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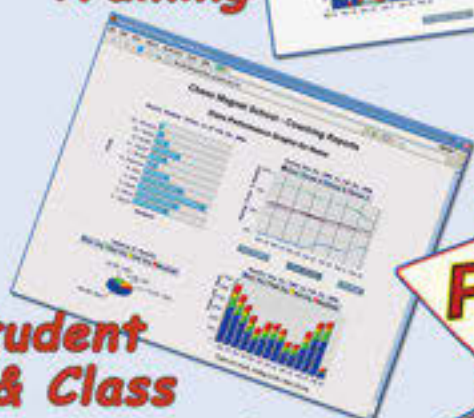
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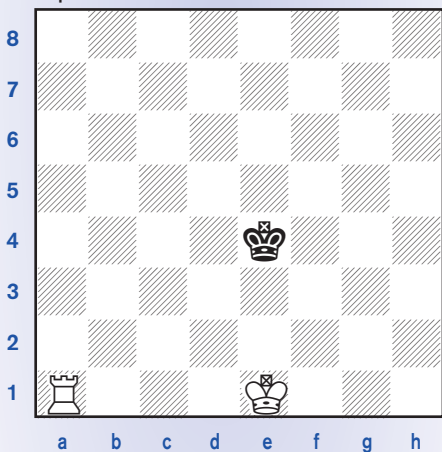
by National Master Daniel Gurevich

As some observant readers may have noticed, in my last few columns, I have focused on answering one terrific question at a time. (And you too can ask a great question! Send in your best questions by e-mail to gpetersen@uschess.org.) This time around, I am going to answer a few very different questions—as the old cliché goes, variety is the spice of life!

Kieran Greenaway

Q: How do you do the king and rook checkmate?

A: Of course, there are a few ways to set up a checkmate with king and rook, but I think the easiest way is to use a neat pattern: *cut him off, push him back, and checkmate!* Let me explain this method through an example.

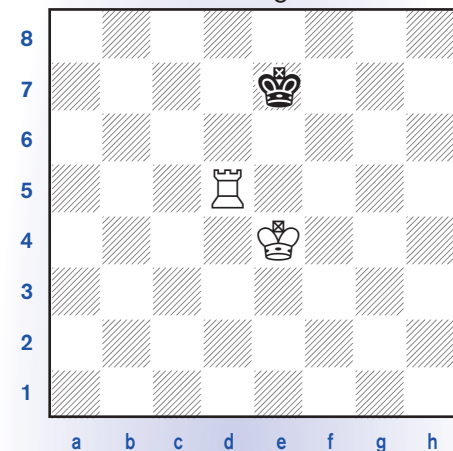


(In this position, it is White to move.) The black king still has the whole board to run around. What do we do?

Cut him off! 1. ... **Rd1!** This strong move makes sure the king never reaches the queenside. 1. ... **Ke3** Now what?

Push him back with a Zugzwang! 2. **Rd8!** Black has two choices: he can stay on the e-file with 2. ... **Ke4** or back off with 2. ... **Kf3** or 2. ... **Kf4**. Since the latter moves allow 3. **Re8**,

which makes the king feel even more cramped (for example, 3. ... **Kg5** 4. **Rf8** **Kg6** 5. **Kf2** **Kg7** 6. **Rf3** **Kg6** 7. **Kg3** **Kg5** 8. **Rf8** and the mating net begins to close), let us try 2. ... **Ke4**. Now 3. **Ke2** creates another *Zugzwang*, after which Black has the same two choices. Say he stays on the e-file. 3. ... **Ke5** 4. **Ke3** **Ke6** 5. **Ke4** **Ke7** Now we *cut him off* again! 6. **Rd5!**



The cage becomes smaller yet: it is just four squares wide by three squares high. 6. ... **Ke6** 7. **Kd4!** *Push him back* again! 7. ... **Kf6** 8. **Re5** *Cut him off* ... 8. ... **Kg6** 9. **Ke4** **Kf6** 10. **Kf4** *Push him back* ... 10. ... **Kg6** 11. **Rf5** *Cut him off* ... 11. ... **Kg7** 12. **Kg5** You know the drill! 12. ... **Kh7** 13. **Rf7+** **Kh8** 14. **Kg6** **Kg8** 15. **Rf1!** We *push him back* one last time.

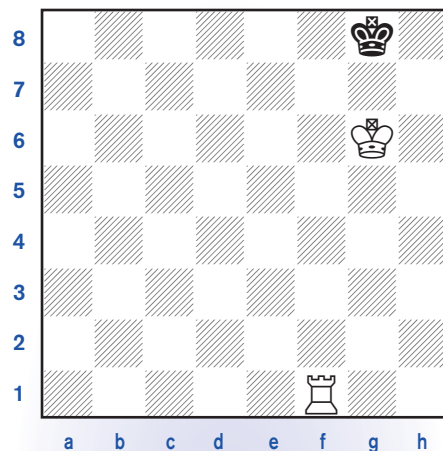
See diagram, top of next column

15. ... **Kh8** 16. **Rf8#** ... and *checkmate!* Remember that simple formula: *cut him off, push him back, and checkmate!* It really works every time.

Anonymous

Q: What is chess named after?

A: What an interesting question! (Too bad I never got to find out your name ... there is no need to be



shy!) As far as we know, chess is not named after any person or place. Then where did the name come from? We will need to travel back in time to find the answer, and you might be surprised to find out just how far back we need to go.

As you may remember from an earlier column, we know that the first chess-like game was played more than 1,000 years ago. In 7th-century Persia, it was called *chatrang*. So your first guess might be that *chatrang* somehow became the word “chess,” but the real answer is more complicated.

The Persian word for “king” at the time was *shah*. In chess, too, they called the king a *shah*. When chess reached Europe, the Latin word *scacculus*, meaning “check,” appeared. Later, the French used the word *eschec* for chess. The plural form of this word, *eschés*, referred to the chess pieces, and it was this word that reached English as *chess*.

Both the game and the word have travelled a long way! By the way, the words “checkers” and “checkerboard” have a similar *etymology* (which is just a fancy word that means “history of a word”).



TALES OF THE ARABIAN KNIGHTS

BY RICK KENNEDY ILLUSTRATIONS BY PAMELA KEY



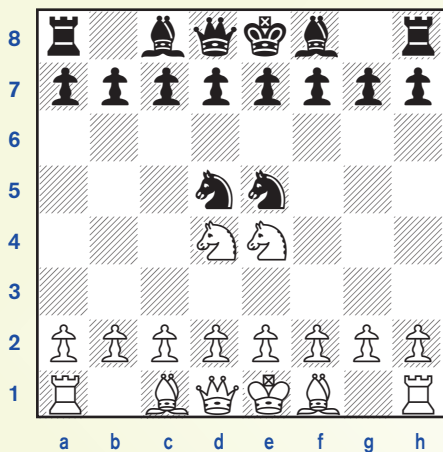
Horsing Around

The King gathered up his chess board and pieces, and then arranged them on the table.

"When we were young," he said, "my brother and I decided that the most enjoyable piece on the board was the knight."

She looked up, and sighed.

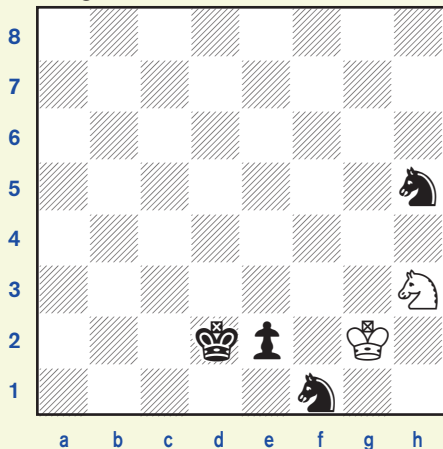
"We even invented our own four-move opening, which we rashly called the 'Four Knights Opening.'" The King played the moves on the board.



She rolled her eyes.

"But what really intrigued us," the King hurried on, "was the endgame we reached one day—it was truly fantastic."

This got some attention.



THE KING WAS BECOMING WORRIED. HIS COMPANION HAD BEEN SO QUIET, OF LATE. A BIT OF MELANCHOLIA, PERHAPS? HE KNEW JUST THE THING TO CHEER HER UP!

"When we reached this position, I had the black pieces and was a knight and a pawn ahead of my brother. He defended wisely with 1. Ng1.

"The problem was that if I promoted my pawn, White can simply fork the new piece and my king with Nf3+, and then win it."

"And two knights, alone, cannot checkmate a king," she said, moving closer to the board.

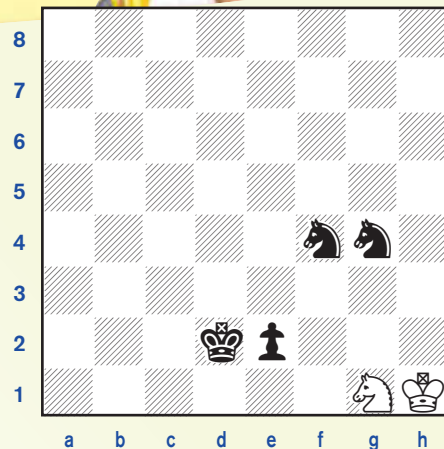
"I was pretty sure, however, that three knights could win, so that became my plan: promote my pawn to a knight." The king smiled. "But first I had to drive his king away, so I played 1. ... Ne3+."

She nodded.

The King continued. "By the way, chasing the King the other way, with 1. ... Nf4+, shows the kind of trouble that I wanted to avoid: 2. Kh1 e1=N 3. Nf3 Nxf3, stalemate."

This was rewarded with a giggle.

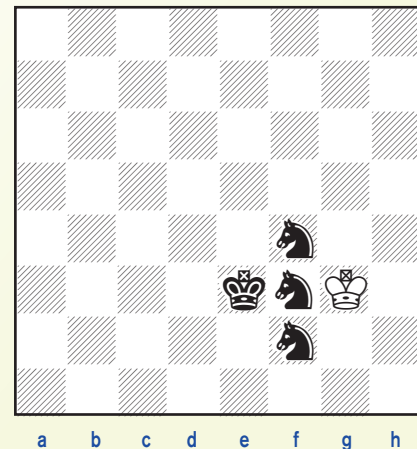
"So, after 2. Kh3 I then tried 2. ... Nf4+ and was pleased when he replied with 3. Kh2. I gave his king one more kick with 3. ... Ng4+ and, after 4. Kh1 I was almost ready to promote my pawn.



She smiled. "If you promote 4. ... e1=Q or 4. ... e1=R, it would be stalemate. Otherwise, the knight fork would take care of things."

"Finally, after 4. ... Nf2+ 5. Kh2 I played 5. ... e1/N!"

The King's face fell in mock sorrow. "Unfortunately, after 6. Nf3+ Nxf3 7. Kg3 my brother's king attacked all three of my knights. I could only save them with 7. ... Ke3 ..."



"But that was stalemate," she cheered, clapping her hands in delight.

"It is good to see you smile again," the King said.

(based on a study by Herbstmann and Kubbel, 1937)



The

Chess Detective

by NM Todd Bardwick

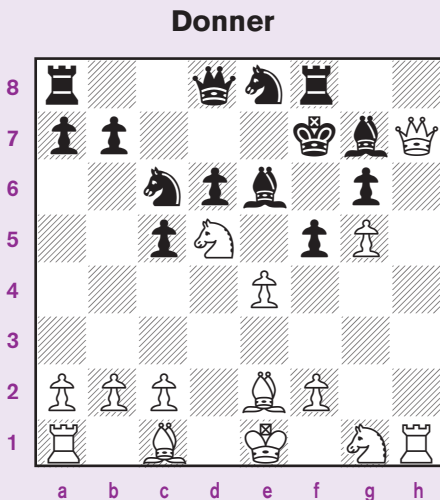
SACRIFICING TO GET TO THE KING

Sacrificing pieces is one of the most direct and beautiful ways to attack and hopefully checkmate the enemy king.

Of course, you must always be able to justify the sacrifice so you don't end up behind in material with a losing position.

Besides helping clear the way for mating attacks on the king, other reasons to sacrifice a piece may be to open up lines for attack (files, diagonals, or ranks), gain greater mobility for the pieces, gain material, clear a path for a passed pawn to promote, or weaken your opponent's pawn structure.

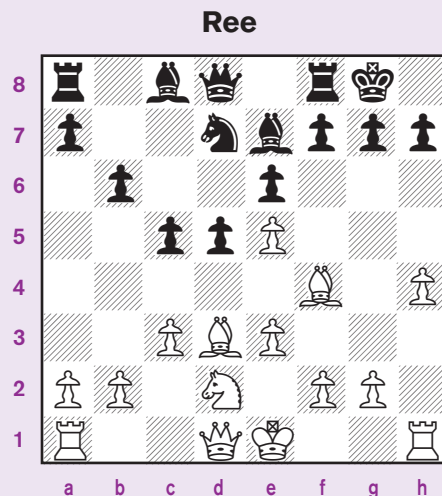
Here is a position between Liu Wenzhe and Jan Donner from a game in Buenos Aires, Argentina, in 1978.



Position after 15... Kf7
White to Move

White has found his way into Black's king position. He must be careful though so that ... Rh8 doesn't trap his queen! White finishes him off with the ultimate sacrifice, the queen, by playing, **16. Qxg6+! Kxg6 17. Bh5+ Kh7 18. Bf7+** (Keeping Black's king contained on the open h-file) **18. ... Bh6 19. g6+ Kg7 20. Bxh6+, Black Resigned** (20. ... Kh8 21. Bxf8+ Qh4 22. Rxh4 mate) A pretty finish!

Here is an example of sacrificing in order to clear a path to the king by Vladimir Kovacevic against Hans Ree in Maribor, Slovenia, in 1980.



Position after 10... Nd7
White to Move

In this position, White has a space advantage on the kingside and is eyeing the h7-square with ideas like Qh5. Black wants to play the game

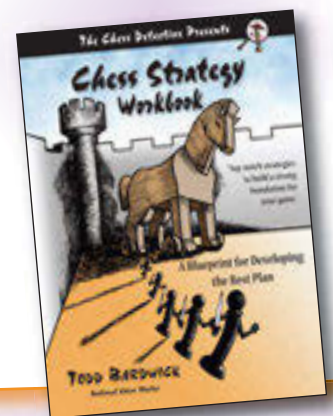
away from his king on the queenside where he has more space. Black has some defensive ideas on the kingside like ... f6 or ... f5. The pawn on e5 keeps the black knight off its normal f6-square, defending the kingside.

White plays the immediate bishop sacrifice, **11. Bxh7+! Kxh7 12. Qh5+ Kg8 13. Nf3 f6 14. Ng5!** (A second piece sacrifice!) **14. ... fxg5 15. hxg5 Rf5 16. Qh7+ Kf7 17. g6+ Ke8 18. Qxg7 Bf8 19. Qh8 Rg5** (to stop g7) **20. Qg8** (threatening 21. Qf7 mate) **20. ... Nxe5 21. Bxe5 Kd7 22. Rh8 Bb7 23. Qh7+, Black resigned.**

Whenever you are attacking the king, remember that all checks and sacrifices should be examined carefully.

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Top 25 Overall Standings

NAME	STATE	PTS	EVENTS
PETERSON, GIA	CA-S	11490	15
DASIKA, ARCHIT	CA-N	7348	13
HOFFMAN, EVAN	CA-S	7332	18
LIANG, AWONDER	WI	7317	13
DASARI, SRIHITHA	GA	7038	9
ULRICH, ANNE E	WI	6969	11
GORTI, AKSHITA	VA	6748	13
PRASAD, ARVIND SAI	OH	6636	12
ULRICH, RACHEL J	WI	6249	10
KOTHAPALLE, TANISH	TN	5752	11
SINHA SAHIL	MD	5736	10
ZENG, SHEENA	KS	5657	11
SODEM, VISHAL	CA-N	5636	6
WU, OLIVER	CA-N	5617	8
PARKER, JACKSON BOGDAN	MA	5576	7
ABAYANATHAN, SHIRAJA	GA	5520	10
MUSTAFA, SIRAAT	NY	5455	4
PATEL, ADVAIT	WV	5281	15
HO, BRANDON C	CA-N	5264	14
WANG, MICHAEL	CA-N	5241	8
NIETO, MANUEL VALERIO		5218	3
AVIRNENI, SAITHANUSRI	GA	5198	14
NIETO, GUILLERMO LUIGUI	IL	5165	4
DOMMALAPATI, ABHINAY	VA	5133	11
MA, LEO	WI	5128	9

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State Leaders

NAME	STATE	PTS	EVENTS
MILLER, TRAVIS JAMES	AK	3243	3
MARKIN, ARDEN QUINLAN	AL	5000	5
SLAY, REBECCA LYNN	AR	1705	1
MOHAN, DAVE	AZ	3384	4
VARADARAJAN, VIGNESH	CA-N	5049	11
GREGORA, JAMES PETER	CA-S	4890	4
HEMMAT, ALEXANDER	CO	3641	5
TANENBAUM, ZACHARY CHEN	CT	3391	8
PAN, ZACHARY STIER	DC	3979	2
DAVIS, JAYVON	DE	3423	2
TEIXEIRA, JOSEPH	FL	4550	2
KANAPARTI, SREYAS	GA	5050	9
WONG, NICHOLAS N	HI	2008	1
KALIL, VICTOR	IA	3513	5
DEANGELIS, OLIVIA RAINE	ID	4278	2
INDUSEKAR, AKSHAY	IL	4846	6
VIBBERT, SEAN	IN	3267	6
LEE, GORDON S ARAI	KS	3403	4
BILYEU, KEENAN	KY	2450	1
WEBSTER, DON	LA	4630	6
ROLDAN-LEVCHENKO, NIKITA	MA	4246	6
DAVYDOV, ALEXANDER	MD	4903	8
SANOKKLIS, MILO EDMUND	ME	1624	1
KULKARNI, SOUMYA	MI	4493	9
TEMPLETON, CHRISTOPHER	MIL	2100	1
HYDRIE, ALEXANDER	MN	4400	1
KIRUMAKI, RONIT	MO	4241	4
FOREMAN, CHRISTOPHER	MS	2100	1
LEE, CONRAD CHRISTOPHER	MT	258	1
VENKATARAJA, TRIYAKSHARI	NC	4398	6
WOLF, STUART	ND	2100	1
JADDU, ABHINAV	NE	507	1
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NICKELS, ERIK J	OK	2203	4
GRABINSKY, JOSHUA	OR	2480	3
TRIFALE, SHARVIL	PA	4436	5
DELGADO, NAYTHAN	RI	2240	1
QU, JAMES	SC	4620	4
CASTEEL, JERRY JOHN, III	SD	1768	3
VAN RENSSELAER, WILLIAM	TERR	319	1
WU, LOGAN	TN	3602	8
CHIANG, SARAH	TX	4388	8
BOLEN, JAKE	UT	2360	4
YU, JENNIFER R	VA	4984	10
KATZ, GABRIEL	VT	2246	3
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SCHWEITZER, WILLIAM MATTHEW	WI	4537	4
VALLELONGA, JOHN M	WV	1958	1



