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<b>State</b>	Jorge Leon Oquendo	<b>Scholastic</b>	Cindy Jie
<b>Top K-8</b>	Raghav Venkat	<b>Top Girl</b>	Cindy Jie
<b>Speed</b>	Corey Acor	<b>Quick</b>	Corey Acor
<b>Senior</b>	George Grasser		

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## Editor Speaks

As this will be our last "Printed issue" we have tried to include all the writes and events that are being sent to us, so some reports are being "squeezed-in" anywhere we can find space and in any format that works.

You will find directions on page 4 as well as on the FCA website on how to obtain a hard-cover colored copy of any issue you wish. The FCA Board will be evaluating the procedures and costs for doing this and then decide if changes would be required in continuing to offer this. Note that only FCA members would be allowed to receive an issue mailed to them.

I will try to stay involved in this process, but in case I'm not able to, I will say that it has been my please to produce these magazine for you continuously since 1996.

I will still try to be involved in organizing chess tournaments for the Central Florida Chess Club, but again, don't know how long I'd be able to do even that.

So please say "Hi", to me whenever you see me.

Harvey Lerman  
Editor, floridaCHESS

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*Harvey Lerman*

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from the President's desk

Hello FCA Members,



Our annual meeting, this past Labor Day, saw a number of positive changes decided on by the new board. First, let me welcome newcomer Bryan Tillis to our board. Bryan will be offering his services as Secretary. Other changes to the board worth noting include Steve Abrahams taking over the role of Treasurer. Out going Treasurer Steve Cernobyl graciously passed the torch to the "younger Steve". We thank Cernobyl for his many years of diligent service as FCA Treasurer. And though still serving in a much reduced capacity as a Director-at-large, we will miss having his steady hand at the Treasurer position.

To the changes I mentioned earlier, one major change voted on was the move to an online magazine. Those members who liked the nostalgia of a hard copy magazine will still have that option but by request only. The hard copy will no longer be sent out automatically to all members. If you would like to request a hard copy version, you simply can email the Secretary, Bryan Tillis at [fcaboard@gmail.com](mailto:fcaboard@gmail.com). Be sure to include your name and mailing address. This feature is available to all members. For everyone else, check our website for the first online addition soon.

We also voted to move to a more update, digital software for tracking memberships. What this means for our members is more real time status of memberships and email reminders for renewals. We hope these changes will continue to make our organization more technology friendly and attractive to new people looking to get involved in chess in Florida.

If you have any questions regarding these new ways of doing what we've always done, feel free to contact us at [fcaboard@gmail.com](mailto:fcaboard@gmail.com). Enjoy the rest of the year.

Hope to see you at the tournaments  
Thank you.

William Bowman



# Letters

## State Championship yields several firsts this year

by Kevin Pryor

The Arnold Denker Florida State Championship was held over Labor Day weekend and garnered several firsts. It was the first time since the mid-1990's the event itself was held in Jacksonville. FM Jorge Leon Oquendo was crowned state champion and is the first state champion from North Florida. It was also the first time so many northern Florida players participated in a state championship event.

Florida Chess Association has a rotating schedule for hosting the state championship. This year, Northeast regional board members proposed Jacksonville as the site due to a resurgence of Open and Scholastic tournaments in the northern part of the state. The Jacksonville Marriott was selected as the play site and ANTD Steve Lampkin took on roles of event organizer and chief TD. JAX area resident and Local TD, Kevin Pryor, who heads up the Jacksonville Chess Club, assisted him.

The event had six sections and an \$11,000 prize fund. North Florida residents were so excited about having the event in our backyard after two decades of traveling 3 to 6 hours to compete in the state champion and turned out in record numbers from Gainesville, Tallahassee, Pensacola in addition to Jacksonville to show appreciation.

In total 156 players participated in the main and side events with 10 of them having titles: IM Nelson Gamboa (COL), FM Corey Acor (FL), FM Ceasar Valido (CUB), FM Jorge Leon (CUB) and with one Canadian Master and 5 Candidate Masters in the open section. FM Jorge Leon Oquendo, who currently resides in Jacksonville won the Open section 5.0/6.0 and became our new champion.

Jorge and his wife, FM Laura Amalia Zayas, emigrated to JAX from Cuba about 2 years ago. Both have embraced the city as home and have been warmly received by the chess playing community. We all rejoice in Jorge bringing the championship title to JAX for the 1st time in our city's history.

The other top finishers in the Open section were FMs Acor & Valido finished tied for 2nd place with 4.5/6.0 with CM Jeremy Mandelkern and Jackie Liu, from nearby Gainesville, finishing 3rd.

Other sections winners: U2000: Andy Yang, U1800: Harry Bollinger, U1600: Amy Xing, U1400: James Zhang & U1200: Spencer Lewis. Amy Xing, also from Gainesville, won the Best Female finisher prize.

In the side events, Friday night Blitz featured eleven players. FM Corey Acor who was also last year's Blitz Champion won the 8 double round event. Then on Saturday FM Acor won the Quick Rated side event making him a back-to-back double side event winner for Quick and Blitz for 2016 & 2017.

## FCA Annual Board Elections

There were a total of 33 ballots: 24 on Election Buddy; 6 by mail; 3 by direct e-mail to the Election Master

The results are as follows:

### Election Statistics and Board Position

Harvey Lerman	29
Steve Abrahams	26
Stephen Lampkin	25
Sam Sokhanvari	23
Stephen Cernoby	22
Bryan Tillis	21
Kevin Pryor	20
Michael Hoffer	14

The complete list of Board members and their positions can be found on page 2

### Voting History

Year	Elig	#	%
2009	200	45	22.5 *
2010	239	22	9.2
2011	246	19	7.7
2012	244	27	11.1
2013	253	19	7.5
2014	214	32	15.0
2015	233	16	6.8
2016	226	32	14.0 **
2017	226	33	14.6

\*1st year using ballots inserted in magazine

\*\*1st year using EB

### FCA INCOME AND EXPENSE REPORT: 090516 THROUGH 090117

081817 FCA Regions Bank checking account balance \$22,298.83

090117 FCA Paypal balance from old Ledzian/Haskel account \$262.00

entry fees and dues from Denker at Tampa last year \$661.00

additional dues during fiscal year \$40.00

entry fees and dues from Denker in Tampa transferred by Bowman from Paypal to FCA checking account during fiscal year \$9,533.78

FCA magazine ad 102616 \$100.00

FCA scholarship monies received from Jon Haskel from BBT account 042417 \$5,000.00

Uncashed prize fund checks voided by Regions Bank as being too old and too late: checks #1157, 1168, 1175 total \$191.25

The Sunday only scholastic event had 28 players and was won by Ethan Wang on tiebreaks with Donovan Sheppard, Cayman Hogue, Pranav Prakash, Nick Lui and Thomas Wu all finishing 4.0/5.0.



Champion Jorge Leon Oquendo with Steve Lampkin

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# Paul Leggett Annotates his games

Paul Leggett had a great Summer as he won a big prize at the Orlando Sunshine Open as well as the Southern Open. Here is how it all started ~Ed.

## Bach Ngo (1832)

### Paul Leggett (1764) [D04]

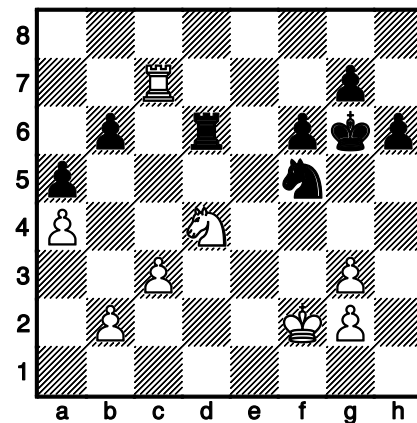
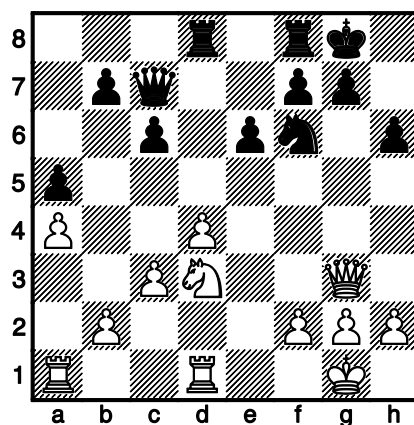
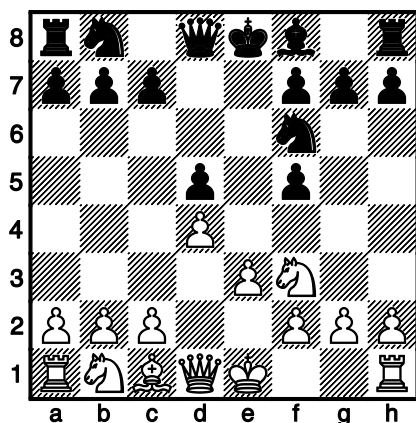
CFCC Sunshine Summer Open (5),  
11.06.2017

[Leggett, Komodo 10, Stockfish 8]

For a very young man, Bach conducts himself in a very gentlemanly manner. At the same time, he was more playful and outgoing compared to his former reserved manner, and it is a pleasure watching him mature as a player. I joked with many players at the tournament that I needed to savor this win, as there is a good chance it will be my last against him! **1.d4 d5 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.e3 Bf5** This move is Komodo's first choice, and immediately calls the position equal. Be that as it may, it is an effective "Colle defuser". **4.Bd3 Bxd3** This move is reasonable (trading bad bishop for good), but Komodo likes [4...e6 with the idea of 5.Bxf5 exf5

there to be played— why not?; *Stankovic,I* (2243)–*Cvetkovic,S* (2296) *Kragujevac 2015 0-1 7.Nbd2 Nbd7* [7...c5] **8.e4 dxe4** Could we call this a Rubinstein French by transposition where black has magically traded his bad bishop? The French and the Colle transpose more often than many people realize. That thinking also reinforces the idea of ...c5, as it is a thematic French move. **9.Nxe4 Nxe4 10.Qxe4 c6 11.c3 Nf6 12.Qe2 0-0=** This is pretty much equal. **13.Bg5 h6 14.Bh4 Be7 15.Ne5N** [Predecessor: 15.Rfe1 Re8 Was eventually won by White in *Omelia, A–Ovcharov,T Kiev 2003 1-0 15...Nd5 16.Bxe7 Qxe7 17.Rfd1 Nf6?! Rather passive in retrospect. [17...Rfe8; 17...Rad8] 18.a4!? a5!? I wanted to freeze the a-pawn in place, but it is not clear that it should be such a priority. [18...Rad8 19.a5 c5! 20.dxc5 Qxc5=] 19.Qf3 Rad8 20.Nd3 Qc7 20...Rd5 Is a Komodo recommendation I considered, but I was trying to play for two results, and such moves invite the possibility of a third.] **21.Qg3***

impetus. [25...h5! I can't believe I did not play this out of general considerations. I'll blame it on being the last round.] **26.dxc5 [26.Kf2!] 26...Rxc5 27.Ne5 Rfc8 28.Rd4 R8c7** [28...Ne3 29.Rd3 Nc4!=] **29.Kf2 f6 30.Nf3 Kf7 31.Rad1 Rc4** [31...b5! and the game starts to lean slightly to black. 32.Nd2 (32.axb5 Rxb5 33.R4d2 Nb6 34.Nd4 Rd5+ and it's the white queenside pawns that seem weaker.) 32...bxa4 33.Rxa4 Nb6 34.Rd4 Rb5 35.Rb1 h5 36.Kf3 a4+ 32.f5 Ne7 33.fxe6+ Kxe6 34.Rd6+ Kf7= 35.R1d4 [35.Rxb6 I was hoping for this, as it is superficially enticing, but he did not go for it. 35...Rxa4 36.Rd2 Ra2 37.Re2 Ng6 38.b4 Rxe2+ 39.Kxe2 axb4 40.cxb4 Rc2+ and black has counterplay – or it might be more accurate to say that white has to play accurately to avoid becoming worse. A draw would be the most likely outcome, but there are still moves to be made.] **35...R7c6 36.Rxc4 Rxd6 37.Nd4 Kg6 38.Rc7 Nf5**]



and an iron lock on e4. The old Masters already knew this— witness the games by Rubinstein and Alekhine—the latter of which (Alekhine's game, that is) features prominently in GM Alexy Bezgodov's *"The Liberated Bishop Defense"*. 0-1 (28) *Colle,E–Alekhine,A San Remo 1930*)

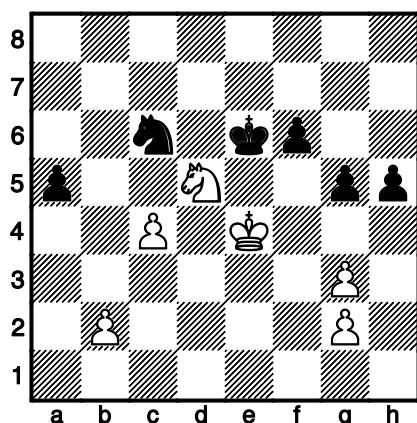
1/2-1/2 (40) *Breyer,G–Rubinstein,A Gothenburg 1920 5.Qxd3 e6 6.0-0 Bd6!?* [6...c5! It's

I was surprised by this idea, but it is not inherently bad. I could not decide what result Bach was aiming for in the game. **21...Qxg3 22.hxg3 b6=**

Superficially, this looks like a weakening move, but it reinforces a5 and reintroduces the idea of ...c5. There are other reasonable options. [22...Rd5; 22...Nd5; 22...Rfe8 **23.Ne5 Rc8 24.Nc4 Nd5 25.f4!? c5?! Too late— the timing is wrong, even though the loose knight on c4 seemingly adds**

Stockfish 8 64 POPCNT: 1) 38...Nf5  
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Stockfish 8 64 POPCNT: 3) 38...Kf7  
Stockfish 8 64 POPCNT: 4) 38...Ng8  
Stockfish 8 64 POPCNT: 5) 38...Nc8  
Stockfish 8 64 POPCNT: 6) 38...f5  
**39.Rc6?! Rxc6 40.Nxc6** Still a draw, but black's play has just become easier. **40...Nd6** [40...Kg5] **41.Ne7+ Kf7** [41...Kg5] **42.Nd5 b5!?** [42...Nc4=] **43.axb5 Nxb5 44.Nb6** [44.g4; 44.Ne3] **44...Ke6 45.Ke3 h5 46.c4 Na7 47.Ke4 Nc6 48.Nd5 g5=**

(Leggett Games continued on page 6)



**49.c5??** Just a blunder– we had both played a very hard tournament and were tired, so there was some inevitability to this, with the only questions being "Who?" and "When?".

