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Stukopin - Belous









A GM Timur Gareyev won the Space Coast Open

B GMs Vladimir Belous & Andrey Stukopin tied 1st at Sunshine Open

C Top Rated GM Yuniesky Quezada Perez won the ChessStars Match

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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 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 two major events included in this issue are the Orlando Sunshine Open & Scholastic and the fabulous Space Coast Open... so there is a lot about each of these events.

We also are presenting our Pro-Chess League's the "Miami Champions" and have the first 6 weeks annotated by Bryan Tillis. The remaining games will be included in our next issue.

We also brought back the "Tournament Director's Corner" for this issue to discuss a major problem that happened in one of our events. But we had to leave out the Anony Mous report as the Monk is on sabbatical.

<u>Please look at your mailing label.</u> If your membership is expiring, we ask that you take this special opportunity to renew and help us continue to promote chess in Florida. Please renew online at floridaCHESS.org under "Membership" or just mail your check to the FCA, c/o FCA Treasurer, at the address shown on the inside front cover (page 2).

Harvey Lerman

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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

Hi everybody,

From June 23-29, the Sunshine State hosted the First FIDE World Junior Chess Championship for the Disabled. Chess is an inclusive sport and the purpose of this event is to bridge players with special needs to chess competitions.

In conjunction with this, Chess Educators also organized a FIDE rated International Open June 23-25, with Stephen Lampkin as Chief TD and William Broich as Chief Assistant TD.

Because of a problem in promoting this tournament only 54 players participated in this 4 section event (Open [12], U2100 [10], U1900 [18] & U1500 [14]). But the Open section had a number of strong players and ended with a 3-way tie between GM Sandro Pozo Vera (2545), GM Ayum Abren (2503) and FM Yans Girones Barrios (2484) each having 3 wins and 2 draws for 4-1 scores.

John Givler won the U2100 section alone at the top with a 4-1 score; while Truman Hoang and Samantha Dasari (from GA) shared the U1900 prizes with 4-1 scores. The U1500 section was won by Brunel Burbach, playing in his first event and finishing alone at $4\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$.

Hopefully these events are covered on USCHESS, and printed in the next issue of floridaCHESS.

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... as we go to print BREAKING NEWS

World Junior Chess Championship for the Disabled

The Park Inn in Kissimmee, Florida hosted the first World Junior Chess Championship for the Disabled June 23-28, 2017. Organized by Beatriz Marinello of Chess Educators in New York City and they have committed to hosting this event for two more years in Florida. Special guests Phiona Mutesi and Robert Katende of Queen of Katwe fame presented awards. Eight players from seven different countries competed with Raphael Johannes Zimmer of Germany finishing in first place with a perfect score, Puerto Rico's WIM Natasha Morales was the top blind player and the top physically disabled player was Samarth Jagadish Rao of India.

The International Open held June 23-25 saw a three-way tie for first between GM Sandro Pozo Vera, GM Ayram Abreu, and FM Yans Richard Girones Barrios.

In conjunction with the tournaments Steve Abrahams and Bryan Tillis ran a three day advanced chess camp.

More information will be provided in the next issue of Florida Chess.



Steve with Phiona Mutesi and Robert Katende



GM Thomas Luther presenting championship trophy to Raphael Johannes Zimmer

FCA ELECTIONS

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

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Dir. At Large	Michael Hoffer

If you are interested in being a candidate for any of these positions, please contact the President and/or Editor, and in the next issue of floridaCHESS we'll have the complete list of those running and something about the qualifications of each candidate. Candidates must be "voting members" of the FCA. **

So please send to the Editor a "Candidates Statement", if you wish to run for any of the offices listed above. Those names listed above who are running for reelection, should submit a statement, as well. These statements would be published in the Summer issue of floridaCHESS. Statements should be sent to the Editor by July 4th.

A Board position takes a minimal amount of your time, but often requires weekly e-mail business activities.

We will also include a ballot and procedures for voting by either Election Buddy (EB), mail or e-mail, and use an independent Election Master to handle these ballots and emails. 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 contains an election unique voter #), 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

The 2017 Orlando Sunshine Open & Scholastic considered a great success

by Harvey Lerman

Starting with it's full name, "ChessStar's Orlando Sunshine Open & Scholastic - FREE GM EF & Rooms", this FIDE rated event was planned and Organized by Harvey Lerman with the idea to attract as many strong players as possible to this event that was originally planned for the International Palms Resort (IPR) on International drive in Orlando, for the second weekend in June. That weekend had been the traditional date for the OSO for many years, but for this year another organization decided that it should hold it's own major event on that weekend, a well.

When it turned out that the IPR had been purchased and our event would be the last event that hotel would hold as it goes through major work with plans to recondition the whole site and reopen at the end of the year, the IPR offered to find us another site. Contracts were made and the Rosen Plaza Hotel (the former Omni Plaza) became the site hotel, and many were saying that this was the best hotel that we had ever used for a chess tournament.

The ChessStars organization was looking for a major event where they would be able to show off their special "Choose your Moves and Win" program and after working with them on a smaller scale, it was decided to see if it would fit as a companion side event for the Rosen Plaza. To attract more players, they offered to pay for the entry fees of the top 3 rated GMs playing in the event and also to pay the costs of 2 nights for each of their rooms. They also agreed to pay for the Audio/Visual equipment that would be needed to broadcast their program and also for broadcasting the games of the top 4 players live on the internet by means of 4 DGT boards that they had available.



GM Andrey Stukopin



GM Vladimir Belous



GM Timur Gareyev

The 1st two GMs that indicated an interest in playing in this event were GM Andrey Stukopin and his friend GM Vladimir Belous. They came a few days early and decided to play in the 2-day section and even stayed over an extra day to "vacation".

GM Timur Gareyev who won the Space Coast Open and also set a Blindfold record was expected to play. But when he found out he wouldn't be able to put on some extra events, he changed his mind as he thought he'd be able to make more money doing other events.



GM Yuniesky Quesada



FM Yans Girones

Top rated GM Yuniesky Quezada was planning on coming from Miami, but backed out because he would be bringing his wife and son and was concerned about his driving that distance. So he ended up being one of the GMs playing in the online "Guess Your Moves and Win" Side Event.

A big hit at the tournament was little 20-year old FM Yans Girones Barrios, who did well, but dropped out after the 4th round.

Orlando Sunshine Open & Scholastic - Tournament Report

by Harvey Lerman

Though several GMs thought about entering this event, it were the two GMs from Texas that would become the top rated ones and they came thru to finish tied for 1st in the FIDE rated Premier section. They had asked to play in the 2-day schedule and the organizers agreed to it, though few players did that as those games would not be FIDE rated. Top-rated GM Vladimir Belous (2689 USCF) won his game against Martin Hansen (2159), while GM Andrey Stukopin (2671) beat Raghav Venkat (2125). Others winning their 1st round games in this schedule were John Ludwig (2465) and FM Dalton Perrine (2287), while FM Corey Acor (2397) started with a draw; while of those that started the previous night, FM Yans Girones Barrios (2508) was held to a draw by Matt Helfst (2030).

After the merge, the 2 GMs met in the 4th round and drew their games, leading to the important final round with the GMs tied with 3½-½ scores paired against the top two players that had 3-1 scores. This resulted in draws with Stukopin-Ludwig and Acor-Belous, leaving the GMs tied for 1st.

The organizers of the event had been a little concerned as registrations were slow in coming in. But by the tournament weekend so many players had registered that tables were "reorganized" to accommodate the 162 players that finally came by Saturday. With 43 of these players being in the Scholastic Section (counting as 1/2), the announcement of a prize fund payout which was guaranteed at 80% was raised to 93.2%. So the 2 GMS split \$1765, Ludwig, Acor and Jindrich Zapletal (2272) \$124 each, but leaving Martin Hansen with the big \$465 under 2200 prize. Another player that was surprised with his winnings was Nick Moore (2089) who won the 2nd U2200 prize of \$279. Top Senior was Alexander Starr and top Woman was Cindy Jie as they each received \$186. Six players split the 3rd U2200 prize of \$186.

The Under Sections

The top rated players that entered the **Under 2000 section** were Dylan Todfield (1978), Ryan Hamley (1968), Anthony Coleman (1953) and Glenn Buyo (1929). But Todfield lost his 1st game and came back with wins in the next 3 rounds. Buyo had a ½-point bye in the 1st round but won the rest of his games. Coleman who plays in chess tournaments at least once a week, won his 1st game and had a tough time till his last couple of games and finished at 3-2 and far out of the money. This left most of the prize money in the hands of some of the lower rated players that did well. Paul Leggett (1764) and Glenn Buyo at ½-½ split \$1209, William Bowman (1883) at 4-1 won \$279 and Keshav Singh (1796) at 4-1 won the top Under 1800 prize of \$465. Alan Wang (1732) and Nick De La Colina (1729) at ½-1½ won the 2nd and 3rd Under 1800 prizes splitting \$463.

The winner of the **Under 1600 Section** was Trongan Hoang, the father of Truman Hoang. He won his 1st 4 games with ease, and being 2 points ahead of the pack, he gave his last round opponent a draw and finished $4\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$. He'd only played three games since June 2011 when he entered the 2016 Orlando Autumn Open. He entered this Sunshine event rated 1589, just low enough for this section and won \$744. His current rating is \$1700. Four players tied at $3\frac{1}{2}$ - $1\frac{1}{2}$ and shared all 3 Under 1400 prizes totaling \$930. Renato Dacanay and Eduardo Vinent shared the \$93 Senior prize.

