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Editor Speaks

I have returned! floridaCHESS is continuing! But there may be some major changes in the content. And a "Printed issue" will not be automatically sent to everybody. But a color PDF of each issue would be online for all members to see and download.

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

Some of the major changes in content being made are:

- 1. Without a "Games Editor" we'll hope players will do so.
- 2. TD Corner replaced with "Harvey Lerman plays chess"
- 3. Inclusion of smaller events and chess stories submitted

I will still try to be involved in organizing chess tournaments for the Central Florida Chess Club, and we already have a full schedule of events for 2018 and are starting on 2019.

As you see above, we no longer have a Games Editor, so if you would like to send in your games for publication, please add some comment to them.

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

Harvey Lerman Editor, floridaCHESS

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Harvey Lerman

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from the President's desk



"Happy New Year! New Year's always reminds me of the great schedule of tournaments



we are fortunate enough to have as chess players living in Florida. The Central Florida Class Championship in January, and the US Amateur Team South in February start the year off, with events like Space Coast and Continental Chess Association events soon after are just some of the great events we have to look forward to this year... not to mention our annual State Championships in September. I plan to participate in a number of these events so I hope to see you all and visit with you as we, together, make 2018 our best year yet.

We've gone through a number of changes in the past year. We updated our website, implemented a new online voting platform, redesigned our logo, and the list goes on. One big change that the board decided on last year was to move this quarterly publication from a hard-copy mailed version to an online version. Not only does this help us reduce our annual costs but it gives our members better access to a higher quality product, most notably, color photos! If you liked the hard copy, don't despair. You can still request a hard copy by contacting our board at fcaboard@gmail.com or the editor Harvey Lerman directly and a hard copy version can be mailed out to you. Please remember to give an accurate current mailing address in your email and please allow for a month or two so the editor can collect all the requests of a given issue and make only one trip to the publisher.

For our scholastic players... The Scholastic State Championship is right around the corner in March. There are 2 regionals taking place one in the North and the other in the South. In the past we have had more regionals, but this was back when we had generous support from sponsors.

(President's desk continued on page4)

Letters

Hi Florida ChessPlayers,

The Chess Club from the University of Central Florida (UCF) competed in the PAN-AMERICAN Team Championships at Ohio State University this past December.

UCF was able to field two teams but needed financial support. The FCA supported the Knights in the amount of \$300 so they could send both their teams to Columbus for this great event.

Under the leadership of President Tyler Clark (pictured below with FCA President William Bowman, a UCF Alumni himself) UCF has grown chess interest at one of the largest universities in the country. If you are at UCF, check them out at their regular meeting spot just inside the library.

If no one is around, check out a board and chess set yourself from the library, which were generously donated by the chess club to the university.

See page 14 for a report on this event.

(President's desk continued from page 3)

If you are someone who is interested in supporting scholastic chess in particular we could use your help. If you are a parent and would to help out in other ways, we could use, and would like to use your help too. Scholastic chess is an area of growth for us and I would like to continue to see Florida lead in the area scholastic chess. But to do so requires volunteers. If you are interested please contact our board at fcaboard@gmail.com.

I wish you all a Happy 2018 of chess and hope you will stay apprised as we continue to improve what we do to best "promote chess in our state."

William Bowman



UCF Chess Club President **Tyler Clark (R-L)** with FCA President **William Bowman** and **Philippe Espinet** [playing white].

"Miami Champions" at 2018 Pro Chess League

Montreal ChessBrahs Put The "Pro" In PRO Chess League

Putting the "pro" in PRO Chess League, the full-time stream team of the Montreal ThessBrahs put on an incredible show for their fans as they eeked out a victory against recy tough Miami Champions squad. Both teams got valuable points 3/4 from their boar ones in flumzaga and Saric.

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Week 2: Miami beats the Montclair Sopranos 9-7.

See pg 12 for games on this match ~Ed

Our week 3 result was 9-St Louis to 7-Miami, as we played against one of the strongest lineups in the Pro League facing two 2700's.



GM Eduardo Iturrizaga, Miami's top scorer so far.

See more on Pg 20~Ed

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FIU Christmas Open of 2017

from Tom Zerg

The FIU Christmas Open was held in the FIU Graham Center on Saturday, December 9 and was the last of four tournaments held in the Fall semester for the FIU Chess Club. There were three sections: Open, U-1800, and U-1300. The tournament consisted of 4 rounds with a time control of 40 minutes and 10 second increment. CM Antonio Arencibia won first place in the open with 3.5/4, drawing IM Yunier Leyva Rivera in the last round. After Arencibia, there was a 4-way tie for second between IM Rivera, Ronald Hernandez, Frank L Castillo, and Ben Silva with 3/4. In the U-1800 section, there was a 3-way tie for first between Oscar Gonzalez, Federico Cybel, and Enrique Guzman-Barron Villar with 3/4. In the U-1300 section Edgar Rodriguez won first place with 3.5/4.

Picture 1:

From left to right: Frank L Castillo, William Bowman, Diego Milla, Thomas Zerquera, Ronald Hernandez, IM Yunier Leyva Rivera, CM Antonio Arencibia (kneeling down)

Picture 2 : Diego Milla, CM Antonio Arencibia

Picture 3:

From left to right: Federico Cybel, Oscar Gonzalez, Diego Milla, Enrique Guzman-Barron Villar.

Picture 4: From left to right: Edgar Rodriguez, Diego Milla, Thomas Zerquera









For a game from this event and results of the FIU Fall event see page 15 ~Ed.

Oak Hall School Chess Club again dominates the elementary school grades of the National Grade Championships

by Tim Tusing

A year's worth of hard work paid off for the Oak Hall School Chess Club at the United States Chess Federation's Grade Level National Championships in Orlando, Florida, December 8th-10th. The tournament determines the National Champion, individual and school team, for each grade. The Eagles dominated the elementary school grades in the tournament that had over 1800 students from across the United States by earning three grade championships. The top three scoring player total scores count as a team score for a school team in the seven round event.

Jack Judy lead the Eagle Kindergarten Team to victory with an amazing perfect performance going undefeated and earning the individual title as Kindergarten National Champion. Earning the fifth place trophy was Jacob Rose with 5.5 points with 5 wins and a draw. Declan Mawdsley earned second place U800 with 5 points giving the Eagles an impressive 17.5 points as the highest scoring team for all the grades in the entire tournament. Also on the Kindergarten team were: Tovy Guan (first place unrated), Maanya Rao (first place u1000), Elias Siddiqui (3rd place u800), Marcus Bavry, Amarley Mullings, Connor Ringlehan, Joel Stahl, Morgan Wegman, and Jason Zhang.

The Fourth Grade Team pulled off the biggest upset of the tournament by outscoring several higher rated teams and coming from behind in the last round to secure the Fourth Grade National Championship. Grayson Cooke lead the team by placing 4th individually with 6 points. Marcus Shih placed first U1200 with 4.5 points, Jack Okun was the third highest scoring player on the team with 4 points. Adityaa Ravi, Daniel Zhang, and Chris Zoidis completed the team.

Lead by 11th place finisher Nate Ziegler (5.5 points) **the Second Grade Team** earned a Co-Championship National title by tying first place with New York Collegiate School. Both teams scored 15.5 points. Brian Bird and Cade Gallogly each earned 5 points for the Eagles. Yiwen Lu , Brayden Farmer, Kevin Reeves, Zeina Siddiqui, Peyton Kaufmann, Alexis Thur de Koos, Elliot Rodic, Nick Cummings, Winny Wang, Gracie McMillen and Anna Zoidis.

The First Grade Team fell short just ½ point from a National Championship coming in Second Place with 14.5 points. The team was lead by top scorers Oliver Cooke (5.5 points, 11th place), Donovan Castellanos (4.5 points), and Gabe Odacha (4.5 points). Rounding out the team were Adelyn Gurley, Zayd Abdulrahim, Anya Madsen, Caly Vu, Iris Barmpouti, and Asha Snodgrass.

The Fifth Grade Team placed 7th overall in the nation with Thomas Moy (20th place), Rithwik Hegde, and Haider Zaidi earning a team score of 12.5 points. Sanjay Pooran and Kai Snodgrass completed the team.

The only grade that the Eagles did not have a complete team was the Third Grade. Nathan Saad and Fynn Bavry played as a two man team and turned in valiant effort for the school.

