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WGM Jennifer Yu is only 17, but she has already made a big splash in the chess world. She is the 2019 U.S. Women's champion and is the first teen to win the title in nearly 20 years. Meet Jennifer in this month's

My First Move and Chess Adventures, and also check out her Trick or Treat! article, where she explains some tricky chess games played by Adolf Anderssen. GM Robert Hess also covers the talented players from the U.S. Junior and Girls' Junior Championships.

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MEET THE CREW

THIS MONTH'S CONTRIBUTORS

GM ROBERT HESS

Robert is a popular chess commentator and coach who earned his grandmaster title in 2009. His father taught him the rules of chess when he was five, hoping it would distract him from video games! Robert credits his childhood chess coach, GM Miron Sher, for challenging him to be the best he could be.

Robert loves learning. He especially enjoys studying history and even earned a history degree at Yale University! He's also a big sports fan and plays in a dodgeball league. Find out more about Robert in the August 2019 issue of *Chess Life Kids*.



CHANDLER ELLISON

Chandler is the creative talent behind our popular mascot, Rook-E, who is featured throughout *Chess Life Kids* every month. See if you can find Rook-E preparing for Halloween in this issue!

Chandler wanted to be an artist from the moment she first held a pencil (or crayon, as it were). Her art is inspired equally by the natural world and animation, and she is constantly seeking to discover what is possible and what could be. Always exploring, always curious, and with a lifelong love of learning, Chandler holds a BFA in Animation from the Savannah College of Art and Design.



MEET THE SENIOR DIRECTOR OF STRATEGIC COMMUNICATION

Dan Lucas is the person behind our organization's longest title. His title is extra long because he oversees so many important areas of US Chess! Dan is responsible for all external and internal communications, including all print publications, the uschess.org website, social media, and press releases. His position is essential to the success of US Chess, especially with our emphasis on our education mission.

Dan joined US Chess as Publications Director in late 2005 and is the second-longest serving editor of *Chess Life*, the flagship magazine for US Chess. He is also responsible for introducing *Chess Life Kids* in 2006. In addition to his other duties, Dan hosts two podcasts: "Cover Stories with Chess Life" and "One Move at a Time," which are available at uschess.org, Google and Apple Podcasts, and Spotify.

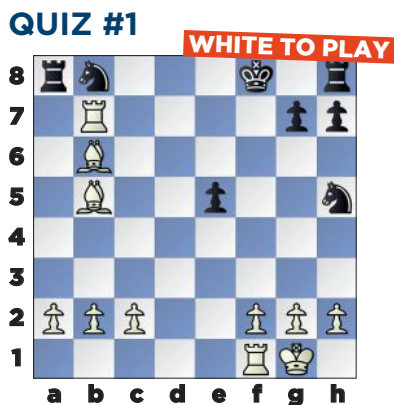
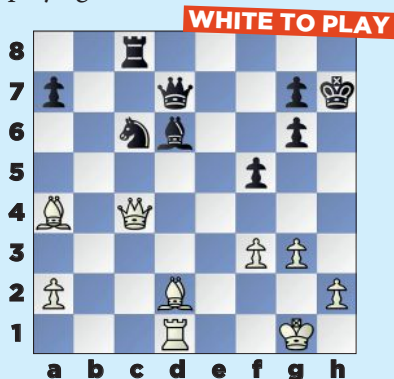




CAN DO IT!

BY SIM JON EDWARDS
10TH U.S. CORRESPONDENCE CHESS CHAMPION

Last month, Sergey Karjakin arrived at this position with White to play against Anish Giri.

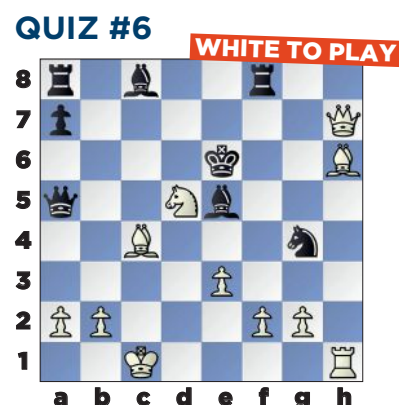
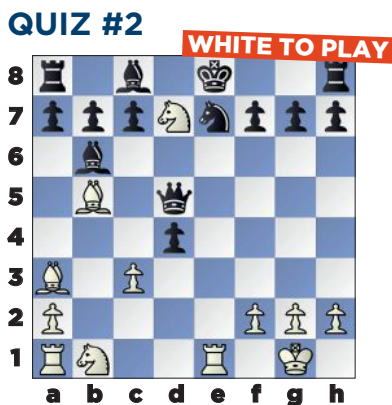
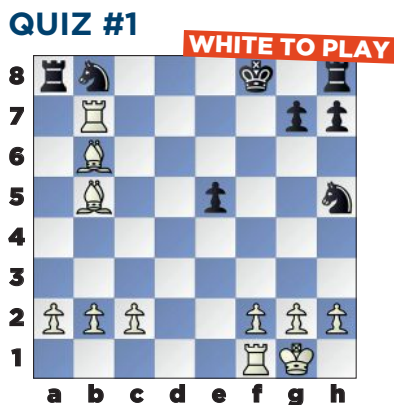
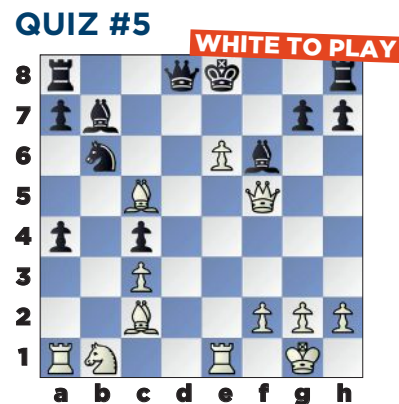
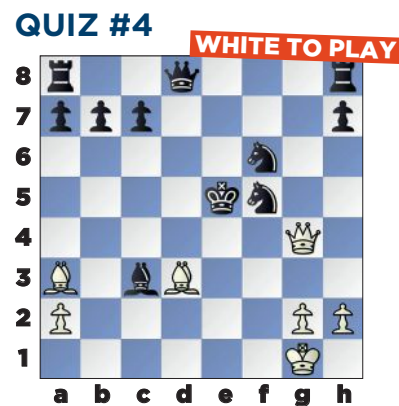
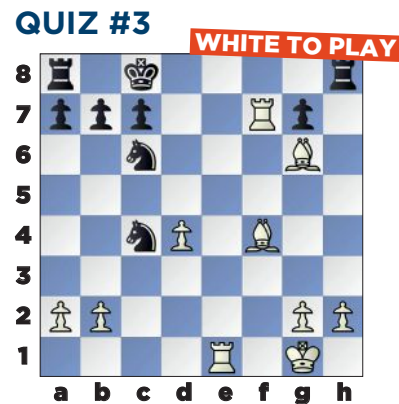


Set up this position and give it a try. There are beautiful files and diagonals pointing towards Black's very lonely king. Can you find the checkmate in four moves? Hint: only one path leads to mate in four.

The finale was: **31. Qh4+ Kg8 32. Bb3+ Kf8 33. Qh8+ Ke7 34. Bg5 mate.**

That was a grandmaster at work. Now it's your turn to try. Here are six forced mates in two moves that all involve active bishops. Some are tricky, but I know that You Can Do It!

Answers on page 26



IT'S YOUR MOVE!



DID YOU CATCH THAT?

You'll find all sorts of fun facts tucked inside the pages of this month's *Chess Life Kids*. See if you can find the answers to these questions. Answers on page 26.

1. What's one of the coolest moves to play over the board?

2. Who are the U.S. Junior and U.S. Girls' Junior champions?

3. What does WGM Jennifer Yu like to do when she's not playing chess?

4. Who created our mascot, Rook-E?

5. Which U.S. Junior player gained entry by winning the U.S. Junior Open?

6. Can you bring a cell phone into the tournament hall at a US Chess event?



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WORLD CADET CHAMPIONSHIP

The World Cadet Chess Championship 2019 was held in Weifang, China from August 20th-September 2nd. It's an international tournament for youth players that's divided into age categories—Under 8, Under 10, and Under 12—and has Open and Girls sections. This year, Team USA came home with some bling! Congratulations to Liran Zhou (pictured, bottom) in the Open Under 12 and Alice Lee (pictured, top) in the Girls Under 10, who both earned GOLD medals. Rachael Li (Girls Under 10) and Ruiyang Yan (Girls Under 12) both took home bronze medals while the U.S. team earned second overall team behind Russia. Way to represent!

SHOW US YOUR SKILLS!

This year marks the 80th anniversary of US Chess. That calls for a celebration! Help us honor our history by telling us what US Chess means to you. We'd love to see your artwork, stories, poems, or essays about US Chess for possible inclusion in our December issue of *Chess Life Kids*. Email your entry to mmatthews@uschess.org by November 1, 2019, and include your name, your parents' or guardians' name(s), and their phone number.

ELECTRONIC DEVICE POLICY FOR NATIONAL EVENTS ORGANIZED BY US CHESS

US Chess has established a new Electronic Device policy that you should understand before your next national tournament.

Generally, participants and spectators at national tournaments directly organized by US Chess may not have cell phones, smart watches, tablets,

laptops, or other internet-enabled device on them while in the playing area. The only exceptions are devices approved by US Chess prior to the event, or exceptions approved in writing by the US Chess Director of Events at least three weeks prior to the event.

Please note: the 2019-20 Scholastic Regulations have added Regulation 19, which requires the use of a paper scoresheet provided by US Chess at the tournament.

You and your parents can read the entire Electronic Device policy and the 2019-20 Scholastic Regulations at uschess.org. Click on the CLO logo, then search either “Electronic Device Policy” or “Scholastic Regulations.” The full Electronic Device policy also will be included in national scholastic tournament programs. If you have questions, contact our Director of Events, Boyd Reed, at boyd.reed@uschess.org.