The **Scholastic Section** was limited to players from grades K-12 that were rated Under 1200. There were 43 of them and the highest rated was Tyler Von Lindenberg at 1198; but as we all know the ratings of scholastic players are usually a lot different from their playing strength. Some have just started playing and some have been climbing faster than we can describe. In this event two players tied for 1st, Andrew Tiansay (958) and Daut Yakupov (1135), with $4\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$ scores and split \$651. Tiansay won the Age 14 Trophy and Yakupov won the Age 7 Trophy. Three players tied for 3rd and shared \$186, but one of them, Tyler Von Lindenberg, also won the trophy for top 11-year-old. four players shared the Under 800 prize of \$93. The remaining age-trophy winners were: 13 David Rodriguez, 12 Rohith Karthik, 10 Javier Rojas, 9 Sisira Yerrajennu, and 8 Dennis Colar.

Harvey Lerman was the Organizer and Chief TD for this tournament as it was FIDE rated. Steven Vigil was the Chief TD of all but the FIDE rated section and handled all "back-room" registration and computer functions. Alexander Starr was organizer of the two side events, and he was aided by Jon Haskel who supported the DGT board live broadcasts as well as the ADV operations for the ChessStars Side Events.

(See games from this event starting on page 12 ~Ed.)

FLORIDA'S TOP PLAYERS

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

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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 11	1837
Maheshwari, Jayant	11	1811
Yang, Andy	8	1793
Zhao, Erick	11	1747
Stone, Vincent William III	11	1741 1724
Singh, Keshav 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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<u>GIRLS 0-21</u>		
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 #

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

TOP BLITZ	
Julio Becerra	2633
TOP QC	
Julio Becerra	2557

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IM BLAS LUGO	2390
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FM ALEXANDER ZELNER	2377
JEFFREY HASKEL	2359
FM MARK RITTER	2341
GM RASHID ZIATDINOV	2334
FM CESAR JOSE VALIDO	2334
FM CESAR JOSE VALIDO PEDRO HERNANDEZ-PEREZ	2297
NICHOLAS ROSENTHAL	2296
FM FABIO LA ROTA	2289
NAT KELLEHER	2287
JINDRICH ZAPLETAL	2286
ANTONIO ARENCIBIA	2279
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DAGOBERTO DIAZ	2268
ROBERT YORISAN RAMIREZ	2266
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BRYAN TILLIS	2258
MEL GOSS	2253
FM STEPHEN E STOYKO	2252
STEVEN ANDREWS	2247
WFM LAURA ZAYAS GONZALEZ	2247
NAVIN SAWALANI	2233
VLAD YANOVSKY	2227
ANDREW SANTOS CUNANAN	2225
YAN MIELLIER	2225
BRITT RYERSON	2215
ROBERT PERSANTE	2212
OSCAR MALDONADO	2207
WALDO SERRANO	2204
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Keith Rodriguez	2333
Humberto Cruz	2284
James Van Dooren	2193
Paul Ott	2093
Dwayne Hoffman	2055
David Spencer	2045
Michael Horvarh	1984

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Some winners from the Orlando Sunshine Open





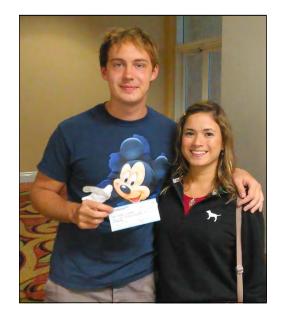
















2017 Space Coast Open

byTony Burrus

A much anticipated event in Florida, this year's 24th edition of the Space Coast Open took place on the beachy island that is Cocoa Beach, Florida, Big waves and an upcoming rocket launching were not the only things to splash the sunny town with excitement. 2700 + rated GMs and over two hundred battle ready chess playing warriors added a whole new dimension to Cocoa Beach. The prestigious event started on Friday April 28TH at 7:30 p.m. 2016 U.S. Women's Champion, IM Nazi Paikidze, also made a special appearance. Paikidze played a simul against eleven scholastic players and hosted instructive lectures for chess players and fans alike. James Wnek, a player in the simul had this to say; "Her (Nazi) play was extremely inspiring and provided excellent insight into how to counter attack. The simul was a chance of a lifetime for me as Nazi Paikidze has been one of my favorite players for several years now." GM Timur Gareyev also hosted a simul in which he played blindfolded on all of the boards!

After a quick opening ceremony, international arbiter Jon Haskel announced, "Ok you may shake hands and start White's clock!" Liftoff, the games had begun! I myself had the wonderful experience of playing in the Master/Expert section for the first time. There I was amongst such stars as GM Timur Gareyev, prodigy FM Nikhil Kumar, and many others. Round one was filled with many surprising upsets. Fellow chess Expert and good friend, Kai Tabor rated (2073 at that time), took down Kumar.

Day 2 was even more thrilling than the first. Apart from everything else, the players that were scheduled in the two day section merged with all of us three day scheduled players. The hotel was buzzing with bright chess minds. Nearly every person in the vicinity played chess.

After two days of intense fighting chess battles, the championship rounds had arrived. At this point in the tournament, the favorites were dominating the field with perfect 3/3 scores. In the final round, Gareyev and Becerra only played an eleven (!) move game that ended in a draw. In the end it was Gareyev who won the Master section with an impressive 4.5/5. To wrap things up, the sonic boom from the aforementioned rocket launching was not the only thing that rocked the town of Cocoa Beach that spectacular weekend.

Acor, Corey (2378) Becerra, Julio (2634) [C55]

24th Space Coast Open Cocoa Beach, Florida (3.3), 29.04.2017 [Tony Burrus]

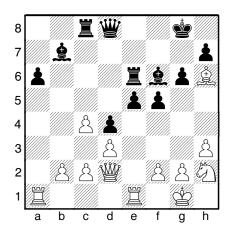
"Long-term positional pawn sacrifice right out of the opening. Black would continue playing without a pawn for some 20 moves patiently and consistently building up the pressure accumulating positional and advantages. A simple but elegant tactic on move 33 (33...d3!) effectively decided the game in Black's favor. Very nice, inspired play by Becerra" IM Javad Maharramzade, Brilliancy Prize Judge

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4

The Italian is a popular way to the avoid the Berlin Variation in the Ruy Lopez.

3...Nf6 4.d3 C55: Italian Game: Two Knights, Modern Bishop's Opening 4...Be7 5.Nc3 0-0 6.0-0 d6 7.h3 Na5 8.Bd5 c6 9.Bb3 b5 10.Bd2 Nd7

11.Ne2 Nxb3 12.axb3 q6 13.Bh6 Re8 14.Nh2 d5! 15.exd5 cxd5 16.Nc3 Bb7 23.Re1 Bf6 24.Qd2 Re6



25.Qa5?!.

A better move was 25. Ra5. [25.Ra5 Rb8 26.b3 Qe7 27.Nf3 Bxf3 28.gxf3 Ra8 29.Rd5 Re8±]

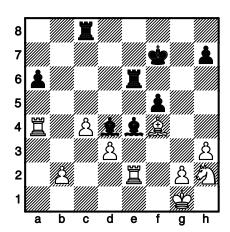
25...g5!∓

White's Bishop is now useless.

26.f4 gxf4 27.Qxd8+ Rxd8 28.Bxf4 35.Be3

Black is pawn down, but has the 17.Nxb5 a6 18.Nc3 d4 19.Nb1 Rc8 mighty Bishop pair. A common theme 20.Nd2 Nb6 21.Nc4 Nxc4 22.bxc4 f5 of this was the power of the two bishops vs their non bishop pair counterparts. [28...exf4?? 29.Rxe6+-] 29.Bd2 Rg8 30.Re2 e4 31.dxe4 Bxe4 32.Bf4 Rc8

> [32...d3! 33.cxd3 Bd4+ 34.Be3 Bxd3-+] **33.Ra4** [33.b3?? d3-+] **33...d3** 34.cxd3 Bd4+



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35.Rf2 Bxf2+ 36.Kxf2 Bxd3∓ Was 38.Bf2 White's last hope of survival, but with Matlakov,M (2684) Harbin 2016 0-1] an extra exchange and healthy targets 9...exd5 everywhere, Black will inevitably win in a matter of time.

35...Bc6 36.Rxa6 Bxe3+ 37.Kf1 f4 38.Ra5 Rd8 39.Ng4 Rxd3 40.Ne5+ Rxe5 41.Rxe5 Rd1+ 42.Re1 Bxg2+ 43.Kxg2 Rxe1 44.b4 Rb1 45.Rb5 Rc1 46.Rb7+ Kg6 47.c5 Kf5 48.Kf3 Bd4 49.Rd7??

The best move was 49. Rf7+. [49.Rf7+ Bf6 50.b5 Rc3+ 51.Kg2 f3+ 52.Kg3 Ke6 53.Rf8 Rxc5-+]

49...Rc3+ 50.Ke2 Ke4 (-9.79 ? -3.17) Blunder. The best move was 50... f3+. [50...f3+ 51.Kd2 f2 52.Rf7+ Ke4 53.Re7+ Kf3 54.b5 Kg2 55.Re2]

51.Re7+ Be5 52.Kd2 Rc4

[52...f3 53.Ke1 Rc1+ 54.Kf2 Rc2+ 55.Kf1 Kf4 56.Rd7 Kg3 57.Rd1] 53.b5 Rxc5 54.b6 Rb5 55.b7 h5

[55...f3 56.Re8 Rxb7 57.Rf8 Rb2+ 58.Kc1 f2 59.Rf7 Bf4+ 60.Kxb2] 0-1

Miellier, Yan (2225) Gareyev, Timur (2694) [E46]

24th Space Coast Open Cocoa Beach, Florida (2.2), 29.04.2017 [Tony Burrus]

"An endgame masterclass Timur Gareyev. Botvinnik would be proud. Study this game if you want to learn how to play 2 bishops vs 2 knights endgames" - IM Javad 39.Ra7 Rb2 40.Rb7 Rd2 41.Bd5 Rf2 51.N6b5 Be8 52.Nc3 Bf7 53.Ncb5 Maharramzade, Brilliancy Prize Judge.

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Bb4

A solid Opening choice by Timur, and a great way to win with the Black pieces against 1. d4.