(See page 8 for photos of these top teams. ~Ed)

The club constantly competes and has success against schools, mostly from New York, where chess is part of the curriculum and the schools receive millions of dollars in government grants to provide Grandmaster teachers and club costs. Head Coach Tim Tusing credits many different things for the success of the club. One being the effort put in by the assistant coaches. Josh Harrison, Kai Tabor, and alumni Harrison Schott put in many hours throughout the year to help the team. Personal coaches John Salisbury and Britt Ryerson are very strong contributors to the program as is local top high school player Cindi Jie who comes in to help motivate and teach the younger players. The dedication of the parents is also a huge factor. The biggest factor that Coach Tusing contributes to the success of the club is the ability of the club to meet everyday. "The school and administration has provided us the opportunity to meet not only every school day for three and a half hours but also on holidays and teacher work days. The fact that we have summer chess club every day gives the parents a chance to keep the kids playing playing and interested throughout the year. The goal is a learn a little each day, to go over and over concepts and tactics, and to keep it simple. We are the only program that has JrK chess! Our kids get an early head start and get to play everyday. That is the main key to our success! The kids, the coaches, the parents, and the school all coming together to make us champions!" The Oak Hall Chess Club now has 15 National Championships since the club started in 1997. The next big event the club is preparing for is the All Girls National Championships in Chicago this coming Spring.

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 lii	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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National - Level IV Tania Kranich-Ritter

Tim Tusing

Advanced - Level III Miguel Ararat

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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	
Max Zavanelli	70	2134
WOMEN		
Alexandra Kosteniuk		2602 #
Ghaderpour Taleghani		2297
Laura Zayas		2247
Rachel Gologorsky		2110
Vladlena Ciubara		2104
Tianhui (Cindy) Jie		1999
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TOP BLITZ		
Julio Becerra		2633
TOP QC		
Julio Becerra		2557

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OVERALL*

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CORRESPONDENCE

Keith Rodriguez	2333
Humberto Cruz	2284
James Van Dooren	2193
Paul Ott	2093
Dwayne Hoffman	2055
David Spencer	2045
Michael Horvarh	1984

2200

2200

^{*}Active with Current Ratings

Oak Hall School Chess Club dominates in elementary grades

We won Kindergarten and fourth grade outright, tied as co-champions in second grade, and missed winning first grade by 1/2 point.

Kindergarten

1st Oak Hall, Gainesville,FL (12) JUDY, Jack (7.0,1054) ROSE, Jacob D (5.5,408) MAWDSLEY, Declan (5.0,651)

1st Grade

2nd Oak Hall, Gainesville,FL (9) COOKE, Oliver Edward (5.5,1208) CASTELLANOS, Donovan (4.5, 914) ODOCHA, Gabe (4.5,428)

2nd Grade

2nd Oak Hall, Gainesville,FL (14) ZIEGLER, Nate (5.5,1234) BIRD, Brian G (5.0,1276) GALLOGLY, Cade (5.0,928)

4th Grade

1st Oak Hall, Gainesville,FL (6) COOKE, Grayson (6.0,1722) SHIH, Marcus (4.5,1035) OKUN, Jack (4.0,1298)

5th Grade

7th Oak Hall, Gainesville,FL (5) MOY, Thomas (5.0,1330) HEGDE, Rithwik (4.0,1331) ZAIDI, Haider (3.5,1520)



Jack Judy: 7-0 Kindergarten Champion

Grayson Cooke: 6-1 4th Grade Champion (No photo)



Four coaches: L-R Josh Harrison, Kai Tabor, Tim Tusing, Harrison Schott



First grade team Back row L-R: Tim Tusing, Kai Tabor, Josh Harrison Front row L-R: Oliver Cooke, Zayd Abdulrahim, Donovan Castellanos, Asha Snodgrass, Carly Vu, Adeyln Gurley, Anya Madsen



Back row L-R: Josh Harrison, Kai Tabor, Tim Tusing, Harrison Schott Front row L-R: Nate Ziegler, Cade Gallogly, Brian Bird, Anna Zoidis, Brayden Farmer, Alexis Thur de Koos, Zeina Siddiqui, Peyton Kaufmann, Nick Cummings

Note: In Grade 3 only 2 players from Oak Hall played and so not counted as a team. They were Nathan Saad & Flynn Bavry.

But Joseph A William Elementary FL, picked up the slack and their team finished 3rd led by Erick Zhao who tied for 1st in Grade 3.

(See page 10 for all FL players that performed well ~Ed)

Central FL Class Championships

by Harvey Lerman

This event held Jan 26-28 at the recently renovated Double-Tree Hilton at Sea World delighted the participants especially with the renovations of the playing room. The tables were of fine wood that required no tablecloths and the doors were set to upon and close with not a sound being made.

Attendance was a little light, but met the organizers predictions of over 100 players, as 120 entered. A large number of players took advantage of the free parking tickets allowing them to commute from their homes without having to purchase a sleeping room, while others shared rooms to also save on the increased room rates,

The prize fund was \$8500 based on 150 with 70% guaranteed but with Scholastic players counting as ½, the 20 kids, reduced the final count to 110, giving a 73.3% payout... very close to our 70% planning estimate.

We are working with the hotel on negotiating a contract to have this event again for the last weekend of 2019. Hopefully this will be successful as the CFCC continues there chess program into another year. We appreciate all the good comment you give us on our events and hope we can continue.



John Ludwig (L) wins Championship on tiebreaks over Corey Acor when Juan Pereira holds Corey to a draw in the last round (the longest game)



John Givler (R) won the Class A Trophy on tie-breaks over Krishna Venkatasubba while Keshav Singh & Robert Lachaussee split the U1900 prize.

There was not enough room in this issue of the magazine to have a full report on this event; so we plan to have a full story in the next issue of the magazine which will include a major article and several more games.

Those of you that are proud of your game and wish to see it in that issue, please add your own annotations to it and send it to the Editor of floridaCHESS.



Sajan Jai Gutta won the Class B Trophy as Connor Eickelman & Nicholas Weisberger tied for 2nd while Darien Brown and Taban Chin split the U1500 prize.

Andrew Ye won the Class D Trophy while Samuel Wohl, Briane Cooke, Nate Zieglar & Matthew Minear tied for the 2nd and U1300 prizes.

Anthony Dang won the U1200 Trophy and Jonathan Chavez, Andrew Tiansay & Douglas Bethoney shared the 2nd and U1000 prizes while Saayiali Kaushikkar, Mike Yand, Julian-Alexandre Wang & Jonathan Solik shared the U800 prize.

> See photos of more winners and others on the CFCC website ~Ed.

> > See game on page 11 ~Ed.



Nick Moore (R) drew Ludwig in Rnd 2 placing Ludwig a ½-pt behind Acor. Juan Pereira (L) won the X-trophy on tie-breaks as they both finish 3rd.



Steve Vigil (L) & Wayne Strickland handling the prize awards



Sadik Bizanti won the Class C Trophy on tie-breaks over Thomas Moy while Jack Okun and Daniel Kan tied for the U1500 prize.

All Florida players performing well at the National Grades

	Gd TEAM & Rtng	Score
1st* Ludwig, John Gabriel	12 FLMORA FL 2476	6.0
6th* Lau, Jonathan Christopher	12 FLM061 FL 2012	5.0
6th* Nan, Fei	12 FLDRBA FL 1969	5.0
5th* Liu, Jackie	11 FLEHS FL 2098	5.0
5th* Slade, Theodore	11 FLOOCV FL 2171	5.0
5th* Perez, Ernesto G	11 FLM061 FL 1777	5.0
13th Jie, Tianhui (Cindy)	11 FLG005 FL 2051	4.5
2nd Sunjic, Dylan	10 FLBERK FL 2060	6.0
2nd* Penton Cruz, Eric Armando	10 FLMSMH FL 2018	6.0
9th* Kleidermacher, Justin	9 FLM036 FL 1909	5.0
2nd* Chen, Timothy	8 FLWBAK FL 1751	5.5
2nd Venkat, Raghav	7 FLWWLM FL 2188	6.0
4th* Singh, Keshav	7 FLL013 FL 1843	5.5
7th* Stone III, Vincent William	6 FLI002 FL 1812	5.5
12th* Maheshwari, Jayant	6 FLT012 FL 1820	5.0
12th* Gospodinov, Antony	6 FLSTMF FL 1861	5.0
17th* Moy, Thomas	5 1330 5.0	
2nd* Ngo, Bach	4 FLG001 FL 1986	6.0
2nd* Cooke, Grayson	4 FLG002 FL 1722	6.0
2nd* Gao, Marvin	4 FLB002 FL 2006	6.0
1st* Zhao, Erick	3 FLG001 FL 1907	6.5
9th* Ziegler, Nate	2 FLG002 FL 1234	5.5
9th* Farragut, Cannon	2 FLTMPS FL 1528	5.5
16th Marian, Áaron	2 FLW022 FL 1384	5.0
2nd Patil, Dhruva Dinesh	1 FLMEWF FL 1520	6.0
6th* Bogatov, Max Val	1 FLPINE FL 941	5.5
6th* Cooke, Oliver Edward	1 FLG002 FL 1208	5.5
1st Judy, Jack	K FLG002 FL 1054	7.0
2nd* Yang, Maxwell	K FLW010 FL 546	6.0
5th Rose, Jacob D	K FLG002 FL 408	5.5

