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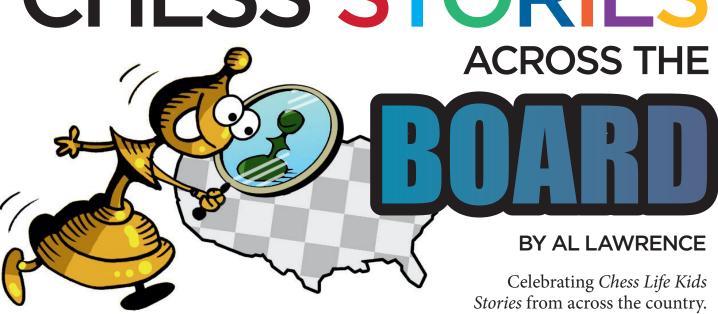
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In this issue

Tanitoluwa (Tani) Adewumi shot to fame in 2019 after winning the New York State K-3 scholastic championship while living in a homeless shelter. Since then, he's hit another major milestone: US Chess master! In this issue, John Hartmann gives you an update on Tani and we look some of his games and tactics. Jay Stallings also teaches a lesson on knight moves and how to create the ultimate knight outpost. Finally, meet our 2020 U.S. champion, GM Wesley So, in this month's My First Move and Chess Adventures.

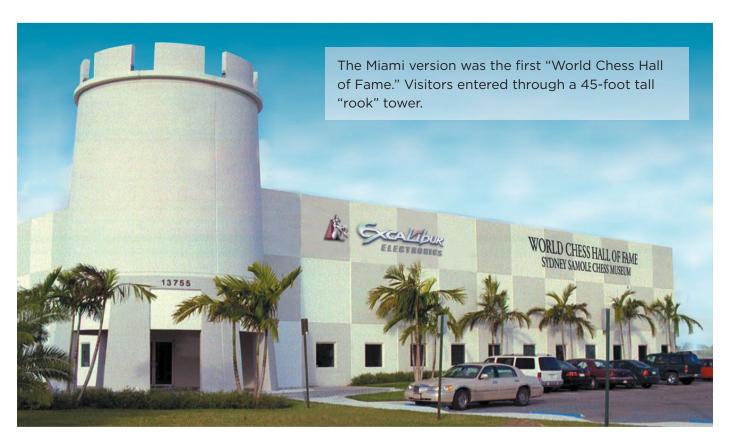
This month's cover features our newest US Chess master, Tanitoluwa Adewumi. Photo courtesy of the Adewumi family.

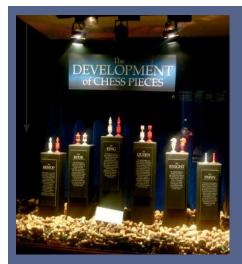
CHESS STORIES



The Museum Moves to Miami

The World Chess Hall of Fame: Part II







Left: Displays throughout the Miami Hall shared information about all aspects of chess. Displays inside the "Time Tunnel of Chess" explained how chess developed from other, ancient games and became an organized sport. Right: This display showed us ways to time chess games down through the ages.

The tower was shaped like a chess rook. It was 45 feet high! We walked through the entrance to the brandnew *World* Chess Hall of Fame in Miami, Florida, and into the dramatically dim "Time Tunnel of Chess," with dots of light like stars overhead. The tunnel's displays told us the story of how chess evolved from earlier games in Egypt and India, all the way to modern chess.

Then the tunnel opened up into a vast room, with displays all around. The "Ye Olde Chess Shoppe" showed us sets ancient and modern. Eye-catching exhibits explained chess subjects like clocks and ratings — all symbolically guarded by medieval suits of armor.

Through an archway, another room offered a giant rook pod with interactive computers and a high-tech presentation of the history of chess computers, as well as a chess table used by famous American former world champion Bobby Fischer. Up an incline, lined with displays, we could enter the museum's very own theater, showing movies about chess.

After a dozen years in Washington, D.C., the Hall of Fame had moved to Miami. Steve Doyle, who had the idea of creating a chess hall of fame when he was president of US Chess, was now vice president of the World Chess Federation (FIDE). He helped the



Above: A suit of armor guarded the spectacular collection of chess sets. Below: Chess sets can be designed in many ways, but don't try to bring this one to a tournament! Only the Staunton design can be used in official games.



Hall become the only World Chess Hall of Fame and Museum.

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Left: Former World Champion GM Boris Spassky of Russia came to Miami to be inducted into the World Chess Hall of Fame in 2003. He played the most famous chess match of all time, losing his crown to American Bobby Fischer in 1972. Center: Bobby Fischer's teacher, John "Jack" Collins was named "Chess Teacher of the Century." The Miami Hall of Fame displayed the furniture the two used to study together. Right: Miami hosted the first World Hall of Fame inductions.









PAWN GRABBING

and pieces and play through the game below. Have paper and pen by your side. When you reach a

What is pawn grabbing? For the most part, pawn grabbing falls into the category of overextension. It usually has to do with either of two actions. Players go out of their way to attack and capture a pawn, such as a "poisoned pawn." Or players unreasonably try to hold onto a pawn taken earlier. Many times pawn grabbing involves the queen. That is, one brings the queen out early, attacks an opposing pawn, takes it, then tries to get the queen back to civilization. This could waste a lot of time and often leads to loss of the initiative. The pawn grabber must decide if all the effort is worth it. Can the pawn grabber eventually catch up in development and survive any possible attack arising from the lost time? If the opponent does not get sufficient counterplay, and the pilfered pawn can be kept, the extra material becomes significant. But before getting to that safe place, the pawn grabber must be on the lookout for something else: losing the queen. This month's column shows how the queen can be lost by blindly walking into a poisoned pawn trap. Let's take a closer look.

1. e4 ...

A king-pawn opening. The center is attacked and White's queen and bishop are ready to come out. There is nothing new under the chess sun.

Q1) Is the move 1. e3 bad? (10 points)

1. ... c5

The Sicilian Defense, by far the most popular response to 1. e4.

Q2) What is the chief purpose of 1...c5? (10 points)

2. Nf3

White develops a knight and supports the thrust 3. d4. That advance would lead to an opening of the center.

Q3) After 2. d4 cxd4, how should White continue? (10 points)

2. ... d6

Black's queen-bishop can now be developed. The e5-square is guarded, so that White's king-pawn cannot advance menacingly against a knight placed on f6.

3. d4

This advance increases White's space and lets the queen-bishop enter the game.

Q4) What is White's best move after 3. ... b6 4. dxc5 bxc5? (10 points)



What is White's best move? (Possible position after 3. ... b6 4. dxc5 bxc5)

3. ... cxd4

Black exchanges the c-pawn for the d-pawn to get a central pawn majority. If Black can survive White's early initiative, there are excellent chances for counterplay. That's one of the reasons the Sicilian is so popular.

4. Nxd4

White takes the pawn back, with attacking possibilities and a promising game.

Q5) Is 4. Qxd4 a blunder? (10 points)

4. ... Nf6

This is a natural developing move. It forces White to defend the e-pawn, which is held in place by Black's d-pawn.

5. Nc3

Another good developing move. It guards the king-pawn and the d5-square. Of course, with the knight on c3, White can no longer play c2-c4, setting up a Maroczy Bind.

Q6) Would 5. Bd3 have been better than 5. Nc3? (10 points)

5. ... a6

Black plays the Najdorf Variation, named after Polish/Argentinian grandmaster Miguel Najdorf.

Q7) How does 5. ... a6 attack the White center? (10 points)

6. Bg5

This is a typical continuation for White. White attacks the f6-knight and puts pressure on the d8-h4 diagonal.

6. ... e6

Black avoids doubled pawns, while giving the f8-bishop a square at e7.

7. f4

White plays aggressively, apparently threatening e4-e5, attacking the pinned f6-knight.

Q8) If 7. ... b5, does 8. e5 dxe5 9. fxe5 win a piece? (10 points)

7. ... Qb6

Black goes after the b2-pawn. Is it a poisoned pawn? That depends on what White and Black do.

Q9) If 8. Nb3, does Black win the e-pawn by 8. ... Qe3+? (10 points)

8. a3

White seemingly ignore Black's threat. The b2-pawn is apparently hanging. In such tricky situations, a player should check things out very carefully.

8. ... Qxb2

Black bites the bullet and takes the pawn. Truly, the way Black has played this makes the b-pawn highly poisonous.

9. Na4

Once Black wakes up it will be clear the queen is trapped. So, Black resigns.



Black's queen is trapped

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

ILLUSTRATIVE GAME:

Richard Lilja vs. Lars Laustsen Copenhagen 2001

1. Nc3 c5 2. e4 g6 3. d4 Bg7 4. dxc5 Qa5 5. Nge2 Nf6 6. Ng3 h5 7. h4 Qxc5 8. Be3 Qb4 9. a3 Qxb2 10. Bd4 Nc6 11. Ra2



FINAL POSITION IN THE ILLUSTRATIVE GAME

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Did you know you can find previous issues of Chess Life Kids online? To read "Avoid the Trap" (and all columns and features), go to uschess.org and click on "Chess Life Kids."

