

NEWS

NATIONAL OPEN JUNE 12-15, 2014

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Matamoros & Ramirez Top Game/10



The U.S. Game/10 Championship was held Thursday night with 77 players, including 9 GMs and 4 IMs, vying for the top prize of \$1700. First place was shared by GM Alejandro Ramirez and GM Carlos Matamoros with 7/8 scores.

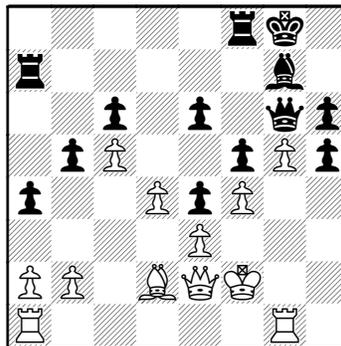
GM Ramirez stormed into the last round with an impressive 7-0 score, including this scintillating 6th round win as Black against top rated GM Wesley So:

So - Ramirez

U.S. Game/10 (7)

1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.♘f3 ♘f6 4.♘c3 a6
5.e3 ♙f5 6.♗b3 b5 7.c5 a5 8.♘e5
a4 9.♗d1 g6 10.♙d3 ♙xd3 11.♘xd3
♙g7 12.0-0 0-0 13.f4 ♘e4 14.♘xe4
dxe4 15.♘b4 e6 16.g4 f5 17.♔g2

♙d7 18.h4 ♘a6 19.♘xa6 ♙xa6 20.h5
gxh5 21.g5 ♗f7 22.♔f2 ♙a7 23.♙d2
h6 24.♙g1 ♗g6 25.♗e2

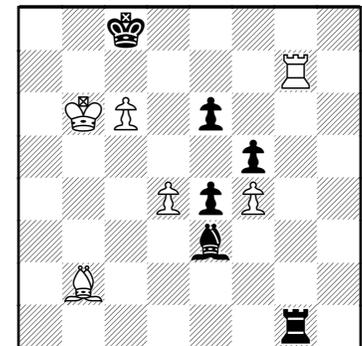


25...♔f7 26.♙g2 ♔e8 27.♙ag1 ♙e7
28.♙c3 ♙h8 29.b3 a3 30.♔f1 ♔d7
31.♙e1 hxg5 32.♙xg5 ♗e8 33.♗xh5
♙f6 34.♗xe8+ ♔xe8 35.♙h5 ♙a7
36.♙g6 ♔f7 37.♙g2 ♙h8 38.♙xh8
♙xh8 39.♔e2 ♙f6 40.♔d2 ♙d8
41.♔c2 ♔f8 42.♙g6 ♔f7 43.♙h6 ♙f6
44.b4 ♙a8 45.♔b3 ♙g8 46.♙h7+ ♔e8
47.♙h2 ♙g1 48.♙e2 ♙h1 49.♔xa3

Welcome to the 2014 edition of the Las Vegas International Chess Festival and the National Open. We want to especially welcome the talented kids who are playing in the National Open and the International Youth Championship. They are the future of Chess! Take a few moments to look over the schedules on the back page to make sure you don't miss anything. Our staff is here to help in any way we can.

Alan Losoff, Organizer

♙h4 50.♙c3 ♔d7 51.♔b3 ♙b1+
52.♙b2 ♙f1 53.a4 bxa4+ 54.♔xa4
♙f2 55.b5 cxb5+ 56.♔xb5 ♙g1
57.c6+ ♔c7 58.♙g2 ♙xe3 59.♙g7+
♔c8 60.♔b6 ♙g1



61.♙c7+?

61.♙a7 wins easily.

61...♔d8 62.♙d7+ ♔e8 63.♙d6? ♙b1
Suddenly the bishop drops!

64.♙xe6+ ♔f7 65.♙e5 ♙xb2+ 66.♔c5
♙c2+ 67.♔d6

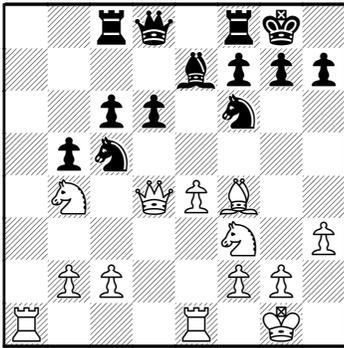
and Black won.