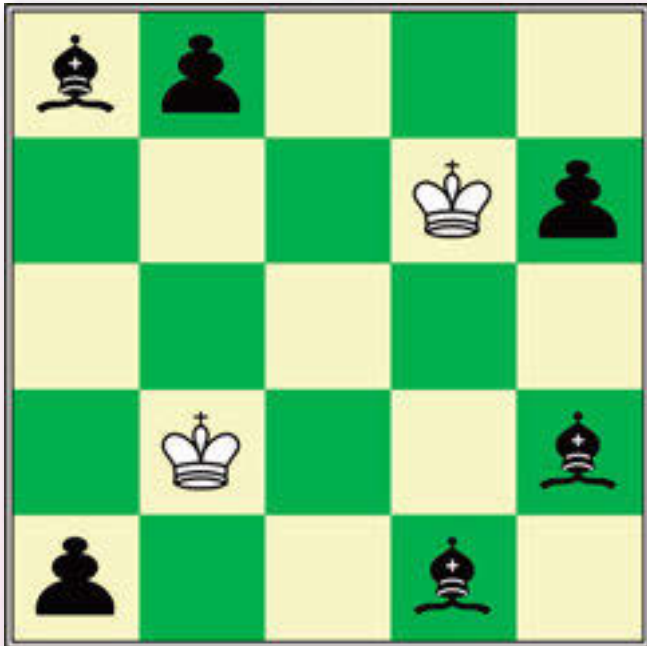
Trying to see a path to the top, SRIHITHA DASARI, moves to the number five spot on the Junior Grand Prix list.



checku

by Luke Suri

Checku, puzzle #1



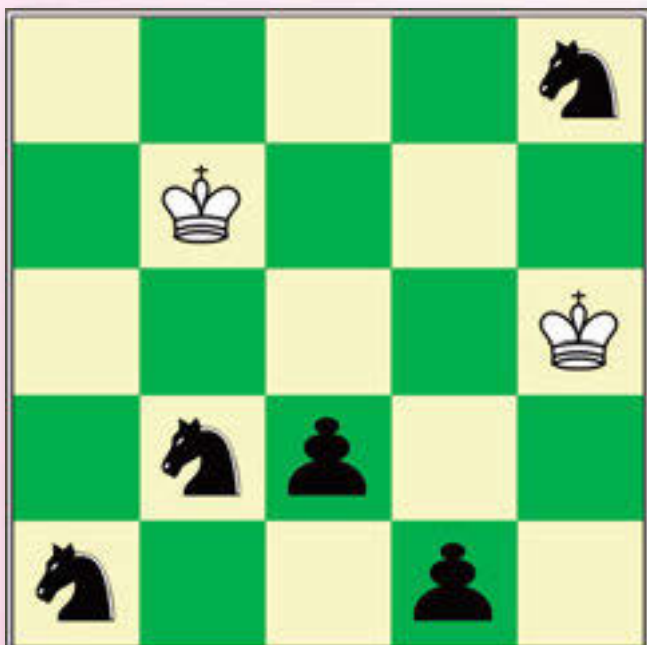
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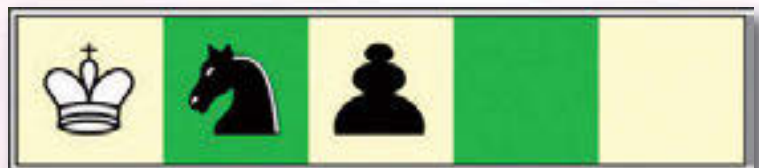
(that's one white king, one black bishop, one black pawn, and two empty squares)

Sounds easy? Wait, there's an extra rule: **none of the kings may be in check** in your solution! Pawns attack in their normal directions, but are not promoted on the final ranks. Good luck!

Checku, puzzle #2



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Solutions on page 26 



FOUR CHAMPIONS CROWNED AT 2013 NATIONAL ONLINE INVITATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

by FM Mike Klein

The Second Annual National Online Invitational Championship occurred June 14-17, 2013, with 32 of the most talented youngsters in the country competing. The tournament, which is sponsored by *ChessKid.com*, was doubled in size from last year. The event is a chance for pre-teens and even younger to battle against the country's best in their peer group.

Previously, American chess stars wanting to play in a prestigious event had to wait to qualify for the U.S. Cadet Championship for players under 16. According to *Chess.com* Director of Professional Relations IM Danny Rensch, the goal of having an all-play-all round robin was to help chess prodigies play a tournament with all quality games instead of playing down in rating for most of the tournament.

"Playing invitation-only events like [this] demands a higher level of focus and overall stamina from these youngsters," Rensch said. "It's something all great players must eventually develop to compete with the world's best."

Four Sections

The Online Championship pitted students in four sections younger than the Cadet offers: Under-8, Under-10, Under-12 and Girls Under-13. After seven rounds of hard-fought games, four players won national titles without ever having to leave their houses! Some decided to play at their local chess clubs, but either way, with the live commentary from grandmasters,

these superstars were on the national stage like never before.

The Under-8 section came down to the wire, with the top two players squaring off in the final round. The game between **Balaji Daggupati** and Kevin Chor was the final contest of the entire tournament. Daggupati was down a pawn for most of the game, but held a tough draw, which gave him 6/7 and first place over Chor (5/7). Amazingly, Daggupati was the lowest-rated player in the section, but probably not for much longer, as the games were USCF rated! His advice to others was simple: "Expect good moves from the opponent."

Texas was represented by four of the eight players—there is definitely more than one "Lone Star" in that state. Daggupati, who is from California, beat them all, and showed that he is a master of both sides of the Sicilian Defense. His first six games were all in the Sicilian, and he won five and drew the other. He also proved to be an expert at trading into a winning endgame when he was ahead. In round five he did not need his endgame skills—Daggupati had his quickest win when he checkmated with a knight and bishop on move 17!

MOVE THE PIECES!



Daggupati, B - Zhu, H (B34)
Second National Online
Championship
June 16, 2013
Annotated by Mike Klein

1. e4 c5 2. Nf3 Nc6 3. d4

The Open Sicilian is only for the brave! Watch how quickly both sides' pieces develop.

3. ... cxd4 4. Nxd4 Nf6 5. Nc3 g6

This move begins the Dragon Variation. Black wants to fianchetto his bishop to g7 and aim at all the dark squares in the middle of the board.

6. Be3

Smartly getting ready for ... Bg7 by

2013 NATIONAL ONLINE CHAMPIONSHIP UNDER 12

			1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	
1. Checa, Nicolas	2241	NY	X	1/2	1/2	1	1	1/2	1	1	5 1/2-1 1/2
2. Vasudeva, Tanuj	2117	CA	1/2	X	1	1	1/2	1/2	1/2	1	5-2
3. Liu, Bovey	2181	TX	1/2	0	X	1	1/2	1/2	1	1/2	4-3
4. Zheng, Andrew	2171	MD	0	0	0	X	1/2	1	1	1	3 1/2-3 1/2
5. Lu, Albert	2151	CA	0	1/2	1/2	1/2	X	1	1/2	0	3-4
6. Szabo, Marcell	2058	WA	1/2	1/2	1/2	0	0	X	1	1/2	3-4
7. Xie, Luke	2076	OH	0	1/2	0	0	1/2	0	X	1	2-5
8. Naguleswaran, A.	2063	OH	0	0	1/2	0	1	1/2	0	X	2-5

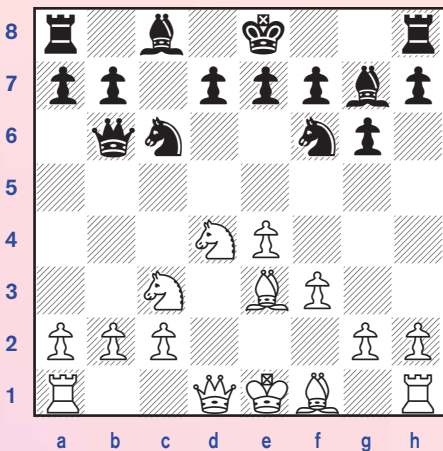
guarding the Nd4. 6. Nxc6 bxc6 7. e5 was a way to try to punish Black for not moving any center pawns.

6. ... Bg7 7. f3

You may have heard before that pushing your f-pawn so early can be a mistake. Here it makes sense: it guards the e4-pawn, prevents ... Ng4 and the diagonal that is open to the white king is not very weak.

7. ... Qb6?

Castling and playing ... d5 is the normal plan. Here the black queen is too exposed.



8. Nf5!

White finds the only discovered attack that also guards the Be3.

8. ... Qxb2 9. Nxc7+ Kf8 10. Na4!

Maybe the best move of the game! This is called a *Zwischenzug*— Here, Daggupati saves one knight by attacking the queen. He'll come back to save the other knight afterward.

10. ... Qb4+ 11. c3 Qa5 12. Bh6 Kg8

Black doesn't want another discovered attack to happen!

13. Qd2?

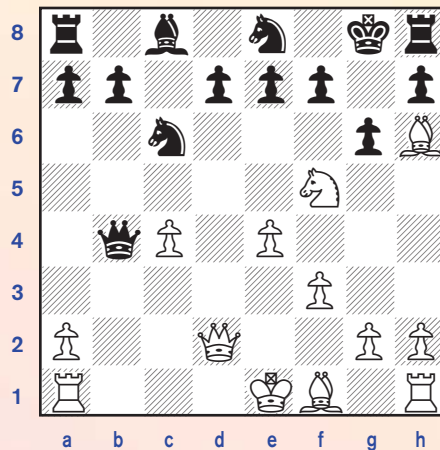
White goes for the win too quickly. Any developing move would have been fine, such as Rb1.

13. ... Qxa4 14. Nf5 Ne8

The knight goes the wrong way. If 14. ... Nxe4! 15. fxe4 Qxe4+ 16. Ne3 Qh4+ and Black is back in the game; 14. ... gxf5?? 15. Qg5#.

15. c4 Qb4?

Now Black's Nc6 is overloaded.



16. Qxb4 Nxb4 17. Nxe7#, 1-0

What a cool mate!

Under 10 Section

While Texas comprised half of the players in the Under-8 section, California had half of the eight players in the Under-10 section. It still was not enough to claim victory for the state, as **Carissa Yip** of Massachusetts overcame a first-round loss to win clear first with five wins and two losses. The section was the most closely contested as two players finished only a half-point back with 4½/7 (Josiah Stearman and Anthony Ge, both from California). The section also had the most fighting chess as there were only two draws out of 28 games.

Great positional understanding!

Yip showed a great understanding of positional play in a wide variety of openings. Though only nine years old, she could have qualified in the Girls Under-13 section (she is currently the

youngest girl to achieve an expert's rating). Yip is also already one of the top 100 women in the U.S. (she is the youngest on the list). This is great news for her because she said the most fun part of chess is "beating grown-ups." To show how strong girls are becoming, consider this: 56 of the top 100 women in the country are under the age of 21!

Here **Yip** takes on the famous isolated queen pawn. She does everything right: Yip prevents it from advancing, trades several pieces, and then eventually floods the White king with a swarm of pieces.

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Paul, J - Yip, C (E38)

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1. d4 Nf6 2. c4 e6 3. Nc3 Bb4

The Nimzo-Indian Defense is a

2013 NATIONAL ONLINE CHAMPIONSHIP UNDER 10

			1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	
1. Yip, Carissa	1908	MA	X	0	1	1	1	0	1	1	5-2
2. Stearman, Josiah	1927	CA	1	X	0	1	½	1	1	0	4½-3½
3. Ge, Anthony	1869	CA	0	1	X	0	½	½	1	1	4½-3½
4. Paul, Justin	1893	VA	0	0	1	X	1	1	0	1	4-3
5. Krishnan, Ajay	1853	CA	0	½	0	0	X	1	1	1	3½-3½
6. Gu, Brian	1928	TX	1	0	½	0	0	X	1	0	2½-4½
7. Perkins, Joaquin	1770	CA	0	0	0	1	0	0	X	1	2-5
8. Hawthorn, Charles	1795	TX	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	X	2-5

good choice for solid players. It is one of the main defenses of the current U.S. Women's Champion IM Irina Krush.

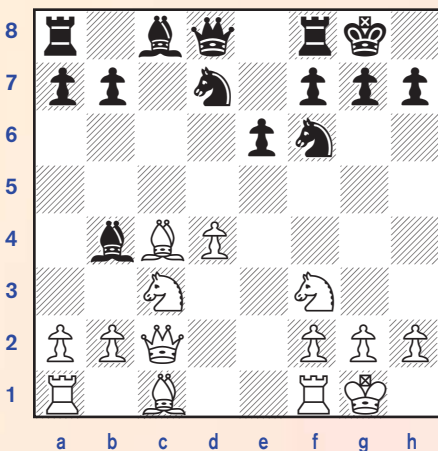
4. Qc2 c5

Black attacks the center before blocking his pawn with ... Nc6. This is very common in 1. d4 openings.

5. e3 cxd4 6. exd4 d5 7. Nf3 dxc4

This is a slight mistake. Black usually delays this exchange until White develops his Bf1. That way White loses a tempo. This is called keeping the tension.

8. Bxc4 0-0 9. 0-0 Nbd7!



A lot of us would have developed to the "normal" square c6 to attack the isolated pawn, but White can defend easily with Be3 or Rd1. Instead, Black follows the normal advice of trying to blockade an isolated queen pawn (you can always win it later).

10. Bf4 Nb6 11. Bd3 h6 12. Ne2

This is where White begins to lose the right path. Something more aggressive would have been better. Developing one of his rooks to an open file is one suggestion.

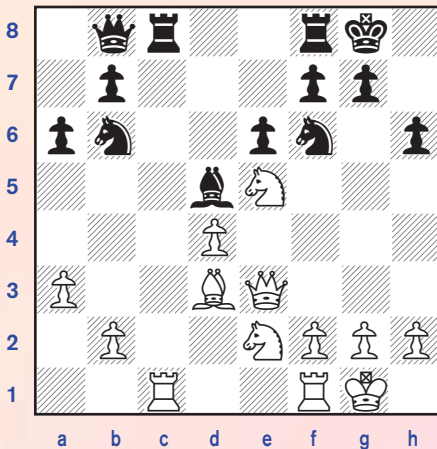
12. ... Nbd5 13. Bg3 Bd6

Black begins to make trades, and the rule is that the d-pawn will only get weaker in the endgame.

14. Bxd6 Qxd6 15. a3 Bd7 16. Ne5 Rac8 17. Qb3 Bc6 18. Rac1 Nb6

18. ... Rfd8? Don't just develop without thinking. Black prevented this tactic. 19. Nxc6 Rxc6 20. Qxb7.

19. Bb5 Bd5 20. Qe3 a6 21. Bd3 Qb8



Backward moves sometimes look weird, but Black continues her plan to trade off more material.

22. f4 Rxc1 23. Rxc1 Rc8 24. Rc5 Na4

24. ... Rxc5 is a positional mistake since after 25. dxc5 White no longer has a weak pawn and instead has a pawn majority on the queenside.

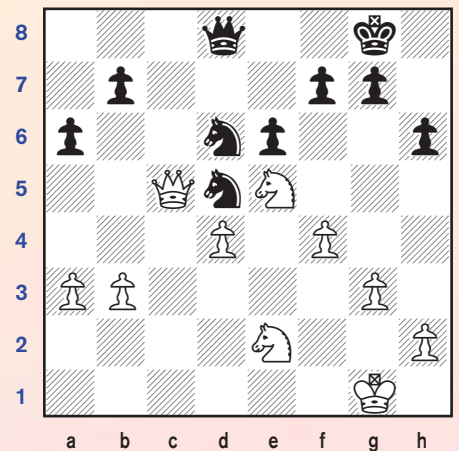
25. Rc2 Rxc2 26. Bxc2 Nb6

26. ... Nxb2? 27. Qc3 traps the knight.

27. Qc3 Be4 28. Bxe4 Nxe4 29. Qc2 Nd6 30. Qc5 Qd8 31. b3 Nd5 32. g3?

2013 NATIONAL ONLINE CHAMPIONSHIP UNDER 8

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8			
1. Daggupati, Balaji	1549	CA	X	1/2	1	1	1/2	1	1	1	6-1
2. Chor, Kevin	1822	AZ	1/2	X	0	1	1/2	1	1	1	5-2
3. Vaidya, Atreya	1684	TX	0	1	X	1	1	1/2	0	1/2	4-3
4. Rishith, Susarla	1739	CA	0	0	0	X	1	1/2	1	1	3 1/2-3 1/2
5. Ni, Maggie	1738	TX	1/2	1/2	0	0	X	1	1/2	1	3 1/2-3 1/2
6. Wu, Logan	1749	TN	0	0	1/2	1/2	0	X	1	1/2	2 1/2-4 1/2
7. Zhu, Harvey	1668	TX	0	0	1	0	1/2	0	X	1	2 1/2-4 1/2
8. Hawthorn, Henry	1630	TX	0	0	1/2	0	0	1/2	0	X	1-6



This weakens the light squares around the king, which White will come to regret later. The f4-pawn was not in danger yet. A good rule to follow: When you don't know what to do, don't move a pawn! You can't undo a pawn move.

32. ... Ne3 33. Qc1

33. Nc4 is the best move, forcing Black to retreat or trade, when White will gain control over d5.

33. ... Nd5 34. Nd3

34. Qc5 would be better, waiting to see if Black wanted to repeat moves for a draw. Instead, the black queen now joins the party.

34. ... Qb6 35. Nc5 Qa5 36. b4

This only helps Black get her queen to the right spot.

36. ... Qb5

There's no stopping the queen from invading on the weak light squares.