NOTATION IS A WINNING HABIT

We bet your coach has told you to try to notate your games. And your coach is right! You should try to notate all of your games.

Our goal is for all players to notate during their game. But why?

- Reading and writing notation improves your game and more!
 1. It allows you to review your games with your coaches, parents, other players, and even your opponent.
 2. You will see where you did well.
 3. You can see where you could improve.
 4. Tournament directors can and will use your scoresheet to help prove a claim during a dispute. Good notation protects you.
 5. Notation helps you slow down and think about your moves.
 6. Notation allows you to study the games of more experienced players.
 7. Notating can help you in other subjects at school, including math, reading, and writing.
- US Chess has changed the scholastic guidelines that require notation.

There will be more sections in which players are required to notate. Please check with your parents/coaches to see if your section is required to notate.

We know notation is not always easy at first. There are many books, websites, and online resources that can help you learn and improve your skills in writing down your games. Practice it!—even if you are in a section where notation is not required.

Here are some tips for you to get started:

1. Remember, trying counts, even if your notation is not always perfect. We all have made mistakes. The most important thing is to get started and continue with it. Try your best!
2. Play a few practice games with both players writing the moves.
3. Focus on the first five moves at the beginning. Once writing down the first five moves gets easier, make it 10. Before you know it, you will have notated a full game!
4. If you miss a move or fall behind, keep going! You can often fill in the missing move later. You can even ask your opponent nicely to borrow their scoresheet to catch up when it is your turn to move.
5. Practice and study famous games; ask your coach to help you learn and improve.

So go out and notate! Keep trying until it's so easy, you don't even notice.



CHESS KIDS

ACROSS THE

BOARD

BY AL LAWRENCE

Celebrating *Chess Life Kids*
from across the country.



Abhimanyu “Abhi” Mishra

Englishtown, New Jersey

Ten-year-old Abhi Mishra has a habit of breaking chess records.

He was already the top American player in his age group. Then last year, at nine, he became the youngest player in the U.S. ever to become a chess master. Now he’s the youngest person in history to take the first official step, called a “norm,” toward becoming an *international* master.

International master is the second-highest title in chess. Becoming one is usually a step toward becoming an international *grandmaster*, the highest title. To earn his norm, Abhi played nine official tournament games against international chess stars, including three adult international grandmasters. Players get one point for

Although he qualified for the 2018 World Cadet, Abhi challenged himself by playing in the World Youth Under 14 section.
Photo by Grant Oen.





This photo: Abhi's fierce concentration was captured at the 2019 Bay Area International tournament. Photo by David Llada; Bottom: Abhi enjoyed learning and meeting other top youth at the U.S. Chess School in 2016. Photo courtesy of U.S. Chess School.

winning a game, a half-point for drawing (or tying) a game, and zero for losing. Abhi scored five points.

Abhi has to chalk up two more such norms to break yet another important record—becoming the youngest international master ever. A boy who lives in the

country of India, with the long name of Rameshbabu Pragganandhaa, now holds the record—and is now a grandmaster. Abhi has three months and 19 days to break his record. He's already playing in a top-rated tournament to do just that. In the first game, he defeated one of the top grandmasters in the U.S. "I am pushing hard for my second IM norm," Abhi said.

His dad Hermant began to teach Abhi chess before Abhi was three years old. The current world champion, Grandmaster Magnus Carlsen of Norway, didn't begin learning the game until he was five—and didn't become an international master until he was 12. Abhi's talent was recognized early by the Kasparov Chess Foundation, giving Abhi the opportunity to work with top trainers and even one of the greatest chess minds of all time—former World Champion Garry Kasparov.

"I want to be a chess professional and hopefully get another world championship title for the USA someday," Abhi said. Garry Kasparov holds the record as the youngest chess world champion ever. Could Kasparov be helping train Abhi to break his own record?

Abhi's race is on to break more chess records!





AVOID THE by Bruce Pandolfini TRAP!

PINNING THE DEFENDING QUEEN

This column teaches you openings by helping you learn to avoid opening traps. Set up your board and pieces and play through the game below. Have paper and pen by your side. When you reach a question, write down your answer. After you are done with all 10 questions, check your answers on page 26. Total your points and see how you did against the scoring scale at the end!

There's a certain pinning tactic that exploits a defending queen. It could have happened in a variation of the most famous game of all time, the Paris Opera Game of 1858, played by Paul Morphy against the Duke and the Count. The theme is more likely to occur whenever the queen-bishop comes out too early. That usually leaves the b-pawn unguarded. If that weakened b-pawn is then attacked and captured by the enemy queen, the nearby rook may be endangered. Defending the rook could be a problem. In some careless situations, the possibility of this absolute pin results in the loss of the queen. At other times, it even leads to mate. But let's put aside all this abstract talk and see more concretely what's going on here.

10 questions on the following game are included in the text. Each answer

is worth 10 points. (Answers can be found at the end of the column.) Try to score at least 80 points!

1. e4

A huge number of games begin with this move.

1. ... e5

A double king-pawn defense. Black is playing for an equal share of the center.

Q1) After 1. ... Ng8-f6, how can White save the e4-pawn with a gain of time? (10 points)

2. Nf3

White develops a piece and keeps the initiative by attacking the e5-pawn.

Q2) In this position, what is Black's most common response? (10 points)

2. ... d6

Philidor's Defense. Actually, there is little evidence that Philidor played this defense very much, if at all.

Q3) How does 2. ... d7-d6 impact Black's development? (10 points)

3. d4

White opens the center and continues to pressure the e5-pawn.

3. ... Bg4

This pin is premature. Moreover, it leaves the b7-pawn undefended.

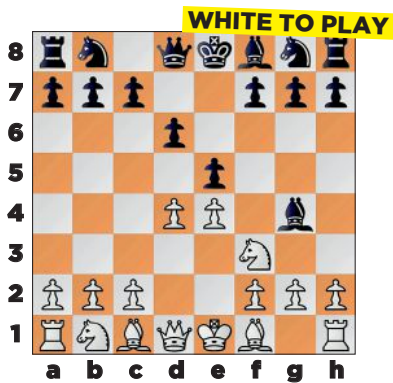
(see diagram top of next page)

Q4) Does 3. ... Bc8-g4 defend the e5-pawn? (10 points)

4. dxe5

(see diagram top of next page)

Q5) What happens if Black simply takes back, 4. ... d6xe5? (10 points)



4. ... Bxf3

Q6) Why does Black play this move before taking back on e5? (10 points)

5. Qxf3

White takes back with positive development.

5. ... dxe5

Black has kept his pawn, but he's falling behind in development.

Q7) Why has Black fallen behind in development? (10 points)

6. Bc4

The threat is mate at f7. Note that White has two pieces developed and Black doesn't have any pieces in action.

6. ... Nf6

This develops a piece and temporarily deals with the threat to f7.

7. Qb3

Q8) What is White threatening? (10 points)

7. ... Qd7

This defends f7, but it doesn't uphold b7.

8. Qxb7

With this capture, Black's a8-rook is in trouble.

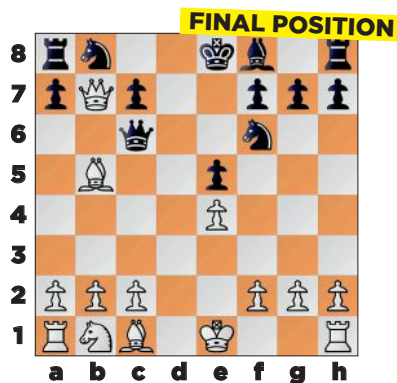
8. ... Qc6

Q9) Does this defense work? (10 points)

9. Bb5

White's decisive pin wins Black's queen. Black's position will soon collapse.

9. ... Black resigns.



Q10) What was the last move Black could have avoided the trap? (10 points)

**ILLUSTRATIVE GAME:
QUEEN PAWN OPENING (A40)
Tuor versus Gorla
Zurich 1999**

1. d4 e5 2. dxe5 Nc6 3. Bf4 Qe7 4. Nf3 Qb4+ 5. Qd2 Qxb2 6. Qc3 Bb4 7. Bd2 Bxc3 8. Bxc3 Qc1 mate.



ANSWERS

A1) White can keep the initiative by playing 2. e4-e5.

A2) After 1. e2-e4 e7-e5 2. Ng1-f3, Black typically plays 2. ... Nb8-c6.

A3) It clears the way for the c8-bishop, but it obstructs the f8-bishop's a3-f8 diagonal.

A4) It defends the e5-pawn indirectly. Not because of the pin on the f3-knight, but because the f3-knight can be removed if necessary.

A5) If Black takes back, 4. ... d6xe5, White wins material by 5. Qd1xd8+ Ke8xd8 6. Nf3xe5.

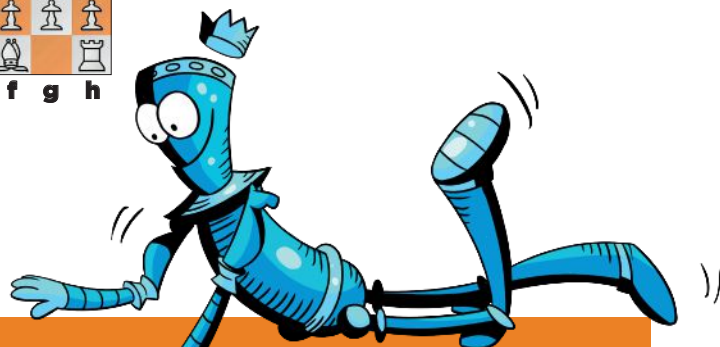
A6) Black must play the in-between move 4. ... Bg4xf3 to avoid the loss of a pawn.

A7) He's fallen behind because he moved the queen-bishop twice.