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90: 1600

80: 1400

70: 1200

60 or lower: 1000

GIVE YOUR OPPONENT RAIGHT MA By Jay Stallings

Lessons on Knight moves from "Coach Jay"

Knights break rules! They jump, they turn, and it seems that their moves often come as a surprise. To corral these free spirits, you must guide them to their best squares. But how precisely to do that? In this article we'll cover key two ideas — creating an *ultimate* knight outpost, and finding just the right plan for *underutilized* knights.

The knight's dream is to occupy an *outpost* — a square where it is supported by a pawn, and cannot be driven away by an opposing pawn. The ultimate outpost occurs when, additionally, no opposing minor pieces are able to attack that knight. When you see the potential for an outpost square, give yourself this prompt to help you create an effective plan:

EXAMPLE 1

Vasily Smyslov Iosif Rudakovsky Moscow, 1945



Question: What needs to be removed to make the outpost square the ultimate outpost square?

Answer: Black's light-squared bishop and knight.

Smyslov famously played **13. f5 Bc4? 14. Bxc4 Qxc4 15. Bg5!** and after removing Black's knight with **15. ... Rfe8 16. Bxf6 Bxf6**, his knight leapt into the ultimate outpost with **17. Nd5** and dominated the position.

EXAMPLE 2

GM Michael Adams Jay Stallings Simultaneous Exhibition, 2011



Question: What needs to be removed?

I would like to tell you that GM Adams spent enormous amounts of

time at my board during this simul, but not for moves as obvious (to him) as this!

Answer: His outpost square is d5, and he needs to get rid of my light-square bishop.

After 19. b5! Be4 20. Nb4 h6 21. Bxe4 fxe4 22. Nd5 it's mission accomplished!

EXAMPLE 3

Yuri Balashov IM Jonathan Penrose Hastings, 1966/1967



Question: What needs to be removed to turn f5 into the ultimate outpost?

Answer: Black's light-squared bishop and the knight.

14. Bq4!!

One exclam for the positional idea of getting rid of Black's bishop, and one because he sees the tactic that allows it. i.e., 14. ... h5? 15. Nf5! hxg4 16. Rh4! (better than the flashy 16. Qxg4 due to 16. ... Bf6).

14. ... Nc5 15. Bxc8 Qxg3+ 16. Kf1 Raxc8 17. Nf5

Almost a pure ultimate outpost, as Black's knight would require an arduous journey to safely attack the f5 square.

17. ... Qf4+ 18. Qf3 Kh7 19. Ke2 Rh8 20. Rh4 Qxf3+ 21. gxf3 Rcg8 22. Rah1 Ra8 This position gives us an easy segue into the other point about knights:

Repositioning an underutilized knight

As we continue our game from above, we see that Balashov has a plan for the queenside knight as well. Here is your prompt:

Question: If I could pick up my underutilized knight and place it anywhere on the board, where would it be?

Answer: The e3-square!



23. Nd1!

Knights are curious creatures that often seem to jump away from their target before settling into a dominant square.

23. ... Nd7 24. Nde3 Kg8 25. Rg1 Rh7 26. Rhg4, Black resigned.

Attacking a key square from a square with a future

When maneuvering knights, consider these two questions:

- 1. Can I pick up tempi on my route?
- 2. Which square will give my knight the most options once I get there?

In this game from 1905, Schlechter wants to grab more space and control of key squares in Black's kingside by

pushing the g-pawn to g5; however, he decides to guard the f5-square first. While his knight cannot pick up any tempi en route to guarding f5, he correctly determines which route (Nd1-e3 or Ne2-g3) gives him the most flexibility after the job is done.

EXAMPLE 4

Carl Schlechter William John Barmen, 1905



29. Nd1! Rg7 30. Ne3 Qe7 31. g5 Bd7 32. N3g4!

Now we realize why Nd1-e3 was much better than Ne2-g3. From e3, Schlechter's knight was able to move into g4 and h6, and eventually to f7 and then into the e5 outpost! If it had been at g3, the knight would have reached a dead-end. Black resigned on move 50 though he was never down material.

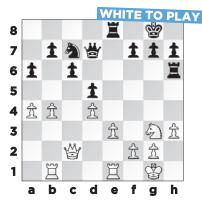


Six knight moves in a row!

In Salo Flohr's famous win over Max Euwe, White's knight chooses an odd, but logical, path to its destination.

EXAMPLE 5

Salo Flohr Max Euwe Amsterdam, 1932



Flohr surely considered the differences between Ne2-c1-d3 and taking a longer route to b3. Though the path through d3 would have given him more flexibility, he chose the longer route in order to hinder Euwe's attempt to lift his rooks to the third rank.

Flohr seeks to create weaknesses by simply threatening to move his knight into menacing squares. In particular, he eyes the greener pastures of the e5 and c5 squares.

23. Nf1! Re7 24. Nh2

This threatens 25. Ng4 with tempo, followed by a knight jump to the e5square.

24. ... Rhe6 25. Nf3 f6

Blocking the rook's path back to g6

26. Nd2 Re8 27. Nb3 R6e7 28. Nc5

Six knight moves in a row! The game is not yet won, but White is imposing his will on Black. Euwe resigned after 46 moves.

Knight serves eviction notices

In a game that tops at least one "Computer Game of the Year" list, Leela calculates a plan that pushes Black's two most active pieces from their best squares.

EXAMPLE 6

Leela Stockfish CCC finals, 2020



20. Nc3!

The impulsive 20. Nf4 lacks the foresight of how the knight should best be utilized.

20. ... Qh5 21. Ne4 Rf7 22. Ng3!

And though Leela could have moved the knight here directly from e2, now it has moved here with tempo after the eviction of Black's queen and rook. Black was checkmated on move 126, showing once more that computers don't know when to resign!

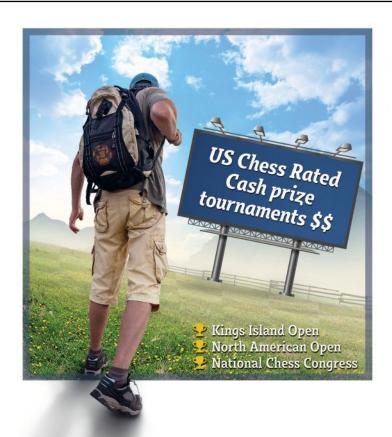
One final note: I would certainly regret not taking this opportunity to remind you to always look for ways to suppress your opponent's efforts for optimum knight placement.

NM Larry Smith and Patricia Brennan assisted with this article.



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coaching experience. He runs a non-profit organization that has taught chess to over 40,000 students.



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TANITOLUWA ADEWUMI'S STAR CONTINUES TO RISE. By John Hartmann



Above: Tani is all smiles after becoming the Fairfield County champion and attaining master status; center, every chess champion needs a three-piece suit!; right, Tani's book cover.

We first introduced Tanitoluwa (Tani) Adewumi in the August 2019 issue of *Chess Life Kids* after he'd won the New York State K-3 scholastic championship. His feat gained national attention when *New York Times* columnist Nicholas Kristof told the story of how Tani overcame the odds to win the championship despite living in a homeless shelter.

Tani began playing chess at New York's P.S. 116 elementary school. His first coaches, Russell Makofsky and Shawn Martinez of Impact Chess Network, were instrumental in starting him down his path. Makofsky, who oversees the P.S. 116 chess program,



even waived the chess club fees so Tani could participate.

After Kristof's article appeared, Tani's family moved into a permanent home and exciting opportunities opened up for Tani. He visited the Saint Louis Chess Club during the 2019 U.S. Championship and got to play blitz and Puzzle Rush with GM Hikaru Nakamura and WGM Jennifer Yu.

In 2020, Tani added "author" to his growing resume. His book, *My Name is Tani... and I Believe in Miracles*, is even in the process of being turned into a motion picture! In his book, Tani writes about falling in love with chess: "I've got a chessboard, I've got someone to play with, and I'm in a chess club. I'm a chess player.



"I don't know if that counts as a miracle, but it sure feels like one."

All the while Tani has continued to work on his game, and his talent has continued to blossom through hard work and perseverance. These days he is coached by GM Georgi Kasheishvili, but Tani also receives help and direction from FM Mike Klein of *chesskid.com* and Super-GM Peter Svidler with *chess24.com*.

On May 1, 2021, Tani's hard work paid off: He won the Fairfield County (CT) Chess Club Championship and became a US Chess rated master. At 10 years, seven months, and twenty-eight days, Tani is (according to US Chess records) the 28th youngest person to make master in American history.

Tani had to defeat two experts, a master, and an International Master on the way to the Club Champion title and his master rating. His win over IM Justin Sarkar is given below, along with his first victory over an IM when Tani was just nine years old. And check out page 14 for Tactics with Tani!

KING'S INDIAN DEFENSE (E73)

IM Justin Sarkar (2466) Tanitoluwa Adewumi (2165) CCFC Club Championship (1), 05.01.2021

1. d4 Nf6 2. c4 g6 3. Nc3 Bg7 4. e4 0-0 5. Be3 d6 6. Be2 Nc6 7. Nf3 Ng4 8. Bg5 h6 9. Bh4 g5 10. Bg3 e5 11. d5 Nd4 12. h4 f5 13. hxg5 f4?! 14. Bh4 h5 15. Nh2 Qd7 16. Nf1! a6 17. f3 Ne3 18. Nxe3 fxe3 19. Qd3 b5 20. Rc1 b4 21. Nd1 Qa4 22. Qb1 b3 23. axb3 Nxb3 24. Rc3 Rb8 25. Nxe3 Nd4 26. Bd1 Qb4



Thus far the veteran IM has outplayed the young phenom. White has a large advantage, but the pressure on the b2–pawn is a bit worrisome. How to proceed?

