

NATIONAL OPEN NEWS

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Favorites Win In Round One Mismatches

The main National Open sections got under way on Friday with the start of the 3-day schedules.

In the Open Section, no less than 15 Grandmasters decided they wanted to play all 6 games at the slower time control.

As usual, the 1st round matchups in a Swiss throw up some potential upset games. However, there were no wins by the lower rated players but a handful managed to nick their higher rated opponents for a draw.

Succumbing to this, and therefore starting the event with a Swiss gambit were GM Ben Finegold, FMs Luke Harmon-Vellotti and Seth Homa, and Jared Defibaugh who drew with Ilia Serpik, Leonid Furman, Georgi Kostadinov and Solomon Ruddell respectively.

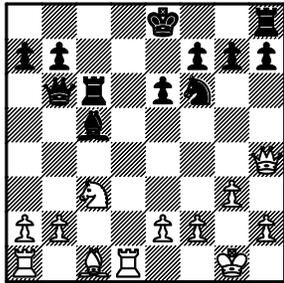
On the main boards only GM Ray Robson's game against Jonathan Chiang was lengthy enough to give the spectators something to watch beyond the end of the first time control although the GM eventually won the rook and pawn ending.

GM Alex Lenderman, defending National Open Champion, also got off to a winning start by dispatching of Vignesh Panchanathan in a complicated Caro-Kann.

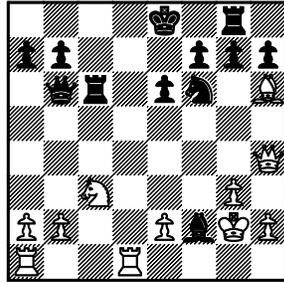
Here are a couple of the more interesting games from round one as GM Jaan Ehvest shows off his tactical prowess and GM Varuzhan Akobian takes care of FM Alisa Melekhina's King's Indian Defense.

□ Ehvest,J (2692)
 ■ Chen,S (2281)
 National Open (1.2)

1.Nf3 d5 2.g3 c5 3.Bg2 Nc6
 4.d4 Nf6 5.0-0 e6 6.c4 dxc4
 7.Qa4 Bd7 8.Qxc4 cxd4
 9.Nxd4 Rc8 10.Nc3 Nxd4
 11.Qxd4 Bc5 12.Qh4 Be6
 13.Bxc6+ Rxc6 14.Rd1 Qb6



15.Bh6! Bxf2+ 16.Kg2 Rg8

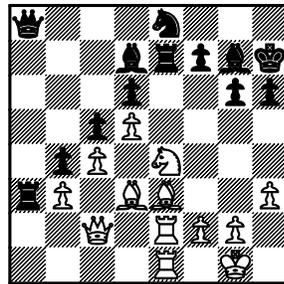


17.Bxg7! Rxc3 18.bxc3 Nd5
 19.Rxd5 exd5 20.Qxh7 Rxc7
 21.Qxg7 Qe3 22.Rf1 1-0

□ Akobian,V (2685)
 ■ Melekhina,A (2267)
 National Open (1.4)

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e5 3.d5 d6

4.Nc3 g6 5.e4 Bg7 6.h3 0-0
 7.Nf3 e6 8.Bd3 Na6 9.Bg5 h6
 10.Be3 exd5 11.exd5 Nc7
 12.Qd2 Kh7 13.0-0 b5 14.b3
 Re8 15.Rae1 b4 16.Ne2 a5
 17.Qc2 Bd7 18.Ng3 Re7
 19.Re2 a4 20.Rfe1 axb3
 21.axb3 Ra3 22.Nd2 Qa8
 23.Nde4 Nxe4 24.Nxe4 Ne8



GM Jaan Ehvest showed off his tactical skills in an entertaining game in round one against Shijie Chen on board 2

25.Bc1 threatening Ng5+ wins the exchange but maybe Akobian thinks that Black would get too much compensation or he just thought his move was better.

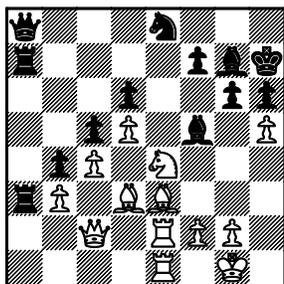
25...Bf5 26.h5
 26.Bc1+-
 26...Rea7

Slotman Hunt!