49.Ne3 is a very solid draw, and I suspect the game would have concluded shortly after this move.

**49...f5+ 50.Kd3 Kxd5** and Bach smiled and resigned.

His grace and sportsmanship when doing so was a quality example for us to follow (me first!). Chess is not easy to coach, but it is easier to coach than character, and he is already a Master in that department! **0-1**

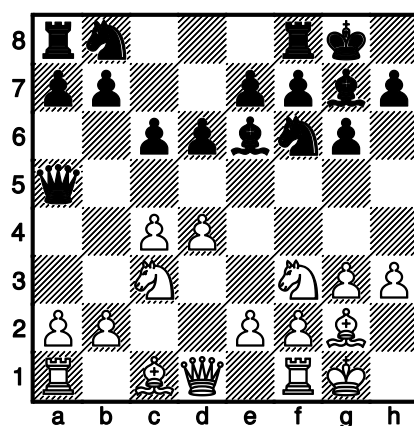
**Paul Leggett (1885)**

**Glenn Buyo (1963) [E62]**

Southern Open (5), 23.07.2017

Glenn and I shared 1st place in the U2000 section of the Chess Stars Sunshine Summer Open in Orlando a month ago, and we laughed at the poetry of meeting in round 5 here. Glenn's higher rating meant he was out of the running for a prize, but I was tied for top U1900 prize going into this round, so the stakes were higher for me in this game. **1.d4 Nf6 2.Nf3 g6 3.c4 Bg7 4.g3 d6 5.Bg2 0-0 6.0-0 c6** I played the King's Indian from 1997–2007, and this was my preferred variation as black, with several good results. I felt a certain disorienting trepidation facing it as white. It also became clear as the game went on that Glenn and I have similar styles,

and I had the vague sensation of playing myself. **7.Nc3 Qa5** This is the move that makes it the Kavalek variation (E62 for us older Informant-raised players). It is not objectively any better than other variations, but it has unique features that make it a good practical weapon. **8.h3** I played this move from the general consideration that h3 is almost always useful, and it keeps the Black Queen out of h5, which is a primary feature of the variation. [8.e4 is the recommendation of GM Damian Lemos in his book "Opening Repertoire: The Fianchetto System"...but I forgot!] **8...Be6**



It was here that the alarm went off in my head, with a flashback to IM Andrew Martin's book "Winning with the King's Indian" from the 80's (my old Bible), and I internally exclaimed "Oh NO! This is Helmers–Jansa 1983! And I'm on the wrong side! I am so screwed." **9.d5** [9.Qd3 This is Karpov's move, and if I decided to venture down this route again, I may look at it more. It is not that ambitious, but it is very prophylactic, asking black how he will arrange his pieces harmoniously. Examples are: 1/2-1/2 (39) Karpov,A (2715)–Dzindzichashvili,R (2530) Mazatlan 1988]

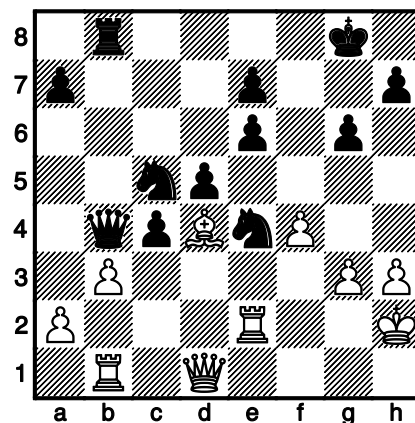
1-0 (61) Karpov,A (2715)–Van der Wiel,J (2555) Amsterdam 1988

**9...cxd5 10.Nd4 dxc4** This is the idea. Black will sac the exchange, but in return gets a mobile central pawn mass, great posts for his pieces, and the center. **11.Nxe6** This is the game that started it all. That it ended in a draw was my only sanity safety net.

1/2-1/2 (45) Helmers,K (2465)–Jansa,V (2440) Aarhus 1983

**11...fxe6 12.Bxb7 Nbd7 13.Bxa8 Rxa8 14.Bd2** The main line is Qa4, but I played this move with a nod to the Scandinavian Defense, and the idea that I would 1) fight for c3; 2) develop modestly; 3) make Black's queen position a little uncomfortable; and 4) add extra weight to any future knight move.

Here is the stem game IM Martin used. It is beautiful, and worth studying for understanding how the value of the pieces is a variable concept. Petrosian would have been proud! **14.e4 Rb8 15.Rb1 Nc5 16.Bd2 Nfd7 17.f4 Qb6 18.Kh2 Bxc3 19.Bxc3 Nxe4 20.Bd4 Qa5 21.Re1 d5 22.Re2 Ndc5 23.b3 Qb4**



IM Martin: "Black's idea has triumphed. White has no play at all." These words haunted me throughout the game. **24.Bxc5 Nxc5 25.a3 Qb6 26.b4 Nd3 27.Qc2 Qd6 28.Qc3 Rf8 29.h4 Rxf4 30.gxf4 Nxf4 31.Qe5 Nxe2 32.Qxd6 exd6 33.b5 d4 34.a4 Nc3 35.Rb4 d5 36.a5 Nxb5 37.Rxb5 d3 0-1** (37) Donaldson Akhmilovskaya,E (2435)–Ristic,N (2385) Gruzia 1987

**14...d5 15.Qa4** Objectively the position is equal, but I have a lot of emotional attachment to the black side, and finding his good moves was easier than finding mine! **15...Qxa4 16.Nxa4** Removing queens helps White, in my opinion. In the abstract, I told myself that I had fewer pawn islands, and any potential passed pawn he could

(Leggett Games continued on page 8)

## FLORIDA'S TOP PLAYERS

(Using latest USCF Rating Supplement's "Top 100" Lists, except for "OVERALL")

### UNDER AGE 18

Ludwig, John Gabriel	16	2491
Kumar, Nikhil	12	2390
Hoang, Truman	16	2186
Banerjee, Abhimanyu	15	2182
Slade, Theodore	16	2150
Jayaraman, Roshan	16	2119
Hoyos, Carlos D	16	2111
Venkat, Raghav	12	2097
Marquez Pereira, Juan E	17	2091
Gonzalez, Marc	16	2063
Rivero, Danilo	17	2052
Lee, Gabriel Emilio, Jr	16	2044
Genger, Eitan	15	2027
Liu, Jackie	16	2008
Burrus, Tony	16	2001
Kumar, Naman	10	2001
Jie, Tianhui (Cindy)	16	1999
Lau, Jonathan C	17	1996
Sunjic, Dylan	15	1995
Martin, Dario	12	1984
Hamley, Ryan Edward	14	1975
Garcia, Ernesto Miguel Perez	13	1975
Gao, Marvin	8	1958
Zheng, Lixin	14	1928
Bregar, Michael	14	1916
Gospodinov, Antony	10	1891
Reddy, Satvik	12	1882
Kleidermacher, Justin	13	1880
Zelner, Zoe	12	1846
Ramaswamy, Rohit	12	1846
Starkman, Elliot	13	1842
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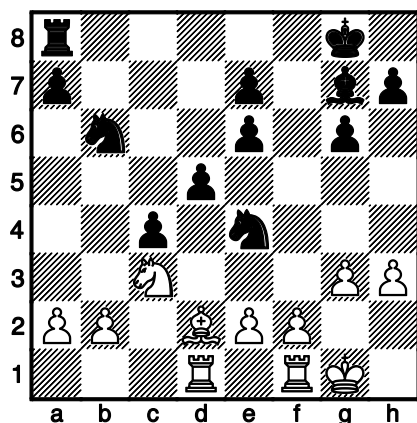
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Dwayne Hoffman	2055
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Michael Horvarh	1984

(Leggett Games continued from page 6)

generate would be closer to my king than to his. I also had two rooks, which would mean something if pawns would leave the board. **16...Ne4 17.Rad1=** Yeah, I know. Wrong rook. **17...Nb6 18.Nc3**



The computer calls this equal with a tiny edge to White, which is consistent with overall praxis. However, he had easy play while I was suffocating, so the subjective advantage is clearly with Black.

**18...Nd6 [18...Nc5]**  
**19.e3** Second best.

Right around here I came to grips with the idea that I could easily lose with inaccurate defense. I was depressed for a split second, but remembered GM Jonathan Rowson writing about the "Theory of Maximum Resistance" shared with him by GM Ian Rogers. I decided I would play tenacious defense and make Black work for everything. I considered **19.Be3** but I was obsessed with covering c3.

**19...e5 20.Rfe1 e6 21.e4?!**

This is a poor move, but I had a rationale for it. I had been obsessing about c3, b2, and the long diagonal the whole game, and the g7 bishop hung over the game like the specter of death. I decided that I would be willing to give black a protected passed pawn in the middle of the board if I could lock out the bishop on the long diagonal, and slow down the overall pawn mass. Maybe not the best plan, but it was a plan. **21...d4 22.Nb1**

*"In my experience, the psychological skill of staying calm in worse positions is very valuable but also pretty rare in chess. It is easy to lose patience. but good defense is about staying calm and patient while always maintaining an objective assessment of the position and the defensive alternatives available" – GM Lars Bo Hansen, Lesson 2 in his book "What Would A GM Do?"*

It's on Amazon, and a steal at less than \$10. Buy it.

**22...Nb5?! [22...Na4!]** **23.Rc1 Rc8 24.Kg2 Bf8 25.Ba5 Bh6 26.Bd2**

Black had somewhere around 30 minutes left, and he started burning lots of time. This is a tough position– it looks like Black should have some kind of critical shot, but it isn't there.

**26...Bxd2?!**

White's game gets easier after this.

**27.Nxd2 c3 28.bxc3 dxc3 29.Nf3±**

The character of the game has changed, and now White is playing for two results. My opponent was getting close to less than one minute per move, which is my definition of time trouble.

**29...Rc5 30.Re3 Na4 31.Ne1?!**

Wrong plan– I realized after I moved, of course. **[31.Rd3]**

**31...Nd4 32.Nf3!? h6 33.Ng1?**

I had it in my mind that I wanted to trade a knight without blocking my Re3's contact with the c3 pawn, but it's just wrong. My rooks are too passive and need to be activated.

**33...Kf7**

**33...c2** is interesting in my study at home, but during the game I felt that it was pushing the pawn beyond the support of the Black knights, and it would be weaker.]

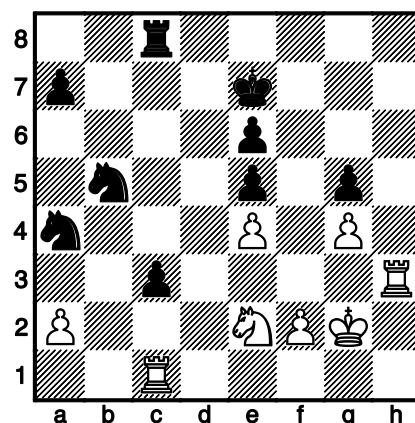
**34.Ne2 Nb5! 35.g4 g5**

I can't call this bad, but it did give me a lever to open another file. My rooks had been waiting a long time.

**36.h4**

This is active, but Komodo considers the following sequence to lead to an equal game. Subjectively, it is the opposite of the opening in that, while equal, White's play is getting easier. Black was also short of time, which factors hugely here.

**36...Ke7 37.hxg5 hxg5 38.Rh3 Rc8**



**[38...Rc4! 39.Rh5 (39.f3 c2=) 39...c2 (39...Rxe4 40.Kf3 Rc4 41.Rxg5 Kf6 42.Rg8=) 40.Kf3 Nb2 41.Rh7+ Kd6=] 39.Rh7+ Kf6??**

So close to the time control! This move is logical, without lots of time to truly digest the position. **40.Rb7?** It was round 5, money was at stake, and someone's "hanging flag" raises the adrenalin of both players, and that's all I will say on the matter. **[40.Rch1 Rg8 41.Ng3 Rg7 42.Nh5+ Ke7 43.Nxg7+-] 40...Rc5 41.Rh1** We both relaxed after time control, and when Glenn realized he was going to lose a piece, he offered his resignation. I told him I thought he should have played on a little with the passed pawn, but he said he respected me too much for that. Very gracious, but knowing how I play, not totally deserved! **1-0**

**Paul Leggett (1886) [E65]**  
**Joshua Alan Harrison (2091)**  
**[E65]**

Southern Open (1), 22.07.2017  
[Paul]

Played at Game/60 with d10. Josh showed up 10 minutes late after re-entering from the previous night. He won the U2100 section as first seed with a 5-0 result. It is the best re-entry result I have ever seen. **1.d4 Nf6 2.Nf3 g6 3.g3 Bg7 4.c4 d6 5.Bg2 0-0 6.Nc3 c5 7.dxc5** I played this way to simplify the position, and I am surprised to find out that all the modern engines seem

(Leggett game continued on page 14)



# An Organizer's Ramblings on the 24<sup>th</sup> Space Coast Open

By Peter Dyson, Chairman, Space Coast Open Organizing Committee (Originally reported on USChess)

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On Saturday afternoon I returned to the tournament hall from Mambo's, the outdoor oceanfront restaurant at the International Palms where the Space Coast Open has been held the past few years. It was shortly before the 3<sup>rd</sup> round and I trailed behind my wife and sister-in-law, my thoughts mostly on some organizational details to attend to before taking my assigned board.

"Hey!" a man's soft voice called out from one of the hotel rooms I was passing. So quiet, at first it barely registered on my consciousness, and once it did, I assumed it was not meant for me and continued on my way. "Hey!" still very soft, but now more insistent. I turned to confirm the greeting was not meant for me, only to see the tall lanky figure of GM Timur Gareyev standing in the doorway of his hotel room, shirtless and in the standard Cocoa Beach attire – a swim suit. I stopped to chat a few minutes. Timur was on his way to the beach for a dip in the ocean and he invited me along. With only about 20 minutes until the round, I found this idea hard to get my head around, and politely declined. Timur was effusive in his praise of the tournament, the beautiful spring weather and the beachfront venue. We also chatted about the rocket launch scheduled for the next morning at Cape Canaveral. Cocoa Beach is a prime viewing location and Timur was making plans to get a group together to go out to the beach before the Sunday morning round to see the launch.

