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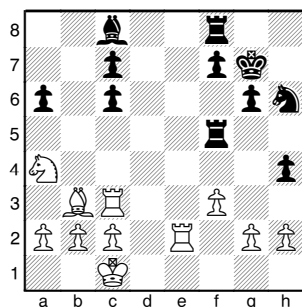
GM Illia Nyzhnyk wins National Open

After nine rounds of intense play, GM Illia Nyzhnyk emerged as the undisputed champion. Nyzhnyk finished with five wins and four draws to claim the Edmondson Cup and \$8,000. This was the second time Nyzhnyk won the National Open. He tied for first in 2015, but lost the trophy on tiebreak to GM Alexey Dreev. Seven players entered the last round tied for the lead. All the other players drew which enabled Nyzhnyk to take clear first by defeating GM Timur Gareyev.

Nyzhnyk, Illia (2649) – Gareyev, Timur (2584)
[C70] National Open (9)
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White has a pleasant position which Nyzhnyk plays very well to eventually bring home the win.

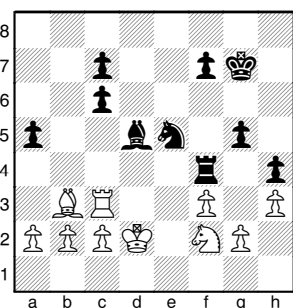
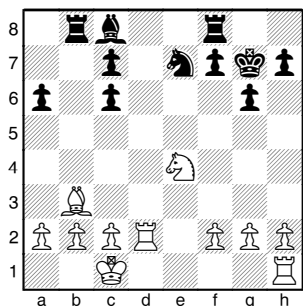
16...Rb5 17.Re1 Nf5 18.Nc3 Rc5 19.Re4 h5 20.Na4 Ra5 21.Rd3 Nh6 22.Re2 h4 23.Rc3 Rf5 24.f3



1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 g6 5.d4 exd4 6.Nxd4 Bg7 7.Nxc6 bxc6 8.Nc3 Ne7 9.Be3 0-0 10.Qd2 d5 11.0-0-0 Rb8 12.Bh6 Qd6 13.Bb3 dxe4 14.Bxg7 Qxd2+ 15.Rxd2 Kxg7 16.Nxe4

24. Rxc6 Bb7 25. Rxc7 Bxg2 also offer white a clear advantage.

24...Rd8 25.Nc5 a5 26.Ba4 Ng4 27.h3 Ne5 28.Ne4 g5 29.Rd2 Rxd2 30.Kxd2 Be6 31.Bb3 Bd5 32.Nf2 Rf4 [



GM Illia Nyzhnyk

Better would be 24. ... Ng6 25. Nd3 Bxb3 26. axb3 Ne7 when white still has an edge, but black is putting up a lot of resistance.

better off than the game continuation. After, 34. ... cxd5, white has a winning advantage and Nyzhnyk displays fine technique bringing home the point.

33.Rc5 a4 34.Bxd5 cxd5?!

34. ... Rd4+ 35. Nd3 Rxd5 36. Rxd5 Nc4+ white still has a clear edge, but black is

35.Rxd5 Nc4+ 36.Kc3 Ne3 37.Re5 Nf1 38.Rxg5+ Kf6 39.Rc5 Ne3 40.Ng4+ Nxg4 41.hxg4 h3 42.gxh3 Rxf3+ 43.Kb4 Rxh3 44.Kxa4 Rh4



45.Kb5 Rxc4 46.a4 Ke6 47.a5 Kd7 48.a6 Kc8 49.a7 Kb7 50.Rxc7+ Ka8 51.c4 f5 52.c5 Rd4 53.b4 f4 54.Ka6 Rd8 55.b5 Re8 56.b6 Rb8 57.Rc8 Rxc8 58.b7# 1-0

Nyzhnyk was never in trouble in any of his games. He drew with GMs Denes Boros, Ruifeng Li, Fidel Corrales and Andrey Baryshpolets. He defeated GMs Pavlo Vorontsov, Andrey Gorovets and Timur Garayev. He also defeated IM Alexander Katz and FM Lars Meyer. Two of Nyzhnyk were quick wins scored with the black pieces against strong opponents.

Grovets, Andrey (2502) – Nyzhnyk, Illia (2649) [D10]

National Open (4),

1.c4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.cxd5 cxd5 4.Bf4 Nc6 5.e3 Nf6 6.Nc3 Bf5 7.Qb3 Na5 8.Qa4+ Bd7 9.Qc2 Rc8 10.Bd3 g6 11.Nf3 Bg7 12.Ne5 Nh5 13.Qe2 Nxf4 14.exf4 Nc6 15.Rd1 Nxd4 16.Qe3 Nc6 17.Bb5 Bxe5 18.fxe5 d4 19.Qh6 dxc3 20.e6 fxe6 21.Qg7 Rf8 22.Bd3 Qb6 23.0-0 cxb2 24.Bb1 e5 25.Rd2 Bf5 26.Bxf5 gxf5 27.Qxh7 Nd4 28.Rdd1 Kd7 29.f4 Rc1 0-1

Katz, Alexander (2427) – Nyzhnyk, Illia (2649) [C11]

National Open (2)

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.Bg5 dxe4 5.Nxe4 Be7 6.Bxf6 gxf6 7.Nf3 f5 8.Nc3 c5 9.dxc5 Bxc5 10.Bb5+ Bd7 11.Qe2 0-0 12.0-0-0 Bxb5 13.Nxb5 Qe7 14.Qd2 Nc6 15.Qh6 f6 16.Rhe1 Rad8 17.Qh4 Rxd1+ 18.Rxd1 Kh8 19.h3 e5 20.Qh5 Bxf2 21.Qxf5 Be3+ 22.Kb1 e4 23.Nh4 Bg5 24.Rd7 Rd8 0-1

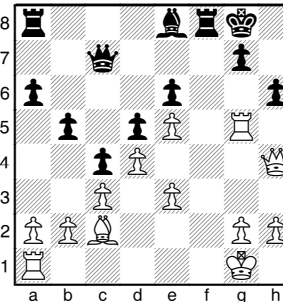
The Open section is not the only section that had interesting games. One of the more interesting games actually comes from the Under 1300 section, Meruzhan Sargsyan is rated 912 and tied for third in the Under 1300 section (and could have tied for first with a last round win). Meruzhan played an exciting game in round six that could have gone either way.