^{*} Tied

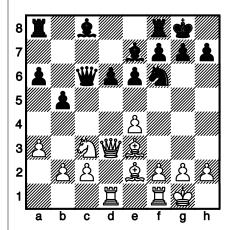
Violeta's game from the Central FL Class Championships 2018



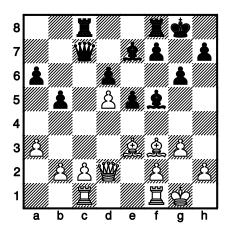
Atseva, Violeta (1362) Chen, Henry (1130) [B84] Central FL Class Championships 2018 (Rnd 5), 28.Jan.2018

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 a6 6.Be3 Nc6 7.Be2 e6 8.0-0 Be7 9.a3 0-0 10.Qd3 Qc7 11.Rad1 b5 12.Nxc6 Qxc6

White would have been better to play 13.e5 dxe5 14.Bf3 e4 15.Nxe4 Nd5 16.Nc3 Bb7 17.Nxd5 exd5 18.Bxd5 Qxd5 19.Qxd5 Bxd5 20.Rxd5 with an advantage here before this position.



13.Bf3 e5 14.Nd5 Nxd5 15.exd5 Qc7 16.g3 g6 17.Qd2 Bf5 18.Rc1 Rac8

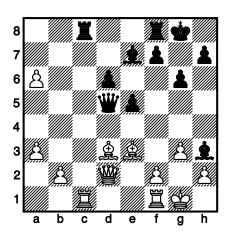


Instead, 19.Be2 Qb7 20.c4 bxc4 21.Bxc4 a5 22.b3 Ra8 23.f4 f6 would equalize the game.

19.c3 Qc4 20.Be2 Qc7 21.Bd3 Bd7 22.c4 Qb7 23.cxb5 Qxd5

This gives the advantage back to White.

24.bxa6 Bh3



25.f4 Bxf1 26.Bxf1 Qxd2 27.Bxd2 Rxc1

Black should play27...Bd8! 28.Rd1 (Not 28.Rxc8 Bb6+=) 28...Bb6+ 29.Kh1 Rc2=1

Now White can not recover 28.Bxc1 e4 29.a7 d5 30.Be3 f5 31.Ba6 Bf6 32.Bb7 d4 33.Bc1 d3 34.a8Q Rxa8 35.Bxa8 Bxb2 36.Bd5+ Kg7 37.Bxb2+ Kf8 38.Kf2 d2 39.Ke2 Ke7 40.Kxd2 Kd6 41.Bg8 1-0

The deciding game from the Central FL Class Championships

Pereira, Juan (2120) Acor, Corey (2401) [C25] Central FL Class Championships 2018 (5), 28.01.2018

1.e4 e5 2.Nc3 Nc6 3.g3 g6 4.Bg2 Bg7 5.Nge2 d6 6.Nd5 f5 7.d3 Nf6 8.c3 0-0 9.Qb3 Nxd5 10.h4 h6 11.Be3 Kh7 12.exd5 Ne7 13.f4 h5 14.0-0-0 Re8 15.Ng1 Bh6 16.Nh3 e4 17.dxe4 fxe4 18.Bxe4 Nf5 Bxf5 20.Bd4 19.Bxf5 Re2 21.Rd2 Qe7 22.Nf2 Rxd2 23.Kxd2 Re8 24.Qd1 Ba7 25.Re1 Qxe1+ 26.Qxe1 Rxe1 27.Kxe1 Bxd4 28.cxd4 Bb1 29.a3 Kg7 30.Nd1 a6 31.Kf2 Be4 32.Ne3 Kf6 33.g4 Bh1 34.Kg3 Be4 35.b4 Bh1 36.f5 Be4 37.Kf4 Bd3 38.q5+ Kf7 39.f6 Bb1 40.Kf3 Ba2 41.Ke2 Bb3 42.Kd2 Ba4 43.Kc3 Bb5 44.Kb3 Bd7 45.Nc4 b6 46.a4 Bf5 47.a5 b5 48.Ne3 Be4 49.Kc3 Kf8 50.Kd2 51.Ke2 Kf8 52.Kf2 Kf7 53.Kq3 Kf8 54.Kf4 Bh1 55.Nd1 Bxd5 56.Nc3 Bc6 ½-½

This was the last game of the event and was the deciding game. It has not yet been annotated and we hope someone will be doing so that it can be presented in the next issue of floridaCHESS. ~Ed.

More games from this event will be in the next issue of floridaCHESS ~Ed.

Some Games from the Pro Chess League

"Montclair Sopranos" vs "Miami Champions" [Event Date 2018.01.18]

Lenderman, Aleksandr (2611) Iturrizaga Eduardo (2650) Week 2 18.Jan.2018

Bykhovsky, Anatoly (2496) Quesada, Yuniesky (2627) Week 2 18.Jan.2018

Checa, Nicolas (2486) Rosenthal, Nicholas (2169) Week 2 18.Jan.2018

4.Qc2 c5 5.dxc5 0-0 7.Nf3 Qb6 8.e3 9.Be2 a6 10.0-0 Qc7 11.e4 d6



12.Bf4 Nbd7 13.Rfd1 b6 14.Nd2 Bb7 15.Rac1 Rac8 16.Be3 Rfe8 17.f4 Bf8 18.Ob1 19.Bf3 Bh6 20.Re1 Qb8



21.g3 e5 22.Nd5 b5 23.Qd3 bxc4 24.Nxf6+ Nxf6 25.Nxc4 26.Bh5 exf4 26.Bxf4 Bxf4 27.gxf4 d5 28.fxg5 28.exd5 Qxf4 29.Rxe8+ Rxe8 30.Rcf1 30.Rd1 Nq4 31.Bxq4 Rf3 35.Ne3 Qg1+ 36.Kd2 Qxh2+ Qf1+ 37.Kh2 37.Kc1 Qe5 38.Re1 Rf2 39.Re2 Rxg5 39.Qxh7+ 42.Nc2 h5 0-1

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Bb4 1.Nf3 d5 2.g3 c6 3.Bg2 Bg4 1.d4 e6 2.Nf3 d5 6.a3 4.0-0 Nd7 5.d4 e6 6.Nbd2 f5 4.Nc3 dxc4 5.a4 Bb4 6.e3 b5 Be7 7.c4 Bd6 8.b3 Ngf6 9.Bb2 Ne4



10.Ne5 Nxe5 11.dxe5 Bc5 12.cxd5 exd5 13.Nf3 Ob6 14.e3 Ng5 15.h4 Ne6 16.Qc2 0-0 17.Rac1 Bxf3 18.Bxf3 a5 19.a4 Rf7 20.Bh5 g6 21.Be2 22.Kg2 Bb4 23.h5 g5 24.h6 Qd8 25.f4 Qb6

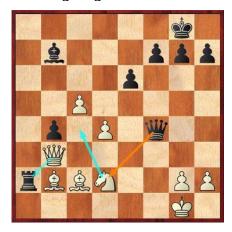


0xe3 27.Bxf7+ £4 Qxg5 29.Rf3 Qxh6 31.Rh1 Qg5 Qxg4+ 32.Rh4 Rq7 33.Kh3 fxq3 32.Kf2 Re4 33.b3 Rf4+ 34.Ke1 34.Bc1 g2 35.Bxg5 g1Q 36.Rg3 Nxg5 38.Rxg5 Kf8 40.Qh8+ Rxe2 40.Qxe2 Bxd5 41.Qd3 Be6 Rg8 41.Qh6+ Ke7 42.Qh7+ Qf7 0 - 1