You might imagine that someone who set the Guinness Book of World Records® for the most simultaneous blindfold games—a 48-board, 19 hour marathon performed while riding an exercise bike only six months earlier—would be fairly intense. But not Timur. Although the globetrotting GM had only just arrived back in the States from Europe the day before the tournament, he struck me as very relaxed, soaking up every aspect of every experience life provided, and eager to share it with anyone and everyone. Timur's e-mail signature line is "Your heart is free. Have the courage to follow it."

Co-Organizer Dr. Peter Koretsky was able to spend some time with Timur, including on a subsequent visit by Timur to the area when he stayed at Dr. Koretsky's home. Dr. Koretsky wrote to me with his observations, "Timur is very much a free spirit, traveling extensively to play in tournaments, give various exhibitions, and in general promote chess. He travels with all his possessions in a small carry-on. He is into eating healthy food, yoga, being at one with his surroundings. He is a distance runner -- he awakened early Saturday, went to the beach, noticed a half-marathon (12.1 miles) was in progress on the beach, and joined it unofficially, running about 6 miles. Timur maintains an extraordinary network of chess players and promoters, and is constantly in touch via telephone and e-mail. I would describe him as peripatetic, always doing something, never staying in one place. He confessed to me that he really doesn't have the interest/passion for playing the long games characteristic of tournament and match chess. He also regards his blindfold simultaneous ability as somewhat of an anomaly -- he can't really explain it, and isn't sure how that type of ability/intelligence can be applied in any other realm."

We had planned for Timur to give a 30-board simultaneous exhibition on Saturday morning during the first round of the 2-day schedule, aimed largely at participants in the 3-day schedule; but late publicity and other factors resulted in only 8 registered players. No problem. To make it interesting, Timur switched to a Blindfold Simul (see photos). In the middle of the Simul, round 1 of the 2-day schedule of the main tournament started and one of the simul participants was due upstairs to play. This player wanted to resign in order to start playing his tournament round. Timur would not let him – instead, he stopped playing the other 7 opponents and played out the one game with the player who had to go to the tournament – beating him. This took about 10 minutes. He then returned to the other 7 boards without missing a beat. Timur remembered all 7 positions and continued, winning all 7.

The festival also had the unique feature of two simultaneous simul. While Timur was giving his blindfold simul, on the other side of the ballroom IM Nazi Paikidze was giving an 18 board simul for scholastics players. Six of the participants in this simul were also due upstairs at 10 AM to play round 1 of the main tournament. Nazi solved this a bit differently than Timur. Her final score was 12 wins and 6 draws; the draws were graciously given by Nazi so her opponents could start playing their tournament round. Nazi also gave a lecture following the simul (see photo).

Special guest writer Tony Burrus has already reported on Timur's success in taking clear first in the tournament.\*\*

There were multiple serious contenders for the top spot, with 3 GMs and 5 FMs in the field. The two other GMs trailed Timur by a half point. These included top seed GM Yuniesky Quesada Perez and defending Champion GM Julio Becerra. They were joined by 2 of the FMs in a 4-way tie for second place. FM Cesar José Valido earned his spot by holding Perez to a last round draw, while FM Corey Acor played catch-up by defeating the master-killer Carlos Andretta in their 5<sup>th</sup> round battle. Of note, the top 5 boards were played on DGT boards (a first this year) and many of these top matchups were broadcast live on Chess24.com.

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Expert Andretta faced a murderers' row of masters in rounds 2 through 5, defeating local star John Ludwig (2481) and Pedro Hernandez-Perez (2297) on Saturday before falling to FMs Valido and Acor on Sunday. Andretta's final score of 3 points was enough to tie for 1<sup>st</sup> Expert, taking the marble obelisk trophy on tie-breaks over Theo Slade, Gus Huston, and Miguel Recio. Congratulations are also due to Andretta, a former master, for cementing his rating back in solid master territory, with a post event rating of 2226. Young Mister Slade is a 16-year-old expert who lived most of his life in the UK before moving to Florida in 2015. He has been writing a monthly column for British Chess Magazine since he was 12 years old. In addition to his success in the tournament, Theo gave a well-received lecture on Saturday morning, featuring several of his games (see photo). Theo shared these thoughts about the tournament and his own result, "It seemed to me that the tournament was very well organized; the side events were a nice touch, making the event more of a chess festival than a traditional tournament. I thought that I played smoothly and was very happy with my result. I turned down a repetition against Corey Acor in round 2 and went on to lose, which was very disappointing, but in my other 4 games the result was what I deserved, so I'm pleased with that tournament, especially considering the fact that I had 3 Blacks. I look forward to returning next year for the 25th anniversary – I heard that it's going to be the best one yet!"

In Class A, there was a 4-way tie for first place. The winner on tie-breaks, Mike Tannenbaum (see photo), is a familiar name at the top of the cross table, having competed in most of the past Space Coast Opens. His record now includes two 1<sup>st</sup> place finishes, three 2<sup>nd</sup> place, one 3<sup>rd</sup>, and two 4<sup>th</sup> place finishes. Impressive! In commenting on his win Mike noted, "I was very tired Sunday morning after winning all 3 first games. I decided to offer a draw early in round 4 in a slightly better position, which was quickly accepted, so I could go back to sleep and rest before the last round. It worked out nicely as I was able to offer a draw in again a slightly better position to clinch first." Mike offered a solution to the need for more sleep on Sunday, "The only thing that I would change is moving the last day start to an hour later!"

Joining Tannenbaum in the 4-way Class A tie were Joran Torres, (4<sup>th</sup> round draw vs. Tannebaum), Jancarlo Cruz (5<sup>th</sup> round draw with Tannenbaum), and Victor Mayoral. Victor took a different path to the shared top spot, losing to Cruz in round 1, and then having a forced Bye in round 2 before going on a tear to win 3 games in a row against higher rated players.

In a now familiar pattern, Class B also resulted in a 4-way tie for first place. Robert Simmons took the marble obelisk on tie-breaks over Arnold Banner, Mahendra Sinanan, and Mike Russell. Mike is one of my former US Amateur Team "Beach Boys" teammates, and was celebrating the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of his first appearance at the 4<sup>th</sup> Space Coast Open (SCO). Mike shared some thoughts about his experience, "I enjoyed the GM lecture that I attended. When you get insight into the working mind of such a strong player, it is eye opening. The tournament was well organized and rounds started on time. I have won both the A and B sections before. I have also won twice in GM simultaneous at the SCO. Wish I played more often, time and lack of effort have greatly decreased my playing strength but not my love of the battle over the board. I am fast approaching 70, but still want to Master the Game." Mike is a player for the love of the game, and put his prize to good use by donating it to the US Chess Trust, "...to inspire and support our next generation of players." Mike summed it up beautifully, "To have such a great tournament held annually, only 10 minutes from your home, how the Chess Gods have smiled upon me!"

By winning clear first in Class C, Andersen Harrill's prize of \$800 was second only to that of GM Gareyev. Only Byron Hu could pass Andersen, who was leading Hu by half a point going into the last round. Their draw secured top honors for Andersen and a shared second place for Hu. Joining Hu in a 3-way tie for second were Angel Barrios and Johnathan Smith with 4 points each.

In Class D, Charles Bell and William Wu were leading the section with 3.5 points going into the last round. In their final round match-up, Bell prevailed to take clear first place and a nice \$700 payday. Two other players won in the last round to pass Wu and share second place: Kojo Ackah (playing up a section) and unrated Charlie Manter. This left Wu to share the 4<sup>th</sup> place prize with John Sanchez and Tom Barkasi, both winning in the last round to catch Wu.

In the U1200 section, playing with one arm tied behind his back (well, OK, in a sling) Kashyap Tanguturi (see photo) held a half point lead going into the final round and his draw vs. Varshini Venkat was sufficient to win clear first place as the only other player that could catch him, Brian Bird, was held to a draw by Larry Bridgham. This left Brian as the winner of the U1000 obelisk, and shared second place honors, along with Neel Sahai, Dennis Colak, Varshini Venkat, and Major Croom, all with 4 points. Only three players scored 3.5 points, Larry Bridgham, Leon Cheng, and Andrew Tiansay. The first two were left out of the prize money, but Tiansay was sporting a pre-event rating of only 602, so his excellent result gained him the top U800 prize. The second U800 prize saw a 4-way tie, 1½ points back, between Natalia Cereceda, Curtis Lanoue, Sanjay Pooran, and Nick Liu, all with 2 points.

Special thanks to the team that brings you the Space Coast Open. New to the organizing team this year was Jon Haskel, serving both as co-Organizer and Chief TD. As noted by Mike Russell, "...the rounds started on time" and credit for this goes mostly to Jon, along with our calm and capable Chief Assistant TD, Steve Vigil, and Assistant TD Renaud Lajoie. Our book and equipment store was ably run by Steve Cernobyl. The President of the Space Coast Chess

Foundation is Dr. Peter Koretsky. He serves as co-Organizer and the head of sponsor relations, coordinating the fund-raising efforts that support our favorable entry-fee-to-prize ratio, the many side events, and our local scholastics activities. Much appreciated behind-the-scenes assistance was also provided by Brenna Koretsky, Linda Wicker, and Chris Bortzner.

Thank you to all. \*\* Original report “2017 Space Coast Open (April 28-30, 2017)” by Tony Burros



GM Timur Gareyev, enjoying some health food while giving a lecture following his blindfold simul. [Photo: Koretsky]



Class A Winner on Tiebreaks Mike Tannenbaum is interviewed



Lecture by IM Nazi Paikidze



Lecture by Theo Slade



GM Timur Gareyev—Blitz Simul Champ



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# Games from recent events

by LM Larry Storch



**Perez, Yuneisky (2696)**  
**Venkat, Raghav (2098) [B30]**  
 Southern Open (2.1), 22.07.2017  
*[Storch, Lawrence]*

Yuneisky Perez had a great tournament winning clear first and defeating GM Becerra in the last round. Here is an earlier victory.

**1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 Nd4 4.Nxd4 cxd4 5.0-0 g6 6.c3 dxc3?!**

This just gives white the center.

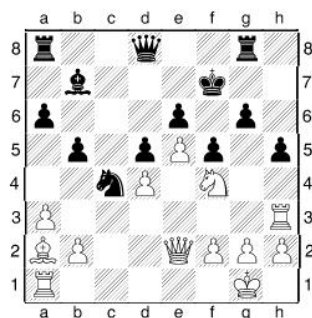
**7.Nxc3 Bg7 8.d4 a6 9.Ba4 b5 10.Bb3 Bb7 11.Bf4 d6 12.Re1 e6 13.Qd2 Ne7 14.a3 0-0 15.Bh6 d5!**

Trying to repair the damage done by black's 6th move.

**16.Bxg7 Kxg7 17.e5 Nc6 18.Re3**

Storm clouds are forming near the black kingside.

**18...f5 19.Rh3 h5 20.Ne2 Na5 21.Nf4 Kf7 22.Ba2 Nc4 23.Qe2 Rg8?**



Better is 23...Rh8 to prevent what happens in the game.

**24.Rxh5 [breakthrough!]**

**24...Rh8**

[24...gxh5?? 25.Qxh5+ Ke7 26.Qh7++-]

**25.Rxh8 Qxh8 26.Nh3 Qh4 27.f4 Rc8 28.Rf1 Qd8 29.Qf2 Kg7 30.Ng5 Qb6 31.h3 a5 32.Kh2 b4 33.axb4 axb4 34.Bb3 [34.Rc1] 34...Na5 35.Ba4 Rc7?**

Black was lost anyway but now the rook cannot defend the kingside.

**36.Qh4! Kg8 37.Nxe6**

Not the most effective solution.

[37.Qh6 Rg7 38.Rc1 Nc4 39.Bd7 and the position falls apart.]

**37...Rf7**

[37...Qxe6 38.Qd8+]

**38.Ng5 Rg7 39.b3 Ba6 40.Re1 Qc7 41.e6 Qe7 42.Qg3 Bb7 43.Qe3 Nc6 44.Bxc6 Bxc6 45.Qe5 1-0**

**Gianatasio, Michael (2068)**

**Becerra, Julio (2643) [C77]**

Southern Open (2.2), 22.07.2017

*[Storch, Lawrence]*

A quick win for GM Becerra

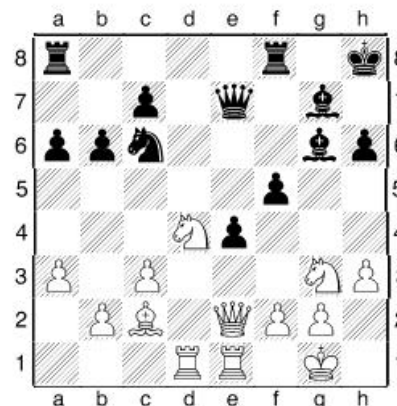
**1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.d3 d6 6.c3 g6 7.0-0 Bg7 8.Re1 0-0 9.h3**

[9.Nbd2 Kh8 10.Nf1 Ng8 11.Bg5 f6 12.Bh4 Qe8 1-0 (94) Carlsen, M (2814)-L'Ami, E (2628) Wijk aan Zee 2011]

**9...h6 10.d4 Bd7 11.a3 Qe8 12.Bc2 Kh8 13.Be3 Ng8 14.dxe5 dxe5 15.Qe2 Nge7 16.Nbd2 f5 17.exf5 gxf5 18.Bc5 b6 19.Bxe7 Qxe7 20.Nf1 e4 21.Rad1**

taking advantage of the pin along the e-file.

**21...Be8 22.Ng3 Bg6 23.Nd4?!**



I don't know why white would volunteer for an isolated d-pawn.

**23...Nxd4 24.cxd4 Qg5 25.Kh2 h5 26.Qd2??**

As happens so often, an offer to trade queens leads to a lost position.

**26...Qxd2 27.Rxd2 h4**

[27...Rad8 28.Red1 Bh6 29.Re2 h4 30.Nf1 Bh5+-]

**28.Nf1 Rad8 29.Ne3 c5**

And black will connect center pawns and swamp the white position.

