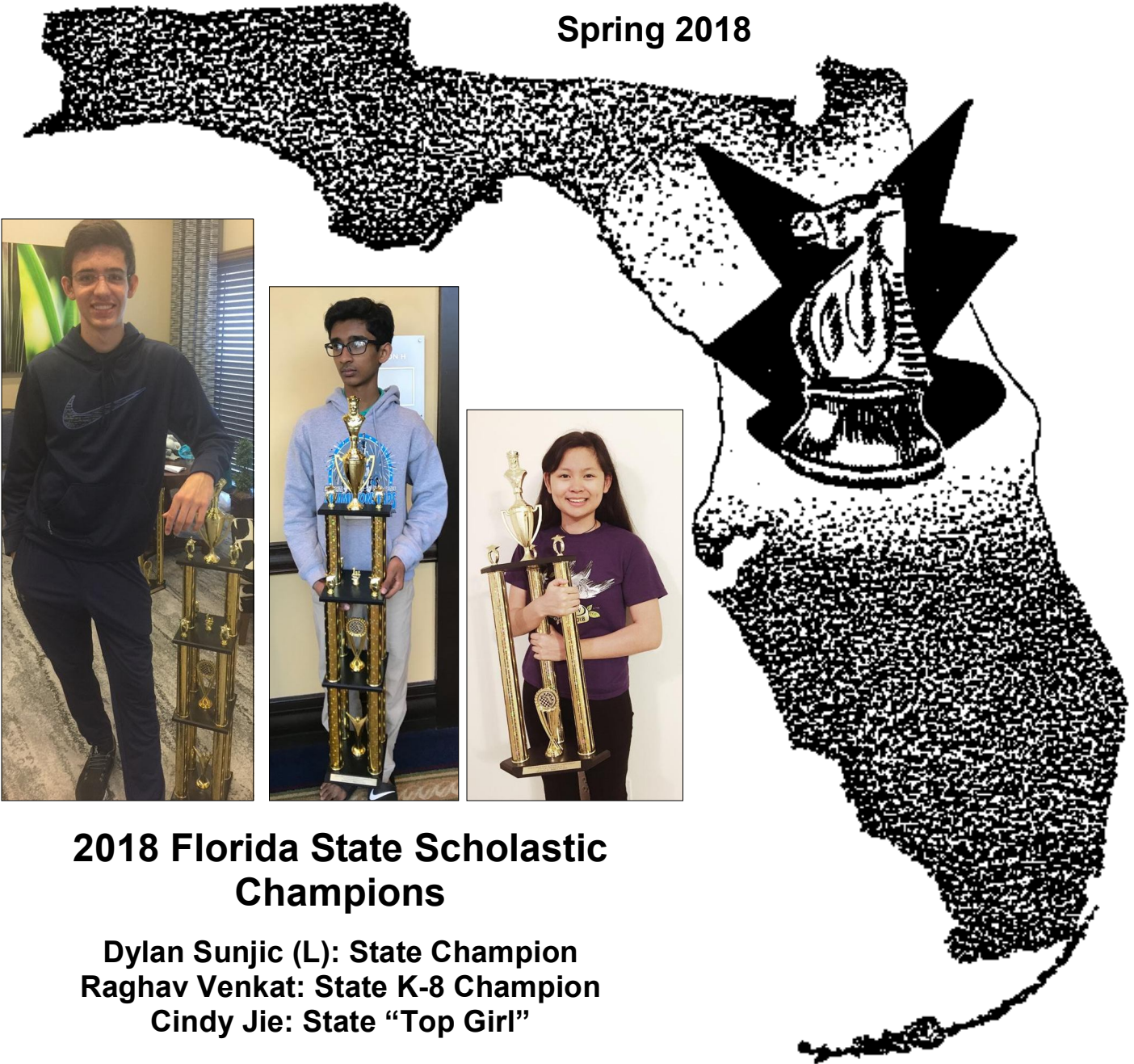


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Editor Speaks

I am continuing as Editor of floridaCHESS, but since I have been around for so long and many people do not really know who I am, and they wonder "does he really play chess!" So I am adding to the magazine more about myself. The previous issue contained "Harvey Lerman - Part 1". This issue will continue with Part 2 and also includes "The Many Faces of Harvey" so you know how long I have been around and what I have looked like during these over 80 years. I hope it's not too scary!

Since a "printed issue" is no longer automatically distributed, 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.

Since we are still without a "Games Editor", hopefully some players will step-up and if they have a "special game", to annotate it and send it to us by e-mail. We try to publish every report that is sent to us, with some editing for space or content.

Also, if your club wishes to report on an event they have held, please send in a report you would want us to publish. We'll even publish chess stories which you have written.

Please check the FCA web site to see if your membership is expiring, we ask that you take this special opportunity to renew and help us continue to promote chess in Florida. Please renew online at floridaCHESS.org under "Membership" or just mail your check to the FCA, c/o FCA Treasurer, at the address shown on the inside front cover (page 2).

Harvey Lerman
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from the President's desk



Hello FCA Members,

2018 will go down as one of the best years for the FCA! And we are not even half way through the year yet. What am I talking about? I'm talking about the number of things the FCA has done to promote chess in Florida. Of course we can start with the 2018 Scholastic tournaments which culminated in a very successful championship in Orlando. Thank you to Jon Haskel and company for making the event such a success for all the K-12 participants. And congratulations to all the winners especially our 2018 scholastic Champion, Dylan Sunjic!

The FCA runs the scholastic championship every year, so that can't be what I'm referring to when I say 2018 will be our best year yet. What makes me say this is the number of programs and schools we've been able to help so far this year. We have had a number of schools take advantage of our matching funds for boards and sets, which is a program our board put in place years ago that never really gets the attention or notice it deserves. What it is, is our commitment to Florida schools to help them start a chess club by reimbursing them half the costs for boards and sets up to \$500. And though this program is not widely known, we've had a number of schools already this year take advantage of it. Chess is growing in our schools! We've also help support programs other than schools in similar ways but more on that later.

The last thing I want to bring to your attention is how chess is growing in our state from the ground up. In Jacksonville, for example, our board member, Kevin Pryor, has made Jacksonville a center for club and tournament chess once again. Kevin's diligent work to revitalize this area has been remarkable. One of the more unique things he has done is to hold a girl's/women's only event called the Queen's Cup which is now on the national radar of the USCF Women's Committee. So with his effort, Florida is becoming a leading in nation again, bringing chess to a broader audience.

(President's desk continued on page13)

Letters

Hi Florida ChessPlayers,
How do you like the "new" floridaCHESS?
Harvey

RESPONSES RECEIVED

From: "Kevin Pryor" <pryorkevin@yahoo.com>

Well done Harvey! Loved the diversity of the coverage: scholastics, Pros, masters, general tournament and games of players U1500 too. Great job.

From: "DAVID LAMB" <fritz3@prodigy.net>

Hey, guys. Just looked at the magazine! It's excellent and the colors really set it off! Thanks for all you guys do for Florida chess!

From: "Ray Dobelstein" <raycindydobe@comcast.net>
Yes Yes Yes!

From: "Alan Wagner" <wagner.florida@verizon.net>
Thanks, Harvey! It looks great; I like the changes.

From: "Ken Bachman" <gambit7764@gmail.com>

Yes, I would like to have a hard copy mailed to me. I collect and save them all. Now that the torch is being passed to others who do not seem to have time to communicate well with members or each other and do not seem to handle things as efficiently as you did, I can appreciate the fine job you have done with Florida Chess for many years.

I would also appreciate receiving hard copies of all future issues if possible.

From: "Gerald M Levitt" <jerry@gmlevitt.com>

Hope all is well. I would like the hard copy if it is not a problem. Thank you.

From: "Andy Catlin" <andycatlin@hotmail.com>
Thank you Harvey, the whole issue looks great!

From: "Klaus Porsch" <klauskp@msn.com>
Thanks, yes I would enjoy a magazine hard copy.

From: "Anony Mous"

Received and enjoyed the magazine, I will continue to send instructive material to include in future issues,

From: "Krista Alton"

I enjoyed going through its many pages, I can tell you put a lot of hard work into it. I really liked the "Top Leaders" page and how it was broke up "Top U18, Top Girls, Top Overall" etc.

2018 Southern Class Championship

Orlando, March 16-18

IM Rohan Ahuja (2428) from India, now residing in MD, won the Master Section on tiebreaks over Yan Miellier (FL). They shared the \$1100 top prize as Ahuja also received a \$100 tiebreak bonus.

Only 11 players had entered the Master Section and by the last round only 6 remained, as Dapak Aaron (GA) and Dalton Perrine (FL) split the remaining \$350 in that section.

Approximately 188 players had entered this 7-section event, a drop of nearly 20% from the previous year.



Rohan Ahuja

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Hedinn Steingrimsson wins the 25th Space Coast Open Cocoa Beach April 27-29

Report supplied by Peter Dyson and the help of many others

In sharp contrast to the recent Southern Class Championships, the 25th SCO attracted 225 participants including a top section of 40 players headed by the following titled Masters:

GM Hedinn Steingrimsson	2630
GM Ruifeng Li	2686
GM Fidel Corrales Jimenez	2593
IM Yunier Leyva Rivera	2494
GM Alexy Dreev	2750
IM John Ludwig	2459
IM Nelson Pinal Borges	2379



Expert: Andrew Catlin



Class A: Xavier Alvarez



Hedinn Steingrimsson



Class B: Rachael Li



Class C: Nate Ziegler



Class D: Karim Essofi



U1200: Tyler James Clark

25th SCO Report continued on page 16 ~Ed

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US Amateur Team South

from ChessLife Magazine



College buddies “Moon’s Baboons” take the South Team Championship.
From left to right: Benjamin Moon, Carter Peatman, Jonathan Hrach, and Vishal Balyan

USATS was held Feb 23-25 in Orlando

The unforgettable weekend, which attracted 40 teams and more than 160 battle-ready chess players, ran high with emotions, upset wins and losses. Unforeseen traffic congestion forced many teams to have to switch from 3-days to 2-days as Jon Haskel, Chief TD, had to repair all the round 1 pairings.

“Moon’s Baboons” from Georgia won the tournament with a final score of 4/5. When asked the winning team about their victory and what advice they might have for others, the whole team agreed that they played their most challenging opponents in round two.

But they also admitted, “We had a lot of sloppy games.” Ben Moon, the team’s board one, said, “We didn’t know that we were going to come here until Thursday, but we did it!”



Submitted by Sam Sokhanvari

Team Championship winners for under 2000: {R to L}
Mike Lucente, Sam Sokhanvari, Tony Burrus, Phillip Durand

This Florida team named “Make Pawns Great Again” lost only to teams that finished 2nd and 3rd. They ended tied for 4th (8th on tiebreaks) with a 3-2 record.