Arciniegas, Fabio (1189) – Aargsyan, Meruzhan (912)

National Open Under 1300

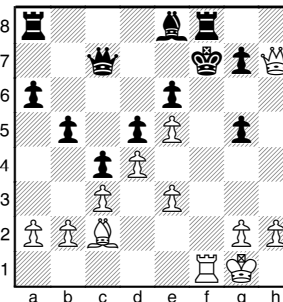
1.d4 d5 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.Bg5 Nbd7 4.e3 e6 5.Bd3 Be7 6.Nbd2 c5 7.c3 b6 8.0-0 Bb7 9.Qa4 Qc7 10.Ne5 a6 11.Ndf3 b5 12.Qd1 c4 13.Bc2 h6 14.Bf4 Nxe5 15.Nxe5 Bd6 16.Bg3 0-0 17.f4 Nd7 18.Qh5 Nxe5 19.fxe5 Be7 20.Rf3 Bc6 21.Bf4 Be8 22.Rg3 Bg5 23.Bxg5 f6 24.Qh4 fxg5

25.Rxg5



The rook sacrifice is best and is winning, but must be followed up extremely accurately.

25...hxg5 26.Qh7+ Kf7 27.Rf1+?



The winning continuation was bringing another piece into the attack with 27. Bg6+ Bf7 28. Qxg7+. Black can still draw after 27. Rf1+ Ke7 28. Qxg7 Rf7 29. Rx7 Bxf7 30. Bg6 Rf8 31. Qf6+ Ke8 32. Qxe6+ with a perpetual check.

27...Ke7 28.Rxf8?

The losing move for white

28...Kxf8 29.Qh8+ Kf7

30.Qh7 Ke7 31.Qxg7+ Kd8 32.Qxg5+ Qe7 33.Qg8 Kc7 34.h4 Bc6 35.Qg4 Rh8 36.g3 Be8 37.e4 Bh5 38.Qf4 Rf8 39.Qh6 Qf7 40.Qc1 Qf2+ 41.Kh1 Bf3#

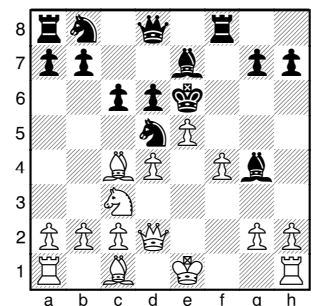
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You don't see often see Cochrane gambits in over the board chess these days, and especially not much in top sections. However, that is what happened in the Under 2300 section in an exciting game.

Wu, Oliver (2034) – Katz, Stewart (1884) [C42]

National Open Under 2300

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.Nxe5 d6 4.Nxf7 Kxf7 5.d4 c6 6.Nc3 Be7 7.f4 Bg4 8.Qd2 Rf8 9.e5 Nd5 10.Bc4 Ke6?!



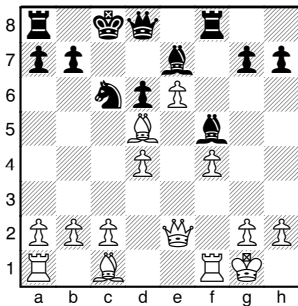
This gives White what he wants. Black should play 10... dxe5 to defend d5. Even Ke8 would be preferable.

10...Kg8 11.Nxd5 cxd5 12.Bxd5+ Rf7 (12...Kh8 13.Bxb7); 10...dxe5 11.dxe5



Be6 12.f5 Bxf5 13.0-0 Ke8
14.Nxd5 cxd5 15.Bxd5 Nc6

11.0-0 Bf5 12.Qe2 Kd7
13.Nxd5 cxd5 14.Bxd5 Nc6
15.e6+ Kc8?



15. ... Kc7 is a better try.

16.g4 Bg6 17.Be3 Be8
18.Rad1 Qa5 19.Qc4 Qb4
20.Qd3 Qa5 21.Qb3 Qb4?

White regains the piece and
is now winning fairly easily.

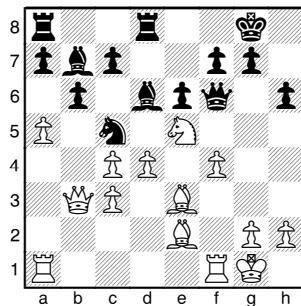
22.Bxc6 Qxb3 23.Bd7+
Bxd7 24.exd7+ Kxd7
25.axb3 a6 26.d5 Rae8
27.Bd4 g6 28.Rde1 Rc8
29.c4 Rf7 30.Re3 Rcf8
31.Ref3 Bf6 32.Bxf6 Rxf6
33.R1f2 Re8 34.Kf1 Rf7
35.Re2 Ref8 36.Re4 h5
37.g5 Rf5 38.Ke2 R8f7
39.Ke3 a5 40.Re6 Re7
41.Rxe7+ Kxe7 42.Ke4 Kd7
43.b4 axb4 44.Rb3 Rf8
45.Rxb4 Kc7 46.Rb3 Re8+
47.Kf3 Re1 48.Kf2 Re4
49.f5 gxf5 50.g6 h4 51.h3
Re7 52.Re3 Kd7 53.Kf3
Rxe3+ 54.Kxe3 Ke7 55.Kf4
Kf6 56.g7 Kxg7 57.Kxf5
Kf7 58.Kg4 b6 59.Kxh4 1-0

A game from the Under
2100 section featured un-
balanced play that led to
interesting positions.