**0-1**

**Tabor, Kai (2120)**

**Pozo, Sandro (2545) [E32]**

Southern Open (1.3), 22.07.2017

*[Storch, Lawrence]*

Sandro Pozo had a very good last day of the tournament.

**1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.Qc2 d6 5.Bg5 Nbd7 6.e3 c5 7.Nge2**

Better is 7.Bd3 Qa5 8.Nge2

**7...Qa5 8.Bh4 d5 9.cxd5 Nxd5 10.a3 cxd4 11.exd4 N7b6 12.Rb1**

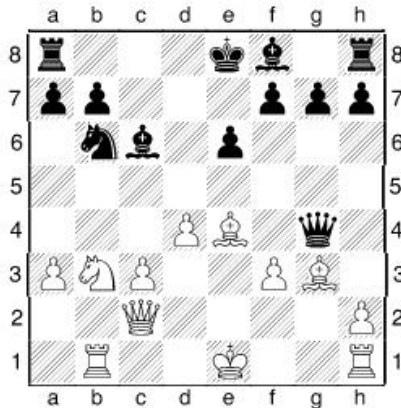
Getting out of the pin.

**12...Bf8 13.Nc1**

White tries to untangle his pieces but like fighting to get out of quicksand, the more he struggles, the deeper he gets.



13...Nxc3 14.bxc3 Bd7 15.Nb3  
Qd5 16.Bd3?! [provocative!]  
16...Qxg2 17.Be4 Qg4 18.Bg3 Bc6  
19.f3



This finesse fails to impress.  
19...Bxe4! 20.fxe4 Qf3 21.Rf1  
Qe3+ 22.Kd1 Rc8 23.Be1

Yikes, another undeveloping  
move.  
23...Bxa3 24.Ra1 Nc4! 25.Bd2  
Qh3!

Of course black keeps queens  
on the board.

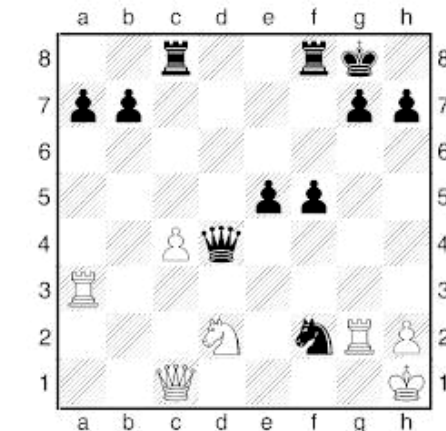
26.Rf2 0-0 27.Bc1 Bxc1 28.Qxc1  
Qd3+ 29.Ke1 Qxe4+ 30.Kf1 Ne3+  
31.Kg1 Qg4+ 32.Kh1

Did you ever have one of those  
nightmares that you can't wake  
from?

32...Qe4+ 33.Kg1 f5 34.Nd2 Qd3  
35.Ra3 Ng4

35...Qxd4! would have been  
embarrassing.

36.Rg2 Qe3+ 37.Kf1 e5 38.d5  
Qd3+ 39.Kg1 Qxd5 40.c4 Qd4+  
41.Kh1 Nf2+



White finally awakens and  
resigns.

0-1

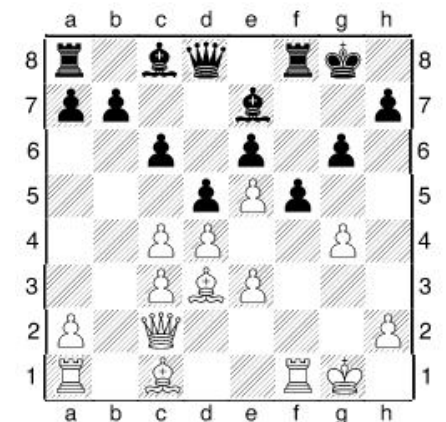
Girones Barrios, Yans (2484)  
Rosenthal, Nicholas (2257) [A85]  
Southern Open (5.4), 23.07.2017  
[Storch, Lawrence]

A nice last round win for Yans.

1.d4 e6 2.c4 d5 3.Nc3 c6 4.e3 f5  
5.Nf3 Nf6 6.Bd3 Bd6 7.Qc2 Ne4  
8.Ne5 Nd7 9.f4

[9.Nxd7 Bxd7 10.0-0 0-0 11.f3  
0-1 (39) Ivanov,I (2505)-Antunes,A  
(2320) Thessaloniki 1988]

9...0-0 10.0-0 Be7 11.g4 Nxe5  
12.fxe5 Nxc3 13.bxc3 g6



14.cxd5 cxd5 15.c4 b6 16.cxd5  
Qxd5 17.Bc4 Qc6 18.Qb3 fxg4

I'm not sure that opening lines  
when you are undeveloped is wise.

19.Rxf8+ Kxf8 20.d5! Qc5?!

The queen is on a tender square.

21.d6 Bg5 22.d7!

White is very attentive. His  
dark-squared bishop will enter the  
attack with great affect.

22...Qxe5?

22...Kg7 23.dxc8Q Rxc8  
24.Bxe6 Re8 25.Bxg4 at least  
allows black to play on.

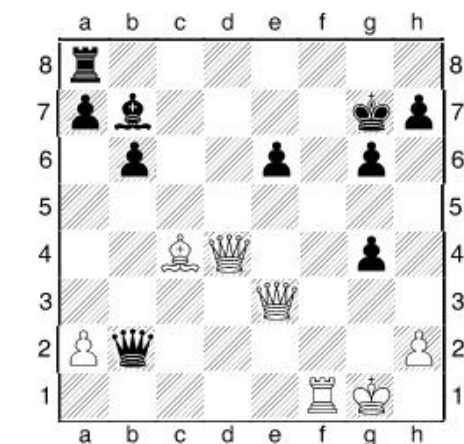
23.Ba3+

[23.d8Q+ Bxd8 24.Bb2 Qa5  
25.Rf1+ Ke8 26.Bb5+ Bd7  
27.Qxe6+]

23...Kf7 24.Rf1+ Kg7 25.Bb2

Snaring the queen.

25...Bxe3+ 26.Qxe3 Qxb2 27.d8Q  
Bb7 28.Qdd4+

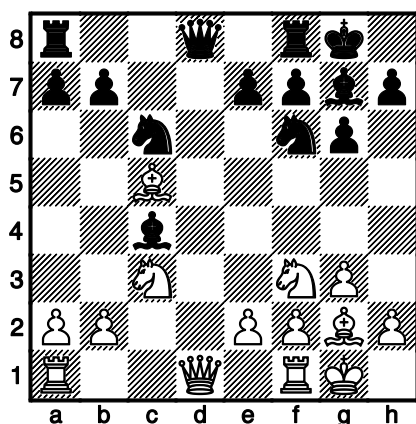


28.Rf7+ Kxf7 29.Qf4+ Kg7  
30.Qff8#

1-0

(Leggett game continued from page 8)

to think this is best. [7.0-0; 7.d5] 7...dxc5 8.0-0 Nc6 9.Be3 Be6 10.Bxc5 Bxc4



For better or for worse, I now have my desired "Ulf Andersson endgame" pawn structure.

11.Qa4!

Komodo thinks this is the only move that leads to an advantage for White, but it is a pretty good one.

11...Be6 12.Rfd1 Qc8 13.Ng5

A nice multipurpose move.

13...Bd7 14.Qh4?

Gives up the advantage- and later it will give up the game.

14...Re8 [14...h6=]

15.Nd5 [15.Bd5]

15...h5?! [15...h6=]

16.Rac1±

The pin on the c-file is deadly, and white threatens to win the exchange on e7.

16...e5?

Now d6 is very weak.

17.Bd6!?

I liked this move, threatening to win the exchange on two different squares, but 17.Qc4± might have ended the game on the spot.

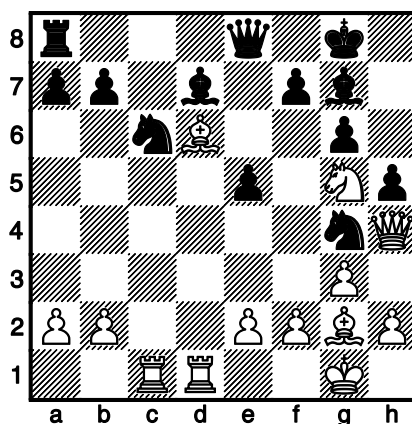
17...Ng4?! 18.Ne7+?!

18.b4; 18.Nc7 Josh thought this was the best choice right after the game.; 18.Ne4; Even 18.Bc5

18...Rxe7 19.Bxe7 Qe8±

I spent a long time here looking at moves but could not see deep enough for a clear shot, and then finally panicked a little about time and made a very nondescript move.

20.Bd6!?



20.Bc5; 20.Bd5! Qxe7 21.Bxf7+ Kf8 22.Bxg6 Nf6 23.Bxh5 Bf5 24.Rc3 Nd4 25.e3 Nb5 26.Rb3± 20...Bf6 21.h3 [21.Bxc6 Bxc6 22.h3 Nh6 23.g4±] 21...Qd8 22.f4??

22.hxg4 works, but during the game I somehow convinced myself it did not. White's advantage is gone.

22...Ne3± 23.Rd3?? [23.g4±]

23...Nf5 Not the first time I have been victimized by an invisible (to me) backward knight move. I played on due to time and activity, but I was lost after this.

24.Bd5 Nxh4 25.Nxf7 Qb6+ 26.Bc5 Qxb2 27.Rcd1 Kg7 28.gxh4 Bf5 29.e4 Bxh3 30.Rxh3 Qc2 31.Rhd3 Qxc5+ 32.Kh1 Nb4 33.R3d2 Qe3 34.Ng5 Bxg5 35.fxg5 Qh3+

...and here I grabbed the d2 rook to block, and realized I would drop the d1 rook to the check on f3, so I resigned. 0-1

## The strangest game of the Orlando Autumn Open

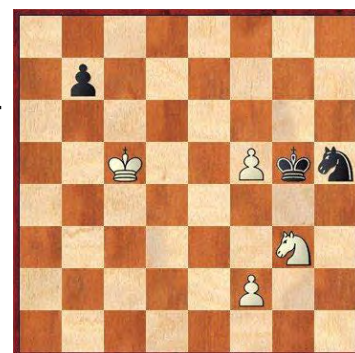
by Harvey Lerman

David Schell (1925) - Marvin Gao (2007) [C01]

Orlando Autumn Open 23 Sep 2017 (Rnd 3)

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.exd5 exd5 4.Bd3 Nc6 5.c3 Bd6 6.Nf3 Nge7 7.Qc2 Bg4 8.Nbd2 Qd7 9.0-0 0-0-0 10.b4 f6 11.a4 g5 12.a5 h5 13.b5 Nb8 14.b6 a6 15.bxc7 Qxc7 16.Ba3 h4 17.Bxd6 Qxd6 18.c4 Nbc6 19.cxd5 Qxd5 20.Be4 Qd7 21.Rfc1 Kb8 22.Rab1 Rc8 23.Qa4 Rhd8 24.Nb3 Bxf3 25.Bxf3 Ne5 26.Rxc8+ Nxc8 27.Qxd7 Nxf3+ 28.gxf3 Rxd7 29.Nc5 Re7 30.Nxa6+ Ka7 31.Nc5 h3 32.Kf1 Nd6 33.Re1 Rxe1+ 34.Kxe1 Kb8 35.Nd7+ Kc7 36.Nxf6 Kc6 37.Ne4 Nf7 38.Nc3 Nd6 39.d5+ Kc5 40.Ne4+ Kxd5 41.Nxg5 Nc4 42.Nxh3 Nxa5 43.Nf4+ Ke5 44.Ne2 Nb3 45.h4 Kf5 46.Kd1 Kg6 47.Ng3 Nd4 48.f4 Nf3 49.h5+ Kh6 50.Kc2 Nh2 51.f5 Ng4 52.Kc3 Nf6 53.Kd4 Kg5 54.Kc5 Nxh5 See Diagram 55.Kb5 Ng7 56.f6 Ne8 57.Ne4+ Kg6 58.Kc5 Nxf6 59.Nxf6 Kxf6 60.Kd4 Kf5 61.Ke3 Ke5 62.f3 Kf5 63.f4 Kf6 64.Ke4 Ke6 65.Kf3 Kf5 66.Kg3 Kf6 67.Kg4 Kg6 68.f5+ Kf6 69.Kf4 Kf7 1/2-1/2

Many times in this game the moves made confused this viewer, and here instead of taking the knight White plays 55.Kb5. The game continued a while after all the pieces were gone leaving a K&P vs K ending when Marvin called me over and said "I believe this position has occurred 3 times with the same player to move and should be a draw. I agreed.



Position after 54...Nxh5

# My memories of Gary Sanders

by Mark Ryan

*I just found out about Gary. I was surprised he died last Nov and we are just finding out about his passing. They are advertising that he was State Champion 9 times but is that correct?*

*Gary first won the Florida State Championship in 1982 in St. Petersburg. Later, in 1989 he won it in Dania on tiebreaks with co-champion Anatoly Dozorets. He last won it the following year in 1990 in Orlando. He also won a number of Blitz and 30 minute events that some people might count as a "Florida State Championship." ~Ed.*

Gary Sanders had something in common with Fischer, Staunton, Steinitz and Mednis; beside being a chess player, they all passed away at the age of 64, which is the numbers of squares on the chess board.

I have known Gary since the early 70's when he was just an up-and-coming Class A player. He became a better player with a 2400 plus rating thru the years from hard work and lots of Tournament Games.

Besides being a great over-the-board player he was also a terrific speed player. We only played 3 times in Tournaments with one win for him and 2 draws. Here is our draw in the FL State Championship in 1986 from the last round.

He out-played me in the middle game, but later missed a shot I got-in to gain a slight edge but could not find the winning idea. We were one of the last players to finish our game and when I offered Gary a draw, he looked a bit surprised but relieved. I am sure Gary inspired lots of Chess players to work hard and achieve their potential. He will be missed by a lot of Chess players.