Individually: Mike(2-2), Sam(2-2), Tony(3½-½) Phillip(2½-1½)



White: Mike Zalozny
Black: Sam Sokhanvari
March 2018 Kissimmee Florida
1.e4 c6 2.Bc4 d5 3.Bb3 e6 4.Qe2 Nf6 5.e5 Nfd7 6.d4 Well my oponent and their whole team arrived really late, I wanted to start with a Caro Kann but here we are in some kind of Slove defense. My oponent is much higher rated.
a5 7.c3 b6 I figured the bishop on a6 would be nice
8.h4 now I am thinking okay
Ba6 9.Qg4 h5 10.Qg3 c5 I like this move it may open up the game in my favore
11.Bg5 Qc7 12.Nd2 Nc6 13.Ng3 cxd4 14.cxd4 Nb4 I think white is scrwed thanks to that bishop on a6
15.Kd1 Nd3 16.Rb1 Rc8 17.Nf1 Nxb2+ I thought if he takes then i will play queen ca mate but then I saw the bishop on G5, oh no,
18.Rxb2 but Blak's position is so strong even now after a blunder I think I am doing okay.
Qc3 19.Rc2 Qd3+ 20.N3d2 I think this was the final error he should have moved the other knight.
Qe2+ 21.Kc1 And he might have forgotten about my bishop still sitting on F8.
Ba3+ 22.Kb1 Qd1+ It is over after RC1 RC1 or QC1 and 0 / 1
Our team lost this team match but we did well won three out of five in the Amateur Southern Team

Championship Game for U2000. I don't believe it. I got a trophy, baby

FLORIDA'S TOP PLAYERS

(Using latest USCF Rating Supplement's "Top 100" Lists, except for "OVERALL")

UNDER AGE 18

Ludwig, John Gabriel	17	2459
Kumar, Nikhil	13	2318
Hoang, Truman	17	2187
Banerjee, Abhimanyu	16	2173
Slade, Theodore	17	2146
Venkat, Raghav	13	2133
Sunjic, Dylan	16	2113
Hoyos, Carlos D	17	2096
Gonzalez, Marc	17	2088
Jayaraman, Roshan	17	2087
Lee, Gabriel Emilio, Jr	17	2085
Kumar, Naman	11	2071
Penton Cruz, Eric Armando	17	2048
Liu, Jackie	17	2047
Jie, Tianhui (Cindy)	17	2046
Burrus, Tony	17	2042
Yisrael, Melakah	16	2027
Ben Jemaa, Munir	16	1993
Chen, Benjamin Lj	13	1989
Garcia, Ernesto Miguel Perez	14	1987
Todfield, Dylan	16	1984
Hamley, Ryan Edward	15	1983
Ngo, Bach	10	1967
Martin, Dario	13	1949
Maheshwari, Jayant	12	1931
Kleidermacher, Justin	14	1927
Cruz, Jancarlo	14	1925
Gao, Marvin	9	1924
Alvarez, Xavier	14	1917
Reddy, Satvik	13	1907
Zhao, Erick	9	1906
Yang, Andy	12	1898
Gospodinov, Antony	11	1894
Stone, Vincent William, Iii	12	1805
Shukla, Aniket	10	1742
Wu, William	9	1679
Cooke, Grayson	10	1660
Farragut, Cannon	7	1657
Patil, Dhruva Dinesh	7	1553
Yao, Jerry	9	1464
Pothuri, Abhiram	8	1441
Chakrabarti, Brejesh	8	1415
Ziegler, Nate Ryan	8	1402
Marian, Aaron	8	1376
Yu, Dylan	8	1302
Gallogly, Cade	7	985
Bogatov, Max Val	6	980
Cooke, Oliver Edward	7	977
Judy, Jack	6	970

top in nation by age/category

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GIRLS U-21

Tianhui (Cindy) Jie	17	2046
Lauren Kleidermacher	18	1869

SENIORS

Labio La Rota	67	2280
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WOMEN

Ghaderpour Taleghani	2298
Evgenia Hansen	2161
Vladlena Ciubara	2134
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Yunier Leyva Rivera	2508
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Jorge Oquendo	2461
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FERNANDEZ, DANIEL	2581
LEON OQUENDO, JORGE	2500
LEYVA RIVERA, YUNIER	2495
GIRONES BARRIOS, YANS RICHARD	2489
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John Ludwig wins the 2018 Central FL Class Championship receiving the trophy on tiebreaks after a long wait

story continuing from the Winter 2018 publication

by Harvey Lerman

Tournament Analysis

Written by Theo Slade, CFCC contributor

The Central Florida Chess Club (CFCC) Class Championships were held at the DoubleTree by Hilton Orlando hotel at SeaWorld, which was a great venue because the hotel was spacious, and the playing conditions were great. Going into the tournament, John Ludwig was the top seed, followed by Corey Acor, just sixty-two points behind. They were the clear favorites since the third seed was 164 points lower rated than Acor.

Round One

There were only four entrants in the three-day schedule in the Open, including yours truly. On board one on Friday night, I was Black against Steven Lenhart, who played a trendy variation in the Catalan, which has been played before by GMs Boris Gelfand, Wesley So, and Vladimir Kramnik. I knew this variation, but then I played a “natural” (according to GM Max Illingworth) move which was a mistake, giving Lenhart a big advantage. He did not capitalize on it in the best way, but I later blundered handing him a winning position with an outside passed pawn. I fought hard to hold it, he did not play as accurately as he could have, and we reached a position where he was better, but it should be a draw with correct play. However, I had a lot less time than my opponent, and that eventually told when on move sixty-three with less than twenty seconds left, I made the decisive error, allowing Lenhart to win.

On Saturday morning in the two-day schedule, Acor was White against Kai Tabor; it was a Closed Sicilian, and Tabor equalized comfortably. The game did not veer too far from the equilibrium until the twenty-third move, when Black perhaps became too impatient, trading White’s impressive Knight, but allowing him to create a dangerous passed pawn, which in the end, cost Black. Meanwhile, on board one, Ludwig got off to a perfect start, defeating Yandri Morales.

Round Two

In round two, once the two-day and three-day schedules had merged, Acor beat Blake Baumgartner. However, Nickolas Moore got a great result, holding Ludwig to a draw as Black.

Round Three

Midway through the tournament, the top two seeds met. Ludwig was Black and played the Scandinavian Defense; a quick draw ensued, which probably suited Acor given that it ensured he kept his tournament lead.

Round Four

In the penultimate round, Ludwig upped the pace by defeating Lenhart as Black, and in the meantime, Acor was Black against Joshua Harrison. It was an Italian, but one where Black equalized quickly by snagging the Bishop pair. The position remained balanced for twenty-eight moves, but on the twenty-ninth, White allowed Acor to suddenly and drastically improve his pieces, which gave him a significant advantage. Just three moves later, Black was already winning and efficiently converted. That just goes to show how quickly things can go south in chess . . .

Round Five

In the last round, Ludwig beat Baumgartner as White in a Caro-Kann, whilst Juan Marquez Pereira was White against Acor on board one. It was a Vienna Game and a sharp position was reached in a hurry. Just sixteen moves in, White was already winning, but missed his chance and blew the lion’s share of his advantage. Later on, Black was actually slightly better despite being a pawn down due to his more active pieces and Bishop pair. However, the players transposed into an equal ending where White was a pawn up, but it looked to be only temporary as Black could get it back . . . but he did not! So suddenly Pereira was a pawn up in a winning endgame when just four moves ago it was drawn. He had a chance to create a protected passed pawn, which would have won, but passed up this gilt-edged opportunity. Further mistakes were made by both sides (time may have been a factor) but this roller coaster of a game finished with the point shared. *(The Pereira-Acor game is shown on the next page with Slade’s analysis inserted. ~Ed.)*

In Conclusion

Moore and Marquez Pereira tied for third on 3.5/5. Marquez Pereira also gained the most rating points in the tournament, going from 2120 to 2146. Both Moore and Marquez Pereira remained unbeaten throughout the tournament, as did Ludwig and Acor, who tied for first on 4/5. Congratulations to all of these players!

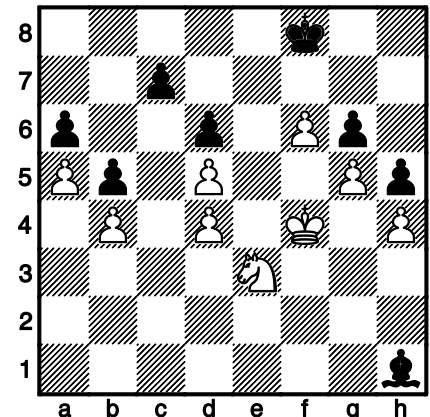
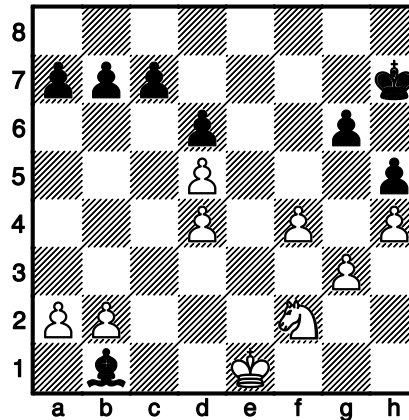
Deciding game from the CF Class Championship by Corey Acor

Pereira, Juan (2120)
Acor, Corey (2401) [C25]
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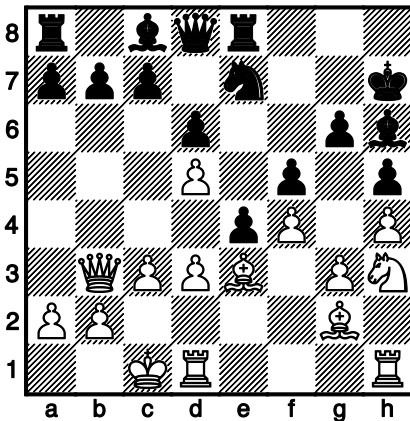
1.e4 e5 2.Nc3 Nc6 3.g3 g6 4.Bg2 Bg7
 5.Nge2 d6 6.Nd5 f5 7.d3 Nf6 8.c3 0-0
 9.Qb3 Nxd5 10.h4 h6 11.Be3 Kh7
 12.exd5 Ne7 13.f4 h5 14.0-0-0 Re8
 15.Ng1 Bh6 16.Nh3 e4

“Just sixteen moves in, White was already winning, but missed his chance.”

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55.Nd1 Bxd5 56.Nc3 Bc6 1/2-1/2



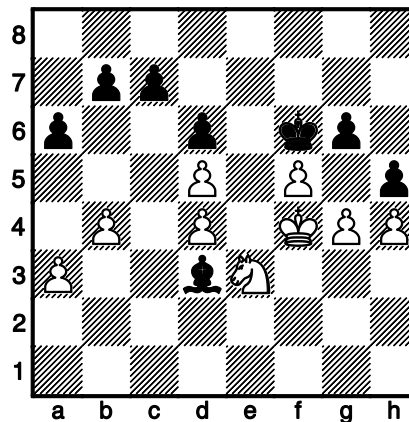
17.dxe4 fxe4 18.Bxe4 Nf5 19.Bxf5
 Bxf5 20.Bd4 Re2 21.Rd2 Qe7 22.Nf2
 Rxd2 23.Kxd2 Re8

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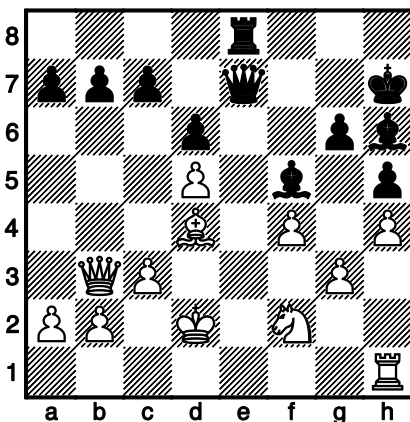
“...but he did not!”

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

“So suddenly Pereira was a pawn up in a winning endgame when just four moves ago it was drawn.”



Early in the game after 10...h6



24.Qd1 Bg7 25.Re1 Qxe1+ 26.Qxe1
 Rxe1 27.Kxe1 Bxd4 28.cxd4 Bb1

“Further mistakes were made by both sides (time may have been a factor)”

38.g5+ 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 Kf7 51.Ke2 Kf8 52.Kf2 Kf7
 53.Kg3 Kf8 54.Kf4 Bh1

“...But this roller coaster of a game finished with the point shared.”



Marquez Pereira receives the Expert trophy as his parents join him for the photo.

