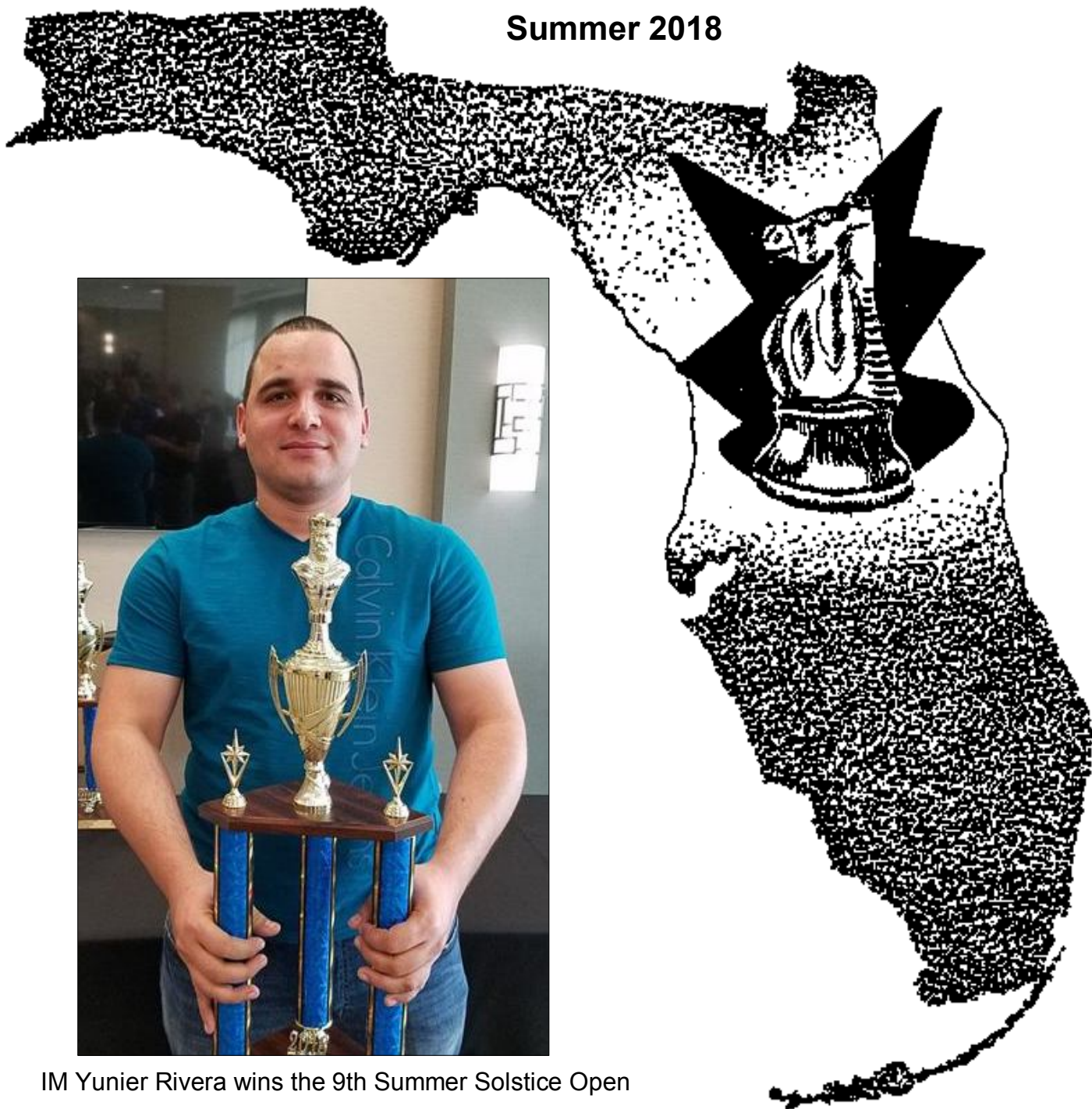


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<b>State</b>	Jorge Leon Oquendo	<b>Scholastic</b>	Dylan Sunjic
<b>Top K-8</b>	Raghav Venkat	<b>Top Girl</b>	Cindy Jie
<b>Speed</b>	Corey Acor	<b>Quick</b>	Corey Acor
<b>Senior</b>	George Grasser		

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## Editor Speaks

There were just a few major items to report about in this issue, as there were not too many other reports sent to me for publication.

As you may know, this is our Board Election issue and a sample ballot is inserted for you. We mainly use "Election Buddy" for voting as it is so easy to use. Check-out page 18 for the procedures to use for voting, whether you use "Election Buddy" or some other way to vote. Take a look at page 19 and "Meet the Candidates" so you could decide who you want to vote for. You do not have to vote for all positions available, so follow the rules when you do so. And vote ASAP as this issue is coming out a little late.

The only major event included in this issue is the Orlando Sunshine Open & Scholastic; but at the "last minute" we received information and games about the 9th Summer Solstice Open, so see it starting on page 4 with the games on pages 10 and 11.

We also are presenting our Pro-Chess League's the "Miami Champions" and have their last 2 games annotated by Bryan Tillis.

And on page 26 we have Anony Mous looking at another Lerman game... hopefully he is kinder to me.

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*Harvey Lerman*

**PS. My new mailing address is:**  
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## from the President's desk



**Hello FCA Members,**

It's that time of the year again. FCA elections. I'm happy to say that we are continuing with the online election option (which we introduced last year). Members will have the option to cast their votes by mail in ballot, email, or by election buddy so no excuses for not voting.

I want to encourage everyone to read through the candidates' statements and vote for the persons you feel will best serve the FCA and the interests of its members. If you are new to the FCA and are interested in serving, keep in mind that we have elections every year for half of our board positions but you must contact the President with your intent to run (and a candidate's statement prior to the summer issue of this magazine. So sorry if you were hoping to get in this year but there is always next year.

I'm happy to say that the FCA has made great strides in improving itself as an organization and it is my opinion that this is because of the great board members we have leading us. But they would not be with us had they not been voted in by members like you. So please vote. It's very important. We want to continue to improve and continue to bring in good people who are excited to make our organization better.

**Thank you.**

**William Bowman**

# Letters

## The 9th Summer Solstice Open

by Jon Haskel

After a one year absence, the 9th Summer Solstice Open made its return to the Hyatt Hotel in Boca Raton. It was the first time a chess event had been held at this hotel. The playing venue was located on the 7th floor of the hotel with a nice view of the surrounding area. The top four boards were broadcast live on the Internet. The Summer Solstice will be at this same hotel, a week earlier, next year.

*This event was held June 15-17, 2018 and 134 players participated. There was also a 14-player Bltz G/3+2 event which Jorge Reynaldo won with a score of 5½-½. IM Yunier Rivera won the Open section and is pictured on the cover. The winner of the U2100 section was Ben Silva (4½-½), but no photo was available. The other section winners are shown below. Also, see page 10 for some games from this event. ~Ed.*



Jossie Calderon (5-0)  
U1700 Champion



Izak Bulten (5-0)  
U1450 Champion



Dylan Flegel (4-1)  
U1100 Champion  
(on tiebreaks)

## FCA ELECTIONS

The following positions on the FCA Board come up for election this year.

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Regional VP C	Paul Leggett
Regional VP W	Michael Hoffer
3 Directors at large	

\* Kevin Pryor - acting Treasurer

We will also include in this issue a sample ballot and procedures for voting by either Election Buddy (EB), mail or e-mail. We will also use an independent Election Master to handle these ballots and e-mails.

This would be the voter's official ballot and can not be changed (I.e. Voters can not add their own write-in candidates.), can only be used by the voter indicated (I.e. Ballot may contain an election unique voter # or one may be added by the Election Master), and if using mail, the envelope must be signed by the voter. All voters must have current FCA and USCF memberships as of July 1st, and be at least 16 years of age. \*\*

\*\* These and other requirements for being an FCA voting member, or an FCA Board Candidate, can be found in the FCA BY-Laws, listed on the FCA website, [floridaCHESS.org](http://floridaCHESS.org)

## FCA's new e-mail system

The FCA is implementing a new e-mail system for their members:

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[board@floridachess.org](mailto:board@floridachess.org):  
being sent to members of the board

More information on this system will be on [floridaCHESS.org](http://floridaCHESS.org)

Using [fca.wildapricot.org](http://fca.wildapricot.org)

FCA's new logo.

Already used on shirts at Queen's Cup event.





# The 2018 Orlando Sunshine Open & Scholastic

by Harvey Lerman

A “Miracle” happened at this event held at the beautiful Westin Hotel in Lake Mary. Though it was the first time a chess tournament was held at this site, the hotel did all they could to make this one of the best chess events it could. Anytime something needed to be done, workers were there to make it happen. Almost everyone thought this was the best site that we had ever had.

But why I call this a “Miracle”... well everyone knows that chess players try to “hide” there plans, and a few weeks before this event was supposed to start, there were less than 20 players and about 7 rooms reserved at the hotel. There management was getting worried and contacted us several times about the situation and whether we wanted to “downsize” the event. Well, we went “out-on-a-limb” assuring them that the players would be there. Well, that didn’t seem to happen... as you see from stories on the next pages, we only had one titled player show up and so few players in the Top section that it finally had to be merged with the U2000 section. Some players were worried that prizes would be cut way down.

That’s when the CFCC staff got together. Though it looked like the tournament would be a large loss of over \$1,000 the staff went out to find the missing “room-nights” needed to save the event. WE spoke to each player and their parents to get from them rooms that were booked “outside-the-block”. That is where the missing room nights would be found. And there they were. There were many families there, some booked more than one room, some stayed a little longer, some had found some discounted rooms, some had just booked higher-priced suites that they didn’t mention. And that wasn’t all, a few of the experienced single players who come in on Saturday morning, just hang around till the evening to then decide...“should I leave or stay.” There is where a few more nights were picked-up. I gathered all this and made arrangements with the hotel management, that we would send them our complete list of room #s on Monday. Later that week we were informed that we had made our quota on rooms and enough extra, that even the cost for my 2nd night would be refunded (TD only receives one night for every 30 nights paid and we now were close enough to 60 nights booked, that the hotel decided to call it 60.)

So, instead of losing over a \$1,000, the club ended with a small profit... and that is why I call it a Miracle! And we are making plans about holding another event there in 2019.

Below are 2 photos supplied by Kevin Sibbitt from [centralflchess.org](http://centralflchess.org)



(Above): Start of the final round, CFCC 2018 Sunshine Open & Scholastic held at the Westin Lake Mary.



(Left): Start of the final round, board 1, IM Rafael Prasca (2433) (L) vs Arnold Banner (1857) (R).

(Behind them): Corey Acor (L) setting up to play Theodore Slade.

See descriptions of these games on the following pages. ~Ed.

# Orlando Sunshine Open & Scholastic - Tournament Report

by Steven Vigil, CFCC Chief Tournament Director

The 2018 Orlando Sunshine Open was held on June 8-10. Central Florida Chess Club had long held this annual summer, 3-day event in Southwest Orlando at a hotel on International Drive. This year, however, there was a new location for the event, The Westin Hotel in Lake Mary. Players seemed to really enjoy the newer, more luxurious venue on the east side of town.

The tournament was initially slated to have 4 sections, but on Friday night there were only a pair of experts playing in the top, “premier” section, Theo Slade (2127) and Evan Stewart (2004). Evan won the game after an exchange sacrifice which led to a brilliant kingside attack. After only 3 more players registered for the premier section on Saturday morning, the premier and U2000 sections were merged before Saturday’s first round. As a result, a wealth of prizes were offered to players in the new Premier/U2000 section. Among the last to register on Saturday morning were IM Rafael Prasca (2443) and FM Corey Acor (2378) who both had their sights set on the \$700 first prize in a field with no other masters.

All three sections were very competitive. Not a single player in the entire tournament finished with a perfect score. Heading into round four on Sunday morning, only 3 players in the top section managed to score 3 points. Rafael, Corey and John Givler (1961). Givler lost on board 2 to Arnold Banner (1857) who played a strong game with the black pieces and now had 3.5 points going into the final round. Meanwhile Corey played as white against Rafael on board 1, in what was the de facto first place game between the two strongest players in the tournament. The two players had no interest in taking a quick draw and rather sought to battle for all the marbles. The dynamic game went to a deep endgame where it was legitimately drawn. This meant Corey, Rafael and Arnold were the only 3 undefeated players in the top section with 3.5 points.

In the final game Rafael and Corey would take care of business. Corey defeated Theo Slade. Arnold Banner put up a good fight against Rafael for a while on board one, but as the game transitioned into the endgame it became clear Rafael had obtained a winning position. Congratulations to IM Rafael Prasca and FM Corey Acor who shared first place honors with 4.5 points and went home with \$595.00 each. John Givler had an impressive showing with 4 points and clear 3rd place earning him \$490. Ryan Hamley (1993), Arnold Banner, Connor Eickelman (1764) and Christopher Fashek (1614) each received \$297.50 for best U2000 prize with 3.5 points each. Coren Meeks (1764), Leon Cheng (1726) and Carlos Rivas (1721) won \$70 each for the U1800 prize.

In the U1600 section, Samuel Wohl (1562) and Nathan Hennig (1519) drew in the final round to finish with 4.5 points each to share the top prize of \$420 each. Paul Lemay (1584) and Greg Engl (1452) shared 3rd place and \$105 each, while John Fashek (1324) won the U1400 prize of \$350 with 4 points and Nicholas Lewis won 2nd U1400 of \$210 with 3.5.