27. 0-0??

Perhaps Sarkar thought that a pawn and a knight would be enough for the rook, but now Black just has a winning position. Simply unpinning before castling with 27. Qd3 Qxb2 28. 0–0 keeps White well ahead.

27. ... Qxc3 28. bxc3 Rxb1 29. cxd4 exd4 30. Nf5

No better is 30. Nc2 d3 31. Ne3 a5 and White's weaknesses, combined

with the fast-moving a-pawn, spell trouble for Sarkar.

30. ... Bxf5 31. exf5 Rxf5 32. Bc2

Perhaps White had calculated this far, thinking he'd get back the Exchange, but now Black has a simple way to stay ahead in material.

32. ... Rxf1+ 33. Kxf1 Re5 34. f4 Re3 35. f5 d3 36. Bd1 Bc3 37. f6 d2 38. Be2 Rd3 39. Bd1 Re3 40. Be2 a5 41. g6 a4 42. f7+ Kf8 43. Bg5 Rd3 44. Bd1 a3 45. Ke2 Rg3, White resigned.

PSEUDO-TROMPOWSKY (D00)

IM Jay Bonin (2305) Tanitoluwa Adewumi (1963) Marshall Chess Club Action (1), 03.05.2020

1. d4 d5 2. Bg5!?

A little off-beat, but still decent. While the bishop doesn't attack anything right now, it does prevent Black from moving the e-pawn due to the pin, and if Black plays 2. ... Nf6, White can consider capturing the knight and doubling Black's pawns.

2. ... c5 3. dxc5 Nc6 4. e4 d4 5. c3 f6 6. Bd2 e5

Very logical play by Tani so far. He has grabbed the center and will get his pawn back soon.

7. Bc4

White should have considered 7. b4!?, trying to keep a pawn for his troubles. If Black gets greedy with 7. ... dxc3 8. Nxc3 Nxb4 it's suddenly White who has a development advantage and better chances. Here's a sample line: 9. Nf3 Bxc5 10. Na4! Bd6 11. Rb1 and White is much better.

7. ... Bxc5 8. Qb3!?

Aggressive, trying to attack the king on the light squares, but it will be hard to checkmate Black without more pieces involved.

8. ... Nge7! 9. Bf7+ Kf8 10. Bh5 g6 11. Bh6+ Ke8 12. Bg7?

This looks like it should win material, but there is a tactical problem. Can you guess what it is?

12. ... Rg8 13. Bxf6 dxc3

Opening the c5-bishop's path to the f2-square. Even better is 13. ... Rf8! when the h5-bishop still hangs and the f2-square will come under attack.

14. bxc3 Rf8 15. Bxe7 Bxf2+!

A great *zwischenzug* — a German word for an "in-between move."

It would have been okay to play 15. ... Qxe7 too, but this gives White a little more breathing room after 16. Bf3. The game continuation is much more accurate.

16. Ke2 Qxe7

The h5-bishop is still under threat, and Black can attack the queen with ... Bc8-f6, gaining time for even more development. It's hard to see how White can survive here.

17. Bf3 Qc5!

The check on e3 looks very bad for White, and after ... Bf2xg1 there's also the threat of material loss.

18. Nd2 Qe3+ 19. Kf1 Bh4

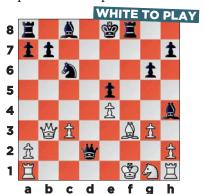
What's the idea behind this move? Of course, it's ... Qe3-f2 mate.

20. g3

Stopping the mate threat, but now Tani grabs a piece.

20. ... Qxd2, White resigned.

There's a nice point behind the final move. After 20. ... Qxd2 White can't capture the bishop.



Why not? It's mate in three: 21. gxh4 Rxf3+! 22. Nxf3 Bh3+ 23. Kg1 Qe3 mate.

Congratulations to Tani and his family from his friends at *Chess Life Kids*!

You have to know your tactics to become a master. Can you solve these tactics problems, all of which are taken from Tani Adewumi's games?

The positions move from easier to harder, and the answers follow each one but are upside-down so you can't read them. No cheating!

X-RAY ATTACK

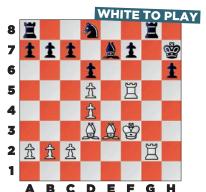
Caden Cao (1464) Tanitoluwa Adewumi (1946) **New York State K-5 Championship** (2), chessclub.com, 04.17.2021



Black went on to win in 37 moves. rook. 20. Qd2 Bxd1 21. Qxd1 and on the queen and, through it, the 19. ... Bb3! A skewer or x-ray attack

MATE IN TWO

TanitoluwaAps116 (1807) ElementZero (1545) ChessKid.com, 05.13.2021



two: 20. Rxf7+ Kh8 21. Rh7, mate. Here Tani finds a pretty mate in

DOUBLE ATTACK

GrayUltimateWish (1128) TanitoluwaAps116 (1711) ChessKid.com, 03.02.2021



an extra pawn. RISCK IS UP The Exchange and has

Uxc2+ 9, Kd1 Uxa1 10, Qxc5

c2 on the king and rook. 8. Qc4 that there's a knight fork from can't be defended easily. Note queen and the c2-square, which same time. Here Black attacks the material, or a square — at the at two targets — the king, some 7. ... ND4! A double attack aims

If you want even harder puzzles, check Chess Life Online on June 9th for more, including a neat shot that Tani used to defeat FunMasterMike!

REMOVING THE **DEFENDER**

HugeTerrificRhino (1420) TanitoluwaAps116 (1717) ChessKid.com, 03.02.2021



White resigned 20. Qxe5+ Kf8 21. Qd6+ Kg8, Qb1+ 18. Ke2 Qxc2 19. f3 Nxd2 position. 16. ... Bxdl 17. Kxdl play 16. Rcl with a much worse ... Gb2 16. Rd1? White had to 0xf2+ 16. Kd1 0xd2 mate! 15. can't take the bishop: if 15. Qxg4 14. Qf3?! BQ4!? 15. Qe3 White and freeing the bishop to move. Qe2 d5 Defending the knight, and attacking the t2-square. 13. Gb6! Developing the queen deserves careful study. 12. Bd2 way that Tani follows this up MXe4 This wins a pawn, but the Is now undefended. 11. bxc3 defender tactic. The e4-square 10. ... BXC3+! A removing the





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

It really is not important to remember the names of the various checkmates. Today's mate has been called the Arabian Mate, or the Hook Mate. Whatever it's called, it sure is pretty! Here are the basic patterns to remember.





ANSWERS ON PAGE 19

In each example, White's knight rests on f6. The rook delivers the mate to a king in the corner. The knight supports the rook and also prevents the king from escaping.

With this knowledge, you should be able to solve all six positions in the quiz. They do get harder, but armed with this knowledge, I know that You Can Do It!













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The Executive Board authorizes a temporary change in the US Chess Grand Prix (GP) rules for the period March 4, 2020 through June 30, 2021 out of concern for the unforeseeable impacts the COVID-19 (Coronavirus) could have on participation in GP events. The change allows organizers with guaranteed prize funds to change the status of their prize fund without first seeking US Chess permission to make the change. More specifically, organizers who have announced "\$XXX in Guaranteed prizes" (or similar words) for their GP events shall be allowed to re-state their prize funds in their publicity as "\$XXX in Projected prizes based on ### players," where ### represents the number of players in last year's event rounded to the nearest five players. For new GP events lacking historical attendance data, the organizer shall specify a "based on" number of players as part of the Projected Prize Fund language in their publicity. This decision includes all GP tournaments that already have been advertised in Chess Life. For any GP events being publicly advertised (whether by TLA, another website, flyers, emails, social media, etc.), organizers shall take all necessary steps to ensure their revised pre-tournament announcements call attention to this change in prize fund status and provide the appropriate "Projected based on XXX players" in the language of their updated publicity. US Chess asks that the chess community support this temporary change in the spirit that it is intended. The Executive Board shall revisit this matter as necessary.

