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## Jerry Sullivan Remembered

Life Master and six times Tennessee Champion Joseph Gerald Sullivan Jr. of Oak Ridge, Tenn. passed away on Dec. 1, 2008. Sullivan was 77 at the time of his death, and Peter Lahde informed us that he was born Dec. 29, only four days after Lahde's birthday (which is on Christmas).

Sullivan, better known as "Jerry," was born on Dec. 29, 1930, in Knoxville, Tenn., to parents Joseph Gerald Sullivan, Sr. and Alberta Callahan Sullivan, who are now deceased. He graduated with a B.A. in Mathematics and Philosophy from the University of Tennessee in 1951. He left his graduate studies to serve in the military and in 1956 began work at ORNL, where he worked for many years in mathematics, computer systems, programming, and management.

He was widely recognized for many significant technical contributions during the early computing era at ORNL; these included the design and development of a program translator for IBM machines, and several publications on programming techniques.

In 1964, he married Irene Ensz, who still lives in Oak Ridge, Tenn. He volunteered as a reader at Recording for

the Blind & Dyslexic and as a researcher at the Family History Center in Oak Ridge. Jerry's other interests included reading, genealogical research, and music, particularly the piano.

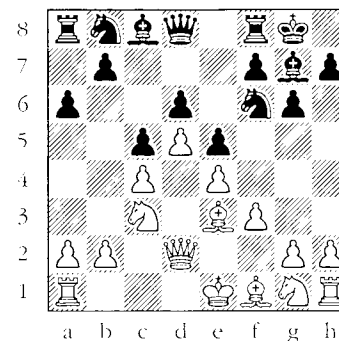
His memorial service was held at the United Church, Chapel On The Hill, in Oak Ridge. The family requests that memorials be in the form of donations to ORCMA, PO Box 4271, Oak Ridge, TN 37831-4271, Recording for the Blind and Dyslexic, 205 Badger Ave., Oak Ridge, TN 37830, or to WUOT, 209 Communications Building, Knoxville, TN 37996-0332.

In the Summer 2007 *TCN*, Jerry's chess exploits were cataloged and several of his games were presented. Here is a reminder of why he attained such greatness in chess (see more in the Summer 2007 issue):

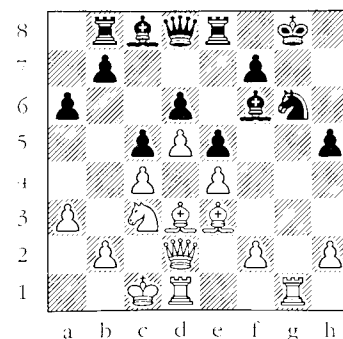
East Orange, N.J. (1957)  
 Jerry Sullivan  
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 Annotator Jerry Sullivan

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 Bg7  
 4.e4 d6 5.f3 0-0 6.Be3  
 e5 7.d5 c5 Black's  
 chances must lie in getting  
 some sort of initiative  
 going on the K-side. For  
 this purpose, Ne8 followed  
 by f5 is worth considering.  
 8.Qd2 a6?

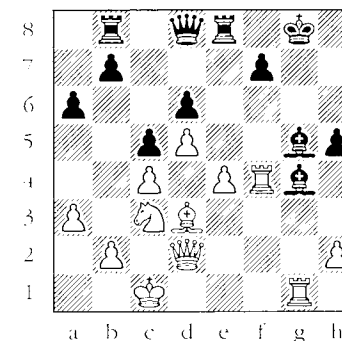
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If the idea is to try the break through on the Q-side with b5, then this is definitely not the way to go about it. Simple counting of square control at Black's b5 shows White ahead by 3-1. Black must, therefore, play Bd7 and Rb8 in order to enforce b5. Here, however, the queen knight will either be in the way of the Bishop at d7 or the Rook at b8. Black would do better to "pass" rather than play a6! The way to go about it is with Na6 followed by Nc7. 9.Bd3 Nbd7 10.Nge2 Rb8 11.a3 Re8 12.g4 Nf8 13.Ng3 h5 14.gxh5 Nxh5 15.Nxh5 gxh5 16.0-0-0 Ng6 17.Rhg1 Bf6



Preventing Rg5. 18.f4!? The only question about this move is whether it is justified tactically. Probably it isn't. Kb1 is best. exf4 19.Bxf4 Bg4 Taking the opportunity to block the g-file. 20.Rdf1 Nxf4 The text is based on a trick that doesn't work. White was threatening to break up the K-side with 21.h3 Bxh3 22.e5 Bxe5 23.Bxg6 fxxg6 24.Bxe5 Rxe5 25.Rxg6+ Kh8 26.Qh6 mate. Black's best defense is 20...Be5, but the exposed K-side would doubtless be impossible to defend in the long run. 21.Rxf4 Bg5



22.Rfxg4! hxg4 23.Rxg4 Re5 24.h4 f6 25.hxg5 Rxg5 26.Rxg5+ fxxg5 27.e5! This typical move brings both minor pieces into active play, creates a protected passed pawn and leads to a quick finish. dxe5 28.Ne4 Qe7 29.Nxxg5 Rf8 30.Ne6 Rf7 31.Qg2+ Kh8 32.Qh3+ Rh7 1-0

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## FROM THE EDITOR

Jerry Sullivan—six-times Tenn. Champion and Life Master—died on December 1<sup>st</sup>. I apologize to my readers for my tardy notification of his death. An article regarding him is featured first in this issue to emphasize the important contribution that he has made to chess and his high regard. Remember, also, that an informative article by Peter Lahde which contained many of his games was previously reported in the Summer 2007 *TCN*. Please take a moment to revisit that article and learn more of this Tennessee legend.

And speaking of legends, Jeremy Sullivan has conducted historical research on Tenn. players and cities that appeared in print prior to 1960. Even though it is a long article, it contains very important knowledge and a historical trail that should not be lost. Hence the entire article is presented. The article also has many quips and interesting non-chess facts—such as the origin of the term “bald-faced” lie—that makes it an entertaining read. He requests that you notify him of chess players that he might have overlooked or any significant chess facts that you believe belong in the chronology. Thanks to him for enlightening us!

The Tennessee Individual and Team Championship results are included in this issue as are all of the legible games that were submitted. I personally want to thank all of the organizers and players who submitted games. After years of not participating in the Tenn. scholastics, Patrick Tae made an appearance and walked away with the High School Championship and a \$4,000 per year Academic Service Scholarship from TTU. Congratulations to him! Philip Hinchman, last year's winner of the championship and the \$4,000 scholarship, came in second to finish in the money for the third time. It is unfortunate, though, that Service Scholarship awards can't be combined. So I guess he'll just have to settle for the rating points and recognition!

Any of you guys over 50: immediately make plans to play in the Tennessee Senior Open championship!

*Tennessee Senior Open Championship*  
*May 15–17, 2009*  
*\$550 Guaranteed Prize Fund & Plaques/Awards*  
*Site: Fair Park Senior Center, Crossville, TN*

## TENN. INDIVIDUAL SCHOLASTIC Winners, All

Tennessee Technological University (TTU) again hosted the State Individual Finals, which were held on Feb. 14. **Patrick Tae** emerged as undefeated champion in the **High School Championship** and three other players tied for 2nd-4th place. After the tie-break was held to determine who would receive the \$2,500 per year Service Scholarship, **Philip Hinchman**—last year's champion and winner of the \$4,000 scholarship—again ended up in the big money.

**Vigas Shrey Kumar** won the **Jr. High Championship** with 4.5 points. Four others finished in a tie for 2nd-5th with 4.0 points: **Nathan Vogt**, **Corry Marsh**, **Teja Dasari**, and **Oscar Carrillo**. The **Elementary Championship** was dominated by **Joseph Stafford**, who went undefeated. **Jason Fu** and **Randon Dupont** tied for second- and third-place with 4.0 points. (**Ragan Sernel**, last year's primary champion, finished strongly with 3.5 points.) This year's **Primary Championship** was won by **Nathan Lohr** with 4.5 points. Four others finished with 4.0 points: **Jackson Moody**, **Paul Nodit**, **James Hodge**, and **Trey Herron**. See the crosstables on pp. 27–34.

## TN TEAM SCHOLASTIC FINALS

The top four teams from the Primary through High School sections which qualified in the March 7th Regional tournaments met at the State Team Finals on March 21st at TTU. TTU again awarded generous University Academic Service Scholarships to the first- (\$4,000 per year for 4 players) and second-place (\$2,500 per year) teams of the High School Section.

**White Station High School** (represented by **Aaron Vancil**, **Nishit Reddy**, **Jonathan Beaty**, **Rohith Parvathareddy**, and **Teja Desari**) were again the champions of the **High School** section (with 3.5 points). **Memphis University** (officially 2nd), **Hume Fogg HS**, and **Oak Ridge HS** finished 2nd-4th by each scoring 3.0 points.

**White Station High School** (composed of **Uday Cherukuri**, **Teja Desari**, **Jordan Berryhill**, **Oscar Carrillo**, and **Nagasai Adusumilli**) also placed first in the **Jr. High Section** after winning the tie-breaks over **White Station Middle School**! In the **Elementary Section**, **Meigs Magnet School** (**Welch**, **Naraynan**, **Melzer**, and **Azhdari**) triumphed with 3.5 points. The **Primary Section** champion was **Presbyterian Day School** with 3.5 points.

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## **Earliest Known Chess in Tennessee Cities and Towns**

by Jeremy Spinrad

As part of my research on chess history for my column "New Stories about Old Chess Players" (at [www.chesscafe.com](http://www.chesscafe.com)), I have collected a very large file with information on 19th century chess. I decided to make a little survey of the first reference I could find to chess players in the various cities and towns of Tennessee. I would love to hear of any updates, and in future articles (if there is sufficient interest) I will have little stories about some of these interesting old players and events. Hopefully, some readers can provide earlier chess references for some of these cities and provide early references to chess in cities not mentioned here.

**Bon Aqua Springs:** This city was the site of one of the most bizarre chess matches of all time, and the event was sufficiently funny that the story was told in a number of papers. A "chess player" named J.C. Rightor of Helena, Arkansas was staying in Bon Aqua in 1887. He boasted that he had never been beaten in the game. Bon Aqua resident Felix N. Moore arranged for this supposed champion to play A.B. Hodges, the best player of Nashville and perhaps of the entire South. Hodges, of course, beat him repeatedly—also while giving odds, playing blindfolded, and in every way a person could show superiority. Hodges' account of this "match" is quite amusing and shows that sometimes a local reputation as a great player may be less impressive than it seems to be!

**Brownsville:** Brownsville had a flourishing chess club in 1884. There is a story in the *Nashville American* about an inebriated man coming by the club rooms looking for lodging for the night. The club members asked the man if he played chess and he said no, so they told him this was not the place for him; the inebriated man was completely confused, since he had never been refused a room for that reason before! Brownsville players of that time who were regularly mentioned in the chess column are P.G. Thompson and B.A. Mann.

**Chattanooga:** I can find references to the Chattanooga Chess Club in the 1860s. An 1865 article mentions that there is a free lunch every day at Chattanooga chess club rooms, and

that the proprietors of these rooms are Richards and Lodewig. However, the proprietors of the rooms may well not have been players. The first player from Chattanooga whose name is known to me is J. Wassman, who is mentioned in various chess columns in the 1880s. It is not completely clear whether this player is the well known Joseph Wassman who was elected mayor of Chattanooga in 1899 (making him one of the most prominent Jews to win an elected office in Tennessee in the 19th century), or whether the player was one of the 10 children of Joseph Wassman, several of whom also had 1st initial of "J."

**Clarksville:** The first player I can name from Clarksville was G. Patten in 1884. Patten, as well as a player who is called only by the initial A.T., appeared occasionally in the columns of the *Nashville American*. Patten contributed a mate in 9 problem to *Nashville American*, which occurred in actual play during a Clarksville game. A meeting place in Clarksville for a chess, checkers, and whist club is also mentioned at this time.

**Columbia:** The oldest reference I have to chess in Columbia comes from 1866, when Columbia and Huntsville split a two game chess match. I do not have those game scores, but two games which Columbia lost to Huntsville are given in a Macon newspaper from 1867. The first players named in my sources come from a much later date. O.H.P. Bennett contributed a problem to the *Lebanon Herald* problem tournament of 1875. Bennett is responsible for fixing Tennessee's northern border with Kentucky and was part of a very strange dispute in which he found a legal loophole which he believed allowed him to claim the land underneath Reelfoot Lake. Bennett is also mentioned in the *Nashville American* chess columns of the 1880s. The *American* of Feb 11, 1884 calls Dr TB Rains and Major Williams strong Columbia players.

**Covington:** The October 3, 1886 column of the *Nashville American* mentions that a chess club has been organized in Covington with 20 members, but no names are given.

**Denison's Landing:** This is sometimes given as the hometown of Dr. A.W. Hunt (see Linden).

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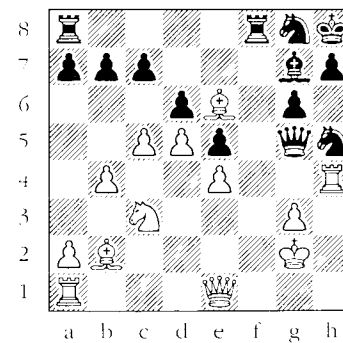
**Jackson:** In the mid 1870s, Jackson Tennessee seemed to have something of a chess rivalry with Jackson Mississippi. We have various games played between the two cities in 1875 and 1876. The Mississippi city would seem to be a prohibitive favorite: it is bigger and had a nationally known player (John A Galbreath) playing on its team. Jackson Tennessee held its own, however. We have games preserved in which each city wins. The Tennessee team was led by a player named O.F. Rice, who seemed to be quite strong; he also has wins against anonymous Jackson Tennessee opponents in chess journals. Unfortunately, the name O.F. Rice is particularly hard to search for online since it matches the phrase of "rice." Thus-outside the fact mentioned in St Louis papers that Rice once lived in St Louis-I know nothing about this player.

