203	W16	W3	W4	W5	4.0
2	Michael Zaghi	Unr	W15	D6	W14	W7	3.5
3	Zachary Johnson	1509	W13	L1	W10	W11	3.0
4	Brendon Lee	1699	W19	W8	L1	W9	3.0
5	Ashley Carter	1901	W20	W9	W7	L1	3.0
6	Brad Beagle	1569	W18	D2	D15	W8	3.0
7	Vijay Kodali	1655	W12	W11	L5	L2	2.0
8	David Varner	1394	W10	L4	W17	L6	2.0
9	Jacob Brasseur	1482	W17	L5	W16	L4	2.0
10	Nathan Cabral	Unr	L8	W12	L3	W16	2.0
11	Adam Waller	1270	W14	L7	W20	L3	2.0
12	Kyle Sheffer	1226	L7	L10	W19	W20	2.0
13	Naimish Bakane	Unr	L3	L16	W18	W17	2.0
14	Patrick Dellinger	1737	L11	WF	L2	WF	2.0
15	Brady Tysinger	1526	L2	W18	D6	LF	1.5
16	Nickolas Jennings	1362	L1	W13	L9	L10	1.0
17	Nicholas Chittle	Unr	L9	W20	L8	L13	1.0
18	Rayyan Hassan	Unr	L6	L15	L13	D19	0.5
19	Luke Thampy	666	L4	LF	L12	D18	0.5
20	Diana Tabak	1274	L5	L17	L11	L12	0.0

2012 Michigan Junior (K-12) Standings

No.	Name	Rating	Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd 3	Rd 4	Rd 5	Score
1	Atulya Shetty	2323	W23	W9	W8	W2	W5	5.0
2	Joseph Paris	1929	W14	W18	W3	L1	W10	4.0
3	Eric Larson	2102	W19	W12	L2	W9	W6	4.0
4	Kyle Webster	1760	W30	L5	W19	W16	W8	4.0
5	Michael Bowersock	2164	W26	W4	W10	D6	L1	3.5
6	Michael Dang	1770	W15	W13	W7	D5	L3	3.5
7	Jeffery Zhang	1566	W21	D23	L6	W26	W11	3.5
8	Epiphany Peters	2069	W24	W11	L1	W18	L4	3.0
9	Isaac Zylstra	1765	W17	L1	W26	L3	W16	3.0
10	Alexander Deatrick	1994	W27	W16	L5	W12	L2	3.0
11	Mandy Lu	1743	W25	L8	W27	W13	L7	3.0
12	Evan Hawver	1721	W29	L3	W24	L10	W19	3.0
13	Zachary Smith	1559	W28	L6	W17	L11	W20	3.0
14	Alex Patterson	1276	L2	W25	L16	W22	W18	3.0
15	Mayank Patke	1222	L6	W28	½	L20	W17	2.5
16	Melissa Lee	1576	W20	L10	W14	L4	L9	2.0
17	Michael Carter	1198	L9	W21	L13	W27	L15	2.0
18	Joshua Myers	1619	W22	L2	Bye	L8	L14	2.0
19	Demetrius Brown	1504	L3	W29	L4	Bye	L12	2.0
20	Yosef Moore	1060	L16	L27	W21	W15	L13	2.0
21	James Lemon	1033	L7	L17	L20	W28	W27	2.0
22	Jacob Crandell	1078	L18	L24	W28	L14	W26	2.0
23	Soumya Kulkarni	1551	L1	D7	W29	½	---	2.0
24	Jeremy Mathews	1381	L8	W22	L12	½	---	1.5
25	Luke Hawver	719	L11	L14	Bye	½	---	1.5
26	Adam Crutcher	1530	L5	W30	L9	L7	L22	1.0
27	Daron Brown	1357	L10	W20	L11	L17	L21	1.0
28	Isaac Murphy	Unr	L13	L15	L22	L21	Bye	1.0
29	Rachel Tao	1185	L12	L19	L23	Bye	---	1.0
30	David Meyer	1189	L4	L26	---	---	---	0.0

2012 Michigan Young Junior (K-8) Standings

No.	Name	Rating	Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd 3	Rd 4	Rd 5	Score
1	Jalen Wang	2096	W16	W28	W13	W7	D2	4.5
2	Apurva Virkud	2017	W30	W12	W10	D5	D1	4.0
3	Ben Li	1665	W25	D9	W8	D4	W11	4.0
4	Peter Chen	1970	W34	W17	D5	D3	W14	4.0
5	Safal Bora	2195	W40	W14	D4	D2	W10	4.0
6	Justin Chen	1963	W24	W15	L7	W9	W12	4.0
7	Michael Chen	2092	W29	W11	W6	L1	D8	3.5
8	Joshua Posthuma	1571	W26	W32	L3	W15	D7	3.5
9	Michael Pappas	1356	W39	D3	W28	L6	W22	3.5
10	Brandon O'Neil	1640	W35	W18	L2	W17	L5	3.0
11	Jeremy Mathews	1381	W20	L7	W24	W13	L3	3.0
12	Ricky Warnicke	1424	W27	L2	W31	W16	L6	3.0
13	Alan Sun	1828	W36	W19	L1	L11	W20	3.0
14	Joy Chen	1474	W21	L5	W30	W25	L4	3.0
15	Andrew Alson	1379	W23	L6	W36	L8	W31	3.0
16	David Meyer	1189	L1	W27	W32	L12	W26	3.0
17	Austin Ye	1374	W38	L4	W35	L10	W25	3.0
18	Vijay Sriram	1293	W41	L10	L26	W35	W27	3.0
19	Ryan Li	1343	W33	L13	L25	W36	W24	3.0
20	Saano Murembya	976	L11	D34	W29	W21	L13	2.5
21	Jason Ye	991	L14	D29	W40	L20	W33	2.5
22	Sriram Motheram	1332	L32	D31	W34	W26	L9	2.5
23	Surya Parasuraman	958	L15	L24	D33	W38	W32	2.5
24	Collin Fowler	1034	L6	W23	L11	W28	L19	2.0
25	Joshua Mathews	1026	L3	W39	W19	L14	L17	2.0
26	Mihir Zaveri	1001	L8	W40	W18	L22	L16	2.0

27	Veronic Gawarecki	991	L12	L16	W38	W30	L18	2.0
28	Soumya Kulkarni	1551	W37	L1	L9	L24	W36	2.0
29	Eric Zhong	1152	L7	D21	L20	D32	W37	2.0
30	Nicholas Zepf	1113	L2	W37	L14	L27	W35	2.0
31	Rachel Tao	1185	½	D22	L12	W37	L15	2.0
32	Alex White	850	W22	L8	L16	D29	L23	1.5
33	Connor Linn	852	L19	L35	D23	W34	L21	1.5
34	Eric Chen	1047	L4	D20	L22	L33	W39	1.5
35	Duncan Darnell	1020	L10	W33	L17	L18	L30	1.0
36	Chinta Maheshwari	1032	L13	W38	L15	L19	L28	1.0
37	Eleanor Crutcher	991	L28	L30	W39	L31	L29	1.0
38	Kyle Smith	908	L17	L36	L27	L23	Bye	1.0
39	Ruoyao Zhou	907	L9	L25	L37	Bye	L34	1.0
40	Jeffrey Ding	1242	L5	L26	L21	---	---	0.0
41	Luke Hawver	719	L18	---	---	---	---	0.0