37. Kf2 b6 38. Nb3 Ne4+ 39. Ke1 Qd3 40. Qd1 Qf3 41. Qc1 Qf2+ 42. Kd1 Ne3+, 0-1

White resigned rather than sacrificing the queen. It is amazing how quickly Yip's pieces jumped all over White's king.

Top Seeds come through

The two older sections were both won by the top seeds. In the Under-12 age group, **Nicholas Checa** scored an undefeated four wins and three draws (5 1/2/7) to narrowly edge the also undefeated Tanuj Vasudeva (5/7). Both boys played free of major errors and the difference between first and second only came down to Checa having one more win and one less

draw. 11-year-old Checa, improbably the only New Yorker in the entire event, was also the only player in the tournament to officially achieve his master title!

Checa used the French Defense in three games as Black and got good positions every time. He seemed to know the intricacies of the defense better than his opponents. Checa also showed great endgame prowess. All but one of his games reached that stage; strangely, he had the endgame of bishop versus knight three times. "I used to like the openings best," Checa said. "But now I really enjoy the endgames, particularly in classical chess."

He's come a long way!

He has come a long way since his first tournament, in which he did not even know how to notate! Recently, Checa even qualified to play in the elite Marshall Chess Club Championship in New York City. All that experience surely helped him here. Watch and see how Checa refused to accept a draw and kept playing on with his extra pawn until he found a way to win:

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Xie, L - Checa, N (C07)
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1. e4 e6 2. d4 d5 3. Nd2 c5 4. exd5
Oxd5 5. Ngf3 cxd4 6. Bc4

This is one of the main lines of the Modern French Tarrasch. White's pawn sacrifice is only temporary.

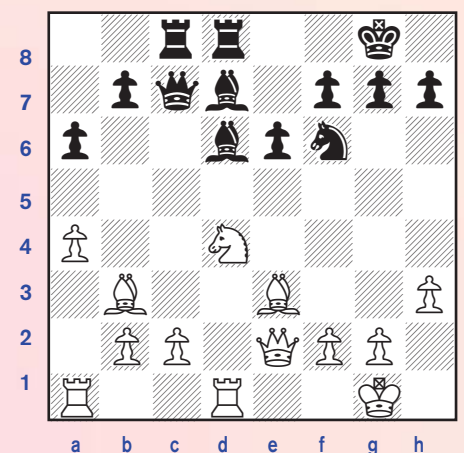
6. ... Qd6 7. O-O Nf6 8. Nb3 Nc6 9. Nbx d4 Nxd4 10. Nxd4 a6

This is an important move which stops Nb5 and gives Black the option to expand with ... b5 later.

11. a4 Qc7 12. Qe2 Bd6 13. h3 O-O

So far both players are following the moves of two famous grand masters! All of this was played well before they were born in Ljubojevic - Hubner, Wijk ann Zee 1988. Try saying that three times fast!

14. Be3 Bd7 15. Rfd1 Rac8 16. Bb3 Rfd8



Both players have finished the opening and developed their pieces to great squares.

17. c3 h6 18. Rac1 e5 19. Nf3 e4 20. Nd4 Qa5 21. Bc2 Bxa4! 22. b4

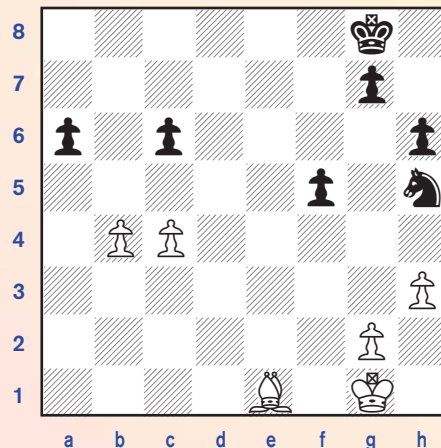
22. Ra1 looks like a great pin, but Black has a way out. 22. ... Qe5 23. Bxa4? Qh2+ 24. Kf1 Qh1#.

22. ... Qe5 23. f4 exf3 e.p. 24. Nxf3 Qb5

See how good players go for

trades after winning even just a measly pawn?

25. Oxb5 Bxb5 26. Bb6 Bc7 27. Bd4 Nh5 28. Bf5 Bd7 29. Be4 Bc6 30. Bxc6 bxc6 31. Ne5 Bxe5 32. Bxe5 f6 33. Bd6 f5 34. Be5 Re8 35. Re1 Re6 36. c4 Rce8 37. Bc3 Rxe1+ 38. Rxe1 Rxe1+ 39. Bxe1



After many more trades, it's time to stop and discuss the endgame. Black has an extra pawn, but White's bishop should be better than the knight since there are pawns on both sides of the board. Luckily for Black, neither of his isolated pawns are able to be attacked by the bishop. Both players need to also think about getting their king in the game.

39. ... Kf7 40. Bc3 Nf4 41. Kf2 g6 42. Kf3 Ne6 43. Be5 Ng5+ 44. Ke3 Ne6 45. g4

When you are fighting for a draw, the more pawns you trade off, the better.

45. ... Ng5 46. gxf5 gxf5 47. h4 Ne6 48. h5

Now Checa has a hard time getting his king involved. He makes the risky

2013 NATIONAL ONLINE CHAMPIONSHIP GIRLS UNDER 13											
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8			
1. Eswaran, Ashritha	2121	CA	X	1	1	1	1	1	0	6-1	
2. Wang, Annie	2070	CA	0	X	1	0	1	1	1	5-2	
3. Ulrich, Rachel	2010	WI	0	0	X	1	1/2	1	1/2	4-3	
4. Feng, Maggie	2020	OH	0	1	0	X	0	1/2	1/2	3-4	
5. Yu, Jennifer	1934	VA	0	0	1/2	1	X	1	0	1/2	3-4
6. Arab, Kiana	1956	AZ	0	0	0	1/2	0	X	1	1	2 1/2-4 1/2
7. Devagharan, Devina	1880	TX	0	0	1/2	1/2	1	0	X	1/2	2 1/2-4 1/2
8. Nguyen, Emily	1904	TX	1	0	0	0	1/2	0	1/2	X	2-5

decision to go after the h-pawn, which allows White's king to create threats. 48. ... Ng7 49. Kd4 Ne6+ 50. Ke3 Ng7 51. Kd4 Nxh5 52. Kc5 Ke6 53. Bd4 Kd7 54. Kb6 f4 55. Kxa6 f3 56. b5 cxb5 57. cxb5

White is getting really close to a draw. He only needs to get rid of a few more pawns.

57. ... Nf6 58. b6

Black's pawn queens on 58. Bxf6? f2.

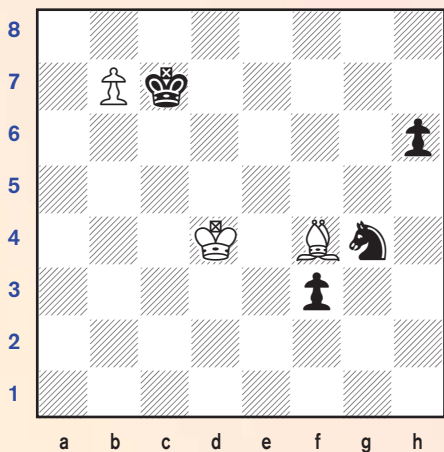
58. ... Nd5 59. b7 Nb4+ 60. Kb5 Nc6 61. Kc4?!

Not losing yet, but staying near the b-pawn would have made the draw easier. 61. Kb6 h5 62. Bf2 and White holds back both pawns. Black needs to keep both his king and knight close to the b-pawn, or else a draw will occur: 62. ... Kd6 63. Bg3+ Kd5 64. Bf2 Nb8 65. Kc7 Na6+ 66. Kb6 Nb8 is one variation.

61. ... Kc7 62. Be3 Ne5+ 63. Kd4 Ng4

Great play by Black. Now White loses his last pawn and has trouble getting to the black passers.

64. Bf4+



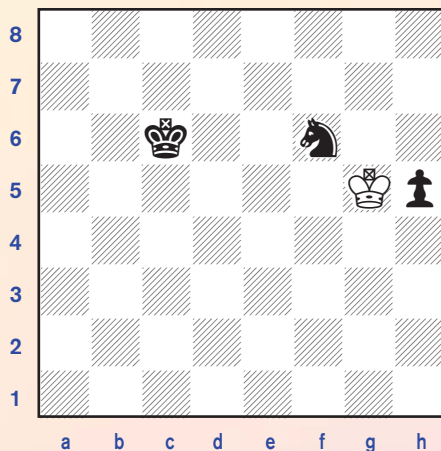
The losing move. 64. Ke4! f2 65. Bxf2 Nxf2+ 66. Kf5 Kxb7 67. Kg6 Ng4 68. Kh5 is a draw because Black's knight is in front of his own pawn—watch the difference in the game.

64. ... Kxb7 65. Kd3

White can't get back in time after 65. Bxh6 f2.

65. ... h5 66. Bg3 Kc6 67. Ke4 f2 68.

Bxf2 Nxf2+ 69. Kf4 Ng4 70. Kg5 Nf6



This is the winning idea. Notice how White can't capture the knight now because Black's pawn will promote.

71. Kh4 Kd5 72. Kg5 Ke5 73. Kh4 Kf4 74. Kh3 Kg5 75. Kg3 h4+ 76. Kh3 Ne4 77. Kh2 Kg4 78. Kg2 h3+ 79. Kh2 Nf2 80. Kg1 Kg3 81. Kf1 h2 82. Ke2 h1=Q, 0-1

All the top talent

The Girls Under-13 section had all the top talent participate. Only one of the top eight on the USCF Girls Under-13 list chose not to participate. When the dust settled, the top-rated **Ashritha Eswaran** of California brought the second title back to The Golden State (fitting, as her ChessKid username is "GoldenPuppy"). Like Daggupati, she won her section by a full point with 6/7 (fellow Californian Annie Wang took second with 5/7). Both Eswaran and Wang are already chess experts, with ratings over 2000!

Here Eswaran gives another lesson on bishop versus knight in the endgame. All of her pawns are on the same color as her bishop. It looks at first like there is no way to break through Black's defense, but two good qualities of strong chess players are tenacity and creativity. **Eswaran** showed both in this game. It is no wonder she represents the U.S. in international tournaments.

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Eswaran, A - Feng, M (C18)

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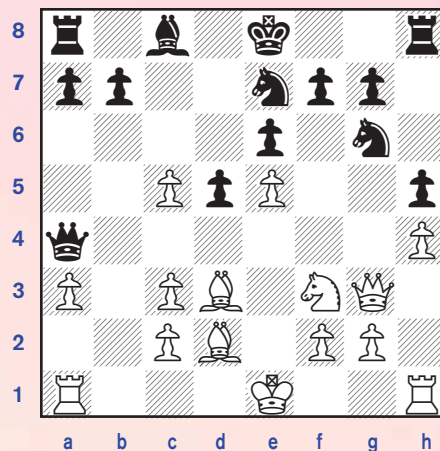
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1. e4 e6 2. d4 d5 3. Nc3 Bb4 4. e5 Ne7 5. a3 Bxc3+ 6. bxc3 c5 7. Qg4 Ng6

This is the safer option. Earlier in the tournament, Checa chose the crazy 7. ... cxd4 8. Qxg7 Rg8 9. Qxh7 Qc7 where Black had a safer king, even though he never castled. Checa actually won the game without ever moving his king!

8. h4 h5 9. Qg3 Nc6 10. Nf3 Qa5 11. Bd2 Qa4 12. Bd3 Nce7 13. dxc5



Tripled pawns! It looks bad to have all those c-pawns, but watch how White makes use of the d4-square.

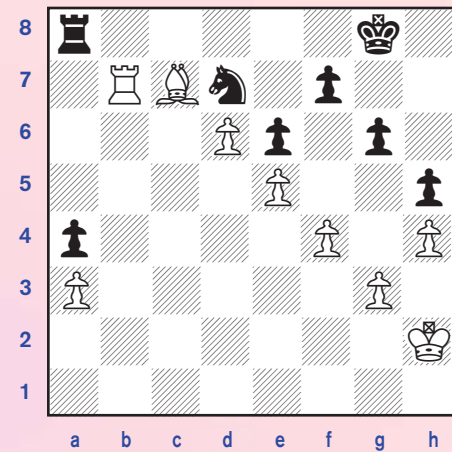
13. ... Bd7 14. 0-0 Bb5 15. Nd4 Bxd3 16. cxd3 Rc8 17. Rfb1 Qd7 18.



Nb5 Nf5 19. Nd6+ Nxd6 20. cxd6

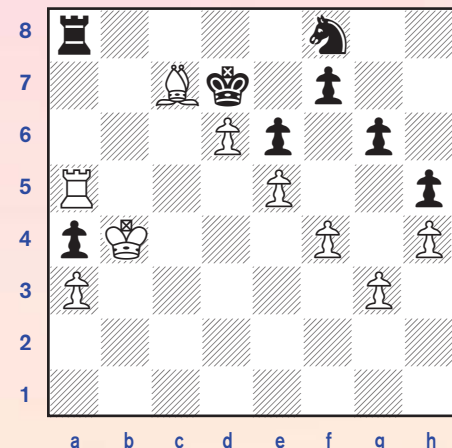
Now White's extra pawn is secure, and in the endgame, her passed pawn on d6 will be a monster. It may take a while to remove the blockade, but there are no extra points for winning quickly.

20. ... b6 21. Rc1 Qa4 22. c4 d4 23. Bb4 a5 24. Be1 Rc5 25. f4 Rc8 26. Bf2 0-0 27. Bxd4 b5 28. Bb6 bxc4 29. Rxc4 Rxc4 30. dxc4 Qxc4 31. Rf1 Qb5 32. Bc7 a4 33. Rd1 Qd7 34. Qf2 Rc8 35. Rd2 Re8 36. Rc2 Rc8 37. g3 Nf8 38. Qf3 Qb5 39. Kg2 g6 40. Qe4 Nd7 41. Qb4 Qd5+ 42. Kh2 Ra8 43. Rb2 Qc6 44. Qb7 Qxb7 45. Rxb7



It seems the d6-pawn is still stuck, so White has to go for a second weakness. Can you spot where she is headed?

45. ... Kf8 46. Kg2 Ke8 47. Rb5 Nf8 48. Kf3 Kd7 49. Rb6 Kc8 50. Ke4 Kd7 51. Kd4 Ke8 52. Kc4 Nd7 53. Rb5 Nf8 54. Kb4 Kd7 55. Ra5



Did you see this? The king walked all the way across the board to grab the a-pawn, while keeping the black king from helping.

55. ... Rxa5 56. Kxa5 Kc6 57. Kxa4 Nd7 58. Kb4 Nc5 59. a4 Na6+ 60. Kc4 Nc5 61. a5 Na6

Still things aren't so easy. Every single pawn is on the same color as White's bishop, and Black has a fortress set up. Watch how White keeps trying different ideas until one works!

62. Bb6 Nb8 63. Bd8 Na6 64. Bc7 Nc5

White marches through after 64. ... Nxc7 65. dxc7 Kxc7 66. Kc5 Kb7 67. Kd6.

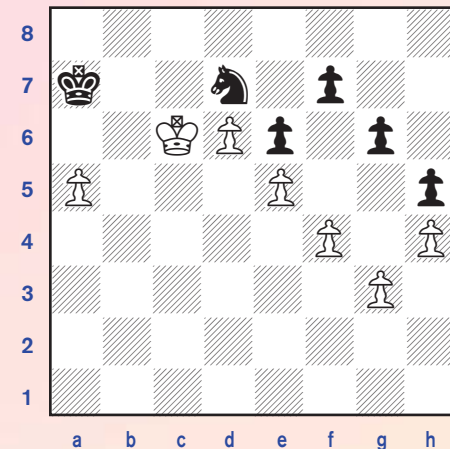
65. Bb8 Nd7 66. Ba7

Uh-oh! Black is in *Zugzwang*. No pawns can move safely, and the only safe knight move—... Nf8—allows the a-pawn to finally advance. So Black must move the king.

66. ... Kb7

It looks like the fortress is still holding, as after the bishop moves, the king can head back to c6. But instead, White found ...

67. Kb5! Kxa7 68. Kc6



And despite losing her last piece, her pawns are too strong and the blockade is finally broken.

68. ... Nb8+ 69. Kc7 Na6+ 70. Kc8 Nc5 71. d7

It took more than 50 moves to push this pawn safely!

71. ... Nxd7 72. Kxd7 Ka6 73. Ke7

Kxa5 74. Kxf7 Kb5 75. Kxe6 Kc6 76. Kf7 Kd5 77. e6 Ke4 78. e7 Kf3 79. e8=Q Kxg3 80. Kxg6 Kf3 81. f5 Kg3 82. f6 Kf4 83. f7 Kg4 84. f8=Q Kxh4 85. Qe3 Kg4 86. Qff4#, 1-0

Congratulations to all the winners. Kids, try to get your rating as high as you can, and maybe you will be invited to play in the third edition next summer! Though the final details have not been announced yet, IM Rensch has stated that *ChessKid.com* and the USCF expect to use the top ratings lists as of the February USCF supplement as the cut-off for inviting next year's top players.

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Learn, Play, Teach, Enjoy



by Christina Schweiss

On the weekend of May 31st – June 1st, 2013, over 100 Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts participated in the first-ever Tidewater Council Cub Scout / Boy Scout Chess Tournament and Merit Badge / Belt Loop / Pin Intensive Workshop.

Hosted at the Bayside Presbyterian Church in Virginia Beach, home of Cub



The next morning, almost 70 boys (about 55 Boy Scouts and about 15 Cub Scouts) returned to participate in an unrated chess tournament (Boy Scouts played five rounds and Cub Scouts four, Swiss System Game/40 d5). The tournament was run courtesy of the Virginia Chess Federation



Scout Pack and Boy Scout Troop 364, over 100 Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts

began arriving at 3 PM on Friday, May 31st and trained non-stop through almost 10 PM to earn their awards. Boys rotated through a number of stations to earn their requirements, led by local chess volunteers from Hampton Roads Chess Club, Scout leaders and parents, and even one First Class Boy Scout who had already earned his chess merit badge and is a USCF rated player.

At one point during the night, the Boy Scouts took a break from their training to teach the Cub Scouts how to play, as one of the requirements for the merit badge. Three certified chess merit badge counselors (Christina Schweiss, Robert Crandall, and Mark Orr) were on hand to oversee training and sign off on the boys' requirements.