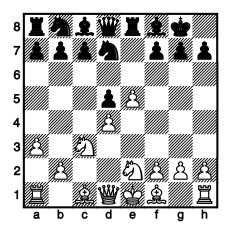
4.e3 0-0 5.Nge2 Re8

E46: Nimzo-Indian Defense: Reshevsky Variation, 5...Re8

6.a3 Bf8 7.e4 d5 8.e5 Nfd7 9.cxd5

[9.c5 b6 10.b4 a5 11.Rb1 f6 12.f4 axb4 13.axb4 bxc5 14.bxc5 fxe5 15.fxe5 Nc6 16.Be3 Ba6 17.g3 Ncxe5 18.dxe5 Nxe5 19.Nd4 Bxf1 20.Rxf1 Bxc5 21.Nc6 Qd6 22.Bxc5 Qxc6 23.Bd4 Nd7 24.Rc1 e5 25.Bg1 d4 26.Qb3+ Kh8 27.Qb5 Qh6 28.Ne2 Nf6 29.h4 c5 30.Qb1 Rad8 31.Rd1 e4 32.Qc1 e3 33.Qxc5 d3 34.Rf3 Rd5 35.Qb6 d2+ 36.Kf1 Qh5 37.Rxe3 Rf5+

Rxf2+ Zhang,P (2567)-



10.Nxd5

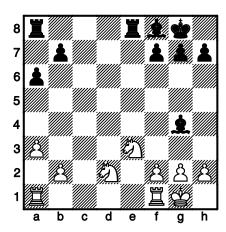
17.Rc1 Nxf4 18.Nxf4 axb4 19.Ncd5 Bg2 41.h4 a5 20.Be2 Qf5 21.0-0 Rxd5 Rxe5+ 27.Rxb6 Bc5+ 28.Rxc5 a2 29.Rc1 a1Q 46.Nxf5] 30.Rxa1 Rxa1+ 31.Kf2 g6 32.Rb7 Ra5 42.Nc2 Bf6 43.Ne3 Bc6 44.h5 h6 48.Re2 Rd1+ 49.Bd5 h4 50.Re6+ Kg7 Bd6 60.Na4 Bd5+ 51.h3 g5 52.Ke5 g4 53.hxg4 fxg4 **62.Nd4+ Kd5 63.Nb5 axb4** 54.Be4 h3 55.g3 Rg1 56.Kf4 Re1 57.Rg6+ Kf7 58.Rxg4 h2 59.Rh4 1-0 (59) Kruppa, Y-Kozlov Samarkand 19831

10...c5 11.Bf4 cxd4 12.Nxd4 Nxe5 13.Ne3 Bg4 14.Qd2 Nbd7

Stronger was 14... Bc5. [14...Bc5 15.Nb3 Qxd2+ 16.Kxd2 Bxe3+ 17.Bxe3 Nbc6 18.Re1 Red8+ 19.Kc1

15.Bb5 a6 16.Bxd7 Qxd7 17.Bxe5 [17.0-0 Rad8]

17...Rxe5 18.Nf3 Ree8 19.0-0 Qxd2 20.Nxd2

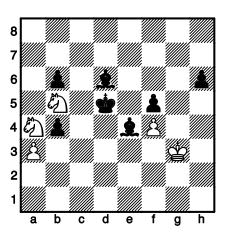


From this position basically up a pawn according to Komodo. Now watch and learn why two bishops are almost always stronger than two knights.

A better move was 10. f4. [10.f4 20...Be6 21.Rac1 Rac8 22.Ndc4 Red8 This position has been seen only twice 23.h3 g6 24.Nb6 Rxc1 25.Rxc1 Rd3 in the database, but I have a feeling 26.Na4 Rd2 27.Rd1 Rxd1+ 28.Nxd1 more people will start to play this line f5 29.Kf1 Kf7 30.Ke2 Kf6 31.f4 Bd6 with both colors in the future. 10...c5 32.g3 g5 33.Ke3 Bc4 34.Nf2 Bb5 11.dxc5 Nxc5 12.b4 Ne6 13.Nxd5 b5 35.Nc3 Bc5+ 36.Kf3 Bc6+ 37.Ke2 14.Be3 Bb7 15.Nec3 a5 16.Bb6 Qc8 qxf4 38.qxf4 Bd4 39.Nd3 Ke6 40.Nb4

[41...h5 Fixing the h4 pawn and 22.Nxd5 Qxd5 23.Qxd5 Bxd5 24.Rfd1 preparing Bf6-Bxh4. 42.Nd3 Bc6 Nd7 25.Rxd5 Nxb6 26.Rxb5 bxa3 43.Kd2 Bf6 44.Ne2 Bxh4 45.Nd4+ Kd5

33.Bc4 Rf5+ 34.Ke3 Rf6 35.Bd5 Kg7 45.Kd3 Be8 46.Nc4 Bd8 47.Ne2 Bxh5 36.Kd4 h5 37.Ke5 Rf2 38.Bf3 Rd2 48.Nd4+ Kf6 49.Nd6 b6 50.Ke3 Bg6 42.Ra7 Rf6 43.Ra3 Rf2 44.Kd6 Re2 Be7 54.Kf3 Bc5 55.Nc2 Bc4 56.Nc3 45.Ra2 Re1 46.Rf2 f5 47.Bf3 Kf6 **Ke6 57.b4 Bd6 58.Na4 Bc7 59.Nc3** 61.Kq3 Be4



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by LM Larry Storch



This position, without queens, looks pretty benign. The simplification favors black.

13.Re1 Be6 14.b3 Kf7 15.Bb2 Nd5 16.Be4 Rd8 17.c4 Nf4 18.Nc3 Nb4

Black's knights are getting feisty. 19.Rad1?!

Martin commits a common error, moving the wrong rook.

[19.Red1=]

19...Be7 20.Rxd8?!

I don't see any reason white should give black the open d-file.

20...Rxd8

Hansen, Martin (2159) Belous, Vladimir (2689) [B22]

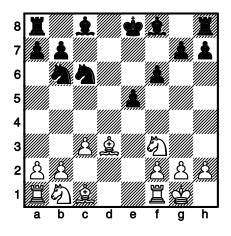
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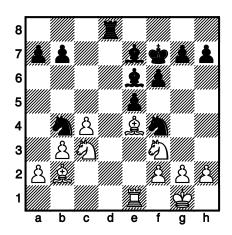
Here are some games from the CFCC's Orlando Sunshine Open.

1.e4 c5 2.c3 Nf6 3.e5 Nd5 4.Nf3 Nc6 5.Bc4 Nb6 6.Bb3 d5 7.exd6 c4

In this year's chess Olympiad U.S. fourth board played the more usual move against his Polish opponent. 7...Qxd6 8.0-0 Bf5 9.d4 cxd4 10.Nxd4 Nxd4 11.cxd4 e6 12.Nc3 Be7 13.Qf3 Qd7 14.a4 0-0 15.a5 Nc8 16.Ba4 Qc7 17.a6 Rb8 1/2-1/2 (32) Piorun, K (2631)-Robson,R (2656) Khanty-Mansiysk 2017]

8.Bc2 Qxd6 9.d4 cxd3 10.Qxd3 Qxd3 11.Bxd3 e5 12.0-0 f6





21.Bxb7??

Not seeing the danger. [21.Ba3 Rd7∓1

21...Nbd3!

White's rook will be taken off the back rank.

22.Rb1 Nxb2 23.Rxb2 Rd3!

White now loses material by force. 24.g3

[24.Rc2 Rxc3! 25.Rxc3 Ne2+ 11...Nf5 26.Kf1 Nxc3-+1

24...Nh3+ 25.Kg2 Rxc3 26.Bd5 Bxd5 27.cxd5 Ng5 28.Nd2 Ba3!

Once again exploiting the rook's

29.Rb1 Rc2 30.Rd1 Bb4 31.Nc4 Bc5

[or 31...Ne4]

0-1

The winner of this game, GM Belous finished tied for first with GM Stukopin in this event.

Late note: Martin Hansen went to Philadelphia after this tournament and 16...f5 17.Nxd4 f4 won the under 2200 section!

Xu, Arthur (2036) Ludwig, John (2465) [B76]

Orlando Sunshine Open Orlando. Florida, (4.2), 11.06.2017 [Storch,Lawrence]

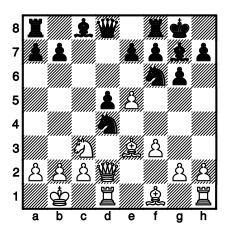
Local senior master John Ludwig shows his persistence in probing white's king position.

He finished the tournament tied 3rd-6th.

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 g6 6.Be3 Bg7 7.f3 0-0 8.Qd2 Nc6 9.0-0-0

This omission of Bc4 allowing black ...d5 is a popular alternative to the main line Dragon.

9...d5 10.Kb1 Nxd4 11.e5



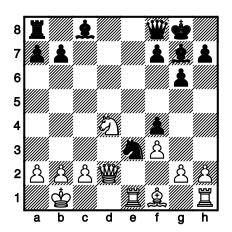
Tricky line. Another try is [11...Nxf3 12.gxf3 Nh5 13.Nxd5 Be6]

12.exf6 exf6 13.Bc5 d4!?

The question here is does black's annoying d-pawn compensate him for losing the exchange?

14.Bxf8 Qxf8 15.Nb5 Ne3 16.Re1

[16.Rc1 was tried in the heavyweight battle: 1/ 2-1/2 (71)Short,N (2707)-Carlsen,M London 20091



18.q3

Both players know their theory. Undermining the knight is job one for 32.Qxd4 Qxd4] white.

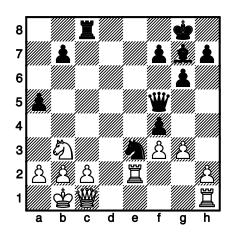
18...Qd8 19.Nb3 Qf6

no dark squared bishop to counter the sound none-the-less. dreaded dragon bishop.