Nationals

2021 National Open

JUNE 16-20, NEVADA

US CHESS GRAND PRIX POINTS: 200 (ENHANCED) Open Section June 16-20: 9-SS, 40/90, SD/30, +30. GM & IM norms possible. Under Sections June 17-20, 18-20, or 19-20; 7-SS, 40/90, SD/30, -30 (3-day rounds 1-2 G/60, -10, 2-day rounds 1-4 G/30, -5). Beginners Sections June 18, 19, and 20: 6-SS G/30, -5. Westgate Section 3 Julie 19, 13, and 27, -53 G/57, -53 G/57, -53 Westgate Las Vegas Resort & Casino. \$100,000 Prize Fund based on 600 paid entries! In 8 sections, top 3 FIDE rated. Open: \$8,000-4,000-2,000-1,000-600-500-400-300-300, top under 2500 \$2,500, top under 2400 \$2,400, Extra \$2,500 divided among GMs, WGMs and foreign IMs winning less than \$250 and playing 9 rounds. The winner of the Open section also receives a replica of the Edmondson Cup. Under 2300: \$6,000-3,000of the Edmondson Cup. Under 2300: \$6,000-3,000-1,500-750-400-350-300-250-250-250. Under 2100: \$6,000-3,000-1,500-750-400-350-300-250-250-250. Under 1900: \$5,000-2500-1250-600-350-300-250-250-250. Under 1900: \$4,000-2,000-1,000-500-300-250-250-250-250-250-250-250. Under 1500: 3000-1500-700-350-300-250-250-250-250. Under 1300: \$2000-1,000-500-300-250-250-250, Under 1300: \$2000-1,0 1000 (no provisional) \$900. Provisionally rated players may not win an amount greater than 40% of top prize in any under section; balance goes to next player(s) in line. Beginners (unrated or provisionally rated 1300 or lower): 3 schedules with 6 rounds per day \$200-125-75 each day plus \$300 overall (best 2 results). Unrated players may play only in Beginners or Open Section. Plus-Score Bonus: (\$12,000 guaranteed) in addition to any other prizes, every player with a plus score wins a \$50 gift certificate. Plus score certificates will be awarded on site only. Mixed Doubles: best male/female combined 2-player team score: \$1,500-750-350-250-150. Average rating below 2200, teammates may play in different sections, only rounds 1-7 count for Open Section or sections, only founts 1-7 count for Open section of best day for Beginners. The Freddie: Players age 14 and under are eligible for best game prizes including the Freddie Award and \$400 in cash prizes (donated by Fred Gruenberg). June FIDE ratings used in Open section, June US Chess ratings in all other sections. CCA minimum strings or other strings may be used if birther. EF Open. June US Chess ratings in all other sections. CCA minimum ratings or other ratings may be used if higher. EF Open: \$239 by 4/30, \$259 by 5/31, \$279 later. \$150 more for players not rated 2200 or above. GM, WGM & foreign IM free. \$80 less for IM or WIM. Under sections: \$239 by 4/30, \$259 by 5/31, \$279 later. Beginners: \$129 1 day, \$189 2 days, \$229 3 days. \$30 more after 5/31. Senior (over 65) \$40 less by 5/31; \$21 more on site. 5-day schedule: Reg Wednesday 4-5 p.m. Rds 6:30, 12-6:30, 12-6:30, 10-4:30, 10-4:30, 10-4:30, 10-4:30, 3-day schedule: Reg Firiday 9-10:30 a.m Rds 6:30, 10-4:30, 3-day schedule: Reg Firiday 9-10:30 a.m Rds 6:30, 10-4:30, 3-day schedule: Reg Firiday 9-10:30 a.m Rds 6:30, 10-4:30, 3-day schedule: Reg Firiday 9-10:30 a.m Rds 6:30, 10-4:30, 3-day schedule: Reg Firiday 9-10:30 a.m Rds 6:30, 10-4:30, 3-day schedule: Reg Firiday 9-10:30 a.m Rds ng Hiusday 2-5 Jin. Nus 50-5, 12-6:50, for the start of round 4 and may not be cancelled. Chess sets and boards provided for tournament play only, not for skittles. Please bring digital chess clocks! The LAS VEGAS INTERNATIONAL CHESS FESTIVAL features the National Open, the U.S. Women's Open, the International Youth Championship, and other events. Many free extras and surprises! Free parking. Free raffles with great prizes. Free GM Lectures. Free GM analysis of your games, Grandmaster Simuls and Chess Camp for all ages on Thursday, U.S. Women's Open Wednesday and Thursday, Walter Browne Memorial Blitz Sunday 10:30 p.m. Action Quads Thursday, Blitz Sectionals Friday & Saturday. Poker Tournament Monday Morning. Don't be shut out - make your reservations early and be sure to ask for the CHESS group (SVCF1R) rates. Cut-off for special hotel rate is May 25; after that rates

will increase significantly and there may not be any rooms available. (800) 732-7117 or www.VegasChess-Festivalc.com/hotel. ENT Vegas Chess Festivals, PO Box 90925, Henderson, NV 89009-0925, online at www.VegasChessFestival.com. Info: (702) 930-9550. FIDE NS W

NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP EVENT • GRAND PRIX • JUNIOR GRAND PRIX

2021 U.S. Class Chess **Championships**

JULY 23-25, TEXAS

US CHESS GRAND PRIX POINTS: 30

DoubleTree by Hilton, 15747 John F. Kennedy Blvd, Houston, TX 77032, HR: \$89 + tax. Call (281) 848-4000, Group Code "LSO" Reserve by 6/21 to get chess rate. Complimentary parking, Free shuttle from Bush (IAH) Airport. \$12,500 b/230 full-paid entries. 5SS, G/90-30-Sec Inc. Seven Sections: Master and Executions of the Section of the Sec G/90-30-Sec Inc. Seven Sections: Master and Expert (FIDE Rated, FIDE rules): Class A, Class B, Class C, Class D, and Class E. 3-Day Schedule, G/90+30-sec. inc.; 2-Day Schedule Rds 1 & 2 G/60, 10-sec. delay. Master: \$1,700 - 800 - 500 - 300 - 200; Expert: \$1,000 - 700 - 350 - 200; Class A: \$750 - 400 - 250 - 150; Class B: \$750 - 400 - 250 - 150; Class C: \$750 - 400 - 250 - 150; Class C: \$750 - 400 - 250 - 150; Class D: \$500 - 300 - 150 - 100; Class E: \$500 - National Class Champion Plaque for all 1st Place winner on tie-breaks, if needed. Unrateds may play in any section except Master or Expert, but limited to 50% of prize tion except Master or Expert, but immed to 50% or prize awarded. There is no such limitation if player has a FIDE rating and when converted to US Chess rating places the player in a Class. Players may enter in one Class up only. EF (Master, Expert, Class A, B or C): \$95 by 7/12, \$105 by 7/12, \$1 **EF** (Class D and E): \$69 by 7/12, \$79 by 7/19, \$89 by 7/22; \$99 after 7/22 or on site. **Schedule: 3-Day:** Fri. 7:30pm, Sat. 10am & 5pm, Sun. 9:30am & 4pm. **2-Day:** Sat. 10am & 1:30pm, then merges with 3-Day for Round 3 at 5pm. ½-PT BYES: Up to 2, any round, any section, if requested before 1 hours before start of Rd. 3. Read COVID-19 Tournament Procedures and Waiver on tournament page. For additional information/Online Registration/Entries: https://www.kingregistration. com/event/2021usclass or contact NTD/IA Franc Guadalupe, flguadalupe@aol.com, (713) 530-7820

NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP EVENT • JUNIOR GRAND PRIX

2021 U.S. Junior Open

JULY 30-AUGUST 1, 2021 (IL)

6SS, G/90+30, Tournament and section eligibility based on age as of 1/1/2021. **Site:** Elmhurst University. **COVID:** Masks required. See COVID policies at https://www.cavemanchess.com/coronavirus-impact. Watch for updates, particularly as Illinois opens further. **Dorm Rooms and** Hotels: Dorm Rooms available ranging from \$45*\$80, No taxes/tips see COVID Rules for info and reservations. Nearby hotels — 10 within 2.5 miles 45 within 5 miles. Ratings: July supplement. Entries: Online only. https://www.kingregistration.com/event/CCUSJunior730. Even onsite entries will be completed online. No cash or checks at any time. EF: \$110 online by 5/31 midnight CT; \$125 online by June 30, midnight CT; \$150 online until June 30th 12:30 pm CT. Later or onsite entries will be done online, possibly receiving ½ bye in round 1. www. cavemanchess.com for more information. Sections (based on age as of 1/1/21): U21, U15, U11, U8, https:// www.cavemanchess.com/events-and-tournaments for more info and complete details. **Prizes:** U21 \$300 plus, for firstmost (first by score and tiebreak) only, if eligible, entry in the 2022 U.S. Jr. Closed Championship including \$200 cash; plaques to top 5 overall; & to top age 18, 17, 16, 15, U15; U15 plaques to top 10 overall, top age 14, 13, 12, 11, U11; U11 plaques to top 10 overall, & to top age 10, 9, 8, U8; U8 plaques to top 10 overall, plaques to top age 7, 6, U6. **Team prizes:** Plaques to top 3 school teams in each section, top 3 scores count as team score. Prizes: All cash prizes paid via PayPal within one week following the tournament. PayPal Personal Accounts are free and allow transfers to your bank. Go

to www.paypal.com, choose sign-up and pick personal account. Byes: One Bye 1-6, must commit by end of rd. 2. Check-in and Registration: 11:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m. 7/30. Rounds: Fri 1:00pm & 6:00pm; Sat 9:00am & 2.30pm; Sun 8.30am & 2.00pm. Side events: Thu eve, GM Simul, GM Lecture, Saturday Blitz after R4. Details coming. On campus meals available Free WiFi on campus. Caveman Chess Camp 6/25-30; adult-only camp sections available, see website for details. Sets and Clocks: Caveman Chess provides sets, boards; please bring clocks. Please know how to set your clock for increment and how to add time to the clock in case of a time penalty. Print out instructions and carry them with you. See Setting http://pdxchess.org/wp-content/uploads/ Setting-the-popular-digital-clocks-for-G90inc30.pdf Also, check YouTube for videos of your clock and know how to add penalty time. Terms, Conditions, Refunds, withdrawals: See cavemanchess website, www.cave-manchess.com. Questions: Contact@cavemanchess. com. Due to COVID, vigilantly watch https://www.cave manchess.com/events-and-tournaments for updates.