GM Matamoros also played an excellent game vs. GM So in round 4 but was unable to convert his extra piece, eventually losing on time.

So - Matamoros

U.S. Game/10 (7)

1.e4 d6 2.d4 ♘f6 3.♗c3 e5 4.♗f3
 ♗bd7 5.♙c4 ♙e7 6.0-0 0-0 7.a4 c6
 8.♞e1 b6 9.♙a2 a6 10.♗h4 exd4
 11.♞xd4 ♗c5 12.♗f3 ♙e6 13.♙e3
 ♗g4 14.♙f4 ♙xa2 15.♗xa2 b5 16.h3
 ♗f6 17.♗b4 ♞c8 18.axb5 axb5



19.♞a7? ♗e6! 20.♞c3

If the queen goes to d2 or e3, 20...d5 is very strong.

20...c5 21.♗d3 c4

Winning a piece.

22.♗b4 ♗xf4 23.♗d4 ♞c7 24.♗xb5
 ♞xa7 25.♗xa7 d5 26.♗ac6 ♙xb4
 27.♞xb4 ♞a8 28.♞d6 ♗g6 29.exd5
 ♞c8 30.♗b4 h5 31.c3 ♞d8 32.♞c6
 ♞a5 33.♞xc4 ♞b6 34.♞c6 ♞b8
 35.♞c5 ♞f4 36.♞e3 ♞f5 37.♞d1 ♗f4
 38.♗c6 ♗6xd5

Here Black lost on time.

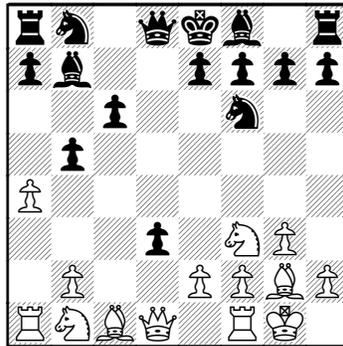
Thus, round 8 saw GM Matamoros at 6-0 playing white vs. GM Ramirez at 7-0. GM Ramirez could have

secured sole first place with a draw but instead lost in a miniature after several early mistakes:

Matamoros - Ramirez

U.S. Game/10 (8)

1.c4 c6 2.g3 d5 3.♙g2 ♗f6 4.♗f3
 dxc4 5.0-0 b5 6.a4 ♙b7 7.d3 cxd3



8.♗e5! ♗bd7 9.♗xc6 ♞b6 10.♙e3
 ♞c7 11.axb5 dxe2 12.♞xe2 e6
 13.♞c1 ♙d6 14.♗a5 1-0

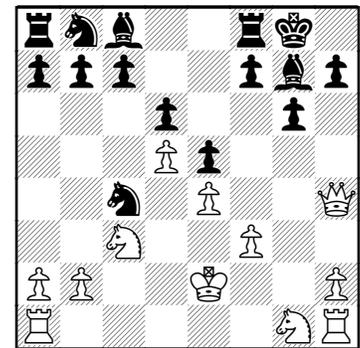
The early rounds went mostly true to form but in round 3 FM Nick Raptis

managed to take down venerable GM Walter Browne as Black in a well-known line of the Sämisch variation of the King's Indian Defense in which Black sacrifices his queen for two bishops with extremely complex play.

Browne - Raptis

U.S. Game/10 (3)

1.d4 ♗f6 2.c4 g6 3.♗c3 ♙g7 4.e4 d6
 5.f3 0-0 6.♙e3 e5 7.d5 ♗h5 8.♞d2
 ♞h4+ 9.g3 ♗xg3 10.♞f2 ♗xf1
 11.♞xh4 ♗xe3 12.♙e2 ♗xc4



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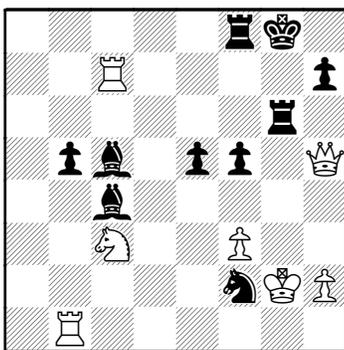