Perks, Grant (2010) – Tort, Francisco (1911) [A18]

National Open Under 2100

1.c4 Nf6 2.Nc3 e6 3.e4 d5
4.e5 d4 5.exf6 dxc3 6.bxc3
Qxf6 7.d4 b6 8.Nf3 Bb7
9.Be2 h6 10.0-0 Be7
11.Qa4+ Bc6 12.Qb3 0-0
13.Ne5 Bb7 14.a4 Rd8
15.a5 Bd6 16.f4 Nd7
17.Be3 Nc5?!



Not quite sound. White
should play 18. dxc5 Bxe5
19. axb6 axb6 20. Rxa8
Rxa8 21. cxb6 and white has
a clear advantage.

18.Qd1 Bxe5 19.fxe5 Qg6
20.Bf3 Bxf3 21.Qxf3 Nb3
22.axb6 Nxa1 23.bxc7
Rdc8 24.Rxa1

Objectively equal. Both sides
have plusses and minuses.

24...Qd3 25.Rf1 Rf8? 26.d5
Qxc4 27.d6 Kh7 28.Bd4 a5
29.Qb7 Rac8 30.Bb6 f6

31.exf6 Qb5 32.Qe4+ Kg8
33.Qxe6+ Kh7 34.d7 1-0

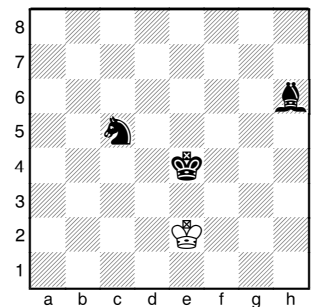
In a previous bulletin, we
featured a R + B vs R end-
ing where the stronger side
won. Here is another ending
that players should know B +
N vs K. This occurred in the
Under 2100 section and
black was able to demon-
strate the win. Michael
Taylor finished in a tie for
seventh place and made
sure not to leave any half
points at the board.

Roberts, Vincent (1922) – Taylor, Michael (2007) [B06]

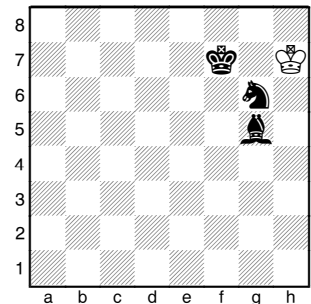
National Open Under 2100 (

1.e4 g6 2.d4 Bg7 3.Nc3 d6
4.Be3 Nd7 5.Qd2 a6 6.Nge2
b5 7.a3 Nb6 8.Ng3 h5 9.h4
Rb8 10.b3 Bd7 11.Rd1 Nh6
12.f3 c6 13.Be2 d5 14.Bf2
Be6 15.Bf1 a5 16.Nge2 Ra8
17.Nf4 Qd6 18.exd5 Bxd5
19.Ncxd5 Nxd5 20.Nxd5
Qxd5 21.c4 bxc4 22.Bxc4
Qd6 23.b4 axb4 24.axb4
Rb8 25.Rb1 Nf5 26.d5 cxd5
27.Qxd5 Bc3+ 28.Ke2
Qxd5 29.Bxd5 Rxb4
30.Rxb4 Bxb4 31.Rb1 Bd6
32.Rd1 0-0 33.g4 Ng7
34.Rg1 Rc8 35.Kd3 e6
36.Bb3 hxg4 37.fxg4 Be5
38.Ke4 f6 39.g5 Kf7 40.Rd1
Ke7 41.Be1 Rb8 42.Ba4
Rb7 43.Bc6 Rc7 44.Bb4+
Kf7 45.Rd8 Nf5 46.Be8+
Kg7 47.Be1 Rc4+ 48.Kd3
Rc1 49.Bd2 Rc7 50.h5

gxh5 51.Bxh5 Ng3 52.Bd1
fxg5 53.Bxg5 Rc3+ 54.Kd2
Ne4+ 55.Ke2 Nxc5 56.Rd3
Rxd3 57.Kxd3 Bf4 58.Bb3
e5 59.Bd5 Kf6 60.Ba8 Ke6
61.Bb7 Kd6 62.Bg2 Ne6
63.Ba8 Nc5+ 64.Ke2 Ke6
65.Bg2 Kf5 66.Bf3 Bh6
67.Bc6 e4 68.Bxe4+ Kxe4 [



69.Kf2 Bf4 70.Ke2 Be3
71.Kd1 Bd4 72.Ke2 Kf4
73.Ke1 Kf3 74.Kf1 Bc3
75.Kg1 Ne4 76.Kf1 Ng3+
77.Kg1 Bd4+ 78.Kh2 Ba7
79.Kh3 Bg1 80.Kh4 Ne4
81.Kh3 Ng5+ 82.Kh4 Kf4
83.Kh5 Kf5 84.Kh4 Bf2+
85.Kh5 Bg3 86.Kh6 Ne6
87.Kh5 Ng7+ 88.Kh6 Kf6
89.Kh7 Nf5 90.Kg8 Ke7
91.Kh8 Kf7 92.Kh7 Bf4
93.Kh8 Bg5 94.Kh7 Ne7
95.Kh8 Ng6+ 96.Kh7



96...Nf8+ 0-1



One of the things that sets apart the National Open from other events is special awards/prizes and GM analysis. The Freddy awards are an example of both. Freddy awards recognize the best games by players 14 years and younger. The awards are judged by the GM analysis team which this year consisted of GM Melik Khachiyani and GM Ron Henley. First place went to Harry Le in the Under 2100 section for his round 5.