20.Qc1 Bf5

First b2. now c2 is targeted.

21.Bd3 Rc8 22.Bxf5 Qxf5 23.Re2 a5



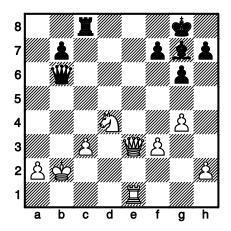
24.q4?

I understand the desire to chase the gueen off the b1-h7 diagonal, but this makes the knight on e3 a permanent guest in white's backyard! [24.Rhe1 a4 25.gxf4 axb3 1/2-1/2 (25) Akshayraj, K (2400) - Ganguly, S (2603) Mangalore 2008]

24...Qb5 25.Rxe3

Or white can choose to return the exchange incurring a long disadvantage.

25...fxe3 26.Qxe3 a4 27.Nd4 Qc5 28.c3 a3! 29.Re1 axb2 30.Kxb2 Qb6+



31.Nb3

[31.Ka1?? Rxc3!!: 31.Kc2?? Bxd4

31...Qd6

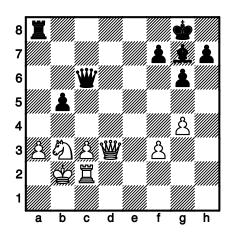
I'm not sure why John decided not White is up the exchange, but has to take the c3 pawn, but his decision is

> [31...Bxc3+ 32.Kb1 Qc7 33.Rc1 b5!1

> 32.Rc1 Qxh2+ 33.Qd2 Qc7 34.Qd3 Qc6 35.Rc2 b5 36.a3?

> Best is to step out of the pin 36.Kb11

36...Ra8!



Finally, John switches his attention to the a3 pawn.

37.Qd1 Bf8 38.Nd4 Qc5 39.Qa1 Rxa3 40.Qb1 b4!

Total breakthrough on the dark for white. squares!

41.Ne2 bxc3+ 42.Rxc3 Bg7 43.Kc2 18.Bxd6 Qxd6 19.Nc5 Re7 Bxc3 44.Qb8+ Kg7 45.Nxc3 Qxc3+

Perrine, Dalton (2287)

Acor, Corey (2397) [A08] Orlando Sunshine Open Orlando.

Florida, (4.3), 11.06.2017 [Storch,Lawrence]

Two of Florida's premier players clash.

Dalton has very active pieces, but Corey's center pawns decide the game.

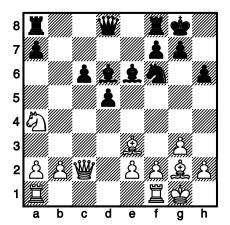
1.Nf3 d5 2.g3 c5 3.Bg2 Nf6 4.0-0 Nc6 5.d4 h6 6.c4 e6 7.cxd5 exd5 8.Nc3 Bq4

[GM Miton faced another bishop move in the Greek championship of 2016. 8...Be6 9.b3 Be7 10.Bb2 0-0 11.Rc1 Re8 12.dxc5 Bxc5 1-0 (37) Miton,K (2611)-Dimitrov,A (2306) Achaea 2016]

9.Ne5 Be6 10.Nxc6 bxc6 11.dxc5

[11.e4 cxd4 12.exd5 dxc3?! 13.dxe6±]

11...Bxc5 12.Na4 Bd6 13.Qc2 0-0 14.Be3



White targets the c5 square. [of course 14.Qxc6 is also possible but black gets good play for his pawn.]

14...Qe7 15.Bc5

Trading dark squared bishops to make the hole on c5 even more inviting

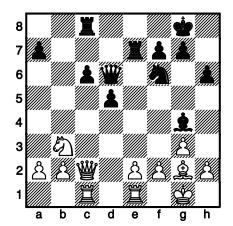
15...Rfe8 16.Rac1 Rac8 17.Rfe1 Bg4

While black eyes the e2 pawn.

(Storch games continue on page 14)

(Srorch games continued from page 13)

20.Nb3



[20.b4!]

20...Qe5 21.Qc5 Rb7 22.Nd4 Rbc7

[22...Rxb2?! 23.Nxc6 24.Rxe2 (24. Nxe5? Rxc5∓) 24...Qxe2±1

23.h3 Bh5?! [23...Be6±] 24.e4!

Utilizing the cross pin on the d5 pawn.

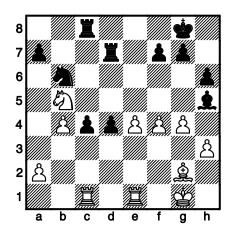
24...Nd7

[24...Nxe4?? 25.Rxe4+-]

28.f4 Qc5 29.b4! Qb6 30.Qxb6 Nxb6 5.0-0 0-0 6.Nbd2 Nc6 7.e4 dxe4

[31.Nxc7 d3 32.Nd5 Nxd5 33.exd5 Qe8 d2 34.g4 Bg6 35.f5 Bh7 36.Rf1 dxc1Q 37.Rxc1+-1

31...Rd7



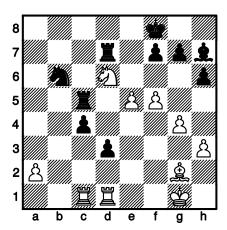
32.Red1?

White flinches. He could still hold the winning hand with [32.gxh5! d3 33.Red1+-1

32...a6 33.Na3

[33.Nxd4 Rcd8 34.gxh5 Rxd4±]

33...Bg6 34.f5 Bh7 35.e5 Kf8 36.b5 square. Theo now tries a tactic that is axb5 37.Nxb5 d3 38.Nd6 Rc5



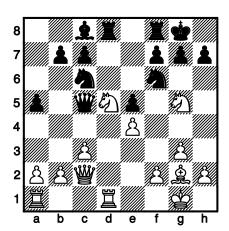
39.Re1?? Must be a time pressure blunder. [39.Rxd3 cxd3 40.Rxc5 d2 Rxe2 41.Bf3±] 39...d2 0-1

Burrus, Tony (1986) Slade, Theodore (2174) [A06]

Orlando Sunshine Open Orlando. Florida, (1.3), 08.06.2017 [Storch,Lawrence]

25.Qc3 c5! 26.Nb5 d4! 27.Qa5 c4 1.Nf3 d5 2.g3 Nf6 3.Bg2 e6 4.d3 Be7 8.dxe4 e5 9.c3 a5 10.Qc2 Be6 11.Rd1 25.c4 c5 26.dxc6 Rxd1+ 27.Rxd1 A strange decision. [11...Qc8 12.Nf1 Bc5 13.Be3 Bxe3 14.Nxe3 Rd8 follows the heavyweight battle: 1-0 (40) 28.Bd5+! Rf7 only move. Vachier Lagrave,M (2723)-Aronian,L (2780) Stavanger 2015]

> 12.Nf1 Bc5 13.Be3 Qe7 14.Bxc5 Qxc5 15.Ne3 Rad8 16.Ng5 Bc8 17.Nd5



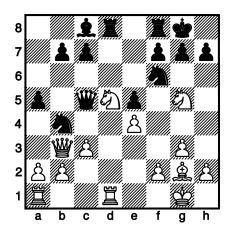
Thanks to some careless moves by black, white gets hold of the d5 a 1st round loss. 1-0

simply not sound.

17...Nb4??

[17...Nd4! was the correct square for the knight. 18.Qd2 Ne6 19.Nxe6 Bxe6 20.Nxf6+ gxf6 21.Qxd8 Rxd8 22.Rxd8+ Kg7±]

18.Qb3?



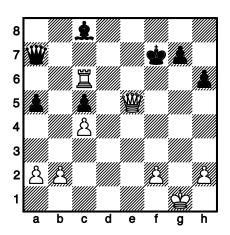
[18.cxb4!! Qxc2?? leads to a fantastic mate! 19.Ne7+ Kh8 20.Nxf7+! Rxf7 21.Rxd8+ Nq8 22.Rxq8#1

18...Nbxd5 19.exd5 h6 20.Ne4 Nxe4 21.Bxe4= Rd6 22.Bg2 f5 23.Rac1 f4 24.Qa3 Qb6

[24...Qxa3 25.bxa3=]

fxg3??

Another oversight. [27...bxc6±] 29.Qxg3 bxc6 30.Bxf7+ Kxf7 31.Qxe5 c5 32.Rd6 Qa7 33.Rc6!



Finishing the game with a punch to the gut. 33...Qa8 34.Rc7+ Bd7 35.Rxd7+ Kf8 36.Qxq7+ Ke8 37.Qe7#

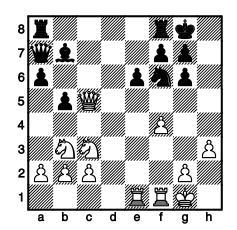
Fast improving Theo starts off with

Tabor, Kai (2122) [B48] Stukopin, Andrey (2671)

Orlando Sunshine Open Orlando. Florida, (2.2), 10.06.2017 [Storch,Lawrence]

GM Stukopin gets the better of local expert Kai Tabor.

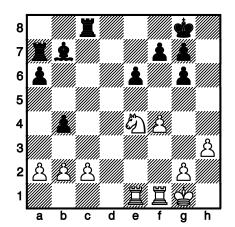
1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 e6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nc6 5.Nc3 Qc7 6.Be3 a6 7.Bd3 Nf6 8.0-0 Ne5 9.h3 Bc5 10.Qe2 d6 11.Rae1 0-0 12.f4 Ng6 13.Nb3 Bxe3+ 14.Qxe3 b5 15.e5 dxe5 16.Bxq6 hxq6 17.Qxe5 Qa7+ 18.Qc5 Bb7



19.Qxa7

Both players know their theory, but perhaps this move is a bit impatient.

[19.a3 Rfc8 20.Qxa7 Rxa7 21.Rd1] 19...Rxa7 20.Nc5 b4! 21.N3e4 Nxe4 22.Nxe4 Rc8



Black's b4 pawn makes defense of c2 awkward.