3.c4 c6 7.Bd2 a5 8.axb5 Bxc3 9.Bxc3 cxb5 10.b3 Bb7 11.bxc4 b4 12.Bb2 Nf6 13.Bd3 0-0 14.0-0 Nbd7 15.Nd2 Qc7 16.Bc2 Rfd8 17.f4 Nb6



18.c5 Nbd5 19.Qe1 a4 20.Rxa4 22.Rf3 Ng4 21.Rxa8 Rxa8 Ngxe3 23.Rxe3 Nxe3 24.Qxe3 Ra2 25.Qb3 Qxf4



26.Nf1 Ba6 27.Ng3 Rxb2 28.Bxh7+ Kxh7 29.Qxb2 Qe3+ 30.Qf2 Qc1+ 31.Nf1 Oxf1+ 32.Qxf1 Bxf1 33.Kxf1 b3 34.c6 b2 35.c7 b1Q+ 36.Kf2 Qc2+ 0-1

The passing of Max Zavanelli

Max Zavanelli died on January 27th, at his home in Lithuania. He was (about) 71 years old, and will be buried in a local cemetery. He lasted about 3 years after his diagnosis of stage 4 liver cancer, which is remarkable given that he had been told that he had 6 months to live! Go in peace - Al Sirutis

Max was an American. Formerly lived in Orlando. His father was General Patton's driver. I knew Max all too well.-Mike Hoffer

Wow! I remember Max, but it was when I was still in Chicago. Didn't know he was from Lithuania. - Daaim Shabazz Gosh...Harvey thank you for letting us know. He was a personal friend of mine for many years regarding correspondence chess - Joan DuBois, USCF Office



Max Zavanelli is perhaps most pleased with the two certificates and medals that he received at the 2003 ICCF Congress: the Bertl von Massow Gold Medal representing 15 years of service in ICCF and his own Senior International Master medal. He has a distinguished chess career in both OTB and Correspondence fields. It started with the Tri-State High School Championship and has been evolving ever since. While in the U.S. Army, he played in Europe and was European Armed Forces Champion, he and won the Kansas State Championship.

While studying at Bernard Baruch City College and Columbia University Graduate School of Business he won numerous championships including tying for best first board with a perfect score in the U.S. Team Championship 1971, Manhattan Chess Club Reserve Championship 1972, New York City Commercial Chess League Championship 1974, New York City Masters Championship 1977. His biggest victory was a tie for 1st with Anatoly Lein, Soviet Champion, in that event. He also won a West Virginia State Championship and a Philadelphia City Championship. The highlights of his New York City years include playing at the Port Authority Offices in the newly opened World

Trade Center and a living chess match against Bent Larsen in Rockefeller Plaza.

During the 1980's, he was playing 50-60 correspondence chess games at a time and still playing in OTB tournaments occasionally. In addition to playing, Max has actively participated in administrative side of chess. He started as a USCF Tournament Director in 1968, but his real contribution has been to international correspondence chess. In 1987, Max was appointed United States Secretary for International Correspondence Chess and General Secretary for all United States Correspondence Chess Championships. At some point, he picked up the title of "Max, The Axe."

As ICCF-US Secretary, Max devoted his efforts to increasing both the number of US players in ICCF and guiding players to the right tournaments to earn ICCF titles. In 1993, he was awarded the lifetime title of ICCF International Arbiter. He has served as the North America/Pacific Zonal Director, was appointed an ICCF Vice President in 1992, served on the Rules Committee and The Appeals Committee for several years, and was just elected ICCF Deputy President at the 2003 Congress. He has attended 15 Congresses and greatly enjoyed picking up the title medals for the US players.

Parallel to his chess career, Max Zavanelli has developed a very successful career in investment business and academia. He started as Senior Financial Analyst at Mellon Bank, and next he was an Investment Strategist at American National Bank in Chicago. In1979, he founded Zavanelli Portfolio Research, which later became 3 separate corporations: ZPR Investment Management, Inc., ZPR Investment Research, Inc., and ZPR International, Inc. He also founded the National Index Fund in Lithuania (NSEL 30) and held the position of Distinguished George Professor, Chair of Applied Investments and Research and served on the Business School Board of Directors at Stetson University, DeLand, Florida.

There will be much more about Max including his games and memories from the **ZPR Florida International Chess Tournament** held July 2-8, 2016 at the Country Inn & Suites in Port Orange FL in the next issue of floridaCHESS ~Ed.

The UCF Chess Club competed in the PAN-AMERICAN Team Championships at Ohio State University this past December

by William Bowman

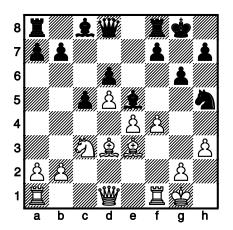


Nick Moore

Moore, Nick (2136) [A70] Narayanan, Saumik (2082) Pan Am's 2017 (2), 28.12.2017

[Nick Moore]

1.d4 e6 2.c4 Nf6 3.Nf3 c5 4.d5 exd5 5.cxd5 d6 6.Nc3 g6 7.h3 Bg7 8.e4 0-0 9.Bd3 Nh5 10.0-0 Nd7 11.Be3 Ne5 12.Nxe5 Bxe5 13.f4



13...Bg7

[13...Bd4 14.Bxd4 cxd4 15.Ne2 Qb6 16.Qb3 and White is better.]

14.g4 Nf6 15.Qf3 Nd7 16.Rae1 a6 17.a4 Rb8 18.Qf2

Preparing e5

18...Qc7 19.e5 dxe5 20.f5 e4 21.Nxe4

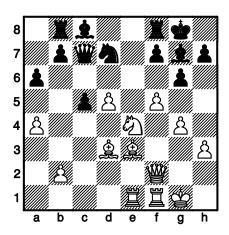
UCF Chess Team A Nick Moore Amirfarhad Nilizadeh Jonnathan Ramirez Karim Essofi

UCF Chess Team B
Jake Parker
Philippe Espinet
Rafael Rosado
Tyler Clark
Alt. Sammy Wohl



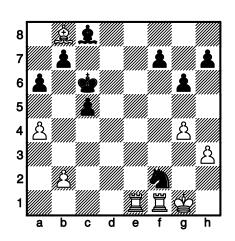
22.f6 Bh8 23.Bf4, just taking the material is simplest.

23...Qd8 24.Bxb8 Nxb8 25.Bc4 Bd7 26.Qh4 Re8 27.Qh6 Rxe4 28.Rxe4 Bxf6 29.Qf4 Bd4+ 30.Rxd4 cxd4 31.Qxf7+ Kh8 32.Qf8+ Qxf8 33.Rxf8+ Kg7 34.Rxb8 1-0



21...b6

[If 21...Ne5 22.f6 Nxd3 23.fxg7 Nxf2 24.gxf8Q+ Kxf8 25.Bh6+ Ke7 26.d6+ Qxd6 27.Nxd6+ Kxd6 28.Bf4+ Kc6 29.Bxb8, we reach this position shown below.]



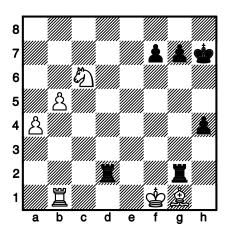


Game from FIU Christmas Open of 2017

Ronald Hernandez (2031)[C10] Carlos G Andretta (2228)

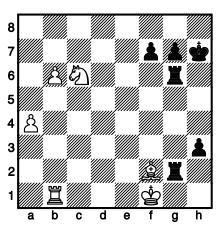
FIU Christmas Open round 4 09.12.2017 [Lerman, Harvey]

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nc3 h6 4.Bd3 c5 5.dxc5 Bxc5 6.Nf3 Nf6 7.0-0 dxe4 8.Nxe4 Nxe4 9.Bxe4 Qxd1 10.Rxd1 Nd7 11.c3 Nf6 12.Bc2 Ng4 13.h3 Nxf2 14.Rd4 Nxh3+ 15.qxh3 e5 16.Nxe5 Bxd4+ 17.cxd4 Bxh3 18.Be4 0-0 19.Bxb7 Rad8 20.d5 Bf5 21.Nc6 Rd7 22.Ba6 Be4 23.Bc4 Kh7 24.Be3 Bxd5 25.Bxd5 Rxd5 26.Bxa7 Rd2 27.b4 Re8 28.b5 Ree2 29.a4 Rg2+ 30.Kf1 h5 31.Rb1 h4 32.Bg1?