A8) White has a double attack. The pawns at f7 and b7 are both hanging.

A9) No! It fails horribly.

A10) Unbelievably, Black must do something different at move six. Some trouble could be avoided by playing 6. ... Qd8-e7 or 6. ... Qd8-f6 instead of 6. ... Ng8-f6.



How Did You Score?

The score is based on the US Chess rating system and is intended only as a fun way to monitor your progress each issue as you Avoid The Trap!

100: 1800+

90: 1600

80: 1400

70: 1200

60 or lower: 1000



**TRICK
OR
TREAT**

BY WGM JENNIFER YU

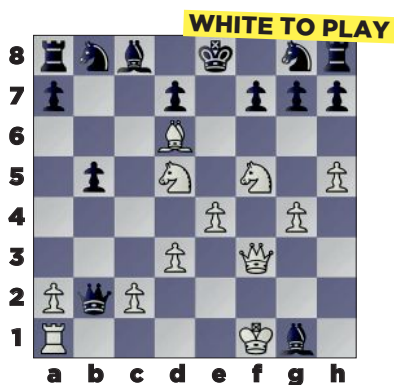
Chess is a complicated game with tons of tactics like forks, skewers, and discovered attacks. One of the coolest moves to play on the board is a sacrifice. A sacrifice is when you give away a piece for some sort of compensation, like an attack or a good position. However, you need to be super careful before sacrificing a piece, no matter how pretty it looks. If it works, you've tricked your opponent and played a game that you can brag about to your parents and coaches. You might even go down in history, because the most famous chess games usually involve sacrifices. There's nothing spookier than giving away material—but it's worth it if you crush your opponent. But if your sacrifice doesn't work, your opponent will gobble up that tasty treat—and no one wants that!

German Adolf Anderssen was renowned for his brilliant sacrificial play. Here are some of his most famous TRICKY games:

THE IMMORTAL GAME KING'S GAMBIT ACCEPTED (C33)

Adolf Anderssen
Lionel Kieseritzky
London, England, 06.21.1851

1. e4 e5 2. f4 exf4 3. Bc4 Qh4+ 4. Kf1 b5 5. Bxb5 Nf6 6. Nf3 Qh6 7. d3 Nh5 8. Nh4 Qg5 9. Nf5 c6 10. g4 Nf6 11. Rg1 cxb5 12. h4 Qg6 13. h5 Qg5 14. Qf3 Ng8 15. Bxf4 Qf6 16. Nc3 Bc5 17. Nd5 Qxb2 18. Bd6 Bxg1



Even though this game was played many years ago in 1851, it is still studied today because of Anderssen's devious

tricks. That's why this game is called the Immortal Game, because it'll be remembered forever and never die! Anderssen just sacrificed his rook on g1, allowing it to be taken by the black bishop. It might look like he is in trouble, since he is down by a rook (and bishop he gave up on move 11) and his a1-rook is under attack by Kieseritzky's queen. But ... looks can be deceiving! Anderssen has several pieces huddled around Kieseritzky's king and he is going for the kill, no matter how many pieces he has to give away in the process!

19. e5!

What rook? Anderssen ignores the threat of the black queen on the a1-rook and continues with his attack. The idea of e5 is to cutoff the black queen on the a1-h8 diagonal, no longer defending the g7-pawn.

19. ... Qxa1+

Gobble gobble ...

20. Ke2 Na6??

Kieseritzky misses Anderssen's now famous combination. Can you find it?

Kieseritzky had to play 20. ... Ba6, making room for the black king to run away to c8 later. However, after 21. Nc7+ Kd8 22. Nxa6 Anderssen is winning because the black king is still so weak, as can be seen in the variation 22. ... Nxa6?? 23. Qxa8+ Nb8 24. Qxb8 mate.

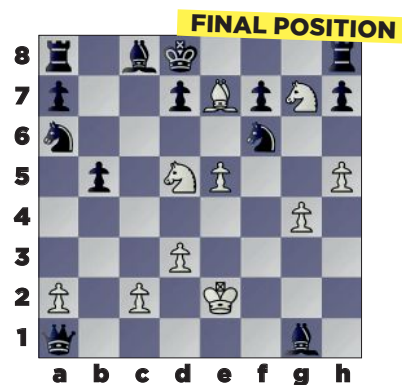
21. Nxg7+

This move makes perfect sense, but it's Anderssen's follow up that makes this game legendary.

21. ... Kd8 22. Qf6+!!

Onward! Anderssen gives away a full queen, forcing Kieseritzky to capture with his g8-knight ...

22. ... Nxf6 23. Be7 mate!!



Boo! The idea of giving away the queen is a decoy to deflect the g8-knight from defending the e7-square. Anderssen is down by a queen, two rooks, and a bishop but he still wins! The black king is completely dominated by three sneaky minor pieces. An immortal position.

THE EVERGREEN GAME EVANS GAMBIT ACCEPTED (C52)

Adolf Anderssen
Jean Dufresne
Berlin, Germany, 1852

Another famous game featuring some of the most beautiful sacrifices in chess history is the Evergreen Game. This game was played in Berlin in 1852 between Anderssen and Jean Dufresne. Let's dive in!

1. e4 e5 2. Nf3 Nc6 3. Bc4 Bc5 4. b4

Already a sacrifice! This is the Evans Gambit.

4. ... Bxb4 5. c3 Ba5 6. d4 exd4 7. O-O d3 8. Qb3 Qf6 9. e5 Qg6 10. Re1 Nge7 11. Ba3 b5 12. Qxb5 Rb8 13. Qa4 Bb6 14. Nbd2 Bb7



15. Ne4 Qf5 16. Bxd3 Qh5 17. Nf6+ gxf6 18. exf6 Rg8

WHITE TO PLAY



Dufresne's last move 18. ... Rg8 attempts to get active counterplay. Can you see what his threat is? The rook pins the g2-pawn so the knight on f3 is hanging if the black queen takes it. How do you think Anderssen should respond?

19. Rad1!?

Anderssen completely ignores the threat on his knight and continues to develop his pieces and stay active. He's using the idea of defending by attacking. But the question is put to the test: is the knight on f3 a trick or a treat? What would you play if Black plays 19. ... Qxf3?

19. ... Qxf3??

Dufresne takes the bait and snatches up the knight. Anderssen must prove that he has a concrete line after his knight sacrifice in order to stay alive.

20. Rxe7+!

Sacrificing the Exchange!

20. ... Nxe7?

20. ... Kd8 21. Rxd7+ Kc8 (No better is 21. ... Kxd7?? 22. Bf5+. Double checks are extremely dangerous since neither piece can be taken, because the other piece will still be giving check. 22. ... Ke8 23. Bd7+ Kd8 24. Bxc6+ Qxd1+ 25. Qxd1+ Bd4 26. Qxd4+ Kc8 27. Qd7 mate) 22. Rd8+ Kxd8 (22. ... Rxd8?? 23. gxf3 Oops! Since the rook left the g-file the queen on f3 is simply hanging!) 23. Bf5+ Qxd1+ (It is mate after 23. ... Bd4?? 24. Rxd4+ Nxd4 25. Qd7 mate) 24. Qxd1+ Nd4 25. Bh3 when Black is worse but still alive; 20. ... Kf8 21. Re3+. The bishop on a3 gives a discovered check once the rook moves!

21. Qxd7+!!

Fourth time's a charm! Anderssen sacrifices another piece, this time his queen! He lures the black king away from the back rank and into the line of fire.

21. ... Kxd7 22. Bf5+

Double check!

22. ... Ke8

22. ... Kc6 23. Bd7 mate.

23. Bd7+ Kf8 24. Bxe7 mate.

FINAL POSITION



A beautiful checkmate! The black king is completely dominated by the two bishops and the pawn on f6.

This famous game teaches many instructive points about sacrifices. First, the line opening 17. Nf6+.

Second, Anderssen leaves his knight to hang on f3 on purpose as a trap.

However, if Black had seen this forced mating line, 19. Rad1 was still a useful move, because Anderssen activated his rook, where it later became deadly on the d-file. He also didn't have to spend a tempo defending or moving the f3-knight. 20. Rxe7+ was the third sacrifice that lured the c6-knight away from the a4-e8 diagonal, opening the d7-pawn to the white queen. All of his pieces were perfectly placed, aiming at the black king. This decoy allowed Anderssen to shatter Black's sketchy kingside defense and expose Dufresne's king. It's important to note that Anderssen had to see this entire combination before playing 19. Rad1; otherwise he would risk losing a piece for nothing! Calculation and creativity are key if you're going to be tricky!

Rook-e wishes you a Happy Halloween!



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AWONDER LIANG & CARISSA YIP DEFEND TITLES IN ST. LOUIS

By GM Robert Hess | Photos by Crystal Fuller, Courtesy of Saint Louis Chess Campus

From July 10th-20th the Saint Louis Chess Club hosted the 2019 U.S. Junior Chess Championship for the 10th consecutive year and the U.S. Girls' Junior Chess Championship for the third time. The 20 players participating in these two round robins (a tournament format where each player faces everyone else) were joined by 10 more competing in the inaugural U.S. Senior Championship, comprised of the country's best players age 50 or older. It was a true chess festival in St. Louis!

In the Junior field, four grandmasters and four international masters vied for the title, with 2018

champion Awonder Liang reprising his role as the tournament's top seed. U.S. Junior Open winner Atulya Vaidya and wildcard WGM Jennifer Yu, our 2019 U.S. Women's Champion, rounded out the field. The biggest award—in addition to the generous prize fund—was the qualification spot in the 2020 U.S. Championship, which now boasts six players rated over 2700, including 2018 World Championship challenger GM Fabiano Caruana. Which talented youngster would earn the right to face off against some of the world's very best players?

