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Don't forget next year the International Chess Festival will be from June 23 - 26, 2016.



GM Dreev National Open Champion 2015

The National Open is over. In the top section the winners with 5-1 score were GM Aleksey Dreev, GM Gata Kamsky and GM Nyzhnyk. Going into the last round we had GM Dreev and GM Nyzhnyk in the lead with 4 ½. Just behind them with 4 points were GM Kamsky, GM Molner, GM Mamedov, GM Maghami, GM Dlugyand GM Bachmann. GM Dreev won on tiebreak.

Here is a game from our special guest of honor NM Gary Simms.

**NM Simms vs Bill Richards**

**National Open Round 5**

1.e4 c6 2.d4 d6 3.Be2 Qc7 4.h3

Already we have a TN. The only moves I could find in the database were 4. Nf3, 4. f4 or 4. Be3. We are now in new territory.

Nf6 5.Nd2 e5 6.Ngf3 Nbd7 7.b3 d5 8.dxe5 Nxe5 9.Bb2 Nxf3+ 10.Bxf3 dxe4 11.Nxe4 Nxe4 12.Bxe4 Bb4+ 13.c3 Qe5

White now has a slight edge. I just don't like putting the queen on the same file as the king.



14.O-O Bxc3

14.....Bd6 was better now White gets a big advantage. Black is practically lost in this position.

15.Re1 Bxb2 16.Bxc6+ bxc6 17.Rxe5+ Bxe5 18.Qe2



18..... O-O 19.Qxe5 Be6 20.Qc5 Rfc8 21.f4 a5 22.f5 Bd5 23.f6 Re8 24.Rf1 Re2 25.Rf2 Rxf2 26.Kxf2 a4 27.b4 a3 28.b5 **1-0**

An epic battle where the IM is able to draw against his GM opponent.

**GM Lenderman vs IM Kiewra**

**National Open Round 5**

1.Nf3 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 Bg7 4.e4 O-O 5.d4 d6 6.Be2 e5 7.O-O Na6 8.Be3 Ng4 9.Bg5 Qe8 10.h3 f6 11.Bd2 Nh6 12.dxe5 dxe5 13.Qc1 Nf7 14.c5 Nxc5 15.Nd5 Ne6 16.Nxc7 Nxc7 17.Qxc7 Nd8 18.Rac1 Be6 19.Bc4 Rf7 20.Bxe6 Qxe6 21.Qc4 Bf8

At last a new move made. Before 21.... Qxc4 or 21.....Rd7 have been played.



22.Be3 Rd7 23.Nd2 Qxc4  
24.Rxc4 Nc6 25.Nb3 Rad8

Position is equal but watch what happens in the next moves.

26.g4 Rd1 27.Rxd1 Rxd1+ 28.Kg2  
Kf7 29.a3 Rb1 30.Bc1 Bxa3  
31.Nd2 Rxb2 32.Rc3 Rxd2  
33.Bxd2 Bd6

The GM has won the exchange but as compensation IM has a Knight and two pawns.



34.Rb3 b6 35.Rc3 Bc5 36.h4 a5  
37.g5 Nd4 38.Be3 Ke6 39.Rc4 f5  
40.f3 f4 41.Bxd4 exd4 42.Kf1 Kd6  
43.Ke2 b5 44.Rc2 a4 45.Kd3 a3  
46.Rh2 Ke5 47.h5 Bb4 48.hxg6  
hxg6 49.Ra2 Be7 50.Ra1 b4

51.Kc4 d3 52.Kxd3 b3 53.Kc3 b2  
54.Rd1 Bxg5 55.Rd5+ Ke6 56.Kc2  
Be7 57.Ra5 g5 58.Rf5 Bf6



59.Kb1 Be7 60.Ka2 Kd7 61.Re5  
Kd6 62.Rb5 Ke6

1/2-1/2

A tough game. For a while there I was thinking the two connected pawns were dangerous but the GM was able to stop them in the end.