Le, Harry (2073) – Oxman, Keith (1901) [D02]

National Open Under 2100

1.d4 d5 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.Bf4 g6 4.e3 Bg7 5.Be2 Bg4 6.h3 Bxf3 7.Bxf3 c6 8.c4 dxc4 9.Nd2 Nd5 10.Bh2 b5 11.0-0 e6 12.a4 Nd7 13.Rc1 0-0 14.Ne4 f5 15.Nc3 N7f6 16.axb5 Qb6 17.bxc6 Qxc6 18.Na4 Ne4 19.Nc5 Nb6 20.b3 e5 21.bxc4 exd4 22.exd4 Rad8 23.Nxe4 fxe4 24.d5 Qc5 25.Bxe4 Bd4 26.Bg3 Nxc4 27.Qe2 Rfe8 28.Rxc4 Rxe4 29.Qxe4 Qxc4 30.Qe6+ Kh8 31.Be5+ Bxe5 32.Qxe5+ Kg8 33.Qe6+ Kf8 34.Qf6+ 1-0

Harry submitted another game which also was a contender even though it did not finish in the top five.

Le, Harry (2073) – Warhula, Joseph (1931) [D02]

National Open Under 2100 (

1.d4 Nf6 2.Nf3 e6 3.Bf4 d5 4.e3 Bd6 5.Bg3 0-0 6.Nbd2 c5 7.c3 b6 8.Bd3 Ba6 9.Bxa6 Nxa6 10.Qe2 Nc7 11.Rd1 Ne4 12.Nxe4 dxe4 13.Nd2 Bxg3 14.hxg3 Qd5 15.dxc5 bxc5 16.Nb3 Qc6 17.Qh5 h6 18.Qxc5 Qxc5 19.Nxc5 Rfb8 20.Rd2 f5 21.0-0 Rb6 22.Rfd1 a5 23.Rd8+ Rxd8 24.Rxd8+ Kh7 25.Rd7 Nd5 26.Rb7 Rxb7 27.Nxb7 e5 1-0

Second place goes to Omya Vidyarthi for her round one win in the Under 2100 section.

Vidyarthi, Omya (1883) – Burns, Randas (2011) [D00]

National Open Under 2100

1.d4 d5 2.Bf4 Nf6 3.e3 c5 4.c3 Nc6 5.Nd2 Bf5 6.Ngf3 e6 7.Qb3 Qb6 8.Bb5 Be7 9.0-0 0-0 10.Bxc6 bxc6 11.h3 h6 12.Qxb6 axb6 13.Ne5 Rfc8 14.b3 cxd4 15.exd4 Ba3 16.Ndf3 Bb2 17.Rad1 Rxa2 18.c4 Ra3 19.g4 Bh7 20.b4 Be4 21.Nd2 Bc2 22.Rde1 Rxh3 23.Bg3 Ne4 24.Nxe4 Bxe4 25.Rxe4 dxe4 26.Kg2 Rxc3+ 27.Kxc3 Bxd4 28.Kf4 Bxe5+ 29.Kxe5 Ra8 30.Kd6 Ra4 31.Rb1 c5 32.bxc5 bxc5 33.Kxc5 f5 34.gxf5 exf5 35.Kd5 Kf7 36.c5 Ra2 37.Rc1 Kf6 38.c6 Rd2+ 39.Kc5 Rd8 40.c7 Rc8 41.Kd6 h5 1-0

Third place goes to Neil

Bhavikatti for his round five win in the Open section.

Bhavikatti, Neil (2077) – Gutaffson, Alexander (2165) [C10]

National Open (5),

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nd2 dxe4 4.Nxe4 Bd7 5.Nf3 Bc6 6.Bd3 Nd7 7.0-0 Ngf6 8.Ng3 b6 9.Re1 Be7 10.c4 Bb7 11.Bf4 g6 12.Qe2 0-0 13.Rad1 Re8 14.Bc2 Qc8 15.Ne5 Nxe5 16.dxe5 Nd7 17.Qg4 Kh8 18.h4 Rg8 19.Bg5 Qd8 20.Ne4 Bc6 21.Nf6 Bxf6 22.Rxd7 Qxd7 23.Bxf6+ Rg7 24.Rd1 Qe8 25.h5 1-0

There was a tie for fourth place. GM Ron Henley annotates the game of Anika Rajaram versus Mason Miller which was an 830 point upset!

Miller, Mason (1950) – Rajaram, Anika (1120) [B20]

National Open, Las Vegas

Anika is 10 years old and her mother is submitting this game for the "FREDDY". However, if I read the ratings correctly, with an 850 point differential, it almost certainly qualifies as a contender for the upset prize!

1.e4 c5 2.b3!?

A quiet and unassuming "Anti-Sicilian" continuation that nonetheless is not without its own drop of poison.

White plans to fianchetto his Queen's Bishop and have it aiming at the black kingside. He may then follow with some combination of Nf3, c4 and d4 establishing a Maroczy Bind type pawn structure. Former World Champion Vladimir Kramnik milked it two years, scoring 4 wins before players caught on and started preparing. Even Magnus Carlsen whips it out occasionally at faster rapid chess time controls. However, the world's foremost authority is undoubtedly the Georgian GM Tamaz Gelashvili (2600+). In a recent database search his score in 102 games was an astounding 72 wins, 11 losses and 19 draws, for an astounding 86.7 percent win ratio in decisive games!