The Girls' Junior was spearheaded by WIM Carissa Yip, who apparently was underrated at 2285 FIDE: since the event, her rating has skyrocketed to 2425, making her the top female player in the entire country regardless of age! Her competitors—specifically, WIM Rochelle Wu—had no intentions of making Carissa's life easy. Several important questions swirled through the tournament: would pre-teens Rachael Li and Ruiyang Yan be ready to challenge their more experienced opponents? Would college life have a negative impact on the older players' chess?



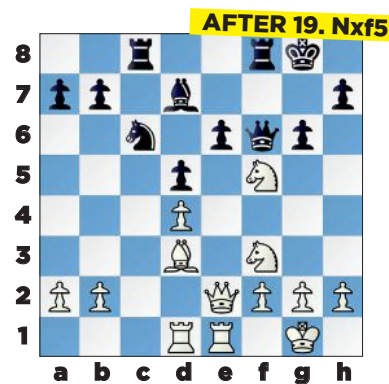
GM Awonder Liang (left) and WIM Carissa Yip repeat as the 2019 junior champions. Awonder took the U.S. Junior title, while Carissa won the U.S. Girls' Junior.

The tournaments were full of fighting chess right from the start. GM Nicolas Checa exhibited precise play in his win over Atulya Vaidya, who gained valuable experience in the tournament and outperformed his rating by over 200 points. In what became thematic of his tournament, Nico kept improving his position while Atulya's pieces had nowhere useful to go.

Meanwhile, Carissa demonstrated great positional understanding to defeat Veronika Zilajeva.

DARK SQUARE TAKEOVER

WGM Carissa Yip (FIDE 2285)
 Veronika Zilajeva (FIDE 1855)
 2019 U.S. Girls' Junior
 Championship (1.3), St. Louis,
 Missouri, 07.11.2019



Veronika had a difficult choice at this point in the game. If she takes with the e-pawn, she is left with an isolated pawn and White seems to have control of the open file. Therefore, she played ...

19. ... gxf5

Although White is still better, 19. ... exf5 20. Bb5 Rfe8 21. Qd2 Nb8 at least allows Black to avoid what happened in the game.

20. Bb5!

A player of Carissa's caliber does not need to be asked twice to take

GM Awonder Liang jumped out of the gates with two instructive wins in rook and knight endgames, both with the black pieces. GM Jesse Kraai, who was commentating with WGM Tatev Abrahamyan and me, thought that this was a dangerous sign for everyone else. If the tournament favorite was in top form, how could the others have any chance? Well, IM Joshua Sheng, who ultimately finished in third place, impressively outcalculated Awonder in their third-round game.

Round three of the Girls' Junior produced Tatev's favorite move



39. f5!!

Wow, what a concept! Black has four pieces controlling that square



over the dark squares. Once the knight is removed, Black has no pieces to fight off Carissa's knight.

20. ... Qg7

Now 20. ... Nb8 immediately loses a pawn to 21. Bxd7 Nxd7 22. Qxe6+.

21. Bxc6 bxc6 22. Rc1 Kh8 23. Ne5 Be8 24. f4, and White won at move 52.

With the dark squares under her control and a dominant knight against a bishop without a useful diagonal, Carissa went on to win a smooth game.

of the entire tournament and my favorite endgame. Take a look at the phenomenal tactic unleashed by WFM Martha Samadashvili in her game against Veronika Zilajeva, then appreciate Thalia Cervantes' deep understanding:

PHENOMENAL TACTIC

WFM Martha Samadashvili (FIDE 2124)
Veronika Zilajeva (FIDE 1855)
2019 U.S. Girls' Junior Championship (3.4), St. Louis, Missouri, 07.13.2019

while White has none, yet the move is powerful. The key is that Veronika's king lacks defenders.

39. ... Kxf5

The most stubborn defense was 39. ... gxf5 but the king will not have any shelter. 40. Qh6+ Kf7 41. Qxe6+ Kg7 42. Qe7+ Kg8 43. Qg5+ Kh8 44. Qxh5+ restores material equality, but White has the safer king and better pawn structure.

39. ... Qxf5 40. Rf1 wins the queen for a rook.

39. ... exf5 40. Qe7 mate.

40. Qf7+, Black resigned.

Mates in two: 40. ... Kg4 41. Qf4+ Kh3 42. Qh4 mate.

DEEP UNDERSTANDING

Rachael Li (FIDE 1736)

WIM Thalia Cervantes Landeiro (FIDE 2147)

2019 U.S. Girls' Junior Championship (3.1), St. Louis, Missouri, 07.13.2019

(see diagram below photos)

Anytime you calculate a trade, you must think about the impact it might have 10 moves down the line. Rachael



49. ... Qf5 50. Qxf5

It turned out that trading queens on f5 was bad because White's king has no access points on the kingside, whereas Thalia found a way through on the queenside. In fact, the position is now winning for Black.

50. ... gxf5 51. Bd2 Kf7 52. Kf3 Ke8 53. Ke3 Kd7 54. Kd3 Kc6 55. Be1 Kb5 56. Bd2 Bb4

(see diagram below photos)

57. Bc1

Normally when your minor piece is worse you want to trade it. In this

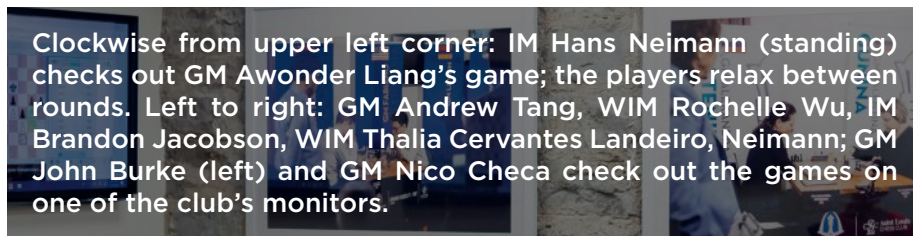
and Black will win the pawn and the game.

57. ... Be1 58. Ke2 Bh4 59. Kd3 Kb4 60. Be3 Kb3 61. Bd2 Bf2 62. Bc1 Bg1

Zugzwang. White would love to pass her move, but that, sadly, is against the rules.

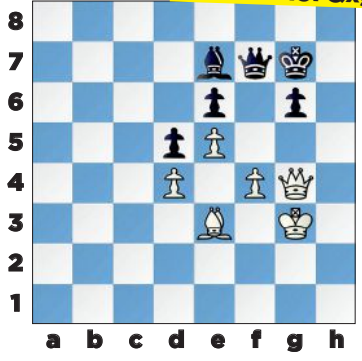
63. Bd2 Kb2 64. Bc3+ Kc1 65. Ba5 Bh2 66. Ke3

Rachael could not keep Thalia's king out anymore. 66. Bd2+ Kd1 67. Be3 Ke1. No matter where White moves, Black's king inches closer to the pawns.

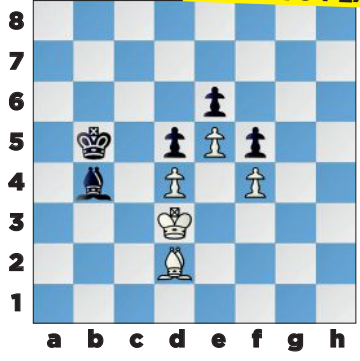


Clockwise from upper left corner: IM Hans Neimann (standing) checks out GM Awonder Liang's game; the players relax between rounds. Left to right: GM Andrew Tang, WIM Rochelle Wu, IM Brandon Jacobson, WIM Thalia Cervantes Landeiro, Neimann; GM John Burke (left) and GM Nico Checa check out the games on one of the club's monitors.

AFTER 49. Qxg4



WHITE TO PLAY



is a fantastic player, but Thalia used her experience and intuition to score the point in this ending.

endgame, however, trading results in a lost king and pawn ending: 57. Bxb4 Kxb4 58. Kd2 Kc4 59. Ke3 Kc3

66. ... Kc2 67. Bb6 Bg1+ 68. Ke2 Kc3 69. Ba5+ Kc4 70. Kf3 Bxd4 71. Bd2 Kd3 72. Bc1 Bc5 73. Bb2 Kc2 74. Ba1 d4 75. Ke2 d3+ 76. Kf1 d2 77. Kg2 d1=Q, White resigned.

The rest day occurred after five rounds, at which point WIM Rochelle Wu led with 4½ points and WIM Carissa Yip stood in second with 4 points. Rochelle had some good fortune go her way, as she had tough positions in three consecutive

games, including her fourth round game against Ruiyang.

TIME TROUBLE

Ruiyang Yan (FIDE 1851)
WIM Rochelle Wu (FIDE 2085)
2019 U.S. Girls' Junior
Championship (4.4), St. Louis,
Missouri, 07.14.2019



Ruiyang played an excellent game to this point. Up two pawns but in time trouble, Ruiyang overlooked a game-ending tactic.

35. Nb6

A blunder, whereas 35. Re6 or 35. Re7 kept White well ahead.

35. ... Qd1+ 36. Kg2

The line 36. Qg1 Qxf3+ 37. Qg2 Qd1+ 38. Qg1 results in at least a draw for Black, who can decide to play on if she prefers.

36. ... Ng4! 37. Qe2

Ruiyang undoubtedly was relying on this move to protect her rook by attacking Black's queen.

Not 37. fxg4 Qf1 mate.

37. ... Bxe5, White resigned.

Black goes up a rook, since 38. Qxd1 would have been met by 38. ... Ne3+, forking the king and queen.