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FM Nick Raptis

13.♞c1 ♖a6 14.b3 ♜b6 15.♜h3 f6
16.♜f2 ♙d7 17.♜d3 c6 18.dxc6
bxc6 19.♞hd1 d5 20.a4 ♙e6 21.a5
dxe4 22.axb6 exd3+ 23.♞xd3
axb6 24.♞d6 ♙xb3 25.♞xc6 ♞ab8
26.♞b1 g5 27.♞g4 f5 28.♞xg5 ♜c5
29.♞e7 ♙c4+ 30.♙f2 ♜d3+ 31.♙g1
b5 32.♞c7 ♞f7 33.♞d6 ♙f8 34.♞c6
♙c5+ 35.♙h1 ♞b6 36.♞e8+ ♞f8
37.♞h5 ♜f2+ 38.♙g2 ♞g6+



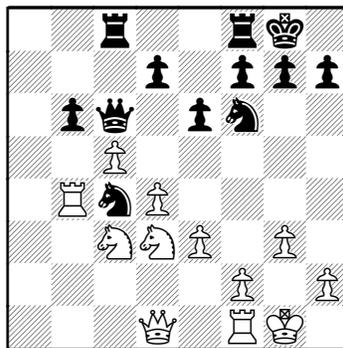
39.♞xg6+ hxg6 40.♞xc5 ♜d3
41.♞c6 ♙g7 42.♜xb5 ♜f4+ 43.♙f2
♙d3 44.♞b3 ♞h8 45.♞c7+ ♙f6
46.♙g1 ♜h3+ 47.♙h1 ♜f4 48.♜c3
♞h3 49.♞c6+ ♙g5 50.♞c7 ♞xf3 51.h3
♞xh3+ 52.♙g1 ♙e4 53.♜xe4+ fxe4

54.♞e7 ♙f5 55.♞b5 ♜d3 56.♙g2 ♞e3
57.♞f7+ ♙g4 58.♞f1 ♞e2+ 59.♙g1
e3 60.♞b6 g5 61.♞b5 ♙g3 62.♞d1
♞g2+ 0-1

IM Joe Bradford had a successful outing, finishing in the money with a score of 6/8. Here's his 4th round draw against GM Timur Gareev.

Bradford - Gareev
U.S. Game/10 (8)

1.d4 ♜f6 2.c4 e6 3.♜f3 b6 4.g3 ♙a6
5.b3 ♙b7 6.♙g2 ♙b4+ 7.♙d2 c5
8.♙xb4 cxb4 9.0-0 0-0 10.a3 ♜c6
11.♜e5 ♞e7 12.axb4 ♞xb4 13.♜d3
♞d6 14.e3 ♞ac8 15.♜c3 ♞b8 16.b4
a5 17.bxa5 ♜xa5 18.c5 ♙xg2
19.♙xg2 ♞b7+ 20.♙g1 ♜c4 21.♞b1
♞c6 22.♞b4



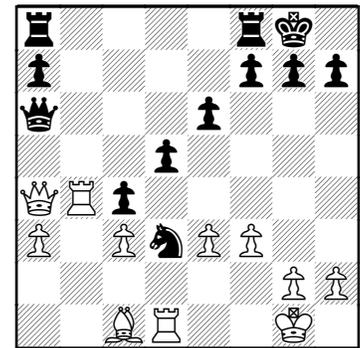
22...d5 23.♜a4 bxc5 24.♜dxc5 ♞a8
25.♞e2 ♞fb8 26.♞xb8+ ♞xb8 27.♞a1
h6 28.♞a2 ♜e4 29.♜xe4 dxe4
30.♜c5 ♞d5 31.♞a7 ♞d8 32.♞c7
♜d2 33.♞a7 ♞f8 34.♜d7 ♞b5 35.♞c1
♜f3+ 36.♙g2 ♞e8 37.♜c5 f5 38.♞b7
♞c6 39.♞b1 h5 40.h4 ♞a8 41.♞b8+
♞xb8 42.♞xb8+ ♙f7 43.♞a7+ ♙f8
44.♜d7+ ♙e8 45.♜e5 ♜xe5 46.dxe5
1/2-1/2



IM Joe Bradford

Here's one more game from the Game/10 tournament; a quick win for GM Irina Krush:

Cancio - Krush
U.S. Game/10 (1)



White has just played 23. ♞a4.
23...♜xb4 0-1
Oops!