2012 Michigan Young Junior Reserve (K-8 U800) Standings

No.	Name	Rating	Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd 3	Rd 4	Rd 5	Score
1	Luke Hawver	719	½	W21	W9	W13	W11	4.5
2	Daniel Khain	761	D21	W38	W31	W7	W3	4.5
3	Anun Kumaran	697	W32	W22	W12	W11	L2	4.0
4	Ellen Tao	684	W29	D24	W20	D8	W12	4.0
5	Vishnu Venkatesan	563	W27	L12	W39	W14	W17	4.0
6	Malachi Jobin	663	W40	L11	W38	W15	W13	4.0
7	Benjamin Kovacs	Unr	W36	D20	W10	L2	W25	3.5
8	Ishan Patke	706	W16	L28	W18	D4	W22	3.5
9	Aditya Kandula	652	W34	D10	L1	W21	W27	3.5
10	Ryan Hawver	755	W41	D9	L7	W20	W19	3.5
11	Kartikeya Kandula	759	W30	W6	W23	L3	L1	3.0
12	Josh Virk	728	W42	W5	L3	W23	L4	3.0
13	Daniel Gorelik	698	W35	W15	W28	L1	L6	3.0
14	Jacob Traschenko-Pochmara	714	W19	L23	W24	L5	W32	3.0
15	Bastiaan Phair	Unr	W33	L13	W27	L6	W30	3.0
16	Gary Ugrinovskiy	371	L8	W26	L25	W38	W28	3.0
17	Mehmed Uludag	708	L24	W32	W29	W31	L5	3.0
18	Saket Kulkarni	279	L20	W30	L8	W41	W33	3.0
19	Advaith Vuppala	507	L14	W43	W34	W28	L10	3.0
20	Jacob Mathews	668	W18	D7	L4	L10	W31	2.5
21	Justin Tseng	553	D2	L1	W36	L9	W37	2.5
22	Kush Madhani	625	W26	L3	W40	D25	L8	2.5
23	Theo Vanhof	631	W39	W14	L11	L12	D26	2.5
24	Noah Burns	346	W17	D4	L14	L27	W36	2.5
25	Adhava Arivalagan	674	W37	L31	W16	D22	L7	2.5
26	Christian Bayer	Unr	L22	L16	W42	W29	D23	2.5
27	Jason Knox	795	L5	W35	L15	W24	L9	2.0
28	William Vallespir	645	W43	W8	L13	L19	L16	2.0
29	John Vallespir	290	L4	W33	L17	L26	W39	2.0
30	Jahlin Brooks	551	L11	L18	W37	W39	L15	2.0
31	Aravinda Kalimi	280	Bye	W25	L2	L17	L20	2.0
32	Arham Jain	291	L3	L17	Bye	W34	L14	2.0
33	Samuel Thompson	578	L15	L29	W35	W40	L18	2.0
34	Garrett Beach	255	L9	Bye	L19	L32	W41	2.0
35	Nolan Donovan	311	L13	L27	L33	Bye	W40	2.0
36	Vincent Volpone	585	L7	D37	L21	W42	L24	1.5
37	Mathew Asher	288	L25	D36	L30	W43	L21	1.5
38	Issac Jobin	129	Bye	L2	L6	L16	LF	1.0
39	Ben Lilly	Unr	L23	W42	L5	L30	L29	1.0
40	Selina Volpone	273	L6	W41	L22	L33	L35	1.0
41	Adam Bresson	543	L10	L40	W43	L18	L34	1.0
42	Sumit Basak	542	L12	L39	L26	L36	Bye	1.0
43	Nicholas Traschenko-Pochmara	Unr	L28	L19	L41	L37	WF	1.0

2012 Michigan Children's (K-5) Standings

No.	Name	Rating	Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd 3	Rd 4	Rd 5	Score
1	Ben Li	1665	W18	W9	W3	W4	D2	4.5
2	Harrison He	1508	W19	W15	W6	W5	D1	4.5
3	Ayush Das	1259	W32	W7	L1	W15	W12	4.0
4	Bryan Wilson Jr	1347	W34	W13	W12	L1	W16	4.0
5	Ricky Warnicke	1424	W30	W20	W11	L2	W14	4.0
6	Ryan Gudal	1205	W26	W27	L2	W13	W10	4.0
7	Robby Riles	842	W33	L3	W28	W11	W23	4.0
8	Eric Zhong	1152	D36	W17	W29	D10	W9	4.0
9	Joshua Mathews	1026	W40	L1	W19	W32	L8	3.0
10	Surya Parasuraman	958	D25	W36	W23	D8	L6	3.0
11	Josiah Smith	1104	W42	W21	L5	L7	W24	3.0
12	Laurence Yang	1031	W43	W35	L4	W18	L3	3.0
13	Blake Bottesi	904	W44	L4	W22	L6	W32	3.0
14	Aaron Glueck	1078	L17	W25	W30	W21	L5	3.0
15	Jason Zheng	970	W28	L2	W41	L3	W29	3.0
16	Malachi Keener	1095	W22	L29	W24	W20	L4	3.0
17	Samuel Clyde	624	W14	L8	L20	W35	W27	3.0
18	Chirag Rudrangi	770	L1	W40	W31	L12	W28	3.0
19	Surya Krishnan	755	L2	W43	L9	W33	W31	3.0
20	Madhav Ramesh	850	W37	L5	W17	L16	D26	2.5
21	Anvit Rao	833	W39	L11	W33	L14	D22	2.5
22	Sid Byrapaneni	620	L16	W38	L13	W30	D21	2.5
23	Christian Hausner	1116	W41	D24	L10	W29	L7	2.5
24	Micale Garland Jr	775	W38	D23	L16	W36	L11	2.5
25	Jonhan Chen	576	D10	L14	W34	L27	W36	2.5
26	Jacob Mathews	668	L6	L31	W37	W40	D20	2.5
27	Bryce Richardson	834	W31	L6	L32	W25	L17	2.0
28	William Harrison	597	L15	W34	L7	W42	L18	2.0
29	Ellen Tao	684	Bye	W16	L8	L23	L15	2.0
30	Stephen Dzialo	747	L5	W37	L14	L22	W39	2.0
31	Cameron Stewart	487	L27	W26	L18	W41	L19	2.0
32	Rohan Ray	672	L3	W44	W27	L9	L13	2.0
33	Eugene Li	496	L7	W42	L21	L19	W41	2.0
34	Josh Virk	728	L4	L28	L25	W43	W42	2.0
35	Akash Dantuluri	445	Bye	L12	L36	L17	W40	2.0
36	Aditya Kandula	652	D8	L10	W35	L24	L25	1.5
37	Daniel Hou	521	L20	L30	L26	D38	W44	1.5
38	Jack Smith	Unr	L24	L22	L40	D37	W43	1.5
39	Rishi Nellore	471	L21	L41	D43	W44	L30	1.5
40	Marinos Bernitsas	601	L9	L18	W38	L26	L35	1.0
41	Jackson Collins	652	L23	W39	L15	L31	L33	1.0
42	Paarth Desai	642	L11	L33	W44	L28	L34	1.0
43	Timmy Smith	612	L12	L19	D39	L34	L38	0.5
44	Danny Jandali	567	L13	L32	L42	L39	L37	0.0