HERITAGE EVENT • AMERICAN CLASSIC • GRAND PRIX • ENHANCED GRAND PRIX • JUNIOR GRAND PRIX • NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP EVENT

121st Annual U.S. Open

JULY 31-AUGUST 8, AUGUST 3-8, OR AUGUST 5-8, NEW JERSEY

US CHESS GRAND PRIX POINTS: 200 (ENHANCED) Includes Traditional one game per day schedule (9 days) a 6-day slow time control option, and 4-day option. 9SS a 0-day slow line cultion bloth, and 4-day option. 953, 40/100, SD/30, +30 increment from move one (4-day option, Rds. 1-6, G/60 d5; then 40/100, SD/30, +30). Crowne Plaza Philadelphia — Cherry Hill, 2349 West Martton Pike, Cherry Hill NJ 08002, HR: \$119, Call (856) 665-6666, mention "U.S. Open Chess Championship." See tournament website for online reservation link: http://www.uschess.org/tournaments/2021/usopen/. Reserve by June 29 or rate may increase. \$50,000 in prizes based on 500 paid entries, else proportional, \$40,000 flowers and each prize) minimum guaranteed. A one-section tournament with Class prizes. Top U.S. player not otherwise qualified qualifies for 2022 U.S. player not otnerwise qualined qualines for 2022 U.S. Championship, Choice of three schedules: Traditional: 40/100, SD/30, +30. One round daily at 7 PM, except Rd. 9, 3 PM 8/8. 6-Day Option: 40/100, SD/30, +30. 7 PM 8/3, 12 NOON & 7 PM 8/4-8/6, 7 PM 8/7, 3 PM 8/8. 4-Day Option: Rds. 1-6: G/60 d5; then 40/100, SD/30, +30.12 NOON, 3 PM, 7 PM, 10 PM 8/5; 12 NOON, 3 PM, 7 PM 8/6; 7 PM 8/7; 3 PM 8/8. All schedules merge after Round 6 & compete for same prizes. Projected prizes: Top places \$8000-4000-2000-1500-1000-800-600-500, clear or playoff winner \$200 bonus. If tie for first, top two on tiebreak play Armageddon game for bonus and title. (Separate Armageddon game for U.S. Cham-pionship qualifier, if necessary.) Armageddon game(s) will be G/10, no delay. Armageddon players will bid on start time with Black. Low bid gets requested start time and draw odds. Class Prizes: Top Master (2200-2399) \$2500-1250-800-500, Expert (2000-2199) \$2500-1250-800-500, Class A (1800-1999) \$2500-1250-800-500, Class B (1600-1799) \$2500-1250-800-500, Class B (1600-1790) \$2500-1250-800-500, Class B (1600-1 Class C (1400-1599) \$2000-1000-600-400, Class D (1200-1399) \$1500-700-500-300, Class E or below (1200-1399) \$1500-700-500-300, Class E or below (under 1200) \$1500-700-500-300, Unrated \$800-400-200. Mixed Doubles prizes in various categories (see website for details). Mixed doubles teams: sign up at Chess Control on site. Half-Point Byes: must commit before Round 4; up to 3 byes allowed for 2000/ up, 2 byes for 1400-1999, one bye for Under 1400/ Unr. Limit 1 bye in last two rounds. Zero-point byes are always available in any round if requested at least two hours before the round(s) in question. Entry Fee: Online, \$155 by (627, \$175 by 711, \$195 after 725. By mail, \$177 postmarked by 7/11, \$197 postmarked after 7/11, do not mail after /723 By phone, \$175 by 6/27, \$195 after 7/11, \$215 after. No phone entries after 5PM Central 7/30 (close of business at the US Chess Office)! At site, all \$200; Free entry for GMs and WGMs for main event only. All entries must be made

WGMs for main event only. All entries must be made at least two (2) hours prior to the player's first game.

Current US Chess membership required. July 2021

Rating Supplement used for U.S. Open and all other associated events; unofficial ratings (at least four games) used if otherwise unrated. CCA ratings used if above US Chess. Foreign player ratings: usually 100 points added Chess. Foreign player ratings: usually 100 points added to FIDE or FQE, 200+ added to most foreign national ratings, no points added to CFC. Highest of multiple ratings generally used. Entries: US Chess, ATTN: 2021 U.S. Open, PO Box 3967, Crossville, TN 38557. ONLINE ENTRY STRONGLY ENCOURAGED, see website. Phone entry: 800.903.8723. Not FIDE rated, No cell phones. Bring a clock — none supplied. Sets/boards supplied for tournament but not for skittles. Many meetings, workshops and seminars, including: US Chess Committee Meetings 8/4-8/6, US Chess Awards Reception, US Chess Delegates Meeting 8/7-8. Many side events and other championships, including: U.S. National Bitz Championship 7SS Double, G/5 d0, Rd. 1 at 12 NOON 8/7; U.S. National G/15 Championship 5SS, G/15 d5, Championship 7SS Double, G/5 dÖ, Rd. 1 at 12 NON 8/7; U.S. National G/15 Championship SSS, G/15 d5, Rd. 1 at 12 NOON 8/3; U.S. Open Weekend Swiss SSS, G/60 d5, 12-3 Sat 7/31, 10-12:30-3 Sun 8/1; U.S. Open Scholastic (see separate TLA for the Scholastic event); Mon-Wed-Thu-Fri Aug. 1, 3, 4, 5 U. S. Open Quads (one-day events) G/30 d5. Entry fee \$20. Registration 9:30-11:30 a.m., Rounds at noon, 1:30 p.m. & 3:00 p.m. \$50 to first in each quad. Tue Aug. 2 U.S. Open Quads (Tuesday Quads Only) G/60 d5. Entry fee \$20. Registration 9 a.m.-10:00 a.m., Rounds at 10:30 a.m., 1:00 p.m. and 3:30 p.m. \$50 to first in each quad. U.S. Open Bughouse Sat. 10:30 AM 7/31. U.S. Open Fennis Tournament (see tournament website for details). Tournament (see tournament website for details). In addition, five other championships will also take place: the Denker Tournament of HS Champions (see website for participants' list), the Barber Tournament of MS Champions (see website for participants' list), the Haring Tournament of Girls State Champions (see website for participants' list), the Rockefeller Tourna-ment of Elementary State Champions (see website for participants' list), and the Irwin Tournament of Senior State Champions (see website for participants' list). Entering or attending this event constitutes acceptance of the US Chess COVID policy (see link on tournament website). Plans are subject to change based on federal, state, and municipal policy/guidelines in effect at the time of the event. US Chess will update website as needed to reflect such changes. Please check the U.S. Open website often for updates, new information and corrections and other useful documents! http:// www.uschess.org/tournaments/2021/usonen/

Grand Prix

2021 International Youth Championship

JUNE 19-20, NEVADA

6-SS, G/60 d5. Westgate Las Vegas Resort. In 4 Sections by age: 14 & Under Premier (under 1800), 14 & Under Reserve (under 1000), 9 & Under Premier (under 1800), 9 & Under Reserve (under 800). Trophies to top 10 and tied for 10th in each section plus class and team tro-phies. 1st Place in each section wins a **Computer** loaded pries. 1st Place in each section wis a Computer loaded with valuable Chess Software and hundreds of Videos, 2nd-4th win chess prizes valued at 250-150-100. Unrated players may not win 1st in Reserve sections. EF \$89 by 4/30, \$99 by 5/31, \$120 later. Half point bye in any round (limit 2) if requested in advance. Reg 8:30-9 a.m. Rds 10-1-3:30, 10-1-3:30, Youth Blitz 6/17 6:30 a.m. (x30 by 5-33, 161-1-3-30, 104m) Bitta 9/17 0-30 p.m. (\$30 by 5-31 \$\$40 later). HR \$71, \$99 Frid yand Saturday (800) 732-7117. ENT Vegas Chess Festivals, PO Box 90925, Henderson, NV 89009-0925 or www. VegasChessFestival.com.