The Scholastic/U1200 section also ended with a tie for first place. Eight year old Jolie Huang (1106) and eleven year old Matteo Labrecque (1062) drew the final game to finish with 4.5 points and \$245 each. Luke Wu (1173), Akshat Suresh (1143) and Sam Matini (1131) all walked away with 4 points and \$35 each in tie for 3rd place. After losing his first round game Andersen Liao (686) would go undefeated with 3 wins and a draw to win the \$70 U1000 prize. Congratulations also to the top players in each age group who won trophies!

The tournament was organized by the Central Florida Chess Club who held their Board meeting on Saturday morning and announced that they will be awarding two chess scholarships later this year. The tournament directors for the event were Steven Vigil and Harvey Lerman, who was presented with an honorary CFCC life membership for his decades of service and dedication to the club. Alex Zelner of OCG provided the chess store which featured great books and chess merchandise.

*See much more about this event and other events on the Central Florida Chess Club’s website [centralflchess.org](http://centralflchess.org). A second interesting article on this event can also be found there titled “Battle for Board 1” written by NM Theo Slade, CFCC contributor.*

## 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
Alvarez, Xavier	13	1837
Maheshwari, Jayant	11	1811
Yang, Andy	11	1793
Zhao, Erick	8	1747
Stone, Vincent William Iii	11	1741
Singh, Keshav	11	1724
Ngo, Bach	8	1682
Maddikonda, Ayush	11	1656
Cooke, Grayson	8	1623
Behura, Maya	9	1533
Shukla, Aniket	8	1476
Marian, Aaron	7	1417
Wu, William	8	1350
Yonal, Timur	6	1332
Patil, Dhruva Dinesh	6	1285
Pothuri, Abhiram	7	1105
Hughes, Daniel	7	1027

# top in nation by age/category

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Tim Tusing

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Miguel Ararat

### GIRLS U-21

Laura Zayas	18	2242
Rachel Gologorsky	18	2114
Tianhui (Cindy) Jie	15	2003
Lauren Kleidermacher	17	1899

### SENIORS

Victor Adler	69	2407
Stephen Stoyko	69	2271
Constantine Xanthos	70	2200
Larry Storch	66	2200
Max Zavanelli	70	2134

### WOMEN

Alexandra Kosteniuk	2602 #
Ghaderpour Taleghani	2297
Laura Zayas	2247
Rachel Gologorsky	2110
Vladlena Ciubara	2104
Tianhui (Cindy) Jie	1999

### TOP BLITZ

Julio Becerra	2633
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### TOP QC

Julio Becerra	2557
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### OVERALL \*

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GM JULIO J BECERRA	2634
GM LARS BO HANSEN	2627
GM ALEXANDRA KOSTENIUK	2625
IM DANIEL FERNANDEZ	2543
FM YANS GIRONES BARRIOS	2525
GM RENIER GONZALEZ	2482
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FM MARCEL MARTINEZ	2474
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CONSTANTINE XANTHOS	2200
LAWRENCE ALAN STORCH	2200
AJ GOLDSBY	2200
MIGUEL FONSECA	2200
TRUMAN HOANG	2200

\*Active with Current Ratings

### CORRESPONDENCE

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Humberto Cruz	2284
James Van Dooren	2193
Paul Ott	2093
Dwayne Hoffman	2055
David Spencer	2045
Michael Horvarh	1984



## Some winners from the Orlando Sunshine Open



IM Rafael Prasca (L) and Corey Acor play carefully in round 4 in this hard fought game on Board 1 which ended in a draw.



Corey carefully studying the position in his 4th round game against Rafael.



On Board 2 Arnold Banner (L) is beating John Givler in the 4th round and in round 5 lost to Prasca.



Rafael also studying the position in his 4th round game against Corey.



In the Last round  
On Board 2 Corey Acor (L) beats Theodore Slade to finish tied with Rafael Prasca sharing for 1st & 2nd prizes.

And Givler (R) next on Board 3 beats Evan Stewart to finish 3rd.

Banner finished tied with 3 others for the U2000 prize.





In the Under 1600 Section Samuel Wohl beat Paul Lemay here in the 4th round. He then drew Nathan Hennig in the last round as they both finished 4½-½ tied for 1st/2nd.



Still in the Under 1600 Section, Paul Lemay here in the 4th round, won his game in the last round as he tied with 1 other player to finish 4-1 tied for 3rd

## Trophy Winners

AGE	WINNER
14	Isaac Munshi
13	Luke Wu
12	Sam Matini
11	Matteo Labrecque
10	Akshat Suresh
9	Vanessa Bajo
8	Jolie Huang
7U	Ronan Khosla



In the Scholastic U1200 Section, here in the 4th round Matteo Labrecque (L) beats Akshat Suresh. Matteo then draws against Jolie Huang in the last round as they tie for 1st/2nd.



Also in the 4th round Jolie Huang (R) beats Kirin Reiter. Luke Wu, Akshat Suresh, and Sam Matini tie for 3rd and Andersen Liao won the U1000 prize scoring 3½-1½.



Camille Sibbitt (L) - Nathan Hennig Rnd 4 0-1

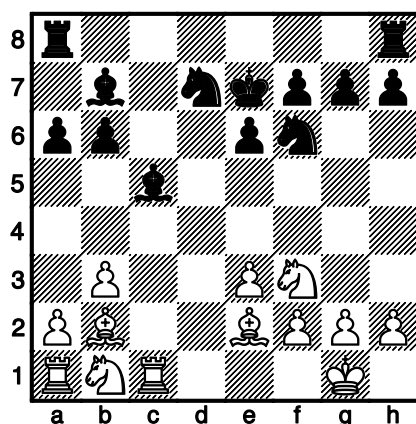


Zoe Zelner (L) - Leon Cheng Rnd 4 ½-½

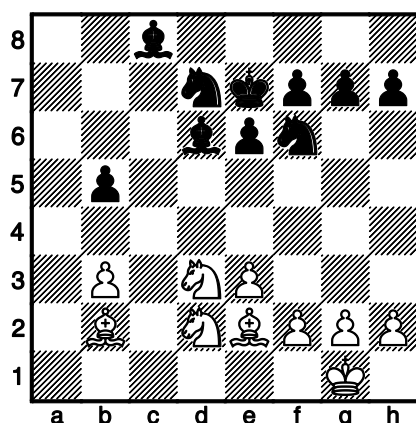
## Some Games from the 9th Summer Solstice Open

**IM Rivera, Yunier (2492)**  
**Andretta, Carlos (2214) [D27]**  
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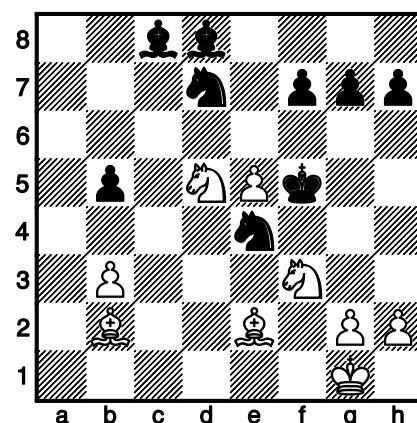
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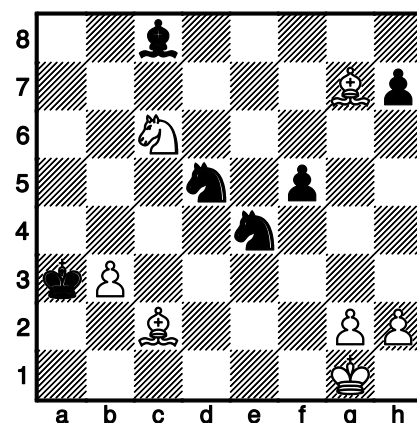
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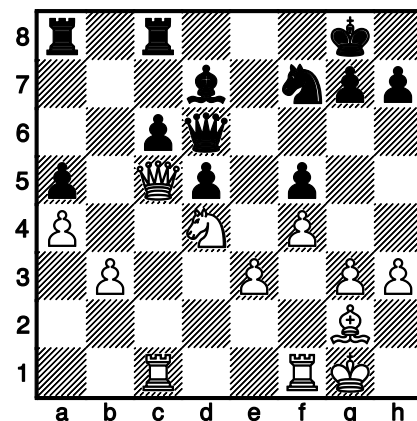


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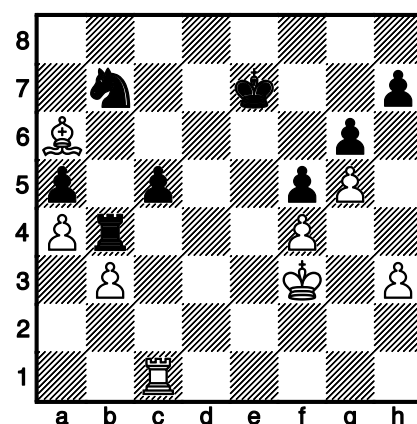
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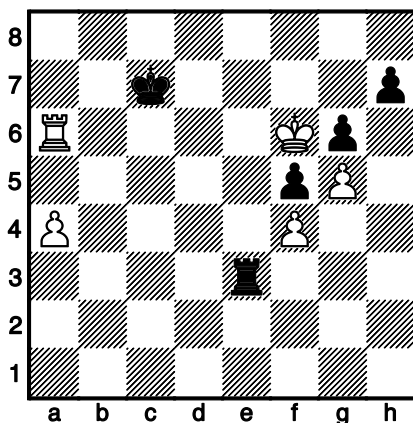
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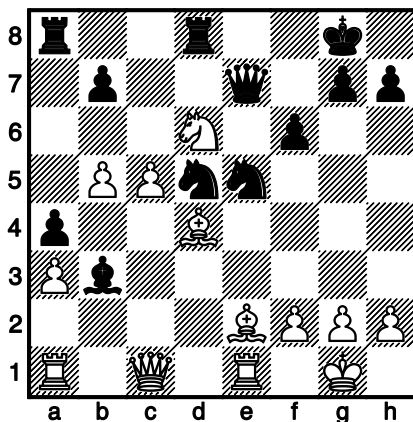


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73.g6 Kd7 74.Kf7 Rf1+ 75.Kg8 Rg1  
76.g7 Rh1 77.Re4 Rh2 78.Kf7 Rf2+  
79.Kg6 Rg2+ 80.Kf6 Kd8 81.Re5 Kd7  
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### Miellier, Yan (2268) [E46] Dembrow, Michael (1999)

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1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.e3 0-0  
5.Nge2 c5 6.a3 Bxc3+ 7.Nxc3 d5  
8.dxc5 Nc6 9.cxd5 exd5 10.Be2 Be6  
11.0-0 Qe7 12.b4 Rfd8 13.Nb5 a5  
14.Bd2 d4 15.Nd6 a4 16.b5 Bb3  
17.Qc1 dxe3 18.Bxe3 Ne5 19.Re1  
Nd5 20.Bd4 f6

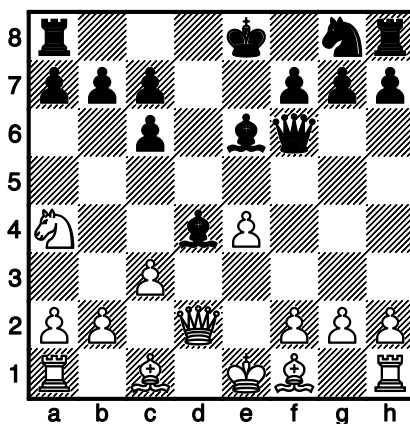


21.Bd1 Nd3 22.Rxe7 Nxc1 23.Rxb7  
Nd3 24.Bf3 N5f4 25.Re7 Ne6 26.Rxe6  
Bxe6 27.Bxa8 Rxa8 28.g3 Kf8  
29.Rd1 1-0

### Davidson Jesse (2129) Carballo, Esteban (2307) [C45]

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1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.d4 exd4 4.Nxd4  
Bc5 5.Nxc6 Qf6 6.Qd2 dxc6 7.Nc3  
Be6 8.Na4 Bd4 9.c3



9...0-0-0?

An "obvious" blunder, but Black's moves the rest of the game don't make sense either!