(VCF). Both tournament directors (TDs) (Ernie Schlich, chief TD, and Mike Hoffpaur, assistant TD) are national level TDs.

Boys had learned notation the night



before and worked hard to keep notation during their games (even Cub Scouts), as well as practicing using chess clocks provided by VCF and

In addition, trophies were presented to the top three Cub Scout packs and top three Boy Scout troops. All of the other boys were awarded medals, and



the Virginia Scholastic Chess Association (VSCA), which also provided the boards/sets for the training and tournament.

Volunteers were on hand from the Hampton Roads Chess Club, as well as volunteer Scouters (adult Scout leaders) to analyze games with the boys between rounds on Saturday. Trophies were presented for the top five individuals in each section (Cub Scout and Boy Scout), class awards for top Tiger, top Wolf, top Bear, top new Scout (fresh fifth grade cross-overs from Cub Scouts to Boy Scouts who played in the Boy Scout section with their new troops), top Scout/Tenderfoot, and top Second/ First Class Scout.

all boys received a certificate for their participation in the tournament. Volunteers were also recognized with certificates at the Boy Scout awards ceremony on Saturday.

By the end of the weekend, over 50 Boy Scouts had earned their chess merit badge, and an equal number of Cub Scouts had earned their chess belt loop and/or academic pin. We followed up with the boys with information on how to continue to study and play chess online and through local resources. Many expressed interest in continuing to pursue chess.

The event was envisioned, designed, planned, and executed by Christina Schweiss (that's me!), a devoted "chess mom." I had wanted to run such an event ever since hearing the announcement that the chess merit badge would be created, and we were finally able to make it a reality.

We began planning seriously for the event in January 2013 and pulled it off, with the help of many volunteers and my 24 plus years in the Army (the last 10 as a strategic planner), almost five months later.



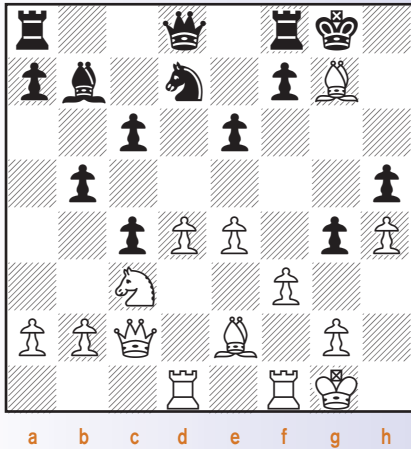
MAKE ONE MOVE

by Pete Tamburro

Every chess player, sooner or later, reaches a position where, if they make just one move, that move decides the game—either winning or perhaps ensuring a draw.

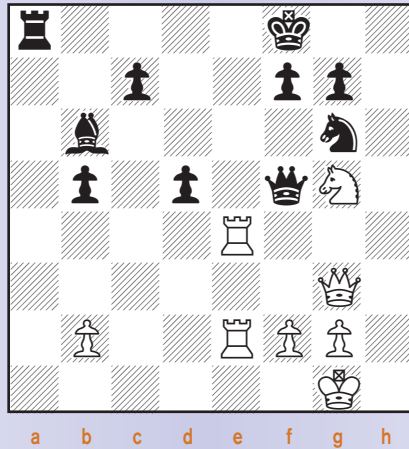
Sometimes you don't find that move until a friend points it out to you after the game ("Why didn't you just go there?") or your chess engine immediately pops it out when you go over your game. Your challenge here is to find that only move to decide the game.

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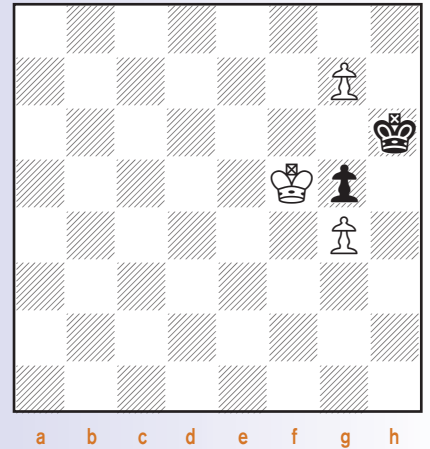
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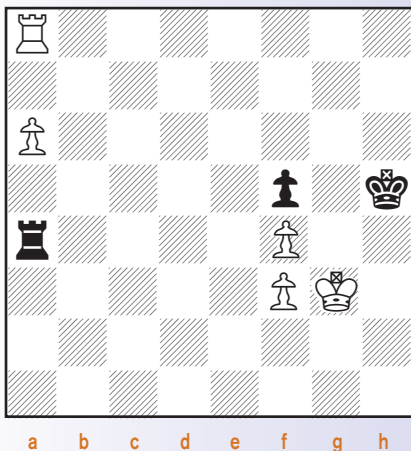
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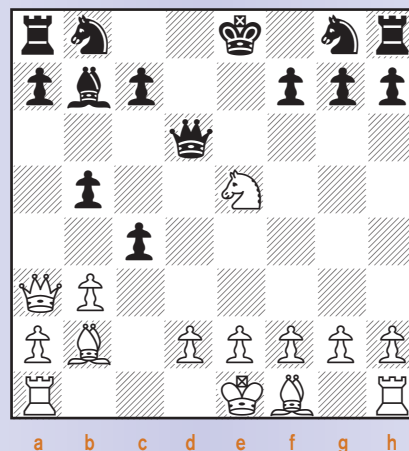
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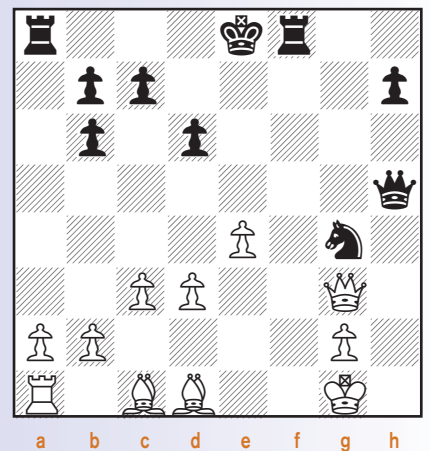
Black to Move

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Black to Move

#6



Black to Move

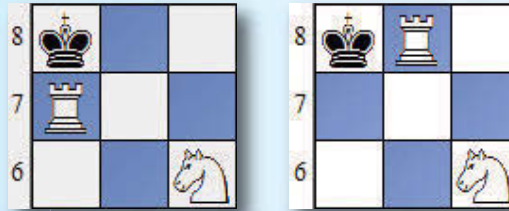
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You can do it!

by Jon Edwards

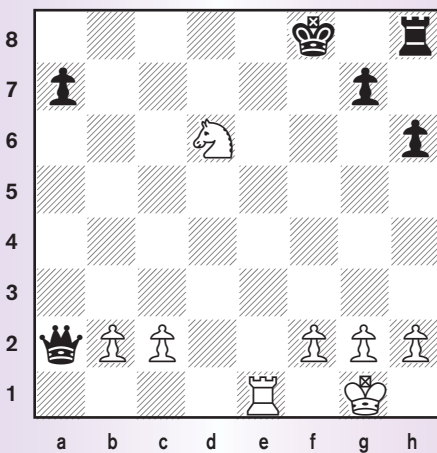
Knights and rooks work very well together. In the following diagrams, you can see that the rook delivers checkmate with a timely assist from the knight.



As common as this mate is in the corner, it can also occur in the middle of the board, albeit with a bit of help from friendly and enemy pieces and pawns.

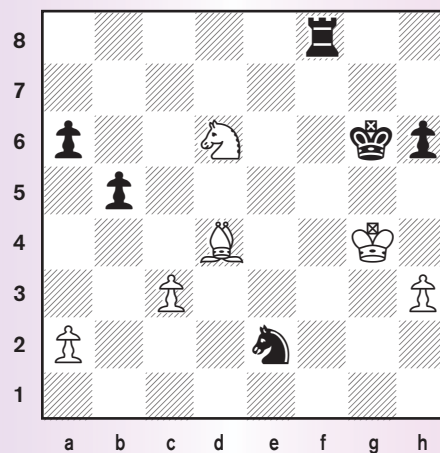
In each of the following positions, your task is to find the mate in one. All of these mates occurred in real games. And yes ... you can do it!

Quiz #1



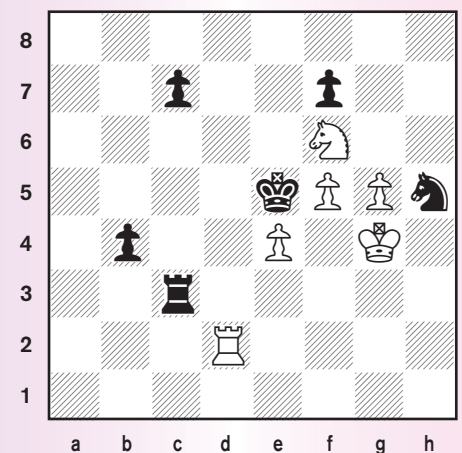
White to move

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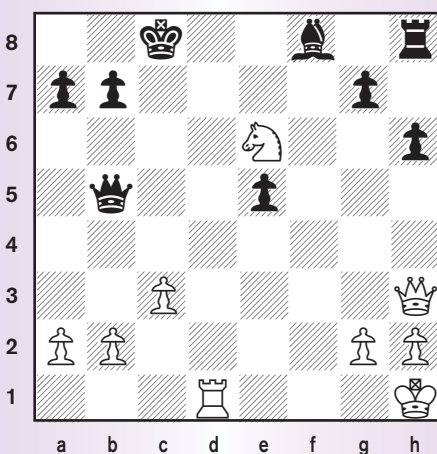
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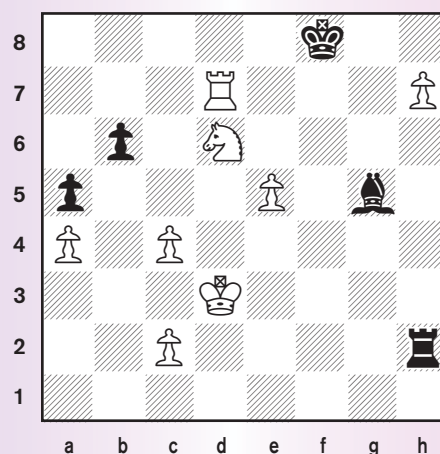
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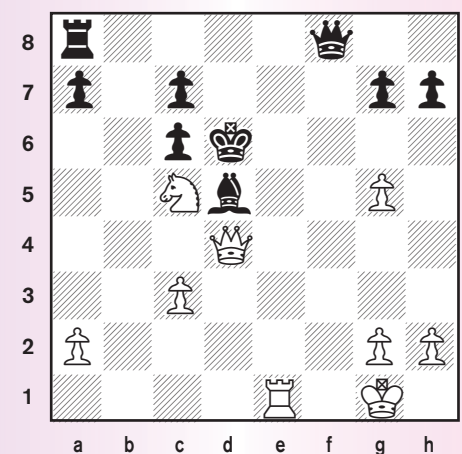
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Quiz #4



White to move

Quiz #6



White to move

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SEARCHING FOR CAISSA ... IN CARISSA!

by Carissa Yip



I'll bet you didn't know there was a Goddess of Chess! You can Google it! Carissa, a member of the 2013 Trophies Plus All-America Team, made headlines earlier this year across New England, when she became the youngest girl to achieve an expert's rating (at age 9).

As mentioned in the National Online Championship article, Carissa likes beating grownups. And so does her coach, Grandmaster Larry Christiansen!

I asked her father if Carissa might be interested in a pre-school project, and she annotated two of her favorite games for us.

The Editor

It was February 10, 2013, the day for the Spiegel Cup Invitation Championship, the most prestigious scholastic tournament in Massachusetts. I remembered the first time I was invited to this championship. It was two years ago and I had just joined the USCF for three months. Jason Tang was number one seed and I was number nine in this 10-player tournament. He was rated 1475, and I was just 917. In that tournament, I lost to Jason Tang, and got second place, not a bad result for someone who just played competitive chess for three months!

Two years after my first Spiegel Cup Championship, we met again in the Spiegel Cup. I grew from a rating of around 900 to over 1800 in the past two years. Nithin, Jason, Conway and I were the top four in this 10-player tournament for 11-and-Under.

Jason was unstoppable. He beat Nithin in round three. I lost to Nithin in round two. Jason was leading with a score of 3. Nithin, Conway and I tied for second with a score of 2. Nithin and Conway wanted me to beat Jason so we all would be co-champions.

"Beat him, Carissa!" everyone was shouting. One of the chess moms also said, "Beat him! For the girls!"

I had never beaten Jason before. It might be time for a change today? Or was he really unstoppable? My dad told me not to accept a draw. Jason offered me a draw before the game

started. I didn't know if he was serious. A draw was enough for him to be the sole winner of this championship, but I would get nothing, not even the bronze.

The pressure is on! Not just for myself, but for Nithin, Conway and the girls. Of course my dad too! With such a responsibility, I decided to play the most dangerous weapon I have ever known, the Smith Morra Gambit—I always got a very promising position with this opening.

I started with 1. e4 and he replied with 1. ... c5. The game continued.

MOVE THE PIECES!

Yip, Carissa (1822) - Tang, Jason (1868) (B22)

Spiegel Cup (4)
February 10, 2013

1. e4 c5 2. d4 cxd4 3. c3

I played the Smith Morra Gambit because it was a must win situation but ...

3. ... Nf6

... he declined.

4. e5 Nd5 5. Nf3 Nc6 6. cxd4 e6

If 6. ... d6 7. Bc4 (7. Nc3 Nxc3 [7. ... dxe5] 8. bxc3 dxe5 9. d5). That's a lot of "ifs" but you have to look at these moves.

7. Nc3 Bb4 8. Qc2

Maybe 8. Bd2 is better.

8. ... d6 9. exd6 Qxd6 10. Bd3 Nf6

I didn't understand the move. The

knight retreated. Is he playing for a draw?

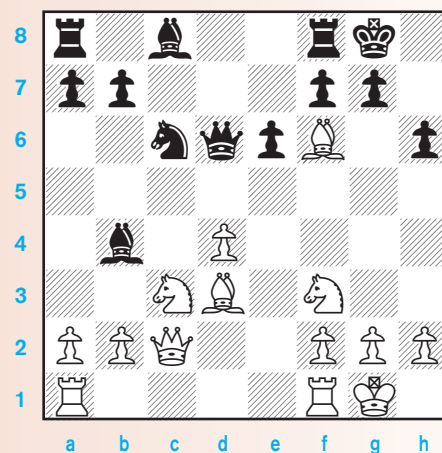
11. 0-0 0-0

11. ... Nxd4 would be answered by 12. Nxd4 Qxd4 13. Nb5.

12. Bg5! h6

12. ... Nxd4 13. Nxd4 Qxd4 14. Nb5 Qg4 15. Bxf6 gxf6 16. Bxh7+ Kg7 17. Nc7 Rb8 18. Be4 Bd6 19. h3 Rh8 20. hxg4 Bh2+ 21. Kh1 Bxc7+ 22. Bh7 Rxh7+ 23. Qxh7+ Kxh7. Whew!

13. Bxf6!



13. ... gxf6

Black's king is now unsafe. Now is the time to attack. I own the initiative, and became aggressive with every move.

14. Ne4 Qe7 15. a3 Bd6 16. Qd2 Kg7 17. Rfe1 Nd8?

Too passive! This contributes to his loss.

18. Ng3 Bxg3

He exchanges pieces to reduce my attacking power.

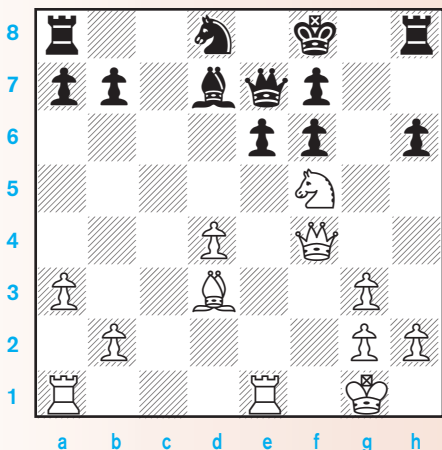
19. fxd3 Rh8 20. Qf4 Kf8

Black's king wants to hide.

21. Nh4

I want the f5-square to improve my knight.

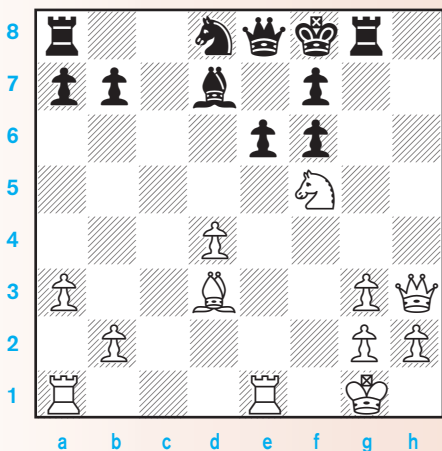
21. ... Bd7 22. Nf5



22. ... Qe8 23. Nxe6

23. d5 e5 24. Qb4+ Kg8 25. Ne7+ Kg7 26. Rf1 b6 27. Rxf6 Kxf6 28. Rf1+ Kg7 29. Qd6 Be6 30. Qxe5+ Kf8 31. Ng6+ Kg8 32. Qxh8# is one line I looked at.

23. ... Qe7 24. Nf5 Qe8 25. Qg4 Rg8 26. Qh3



This threatens mate with Qh6.

26. ... exf5

The only move! Black sacrifices the queen to escape the mating net. My knight was too powerful at f5!

27. Rxe8+ Kxe8 28. Re1+ Kf8 29. Qh6+ Rg7

If the queen takes the bishop pawn now, the black king could move to g8 and be a bit safer: **30. Qxf6 Kg8 31. Qe7 Be6.**

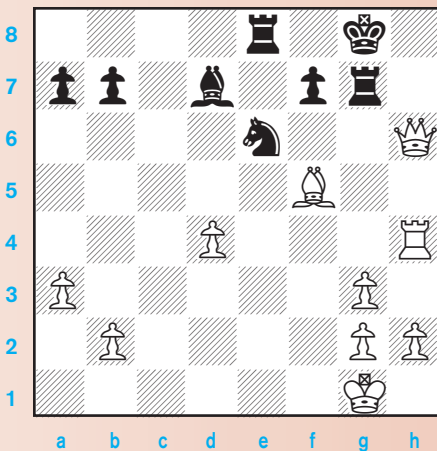
30. Qh8+

White forces the rook to g8, so the king would have no escape. White also threatened Qd3-e7 to win a piece.