2012 Michigan Children's Reserve (K-5 U600) Standings

No.	Name	Rating	Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd 3	Rd 4	Rd 5	Score
1	Anirban Sarkar	508	W17	W19	W12	W3	W2	5.0
2	Garrett Beach	255	W35	W28	W6	W4	L1	4.0
3	Ethan Kopel	296	W20	W13	W15	L1	W23	4.0
4	Emmanu Richardson	431	W46	W21	W14	L2	W10	4.0
5	Advaith Vuppala	507	W42	L10	W29	W8	W11	4.0
6	Jainil Shah	365	W45	W30	L2	W17	W14	4.0
7	Rishi Kalyan	319	W29	W16	L11	W34	W15	4.0
8	Pavan Kannan	332	W37	W48	W27	L5	W18	4.0
9	Calvin Watry	176	L13	W47	W30	W27	W12	4.0
10	Abhijit Chebiyam	266	W43	W5	W13	D11	L4	3.5
11	Ari Bozann	438	W50	W36	W7	D10	L5	3.5
12	Ashley David	351	W44	W31	L1	W16	L9	3.0
13	Nihar Joshi	524	W9	L3	L10	W38	W37	3.0
14	Benjamin Stafeil	296	W18	W34	L4	W28	L6	3.0
15	Manas Peddiboyina	379	W41	W32	L3	W19	L7	3.0
16	Charlie Godman	Unr	W22	L7	W20	L12	W27	3.0
17	Samuel Weiss	169	L1	W35	W32	L6	W42	3.0
18	Sudhan Annamalai	Unr	L14	W50	W21	W22	L8	3.0
19	Rares Vladic	274	W33	L1	W44	L15	W34	3.0
20	Jonathon Laier	Unr	L3	W42	L16	W35	W36	3.0
21	Nicole Orvis	184	W51	L4	L18	W32	W28	3.0
22	Abhinav Ganesh	337	L16	W43	W33	L18	W29	3.0
23	Eric Huang	339	L32	W46	W45	W31	L3	3.0
24	Michelle Tao	467	L31	L29	W39	W44	W33	3.0
25	Roger Bonds III	Unr	L36	W52	L28	W39	W38	3.0
26	Michael Krisztian-Terry	308	L30	L45	W47	W48	W31	3.0
27	Rachel Li	432	W39	W38	L8	L9	L16	2.0
28	Ben Collins	489	W40	L2	W25	L14	L21	2.0
29	Young-Bin Kim	Unr	L7	W24	L5	W49	L22	2.0
30	Ankith Udupa	Unr	W26	L6	L9	L33	W44	2.0
31	Virgil Watkins	110	W24	L12	W48	L23	L26	2.0
32	Cole Costie	Unr	W23	L15	L17	L21	W50	2.0
33	Koya Saito	Unr	L19	W40	L22	W30	L24	2.0
34	Zachary Massat	Unr	W49	L14	W36	L7	L19	2.0
35	Jonah Candeub	Unr	L2	L17	W41	L20	W48	2.0

36	Justen Wilson	236	W25	L11	L34	W45	L20	2.0
37	Apurna Krishnamurthy	Unr	L8	W51	L38	W40	L13	2.0
38	Avery Neese	224	W47	L27	W37	L13	L25	2.0
39	Alex Wuycheck	105	L27	W49	L24	L25	W46	2.0
40	Logan Costie	137	L28	L33	W43	L37	W49	2.0
41	Tyler Turner	Unr	L15	L44	L35	W52	W47	2.0
42	Michael Aldrich	144	L5	L20	D46	W50	L17	1.5
43	Shane McNichol	Unr	L10	L22	L40	D46	W45	1.5
44	Miranda Baumbick	Unr	L12	W41	L19	L24	L30	1.0
45	Paul Kurtz	Unr	L6	W26	L23	L36	L43	1.0
46	Aaron Converse	Unr	L4	L23	D42	D43	L39	1.0
47	Hunter Crawford	Unr	L38	L9	L26	W51	L41	1.0
48	Teana Gordon	Unr	W52	L8	L31	L26	L35	1.0
49	Tiana Tyler	Unr	L34	L39	W51	L29	L40	1.0
50	Dakota Voss	108	L11	L18	W52	L42	L32	1.0
51	Prasan Peddireddy	Unr	L21	L37	L49	L47	W52	1.0
52	DeAzia Williams	Unr	L48	L25	L50	L41	L51	0.0

2012 Michigan Young Children's (K-3) Standings

No.	Name	Rating	Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd 3	Rd 4	Rd 5	Score
1	Justin Liang	837	W12	W41	W6	W11	W4	5.0
2	Arjun Bajaj	334	D46	W53	W18	W27	W3	4.5
3	Ryan Hawver	755	W25	W44	W15	W5	L2	4.0
4	Anthony Liao	907	W34	W36	W14	W9	L1	4.0
5	Robbie Moore	Unr	W43	W33	W7	L3	W13	4.0
6	Erik Koscak	530	Bye	W32	L1	W20	W16	4.0
7	Mehmed Uludag	708	W37	W21	L5	W32	W14	4.0
8	Justin Song	563	W30	L15	W34	W17	W19	4.0
9	Aarnav Unadkat	700	W38	W48	W31	L4	W12	4.0
10	Siddharth Jha	230	W13	L27	W43	W31	W11	4.0
11	Jack Li	600	W19	W17	W20	L1	L10	3.0
12	Joshua Lee	393	L1	W54	W23	W33	L9	3.0
13	Aiden Song	536	L10	W38	W37	W15	L5	3.0
14	Kaivalya Kulkarni	504	W52	W16	L4	W35	L7	3.0
15	Saket Kulkarni	279	W49	W8	L3	L13	W41	3.0
16	Alex Guo	Unr	W47	L14	W21	W22	L6	3.0
17	Shivam Jha	285	W24	L11	W40	L8	W33	3.0
18	Sai Vepa	639	L48	W28	L2	W30	W27	3.0
19	Rhea Raut	283	L11	W47	W44	W24	L8	3.0
20	Yashwant Dubbaka	206	Bye	W22	L11	L6	W31	3.0
21	Laelan Reyes	399	W50	L7	L16	W45	W35	3.0
22	Matthew Zepf	562	W45	L20	W39	L16	W37	3.0
23	Brian Wu	710	W39	L31	L12	W49	W29	3.0
24	Medha Tripathi	571	L17	W45	W49	L19	W39	3.0
25	Nathan Orvis	337	L3	L35	W50	W47	W32	3.0
26	Kristian Popov	206	L33	L40	W51	W34	W36	3.0
27	Eric Zhang	599	D28	W10	W29	L2	L18	2.5
28	Will Bray-Cotton	280	D27	L18	W53	L29	W43	2.5
29	Corin Tang	Unr	½	W46	L27	W28	L23	2.5
30	Avi Desai	250	L8	D43	W46	L18	W47	2.5
31	Agosto D'Andrea	420	W54	W23	L9	L10	L20	2.0
32	Caden Che	Unr	W40	L6	W41	L7	L25	2.0
33	Jade Ge	508	W26	L5	W48	L12	L17	2.0
34	Christo Bernitsas	396	L4	W42	L8	L26	W50	2.0
35	Abhinand Keshamouni	238	L44	W25	W36	L14	L21	2.0
36	Nikhil Mishra	421	W42	L4	L35	W38	L26	2.0
37	Nolan Donovan	311	L7	W50	L13	W40	L22	2.0
38	Sriamsha Dubbaka	308	L9	L13	W42	L36	W52	2.0
39	Antonio Valdiviabush	337	L23	W51	L22	W44	L24	2.0
40	Dylan Stafeil	464	L32	W26	L17	L37	W48	2.0
41	Kayden Pierre	442	W51	L1	L32	W48	L15	2.0
42	Anthony Varkey	Unr	L36	L34	L38	W46	W49	2.0
43	Jared Ge	496	L5	D30	L10	W53	L28	1.5
44	Rishab Jayaraman	451	W35	L3	L19	L39	D45	1.5
45	Khushi Afre	237	L22	L24	W54	L21	D44	1.5
46	Joshua David	349	D2	L29	L30	L42	W53	1.5
47	Zoltan Kovacs	490	L16	L19	W52	L25	L30	1.0
48	Satya Byreddy	295	W18	L9	L33	L41	L40	1.0
49	Alexzander Gray	389	L15	W52	L24	L23	L42	1.0
50	Ryan Wang	Unr	L21	L37	L25	Bye	L34	1.0
51	Roy Lee	Unr	L41	L39	L26	L52	Bye	1.0
52	Jaegun Song	Unr	L14	L49	L47	W51	L38	1.0
53	Tobias Tang	Unr	½	L2	L28	L43	L46	0.5
54	Tai Karir	Unr	L31	L12	L45	---	---	0.0