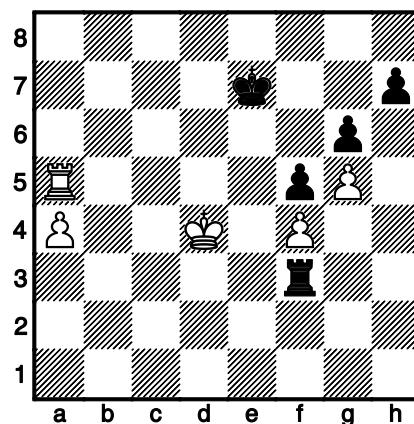
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Rd8 19.Qxg7 Rg8 20.Qh6 Qa5 21.Qf4  
c5 22.Qc7+ 1-0

### Andretta, Carlos (2214) Carballo, Esteban (2307) [A21]

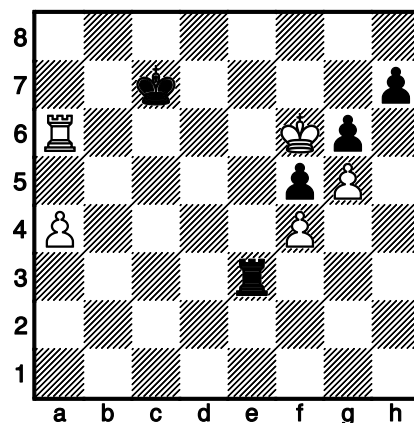
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9.dxe5 Nxe5 10.Nd5 Nxd5 11.cxd5 0-0  
12.0-0 Bd7 13.a4 Qe7 14.Bd2 Ng4  
15.h3 Nf6 16.Bc3 Ne4 17.Bd4 Bxd4  
18.Nxd4 c5 19.dxc6 bxc6 20.Qc2  
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g6 35.Be2 Nb7 36.R5c3 Nd8 37.g4  
Rab8 38.Rc5 Nb7 39.R5c3 c5  
40.Nb5+ Bxb5 41.Bxb5 Ke7 42.Kf3  
Rc8 43.Ke2 Rd8 44.g5 d4 45.exd4  
Re6+ 46.Re3 Rxd4 47.Ba6 Rde4

48.Rxe4 Rxe4+ 49.Kf3 Rb4 50.Bxb7  
Rxb3+ 51.Kf2 Rxb7 52.Rxc5 Rb2+  
53.Ke3 Rb3+ 54.Kd4 Rxh3 55.Rxa5  
Rf3



56.Ra7+ Kd6 57.Ra6+ Kc7 58.Ra7+  
Kd6 59.Ra6+ Kc7 60.Ke5 Re3+  
61.Kf6



61...Re4 62.Ra7+ Kd8 63.Rxh7 Rxf4  
64.Ra7 Rd4 65.Kxg6 f4 66.a5 Rd6+  
67.Kh5 f3 68.Rf7 Ra6 69.Rxf3 Rxa5  
70.Re3 Ra1 71.Kh6 Rh1+ 72.Kg7 Rg1  
73.g6 Kd7 74.Kf7 Rf1+ 75.Kg8 Rg1  
76.g7 Rh1 77.Re4 Rh2 78.Kf7 Rf2+  
79.Kg6 Rg2+ 80.Kf6 Kd8 81.Re5 Kd7  
1-0

Black resigns as 82.Rg5 would allow the pawn to promote. 1-0



# Games from the Orlando Sunshine Open

by Miguel Ararat



**XU, William (1720)**  
**Acor, Corey (2378) [A48]**  
 Orlando Sunshine Open (1),  
 08.06.2018  
 [Ararat,Miguel]

**1.d4 Nf6 2.Nf3 g6 3.Bf4 Bg7 4.e3 d6**

Kamsky as white is a good model to learn how to play this opening.

**5.Bc4**

This deployment of the light square bishop to c4 is not popular at high levels of chess, but some players use it to take black out of book and put the weight of the game in the middlegame. Praxis shows that it is very unlikely that a lower rated player can defeat a superior opponent with this opening.

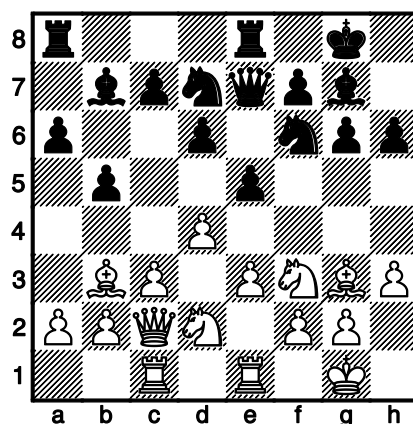
**5...0-0 6.0-0 Nbd7**

6...Nc6 Developing the knight to c6 with play against the active bishop on c4 and a quick c5 break is also an interesting plan for Black. 7.h3 Bd7 8.Nbd2 Na5 9.Be2 c5 10.Nb3 cxd4 11.exd4 Fagerstrom,B (2112) - Aagaard,J (2452), 2002]

**7.c3 a6 8.Re1 b5 9.Bb3 Bb7 10.Nbd2 h6 11.h3 Re8 12.Rc1 e5**

Black decide to leave the white bishop on the a2-h7 diagonal and play e5.

**13.Bg3 Qe7 14.Qc2**



The first critical moment of the game. Black can consolidate a space advantage and white has the last chance to play c4 and keep the balance.

**14...Kh7**

Black responds to the threat Qxg6 with a natural move, but e4 stops that threat and puts white under pressure with c5 (Bishop on c4 has no squares to go to.) [14...e4 15.Nh2 c5 16.dxc5 Nxc5 17.Red1 Nd3 18.Rb1]

**15.Bh4**

Xu misses the tread of the game and Acor cashes in. [15.c4 e4 16.c5 dxc5 (16...exf3 17.c6 Bxc6 18.Qxc6 fxg2 19.Qxc7) 17.dxc5 Nxc5 18.Qxc5 exf3=]

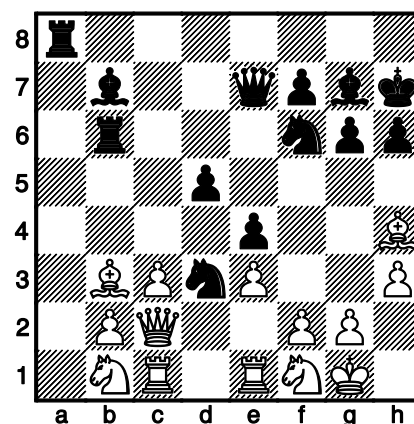
**15...e4 16.Nh2 d5**

Black wins space in the center and it is not clear how white will play against the black pawns on d5 and e4. [16...c5 17.Qd1 (17.dxc5 Nxc5 18.Rcd1 Qd7 Black is better thanks to the control of the d3 squares and the passivity of white pieces.)]

**17.a4 c5 18.dxc5 Nxc5 19.axb5 Nd3 20.bxa6 Rxa6 21.Nhf1 Rea8**

White's a4 break backfire and black dominates the a file and can pick up the exchange anytime.

**22.Nb1 Rb6**



A precise move by Acor.

[22...Qe6 23.Nfd2 Nxe1 24.Rxe1 Nd7; 22...Nxc1 23.Qxc1 Qe6 White has the advantage, but without the knight on d3, white's position seems more tenable than in the game.]

**23.Nfd2 Ra1**

[23...g5 24.Bg3 Nd7 with the idea of Nc5 is the engine recommendation, but in a position with such a dominant position weakening your king looks counter intuitive to the rule "Win without allowing any counter-play to your opponent", Acor's play seems to follow this rule to the letter.]

**24.Red1 Ba6 25.Na3 Rxc1 26.Rxc1 Nxc1 27.Qxc1 Qb7 28.Nc2**

The final tactical mistake that gives Acor an extra piece. Now black just need to convert his extra material.

**28...Rxb3 29.Nxb3 Qxb3 30.Nd4 Qc4 31.b3 Qd3 32.Kh2 Nh5 33.g4 Be5+ 34.Kg1 Ng7 35.Qe1 Bxd4 36.exd4 Qxh3 37.Bg3 Qxg4 38.c4 dxc4 39.bxc4 Bxc4 40.Qd2 Nf5 41.Kh2 e3 42.Qe1 Qh5+ 43.Kg1 Bd5 44.Kf1 e2+ 45.Qxe2 0-1**

**Stewart, Evan (2378)**  
**Acor, Corey (2004) [C60]**

Orlando Sunshine Open (3),  
 09.06.2018  
 [Ararat,Miguel]

**1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 Nge7**

The Cozio variation is an interesting option that avoids the

Spanish Exchange variation. Ivan Sokolov and Alexey Dreev are practitioners of this variation. Dreev wrote a book about the Cozio variation for Chess Stars in 2014.

Black's main idea in the Cozio is to play g6 and Bg7, but some players like Acor and Michael Goeller prefer to play the Cozio without the bishop on g7.

In recent times Aronian's games are a good source of ideas for Black, like after 4.c3 d5!? (Vachier Lagrave-Aronian, Levon, 2009)

**4.c3**

[4.0-0 Ng6 5.c3 a6 6.Bc4 Be7; 4.Nc3 g6 5.d4 exd4 6.Nd5 Bg7 7.Bg5 h6 8.Bf6 Bxf6 9.Nxf6+ Kf8 10.Qd2 d5 11.Bxc6 Nxc6 12.Nxd5 Bf5 13.Qf4 Bxe4 14.Nxc7 Qe7 15.Nxa8 Bd3+ 16.Ne5 Nxe5 17.0-0-0 Qc5 18.Rd2 Kg7 19.Re1 f6 20.Qg3 0-1 (20) Sutovsky,E (2647)-Howell,D (2685) Tallinn 2016]

**4...d6**

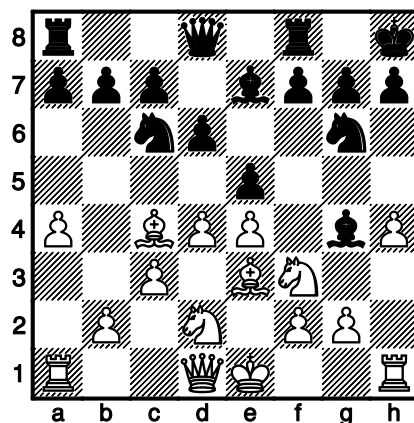
[4...g6 5.0-0 Bg7 (5...a6 6.Ba4 Bg7 7.h3 0-0 8.d4 b5 9.Bb3 exd4 10.cxd4 d6 11.Nc3 Na5 12.Bc2 c5 13.Re1 h6 14.Rb1 Nec6 15.d5 Nb4 16.a3 Nxc2 17.Qxc2 Re8 18.b4 Nc4 19.Nd2 Ne5 20.f4 Ng4 21.Nf3 cxb4 22.axb4 Qc7 23.Bd2 Qa7+ 24.Kh1 Nf2+ 25.Kh2 Nxh3 26.Be3 Qd7 up to this point the position is equal, Leko was unable to get anything out of the opening. Later white made some mistakes in this blitz game, but I want to highlight the opening part of this game as a model. 27.Qd2 Qg4 28.Rf1 Nxf4 29.Bxf4 Bxc3 30.Qe3 Bg7 31.Rbe1 Bf5 32.e5 Rac8 33.Rf2 Rc4 34.Bg3 Re4 35.Qd2 Rxe1 36.Qxe1 dxe5 37.Nxe5 Qh5+ 38.Kg1 Bg4 39.d6 Bxe5 0-1 (39) Leko,P (2752)-Aronian,L (2786) Moscow 2009) 6.d4 exd4 7.cxd4 a6 8.Ba4 d6] **5.d4 Bd7**

Here white has four additional continuations to retain the opening edge. White's choices involve the redeployment of his light square bishop.

**6.a4**

[6.Bc4 Na5 7.Be2 Ng6; 6.d5 Nb8 7.Bd3 Ng6; 6.Be2 exd4 7.cxd4 d5 8.e5; 6.0-0 Ng6 7.d5 Nb8 8.Bxd7+ Nxd7] **6...Ng6 7.Be3 Be7 8.Nbd2 0-0 9.Bc4 Kh8 10.h4 [10.d5 Nb8 11.0-0]**

**10...Bg4**



[10...f5 11.h5 Nf4 The position is equal.]

**11.h5**

[11.d5 Nb8 12.g3 This move denies the h4 square to the black knight on g6 and makes the h2-h4 idea more solid than in the game.]

**11...Nh4 12.h6**

Steward goes all in. Perhaps white can solidify his position a bit more before going for the black's king head.

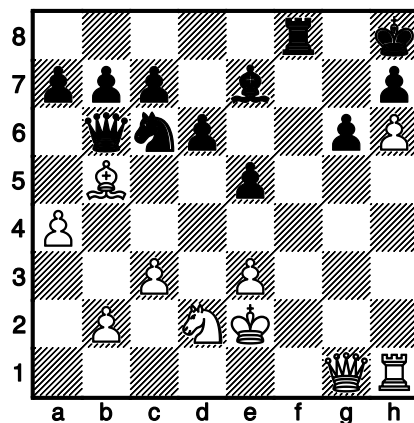
**12...Nxc2+ 13.Ke2 g6 14.Qg1 Nxe3 15.fxe3 f5 16.Rf1**

[16.d5 Qc8 17.dxc6 fxe4 18.Nxe4 Bxf3+ 19.Kd2 Bxe4]

**16...Qd7 17.exf5 Qxf5**

[17...Bxf5 18.Bd3 Bxd3+ 19.Kxd3 exd4 20.Nxd4 Ne5+ white's king is under fire after the capture on f5 with the bishop instead of the queen.]

**18.Bd3** Black is back into the game, his position worse but defensible. **18...Qe6 19.d5 Bxf3+ 20.Rxf3 Qxd5 21.Bc4 Qa5 22.Rxf8+ Rxf8 23.Bb5 Qb6**



**24.Qg2**

[24.b4 to answer 24...a6 with the following maneuver: 25.Nc4 Qa7 26.Bxc6 bxc6]

**24...a6 25.Rf1**

White forgot his bishop is under attack or saw a tactical illusion and blundered a piece in a worse but defensible position.