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9:00 a.m. - 11:00 p.m.
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GM Wesley So Scores Splendid 20.5/21 in Simul

On Thursday, top grandmaster Wesley So of the Philippines (but soon to be representing the U.S.!) gave a simultaneous exhibition against 21 competitors, achieving an excellent 20.5/21 score.

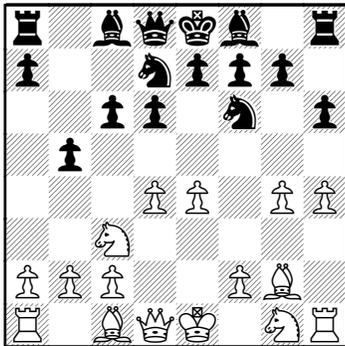
The only blemish on GM So's record was a draw scored by Jefferey Gallegos, second from the right in the white jacket in the photo.

So - Gallegos
Simul

1.e4 d6 2.d4 ♘f6 3.♗c3 ♘bd7 4.g4
h6 5.♙g2 c6 6.h4 b5

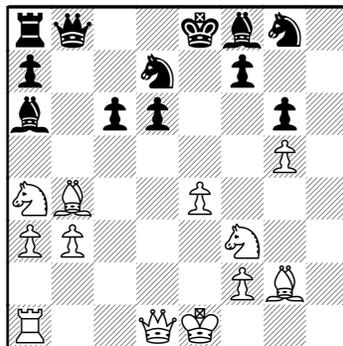


GM Wesley So conceded only one draw in his simul

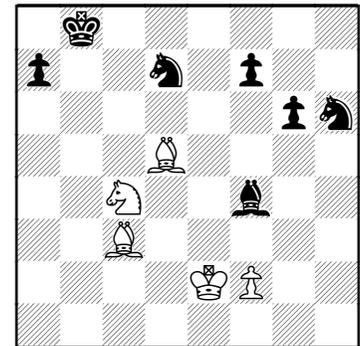


7.g5 b4 8.♗a4 ♖a5 9.b3 ♘g8 10.♙d2
e5 11.♗f3 hxg5 12.hxg5 ♖xh1+ 13.

♙xh1 g6 14.a3 exd4 15.♙xb4 ♖b5
16.c4 dxc3 17.♗xc3 ♖b8 18.♗a4
♙a6 19.♙g2



19... ♖b5 20. ♖c2 c5 21. ♙c3 ♖b8
22. b4 ♖d3 23. ♖xd3 ♙xd3 24. ♗d2
♙xe4 25. bxc5 ♙c6 26. ♖e1+ ♗d8
27. ♙a5+ ♗c8 28. cxd6 ♙xd6 29. ♖e8+
♗b7 30. ♖xb8+ ♗xb8 31. ♗b2 ♙xa3
32. ♗c4 ♙e7 33. ♙c3 ♙xf3 34. ♙xf3
♙xg5+ 35. ♗e2 ♙f4 36. ♙d5 ♗h6



37. ♙g7 ♗f5 38. ♙c3 ♗h6 39. ♙g7 1/2-1/2



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WIM Paloma Gutierrez still perfect at U.S. Women's Open

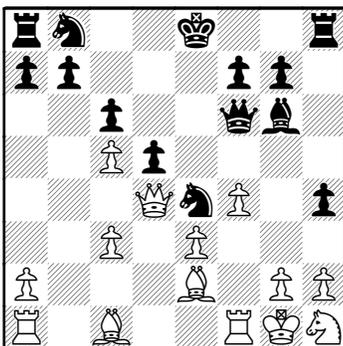
The third annual U.S. Women's Open chess tournament kicked off on Thursday with 23 entrants vying for a share of the \$2,000 prize fund. The previous two instances of this tournament were held in conjunction with the U.S. Open Chess Tournament, but going forward from this year, it will be held in conjunction with the Las Vegas International Chess Festival.