ENHANCED GRAND PRIX • JUNIOR GRAND PRIX

Klaus Pohl Memorial at Orchard Lake JUNE 20, NORTH CAROLINA

US CHESS GRAND PRIX POINTS: 10

The Klaus Pohl Memorial at Orchard Lake will be held in-person on Saturday. June 26, 2021 at Orchard

Lake Campground in Saluda, North Carolina. \$800 b/40, top 3 prizes guaranteed. 4 Rounds Swiss: G/70; d5. 3 sections: Klaus (Open): \$150-100-50 U2000: \$50 U1700: \$50. Pohl (Under 1700): \$100-50-25 U1400: \$50 U1200: \$50. U12 (Under 1200): \$50-25 U1000: \$25 U800: \$25. Plague to 1st in each sec tion. Entry Fee: (Klaus, Pohl): \$30 (U12): \$15 (counts tion. Entry Fee: (Klaus, Pohl): \$30 (U12): \$15 (counts as 1/2 entry for based on prizes) All entries include \$8 campground fee. Byes: one 1/2-pt bye available any round, declare by round 2. Registration: on site by 8:30 am. Rounds: 9:00 - 11:30 - 2:00 - 4:30 Enter: Checks payable to Cindy Hyde, 705 0ld Mountain Page Rd, Saluda NC 28773 Online entry available at https://achievementtesting.info/wp/product-cat-egory/orchard-lake-chess/ Info: 828-674-6073 or chess@achievementtesting.info Campground Information: http://orchardlakecampground.com or 828-674-6073. For additional information and printable flier see https://achievementstsing.info/hess/ flier, see https://achievementtesting.info/chess/

JUNIOR GRAND PRIX

13th annual World Open Under 13 Championship

JUNE 28-29, PENNSYLVANIA

6SS, G/60 d10, Sheraton Philadelphia Downtown (see World Open for location, rates, parking). Open to all born after 6/29/08. Masks required, no spectators, no eating in tournament area. In 4 sections. **Open Section**: Plaques to top 7, top 2 Under 1700/Unr; free entry in all CCA tournaments 7/15/21-12/31/21 free entry in all CCA tournaments 7/15/21-12/31/21 to 1st. Under 1500 Section: Plaques to top 7, top 2 Under 1300/Unr, free entry in all CCA tournaments 7/15/21-10/31/21 to 1st. Under 1100 Section: Plaque to top 7, top 2 Under 900/Unr, free entry in all CCA tournaments 7/15/21-9/30/21 to 1st. Under 700 Section: Plaques to top 7, top 2 Under 500, top 2 Unrated; free entry in all CCA tournaments 7/15/21-9/30/21 to 1st. EF: \$48 online at chessaction.com by 6/26, \$52 mailed by 6/15, \$60 at site. Special USCF dues: see World Open. Late reg. 6/28 to 10 am, rounds.11 am, 2 pm & 5 pm each day. Up to 3 half point byes allowed, must commit before d 3. Ent. point byes anlower, miss commit before to 3. Entre-chessaction.com or Continental Chess, PO Box 8482, Pelham NY 10803. Questions: director@chess.US, \$15 service charge for refunds. Entries posted at chessaction.com (click "entry list" after entering). Bring set, board, clock if possible- none supplied.

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49th annual World Open

JULY 1-5, 2-5, OR 3-5, PENNSYLVANIA

US CHESS GRAND PRIX POINTS: 300 (ENHANCED) SS, Sheraton Philadelphia Downtown, 201 North 17th Street, Philadelphia Downtown, 201 North 17th Street, Philadelphia PA 19103. Masks required, no spectators, no eating in tournament area. Prizes \$225,000 projected based on 1200 paid entries (GMs, IMs, WGMs, UI100 Section, seniors, re-entries, scholastic prize reduced price entries count as half entries, scholastic prize free entries not counted); minimum 50% each prize guaranteed. Due to Covid conditions it is possible the tournament may be limited to fewer players. In 7 sections; unrated may enter only Open, U2200, U2000 or U1100. Open Section, July 1-5 only: G/100+30. Open to all who are rated 2200/over USCF, 2100/over FIDE, or pay \$150 are rated 2200/over USCF, 2100/over FIDE, or pay \$150 more. Under 2200/Unr & Under 2000/Unr Sections, July 1-5 or 2-5: G/100-30 (4-day option, rds 1-2 G/60 d10), G/100 games are FIDE rated. Under 1800, Under 1600, Under 1400 Sections, July 1-5 or 2-5: 40/100, SD/30 d10 (4-day option, rds 1-2 G/60 d10). Under 1100/Unr Section, July 3-5 only: G/60 d10. Under 1100/Unr Section, July 3-5 only: G/60 d10. Open: \$20000-10000-5000-3000-2000-1500-1000-800-700-600, clear winner bonus \$500, top FIDE 2300-2449 \$5000-2500-1500, top FIDE 2200-2299 \$5000-2500-1500, top FIDE 2200-2509-1500. It it is for first, top 2 on tiebreak play speed game 10 pm 7/5 for title first, top 2 on tiebreak play speed game 10 pm 7/5 for title & bonus prize. Under 2200/Un: \$12000-0000-3000-2000-2000-1000, unrated limit \$2000. Under 2000/Unr. \$12000-6000-3000-2000-1000-800-600-500-400-400, top U1900 (no unr) \$2000-1000. **Under 1800**: \$12000-6000-3000-2000-1000-800-600-500-400-\$12000-6000-3000-2000-1000-800-6000-5000-400-400, top U1700 \$2000-1000. Under 1600: \$10000-5000-2500-1600-1000-800-600-500-400-400, top U1500 \$2000-1000. Under 1400: \$8000-4000-2000-1300-900-700-600-500-400-400, top U1250 \$1600-800. Under 1100/Unr: \$3000-2000-1000-800-600-500-400-300-300-300, top U900 \$1000-500. Prize limits: 1) if any post-event rating posted 1/1/20-6/28/21 was more than 50 points over section maximum, prize limit \$1500. 2) If any current Online Regular rating is more than 50 points over section or prize maximum, prize limit \$1500.3) Under 26 lifetime OTB regular rated games as of July 2021 official list, prize limit \$1000 in U1100, \$2000 U1400, \$3000 U1600 through U2000. Games rated too late for July official list not counted to ward 26 game total. 4) Unrated limits \$2000 in U2200, \$1000 in U2000, \$400 in U1100 Unrated limits \$2000 in U2200, \$1000 in U2000, \$400 in U1100. 5) Balance of any limited prize goes to next player(s) in line. Mixed doubles bonus prizes: best male/female combined 2-player team score: \$3000-1500-700-500-300. Must average under 2200; may play different sections; register (no extra fee) before both players begin round 2; teams including an unrated limited to \$500. Foreign player

ratings: See foreignratings.com. US player ratings: Official July USCF ratings used; July FIDE ratings used for Open Section. Unofficial or Online Regular uschess. Open section. Unofficial or Unline Regular uschess. org ratings usually used if otherwise unrated. Entry fee for U1400 & up sections: Online at chessaction.com: \$318 by 5/18, \$328 by 6/25, \$350 at site until 1.5 hours before round 1, or online until 2 hrs before. Mailed by 5/18: 5-day \$325, 4-day \$324, 3-day \$323. Mailed by 6/15: all \$10 more. All \$150 more for Open Section if not rated 2200/over by ISCF or 2100/over by FIDE (see sections). De not give to be sufficient of 15. No shocket. not rated 2000/en by 0537 or 2100/ener by FIDE ISSE peakratings.us). Do not mail entry after 6/15. No checks at site, credit cards 0K. GMs free: \$200 from prize. IMs, WGMs in Open: EF \$100 less, \$100 from prize. Under 1100 Section EF: all \$100 less than above. Seniors 65/ up: all EF \$100 less in U1400 or above sections. Greater
NY Scholastics reduced EF winners: U1400/up \$150 less, U1100 \$100 less, email director@chess.us for entry instructions. No checks at site: credit cards OK. Re-en try: \$160, no re-entry from Open to Open. \$20 fee for switching section after 6/30. Special 1 year USCF dues switching section and of 30 special year obstructs with magazine if paid with entry: Online at *chessaction*. com by 5/30, Adult \$35, Young Adult \$22, Scholastic \$15. After 5/30, \$40, \$25 & \$18. Mailed or at site, \$45, \$27 & \$20. 5-day Open, U/2200, U/2000 schedule: Thu 7 pm, Fri-Mon 10 am & 4 pm. 5-day U1800, U1600, U1400 schedule: Thu 7:30 pm, Fri-Mon 10:30 am & 4:30 pm. 4-day U2200, U2000 schedule: Fri 10 am, 1 4 pm, merges with other schedules at 4 pm. **4-day** U1800, U1600, U1400 schedule: Fri 10:30 am, 1:30 pm & 4:30 pm, merges with other schedules at 4:30 pm. U1100 Section schedule: Sat-Mon 11 am, 2 pm & 5 pm each day. 5-day & 4-day schedules merge & compete for same prizes. Half point byes OK all, limit 3 (limit 2 in last 4 rds); must commit by round 3. Entries, re-entries close 90 minutes before round 1. HR: \$135-135-155, deluxe rooms \$145-145-165, club rooms \$165-165-185, junior suites \$265-265-285, premium suites \$299-299-319. 50 free rollaway beds available; if taken, rollaways are \$30/day. Under 18 free in parents room using existing bedding. 215-448-2000, reserve early, chess block may sell out by early June. Parking: Sheraton valet parking is about \$45/day- one block from the hotel is Gateway Garage, 1540 Spring Street, which is about \$25/day week-days, \$9/day Sat & Sun. Special car rental rates: Avis, 800-331-1600, AWD #D657633, or reserve car online through chesstour.com. Special rules: Players may not possess cellphones during play; see devicerules.com. Ent: chessaction.com or Continental Chess, Box 8482, Pelham, NY 10803. Questions: Director@Chess.US, if no internet access leave message at 347-201-2269. \$15 service charge for refunds. **Entries posted** at *chessac*tion.com (click "entry list" after entering). Awards: Paid electronically through Zelle or Paypal (may take a few weeks). Bring set, board, clock if possible- none supplied. Invitations: Go@chess.us