30. ... Rg8 31. Qxf6 Ne6 32. Bxf5 Re8

Finally the rook wakes up to say goodbye to his king.

33. Qh6+ Rg7 34. Re4 Kg8 35. Rh4, 1-0.



After the game, Jason, Conway and I were declared Massachusetts co-champions for the 11-and-Under section. We were all happy!

Summer had come. It was June, and I just won the USCF National Online Invitational Championship sponsored by *Chess.com* and *Chesskid.com*.

As usual, my dad wanted me to play more chess before I started my summer vacation in China. We went to the Boylston Chess Club and it was the last round.

I had 1½ out of 3. I beat someone rated around 2100, drew a master and lost to another master. I was rated around 1940 at that time. I was told that if I won the last game, I could get over 2000.

My opponent was an older kid, Siddharth Arun, whose rating was 2102. We had one encounter two years ago and it was a draw. I have improved a lot but so has he!

I was White, and I started with 1. e4. As usual, he replied with 1. ... c6, a Caro-Kann. I have played the Caro-Kann as White many times, and I was quite comfortable with this opening.

I have played many different variations of the Caro-Kann, but this time I stayed with the main line.

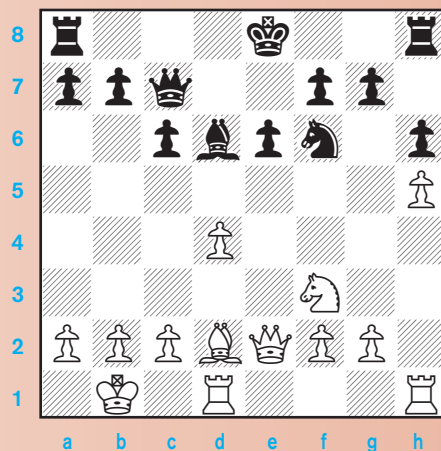
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Yip, Carissa (1943) - Arun, Siddharth (2102) (B19)

Boylston Chess Club

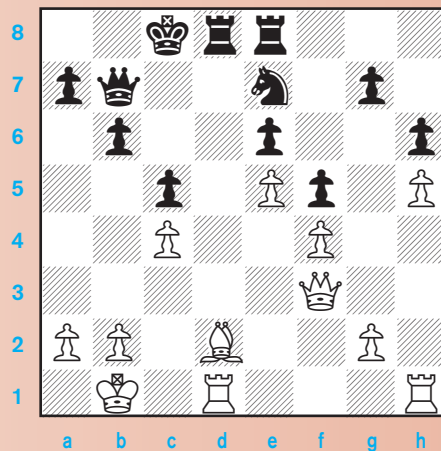
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1. e4 c6 2. d4 d5 3. Nd2 dxe4 4. Nxe4 Bf5 5. Ng3 Bg6 6. Nf3 Nd7 7. h4 h6 8. h5 Bh7 9. Bd3 Bxd3 10. Qxd3 e6 11. Be3 Ngf6 12. 0-0-0 Qa5 13. Kb1 Bd6 14. Bd2 Qc7 15. Ne4 Nxe4 16. Qxe4 Nf6 17. Qe2



This was the last book move.

17. ... 0-0-0 18. Ne5 Bxe5 19. dxe5 Nd5 20. f4 Rhe8 21. Qg4 f5 22. Qf3 c5 23. Qa3 b6 24. c4 Ne7 25. Qf3 Qb7



26. Qg3?

Giving up the only open diagonal to Black's queen is a positional mistake. The black queen becomes very active

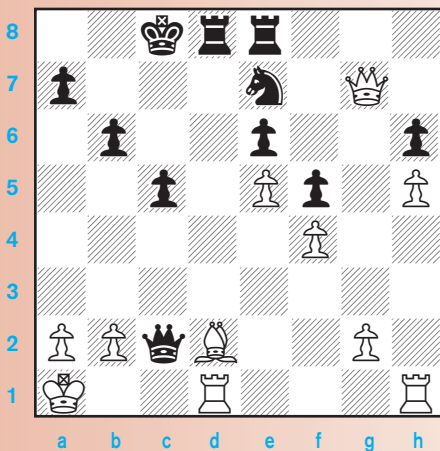
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with the next move. It is better to exchange queens and get an equal position with 26. Qxb7+ Kxb7; and with 26. Bc3 Qxf3 27. gxf3; I have the semi-open g-file but it is equal because I have weak doubled pawns and Black has a weak g-pawn.

26. ... Qe4+!

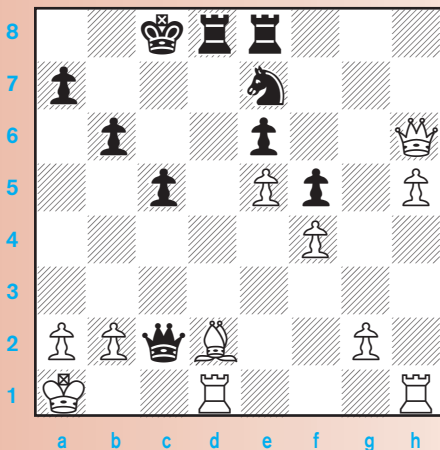
Black centralizes the queen, which becomes very active.

27. Ka1 Qxc4 28. Qxg7 Qc2



Black is better because of the active queen.

29. Qxh6



29. ... Nc6

Black decides not to give up the e-pawn and the center. 29. ... Rxd2 and Black can also earn a piece, but as compensation, White gets a dangerous h-pawn, and an active queen in this variation. 30. Rxd2 Qxd2 31. Qxe6+.

30. Qg6 Re7

Black decides the h-pawn is a threat and wants to take care of it before it is too late.

31. h6 Rdd7 32. Qg3 Rh7 33. Qf3

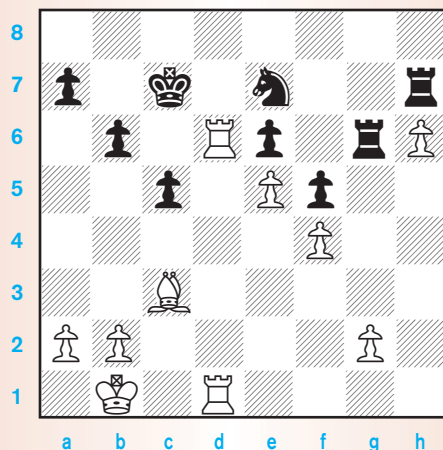
Kc7 34. Qe2 Qd3 35. Qxd3 Rxd3 36. Kb1 Rg3 37. Bc3 Rg6

Black continues his plan to get rid of the h-pawn.

38. Rd6 Ne7

Better was 38. ... Rgxh6 39. Rxh6 Rxh6.

39. Rhd1

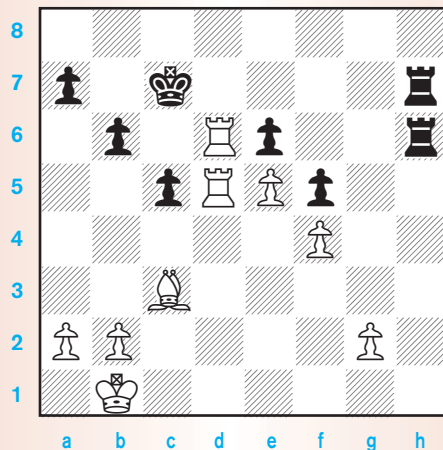


Realizing that the h-pawn cannot be saved, I double up the rooks on the d-file, and focus on the black king.

39. ... Nd5??

Black did not spend a lot of time thinking about this move. He tries to destroy my plan. However, it is inaccurate as it is a tactical mistake, and a decisive mistake. Always check for tactics even if it is a good positional move. Take your time and do not rush.

40. R1xd5 Rgxh6



If 40. ... exd5 41. Rxg6 d4 42. Rg7+ Rxg7 43. hxg7 dxc3 44. g8=Q and White wins.

41. Rd2 Rg6 42. a3 Re7 43. b4 cxb4 44. axb4 Rg4 45. b5 Rxf4 46. Rc6+ Kb7 47. Rdd6 Rf1+ 48. Kb2 Rf2+ 49. Kb3 Rxg2 50. Rxe6 Rxe6 51.

Rxe6 Rg7 52. Rf6 a6 53. e6, 1-0.

Black resigns after this move because of 53. ... Rg3 54. Rf7+ Kb8 55. e7 Re3 56. Rf8+ Kb7 57. e8=Q Rxe8 58. Rxe8.

After 39. ... Nd5??, I knew the game was over, and I might become a nine-year-old expert! However we had to wait until the tournament was rated. After having a quick dinner at a restaurant with my dad, we went to a bookstore to spend the night reading my favorite Percy Jackson series there.

Suddenly my dad told me that I was an expert! He had just received an e-mail from George Mirijanian, the tournament director of the Wachusett chess club, congratulating me on reaching a rating of 2007.

Steve Frymer, Massachusetts chess scholastic chairman, was also excited about my achievement as I was the youngest expert ever in Massachusetts, according to his recollection.

He and my dad tried to find out who was the youngest female expert ever in the history of USCF. My dad e-mailed USCF, and we were told that I broke the female expert record!

Girls, we can play chess as well as any boy. Play a good game, and you might set a new record too!



The First Move to Tournament Play

by Wendi Fischer, Executive Director, America's Foundation for Chess

It's a room with 1,000 kids and the silence is almost overwhelming, the only thing you can hear are pieces moving, clocks tapping, and young minds thinking.

This is the world of tournament chess. It can be daunting to even the most experienced players, and yet brings a sense of excitement and energy as well.

There are many different roads that can lead you to a chess tournament, and more kids are finding the road starts in school.

Over 80,000 students across the country will be learning chess this fall in their second or third grade classroom as part of the **First Move** chess program. "Chess

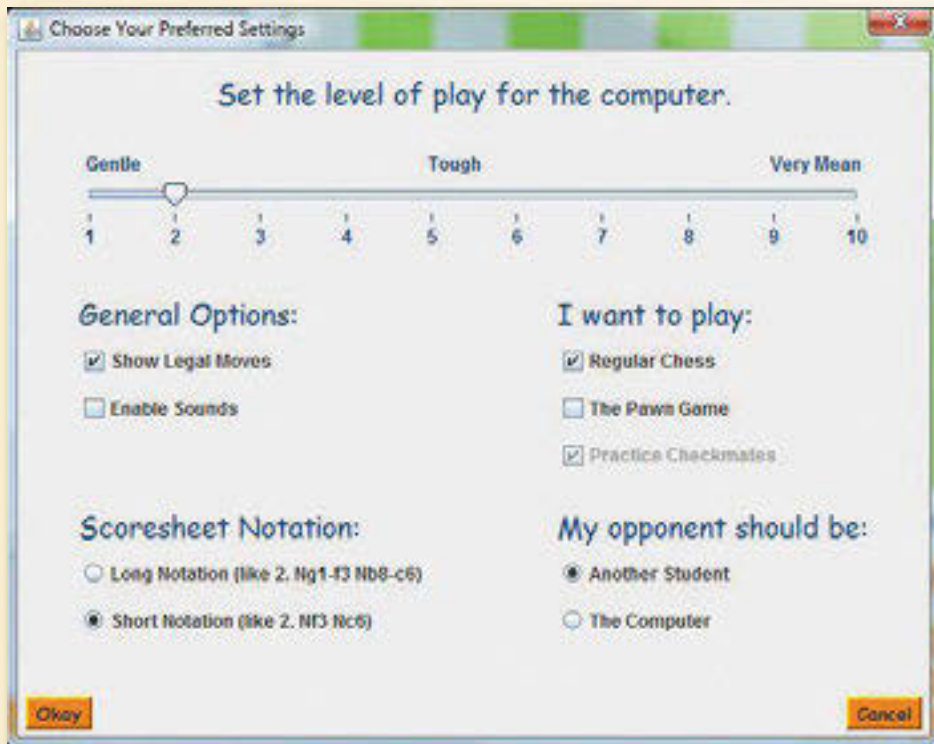
in the classroom as part of the school day?" you ask. You bet!

After school clubs are great, but not

all kids can participate. By having chess in the classroom all kids get to learn chess. Besides, learning should be fun and having **First Move** in school is fun and delivers important education benefits. Numerous studies have shown that learning chess increases academic achievement. **First Move** teaches kids how to be strong critical thinkers; important skills for the chessboard and in life.

Schools are picking up on the multiple benefits chess offers; from social to cognitive. Another benefit is that chess levels the playing field. Classrooms are very diverse with boys and girls of different size, shape, ethnicity, spoken language, and none of those things matter when two people play chess.

Jose, a second grader in Texas said he loves chess because, "On the playground, I'm small, but on the chessboard I'm really big!"



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What makes **First Move** so easy for teachers and fun for kids is that *the entire curriculum is on video*; The Chess Lady teaches and the classroom teacher facilitates the activities (no chess knowledge required). **Every student gets a chess set, theirs to keep**, so they can take chess home and share it with their families and friends. But wait, there's more!

When every second and third grader

at a school learns to play chess through **First Move** many develop a love of chess and want more. That is why **First Move** includes **online chess play**.

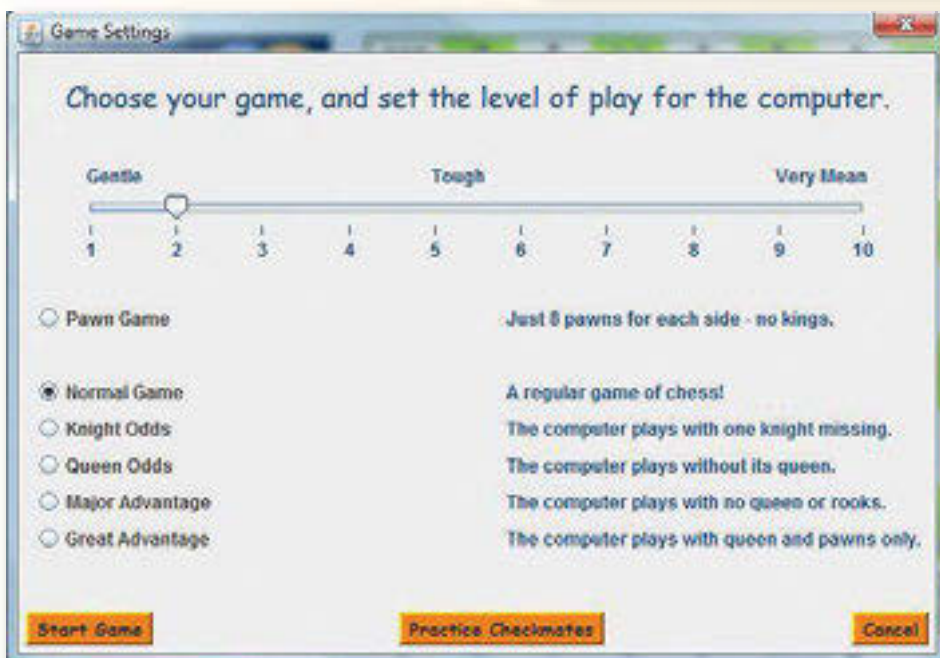
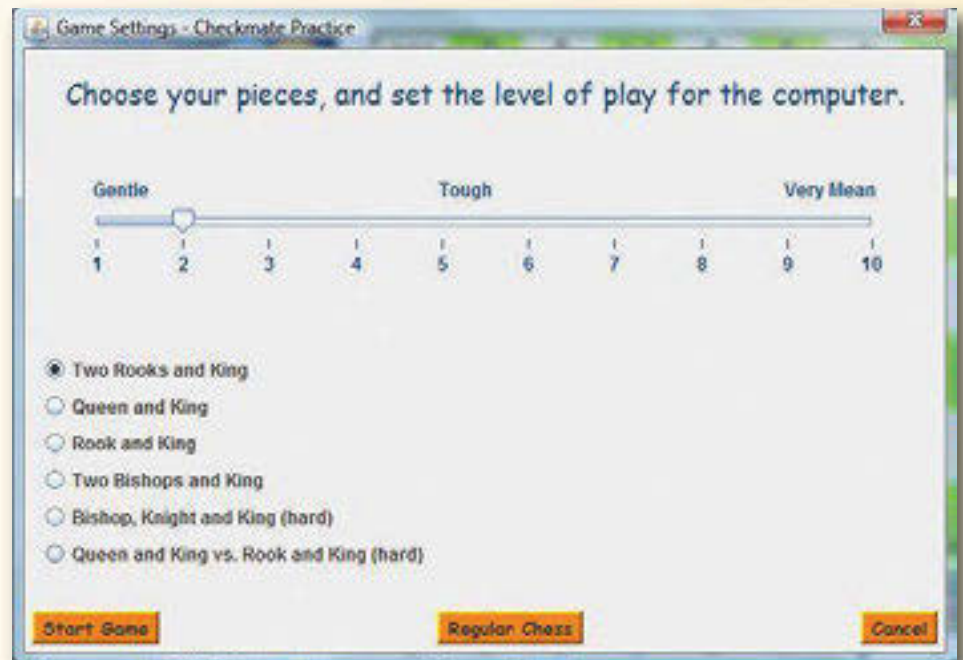
This site is highly restricted, there's no chat, just the opportunity to play chess against another student somewhere in the country or against the computer. It is a great tool because it won't let you accidentally make an ille-

gal move.

Teachers like it because it reinforces what kids are learning in class. **First Move** online play is now available to clubs and individuals for a small yearly fee. Where does all of this lead you?

Well, by learning chess in school or in a club, and practicing online, you can prepare yourself for the big arena, tournament chess!

For information about getting First Move into your school call toll free, 1-866-973-2342 or e-mail us, info@firstmovechess.org.



To sign up for online play, go to: firstmovechess.org or www.firstmovechess.org/play

A full year of **First Move** Chess Online Play is \$10; please visit the website for more information and special offers.

Answers, We've got Answers.

MAKE ONE MOVE! (FROM PAGE 18)

Position One Solution: 1. ... **g3!** Mate after Qxh4 can't be prevented (Palliser-Haslinger, U.K., 2007). 1. ... Qxh4 right away loses: 1. ... Qxh4 2. fxg4 Kxg7 3. gxh5.