**Sanders, Gary (White)**  
**Ryan, Mark (Black)**  
**FL State Open, 1986**  
**St. Petersburg**  
**French Defense**

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nc3 Bb4  
4.e5 Ne7 5.Bd2 c5 6.Nb5  
Bxd2+ 7.Qxd2 0-0 8.dxc5  
Nd7 9.Qc3 a6 10.Nd6 Qc7  
11.Ne2 Qxc5 12.Qxc5 Nxc5  
13.f4 a5 14.Nd4 Bd7 15.c3  
Nc8 16.N6b5 Bc6 17.Be2  
Na7 18.Nd6 Nc8 19.N4b5  
Bxb5 20.Nxb5 Na7 21.Nd4  
Nc6 22.0-0-0 Rfc8 23.Nb5  
a4 24.Kb1 Na5 25.Rhf1 g6  
26.Rfe1 Rc6 27.Rd4 Rb6  
28.Na3 Nc6 29.Rdd1 Na5  
30.Bb5 Rc8 31.Ka1 Kf8  
32.g4 Ke7 33.Re3 Rh8 34.f5  
Nc6 35.f6+ Kd8 36.c4 Kc8  
37.cxd5 Rd8 38.d6 Nd7  
39.Rc1 Kb8 40.Rce1 Ndx5  
41.Rxe5 Nxe5 42.Rxe5  
Rbxd6 43.Bxa4 Rd4 44.b3  
Rxc4 45.Re2 Rf4 46.Nc4  
Rxf6 47.Ne5 Rf4 48.Bb5  
Ka7 49.a4 h5 50.Kb2 g5  
51.Kc2 g4 52.Nd3 Rf5  
53.Kd2 h4 54.Bc4 g3  
55.hxc3 hxc3 56.Rg2 Rg8  
57.Ke3 Kb6 58.Nf4 Kc6



59.Ne2 Rf2 60.Rxf2 gxf2  
61.Kxf2 Kc5 62.Kf3 Rh8  
63.Ng3 b6 64.Ne4+ Kd4  
65.Nd6 ½-½

## Jonathan P. Lee (1969-2017)

The Central Florida Chess Club board of directors was shocked to learn about the sudden death last Friday of long time CFCC Secretary and Board Member Jonathan Lee. Jon was loved by everyone on the board as well as the Orlando chess community at large.

Jonathan played in 119 USCF events and achieved 100 regular rated wins and a rating of 1626, part of which was earned when Jon was lucky enough to play GM Ray Robson twice, winning one of the rounds when Ray was much younger and actively playing in CFCC tournaments.

Jonathan loved and actively supported scholastic chess and had a passion for computers, along with his endless "list of possibilities" emails to the board that were always intriguing.

Our sympathies go out to his family; he will be greatly missed.

Larry Storch

*Jonathan was affectionally known as JayP by family and friends.*

## In Passing - Gary Sanders

by Mike Hoffer

Just was told my dear friend, coach & mentor SM Gary Sanders is in a better place after a long state of deep unconsciousness. Gary was Florida State Champion 9 times! A premier specialist of the Sicilian Najdorf, Gary had GM strength & would have been a major player had he not weighed 500 pounds. Those insensitive about Gary's weight never found out he had a heart of gold. Gary liked to say he was trained by Roy Oster, who learned from Gary's hero - Robert James Fischer. Like Bobby, Gary just ran out of squares at age 64. **RIP Gary Jerome Sanders September 19, 1952 – November 29, 2016**

Part of me was glad to hear this news because Gary had been in an extended coma; Yet I just called Warren Rachels, who tried to help Gary lose weight, & discovered Gary actually had revived from the coma yet was losing his eyesight. His loving sister, Linda, had been his main caretaker. I stopped calling her because every time I did, she would start crying over Gary's plight. Warren just told me that Linda actually preceded Gary in death. Gary died alone after taking care of himself during his last years. I love Gary. And he taught me more than even Boris Kogan & Ron Henley - and they taught me a lot! Gary ALWAYS unselfishly helped others, yet still died alone.

The details I received from Warren Rachels tonight had a very sobering effect upon me. Tonight, I'm not very happy with myself. For years, the great Gary Sanders beat me like a drum. Then in 1987, I finally had a great position against his Scotch, botched it, wanted to analyze it with Gary, yet he knocked all the pieces off the board with his arm & said, "It was Fischer, pure Fischer" That is when I knew I should have won because it was obvious he did not want anyone to see the position. (Gary was very smart! That game later caused Gary to abandon the Scotch for the Exchange Ruy Lopez.) Rather than being a hater, a few days later, I asked Gary to be my coach. When I mentioned that Scotch, Gary admitted, "You had me busted!" Gary brilliantly taught me the intricacies of the Sicilian Najdorf, which he referred to as the most resilient of all openings. After a few weeks, he confided to me that his entire self-worth was vested in his 2400 rating. His biggest fear was dropping to 2399 because he thought, if that happened, no one would respect him, need him, or love him. Because of this, Gary secretly threw up before every game. And a funny thing happens sometimes when you become close friends with a chessplayer, you lose the will to beat your friend. Gary never beat me again. We always drew. Yet I never ever beat Gary, ever.

Tonight, I can barely forgive myself for not relentlessly checking on Gary after the coma. For years I have helped others with their addictions. Food addiction is the toughest to kick in the food chain of addictions. Like most everyone else, I gave up on Gary because he was a fat guy in a coma. I failed to remember Gary was just as resilient as his Najdorf – and after all Gary did for me! Even despite how I despise it that some loved ones gave up on me. I would never have an undefeated correspondence career were it not for Gary. I would not be the coach I am today were it not for Gary. Gary made me a better man, coach, player, friend, son and father.

The lesson we can all learn here is never give up on the ones we love, even if they fail on the 1,000<sup>th</sup> time, they might get it on 1,001. As Capablanca said, we only learn from our losses. We have lost Gary. I lost a great friend & mentor. I miss him more than ever tonight and am grateful for the huge impact he had on my life. Thank you, Gary! Nothing is worse than regretting what you could have done, yet did not, and now it is too late. I went through the same thing when my mom ended her life. Today I am committed more than ever to doing the next right thing, simply followed by the next right thing. And to treat others as I would like to be treated. I hope what I just wrote did Gary the justice he deserved in life. #ReachOutTouchFaith!

My son Chris just sent me a very eloquent and comforting message: "Hey, just pray about it and ask God to let Gary hear you. When a man died for 30 minutes in a car accident but was brought back to life, he witnessed heaven. He saw family members that passed. They weren't old, fat or toothless. They were beautiful and immaculate. Imagine what Gary looks like in heaven right now! Imagine him at 170 pounds, with no glasses. He's probably showing everyone up there his Sicilian Najdorf; discussing the Poisoned Pawn. #ECO B97" Gary loved the Poisoned Pawn Variation! I'm impressed Chris still remembers this as it's been 20 years since he also worked with Gary. Now I know Chris will do a great job describing my life when I finally check out of this planet! I love you, Chris!



# Florida State Championship

by Harvey Lerman



Jorge Leon Oquendo, with a 5-0 score, became the 2017-2018 Florida State Champion.

Corey Acor won both the Florida State Blitz Chess Championship and the Florida State Quick Chess Championship.



## Other Section Winners were:

**U2000: Andy Yang**  
**U1800: Harry Bollinger**  
**U1600: Amy Xing**  
**U1400: James Zhang**  
**U1200: Spencer Lewis.**  
**Amy Xing: won the Best Female finisher prize.**

# Florida Wins First Tri-State Championship

by Steve Lampkin

The first Tri-State Championship was held September 30-October 1, 2017 in Valdosta, Georgia. The groundwork for the tournament was a cooperative effort between Georgia chess association president Fun Fong and the North Florida Chess Experience (Tim Staley, Bill Waite, and Mike Ward). They had difficulty finding an organizer, so Steve Lampkin stepped up, finding a hotel in Valdosta, a location convenient to players in each state. Steve's organization, Creating Higher Educational Success in Schools, organized the tournament. The event was a success with 48 players from several different states. There was also a separate one-day scholastic event that drew 13 players.

With the top 6 player scores from each state added together to determine which state was champion, Florida had an advantage with 29 players participating compared to Georgia's 15 and Alabama's 3 players.

Florida state champion **Jorge Leon Oquendo** led the Florida team with a perfect 5-0 score winning the open section. **Joshua Harrison** and **Abimany Banerjee** of Florida tied for 2<sup>nd</sup> with 3.5 each. Atticus Halley of Georgia won the U/2000 prize. The U/1800 section saw 3 Florida players: Scotty Burdge Jr., William Wu, and Aaron Hawkins tie for 1<sup>st</sup> with 4 points each. The U/1600 prize was split between Floridians James Zhang and Jakob McIntosh (who has only been playing tournament chess for 3 months!). The U/1400 section was won by Taylor Kent of Alabama with 4.5 points, 2<sup>nd</sup> went to James Elder of Georgia with 4.0, tied for 3rd were Katie Hill of Georgia and Jerry Yao of Florida. Tied for top U/1200 were Florida's Javier Rojas and Nate Ziegler with a score of 3.0, U/1000 prize went to Kyle Ziegler.

The tournament ran smoothly with every round starting on time. ANTD Steve Lampkin acted as chief TD assisted by Tim Staley. Everyone had a great time and enjoyed a comfortable playing area. I look forward to hosting this event again next year in Valdosta to see if Alabama or Georgia can grab the revolving trophy from Florida.



**Florida's Winning Team**  
**(Florida State Champion Jorge Oquendo, not in photo)**

# My comments on a game from the Southern Open

by anony Mous

**Andretta, Carlos (2226)**

**Tabor, Kai (2120) [A30]**

Southern Open (3.5), 22.07.2017

[Anony Mous]

**1.Nf3**

Maximum flexibility

**1...Nf6**

Black keeps most of his options, too.

**2.c4**

English Opening. White can defer that decision with 2.g3.

**2...c5 3.Nc3 e6**



3... d5 immediately is also possible.

**4.g3 b6**

Black is intending to play a Queen's Indian setup. The QID has been in the repertoires of Petrosian, Karpov and even Carlson.

**5.Bg2 Bb7 6.0-0 Be7 7.d4**

White decides to change the Pawn structure and open-up the game.

**7...cxd4 8.Qxd4 d6**

Bad is [8...d5? 9.cxd5 exd5 10.Nh4!]

**9.Rd1 a6**

Rushing to get some kind of a Hedgehog in place, but White is already much better.

**10.e4**

Initiating the Maroczy Bind, Black has no useful play.

**10...Nbd7 11.b3 Qc7 12.Ba3 Nc5**

**13.e5 dxe5 14.Qxe5**



I'm not sure that after this sequence, White has a decisive advantage.

**14...Qxe5 15.Nxe5 Bxg2 16.Kxg2 Rc8**

Tempting but insufficient is 16...Nce4?! 17.Bxe7 Kxe7 18.Nc6+ and White's Rooks will soon invade.] **17.Bb2 0-0**



White is obviously in control, and now forces an entry point.

**18.b4! Nce4 19.Nxe4 Nxe4 20.Nd7** Black can resign as White either wins an exchange or gains an unstoppable Passer.

**20...Rxc4 21.Nxf8 Kxf8 22.Rac1!**



Taking advantage of Black's back-rank problems.

**22...Nd6 23.Be5 Rxc1 24.Rxc1 Ke8 25.Rc6 1-0**



Anony explains things as it is.



# Aging, Memory, and Chess

by Dr. Gerald M. Levitt (Chess Life September 2017)

*Chess can be a therapy to help people have better brain function*

The goal of this article was to educate about the potential benefits of learning and playing chess as a potential deterrent to ravishes of mental deterioration, due to Alzheimer's Disease, encroaching dementia, aging, or other reasons for loss of mental acuity.

Dr. Kenneth Kosik M.D., a noted Alzheimer's researcher, author, and winner of many honors and awards, says **"A quite impressive body of evidence now supports the idea that challenging the brain sustains the brain. A frequent site of brain degeneration as we age is frontal lobes where the ability to plan strategically resides. Using the frontal lobes can sustain their function and few activities activate the frontal lobes as effectively as chess. The game offers complex challenges, which require mentally envisioning multiple possible configurations on the board and computing an optimal strategy. It's great way to give the brain a work-out."**

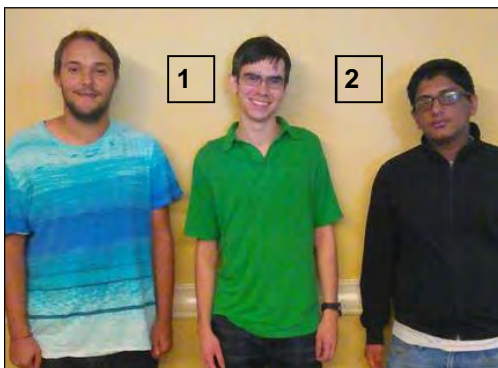
Besides using chess as an aid to improve your own memory skills, this article explains some of the many reasons for teaching others to play chess. Besides helping your relatives (young, old, and in-between) with their mental development and a possible preventative for mental losses, teaching others also makes you a better chess player. Going over tactics, strategies, pawn structures and the like, will re-introduce you to ideas and concepts that may have been somewhat dulled from time, can be honed into knowledge that translates into better chess play.

It was revealed recently that Dr. Lauren Schwarz and her colleagues at the Saint Louis School of Medicine are studying the possible connections between attempting to learn and play chess and its effect on memory loss prevention.

Please check out the article. Pass it on to anyone you feel may be helped by it, or who may be able to help others.

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## CFCC's Orlando Autumn Open



- 1 PREMIER John Ludwig - Champion
- 2 EXPERT Abimanju Manerjee - Top Expert
- 3 U2000 Champion - Anthony Coleman
- 4 U1700 Champion - Christopher Fashek
- 5 U1400 Champion - Charles Bell
- 6 U1200 Champion - Andrew Tiansay

SC-Top U1000 - Luke Wu

SC-Top U800 - Matthew Castro

# Pro Chess League - Atlantic 2017 -- "Miami Champions"

by Bryan Tillis

These are the last 4 "Miami Champions" games from the 2017 Pro Chess League submitted and annotated by Bryan Tillis for FloridaCHESS. ~Ed

**Dominguez Perez, Leinier (2739) [B12]**  
**Balakrishnan, Praveen (2465)**  
 PRO League Group Stage chess.com  
 INT (7), 22.02.2017

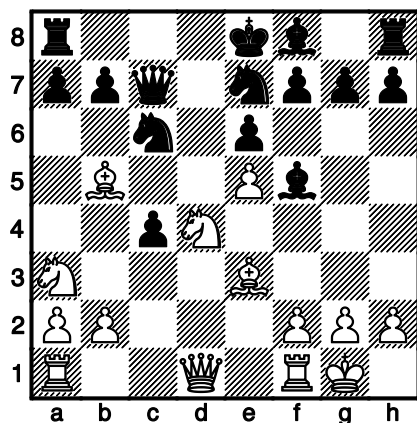
1.e4 Week 7 of Pro Chess League!