2...b6

Black prepares to fianchetto her own queen's Bishop. This is Black's fifth most popular choice (344 games), but is a very solid plan that has scored a slight plus in decisive games. By far, the most popular choices for Black have been 2...Nc6 (1880 games) and 2...d6 (1021 games), where Black has also held his own.

3.Bb2 Bb7 4.Nc3!?

By far, White's most popular choice and in 227 games White has scored a slight plus.



4...Nc6 5.Nf3 d6 6.Bc4 e6 7.0-0 Nf6 8.d4!?

White plays to open the center in order to exploit Black's lagging kingside development.

8...cxd4 9.Nxd4 a6 10.a4!±

White clamps down on any black b6-b5 pawn advance.

10...Be7

Black has completed the development of her minor pieces and is now ready to castle kingside.

11.f4??

In his rush to launch a kingside attack with his f-pawn, White walks right into a tactic.

White could have retained a slight pull with – 11.Nxc6!? Bxc6 12.Qd3! attacking the a6 pawn. 12...Bb7 13.Rfd1± or (13.Ba3±) ; Note the standard B sac on e6 11.Bxe6? fails to 11...Nxd4! (Of course not 11...fxe6 12.Nxe6 Qd7 13.Nd5→) 12.Bxf7+ Kxf7 13.Qxd4 Qc7

11...Nxd4!-+

[A very nice heads up capture as Black seizes her tactical opportunity!

11...Nxd4! The point is seen when HWhite tries to recapture – 12.Qxd4? d5 gaining

a tempo by attacking the white Bishop on c4, and after 13.exd5 Bc5! pins the white Queen on d4 to the white King on g1!

12.e5

White desperately tries to confuse his young opponent, but fails to make an impression.

12...dxe5 13.fxe5 Nd7!

Black again makes use of the pin motif to retreat her Knight to the most favorable square. From d7, the black knight counter-attacks the white e5 pawn.

14.Ne2

Capturing the black Knight – 14.Qxd4? still runs into the pin motif – 14...Bc5-+

14...Nxe2+

A piece ahead, of course Black is "Not afraid to trade" – a maxim I teach my kids.

15.Qxe2 0-0 16.Qg4 Nc5 17.Rad1 Qc7 18.Rf6

White offers an exchange sacrifice that has more flash than substance.

18...Ne4!

Black centralizes her extra Knight which puts additional pressure on the f6 Rook and frees up the c5 square for either her Queen or Bishop to give a check as needed. – 5.00/0

Black could even accept the offered exchange sacrifice – 18...Bxf6 19.exf6 g6 20.Qg5 Qc6 21.Rd2 Kh8 22.Qh6 Rg8-+

19.Rh6

A cute move to avoid capture, as the black g7 pawn is pinned, however the white f2 square is now vulnerable.

19...Bg5

Attacking the h6 Rook.

Also strong was 19...Rad8!? preparing the killer 20.-- Qc5+ with a mating attack.

20.Rh3 Rad8!

Activating the last black piece.

**21.Bd3 **

The white Bishop attempts to capture or drive away the centralized black Knight.

21...Qc5+! 1-0

After 21...Qc5+ 22.Kh1 (If 22.Kf1 Qf2#) Black can execute the "Family Fork" – 22...Nf2+ 23.Kg1 or play for smothered mate – 23...Nxh3+! 24.Kh1 (24.Kf1 Qf2#) 24...Qg1+!! 25.Rxg1 Nf2#

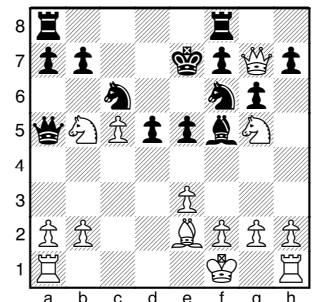
Also tying for fourth place was Drew Martin for his win over Randy Hough. That was presented in the second bulletin and we will show it again.

Martin,Drew (1876) – Hough,Randy (2007) [D01]

National Open Under 2100 (

1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5 3.Bf4 g6 4.Qd2 Bg7 5.Bh6 Bxh6 6.Qxh6 c5 7.e3 Nc6 8.Nf3 Bf5 9.dxc5 e5 10.Nb5 Bxc2 11.Be2 Qa5+ 12.Kf1 Bf5 13.Ng5 Rf8 14.Qg7 [14.Nd6+ Ke7 15.Qh4 Qxc5 16.Nxb7 Qb4 17.Nf3; 14.Qh4 0-0-0 15.Nd6+ Rxd6 16.cxd6]

14...Ke7



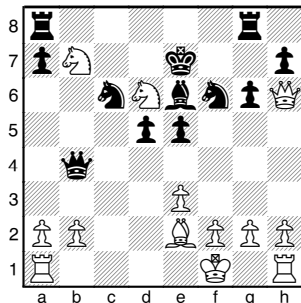


An extremely complex position that is roughly equal. Both sides have plusses and minuses in the position and the next few moves will determine the outcome of the game.

15.Nd6

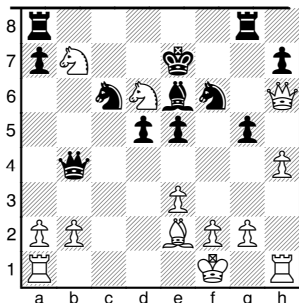
The brute force attack doesn't quite work yet as black has sufficient resources and can defend the attack and actually turn the tables on white.