Position Two Solution: Black's only chance to save the game is: 1. ... **Rxa6** 2. **Rxa6** (2. Rh8+ Kg6 3. Rg8+ Kf6 4. Rf8+ Kg6 is equal.) **Stalemate!** Black loses after: 1. ... Ra1 2. a7 Rg1+ 3. Kf2 Ra1 4. Rh8+ and 1. ... Kg6 2. a7 Kg7 3. Kf2 Ra3 4. Ke2 Kf7 5. Rh8 Rxa7 6. Rh7+ (Based on Grischuk-Lima, 2007).

Position Three Solution: You have to look at all checks—and back rank mates! 1. **Qa3+ Kg8** (1. ... Rxa3 2. Re8#; 1. ... Ne7 2. Qxe7+ (2. Qxa8+ Qc8 3. Qxc8+ Nxc8 4. Re8#) 2. ... Kg8 3. Qe8+ Rxe8 4. Rxe8#; 1. ... c5 2. Qxa8+ Qc8 3. Qxc8+ Bd8 4. Qxd8#) 2. **Re8+ Rxe8** (2. ... Nf8 3. Qxf8#) 3. **Rxe8+ Nf8** 4. **Qxf8#** (G. Jones-Hasan, Hastings, 2007-08) A long game results from: 1. Nh7+ Kg8 2. Re8+ Rxe8 3. Rxe8+ Kxh7 4. Qh2+ Nh4 5. Qxh4+ Kg6 6. g4 Qg5. I.A. Horowitz used to call White's first move an "airplane check."

Position Four Solution: From a famous game played many years ago between Edward Lasker as Black and Carlos Torre as White. Black missed winning a piece and the game. He overlooked 1. ... **c3!** If 2. Bxc3 Qxa3. If 2. dxc3 Qxe5 and if 2. Qxd6 cxd6 and White must lose his bishop or knight next move.

Position Five Solution: From Tartakower-Yates, Hamburg, 1927. Tartakower had given up his queen for a rook to reach this position because he thought Black (Yates) would play 1. ... Kxg7 where 2. Kxg5 would give White the opposition and an easy endgame win. However, Yates stunned him with 1. ... **Kh7!** It's a draw! 2. **Kf6** (2. Kxg5 Kxg7 and now Black has the opposition.) 2. ... **Kg8** 3. **Kf5** (3. Kg6 Stalemate.) 3. ... **Kf7!** (3. ... Kxg7?? 4. Kxg5) 4. **Kxg5 Kxg7 Drawn** If you don't know what the opposition is in king and pawn endings, it's time for you to find out right away!

Position Six Solution: Black, Zukertort, one of the strongest of the 19th century masters and creator of brilliant combinations played 1. ... Rg8 here instead of 1. ... **Qh1+!** 2. **Kxh1 Rf1 mate!** That back rank business again!

YOU CAN DO IT! (FROM PAGE 19)

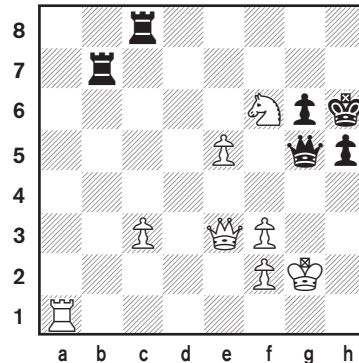
Solutions

- #1 Re8 mate, Schlechter-Kern, Berlin, 1893
- #2 Rd8 mate, Svensson-Englund, Stockholm, 1897
- #3 ... Rf4 mate, Kamphuizen-Blanck, The Hague, 1873
- #4 Rf7 mate Delmar-Fox, Cambridge Springs, 1904
- #5 Rd5 mate, Prokes-Pokorny, Pardubice 1923
- #6 Re6 mate, Torre-Bigelow, New York, 1924

SUMMER BRAIN STRAIN (FROM AUGUST ISSUE)

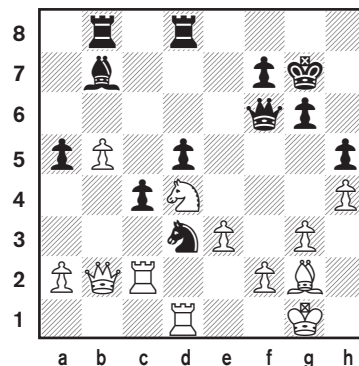
Congratulations to all our readers who responded! We'll have to come up with something more difficult next summer! Everyone who responded with at least one correct answer will receive a copy of *606 Puzzles for Chess Nuts* by Fred Wilson and Bruce Alberston.

Deflection Opportunities



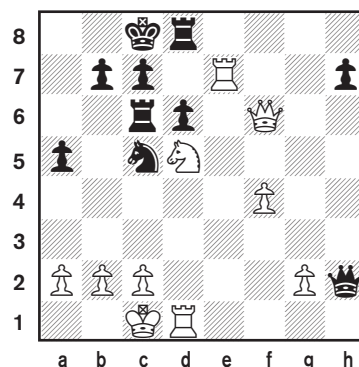
Position One Solution, White to Play: What you should notice here right away is that the black queen is protected by the black king. Is there some way to get the king to move away? If you remember the great thinking rule of looking at all checks, captures and

forced moves, you will see that there is 1. **Ng4+**. If the king moves away the queen is lost, so 1. ... hxg4 2. Rh1+ and the queen is won for the small sacrifice of a knight as the queen is pinned and can't cover the check.



Position Two Solution, White to Play: This is the same idea as position one, but a wee bit more complicated. White has the same question as in that position: how do I get the king away from protection of the king, except here he obviously has to move the knight with

check to accomplish that. However, we need more than that. Oh, if only after 1. Ne6+ fxe6, we could play 2. Rc7+ to chase the king. Aha! 1. **Rxd3 cxd3** 2. **Ne6+** (deflecting the f-pawn to allow the check) 2. ... fxe6 3. **Rc7+ Kg8** 4. **Qxf6** and mate in at most two.



Position Three Solution, White to Play: Here again, we have a king guarding a piece. This time it's a rook. Do we have some check, capture or both to help us nab that rook? You bet we do! By deflecting the rook and eliminating the pawn protecting b6, we reach our

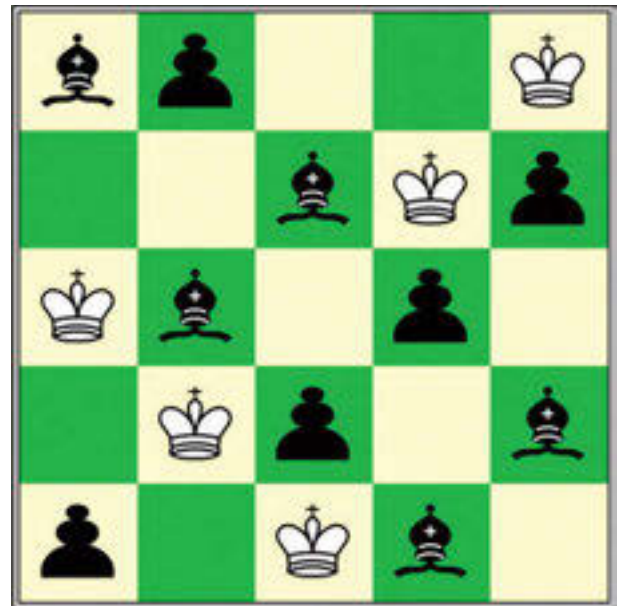
Answers, We've got Answers.

goal: **1. Rxc7+ Rxc7** (Not deflecting gets you mated, too: 1. ... Kb8 2. Qxd8+ Ka7 3. Rxc6 Ne6 4. Qxa5+ Kb8 5. Nb6 bxc6 6. Qa8+ Kc7 7. Qa7+ Kd8 8. Qd7#) **2. Nb6+ Kb8 3. Qxd8+ Ka7 4. Qxc7 Qxf4+ 5. Kb1 Qb4 6. Nc8+ Ka8 7. a3 Qg4 8. Rxd6 Qh5 9. Qb6 Kb8 10. Ne7 Qg4** (10. ... Na6 11. Rd8#) **11. Rd8+ Qc8 12. Rxc8#.**

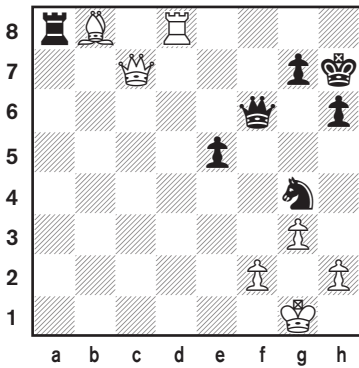
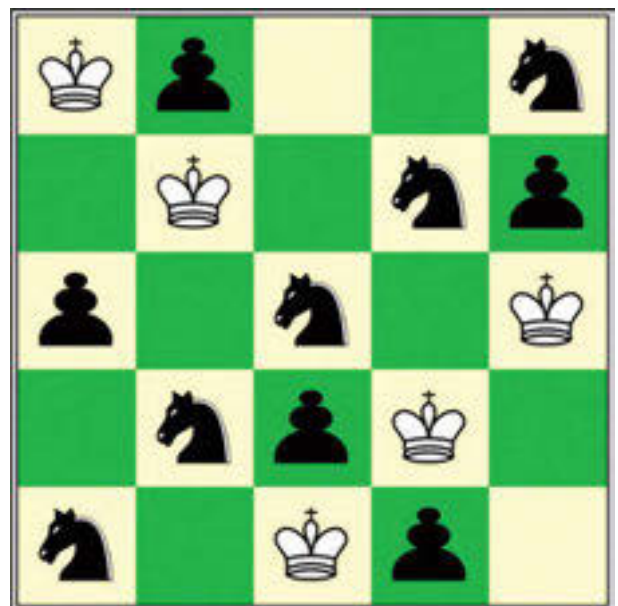
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CHECKU (FROM PAGE 9)

Puzzle #1 solution:

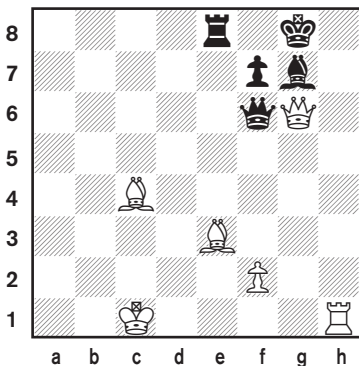


Puzzle #2 solution:



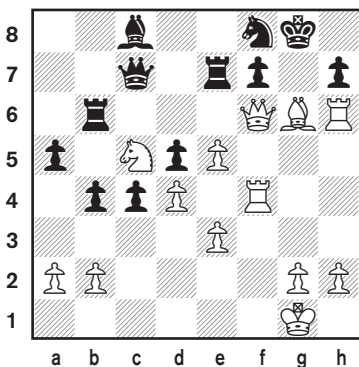
Position Four Solution, White to Play: When we tell you to look at all checks and captures and forced moves, we're not kidding! You need to see the "airplane check" with **1. Qc2+**. Why? Look at Black's choices: 1. ... e4 just loses a pawn and doesn't change anything;

1. ... g6 loses to 2. Rd7+ and the last possibility 1. ... Qg6 gives us that familiar king defending the queen set up again! We now know how to deflect. Thus **1. ... Qg6 2. Rh8+ Kxh8 3. Qxg6**, winning the queen.



Position Five Solution, White to Play: Did you check all those checks, captures and forced moves? If you looked at **1. Bxf7+** (the right move) Qxf7 brings us to that very important question for this set of problems: how do we deflect the king to leave the protection of his

queen? Yup! A check! **1. ... Qxf7** (1. ... Kf8 2. Bc5+ Re7 3. Bxe7+ Kxe7 [3. ... Qxe7 4. Rh8+ Bxh8 5. Qg8#] 4. Re1+ Kd7 5. Qg4+ Kc7 6. Qc4+ Kb7 7. Qb5+ Kc7 8. Qc5+ Kb7 9. Bd5+ Ka6 10. Re6+) **2. Rh8+ Kxh8 3. Qxf7** and we've done it again!



Position Six Solution, White to Play: This is a very famous old position won by the American legend, Harry Nelson Pillsbury against Wolf at Monte Carlo in 1903. He won by using a deflection sacrifice: **1. Oxb6** which wins, because **1. ... Qxb6** (1. ... fxc6 2. Qf6 Bf5 3.

Tournament Life Announcements

OCTOBER 15 THROUGH DECEMBER 14

Scholastic Members:

As a service to you, we are listing upcoming National USCF rated events, and requested events of possible interest to you. You can always log in to www.uschess.org, and click on "Clubs & Tournaments." Then click on "Upcoming Tournaments" for a complete listing of upcoming rated events and details. As always, you can check out the TLA section of *Chess Life*.

Organizers and Tournament Directors:

If you would like your tournament listed here in *Chess Life* for Kids for December (events to be held after December 14), the deadline for submitting your announcements is October 10th. The deadline for the February 2014 issue is December 10th. The processing fee is \$1.00 per line for the first eight lines, \$2.00 for every line thereafter. Send your announcements to Joan DuBois, tda@uschess.org.

Display advertising is also available. Advertising rates are posted on the USCF website, www.uschess.org, or you may email: tda@uschess.org for complete details.

ABBREVIATIONS & TERMS

All tournaments are non-smoking with no computers allowed unless otherwise advertised by **S** and/or **C** (see below for explanations).

BLZ:	Blitz rated.
QC:	Quick Chess events.
\$\$\$Gtd:	Guaranteed prizes.
\$\$b/x:	Based-on prizes, x = number of entries needed to pay full prize fund. At least 50% of the advertised prize fund of \$501 or more must be awarded.
Bye:	Indicates which rounds players who find it inconvenient to play may take 1/2-point byes instead. For example, Bye 1-3 means 1/2-point byes are available in Rounds 1 through 3.
CC:	Chess club.
EF:	Entry fee.
Ent:	Where to mail entries.
FIDE:	Results submitted to FIDE for possible rating.
G/:	Game in. For instance, G/75 means each side has 75 minutes for the entire game.
GPP:	Grand Prix Points available.
HR:	Hotel rates. For example, 60-65-70-75 means \$60 single, \$65 twin, \$70/3 in room, \$75/4 in room.
JGP:	Junior Grand Prix.
Memb. req'd:	Membership required; cost follows. Usually refers to state affiliate.
Open:	A section open to all. Often has very strong players, but some eligible for lower sections can play for the learning experience.
Quad:	4-player round robin sections; similar strength players.
RBO:	Rated Beginner's Open.
Rds:	Rounds; scheduled game times follow. For example, 11-5, 9-3 means games begin 11 a.m. & 5 p.m. on the first day, 9 a.m. & 3 p.m. on the second day.
Reg:	Registration at site.
RR:	Round robin (preceded by number of rounds).
SD/:	Sudden-death time control (time for rest of game follows). For example, 30/90, SD/1 means each player must make 30 moves in 90 minutes, then complete the rest of the game in an hour.
SS:	Swiss-System pairings (preceded by number of rounds).

NATIONALS

Oct. 26, California, Northern

Trophies Plus Grand Prix Points: 50 (Enhanced)
2013 U.S. Game/30 Championship

5SS, G/30 d5 - \$8,000 b/167 fully paid entries - 70% guaranteed. Hotel rate \$89 until available (book early): Santa Clara Hilton, 4949 Great America Parkway, Santa Clara, CA 95054, 408-330-0001. Free Parking. In 9 sections: **Open Section (1900+):** \$1,500, 700, 300, 100, Top u2300 \$200, 100, Top u2100 \$200, 100. **1600-1899 Section:** \$1,000, 400, 100, 100. **1300-1599 Section:** \$1,000, 400, 100, 100. **Under 1300 Section:** \$1,000, 400, 100, 100. **800-999 Section:** Trophies to Top 15 players and Top 5 teams. **600-799 Section:** Trophies to Top 15 players and Top 5 teams. **400-599 Section:** Trophies to Top 15 players and Top 5 teams. **200-399 Section:** Trophies to Top 15 players and Top 5 teams. **Under 200 Section:** Trophies to Top 15 players and Top 5 teams. Unrated may play in any section but maximum cash prize is \$100 except there is no limit in the Open Section. **Entry Fee:** mailed/online by 10/18: 69 for sections for rating 1000 & higher, 49 for sections for ratings under 1000. Add 20 onsite (10 online 10/19-21). Play-up: 20 for 1000+ sections, 10 for under 1000 sections. GMs/IMs free by 10/16. **DISCOUNT:** 19 off if registering for U.S. G/30 on October 26 & U.S. G/60 on October 27. Entries for sections under 1000 do not count for cash prize calculations. Discounted dual entries for 1000+ sections count as 84% for cash prize calculation. Winning record required for trophies in the under 1000 sections. **Byes:** One 1/2 pt bye allowed must commit by start of Rd. 2. Reenter with 1/2pt bye in Rd. 1 for \$29. October 2013 Supp, CCA min, TD discretion used to place players accurately. **Schedule for all sections:** Onsite Registration: 8-8:30am. Round Times: 9am, 10:30am, 12pm, 1:30pm, 3:15pm. **BLITZ SIDE EVENT:** Reg. Sat. 5:30-5:45pm, 10 games x G/5 d0 Sat 6-8pm, sections based on entries. **Prizes:** 80% of EF collected. **Entry Fee:** 14 pre-registered, 16 onsite. **Register online** at BayAreaChess.com/my/usg60g30 or mail payments to Bay Area Chess, 1639 A South Main St., Milpitas, CA 95035. \$20 charge for refunds. **Info/Form/Entries:** <http://www.BayAreaChess.com/usg60g30>. E: ask@BayAreaChess.com. T: 408.409.6596. NS. NC. W.

Chess Magnet School Junior Grand Prix!