The field is headlined by three WIMs and one WFM. After three rounds, WIM Paloma Gutierrez is the sole leader with a perfect 3.0/3 score. Here is her nicely played second round win against Christine Zemke of Germany:

Zemke - Gutierrez

U.S. Women's Open (2)

1.d4 ♖f6 2.e3 d5 3.♗d3 ♗g4 4.f3 ♗h5 5.c4 e6 6.♖c3 c6 7.♗ge2 ♗d6 8.c5 ♗c7 9.♗g3 e5 10.♗e2 ♗g6 11.0-0 h5 12.dxe5 ♗xe5 13.f4 ♗xc3 14.bxc3 h4 15.♗h1 ♗e4 16.♚d4 ♚f6



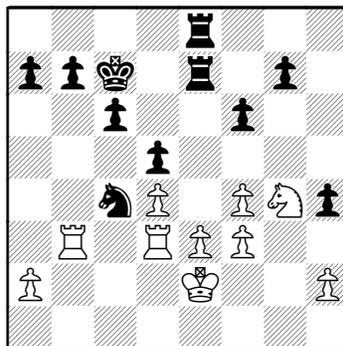
17.♗b2?

White first had to play 17.f5 ♗h7 18.♗b2 so that 18...♗d7 can be answered by 19.c4!

17...♗d7

Now Black wins a pawn.

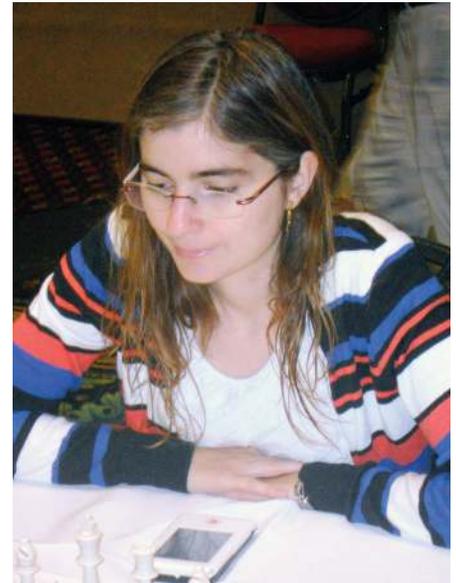
18.♗f2 ♗dxc5 19.♗g4 ♚xd4 20.cxd4 ♗a4 21.♗a3 ♗h5 22.♗f3 ♗ac3 23.♚fe1 f6 24.♗b2 0-0-0 25.♗xc3 ♗xc3 26.♗f2 ♗xf3 27.gxf3 ♚he8 28.♗g4 ♗b5 29.♗f2 ♚e7 30.♚ec1 ♗a3 31.♚c3 ♗b5 32.♚d3 ♚de8 33.♚c1 ♗d6 34.♚cc3 ♗c7 35.♚b3 ♗c4 36.♗e2



Finally Black is ready to start rolling the pawns.

36...b5 37.♗f2 a5 38.♚b1 ♗b6 39.♚bb3 b4 40.♚b1 ♗b5 41.h3 a4 42.♗e2 ♗a5 43.♗f2 ♚b8 44.♗e2 ♚eb7 45.♗f2 b3 46.axb3 ♚xb3 47.♚bxb3 axb3 0-1

Unrated Elena Rodriguez scored the only major upset thus far, drawing with WIM Ruth Haring in round 2. The bishop versus knight ending was nerve-wracking and Rodriguez could even have won the game!

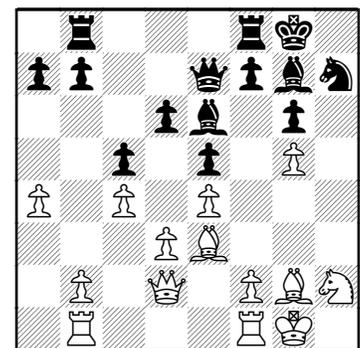


WIM Paloma Gutierrez started with 3.0/3

Haring - Rodriguez

U.S. Women's Open (2)

1.e4 c5 2.♗c3 g6 3.♗f3 ♗g7 4.g3 ♗c6 5.♗g2 d6 6.h3 ♗f6 7.0-0 0-0 8.d3 ♚b8 9.a4 ♗h5 10.g4 ♗f6 11.♗e3 h5 12.♗h2 hxg4 13.hxg4 ♚b6 14.♚b1 e5 15.g5 ♗h7 16.♗d5 ♚d8 17.♚d2 ♗e6 18.c3 ♗e7 19.♗xe7+ ♚xe7 20.c4