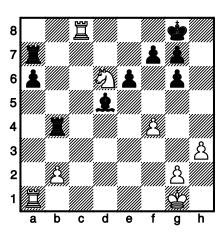
23.Rf2 Bd5 24.c3 Bxa2

[24...Bxe4 25.Rxe4 bxc3 26.Rc2 31.Re1 Rxg3+ Rac7 27.Rxc3 Rxc3 28.bxc3 Rxc3 0-1 29.Ra4=1

25.cxb4 Rb8

The b-pawns are weak.

26.Ra1 Bc4 27.Nd6 Bd5 28.Rc2 Rxb4 29.Rc8+?



Abandoning defense for a phantom attack.

29...Kh7 30.g3

[30.Rc2 Rxf4 31.Nb5 Rb7 32.Nc3 and perhaps white can survive, but It's doubtful.]

30...Rb3

There's nothing wrong with 30...Rxb2 31.Rf8 Rg2+ 32.Kf1 Rh2-+

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SECTION TOTAL	L 3461.20	Daut Yakupov (4.5/1004)	325.50
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The best move was 63... Bf8. [63...Bf8 64.Na7 Kd4 65.Nxb6 axb4 3...c6 4.Bd3 Nbd7 5.0-0 Qc7 6.b3?! 66.axb4 Bxb4 67.Nd7 Ke3 68.Nf6] 64.Nxb6+

66.Nc3 Bd5 67.Kh4 Bf3 68.Kg3 Bh5] **64...Kc6** (-5.85 ? -4.10)

64... Kc5. [64...Kc5 65.Nc4 (65.Nxd6?? bxa3 And there's no way to stop the 9.dxe5 Nxe5 10.Nxe5 Bxe5] new a-pawn.) 65...Be7 66.Ne5 Kxb5 6...e5 7.dxe5 Nxe5 8.Be2? 67.axb4 Kxb4 68.Ng6 Bf6 69.Nf8]

65.Nxd6 bxa3 66.Nxe4 a2 67.Nd5 Bxe5 11.Bxe5 Qxe5 12.c4 dxc4] a1Q 68.Ne7+ Kd7 69.Nxf5 Qg1+ 8...Bd6 70.Kf3 Qh1+ 71.Ke3 Qe1+ 72.Kf3 h5 73.Neg3 Qd1+ 74.Kg2 Qg4 75.Ne3 11.c3 Bf5 12.Ba3 h5 13.Bc5 Was Qxf4 76.Nef1??

[76.Ngf1 Ke6 77.Kg1 h4 78.Ng2 Qg5 0-0-0 12.Rc1 Rhg8 13.h3 Ne4 79.Kf2 h3 80.Nge3 Qf4+1

76...h4 77.Nh1 h3+ 78.Kg1 Qf3

A game that showcased just how more valuable the bishops are over the knights in open positions, and when both sides have an equal number of pawns on the board. 0-1

Sibbitt, Camille Almazan, Justin

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"This is to pay tribute to the fighters of the lower sections. A pretty miniature, with some spectacular tactics. Note the possibility of a cute 14.Qe1? alternative ending: at move 17 IM Javad Maharramzade, Brilliancy Prize on f3 with... [14.Nd4 g6 15.Kh1 Qa5 Judge"

1.d4 d5 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.e3

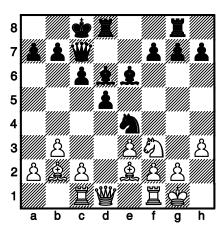
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It is very common to play b3 in this 15.Nd4 opening, but now is not the right Blunder. The best move was 64. moment. This goes to show that you or her pieces out of the way when a Nxd6. [64.Nxd6 Kxd6 65.axb4 Kc6 need to not only play the moves and pawn storm is coming. Unfortunately, themes that you know by heart, but to Black's attack has already arrived. also play what the current position [15.Nd2 q4 16.Nxe4 dxe4 17.g3 gxh3 Inaccuracy. A better move was requires. A better move was 6. Nbd2. 18.Kh2 Qe7 19.Rd1 Kb8] [6.Nbd2 e5 7.e4 Bd6 8.exd5 cxd5 15...g4 16.Nxe6 gxh3

[8.Nbd2 Bd6 9.Bb2 0-0 10.Nxe5

[8...Nxf3+ 9.Bxf3 Bd6 10.h3 Be5 better than the game.]

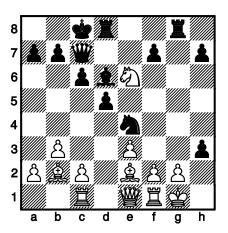
A better move was 76. Ngf1. 9.Nbd2 Be6 10.Bb2 Nxf3+ 11.Nxf3



Better was centralizing the Knight checkmate with a pawn? 0-1 16.c4 Kb8 17.Qc2 Rde8 18.a4 Bd7]

Now Black launches a light-speed attack!

In principle, one should move his



Javad pointed out this possibility of a cute alternative ending.

17.Nxd8

(Mate in 2) Blunder. The best move was 17. g4. [17.g4 Bh2+ 18.Kh1 fxe6 19.Bf3 Bd6 20.Bxe4 dxe4 21.f4 Rxg4; 17.Nxc7 Rxg2+ 18.Kh1 Rh2+ 19.Kg1 Rg8+ 20.Bg7 Rxg7+ 21.Bg4+ Rxa4#1

17...Bh2+ 18.Kh1 hxq2#

Who says it's not possible to



Timur Gareyev

Winners Of the 24th Space Coast Open

Master Section: Timur Gareyev 41/2-1/2

Class A: Mike Tannenbaum, Joran Torres, Jancarlo Cruz 4-1

Class B: Arnold Banner, Maliendra Senanan, Michael Russell, Robert Semmons 4-1

Class C: Andersen Harrill 4½-½ Class D: Charles Bell 41/2-1/2

U1200: Kashyap Tangutur 4½-½ Yans Girones Barrios 71/2-1/2 Blitz:

There were about 203 players participating in the event held April 28-30 in Cocoa Beach. The TD for this FIDE rated event was Jon Haskel and his Chief Assistant was Steven Vigil; Renaud Lajoi was the Assistant TD



Tournament Director's Corner

by Harvey Lerman

In a recent event there seemed to be some controversy about 3-fold repetition of position. It was a FIDE event and you ruled against the claimant... why was that?

Yes, there was a problem concerning the last game of the tournament. The tournament directors were in the TD room giving out the prizes for the sections that were already finished, when I was called in to resolve the problem. It was in the top section of the tournament and since it was FIDE rated, only a National Arbiter (or higher) would be allowed to address the issue.

When I arrived, both players were arguing about the position and some pieces were being moved, as White was displaying his scoresheet and pointing out that it showed that three consecutive moves had been made creating the current position. There was a crowd around, and the discussion was getting a little heated. White argued that there was no TD watching the game and that his scoresheet was correct.

Unfortunately, though I had prepared for this possibility, the TD that I had asked to stay and watch this last game had not done so and had left to go home. If he had stayed to watch the game, he would have been a good witness to what had happened. But since he wasn't there, I stopped the players from arguing and claimed that I could only go by, what I saw when I came... and I saw that White's clock, though stopped, had the plunger in the down position.

Though White argued that he had not "pushed it down", I could not determine that he had not done so. And this is very important, as once the plunger was pushed, it would no longer be White's turn to move, and the "Board belonged to Black" and that White would not be allowed to make any claims after that. Though White kept arguing, I insisted that he and the others there calm down and take some time before continuing the game with Black to move. This they finally did, and though there were some close calls, Black won the game.

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2017 FCA Voting Procedures

There are 7 positions to be filled by this election:

Vice President, Treasurer, Regional VP NE, Regional VP W, Regional VP S and At-Large1 & 2 (Following the FCA By-laws, the Past President is added to this ballot.)

We have 8 Candidates for these positions (with their Region):

Stephen Lampkin (E) * Stephen Cernobyl (S) * Kevin Pryor (NE) * Sam Sokhanvari (W) * Steve Abrahams (S) * Michael Hoffer (W) *

Bryan Tillis (S) Harvey Lerman (C) *

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.
- 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].
- 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 printed on 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

^{*}Incumbent

Meet the Candidates [Region]

Stephen Lampkin [NE]: I have extensive experience in organizing chess tournaments. I Organized the Florida State Championships in Daytona Beach in 2007, 2012 and 2013, and was chief TD in 2016. I am an Associate National Tournament Director, a licensed National Arbiter for FIDE. Established a chess club at the Port Orange, FL library for the past 16 years and have started chess programs at a number of local private and public schools. I have recently been involved as a consultant to the Orange County Public Schools, which has expanded their chess program into over 90 schools this year. I have also been involved with implementing chess into the Putnam County Schools. Currently I serve as the FCA Vice-President and sincerely wish to continue as a member of the FCA board to continue developing chess in Florida.

Steve Cernobyl [S]: President and owner of Hollywood Kings Chess Club and Life Member of the USCF. Have been on the FCA Board, currently as Treasurer. and am a USCF Local Tournament Director. I am official vendor for Miami-Dade, Broward, Palm Beach, Brevard, Orange County and various other smaller school districts within Florida, and currently service the book and equipment needs of many of the tournaments from small scholastics to large events such as the Space Coast Open. I look forward with great anticipation to serving the needs of the Florida chess community at both the adult and scholastic levels. Thanks you in advance for your time, consideration, and vote in this election!!

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. Is founder and president of Yes2Chess.com and Hoffer's Chess Academy. Won the 1989 TCC North American Championship and has an undefeated correspondence record with 61 wins & 9 draws. His journalistic credits include: New In Chess Yearbook (Games and analysis), 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 his interview with former World Champion Boris Spassky.