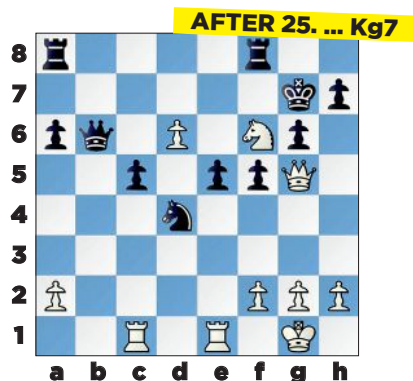
Over in the Junior, Nicolas surged to 4½ points in five games as well. Awonder rebounded from his loss to Joshua with two wins, while Joshua joined him at 4 points after beating his third grandmaster (Andrew Tang, Awonder, and John Burke).

Round six saw the leaders square off. Nico played a tame game against

Awonder and they peacefully drew. Joshua won his game against Hans to join Nico in first. On the other side of the room, WIM Emily Nguyen continued her excellent tournament by defeating WIM Agata Bykovtsev, who currently attends the prestigious Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT). Meanwhile, Ruiyang showed amazing preparation to defeat WIM Maggie Feng, a seasoned veteran of U.S. Women's Championships. Despite the other action, all eyes were on Carissa, who played a fantastic game against Rochelle to leapfrog her in the standings.

UNDER PRESSURE

WIM Carissa Yip (FIDE 2285)
WIM Rochelle Wu (FIDE 2085)
2019 U.S. Girls' Junior
Championship (6.5), St. Louis,
Missouri, 07.17.2019



Carissa had done very well to seize the initiative and orchestrate an attack. Rochelle is under pressure, and it got the best of her.

26. Nh5+

The continuation 26. Nd7 Qxd6 27. Nxf8 Rxf8 gives Black tremendous compensation of knight and two pawns for a rook.

26. ... Kh8

The move 26. ... Kg8 was necessary and gives chances for both. The game might see the players repeat moves with 27. Nf6+, or White can try to be aggressive with 27. Rxe5 Qxd6 28. Rce1 Ra7 29. h4 and White has the making of an attack; although Black has an extra, passed pawn.

27. Qe7 gxf5 28. Qxe5+ Kg8 29. Qg3+ Kh8 30. Qe5+ Kg8 31. Qg3+ Kh8 32. Re7 Nf3+

It was hard to visualize this entire sequence, but Rochelle could have fought on with 32. ... Rf7 33. Qe5+ (33. Rxf7 would allow the knight fork 33. ... Ne2+) 33. ... Kg8 34. Qd5 Raf8 35. d7 Nc6 36. Rxf7 Rxf7 37. Qxc6 Qxc6 38. d8=Q+ and White is better here because of king safety, but the advantage is by no means overwhelming.

33. Qxf3 Qxd6 34. Rce1 h4 35. R1e6, Black resigned.

With the combined threats of 36. Qc3+, 36. Rxh7+ or 36. Qh5 coming next move, Rochelle resigned rather than be checkmated.

In round seven, tragedy struck for Emily, who entered tied for second with Rochelle and just a half point behind Carissa. We commentators were lauding her play and then suddenly she stumbled and blundered a bishop in a superior position against Ruiyang, who moved to 5/7. Rochelle played her best game of the tournament to defeat Thalia, while Carissa defeated Martha to maintain her lead.

Awonder took a rare approach (1. e4 c5 2. Nc3 d6 3. d4 cxd4 4. Qxd4 Bd7 5. b3) against Brandon's Sicilian Defense and won a very nice game. Meanwhile, Nico came out on top in the matchup of co-leaders.

PASSED PAWN

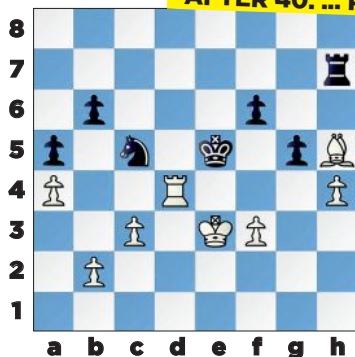
IM Joshua Sheng (FIDE 2449)
GM Nicolas Checa (FIDE 2506)
2019 U.S. Junior
Championship (7.4), St. Louis,
Missouri, 07.18.2019

(see diagram next page)

Nico had outplayed Joshua throughout the ending, but here is where it gets critical. Joshua needed to dislodge the knight from the c5-square to free up active squares for his pieces.



AFTER 40. ... Rh7



41. Be8

Better was 41. b4 axb4 42. cxb4 Nxa4 43. Re4+ Kd6 44. Rd4+ (maintaining the balance) when 44. ... Kc7 is wrong because of 45. Be8 attacking the knight on a4. (44. ... Ke5 is equal.)

41. ... Rxh4 42. b4

Better was 42. Bc6, as Black is unable to trade rooks and ideas with Rd5+ are now available.

42. ... Ne6 43. Rxh4 gxh4

Thanks to this outside passed pawn, Nico won the game. It forced Joshua to deal with it while the queenside was left vulnerable.

44. Bd7 Nf4 45. Kf2 axb4 46. cxb4 Nd3+ 47. Ke3

The line 47. Kg2 Nxb4 48. Kh3 Kf4 loses either the f-pawn or the a-pawn. Whichever one, Black gets a clear passed pawn and a win.

47. ... Nxb4 48. f4+ Kd6 49. Bh3 Nd5+ 50. Kf3 Nc3 51. Kg4 Nxa4 52. Kxh4 b5 53. Kg4 Nc3 54. Bf1 b4 55. Kf5 Ke7 56. Bc4 Nb1, White resigned.

Joshua resigned, as ... Nd2 followed by pushing the b-pawn is decisive. If he played 57. Ke4 then 57. ... Nd2+ and exchanging the minors is a winning king and pawn ending. A pretty and nice effort from Nico!

The penultimate round coincided with Emily's birthday and the players sang to her before the round. Sadly, after a great opening against Rachael, she faltered in a position with an extra pawn and lost for the second consecutive day. Carissa and Ruiyang both were victorious, while Rochelle was held to a draw by a resourceful Martha. This meant that Carissa had

a full point lead heading into the finale, where she would face Emily.

Nico drew his game against GM John Burke, which surely was disappointing for the tournament leader. However, John played a very steady game and gave Nico no chances. Awonder, on the other hand, made the most of his in a long ending against Jennifer and joined Nico with 6½/8.

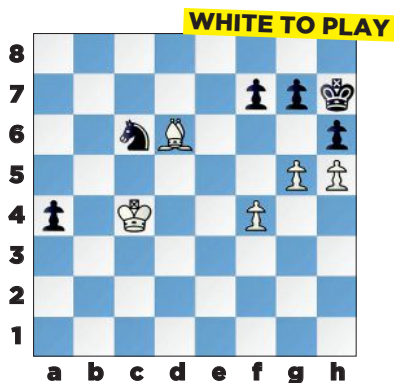
LONG DEFENSE

**WGM Jennifer Yu (FIDE 2341)
GM Awonder Liang (FIDE 2592)
2019 U.S. Junior
Championship (8.4), St. Louis,
Missouri, 07.19.2019**

(see diagram next page)

Photos above: Emily Nguyen receives a birthday cupcake from club executive director, Tony Rich. Photo below, left: a spectator (left); Thalia Cervantes Landeiro (center); Agata Bykovtsev (right). Photo below, right: spectators enjoy a pick-up game of chess.





Following a very long defensive effort, Jennifer mistakenly moved away from the outside passed pawn. This allowed Awonder to reroute his knight and pressure her kingside pawns.

55. Kd5

Although still far from straightforward, 55. Bc5 puts up stubborn resistance. If the knight moves, the king will capture the a-pawn; White correctly avoids 55. Kb5 Nd4+ 56. Kxa4 Nf5 when ... Ng3 next was a problem. The h-pawn is lost.

55. ... Nd8 56. Be7 Ne6 57. Ke4 Nc7 58. Bd6 Nb5 59. Be5 a3 60. Kd5 a2 61. Kc4 Nd6+

The knight can't be taken since the bishop has to defend the a1-promotion square.

62. Kd5 Nf5 63. Ke4 Ng3+ 64. Kf3 Nxh5 65. Kg4 hxg5 66. Kxh5 gxf4 67. Kg4 g5, White resigned.

She can't take on g5 because the bishop is overloaded defending against pawns on both flanks. A hard-fought game by Awonder, who really earned the result.

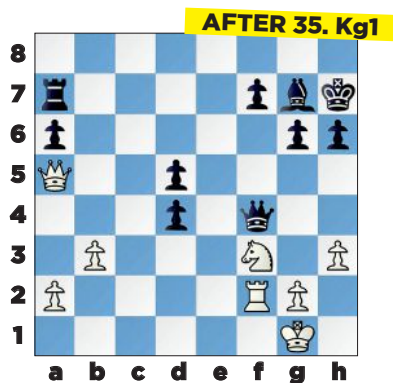
The final round was incredibly dramatic. In the Girls' Junior, Rochelle won her last game against Maggie, but needed Emily to beat Carissa. Although Carissa was in trouble, she escaped with a draw and the title for the second year in a row.

In the Junior, Hans, with the white pieces, wanted to play the role of spoiler. He essayed a very dry line and Nico had little choice but to

accept a draw. Nico's tournament fate was in Andrew Tang's hands. Andrew completely outplayed Awonder, but just as he was about to secure the victory he blundered and let Awonder escape with a draw. This meant there would be a playoff!

NARROW ESCAPE

GM Awonder Liang (FIDE 2592)
GM Andrew Tang (FIDE 2495)
2019 U.S. Junior
Championship (9.2), St. Louis,
Missouri, 07.20.2019



Black is up two pawns with a winning position. If the rook gets into the game, it's all over.

35. ... Rc7?

But not here! Of course Andrew wanted to play ... Rc1+ next, but he missed Awonder's resource.

Simplest was 35. ... Qe3 36. Qb6 Re7 when White can hardly move.