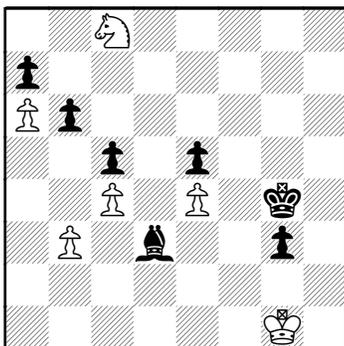


20...f6 21.gxf6 ♗xf6 22.f4 exf4



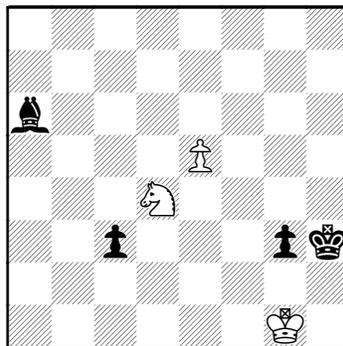
Haring - Rodriguez at the start of their game

20...f6 21.gxf6 ♖xf6 22.f4 exf4
 23.♗xf4 g5 24.♗e3 ♜f7 25.b3
 g4 26.♗h6 ♗d4+ 27.♗e3 ♗xe3+
 28.♞xe3 ♞bf8 29.♞xf7 ♞xf7 30.♞f1
 ♞g5 31.♞g3 ♞e5 32.♞xe5 dxe5
 33.♞xf7 ♗xf7 34.♗f2 ♗g6 35.♗g3
 ♗g5 36.♗f1 ♗f6 37.♗e3 ♗h5+
 38.♗f2 ♗f4 39.♗f1 ♗h4 40.a5 ♗h3+
 41.♗g2 ♗f4+ 42.♗f2 ♗d7 43.♗d5
 g3+ 44.♗g1 ♗g4 45.♗e3 ♗e2+
 46.♗xe2 ♗xe2 47.♗f5+ ♗g4 48.♗d6
 b6 49.a6 ♗xd3 50.♗c8



50...b5?
 50...♗xe4 51.♗xa7 ♗a8 wins.
 51.♗xa7 bxc4 52.bxc4?
 White had to play 52.♗c6! ♗xe4

53.♗xe5+ ♗f4 54.♗xc4 and it's a
 draw.
 52...♗xc4 53.♗c6 ♗xa6 54.♗xe5+
 ♗h3 55.♗f3 c4 56.♗d4 c3 57.e5



57...♗c4?
 It was time to pick up the knight with

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57...♗d3 58.e6 c2 59.♗b3 ♗c4 and
 White can resign.
 58.e6 ♗xe6 59.♗xe6 c2 60.♗f4+
 ♗g4 61.♗d3 ♗f3 ½-½

Joining Ms. Rodriguez in a tie for
 second at 2.5/3 are WIM Prathiba
 Yuvarajan and WFM Uyanga Byambaa.
 The 5-round tournament concludes
 on Friday.



WIM Prathiba Yuvarajan



WFM Uyanga Byambaa

Gareev Wins All Six in Blindfold Simul

On Thursday, GM Timur Gareev gave a blindfold simultaneous exhibition against six participants, scoring a perfect 6-0.

In a blindfold simul, the grandmaster is not able to see any of the boards and so he must keep track of the moves and positions of all the boards simultaneously in his head.

Blindfold chess simuls were performed by great players in the past such as Philidor, Morphy, Steinitz, Pillsbury, Réti and Alekhine. In May 2013 in St Louis, Gareev performed a blindfold simul over 33 (!) boards.



GM Timur Gareev "facing" his six opponents

Instructive Chess Camp With Four GM Instructors



The GM Ron Henley class

The Las Vegas International Chess Festival conducted its annual chess camp on Thursday. A total of forty-two students ranging from beginner

to expert class received instruction from four Grand Master instructors: GM Ron Henley, GM Melik Khachiyan, GM Ben Finegold, and GM Dmitry Gurevich. The students were grouped in four separate classes based on rating and experience level. The

instructors rotated from class to class for each of the three morning and three afternoon training sessions. In one of the "advanced" sessions,

the following amusing exchange was heard:

GM: "Have any of you ever heard of Philidor?"