All season long Dominguez was an absolute beast scoring 3/4 only once, with 3.5 or 4 being typical in his weekly matchups. 1...c6 2.d4 d5 3.e5

Multiple games in the League saw Dominguez destroying the dreams of Caro Kann players.

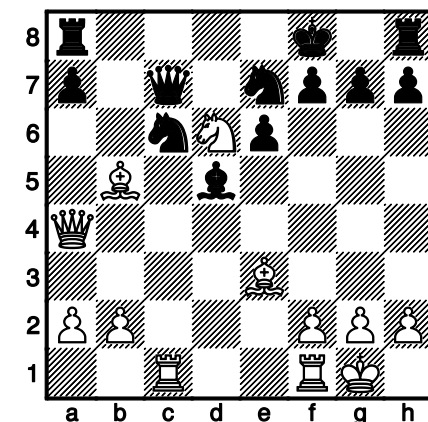
3...Bf5 4.Nf3 e6 5.Be2 c5 6.Be3 cxd4 7.Nxd4 Ne7 8.0-0 Nbc6 9.Bb5 Qc7 10.c4

Played before by Sevan in 2015.  
 10...dxc4 11.Na3



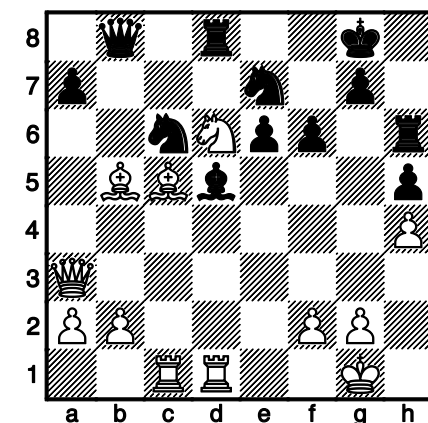
11...Be4 N

11...Bd3 played previously 12.Bxc4 N 12...Bxf1 13.Ndb5 Qxe5 14.Nd6+ Qxd6 15.Qxd6 Rd8 16.Qf4 Bxc4 17.Nxc4 Nd5 18.Qg3 12.Nxc4 Ng6 13.Rc1 Be7 14.Nd6+ Bxd6 15.exd6 Qd7 16.Nb3 Bd5 17.Nc5 Qxd6 18.Nxb7 Qc7 19.Nd6+ Kf8 20.Qa4 Nge7



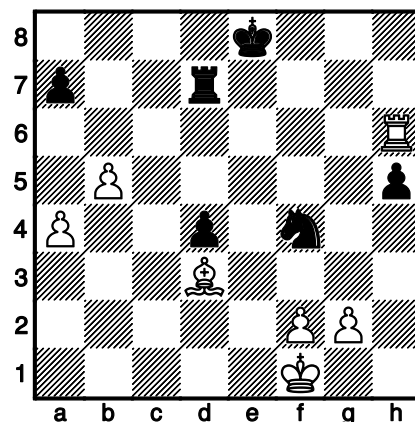
21.Qf4

21.Bf4 adding crippling pressure and developing the final piece 21...g5 22.Be5 Rg8 23.Bxc6 Nxc6 24.Rfd1 Qa5 25.Qxa5 Nxa5 26.Rc5 Nb7 27.Rxd5 exd5 28.Nxb7 The two pieces will clean up the position nicely. 21...f6 22.Rfd1 Rd8 23.Bc5 Kg8 24.Qg3 h5 25.h4 Qb8 26.Qa3 Rh6



27.Bd3

27.Rxd5 exd5 28.Bxc6 Nxc6 29.Nf5 leaving black in a difficult position. 27...Ng6 28.Be3 Nxe4 29.Bxe6 gxe6 30.Be4 Qxd6 31.Rxd5 exd5 32.Qxd6 Rxd6 33.Rxc6 Rd7 34.Bd3 Kg7 35.b4 Ng6 36.Bf5 Rb7 37.Ra6 Ne7 38.Bd3 Rd7 39.b5 d4 40.a4 Kf7 41.Kf1 Ke8 42.Rxf6 Nd5 43.Rxe6 Nf4



44.Rh8+

Missing 44.b6 !! 44...axb6 (44...Nxd3 45.bxa7 Rxa7 46.Rh8+ Kd7 47.Rh7+ Kd6 48.Rxa7) 45.Bb5.

44...Ke7 45.Rh7+ Kd6 46.Rxd7+ Kxd7 47.Be4 Kd6 48.a5 Ne6 49.b6 a6 50.Ke2 Nc5 51.Bd3 Nb7 52.Bxa6 Nxa5 53.Kd3 Nc6 54.Bb5 Ne5+ 55.Kxd4 Ng4 56.f4 Nf6 57.Bc4 h4 58.f5 Kc6 59.Ke5 Ng4+ 60.Kf4 Nf6 61.Kg5 Ne4+ 62.Kxh4 Kxb6 63.Bd3 Nd6 64.g4 Kc5 65.Kg5 Kd4 66.Bb1 Ke5 67.Kg6 Nc8 68.f6 Ke6 69.Bf5+

In reflection on this game, it is very difficult to find a point in the Opening where black could perform much better. 1-0

**Abrahams, Steven (2055)**  
**Stripunsky, Alexander (2536)**  
**[B42]**

PRO League Group Stage chess.com  
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1.e4 Week 7 1...c5 2.Nf3 e6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 a6 5.Bd3 Qc7

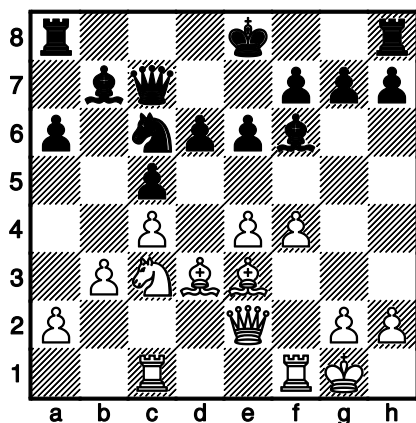
5...Bc5 The more modern approach to the opening favored by Caruana and Hansen 6.Nb3 Be7 7.Qg4 g6

6.0-0 Nf6 7.c4

The Maroczy Bind is typically difficult for Sicilian players

7...Nc6 8.Nb3 b6 9.f4 d6 10.Qe2 Bb7 11.Nc3 Be7 12.Be3 Nd7 13.Rac1 Nc5 14.Nxc5 bxc5 15.b3 Bf6





15...0-0 is a more flexible move than the main game.

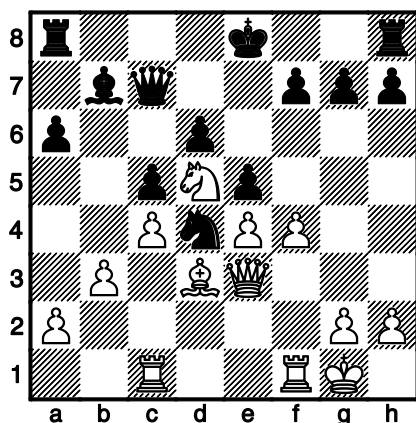
### 16.Qd2

16.e5; this move breaks down black's position, it is critical and gets white the most out of the position 16...dxe5 17.Bxc5 Nd4 (17...exf4 18.Nd5) 18.Bxd4 exd4 19.Nd5.

### 16...Bd4 17.Ne2 Bxe3+ 18.Qxe3 e5

Black plays against the light-squared Bishop keeping the e4-pawn fixed.

### 19.Nc3 Nd4 20.Nd5



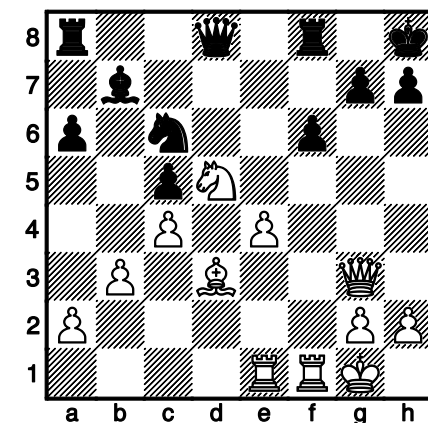
### 20...Qd8?

20...Bxd5 21.exd5 0-0 22.fxe5 dxe5 is a difficult position to evaluate long-term.

### 21.Qg3 0-0 22.fxe5 dxe5 23.Qxe5

White now has a pawn in hand and is better.

### 23...f6 24.Qg3 Kh8 25.Rce1 Nc6



### 26.Be2

26.e5! unleashes the Bishop into the attack: 26...Nxe5 27.Bxh7!! 27...Kxh7 28.Qh4+ Kg8 29.Rxe5 fxe5 30.Ne7+ and Black must give up the lady.

### 26...Ne5 27.Bg4 Qd6 28.Bf5 g6 29.Bg4 Rad8 30.Rd1 Nc6 31.Qh4 f5 32.exf5 Nd4 33.fxg6 Qxg6

White is two clean Pawns up.

### 34.Rxf8+ Rxf8 35.Qe7 Re8 36.Qf6+

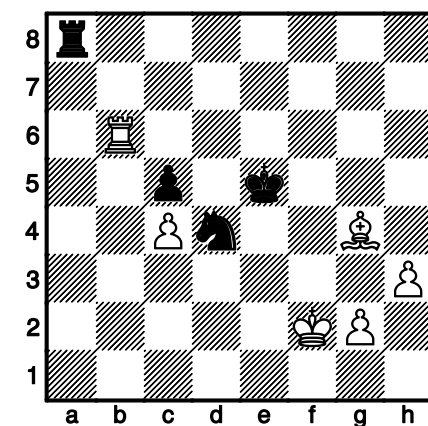
36.Qxc5; greed is good in this case 36...Nxb3 37.axb3 Qxg4 38.Rf1+/- 36...Qxf6 37.Nxf6 Rd8 38.h3 a5 39.Re1 Kg7 40.Re7+ Kxf6 41.Rxb7 Ra8 42.Kf2

42.Rd7 works against black's only active plan; 42...a4 43.b4! weakening the position of the Knight.

### 42...a4 43.Rxh7 axb3 44.axb3 Nxb3 45.Rh6+ Ke5 46.Rb6

46.Ke3; stopping counterplay.

### 46...Nd4



### 47.Be2??

A sad blunder; 47.Rb2!

47...Ra2 48.Rh6 Rxe2+ 49.Kg3 Rc2 50.Rh5+ Kd6 51.Rd5+ Kc6 52.Rg5 Rxc4 53.h4 Ne6 54.Rg6 Kd6 55.h5 Rc1 56.h6 Rh1 57.Kg4 c4 58.Kf3 c3 59.Rg8 c2

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**Mareco, Sandro (2664)**

**Nakamura, Hikaru (2793) [A09]**

PRO League KO Stage 2017

chess.com INT (2), 08.03.2017

### 1.Nf3 Pro League Knockout phase G/15

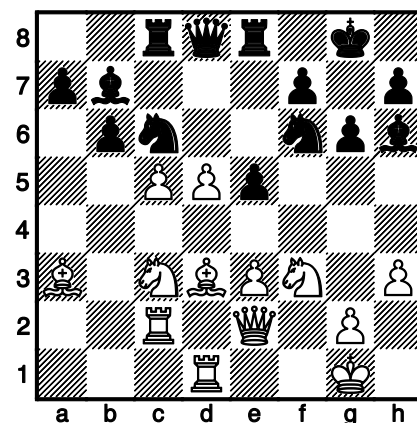
### 1...d5 2.c4 d4

The critical continuation.

### 3.b4 c5 4.e3 dxe3 5.fxe3 cxb4

Needing a win Nakamura does not hesitate to grab the pawn.

### 6.d4 Nf6 7.Bd3 g6 8.a3 bxa3 9.0-0 Bg7 10.Bxa3 0-0 11.Nc3 Nc6 12.h3 b6 13.Qe2 Bb7 14.Rac1 Rc8 15.Rfd1 Na5 16.Bb4 Nc6 17.Ba3 Bh6 18.Rc2 Re8 19.c5 e5 20.d5



### 20...Nxd5

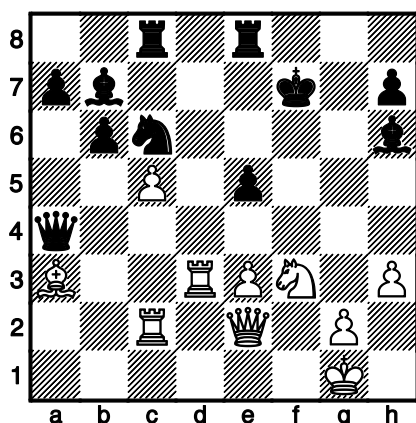
20...Nd4 is an intense move for G/15; 21.exd4 exd4 22.Ne4 Nxd5 23.c6 Bxc6

### 21.Nxd5 Qxd5 22.Bxg6 Qb3

22...Nd4 23.Nxd4 exd4 24.e4 Qe5 25.Bf5 Bxe4 26.Qxe4 Qxe4 27.Bxe4 Rxe4 28.c6

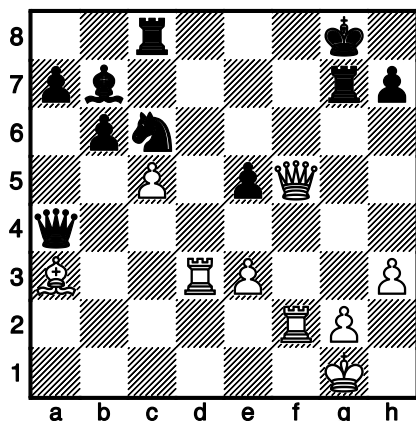
### 23.Rd3 Qa4 24.Bxf7+ Kxf7

(Pro-Chess continued on page 22)



25.Ng5+

25.Rc4 is another interesting continuation: 25...Qa6 26.Rd6 Qxa3 27.Rxh6 Re7 28.Ng5+ Ke8 29.Nxh7 25...Kg8 26.Qh5 Re7 27.Rf2 Bxg5 28.Qxg5+ Rg7 29.Qf5



29...Ne7

29...b5 30.Rd7 Rxd7 31.Qxd7 Rf8 32.Qe6+ Kg7 33.Qd7+ = 30.Qxc8+

This was the moment we realized our journey for the championship was over. 1-0

**Iturrizaga Bonelli, Eduardo (2652)**

**Biag, Ivan Gil (2337) [A11]**

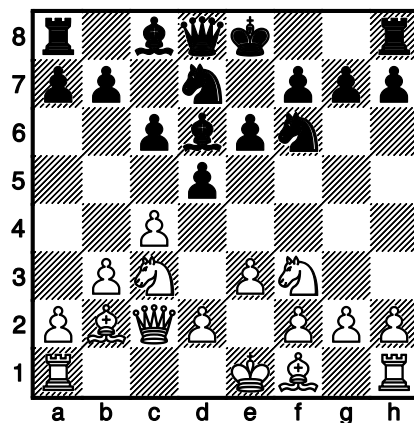
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INT (2), 18.01.2017

1.Nf3 Week 2 1...d5 2.c4 c6 3.e3 Nf6 4.Nc3 This move order provides White more opportunities than the

typical 1.d4 move order and there is subtle venom within the line.