15...Qxc5 16.Ngxf7 Rg8 17.Qh6 Be6 18.Nxb7 Qb4 19.Nfd6



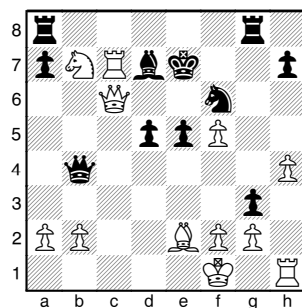
The position is still complex and a bit tenuous, but black is winning. White has no knockout punch, and the pieces are becoming less coordinated.

19...g5 20.h4



21. ... Rxc6 or Qxb2 are the best continuations and should lead to victory for black. The text move allows white back in the game. Another special prize is a petitor was Carol Meyer prize to the youngest and Kleist. These two actually played in the tournament. This played in the tournament. They drew which seems a fitting result. Another special prize is a petitor was Anyitha Penalagapati and the oldest com-

20...g4 21.e4 Nd4 22.Rc1 Rg6 23.Rc7+ Bd7 24.Qc1 g3 25.Nf5+ Nxf5 26.exf5 Rgg8 27.Qc6



27. ... Qb6 is the only move to defend and black will have a slight plus. All other moves allow the now coordinated white pieces to carry the day.

27...Ke8 28.Qxf6 1-0



Anyitha Penalagapati



The Sunday night blitz sectionals had 10 sections of 8 players each. The Spirits of Chess International Blitz was a ten player round robin featuring numerous strong GMs and was won by GM Igor Kovalenko with a score of 8-1 followed by GM Andrew Tang with a score of 6-3.

Tang, Andrew (2496) – Neiksans, Arturs (2566) [A42]

Spirits of Chess (8.2)

1.d4 g6 2.c4 Bg7 3.Nc3 d6 4.e4 e5 5.d5 Ne7 6.Bd3 Nd7 7.Nf3 c5 8.Bg5 f6 9.Be3 f5 10.exf5 gxf5 11.Ng5 Nf6 12.f4 e4 13.Be2 0-0 14.Qd2 a6 15.a4 h6 16.Ne6 Bxe6 17.dxe6 Nc6 18.Nd5 Nxd5 19.cxd5 Nd4 20.Ra3 Qb6 21.Bc4 Qb4 22.Bb3 b5 23.Bxd4 Qxd2+ 24.Kxd2 cxd4 25.Rc1 d3 26.Ra2 Rab8 27.a5 Bd4 28.Rc6 Bc5 29.Bd1 Rbc8 30.Bh5 Bb4+ 31.Ke3 Bc5+ 32.Kd2 Bb4+ 33.Ke3 Bc5+ 34.Rxc5 Rxc5 35.e7 Rc2 36.Ra1 Rxg2 37.Rc1 Rxb2 38.Rc6 Rb1 39.exf8Q+ Kxf8 40.Rxd6 Re1+ 41.Kd4 d2 42.Rxh6 d1Q+ 43.Bxd1 Rxd1+ 44.Kc5 Rc1+ 45.Kb6 b4 46.Kxa6 b3 47.Rb6 e3 48.d6 Ke8 49.Rxb3 Re1 50.Rb7 Kd8 51.Re7 e2 52.Ka7 Ra1 53.Rxe2 Rxa5+ 54.Kb6 Ra4 55.Kc6 Rc4+ 56.Kd5 Rxf4 57.Ra2 Rf1 58.Ke6 Re1+ 59.Kxf5 Kd7 60.Rd2 Re6 61.h4 Rxd6 62.Rxd6+ Kxd6 63.Ke4 1-0

Kovalenko, Igor (2651) – Gretarsson, Hekki (2433) [B06]

Spirits of Chess (7.1)

1.e4 g6 2.d4 Bg7 3.c3 d6 4.Nf3 Nc6 5.Bg5 h6 6.Bh4 Nf6 7.Nbd2 g5 8.Bg3 Nh5 9.Bc4 e6 10.Qe2 Qe7 11.Nf1 Bd7 12.N3d2 Nf4 13.Bxf4 gxf4 14.Nf3 e5 15.d5 Nd8 16.g3 h5 17.0-0 Bh6 18.Kc2 a6 19.N1d2 b5 20.Bd3 Nb7 21.Nh4 Qf6 22.b4 c5 23.dxc6 Bxc6 24.Nf5 Bd7 25.Nf3 Kf8 26.a3 Re8 27.N3h4 Bg5 28.Kb2 d5 29.f3 dxe4 30.Bxe4 Bc8 31.Qf2 Bxh4 32.Nxh4 Nd6 33.Qc5 Rd8 34.gxf4 exf4 35.Rd5 Rh6 36.Rhd1 Qxh4 37.Rxd6 Rhxd6 38.Rxd6 Rxd6 39.Qxd6+ Kg7 40.Qe5+ Qf6 41.Qxh5 Qd6 42.Qh7+ Kf8 43.Qh8+ 1-0

Sunday Night Blitz Sectional Winners

Section A	GM Illia Nyzhnyk	6 1/2—1/2	\$100
	IM Alexandr Ostovski	5 1/2—1 1/2	\$60
Section B	Arman Banadaran	5-2	\$100
	Luke Calhoun, Nicholas Gross & Vyom Vidyarthi	4-3	\$20
Section C	Henry Wang	7-0	\$100
	Rithik Polavaram, Tommy Wen & Arthur Xu	4-3	\$20
Section D	Adrian Kondakov	5 1/2—1 1/2	\$100
	Jarod Coulter	5-2	\$60
Section E	Stephen He	5-2	\$100
	Stewart Katz & Hursh Mehta	4 1/2—2 1/2	\$30
Section F	Andrew Ng	6-1	\$100
	Emanuel Dentchouk	5 1/2—1 1/2	\$60
Section G	Ojas Mehta	5 1/2—1 1/2	\$100
	Matthew James & Prasanna Suresh	4 1/2—2 1/2	\$30
Section H	Dave Juchau	5 1/2—1 1/2	\$80
	& Prasanna Suresh		
Section I	Winston Huang	8 1/2—1 1/2	\$100
	Raymond Jiang	7 1/2—2 1/2	\$60
	Moises Buckner	6 1/2—3 1/2	\$40