**Knoxville:** The earliest reference I have to chess in Knoxville comes from 1859, when a player given only by the initials J.J.C. writes to the *Charleston Courier* that a chess club is being formed in Knoxville. The *San Francisco Bulletin* mentions a chess match of 100 games between two prominent Knoxville gentlemen in 1871, but the names of the players are not given. The first name of a Knoxville player occurs in 1886. Miss Nannie Scott played in a tournament which, although it was extremely small, has some historic interest. Isaac H. Trabue, an eccentric populist from Louisville, gave over some of his land in Florida to permanently support a tournament off proceeds of fruit grown on the land. The tournament was open to everyone except lawyers who compromised with their client's adversary without the consent of their client. Miss Scott played in the second Trabue tournament, which drew only two players. The other player was Trabue's wife, who beat Nannie in a 35-minute game. The rules of the tournament emphatically declared that it must be a one-game knockout tournament, to teach you that a single mistake can be costly in life. Despite the single game, you can argue that this is the first known all-female tournament in the United States. Nannie Scott was the granddaughter of the Honorable Hugh L. White, the Whig candidate for president in 1836. The *Nashville American* mentions a chess club in Knoxville in 1885. JE Wilcox was one of the leaders of this chess club, and correspondence games of Wilcox are available; some of these were played on a team with fellow Knoxville players Slocum and Sneed. (continued on page 11)

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Indiv. Finals - JrHigh (4)  
 Vikas Kumar - 1762  
 Andrew Yang - 1470

1. Nf3 d6 2. c4 Nf6 3. Nc3 g6 4. g3 Bg7 5. Bg2 O-O 6. O-O Nc6 7. d4 Bf5 8. Re1 e5 9. d5 Ne7 10. e4 Bg4 11. h3 Bd7 To be seriously considered was Bxf3 followed by a5 and Nd7. As it is, Black is in danger of obtaining a cramped position. 12. b4 Ne8 13. Bb2 f5?! Better was a5, especially since this move allows Ng5 or Qb3. 14. c5 f4 15. Ne2= Better was Qb3 or g4. fxg3 16. fxg3 Bxh3 17. Bxh3 Rxf3 18. Be6+ Kh8 19. Kg2 Rf8 20. Rh1 Nf6 21. Nc3 White could make a serious threat with Qd2, for if Nxe?, then Rxh7 sets up a quick mate. Neg8 22. Rh4 Nh5 23. Qh1? Qg5! 24. Qe1



Rf6?? (24... Nf4+ 25. Kh1 Nd3 26. Qg1 Nxb2) 25. Rg4+- Qh6 26. Bc1 Nf4+ 27. gxf4 exf4 28. Qf1? g5 29. Qf3 Threatening h5, but Rxe6 followed by Nf6 was the way to proceed to trap the rook. Qg6 30. Bf5 Rxf5 31. exf5

Qxf5 32. Bd2 h5?? Winning is Nh6. 33. Rh1 Nf6 34. Rg3 g4 and White won. 1-0

Individual Finals - JrH(1)  
 Venkata Amarthaluru - 1226  
 Vikas Kumar - 1762

1. e4 c5 2. d4 cxd4 3. c3 d3 4. Bxd3 Nc6 5. Nf3 e6 6. Be3 With castles or Nbd2, White would have had a strong position. This was not the time to decide the bishop's placement. Nge7 7. Nbd2 d5 8. exd5?! Castling would have allowed White to maintain his edge. This move frees Black's pieces and brings the knight powerfully to d5. Nxd5 9. Nc4 Be7 10. Qc2 h6 11. Nfe5 O-O 12. Nxc6 bxc6 13. Ne5 White continues to recklessly attack while remaining in the middle of the board. Queenside castling would have introduced a dynamic game, and just Rd1 was very good. Not only would the rook opposed the queen, but White could then consider dropping the bishop back to c1 to retain it for attack against h6. Qc7 14. Ng4?? f5 15. c4 Nb4 16. Nxh6+ gxh6 17. Qc3 Nxd3+ 18. Qxd3 Bb4+ 19. Ke2 Qg7 20. Bd4 e5 21. a3 exd4 22. axb4 Bb7 23. c5 a5 24. Qc4+ Kh8 25. Rxa5 Qg4+ 26. Kd3 Rxa5 27. bxa5 Ra8 28. h3 Qf4 29. Qb4 Ba6+ 30. Kc2 Qxf2+ 31. Kb1 Bd3+ 32. Ka2 Be4 33. Rd1 Qe3 34. Rxd4 Rxa5+ 35. Qxa5 Qxd4 36. Qa8+ Kg7 37. Qb7+ Kf6 38. Qh7 Qa4# 0-1 TCN/Spr 2009\_10

**Lebanon:** Lebanon had the first newspaper chess column in Tennessee, appearing in 1875. The column was run by John G. Nix and Dr. Robert L.C. White. Two Lebanon players, L.B. Settle and R.L.C. White, played for the United States in an 1876 correspondence chess match versus Canada; the scores for these games are known. There was a chess club called the Donoho Chess Club in Lebanon; we have games played by the club, and a list of club officers (Settle, White, and Major H.T. Norman). J.C. Taylor of Lebanon contributed a chess problem in the *Lebanon Herald* problem tournament of 1875. White's accomplishments are worthy of a much longer article; he was a noted doctor, educator, historian, author and publisher, as well as being a strong chess player. Among many other achievements, White rediscovered the original state seal for the state of Tennessee, which had gone missing for nearly a century.

**Linden:** A chess club was formed in Linden in 1883, with the chief organizers given as Dr. A.W. Hunt and W.A. Edwards.

**Maury County:** The birthplace of the colorful R.M. McIntosh is given simply as Maury County, Tennessee. I have written an article on this eccentric musician and chess player of the 19th century, which will appear either here or in my web column.

**Maxwell:** W.C. Knott of Maxwell receives a reply from the chess editor of the *Nashville American* in a column in 1887.

**McMinnville:** F.R. Davis of McMinnville contributed a problem to the *Lebanon Herald* problem tournament of 1875.

**Memphis:** Memphis had a rich chess history in the 19th century. The first names I can find associated with the Memphis chess appear in 1859 when Morphy passed through Memphis on his way to New Orleans. His arrival was not announced, but when it was discovered the Memphis chess players sent a delegation consisting of Dr. Taylor, H.S. King, and George Chapman to ask Morphy whether he would play chess in the city. Morphy declined since he had to return to New Orleans. The first player of note associated with Memphis was Frederick Bock. The *Westminster Papers* of 1873 mocks the statement from an American newspaper that "F. Boch, an actor in Memphis, is spoken of as the best chess player in the country." Despite the mockery,

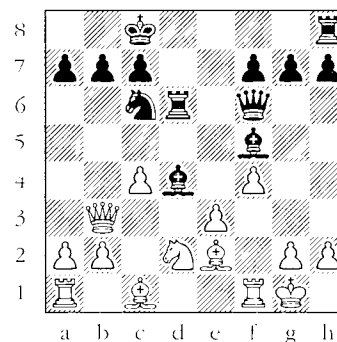
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**Individual Finals - HS (3)**

**Matthew Marsh - 2076**

**Peter Suich - 1994**

1. d4 Nf6 2. c4 e5 3. dxe5 Ne4 4. Nf3 Nc6 5. e3 d6 6. exd6 Bxd6 7. Nbd2 Bf5 8. Be2 Qf6 9. O-O O-O-O 10. Qa4 (A better way of freeing the pieces might be: 10. Nxe4 Bxe4 11. Qb3=) 10... Nxd2 Black has 48 minutes remaining. (Black's compensation for the pawn would be more than obvious after Nc5: 10... Nc5 11. Qd1 Rhe8-/+ ) It is probably better to return the pawn with Bxd2. 11. Nxd2 Be5 12. Qb3 Rd6?! 13. f4+/- Bd4!



14. Bf3 If 14. exd4 Nxd4 15. Qd1 Nc2. (Fritz revealed a nice way to win the exchange: 14. Bg4! Bxg4 15. Ne4 Qe7 16. Nxd6+ Qxd6 17. exd4) 14... Bb6 15. Ne4 Bxe4 16. Bxe4 Rhd8 (16... Nd4 17. Bxb7+ Kxb7 18. exd4 Qxd4+ 19. Kh1 Re8=/+ ) 17. Kh1 Qh4 18. Qc2 Rh6 19. Bf5+ Kb8 20. Bh3 Qe7 Black has 7 min. remaining. 21. Re1 Nd4 22. Qf2 and Black still has a

nagging edge because of White's delayed development and was able to later win. 0-1

**Individual Finals - Elem (2)**

**Christopher Welch**

**Jason Fu**

1. d4 d5 2. c4 e6 3. Nc3 Nf6 4. Nf3 c6 5. Bg5 Be7 6. e3 Nbd7 7. Rc1 O-O 8. Bd3 Re8 9. O-O dxc4 10. Bxc4 Nd5 11. Bxe7 Qxe7 12. Bd3 N7f6 This knight was needed to support the e5-break that would free the bishop. Hence, Nxc3 followed by e5 was best. 13. Ng5 Nxc3 14. Rxc3 Nd5?! This attempt at a combination has a serious and easy-to-see refutation--but White misses it. 15. Qh5? (15. Bxh7+ Kf8 16. Qh5 Nxc3?? 17. Bg6 Ne2+ 18. Kh1 Qc7 19. Nxf7+-) 15... h6 16. Rcc1?? (16. Nxf7 Qxf7 17. Bg6 Qe7 18. Bxe8 Nf6 19. Qe5 Qxe8=) 16... Qxg5 17. Qxg5 hxg5 18. f4? Desperation to complicate before the endgame arrives. gxf4 19. exf4 g6 20. Rce1 Bd7 21. g4 e5 22. f5 exd4 23. h4 Rxe1 24. Rxe1 Re8 25. Rxe8+ Bxe8 26. Kf2 Bd7 27. Kf3 Ne3 28. Kf4 gxf5 29. gxf5 Bxf5 30. Bxf5 Nxf5 31. Ke5 Nxf4 32. Kxd4 Kf8 33. Ke5 Ke7 34. Kf4 Ng6+ 35. Kf5 Nf8 36. Ke5 f6+ 37. Kf5 Nd7 0-1

Frederick Bock was an actor and extremely strong player, who won multiple games against U.S. champion Mackenzie and finished a strong third in an American chess congress. Bock nearly made a great contribution to chess by translating the famous German Handbuch des Schachspiels into English; unfortunately, this translation was lost in the Chicago fire shortly before it was to be printed. However, I feel that Bock should really be viewed as a Chicago player rather than a Memphis player. The first strong player who is regularly associated with Memphis was Dudley D. Saunders, a very prominent physician who was considered for many years the de facto champion of the state. An extremely strong player named S.L. McCalla also lived in Memphis for a short period of time. I will leave off my discussion of Memphis chess here; if any Memphis player would like to write a full article on chess in Memphis in the 19th century, I would be happy to provide assistance.

**Milan:** M.D.L. Jordan was a solver of problems in some *Nashville American* chess columns in 1884. Jordan was a prominent doctor with wide-ranging interests in medicine and in other fields.

**Mitchellville:** C.M. Hamblen of Mitchellville was a regular solver of problems in the *Nashville American* column of 1886.

**Murfreesboro:** Although I have initials of another Murfreesboro player, the first full name of an identified player is A. Loeb, who was mentioned in various chess columns in the years 1859-1860. One problem of Loeb's is published in the *Charleston Courier* of 1859. Loeb moved to Chicago in 1873. In the late 1880s and early 1890s W.E. Mitchum of Murfreesboro is listed as a solver of chess problems in a number of different chess columns and an occasional composer of problems.

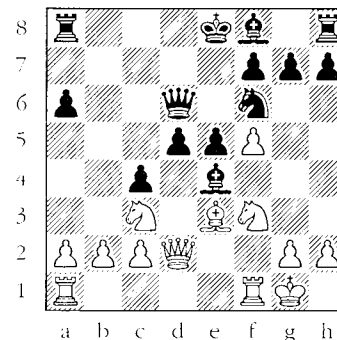
**Nashville:** As Peter Lahde notes in "A History of Tennessee Chess," a very early game was played by telegraph between Nashville and Louisville. *Chess Monthly* of 1857 says the game was played "some seven or eight years since"; the *New York Herald* of Nov 17, 1858 says that "a number of games were played between these cities by telegraph in 1846-47," while an article in *Chess Life* of 1949 gives the date (without citing a source) as 1849. Unfortunately, while

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Rafi Chowdhury - 1622

Matthew Marsh - 2076

1. e4 c5 2. Nf3 d6 3. d4 cxd4 4. Nxd4 Nf6 5. Nc3 a6 6. Be3 e6 7. f3 b5 8. Bd3 Nbd7 9. Nb3 Bb7 Black has good control over d5 and can equalize by advancing his d-pawn at any time. 10. Qd2 Ne5 (10... b4 11. Ne2 d5=) 11. f4? Better was castling kingside. Nc4 12. Bxc4 bxc4 13. Nd4 Bxe4 14. O-O d5 15. f5 e5 16. Nf3 Qd6?