### IM Aldama vs GM Nyzhnyk

#### National Open Round 5

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4  
Nf6 5.Nc3 a6 6.Bc4 e6 7.Bb3  
Nbd7 8.f4 Nc5 9.e5

9.Qf3 was played before.

dxe5 10.fxe5 Nfd7 11.Bf4 b5  
12.O-O Bb7 13.Qe2 Be7



14.Rad1 O-O 15.Qg4 Kh8 16.Rfe1  
Qb6 17.Kh1 b4 18.Na4 Nxa4  
19.Bxa4 Nc5 20.Bb3 Rad8 21.Be3  
Qc7 22.Bg1 Nxb3 23.cxb3 Rd5  
24.Rc1 Qa5 25.Nc6 Bxc6 26.Rxc6  
Rxe5 27.Rxe5 Qxe5 28.Rxa6  
Qxb2 29.Ra7 Qf6



Black has a slight edge in this position.

30.Qc4 Kg8 31.Qc7 Re8 32.Qd7  
Kf8 33.Rc7 g6 34.h3 Rd8 35.Rc8  
Rxc8 36.Qxc8+ Kg7

Black has been slowly increasing his advantage.



37.Qc4 e5 38.Bc5 Bxc5 39.Qxc5  
Qf1+ 40.Kh2 Qf4+ 41.Kh1 Qd4



It is all over now. Black has a  
winning advantage he nursed to  
this position.

42.Qe7 e4 43.Kh2 h5 44.h4 e3  
45.g3 Qd2+ 46.Kh3 Qf2

0-1

Here is an epic battle where IM  
John Bryant grinded out a win.

GM Gareyev vs IM Bryant

National Open Round 6

1.d4 Nf6 2.Nf3 e6 3.Bf4 c5 4.c3 d5  
5.e3 Bd6 6.Bg3 O-O 7.Nbd2 Nc6

8.Bd3 Re8 9.Ne5 Bxe5 10.dxe5  
Nd7 11.Nf3 Qc7 12.O-O g6

Other moves played here are 12.  
h4 and 12. Bb5.

13.Qa4 c4 14.Be2 a6 15.Nd4  
Ncxe5 16.b3 Qd8 17.Rfb1 Nc5  
18.Qa3 Ned3 19.bxc4 dxc4  
20.Bxd3 Nxd3



Black has a slight edge here with a  
powerful Knight on d3.

21.Nb5 e5 22.Nd6 Qe7 23.Nxc4  
Qxa3 24.Nxa3 b5 25.Nc2 Nc5  
26.Nb4 Ne4 27.Nd5 Rd8 28.Ne7+  
Kf8 29.Nc6 Re8 30.Rc1 a5 31.f4 f6  
32.fxe5 Nxg3 33.hxg3 Bd7 34.Nd4  
Rxe5 35.Rab1 Rc8 36.Kf2 Rec5  
37.Ne2 Bf5 38.Rb2 b4 39.Ke1 Bd3  
40.Rb3 Rc4



Black has increased his advantage  
in this endgame.

41.a3 Bxe2 42.Kxe2 bxc3 43.Rc2  
Kg7 44.Kd3 Rg4 45.Rbxc3 Rxc3+  
46.Rxc3 Rxc3 47.Rc7+ Kh6  
48.Ra7 f5 49.Rxa5 f4 50.Re5 fxe3  
51.a4 Rxc3 52.a5 g5 53.Kxe3 Kh5  
54.a6 Ra2 55.Re6 h6 56.Ke4 g4  
57.Kf4 Ra4+ 58.Kg3 Ra3+ 59.Kf4  
Rf3+ 60.Ke4 Rf7 61.Rb6 Kg5  
62.Rb7 Rf4+ 63.Ke3 Ra4 64.a7  
Ra2 65.Rh7 h5 66.Rg7+ Kh4



The endgame is hopeless for  
White.