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No.	Name	Rating	Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd 3	Rd 4	Rd 5	Score
1	Thomas Brown	Unr	W44	W15	W14	W13	W3	5.0
2	Christopher Cavey	Unr	D28	W41	W26	W11	W4	4.5
3	Anthony Zhong	223	W34	W9	W32	W6	L1	4.0
4	Senne Michielssen	Unr	Bye	W35	W10	W8	L2	4.0
5	Pranav Srinivas	Unr	W51	W18	L8	W14	W13	4.0
6	Gerald Kim	Unr	W27	W16	W30	L3	W17	4.0
7	Mehki Merrick-Brown	Unr	L26	W24	W15	W23	W21	4.0
8	Luke Hausner	115	W49	W54	W5	L4	W27	4.0
9	Cooper Derath	Unr	W53	L3	W42	W30	W19	4.0
10	Arjun Patel	Unr	W43	W52	L4	W33	W22	4.0
11	Rishith Seelam	Unr	W19	D26	W28	L2	W29	3.5
12	Yaseen Metwally	Unr	W22	L13	W20	D27	W28	3.5
13	Samantha Gramer	297	W33	W12	W31	L1	L5	3.0
14	Shambuvi Ojha	171	W38	W20	L1	L5	W46	3.0
15	Matthew Raymond	119	W47	L1	L7	W39	W31	3.0
16	Sullivan Klus	123	W24	L6	L17	W35	W36	3.0
17	Yoonho Cho	Unr	L18	W58	W16	W31	L6	3.0
18	Jarrett Tseng	258	W17	L5	W35	L21	W32	3.0
19	Pranav Kannan	295	L11	W40	W51	W32	L9	3.0
20	Thomas Burns	Unr	W23	L14	L12	W53	W33	3.0
21	Talia Bills	Unr	L48	Bye	W25	W18	L7	3.0
22	Eva Erhardt	115	L12	W53	W54	W37	L10	3.0
23	Daniel Huang	273	L20	W49	W52	L7	W38	3.0
24	Shreya Kalyan	Unr	L16	L7	W56	W51	W30	3.0
25	Rohan Shah	220	L31	W36	L21	W26	W37	3.0
26	Anshuk Rudrangi	135	W7	D11	L2	L25	W50	2.5
27	Siri Byrapaneni	161	L6	W38	W57	D12	L8	2.5
28	Mithran Kannan	Unr	D2	W45	L11	W40	L12	2.5
29	Antwerp Van	Unr	L30	D39	W34	W45	L11	2.5
30	Jake Watkins	107	W29	W42	L6	L9	L24	2.0
31	Evan Oegema	Unr	W25	W37	L13	L17	L15	2.0
32	Tanish Devaram	Unr	W36	W48	L3	L19	L18	2.0
33	Goethem Van	Unr	L13	W56	W50	L10	L20	2.0
34	Amra Yancy	Unr	L3	D46	L29	W55	D45	2.0
35	Alex Wang	Unr	W56	L4	L18	L16	W52	2.0
36	Ismael Metwally	Unr	L32	L25	W47	W57	L16	2.0
37	Pavel Shevchenko	Unr	W55	L31	W48	L22	L25	2.0
38	Irfan Syed	Unr	L14	L27	W58	W48	L23	2.0
39	Nick Collins	Unr	L52	D29	D46	L15	W54	2.0
40	Alex Bauer	Unr	½	L19	W43	L28	D42	2.0
41	Annie Rollins	Unr	D54	L2	L44	D43	W53	2.0
42	Andrew Wang	Unr	W58	L30	L9	D50	D40	2.0
43	Arete' Keener	Unr	L10	D55	L40	D41	W57	2.0
44	John McAuliffe	105	L1	L51	W41	D54	D48	2.0
45	Katarina Bauer	Unr	½	L28	W55	L29	D34	2.0
46	Cameron Carr	Unr	---	D34	D39	W52	L14	2.0
47	Amya Foster-Jones	Unr	L15	L50	L36	W58	W51	2.0
48	Daniel Gray	107	W21	L32	L37	L38	D44	1.5
49	Hunter Riendeau	Unr	L8	L23	L53	W56	D55	1.5
50	Ashanti Carr	Unr	---	W47	L33	D42	L26	1.5
51	Arianna Thomas	Unr	L5	W44	L19	L24	L47	1.0
52	Aswath Karai	Unr	W39	L10	L23	L46	L35	1.0
53	Anish Krishnamurthy	Unr	L9	L22	W49	L20	L41	1.0
54	Savonna Richardson	115	D41	L8	L22	D44	L39	1.0
55	Ryan Hernandez	Unr	L37	D43	L45	L34	D49	1.0
56	Divum Mittal	Unr	L35	L33	L24	L49	W58	1.0
57	Laya Tumbalam	Unr	½	½	L27	L36	L43	1.0
58	Aryan Afre	Unr	L42	L17	L38	L47	L56	0.0

2012 Michigan Junior Sponsors Standings

No.	Name	Rating	Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd 3	Score
1	Ronald Larson	1286	W4	W3	L2	2.0
2	Kyle Sheffer	1226	L3	W4	W1	2.0
3	James O'Neil	1231	W2	L1	D4	1.5
4	Robert White	768	L1	L2	D3	0.5

2012 Michigan Junior Prize Winners *(Photos courtesy of TD Michael Smith)*

Collegiate Champion: Nitai Leve

Junior (K-12) Champion: Atulya Shetty

Young Junior (K-8) Champion: Jalen Wang

Children's (K-5) Champions: Harrison He & Ben Li

Epiphany Peters (2069)
Atulya Shetty (2323)
Michigan Junior (3)
March 2012
Sicilian: Closed, B26
Notes by Atulya Shetty