**25...axb5 26.Rxf8+ Bxf8 27.Qg5 Be7 28.Qg4 Kg8 29.Qe6+ Kf8 30.Ne4 d5 31.Qxd5 bxa4 0-1**

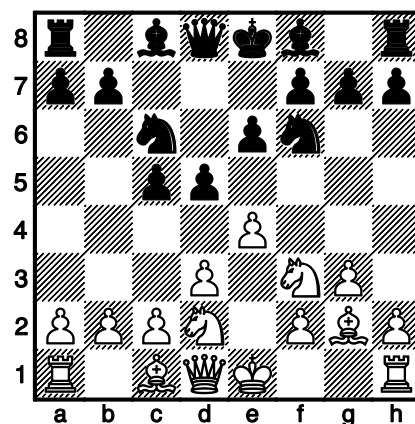
**Acor, Corey (2378)**

**Prasca, Rafael (2443) [A08]**

Orlando Sunshine Open (4), 10.06.2018

[Miguel Ararat]

**1.e4 e6 2.d3 d5 3.Nd2 Nf6 4.g3 c5 5.Bg2 Nc6 6.Ngf3**



**6...g6**

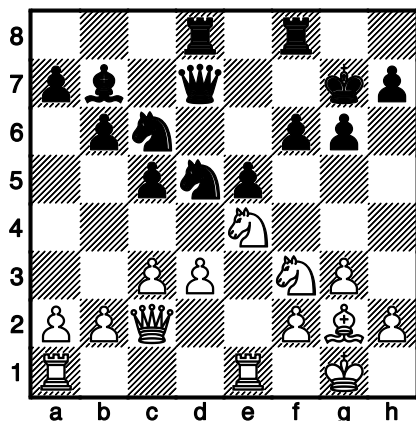
This King's Indian Attack position can be dangerous even to a French specialist like Uhlmann. [6...Be7 7.0-0 0-0 8.Re1 Rb8?! (8...Qc7!?) 9.e5 (9.a4 a6 10.e5 Nd7 11.Nf1 b5 12.axb5 axb5 13.h4± Simagin,V-Nikitin,A/ Kislovodsk/1966/) 9...Nd7 10.Nf1 b5 11.h4 Ba6 (11...b4 12.Bf4 a5 13.N1h2 Re8 14.g4± Kagan,S-Buch/ISR/1972/) 12.N1h2 b4 13.Bf4 Bb5 14.Bh3± c4?! (14...a5!?) 15.d4 Qb6 16.Be3 Rfc8 17.Ng5 Nf8 (17...h6 18.Nxe6+-) 18.f4 Nd8 19.f5 exf5 20.Bxf5 Nde6?! (20...Bd7!?) 21.Qf3 Nxg5 (21...Nxd4 22.Qf2+-) 22.hxg5 Rd8 23.Ng4 Ng6 (23...Bd7!?) 24.Kg2 Bd7 25.Bxd7 Rxd7 26.Rh1 Qe6 (26...Nf8!/? ^ Qg6/) 27.Rh5 Rb6 28.Rah1 Nf8 29.Nf6+ (29.Nh6+

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gxh6 30.Rxh6 Ng6 31.Rxh7 Bf8 32.Qf6! Qxf6 33.gxf6 Rd8 34.R7h5 Rdb8∞) 29...gxf6 30.gxf6 Bxf6 (30...Bd8 31.Bh6! Bxf6 32.exf6 Qxf6 33.Qg4+) 31.exf6 Qe4 (31...Qxf6 32.Qg4+ Kh8 (32...Ng6 33.Qxd7) 33.Rg5 Ng6 34.Qxd7) 32.Qxe4 dxe4 33.Rg5+ Ng6 34.Rc5 Rxf6 (34...c3 35.Rc8+-- ) 35.Rc8+ Nf8 (35...Kg7 36.Bh6#) 36.Rh4 (36.Bh6 Rxh6 37.Rxh6 Rxd4∞) 36...Kg7 37.Rxe4 Ra6 38.Rxc4 Rb7 (38...Rxa2 39.Rxb4+-- ) 39.d5 Rxa2 40.Rxb4 Rxb2?? 41.Bd4+ 1-0 (41) Botvinnik,M-Uhlmann,W Moscow (Russia) 1956 MCL [Chekhov,V]]

**7.0-0 Bg7** Black can develop this piece more actively to d6, like in the game Jasper-Akopian (2005) **8.exd5 Nxd5 9.Ne4 b6 10.Re1 0-0 11.Bg5 f6 12.Bd2 e5 13.Qc1 Bb7 14.Bh6 Qd7 15.Bxg7 Kxg7 16.c3 Rad8 17.Qc2**



**17...Rfe8**

[17...Nc7 Black may improve his play by moving the knight to c7 and the continue like in the game, reaching an endgame with an active king. 18.Rad1 Ba6 19.Bf1 f5 20.Ned2 Bxd3 21.Qxd3 Qxd3 22.Bxd3 Rxd3 23.Nxe5 Nxe5 24.Rxe5 Kf6] **18.Rad1 Nde7 19.a3 Ba6 20.Bf1 f5 21.Ned2 Ng8 22.Qa4 Qc8 23.Qc2 Nf6 24.Nb3 [24.b4 e4 25.dxe4 Bxf1 26.Nxf1] 24...Bb7 [24...e4 25.dxe4 Bxf1 26.Rxf1 (26.e5 Ng4 27.Rxf1 Nxe5) 26...fxe4 Black is better.] 25.Bg2 Re7 26.Re2 Rde8 27.Rde1 Qa8 28.Nbd2 Nd8 29.Nh4 Bxg2 30.Nxg2 Nf7 31.f4 Qb7 32.fxe5 Nxe5 33.d4 Nf7 34.Rxe7 Rxe7 35.Rxe7 Qxe7 36.Qd3 Ng4 ½-½**

**Reddy, Satik (1860)**

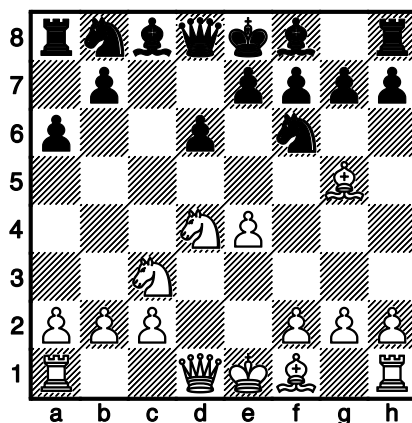
**Rivas, Carlos (1721) [B98]**

Orlando Sunshine Open (3),  
09.06.2018

[Ararat,Miguel]

**1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4**

Originally, this game was not the editor's choice, but I can not let pass the chance to annotate an open Sicilian ( a rare case in most amateur sections where the antisicilians dominate. Congrats to both players for the guts to play an open Sicilian. **4...Nf6 5.Nc3 a6 Najdorf 6.Bg5**

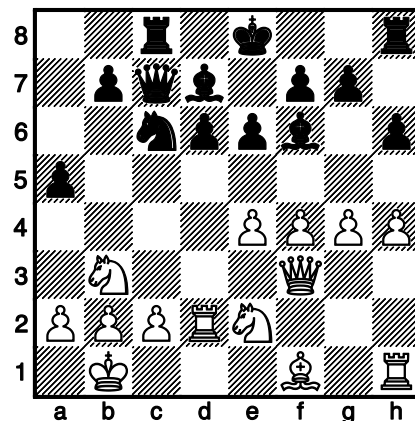


White plays sharps and we are going to witness a great battle. **6...e6 [6...Nbd7** is also a move to consider and the game Giri - Gelfand, Amsterdam 2010 a good model to follow (Gelfand is an expert on the black side of the Najdorf.) **7.f4 Be7 8.Qf3 h6 9.Bxf6 [9.Bh4** This move is the main continuation with a very complex middlegame. The reader can find many games from master praxis with 9.Bh4 and my favorite is Shabalov- Sadvakasov (2000), a tense fight with the ups and downs of a Najdorf, player with steel nerves wins. **9...g5** The Gothemburg variation! an idea conceived by the Argentinian chess team in Interzonal 1955. The curious reader can search online for more details on the fascinating birth and drama around the Gothemburg variation. **10.fxg5 Nfd7 11.Nxe6 fxe6 12.Qh5+ Kf8 13.Bb5 Rh7 14.0-0+ Kg8 15.g6 Rg7 16.Rf7 Bxh4 17.Qxh6 Qf6**

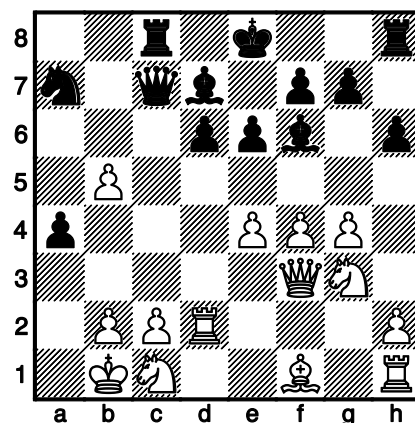
**18.Rxf6 Bxf6 19.e5 Bxe5 20.Bd3 Nc5 21.Rf1 Bd7 22.h4 Nc6 23.h5 Nxd3 24.cxd3 Rf8 25.Rxf8+ Kxf8 26.Ne4 Ne7 27.g4 Ke8 28.Nxd6+ Kf8 29.Ne4 Bc6 30.Qe3 Bxb2 31.Qf2+ 1-0 (31) Shabalov,A (2601)-Sadvakasov, D (2509) Los Angeles 2000]**

**9...Bxf6 10.0-0-0 Qb6 11.Nb3 Bd7 12.g4 Qc7 13.Ne2** so far both players play sensible moves and the position is dynamically balanced.

**13...Nc6 14.Kb1 Rc8 15.Rd2 a5 16.h4**



**[16.a4 b5 17.axb5 Na7 18.Ng3 a4 19.Nc1**



#### SIDE LINE POSITION

Compare white's position in this diagram (safer king) with the game continuation.]

**16...a4 17.Nbc1 Na5 18.c3?**

This move weakens white's king and black transforms his initiative into an advantage. The position is bad for white because his lack of counter play. In a Najdorf you can be winning by several points but if your opponent has

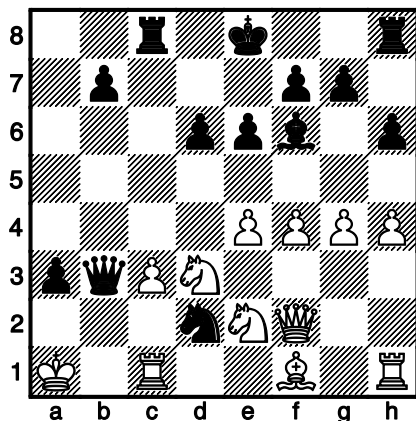


you under pressure the evaluation can go the other way with just a poor move. In this position Rivas can focus all his attention on white's king without any concerns for his own king in the middle. [18.Ng3 Nc4 19.Bxc4 Qxc4 20.a3=]

**18...Nc4 19.Rc2 Qb6 20.Ka1 a3**

From this point black's attack become unstoppable.

**21.Nd3 Ba4 22.b3 Bxb3 23.axb3 Qxb3 24.Rc1 Nd2 25.Qf2**



**25...Rxc3 26.Nd4 Rxc1+ 27.Nxc1 Qb1# 0-1**

**Lemay, Paul (1584)**

**Wohl, Samuel (1562) [D00]**

Orlando Sunshine U-1600 (4),

10.06.2018

[Ararat,Miguel]

**1.d4 d5 2.e3 Nf6 3.Bd3 c5 4.c3 e6 5.f4 Nc6 6.Nd2**

The opening takes an original path and looks like white wants to attack the black king with Nf3-Nf5-0-0 and Rf1-f3. This may explain why black keeps his king in the center for a long time in this game.

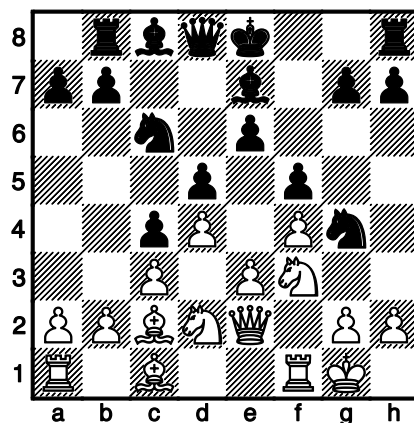
**6...c4**

[6...Bd6 7.Ngf3 cxd4 8.Nxd4]

**7.Bc2 Be7 8.Ngf3**

Play in the center will give white a slight edge, but for some reason white want to keep the position closed. [8.e4 dxe4 9.Nxe4 Nxe4 10.Bxe4]

**8...Rb8 9.0-0 Ng4 10.Qe2 f5**



The logical follow up to Ng4. After f5 the pawn structure seems to give white a more wide range of choices including play in the center and on both flanks.

**11.h3**

11.b3 A more dynamic approach to this position is to try to exploit the black king in the center.

The following variation is not forced, but illustrates how dangerous it is to keep your king in the middle even when the position looks close. 11...b5 12.h3 Nf6 13.Ne5 Qc7 14.a4 bxa4 15.bxc4 dxc4 16.Bxa4

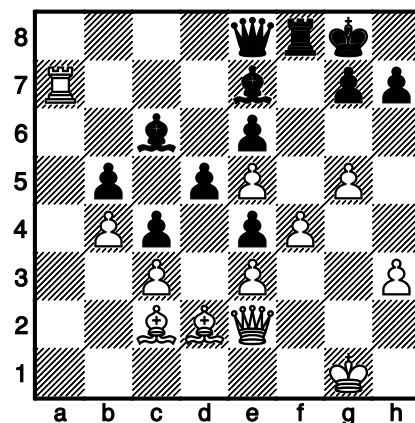
**11...Nf6 12.g4 0-0 13.Ne5 Qe8 14.g5 Ne4 15.Nxe4 fxe4 16.Bd2 a6**

Here is a critical point in the game. White starts active operations on the kingside but did not follow up with the natural Qg4 or h4 moves. This lack of a clear plan will last the remaining part of the game, but the lack of a plan surrenders the initiative to black.

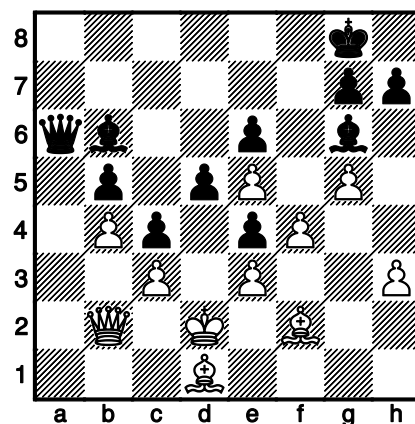
**17.b4 b5**

After seventeen moves all columns remain closed and the game remains equal. Who is going to open a file and take advantage of it?