Much better was Bxf3 17. Nxe5?? the simple Ng5 was the way to go: 17. Ng5 Qc6 18. Ngxe4 dxe4 19. Bg5=/+ 17... Qxe5 18. Bd4 Qc7 19. Bxf6 gxf6 20. Nxd5 O-O-O Resigns 0-1

Individual Finals - Elem

Jason Fu - 1401

Jenner Berryhill - 1210

1. e4 c5 2. c3 Nf6 3. e5 Ng8? Nd5 is recommended. Now White is two tempi up. 4. d4 b6 5. Be3 d6 Nc6 was better. 6. Bc4!? White is

trying to set a trap. The simple Qf3 forces d5, whereupon White will have a wedge at e5 and can consider taking the c-pawn. Bb7 7. Nf3 Bc6? 8. dxc5 bxc5 9. Bxc5 dxc5?? 10. Bxf7+ Kxf7 11. Qxd8 Nd7 12. Qa5 e6 13. Qc7 Ne7 14. Qd6 White continues to play around with his queen. Simply Nbd2 followed by castling would hold a big advantage. h6 15. Qd1 Rb8 16. Nbd2 Nd5 17. Nc4 Nf4 18. O-O Bb5 19. Nd6+ Bxd6 20. Qxd6 Rb6 21. Qd1 Rd8 22. Re1 Nd3 23. Re2 Nf4 24. Rd2 Ke7 25. b3 Rb7 26. c4 Bc6 27. Rd6 Bxf3 28. Qxf3 Ne2+ 29. Qxe2 Rb6 30. Rxb6 axb6 31. Rd1 g6 32. g3 h5 33. Qd2 h4 34. Qg5+ Ke8 35. Qxh4 Checking with Qxg6+ leads to a forced mate. But this move also leads to mate and keeps the knight pinned. Ra8 36. a4 Ra7 37. Qh3 1-0

Jason Fu -1401

Max Friedman - 1062

1. e4 e5 2. Nf3 Nc6 3. Bc4 Bc5 4. d4!? Nxd4 5. Nxe5 Ne6 6. Bxe6 Qf6? (After fxe6, Black is wounded but at least not a whole piece down: 6... fxe6 7. Qh5+ g6 8. Nxc6 Nf6 9. Qxc5 hxg6 10. Nc3 d6) 7. Bxd7+ Bxd7 8. Qxd7+ Kf8 9. Nf3 Re8 10. Nc3 Bb4 11. e5 Rxe5+ 12. Nxe5 Bxc3+ 13. bxc3 Qxe5+ 14. Kf1 Nf6 15. Ba3+ c5 16. Qc8+ Ne8 17. Re1 Qxe1+ 18. Kxe1 b6 19. Kd2 1-0

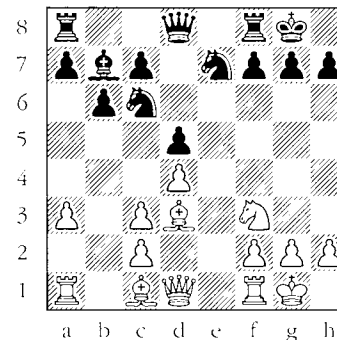


the names of the Louisville players are given, the Nashville players are unnamed. And the imprecise date makes details on the game relatively hard to research. The chess club of that period died out at some point, since during the Morphy boom in 1858 there is mention of a chess club being formed in Nashville. This club lost a two game correspondence match to Vicksburg in 1859. A correspondent from Nashville using the pseudonym C. Hess published a problem in Frank Leslie's chess column in 1857. The problem is dedicated to J. Welkin, but I have no knowledge as to whether Welkin was a chess player, and whether Welkin was from Nashville. In 1858, we get news of submission of a chess problem to the same column using the initials J.B.C.; he later submits another problem using (at last) a traceable name, J.B. Craighead. Eventually, one of these problems is published, with the name given as James B. Craighead. Craighead came from a very prominent family; his father was an intimate friend of both Andrew Jackson and James K. Polk, and James Craighead himself graduated from Harvard Law school. Craighead was a staunch confederate, but he did hold some progressive views. He very much disliked the postwar practice of acquiring huge land holdings by absentee farmers which kept Blacks from opportunities to farm on their own, and felt that giving Blacks their own interest in a farm's success through either ownership or tenant farming was crucial to progress in the South. Craighead has also been called the pioneer of homeopathic medicine in Tennessee. The general topic of Nashville chess in the 19th century is too broad to cover here; the greatest player of the time was A.B. Hodges, the subject of a new biography by John Hilbert and our own Peter Lahde. The *Nashville American* of Jan 15, 1888 has a fascinating historical document, a description of the leading chess players of Nashville, with pictures of each. I will close this section with the random observation that 25 of the 27 men whose pictures are given in the article have beards, moustaches, or both. I note that according to some sources, the term "bald-faced lie" comes from the fact that businessmen in the 18th and 19th century wore beards to make it easier to disguise their facial expressions while making deals (whereas you must be particularly good at lying to do it "bald-faced"). Perhaps this works in chess as well: maybe if I grow a beard, my opponents could not tell when I am setting a trap-which must be worth a few rating points!

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**Individual Finals - Primary**  
**Westan Sharpe -764**  
**Dennis Patrick-350**

1. e4 e6 2. d4 d5 3. Nc3 Bb4
4. exd5 exd5 5. Be2 Better, of course, is the immediate Bd3. Ne7 6. Nf3 O-O 7. O-O b6 8. a3 Bxc3 9. bxc3 Bb7 10. Bd3 Nbc6



11. Bxh7+! Instructively, this variation of the Classic Bishop Sacrifice seems effective even without a pawn being at e5. Kh8 (11... Kxh7 12. Ng5+ Kg6 13. Qg4 f5 14. Qg3 Kf6 (14... f4 15. Bxf4 Nf5 16. Qd3 Qc8 17. Rfel Ba6 18. Qh3 Rh8 19. Qf3 Nd8+/-) 15. Rel Qd7 16. Qxc7 Bc8+/-) 12. Ng5 Qe8? Necessary was the immediate g3. 13. Qh5 g6 14. Bxg6+ Kg7 15. Qh7+ Kf6 16. Nxf7! Ba6? If Black exchanges on f7, he loses his queen later to Bg5+. And if Nxg, much material should be lost: (16... Nxg6 17. Bg5+ Ke6 18. Rael+ Nce5 19. Nxe5 Kd6 20. Nxg6) 17. Rel White is preparing the killing blow, but a 3-move mate is already present. Perhaps he missed

18. Qh3+? (17. Bg5+ Ke6 18. Qh3+ Nf5 19. Qxf5#) 17... Nxg6 18. Rxe8 (18. Bg5+ Kf5 19. Qh3#) 18... Rfxe8 19. Be3 Rf8 20. Nh6 White continues to miss Bg5+. Rae8 21. Qxc7 Rh8 22. Qf7# 1-0

**Indiv. Finals - Primary (4)**  
**Pranay Lingareddy - 866**  
**Nathan Lohr - 790**

1. e4 e5 2. Bc4 Nf6 3. Nc3 Bc5 4. Nf3 O-O 5. O-O Even though White has not castled, it is okay for him to snatch the pawn--but he will yield the initiative if he does so. d6 6. Nd5? Nc6 Nxe, of course. 7. Nxf6+ Qxf6 8. d3 Qg6 9. Ng5 h6 10. Nxf7?! The exchange of B & N for R & pawn is really only equal in the endgame because the activity of the pieces in the middlegame generally decides the game. Rxf7 11. Bxf7+ Qxf7 12. Qf3? Qg6 (12... Qxf3! 13. gxf3 Bh3 14. Rd1 Nd4) 13. Qg3 Qxg3 14. hxg3 Be6 Nb4 wins either the c- or d-pawn. 15. Be3 Bd4 16. c3 Bc5 17. b4 Bb6 18. Bxb6 cxb6 Capturing toward the center is best, keeping the pawns connected and opening a file for the rook. 19. f4 Rf8 20. fxe5 Rxf1+ 21. Rxf1 Nxe5 White made it to the endgame but the pieces outplayed the rook. 0-1

**New Providence:** O.O. Watts of New Providence solves some of the chess problems in the *Nashville American* of 1887.

**Ripley:** James Oldham of Ripley is a solver of some of the *Nashville American* chess problems in 1888.

**Shelbyville:** A player with the initials R.A.C. from Shelbyville wrote to the *Sunday Delta* chess column in 1858. The *Nashville American* chess column of 1887 mentions that a chess club had been formed in Shelbyville, with members meeting at each other's residences. But names of players are not provided.

**Tennessee Insane Asylum:** I am assuming this is a joke, but one problem solver of the *Nashville American* column in 1885 gives his name and address as J.P. Jones, Tennessee Insane Asylum.

**Tucker's Cross Roads:** John G. Nix was a 19th century chess problem composer with an international reputation. Although he is primarily known for chess problems, Hodges writes that they played a number of games with Nix and found him to be an excellent player; and, also, that Nix "has quite a fund of chess reminiscences and is fond of relating them."

**Tullahoma:** L.T. Holland MD is my only record of a 19th century chess player from Tullahoma; he is listed as having solved problems in exactly one *Nashville American* column in 1885.

**Union City:** Nashville's leading player of the first half of the 20<sup>th</sup> century, James McClure, was born in Union City in 1871, and his address for his first great victory in correspondence chess in 1904-1905 is given as Union City. McClure's chess accomplishments are discussed in Peter Lañde's *A History of Tennessee Chess*. The careers of the Nashville players James McClure and Peter Lañde spans three centuries. McClure is listed in the *American Chess Magazine* of 1898 as playing for Vanderbilt and was a regular part of Nashville chess until his death in 1957. In 1954 he won a match over Peter Lañde, who continues to be active in the 21st century and shows every sign of playing his way into the 22nd century as well.

**Wartrace:** Three Wartrace residents were in regular contact with the chess editors of the *Nashville American* and the *Sunny South* (Atlanta based) in the years 1884-1887: J.W. Smith, B.F. Cleveland, and M.G. Plumlee. All three of these had problems published in at least one of the two papers, sometimes individually and sometimes in combination with each other.

**Waverly:** Levi McCollum of Waverly was an occasional correspondent to the *Nashville American* chess column in 1887, and would solve some of the chess problems in the column.

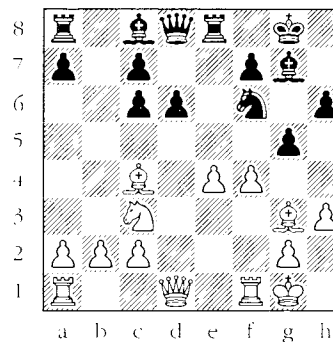
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**Individual Finals - HS(3)**

**Graham Horobetz - 1938**

**Patrick Tae - 2193**

1. e4 e5 2. Nf3 Nc6 3. d4 exd4 4. Bc4 d6 (Black accepts a cramped and inferior game rather than entering the Scotch Gambit lines with Bc5: 4... Bc5 5. Ng5 Nh6 (5... Ne5 6. Nxf7 Nxf7 7. Bxf7+ Kf8=) 6. Nxf7 Nxf7 7. Bxf7+ Kxf7 8. Qh5+/-/+) 5. Nxd4 Nf6 6. Nc3 Be7 7. O-O O-O 8. h3 Re8 Better was Ne5. 9. Be3 Bf8 10. Bg5 h6 11. Bh4 g5 12. Bg3 Bg7 (12... Nxe4 13. Qf3 Nf6 14. Nxc6 bxc6 15. Qxc6) 13. Nxc6 bxc6 14. f4



Be6 (14... Nxe4! 15. fxcg5 (15. Nxe4 Rxe4 16. Bd3 Re3 17. Bf2 Re8=+/+) 15... Nxg3) 15. fxcg5? Bxc4 16. gxf6 Bxf1 17. fxcg7 Qg5! 18. Qf3 Bc4 19. e5 Bd5 20. Nxd5 cxd5 21. Rf1 Qxcg7 22. exd6 cxd6 23. Bxd6 Re6 24. Bc5 Rc8 25. b4 a5 26. a3 axb4 27. axb4 d4 28. Qf4 Re2 29. Rf2 Rxf2 30. Qxf2 Rd8 31. Qh4 Rd5 32. Qe4 Rd8 33. Qg4?! It would have been wiser for White to pursue the draw with Qh4. Qxcg4 34. hxg4-/+ d3 35. cxd3 Rxd3 36. Kh2 Rb3 37. g3 Kh7 38. Kh3 Kg6 39. Bd6 Rb2 40. Be7 Re2 41. Bd6 Rd2 42. Be7 Re2 43. Bd6 h5 44. gxh5+ Kxh5 45. Bc5 Kg5 46. Bd6 Kf5 47. Bc5 Rb2 48. Bd6 Ke6 49. Bc5 Ke5 50. Bf8 Ke4 51. Bd6 Kf3 52. Kh4 Rd2 53. Bc5 Rd5 54. g4 Kf4 55. Bb6 Kf3 56. Bc5 Re5 57. Bd6 Re6 58. Bc7 Re4 59. Kg5 Rxb4 60. Kf6 Kxcg4 0-1

## Tenn. Girl Championship: Graham Gibson Wins Again

The Tennessee Girls Chess Championship was held on April 18 at the Nashville Chess Center. The tournament is open to any girl in grades K-12 who is a Tennessee resident. This year, nineteen of Tenn. best girl chess players participated. **Graham Gibson**—last year's champion by tie break—again took the title with an undefeated 4 points. This time, though, she won the championship outright by defeating last year's co-champion Angela Li in the second round. Though with a rating of 1582 and outranking her nearest opponent by over 200 points, Graham did encounter other stiff competition. And in the competitive championship, four other players tied with 3 points for second-place honors: Autumn Douthitt, Joann Welch, Isabel Gellert, and Kelsey Kitchens.