Exciting Cremisi-Ludwig game from 2017 National Grades

from Chess Life April 2018 magazine

Daniel Cremisi (2370)

John Ludwig (2464) [A43]

2017 K12 Grades Championship (5),

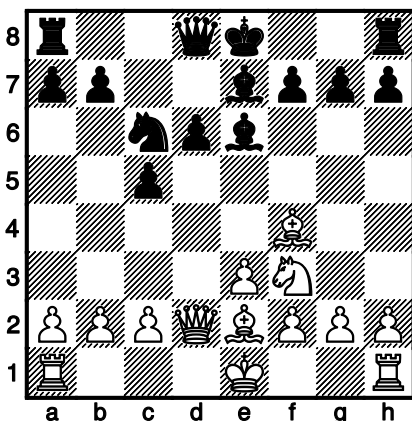
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[Cremisi, Daniel]

**1.d4 Nf6 2.Nf3 c5 3.d5 e6 4.Nc3 exd5
5.Nxd5 Nxd5 6.Qxd5 d6 7.Bf4 Nc6
8.e3 Be6 9.Qd2 Be7 10.Be2**

I didn't really study any theory [about this position] before this game, but knew of my opponent's great skill with the Modern Benoni, so I played a sideline. An open game has emerged -Black has slightly more space, but a backwards d-pawn. I figured the position was slightly level with maybe a tiny advantage for me.

Unfortunately, here my opponent found an absolutely brilliant response that completely derailed me.



10...g5!

Very strong and exceedingly annoying. I had not even looked at this move until he played it, but quickly realized I was in trouble.

11.Bg3 g4! 12.Ng1

White has been forced to push his own pieces into a box. At this point, I was rather pessimistic about my chances, but Black, too, must play carefully-if White can reorganize, he should not be worse.

12...Qb6 13.c3

I'm trying to figure out how to reorganize. I can't castle queenside: after 13. ... Nb4 my position collapses.

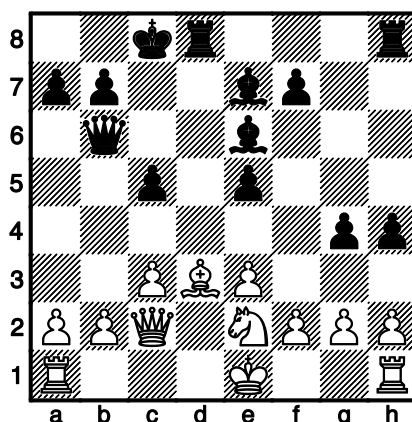
13...0-0 14.Bd3

Another awkward move.

14...h5 15.Ne2 h4 16.Bf4 Ne5

White's position is getting worse and worse. If I give up my light-square bishop, I will be at a permanent disadvantage because his light square bishop is too strong. Also, with such a cramped position, weakening the light squares didn't seem like a good idea. I figured the only way I might survive this would be to open the d-file, trade, trade, trade, and hope for a draw ...

17.Bxe5 dxe5 18.Qc2



White's position is now anxious. I can't really castle kingside-Black's rooks and advanced pawns will likely checkmate me right away. But my queenside is also awkward. The a-pawn is loose, ... c4 followed by ... f5 trapping my bishop is a constant motif, h3 at any moment would give Black a powerful advanced pawn on the king side, White has neither any counterplay nor any clear means of consolidating. But my position is more or less solid, and my opponent had to use a lot of time looking for a breakthrough.

18...Rh6

This is an interesting move: it stops Bf5 ideas and brings Black's rook into the game. But while objectively there's nothing wrong with it, I was somewhat happy to see it. I knew I could never castle kingside-my only options were to play b2-b3 and castle queenside or to try and trade everything on the d-file. Bringing Black's rook to the kingside doesn't really threaten anything. The try g2-g3 can always be met by ... hxg3. h3 is a constant threat, but the rook being on h5 doesn't really help matters--White simply plays g3, as he

would have anyway.

19.c4!?

This was my attempt to finally gain some counterplay. My plan was to play Nc3, and if possible Be4. But even if I couldn't, I figured I'd put my knight on d5, sacrificing a pawn, but counting on the opposite-color bishops and my opponent's time trouble to survive.

19...f5 20.Nc3 e4 21.Be2 Rhh8

Probably the best move, but I was happy to see my opponent lose time like this.

**22.Rd1 Rxd1+ 23.Kxd1 Rd8+ 24.Kc1
Qa6 25.Qb3 Bf6 26.Qb5**

Here both of us missed a nice sequence: 26...Qxb5! 27. Nxb5 Bxb2+ 28. Kxb2 Rd2+ winning.

26...Bxc3

Here I made a fortunate mistake. I was going to play 27. Qxa6 here, figuring the position would just be a draw, despite his extra (but worthless) doubled a-pawn. I missed that after 27.Qxa6, Bd2+ would simply win! Fortunately, while I didn't notice this, I decided that 27.Qxc5+ was even better. Play continued:

27.Qxc5+ Kb8 28.bxc3 Qxa2 29.Rd1

Now it was my turn to wrongly choose between promising options. I should have thrown in the in-between check 29.Qe5+! Ka8 30.Rd1, when Black wouldn't get the winning chances he got in the game by winning the c4-pawn.

29...Qa1+ 30.Kc2 Qa4+ 31.Kb2!

I thought the draw was already assured, but my opponent had one last trick ...

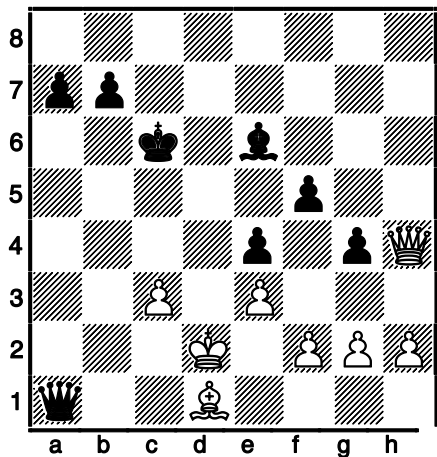
31...Rxd1 32.Bxd1 Qxc4!

Now Black has a clear advantage, but fortunately I played accurately enough to get a draw from a long, forced sequence.

**33.Qf8+ Kc7 34.Qe7+ Kc6 35.Qxh4
Qa2+ 36.Kc1 Qa1+ 37.Kd2**

ChessStream.com says we agreed to a draw here [with 37...Qb2+ 38.Bc2 Bb3 1/2-1/2 from the position on the next page], but I think we played a few more moves.

After 37. ... Qb2+ 38. Bc2 Bb3, White has a perpetual check. Black can't play his king to the fifth rank as White then takes with check on f5, then captures the e4-pawn and protects his bishop.



One master watching asked if Black could play his king to a6 and then play b6, but it turns out he can't get there. As a result, my opponent and I went into the final day with $4\frac{1}{2}/\frac{1}{2}$. I missed a win in round six, while Ludwig defeated another strong player, but in the final round I swindled my opponent in a dead drawn endgame, while a much lower rated-player drew the top seed, causing the tie for first.

In the side events, identical twins Nikhil and Akhil Kalghatgi of Illinois won the bughouse tournament-then went on to place second and third, respectively, in the 11th Grade championship.

Their teammate, Matthew James Stevens, took clear first in K-12 blitz-then won the 11th Grade championship, finishing a half-point ahead of his fellow team members.

With the top three spots in their grade locked down, this trio from Whitney Young High School also took home the 11th Grade Team championship. Maximillian Lu, a 2017 All-America team member, was crowned K-6 blitz champion.

Not every player's goal is to win their individual sections. Some players are seeking to improve their previous year's result-a personal marker of achievement. Others are hoping to gain rating points. Still others appreciate the social aspect of chess and want the opportunity to meet new faces from all around the country. This is why the K-12 Grade Championship is a tournament players like to return to again and again!

Georgian Mickey Colombo specifically placed his hopes on winning a trophy in the blitz tournament. He tied for eighth place (11th on tiebreaks) and even snagged a Top 10 spot in the classical 6th Grade championship. Others focused on team success. New Jersey's Christian Brothers Academy, whose U1900 team placed first in last year's National High School Championship, returned this year with a team composed of almost all new members. Gunning for the highest-scoring 12th Grade team, they ended up achieving their goal with 13 points.

The tournament boasted a number of additional activities that made the weekend even more enticing. In the Girls' Room, an initiative that the US Chess Women's Chess Committee continued from earlier

events, players were invited to stop by for casual games or to have their games analyzed by U.S. Women's Champion WGM Sabina-Francesca Foisor or WIM Maria Carolina Blanco Acevedo. The Women's Chess committee also hosted a special town hall meeting about encouraging females in chess that attracted over 50 people. GM Elshan Moradiabadi held a simultaneous exhibition, gave a lecture, and played "all-comers" blitz with anyone who was up for the challenge.

FM Sunil Weeramantry, who was on hand to co-host the scholastic meeting with WIM Beatriz Marinello, signed copies of his new book co-authored by Alan Abrams and Robert McLellan, *Great Moves: Learning Chess Through History*.

With all these events packed together, it was a weekend filled with memorable experiences. No doubt every participant left the tournament with new chess friends and with tales to tell about their first—or even fifth—K-12 Grade Championships.

John Ludwig then went on to win his next game, while Daniel Cremisi only drew his. John lost his chance to finish 1st as he drew his last round game, letting Daniel catch with a win and ahead on tiebreaks.

See more reporting and photos from the K-12 Championships at uschess.org, December archives. Full results are available at uschess.org/msa and search for "2017 K12 Championship."



<=====John Ludwig

Daniel Cremisi =====>



CFCC 2018 Club Champion: John Ludwig

by Kevin Sibbitt and Harvey Lerman

The club wishes to congratulate John Ludwig on winning clear 1st place in our 2018 Club Championship the weekend of Feb 10-11. The win gives him his 5th CFCC Club Champion title, an accomplishment only two other club members have experienced in their lifetime of competing in the storied [history of our annual Club Championship!](#)

His five CFCC Club Champion titles now places him only one title short of the club's all time leading title holder Wilmer Chavira who has six titles, and matching the title count of five-time Club Champion and CFCC President Larry Storch.

With a lower than usual turnout of twelve players at this year's CFCC Club Championship, only 2nd place winner **Theo Slade** was able to sufficiently challenge John to a draw in their 4th round matchup on board one (pictured below), keeping John from sweeping the tournament with a final score of 4½-½. Other club championship winners were: **William Fink** Top U2000, **Daniel Smith** Top U1800, **Allison Solik** Top U1600, **Javier Rojas** Top Under 1400, **Ryan Valez** Top U1200, and **Ryan Hamley** Top Under 16 yrs old.



Theo Slade drawing John Ludwig in round 4



The rest of the prizes



Daniel Smith (1639 (L) Top U1800, Theo Slade (2177) (M) 2nd Place and William Fink (1871) (R) Top U2000.



John Ludwig with his prizes

NOTE: Photos A & B by Harvey Lerman
Photos C & D captured from CFCC website

Other photos can be seen on the CFCC Slideshow

See Theo Slade's special report on this event on the next page ~Ed



by Theo Slade, CFCC contributor

The Central Florida Chess Club (CFCC) Championships were held at the University of Central Florida (UCF) on February 10-11, 2018. The UCF is a great venue since there is plenty of room, it is mostly quiet, and there are plenty of places to eat nearby. Unlike most tournaments in Florida, there were no separate schedules or sections. There were only twelve players in total, however, so obviously having only one section was a necessity. Personally, I prefer having one schedule because I think it is fairer, but this tournament was similar to a two-day schedule, except the first game was played with the same time control as the rest of the rounds, which was G/120; d5. Given that we played three games on Saturday, that meant potentially over twelve hours of chess in one day, but luckily a lot of the games finished quickly so we were partially spared from having to endure a marathon. Going into the tournament, John Ludwig was the top seed and the clear favorite, as the second seed was 303 points behind.

Round One

Amazingly, to me at least, in the first round, all the higher rated players won their games; there were no upsets at all! That meant that the six highest rated players were all on 1/1, and the second half was tied for seventh on 0/1. That obviously meant that Ludwig won his game, Black against Daniel Smith in the longest game of the first round.

Round Two

In the second round, Ludwig won again, this time with White against John Givler. Meanwhile, Ryan Hamley defeated Paul Leggett to maintain his perfect score. On board two, I was Black against William Fink and I played the Queen's Gambit Declined. I went a pawn up on move twenty-five and declined a draw offer on move twenty-eight. However, despite keeping that material advantage for the remainder of the game I had to acquiesce to a draw on move seventy-one, the last game to finish.