Can you find the 8 mini Slotmen hidden in this issue of the National Open News?

Akobian - Melekhina Continued



27.Ng5+! hxc5 28.Bxf5 gxf5
29.Qxf5+ Kh8 30.Bxc5 Nc7
31.Bxa7 Rxa7 32.Qxf7 Qf8
33.Qd7 Be5 34.Rxe5 dxe5
35.d6 Qe8 36.Qf5 Na6
37.Qxg5 Nc5 38.Rxe5 Ne6
39.Qh6+ Rh7 40.Qxe6 1-0



GM Ray Robson, the highest rated player in the 3-day schedule of the National Open

Where Are All The Interesting Games?

As has been announced before the start of each round, this year there is a new way for participants to submit their interesting games for publication; via email.

Yes folks, we're getting up to speed with technology in the National Open News production office.

We know that once you've completed your games you go back to your room and plug the moves into your favorite chess engine, which then shows you how you had much better options on just about every move. (Isn't it a great feeling when you actually play the move recommended by the silicon beast?)

Anyway, if you're going to do that with your interesting games then why not send them along to us while you're at it?

Just copy and paste that game

score into an email or attach a pgn file and send it along.

The email address you need to remember is games13@vegaschessfestival.com.

We can't guarantee that we'll find your game as interesting as you did, but we might get more of a chance to look at it if we don't have to try to decipher some of the hieroglyphics that some people try to pass off as keeping legible score.

Of course, if you're not technically inclined then you can stay with the tried and trusted method we've had over the years by checking that little box in the top corner of your scoresheet when you hand it in.

Here is an interesting game that was submitted via the scoresheet method.

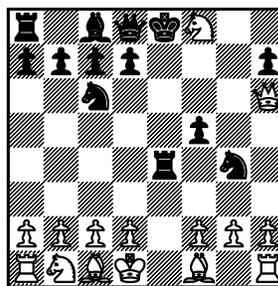
Unfortunately it involves a big blunder and a mop up by Black.

Interesting for Mr. Ball, and quite the upset in the U2000 Section but come on folks, I'm sure you can do better!

□ Moore,D (1934)

■ Ball,B (1809)
National Open (U2000) (1)

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 f5 3.Nxe5 Nc6
4.Qh5+ g6 5.Nxg6 Nf6 6.Qh4
Rg8 7.Nxf8 Rg4 8.Qh6 Rxe4+
9.Kd1 Ng4



10.d3??
The only move for White here

is 10.Qh5+ Kxf8 11.c3
(11.Qxf5+? is a big mistake even though it is the most commonly played move in this position 11...Kg7 12.c3 d5 13.Qf3 Ne3+!) 11...Qc7 12.Kc2 d6=
10...Nxh6 11.dxe4 Ng4
12.Ke1 Kxf8 13.f3 Nd4
14.Na3 Qh4+ 15.g3 Nxf3+
16.Ke2 Nd4+ 17.Kd3 Nf2+
18.Kxd4 Qxe4+ 0-1



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Round Two Continued

31.Kxe3 Qe7+ 32.Be4 Qg5+
32...fxe4 33.Qxc4 Qxc4+
34.Kxc4 Nf2+
33.Ke2 Qg4+ 34.Kf1 fxe4
35.Qf7 h6 36.Kg1 e3 37.Qe7
Qd4 38.Kf1 e2+ 0-1
38...c2+ 39.Qxc2 (39.Kxe2
Qf2#) 39...Rf8+ 40.Kg2 Rf2+

The following neat little sacrifice was brought to my attention by the player who played it when asked how his game went.

- Molner, M (2535)
 - Yanayt, E (2302)
- National Open (2.16)

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 Bg7
4.e4 d6 5.Nf3 0-0 6.Be2 e5 7.0-0 Nc6 8.d5 Ne7 9.Ne1 Nd7
10.Be3 f5 11.f3 f4 12.Bf2 g5
13.Rc1 Rf6 14.Nd3 Kh8 15.c5
Nxc5 16.Nxc5 dxc5 17.Bxc5
Ng8 18.Bf2 a6 19.Na4 Bf8
20.Nc5 Bd6 21.Qb3 Rh6
22.Rfd1 Qe8 23.Ne6 Bxe6
24.dxc6 b5 25.Ra1 Rxe6 26.a4
Rb8 27.axb5 axb5 28.Ra5 c6
29.Ra7 Rg6 30.Qc3 Ra8
31.Rxa8 Qxa8

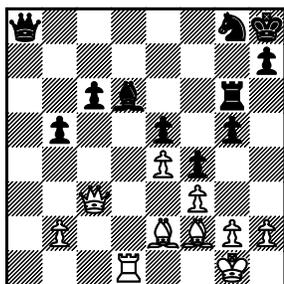
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FM John Daniel Bryant who is amongst the leaders after starting with 2 wins on day one.