**18.a4 Nxe5 19.dxe5 Bd7 20.axb5 axb5 21.Ra7 Ra8 22.Rfa1 Rxa7 23.Rxa7 Bc6**



The game is equal, but white can combine play on the open a-file and against the weak black pawn on e6 to reduce black's options. **24.Qg4 Bd8 25.Ra6 Qd7 26.Be1 Rf5 27.Bh4 Qb7 28.Ra1 Bb6 29.Bf2 Bd7 30.Bd1 Rf8 31.Qe2 Ra8 32.Qb2 Ra6 33.Kf1 Qa7** Black jumps at the opportunity to control the a-file after white did not follow up with a constructive plan. It is interesting to point out that black realized that play on the a-file and against the white weak pawn on e3 is the way to go. **34.Rxa6** White has to capture because the attack against the e3 pawn. **34...Qxa6 35.Ke2 Be8 36.Kd2 Bg6**



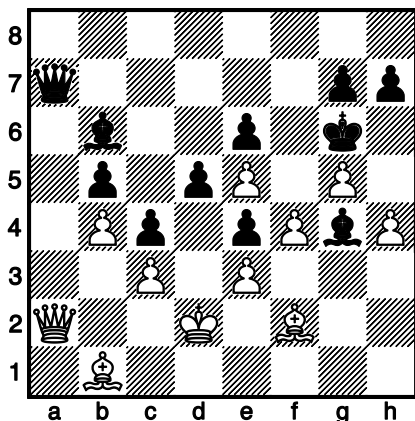
**37.Kc2 [37.Bg4** The position is equal, but white needs to keep the pressure on the black pawn on e6. White voluntarily assumes the role of passive defender and the game becomes more and more difficult to play.]

(Ararat continues on page 16)

(Ararat games continued from page 15)

37...Qa7 38.Kd2 Bf5 39.h4 Kf7  
40.Bc2 Bg4 41.Bb1

Trading-Off-Pieces... a defensive method does not work here because black put pressure on white's weak e3 pawn. 41.Bd1 Bxd1 42.Kxd1 Bxe3 41...Kg6 42.Qa2



White wants to alleviate his defensive task with a queen trade, but this strategy is wrong because white's remaining pieces are passive.

Elizabeth Paetz ChessBase DVD How to Exchange Pieces can help the reader to understand in what situations to look for or avoid trading off queens. 42...Qxa2+ 43.Bxa2 Kf5 44.Bb1 Bf3 45.Ke1 Kg4 46.Kf1 Bc7 47.Ba2 Bb6 48.Bb1 Kh3 49.Kg1 Be2 50.Bc2 h6 51.Kh1 Kg4 52.Kg2 h5 53.Kh2 Kf3 54.Bg1 g6 55.Bb1 Bd3 56.Ba2 Bd8 57.Kh3 Ke2 58.f5 exf5 59.e6 Be7 60.Bh2 Kxe3 61.Bg1+ Kd2 62.Bc5 Bd8 63.Bd4 e3 64.Bf6 e2 65.Bxd8 e1Q

Going over this game with a chess engine may determine that the position was equal most of the time, but a closer analysis reveals that both players have the chance to use a plan based on weak pawns on e3 and e6

and the open-file (mirror image); but only one was able to come up with the right plan.

A very instructive game on pawn weaknesses and the initiative as well as the possibilities to analyze a game based on planning and weakness instead of a mass of computer generated variations.

Engines are great tools, but our head must be doing something too!

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## 2018 Queen's Cup – All Women & Girls Tournament

by Kevin Pryor, President JAXCC

The Jacksonville Chess Club started this event in 2016 with nine girls attending. It was a Swiss G/45 format for 4 rounds in a single section. The overall prize money was \$300. All were from either Jacksonville or Gainesville. The event promised a few extras beyond just playing chess; for instance, the players were promised lunch, an event shirt and a chance for connection in an all-female playing field. The girls really liked the playing and also the group lunch where they had a chance to get to know the other players. **Gainesville's Hanna Ciupe was the overall winner.**

The next year, we had hoped after a year of word of mouth promotion, we see a doubling of participants; however, fourteen players arrived for the now two-section tournament with an under section. We also promoted the event with our new tagline promising to "Treat every player like a Queen" via our built-in player amenities. We upped the ante with a new venue, Tapestry Park Hotel, photo booth props, and nail polish station. Our new colorful event shirt was also a hit with the players and parents. Champion section winner was **Kira Caza of Gainesville (GNV)** who claimed the Queen's Cup trophy and her share of the \$400 prize fund.

This year in May, our event's visibility was boosted by Jacksonville Chess Club's presence at the K-12 Nationals in Orlando at the end of 2017. Club President, Kevin Pryor, become Florida's representative for US Chess Women's Committee and agreed to run the Girl's Room at that multi-day event. This helped us attain national recognition and promote our event to hundreds of girls and moms. As a result, we had fifty-two players with eight in our Chess Moms – Unrated section. All received an event shirt, catered lunch and had access to a face painter to add a party atmosphere. We joked our new tagline should be "I went to a chess tournament and a party broke out!"

The tournament results were:

**Champions section** (11 players): **1st Jolie Huang (GNV) 4.0/4.0 rated 1052 USCF, 2nd Laura Price (JAX) 3.5/4.0 rated 599 and Saayal kaushikkar (ORL) 3.0/4.0**

**Princess section U700 scholastic** (33 players): **1st Anya Madsen (GNV) 4.0/4.0 rated 586, 2nd Shereen Elkotaney (GNV) 4.0/4.0 rated 424 & Jasmine Elkotaney 3.5/4.0 rated 400.**

**Chess Moms-Unrated section** (8 players): **Rajashree Rajenran (JAX) 3.5/4.0, Vinatha Chinthalapani (JAX) 3.0/4.0 & Monica McMillian (GNV) 3.0/4.0**

We look forward to next year and hope we "double up" this year's number. In Northeast Florida, we will continue to affirm our commitment to be on the forefront of the Women/Girls movement in chess. We promise to always "Treat every player like a Queen." See you next year. Look for us at the National K-12. US Chess wants us to run it again this year. We're game!

## Queen's Club Photo Gallery



Overall Champion  
Jolie Huang (GNV)



U700 winner  
Anya Madsen (GNV)



Chess Moms section and winner Rajendran (JAX)



The Queen's Cup started in 2016



The Queen's Cup increased in size in 2017



Kevin Pryor (L), and his TD  
(Tournament Dads) staff.



Queen's Cup 3 had fifty-two players after JAXCC hosted the Girls Room for USCF K-12 Nationals. Got national promotion and girls came from as far away as South Carolina.



## 2018 FCA Voting Procedures

There are 7 positions to be filled by this election:

**President, Regional VP NW, Regional VP C, Regional VP S and all 3 At-Large**

We have 9 Candidates for these positions (with their Region):

<b>William Bowman (S) *</b>	<b>Miguel Ararat (W) *</b>	<b>Sam Sokhanvari (W) *</b>
<b>Michael Hoffer (W) *</b>	<b>Daa'im Shabazz (NW) *</b>	<b>Scott Cavan (NE)</b>
<b>Jon Haskel (S) *</b>	<b>Paul Leggett (C) *</b>	<b>Harvey Lerman (C) *</b>

**\*Incumbent**

The instructions for this election are:

**Eligible FCA members may use one (and only one) of the following three methods to vote in this year's FCA board election.**

### **A. Vote by "Election Buddy"**

Voting members with an email address on file will receive an email containing a link to a web-based ballot.

1. Simply select your choices and click "Vote!". You are done!

### **B. VOTING BY MAIL**

1. You must use the special numbered ballot that was inserted in the magazine, or provided elsewhere.
2. Circle up to 7 names in total.
3. Place the original completed ballot in an envelope, seal it, and sign your name on the seal [followed by your DOB, if a Scholastic member].
4. Stamp and address the envelope to: **Mr. Alan Wagner, FCA Election Master**  
**601 Bayshore Boulevard, Suite 910**  
**Tampa, Florida 33606**
5. It is due at the Election Master's office by August 24th

### **C. VOTING BY E-MAIL**

- 1a. Either scan the whole completed ballot (see above) and attach to an e-mail along with your name, or
- 1b. Copy Voting# from the ballot, indicate the names you would have circled, and your name into an e-mail.
2. Send the e-mail from your regular e-mail address to **fcaelections@wagnerlaw.com**  
(also include your Date-of-Birth if a Scholastic FCA Member).
3. By voting from your e-mail address you are attesting to the fact that you are the person voting, are at least 16 years of age, and a voting member of the FCA.
4. It is due at the Election Master's e-mail In-Box (See step B.2 above) by **August 24th**

**Notes: Following the above Instructions for "A", "B" or "C", (but can only vote once):**

**There can be no more than 7 circled/entered candidates.**

**Write-ins of other candidate names not on the ballot are not accepted.**

**The election winners shall be the Top Vote-getters.**

**Ties for the last slots would be decided randomly by the Election Master.**

**There are 7 slots to be filled: 1st the President slot going to an incumbent (if possible), then the next 6 top vote getters as decided by the current board, except that per our By-laws no region can have more than 4 people on the Board.**

**Voter must be verified as an eligible voter and age 16 or over.**

**Each ballot has a unique voter code number associated with it, which is known only by the Election Master.**

**If you think your ballot was lost or otherwise unusable, contact the Election Master at [AlanWagner@wagnerlaw.com](mailto:AlanWagner@wagnerlaw.com)**

## Meet the Candidates[Region]

**William Bowman[S]:** I have had the opportunity to serve on the FCA Board as President for the last 2 years. I believe it is an exciting time to be playing chess in Florida. Having talked on numerous occasions with chess organizers throughout the state, I see many great things being planned and lots of enthusiasm to bring more events to the state. I hope to continue to serve you so we can make these dreams a reality. Thanks for all the support.

**Miguel Ararat[NW]:** I am a scientist with a master in science and pharmacy from the University of Florida. My scientific contributions in neuroscience and cancer research are available online and some of my publications crossed the 670 citations mark; am a chess enthusiast and a professional chess and volleyball coach; served as vice president of the North West region of Florida; promoted chess at the scholastic and adult level alike by organizing chess tournaments, supporting local chess clubs and schools; became a FIDE Instructor and a National Chess coach level IV (USCF); am chess teacher at the William Elementary and Lincoln Middle schools in Gainesville; write book and DVD reviews for the FCA magazine. I believe that as part of the FCA board I can make a long lasting impact in our chess community.

**Daaim Shabazz[NW]:** I have been actively involved with chess in various capacities from the time I was a junior champion until my latest role as a chess journalist. Thirteen years ago, I launched "The Chess Drum," which has become one of the world's most visibly active chess sites. I have attempted to show the universality of chess by my international coverage. While my primary skills have been chess journalism and public relations, I have also remained as an active player with a 2100 rating and am a member of the Tallahassee Chess Club. I believe that chess in North Florida is woefully lacking in this state. There may be opportunities to expand the interest in the Florida Panhandle if we had more collaborations. Perhaps a better networking system can be implemented.

**Jon Haskel[S]:** Currently on the Board of the FCA and served as Secretary and as President of the Board. Currently serving on seven committees of the US Chess Federation and have served as a USCF delegate. I am a National Tournament Director, FIDE International Arbiter, FIDE International Organizer, and Director of the Boca Raton Chess Club. I have directed numerous Local, State, National and International events. When not busy running tournaments I play when possible. As a member of the Board I attempt to do what is in the best interest of the chess players of Florida.

**Sam Sokhanvari[W]:** I love to play chess. I am a school teacher and teach mostly science but also history. At my second job I am an adjunct professor at Edison State College. I also run the chess club at the school. I would like to make chess a more popular game; I believe it helps children and adults with concentration and a healthy outlet.

**Mike Hoffer[W]:** Coached several State and National Champions as well as a group of ADHD novice students that finished 3rd in Nationals; founder and president of Yes2Chess.com and Hoffer's Chess Academy; won the 1989 TCC North American Championship; have an undefeated correspondence record with 61 wins & 9 draws; journalistic credits include: New In Chess Yearbook, The Chess Connection (Chief columnist & games editor), Chess International, The Chess Correspondent, Florida Chess News. Chess Life's Alex Dunne proclaimed Hoffer as one of the top two analysts/chess journalists in America; Received critical acclaim for my interview with former World Champion Boris Spassky.

**Paul Leggett[C]:** I have served in various capacities for the FCA for several years, and am willing to continue. I currently have ongoing projects in motion, including working with clubs in Lake County (including the Villages), and also with officials in the Lake County Library system. I will continue to do so regardless of the election outcome, but the official capacity does make some of the work a little easier!

**Harvey Lerman[C]:** I am the Editor of floridaCHESS since 1996 and broke the news on "Space Chess". Have been on the FCA Board continuously since 1996, serving as Vice President until 2009 when on the death of the President I assumed the post of President and for an additional 2 terms. Previous to all that, in 1957 I was a high Class A chess player and a founder of several chess clubs. I later organized large scholastic and adult tournaments and now am a USCF National Tournament Director and a FIDE National Arbiter. I have led the push to have events in other areas of the state, by holding the 2011 State Championship in Naples Beach. I judge others and myself on three principles: Competence, Fairness, and Honesty.