White can equalize this game and maybe win with: [32.Be3 Rde2 33.Bg1 the game as a White win! [34...Rxc6 h3 34.Rb3 h2 35.Rh3+ Kg8 36.Rxh2 35.Rb3 Rh6 36.Rxh3 Rxf2+ 37.Kxf2 Rxh2 37.a5 Rhg2 38.a6±]

32...h3 33.b6 Rd6 34.Bf2 Rdg6?



But Black now blunders and returns Rxh3 38.a5 Rb3 wins for Black!]

35.Rb3 h2 36.Rh3+ Kg8 37.Ne7+ 1-0

Yunier Leyva Rivera Wins FIU October Open



Cuban International Master Yunier Leyva Rivera has been playing in South Florida events mostly in the G/40+10 events organized by FIU's Chief TD Thomas Zerguera. He started at the South Miami Chess Club (SMCC) on July 10, 2017 in their G/40+10 events and also in their G/3+2 Blitz events, usually wining all of them without a loss, except for when Yuniesky Quesada Perez(2707) was in the G/3+2 Blitz as he usually lost to him.

He continued to play in events every week and entered Jon Haskel's 16th Turkey Bowl (Nov 10-12-2017) where he finished tied for 1st in this G/90+10 event. As of the end of 2017 Yunier is rated 2490 (Reg), 2419(Quick), and 2507 (Blitz).

Hopefully we will be seeing a lot more from Yunier and hope he decides to play in some of the major events North of the Miami area where the money prizes are a lot larger.



GM Yuniesky Quesada Perez

Cuban Grandmaster now plaving only in South Florida. He also tied for 1st in the 16th Turkey Bowl.

He is rated 2710 (Reg), 2662(Quick), and 2716 (Blitz).

He too needs to consider playing in some of the major events North of the Miami area where the money prizes are a lot larger!

16th annual Turkey Bowl

November 10-12, 2017 at Sawgrass Grand Hotel from Jon Haskel

RESULTS

OPEN: G/60+30 35 Players; 3 players tied with 4-1 scores

Yuniesky Quesada Perez [\$591+Trophy],

Julio Becerra [\$591]

Yunier Leyva Rivera [\$591]

U2100: G/120d5 43 Players

Libaski Espinosa Garcia 4½-½ (Rd 3 ½-pt Bye) [\$692+Trophy]

U1750: G/120d5 46 Players; 3 players tied with 4-1 scores

Ernesto G Perez [\$433+Trophy]

Christopher Adelke Bammeke [\$433]

Faulo Castro [\$433]

U1450: G/120d5 45 Players

Lawrence Cerrato 5-0 [\$606+Trophy]

U1100: G90d5 24 Players

Carlos Ariza 4½-½ (Rd 3 ½-pt Bye) [1st Place Trophy]

Sr Prize: 3½-1½

Jose Hernandez Padron (OPEN)

Joseph Diskin (U1750)

Argellto Del Valle (U1400) [\$58 each]

4th Gulf Coast New Year's Open

Tactical Vision: Here are three positions from my games at the 2018 Gulf Coast New Year's Open.

Submitted by Andy Catlin

[1] White to Move and Win



Zelner,Zoe (1800) Catlin,Andy (1984) [B02] Round 1

White is way ahead in development in a wide-open position. 1.Bxc6? [1.Bf5!! wins a piece] 1...Bg5+? [I was afraid of 1...Rxe1 2.Bxb7 Rxd1+ (not seeing that after 2...Bg5+! it's Black that wins!) 3.Kxd1 and White is up two pawns] 2.Nxg5 Nxc6± White is a solid pawn up, although the game would end in a barekings draw. ½-½

[2] Black to Move and Win



Shoykhet, Benjamin (1937) Catlin, Andy (1984) Round 4

1...Bf1! the only way to stave off mate is with 2.Rg2 but after 2...Bxg2 Black regains all of his material, with a raging attack. 3.Bxg2 Qxg3+ 4.Kh1 e4 5.Bxe4 Qe1+ 6.Kg2 Qg3+ [6...Bd6? 7.Qc3+] 7.Kf1 Bg7 and Black won quickly. 0-1

[3] Should White now play 1 Qxh7+ or 1 Qxe6?



Catlin,Andy (1984) Machado,Lester (2010) Round 5

0 - 1

1.Qxe6?? [1.Qxh7+ Kxh7 2.c4 and Black still has decent drawing chances.] 1...Bxg2!!
2.Kxg2 Qh3+ 3.Kg1 g3 4.fxg3
[The more tenacious 4.Qb6 still loses, most brilliantly to Stockfish's 4...Rc5!! 5.Qxc5 Rg8]
4...Qxg3+ 5.Kf1 Qf3+ Black resigns. Congratulations to Lester, who tied for first in the Under 2100 section.

See next page for Standings & Prize winners from this event. ~Ed.

4th Gulf Coast New Year's Open Final Standings From Jon Haskel

SwissSys Standings. 4TH GULF COAST NEW YEAR'S OPEN: OPEN PRIZE WINNERS

#	Name	Rtng	Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd 3	Rd 4	Rd 5	Tot	TBrk[M]	TBrk[S]	TBrk[C]	TBrk[O]	Prize
1	GM YUNIESKY QUESADA PEREZ	2710	W14	D5	W6	W8	D3	4.0	14	16.5	12.5	50.5	475.28/Trophy
2	GM JULIO J BECERRA	2604	W29	W15	W9	D3	D4	4.0	14	15.5	13.5	46.5	475.28
3	GM PAVEL BLATNY	2460	W25	W12	W20	D2	D1	4.0	12	13.5	13.5	47	475.28
4	IM YUNIER LEYVA RIVERA	2490	D13	W23	W11	W22	D2	4.0	11.5	13.5	12	40.5	475.28
5	VLAD YANOVSKY	2218	W24	D1	D22	W20	D 7	3.5	12	13.5	11	44	87.41
6	JINDRICH ZAPLETAL	2277	W28	D11	L1	W21	W16	3.5	11	12	10	37	87.41
7	THEODORE SLADE	2174	D26	D21	W19	W12	D5	3.5	9	10	10	32.5	87.41

<u>U2100</u>	<u>Prize</u>
4.0 Munir Ben Jemma (Trophy)	458.89
Mike Lucente, Lester Merchado	458.89
U1800	
4.5 Neryk Davydov (Trophy)	524.45
Alexander Huberts	524.45
114500	
U1500 4.0 Luis Anglada (Trophy)	409.72
Daniel Glidewell	409.72
Gary Robinson	409.72
John Mccombs	409.72
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<u>U1100</u>	
Akhilesh Joshi 4.0	1st Trophy
Luca Gurgenidze 3.5	2nd Trophy
Andrew Cambron 3.5	3rd Trophy
Ivan Goponenko 3.5	U900 Trophy
Natalia Cereceda 3.0	U700 Trophy

SWFCC First Saturday Swiss December Event

by Sam Sokhanvari



Glen Leotaud (1868) Sam Sokhanvari (1983) [A07]

SW Florida CC at Estero Premier Section (Round 3), G/55,d5 02.Dec.2017 [Sam Sokhanvari]

1.Nf3 d5 2.d3 c6 3.g3 Bg4 4.Bg2 Nd7 5.Nbd2 Ngf6 6.0-0 e5 7.e4 dxe4 E5. 8.dxe4

no big mistakes yet.

Be7

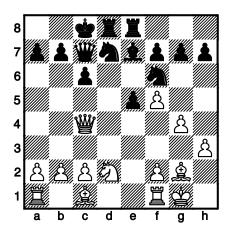
My plan is to castle asap... 12.Nf5

...but that knight has to go!

12...Bxf5 13.exf5

I am thinking at this point it maybe better to castle on the gueen side.

13...0-0-0 14.Qe2 Rhe8 15.Qc4

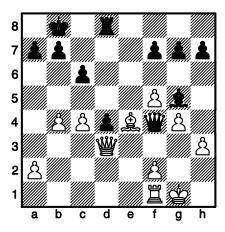


He offered a draw here but I thought that was too early.

15...Rf8 16.Qa4 Kb8 17.c4 Nc5 18.Qc2 Nd3 19.Ne4 Nxe4 20.Bxe4

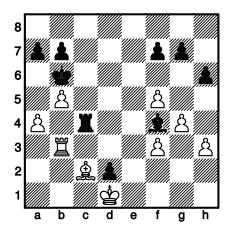
I am thinking I should not have him have the bishop pair.