36. Ng5+! Qxg5 37. Qxc7 d3 38. Rxf7 Qe3+ 39. Kf1, Draw agreed.

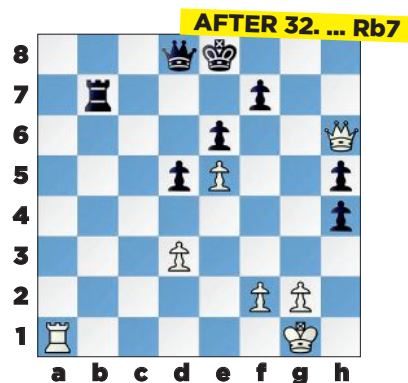
The players agreed to a draw since the repetition is forced.

The very fact that a playoff was necessary surely was upsetting to Nico. After all, it appeared that Awonder would lose to Andrew and Nico would win outright. Both players had some time to regroup as everyone else celebrated and congratulated Carissa. We commentators took a brief break and readied ourselves for the two-game match, with 10 minutes allotted per side. Awonder received the white pieces to start.

Awonder masterfully handled the French Defense and obtained a lead in development. Nico's king never left the center, but he was coordinating his pieces. Then suddenly, BAM. With his queen lurking near Nico's king, Awonder pins Nico's queen. If Nico were to take it, he'd lose his queen to a skewer.

QUEEN PIN

GM Awonder Liang (FIDE 2592)
GM Nicolas Checa (FIDE 2506)
2019 U.S. Junior
Championship (TB 1), St. Louis,
Missouri, 07.20.2019



33. Ra8!, Black resigned.

A wonderful way to end the game. 33. ... Qxa8 is met by 34. Qh8+, so Nico resigned.

The second game was an interesting affair, but sadly Nico could not drum up anything more than counterplay. With a draw as good as a loss at that point, Nico went all in and Awonder came away with the 2019 U.S. Junior Championship. At the wonderful closing dinner ceremony, many of the grandmasters from the Senior Championship praised Nico's ability to squeeze out victories from small advantages. In any other year, his phenomenal 7/9 score would have landed him in sole first.

While only two champions could be crowned, all 20 players put forth a valiant effort in St. Louis and several players went on to achieve strong results in their next events. Congratulations to all the players—I look forward to seeing more great chess from you!

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Oct. 26, King's Chess Club Quads

Morning quads and afternoon quads, G/30 d5, Kindergarten-undergraduate (scholastic, youth, and young adult memberships). Grace Church Bethlehem Campus, 758 Route 10, Randolph, NJ 07869. **EF:** None. **Reg.:** 9-9:20 am., 1st rd. 9:40. Arr. by 12:30 pm to reg. only for afternoon quads. Medal to each quad winner. **Info:** Email Bob McAdams at fambright@optonline.net or call at 973-694-3988.

Oct. 27, Scholastic Chess at South Jersey Innovation Center

2003 Lincoln Dr., West Marlton, NJ 08053. 4 rds. G/25 d5, Beginning at 12:15 and ASAP. OPEN (Players K-12), RESERVE (K-12 U-1000), NOVICE II (K-8 U-600), NOVICE I (unrated K-8). Plaques to top 3 school teams, top 5 in each section Medals to all players. Pre-registration online, \$35 Info and online registration at <https://snjchess.com/register>. On-site 11-12 noon \$45. Inquiries to chess@incnt.com

Nov. 15-17 or 16-17, 18th Annual Turkey Bowl (FL)

See Grand Prix.

Nov. 16, Princeton Charter School

TOURNAMENT LOCATION: Princeton Charter School at 100 Bunn Dr., Princeton, NJ 08540. TIME CONTROL: G/30 d0; Swiss to 4 rounds. SECTIONS: Open above 1000/1200; U1000; U800; U400/Unrated. (sections will be combined. Awards will be given to the top 3 in each section) **Parental Supervision Required:** The parents or another adult must be designated to supervise the student player between rounds. **Schedule** (will be accelerated if possible) **First Round:** 12:01 PM. **Second Round:** ASAP. **Third Round:** ASAP. **Fourth Round:** ASAP. **Award Ceremony:** ASAP (4:05 the latest). Schedule will be accelerated if possible. (*) **Online Registration \$35 Only if register one week before: www.ChessKidsNY.com/PCSCSChessProgram.htm (*) Fee will increase automatically if register later. On site registration the date of the event: \$40 from 11:45 am to 12:00 noon. Restocking fee of \$4 for cancellation. Restocking waived if we are forced to cancel due to tournament site weather conditions. **Information:** email to Miguel Iniguez at: migini@gmail.com. **Results will be posted online the same day of the event!****

Nov. 23-24 or 24, 4th Annual NY State Girls Championship! (NY)

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New York

Oct. 6, Nov. 10, Dec. 8, Jan. 12, Feb. 9, Mar. 1, May 3, 7th Annual Magnus High School and Junior High Chess League!

Columbia Grammar and Prep. High School Cafeteria, 36 W. 93rd St. (bet. Central Park West & Columbus Ave., near 96th St. subways), NYC. 14-SS, open to grades 7-12 born after 5/3/20. 3 sections: **1. Varsity** (over 1799 at match date, and invitees), G/90 +30, **FIDE. 2. Junior-Varsity** (Under 1800 official rating at match date or unr), G/75 d10. **3. Novice** (Under 1200 official rating at match date or unr), G/60 d10. **All:** May be limited to 64 players each date (entries may be subject to waiting list). **Individual prizes:** free entry to 3 specified Continental Chess tmnts. thru 12/31/20 to 1st, 2 free entries to 2nd each section. Plaques to top 3 each section. **Second-Half Bonus Prize:** 1 free entry to top-scorer (not counting half-point byes), among all 3 sections, in rds. 8-14. **Varsity Section Bonus Prize:** 1 extra free entry to Clear First in Varsity (playoff between top 2 on tiebreak if tie for 1st in Varsity: may be fast game). **Team prizes:** free entry to 1 CCA tmt. thru 12/31/20 to the 4-top-scoring players from **same school** across all 3 sections, plaques to top 3 overall team scores. **Mixed Doubles** (2-player male/female team, avg. rating U2200, may be in different sections and from different schools, must sign-up by 2/9, no extra fee); free entry to 1 CCA tmt. thru 12/31/20 to 1st **Mixed Doubles team**, chess sets to top 3 **Mixed Doubles**. Free entries courtesy of Continental Chess and are valid for CCA tmnts. with 100% guaranteed prizes. **Rds.** 10 am, 1:30 pm (earlier if feasible) each match date. **EF:** \$30 each date per player if paid by 6 pm the day before match, \$35 later, at least 30 min. before game, \$10 less if rated over 1999. Optional \$550 EF per school for up to 6 players for all 7 dates (school EF \$10 less per player over

1999). **Ent:** www.magnusleague.org. Each date's games submitted for USCF rating prior to next date's games; Varsity games may be submitted to FIDE on separate schedule. Players must re-confirm before each date; official USCF rating list in effect on each date used for that date (unofficial ratings usually used if otherwise unrated or if requesting to play in Varsity). Limit 8 half-point byes (2 byes max. rds. 11-14), commit by Feb. 9 (by May 1 for players with minus scores if team also has minus score); TD may assign byes to players whose ratings exceed previous match section limit. **\$20 fine for forfeits.** \$60 refunded to schools paying school EF if no forfeits for entire season. Teammate pairings avoided but possible. Free entries divided on ties. See www.magnusleague.org for rules and special situations. Bonus Points and/or prizes may be awarded each date! Bring clocks! **Info:** director@magnusleague.org, chesscentr@gmail.com. \$15 service charge for refunds. School purchase orders: **Chess Center of NY, PO Box 4615, New Windsor, NY 12553.W.** **Note:** this version supercedes what appears in Sept. CL issue.

Oct. 19-20, 6th annual Central New York Open

See *Chess Life* or www.chesstour.com.

Nov. 15-17 or 16-17, 18th Annual Turkey Bowl (FL)

See Grand Prix.

Nov. 23-24, 4th annual Schenectady Open at Proctors

See *Chess Life* or www.chesstour.com.

US Chess Junior Grand Prix!

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Nov. 23-24 or 24, 4th Annual NY State Girls Championship!

Open to all girls, out of state welcome, **Columbia Grammar and Preparatory School**, 36 West 93rd St. (some sections may be across the street, at 5 West 93rd St.), both are between Central Park West & Columbus Ave., NYC. **Subways: Broadway & 96th Street** (1,2,3 trains), **Central Park West & 96th Street** (B, C trains). **Online entries at www.chessgirls.win (2-Day Championship sections):** \$75 thru 11/18/19, \$85 11/19-21; **(1-Day sections):** \$70 thru 11/18/19, \$80 11/19-21. **All sections:** \$90 after 11/21 or at site, at least 1 hour before game. **May be limited to 350 players!** Entries may be subject to waiting list. **For details on mail entries see www.chessgirls.win or www.chesscenter.cc. In 7 sections.** Each section has its own age, (grade) and rating requirements (Championship sections open to all who are under age (and grade) limits; unrated allowed all sections). **Open Championship**, open to all girls born after 11/24/99 (top NYS K-12 girl qualifies for 2020 National Girls Tournament of Champions in St. Louis), **K-6 Championship** and **K-3 Championship** are each **2-days:** 6-SS, G/60 d10. **Rounds:** 10 am-1-4 pm each day. **K-12 Under 1200, K-6 Under 900, K-3 Under 600 and K-1 Championship** are each 5-SS, G/30 d5. **Rounds:** 10 am-12-1:30-3:45 pm. **Sunday K-1** open to grades 1/below born after 11/24/11. **Both K-3 sections** open to grades 3/below born after 11/24/09. **Both K-6 sections** open to grades 6/below born after 11/24/06. **K-12 Under 1200 section** open to grades 12/below born after 11/24/99. **Trophies** to top 12 each section and top 3 Unr. in each 1-Day section. **Grade plaques:** top 3 K/below in K-1 section, top 3 scorers below 9th Grade in K-12 U1200, top 3 below 4th grade in K-6 U900,