Kevin Pryor [**NE**]: Operations Manager for Johnson & Johnson, responsible for North America product distribution. I initially joined the USCF in 1990, but did not join the local chess scene while raising children. Played in first tournament in JUL 2014. Competed in U.S. Open and other local rated event since then. Upon understanding the dissolved condition of the Jacksonville Chess Club, I have been the driving force behind organizing a restart. Created the social media presence (Facebook, Twitter and JAXCC.org). Reached out to former officers to determine causes for the club folding and reached out to former members with the club's new vision. Plan is the re-establish State Incorporation and 501(c)3 status in 2015. The organization is now accepting memberships for the first time since 2012. i would like to see the club driving a broad array of offerings for the Northeast Florida community. Personally, My USCF rating is 1132 after 14 games. Goal is to reach 1500 as next milestone rating. I have also certified as a club level TD.

Steve Abrahams [S]: I am currently on the FCA Board as a Director-At-Large for the Southern region of the state, and wish to continue and further the progress we have made during my term. As a National Expert, FIDE Trainer, Author, Tournament Director/Organizer, Full-Time Chess Professional, and coach to over 1300 students in South Florida, I am confident that my knowledge and expertise are an asset to the Board of Directors. During my time on the FCA board over the last two years, I have worked closely with NTD & Board Member Jon Haskel, and Board Candidate LM Bryan Tillis to organize over 100 tournaments in South Florida, as well as teaching over 4,000 students in Palm Beach County. I have previously served on the boards of: The Maine Scholastic Chess Coach Association, The Maine Chess Association, Learning Path Academy Charter School, and the Florida Chess Association. If you would like more information about my accomplishments or experience please check visit: https://www.championschess.org/ Or email me at: abrahams.steve@franklin-academy.org

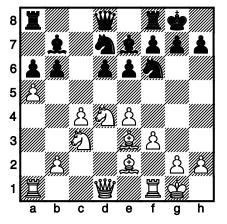
Bryan Tillis [S]: This past year as a tournament player, organizer, director, and chess supporter I have engaged in many activities to support Florida chess and ideas that I can contribute could add depth to the Florida board. In partnership with Steve Abrahams in the creation of our company Champions Chess we have participated in many avenues for growth for Florida Chess If you would like more information on what my organization has accomplished in the past year please check out: https://www.championschess.org/

our Miami Champions team in 18...b5 [18...Nxg4 19.fxg4 b5 20.Rae1 floridaCHESS, starting with this issue ~Ed

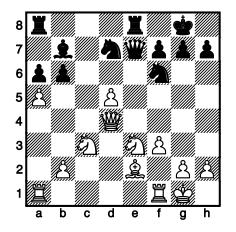
Abreu Delgado, Aryam (2452) **Perdomo, Carlos (2299) [A31]**

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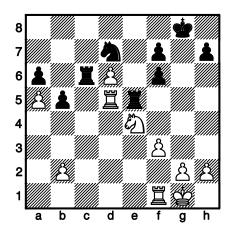
1.e4 Week 1 of the Pro Chess League! 1...c5 2.Nf3 e6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 a6 **5.c4** This line clearly shows the nature and intent of the play by Arvam. He is a clean positional player that will grind out a slightly better position with tactical insight. 5...Nf6 6.Nc3 d6 7.Be2 Nbd7 8.Be3 b6 9.0-0 Bb7 10.f3 Be7 11.a4 The critical plan, a direct prophylaxis against the Sicilian natural breaks of b5 and d5. 11...0-0 12.a5



12...d5 [12...bxa5 13.Nb3 a4 14.Nxa4 is uncomfortable on the dark squares] 13.exd5 exd5 14.cxd5 Bc5 15.Nf5 Bxe3+ 16.Nxe3 Qe7 17.Qd4 Rfe8



We will be presenting the Games of 18.Ng4 [18.Nf5 seems more accurate] Qq5 provides better chances than the main game, it would be wise to keep it in middlegame territory] 19.d6 Qe6 20.Rad1 Rac8 21.Nxf6+ Qxf6 22.Qxf6 This trade cements white's advantage, the extra d-pawn will be decisive. 22...gxf6 23.Bd3 Rc5 24.Be4 Bxe4 25.Nxe4 Rc6 26.Rd5 Re5



27.Rfd1

27.Nxf6+ ends things more quickly, keep in mind all games in the Pro 30.Rxf7 Nxf7 31.Qe6 Ng5 32.Qxf5 League are 15min with a 2 second Nxf3+ 33.Qxf3 a4 34.Qd1 a3 35.Qb3 increment, the endings of games are Qa5 36.f3 a2 37.Kh1 h6 38.Qb7 Qa7 typically in severe time pressure.

27...Kg7 28.b4 Kf8 29.Nxf6 Rxd5 42.fxe4 Nxe4 43.Qf7 Ra8 44.Qb7 Nd2 30.Nxd7+

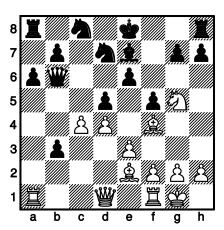
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Volkov, Sergey (2617) Hungaski, Robert (2488) [A80] PRO League Atlantic 2017 chess.com INT (3), 25.01.2017

1.d4 Week 3 can be summed up with this game, our opponents caught every lucky break.

1...f5 2.Nc3

players like Akobian, Gelfand, and Van matchup with one of her future Wely 2...d5 [2...Nf6 3.Bg5 d5 4.Bxf6 challengers. 1...e6 2.Nf3 f5 3.g3 Nf6 exf6 An idea seen in the Trompowsky 4.Bg2 d5 5.c4 c6 6.0-0 Bd6 7.b3 Qe7 Opening] 3.Bf4 a6 4.e3 Nf6 5.Nf3 e6 8.Bb2 0-0 9.Qc1 An idea Championed 6.Bd3 c5 7.0-0 c4 8.Be2 Nbd7 9.Ng5 by Avrukh in the first set of Nb6 10.a4 Bd7 11.a5 Nc8 12.Na4 Grandmaster Qxa5 13.b3 cxb3 14.Nc5 Qb6 White seeks to rid black of his 'good 15.Nxd7 Nxd7 16.c4 Be7



17.Rb1 Bxg5 18.Rxb3 ?? [18.Bxg5 maintains an edge for white with the Bishop pair] 18...Qd8 Hanging a Piece with no compensation, showing that even the strongest Grandmasters blunder from time to time 19.cxd5 exd5 20.Bxg5 Qxg5 21.Rxb7 Nd6 22.Rc7 Qd8 23.Qc2 0-0 24.Qc6 Nf6 **25.Bf3 Kh8 26.h3** [26.Bxd5 Nxd5 27.Rd7 Qe8 28.Qxd6 Nf6 gets a Pawn but too little too late] 26...a5 27.Ra1 Nde4 28.Qb7 Nd6 29.Qc6 Rf7 39.Qb2 Qa3 40.Qb7 Re8 41.e4 dxe4 45.d5 Nb3 46.Rxa2 Qxa2 47.Qe7 Qa1+ 48.Kh2 Qf6 49.Qc7 Re8 50.Qc4 Nd4 51.Qb4 Qf4+ 52.Kh1 Rc8 53.g3 Qf1+ 54.Kh2 Nf3# 0-1

Paikidze, Nazi (2369) Feng, Maggie (2164) [A90]

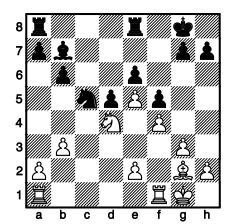
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1.d4 Week 4 Pro League 15-1 versus Columbus, US Women's Champion A line championed by positional Nazi Paikidze competed in a would be Repertoire volumes. bishop'. Once the menace is gone,

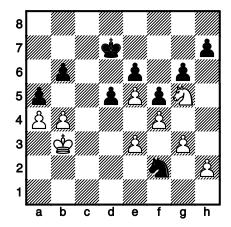
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Rfe8 18.cxd5 cxd5

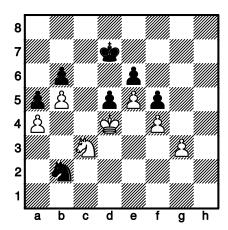


22.Kxf1 the position should be equal at second player the game. 56.Nxb2 1-0 this point as white's only plus is now gone, the rest of the game was indicative of the fast time controls of league...messy but typically decisive 22...Rac8 23.Ke2 Ne4 24.Rc6 Rxc6 25.Nxc6 Kf7 26.Rc1 Rc8 27.Rc2 Ne4+ 34.Kd3 Rxc2 35.Kxc2 Nc5 36.Nf3 Ne4 37.Kd3 Nc5+ 38.Kc3 Ne4+ 39.Kc2 Ke7 40.b4 Kd7 41.Kb3 Nf2 42.Nq5



42...Ng4 [42...h6 is better for black 43.Nf3 Nd1 44.Nd4 Nxe3 45.bxa5 bxa5

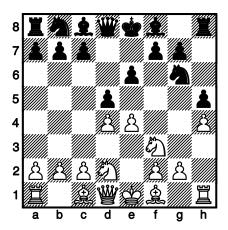
46.Kc3 Nc4 47.Nb3 g5] 43.Nxh7 Nxh2 6.c3 [6.g3 it is critical to act directly typically white has a grinding positional 44.Nf8+ Ke8 45.Nxg6? [45.Nxe6 is against the wayward knight 6...c5 plus. 9...Nbd7 10.Ba3 Bxa3 11.Qxa3 easily winning] 45...Nf1 46.Nh4 Nxe3 7.exd5 exd5 8.Bb5+ Nc6 9.0-0 a6 Qxa3 12.Nxa3 b6 13.Nc2 Bb7 14.Ne5 47.Nf3 Nf1 48.Nd4 Kd7 49.Ne2 Ne3 10.Re1+ Be7 11.Be2 c4 12.Nf1 Nf8 Nxe5 15.dxe5 Nd7 16.f4 Nc5 17.Nd4 50.b5 Nf1 51.Kc3 Ne3 52.Kd3 Nc4 13.Ne5 g6 14.Ne3 A position reached 53.Nc3 Nb2+ 54.Kd4