32.Rxd6! Rxd6 33.Qxe5+ Rf6
34.Bd4 Qd8 35.b4 h6 36.Bd1
Qf8 37.Bc3 Qf7 38.Qd4 Kg7
39.Bc2 Qe7 40.Bb3 Kf8
41.Bxg8 Rd6 42.Qh8 Qa7+
43.Kf1 Qe3 44.Be6+ Ke7
45.Qf6+ Ke8 46.Qf7+ Kd8
47.Bf6# 1-0

National Open Blitz Tournaments!

Sectionals

Saturday, 9:30 pm

In sections of 12-15 players.

Rating range less than 200 points whenever possible.

The Rumskey Chess Challenge

Saturday, 9:30 pm

10 Grandmasters compete for cash prizes and signed magnums of Rumskey, a unique product of the Las Vegas Distillery.

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Open & Under 1900 Sections

Sunday, 9:30 pm

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7 round double Swiss.

All blitz tournaments will take place in Grande Ballroom E

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Scholastic Blitz Results

On Friday night there was a Scholastic Blitz tournament. Here are the results of the trophy winners.

15 and Under

Player	Trophy
Gabriel Sam	1st
Jackson Wahl	2nd
Franklin Zhou	3rd
Eric Hon	4th
Royce Pereira	5th
Sean Innes	1st 1200-1399
Alexander Ionkov	2nd 1200-1399
Stephen Dolz	1st 1000-1199
Olivia Deangelis	2nd 1000-1199
Valentin Matveev	1st Under 1000
Isaac Adams	2nd Under 1000
Peyton Smith	1st Unrated

10 and Under

Player	Trophy
Aaryan Deshpande	1st
Ruiting Ma	2nd
Hans Niemann	3rd
Phillip Ionkov	4th
Asher Thakur	5th
Patrick Bless	1st 1000-1199
Maximilian Corliss	2nd 1000-1199
Nathan Dolz	1st 800-999
Marcos Sanchez	2nd 800-999
Darci Deangelis	1st Under 800
Andrew Corliss	2nd Under 800
Zihan Zhang	1st Unrated
Maya Kaufman	2nd Unrated

Lenderman Simul Results

Here are the full results, board by board, from the Alex Lenderman Simul on Thursday.

Alex's final score from 28 games was 22 wins, 3 draws and 3 losses.

Player	Res
Bryan Leano	Win
Guoc Cuong Nguyen	Win
Seth Taylor-Brill	Win
Jeff Gallegos	Draw
Gordon W Gribble	Draw
Rudy Vrana	Draw
William Adamson	Loss
Stephen Barbre	Loss
Donald Bishop	Loss
John C. Bonfield	Loss
Charles Davis	Loss
Philip Dennis	Loss
Petro Gretchanei	Loss
Roger Gribble	Loss
Vivian Xiao Liu	Loss
Caset McCartney	Loss
Helene McIntosh	Loss
Kevin Miller	Loss
Travis James Miller	Loss
Hans Moke Niemann	Loss
George Racz	Loss
Scott G Raymond	Loss
Roger Schmidt	Loss
Ranjeet Singh	Loss
Edward Tucker	Loss
Karl Ulbrich	Loss
Alfred Walker	Loss
Bob Wheat	Loss

Random Photos From The Main Playing Hall



Scholastic Trophy Tournament Winners!