Gibson, a 10<sup>th</sup> grade home-school student from Cordova, earned the right to represent Tennessee in the 2009 Polgar National Invitational for Girls or any other official girls' championship tournament. (The 2009 All Girls Open National Championship was held in Texas on April 25th.)

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## Memphis Championship

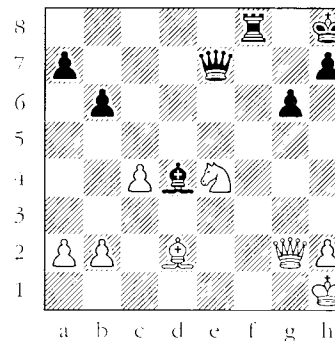
The 7-round Round-Robin Memphis Championship was held from January 9–February 20<sup>th</sup> with a time control of Game/120 min. **Carlos Sims** amassed 5.5 points out of 7 to win the Memphis championship by a full point over nearest rival Nishit Reddy, whom he gave up his only lost to in Round 4. Reddy, himself, was undefeated but had five (!) draws. Nishit's draws should not be discounted, though, because his rating jumped from 1676 to 1783—a enviable 100-point leap. Graham Horobetz took clear third with 4 points and tied the champion in the second round.

Below is a game that illustrates the intensity of the tournament. Other games and a crosstable can be found at the Memphis Chess Club's website: [www.memphischess.com](http://www.memphischess.com).

January 12, 2009  
Edgar Davison (1851)  
Graham Horobetz (1941)

1. d4 Nf6 2. Nf3 e6 3. e3 c5 4. c3 d5 5. Bd3 b6 6. Nbd2 Bb7 7. Ne5 Nbd7 8. f4 Be7 9. O-O O-O 10. Qf3 Ne8 11. Qh3 Ndf6? This was unexpected. Playing f5 was indicated to block the bishop and contain the mate threat. But the

move does make White overconfident! 12. f5 exf5 13. Rxf5? Bc8 14. g4 Bxf5 15. Bxf5 g6 16. Bc2 Bd6 17. Qg2 Better was the immediate g5. Qc7 18. Nef3 Qe7 19. g5 Nh5 20. Nf1 f6 21. Bd2 fxc5 22. Nxc5 Nef6 23. Re1 Rae8 24. e4 dxe4 25. Nxe4 Nxe4 26. Bxe4 Qg7 27. Kh1 Nf6 28. Bd5+ Kh8 29. Re6?! Nxd5 30. Rxe8 Rxe8 31. Qxd5 Qe7 Qf6 was stronger but Black creates the option of swapping queens with Qe4+. 32. dxc5 Bxc5 33. Ng3 Rd8 34. Qg2 Rf8 35. c4 Bd4 36. Ne4



Rf1!+ with a 4-move forced mate upcoming. 0-1

Individual Finals — JrH (3)  
Vikas Kumar — 1762  
David Fan — 1423

1. d4 Nf6 2. c4 c5 3. Nf3 cxd4 4. Nxd4 e6 5. Nc3 Nc6 6. e3 Bb4 7. Bd2 O-O 8. Bd3 d5 9. O-O Nxd4 10. exd4 dxc4 11. Bxc4 Qxd4 12. Bb3 A little better was Qb3. Now Black should continue with activating his queen-side bishop. Qh4 13. Qf3 e5 14.

Ne4 Bxd2 15. Nxd2 e4 16. Qe2 Bg4 17. f3 exf3 18. Nxf3 Qh5 19. Qe7 Bxf3 20. Rxf3 Rfe8 Better is using the other rook, thereby leaving the f-pawn defended. 21. Qxb7 Qc5+ 22. Kh1 Qe7 23. Qxe7 Rxe7= 24. Bc4 Rd8 25. h3 Ne4 26. Raf1 Nd2? 27. Rxf7 Rxf7 28. Bxf7+ Kf8 29. Rf2 Ke7 30. Bh5 g6 31. Bg4 Rd5 32. Re2+ Kd6 33. Be6 Rd4 34. Bg8 h6 35. Re6+ Kd7 Though White now has a major advantage, the game was drawn. 1/2-1/2

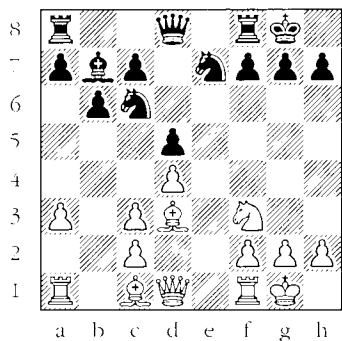
Individual Finals — HS(5)  
Peter Suich — 1894  
Patrick Tae — 2193

1. Nf3 Nf6 2. c4 c5 3. b3 d5 4. cxd5 Nxd5 5. Bb2 Nc6 6. g3 f6 7. Bg2 e5 8. d3 Be6 9. O-O Be7 10. Nc3 Nc7= Even better is Nxc3, killing some of White's control afforded by the knight. 11. Rc1 O-O 12. Nd2 Qd7 13. Na4 b6 14. b4?! Bxa2 Black could rule the white squares if he played Nxb4. But the game continuation is good enough to hold a slight plus, planning b5 upon bxc. 15. Nc3 Be6 16. b5 Nd4 17. Bxa8 Rxa8-/+ 18. Qa4 Ncxb5 19. Qd1 Qb7 20. f3 Nd6 21. e4 c4 (21... Qa6! 22. Ndb1 Nc6-+) 22. Ne2 Nxe2+ 23. Qxe2 b5 The simple cxd3 was better, keeping the queenside pawns abreast. 24. Rb1 Better was dxc. a5 25. Ba3 Qa7+ 26. Qf2 b4 27. Bxb4 axb4 28. Rxb4 Qxf2+ 29. Rxf2 Nxe4 30. Rb7 Nxf2 31. Rxe7 c3 0-1

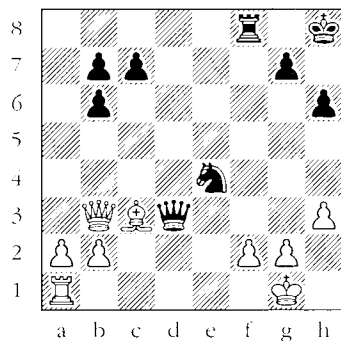
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## Scholastic Corner: Our Own Tactical Creations

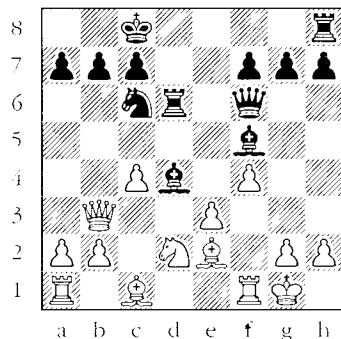
I was so impressed by the fresh version of the Classic Bishop Sacrifice executed by a primary-grade player sporting a Class G rating (764) that I decided to highlight other tactical **possibilities** that appeared in this year's Tenn. Scholastic Championships. I emphasized "possibilities" because the players did not always realize the combinations that were present. The first diagram honors our Class G player's prowess. The answers to the puzzles can be found by exploring the games included in this issue or you can check your answers by going to page 23. The nice combinations are there, but we miss them mainly because we doubt that they are present and lazily settle for less. Check the checks!



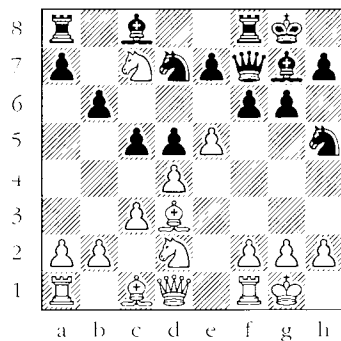
Diag. 1 Westan Sharpe vs. Dennis Patrick. **White to move.**



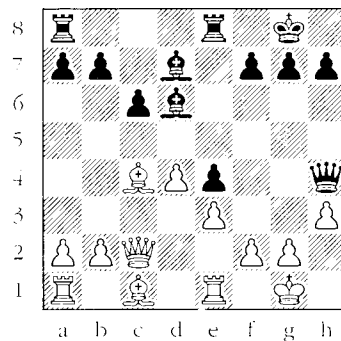
Diag. 2 Joseph Stafford vs. Jason Fu. **White to move.**



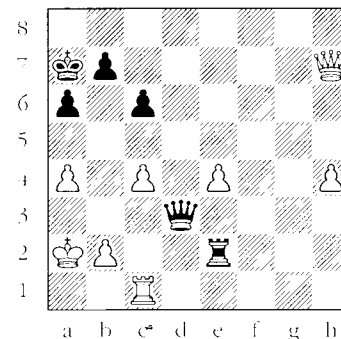
Diag. 3 Matthew Marsh vs. Peter Suich. **White to move.**



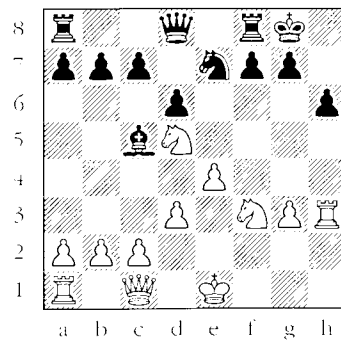
Diag. 4 G. Bonvissuto vs. A. Gazulapalli. **White to move.**



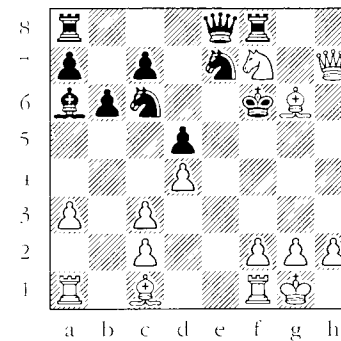
Diag. 5 Adam Steed vs. Jason Lee. **Black to move.**



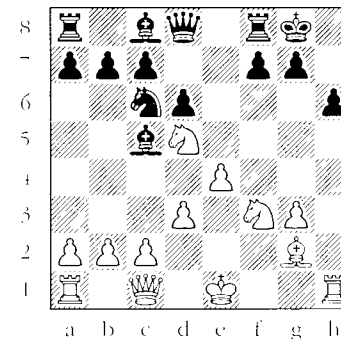
Diag. 6 Jason Fu vs. Neil Zheng. **Black to move.**



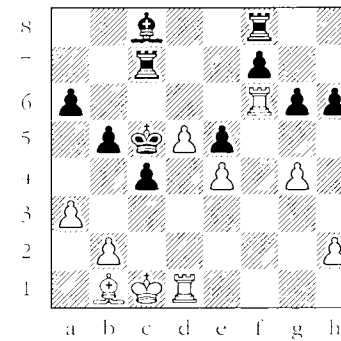
Diag. 7 Aubrie Harmon vs. Justin Lohr. **White to move.**



Diag. 8 Westan Sharpe vs. Dennis Patrick. **White to move.**



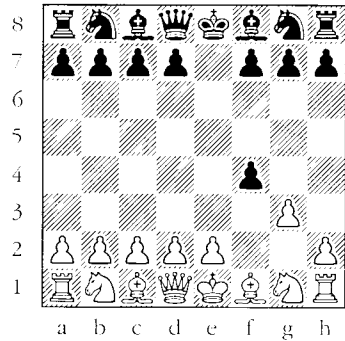
Diag. 9 Aubrie Harmon vs. Justin Lohr. **White to move.**



Diag. 10 Corry Marsh vs. Nathan Vogt. **White to move.**

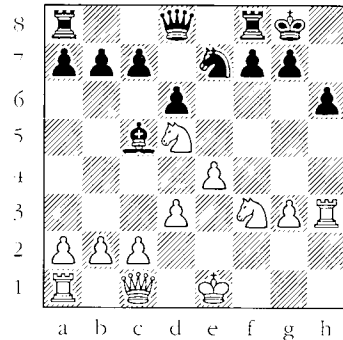
Individual Finals - Prim(1)  
 Aubrie Harmon - 676  
 Justin Lohr - 1034

1. g3 e5 2. f4? exf4



3. Nf3 gxf4 would have allowed a type of Fool's Mate. What is amazing about this position is that I've seen it three more times in the past two months! I saw White get mated in the Region 1 Individ. Qualifier, and in another game White managed to avoid immediate mate thanks to his opponent's oversight. Charles Blue also had this position in the Jr. High Section (4<sup>th</sup> Round) of the 2009 Individual Finals against Chris Kresky and actually obtained the 3-move mate after 3. gxf4?? f3g3 4. hxg3 Nf6 5. Bg2 Bc5 6. d3 Much better was the simple d4. O-O 7. e4 Nc6 8. Nc3 d6 Sharper is d5 or Re8. 9. Bf4 Ng4?! 10. Qc1 Again, d4 was better. Nf6 11. Bg5 h6? 12. Bxf6 (12. Bxh6! gxh6 (12... Bf2+ 13. Kxf2 Ng4+ 14. Ke2 gxh6 15. Rxh6 Nxh6 16. Qxh6 f5 17. Qg6+ Kh8 18. Rh1+)

13. Qxh6 Re8 14. Qh8#) 12... Qxf6 13. Nd5 Qd8 14. Bh3?! (14. Rxh6! gxh6 15. Qxh6+- with Ng5 or Nf6 as winning threats.) 14... Bxh3 15. Rxh3 Ne7