67.Rh7 g3 68.Kf3 Rf2+ 69.Ke3 Rf8  
70.Rb7 g2 71.Rg7 Kh3

0-1

GM Khachiyan vs NM Martinez

National Open Round 6

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 g6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4  
Nc6 5.Nc3 Bg7 6.Nb3 Nf6 7.Be2  
O-O 8.O-O d6 9.Bg5 Be6 10.f4  
Qc8 11.Qe1 a5 12.a3 Bxb3  
13.cxb3 Nd4 14.Bd1 b5 15.Kh1 b4  
16.Bxf6 exf6 17.Nd5 Qb7 18.Qh4  
f5 19.Ne7+ Kh8 20.exf5 gxf5  
21.Bf3 Nxf3 22.Rxf3 bxa3 23.Rh3  
h6 24.Qg5 Kh7 25.Qxf5+ Kh8



26.Rxh6+ Bxh6 27.Qf6+ Kh7  
28.Nf5 Qxg2+ 29.Kxg2 Rg8+  
30.Kf3 Rg6 31.Qxf7+ Bg7 32.Nxg7  
Rxg7 33.Qh5+ 1-0

**GM Sarkar vs GM Lenderman**

**National Open Round 6**

1.d4 e6 2.c4 f5 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.e3 b6  
5.Bd3 Bb7 6.f3 c5 7.Nge2 g6 8.O-O  
O Bg7 9.a3 Nc6

Other moves here are 10. dxc5 or  
10. Nb5

10.b4 cxd4 11.exd4 O-O 12.Be3  
Nh5 13.Qb3 Qh4 14.Nb5 a6  
15.Bf2 Qg5 16.Nd6 Nxd4 17.Bxd4  
Nf4 18.Kf2 Qh4+ 19.g3 Qxh2+  
20.Ke3 Nxe2



Black has the advantage here.

21.Bxg7 f4+ 22.gxf4 Qxf4+  
23.Kxe2 Bxf3+ 24.Rxf3 Qxf3+  
25.Kd2 Qf4+ 26.Kc2 Qf2+ 27.Kb1  
Kxg7 28.Qb2+ Kg8 29.Qxf2 Rxf2  
30.Ne4 Rh2 31.Ra2 Rxa2 32.Kxa2  
d5 33.cxd5 exd5 34.Nf6+ Kg7  
35.Nxd5 Rd8 36.Be4 Re8 37.Bf3  
Rf8 38.Be4 h5 39.Nxb6 h4 40.Kb3  
Rf4



Usually a Bishop and Knight  
against a Rook are superior but  
here the g and h pawns tilt the  
balance in black's favor.

41.Bb7 h3 42.a4 Rf7 43.Bd5 g5  
44.Nc4 g4 45.Bxf7 g3 46.Be6 g2  
47.Bxh3 g1=Q 48.Bc8 Qd1+  
49.Kc3 Qf3+ 50.Kd4 Qc6 51.Bf5  
Qxa4 52.Kc3 Qa1+ 53.Kb3 Kf6  
54.Bd3 Qd4 55.Nb2 Qd5+ 56.Bc4  
Qc6 57.Nd3 Kf5 58.Kc3 Qb6  
59.Kb3 a5 60.b5 Ke4 61.Nb2 Kd4  
62.Na4 Qd6 63.Nb2 Qb4+ 64.Kc2  
a4 0-1

Here is GM Gata Kamsky's win in  
round 6 over GM Molner.

**GM Kamsky vs GM Molner**

**National Open Round 6**

1.c4 g6 2.e4 e5 3.d4 Nf6 4.Nf3  
exd4 5.e5 Ne4 6.Qxd4 Bb4+  
7.Nbd2 Nxd2 8.Bxd2 Nc6 9.Qf4  
Bxd2+ 10.Qxd2 Qe7 11.O-O-O b6  
12.Bd3 Bb7 13.Be4 O-O-O  
14.Rhe1

14....Qc5 was played in GM Suba  
vs GM Kamsky Brasov Romania  
2011



14....f6 15.exf6 Qxf6 16.Bd5 Rhf8  
17.Re4 Ne7 18.Bxb7+ Kxb7  
19.Ng5 Qg7 20.Qe2 Nc6 21.f4 h6  
22.Nf3 Qf7 23.g3 d5 24.Re6 dxc4  
25.Rxc6 Rfe8 26.Qxc4 Rxd1+  
27.Kxd1 Qd7+ 28.Nd4 Rd8 29.Ke2  
1-0



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