Round Three

Midway through the tournament, Hamley was White against Ludwig, but Hamley could not stop the top seed from maintaining his perfect score. Therefore, after the first day, Ludwig was the sole leader on 3/3, with me on 2.5/3.

Round Four

My White victory over Givler was the last game to finish in round three, and because I was due Black and Ludwig was due White for round four, I knew I would be Black against Ludwig on Sunday morning. Therefore, I did a lot of preparation for that game; so much, in fact, that I was slightly late for my game! However, it paid off as in the Scotch I was still in book ten moves into the game and my eighth move seemed to surprise my opponent, as he spent a lot of time on his reply. However, I was worse, to varying degrees, for most of the game, but I hung in there and eventually, with Ludwig down to less than a minute, we liquidated to bare Kings and split the point.

Round Five

Going into the final round, Ludwig was half a point clear of Hamley and me. Ludwig was Black against Darien Brown whilst I was White against Hamley on board two. Ludwig beat Brown very quickly as Black to retain the CFCC Championship. That left Hamley and me to battle it out, and after weathering Hamley's Kingside attack, I managed to win in the endgame to secure second outright. Ludwig's victory took his CFCC Championship count up to five. Congratulations!

(President's desk continued from page 3)

One last example, is the work of Diego Milla who has step up to organize events in South Miami, an area where there is plenty of chess, if only someone was dedicated to organizing it, and Diego is. Diego has worked hard to bring this area regular USCF rated events, weekly lessons for kids and adults, and helps other area TD's in running and TD'ing events outside Miami.

We really are blessed as a state and organization to have so much chess going on from end to end in Florida. It's really a great time to be a chess player in Florida!

William Bowman

The passing of Max Zavanelli

submitted by Al Sirutis

Max Zavanelli died on January 27, 2018, at his home in Lithuania. He was (about) 71 years old, and was 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

Note: This is the concluding part of the article that was started in the Winter 2018 issue of floridaCHESS



Max at Books-A-Million Sanford FL
get-together 2008-07-22



Max Zavanelli c. 2009.



Max Zavanelli (wearing his lucky hat) at Pontresina Tournament September 2012



2016-07-08 Max with Steve Stoyko
winner of 1st ZPR Chess Tournament



2017-04-16 Max in his Red Corvette

NOTE: Major coverage of the 1st ZPR FIDE Invitational held in Florida was included in the Summer 2016 issue of floridaCHESS with two games also in Autumn 2016 ~Ed.

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ZAVANELLI TOPS FIELD AT MUNICH

ECD's Tournament Director for Germany, MAX ZAVANELLI, disproved the thesis that a TD can't play and win at the same time (because of the distractions of directing the event), by finishing a clear first in the small but strong tournament at Munich, 29-31 December 1967. Only 13 players made it to the Army's Columbia Hotel, the smallest turnout in 10 months.

ZAVANELLI'S winning score of 5-1 was a full point ahead of JOHN MALEV, JIM HEATHERINGTON, and ART JOY, who finished in a 3-way tie for 2nd-4th places with scores of 4-2. Tiebreaking points put them in the order listed. HENRY HERBST recovered from a stunning upset by MALEV in the first round (nearly a 500 point spread) to finish with a 3½-2½ for 5th place. (Had he won his last round game with MAX ZAVANELLI, HENRY would have been the tournament winner.) MALEV'S win over HERBST and his fine overall performance clearly demonstrated that his third place finish at Kaiserslautern in November was no fluke, and that his 1580 rating is probably 300 points too low.

JIM HEATHERINGTON inflicted the only loss upon the winner, and was tied with MAX for the lead going into the last round, when ART JOY knocked JIM out of first place and pulled himself into fourth place with another upset victory.

An unusual time trouble situation occurred twice during the tournament. BILL WATSON and MIKE YATES, in their games with MALEV and JOHN STRUSS respectively, both had their opponents in severe time trouble — only 3 or 4 minutes to make nearly 15 moves. BILL and MIKE each had about 20 minutes remaining on their own clock, and both

players let their own time run out without realizing that they were taking too long or even being aware that their clocks were anywhere near running out. (A few observers wondered if ART JOY wasn't going to do the same thing against HEATHERINGTON in the last round.)

Bad timing (with respect to payday) and bad weather both apparently contributed to the small turnout during the holiday season.

At a business meeting held on 30 December 1967, immediately preceding the fourth round of the Munich tournament, the members of the ECD elected John Malev of Murnberg to fill the vacant office of Treasurer. Al Sirutis volunteered to serve as Assistant Newsletter Editor, and the membership needed no urging to confirm his appointment by a unanimous vote.

Recently it seems that a rash of simuls has broken out in various parts of Germany! Max Zavanelli came through in winning style to score 13-0 against the Bad Tolz Service Club on 3 December.

25th Space Coast Open

by Peter Dyson

<u>Top titled players</u>	<u>RTNG</u>	<u>Scr</u>
GM Hedinn Steingrimsson	2630	4.5
GM Ruifeng Li	2686	4.0
GM Fidel Corrales Jimenez	2593	4.0
IM Yunier Leyva Rivera	2494	4.0
GM Alexy Dreev	2750	3.5
IM John Ludwig	2459	3.5
IM Nelson Pinal Borges	2379	2.5

Top Expert Andrew Catlin	2.5*
Peter Dyson	2.5
Top Class A Xavier Alvarez	4.5*
Ben Silva	4.5
Top Class B Rachael Li	4.5
Top Class C Nate Ziegler	4.0*
Christopher Juarez	4.0
James Zhang	4.0
Top Class D Karim Essofi	4.5
Top U1200 Tyler James Clark	5.0

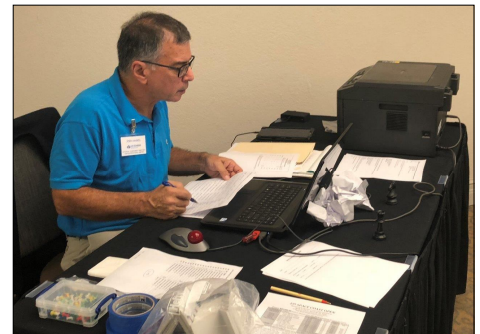
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The Class Sections



GM Ruifeng Li: Simul



Chief TD Jon Haskel: "What?"



UCF Chess Club Prize Winners
Photo by Kai Tabor



Peter Dyson -
NM Samrug Narayanan
Photo by Essofi



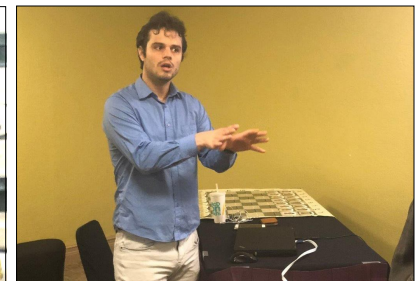
GM Dreev - NM Eric Cooke
Photo by Essofi



Ruifeng Li enjoys the beach with his daughter Rachael after the event.
Photo supplied by Li



John Ludwig: Lecture



GM Fidel Corrales: Lecture

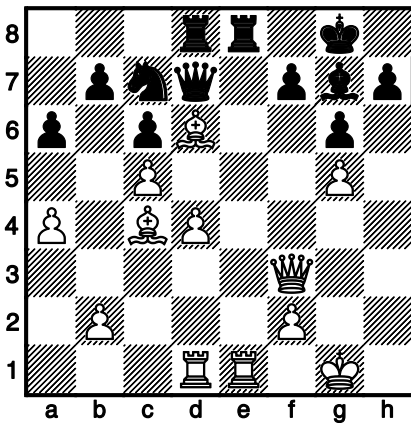
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Final 2 rounds by the winner of the 25th Space Coast Open

**Steingrímsson, Hedinn (2574)
Ludwig, John (2388) [D15]**

25th Space Coast Open (4.2),
29.04.2018

1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.Nf3 Nf6 4.Nc3 a6
5.c5 Nbd7 6.Bf4 Nh5 7.Bd2 g6 8.e4
dxe4 9.Nxe4 Ndf6 10.Nxf6+ exf6
11.Bc4 Qe7+ 12.Be2 Bg7 13.0-0 Qc7
14.Re1 0-0 15.Bc4 Bg4 16.h3 Bxf3
17.Qxf3 Rad8 18.Be3 f5 19.g4 fxg4
20.hxg4 Nf6 21.Bf4 Qd7 22.g5 Nd5
23.Bd6 Rfe8 24.Rad1 Nc7 25.a4

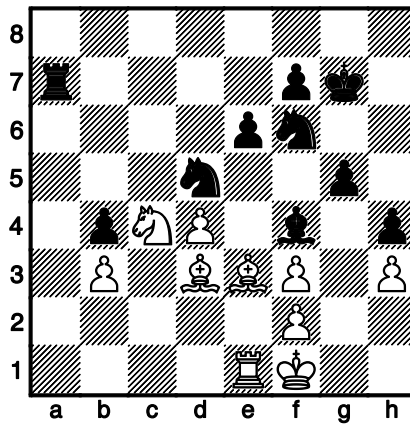


25...Rxe1+ 26.Rxe1 Re8 27.Rd1 Ne6
28.Bxe6 Qxe6 29.b3 h6 30.gxh6 Bxh6
31.d5 cxd5 32.Rxd5 Qe4 33.Kg2 Bg7
34.Bg3 Bf8 35.Bf4 Kg7 36.Be3 Kg8
37.Rd7 Qxf3+ 38.Kxf3 Rc8 39.b4 a5
40.Rxb7 axb4 41.Rxb4 f5 42.a5 Ra8
43.Rb5 Kf7 44.c6 Bd6 45.Bf4 Ke6
46.c7 Bxf4 47.Kxf4 Rc8 48.Rc5 Kd6
49.Rc1 Rxc7 50.Rxc7 Kxc7 51.Kg5
Kb7 52.Kxg6 f4 53.Kf5 f3 54.Ke4 1-0

**Dreev, Aleksey (2653) [D47]
Steingrímsson, Hedinn (2574)**

25th Space Coast Open (5.1),
29.04.2018

1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 c6 4.e3 Nf6
5.Bd3 Nbd7 6.Nf3 dxc4 7.Bxc4 b5
8.Bd3 Bd6 9.0-0 0-0 10.a3 Bb7
11.Bd2 a5 12.Rc1 b4 13.axb4 axb4
14.Na4 Qa5 15.b3 c5 16.Nb2 cxd4
17.exd4 Qh5 18.h3 Bxf3 19.Qxf3
Qxf3 20.gxf3 Nd5 21.Be4 Ra2 22.Nc4
Bf4 23.Be3 N7f6 24.Bb1 Ra7 25.Rfe1
Rc8 26.Bd3 g5 27.Bf1 Ra2 28.Bd3
Kg7 29.Kf1 h5 30.Ra1 Rca8 31.Rxa2
Rxa2 32.Bb1 Ra7 33.Bd3 h4



34.Bb1 Nh5 35.Be4 Nc3 36.d5 Bxe3
37.Nxe3 f5 38.Bd3 Nxd5 39.Nxd5
exd5 40.Bxf5 Nf4 41.Rc1 Kf6 42.Bc8
Ra2 43.Rc6+ Ke5 44.Ke1 Nd3+
45.Kd1 Nxf2+ 46.Kc1 Nd3+ 47.Kd1
Rb2 48.Rg6 Kf4 49.Rf6+ Ke3 50.Re6+
Kxf3 51.Bb7 Nf4 52.Re5 g4 0-1



GM Fidel Corrales - GM Ruifeng Li



FM Fabio LaRota - FM Cesar Valido



NM Anthony Parker - John Ludwig



GM Corrales - GM Steingrímsson



GM Ruifeng Li - Dario Teodori



Round 4 Match Photo by Sammy Wohl



Round 5 Match Photo by Koretsky

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2018 Florida Scholastic Chess Championship



After years of hard work and practice, Christopher Page placed 1st in the K-3 Division. Five grueling rounds proved to be challenging but ultimately, Chris's practice paid off and the top honor was his. When Chris was asked the key to his chess success, he replied instantly, "The essential element is having a passion for chess."