20...Nxc1 21.Raxc1 Bg5 22.Rcd1 Rd4 23.b4 Rfd8 24.Rxd4 exd4 25.Qd3 Qf4



My plan is to move my bishop to

26.Kg2 Bf6 27.Qg3 Qxg3+ 28.Kxg3 So far we playing a normal game, d3 29.Rd1 d2 30.Kf3 Bc3 31.b5 cxb5 32.cxb5 h6 33.Ke2 Rd4 34.f3 Kc7 8...Qc7 9.h3 Bh5 10.g4 Bg6 11.Nh4 35.Rb1 Kb6 36.Kd1 Rd7 37.Ke2 Bb2 38.Kd1 Be5 39.a4 Bf4 40.Rb3 Rc7 41.Bc2 Re7 42.Be4 Rc7 43.Bc2 Rc4



White is running out of good moves. We ended in a few blitzing moves and White ran out of time. I won! **0-1**



Final Position



Photo after 12.Nf5



Munir Ben Jemaa-Tied with Sam for 1st

Greg Gordon, President & **Chief Tournament Director**

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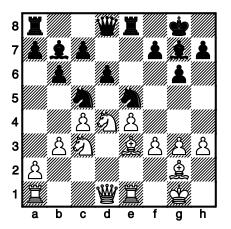
Pro Chess League - Atlantic 2018 -- "Miami Champions"

by Corey Acor

C. Rodriguez, Renier (2501) Acor, Corey (2284) [E68]

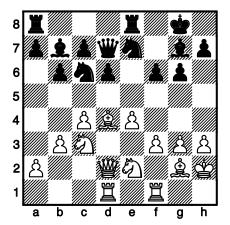
PRO League chess.com INT (1), 18.01.2018 [Corey Acor]

1.d4 Nf6 2.Nf3 d6 3.c4 g6 4.g3 Bg7 5.Bg2 0-0 6.0-0 Nbd7 7.Nc3 e5 8.e4 b6 9.Re1 Bb7 10.h3 exd4 11.Nxd4 Re8 12.f3 Ne5 13.b3 Nfd7 14.Be3 Nc5

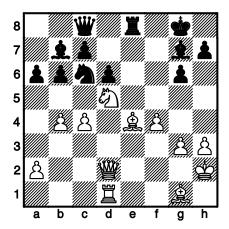


Around here I liked how the opening has gone for me. I don't believe the last few moves were book Ne6 40.Qc4 Qd6 41.Qb3 Bxd5 moves, so both players are probably thinking on their own here.

15.Qc2 Ncd3 16.Rf1 Nb4 17.Qd2 Nec6 18.Nde2 Ne7 19.Rad1 Qd7 20.Bd4 f6 21.Kh2 Nbc6



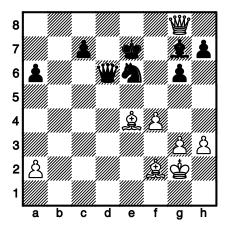
Around here in the middle game I thought I was doing decent.



Going into the endgame he was slowly outplaying me and I was eventually down a pawn or two by move 47.

But these were 15 minute games and by this time both players were down to around 1 or 2 minutes each.

31.Re1 Qd7 32.Bf2 Kh8 33.Bq2 Rxe1 34.Qxe1 Kg8 35.Qd2 Nd8 36.c5 bxc5 37.bxc5 Kf7 38.Qa5 dxc5 39.Qxc5 42.Bxd5 Ke7 43.Kg2 Nd4 44.Qc4 Qb6 45.Be4 Qd6 46.Qg8 Ne6



Μv lucky last chance complications came here when my opponent allowed my Queen to go to d2. I am sure I am still losing with decent play by my opponent, but since

22.Bq1 Rf8 23.f4 Rae8 24.Rfe1 Qc8 he was low on time now, he made a 25.Nd5 f5 26.Nec3 a6 27.b4 fxe4 huge blunder, by then moving Bc2 28.Rxe4 Nxd5 29.Nxd5 Rxe4 30.Bxe4 allowing me to attack the pinned piece on f2.

47.Qxh7 Qd2 48.Bxg6 Kd6 49.Bc2

My opponent actually moved "super-fast" here, probably thinking Bd3 was going to put me in check and stop my attack. But, being so low on time. I believe he miscalculated that it was not check now! 49...Bd4! 50.Qd3 Qxf2+ 0-1



https://www.prochessleague.com/ is the website where one can find all information on the Pro League. It is typically updated the day after the event.

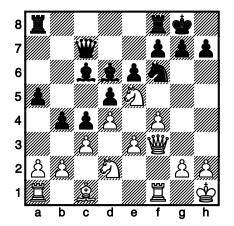
After 3 weeks, Miami has won 1 match and lost 2 and has 23.5 Game Points in the Atlantic Division.

Harvey Lerman Plays Chess - Part 1

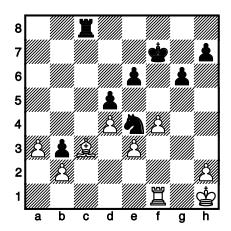
Lerman, Harvey (1950) Noderer, Lawrence (2068)

Hartford Chess Club - Ladder Game, 19.10.1956

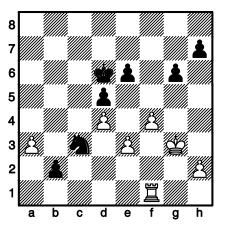
1.d4 Nf6 2.e3 e6 3.Bd3 c5 4.c3 Nc6 5.f4 d5 6.Nf3 c4 7.Bc2 b5 8.0-0 a5 9.Ne5 Qc7 10.Nd2 b4 11.Kh1 Bb7 12.Ba4 Bd6 13.Qf3 0-0 14.Bxc6 Bxc6



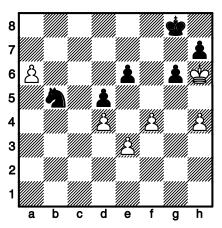
15.Ndxc4 B_b5 16.Nxd6 17.Ndxf7 Rxf7 18.Nxf7 Bxg2+ 19.Qxg2 Kxf7 20.cxb4 axb4 21.Bd2 g6 22.a3 Rc8 23.Rg1 b3 24.Bc3 Ne4 25.Rc1 Qc4 26.Qf1 Qxf1+ 27.Rxf1



27...Rxc3 28.bxc3 Nxc3 29.Rf2 Na4 30.Rf1 Ke7 31.Kg2 Kd6 32.Kf2 Nc3 33.Kg3 b2



34.Kg4 Ke7 35.Kg5 Kf7 36.a4 b1Q 37.Rxb1 Nxb1 38.a5 Nc3 39.a6 Nb5 20.Re2 d4! 21.Qxe6+ Qxe6 22.Rxe6 40.Kh6 Kg8 41.h4



41...Nd6 42.Kg5 Nb5 43.Kf6 Kf8 44.Kxe6 Nc7+ 45.Ke5 Nxa6 46.Kxd5 Ke7 47.e4 Kf6 48.Kd6 Nb4 49.e5+ Kf7 50.d5 Nd3 51.Kd7 Nxf4 52.e6+ Kg7 53.d6 h6 54.e7 1-0

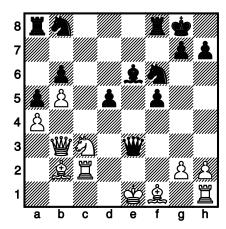
LeClerc, Pierre (2152) Lerman, Harvey (1950) [A00] 51 Norfolk St - Hartford, 23.01.1957

1.b4 e5 2.Bb2 f6 3.a3 d5 4.d4 e4 5.e3 43.Rxe6+? f5 6.c4 c6 7.Nc3 a5

first encounter of Orangatang Opening, a favorite of my 46.Kh7 f4 47.gxf4 Kf5 48.Kh6 Kxf4 opponent.

11.Rc1 Be6 12.Na4 Bd6 13.Ne2 0-0 55.Kxb6 h1Q 56.Ka7 Kf4 57.b6 Ke5 14.Nf4 Bxf4 15.exf4 Qd6 16.Nc3? Qxf4 17.a4 e3 18.Rc2 Qxd4 19.fxe3

Qxe3+

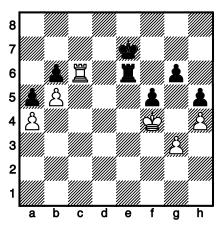


dxc3 23.Bxc3 Nbd7 24.Bc4 Rac8 25.Rc6+ Kh8 26.0-0

His Bishops vs my Knights! 26...Nb8 27.Rxc8 Rxc8 28.Bxf6 Rxc4 29.Be5 Nd7 30.Rd1 Nf6 31.Rd8+ Ng8 32.Rd7 Rg4 33.h3 Rg6 34.h4 h5 35.Kf2 Nf6 36.Bxf6 Rxf6 37.Kf3 Re6 38.Rd4 Kh7

I'm a Pawn ahead, now how do I win this R&P ending?