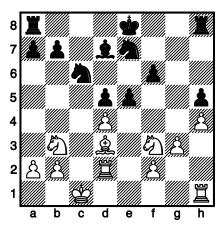
19.Rfc1 [19.b4 is more accurate as it 54...Nc4 [54...Ke7 with the idea of gets another pawn to agree with running to g4 as soon as possible will white's bishop while at the same time leave the Women's champion in a weakening its counterpart] 19...a5 tough spot] 55.Nd1 Nb2 ?? A clear stopping b4 20.e3 Ba6 21.Bf1 Bxf1 mouse-slip or pre-move costing the

Van der Lende, Ilias (2315) Pozo Vera, Sandro (2428) [C03] PRO League Group Stage chess.com

Ke8 28.Kd1 Kd7 29.Nd4 Rc3 30.Nb5 1.e4 Week 5 1...e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nd2 Ne7 Rc5 31.a4 g6 32.Nd4 Nc3+ 33.Kd2 An awkward but not altogether bad move, the first of many Knight moves in this game 4.Ngf3 [4.Bd3 Nd7 5.Ne2 this scheme of development is clean in comparison to the main game 5...c5 6.c3 cxd4 7.cxd4 dxe4 8.Nxe4 Nc6 9.0-0 Be7 Mamedov - Haimovich, 2010, 1-0] **4...Nq6 5.h4 h5**



twice in mega database] 6...c5 7.e5 Nc6 8.Bd3 Nf4 9.Bf1 Ng6 10.Bd3 Nf4 The match situation would not have been hurt by a draw (repetition) with black. Immense respect goes to Sandro for seeking blood! 11.Bf1 cxd4 12.Nb3 Ng6 13.cxd4 Bb4+ 14.Bd2 Qb6 15.Bxb4 Qxb4+ 16.Qd2 Bd7 17.g3 f6 18.Bd3 Nge7 19.exf6 gxf6 20.0-0-0 Qxd2+ 21.Rxd2 e5



The strong center is enough for a pleasant edge for black.

22.dxe5 fxe5 23.Bb5 [23.Nc5 is a critical move 23...e4 24.Nxd7 Kxd7 25.Bxe4] 23...Rc8 24.Kb1 Bf5+ 25.Ka1 Be4

Pin it to win it. 26.Be2 0-0 27.Nc5 Bxf3 28.Bxf3 Rxf3 29.Nxb7 Rcf8 30.Rf1 e4

Quesada, Yuniesky (2630) Van Wely, Loek (2695) [B80] PRO League Group Stage chess.com INT (5), 11.02.2017

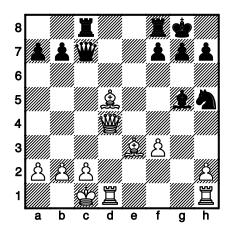
1.e4 Week 5 1...c5 2.Nf3 e6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nc6 5.Nc3 d6 6.Be3 Nf6 7.f3 8.Qd2 0-0 9.q4 d5

White's attack on the wing is met with a slam in the center!

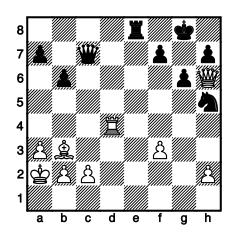
10.g5 Nh5 11.exd5 Nxd4 12.Qxd4 Bxg5 13.0-0-0 exd5 14.Nxd5 Be6 15.Bc4 Rc8 16.Bb3 Bxd5 17.Bxd5 Qc7

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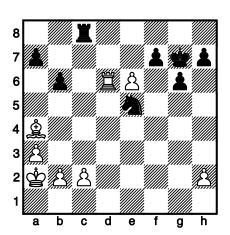
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18.Bb3 N Bxe3+ 19.Qxe3 b6 20.Rd4 Rfe8 21.Qd2 Re7 22.Rd1 g6 23.Kb1 Rce8 24.a3 Re2 25.Qh6 Re1 26.Rxe1 Rxe1+ 27.Ka2 Re8



White's advantage is his Bishop glaring at the f7 pawn compared to the Kg7 30.Qd4 Qe7 31.f4 Rc8 32.Qe5 11.Rd2 Nf6 12.Be2 Qxe5 33.fxe5 Ng4 34.e6 Ne5 35.Ba4



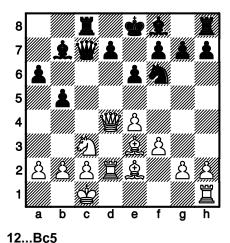
With both players in time trouble in an equal position, Quesada shows his than the main game] creativity laying a subtle trap 35...Rc7 13.Qxc5 Qxc5 14.Bxc5 Rxc5 15.Rhd1 a natural move running into: 36.Rd7 !! d5 16.e5 Nd7 Everything for black loses 36...Rc4 fashion as the main game] 37.e7 Nxd7 my bad bishop. 38.Bxd7 [38.e8Q Nf6 39.Qb5 Re4 42.Kc3 Ke5 43.Kd3 g5 44.c4 g4 45.b4 26.Bxb5 Rxb5 f4 46.c5 bxc5 47.bxc5 Kd5 48.c6 Kd6 49.Ke4 f3 50.Ke3 a5 51.Bh5 Kxc6 27.a3 f6 28.exf6 Nxf6 29.axb4 axb4 52.Bxg4 Kb5 53.Bd7+ 1-0

Hansen, Eric (2603) Tillis, Bryan [B47]

PRO League Group Stage chess.com INT (6), 15.02.2017

1.e4 Week 6, After beating Amsterdam soundly (ranked 1st in their division) this beating we took by Montreal had us yield respect. I played the best chess I could, but it was not strong enough...much like our teams effort. 1...c5 2.Nf3 e6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nc6 5.Nc3 Qc7 6.Qd3 An interesting move played by GMs Bartle, and Eljanov 6...Nxd4

At the time I played this move, it 36.c4 seemed natural as it causes white to move his Queen for the second time in were around 1min each. After seeing two moves. [6...a6 7.Nxc6 bxc6 8.Qg3 is the point of white's previous play reaching an interesting position which I evaluate as difficult for black] 7.Qxd4 weak Knight on h5 28.Qd2 Nf6 29.Rd6 a6 8.Be3 b5 9.0-0-0 Bb7 10.f3 Rc8



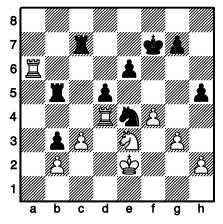
[12...Be7 13.g4 b4 more critical

I felt this French-like position [36...Nxd7 37.exd7 Rxd7 38.Bxd7 would be hard to lose. The main goal is where white will win in the same to fix the Pawn structure and trade off

17.f4 0-0 18.g3 Nb6 19.Rd4 Rc7 40.Qa6 was another route] 38...Re4 20.Bd3 Bc6 21.Re1 Rb8 22.Nd1 Nd7 39.e8Q Rxe8 40.Bxe8 f5 41.Kb3 Kf6 23.Ne3 b4 24.Kd2 a5 25.Ra1 Bb5

Black has full equality

30.Kd3 Kf7 31.Ra8 b3 32.c3 Ne4 33.Ra1 h5 34.Ke2 Nd6 35.Ra6 Ne4



An unsettling move, both players many bullet brawls with Nakamura I knew my opponent was much stronger in Bullet than I am.

This feeling of needing to hurry caused me to fall apart.

36...Rb4 37.f5 exf5 38.Rxd5 g6

[38...Nc3+ 39.bxc3 b2 40.cxb4 b1Q 41.Rxf5+ Kg8 42.Ra8+ Kh7 43.Rxh5+ Kg6 44.Rh4 an intense position where time would have been a major factor]

39.Rd8 Rbxc4 time trouble [39...Rbb7 simple and maintaining the tension] 40.Nxc4 Rxc4 41.Rd7+ Ke8 42.Rh7 Rc2+ 43.Ke3 Nd6 44.Rxd6 1-0

This concludes the 1st 6 weeks of the 2017 PRO-Chess League. The remaining games will be presented in the next issue of floridaCHESS. We should thank Bryan for all his effort in annotating these games. ~Ed

Philidor's Defense success at the 2017 Orlando Sunshine Open!

by Sasha Starr

Kai Tabor (2122) - Sasha Starr (2144) [C41]

Orlando Sunshine Open Rosen Plaza Hotel (4), 11.06.2017

Joshua Harrison (2073) - Sasha Starr (2144) [C42] Orlando Sunshine Open Rosen Plaza Hotel (2),10.06.2017

I really enjoyed the Orlando Sunshine Open tournament held at the beautiful Rosen Plaza Hotel on June 9-11, 2017.

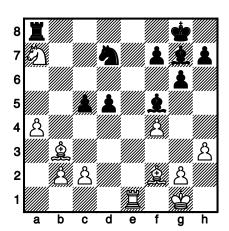
For the first time in two years, after becoming 2015 Canadian Senior Co-Champion (with my wife, IWM Nava Nb6 16.Re1 Nxc4 17.dxc4 f6 18.Nh4 f5! 19.Qh5 Bxh4 Starr), I played a few real tournament games, with a time 20.Qxh4 f4 21.Ne4 Nxe4 22.Rxe4 Bf5 23.Re2 f3 24.gxf3 control of G/120,D5!

Considering the space limitation I will show two of them: 28.Qxe5 Qd7! 29.Be3 the same opening, the same result! First my 4th round game White: Kai Aaron Tabor (2122), Black - yours truly Sasha Starr (2144).

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 d6 Philidor Defense! Cute, but cannot be recommended as the main reply to 3.d4, exd4 4.Nxd4 q6 This is one of the reasons I play this opening! 5.Nc3 Bg7 6.Bc4 Nf6 7.0-0 0-0

It looks similar to Sicilian Dragon: the difference is a Black pawn on c7 instead of e7. Who is benefitting from this?