**Scott Cavan[NE]:** I am a recently retired consumer banker who majored in Finance with a minor in Accounting at FSU. Currently a board member for the Jacksonville Chess Club (JAXCC) from reincorporation in 2017 serving as its Treasurer. I filed for and obtaining 501(c)3 status; do JCCs bookkeeping using Quick Books; and all other Treasurer duties. If elected, my goal is to take the skills I learned in the business world and serving as a JAXCC board member to assist the Florida Chess Association with obtaining its goals. I started playing rated chess games during 1998. Peak regular chess rating was 1634. Some OTB accomplishments include 2016 Jacksonville Quick champion U1550; 2017 U.S. Amateur Team Champion U1300; 2017 Merry Blitzmas champion U1500; 2000 John Lauf Memorial Reserve section champion (tiebreaks); and 1999 Atlanta Championship U1400 co-champion.

Note: Though there may have been some editing for space, the candidate's statements are their own and do not necessarily reflect any official position of the FCA on its accuracy.

**Pro Chess League - Atlantic 2017 -- "Miami Champions"**  
by Bryan Tillis

*Below are the remaining two games annotated by Bryan Tillis from the 2017-18 pro Chess League.*

**Perez, Maximiliano (2399)**  
**Gonzalez, Renier (2451) [B01]**  
PRO League Group Stage chess.com  
INT (6), 14.02.2018

**1.e4 d5 2.exd5 Qxd5 3.Nc3 Qa5 4.d4 c6 5.Bc4 Bf5 6.Nf3 e6 7.Bd2 Nd7 8.Nd5 Qd8 9.Ne3 Bg6 10.Qe2 Be7 11.h4 h6 [N]**

11...Ngf6 follows Sanli-Borer, 1998, 0-1

**12.0-0-0 Ngf6 13.Ne5 Nxe5**

13...Bh7 14.g4 leads to very easy attacking play for white.

**14.dxe5 Nd5 15.Nxd5 cxd5**

15...exd5 16.h5 Bh7 17.Bd3 Bxd3 18.Qxd3 0-0 19.g4 doesn't seem fun for black.

**16.Bb5+ Kf8**

This position looks horrible for black, but it does have the plus that it is solid.

**17.h5 Bh7 18.Rh3 Rc8 19.Bd3 Bxd3 20.Qxd3 Qc7 21.f4 Qc4 22.Qxc4 Rxc4 23.b3 Rc6 24.Kb2**

[24.f5 exf5 25.Kb2 g6 26.hxg6 Rxg6 27.Bc3 h5 28.Rxd5 Rxg2 29.Rd7=]

**24...f5!**

Now black has a clear plan to get his motionless h8 Rook into play and hold the g7 weakness with an eventual Bf8.

**25.g4 fxe5 26.Rg3 Kf7 27.Rxg4 Rxc8 28.c3 b5 29.Rdg1 Bf8 30.Rc1 a5 31.Rg6 b4 32.cxb4 Rxc1 33.Bxc1 Bxb4 34.Rg3 d4 35.Rd3 g6**

Creating the second weakness.

**36.f5 exf5 37.hxg6+ Kxg6 38.Rg3+ Kf7 39.Bxh6 Ke6 40.Bf4 Kd5 41.Rf3 Ke4 42.Rf1 d3 43.a3 Bc3+ 44.Kb1 Rb8 45.b4 axb4 46.e6 Re8 47.axb4 Ra8 0-1**

**Villanueva, Mario (2466) [C02]**  
**Rosenthal, Nicholas (2169)**

PRO League Group Stage chess.com  
INT (6), 14.02.2018

**1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 c5 4.c3 Nc6 5.Nf3 Qb6 6.Na3?**

A rare sideline that has little merit outside of development of a piece to receive a worse position with white.

**6...cxd4 7.cxd4 Bd7 8.Nc2 Rc8 9.Be2 Nb4 10.Nxb4**

Scores only 13% for white in the database.

10.Ne3 scores a dismal 20% for white.

**10...Bxb4+ 11.Kf1 [N]**

[11.Bd2 Ne7 12.0-0 Nf5 13.Bxb4 Qxb4 Konstantinos-Vazelakis, 2007, 1/2-1/2]

**11...Bb5 12.h4 Ne7 13.g3 Nf5 14.Bxb5+ Qxb5+ 15.Kg2 0-0**

15...h5 seems like a must move in my mind to secure the knight.

**16.Qb3 Qc4 17.Rd1 a5**

17...h5 again secures a stable edge for black and stifles counterplay for white.

**18.g4 Qxb3 19.axb3 Ne7 20.Bd2 Bxd2 21.Rxd2 Nc6 22.Rc2 Rfd8 23.h5 h6 24.Kg3 Kf8 25.Rac1 Ke7 26.Kf4 Kd7 27.Ke3 Ra8 28.Ne1**

The engine says white has made it back to equality.

**28...Rdc8 29.Nd3 b6 30.Rc3 Nb4 31.Nxb4 axb4 32.Rxc8 Rxc8 33.Ra1=**

One of the great benefits of being board 4, the opponent's always feel the need to press.

**33...Rc2 34.Ra7+ Ke8 35.Ra4 Kd7 36.Ra7+ Ke8 37.Ra8+ Ke7**

Objectively white should take a draw, now for the implosion.

**38.Ra2 Kd7 39.f3 Rc7 40.Kf4 Rc2 41.Ra7+ Rc7 42.Ra6 Rc6 43.g5 Kd8 44.Ra4 Rc2 45.Rxb4 Kc7 46.Ra4 Kb7 47.gxh6 gxh6 48.Ra1 Rh2 49.Kg3? [t**

The engine screams this is the move where black takes the win.

[49.Rg1 Rxh5 50.Rg8 Rf5+ 51.Kg4 h5+ 52.Kg3 Ka6 53.f4 Kb5 54.Rg5 Rxg5+ 55.fxe5 Kb4 56.Kh4 Kxb3 57.Kxh5 Kc4 58.Kh6 Kxd4 59.Kg7 Kxe5 60.Kxf7 d4 61.g6 d3 62.g7 d2 63.g8Q d1Q=]

**49...Rxb2 50.Rh1 Rxb3**

Now, black's outside passed b-pawn is running to the finish line whereas white's passers aren't passers at all.

**51.Rh4 Rc3 52.Rf4 Rc7 53.Rf6 b5 54.Rxh6 b4 55.Rh8 b3 56.h6 b2 57.h7 b1Q 58.Rb8+ Kxb8 59.h8Q+ Kb7 60.Qe8 Qg1+ 61.Kh3 Qxd4**

Excellent game by Nicky, all throughout the entire Pro League he performed well above his rating and was a great board four.  
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**Tillis, Bryan (2206) [A30]**  
**Grabinsky, Aaron (2358)**

PRO League Group Stage Chess.com  
(4), 07.02.2018

*Numbers reflect the seconds used per move in the 15/2 game.*

**1.Nf3 {1} Nf6 {4} 2.c4 {2} c5 {1} 3.Nc3 {3} b6 {1} 4.g3 {1} Bb7 {1} 5.Bg2 {0} e6 {1} 6.O-O {2} Be7 {0} 7.b3 {2}**

7.d4 is more of the typical move but I had another plan in mind. 7...cxd4 8.Qxd4 d6 9.Rd1 a6 10.b3 Nbd7 11.e4 Qc7 12.Ba3 Nc5 13.e5 dxe5 14.Qxe5 Rc8 15.Qxc7 Rxc7 16.Bc1, where white has been scoring well

**7...O-O {1} 8.Bb2 {2} d6 {1}**

As soon as d6 is played, it is a signal that black just wants to rush to a Hedgehog structure; much better is to play the more challenging d5]



9.e3 {1} Nbd7 {3} 10.Qe2 {2} Re8 {1}  
 11.Rad1 {10} a6 {1} 12.d3 {10} Qc7  
 {2} 13.Ne1 {2} Rad8 {5} 14.f4 {7} d5  
 {11} 15.g4 {18}

After getting in passive positions and losing the previous three games, I felt the need to go for blood!

15...dxc4 {39} 16.bxc4 {6} Bxg2 {5}  
 17.Nxg2 {2} h6 {40} 18.Qf3 {51} Bf8  
 {40} 19.g5 {24} hxc5 {2} 20.fxc5  
 {37} Ne5 {3} 21.Qe2 {12} Nh7 {13}  
 22.Ne4 {19} b5 {46} 23.Nf4 {153}  
 bxc4 {16} 24.dxc4 {2} Rxd1 {2}  
 25.Rxd1 {4} Qb7 {43} 26.Qg2 {21}  
 Nf3+ {15} 27.Qxf3 {56} Qxb2 {3}  
 28.Nh5 {69}

28.g6 is winning according to the engine. 28...fxg6 29.Nxg6 Nf6 30.Rf1 Kh7 31.Kh1 Kxg6 32.Nxf6 gxf6 33.Rg1+ Kf7 34.Qh5+ Ke7 35.Qxc5+ Kf7 36.Qh5+ Ke7 37.Qh7+ Kd6 38.Rd1+ Kc5 39.Qc7+ Kb4 40.Qb6+ Kc3 41.Qd4+ Kc2 42.Qd3#

28...Qe5 {29} 29.Kh1 {79}  
 (29.Rf1 Nxg5 30.Nhf6+ gxf6  
 31.Nxf6+ Kg7 32.Nxe8+ Kg8 33.Nf6+ Kg7 34.Nh5+) 29... Qf5 {36} 30.Qg2 {21} Rb8 {25}

30...e5 31.Rf1 Qe6 achieves equality.

31.Rf1 {14} Qe5 {49} 32.Qf3 {13} Kh8 {49} 33.g6 {46} fxg6 {98} 34.Nf4 {2} Qf5 {10} 35.Ng3 {34} Ng5 \$2 {40}

Better 35...Qf7 36.Qg4 Kg8 37.Nxg6 Nf6 38.Qg5 Ne4 39.Rxf7 Nxg5 40.Rd7 and very close to level. 36.Qg2 {59} Qf7 {72} 37.Ne4 {31} Nxe4 {21} 38.Nxg6+ {12} Kg8 {32} 39.Rxf7  
 1-0



## Gilbert Cantrell 1933-2018

by Mark Ryan



Gil as we knew him has left Earth for a better place in Jan 2018 at the age of 84. Gil retired from Honeywell after working there for 24 years. For many many years he was the main Chess Book Concession seller at the tournaments.

I have known Gil since about 1975. He started doing Chess book sales at tournaments back then. Gil was always good to deal with as he had a large selection of Chess books and was willing to bargain if needed. His wife Flo was always with him at the book concession until she died in 2003. She and Gil were always friendly to me. I have to tell this story about Gil.

A friend of mine drove me over to St. Pete back around 1980 and dropped me off at the St Pete Chess club while he went to the dog tracks. Hours later the Club closed and I was waiting outside to catch my ride back to St. Cloud. Later it came apparent that my ride was not coming to pick me up. There were no cell phones back then so I was stuck in St. Pete. I started to panic until I remembered that Gil Cantrell lived near St. Pete. I got on a pay phone and called Gil. He quickly came over and picked me up and had me stay at his house that night. The next morning he took me to the Greyhound station for my ride back to St. Cloud. I never forgot that kind gesture. Gil we will miss you and we enjoyed your company while you were alive. Thanks for the memories!

## IM MICHAEL J. VALVO PASSES

researched by Mark Ryan

*I met him once at a Computer Tournament in Orlando*

International Chess Master Michael J. Valvo of Chanhassen, Minnesota passed away on September 18, 2004 at age 62.

IM Valvo was also a frequent arbiter of computer chess events. He was the arbiter of the 1996 ACM Chess Challenge match between Garry Kasparov and IBM's Deep Blue computer. Valvo brought unique experience to this event, having served as commentator for a number of the ACM Computer Chess Tournaments in the 1980's and 1990's.

Valvo was also one of the chess commentators for the IBM Deep Blue match held in Manhattan May 1997.

Valvo co-authored the book on the legendary 1990 Karpov-Kasparov match and was the technical editor of the book, Bobby Fischer Teaches Chess. Valvo was also an expert blindfold chess player and in the early years of computer chess was known for taking on the entire field blindfolded. Within the chess arena, he is probably best known for his 2-0 record in postal chess style matches against Deep Blue's predecessor, Deep Thought.

Valvo was also a longtime member of the United States Chess Federation. He achieved an over-the-board rating over 2400 and correspondence chess rating 2367.

Michael is survived by his significant other, Lila Raymond; brother Phillip; sisters, Marie and Rosalie Valvo. Memorial service was held at the Eckankar Temple in Chanhassen. Michael was cremated.

Whether you knew Michael through his National accomplishments or through his International achievements the chess world has lost a well-respected, well-accomplished chess master.

*I had asked Mark Ryan to do some research on Mike Valvo as he was the son of Frank Valvo, a man I met at the Syracuse Chess Club when I lived there in 1959. See the game on page 24. ~Ed.*

## — Reviews by Miguel Ararat —



Chess players want to improve their chess skills or stay at a competitive level. Some players work really hard on their openings, others prefer to hone their tactical skills (including calculation) and players in a plateau want help on the process of chess improvement as a whole. In this review and the next, I will present to the readers a series

of books and DVD's that can help you first, to improve your opening play, especially how to play the **Caro Kann** defense, and **The Schliemann Defense to the Ruy Lopez** (for review in the next issue.) Second, learn from the chess legacy of one of the best female tacticians ever, Judith Polgar and hone your **calculation skills** with a DVD on Calculation by Robert Ris. Finally, we have Erik Kislik's book on chess improvement "**Applying Logic to Chess**" a very user friendly tool in this important aspect of chess.