Oct. 27, California, Northern

Trophies Plus Grand Prix Points: 50 (Enhanced)
2013 U.S. Game/60 Championship

4SS, G/60 d6 (not d5) - \$12,000 b/247 fully paid entries - 70% guaranteed. Hotel rate \$89 until available (book early): Santa Clara Hilton, 4949 Great America Parkway, Santa Clara, CA 95054, 408-330-0001. Free Parking. In 11 sections: **Open Section (2000+):** \$1,500, 700, 300, 100, Top u2300 \$200, 100; Top u2100 \$100. **1800-1999 Section:** \$1,000, 500, 200, 100. **1600-1799 Section:** \$1,000 500 200 100. **1400-1599 Section:** \$1,000 500 200 100. **1200-1399 Section:** \$1,000, 500, 200, 100. **1000-1199 Section:** \$1,000, 500, 200, 100. **800-999 Section:** Trophies to Top 15 players and Top 5 teams. **600-799 Section:** Trophies to Top 15 players and Top 5 teams. **200-399 Section:** Trophies to Top 15 players and Top 5 teams. **Under 200 Section:** Trophies to Top 15 players and Top 5 teams. Unrated may play in any section but maximum cash prize is \$100 except there is no limit in the Open Section. **Entry Fee:** mailed/online by 10/18: 69 for sections for rating 1000 & higher, 49 for sections for ratings under 1000. Add 20 onsite (10 online 10/19-21). Play-up: 20 for 1000+ sections, 10 for under 1000 sections. GMs/IMs free by 10/16. **DISCOUNT:** 19 off if registering for U.S. G/30 on October 26 & U.S. G/60 on October 27. Entries for sections under 1000 do not count for cash prize calculations. Discounted dual entries for 1000+ sections count as 84% for cash prize calculation. Winning record required for trophies in the under 1000 sections. **Byes:** One 1/2 pt bye allowed must commit by start of Rd. 2. Reenter with 1/2pt bye in Rd. 1 for \$29. October 2013 Supp, CCA min, TD discretion used to place players accurately. **Schedule for all sections:** Onsite Registration: 8-8:30am. Round Times: 9am, 11:40pm, 2:20pm, 5pm. **BLITZ SIDE EVENT:** Reg. Sat. 5:30-5:45pm, 10 games x G/5 d0 Sat. 6-8pm. Sections based on entries. **Prizes:** 80% of EF collected. **Entry Fee:** 14 pre-registered, 16 onsite. **Register online** at BayAreaChess.com/my/usg60g30 or mail payments to Bay Area Chess, 1639 A South Main St., Milpitas, CA 95035. \$20 charge for refunds. **Info/Form/Entries:** <http://www.BayAreaChess.com/usg60g30>. E: ask@BayAreaChess.com. T: 408.409.6596. NS. NC. W.

GRAND PRIX

Chess Magnet School Junior Grand Prix!

Oct. 12-13, Texas

Trophies Plus Grand Prix Points: 20 (Enhanced)
Dallas Absolute

5SS, G/90 with 30 second increment. Dallas Chess Club, 200 S. Cottonwood Dr., Ste. C, Richardson, TX 75080. **One Section \$875G:** Open: FIDE and USCF rated but uses FIDE rules. Will use USCF ratings and rules for awarding prizes. Default late forfeiture time is one hour. TD may extend this time at TD's discretion. Contact us or USCF about registering for Fide before the event starts. \$5 \$500-\$250-\$125. 'X' and U2000 prize(s) will be 40% of 'X' and U2000 entry fees respectively. **EF:** \$75, Senior/Hcap/Additional Family Member \$50, plus \$10 non-DCC mem-

bership fee if applicable. **Registration:** 9:45-10:15 am. **Rds.:** Sat 10:45-3:10-7:16, Sun 10:45-3:10. One Bye allowed if requested before the end of round 2, withdrawals and last round zero point byes are not eligible for prizes. Highest Finishing Dallas Chess Club member is giving free entry to Dallas Absolute. **ENT:** Dallas Chess Club, C/O Barbara Swafford, 2709 Longhorn Trail, Crowley, TX 76036. **Info:** 214-632-9000, info@dallaschess.com, www.dallaschess.com NS. NC. FIDE.

Chess Magnet School Junior Grand Prix!

Oct. 19, Virginia

Trophies Plus Grand Prix Points: 6
CAC Saturday October Swiss

Location: Capital Area Chess, 4451 Brookfield Corporate Dr., Suite #201, Chantilly, VA 20151. **Sections:** Open, Under 1900, Under 1600. **Prizes:** \$1710 b/60 full paid entries (70% returned): Open: \$280-\$180-\$100 U2050 \$80-\$60; Under 1900: \$220-\$140-\$80 U1750 \$60-\$50; Under 1600: \$160-\$100-\$80 U1400/U1200 \$60 each. **EF:** \$40 by 10/17, post-marked by 10/12, After 10/17 or onsite \$10 more. CAC Members \$10 less. **Registration:** All Sections 8:30am - 9:45am. **Format/Rounds:** Open/Under 1900 4-SS, G/65 d5; 10am-1pm-4pm-7pm; Under 1600 5-SS G/45 d5; 10am-12pm-2pm-4pm-6pm. **Byes:** One 1/2 point bye available if requested before Round 2. www.capitalareachess.com. Make checks to: Capital Area Chess, Inc., 5116 Bebe Ct., Centreville, VA 20120. Boards and sets provided. No clocks supplied.

Chess Magnet School Junior Grand Prix!

Oct. 19, Florida

Trophies Plus Grand Prix Points: 6
3rd Annual Gulf Coast Classic

4SS, TC: G/70 d5. Ransom Middle School 1000 W. Kingsfield Rd., Cantonment, FL 32533. **Open (PF: \$\$\$GTD):** \$250-150-A:125-B:100-C:100-U1400:100. **Rds.:** 9-11:45-3-5:30. **EF:** \$40; if mailed by OCT 11th: \$55 at site. **Scholastic:** 5SS, TC: G/30; d5. **EF:** \$20. **Trophy:** Top 3. **Rds.:** 9:15-10:30-12:15-2:30. **Late REG.:** OCT 19th: 8-8:40am. Checks payable to: **Caesar Chess. ENT:** Caesar Chess LLC, 5184 Caldwell Mill Rd., Suite 204 - 202, Birmingham, AL 35244. **Info:** CaesarChess@yahoo.com, www.CaesarChess.com, www.AlabamaChess.com.

Oct. 25, New York

Trophies Plus Grand Prix Points: 10 (Enhanced)

Marshall \$500 FIDE Blitz! (BLZ)

Last Friday of every month. 9-SS, G/5 d0. **Marshall CC**, 23 W. 10th St., NYC. 212-477-3716. **\$\$\$Gtd 500:** \$200-100, top U2400/unt. U2200, U2000, U1800: \$50 each. **EF:** \$30, members \$20. Blitz-rated, but the higher of regular, quick or blitz used for pairings & prizes. **FIDE Blitz Rated!** **Reg.** ends 6:45 pm. **Rds.:** 7-7:30-7:50-8:10-8:40-9-9:20-9:40-10 pm. Three byes available, request at entry. www.marshallchessclub.org.

Chess Magnet School Junior Grand Prix!

Oct. 25-27 or 26-27, Texas

Trophies Plus Grand Prix Points: 60 (Enhanced)

Dallas Absolute

5SS, G/90 with 30 sec increment. Dallas Chess Club, 200 S. Cottonwood Dr. # C, Richardson, TX 75080. FIDE and USCF rated but uses FIDE rules. Will use USCF ratings and rules for awarding prizes. Default late forfeiture time is one hour. TD may extend this time at TD's discretion. Contact us or USCF about registering for Fide before the event starts. **EF:** USCF +2400 \$75, USCF 2200-2400 \$90, Fide rated 2000 and above is \$125, U2200USCF/U2000FIDE \$250. USCF Membership Required. Dallas Chess Club membership required, but players can pay a \$10 tournament membership. Note that highest finishing Dallas Chess Club member is Club Champion. **\$\$b20:** 75% Guaranteed. \$1600-800-400-200. U2400 \$500. **Reg.:** 3 day 10/55: 6:00-7:00 pm. **Rds.:** 7:20 pm, 1:30 pm -7:15 pm, 9:10 am - 2:45 pm. **Reg. 2 day:** 10/56 8:00 - 8:30 am, round 1 at 9 am then merge with 3 day. 1 bye if requested before end of round 2. Players who withdraw or take a last round zero point bye are ineligible for prizes. **ENT:** Dallas Chess Club, see address above. 214.632.9000. **INFO:** Barb Swafford, info@dallaschess.com www.svchess.com. NS. NC. FIDE.

Chess Magnet School Junior Grand Prix!

Oct. 25-27 or 26-27, Virginia

Trophies Plus Grand Prix Points: 20

2013 CAC FIDE Open II

4 Sections: Open (FIDE & USCF rated, uses USCF rules), USCF Ratings and Rules for Prizes; GMs free (\$30 deducted from prize), Other Sections USCF Rated - U1900, U1600, U1300. **Format:** Open: 5SS, G/120 + 30sec inc. Other Sections: G/120 d5 time control (All sections 2-day option Rds. 1 and 2 G/75 d5). **Prizes:** \$\$\$500 b/o 80. Open Section Place Prizes guaranteed. Open: \$600-\$300-\$150. U2200/U2050 \$125 each. U1900: \$450-\$225-\$125 U1750 \$100. U1600: \$350-\$175-\$125 U1450 \$100 U1300: \$250-\$125-\$100 U1150 \$75. Clear winner in U1600 and U1300 sections receive free entry to next CAC FIDE Open. **Location:** Capital Area Chess, 4451 Brookfield Corporate Dr., Suite #201, Chantilly, VA 20151. **HR:** \$59 Extended Stay America (close to tournament site), 4506 Brookfield Corporate Dr., Chantilly, VA 20151, (703)-263-7200. **Registration:** 6pm-7pm Fri, 9:00am-10:30am Sat. **Rounds:** Open: 3-day Fri 7:30pm, Sat 12pm-6pm, Sun 9am-3pm; 2-day Sat 11am-2:30pm-6pm, Sun 9am-3pm. 3-day & 2-day merges Rd. #3. Other Sections: Same schedule except Rd. #3 5pm Sat, Rd. #5 2pm Sun. **EF:** Open: \$70 by 10/18. \$75 online by 10/24. \$80 after 10/24 or onsite. (Discounts: CAC Members \$10 less, Addl. Family member \$5 less, U1300

T/Dx: Time delay, x = number of seconds.

Unr: Unrated.

W: Site is accessible to wheelchairs.

WEB: Tournaments that will use a player's online rating.

Nov. 3, Bay Area Chess Fremont Kids Quads (PK-12)
3xG/30 d5. Courtyard Marriott, Fremont, CA 94538. **Trophies:** Players w + score. **Sched:** Checkin by 2:30p. **Games:** 3-5p. **EF:** \$25 by 11/1, \$40 onsite. **Info:** http://BayAreaChess.com/fremont. NS. NC. W.

Nov. 3, Bay Area Chess Fremont Kids Swiss (PK-12)
45SXG/30 d5. Courtyard Marriott, Fremont, CA 94538. **Trophies:** teams & players w + score. **Sched:** Reg. 9-10a. **Games:** 10:15a-2p. **EF:** \$33 by 11/1, \$48 onsite. **Info:** http://BayAreaChess.com/fremont. NS. NC. W.

Nov. 9, Weibel Fall Scholastic Chess Quads #2
Weibel Elementary School, 45135 S. Grimmer Blvd., Fremont, CA. **Two Sections:** U900 G/30 d5; Over 900 G/45 d5. **Info & Entry Form at:** http://www.CalNorthYouthChess.org/Applications/FallQuads13-GP/. Open to all scholastic players who are USCF members. Trophies to winners of each Quad. Chess medals to all who do not win a trophy. **Info:** Alan M. Kirshner, Ph.D., Alan@CalNorthYouthChess.org, (510) 659-0358.

Nov. 10, Bay Area Chess Cupertino Kids Quads (PK-12)
3xG/30 d5. Courtyard Marriott, Cupertino, CA 95014. **Trophies:** Players w + score. **Sched:** Checkin by 2:30p. **Games:** 3-5p. **EF:** \$25 by 11/7, \$40 onsite. **Info:** http://BayAreaChess.com/cupertino. NS. NC. W.

Nov. 10, Bay Area Chess Cupertino Kids Swiss (PK-12)
45SXG/30 d5. Courtyard Marriott, Cupertino, CA 95014. **Trophies:** teams & players w + score. **Sched:** Reg. 9-10a. **Games:** 10:15a-2p. **EF:** \$33 by 11/7, \$48 onsite. **Info:** http://BayAreaChess.com/cupertino. NS. NC. W.

Nov. 16, Bay Area Chess4Less Kids Quads (PK-12)
3xG/30 d5. 1639A S. Main St., Milpitas, CA 95035. **Trophies:** Players w + score. **Sched:** Checkin by 2:30p. **Games:** 3-5p. **EF:** \$19 by 11/13, \$34 onsite. **Info:** http://BayAreaChess.com/chess4less. NS. NC.

Nov. 16, Bay Area Chess4Less Kids Swiss (PK-12)
45SXG/30 d5. 1639A S. Main St., Milpitas, CA 95035. **Trophies:** teams & players w + score. **Sched:** Reg. 9-10a. **Games:** 10:15a-2p. **Special EF:** \$19 by 11/13, \$34 onsite. **Info:** http://BayAreaChess.com/chess4less. NS. NC.

Nov. 16, Bay Area Elite Kids Swiss (PK-12) 4SS x G/45
45SXG/45 d5. 1639A S. Main St., Milpitas, CA 95035. **Trophies:** for teams & players w + score. **Sched:** Reg. 8:45-9a. **Games:** 9:15a-2p. **EF:** \$25 by 11/13, \$40 onsite. **Info:** http://BayAreaChess.com/eliteswiss. NS. NC.

Nov. 23, SuperSwiss
See Grand Prix.

Nov. 29, California Kids Class Championship (PK-12)
5SS, G/30 d5. 4949 Grt America Pkwy., Santa Clara, CA 95054. **Prizes:** Top 15 players & Top 5 teams in ea section. 5 Sections b/rating: 800-999, 600-799, 400-599, 200-399, <200. **Sched:** Reg. 9-9:30. **Games:** 10-11:30-1-2:20-3:45. **EF:** \$37 by 11/26, Onsite +\$20, Playup +\$10. Nov 2013 Supp & TD disc to place players. **Ent:** Online or mail. Rfnd fee \$20. T:408.409.6596. **Info:** http://BayAreaChess.com/tgs. E: ask@BayAreaChess.com. NS. NC. W.

Nov. 29-Dec. 1 or Nov. 30-Dec. 1, Class Warfare Championship
See Grand Prix.

Dec. 13-15 or 14-15, Winter Championship
See Grand Prix.

Dec. 14, Weibel Fall Scholastic Chess Quads #3
Weibel Elementary School, 45135 S. Grimmer Blvd., Fremont, CA. **Two Sections:** U900 G/30 d5; Over 900 G/45 d5. **Info & Entry Form at:** http://www.CalNorthYouthChess.org/Applications/FallQuads13-GP/. Open to all scholastic players who are USCF members. Trophies to winners of each Quad. Chess medals to all who do not win a trophy. **Info:** Alan M. Kirshner, Ph.D., Alan@CalNorthYouthChess.org, (510) 659-0358.

Dec. 21, Bay Area Chess4Less Kids Quads (PK-12)
3xG/30 d5. 1639A S. Main St., Milpitas, CA 95035. **Trophies:** Players w + score. **Sched:** Checkin by 2:30p. **Games:** 3-5p. **EF:** \$19 by 12/18, \$34 onsite. **Info:** http://BayAreaChess.com/chess4less. NS. NC.

Dec. 21, Bay Area Chess4Less Kids Swiss (PK-12)
45S, G/30 d5. 1639A S. Main St., Milpitas, CA 95035. **Trophies:** teams & players w + score. **Sched:** Reg. 9-10a. **Games:** 10:15a-2p. **Special EF:** \$19 by 12/18, \$34 onsite. **Info:** http://BayAreaChess.com/chess4less. NS. NC.

Chess Magnet School Junior Grand Prix!
Jan. 17-20 or 18-20 or 19-20, 5th annual Golden State Open (includes Under 1000 Section)
See Chess Life or www.chesstour.com.

California, Southern

The Los Angeles Chess Club

The Most Active Club on the West Coast! (310) 795-5710 * www.LAChessClub.com. Saturdays: 10am-10 pm (Intermediate class + 2 Tournaments). Sundays: 11-7 & 1-5 pm (Junior class + 2 Tournaments) – Details on our web site. Tuesdays: 7:30-9:30 pm (Intermediate/Advanced Lecture). 11514 Santa Monica Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90025 * (310) 795-5710. (4 blocks W of 405, SW corner of Santa Monica & Butler * 2nd Floor – above Javan Restaurant). Group Classes * Tournaments * Private (1:1) Lessons.

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Oct. 6, 13, 20, 27, LACC - Every Sunday Chess 4 Jrs. 4 separate events – 3 Sections: >1000, <1000, <600, <600, 5SS, G/30 d5. 11514 Santa Monica Blvd. & Butler, LA, 90025, 2nd fl. 4 blocks West of 405. EF: \$30 (\$20 LACC memb, siblings 1/2, Free new LACC members). Reg.: 12-1 pm. **Rds.:** 1pm & asap; **Prizes:** Trophies (Top 3) & medals; each player receives a prize! **Parking:** Free on streets & basement. Free pizza & juices. **Info:** (310) 795-5710 or www.LAChessClub.com or Mick@LAChessClub.com.

Chess Magnet School Junior Grand Prix!

Oct. 12-13, LACC - National Chess Day Weekend
(Sponsored by Harold C. Valery, Inc.) 6SS, G/66 d0. 11514 Santa Monica Blvd., LA 90025, 2nd fl. **2 sections:** U2300/U1800. **EF:** \$70 at the door (\$65 if notified by 10/11); \$60 LACC members (\$55 if notified by 10/11); Siblings 1/2, \$30 new LACC members, Free new LACC Life members! **Reg:** Sat 10-11:30 am. **Rds:** 12, 2, 4 pm each day. **Byes:** Up to three 1/2-point byes available. **1-Day option I:** Play 1 day & receive three 1/2 pt byes-1/2 EF. **1-Day option II:** Play 1 day & receive three 1/2 pt byes- Full EF. **Prizes:** \$5,1500 (b/45, 50% Guaranteed). 1st-3rd \$400-200-100 U2000: \$125. U1800: \$200-100; U1600: \$100-50-\$25; U1400: \$100-50; U1200/unrated: \$50. **Ent:** LACC, Box 251774, LA, CA 90025. **Info:** Mick Bighamian; Cell (310) 795-5710; Mick@LAChessClub.com or www.LAChessClub.com. **Parking:** Free on streets & basement.