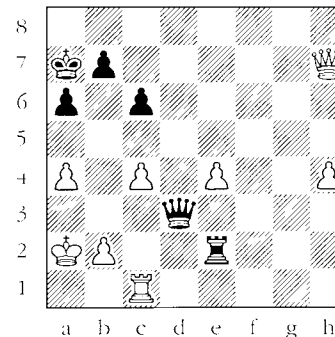
16. Qf4? (This is where the old maxim springs from: Always check--it might be mate! 16. Nf6+! gxf6 (16... Kh8 17. Rxh6+ gxh6 18. Qxh6#) 17. Qxh6 Ng6 18. Qh7#) 16... Nxd5 17. exd5 Qe7+ 18. Kd1 Qe3 19. Qh4 Qxf3+ 20. Kd2 Qe3+ 21. Kd1 Qg1+ 22. Kd2 Qxa1 23. g4 Bb4+ 24. c3 Qxb2+ 25. Kd1 Qb1+ 26. Kd2 Qxa2+ 27. Kd1 Bxc3 28. Kc1 Qb2+ 29. Kd1 Qd2# 0-1

Answers to Scholastic Corner

- #1 Sharpe Patrick: 11. Bxh7+ (p. 16)
- #2 Stafford-Fu: 25. Bxg7+ (p. 41)
- #3 Marsh-Suich: 14. Bg4! (p. 12)
- #4 Bonvisutto Gazulapalli: 13. c6 (p. 26)
- #5 Steed-Lee: 16. Bxh3 (p. 35)
- #6 Fu-Zheng: 32... Qd4! (p. 24)
- #7 Harmon Lohr: 16. Nf6! (p. 23)
- #8 Sharpe-Patrick: 17. Bg5+ (p. 16)
- #9 Harmon-Lohr: 14. Rxh6 (p. 23)
- #10 Marsh Vogt: 28. b4! (p. 26)

Individual Finals - Elem(3)  
 Jason Fu - 1401  
 Neil Zheng - 1224

1. e4 e5 2. Nf3 Nc6 3. Bc4 Nf6 4. Nc3 Bc5 5. d3 d6 6. Bg5 Bg4 7. h3 Bh5 8. Nd5 Nd4 9. c3 Bxf3 10. gxf3 Stronger would have been Qa4+: 10. Qa4+ c6 (10... Nc6 11. gxf3 a6 12. b4+-) 11. cxd4 Bxd4 12. gxf3 a6 13. Bxf6 gxf6. 10... Ne6 11. Nxf6+ gxf6 12. Bd2 Qd7 13. a4 c6 14. h4 a6 15. Qb3 Rg8 16. Be3 Rg7 17. Bxe6 fxe6 18. Bxc5 dxc5 19. O-O-O O-O-O 20. Rdg1 Rxg1+ 21. Rxg1 Qxd3 22. Qxe6+ +/- Kb8 23. Qxf6 Qd2+ 24. Kb1 Ka7 25. Qxe5 White should probably played it safe, too, and played Ka2. Qxf2 26. Rc1= Better was Rg5, counter attacking the c-pawn. Rd2 27. c4 Qxf3 28. Qxc5+ Ka8 29. Qe5 Qd3+ 30. Ka2 Re2 31. Qh8+ Ka7 32. Qxh7



Rxe4? Black overlooks a mate and gives White winning chances: (32... Qd4 33. Rb1 Qxc4+ 34. Ka3 Qc5+ 35. Ka2 Qb4 with a 6-move mate

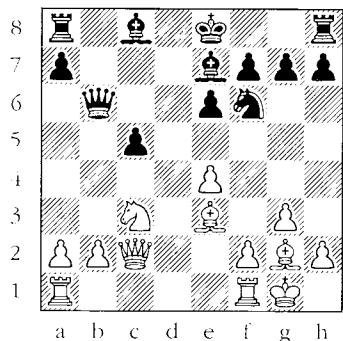
gloominess, according to Fritz.) 33. Rc3 Qd4? 34. h5?? Now it's White's turn to overlook victory, whereas Rb3 would have been immediately decisive. Re2 35. Qd3? Qxd3 36. Rxd3 Rh2 37. Ka3 Rxh5 Though the position is equal, White managed to win. 1-0

Individual Finals - Prim(2)  
 Justin Lohr - 1034  
 Akaash Padmanabha - 771

1. e4 e5 2. Nf3 Nc6 3. Bc4 d6 4. d3 Bg4 5. h3 Bxf3 6. Qxf3 Nf6 7. Bg5 Nd4 8. Qd1 Be7 9. O-O O-O 10. c3 Nc6 Better was Ne6, hitting the bishop and eyeing f4. 11. Nd2 h6 12. Bxf6 Bxf6 13. Nf3 Ne7 14. b4 a6 15. a4 c6 16. Re1 b5 17. axb5 cxb5 18. Bb3 a5 19. bxa5 Rxa5 20. Rxa5 Qxa5 21. c4 Rd8 A little better is b4, retaining some remote chances of queering the pawn. Too, the move would help to keep white's bishop restrained. 22. cxb5 Qxb5 23. Bc4 Qe8 There was no need for a full retreat. 24. Qc2 Nc6? 25. Rc1 (25. Bxf7+) 25... Nb4 26. Qb3 Rb8 27. Rb1 Bg5 28. Nxb5 hxg5 29. Bd5 Qf8 30. Qc4 Nxd5 31. Rxb8 Qxb8 32. Qxd5 Qb1+ 33. Kh2 Qf1 34. Qxd6 f6 35. f3 Qf2 36. Qe6+ Kh8 37. Qe8+ Kh7 and after many more moves and checks, the game was drawn. 1/2-1/2

Individual Finals - HS(1)  
 Matthew Marsh - 2076  
 Max Breyer -1371

1. d4 d5 2. c4 e6 3. Nf3 Nf6  
 4. g3 c5 5. cxd5 Nxd5 6. Bg2  
 Nc6 7. O-O cxd4 Since Black  
 has not castled and is hence  
 not ready for complications,  
 the patient Be7 is advised.  
 8. Nxd4 Be7 9. Nxc6 bxc6 10.  
 e4 Nf6 11. Qc2 Qb6 (Fritz  
 suggests sacrificing the  
 pawn for rapid development:  
 11... O-O 12. Qxc6 Rb8 13.  
 Nc3 Qa5+/-) 12. Be3 c5 13.  
 Nc3



Bd7? Black has to see that  
 he is almost certainly going  
 to lose a pawn because of  
 White's threats of Na4 or  
 e5. Hence, he should  
 address the greater threat  
 by blocking off the  
 dangerous white-squared  
 bishop with Bb7. Though Ng4  
 seems to address the threat  
 to the c-pawn, the move only  
 delays the loss. 14. e5 Nd5  
 15. Bxd5 exd5 16. Nxd5 Qc6  
 17. Nxe7 Kxe7 18. Qxc3+ Ke8  
 19. Qxc6 Bxc6 Even though  
 this is an opposite-colored  
 bishop ending, it is highly

unlikely to become a draw  
 because Black's king is  
 stuck in the center and will  
 come under direct attack.  
 20. Rac1 Bd5 21. a3 Rc7 is  
 even stronger, planning Bc5  
 and Rd1. Ke7 22. Rc7+ Ke6  
 23. f4 Rab8 24. b4 a6 25.  
 Rd1 Rhd8 26. Bc5 Bb3 27.  
 Rc6+ Kf5 28. Rdd6 f6?! Token  
 defense with Rxd or Ra8 was  
 better, but still losing.  
 29. exf6 gxf6 30. Rxa6 Re8  
 31. Rxf6+ Kg4 32. Rad6 Re4  
 33. Kg2 Re2+ 34. Bf2 Rc8 35.  
 h3+ 1-0

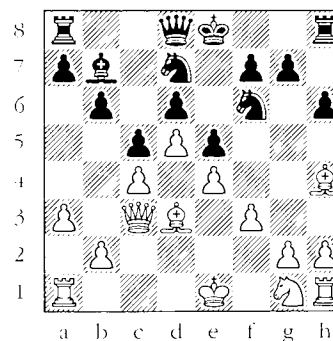
Individual Finals - HS(5)  
 Matthew Marsh - 2076  
 Graham Horobetz -1938

1. d4 Nf6 2. c4 e6 3. Nf3  
 Bb4+ 4. Bd2 Qe7 5. Qc2 Nc6  
 6. g3 O-O 7. Bg2 Bxd2+ 8.  
 Nbx2 d6 9. O-O e5 10. d5  
 Nb8 11. Ne1 a5 12. e4 Na6  
 13. Nd3 Nd7 14. a3 Ndc5 15.  
 Nxc5 Nxc5 16. b4 Na6 17.  
 Rab1 f5 18. exf5 Bxf5 19.  
 Be4 g6 20. f3 Qg5 21. Qc3  
 b6?! The simple axb4 would  
 tend toward equality. 22.  
 Rbe1 Better was Bxf5  
 followed by bxa and perhaps  
 f4. Bh3 23. Rf2 axb4 It was  
 better to keep the queenside  
 closed with Nb8. This  
 approach would allow Black  
 to explore his kingside  
 options. 24. axb4 Nb8 25.  
 Ree2 Nd7 26. Bb1 Bf5 27. Ne4  
 Bxe4 28. Bxe4 Ra7 29. Ra2  
 Rfa8 30. Bb1 Rxa2 31. Rxa2  
 Rxa2 32. Bxa2 Qf5 33. Qb3  
 Qg5 34. Qc3 Qf5 35. Qb3  
 1/2-1/2

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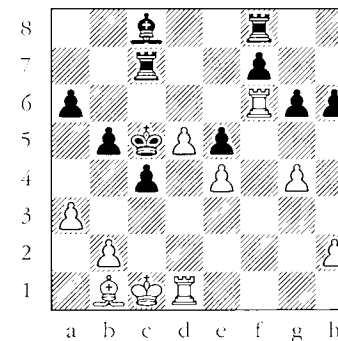
Indiv. Finals - JrHigh (4)  
 Corry Marsh -1750  
 Nathan Vogt-1792

1. d4 Nf6 2. c4 e6 3. Nc3  
 Bb4 4. Qc2 b6 5. Bg5 h6 6.  
 Bh4 Bb7 7. a3 Bxc3+ 8. Qxc3  
 d6 9. f3 This interesting  
 move controls e4, blunts  
 Black's bishop, provides  
 White's bishop a secure  
 retreat, and allows White to  
 establish a center. Still,  
 Black is doing well because  
 White's undeveloped bishop  
 is hindered by his own  
 pawns. Nbd7 10. e4 c5 11. d5  
 White would lose a pawn if  
 he played e5 because of the  
 in-between move of cxd4. e5  
 12. Bd3 White needed to  
 retreat his queen or his  
 black-squared bishop.



Nxe4! 13. Bxd8 Nxc3 14. Bc7  
 Nxd5 15. cxd5 Ke7 16. Bc4  
 Rac8 17. Bxd6+ Kxd6 18.  
 O-O-O+ Nf6 19. Ne2 a6 20.  
 Nc3 b5 21. Ba2 c4 22. Ne4+  
 Nxe4 Ke7 is better,  
 restricting White's  
 counterplay and daring him  
 to push the d-pawn. 23. fxe4  
 Rhf8 Better is the immediate  
 f5. 24. Bb1 Rc7 25. g4 g6

Black is playing too  
 passively now. He can play  
 a5 planning to expand on the  
 queenside or f6 followed by  
 h5. 26. Rhf1 Bc8 Necessary  
 was f6 to retard the rook's  
 invasion. 27. Rf6+ Kc5?



28. b4+! cxb3 29. Kb2 Be6  
 30. Rc1+ Kd6 31. Rxc7 Kxc7  
 32. dxe6 Kd6 33. exf7+ Kc5  
 34. Kxb3 a5 35. Kb2 Kd4 36.  
 Ba2 Kxe4 37. Rxg6 Rd8 38.  
 Rg8 1-0

Gregory Bonvissuto -1243  
 Anoop Gazulapalli -1184

1. d4 d5 2. e3 Nf6 3. Bd3 g6  
 4. Nd2 Bg7 5. Ngf3 O-O 6.  
 O-O Nbd7 7. c3 and the  
 opening has transformed into  
 a main line Colle. b6 8. e4  
 c5 9. e5 Nh5 10. Ng5 Better  
 were Re1 or g3. f6?? (10...  
 cxd4 11. cxd4 Nf4 12. Bb5  
 h6=) 11. Ne6 Qe8 12. Nc7  
 Qf7? 13. e6 Thus, the  
 statement: If you see a  
 good move, look for a better  
 one. Qe8 14. Nxe8 Rxe8 15.  
 exd7 Bxd7 and White  
 prevailed, but not without  
 difficulties. 1-0