Chris looks forward to Nationals and bringing his title home to South Florida.

Details: Here in South Florida we are home to the newest 2018 State of Florida Chess Champion K3, Christopher Page. Hundreds of competitors spent three days enduring a strenuous competition in Orlando, Florida for the title of 2018 Chess Champion for the State of Florida.

These competitors traveled from all over Florida to compete in the highest and most prestigious scholastic chess competition in Florida, ranging in age from Kindergarten to 12th grade. The final round consisted of all top seated competitors being live broadcast over internet for world-wide viewing.

Christopher has grown up in South Florida and attended Alexander Montessori school and now Sunset Elementary. Although he is nine years old, he has been studying chess for five years. He is currently nationally ranked and now after his win in the state of Florida, he will be attending the National Championship once again in Nashville Tennessee in mid-May 2018. He will be representing the State of Florida and will compete against competitors from all 50 states and International opponents. With the support of his family, Christopher looks forward to making the State of Florida proud during his fourth invitation to the 2018 National Championship of Chess.

Christopher studies the strategy of chess and loves the intricacies associated with the game. He dreams of being a Grand Master chess player one day, but until then, showing all of Florida who the reigning Champion is will just have to do!

(Story submitted by parent, Renae Page)

Section Champions

K-1	Dhruva Patil	(1526)	EFW	5-0
K-3	Christopher Page*	(1262)	SUNS	4½-½
	Nate Ziegler	(1371)	OAKH	4½-½
K-5	Marvin Gao	(1942)	WATERS	5-0
K-8	Raghav Venkat	(2132)	WELLLA	4½-½
K-12	Dylan Sunjic	(2018)	BERKEL	5-0

* Winner on tiebreaks

Team Champions

K-1	Oak Hall School	(14)	16.0
K-3	Joseph Williams Elem	(6)	13.5
K-5	Joseph Williams Elem	(5)	14.0
K-8	Rockway Middle	(8)	10.5
K-12	F.W. Buchholz High	(7)	14.0

Blitz Champions

K-5	Aniket Shukla	(1349)	10-0
K-12	Andy Yang Wu	(1740)	8-2
	Elliot Starkman	(1639)	8-2



**BugHouse pair winners
Andy Wu (L) & Ragav Venkat**

Florida State Champions

Scholastic :	Dylan Sunjic
Top K-8 :	Raghav Venkat
Top Girl :	Cindy Jie

Miami Champions games from the ProChess League – Atlantic

Annotated by Bryan Tillis

**Iturrizaga B, Eduardo (2650)
Fedoseev, Vladimir (2724)**

[A14]

PRO League Group Stage chess.com
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**1.c4 c5 2.g3 Nc6 3.Bg2 Nf6 4.Nc3 e6
5.Nf3 d5 6.cxd5 Nxd5**

6...exd5 More typical with a QGD
Tarrasch 7.d4 Be7 8.0-0 0-0 9.dxc5
Bxc5 10.Na4 Be7 11.Be3 Re8 12.Rc1
Bg4 13.Nc5 has been performing well
for white since introduced in the GM
Repertoire text by Avrukh.

7.0-0 Be7 8.b3

After 8.d4 cxd4 9.Nxd4 Nxc3
10.bxc3 Bd7 11.Nxc6 bxc6 12.Bf4,
White has some slight pull, but feels
like it lacks ambition.

**8...0-0 9.Bb2 Nf6 10.Rc1 Qa5 11.d3
Bd7 12.Na4 Rac8 13.Bc3 Qb5
14.Bxf6 gxf6**

[14...Bxf6 15.Nxc5]

**15.d4 cxd4 16.Nxd4 Nxd4 17.Qxd4
Bc6 18.Bxc6 Rxc6 19.Qd7! Ba3
20.Rxc6 bxc6 21.e3**

White has no real weaknesses;
now he begins to dominate in a good
knight versus bad bishop scenario.

21...a5 22.Rd1 Kg7 23.Rd4

Compare all of the pieces from the
camp; white is much better.

**23...Qe2 24.Rd2 Qe1+ 25.Kg2 c5
26.Rc2 Qb1 27.Rc4 f5 28.Nc3 Qa1
29.Nb5 Bb2**

[29...Qxa2 30.Ra4 Qxb3 31.Rxa3]

**30.Qd2 Rb8 31.a4 Ba3 32.Qxa5 Bb4
33.Qc7 Rf8 34.Qd6 Qb1 35.Qe5+ Kg8
36.Nd6 Qxb3 37.e4 fxe4 38.Qg5+
Kh8 39.Qf6+ Kg8 40.Rxe4 Qd5 41.f3
h5 42.Re5 Qd2+ 43.Kh3 Bc3 44.Rg5+
Qxg5 45.Qxg5+ Bg7 46.Qxc5 Ra8
47.a5 Bf8 48.Qg5+ Bg7 49.Nc4**

Iturrizaga makes it look easy layers
beating one of the best players in the
world.

1-0

**Checa, Nicolas (2486)
Quesada P, Yuniesky (2627)**

[D37]

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INT (2), 25.01.2018

1.Nf3 d5

Quesada is well know for is solid,
but quiet play.]

2.c4 e6 3.d4 Nf6 4.Nc3 a6

A trend in Opening Theory that can
catch the uninitiated unawares.

5.cxd5

Second choice in the database.

[5.e3 first 5...dxc4 6.Bxc4 c5 7.a4 Nc6
8.0-0 Be7 9.Qe2 cxd4 10.Rd1 e5
11.exd4 exd4 12.Nxd4 Nxd4 13.Qe5
Qd6 14.Qxd4 Qxd4 15.Rxd4 Bc5
16.Rd1 with an equal game; 5.Bg5
third 5...dxc4 6.a4 Nc6 7.e3 Na5 8.Ne5
Bb4 9.Nxc4 Qd5 10.Bxf6 Nxc4
following Kovats – Fuller, 2010, 0-1]

**5...exd5 6.Bg5 Be6 7.e3 Nbd7 8.Bd3
h6 9.Bh4 g5 10.Bg3 Nh5 11.Be5 Ng7
12.Bg3 Nh5**

In these situations my students
usually ask me if he wants a Draw. In
games with an increment, good
technique is repeating the position
twice (not three times) in order to add
more time to your clock for the rest of
the game.

**13.Qc2 Nxc3 14.hxc3 Bg7 15.0-0-0
c6 16.Kb1 Qe7 17.Rhe1 0-0-0 18.e4
dxe4 19.Bxe4 Kb8 20.Bf5 Bxf5
21.Rxe7 Bxc2+ 22.Kxc2 Rhf8 23.Ne5
Nb6 24.f4 gxf4 25.gxf4 Nc8 26.Rd7
Nd6 27.d5?**

Everything was level and high
quality until this move, now White's
position fails.

27.Kd3 Kc8 28.Rxd8+ Rxd8
29.Ne2 Kc7 30.Rh1 is roughly equal

**27...Bxe5 28.Rxd8+ Rxd8 29.fxe5
Nc4 30.Re1 cxd5 31.b3 Na5 32.Rf1
Nc6 33.Rxf7 Nxe5 34.Rf5 Nc6 35.Kd2
Rg8 36.Nxd5 Rxg2+ 37.Kc3 Rxa2
38.Rh5 Ra5 39.b4 Rb5 40.Rf5 Ka7
41.Ne3 Rxf5 42.Nxf5 h5 43.Kc4 Kb6
44.Nh4 a5 45.bxa5+ Kxa5 46.Nf3 b5+
47.Kc5 Na7 48.Nh4 b4 49.Kc4 Ka4
50.Nf5 Nc6 51.Ne3 h4 52.Kd3 h3**

53.Nf1 b3

With no real errors for black; an
extremely high level game. **0-1**

**Hambleton, Aman (2501)
Ludwig, John (2388) [A70]**

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**1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 c5 3.d5 e6 4.Nc3 exd5
5.cxd5 d6 6.e4 g6 7.Bd3 Bg7 8.h3**

An important move. 8.Nf3 scores
better for black in practice 8...Bg4 in
many variations in the Benoni the light
squared Bishop is difficult to make use
of, this allows Black to solve this
problem 9.h3 Bxf3 10.Qxf3 0-0 11.0-0
Nbd7 12.Bf4 Ne8 13.Qg3 Qe7 14.Rfe1
Ne5 following Leblanc–Moore, 2011,
0-1

8...0-0 9.Nf3 a6

9...b5 is an alternative 10.Nxb5
Re8 11.0-0 Nxe4 12.Re1 a6 13.Na3
Nf6 14.Rxe8+ Nxe8 15.Bg5 Qc7
16.Qa4 Nf6 17.Nb5 Qd7 18.Re1 Nxd5
19.Qb3 Bf8 20.Na3 Bb7 21.Nc4 Ra7
Where all three games in the database
were drawn.

10.a4 Nh5

Third choice in the database and
the least theoretically explored move.

11.0-0 Nd7 12.Be2

[12.Bg5 Bf6 13.Be3 Re8 14.Re1
Ne5 15.Be2 Nxf3+ 16.Bxf3 Ng7
17.Qd2 Bd7 18.Bf4 Be5 19.Bxe5 Rxe5
20.Bd1 g5 Dautov–Luther 1989, 1-0]
**12...Re8 13.Re1 Nhf6 14.Bd3 Ne5
15.Nxe5 Rxe5 16.Bf4 Re8 17.Qd2
Qc7 18.Rac1**

18.a5 another typical alternative to
attempt to hold back counterplay.

18...Nd7 19.b4 b6

[19...Qb6 20.Na2! cxb4 21.a5 Qd8
(21...Qxa5 22.Bxd6) 22.Qxb4 Nc5
23.Bc2]

20.a5 c4 21.Ne2

[21.axb6 Qxb6 22.Bxc4 Qxb4
23.Bf1 Ra7 24.Rc2 Rc7 25.Rec1 Be5]
**21...b5 22.Bc2 Bb7 23.Nc3 Re7
24.Bg5 Ree8 25.Be3 Qd8 26.Bd4**

26.f4 seems to go more with the
ideal of pressing the position.

(Miami Champions games continued on page 20)

(Miami Champions games continued from page 19)

26...Bxd4 27.Qxd4 Qf6 28.Qxf6 Nxf6 29.f4 Re7 30.Kf2 Rae8 31.g4 Nd7 32.Rcd1 Kg7 33.g5 h6 34.h4 hxg5 35.hxg5 Rh8 36.Rh1 Ree8 37.Ke3 Rxh1 38.Rxh1 f6 39.gxf6+ Nxf6 40.Kd4 Nh5 41.f5 Nf4 42.Rf1 g5 43.Rg1 Kf6 44.Rh1 Kg7 45.Bd1 Bc8 46.Bg4 Rf8 47.Nd1 Nd3 48.Kc3 Ne5 49.Be2 Rh8 50.Rxh8 Kxh8 51.Ne3 Kg7 52.Kd4 Kf6 53.Bh5 Bd7 54.Ng4+ Nxg4 55.Bxg4 Bc8 56.Bf3 Bd7 57.Bh5 Bc8 58.Bg4 Bd7 59.Bd1 Bc8 60.Be2 Bd7 61.Bf3 Bc8 62.Bh5 Bd7 63.Bd1 Bc8 64.Bg4 Bd7 65.Be2 Bc8 66.Bf3 Bd7 67.Bh5 Bc8 68.Bd1 Bd7 69.Bg4 Bc8 70.Ke3 Bd7 71.Kd4 Bc8 72.Ke3 Bd7 73.Kd4 Bc8 74.Bh5 Bd7 75.Be2 Bc8 76.Bd1 Bd7 77.Bg4

A hard fought draw.