39.Kf4 Kg6 40.Rc4 Kf6 41.Rc6 g6 42.g3 Ke7



This must be the losing move! the 43...Kxe6 44.Kg5 Kf7 45.Kh6 Kf6 49.Kxg6 Kg4 50.Kf6 Kxh4 51.Kf5 Kg3 8.Qb3 Nf6 9.cxd5 cxd5 10.b5 b6 52.Ke5 h4 53.Kd6 h3 54.Kc6 h2

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58.b7 Qb1 59.Ka6 59...Kd6 60.Kxa5 Kc7 61.b8Q+ Qxb8 62.Ka6 Qb6# 0-1

Lerman, Harvey (1950) [D11] Parker (from Bridgeport) (1305)

Team Match - Board 1, 28.01.1957

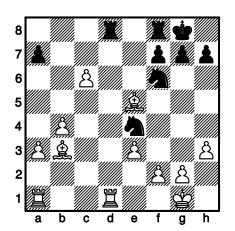
1.d4 c6 2.Bf4 d5 3.e3 Nf6 4.Nf3 Bq4 5.c4 e6 6.c5 Nbd7 7.Be2 Be7 8.0-0 0-0 9.h3 Bh5 10.Nc3 Bg6 11.b4 b6 12.Ba6 bxc5

Though my opponent is playing on Board 1 in this match, he seems to be over matched!

13.dxc5 Nh5 14.Bh2 Bf6 15.Nd4 Bxd4 16.Qxd4 Qf6 17.Qxf6 Nhxf6 18.Bb7 e5 19.Bxc6 Rab8 20.a3 Bd3 21.Rfd1 Bc4 22.Nxd5 Bxd5 23.Bxd5

Demonstrating the power of my 2 Bishops.

23...Rbd8 24.Bb3 Ne4 25.c6 Ndf6 26.Bxe5



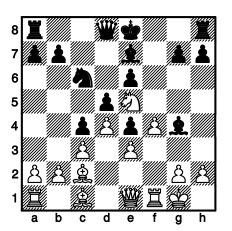
26...Rfe8 27.c7 Rd7? 28.Ba4 1-0

Lerman, Harvey (1950) Hand (from New Haven) [D00]

Connecticut Championship (1), 03.03.1957

1.d4 Nf6 2.e3 d5 3.Bd3 c5 4.c3 c4 5.Bc2 Nc6 6.f4 Bg4 7.Nf3 Ne4 8.Nbd2 f5 9.0-0 e6 10.Qe1 Be7 11.Nxe4 fxe4

This was one of my favorite openings and Black misplays it leading to a quick win for me. 12.Ne5



12...Nxe5? 13.fxe5 Bh4?? 14.Ba4+ Ke7 15.Qxh4+

took only 45 minutes. This was a good 27.Kh1 Bxe4+ 28.Nxe4 start for me.

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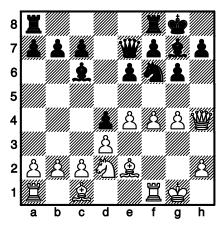
Edelbaum (2100) Lerman, Harvey (1950) [A03]

Connecticut Championship (2), 03.03.1957

1.f4 d5 2.Nf3 Bf5 3.e3 Nf6 4.Be2 q6 5.0-0 Bg7 6.Ne5 0-0 7.g4 Bd7 8.Qe1 Nc6 9.Nxc6 Bxc6 10.d3 e6 11.Nd2 Qe7 12.Qh4

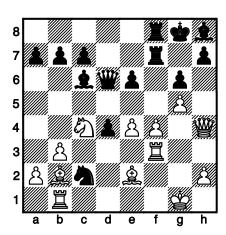
Edelbaum was the defending state champion, so I expected this game would be a challenge for me.

12...d4 13.e4



13...Nd5 14.g5?! Ne3 15.Rf3 f5 16.Rh3 Bh8 17.b3 Nxc2 18.Rb1 Rf7

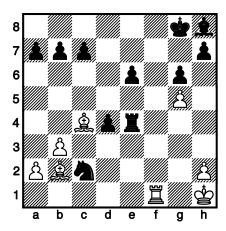
19.Bb2 fxe4 20.dxe4 Raf8 21.Rf3 Qd6 22.Nc4



This was the 1st game to finish in 22...Rxf4 23.Nxd6 Rxh4 24.Rxf8+ this Championship tournament and Kxf8 25.Rf1+ Kg8 26.Bc4 Rg4+

Being 3 pawns ahead, I should be able to pull off this upset, so I need to be careful!

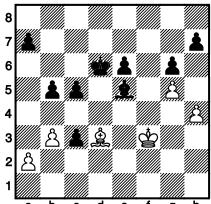
28...Rxe4



29.Bd3 Re1 30.Kg1 Rxf1+ 31.Kxf1 Ne3+ 32.Ke1 c5 33.Bc1 Nd5 34.Bc4 Kf7 35.Kf2 Be5 36.h4 Ke7 37.Kf3 Kd6 38.Bd3 Nb4 39.Bb1 b5 40.Bd2 Nd5 41.Bd3 Nc3 42.Bxc3

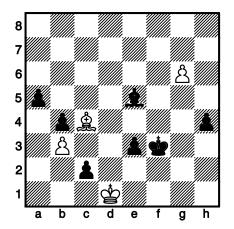
Bishops of opposite colors sometimes is a problem to win against a strong player.

42...dxc3



43.h5 gxh5 44.Bxh7 Kd5 45.Bc2 Kd4 24...Rxe5 46.Ke2 Bg7 47.Bg6 h4 48.Bh5 a5 49.Be8 b4 50.Bf7 e5 51.Be6 e4 25.dxe5 Qf3 26.e4 Nxe4 27.Rb3 Bxb3 52.Bg4 Be5 53.g6 e3 54.Kd1 c4 28.axb3 Rd8 29.Bc1 Rd2= 55.Bd7 cxb3 56.axb3 Ke4 57.Be6 Kf3 58.Bc4

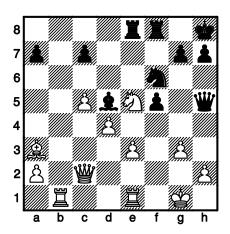
Yes, I see the winning move! 58...c2+



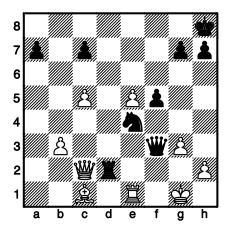
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Weil, William (2000) Lerman, Harvey (1950) [A85] Connecticut Championship (4), 17.03.1957

1.d4 f5 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.g3 Bb4 5.Bg2 Bxc3+ 6.bxc3 0-0 7.Nf3 Nc6 8.0-0 d6 9.Re1 e5 10.e3 e4 11.Nd2 Kh8 12.f3 Qe7 13.Qc2 exf3 14.Bxf3 Bd7 15.Ba3 Rae8 16.c5 d5 17.c4 Qf7 18.cxd5 Nxd5 19.Nc4 Nf6 20.Rab1 23.Nxc6 Bd5 24.Ne5



[24...Be4]



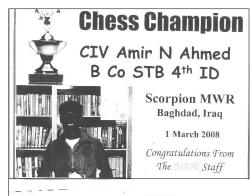
If now 30.Bxd2 Nf2 forces 31.h4 [30...Qf2+ Draws]; but not 31...Qxg3+ 32.Kf1+-1/2-1/2

This tournament took so much out of me, that I decided to give up playing in major chess tournaments.

Instead I promoted chess by starting chess clubs, helping schools develop chess programs, and then organizing Rated unrated tournaments

Later I became co-founder and Treasurer of the Winter Park Chess Club and then organized its merger with the Orlando Chess Club creating the Central Florida Chess Club.

Later I worked with the US Chess Be6 21.Bxc6 bxc6 22.Ne5 Qh5 Federation and became a National Tournament Director and a FIDE recognized National Arbiter.