8.f4 a loose move 8...Re8 9.Re1 c6 10.a4 d5 11.exd5 Rxe1+ 12.Qxe1 cxd5 13.Bb3 Nc6 14.Be3 Ng4 15.Nxc6 bxc6 16.Bc5 Bf5 17.h3 Qa5 18.Nb5 Qxe1+ 19.Rxe1 Nf6 20.Nxa7 Nd7 21.Bf2 c5



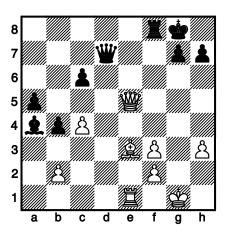
It is time to become active! I hope my grandchildren would agree with me!

22.Nc6 c4 23.Ne7+ Kf8 24.Nxf5 gxf5 25.Ba2 Rxa4 26.Bb1 Bxb2 27.c3 Bxc3 Black dominates!

28.Rc1 Ra1 29.Rxc3 Rxb1+ 30.Kh2 Nf6 31.Ra3 Ne4 32.Bd4 Rd1 33.Be5 f6 34.Ra8+ Kf7 35.Ra7+ Kg6 36.Ra6 c3 37.g4 c2

White resigned. 0-1

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 d6 3.Bc4 Be7 4.d3 Nf6 5.Nc3 0-0 6.h3 c6 7.0-0 b5 8.Bb3 a5 9.a4 b4 10.Ne2 Na6 11.Be3 Qc7 12.Ng3 d5! 13.exd5! Nxd5 why not 14.Bd2 Nc5 15.Bc4 Bxc2 25.Rae1 Rae8 26.Qq3 Bxa4 27.Rxe5 Rxe5



29...Re8

I was planning on playing 29...Rxf3 here, but then became guite excited about this next move of mine, as it is not an obvious one! 30.Qxa5 Bd1!! 31.Qxb4? Bxf3! 32.Bf4?? this is a losing move.

32...Rf8! 33.Re7?? Qh3 34.Rg7 Kg7 35.Qxe7 Kg6 36.Qd6 Rf6.

White resigned. 0-1

So Philidor's Defense again proved to be very successful: so far I have scored 5 out 5, 2 out of 2 only in this tournament! And while I am often playing 1.e4 myself, nobody ever has played a Philidor against me!

Too bad; I know the line where Black is experiencing tremendous difficulties! I will keep waiting... however, if you would like to know the killer line, consider becoming a Club Member at www.chessstars.com and ask the GM a question! Sasha Starr, Canadian Senior Champion.



Reviews by Miguel Ararat —



Alekhine Move by Move By Steve Giddins

Alekhine Move by Move by Steve Giddins is the newest book available on the fourth world champion, Alexander Alekhine. The book is around three hundred pages long and includes thirty four well annotated games and twenty puzzles. The author uses the move by move format to explain to the readers the ideas, opening nuances and features that

characterized Alekhine's games. Importantly, Giddins makes this information relevant to the club player. For example, game twenty three, Alekhine- Roselli Del Turco, Zurich 1934, is included in the book because the author wants club players to benefit from this instructive game. That being said, it is obvious that the book contains less known games from the fourth world chess champion that are not the very best, but have a highly instructive value.

The games in this book are valuable to the club player because the author covers every game from different angles, but bond them with two unifying ideas. The study of the chess classics is an "indispensable tool of self-improvement, as well as a source of great pleasure". In Alekhine Move by Move the author selects a set of less known Alekhine's games, explains the openings in the context of modern opening theory and guides the reader to navigate at the junctions where a paradoxical move is chosen.

Writing a chess book is not an easy task, in part because the author needs to check old analysis with modern computer programs(Fritz 12 in this case), but needs to preserve the essential beauty of the games. In this matter, Giddins does not over-use computer analysis and puts the games in the background of tournament conditions. Put differently, a chess engine can point out that a sacrifice/combination is not decisive, but under the pressure of tournament play, it is nearly impossible for a human to navigate and accurately calculate the possibilities. Alekhine Move by Move is a nice effort by one of the most experience and knowledgeable authors in the field of books aim at the amateur segment.

Master Class 3 Alekhine By Dorian Rogozenco, Dr. Karsten Müller, Mihail Marin, Oliver Reeh

Master Class 3 Alekhine is the most up-to-date and user friendly DVD on the fourth world chess champion. This DVD takes full advantage of the possibility to store a large number the games, adds multimedia features to increase the instructive value of a game database and uses different chess engines to explore the material when the games are too complicated or a question arises. In this DVD the user has access to all Alekhine's games, a biography segment and the opportunity to learn from Alekhine's chess skills such as tactics, strategy, endgames and openings. To accomplish this goal each section is cover by a specialist; for example, Mikhail Marin presents the chapter on Strategy and Karsten Muller the endgame chapter. The material in this DVD can be used to self-study or to prepare training material. Recommended!

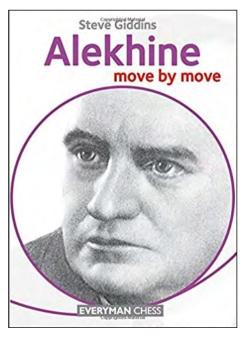
ChessBase Power play 20 By Daniel King

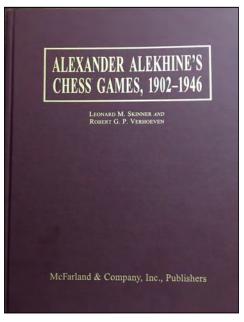
If you want to hone your attacking skill against the King, then Power play 20 by Daniel King is a good choice. In this DVD the author uses ten complete games to quiz the audience about how to handle a direct attack against the King. In addition, the DVD also has fifty model game to selfstudy and as a reference. Daniel King, teaches the art of the attack around three principles; open lines to get to the target, use all your pieces, and at the critical moment, you need to calculate. The first two principles are well known, but the third principle is ignored by some players. As a result, a player can get a good position by maneuvering, but falters at the time when precise calculation is required. This last part of the attack is the source of many headaches for the amateur "I have a great attacking position [according to the engine he was lost]..., but I let him escape". Power play 20 by Daniel King will help you to bring home more points!

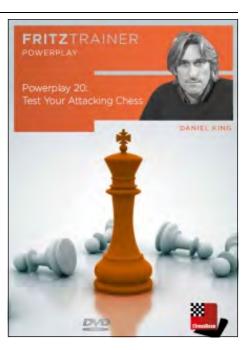
Alexander Alekhine's Chess Games, 1902-1946 By Leonard M Skinner and Robert G. P Verhoeven

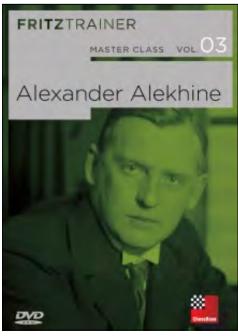
Alexander Alekhine's Chess Games, 1902-1946 by Skinner and Verhoeven is the most comprehensive collections of the fourth world chess champion. This book belongs in the library of every chess enthusiast. The reasons to support this claims are the following: First, Alekhine was a strong player and superb annotator with a passion to explore the resource available to both players during his games. Second, Alekhine was a strong

correspondence chess player before becoming a top over the board player, which makes Alekhine's games (especially the early games) and analysis a good blend of home analysis and practical advice to play opponents face to face. In other words, Alekhine annotations mix theory and practice. **Third**, Alekhine was paid to annotate chess games for newspapers and chess magazine of good reputation, and as a result, Alekhine's comments on a chess game were high standard and educate a wide audience, at the same time that his work will stand the review of his peers. **Fourth**, The games of the fourth world chess champion are high quality and good models in all the three phases of the game (**M. Marin**, makes a good argument that some of Alehine's games reached the rare **fourth stage**.) which make this game collection a complete "one stop" resource for any player looking to improve his/her chess skills. Finally, all the chess coaches I worked so far, including Cuban **GM Amador Rodriguez** recommended Alekhine's games as a good tool to become a better chess player. **Alexander Alekhine's Chess Games**, **1902-1946 (McFarland**, **1998)** can be purchased at www.mcfarlandpub.com or at 800-253-2187









CFCC's Orlando Sunshine Open & Scholastic

Photos by Kevin Sibbitt



Scholastic Team from Jamaica



Last Round contenders



Last Round Top Boards Master Competition



Round 2 Master contenders



Some Last Round action in the Masters



Round 2 U2000 Action by Waite



Round 2 top finishers in U2000



Round 2 Hansen in action



Round 2 Kai vs Stukopin



Round 2 Battles at the top



Last round U2000 battle: Givler-Todfeld



43 kids battled in the Scholastic that was finished in a tie between Andrew Tiansay & Daut Yakapuv who drew their game together, but still ½-point ahead of all.

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May 6	Queens Cup	Hotel Indigo, Tapestry Park Circle - Jacksonville	JAXCC
May 12-14	SuperNationals VI	Gaylord Opryland Resort - Nashville	USCF
Jun 9-11	Orlando Sunshine Open & Scholastic- FREE GM	Rosen Plaza Hotel (across from Pointe) - Orlando	CFCC
Jun 22-29	FIDE World Junior Youth for Disabled Players	The Park Inn, Hotel by Radison - Kissimmee	BM
Jun 23-25	Chess Educators International Open	The Park Inn, Hotel by Radison - Kissimmee	BM
Jul 15-16	North Florida Open	TBD - Jacksonville	JAXCC
Jul 21-23	Southern Open	Wyndham Orlando Resort - Orlando	CCA
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
Dec 8-10	National Grades K-12 Championships	-Lake Buena Vista	USCF
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Jan 5-7	4th Gulf Coast New Year's Open	- Ft Myers	BRCC
Jan 26-28	Central FL Class Championships	Double Tree Hilton at Sea World, Orlando	CFCC
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	Rosen Plaza Hotel (across from Pointe) - Orlando	CFCC

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