1/2-1/2

Kleinman, Michael (2394)

Acor, Corey (2284) [A45]

PRO League Group Stage chess.com INT (1), 18.01.2018

1.d4 Nf6 2.Bf4

The London System has gotten more fans over the last few years because of its simplistic play, structural orientation and lack of fun. Gatta Kamsky is one of the main contributors to theory.

2...d6

2...d5 3.e3 e6 4.Nf3 c5 5.c3 Nc6 6.Nbd2 cxd4 has been doing well for black, 7.exd4 Nh5 8.Be3 Bd6 9.Ne5 g6 10.g4 was a dynamic position in Kamsky-Nakamura from the 2017 US Championship, 1/2-1/2.

3.Nc3 Nbd7 4.Nf3 h6 5.h4 g6 6.Qd2 Bg7 7.0-0-0 Ng4 8.e4 e5 9.dxe5 Ngxe5 10.Kb1

During commentary we felt that this position is very difficult to play for black, but Corey is a dynamic player with a great tactical sense who finds his chances.

10...Ng4 11.h5 g5 12.Bg3 0-0 13.Nd4 Nb6 14.f3 Ne5 15.f4 Nec4 16.Qf2

Not16.Bxc4 Nxc4 17.Qe2 Nxb2 18.Kxb2 c5 19.Nb3 gxf4 20.Bxf4 Bxc3+ 21.Kxc3 Qf6+ where black is better.

16...a6 17.b3 Na3+ 18.Kc1 c5 19.Nde2 Nb5 20.e5 Bg4 21.Nxb5

21.Rd2 would have held equality. 21...axb5 22.Rxd6 Qc7 23.Nc3 Nc8 24.Nxb5

Greedy! Better is 24.Rd2 Qa5 25.Nb1 Qxa2 26.fxg5, where Black's attack has stopped and White is just getting started.

24...Qa5 25.a4 Nxd6 26.exd6 Qb4 27.Bc4?? Rxa4! 28.c3

[28.bxa4 Bb2+ 29.Kb1 Bd4+ 30.Bb3 Bxf2]

28...Ra1+ 29.Kb2 Rxh1 30.fxg5 Qa5 31.Bf1 Ra8 32.Qxf7+ Kxf7 33.Bc4+ Kf8 [mate in 3] 0-1

Perez, Maximiliano (2399)

Becerra, Julio (2531) [C96]

PRO League Group Stage chess.com INT (6), 14.02.2018

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 Be7 6.Re1 b5 7.Bb3 d6 8.c3 0-0 9.h3 Na5 10.Bc2 d5

Julio showing some great prep in this game. This move scores only slightly worse for Black. I think it is an excellent move generating practical chances to win with Black in a rapid game.

11.exd5

11.Nxe5 dxe4 12.d4 will transpose to 11.d4 line; 11.d3 dxe4 12.dxe4 Qxd1 13.Rxd1 Bb7 14.Nbd2 Rfd8 15.Re1 Bd6 16.b4 Nc6 again dynamically equal following Konguvel - Sriram, 2008, 1/2-1/2; 11.d4 dxe4 12.Nxe5 c5 13.Be3 Bb7 14.Nd2 Qc7 15.Qb1 cxd4 16.Bxd4 Bd6 17.Ng4 judged dynamically equal by the engine following Zdebskaja - Muzychuk, 2009, 0-1

11...e4 12.Ng5?

Scores very well for Black; White must part with the pair. [12.Bxe4 Nxe4 13.Rxe4 Bb7 14.d4 Re8 15.Bf4 Nc4 16.b3 Nb6 17.Qd3 Nxd5±]

12...Nxd5 13.Nxe4

[13.Nxh7 Kxh7 14.Bxe4+ Kg8 15.Bxd5 Qxd5 16.Rxe7 Bxh3 17.Qf3 Qxf3 18.gxf3 Rae8-+]

13...f5 14.c4

Trying to avoid the forcing and obvious Ng3 by playing something worse!

[14.Ng3 f4 15.Nh5 g6 16.Be4 c6 17.b4 dynamically equal following Hartnack-Tanti, 2009, 1/2-1/2]

14...bxc4 [Novelty! Two other games had reached this position both met by Nxc4.]

15.Nec3 Nb4 16.Na3 Bc5 17.b3 Qh4 18.Rf1 Bb7 19.Ne2 Nd3 20.Nxc4 Nxf2

Who doesn't love a good miniature? 0-1

Perez, Maximiliano (2399)

Gonzalez, Renier (2451) [B01]

PRO League Group Stage chess.com INT (6), 14.02.2018

1.e4 d5 2.exd5 Qxd5 3.Nc3 Qa5 4.d4 c6 5.Bc4 Bf5 6.Nf3 e6 7.Bd2 Nd7 8.Nd5 Qd8 9.Ne3 Bg6 10.Qe2 Be7 11.h4 h6 [N]

11...Ngf6 follows Sanli-Borer, 1998, 0-1

12.0-0-0 Ngf6 13.Ne5 Nxe5

13...Bh7 14.g4 leads to very easy attacking play for White.

14.dxe5 Nd5 15.Nxd5 cxd5

15...exd5 16.h5 Bh7 17.Bd3 Bxd3 18.Qxd3 0-0 19.g4 doesn't seem fun for Black.

16.Bb5+ Kf8

This position looks horrible for Black, but it does have the plus that it is solid.

17.h5 Bh7 18.Rh3 Rc8 19.Bd3 Bxd3 20.Qxd3 Qc7 21.f4 Qc4 22.Qxc4 Rxc4 23.b3 Rc6 24.Kb2

[24.f5 exf5 25.Kb2 g6 26.hxg6 Rxg6 27.Bc3 h5 28.Rxd5 Rxg2 29.Rd7=]

24...f5!

Now Black has a clear plan to get his motionless h8 Rook into play and hold the g7 weakness with an eventual Bf8.

25.g4 fxg4 26.Rg3 Kf7 27.Rxg4 Rhc8 28.c3 b5 29.Rdg1 Bf8 30.Rc1 a5 31.Rg6 b4 32.cxb4 Rxc1 33.Bxc1 Bxb4 34.Rg3 d4 35.Rd3 g6

Creating the second weakness.

36.f5 exf5 37.hxg6+ Kxg6 38.Rg3+ Kf7 39.Bxh6 Ke6 40.Bf4 Kd5 41.Rf3 Ke4 42.Rf1 d3 43.a3 Bc3+ 44.Kb1 Rb8 45.b4 axb4 46.e6 Re8 47.axb4 Ra8

0-1

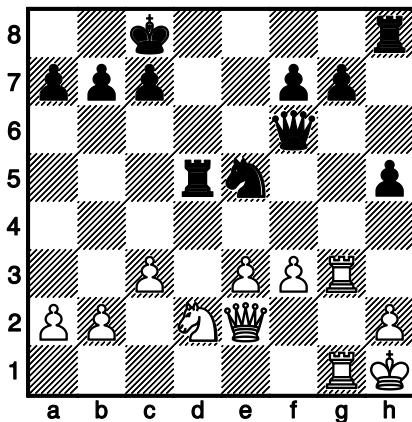
Harvey Lerman Plays Chess - Part 2

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Lerman, Harvey (1950) [C50]

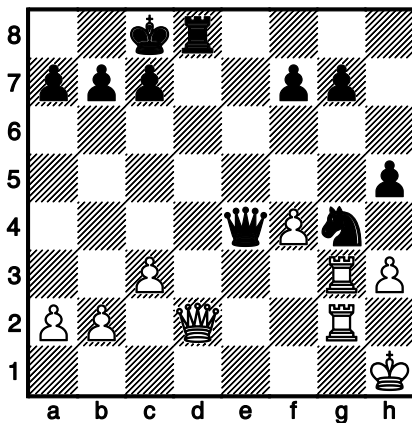
Hartford Chess Club – Ladder Game, 04.10.1957

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.0-0 d6 5.d3 Bg4 6.Be3 Nd4 7.Nbd2 Qf6 8.Kh1 Ne7 9.c3 Nxf3 10.gxf3 Bh3 11.Rg1 Bxe3 12.fxe3 Ng6 13.Rg3 Be6 14.Qe2 h5 15.Rag1 0-0-0 16.d4 d5 17.dxe5 Nxe5 18.Bxd5 Bxd5 19.exd5 Rxd5



20.f4?!

Better is 20.Ne4 Qe6 21.Rxg7= 20...Ng4! 21.h3 Qc6! 22.e4 Rxd2! 23.Qxd2 Qxe4+ 24.R1g2 Rd8



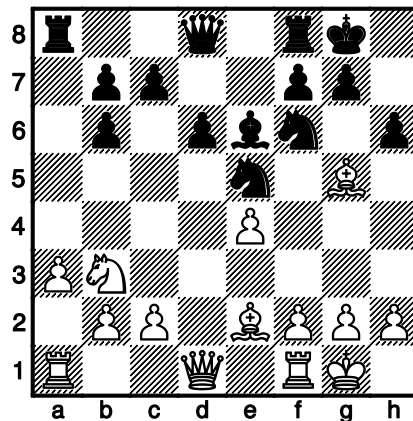
25.Qe2? [Even 25.Qxd8+ is better.] 25...Rd1+! 26.Qxd1 Nf2+ 27.Kg1 Nxd1 28.Rxg7 Qe3+ 29.Kf1 Qxf4+ 30.Ke1 Nxb2 31.Rg8+ Kd7 32.Rd2+ Kc6 33.Rf8 Qe3+ 34.Re2 Nd3+ and Q mates on next move. 0-1

Stacy, James (1785)

Lerman, Harvey (1950) [C48]

Hartford Chess Club – Ladder Game, 15.11.1957

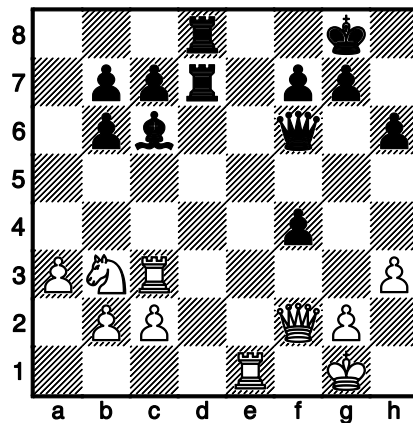
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 Bc5 4.0-0 Nf6 5.Nc3 d6 6.d4 exd4 7.Nxd4 Bd7 8.Nb3 Bb6 9.Bg5 Ne5 10.Be2 Be6 11.Na4 0-0 12.Nxb6 axb6 13.a3 h6



14.f4!? Nc4!? [14...hxg5 15.fxg5 Nxe4+ seems even better.]

15.Bxc4

15.Bxf6 Qxf6 with several threats. 15...Bxc4 16.Bxf6 Qxf6 17.e5 dxe5 18.Rf3 exf4 19.Rc3 Rad8 20.Qf3 Bd5 21.Qf2 Bc6 22.Re1 Rd7 23.h3 Rfd8



Just regrouping for the final assault on White's King.

24.Kh2 Qg5 25.h4 Qg4 26.Rc4 Bxg2! 27.Qxg2?

Leads to a mate in about 7 moves, but White is lost on any move.

For example: 27.Re3 Rd1 still forces 28.Qxg2 Qxg2+ 29.Kxg2 fxe3 27...Qxh4+ 0-1

Lerman, Harvey (1950)

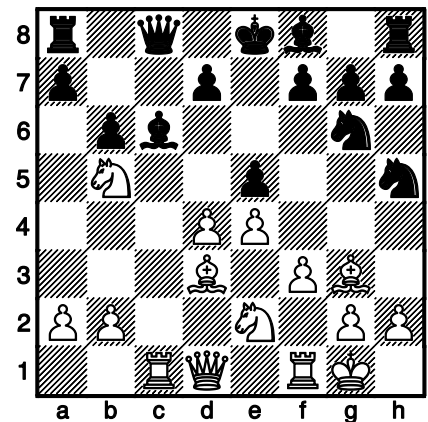
Ray [A45]

Hartford–Yale Team B Match Brd 1, 22.11.1957

1.d4 Nf6 2.e3 e6 3.Bd3 b6

My 4th move left my opponent "shook up" for the entire game. My following moves added to his displeasure. A win for psychology!