1.e4 c5 2.Nc3 Nc6 3.g3 g6 4.Bg2 Bg7 5.d3 d6 6.Be3 e6 7.Qd2 Rb8
Black's usual plan in this opening is to play ...Nge7 and ...0–0. White then plays 0–0–0 and Bh6 and tries to attack on the kingside with h4-h5. By playing 7... Rb8, black is trying to discourage white from castling queenside.
8.Nge2 b5
Starting the queenside attack and also waiting for white to commit her king.
9.0–0
Now it is safe for black to castle
9...Nge7 10.Bh6 0–0 11.Bxg7 Kxg7 12.Qg5
Now it is tough for white to attack. It may have been better to keep the dark-squared bishops on the board and play for f4-f5
12...h6 13.Qg4 b4 14.Nd1 e5 15.Qh4 Nd4 16.Nxd4 cxd4 17.f4 Qc7 18.a3
18.fxe5 dxe5 19.Qf6+ Kh7 Black is still safe and will start to attack along the c-file
18...bxa3 19.Rxa3 f6
Trying to stop white's play on the kingside
20.c3 Qc5 21.cxd4 Qxd4+ 22.Nf2 Rxb2 23.Bh3 g5 24.Qh5 exf4 25.gxf4 Bxh3 26.Qxh3 Ng6
The f4 square is extremely strong for black's knight
27.f5 Nf4 28.Qf3 Rc8 29.e5
An attempt to open black's king. If white just tries to defend, there is no hope
29...fxe5 30.Kh1 Rxf2
With the open f6 square, it is safe to allow Qb7+
31.Rxf2 Rc1+ 32.Rf1 Rxf1+ 33.Qxf1 Qd5+ 34.Kg1 Qc5+ 35.Kh1 Qxa3 0–1

Michael Bowersock (2176)
Atulya Shetty (2323)
Michigan Junior (5)
March 2012
Sicilian: Rauzer (Modern), B67
Notes by Atulya Shetty

Going into this round, I was the sole leader with 4/4 while both Michael Bowersock and Michael Dang had 3.5/4 following their draw in the previous round. I thought a draw would win me the tournament but I think it's always better to play for a win.
1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 Nc6 6.Bg5 e6 7.Qd2 a6 8.0–0–0 Bd7
I decided to play this line for the first time in order to avoid any of his preparation.
9.f4 b5 10.Nf3
This is the first deviation from theory. The main move is 10.Bxf6 gxf6 11.Kb1 Now white will try to play f5 at some point while black will focus on a queenside attack with ..b4 and ...a5
10...b4 11.Bxf6
This is forced in order to defend the e4 pawn For example, 11.Na4 Nxe4 12.Bxd8 Nxd2 13.Nxd2 Kxd8∓
11...gxf6 12.Ne2 Qb6 13.Kb1 a5 14.f5 e5
This is one main idea for black in this system. Thought the d5 square is extremely weak, there is no way for white's knights to reach it
15.Ng3 h5 16.Bc4
Attempting to take advantage of the weak a2-g8 diagonal
16...Qc5 17.Qd3
17.Qd5 This move may be tempting to many players, especially if they want a draw. However, I generally like these endgames and was prepared to fight for a win 17...Qxd5 18.Rxd5 a4
17...a4 18.Nf1 Na5 19.Qd5
19.Bd5? Rc8 The threat of Bb5 is extremely strong giving black a better position
19...Qxd5 20.Bxd5 Rc8 21.h4 Rg8 22.Ne1 Bb5
Black's bishops will be extremely powerful after ...Bh6 and white has no way to activate his pieces
23.Nd2 Be2 0–1
White is losing an exchange and resigned**.**

2012 Michigan Women's Championships

By **Tournament Director Michael Smith**

The 2012 Michigan Woman's Championship was held November 11 at All The Kings Chess Supplies in Warren, MI. It was another small turnout this year with 8 players in the Open and 6 players in the reserve.

Epiphany Peters and Jennifer Skidmore out-rated the rest of the field by about 300 points. Class "B" players Joy Chen and Somya Kulkarni would also be tough to contend with. Jennifer Skidmore survived a first round scare and got stalemated in a losing position by Sasha Konovalenko. Defending champion Epiphany Peters had her showdown with Jennifer Skidmore in round 3, with Jennifer winning that game. Skidmore won in round 4 over Joy Chen to take the title. I am not sure how many women's championships Jennifer has won, but it must be in double digits by now. Epiphany Peters took 2nd place with 3 points.

The reserve section was open to players rated under 1000, 6 players entered. Anna Sun took 1st place with 3 points, despite losing to Agniva Bhumik in the last round. Julia Shen took 2nd place on tiebreaks ahead of Tian Tian Hou with 2.5 points.

2012 Michigan Women's Championship Standings

No.	Name	Rating	Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd 3	Rd 4	Score
1	Jennifer Skidmore	1936	D3	W7	W2	W4	3.5
2	Epiphany Peters	2088	W5	W4	L1	W6	3.0
3	Sasha Konovalenko	1296	D1	L5	W8	WF	2.5
4	Joy Chen	1606	W6	L2	W5	L1	2.0
5	Erica Forshaw	1429	L2	W3	L4	W8	2.0
6	Jeannie Zhang	1150	L4	W8	W7	L2	2.0
7	Soumya Kulkarni	1610	W8	L1	L6	LF	1.0
8	Kayla Thomas	1252	L7	L6	L3	L5	0.0

2012 Michigan Women's Reserve (U1000) Standings

No.	Name	Rating	Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd 3	Rd 4	Score
1	Anna Sun	973	W6	W3	W2	L4	3.0
2	Julia Shen	842	W5	W4	L1	D3	2.5
3	Tian Tian Hou	Unr	W4	L1	W5	D2	2.5
4	Agniva Bhaumik	307	L3	L2	W6	W1	2.0
5	Prasanna Bhamidipati	Unr	L2	W6	L3	W6	2.0
6	Khushi Afre	200	L1	L5	L4	L5	0.0

2012 Michigan Women's Side Event Standings

No.	Name	Rating	Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd 3	Rd 4	Score
1	Kameron Tolliver	1898	W4	W5	D2	W3	3.5
2	Jalen Wang	2104	W5	W3	D1	W6	3.5
3	Justin Chen	1948	W6	L2	W4	L1	2.0
4	Frank Hou	Unr	L1	W6	L3	W5	2.0
5	Bryan Wilson Jr	1530	L2	L1	W6	L4	1.0
6	Sai Vepa	561	L3	L4	L5	L2	0.0

Champion: Jennifer Skidmore

2nd Place: Epiphany Peters

Reserve Champion: Anna Sun

Reserve 2nd Place: Julia Shen

2012 Michigan Action, Quick, and Speed Championships

The 2012 Michigan Action Championship was held December 8 at Pierpoint Commons on North Campus of the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor. The Michigan Quick and Speed Championships were held on December 9.