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and top 3 below 2nd grade in K-3 U600 (you can win both plaque + trophy). All players scoring 4 or more (5 or more in 2-Day sections) who *don't* win a trophy receive a medal! Speed playoff for 5-0 or 6-0. **Plaques also** to top 4 teams each section (top 3 scorers from same school = team, all on team must attend same school; no combined teams, even if one school "feeds" another). **Individual free entry prizes** (in each 2-Day Championship section): **Free entry** to 3 specified Continental Chess tournaments thru 12/31/20 to 1st, 2 free entries to 2nd, 1 free to 3rd! **One free entry** to 1st in each 1-Day section! Free entries courtesy of Continental Chess and are valid for CCA tmts. with 100% unconditionally guaranteed prize funds (*not* valid for NYS Scholastics in Saratoga Springs). See www.chesstour.com for complete details and restrictions. **All:** Out-of-state eligible for prizes but top NYS player and team each section are NY Champions. Nov. 2019 official ratings used, except unofficial ratings at uschess.org usually used if otherwise unrated. TD reserves right to assign estimated ratings to players with non-USCF ratings. All substitutions from advance entry list charged late fee. Section switches subject to \$10 extra charge per player after 11/21. \$15 service charge for each player refund. TD reserves right to reassign sections for advance entries with incorrect or unclear registrations. Limit 2 byes, commit before rd. 3. **HR:** see travel websites for nearby hotels in NYC. **Info,** help with entries, parking, etc: www.chessgirls.win. **Questions:** director@chessgirls.win, chesscentr@gmail.com (or 347-201-2269; leave message, email is much better). **Team rooms:** teamrooms@chessgirls.win. Sets provided by Little House of Chess—**bring clocks!** School purchase orders payable to: **Chess Center of NY, PO Box 4615, New Windsor, NY 12553.** W. (Top 3 Championship Sections US Chess Junior Grand Prix Only)

Dec. 26-28 or 27-28, 38th annual Empire City Open
See *Chess Life* or www.chesstour.com.

Ohio

Nov. 15-17 or 16-17, 28th annual Kings Island Open
See *Chess Life* or www.chesstour.com.

Pennsylvania

Oct. 20, PCL October Blitz Hexes (BLZ)
5RR, G/5 d2. Wm. Pitt Union, Univ. of Pittsburgh, 5th Ave. & Bigelow Blvd., Pittsburgh, PA 15213. **EF:** \$10, \$7 Jrs. \$30 to 1st/hex. **Reg.:** 11:30-11:45am. **Info:** martinak_tom_m@hotmail.com, 412-908-0286.

Nov. 15-17 or 16-17, 18th Annual Turkey Bowl (FL)
See Grand Prix.

Nov. 23-24 or 24, 4th Annual NY State Girls Championship! (NY)
See New York.

Nov. 29-Dec. 1 or Nov. 30-Dec. 1, 50th annual National Chess Congress
See *Chess Life* or www.chesstour.com.

Jan. 17-20, 18-20 or 19-20, 52nd annual Liberty Bell Open
See *Chess Life* or www.chesstour.com.

South Carolina

Oct. 5, Greenville Fall Scholastic 2019
5 SS, G/25 d5. **EF:** \$15 by Oct 3; \$20 after. Trophies to 1st-6th each section. K-2; K-4; K-6; K-8; K-12. 1st & 2nd team trophies to top schools. Sections may be combined if undersubscribed. **Reg.:** 8-8:45. **Rds.:** 9:00-10:15-11:30-1:30-2:45. Lunch 12:30. **Site:** Green Charter School, 1440 Pelham Rd., Greenville, SC, 29615. Registration form at www.schess.org "Upcoming Events" link. **Contact:** Gene Nix, eenixjr@yahoo.com; 864-905-2406.

Texas

A State Championship Event!
Nov. 1-3, 23rd Annual North/Central Texas Grade Championships
Hilton Houston North, 12400 Greenspoint Dr., Houston, TX 77060. **HR:** \$95/\$95/\$95/\$95, 281-875-2222 or 866-577-1154. Mention "North/Central Texas Grade Chess Championship" group code to get rate. Room comes with 2 breakfast coupons. Reserve by Oct 11 or rate may not be honored. Each grade is Open to TX residents or players attending Texas schools. Note players cannot play in two separate closed scholastic state championships in different states and be eligible to play. Players must play in their own grade. Note that small sections may be merged with another section. Also if sections are small you may have to play a teammate or play someone twice. One 1/2 pt bye available, any round, if requested before end of rd. 2 and if player has not received a full point bye or forfeit win. Team pairings may be turn off for later rounds. Trophies to top 10 ind. & top 5 teams (top three players added for team scores, no more than 2 teams per school in each grade.) **EF:** \$36 if postmarked by 10/13/19, \$49 if postmark by 10/26, \$63 thereafter or

on site. Do not mail after 10/26 as your entry may not be received on time. **Grades 6-12:** 6SS, G/60 d5. **Schedule:** **Reg:** Fri 6:30 pm – 7:30 pm. Rd. 1 Fri. 7:45 pm, Sat 10am-1:00pm-4pm, Sun. 10 am and 1:00 pm. **Grades K-5:** Nov 3 – Nov 5. 6SS, Rds. 1 G/45 d5; Rds. 2-6 G/60 d5. **Schedule:** **Reg:** Fri 6:30 pm – 7:30 pm. Rd. 1 Fri. 7:45 pm, Sat 10am-1:00pm-4pm, Sun. 10 am and 1:00 pm. All: Entries to: Dallas Chess Club, c/o Barbara Swafford, 2709 Longhorn Trail, Crowley, TX 76036. Entry must include Name, USCF ID (or new/pending), grade & school and school location. Incomplete entries will be charged at site entry fee. No refunds after 10/31. Email: info@dallaschess.com 214-632-9000. Do not call after 10/30 as we are traveling. Online registration and team room information on website at www.dallaschess.com Side events: Unrated Blitz open tournament on Saturday at 7 pm. **EF:** \$15, Trophy prizes. Bughouse Open Tournament Sat. 8:35 pm. **EF:** \$20/team. Trophy prizes. Registration for side events onsite only. W.

Wisconsin

**US Chess Junior Grand Prix!
A State Championship Event!**

Nov. 2-3, 2019-2020 Wisconsin Junior Open
Gruenhagen Conference Center, UW-Oshkosh, Corner of High and Osceola St., Oshkosh, WI 54901. **HR:** \$40 Full Service (dorm room) 920-424-1106. 2020 Denker/Barber/Haring qualifier; Open to Grades K-12. In 6 Sections, **High School:** **EF:** \$17 in advance by 10/29; \$22 at site. **Trophies:** Top 5, Top 2 each B, C, D and E/Unrated. **K-8:** **EF:** \$17 in advance by 10/29; \$22 at site. **Trophies:** Top 5, Top 2 each C, D and E/Unrated. **Girl's Junior Open:** **EF:** \$17 in advance by 10/29; \$22 at site. **Trophies:** Top 4. **Reserve (U900 or Unrated):** **EF:** \$17 in advance by 10/29; \$22 at site. **Trophies:** Top 5, Top 2 each 600, 500, U500 and Unrated. **Non-Rated Beginner's Grade 7-12:** Open to Grades 7-12. **EF:** \$16 in advance by 10/29; \$21 at site. **Trophies:** Top 5 and top 3 Grade 7-9. **Non-Rated Beginner's Grade K-6:** Open to Grades K-6. **EF:** \$16 in advance by 10/29; \$21 at site. **Trophies:** Top 5 and top 3 Grade K-3. **ALL:** 5SS, 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@charternet.net. www.wischess.org. W. Online registration at <https://online.registration.cc/>.

Dec. 21-22, 2019 U.S. Amateur North Championship
See Nationals.

Answers

PAGE 5/YOU CAN DO IT!

Solution #1: 1. Bc5+ Kg8 2. Bc4 mate.

Solution #2: 1. Nf6+ Kd8 (or 1. ... Kf8) 2. Bxe7 mate.

Solution #3: 1. Bf5+ Kb8 (or 1. ... Kd8) 2. Bxc7 mate.

Solution #4: 1. Qxf5+ Kd4 2. Bc5 mate.

Solution #5: 1. Qg6+ hxg6 2. Bxg6 mate.

Solution #6: 1. Qe7+ Kf5 2. Bd3 mate.

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1) A sacrifice; page 13

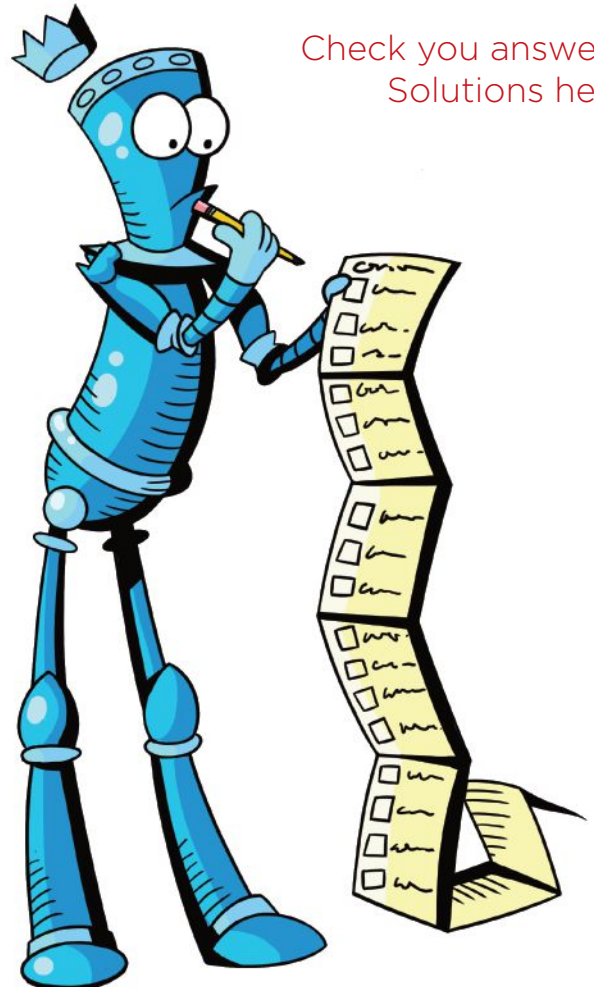
2) GM Awonder Liang and WIM Carissa Yip; page 17

3) Magic, playing instruments, running and listening to music; page 30

4) Chandler Ellison; page 4

5) Atulya Vaidya; page 16

6) No; page 7



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MY FIRST MOVE



WGM JENNIFER YU

2019 U.S. WOMEN'S CHAMPION

In this column, we feature advice from your chess heroes and explore what shaped their development when they were *Chess Life Kids* like you!