Spirits of Chess GM Blitz

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The International Youth Championship was held on Saturday and Sunday in four sections and awarded team and individual trophies. A separate side event was the puzzle competition. 96 players competed to see who could solve the puzzles accurately and quickly. Five players got all 20 puzzles correct. The Youth Championship itself drew 250 total players. One team that deserves special mention is Wing Chess Academy. They took first place team in all four sections! Wing Academy brought a total of 66 players to the tournament!

Puzzle Contest Winners

RATING	NAME	# Correct	Time	Place
1423	George Chengmin Li	20	13 Minutes	1st Place
2062	Daniel Shubin	20	18 Minutes	2nd Place
1136	Jack Fan	20	21 Minutes	3rd Place
1135	Lafayette Chen	20	23 Minutes	1st under 1400
1004	Jacob Zhao	20	25 minutes	2nd under 1400
737	Gordon Zhenyu Xu	19	21 minutes	1st under 1000
972	Ethan Chou Dygert	18	22 minutes	2nd under 1000
540	Derek Hu	16	25 minutes	1st under 600
535	Jason Shi	15	30 minutes	2nd under 600

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Youth International Championship

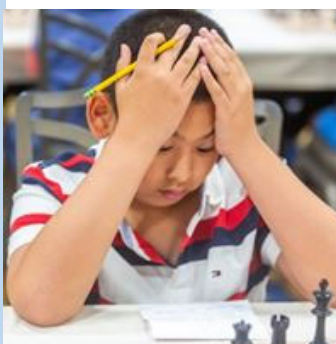
Under 14 Years Old

1st	Kenneth Su	5-1
2nd	Daniel Li	5-1
3rd	Chris Bao	4 1/2—1 1/2
4th	Jacob Lee	4 1/2—1 1/2
5th	Maxwell Chu	4 1/2—1 1/2
6th	Jack Fan	4 1/2—1 1/2
7th	Savva Sustov	4—2
8th	Alexandr Zuev	4—2
9th	Sarah Ewig	4—2
10th	Vladimir Davidyan	4—2

U1500	Enzo Restelli	4-2
U1300	Lucas Eisenberg	4-2
U1100	Enrique Gael Nieves	4-2

Team

1st	Wing Chess Academy	12 1/2 pts
2nd	Beyond Chess	10 1/2 pts
3rd	Hanley Academy	10 1/2 pts
4th	F7 Chess Club	8
5th	Bright Chess Max	7



Youth International Championship

Under 14 Years Old Reserve

1st	John Pan	6-0
2nd	Trevor Bate	5 1/1—1 1/2
3rd	Joshua Sang	5-1
4th	Dashiell Peist	5-1
5th	Parinya Jain	5-1
6th	Robert Chondro	4 1/1—1 1/2
7th	Tony Yuam	4 1/2—1 1/2
8th	Nugen Tran	4 1/2—1 1/2
9th	Nathan Nguyen	4 1/2—1 1/2
10th	Ethan Dygart	4 1/2—1 1/2

U900	Boys Angel	4-2
U700	Jason Shi	4-2
U500	Joanathan Gong	4-2
UNR	Virginia Dolasa-Sahani	3 1/2—2 1/2

Team

1st	Wing Chess Academy	15 pts
2nd	The Opposition	14 1/2 pts
3rd	Academic Chess	10 1/2 pts
4th	Salt Lake Chess	10 1/2 pts
5th	Las Vegas Chess Center	9 1/2 pts



Top: International Youth Championship TD staff of Donna Wallach, Amy Nunn, Janelle Losoff, Elizabeth Tanner, Glenn Panner and Cassandra Tanner. (L to R)

Youth International Championship

Under 9 Years Old Reserve

1st	Gordon Xu	6-0
2nd	Terry Huang	5-1
3rd	Derek Hu	5-1
4th	Nathan Luher	5-1
5th	Youzhuo Shi	5-1
6th	Sihan Tao	5-1
7th	Benjamin Hoang	5-1
8th	Zion Qu	5-1
9th	Iniya Mathivanan	5-1
10th	Glen Liu	4 1/2—1 1/2

U700	Maximus Castr0	4 1/2—1 1/2
U500	Jackson Moll	4-2
U300	Sophia Sizova	3-3
UNR	Tarun Sankar	4-2

Team

1st	Wing Chess Academy	16 pts
2nd	Salt Lake Chess	11 1/2 pts
3rd	Beyond Chess	10 1/2 pts
4th	Las Vegas Chess Center	6 1/2 pts
5th	Challenger School	5 pts

Youth International Championship

Under 9 Years Old

1st	Emmanuel Dentchouk	5-1/2 -1/2
2nd	Tanvi Borse	5-1
3rd	Winston Huang	4 1/2—1 1/2
4th	Hengrui Zhang	4 1/2—1 1/2
5th	Inay Vellore	4 1/2—1 1/2
6th	Jocelyn Chen	4-2
7th	Colin Wicks	4—2
8th	Luke Hong	3 1/2—2 1/2
9th	Ridyansh Agrawal	3 1/2—2 1/2
10th	Jaxon Wolfe	3 1/2—2 1/2

U1300	Derek Heath	3 1/2—2 1/2
U1100	Saadhika Bagley	3 1/2—2 1/2
U900	Ethan Guo	3-3

Team

1st	Wing Chess Academy	11 1/2 pts
2nd	American Chess	10 1/2 pts
3rd	Academic Chess	8 1/2 pts
4th	NEW	6 1/2 pts
5th	Las Vegas Chess Center	6 pts





On Saturday, WGM Jennifer Shahade gave a simultaneous exhibition playing 26 players and scoring 20 wins and 6 draws. The six players who drew were 1. Emmanuel Dentchouk (1763) 2. Nicholas L. Scarda (1442) 3. Enzo Restelli (1403) 4. Tristan Cohen-Rider (1108) 5. Aradhana Arivoli (585) 6. Kaden Tran (UNR).