JUNIOR GRAND PRIX

2021 North American Youth Chess Championships

AUGUST 16-21, ILLINOIS

2021 North American Youth Chess Championships presented by the Renaissance Knights Chess Foundation, International Chess School, US Chess, & FIDE America FIDE & USCF Rated - FIDE Titles and Norms will be awarded 9 SS, G/90 + 30 second increment per move. Awarded 3-53, 230 + 30 secula Interinit per move. Hiltion Chicago - 720 S Michigan Ave, Chicago, IL 60605. Open & Girls Sections: Age as of 1/1/2021, Under 8, Under 10, Under 12, Under 14, Under 16, Under 18. EF: \$150.00 thru Jun 15, \$200.00 thru Aug 15, \$225.00 onsite. Blitz EF: \$30 thru Jul 15, \$40 thru Aug 15, \$50 onsite. **Schedule: Aug 16** - 5 pm Blitz, **Aug 17** - 9 am Opening Ceremony, 10 am Rd 1, 4 pm Rd 2, **Aug 18** - 10 am Rd 3, 4 pm Rd 4, **Aug 19** - 10 pm Rd 2, Aug 16 - 10 am Rd 3, 4 pm Rd 4, Aug 19 - 10 am Rd 5, 4 pm Rd 6, Aug 20 - 10 am Rd 7, 4 pm Rd 8, Aug 21 - 10 am Rd 9, 3 pm Closing Ceremony. Titles to be Awarded: FIDE Titles and norms will be awarded to the top 3 players in u8a - 10 players for the top 10 players in U8 - U14 sections; Top 5 players in U16 & U18 Section. HR: \$165 single/double, \$189 triple, \$214 quad. Reservations: Online or 1-312-922-4400 Reserve early rate may increase / sell out. **Byes:** No half-points byes, only zero-point byes. Entries/Info: online at: https://www.naycc2021.com/.

Online

Online Scholastic Tournaments Every Wednesday

WEEKLY ON WEDNESDAY, STARTING FROM WEDNESDAY, APRIL 14, 2021

DMV Chess runs weekly scholastic tournaments online every Wednesday! Register/view details for this week's DMV Chess scholastic tournament on our website: dnr-vchess.com. Format for our Wednesday Tournaments: Every Wednesday at 6 pm Eastern Time. Open to players from all geographical locations! 3 round Swiss; G/25;+5 (USCF-online-regular-rated). Two Sections: K-12 and K-5. Trophies as prizes! Organizer: DMV Chess Email: tournaments@dmvchess.com Phone: 703-415-6600 Website: https://www.dmvchess.com/scholastic-tournaments

Online Scholastic Tournaments Every Saturday

WEEKLY ON SATURDAY, STARTING FROM SATUR-**DAY. APRIL 17, 2021**

DMV Chess runs weekly scholastic tournaments online every Saturday! Register/view details for this week's DMV Chess scholastic tournament on our website: dmvchess com. Format for our Saturday Tournaments: Every Saturday at 2 pm Eastern Time. Open to players from al geographical locations! 4 round Swiss; G/25;+5 (US CF-online-regular-rated) Four Sections: K-12, K-8, K-5, and K-3. Trophies as prizes! Organizer: DMV Chess Email: tournaments@dmvchess.com Phone: 703-415-6600 Website: https://www.dmvchess.com/ scholastic-tournaments

Online Open Tournaments Every Sunday

WEEKLY ON SUNDAY, STARTING FROM SUNDAY, **APRIL 18, 2021**

DMV Chess runs weekly open tournaments online every Sunday! Register/view details for this week's DMV Chess open tournament on our website: dmvchess.com. Format for our Sunday Tournaments: Every Sunday at 2 pm Eastern Time. Open to players from all geographical locations! Sections for players of all ages/skill levels. 4 round Swiss; G/30;+5 (USCF-online-regular-rated). Four Sections: Open, Under 1600, and Under 1100, and Under 700. Plaques/trophies as prizes! Organizer: DMV Chess Email: tournaments@dmvchess.com Phone: 703-415-6600 Website: https://www.dmvchess.com/ scholastic-tournaments

Online Chess Camps Every Week in the Summer!

WEEKLY, STARTING FROM MONDAY, JUNE 14, 2021, UNTIL FRIDAY, AUGUST 6, 2021

DMV Chess will be running online chess camps every week in the summer! All camps feature daily USCF-rated online games, so participants must be members of the USCF. Camps are open to scholastic players from all regions! Register or view more information on our website dmvchess.com Organizer: DMV Chess Email: tourna-ments@dmvchess.com Phone: 703-415-6600

Regionals

JULY 30-AUGUST 1, 2021 2021 U.S. Junior Open (IL) See Nationals

AUGUST 16-21, 2021

2021 North American Youth Chess Championships See Grand Prix

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JUNE 17-18, 2021

Youth Trophy Tournament

5-SS, G/25, d5. Westgate Las Vegas Resort. Open to players age 14 & under. 4 sections: U1800, U1100, U800, U500. Trophies top 5 in each section, top 2 in each 200-point rating group and unrated. Must be 3 players eligible for each prize to be awarded. EF \$40 by 4/30, \$50 by 5/31, \$60 later. Reg 8:30-9 a.m. Rds 10-11:30-1-2:15-3:30. Youth Blitz 6:30 p.m. (\$30 by 5/31) \$40 later). www.VegasChessFestival.com

NEW JERSEY

JUNE 19, 2021

King's Chess Club Quads

Regionals. Grace Church Bethlehem Campus. Morning quads and afternoon quads, G/30;d5, Kindergarten-undergraduate (scholastic, youth, and young adult memberships). 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. Note: It is expected that social distancing protocols will be in effect, so we recommend contacting us in advance to insure that there are no surprises. Address: 758 Route 10, Randolph, NJ 07869. Organizer: Bob McAdams. Email: fambright@optonline. net. Phone: 973-694-3988

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JULY 17, 2021

2021 Waco Scholastic Chess Championship Despite having to virtualize our last championship due to the Coronavirus Pandemic, we are pleased to pres-

ent, for the third consecutive year, the Waco Scholastic Chess Championship, as an in-person event. Welcoming scholastic players from all across Texas and beyond, we strive to provide an innovative and efficient tournament for all participants, with its epicenter being in the picturesque City of Waco. In particular, by design, not only will players have the opportunity of also competing in a blitz side-event if they so chose, but may rest ensured that they will have a lunch break of at least an hour. We have also structured trophy allotments to be dependent upon the number of players registering (by a day certain) so the more who register, the more prizes they will be competing for in the main tournament. For these and many more reasons, we encourage you to join us for this grand event on the seventeenth of July. Tournament Location: Holiday Inn Express & Suites Waco South, 5701 Legend Lake Pkwy, Waco, TX 76712. Sections: Four; Championship, U1000, U600 and Unrated. Rounds and Time Control: Five Rounds. Swiss system (no elimination). G/30;d5. Qualifications: Players who desire to participate in this tournament must be members in good standing of the United States of America Chess Federation (USCF) on the day of the tournament. Players may play up (i.e., an 700 rated player may play in the Championship or U1000 section, but not the U600 section). Admission is limited to scholastic players (12th grade or under), along with those scrolastic payers L2rd grade or underl, along with inose who completed high school during the present calendar year, regardless of geographic location. Entry fee: \$15 by 5/15, \$18 by 6/12, \$22 by 7/3, and \$25 thereafter. Registration: Online registration may be processed at https://www.eventbrite.com/e/2021-waco-scholastic-chess-championship-registration-150119008997. All entry fees are refundable if requested within thirty days of tournament commencement, but Eventbrite's commis sion, which is in addition to the entry fee, is non-refund-able. No entries will be accepted subsequent to noon on July 16, except onsite. Schedule: Onsite registration, 8:00am-8:15; Round 1, 8:30-9:30; Round 2, 9:45-10-45; Round 3, 11:00am-12:00pm; lunch break; Blitz, 1:00-2:00; Round 4, 2:15-3:15; Round 5, 3:30-4:30. The awards ceremony will commence around 5:00pm. Byes: Each player will be entitled to a maximum of one ½ bye, but not for the final round; such byes must be requested by 8:15am on the day of the tournament. If in any round, for a section, there is an odd number of players, the player with the lowest rating (but not an unrated player) that has not been assigned or has requested a bye, will be assigned a one point bye. All bye requests are irrevocable for prize purposes and, if not allowed a ½ point bye, will provide the requestee with zero points. Blitz: There will be offered as an optional side-event, a five-round blitz tournament, wherein each round will commence as soon as practicable after the last one; its time control is 0/5;d0. Additionally, the blitz fee is \$5, which may be processed onsite until 12:30pm and upon online registration through Eventbrite by selecting the appropriate add-on. In the blitz, the three highest-scoring receive trophies. USCF Rules: The entirety of the Official Rules of Chess complied by the entirety of the Unical Rules of chess compiled by the United States Chess Federation will apply in all sections of the tournament, except as noted here or otherwise announced. Accessible at: https://new.uschess.org/ news/7th-edition-rule-book-chapters-now-available-download-2/ Results: Whenever any players conclude their game, they should not then reset their board, but ad summon a director. Said director will collect the result slip after completion thereof by both players and only then may the board be reset. In the event both players fail to report the result, the game may be adjudged a forfeiture for both. Prizes: There will be awarded, in every section, a number of trophies equal to one quartile (25%) of paid registrations that are received for that section by July 3. Additionally, all players who complete the tourna-ment will receive a medal upon concluding their game in the fifth round. Certificates of honorable mention will be provided for those receiving positive scores (3.0+), but not winning trophies. Notation: Absent a valid physical limitation disabling a player from notating, all players are required to notate in the Championship section, upon pain of a time deduction of five minutes from their clock if they do not. However, notation is not mandated, but is never-theless strongly encouraged, in the other sections. In all sections, this tournament adopts the Rule 15A variation, whereby players may, if using paper notation, notate their move and then execute it on the board; the reverse is also allowable. Notation sheets will be provided upon request. Spectators: Except for players during their games, our tournament directors/staff, and members of the press, no spectators will be allowed in the tournament hall during the duration of rounds. Following the conclusion of their game, and reporting thereof, players are obliged to depart the tournament hall expeditiously, and cannot reenter until that round concludes. Consumption of Food: Within the tournament hall, players cannot consume food or drink at any time; this policy does not extend to other areas, however, such as the skittles room. Water is the sole exception. Pawn Promotion: This tournament adopts the applicable FIDE rules concerning pawn promotion, whereby the piece intentionally placed onto the board consti-tutes the promoted piece, regardless of the manner in which it is so placed or said to be. Therefore, if you require a queen for promotion, and have none, please stop both clocks and summon a director for assistance in locating a queen; an up-side down rook, for instance, will be considered as a rook, not any other piece, notwithstanding any agreement of the players and/or the otherwise prevailing USCF policy. Ratings: For section qualification and pairing purposes, we will be using the greater of players'