**The Caro Kann** is one the most popular and reliable chess openings, and players inclined to solid play use it. If you are taking on the Caro Kann for the first time the best resource available is the book **First Step: Caro Kann Defense** by Andrew Martin. The author explains in detail the basic ideas behind the Caro Kann including the dangers the second player can run into if he/she allows white to use any of his triumphs in the Caro Kann, named: their advantage in space, easy development and chances to set up a strong attack against the black king. Martin uses eighty-seven well annotated games to help players to play the Caro Kann with confidence and according to the latest opening developments (especially in the advance variation, game 46 Kravtsov – Cheparinov, Turkey 2017).

After Martin's introductory book on the Caro Kann the next steps are two efforts by Moldovan GM Victor Bologan, **Caro Kann: A Modern Repertoire for Black and Fighting the Caro Kann**. A player looking to build a repertoire against 1e4 around the Caro Kann defense can look at Bologan's **Caro Kann: A Modern Repertoire for Black**. Bologan's experience on both sides of the Caro-Kann makes this repertoire book a rich source of new ideas and analysis to amateur players. The main values of Bologan's **Caro Kann: A Modern Repertoire for Black** are the clear way the material is presented and the forty exercises at the end of the book to test your understanding of typical Caro Kann positions. As you go over the games the author explains the development of each variation with model

games (from the 70's -80's) and moves forward to more recent examples as the variation approaches a critical point. I like the personal notes that the author adds in the book and the coherence of his writing. In the introduction Bologan explains how he started playing the Caro Kann, and he continues to tell this story as the book progresses, making the narrative less dry, and personal, closing the story on chapter 36 with 4.Ne2 in the advance variation the author recalls this game as his first win on the Black side the Caro Kann. Bologan's DVD on the advance variation of Caro Kann will be reviewed next issue.

Let's now take a look at the **ChessBase DVD Calculation Training** by Robert Ris and the book **Strike like Judith** by Charles Hertan. Both authors have a knack to explain their materials and enrich the content with their long experience in their area of expertise (computers in chess and coaching respectively). I feel Hertan's work is useful to everyone and connects best with players inclined to tactical, sharp, forcing play and that feel at home using chess engines as tools to improve their chess. On the other hand Ris explanations feel more people oriented (I guess that is the advantage of video).

**Why should you consider to buy the DVD by Ris and the book by Hertan?**

Ris makes a very useful explanation of how to improve your calculation in chess and the methods to do it. The databases in the DVD (sixty four games, fifteen calculation examples and ten calculation exercises) are high quality material and promotes self-study.

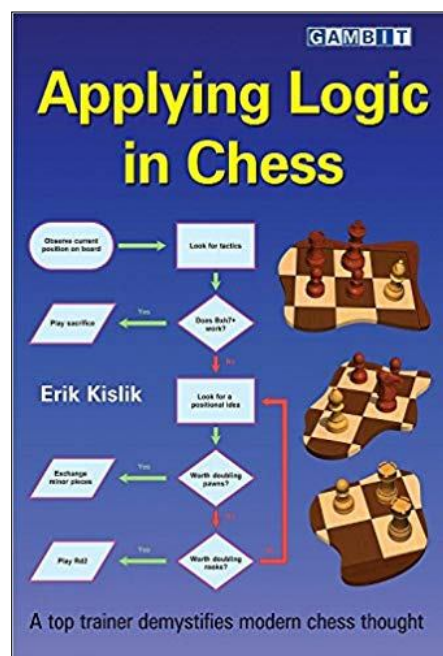
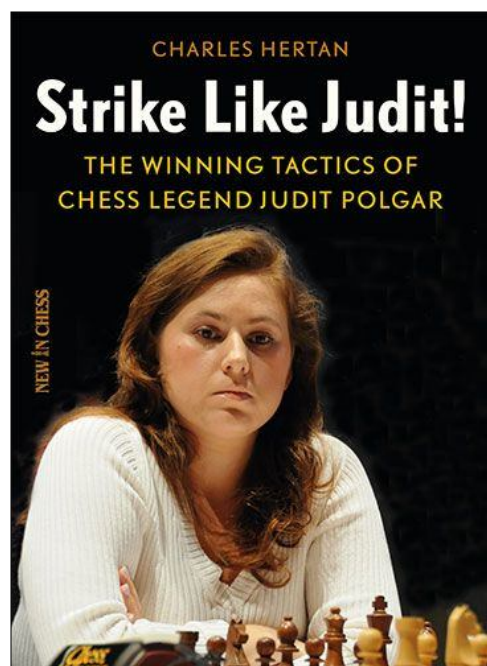
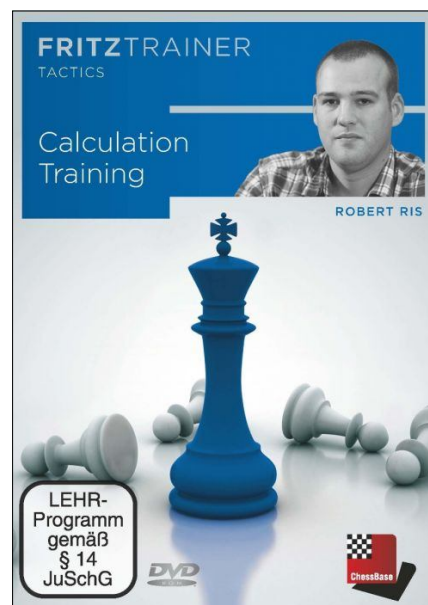
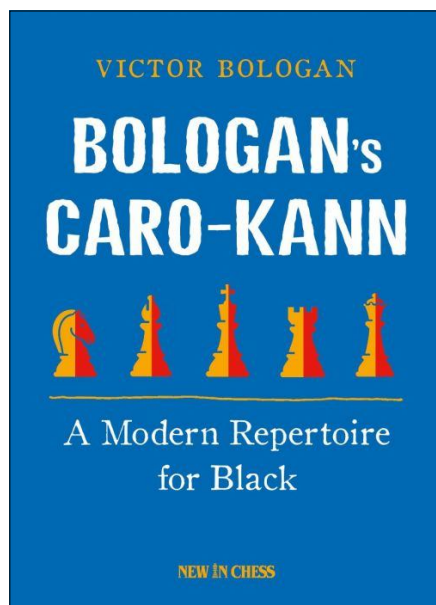
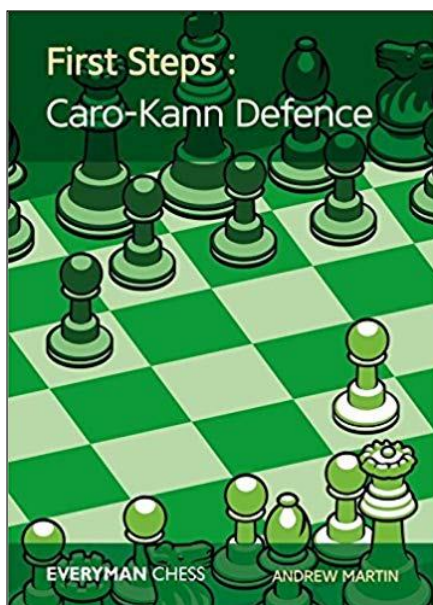
Hertan's book is a window to look at Judith Polgar chess legacy from different angles such as her wonderful games in both sides of the Sicilian (I recommended a DVD on this topic a few issues ago). Hertan also explores Judith's endgame technique, a neglected area in previous publications about her. Importantly, the author devotes chapter three to explain some methods of calculation in chess like how to approach the calculation of long forcing variations. I really like how a counterintuitive anti-positional move (25...h5 in Brenninkmeijer- Polgar, Amsterdam 1990) inserted in a tactical sequence makes the most out of a tactically charge position.

**Calculation Training** and **Strike like Judith** are must materials to improve your chess. Highly recommended.

**Applying Logic to Chess** by Erik Kislik is a great addition to the literature about chess improvement because the author writes in a clear and lengthy fashion to players looking to take an active approach to improve at chess. In other words, the author puts a lot of attention to detail, the flow of the book is logic, but mixed with the author's experience on his own quest to improve at the royal game. Kislik shares his experiences and methods to move from amateur to International master level rising **Applying Logic to Chess** to a class on its own. The author digs deep into the subject of chess improvement, both from the theoretical and practical points of view.



The book is well written and the reader can feel the connection with the author to the point to understand that regardless of his particular level of chess skill he/she can improve if he/she allocates resources like time and efforts to identify and eliminate shortcomings. Hard work on the wrong aspects of your chess and playing in your comfort zone will not translate in chess improvement, even if you put hours and hours on chess training. **Applying Logic to Chess** is a must read this summer 2018 for any chess player, coach or parent interested in how chess players become better at the game.

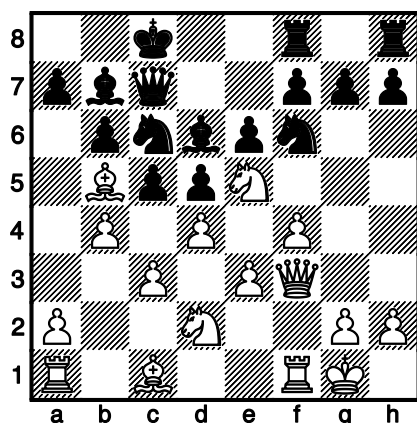


# Harvey Lerman Plays Chess - Part 3

**Harvey Lerman (1950)**  
**Denis Strenzwilk (2000) [D00]**

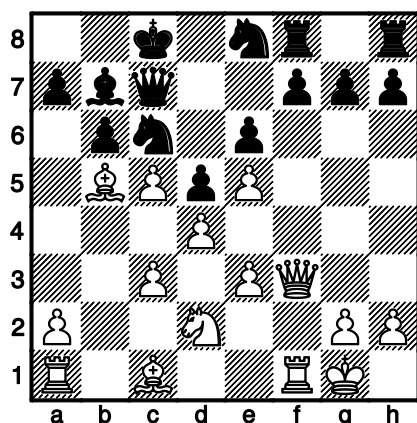
General Electric-Lemoyne College  
 Match 2 – Board 1, 08.04.1962

1.d4 d5 2.e3 e6 3.Bd3 Nf6 4.Nd2 Bd6  
 5.f4 c5 6.c3 b6 7.Ngf3 Qc7 8.Ne5 Bb7  
 9.Qf3 Nc6 10.0-0 0-0-0 11.Bb5!= Rdf8  
 12.b4!

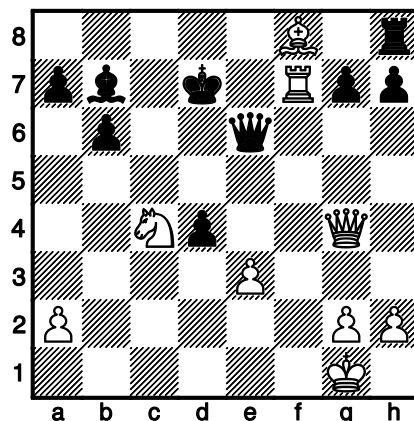


12...Bxe5?+-

Apparently the losing move according to Fritz 12 [12...cxb4 13.Bb2 Ne4 14.Nxe4 dxe4 15.Qe2 bxc3 16.Bxc3 Nxe5 17.fxe5 Ba3 18.Bb2 Qe7 19.Bxa3 Qxa3=] 13.fxe5 Ne8 14.bxc5



14...Nxe5?? 15.dxe5 Qxc5 16.Bxe8 Qxc3 17.Bxf7! Qxa1 18.Ba3 Qxe5 19.Bxf8 d4 20.Nc4 Qd5 21.Qg4 Kd7 22.Bxe6+ Qxe6 23.Rf7+



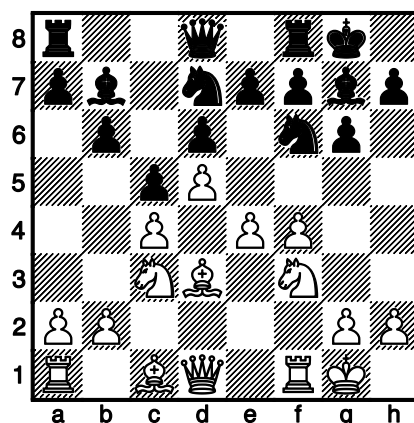
Black resigns. Mate in 5 – Fritz 12 (White used 55 min; Black 90min. GE won both matches) 1-0

See page 26 for the 1st match with additional comments by Anony Mous. GE won both matches.

**Harvey Lerman (1950)**  
**Frank Valvo (2000) [A45]**

Syracuse Chess Club-Ladder Game, 21.08.1959  
 [Lerman, Harvey]

1.d4 Nf6 2.e3 g6 3.Bd3 Bg7 4.f4 b6 5.Nf3 Bb7 6.c4 d6 7.Nc3 Nbd7 8.0-0 0-0 9.e4 c5 10.d5

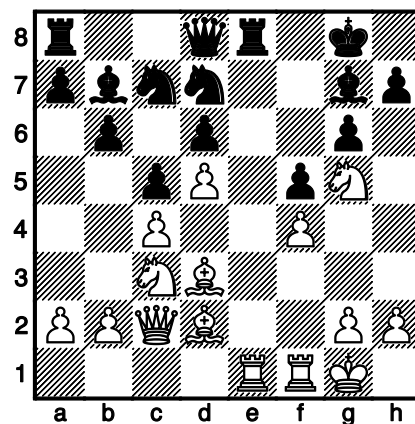


10...Ne8?

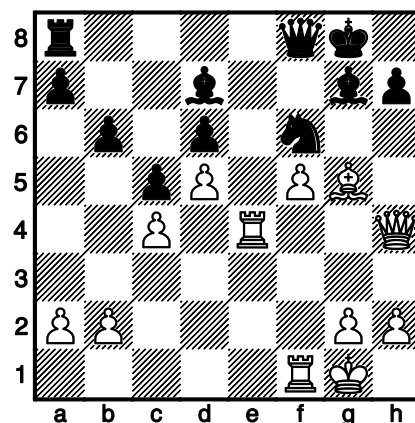
Paul Tomaino's computer indicated that "This was the losing move." It looks like there were many better moves including 10...Re8, but with White still having a 0.49 advantage.