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Reviews by Miguel Ararat ——



In this issue, I want to present to my readers the second article on books or DVD's that in my opinion can help a player to become better at chess or remain competitive with the time he has available for the game.

My recommendations are going to be focused on openings resources (but not exclusively!)

My first recommendations are aimed at scholastic players and adult beginners with a rating above 900 USCF. At this point in a player's development they can start learning and organizing his/her first openings. I am not going to suggest a particular opening repertoire, but to open your games with 1.e4 as white or defend with 1...e5 versus 1.e4 Good resources to read about several openings and learn basic ideas behind them are Chess Openings for Kids by Watson and Burgess. To start building your tactical skill the book Fundamental Chess Tactics (FCT) by Antonio Gude cost effective tool because in one single volume the player has all the explanations and exercise to start a systematic study of chess tactics.

At the **1200-1500 USCF**. My suggestions are different for players in this rating range depending if they want to play occasional with their friends at the local club or play in multi day events and pursue higher levels of chess skill. To the first group of players they may want to start

learning a more holistic approach to the opening with the book Fundamental Chess Openings (FCO) by Paul Van der Sterren. FCO is well a written and researched book. The reader will find the ideas behind the different openings in a single volume. In other words the ideal opening reference book. Players that like to surprise their opponents out of the opening can spice their opening repertoire with 125 Chess Opening Surprises (125 COS) by FM Graham Burgess. **125 COS** is an updated version of a previous book by the same author. The main values of this book are the analysis by the author and the compact format in which each opening surprise is covered. The author also clearly shows to the reader how sound the opening surprise is and what type of player is more likely to succeed using it.

To players in the 1600 range I have two book proposals. The first book is the London and Colle and a chess DVD on the Queens Gambit. The opening book is part of Everyman series First Steps, The Colle and London Systems, by IM Cyrus Lakdawala. The author covers The London and Colle in thirty three annotated games and provides the necessary information to tackle most of the Black defenses after 1.d4. The second option is a Chessbase DVD by IM Sam Collins with a complete repertoire for Black against 1.d4 based on the solid Queens Gambit **Declined (QGD) Tartakower variation.** The author provides two hundred and forty five games with annotations on a separate database in addition to the video clips. The study of this database can give the reader a good idea about the development of many variations in the QGD. Importantly, the games also help the reader to understand major shifts in opening theory. For example, how the QGD started to gain popularity among the elite after the sequence 1.d4 Nf3 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 d5 (instead of Queen Indian with 3...b6) right after the Dortmund tournament in 2011. In summary, This DVD by Sam Collins can become the only source you need to play the black side of the QGD for many years.

At the 1700 to 1800 USCF chess players have a decent tactical skill level and need to make a decision about the kind of openings they want to play as white, either mainlines or a system opening. If you decide to go main lines as white with 1e4 and 1.d4, I recommend the books A simple Chess opening Repertoire for White by IM Sam Collins (1.e4) and A strategic Chess opening Repertoire by IM John Watson (1.d4+c4). If the player chose to follow a more contain repertoire with the White pieces then the English by IM David Cummings is the way to go. Previous work on the English such as Mihail Marin multi volume series are great for professional players since the author advocates 1c4 followed by g3 which has accumulated a lot of theory. Cummings explains his opening repertoire for white with forty four annotated games. I found particularly refreshing the recommendation of taking on the IQP in some of the Queens Gambit style alternatives. The choice with the black pieces is the Kings Indian Defense (KID) regardless if you want to use a mainline or a system approach as White. You can play the Kings Indian against most openings (but e4...). The most complete repertoire around the KID is the two volumes A Practical Repertoire with Nf6, g6, d6 by GM Alexei Kornev and publish by Chess Stars.

Above 1800 USCF range, I advise the ambitious chess player to take on the Sicilian defense as black, The Sicilian is a complex opening that allows black to play for a win and two recent books can supply the reader with quality analysis and explanations to play the opening with confidence. Named The Sicilian Dragon Move by Move by Carsten Hansen and The Sicilian Sveshnikov Move by Move by IM Cyrus Lakdawala. Carsten has been a long time Dragon practitioner and he knows this opening inside out, importantly he can explain it. For example the in game 37 he dissects the encounter between Zugic and Nakamura, Miami 2017, the explanations how black push the Dragon to the limit is priceless. The work by Lakdawala on the Sveshnikov is well researched and offers the reader a less explored path by opening theoreticians. In my opinion Lakdawala's recommendation on the line called the Ulfie is worth the price of the book. Lastly, if you are struggling as black against the London scheme, then Fighting the London System by Bulgarian GM Kiril Georgiev is a must. Georgiev analyzed several options that will suit different styles of players. The main value of this book is the through a full examination of key positions and verbal explanations of the plans and ideas behind every recommendation.

2000 and Up: At this point, I recommend the use of **Megabase 2018** by Chessbase to supplement your opening study and extended it beyond the opening sequence to the middlegame and endgame. Megabase 2018 can help a chess player to improve his/her understanding of a particular opening providing high quality master games with annotations just by typing a move sequence. Above all, a player can use Megabase 2018 to identify the top players that play a particular opening frequently and learn how they handle the resulting middlegame and endgames positions.

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Registration ends 1/2 hour before 1st round on Friday/Saturday.

No phone or email entries.

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Info only: Jon Haskel, 561-302-4377, jon@bocachess.com.

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Jan 5-7	4th Gulf Coast New Year's Open	Ft Myers-Ostero	BRCC
Jan 26-28	Central FL Class Championships	Double Tree Hilton at Sea World, Orlando	CFCC
Feb 7-14	Chess Moves #5 Cruise	Cuba and the Caribbean - Sails out of Fort Lauderdale	BRCC
Feb 11	South Florida Scholastic Regionals	Franklin Academy School - Pembroke Pines	BRCC
Feb 23-25	U.S. Amateur Team Championship South	Ramada Inn - Kissimmee	BRCC
Mar 2-4	Florida State Scholastic Championship	Wyndham Orlando Resort - Orlando	FCA
Mar 16-17	Southern Class Championships	Wyndham Orlando Resort - Orlando	CCA
Apr 6-8	National Junior High (K-9) Championship	Hyatt Regency - Atlanta	USCF
Apr 20-22	National All-Girls Championship	Hyatt Mccormick Place - Chicago	KCF
Apr 27-29	25th Space Coast Open	International Palms Resort - Cocoa Beach	SCF
Apr 27-29	National High School (K-12) Championship	Hyatt Regency - Columbus	USCF
May 11-13	National Elementary (K-6) Championship	Gaylord Opryland Resort - Nashville	USCF
Jun 8-10	Orlando Sunshine Open & Scholastic	The Westin - Lake Mary, Orlando North	CFCC
Jul 27-29	Southern Open	Wyndham Orlando Resort - Orlando	CCA
Aug31-Sep3	3 Arnold Denker Florida State Championship	Marriott - Jacksonville	CHES
Sep 28-30	Orlando Autumn Open & Scholastic	Wyndham Orlando Resort - Orlando	CFCC
Dec14-16	National Grades K-12 Championships	Rosen Shingle Creek - Orlando	USCF

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TCC : Tallahassee Chess Club	(850)345-7838
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August 31-September 3 at Jacksonville Marriott 4670 Salisbury Rd., Jacksonville, FL 32256 Hotel Rate \$109 (904)296-2222 Free Parking No resort fee \$11,000/b170 70% Guaranteed

6 Sections: 6SS, G/120;d5 GPP 40

EF: \$99 prior to 7/21, U1200 \$70, \$10 higher after 7/21, plus \$20 more after 8/21 (Full Tournament Details and online entry at www.events4chess.com)

CFCC 2018 Orlando Sunshine Open & Scholastic June 8-10 or 9-10, 2018 Westin Lake Mary Orlando North 2974 International Pkwy, 32746

\$8,500/b150 (Scholastic = 1/2 entry) 60% Guaranteed GPP: 20

5 rounds at G/120;d5 (2-day. Round 1 G/60;d5)

4 Sections: Prize Fund

<u>Premier</u> \$1000-700-400, Under 2200 prize: \$500-300 <u>U2000</u> \$700-500-300, Under 1800 prize: \$500-300 <u>U1600</u> \$700-500-300, Under 1400 prize: \$500-300 Scholastic U1200 \$400-300-150, Under 1000 \$100, U800 \$50

(See **onlineregistration.cc** for details and hotel information)