2012 Michigan Action Championship Standings

No.	Name	Rating	Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd 3	Rd 4	Rd 5	Rd 6	Score
1	IM Bogdan Vioreanu	2449	W40	W20	W6	W5	D2	W7	5.5
2	FM Atulya Shetty	2429	W36	W49	W9	W4	D1	W8	5.5
3	Christoph Schmidt	1780	W30	W41	L4	W21	W16	W9	5.0
4	Jeff Aldrich	1998	W33	W12	W3	L2	W13	D6	4.5
5	Howard Bromberg	2108	W17	W25	W26	L1	D8	W11	4.5
6	Manmohan Das	1968	W27	W31	L1	W41	W25	D4	4.5
7	Salah Chehayeb	2022	½	W58	W15	W18	W10	L1	4.5
8	William Rhee	1982	W35	W29	D14	W11	D5	L2	4.0
9	Jennifer Skidmore	1945	W39	W13	L2	W29	W20	L3	4.0
10	Eric Larson	1993	W28	W21	D18	W14	L7	D12	4.0
11	Rohan Talukdar	1038	W53	W57	W19	L8	W18	L5	4.0
12	Brad Beagle	1596	W56	L4	W27	D23	W19	D10	4.0
13	Vijay Sriram	1429	W48	L9	W30	W26	L4	W28	4.0
14	Anthony Bee	1700	W43	W46	D8	L10	W23	D15	4.0
15	Ayush Das	1338	W50	D19	L7	W39	W26	D14	4.0
16	Jacob Crandell	1322	W54	L18	W37	W49	L3	W32	4.0
17	Jeffrey Zhu	1031	L5	W44	W46	L19	W30	W25	4.0
18	William Prusaitis	1746	W22	W16	D10	L7	L11	W35	3.5
19	Kris Venkatasubba	1799	W32	D15	L11	W17	L12	W27	3.5
20	Ken Long	1645	W34	L1	W28	W31	L9	D22	3.5
21	Arthur Huerta	1374	W47	L10	W42	L3	D35	W36	3.5
22	Adam Gaisinsky	873	L18	W50	L25	W46	W33	D20	3.5
23	Paul Mills Jr	1185	W55	L26	W54	D12	L14	W38	3.5
24	Jason Zheng	1148	L41	W43	W52	L25	D38	W34	3.5
25	Eugene Mcclure	1572	W45	L5	W22	W24	L6	L17	3.0
26	Michael Skidmore	1800	W38	W23	L5	L13	L15	W42	3.0
27	Franklin Bromberg	989	L6	W47	L12	W44	W31	L19	3.0
28	Daniel Hou	1009	L10	W45	L20	W42	W29	L13	3.0
29	Jacob Brasseur	1536	W37	L8	W38	L9	L28	W43	3.0
30	Dipankar Roy	874	L3	W55	L13	W51	L17	W47	3.0
31	James Lemon	1337	W51	L6	W34	L20	L27	W44	3.0
32	Anvit Rao	885	L19	W48	L49	W52	W41	L16	3.0
33	Anthony Liao	1015	L4	W56	L41	W37	L22	W45	3.0
34	Siddharth Jha	762	L20	W40	L31	D36	W39	L24	2.5
35	Aiden Song	1002	L8	L37	W48	W53	D21	L18	2.5
36	Jonhan Chen	1043	L2	L42	W45	D34	W43	L21	2.5
37	Arjun Bajaj	584	L29	W35	L16	L33	W55	D40	2.5
38	Arnav Nadgir	888	L26	W51	L29	W54	D24	L23	2.5
39	Jade Ge	916	L9	D53	W58	L15	L34	W52	2.5
40	Robby Riles	1045	L1	L34	L53	W58	W50	D37	2.5
41	Sichen Liu	1138	W24	L3	W33	L6	L32	---	2.0
42	Jared Ge	776	L57	W36	L21	L28	W53	L26	2.0
43	Brian Wu	783	L14	L24	W47	W55	L36	L29	2.0
44	Shivam Jha	618	L49	L17	W50	L27	W51	L31	2.0
45	Sebastian Taubman	585	L25	L28	L36	W48	W54	L33	2.0
46	Alexander Boyd	104	Bye	L14	L17	L22	L47	W58	2.0
47	Caden Che	513	L21	L27	L43	W56	W46	L30	2.0
48	Alex Guo	546	L13	L32	L35	L45	W56	W53	2.0
49	Marco Lorenzon	1635	W44	L2	W32	L16	---	---	2.0
50	Michael Aldrich	510	L15	L22	L44	Bye	L40	W54	2.0
51	Joshua Lee	372	L31	L38	Bye	L30	L44	W55	2.0
52	Ben Li	248	½	½	L24	L32	W58	L39	2.0
53	Justin Wu	580	L11	D39	W40	L35	L42	L48	1.5
54	Daniel Huang	352	L16	Bye	L23	L38	L45	L50	1.0
55	Robert Alarie	Unr	L23	L30	W56	L43	L37	L51	1.0
56	Eric Zhang	611	L12	L33	L55	L47	L48	Bye	1.0
57	Oleg Tsodikov	1661	W42	L11	---	---	---	---	1.0
58	Eva Erhardt	204	½	L7	L39	L40	L52	L46	0.5

2012 Michigan Quick Championship Standings

No.	Name	Rating	Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd 3	Rd 4	Rd 5	Rd 6	Score
1	FM Atulya Shetty	2429	W15	W6	W4	L2	W7	W3	5.0
2	Michael Bowersock	2226	W16	W7	W9	W1	L3	W5	5.0
3	Edward Song	2189	W17	W13	W8	D4	W2	L1	4.5
4	FM Fred Lindsay	2409	W12	W5	L1	D3	W8	W9	4.5
5	Salah Chehayeb	2022	W20	L4	W16	W9	W6	L2	4.0
6	Apurva Virkud	2027	W18	L1	W12	W14	L5	W10	4.0
7	Manmohan Das	1968	W19	L2	W17	W10	L1	W11	4.0
8	Kiran Bemarkar	1830	½	W11	L3	W13	L4	W15	3.5
9	IM Bogdan Vioreanu	2449	W11	W10	L2	L5	W15	L4	3.0
10	Howard Bromberg	2108	W14	L9	W15	L7	W12	L6	3.0
11	Binu Gerald	1826	L9	L8	W19	W16	W14	L7	3.0
12	James Karakos	1524	L4	W20	L6	W18	L10	W17	3.0
13	Ronald Werhnyak	1833	W21	L3	L14	L8	W18	W16	3.0
14	Ayush Das	1338	L10	W22	W13	L6	L11	W20	3.0
15	Jeffery Zhang	1606	L1	W18	L10	W17	L9	L8	2.0
16	Valerie Peng	1382	L2	W19	L5	L11	W22	L13	2.0
17	Arthur Huerta	1374	L3	W21	L7	L15	W19	L12	2.0
18	Franklin Bromberg	989	L6	L15	W21	L12	L13	W22	2.0
19	Arjun Bajaj	584	L7	L16	L11	W20	L17	W21	2.0
20	Gurekmann Gill	812	L5	L12	L22	L19	W21	L14	1.0
21	Takito Kuzuya	463	L13	L17	L18	W22	L20	L19	1.0
22	Aditya Bajaj	272	---	L14	W20	L21	L16	L18	1.0

Quick & Speed Champion: FM Atulya Shetty

Action Champion: IM Bogdan Vioreanu

2012 Michigan Speed Championship Finals

No.	Name	Rating	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	Score
1	FM Atulya Shetty	2429	X	0	1	½	1	1	1	1	5.5
2	Michael Bowersock	2226	1	X	0	½	½	1	1	1	5.0
3	Edward Song	2189	0	1	X	0	1	1	½	1	4.5
4	Tom Hartwig	2175	½	½	1	X	½	0	1	0	3.5
5	Howard Bromberg	2108	0	½	0	½	X	0	1	1	3.0
6	Apurva Virkud	2027	0	0	0	1	1	X	1	0	3.0
7	Eric Larson	1993	0	0	½	0	0	0	X	1	1.5
8	Jennifer Skidmore	1945	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	X	2.0