11.Qc2 e6 12.Bd2 exd5 13.exd5 f5 29.Rf3

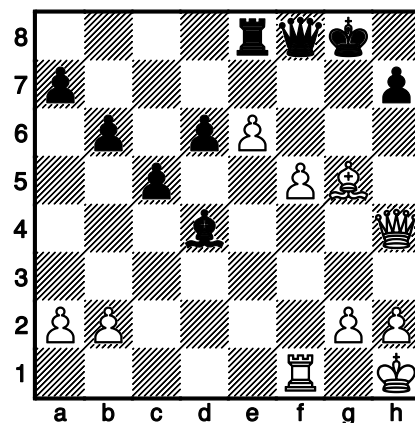
14.Ng5 Nc7 15.Rae1 Re8



16.Bxf5! gxf5 17.Qxf5 Nf6 18.Nce4! Rxe4! 19.Nxe4 Nxe4 20.Rxe4 Bc8 21.Qh5 Bd7 22.f5 Ne8 23.Bg5 Nf6 24.Qh4 Qf8



25.Re6! Nxd5! 26.cxd5 Bxe6 27.dxe6 Bd4+ 28.Kh1 Re8



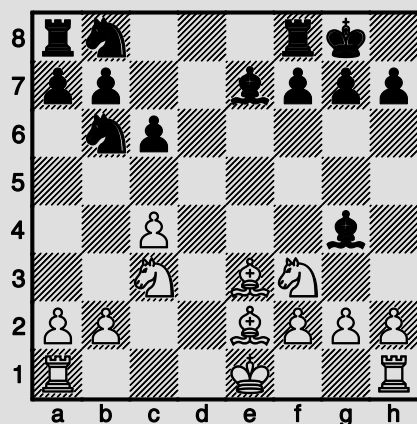


## About Denis Strenzwilk

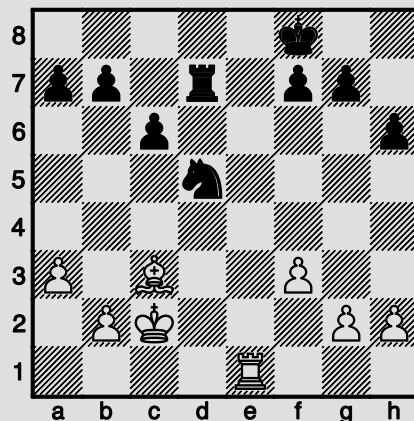
*I wanted to find out more about this player from the Lemoyne College Chess Club and was able to contact his family. He had recently passed away, but he had continued to play chess, though had poor results because of his "sickness." I asked for a game of his and they sent me this one so I added some comments to it. I was sorry to here of his passing,*

**Zoltan, Eric (2030)**  
**Strenzwilk, Denis (2168) [B01]**  
 US Open-Framingham MA (5),  
 08.08.2001  
*[Harvey Lerman]*

1.e4 d5 2.exd5 Nf6 3.d4 Nxd5 4.c4  
 Nb6 5.Nc3 e5 6.Qe2 Qxd4 7.Nf3 Qc5  
 8.Qxe5+ Qxe5+ 9.Nxe5 c6 10.Be3  
 Be7 11.Nf3 0-0 12.Be2 Bg4



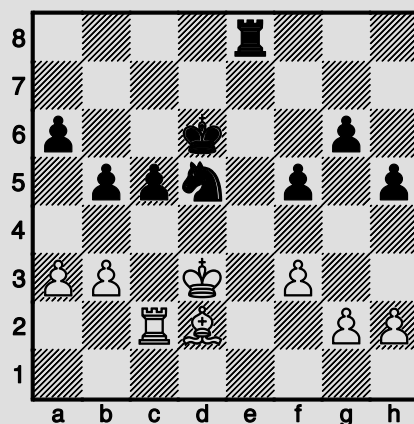
13.Nd2 Bxe2 14.Kxe2 N8d7 15.Rac1  
 Rfe8 16.Nd1 Ne5 17.f3 Bb4 18.c5  
 Bxd2 19.Bxd2 Nec4+ 20.Ne3 Nxe3  
 21.cxb6 Nc4+ 22.Kd3 Nxb6 23.Rhe1  
 Rad8+ 24.Kc2 Nd5 25.Rcd1 h6 26.a3  
 Kf8 27.Bc3 Rxe1 28.Rxe1 Rd7



29.Be5 f6 30.Bb8 a6 31.Ba7 Kf7  
 32.Re2 Nf4 33.Rf2 h5 34.Bb8 Ne6  
 35.Ba7 Rd5 36.Be3

White's Bishop has been doing a lot of traveling, but not seeming to get anywhere.

36...g6 37.Kc3 f5 38.Re2 Re5 39.Kd3  
 Nc7 40.Rf2 Nd5 41.Bc1 Ke6 42.Bd2  
 Kd6 43.Rf1 Re6 44.Rd1 c5 45.Rc1 b5  
 46.b3 Re8 47.Rc2



34.Rh3 Rxe7 35.Qxh7+!

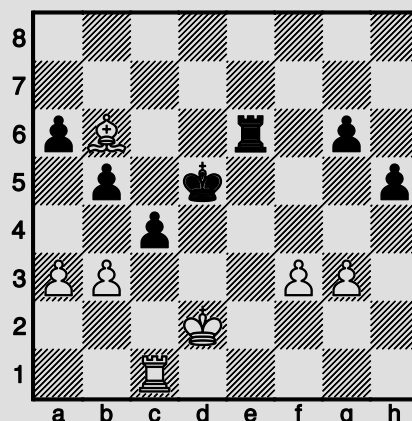
Of course not 35.fxe7?? Qf1#  
 1-0

*Frank Valvo was introduced to me as the top player in the Syracuse Chess Club. After the game was concluded, I was told that his young son Michael Valvo was actually their strongest player.*

47...f4

As Black slowly advances his pawns, White holds ground and hopes for a mistake by his opponent.

48.g3 fxg3 49.hxg3 Re6 50.Rc1 Rf6  
 51.Ke4 Re6+ 52.Kd3 Nb6 53.Ba5 Kd5  
 54.Kd2 c4 55.Bxb6



The tired Bishop decides to get rid of Black's Knight and hopes for the best.

55...Rxb6 56.Rc3 Re6 57.f4 Kd4  
 58.Rf3

58.bxc4 bxc4 59.Rf3 is better, but the game is lost for White.

58...c3+! 59.Kd1 Re3

...and White Resigns as the Black pawns cannot be stopped.

0-1

*(Lerman-Valvo game continued from page 24)*

29.Qg4! may have been even stronger.

29...Kh8 30.Bh6

30.Qh5! wins faster.

30...Bg7

30...Bf6! Keeps Black alive a little longer.

31.f6! Bxh6 32.e7 Qf7 33.Qxh6 d5

# Anony Mous looks at the 1st Strenzwilk-Lerman match

See note at bottom right below for annotations descriptions

**Denis Strenzwilk (2200)**

**Harvey Lerman (1950) [C64]**

General Electric-Lemoyne College  
Match #1-Board 1, 09.02.1962

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 Bc5 4.0-0 d6  
5.c3 a6 6.Be2

*If White is going back there, you might as well exchange on c6.*

6...Bg4 7.d3 Nf6

*Better is 7...Nge7 with the route Ng6/Nf4 and leaving the f7 pawn alone.*

8.Bg5

*Another reason the that N belongs on e7.*

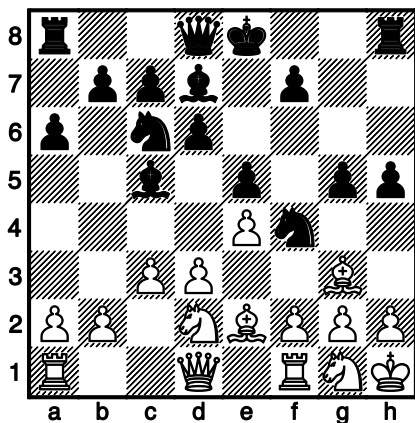
8...h6

*Interesting is the break 8...d5! as Black is almost ready to safely castle Q-side and the capture on f6 doubling the f-pawns opens an attacking file and prepares ...f5 twice, which would lead to a total annihilation of the White K-side.*

9.Bh4 Awful 9.Be3 makes more sense. 9...g5! Of course! What is not to like about your position? White has played the opening dreadfully, and as the great Tarrasch said "Black is duty-bound to attack."

10.Bg3 Nh5! Well analyzed! The shot 11.Ne5 Bxe2 12.Nxc6 Bxd1 13.Nxd8 Be2 was for Black. Other side tactics are no better.

11.Kh1 Nf4 12.Ng1 Bd7 Be6 is also an option. 13.Nd2 h5! Black has all the time in the world, why not 0-0-0 1st?



Just attack is the plan!

14.Bxf4 gxf4 15.Nb3 Bb6 16.d4 Qf6

*White does not have ONE good piece!*

17.d5 Ne7

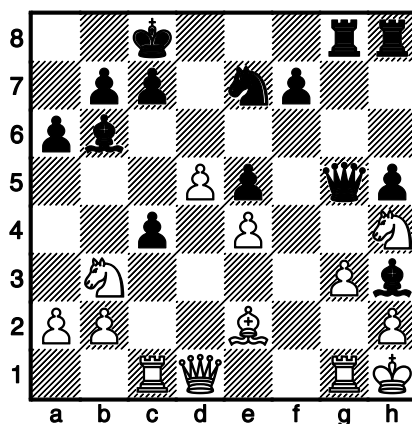
*Correctly bringing the N to where the action is.*

18.Nf3 0-0-0 19.Rc1 Rdg8 20.c4 Qg6

21.Nh4 Qg5

*Qxe4 is sound, but not in the spirit of this position.*

22.g3 Bh3 23.c5 dxc5 24.Rg1 fxg3 25.fxg3 c4



Somewhere around here many poor moves were made. In those days there were no delay time controls, and at this point both players were getting short of time, with less than 1 minute on my opponent's clock, while I had about 4. So I probably was trying to run my opponent out-of-time. This would account for the many quick moves being made.

26.Bxc4 Bxg1

*(? The preparatory Kb8 suggests itself. The B on b6 is much stronger than the R on f1)*

27.Qxg1 Bg4?

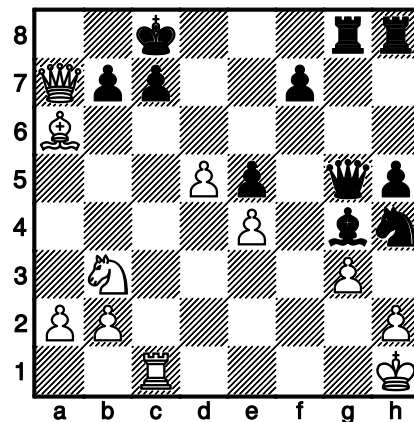
*Better was 27...Kb8*

*(YA THINK?)*

28.Qa7 Ng6?+-

28...Rh6 was better, but White can defend with 29.Rc2 and continue his assault on Black's King... if he had the time!

29.Bxa6 Nxh4?



Another attacking move made to scare White into protecting his King and not allowing him to continue his own attack.

30.Qxb7+?

Allowing the Black King to escape. 30.Bxb7+ Kd8 31.Rxc7! would have led to a mate for White in about 12 moves. Too much to see in the seconds remaining!

However the calm, cool and collected 30.d6!!, threatening a quick mate will cost White his Queen.

30...Kd8 31.Qxc7+

The game is even now, as the Black King can escape, as White's time is winding down (It's hard to read the last few seconds on these analog clocks!)

But if 31.Rxc7!, how would Black have survived?

31...Ke8 32.Qb8+ Ke7

*...and the K flees the scene leaving nothing but rubble in its wake!*

33.Qb4+ Kf6 34.Qc5 Bf3+ 35.Kg1 Bxe4 36.Rf1+ Nf3+ 37.Kg2 Qf4 38.Be2 Nd4+ 39.Kg1

39.Kh3 would keep the game going longer to lose on time.

39...Nxe2#

*Good Game!*

0-1

Note: Anony's comments are in *Italics* while Harvey's are not.

The GE Chess Club won both matches.

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Jan 4-6	5th Gulf Coast New Year's Open	Embassy Suites Fort Myers--Estero	BRCC
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**EF; \$99** prior to 7/21, (U/1200 EF: \$70), all \$10 higher after 7/21 and \$20 higher after 8/21

(Full Tournament Details and online entry at [www.events4chess.com](http://www.events4chess.com))

QC (G/15;d3) Championship Friday 7pm \$25 entry  
Blitz (G/5;d0) Championship Saturday 9am \$25 entry  
Scholastic Tournament Sunday 10am \$25 entry  
FCA Annual meeting Sunday 5:30pm  
FCA Board of Directors meeting Sunday 10am

## CFCC Orlando Autumn Open & Scholastic

September 28-30, 2018

Wyndham Orlando Resort, 8001 International Drive, Orlando 32819

**5SS, G/120 d5** (2-day: Rd.1 G/60 d5).

**\$8,500/b150** (Scholastic = 1/2-entry), **60% Guaranteed**

**HR: \$113 (No Resort Fee) (407) 421-2420; Reserve ASAP**

(Mention "Chess" or CFCC); or online <http://tinyurl.com/septemberx2018hotel>

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