4.e4 Bb7 5.f3 c5 6.c3 Qc7 7.Ne2 Nc6 8.0-0 Ne7 9.Bf4 Qc8 10.Na3 Ng6 11.Bg3 cxd4 12.Nb5 e5 13.cxd4 Nh5 14.Rc1 Bc6



15.d5 Bc5+??

Overlooking my next move, but White had a won for game for a while now.

16.Rxc5 1-0

Geruch, Joseph

Lerman, Harvey (1950) [E44]

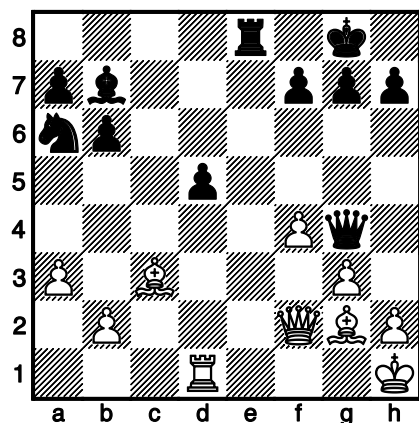
Hartford–Waterbury Team B Match Brd 1, Hartford CT Chess Club, 06.12.1957

1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.e3 Bb4 5.Nge2 0-0 6.a3 Bxc3+ 7.Nxc3 b6 8.cxd5 Nxd5 9.Bd2 Bb7 10.f3 Qh4+ 11.g3 Qf6 12.Nxd5 exd5 13.Bg2 Re8 14.0-0 c5 15.Bc3 Qh6 16.dxc5 Qxe3+ 17.Kh1 Qxc5 18.Rc1 Qb5 19.f4 Qd7 20.Re1 Rxe1+ 21.Qxe1 Na6 22.Rd1

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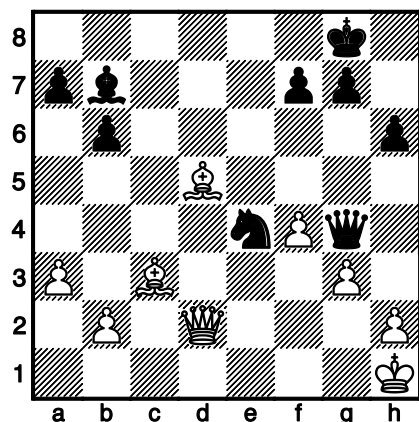
Re8 23.Qf2 Qg4



24.Re1

[If 24.Bf3, then d4!]

24...Rxe1+ 25.Qxe1 h6 26.Qd2 Nc5
27.Bxd5 Ne4!!



This is even better than 27...Nb3!
28.Qd3 Qd7

28.Qd4 Bxd5 29.Qxd5? Loses to a
mate in 3. But even after 29.Kg1 Nxc3
30.Qxc3 Qf5, Black should have no
trouble forcing an exchange of Queens
and winning the endgame.

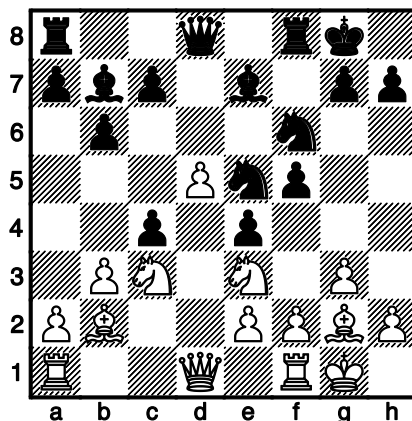
29...Qf3+ 30.Kg1 Qf2+ 31.Kh1 Qf1#
0-1

Lerman, Harvey (1950)
Wheeler, Girard (1776) [D00]
Hartford-Bridgeport Team B Match
Brd 1, Bridgeport CT Chess Club,
08.01.1958

*This game in analyzed by Anony
on Page 26*

LeClerc, Pierre (2152)
Lerman, Harvey (1950) [A04]
Telephone Match Bridgeport CT Chess
Club, 11.01.1958

1.Nf3 b6 2.g3 Bb7 3.Bg2 e5! 4.0-0 e4
5.Ne1 f5 6.b3 Nf6 7.Bb2 Bc5 8.d4
Bb4 9.c3 Be7 10.c4 d5 11.Nc3 0-0
12.Nc2 Nc6 13.Ne3 dxc4 14.d5 Ne5



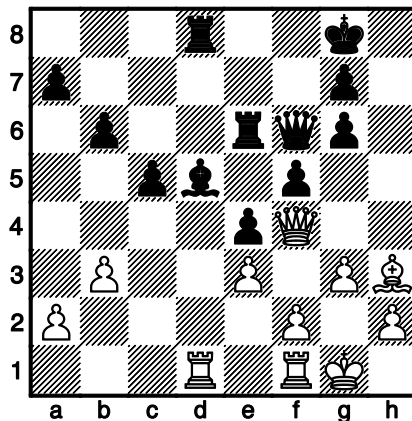
15.Nxc4?!

5.Nxf5± Keeps the advantage.

15...Ng6 16.Bh3?

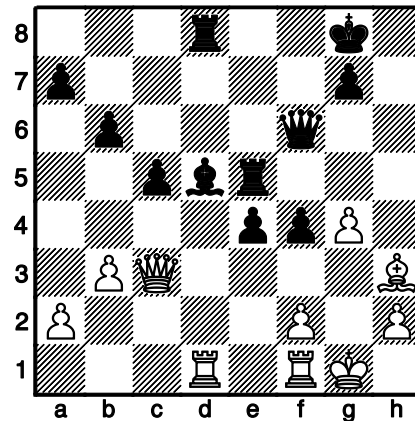
16.Ne3 keeps White's advantage.

16...Nxd5 17.Nxd5 Bxd5 18.Ne5 Bf6
19.Nxg6 hxg6 20.Bxf6 Rxf6 21.Qd4
c5 22.Qe5 Re6 23.Qf4 Qf6 24.Rad1
Rd8 25.e3



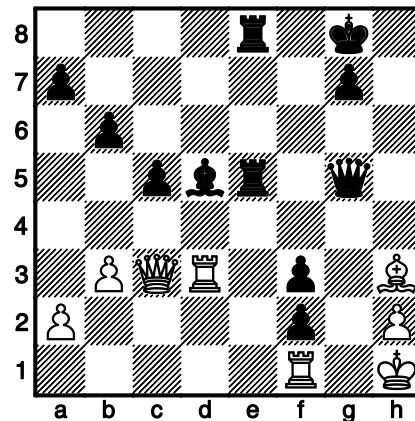
Is White trapping his own Queen?

25...Re5! 26.g4 g5 27.Qg3 f4 28.exf4
gxf4 29.Qc3



The Queen escapes, but now his
King is under attack!

29...f3 30.Kh1 Qf4 31.g5 e3! 32.Rfe1
Rde8 33.Rd3 exf2 34.Rf1 Qxg5



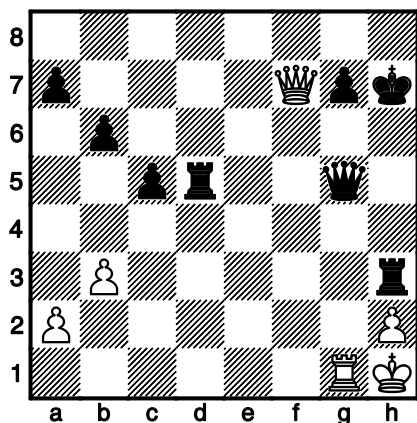
Black is missing a mate in 10, but
he's having fun!

35.Rxd5 Rxd5 36.Qxf3 Re3 37.Qxf2

White finally gets rid of Black's
dangerous Pawns, as he struggles for
a miracle.

37...Rxb3 38.Qf7+ Kh7 39.Rg1

The Many Faces of Harvey



39...Rxh2+ 40.Kxh2 Qh4+ 41.Kg2
Rd2+ 42.Kf1 Qh3+ 43.Ke1 Qe3+
44.Kf1 Qe2#
1-0

You probably will notice from these games, that my repertoire of openings is limited and my analysis is very sparse. That is because my strength at the time was tactics, and being able to look ahead deeper and faster than my opponents.

The reason might be that at the time I only had read one chess book and the book only had 3 openings! It was "How to think ahead in Chess" by Freed Reinfeld and Al Horowitz in about 1956. I was fairly successful with this back then, but often had trouble when playing Masters... though in the 50's and 60's there were not too many of them.

If any of you wish to analyze any of these games, go ahead and I will publish them. *[Anony Mous has analyzed one of these games on Page 26 and has really torn me apart!]*

Or send me your own interesting and commented game and I'll publish that one too.

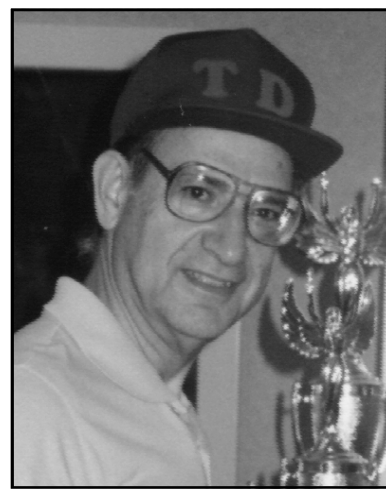
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... and if you are or become an FCA member, I'll be sending you a hard-cover copy of the magazine.

Harvey



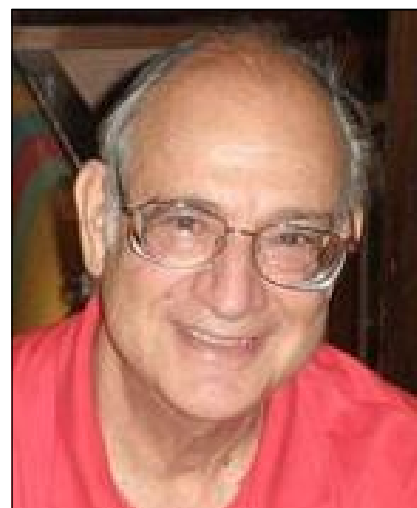
At Formal - 1959



TD Corner - 1996



Maitland City Appreciational - 2008



As an NTD, FIDE - 2012



No more Glasses - 2016



Now Bearded & semi-retired - 2017

— Reviews by Miguel Ararat —



In this issue, I will cover a series of recently published books that provide high quality training material to use on your own or as a resource for chess coaches. The books will be presented in order of difficulty.

My first and second recommendations are **Super Chess Kids: Win Like the World's Young Champions** by FM Franco Zaninotto (New in Chess) and **How to Beat the Open Games** by Sverre Johnsen (Gambit Publications)

Super Chess Kids is aimed at scholastic players with a firm apprehension of the fundamental of chess and with ambitions to play chess at competitive level. **Super Chess Kids** separate from other books on the market because the games are for young players (8 to 14 years old) competing in strong tournaments. The author combines the classic study of tactics and strategy with sound, tested, advised on how to improve the practical result of young players in less than one hundred and fifty pages!

How to Beat the Open Games is a well-crafted repertoire around 1...e5, the main value of this book is that are that the book written from a chess trainer's perspective which make the material more relevant to over the board play and second the review of previous publications is superb. For example, in the section on the Giuco Pianissimo, Johnsen points out 10... h5 a move suggested by Bologan, that for some reason have been ignored by some of the top players in the world. Why? As pointed out to me by Daniel Ludwig after our game at the Ocala open 2012, GMs do not read books... The author uncovers several new paths in well know the position that will pay the price of the book.