4...e6 [4...Bf5? 5.cxd5 cxd5 6.Qb3 Bc8 the best move, it looks like White is cheating]

5.Qc2 Nbd7 6.b3 Bd6 7.Bb2



7...0-0

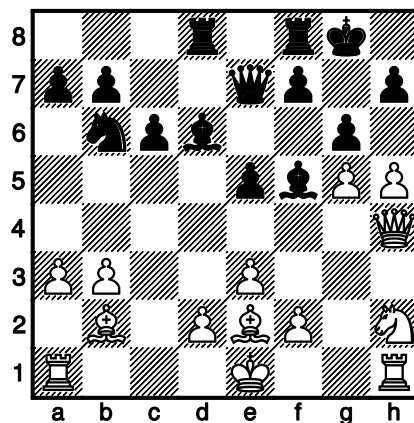
7...e5? creates a problem for Black; 8.cxd5 cxd5 (8...Nxd5 9.Ne4) 9.Nb5 Bb8 10.Rc1 0-0 11.Nc7 Bxc7 12.Qxc7 Qxc7 13.Rxc7 winning the Bishop pair and cramping the position. 8.Rg1!

An interesting and aggressive move from a typically dry position [8.d4 would reach a typical Slav position]

8...e5 9.cxd5 Nxd5 10.Ne4 Bc7 11.g4 Re8 12.a3 N7f6 13.g5 Nxe4 14.Qxe4 Qe7 15.h4 g6 16.h5

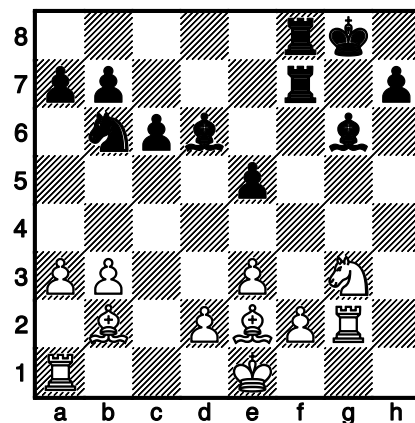
White, much like in a Sicilian Dragon has a single-minded focus of King-side attack

16...Bf5 17.Qh4 Nb6 18.Rh1 Rad8 19.Be2 Bd6 20.Nh2 Rf8 21.Bg4 Bd3 22.Be2 Bf5



23.Nf1

23.Ng4 Bxg4 24.Bxg4 Nd7 25.Be2 Bc7 26.Bc4 seems like the most accurate route] 23...f6 24.gxf6 Qxf6 25.Qxf6 Rxf6 26.Ng3 Rdf8 27.hxg6 Bxg6 28.Rh2 R6f7 29.Rg2



The seemingly solid black position crumbles quickly

29...Rg7 30.0-0-0 Nd5 31.Rdg1 Rgf7 32.Ne4 Bb8 33.Bh5 Ne7 34.Bxg6 Nxg6 35.Kd1 Rf5 36.Ke2

No weaknesses.

36...Bc7 37.Ng5 Bd8 38.Nxh7 Kxh7 39.Rxg6 Rxf2+ 40.Kd3 Bf6 41.R6g3 Rh2 42.Ke4 Rh5 43.Bc3 Rd8 44.Rg4 Rd7 45.Rf1 Bg7 46.Rf5 Rh2 47.a4 b5 48.Rfg5 bxa4 49.bxa4 a6 50.Rxg7+ 1-0

We wish to thank the Pro Chess League and the "Miami Champions" for all they are doing for chess in South Florida and especially Bryan Tillis for editing all their games for floridaCHESS.

Hopefully we will be seeing a lot more of their efforts in the future. ~ed.

# Martin Hansen presents his game from the Orlando Autumn Open

by Martin Hansen

**Hansen, Martin (2221)**  
**Pereira, Juan (2065) [B19]**

Orlando Autumn Open (4),  
24.09.2017

[Hansen, Martin]

1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.Nc3 dxe4 4.Nxe4  
Bf5 5.Ng3 Bg6 6.h4 h6 7.Nf3 Nd7  
8.h5 Bh7 9.Bd3 Bxd3 10.Qxd3 e6  
11.Bd2 Ngf6 12.0-0-0 Be7 13.Ne4  
Nxe4 14.Qxe4 Nf6 15.Qe2 Qd5 16.c4  
Qe4 17.Rde1

A sideline I tried out successfully a couple of months before this game. The main line is [17.Qxe4 Nxe4 18.Be3 f5 with a roughly equal position]

**17...Qxe2 18.Rxe2 0-0**

[I got a good endgame after 18...b5 19.Ne5 bxc4 20.Nxc6 Nd5 21.Kb1 Bf6 22.Rc1 in the quick game, Hansen-Proleiko, St Louis Chess Club Quads in August (1-0, 42).]

**19.Bc3 Rfd8 20.Kc2**

[I didn't like 20.Ne5 allowing 20...c5 21.dxc5 Bxc5 22.f3 Bd4 Although White can play 23.Bxd4 Rxd4 24.Rd2 with a decent position]

**20...a5**

This move makes ...b5 more of a threat but also weakens the b5 square if Black plays ...c5

**21.Ne5 c5 22.Nf3?!**

It was probably better to go for [22.dxc5 Bxc5 23.f3 Bd4 24.Bxd4 Rxd4 25.Rd2]

**22...cxd4 23.Nxd4 Rdc8 24.b3 Rc5**

Black targets the weak h5 pawn.

**25.Nb5 Rac8**

[25...Nxb5 was probably better, but White has good play for the pawn. eg. 26.Rd1 Nf6 27.Bxf6 Bxf6 28.Rd7 Rb8 29.Red2; 25...Rxb5? doesn't work due to 26.Bxf6! Rxb1 27.Bxe7±]

**26.Kb1**

[26.Bxa5?? Rxb5+]

**26...a4 27.Be5 Rd8 28.f3**

White wants to shore up his h5 pawn by playing f3 and g4

**28...Rd3 29.Kc2 Rdd5**

This rook maneuver looks strong but White's next two moves drive the rooks back  
**30.Bd4!**



**30...Rc6**

[30...Rxb5? 31.cxd5!; 30...Rxb5? 31.Bxc5 Rxb1 32.Bxe7+]

**31.Bc3 Rd8**

[Once again 31...Rxb5 loses material to 32.Bxf6 Rxb1 33.Bxe7]

**32.g4**

Now the h-pawn is safe and White has a small advantage due to his more active pieces and more mobile pawn majority.

**32...axb3+ 33.axb3 Ra6**



[The computer suggests the fantastic move 33...Nd5! and after 34.cxd5?! (34.Rd1 is still slightly better for White) 34...Rxd5 Black will win the piece back. eg. 35.Na7 Rc7 36.Re4 b6 37.Ra1 (or 37.Ra4 Bf6) 37...Rxc3+!]

**34.Ra1 Rxa1 35.Bxa1 Ne8 36.Bc3**

**Kf8 37.b4 Rc8 38.Kb3 Bf6 39.Bxf6**

**Nxf6 40.Ra2 Ke7**

[40...b6 was a better try when the pawn can be defended by the knight from d7]

**41.Ra7 Rb8 42.c5 Nd7?**

This loses material but passive defense with [42...Ne8 was not much better 43.Na3 Kd7 44.Nc4 Kc7 45.b5+-]

**43.Nd6**

At first I was worried that Black might have drawing chances here but once I noticed 46. Kc2! I immediately went for this line.

**43...b6**



**44.Nxf7 bxc5 45.Ne5!**

The point. Black loses the knight.

**45...Rxb4+ 46.Kc2!**

[46.Kc3? Kd6 47.Nxd7 Rf4 allows Black to take the f-pawn with check]

**46...Kd6**

[Black can't defend the knight with 46...Rd4 because of the fork 47.Nc6+]

**47.Nxd7 Rf4 48.Nb6 Kc6 49.Na4 Rxf3**

**50.Nc3**

This position should be winning fairly easily. The rest of the game was played in mutual time pressure.

**50...c4 51.Rxg7 Rf2+ 52.Kd1 Rg2**

**53.Ne2 Kc5**

[53...e5 threatening Kd5, was the last chance to set White some problems]

**54.Rg6 e5 55.Ke1 c3?! 56.Kf1 Rh2**

**57.Nxc3 Kd4 58.Nd1**

And White won

**1-0**

## — Reviews by Miguel Ararat —



In this issue, and the following two I want to present to my readers a series of books or DVD's that in my opinion can help a player to become better at chess. The recommendations are divided by skill level, time available to study and chess goal(s). In this article I will cover general chess materials aimed to chess players grouped by skill level.

In our next article, my recommendations are going to be focused on openings (but not exclusively!).

The third and final article will cover game collections and materials that will help the player to understand the game as a whole.

The first book recommendations are aimed at scholastic players and adult beginners that have a rating **above 900 USCF**. At this point in a player's development they can start learning and organizing their strategic arsenal.

It is true that most of the games at this level are decided by tactics or blunders, and not because strategic mistakes, but it is important to developing players to understand the interconnection between strategy and tactics and become familiar with basic endgame positions. My recommendations for the improving 900 USCF player are **Chess Strategy for Kids by IM Thomas Engqvist** and **Endgames for Kids by Karsten Muller** and **Understanding Chess Move by Move by John Nunn**.

Our next stop is at **1200-1500 USCF**, either scholastic or adult chess player. At this point, the players realize that grabbing material does not guarantee an easy win and that know is necessary to evaluate when is safe to capture a pawn and do not be overrun by his opponents active pieces and also to be aware of matting possibilities available to him (attack) and to his opponent (defense). My suggestions to players in this rating range is to do a serious work on improving their arsenal of **mating patterns** and be aware of the **interconnection between dynamic and static factors** in chess. **Nunn's One Thousand Deadly Checkmates** and **The ChessBase DVD Master Class Volume 2 Mihail Tal by Dorian Rogozenco, Dr. Karsten Müller Mihail Marin, and Oliver Reeh** will help the players in the aspects mentioned above. **One Thousand Deadly Checkmates**, is filled with new examples from real games and it is not a rehearsal of previously published positions. **The ChessBase DVD Master Class Volume 2 Mihail Tal** offers to the audience the possibility of access a massive

amount of information about the 8<sup>th</sup> World Chess Champion, Mihail Tal, and to systematically uncover Tal's mythical tactical powers and his exceptional skill to highlight and exploit the dynamic elements in any chess position. The material on the DVD is divided in Openings, Strategy, Tactics and Endgames (yes, Tal's magic extents to the last phase of the game) databases in the DVD make easy to explore Tal's games in chronological order, sorted by openings year and so far.

At **1700-1800 USCF** range, most players find it difficult to break from class B into class A. Several factors can be the culprit of this second plateau in a chess player road, and a professional coach is always the most efficient solution (I worked with GM Gregory Kaidanov). Unfortunately, not all the chess players can afford a chess coach or they like to work on their own. From my experience, the main reasons for a player to hit this plateau are, **lack of flexibility** in their approach to chess **and a deficient habit of analyzing positions from top games on their own**. Lack of flexibility means that a player that reached class B, based only on tactics and double edge play, now find it very difficult to defeat players in the 1750-1800 range; and defend no better than class C players.