Oct. 20, LACC - October Scholastic Championship 4 Sections: >1400, >1000, <1000, <600, 5SS, G/30 d5. 11514 Santa Monica Blvd. & Butler, LA, 90025, 2nd fl. 4 blocks West of 405. EF: \$35 (\$25 LACC memb, siblings 1/2, Free new LACC memb). Reg.: 12-1 pm. **Rds.:** 1pm & asap; **Prizes:** Trophies (Top 3 each section) & medals; each player receives a prize! **Parking:** Free on streets & basement. Free Pizzas & Juices. **Info:** (310) 795-5710 or www.LAChessClub.com or Mick@LAChessClub.com.

Connecticut

Oct. 18-20 or 19-20, 4th annual Eastern Team Championship
See Chess Life or www.chesstour.com.

Nov. 15-17 or 16-17, 4th Annual Hartford Open
See Chess Life or www.chesstour.com.

Jan. 22-26, 23-26 or 24-26, 12th annual Foxwoods Open
See Chess Life or www.chesstour.com.

District of Columbia

Oct. 19, National Capital Scholastic Cup Qualifier
4-SS, G/30 d5. US Chess Center, 412 8th Street, NW, Washington, DC 20004. Open to any student in K - 12 grade living in DC, Maryland or Virginia. **EF:** \$20 if by 10/5, \$30 at site. **Reg.:** Noon - 12:45. Top 16 players qualify for play-off matches. \$5200-100-50-50 to champion, finalist and semi-finalists of the play-offs. Trophies to the top 16 and others with the same score as the lowest of the top 16. http://www.chess-ctr.org/Cup.php, 202/857-4922.

Florida

Chess Magnet School Junior Grand Prix!
Boca Raton Chess Club
Friday nights, G/85 d5 Tournament, one game a week for 4 weeks. www.bocachess.com, 561-479-0351.

Broward Chess Club
909 N. Federal Hwy., Fort Lauderdale, FL 33304. USCF & FIDE Tournaments, Blitz, Bughouse, Lessons, Chess Camps, Summer Camp and After School Chess Programs. www.browardchessclub.com. Contact: NM Oscar Maldonado 860-372-5666.

Epicure Grand Prix Series at Miami Country Day
Scholastic and Non-Scholastic Sections. More info at: www.bocachess.com or call 561-479-0351.

Pine Crest School Grand Prix Series in Boca Raton
Scholastic and Non-Scholastic Sections. More info at: www.bocachess.com or call 561-479-0351.

Oct. 19, 3rd Annual Gulf Coast Classic
See Grand Prix.

Illinois

North Shore Chess Center

a friendly environment to learn and play chess! USCF rated tournaments every week, Grandmaster lectures and simuls monthly, team events, and scholastic camps. Private and group lessons available onsite and at your location. Contact us at 847.423.8626 or sevan@na chess.org. Visit our website at www.nachess.org/events for our full schedule of events. Located at 5500 W. Touhy Ave., Suite A, Skokie, IL 60077 across the street from the Village Crossing Shopping Center.

Oct. 11-13 or 12-13, 22nd annual Midwest Class Championships
See Chess Life or www.chesstour.com.

Nov. 2-3, The Susan Polgar World Open for Boys and Girls
Over \$100,000 in prizes with scholarships to Webster University! **Sections (Boys and Girls each):** K-3, 4-5, 6-8, 9-12. **Prizes (Boys and Girls each):** Grades 9-12: 1st-Webster University Scholarship-2nd thru 4th-\$150-100-75 value in chess prizes; Grades 4-5 & 6-8: 1st-iPad Mini-2nd thru 4th-\$150-100-75 value in chess prizes; Grades K-3: 1st thru 4th-\$250-150-100-75 value in chess prizes. **Rounds and Time Control:**

6R-SS Game-45 + 5/sec delay: Sat-Sun 11am, 1:30pm, 4pm each day. **On-site reg:** 9:30-10:30am Sat. Limit 2 byes. Last rd. bye must commit prior to start of Rd 3. **Side Events:** 3-hour camp with GM Polgar (Fri 5:30pm), Puzzle Solving (Sat 6pm), Simul (Sat 7pm), Blitz (Sun 9am). Unrated 1-day (G/45 d5, 4R-5S, Sat 11am, 1:30pm, 4pm, 6:30pm) – 4 sections (boys and girls together): K-3, 4-5, 6-8, 9-12; Prizes (per section) – 1st thru 5th trophy, top 2 teams trophy) **Must be unrated to play in unrated section**. **Site:** Crown Plaza Chicago-Northbrook Hotel, 2875 N. Milwaukee Ave., Northbrook, IL 60062. **HR:** \$99/night – call 847-298-2525 and ask for CHESS rate. Reserve by Oct 11. Free parking. **Entries:** If postmarked or online by 10/12 \$40; \$50 online or postmarked by 10/26; \$60 thereafter. Puzzle Solving, Blitz, Simul Side Events EF - \$15 each or \$40 all three by 10/26; \$20 each thereafter and onsite. Camp EF - \$40 by 10/26, \$60 thereafter and onsite. Unrated Section EF - \$10 by 10/12, \$15 by 10/26, \$20 thereafter and onsite. Credit Cards onsite OK. No checks onsite. **Mail entries to:** North American Chess Association (payable to) 4957 Oakton St., Suite 113, Skokie, IL 60077. Register online at www.nachess.org/polgar2013. **Other info:** Boards, sets, and clocks provided. None for skilltes. Must use organizer provided equipment. Chess store onsite. October rating supplement used. Questions: sevan@nachess.org or leave message 847-423-8626.

Iowa

Nov. 2-3, Ames Chess Festival XXVIII (IA GP Qualifier)
See Grand Prix.

Maryland

Maryland Chess Association

Open & scholastic tournaments in Maryland listed at www.mdchess.com.

Massachusetts

Jan. 10-12 or 11-12, 2nd annual Boston Chess Congress
See Chess Life or www.chesstour.com.

Nevada

Dec. 26-30, 26-29 or 27-29, 23rd annual North American Open
See Chess Life or www.chesstour.com.

New Jersey

Oct. 13, Westfield Fall Scholastic
Westfield Y, 220 Clark St., Westfield, NJ 07090. K-12 **3 Sections:** Open, U1250, U750. **Open:** 3-SS, G/40 d5. **Rds.:** 2:30, 4:10, 5:50 p.m. **U1250:** 4-SS, G/25 d5. **Rds.:** 2:30, 3:45, 5:00, 6:15 p.m. **U750:** 4-SS, G/25 d5. **Rds.:** 2:30, 3:45, 5:00, 6:15 p.m. **Prizes:** Trophies to Top 5 in each section. Tiebreaks used. **EF:** Advance \$20, \$15 members. At site \$30, \$25 members. Send advance entries to John Moldovan, 510 4th Ave., Garwood, NJ 07027 by Oct. 9. Make checks payable to Westfield Chess Club. **Reg.:** 1:45-2:15 p.m. **Info:** John Moldovan: westfieldchessclub@gmail.com, Bill Cohen: 732-548-8432 or 848-219-1358, westfieldchessclub.blogspot.com and www.westfieldchessclub.com. Please present identification on entering the building.

Oct. 26, King's Chess Club Quads
Morning quads and afternoon quads, G/30 d5, Kindergarten-undergraduate (scholastic, youth, and young adult memberships). Bethlehem Church, 758 Route 10, Randolph, NJ 07869. **EF:** None. **Reg.:** 9-9:20 am, 1st rd. 9:40. Arr. by noon to reg. only for afternoon quads. Medal to each quad winner. **Info:** Bethlehem Church 973-366-3434 or Bob McAdams 973-694-3988, rwm@fambright.com.

Nov. 1-3 or 2-3, 4th annual Boardwalk Open
See Chess Life or www.chesstour.com.

A State Championship Event!
Nov. 24, New Jersey K-12 Grade Championship

5SS, G/30 d5. Brookdale College, 765 Newman Springs Rd., Lincroft, NJ 07738. Student Life Center, use Parking Lot #7 or #6; 4 miles from Garden State Parkway exit 109. **13 Sections:** Play only in your grade! **Grades K-12:** Trophies to top 10 individuals, top 3 teams - top 3 from each school/grade; 50% of players receive trophy or medal! **Rds.:** 10am and ASAP. **EF:** \$35 by 11/16, \$55 at site. USCF mem req'd. **Reg.:** 8-9:00am - After 9:00am 1/2 pt bye rd 1. **Info:** 732-259-3881, nsprechman@characterkings.org. **Ent:** Please make checks payable to NJSCF and send to NJSCF, PO Box 1511, Jackson, NJ 08527. Entries must include name, grade school, date of birth, USCF ID # & expiration, mailing address, phone number & entry fee, please include email address. **Register online at:** www.characterkings.org until 11/23.

New York

Oct. 17, Marshall Thursday Action!
4-SS, G/25 d5. Marshall CC, 23 W. 10th St., NYC. 212-477-3716. **EF:** \$40, members \$25, GMS free. **Prizes:** (\$5530 based on 32 paid entries: \$200-100-50, U2200 \$95, U2000 \$85. **Reg.:** 6:15-6:45 pm. **Rds.:** 7-8:15-9:30-10:45. One bye available, request at entry.

Oct. 18, Marshall Friday U2000 Action!
4-SS, G/25 d5. Marshall CC, 23 W. 10th St., NYC. 212-477-3716. **EF:** \$40, members \$20. **(\$360/24):** \$160-80, U1800 \$65, U1600 \$55. **Reg.:** 6:15-6:45. **Rds.:** 7-8:15-9:30-10:45. One bye available, request at entry. www.marshallchessclub.org.

Oct. 19, Marshall Saturday U1600!
4-SS, G/40 d5. Marshall CC, 23 W. 10th St., NYC. 212-477-3716. **(\$300 b/24):** \$160-80, U1300 \$60. **EF:** \$40, members \$20. **Reg.:** 12:15-12:45. **Rds.:** 1-2:45-4:30-6:15PM. One bye available, request at entry. www.marshallchessclub.org.

Chess Magnet School Junior Grand Prix!
Oct. 19-20 or 20, Marshall October U2300!

prizes. **Ent:** Dallas Chess Club, C/O Barbara Swafford, 2709 Longhorn Trail, Crowley, TX 75036. **Info:** 214-632-9000, info@dallaschess.com, www.dallaschess.com. NS. NC.

Oct. 12-13, Dallas Open
See Grand Prix.

Oct. 25-27 or 26-27, Dallas Absolute
See Grand Prix.

Nov. 2, Scholastic Turkey Tournament
55S, G/30 d0. Sloan Creek Intermediate School, 440 Country Club Rd., Fairview, TX 75069. **EF:** \$20 if postmarked by 10/25/13, \$50 after. On site (\$50). **Reg.:** 8:00-8:30 AM. **R1** at 9:00 AM, all others ASAP. For complete details/registration form go to www.LovejoyChess.org. **Checks payable to:** Sloan Creek Chess. **Sections:** Primary PreK-3rd U200; Primary PreK-3rd U600; Primary PreK-3rd Open; 4th-8th Grades U300, 4th-8th Grades U500, 4th-8th Grades U800; 4th-8th Grades Open; 9th-12th Grades Open. Each section receives 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, & 5th place individual trophies & 6th place receives frozen turkey. 1st & 2nd place team trophies in each section. Side events, food and fun! **More info call:** Debbie 972-658-8708.

Nov. 28-Dec. 1 or Nov. 29-Dec. 1, 2013 DCC Fide Open X
See Grand Prix.

Virginia

Maryland Chess Association (MD)
See Maryland.

Oct. 9-14, 11-14 or 12-14, 4th annual Continental Class Championships
See *Chess Life* or www.chesstour.com.

Oct. 19, CAC Saturday October Swiss
See Grand Prix.

Oct. 20, CAC Sunday October Swiss 4 Youngsters
Location: Capital Area Chess, 4451 Brookfield Corporate Dr., Suite #201, Chantilly, VA 20151. **Sections:** K-12 Scholastic players: > 1000, <1000, <600. **Trophies:** Top 5 Players. Medals to 2.5 or above points. Other Class Trophies in each section. **Registration:** 11:30am-12:30pm. **Format:** 55S, G/30 d5. **Rounds:** 1pm and ASAP **EF:** \$20 by 12/6 6pm, Onsite \$25. \$20 check Postmarked by 10/13. CAC Members \$5 less. **Info:** www.capitalareachess.com. Make checks to: Capital Area Chess, Inc., 5116 Bebe Ct., Centreville, VA 20120. Boards and sets provided. No clocks supplied.

Oct. 25-27 or 26-27, 2013 CAC FIDE Open II
See Grand Prix.

Nov. 16, CAC Saturday November Swiss
See Grand Prix.

Nov. 17, CAC Sunday November Swiss 4 Youngsters
Location: Capital Area Chess, 4451 Brookfield Corporate Dr., Suite #201, Chantilly, VA 20151. **Sections:** K-12 Scholastic players: > 1000, <1000, <600. **Trophies:** Top 5 Players. Medals to 2.5 or above points. Other Class Trophies in each section. **Registration:** 11:30am-12:30pm. **Format:** 55S, G/30 d5. **Rounds:** 1pm and ASAP **EF:** \$20 by 11/15 6pm, Onsite \$25. \$20 check Postmarked by 11/10. CAC Members \$5 less. **Info:** www.capitalareachess.com. Make checks to: Capital Area Chess, Inc., 5116 Bebe Ct., Centreville, VA 20120. Boards and sets provided. No clocks supplied.

Nov. 22-24 or 23-24, 2013 CAC FIDE Open III
See Grand Prix.

Dec. 8, CAC Sunday December Scholastic
Location: Capital Area Chess, 4451 Brookfield Corporate Dr., Suite #201, Chantilly, VA 20151. **Sections:** K-12 Scholastic players: Over 1000, Under 1000, Under 600. **Trophies:** Top 5 Players & Other Class Trophies. Medals to 2.5 or above points. **Registration:** 11:30am-12:30pm. **Format:** 55S, G/30 d5. **Rounds:** 1pm and ASAP **EF:** \$20 by 12/6 6pm, \$20 check Postmarked by 12/1. After 12/6 or Onsite \$25. CAC Members \$5 less. **Info:** www.capitalareachess.com. Make checks to: Capital Area Chess, Inc., 5116 Bebe Ct., Centreville, VA 20120. Boards and sets provided. No clocks supplied.

Wisconsin

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Tournaments, lectures, simuls, and camps located in northern Illinois. Visit www.nachess.org/events for a full schedule of events.

Chess Magnet School Junior Grand Prix!
A State Championship Event!
Nov. 2-3, 2013-2014 Wisconsin Junior Open
Gruehnagen Conference Center, UW-Oshkosh, Corner of High and Osceola St., Oshkosh, WI 54901. **HR:** \$35 double (dorm room), 920-424-1106. Mention Chess. 2014 Denker/Barber/NGIT qualifier; Open to youth born after 11/2/1992. In 5 Sections, **Open:** **EF:** \$16 in advance by 10/29; \$21 at site. **Trophies:** Top 5, Top 3 each 1500, 1400, 1300, 1200, 1100, Under 1100 and Unrated. **Girl's Junior Open:** **EF:** \$15 in advance by 10/29; \$20 at site. **Trophies:** Top 3 and top ages 15-16, 13-14, 11-12, 9-10 and Under 9. **Reserve (Under 1100 or Unrated):** **EF:** \$15 in advance by 10/29; \$20 at site. **Trophies:** Top 5, Top 3 each 900, 800, 700, 600 and Under 600 and top 4 Unrated. **Non-Rated Beginner's Grade 7-12:** Open to Grades 7-12. **EF:** \$12 in advance by 10/29; \$17 at site. **Trophies:** Top 5 and top 3 Grade 7-9. **Non-Rated Beginner's Grade K-6:** Open to Grades K-6. **EF:** \$11 in advance by 10/29; \$16 at site. **Trophies:** Top 5 and top 3 Grade K-3. **ALL:** 55S, G/120 d5. **Reg.:** 11/2 8:45-9:30 A.M. **Rds.:** 10:15-2:30-7:15; 10:00-3:00. **ENT:** Mike Nietman, 2 Boca Grande Way, Madison, WI 53719. **INFO:** Mike Nietman, 608-467-8510 (before 11/1) mike.nietman@charter.net. www.wischess.org. NS. NC. W.

TIME TO MOVE THE PIECES!



Go to www.uschess.org for entry details and registration, or e-mail aknight@uschess.org.



2013 NATIONAL SCHOLASTIC K-12 GRADE CHAMPIONSHIPS

DECEMBER 13-15, 2013

DISNEY'S CORONADO SPRINGS RESORT 1-1000 W. BUENA VISTA DR., LAKE BUENA VISTA, FL 32830
\$135 single/double/triple/quadr (with November 19, 2013 then regular rates apply!)

OPENING CEREMONY
Friday: 12:30pm

ROUNDS

Friday: 1 pm, 6 pm
Saturday: 10 am, 2 pm, 6 pm
Sunday: 9 am, 1 pm

AWARDS CEREMONIES

Sunday: 4:30 pm (K-1) approx. & 5 pm approx.

SPECIAL ROUND TIMES FOR K-1 SECTIONS

Friday: 1-30 pm & 5:30 pm
Saturday: 9:30 am, 1:30 pm & 5:30 pm
Sunday: 9:30 am, 1:30 pm

ON-SITE REGISTRATION

12/12: 9 am to 9:00 pm
12/13: 8 am to 7:00 pm

75S, G/90 DS 13 SECTIONS Play only in your grade. December 2013 rating supplement will be used. Team Score = total of top three (minimum two) finishes from each school per grade. First place individual and team, including ties, will be national champion for their grade.

AWARDS Trophies to top 10 individuals (K, 1, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12), top 15 individuals (2, 3, 4, 5, 6), top five teams (K, 1, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12), & top 10 teams (2, 3, 4, 5, 6) (minimum) in each grade. Many class prizes. All participants will receive a commemorative item at the completion of the final round!

BLITZ Trophies in K-6 and K-12 sections, individual, team and class prizes.

BUGHOUSE Top five teams.

SIDE EVENTS

BUGHOUSE Thursday: 11 am On-site entry only Thursday. Registration ends at 10 am Thursday. \$20 per team.

BLITZ Thursday: 5 pm On-site entry until 4 pm. Entry in advance \$15 by 12/1, \$20 after or on-site. Register at mail.uschess.org/content/view/full/10024/95

Players registering late (after 10 am Friday) will not be paired for round 1, will receive a half-point bye, and will begin play with round 2.
Team Rooms are limited! Contact Ashley Knight 913-767-5714 ext. 138 or by e-mail: aknight@uschess.org

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