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Name/State ID	Region	Rate	Rnd 1	Rnd 2	Rnd 3	Rnd 4	Rnd 5
1. TAE, PATRICK JOHN TN 12780648	R1	2193	B 16 1.0	W 10 2.0	B 6 3.0	W 4 4.0	B 3 5.0
2. HENCHMAN, PHILIP TN 12905116	R2	1966	B 20 1.0	W 14 2.0	B 4 2.0	W 10 3.0	B 9 4.0
3. SUICH, PETER D TN 12779311	R1	1894	B 22 1.0	W 8 2.0	B 5 3.0	W 9 4.0	W 1 4.0
4. WOODBURY, GEORGE TN 12938683	R4	1833	W 23 1.0	B 11 2.0	W 2 3.0	B 1 3.0	W 13 4.0
5. MARSH, MATTHEW L TN 12843523	R1	2076	W 17 1.0	B 7 2.0	W 3 2.0	B 14 3.0	W 6 3.5
6. HOROBETZ, GRAHAM S TN 12800231	R4	1938	W 21 1.0	B 19 2.0	W 1 2.0	B 11 3.0	B 5 3.5
7. CHOWDHURY, RAFI TN 13852335	R4	1622	B 30 1.0	W 5 1.0	B 15 2.0	W 8 2.5	B 16 3.5
8. GOTWALS, CLAYTON K TN 13631794	R1	1538	W 18 1.0	B 3 1.0	W 28 2.0	B 7 2.5	W 19 3.5
9. BEATTY, JONATHAN TN 12748652	R4	1674	B 28 1.0	W 15 2.0	B 13 3.0	B 3 3.0	W 2 3.0
10. NAIR, MANU TN 12843521	R3	1603	W 24 1.0	B 1 1.0	W 12 2.0	B 2 2.0	W 21 3.0
11. GIBSON, GRAHAM TN 12777372	R4	1540	B 32 1.0	W 4 1.0	B 22 2.0	W 6 2.0	B 24 3.0
12. PARVATHAREDDY, ROHINI TN 12843629	R4	1524	B 26 1.0	W 13 1.5	B 10 1.5	W 16 2.0	B 25 3.0
13. REDDY, NISHITH TN 12805997	R4	1661	W 29 1.0	B 12 1.5	W 9 1.5	B 17 2.5	B 4 2.5
14. KNOWLES, CHASE TN 13441952	R4	1552	W 27 1.0	B 2 1.0	W 21 2.0	W 5 2.0	B 15 2.5
15. AGOSTINO, MICHAEL TN 12884766	R3	1503	W 31 1.0	B 9 1.0	W 7 1.0	B 30 2.0	W 14 2.5
16. SCHAFER, JACOB A TN 12913914	R3	1502	W 1 0.0	B 24 1.0	W 19 2.0	B 12 2.5	W 7 2.5
17. BREYER, MAX TN 12785708	R3	11371	B 5 0.0	W 30 0.5	B 26 1.5	W 13 1.5	B 27 2.5

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18. DONNAN, MATTHEW TN 12859012	R2	763	B 8 0.0	W 22 0.0	BYE 1.0	W 20 1.5	B 29 2.5
19. BEJNOOD, ALBORZ TN 12911448	R1	1600	B 25 1.0	W 6 1.0	B 16 1.0	W 27 2.0	B 8 2.0
20. HOWARD, MICHAEL TN 12826439	R2	1327	W 2 0.0	B 27 0.5	W 30 1.0	B 18 1.5	W 23 2.0
21. DAHOTRE, SHREYAS TN 12929518	R1	1327	B 6 0.0	W 25 1.0	B 14 1.0	W 26 2.0	B 10 2.0
22. RILING, KYLE TN 12915882	R3	1232	W 3 0.0	B 18 1.0	W 11 1.0	B 24 1.0	W 30 2.0
23. EDMONDS, LUCAS TN 12921798	R2	1194	B 4 0.0	W 32 0.5	B 27 0.5	W 31 1.5	B 20 2.0
24. MADHUKAR, NEEL TN 13773108	R1	1031	B 10 0.0	W 16 0.0	B 31 1.0	W 22 2.0	W 11 2.0
25. KLAWONN, MATTHEW M TN 13773114	R1	1003	W 19 0.0	B 21 0.0	W 29 1.0	B 28 2.0	W 12 2.0
26. DEAL, MATTHEW TN 13813243	R3	623	W 12 0.0	B 29 1.0	W 17 1.0	B 21 1.0	W 29 2.0
27. DUNBAR, STEVEN L TN 12919659	R2	997	B 14 0.0	W 20 0.5	W 23 1.5	B 19 1.5	W 17 1.5
28. SIOGAN, AARON M TN 12907531	R2	1130	W 9 0.0	B 31 1.0	B 8 1.0	W 25 1.0	B 26 1.0
29. TRUE, NATHANIEL P TN 13037164	R3	1099	B 13 0.0	W 26 0.0	B 25 0.0	BYE 1.0	W 18 1.0
30. HAMMETT, JON H TN 12931306	R2	1059	W 7 0.0	B 17 0.5	B 20 1.0	W 15 1.0	B 22 1.0
31. REICHARD, WADLY TN 14141793	R3	nnnn	B 15 0.0	W 28 0.0	W 24 0.0	B 23 0.0	BYE 1.0
32. RIDGE, WILLIAM S TN 21005489	R2	775	W 11 0.0	B 23 0.5	---	---	---

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1. KUMAR, VIKAS SHREY TN 12920966	R3	1762	B 19 1.0	W 5 2.0	B 7 2.5	W 6 3.5	W 3 4.5
2. VOGT, NATHAN TN 12847448	R4	1792	W 11 1.0	B 18 2.0	W 4 3.0	B 3 3.0	W 8 4.0
3. MARSH, CORRY L TN 12843522	R1	1750	W 20 1.0	B 9 2.0	W 17 3.0	W 2 4.0	B 1 4.0
4. DASARI, TEJA TN 12878872	R4	1588	B 15 1.0	W 10 2.0	B 2 2.0	W 7 3.0	B 11 4.0
5. CARRILLO, OSCAR A TN 13527124	R4	1296	W 25 1.0	B 1 1.0	W 20 2.0	B 9 3.0	W 10 4.0
6. YANG, ANDREW TN 12904559	R3	1470	W 12 1.0	B 23 1.5	W 14 2.5	B 1 2.5	W 7 3.0
7. FAN, DAVID TN 12931783	R3	1423	B 13 1.0	W 21 2.0	W 1 2.5	B 4 2.5	B 6 3.0
8. PERAVALI, RAHUL TN 13350900	R4	1275	W 27 0.0	B 25 1.0	W 12 2.0	B 17 3.0	B 2 3.0
9. GUDIBANDA, ADITYA TN 13237828	R3	1272	B 31 1.0	W 3 1.0	B 27 2.0	W 5 2.0	W 21 3.0
10. BERRYHILL, JANSEN TN 12841080	R4	1264	W 16 1.0	B 4 1.0	W 26 2.0	B 23 3.0	B 5 3.0
11. SIMONSEN, ANDREW TN 12921005	R1	1258	B 2 0.0	W 24 1.0	W 23 2.0	B 18 3.0	W 4 3.0
12. WARREN, JONATHAN TN 12911327	R2	1170	B 6 0.0	W 22 1.0	B 8 1.0	W 27 2.0	W 17 3.0
13. CARTER, CARY TN 13120863	R2	1156	W 7 0.0	W 14 0.0	B 31 1.0	B 20 2.0	W 18 3.0
14. BERRYHILL, JORDAN TN 12824261	R4	1385	W 21 0.0	B 13 1.0	B 6 1.0	W 26 2.0	B 15 2.5
15. FRANKLIN, SHANE M TN 12849501	R3	1172	W 4 0.0	B 16 0.0	W 25 1.0	B 22 2.0	W 14 2.5
16. MILES, CHRISTOPHER TN 12735800	R2	817	B 10 0.0	W 15 1.0	B 19 1.0	W 24 1.5	W 23 2.5
17. CHERUKURI, UDAY K TN 12955950	R4	1380	B 24 1.0	W 27 2.0	B 3 2.0	W 8 2.0	B 12 2.0

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18. HOUSTON, CHARLIE R TN 12841434	R2	1280	B 26 1.0	W 2 1.0	B 21 2.0	W 11 2.0	B 13 2.0
19. AMARTHALURU, VENKAT TN 13767126	R3	1226	W 1 0.0	B 26 0.0	W 16 1.0	B 21 1.0	B 27 2.0
20. SANTORO, JOEY TN 13409560	R3	1223	B 3 0.0	W 31 1.0	B 5 1.0	W 13 1.0	B 26 2.0
21. KONJETI, RAVIKANTH TN 12780119	R3	1117	B 14 1.0	B 7 1.0	W 18 1.0	W 19 2.0	B 9 2.0
22. VENKATESH, BHARATH TN 13684933	R2	767	W 23 0.0	B 12 0.0	B 24 1.0	W 15 1.0	W 25 2.0
23. RAJESH, ARJUN TN 13522258	R4	1258	B 22 1.0	W 6 1.5	B 11 1.5	W 10 1.5	B 16 1.5
24. LYNN, JOSHUA ADAM TN 12937075	R1	1036	W 17 0.0	B 11 0.0	W 22 0.0	B 16 0.5	W 31 1.5
25. HOUSTON, C J TN 12836144	R2	1032	B 5 0.0	W 8 0.0	B 15 0.0	W 31 1.0	B 22 1.0
26. MARTIN, SAMIR TN 12935114	R1	952	W 18 0.0	W 19 1.0	B 10 1.0	B 14 1.0	W 20 1.0
27. SUICH, VICTORIA E TN 12902341	R1	902	B 8 1.0	B 17 1.0	W 9 1.0	B 12 1.0	W 19 1.0
28. BLUE, CHARLES TN 12934167	R1	1227	---	---	---	---	---
29. COUTURE, CODY A TN 13405414	R2	1028	---	---	---	---	---
30. JOHN, YOHAN TN 12897127	R1	939	---	---	---	---	---
31. SURESH, GAUTAM TN 13793913	R1	820	W 9 0.0	B 20 0.0	W 13 0.0	B 25 0.0	B 24 0.0
32. DE BRUYN, PARKER TN 12895636	R2	571	---	---	---	---	---

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1. STAFFORD, JOSEPH C TN 12945706	R4	1503	B 17 1.0	W 10 2.0	B 8 3.0	W 2 4.0	W 4 5.0
2. FU, JASON TN 13103964	R1	1401	W 18 1.0	B 20 2.0	W 6 3.0	B 1 3.0	W 9 4.0
3. DUPONT, RANDON TN 13242181	R4	1228	W 23 1.0	B 14 1.0	W 12 2.0	B 20 3.0	W 11 4.0
4. BONVISSUTO, GREGORY TN 12875110	R3	1243	W 22 1.0	B 12 1.5	W 14 2.5	W 11 3.5	B 1 3.5
5. SERNEL, RAGAN B TN 13004603	R4	1237	B 15 1.0	W 13 2.0	B 11 2.0	W 14 3.0	B 6 3.5
6. ZHENG, NEIL TN 13148010	R3	1224	B 16 1.0	W 24 2.0	B 2 2.0	W 13 3.0	W 5 3.5
7. WADHAWAN, SANCHIT TN 13399514	R1	1268	B 21 1.0	W 11 1.0	B 15 2.0	W 10 2.5	B 12 3.0
8. MIRNICS, MARCO TN 13491385	R3	1213	W 19 1.0	B 26 2.0	W 1 2.0	B 17 2.5	W 10 3.0
9. BERRYHILL, JENNER TN 12879059	R4	1210	B 24 0.0	W 16 1.0	B 21 2.0	W 18 3.0	B 2 3.0
10. TOMLIN, NICHOLAS A TN 13985642	R3	1197	W 27 1.0	B 1 1.0	W 22 2.0	B 7 2.5	B 8 3.0
11. GAZULAPALLI, ANOOP TN 13440153	R4	1184	W 29 1.0	B 7 2.0	W 5 3.0	B 4 3.0	B 3 3.0
12. SMITH, KAI ALAN TN 13352357	R1	1168	B 30 1.0	W 4 1.5	B 3 1.5	W 21 2.5	W 7 3.0
13. BURGESS, CARTER B TN 13796997	R4	1115	W 25 1.0	B 5 1.0	W 26 2.0	B 6 2.0	W 17 3.0
14. MC CLUNG, NOAH TN 12931299	R2	1089	B 31 1.0	W 3 2.0	B 4 2.0	B 5 2.0	W 23 3.0
15. XUE, ALBERT SHAOYA TN 13500641	R1	919	W 5 0.0	B 29 1.0	W 7 1.0	B 25 2.0	W 24 3.0
16. SCHULT, CHRISTOPHER TN 13401468	R1	851	W 6 0.0	B 9 0.0	W 27 1.0	B 26 2.0	W 20 3.0
17. NARAYANAN, KIRTHI TN 13550582	R3	1071	W 1 0.0	B 19 1.0	B 25 2.0	W 8 2.5	B 13 2.5

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18. FRIEDMAN, MAX TN 13690681	R4	1062	B 2 0.0	W 28 1.0	B 31 2.0	B 9 2.0	W 19 2.5
19. BONVISSUTO, ANTHONY TN 13247344	R3	796	B 8 0.0	W 17 0.0	B 30 1.0	W 31 2.0	B 18 2.5
20. WELCH, CHRISTOPHER TN 12919633	R3	1194	B 28 1.0	W 2 1.0	B 24 2.0	W 3 2.0	B 16 2.0
21. GELLERT, ISABEL R TN 13399520	R1	989	W 7 0.0	B 27 1.0	W 9 1.0	B 12 1.0	W 30 2.0
22. BOEGER, REED TN 14021771	R3	924	B 4 0.0	W 30 1.0	B 10 1.0	W 24 1.0	B 31 2.0
23. HOYOS, JORDAN ANDR TN 13770025	R1	864	B 3 0.0	W 31 0.0	B 28 1.0	W 29 2.0	B 14 2.0
24. HONG, KEVIN TN 13787313	R1	740	W 9 1.0	B 6 1.0	W 20 1.0	B 22 2.0	B 15 2.0
25. HAMLIN, CHARLIE TN 13876965	R2	211	B 13 0.0	BYE 1.0	W 17 1.0	W 15 1.0	B 29 2.0
26. MARTIN, JONATHAN TN 13876944	R2	105	BYE 1.0	W 8 1.0	B 13 1.0	W 16 1.0	B 28 2.0
27. MARTIN, JOSEPH TN 13929027	R2	632	B 10 0.0	W 21 0.0	B 16 0.0	W 28 0.0	BYE 1.0
28. GILL, BRIANA MAE TN 13552834	R2	449	W 20 0.0	B 18 0.0	W 23 0.0	B 27 1.0	W 26 1.0
29. BACK, ALECIA N TN 13492174	R2	368	B 11 0.0	W 15 0.0	BYE 1.0	B 23 1.0	W 25 1.0
30. WEBBER, ZACHARY TN 13639084	R2	332	W 12 0.0	B 22 0.0	W 19 0.0	BYE 1.0	B 21 1.0
31. SHARPE, KYLE TN 14125484	R2	nnnn	W 14 0.0	B 23 1.0	W 18 1.0	B 19 1.0	W 22 1.0
32. JAMBULAPATI, ARUN TN 12919608	R4	1153	---	---	---	---	---