to be. Therefore, if you require a queen for promotion, and have none, please stop both clocks and summon a director for assistance in locating a queen; an up-side down rook, for instance, will be considered as a rook, not any other piece, notwithstanding any agreement of the players and/or the otherwise prevailing USCF policy. Ratings: For section qualification and pairing purposes, we will be using the greater of players' overthe-board or online USCF regular ratings (if any), but this tournament will affect only your over-the-board USCF regular/quick ratings. Title: The highest scoring resident of McLennan County (and adjacent counties)

will receive the title of Waco Scholastic Chess Champion. Tiebreaks: If any trophy is tied between two or more persons, the following tiebreaks, in the stated order, decide its recipient: Modified Median; Solkoff; Cumulative; Kashdan; Sonneborn-Berger; Cumulative of Opposition; Coin Filp. Waiting: There will be a skittles room immediately adjacent to the tournament hall, which will be made available to players, parents, etc., for waiting in-between/during rounds. Furthermore, you may also take advantage of the hotel lobby or patio, wherein plentiful supply of seating may be available. Affiliate: The affiliate which the rated sections of

this tournament will be rated under is Innovative Chess Solutions. Other Notes: In all games played, once you drop a piece on a legal square, it constitutes your move and cannot be reversed. Please bring your chess sets and clocks. Sections are subject to merger in the unlikely event of low turnout. Contact: If you would like to receive more information, please email csbrown. entrepreneu@gmail.com. We hope this has been helpful to you, and that we will see you at this grand championship on July 17! Address: 5701 Legend Lake Pkwy, Waco, TX 76712 Organizer: Innovative Chess Solutions

JULY 23-25, 2021

2021 U.S. Class Chess Championships
US CHESS GRAND PRIX POINTS: 30

DoubleTree by Hilton, 15747 John F. Kennedy Blvd, Houston, TX 77032. \$12,500 b/230 full-paid entries. 5SS, 6/90-30-Sec Inc. Seven Sections: Master and Expert (FIDE Rated, FIDE Tules); Class A, Class B, Class C, Class D, and Class E. For additional information/Online Registration/Entries: https://www.kin-gregistration.com/event/2021usclass or contact NTD/IA Franc Guadalupe, figuadalupe@aol.com. See Nationals.

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But the driving force for the lavish new hall layout was its sponsor Sidney Samole, president of Excalibur Electronics. He loved chess but couldn't always find a partner when he could play. Then he saw an episode of the old TV show *Star Trek*. "I watched Spock playing against Starship Enterprise's onboard computer!" Inspired, Sid went

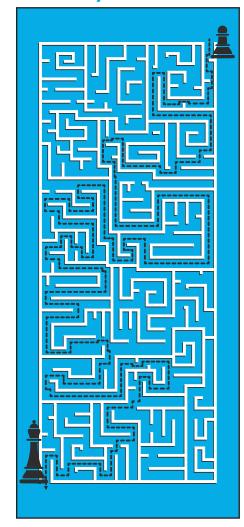
to work making a chess computer that really worked. He patented the first self-contained chess computer. He sold chess computers all over the world and earned a lot of money. Sidney wanted to give back to chess.

He created a special place for the World Chess Hall of Fame in Miami. Although Sidney died before the new home of chess could be opened in 2002, his son Shane Samole took over to make his dad's dream come true: The World Chess Hall of Fame and Sidney Samole Museum!

As special as the Hall was in Miami, it eventually moved to St. Louis where it now has its very own building. Be sure to see the August *Chess Life Kids* for the final installment of the World Chess Hall of Fame story!

ANSWERS

PAGE 15/MAZE



PAGE 6-7/AVOID THE TRAP!

A1) Not at all. White might even transpose into a French in Reverse.

A2) Among other reasons, Black wants to trade the c-pawn for the d-pawn.

A3) White should then play either 3. Nf3 or 3. c3.

A4) White wins big material with 5. Qd5.

A5) It's not a blunder. But why bring out the queen so early?

A6) No. By ignoring d5, Black soon gets in the freeing move ... d7-d5.

A7) It supports ... b7-b5, and then ... b5-b4, driving away the c3-knight.

A8) No, since Black has 9. ... Qc7 10. exf6 Qe5+.

A9) Not at all. White keeps a positional plus with 9. Qe2.

A10) On move 8, Black could have played 8. ... Nbd7, 8. ... Be7, or 8. ... Nc6.

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2. Scissors and chess puzzles, page 22

3. Suit of armor, page 5

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Solution #1: 1. Nf6+ Kh8 2. Rxh7 mate

Solution #2: 1. Nf6+ Kg7 2. Rh7

Solution #3: 1. Rb7+ Kd8 2. Nxc6 mate

Solution #4: 1. Qxh7+ Rxh7 2. Rg8 mate

Solution #5: 1. Nf6+ Kh8 2. Ng6 mate

Solution #6: 1. Rc7+ Ka8 2. Ra7+ Kxa7 3. Nc6+ Ka8 4. Rxb8 mate



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

HOW IT BEGAN

I taught myself chess at six years old after receiving a gift of a small plastic chess set with instructions in it. There were no chess players in my family or among my friends, so I never had the idea that one day I would be playing chess for a living.

THE DEFINING MOMENT

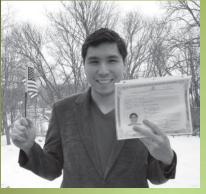
After becoming a grandmaster at 14 years of age, which was the seventh youngest ever at the time, it occurred to me, "Hey, maybe I can really do this!"

THE CHESS HERO'S CHESS HEROES

Locally, I admired GM Eugene Torre [as a child]. Internationally, I admired the games of many great players like [Garry] Kasparov and [Anatoly] Karpov and Bobby Fischer. [As an adult] I like a lot of player's games if they are beautifully done, but I don't make heroes out of them.











Clockwise from upper left: A young Wesley; becoming a U.S. citizen; with mother Lotis Key and Hollywood agent Walter Partos; showing his affinity for cats.



FAVORITE OPENINGS

When I was younger, my favorite opening was 1. e4 for White (*Traps and Zaps* was my first-ever book and it helped form my aggressive style at a young age). These days I like to play a lot of different openings or I get bored.

TOURNAMENT PREP

I study the games of my opponents, prepare some openings, and try to keep myself sharp. In addition, I try to spot my weaknesses and work on them.

MEANINGFUL MOMENTS

I am grateful for all the awards and titles I've received. Each one was a thrilling moment that had its own special meaning because usually I couldn't believe it was happening to me. Winning two U.S. Championships was big, and so was getting double gold at the Chess Olympiads. But you know...whenever you win it's an incredibly big moment.

HANDLING DISAPPOINTMENT

I have had too many chess disappointments to count. But losing is part of the game — you should just cry a little and move on as soon as possible. I make my living in professional sports. Until I retire there will always be another win and another loss just around the corner.

ON BECOMING AN AMERICAN CITIZEN

I love the USA. America helped me when no one else could or would. I came here willing to work hard and so much opportunity was opened to me even though I was a "nobody." My career takes me all over the world now and there is absolutely nowhere as great as the USA. I am proud to be a citizen.

FUTURE GOALS

To play chess better and stop making so many mistakes. My main problem is lack of consistency over a period of time.

OUTSIDE OF CHESS

I like to swim, bike, and play with any kind of animal.

BEST ADVICE RECEIVED

This is a job. It's what you DO to provide for yourself and help others. It is not what you are (given by Lotis, my mother).

MY BEST ADVICE

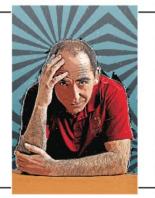
Be happy. If you want to play chess professionally, make sure you are happy doing the enormous amount of work it requires. Otherwise, play for fun and do something else for a living.



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