THE EARLY DAYS

I learned to play chess in an afterschool chess club in first grade. In the club, they had keychain pieces as rewards for things like winning games. I wanted to get every piece, but sadly, I never came close before chess club ended.

THIS IS IT!

My a-ha moment was winning the World Youth Chess Championships in the U12 Girls section in 2014. I never thought that I could do it! After that I wanted to play chess more and see how far I could go.

WHAT'S NEXT?

Right now I want to become an international master. I have all my norms so I only need to get my FIDE rating to 2400. For the future, I'm a rising senior in high school so college is coming up soon. Even though I'm uncertain of where I want to apply and go to, I'm definitely continuing chess throughout college!





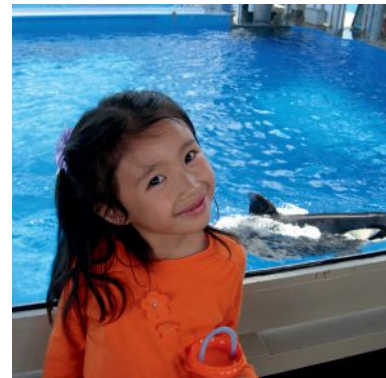
FAVORITE BOOKS

I liked tactics books like *How to Beat Your Dad at Chess* when I was little. Tactics and puzzles are so much fun to solve and I still enjoy them. That's one reason why I currently really like Jacob Aagard's Grandmaster Preparation series.

WINNING MOMENTS...

My proudest chess moment is winning the 2019 U.S. Women's Championship. Just like my 2014 World Youth gold medal, I never expected that this would happen.

Jennifer has always made time for family, friends, and fun hobbies. Photos, upper page: courtesy of subject; opposite and lower page, courtesy of Saint Louis Chess Campus.



A CHESS HERO'S CHESS HERO

When I was little I had many chess heroes such as the greatest female player of all time, Judit Polgar. Now, I still look up to players like Judit, but I admire a wider range of players, even some who are lower rated than me, because I think you can learn something from everyone and from every game.

FAVORITE OPENINGS

When I first started playing chess I didn't have a favorite opening because I didn't know any! I would play random things I saw other people play until I learned my first openings when I was 1500. My favorite opening now is the English. Although I do have to say that I really like the Orangutan (1. b4) too, even though it is a little silly, because I haven't lost with it yet! (I only played two games.)

... AND DISAPPOINTING ONES

One of my most disappointing moments in chess was when I lost to a 900 when I was 1900. You don't see 1,000 point upsets everyday! I was winning, but a momentary lapse caused me to throw the game away. This taught me to never underestimate my opponent and to pay attention on every single move. Also, since this was only the first round, I learned how to forget about a heartbreaking loss, move on, and try to play my best for the rest of the tournament.

MAINTAINING BALANCE

Balancing school and chess is a challenge! I try to do my best in finishing all my homework during school and leaving as much time for chess as I can. However, this year was really rough because I missed two weeks of school twice and had to take a few months off from chess.





HER BFFS

My chess friendships are very important to me since chess is such an integral part of my life. I don't think my friends treat each other any differently when we face each other in a game because we're used to playing each other for years and learned to block out who the opponent is. Anything that happens on the board isn't personal.

FEMALE POWER

I think [all girl events are] a wonderful way to get more female

players involved in chess. It's an important source of motivation because I'm sure there are many female players who would stop playing altogether if these tournaments didn't exist. It's also important for girls to be able to meet other girls with the same experiences as them. I remember growing up how much I loved tournaments like [KCF] All Girls' [Nationals] because I would have so much fun with my friends.

thinking how the game would affect my tournament, I just simply try to find the best move in the position.

MY BEST ADVICE

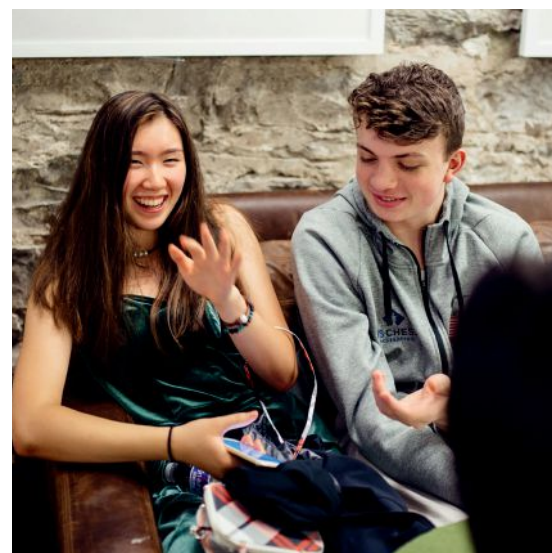
Keep playing! Even if you are having a bad tournament or just had a heartbreaking loss, keep your mind clear and approach the next game like nothing happened. A lesson can be learned in every chess game and it can only be learned if you keep playing.

MAGIC AND MUSIC

I have many hobbies outside of chess that I love to do such as playing instruments and running. At one point, I became obsessed with learning magic tricks! One of my favorite things to do is listening to music, so I listen to music often when I'm practicing chess.

THE BEST ADVICE I'VE RECEIVED

The best advice ever given to me was to play chess move by move and not to think about the result. This helps me focus on the game and forget about any pressure. Instead of



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CHESS ADVENTURES

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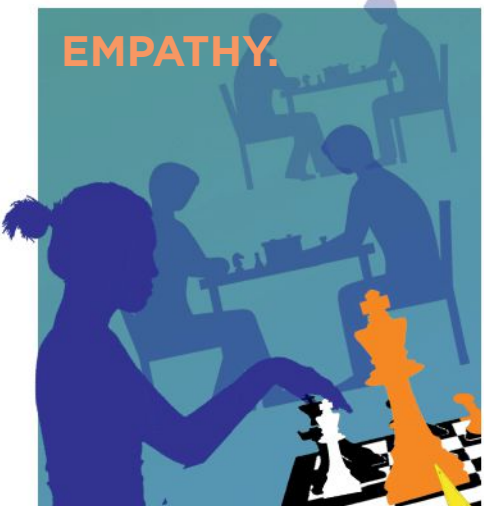


Building Community while Competing

My chess friendships are important to me, especially since chess is integral to my life. I've made many close friends over the years and we are always happy to see each other. The benefits I derive from these friendships are enormous.



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My friends and I understand the joys and challenges of the game. We're there for each other through the tough days, we celebrate victories together, and we help each other grow and learn.

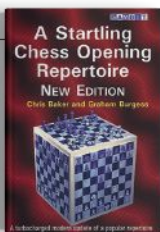
Whatever happens over the board isn't personal. Win or lose, my friendships always come first.



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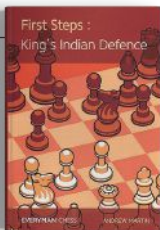
Tired of being surprised in the opening? Horrified by studying many hours each week to keep on top of the latest developments in mainline openings? Then this is the book for you! It features a repertoire of opening lines based on 1. e4 that are slightly off the beaten track, but full of practical sting and cunning traps for unwary opponents.



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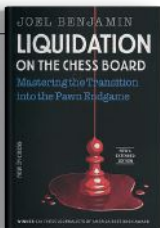


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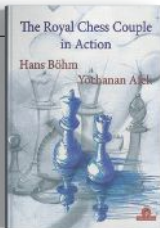


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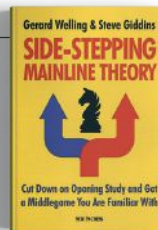


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The average chess player spends too much time on studying opening theory. To address this, the authors recommend the Old Indian-Hanham Philidor set-up as a basis for both Black and White. They provide ideas and strategies that can be learned in the shortest possible time, require the bare minimum of maintenance and updating.

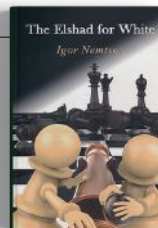


THE ELSHAD FOR WHITE

by Igor Nemtsov

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More opening outrage and mayhem! The Elshad System once again defies the principles of opening play - this time from White's side of the board with 1. c3, 2. Qa4, and a quick advance of the kingside pawns. In this book, the author surveys Black's most common responses to this creative opening, including the King's Indian, Dutch, and big-center setups.

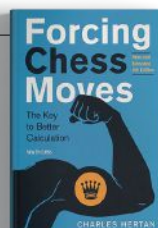


FORCING CHESS MOVES

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Every chess fan marvels at the wonderful combinations with which famous masters win their games. How do they find those fantastic moves? Do they have special vision? And why do computers outwit us tactically? Forcing Chess Moves proposes a revolutionary method for finding winning moves. Learn to think like a computer! The author's radically different approach is: use COMPUTER EYES and always look for the most forcing move first.



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