2012 Michigan Speed Championship Consulation #1

No.	Name	Rating	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Score
1	Sal Chehayeb	2022	X	½	1	1	1	1	1	5.5
2	Manmohan Das	1968	½	X	1	0	1	1	1	4.5
3	Kiran Bemarkar	1830	0	0	X	1	½	1	1	3.5
4	Jeffery Zhang	1606	0	1	0	X	1	1	1	4.0
5	James Karakos	1524	0	0	½	0	X	0	1	1.5
6	Valerie Peng	1382	0	0	0	0	1	X	0	1.0
7	Ayush Das	1338	0	0	0	0	0	1	X	1.0

2012 Michigan Speed Championship Consulation #2

No.	Name	Rating	1	2	3	4	5	6	Score
1	Binu Gerald	1829	X	1	½	1	1	0	3.5
2	Joseph Youngman	1322	0	X	1	½	1	½	3.0
3	Franklin Bromberg	989	½	0	X	1	1	0	2.5
4	Arjun Bajaj	584	0	½	0	X	1	1	2.5
5	Aditya, Bajaj	272	0	0	0	0	X	0	0.0
6	Ben Curtis	Unr	1	½	1	0	1	X	3.5

2012 Michigan Speed Championship Prelim #1

No.	Name	Rating	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	Score
1	FM Atulya Shetty	2429	X	½	1	1	1	1	1	1	6.5
2	Tom Hartwig	2175	½	X	½	1	1	1	1	1	6.0
3	Sal Chehayeb	2022	0	½	X	0	1	1	1	1	4.5
4	Jennifer Skidmore	1945	0	0	1	X	1	1	1	1	5.0
5	Jeffery Zhang	1606	0	0	0	0	X	½	1	1	2.5
6	Ayush Das	1338	0	0	0	0	½	X	1	1	2.5
7	Franklin Bromberg	989	0	0	0	0	0	0	X	1	1.0
8	Ben Curtis	Unr	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	X	0.0

2012 Michigan Speed Championship Prelim #2

No.	Name	Rating	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Score
1	Michael Bowersock	2226	X	1	1	1	1	1	1	6.0
2	Howard Bromberg	2108	0	X	0	1	1	1	1	4.0
3	Eric Larson	1993	0	1	X	1	1	1	1	5.0
4	Kiran Bemarkar	1830	0	0	0	X	0	1	1	2.0
5	James Karakos	1524	0	0	0	1	X	1	1	3.0
6	Joseph Youngman	1322	0	0	0	0	0	X	1	1.0
7	Arjun Bajaj	584	0	0	0	0	0	0	X	0.0

2012 Michigan Speed Championship Prelim #3

No.	Name	Rating	1	2	3	4	5	6	Score
1	Edward Song	2189	X	1	1	1	1	1	5.0
2	Apurva Virkud	2027	0	X	0	1	1	1	3.0
3	Manmohan Das	1968	0	1	X	0	1	1	3.0
4	Binu Gerald	1829	0	0	1	X	0	1	2.0
5	Valerie Peng	1382	0	0	0	1	X	1	2.0
6	Aditya, Bajaj	272	0	0	0	0	0	X	0.0

Homa from King's Island

FM Seth Homa annotates his fine attacking win against Ypsilanti's Robert O'Donnell at this year's Kings Island tournament. Before you look at the game, can you guess how Seth ramped up his attack after Black played 28...Ng8-e7?

White to Play

FM Seth Homa (2352)
Robert O'Donnell (2136)
King's Island Open (5)
November 2012
Sicilian, B27
Notes by FM Seth Homa

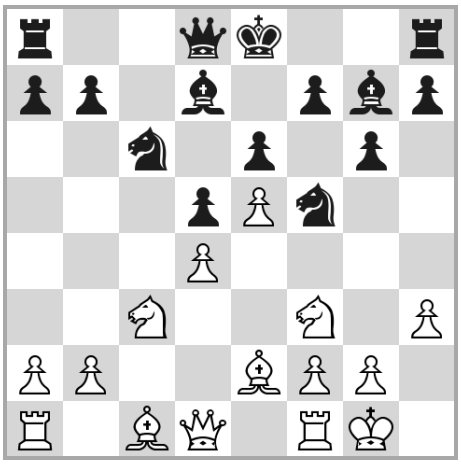
It doesn't matter whether the tournament is in Michigan or Ohio, Robert and I always play in the last round. There are at least three previous times, two at the Motor City Open and once in a Great Lakes Open. Robert has given me some trouble in the past. He has beaten me once and has scored a couple of draws.

1.e4 c5 2.c3 g6 3.d4 cxd4 4.cxd4 d5 5.e5 Bg7 6.h3 Nc6 7.Nf3 e6 8.Be2 Nge7 9.0–0 Nf5

Black's play is reminiscent of the French Defense. He pressures the base of the pawn chain at d4 and perhaps plans to create a central crisis with ...f6 at a later point.

10.Nc3 Bd7

It was more flexible to castle straight-away before determining the placement of this bishop. Black shows a reluctance to castle for many moves.



11.b3!

Introducing ideas of Ba3.

11...a6?

This is a critical positional mistake that hands White the queenside dark squares. Black had to castle with 11...0–0 but then White could disrupt Black's plans of ...f6 by misplacing the rook with 12.Ba3 Re8 If Black had castled instead of playing 10...Bd7, Black could have inserted ... f6 and played his rook to f7, keeping the rook on the f-file.

12.Na4!

Black had intended to meet 12.Ba3 with 12...Qa5! forcing the bishop back, as 13.Na4? b5 would win some material.

12...0–0

Forced, as Ba3 was coming. Then Black would not have been able to castle.

13.Ba3 Re8 14.Bc5!

White's pieces nestle in on the dark-squares.

14...b5 15.Nb6 Rb8 16.Nxd7 Qxd7

It may seem counter-intuitive to exchange such a nice knight for a horrible bishop, but it was the only way to make gains on the queenside. White has the bishop pair and, with his next move, will seek to rip open the left flank and create weaknesses there.

17.a4!

Black cannot keep the queenside closed with ...b4 as a6 hangs.

17...Bf8

Black logically trades his inactive bishop for White's strong one.

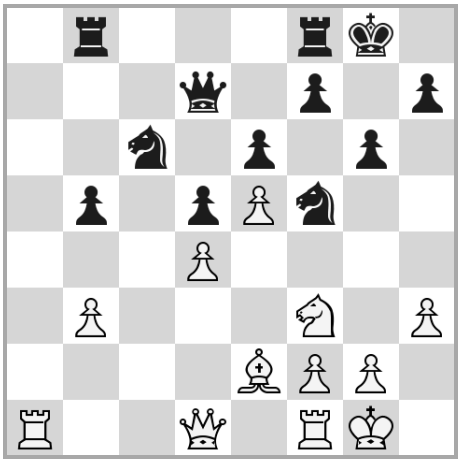
18.axb5 axb5

The vulnerability of the b5–pawn will force Black to play defense.

19.Bxf8

Not 19.b4? Nxb4

19...Rxf8



20.Qd2!

As IM Silman is fond of saying, strong moves always carry two or more ideas. 20.Qd2 is one such move. It eyes both sides of the board. Someday it might go to b4 and pressure the b-pawn, sometimes it might feel like setting up shop on h6 and creating checkmate threats. The Principle of Two Weaknesses in action.

20...Kg7

Covering the h6 square.

21.Rfc1

First, Black is tied down to one weakness: The rook goes to c5 to add pressure to the b5–pawn.