My third recommendation is **Winning in the Chess Openings** by Nikolay Kalinichenko. This book has over seven hundred miniatures to enjoy and sharpen your tactical skill. **Winning in the Chess Openings** has a mix of classic and very recent games such as Minko-Rozum, Minks, 2017. Importantly, Kalinichenko uses master as well as amateur games in this book, a feature that provides class players with ideas to use in their own games (tactics are not over our heads). **Winning in the Chess Openings** can be use by scholastic or adult chess player alike and make a fun summer read.

At some point as a chess player tactical play did not bring you as many wins as when you were in class B and it is the time to increase your strategic and endgame arsenal beyond, passed pawns, opposite color bishop and blockade. French GM and trainer Emmanuel Bricard wrote **Strategic Chess Exercises**, a great workbook (**New in Chess 2108**) that will help you to bring your strategy to the next level. The format is really interesting, because the reader is asked to solve sixty two middle game positions first, and later, the author explains the possible solutions and what is best. **Strategic Chess Exercises** follow the same procedure with twenty eight endgame positions. You do the hard work and then you compare your analysis with Bricard's annotations. Happy to see a trainer sharing his "index cards" with the rest of us. The examples are rich, allow the reader to find his weak spots and improve. This book has a high teaching value.

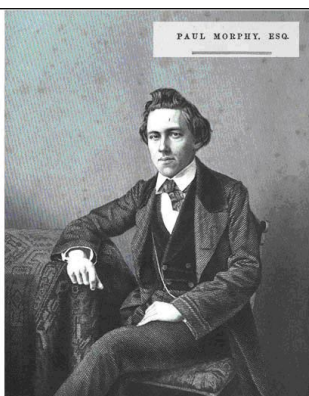
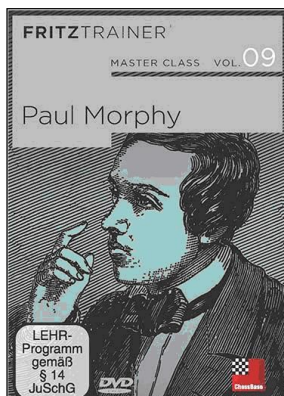
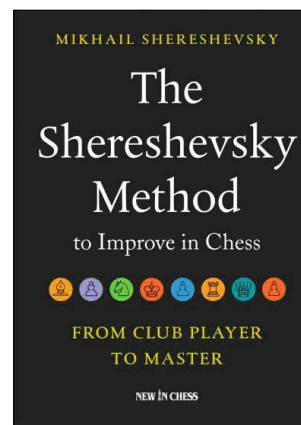
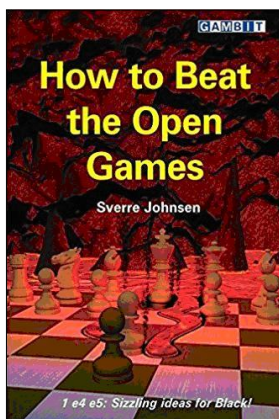
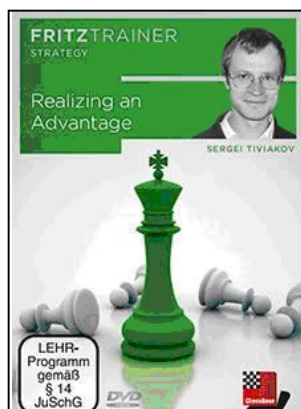
The Shereshevsky Method to Improve in Chess: From Club Player to Master by Mikhail Shereshevsky (New in Chess 2018) is a missing link in chess literature. In the US the Shereshevsky was known by his book **Endgame Strategy**, but most of his books were not available in English despite the author prolific activity as trainer and writer. **The Shereshevsky Method to Improve at Chess** is the result of two updated books, **Endgame Strategy** and **The Soviet Chess Conveyor**, plus the author's experience as a trainer. The main value of this book is that Shereshevsky enriched his original work by quoting the work of other successful authors. For instance, John Nunn, Hort and Jansa (authors of *The right move*, a book recommends to me by Lars Bo Hansen), Dorffman and others, making this script a real gem to players and trainers. This book is a must in the library of any chess player (I already own two copies!)

As I noted in the previous two articles, a dependable repertoire makes progress in chess more

likely, especially as the chess player ages. This theme was explored by Natasha Regan and Mathew Sadler in their book **Chess for Life (Gambit 2017)**. Reagan and Sadler explain why some players extended their chess career by using a solid repertoire and a superior knowledge of the resulting middle games and endgame positions. Sweden GM Ulf Andersson is a typical example of a player that developed a “chess for life repertoire”.

Amateur players with good endgame skills and a positional style of play will benefit from using Andersson’s opening repertoire. Fortunately, IM Cyrus Lakdawala just published a repertoire book for white based on Andersson’s repertoire as white under the title “**How Ulf Beats Black** (New in Chess 2018). This book pays tribute to a very solid, difficult to beat GM that in his prime was able to hold his ground against the very best in the world. Lakdawala broke down the repertoire by structures instead of variations and added his own experience when Ulf’s preferences needed more bite (especially against low rated players). This book complements with **Sergey Tiviakov’s ChessBase DVD Realizing the Advantage**. Tiviakov provides the audience with a survey of the most common methods to realize an advantage in chess in **Realizing the Advantage**. Tiviakov starts his presentation with a compelling introduction and differentiates between technical methods and psychological methods to convert an advantage. Later, Tiviakov uses a series of classic examples to illustrate the methods to convert an advantage in a game of chess, such as stopping counter play, planning, and improving your pieces among other devices. This DVD is full of practical advice and a constant source of inspiration to work on your chess.

My last recommendation to improve your chess is the ChessBase DVD **Master Class Vol 9 Paul Morphy**. The study of the games from the world champions, especially those champions before the computer era is a well know method to get better at chess and improve one’s chess culture. The reason to start our study of the world champion this way to be able to figure out what was going on in the games, because current chess practice is heavily influenced by computer engines making it difficult for the amateur to learn from those games unless they are heavily annotated. **Master Class Vol 9 Paul Morphy** combines the power of chess media, massive storage (all Morphy’s games are included, some with annotations) and experience commentators to help the reader to learn from the games of one of the best chess players ever (my opinion).



NEW IN CHESS BOOKS

Strategic Chess Exercises by Bricard

How ULF Beats Black by Lakdawala

Winning in the Chess Opening by Kalinichenko

Super Chess Kids by Zaninotto

Anony tears apart the Lerman-Wheeler game from page 22

Lerman, Harvey (1950) Wheeler, Girard (1776) [D00]

Hartford-Bridgeport Team B Match Brd 1, Bridgeport CT Chess Club, 08.01.1958

1.d4 c5

Inviting my favorite Benoni Defense.

2.e3 Nf6 3.c3 e6

I prefer a K-side Fianchetto 3...g6, as this tends to blunt the Stonewall and frustrates while preparing to counter on the Q-side.

4.Bd3 d5 5.Nd2 Nc6 6.f4?

Harvey should lose 300 rating points for this drivell.

6...Bd6 7.Ngf3 cxd4

Not sure what Black gets for releasing the tension. Maybe 7...b6, with the following benefits:

[1] If White plays 8.dxc4, Black can recapture with the P and retain a P presence in the center, or 8...Bb7 exerting some counterweight against the expected White e4 push. But these positions tend to be very drawish.

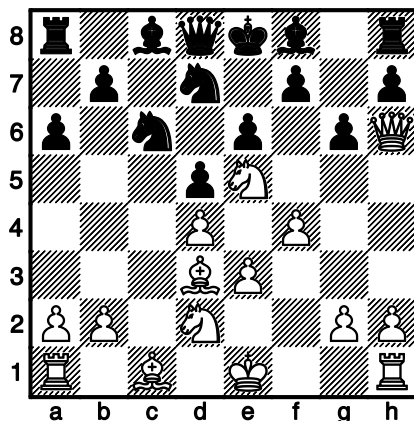
8.cxd4 a6?!

And this only makes sense if the c-pawns are not exchanged; better b6.

9.Ne5 Nd7

Black would love to play f6 and e5, but he has played too passively. White's attack may already irresistible.

10.Qh5 g6 11.Qh6 Bf8



Good probing by White worsening Black's position. Now Black must worry about sacs on f7 & g6.

12.Qh3 Qc7 13.0-0

13.Ndf3 would set up the sac ideas, but castling can't be wrong.

13...Bg7 14.Ndf3 Nf8

14...Ndxex4 followed by 15...f6 and Black has solidified his defense.

15.Bd2

Preparing play on the c-file, also discouraging a future 0-0-0.

15...f6 16.Nxc6 bxc6

The correct capture. Black would like eventually to play c5 when the situation allows.

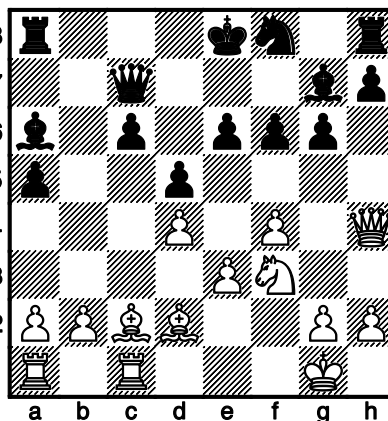
17.Qh4 a5 18.Rfc1

Is there anything wrong with 18.b4! ensuring either a B on the a3-f8 diagonal or a fierce attack on the backward P on c6?

18...Ba6

Logical, best now that the B cannot help defend that Pawns on c6 or e6. Or perhaps the Steinitz 18...Kf7!, muting all immediate tactics and preparing Nd7 and connecting the Rooks has merit.

19.Bc2



I understand wanting to keep the B, but after 19.Bxa6 Rxa6 20.b4!, Black can already start thinking about the ba5.

19...Rb8 20.Qe1 Rxb2?

I do not see an exit strategy for the Rook.

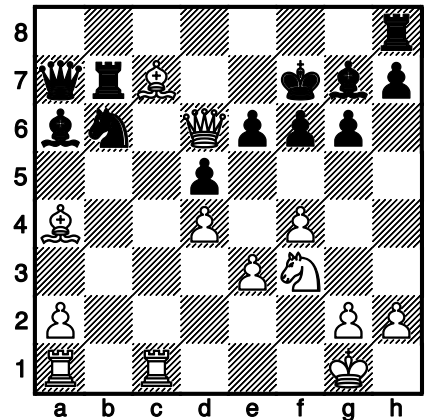
21.Bxa5 Qa7 22.Qc3

Or 22.Bb3 Rc2 23.Qc3 Leads to a total ruin of Black's game.

22...Rb7 23.Qxc6+ Ke7 24.Ba4 Nd7 25.Bc7

25.Rab1, getting rid of Black's defender is also not bad.

25...Nb6 26.Qd6+ Kf7



27.Bc6?

As Harvey points out in the following, White misses 27.Bd7!

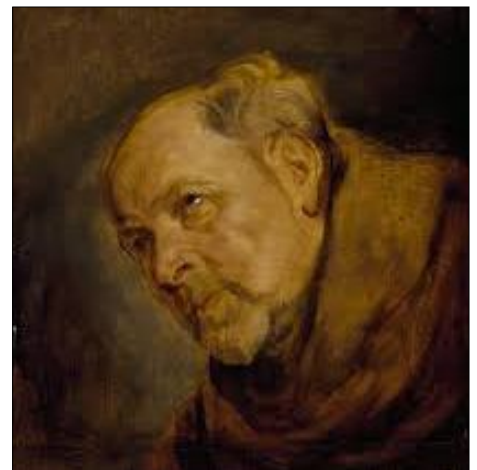
27...Rxc7?

27...Bf8! Might have saved Black, as 28.Qd8 Bg7 extends the fight.

28.Be8+ Rxe8 29.Rxc7+

Or 29.Bxb6, leading to a difficult Pawn up ending

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CHESS CALENDAR

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