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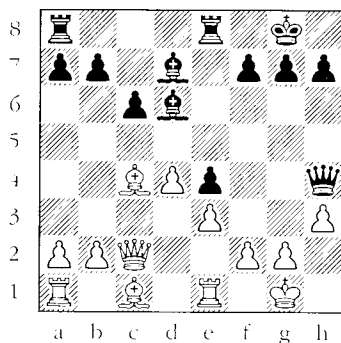
Name/State ID	Region	Rate	Rnd 1	Rnd 2	Rnd 3	Rnd 4	Rnd 5
1. LOHR, NATHAN J TN 13917945	R2	790	W 19 1.0	B 17 1.5	W 26 2.5	B 6 3.5	W 4 4.5
2. MOODY, JACKSON TN 13294608	R4	944	W 11 1.0	B 15 2.0	W 3 3.0	B 4 3.0	W 7 4.0
3. HODGE, JAMES M TN 13701388	R1	723	B 30 1.0	W 21 2.0	B 2 2.0	W 19 3.0	B 11 4.0
4. NODIT, PAUL GABRIEL TN 13513977	R1	689	W 28 1.0	B 22 2.0	B 23 3.0	W 2 4.0	B 1 4.0
5. HERRON, TREY TN 13152221	R4	607	W 6 0.0	B 28 1.0	W 22 2.0	W 23 3.0	B 10 4.0
6. LINGAREDDY, PRANAY TN 13520891	R4	866	B 5 1.0	W 7 1.5	B 14 2.5	W 1 2.5	B 17 3.5
7. LOHR, BRYANT E TN 13917951	R2	723	W 31 1.0	B 6 1.5	W 8 2.5	W 9 3.5	B 2 3.5
8. LOHR, JUSTIN E TN 13917930	R2	1034	B 10 1.0	W 14 1.5	B 7 1.5	W 16 2.0	B 24 3.0
9. BURGESS, SHAUN M TN 13797001	R4	942	B 24 1.0	W 23 1.0	W 17 2.0	B 7 2.0	B 14 3.0
10. HARMAN, AUBRIE TN 21026900	R3	676	W 8 0.0	B 27 1.0	W 13 2.0	B 12 3.0	W 5 3.0
11. ASHTON, HUNTER B TN 13803617	R3	669	B 2 0.0	W 29 1.0	B 24 2.0	W 21 3.0	W 3 3.0
12. ZHAO, SHIJIE "JACK" TN 13876855	R3	600	B 21 0.0	W 25 1.0	B 20 2.0	W 10 2.0	B 23 3.0
13. MC CLUNG, SILAS TN 13665425	R2	292	B 16 0.5	W 20 1.0	B 10 1.0	B 22 2.0	W 21 3.0
14. PADMANABHA, AKAASH TN 13519908	R4	771	B 27 1.0	B 8 1.5	W 6 1.5	B 26 2.5	W 9 2.5
15. PERUMALLA, ABHINAV TN 13545100	R1	732	B 29 1.0	W 2 1.0	B 19 1.0	W 25 2.0	B 18 2.5
16. PANAK, BENJAMIN JO TN 13801935	R3	726	W 13 0.5	B 26 0.5	W 27 1.5	B 8 2.0	W 19 2.5
17. MARSH, HUNTER L TN 13473408	R1	696	B 25 1.0	W 1 1.5	B 9 1.5	W 20 2.5	W 6 2.5

Name/State ID	Region	Rate	Rnd 1	Rnd 2	Rnd 3	Rnd 4	Rnd 5
18. BONVISSUTO, DOMINIC TN 13483824	R3	531	W 22 0.0	B 31 1.0	B 21 1.0	W 30 2.0	W 15 2.5
19. EPPARLA, ANURAG TN 14008640	R4	476	B 1 0.0	W 30 1.0	W 15 2.0	B 3 2.0	B 16 2.5
20. DOMINGUEZ, JASON MS 13491610	R4	904	W 26 0.5	B 13 1.0	W 12 1.0	B 17 1.0	W 30 2.0
21. CARTER, MEKHI DANT TN 13852947	R1	840	W 12 1.0	B 3 1.0	W 18 2.0	B 11 2.0	B 13 2.0
22. WEBB, BAYS TN 13301104	R4	812	B 18 1.0	W 4 1.0	B 5 1.0	W 13 1.0	W 26 2.0
23. SHARPE, WESTON TN 13877665	R3	764	W 32 1.0	B 9 2.0	W 4 2.0	B 5 2.0	W 12 2.0
24. GELLERT, ADRIAN H TN 13692672	R1	669	W 9 0.0	B 32 1.0	W 11 1.0	B 28 2.0	W 8 2.0
25. GEIBIG, JOSEPH TN 14122291	R1	nnnn	W 17 0.0	B 12 0.0	W 32 1.0	B 15 1.0	B 29 2.0
26. MADDUX, RUFF TN 13766961	R3	660	B 20 0.5	W 16 1.5	B 1 1.5	W 14 1.5	B 22 1.5
27. MC CLUNG, MERCY TN 13665431	R2	390	W 14 0.0	W 10 0.0	B 16 0.0	B 31 1.0	W 28 1.5
28. ZHAO, GUANCHEN TN 14122766	R1	nnnn	B 4 0.0	W 5 0.0	B 29 1.0	W 24 1.0	B 27 1.5
29. WEBBER, NICHOLAS TN 13676838	R2	342	W 15 0.0	B 11 0.0	W 28 0.0	B 32 1.0	W 25 1.0
30. SIMMONS, JOSHUA TN 14122065	R2	nnnn	W 3 0.0	B 19 0.0	W 31 1.0	B 18 1.0	B 20 1.0
31. CHELEN, ANDREW TN 14122745	R2	nnnn	B 7 0.0	W 18 0.0	B 30 0.0	W 27 0.0	W 32 1.0
32. DENNIS, PATRICK ST TN 13965811	R3	350	B 23 0.0	W 24 0.0	B 25 0.0	W 29 0.0	B 31 0.0

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Team Finals-JrH  
 Adam Steed  
 Jason Lee

1. d4 d5 2. c4 e6 3. Nc3 Nf6  
 4. Nf3 c6 5. e3 Nbd7 6. Be2  
 Be7 7. Qc2 O-O 8. O-O Re8 9.  
 Ne5 Bd6 10. cxd5 Rather than  
 freeing Black's bishop,  
 stronger would have been f4  
 which reinforces the  
 knight's post and erects a  
 stonewall as a prelude to a  
 kingside attack. exd5 11.  
 Nxd7 Bxd7 12. h3 Qe7 13. Re1  
 Ne4 14. Bd3 Qh4 15. Nxe4  
 dxe4 16. Bc4



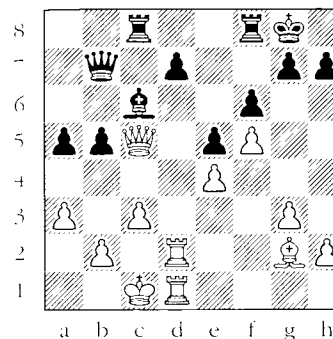
**Bxh3!** Decisive. White's  
 inactive pieces and the pawn  
 on e4 spell his doom. 17. g3  
 (All Fritz can offer is the  
 hopeless b3, since capturing  
 the piece also leads to  
 disaster: 17. gxh3 Qxh3 18.  
 f4 exf3 19. e4 Qg3+ 20. Kf1  
 Qh4 threatening Bg3 followed  
 by Qh1++ 21. Bxf7+ Kxf7 22.  
 Qb3+ Kg6 23. e5 Qh1+ 24. Kf2  
 Qg2+ 25. Ke3 Bxe5 26. Kd3  
 with Black possessing an  
 over 12-point advantage f2)  
 17... Bxg3 18. Bxf7+ Kxf7  
 19. Qb3+ Kg6 20. f4 Bf2+ 21.

**Kh2** Actually, the scoresheet  
 gives White's king capturing  
 a pawn and Black mating at  
 g2. The following moves are  
 a guess at what might have  
 occurred since the  
 scoresheet is unclear. Qg3+  
 22. Kh1 Qg2# 0-1

Team Finals  
 Rani Konjeti  
 Nathan Vogt

1. e4 c5 2. Nf3 Nc6 3. d3 e6  
 4. Nc3 Nge7 5. Be3 b6 6. d4  
 cxd4 7. Nxd4 Nxd4 8. Bxd4  
 Nc6 9. g3 Better might be  
 retaining the bishop with  
 Be3 or playing a3 to allow  
 the knight to continue to  
 inhibit the freeing d5. Nxd4  
 10. Qxd4 f6 11. f4?! This  
 weakening move was  
 unnecessary because e5 was  
 not threatened. Bc5 12. Qd3  
 Bb4?! With Bb7 Black gains  
 easy equality. 13. O-O-O  
 Bxc3 14. Qxc3 a6 15. Bg2  
 Better would be Rd6 to both  
 restrain and pressure the  
 queen pawn or f5 to try and  
 open the position. Bb7 16.  
 Rd2 Rc8 17. Qe3 Better was  
 Qd4. O-O 18. Rhd1 Qc7 19. c3  
 Rfd8 Even with having to  
 nurse the backward pawn,  
 Black is better because his  
 attack on the king comes  
 faster. 20. Qd3 b5 21. a3  
 Bc6 22. Bh3 Rf8 Bxe6+ was  
 an empty threat. 23. f5 e5  
 24. Bg2 Qb7 25. Qe3 a5 26.  
 Qc5

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b4! 27. Qxa5 bxc3 28. bxc3  
 Bxe4 Attacking down the  
 b-file is indicated but is  
 not immediately decisive:  
 28... Rb8 29. Re2 Qb3 30.  
 Kd2 Bb5 31. Rf2 Ba4 32. Bf3  
 Rfc8 33. Qd5+ Qxd5+ 34. exd5  
 Rb2+ 35. Ke1 Bxd1 36. Bxd1  
 Rxf2 37. Kxf2. 29. Bxe4  
 Qxe4 30. Rb2? Trading the  
 queens with Qd5+ was  
 necessary and even Rxd7 has  
 more merit than simply  
 trying to block the b-file.  
 Qe3+ Stronger was Qxf5 or  
 Rf7. 31. Rdd2? Rxc3+ 32.  
 Kb1 Rfc8 33. Qd5+ Kh8 The  
 scoresheet ends here.  
 1/2-1/2

Team Finals  
 Wickizer, Sam  
 Mekki, Carter

1. d4 d5 2. Nf3 Nc6 3. Nc3  
 Nf6 4. e4? dxe4 5. g4?? exf3  
 6. Qxf3 Bxg4 7. Qf4 Nxd4 8.  
 Bb5+ c6 9. Bc4 Nxc2+ 10. Kf1  
 Qd1??? 11. Kg2 Qd7 Black  
 corrects his awful last move  
 before White wakes up. 12.  
 Qd2 Qc8 \$5 13. Qxc2 Bh3+ 14.  
 Kg1 (14. Kf3 Qg4+ 15. Ke3  
 Kf3 would avoid immediate

mate but should still result  
 in a lost.) 14... Qg4# 0-1

Team Finals-Primary  
 Logan  
 Mekhi

1. d3 Nf6 2. e4 Nc6 3. d4?  
 Nxe4 4. Bc4 e6 5. Bf1? Don't  
 undeveloped pieces when  
 others have yet to be moved  
 and you have not castled.  
 Bb4+ 6. Bd2 Nxd4? Just as an  
 isolated, backward pawn is  
 not weak if it cannot be  
 attacked, one has to  
 speculate that a blunder  
 hasn't occurred if you  
 opponent doesn't capitalize  
 on it?! Here, of course,  
 Bxb4 is indicated. 7. c3 Qf6  
 8. Bg5? This does not stop  
 the mate at f2. Well, it  
 shouldn't stop it, I should  
 say! Qxg5 9. Be2 Qh4 10. Bf1  
 Qxf2# 0-1

Team Finals - Primary  
 Carter, Mekhi  
 Bryce

1. e4 e5 2. Bc4 Ke7?? Of  
 course one should not be  
 moving their king about like  
 this. 3. Qf3 Kd6 4. Qd3+ Kc6  
 5. Bb5+ Had Mekhi played  
 Qd5+, he could have  
 concluded a 2-move mate with  
 Qb5++. Kb6 6. Na3 Bc5 7. Nh3  
 Nf6 8. O-O Nxe4? 9. Qxe4 Qf6  
 10. Nc4+ The scoresheet  
 records this final position  
 as mate. Obviously, it  
 isn't. But given the skill  
 level, it is likely that the  
 antagonists may have called  
 it mate. 1-0

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TENNESSEE STATE TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP -- HIGH SCHOOL

TENNESSEE STATE TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP -- JUNIOR HIGH