Later in the day, Jennifer signed autographs for all the participants and assisted in passing out all the trophies!





This was the first year that the Open section expanded to nine rounds and offered players the opportunity to earn norms. There were two norms earned. FM Aleksey Sorokin earned an IM norm and FM Annie Wang earned a WGM norm. Sorokin already has approximately 30 IM norms and the 2400 FIDE that is required. He is not interested in the title because his FIDE federation is Russia and that federation does not pay for IM titles. He already has the 2500 rating required for the GM title and has two GM norms, so he is just waiting to make the third GM norm and he will then pay the application fee for the GM title. Annie Wang is an FM and a WIM. She already has enough WGM norms and her application is pending, so this norm is also "extra." Even though both these norms were extra and didn't help players achieve titles, the norm tournaments are extremely valuable for

helping all players get title playing experience. The two norm seekers played in round seven and Sorokin won that game.

Wang, Annie (2334) – Sorokin, Aleksey (2536) [D85]

National Open

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 d5 4.cxd5 Nxd5 5.e4 Nxc3 6.bxc3 Bg7 7.Bb5+ c6 8.Ba4 0-0 9.Ne2 e5 10.0-0 Qe7 11.f3 exd4 12.cxd4 Rd8 13.Be3 b5 14.Bb3 c5 15.Qc1 c4 16.Bc2 Nc6 17.Rd1 a5 18.Rb1 Ba6 19.d5 Nb4 20.Bb6 Nxa2 21.Qd2 c3 22.Qe3 Nb4 23.Rdc1 Rdc8 24.Bxa5 Nxd5 25.Qf2 Bb7 26.Ra1 Nb4 27.Bxb4 Qxb4 28.Rab1 Qc4 29.Qe3 Bf8 30.Kh1 Bc5 31.Qd3 Qxd3 32.Bxd3 b4 33.h3 Ba6 34.Bxa6 Rxa6 35.Rc2 Rca8 36.Kh2 Ra2 37.Rbc1 Be3 0-1



FM Aleksey Sorokin

In bulletin 2 we covered Wang's win over Alexander Shabalov and in bulletin 3, Sorokin's win over IM Alexandr Ostrovskiy was featured.

Katz, Alexander (2427) – Sorokin, Aleksey (2536) [B19]

National Open

1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.Nc3 dxe4 4.Nxe4 Bf5 5.Ng3 Bg6 6.h4 h6 7.Nf3 e6 8.h5 Bh7 9.Bd3 Bxd3 10.Qxd3 Nf6 11.Bd2 c5 12.0-0-0 Nc6 13.Be3 Qa5 14.Qb3 0-0-0 15.Ne5 Qc7 16.Nxc6 Qxc6 17.dxc5 Bxc5 18.Bxc5 Qxc5 19.Qf3 Qc4 20.b3 Qc5 21.Kb2 Qe5+ 22.Qc3+ Qxc3+ 23.Kxc3 Kc7 24.Kb2 b6 25.c4 Ng4 26.Rxd8 Rxd8 27.Kc2 Rd7 28.Rf1 a6 29.Ne4 f5 30.Nc3 Nf6 31.Re1 Rd6 32.Re5 Rc6 33.a4 Nxh5 34.Ne2 Kd6 35.Nd4 Rxc4+ 0-1

Here is Annie's round six win over IM Prasanna Rao.

Wang, Annie (2334) – Rao, Prasanna (2448)

National Open (6.22), 17.06.2019

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 Bb4+ 4.Nbd2 0-0 5.e3 d6 6.Bd3 e5 7.0-0 Nc6 8.Ne4 Ba5 9.a3 Bb6 10.dxe5 Nxe4 11.Bxe4 Nxe5 12.b3 c6 13.Bb2 Qe7 14.Bb1 Bc7 15.Nd4 f5 16.Qh5 Bd7 17.Bc2 c5 18.Ne2 Bc6 19.Nf4 Qf7 20.Qxf7+ Rxf7 21.Ne6 Bb8 22.Bxe5 dxe5 23.Rad1 Bc7 24.Nxc7 Rxc7 25.Bxf5 a5 26.a4 Kf7 27.Bxh7 g6 28.Rd6 Be4 29.f3 Bc2 30.Rc1 Bxb3 31.Bxg6+ Ke7 32.Rd5 Bxa4 33.Be4 Ke6 34.f4 exf4 35.exf4 Bc6 36.Re5+ Kf6 37.Rxc5 a4 38.Bxc6 Rxc6 39.Rxc6+ bxc6 40.Kf2 a3 41.Kf3 a2 42.Ra1 Ra3+ 43.Ke4 Ra4 44.Kd4 Kf5 45.g3 Ra3 46.Kc5 Ra4 47.Kd6 Ke4 48.c5 Ra6 49.Ke6 Ra5 50.Kd6 Ra8 51.h4 Kd4 52.f5 Ra3 53.g4 Ke4 54.f6 1-0



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