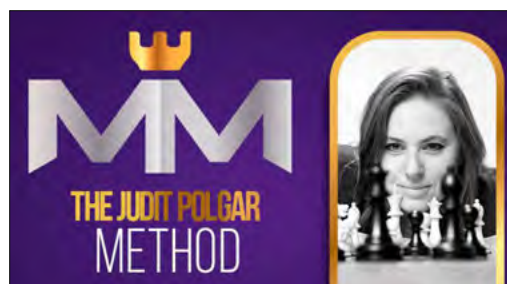
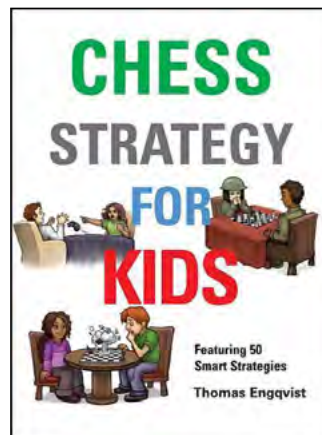
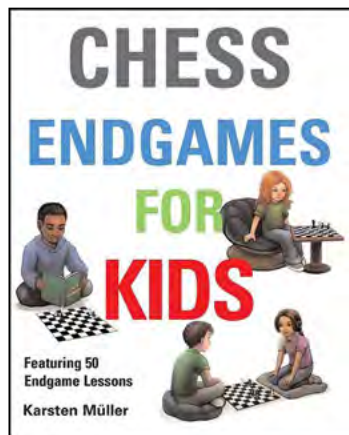
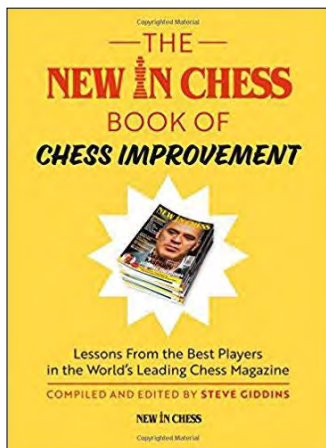
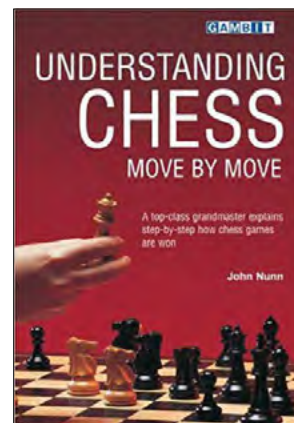
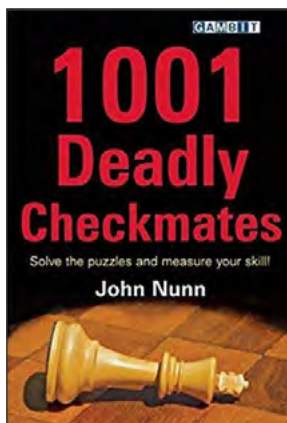
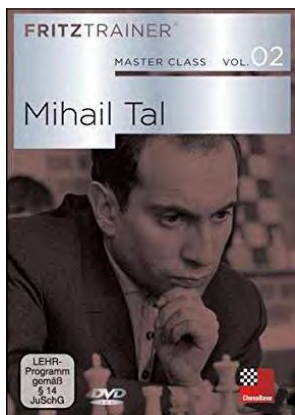
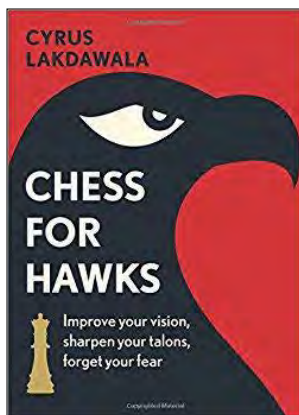
Two books can help players to successfully compete with strong B players, **Chess for Hawks by Cyrus Lakdawala** and **The New in Chess book of chess Improvement by Steven Giddins**. The first book is one of the best efforts by Lakdawala as it helps the readers to be aware of their playing style and the limitations a conservative (dove) or aggressive (hawk) approach have on the performance and growth of a given player. Lakdawala explains why a player stops improving as a result of his playing style. If a player reacts the same way, regardless of the position on the board, their chess style becomes a cage that prevents the player to be more concrete when the game requires it. The second book by Steven Giddins **The New in Chess book of chess Improvement** contains one hundred games from the New in Chess Magazine with the most instructive value. The games in this compilation will help the readers to increase their chess knowledge, but the most important value of this book is to poke the reader's analytical skills and promote self-study. This book is really good (please see my complete review on Amazon).

A radical way to sharpen our chess skills is to take on the Sicilian with either color; the amount of time invested will benefit. In these days, the anti-Sicilians are the boom and many e4 players side step the Sicilian. I recommend to explore the Sicilian as a way to sharpen your game; you can start with **The Judith Polgar Method** (iChess.net). Judith Polgar explains the fundamentals of the Sicilian with model games and her personal experience (Judith plays the Sicilian with both colors since she was a kid; and the explanations are clear and well organized. This course is in my opinion the best introductory course to the Sicilian made by a true specialist. Even if you do not take on the Sicilian this video course will inspire you to play more active chess and play for two results (win or lose).



Chess players that reach **USCF A level** can move up learning how to win better positions against stubborn defenders. A hallmark of experts and masters is how difficult is to defend against them a worse position. My recommendation to improve your techniques of converting an advantage are the **Chessbase Master Class** on **Capablanca** and **Magnus Carlsen**. The DVD on Carlsen has more than just techniques to convert an advantage, but also helps the chess amateur to better understand the way the current World Chess Champion plays chess. The authors explain Carlsen's chess virtues and also his shortcomings as a chess player. Carlsen's style is very unique and Niclas Huschenbeth, Mihail Marin, Oliver Reech and Karsten Muller did a great job decoding Carlsen playing style.

A special case are players that after reaching class A want to stay there or improve, but they lack the time to maintain their opening repertoires and need to reorganize the way they play and study chess (yes, life happens!). To this group of players, that want to stay active, but time to study is an issue; my recommendation is the fifteen hours course by **Simon Williams, aka, the Ginger GM Method (iChess.net)**. This course provides the busy chess player with the tools to have a fighting chance over the board. The author puts the best of his experience in this DVD and his skills as a presenter had been improving over the years.



# An Interesting observation from the Orlando Sunshine Open

annotated by Anony Mous



**Zapletal, Jindrich (2272) [D45]**

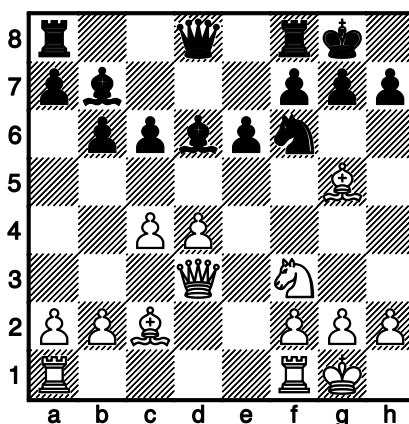
**Sinnott, Alexander (2017)**

CFCC Orlando Sunshine Open & Scholastic Orlando, (1.2), 08.06.2017

**8...dxe4 9.Nxe4 Nxe4 10.Bxe4 Nf6 11.Bc2**

Trying to line-up the B & Q on the b1-h7 diagonal, combined with the Bg5 pin.

**11...b6 (? see later notes) 12.Bg5 Bb7 13.Qd3**



**1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6**

The Slav. Other choices for Black include the Queens Gambit Accepted (2...dxc4), Classical (2...e6), and the sharp Albin Counter Gambit (2...e5!?)

**3.Nf3 Nf6**

3...a6, threatening to take and keep the Pawn, is also good.

**4.Nc3**

The Catalan treatment with 4.g3 might have been how the late & popular GM Aleks Wojciewicz would have played.

**4...e6**

The Semi-Slav, which seems too cramped for my liking, but is a mainline.

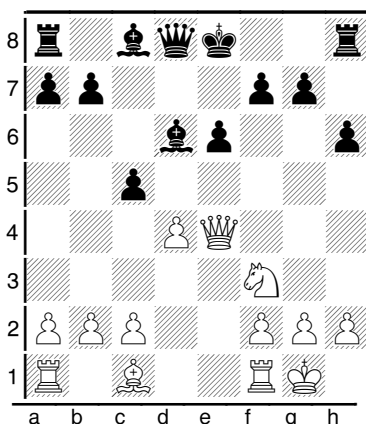
**5.e3 Bd6**

As I often point out, both sides should have an idea for their development. For example, Black should play 5... Nb-d7, then b6, Bb7 and Qe7 (On c7 the Queen will be harassed by White's eventual Rc1, 0-0, etc (Not necessarily in that order, to prepare either c5 or e5 -maybe both-Pawn break in the center.)

**6.Bd3 0-0 7.0-0 Nbd7 8.e4** This would seem to be premature as Black counter-attacks and easily equalizes.

Taking stock; this position reminds me of the Caro-Kann, Karpov Variation:

**1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.Nc3 dxe4 4.Nxe4 Nd7 5.Ng5 Ngf6 6.Bd3 e6 7.N1f3 Bd6 8.Qe2 h6 9.Ne4 Nxe4 10.Bxe4 Nf6 11.0-0 Nxe4 12.Qxe4 c5**



Obviously in the game actually played, Black has not made these improvements ...h6 or ...c5. White's threats are imposing, but how imminent are they?. Bg5 and Qd3 are shown to be threats.

Black playing ...c5 leads to the opening of the d-file and a potential trade of Queens, followed by ...b6 and Bb7 equalizing.

So 11...h6 appears necessary, which is why I'm going back and giving a ? to 11...b6?

If Black isn't busted, he's pretty close to it after 12.Bg5 Bb7 13.Qd3 as indicated after 11...b6.

**13...g6 14.Rfe1!**

Patently bringing another piece into the game.

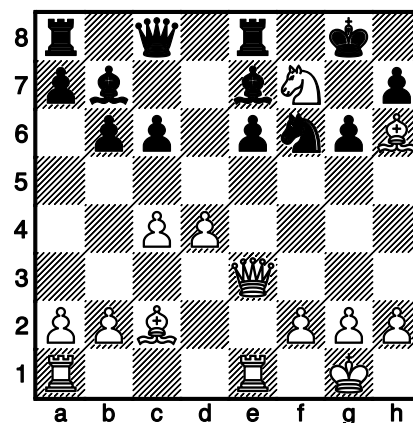
**14... Kg7 15.Qe3 Re8 16.Ne5 Be7**

16...h5??, 17.Nxg6!! wins beautifully.

**17.Bh6+ Kg8 18.Nxf7!**

A common theme in the Caro-Kann and French, which is why it pays to know Sister Openings to the one you play.

**18...Qc8**



**19.Ne5 c5 20.Bxg6 Resigns**

Maybe premature, but I would not consider Black's game fun to play.

A fine example of the potential for a strong master to quickly punish even apparently small mistakes as well as what can happen if you don't understand the tactical themes of the openings you play.

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Sep 1-4	Arnold Denker Florida State Championship	Marriott - Jacksonville	CHES
Sep 22-24	Orlando Autumn Open & Scholastic	Wyndham Orlando Resort - Orlando	CFCC
Sep 30-Oct 1	Tri-State Chess Championship	Hilton Garden Inn - Valdosta, GA	CHES
Nov 10-12	16th Annual Turkey Bowl	Sawgrass Grand Hotel - Sunrise	BRCC
Dec 8-10	National Grades K-12 Championships	Disney's Coronado Springs Resort - Lake Buena Vista	USCF
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Jan 5-7	4th Gulf Coast New Year's Open	Ft Myers-Ostero	BRCC
Jan 26-28	Central FL Class Championships	Double Tree Hilton at Sea World, Orlando	CFCC
Feb 7-14	Chess Moves #5 Cruise	Cuba and the Caribbean - Sails out of Fort Lauderdale	BRCC
Feb 23-25	U.S. Amateur Team Championship South	Ramada Inn - Kissimmee	BRCC
Mar 2-4	Florida State Scholastic Championship	Wyndham Orlando Resort - Orlando	FCA
Jun 8-10	Orlando Sunshine Open & Scholastic	The Westin - Lake Mary, Orlando North	CFCC
Aug31-Sep3	Arnold Denker Florida State Championship	Marriott - Jacksonville	CHES
Oct 26-28	Orlando Autumn Open & Scholastic	Marriott Hotel - Lake Mary	CFCC

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MC	: Millionairechess.com	
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SCSC	: Space Coast Scholastic Chess	
TCC	: Tallahassee Chess Club	(850)345-7838
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## 16TH ANNUAL TURKEY BOWL

NOVEMBER 10, 11 & 12, 2017

SAWGRASS GRAND HOTEL

3003 N. UNIVERSITY DRIVE, SUNRISE, FL 33322 (SUNRISE IS CLOSE TO FT. LAUDERDALE)

**\$9,000 b/200** PAID ENTRIES IN CASH PRIZE SECTIONS, **70% MIN. GUARANTEED 30GPP**

**OPEN:** \$1,000 & TURKEY BOWL-600-450, U2300/Unr \$350-250 G/90+30 2day Rnd1 G/60;d5 FIDE Rated

**U2100:** \$800 & TROPHY-500-400, U1950 \$300-250 G/120;d5 2day Rnd1 G/60;d5

**U1750:** \$700 & TROPHY-450-350, U1650 \$250-200 G/120;d5 2day Rnd1 G/60;d5

**U1450:** \$700 & TROPHY-450-350, U1350/Unr \$250-200 G/120;d5 2day Rnd1 G/60;d5

**UNDER 1100:** TROPHIES FOR 1ST-3RD, 1ST U900, 1ST U700, MEDALS TO ALL others G90;d5

**TOP SENIOR PRIZE** (AMONG ALL CASH PRIZE SECTIONS, MUST BE AT LEAST 55 ON NOVEMBER 10): \$200

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## 4TH GULF COAST NEW YEAR'S OPEN

JANUARY 5, 6 & 7, 2018

EMBASSY SUITES FORT MYERS-ESTERO (SPONSORED BY CHESSREGISTER.COM)

10450 CORKSCREW COMMONS DRIVE, ESTERO, FL 33928

**\$11,000 b/180** PAID ENTRIES IN CASH PRIZE SECTIONS, 50% MIN. GUARANTEED **40GPP**

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**U2100:** \$1,000 & TROPHY-600-500, U1950 \$400 G/120;d5 2day Rnd1 G/60;d5

**U1800:** \$1,000 & TROPHY-600-500, U1650 \$400 G/120;d5 2day Rnd1 G/60;d5

**U1500:** \$1,000 & TROPHY-600-500, U1350/Unr \$400 G/120;d5 2day Rnd1 G/60;d5

**UNDER 1100:** TROPHIES FOR 1ST-3RD, 1ST U900, 1ST U700, MEDALS TO ALL OTHERS G90;d5

**TOP SENIOR PRIZE** (AMONG ALL CASH PRIZE SECTIONS, MUST BE AT LEAST 55 ON JANUARY 5): \$200

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## CFCC Central FL Class Championships

January 26-28 or 27-28, 2018

Double Tree Hilton at SeaWorld 10100 International Dr., Orlando, FL 32821

**\$8,500 b/150 (Schol=1/2) 70% Guaranteed!**

**5 Rounds at G/120;d5 (2-day: Round 1 G/60;d5) time controls**

**5 sections: Prizes\* GPP 20**

**Master/Expert** \$1000-400-200, Under 2200 \$350 **Class A(1999-1800)** \$700-300, Under 1900 \$150

**Class B(1799-1600)** \$700-300, Under 1700 \$150 **Class C(1599-1400)** \$700-300, Under 1500 \$150

**Class D(1399-1200)** \$700-300, Under 1300 \$150 **Under 1200** \$500-300, Under 1000 \$100, U800 \$50

**Trophies** to top in each section (& Class X), also class F,G,H,I,J & Unr in U1200 having more than one entry.

**Rated players may play up one section only. \*Unrateds limited to \$100 unless Place prize in Mast/Exp.**

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