Team Name	Region	Rate	Rnd 1	Rnd 2	Rnd 3	Rnd 4
1. WHITE STATION HS	R4	1651	B9,3.0 1.0	W8,3.0 2.0	B2,2.5 3.0	W3,2.0 3.5
2. MEMPHIS UNIV. SCHOOL	R4	1638	W5,3.5 1.0	B7,2.5 2.0	W1,1.5 2.0	B8,2.5 3.0
3. HUME FOGG HS	R3	1565	B10,4.0 1.0	W15,4.0 2.0	B4,2.0 2.5	B1,2.0 3.0
4. OAK RIDGE HS	R1	1478	W6,2.5 1.0	B12,2.0 1.5	W3,2.0 2.0	W7,3.0 3.0
5. WHITE STATION MS	R4	1155	B2,0.5 0.0	W13,2.5 1.0	B15,3.0 2.0	W9,2.0 2.5
6. WEBB HIGH SCHOOL	R1	1035	B4,1.5 0.0	W9,2.0 0.5	B13,2.5 1.5	B12,3.0 2.5
7. MLK MAGNET SCHOOL	R3	1450	B13,3.0 1.0	W2,1.5 1.0	W12,3.0 2.0	B4,1.0 2.0
8. LAKEWAY HOME	R1	1293	W14,3.0 1.0	B1,1.0 1.0	W10,3.5 2.0	W2,1.5 2.0
9. ALCOA HIGH SCHOOL	R1	1169	W1,1.0 0.0	B6,2.0 0.5	W11,3.0 1.5	B5,2.0 2.0
10. STONE MEMORIAL HS	R2	1055	W3,0.0 0.0	B14,3.0 1.0	B8,0.5 1.0	W15,3.0 2.0
11. CLARKRANGE HS	R2	421	W12,0.0 0.0	BYE 1.0	B9,1.0 1.0	W14,3.0 2.0
12. PAGE HIGH SCHOOL	R3	1197	B11,4.0 1.0	W4,2.0 1.5	B7,1.0 1.5	W6,1.0 1.5
13. MCCALLIE SCHOOL	R2	909	W7,1.0 0.0	B5,1.5 0.0	W6,1.5 0.0	BYE 1.0
14. CUMBERLAND COUNTY HS	R2	560	B8,1.0 0.0	W10,1.0 0.0	BYE 1.0	B11,1.0 1.0
15. SYCAMORE HIGH SCHOOL	R3	404	BYE 1.0	B3,0.0 1.0	W5,1.0 1.0	B10,1.0 1.0
16. CHRISTIAN BROTHERS HIGH	R4	1450	---	---	---	---
			0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Team Name	Region	Rate	Rnd 1	Rnd 2	Rnd 3	Rnd 4
1. WHITE STATION HS	R4	1436	B10,3.0 1.0	W3,3.5 2.0	B2,2.0 2.5	W4,3.0 3.5
2. WHITE STATION MS	R4	1351	W16,3.0 1.0	B8,3.0 2.0	W1,2.0 2.5	B7,3.0 3.5
3. MEMPHIS UNIV. SCHOOL	R4	1220	W12,3.0 1.0	B1,0.5 1.0	W6,3.0 2.0	B8,2.5 3.0
4. FARRAGUT MS	R1	1256	B11,4.0 1.0	W9,2.5 2.0	W7,2.0 2.5	B1,1.0 2.5
5. CHATTANOOGA HOME SCHL	R2	858	W15,3.0 1.0	B7,1.0 1.0	W13,2.0 1.5	W9,3.0 2.5
6. CROSSVILLE HOME SCHL	R2	841	B7,2.0 0.5	W15,3.0 1.5	B3,1.0 1.5	B13,3.0 2.5
7. HUME FOGG HS	R3	1477	W6,2.0 0.5	W5,3.0 1.5	B4,2.0 2.0	W2,1.0 2.0
8. MEIGS MAGNET SCHOOL	R3	1025	B13,3.0 1.0	W2,1.0 1.0	B10,3.0 2.0	W3,1.5 2.0
9. WEBB HIGH SCHOOL	R1	968	W14,3.5 1.0	B4,1.5 1.0	W11,3.0 2.0	B5,1.0 2.0
10. JEFFERSON MS	R1	738	W1,1.0 0.0	B12,3.0 1.0	W8,1.0 1.0	B11,2.0 1.5
11. BATTLE GROUND ACADEMY	R3	592	W4,0.0 0.0	B14,3.0 1.0	B9,1.0 1.0	W10,2.0 1.5
12. CUMBERLAND COUNTY HS	R2	523	B3,1.0 0.0	W10,1.0 0.0	B15,2.0 0.5	B16,3.0 1.5
13. OCOEE MIDDLE SCHOOL	R2	502	W8,1.0 0.0	B16,2.5 1.0	B5,2.0 1.5	W6,1.0 1.5
14. OAK RIDGE JR HS	R1	322	B9,0.5 0.0	W11,1.0 0.0	W16,2.0 0.5	B15,2.5 1.5
15. GRAHAMWOOD ES	R4	958	B5,1.0 0.0	B6,1.0 0.0	W12,2.0 0.5	W14,1.5 0.5
16. LINDEN WALDORF SCHOOL	R3	708	B2,1.0 0.0	W13,1.5 0.0	B14,2.0 0.5	W12,1.0 0.5

TENNESSEE STATE TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP -- ELEMENTARY

Team Name	Region	Rate	Rnd 1	Rnd 2	Rnd 3	Rnd 4
1. MEEGS MAGNET SCHOOL	R3	1056	B11,4.0 1.0	W7,3.0 2.0	B8,2.5 3.0	W2,2.0 3.5
2. GRAHAMWOOD ES	R4	1159	W10,3.5 1.0	B3,3.5 2.0	W6,2.0 2.5	B1,2.0 3.0
3. WHITE STATION MS	R4	964	B9,4.0 1.0	W2,0.5 1.0	B10,3.0 2.0	B6,2.5 3.0
4. WEBB MIDDLE SCHOOL	R1	814	B13,2.5 1.0	W6,1.5 1.0	B11,3.0 2.0	W9,3.0 3.0
5. CROSSVILLE HOME SCHL	R2	638	B6,1.5 0.0	W13,4.0 1.0	B7,2.5 2.0	W8,3.0 3.0
6. SHANAN CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY	R3	985	W5,2.5 1.0	B4,2.5 2.0	B2,2.0 2.5	W3,1.5 2.5
7. HARDING ACADEMY	R3	894	W12,4.0 1.0	B1,1.0 1.0	W5,1.5 1.0	B15,3.0 2.0
8. FARRAGUT INTERMEDIATE	R1	792	W16,3.0 1.0	B14,3.5 2.0	W1,1.5 2.0	B5,1.0 2.0
9. SEQUOYAH ES	R1	443	W3,0.0 0.0	B16,2.5 1.0	W14,3.0 2.0	B4,1.0 2.0
10. RICHLAND ES	R4	691	B2,0.5 0.0	W15,3.0 1.0	W3,1.0 1.0	B11,2.0 1.5
11. WEBB LOWER SCHOOL	R1	647	W1,0.0 0.0	B12,3.0 1.0	W4,1.0 1.0	W10,2.0 1.5
12. CLEVELAND MS	R2	383	B7,0.0 0.0	W11,1.0 0.0	B15,2.0 0.5	W16,3.5 1.5
13. BROWN ES	R2	360	W4,1.5 0.0	B5,0.0 0.0	W16,2.5 1.0	B14,2.0 1.5
14. OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP	R4	697	B15,2.0 0.5	W8,0.5 0.5	B9,1.0 0.5	W13,2.0 1.0
15. CHATTANOOGA HOME SCHOOL	R2	314	W14,2.0 0.5	B10,1.0 0.5	W12,2.0 1.0	W7,1.0 1.0
16. WRIGHT MS	R3	345	B8,1.0 0.0	W9,1.5 0.0	B13,1.5 0.0	B12,0.5 0.0

TENNESSEE STATE TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP -- PRIMARY

Team Name	Region	Rate	Rnd 1	Rnd 2	Rnd 3	Rnd 4
1. PRESBYTERIAN DAY SCHL	R4	858	W6,3.0 1.0	B5,2.0 1.5	W4,4.0 2.5	B2,3.0 3.5
2. GRAHAMWOOD ES	R4	823	B14,4.0 1.0	W9,3.0 2.0	B3,3.0 3.0	W1,1.0 3.0
3. CHATTANOOGA HOME SCHL	R2	766	W7,4.0 1.0	B10,4.0 2.0	W2,1.0 2.0	B5,3.0 3.0
4. ENSWORTH SCHOOL	R3	574	W11,2.0 0.5	B15,3.5 1.5	B1,0.0 1.5	W10,3.0 2.5
5. SEQUOYAH ES	R1	522	B12,3.0 1.0	W1,2.0 1.5	B8,2.5 2.5	W3,1.0 2.5
6. ALCOA ES	R1	506	B1,1.0 0.0	W12,2.0 0.5	W15,4.0 1.5	B13,4.0 2.5
7. WOODLAND ES	R1	412	B3,0.0 0.0	W14,4.0 1.0	B13,2.0 1.5	W12,3.0 2.5
8. ST GEORGES SCHOOL	R4	684	B10,1.5 0.0	B11,4.0 1.0	W5,1.5 1.0	W14,3.5 2.0
9. EZELL HARDING CHRISTIAN SCHOOL	R3	518	W13,3.5 1.0	B2,1.0 1.0	W10,1.0 1.0	B15,4.0 2.0
10. CROSSVILLE HOME SCHL	R2	321	W8,2.5 1.0	W3,0.0 1.0	B9,3.0 2.0	B4,1.0 2.0
11. BIG RIDGE ES	R2	311	B4,2.0 0.5	W8,0.0 0.5	B12,1.5 0.5	BYE 1.5
12. THRASHER ES	R2	302	W5,1.0 0.0	B6,2.0 0.5	W11,2.5 1.5	B7,1.0 1.5
13. BRICKEY-MCCLOUD ES	R1	300	B9,0.5 0.0	BYE 1.0	W7,2.0 1.5	W6,0.0 1.5
14. UNIV. SCHOOL OF NASHVILLE	R3	487	W2,0.0 0.0	B7,0.0 0.0	BYE 1.0	B8,0.5 1.0
15. LANCASTER CHRISTIAN ACADEMY	R3	215	BYE 1.0	W4,0.5 1.0	B6,0.0 1.0	W9,0.0 1.0
16. SYCAMORE ES	R4	580	---	---	---	---

Individual Finals - Elem(4)  
Joseph Stafford - 1503  
Jason Fu - 1401

1. e4 e5 2. Nf3 Nc6 3. Bc4 Bc5 4. Nc3 Nf6 5. d3 d6 6. Bg5 h6 7. Bh4 Be6 Well played, keeping a knight off d5 (though g5 is a possibility). 8. Bxe6 fxe6 9. O-O O-O 10. h3 Qd7 Since Black already has an attack avenue open, he would do better with Qe8, playing for a kingside attack rather than advance in the center. 11. Na4 Bb6 12. Nxb6 axb6 13. Re1 Rae8 14. c3 d5?! This move is fundamentally wrong. Black should shift his attack to the kingside, especially since White has placed a rook on e1 readying for action in the center. 15. exd5 exd5 16. Qb3 Kh8 17. Qa3 This move appears to threaten a swap on e5 when the rook at f8 would be undefended, but Black should consider natural attack moves like Qf5, Rf7, or even e4. Qe7 18. Qb3 Qd7 19. Re2 d4 This is especially bad since e4 is suggested (if a pawn needs to be pushed) and Black has the powerful move of Nh5 available. 20. Bg3 Capturing the pawn was necessary. Now Black assumes an initiative. dxc3 21. Nxe5 Nxe5 22. Rxe5 Rxe5 23. Bxe5 Qxd3 24. Bxc3 Ne4?? 25. Bxg7+ Kxg7 26. Qxd3 Nxf2 27. Qd4+ Kg8 28. Qxf2 Re8 29. Qg3+ Kh7 30. Re1 Rxe1+ 31. Qxe1 Kg6 32. Qe5 1-0

Memphis Championship  
January 12, 2009  
Nishit Reddy - 1685  
Carlos Sims - 1988

1. e4 e5 2. Nf3 Nc6 3. Bc4 Nd4?! Daring White to play the blunder Nxe4 when Qg5 wins. (This was played in Muhlock vs. Borislav Kostic, 1912.) 4. Nxd4 Better, though, is c3 or simply castling. exd4 5. O-O d6 6. c3 dxc3 7. Nxc3 Because of possessing a big lead in development and control of the center, Fritz awards White a frightening 1.6 advantage here. c6 8. d4 b5 9. Bd3 g6 10. a3 a6 11. Be3 Bg7 12. Qc2 Nf6 13. f3 Better was e5. O-O 14. Qd2 Nh5 15. Ne2 Nf6 16. Bh6 c5 17. Bxg7 Kxg7 18. e5 dxe5 19. dxc5 Though the passed pawn is nice for the endgame and c4 was a threat to White's pinned bishop, dxe is best, especially since it maintains the initiative. Bf5 20. Rfd1 = e4? Better was Be6 or even Qxd3. Black overlooks a pin. 21. fxe4 Bxe4 22. Qc3 Bxd3? Necessary was Qe7. 23. Rxd3 Qe7 24. Re3 Qd8 25. Rf1 Rc8 26. Ref3 Rc6 27. Nd4 Re6 28. Nxe6+ fxe6 29. Qe5 The immediate Rxf6 followed by c4 also wins because of the passed pawn. Qd5 30. Qxd5 exd5 31. c6 d4 32. Rxf6 Rc8 33. Rd6 d3 34. Rd7+ Kh6 35. Rc1 Kg5 36. Rxd3 Kf4 37. c7 Ke4 38. Rd8 1-0

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