21...Rb6 22.Rc5 Rfb8 23.Rac1

White doubles so the c6–knight can't move (Rc7 would follow) .

23...h6

Preventing infiltration on g5 and f6.

24.g4!

White seeks a second weakness on the kingside. The air around White's king is not meaningful here because Black is no longer in a position to counter on the kingside.

24...Nfe7 25.Qf4 R8b7

Covering the c7–square in order to free the c6–knight. If 25...Na5? 26.Rc7 Qd8 27.Qf6+ Kf8 28.Rxe7 Qxe7 29.Qh8#

26.h4!

White would never play g4–g5, as Black would answer with ...h5 and have a nice f5–square for his knight. The deciding breathrough must come with h4–h5.

26...Ng8

Covering the f6–square. Black was almost out of playable moves.

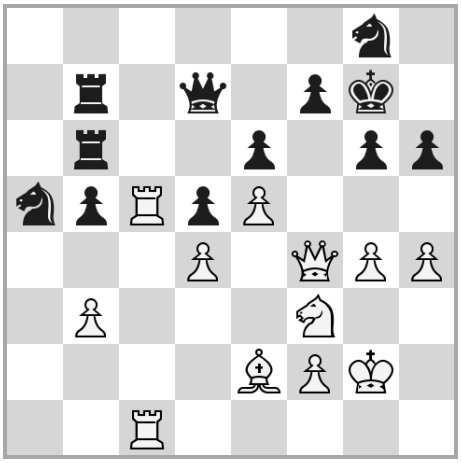
27.Kg2!

FM Seth Homa and Robert O'Donnell play side-by-side on Boards 1 and 2 at Stan Beckwith's 2012 Great Lakes Open. That's Michael Chen on board 3!
Photo courtesy of Rose Homa

White is in no rush. He removes his king from potential back-rank checks.

27...Na5

A critical position. Black is not only threatening a fork on b3, but he also wants to ease the pressure by a trade of rooks with ...Rc6. What would you play? I spent 32 minutes here.



28.Qe3!

Rybka 3 favors this move best, as well. All other moves have some slight drawbacks. White preserves all of his options. Black is nearly in zugzwang. 28.Bd1 protects b3, but releases the pressure on b5.; 28.Nd2 but the knight is needed on the kingside.; 28.b4 what are you doing? 28...Nb3 oops.; The most tempting of all the alternatives was 28.Rc8 which I spent a great deal of time trying to make work, but could come to no conclusive assessments. In such cases, it is better to be safe than sorry. 28.Qe3! preserves all of White's advantages. That being said, Rybka does give it a thumbs up. Some variations: 28...Nxb3 29.R1c3! (To better understand why 29.R1c3, we should examine the natural 29.Rxg8+ Kxg8 30.Qxh6 Nxc1 31.Ng5 Threatening not Qh7+, which would only lead to a draw, but Nh7! which would threaten Nf6 checkmate. 31...f5! *(31...Nxe2? 32.Nh7! f5 33.Nf6+ Kf7 34.Qh7+ Kf8 35.Nxd7+ Ke8* This was a variation I saw on move 28, but was not absolutely sure what was going on. Rybka's giving 4.00+, but that passed b-pawn looked scary*.)* 32.exf6 Nxe2! 33.f7+ Qxf7 34.Nxf7 Rxf7 35.Qxg6+ Kf8 This variation is not clear at all. It is possible that Black may be better.) 29...b4! The move that turned me off of 29.R1c3. 30.Rxg8+ Kxg8 31.Rxb3 Qa4 I was not certain whether Black was getting counterplay, although Rybka is quite happy with this line (1.44 for White).

28...Ne7

A nice point behind 28.Qe3 is that 28...Rc6 29.Bxb5! Rxb5 30.Rxb5 Rxc1 31.Rxa5 leaves White up a pawn.

White to Play

29.h5!!

The decisive breakthrough. After the game, Robert said he looked at all of Black's moves here and could not find a single one that did not lose.

29...gxh5

Again, let's look at some lines: 29...g5 30.Nxg5! hxg5 31.Qxg5+ Kh8 *(31...Kf8 32.Qh6+ Ke8 33.Qh8+ Ng8 34.Qxg8+ Ke7 35.Rc8)* 32.h6 Ng6 33.Qf6+ Kg8 34.Qg7#; 29...Rc6 30.Rxc6 Naxc6 31.Rh1 Ng8 32.g5! and Black's position is collapsing.

30.Rh1!

The point. It's easier for White to swing his forces from one flank to the other.

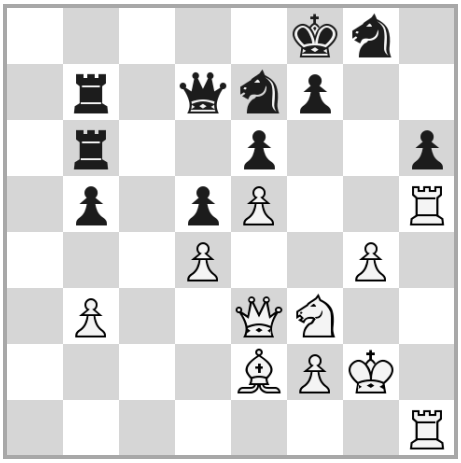
30...Nac6

Obviously not 30...hxg4?? 31.Qxh6+ Kg8 32.Qh8#

31.Rxh5 Ng8 32.Rc1

Other moves win too, but swinging the rooks from c5 and c1 to h5 and h1 in 4 moves was rather pleasing.

32...Nce7 33.Rch1 Kf8



34.Rxh6! Ng6

34...Nxh6 35.Qxh6+ Ke8 36.Qh8+ Ng8 37.Qxg8+ Ke7 38.Qg5+ Ke8 39.Rh8#

35.Bd3!

The e2–bishop had only been a spectator up until this point, but now it helps end the game.

35...Nxh6 36.Qxh6+ Ke7 37.Qg5+ 1–0

Black resigned, as after 37.Qg5+ Ke8 *(*Or *37...Kf8 38.Bxg6 fxg6 39.Rh8+ Kg7 40.Qf6#)* 38.Bxg6 Black would not be able to recapture with 38...fxg6 due to 39.Rh8+ Kf7 40.Qf6# Black defended very well from move 17 onwards. Could it be that 11...a6 was actually the losing move? I am very happy with this game and consider it one of my best this year.

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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/

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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 Fri 10:00am-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

Genessee County Chess Club (Flint) 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; Katy Ford (616) 240-0832; e-mail: katymford@sbcglobal.net

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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

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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

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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

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Feb 19 Genesee County C.C. Free Rated Swiss
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Feb 23 ★★ MICHIGAN JUNIOR HIGH TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS ★★ East Lansing
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Feb 24 Canton Library Sunday Quads
Canton Public Library, 1200 South Canton Center Rd, Canton, MI 48188. **3-RR**, Quads by Rating. **TL:** G/30; or G/25;d/5. **Rds:** 1:00pm - 2:30pm - 4:00pm. **EF:** $6 by Paypal only. NOTE Entry Fee Change. **Reg**: 12:30pm - 1:00pm. No On-Site Payments. **$$:** $15 Each Quad. **Entries/Info:** Tim Heller (chessclub@comcast.net) OR Manmohan Das (mrwiz.usa@gmail.com)

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Mar 2-3 First Universal Midwest Late Winter Swiss
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Mar 19 Genesee County C.C. Action Quads
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Mar 30 Thinkers Challenge
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