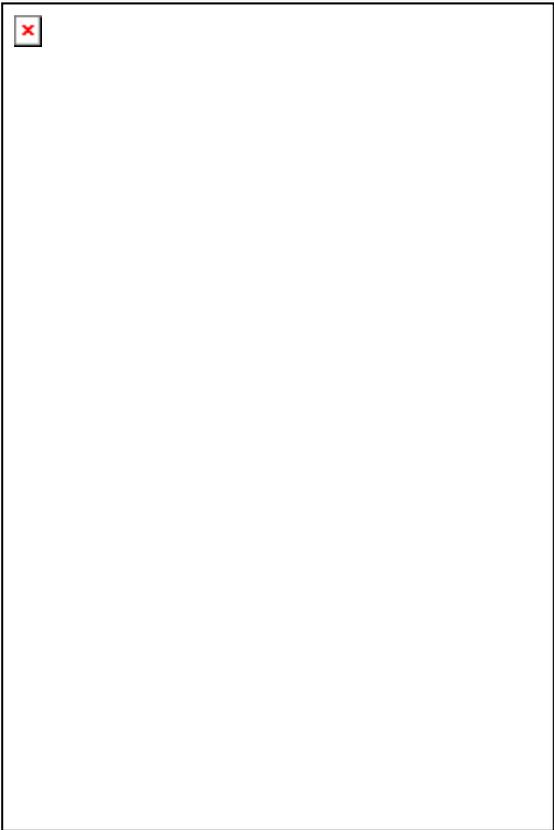
Queena Deng, Under 1800 Co-Champion and winner of the 1st place trophy on tie-breaks



Carson Woods went a perfect 5-0 to win the Under 800 section



Griffin Salvador won all of his games to win the Under 1200 section



Congratulations to all the Scholastic Trophy event winners and to all the participants on a great day of chess!

Picture This! Scholastic Trophy Tournament



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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.

NATIONAL OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP

Time Control: 40/90, SD/30, inc 30
2-day Rounds 1-3: G/45, delay 5

Grande Ballroom A-D SATURDAY

Round 3	10:00 am
2-day Round 1	10:00 am
2-day Round 2	12:00 pm
2-day Round 3	2:00 pm
Round 4	4:30 pm

SUNDAY

Round 5	10:00 am
Round 6	4:30 pm

Capri 103

Cash Bar	8:00 pm
Winner's Circle	9:00 pm

Rochester Chess and Chess4Less (Capri 106)

Rochester Chess Center and Chess4Less have teamed up to bring you the best selection ever selection of chess books, sets, clocks and National Open t-shirts. A great selection will be available throughout the tournament. Book signings will be posted. Check it out!

Opening Hours

Saturday 9:00 am - 11:00 pm Sunday 9:00 am - 11:00 pm

International Youth Championship (Grande Ballroom E)

Hosted by International Master Daniel Naroditsky

Saturday

8:00 am	Late Registration (to 9:00 am)
9:30 am	Opening Ceremony
10:00 am	Round 1
1:00 pm	Round 2
3:00 pm	Daniel Naroditsky Autograph Session
4:00 pm	Round 3
6:30 pm	Puzzle Solving Competition
7:00 pm	Daniel Naroditsky Simul

Sunday

9:30 am	Side Event Awards
10:00 am	Round 4
1:00 pm	Round 5
4:00 pm	Closing Ceremony

Free Lectures and Workshops

Saturday

12:00 pm	Analysis of your games, GM Ron Henley (Capri 103)
2:30 pm	Birth of a Variation: The Byrne Variation of the Sicilian Najdorf, GM Walter Browne (Capri 109)
6:30 pm	Analysis of your games, GM Melik Khachiyan (Capri 103)
8:00 pm	Crushing Black!, GM Ron Henley (Capri 109)



Sunday

12:00 pm	Analysis of your games, GM Melik Khachiyan (Capri 103)
1:00 pm	Masterpiece at 2013 U.S. Championship, GM Walter Browne (Capri 109)
2:30 pm	Russian Endgame Tactics, GM Ron Henley (Capri 109)
6:30 pm	Analysis of your games, GM Ron Henley (Capri 109)

National Open players aged 14 and under who wish to have a game considered for the "Freddie" Best Game Prize must bring it to one of the first 5 analysis sessions. Only rounds 1 through 5 will be considered.

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Hundreds of games, photos and more mailed on a DVD a few days after the Chess Festival. If you think your game is worthy of publication, submit it in PGN format via email to games13@VegasChessFestival.com or check the box on the scoresheet.

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Poker Tournament

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