Student: "Isn't he the guy that invented the endgame?"

All in all, the students had a full day of fun and learning with some of the best players in the world.

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Be sure to sign the sheet at the Registration Desk - nobody wants to sit at an empty board! ½ point byes for Sunday must be requested before the start of Round 2 and may not be cancelled. Other ½ point byes may be requested up to 1 hour after the start of the previous round. After hours, call 702-560-0955 and leave a voice message or use the contact page on our web site. Be sure to speak clearly and give your name, section, and contact number.

Chess in Film**Friday**

9:05 p.m.	<i>Geri's Game</i>	PG
9:10 p.m.	<i>Knight Moves</i>	R

Free Lectures**Friday Capri 109**

3:30 p.m.	<i>Kamsky on Chess</i> GM Gata Kamsky
7:00 p.m.	<i>My Battles with Bobby Fischer</i> IM Anthony Saidy

Sunday Capri 109

1:00 p.m.	<i>Understanding the Browne Ending</i> GM Walter Browne
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National Open Championship
Grande Ballroom A-D
SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Friday		Saturday		Sunday	
11:00 a.m.	Round 1	10:00 a.m.	Round 3	10:00 a.m.	Round 5
5:00 p.m.	Round 2	10:00 a.m.	2-day Round 1	4:30 p.m.	Round 6
		12:00 p.m.	2-day Round 2		
		2:00 p.m.	2-day Round 3		
		4:30 p.m.	Round 4		
Time Controls*				Capri 103	
40/90, SD/30, increment 30				8:00 p.m. Cash Bar	
* 2-day rounds 1-3 Game/45, delay 5				9:00 p.m. Winners Circle	

International Youth Chess Championship

Hosted by International Grandmaster Irina Krush

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS - Grande Ballroom E**Friday**

10:00 a.m.	Youth Trophy Tournament
5:15 p.m.	Awards Presentation
6:30 p.m.	Youth Blitz

Saturday

8:00 a.m.	Late Registration (to 9:00 a.m.)
9:45 a.m.	Opening Ceremony
10:00 a.m.	Round 1
1:00 p.m.	Round 2
4:00 p.m.	Round 3
3:00 p.m.	Irina Krush Autograph Session
6:30 p.m.	Puzzle Solving Competition
7:00 p.m.	Irina Krush Simul

Sunday

9:30 a.m.	Side Event Awards
10:00 a.m.	Round 4
1:00 p.m.	Round 5
4:00 p.m.	Closing Ceremony

Blitz Sectionals - Grande E

Saturday	10:00 p.m.
Entry Fee \$25 - Register by 9:30 p.m.	
USCF Blitz Rated	

The Spirits Of Chess - Grande A
Spectators Welcome!

Saturday	10:00 p.m.
Invitational Blitz Tournament	
Formerly The Rumskey Challenge	

National Open Blitz - Grande E
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Saturday	10:00 p.m.
Entry Fee \$40 - Register by 9:30 p.m.	
USCF and FIDE Blitz Rated	

Blitz Sit and Go - Grande H

More Chess For More Fun!

Friday - Sunday	11:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.
Entry Fee \$20, prizes based on entries. Register when you are ready to play. 4-8 player sections when enough similarly rated players sign up.	
USCF Blitz Rated	

Analysis of your Games
by GM Ron Henley**Friday Capri 103**

1:00 - 4:00 p.m.	7:00 - 10:00 p.m.
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Saturday Capri 103

noon - 3:00 p.m.	6:30 - 9:30 p.m.
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Sunday Capri 109

noon - 3:00 p.m.	6:30 - 9:30 p.m.
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National Open players age 14 and under who wish to have a game considered for the FREDDIE best played game prize must bring it to one of first five analysis sessions. Only rounds 1 to 5 will be considered.

 **POST YOUR RESULTS**

Both players are responsible for reporting results. Please post on the pairing sheet and turn in a score sheet with the result clearly marked and signed by both players.

**LIVE game broadcast**

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Results & pairings

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