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**2021 Peter P. Lahde Tennessee Open Results:
Celebrating 75 Years**



October 16, 2021 Before Round 2, West TN AgResearch and Education Center in Jackson, TN

2021 Peter P Lahde Tennessee Open State Championship

Open Section

<u>Name</u>	<u>Rate</u>	<u>Pts</u>	<u>Rnd1</u>	<u>Rnd2</u>	<u>Rnd3</u>	<u>Rnd4</u>	<u>Rnd5</u>
GM Fishbein, Alexander	2549	4.5	W37	W22	W5	D2	W6
Horobetz, Graham	2336	4	W26	W24	W7	D1	D4
FM Andrews, Todd	2321	4	W14	W12	W20	L6	W9
IM Burnett, Ron	2388	4	D21	W32	W11	W17	D2
Wan, Joseph	2287	4	W30	W35	L1	W20	W10
King, Alexander	2383	3.5	W16	D29	W9	W3	L1
Mc Entee, Tim	2200	3.5	W8	W31	L2	D13	W19
Dong, Sherwood	1790	3.5	L7	D25	W36	W27	W20
Rambha, Hemachandra	2131	3	W10	W33	L6	W24	L3
Flynn, William	1778	3	L9	W37	W22	W25	L5
Sims, Carlos	1952	3	-H-	W23	L4	D14	W24
Xiao, Stephen	1716	3	W25	L3	D16	D21	W22
Thatiparthi, Vineethreddy	1783	3	L20	W26	W31	D7	D15
Pugachev, Michael	1791	3	L3	W34	D27	D11	W21
Meidinger, Charles	2038	3	L35	W30	D29	W23	D13
Thomson, Scott	1835	2.5	L6	W18	D12	L19	W31
Belanoff, Ted	2204	2.5	D23	W36	W21	L4	-U-
Robinson, Nathan	1591	2.5	L29	L16	D30	-B-	W32
Ford, Leonard	1659	2.5	-B-	L20	-H-	W16	L7
Arnold, Justin	2177	2	W13	W19	L3	L5	L8
Salter, Josh	1864	2	D4	W28	L17	D12	L14
Perry, Steve	1905	2	W27	L1	L10	W28	L12
Cantrell, Scott	1793	2	D17	L11	W32	L15	D28
Robertson, Michael	1863	2	W34	L2	W35	L9	L11
Garcia, Jimmy	1996	2	L12	D8	W33	L10	-H-
Chowdhury , Rafi	1832	2	L2	L13	D34	D30	W33
Jiang, Bochen	1340	2	L22	-B-	D14	L8	D30
Chandran, Zubin	1540	2	D32	L21	W37	L22	D23
Stewart, Douglas	1858	2	W18	D6	D15	-U-	-U-
Ishee, Jennifer	1784	1.5	L5	L15	D18	D26	D27
Kay, Joshua	1672	1.5	W38	L7	L13	D33	L16
Steed, Adam	1842	1.5	D28	L4	L23	W34	L18
Kahn, Noah	1362	1.5	-B-	L9	L25	D31	L26
Engelen, Mark	1641	1.5	L24	L14	D26	L32	-B-

Robbins, Russell A	1755	1	W15	L5	L24	-U-	-U-
Jackson, David	1900	0.5	-H-	L17	L8	-U-	-U-
Caveny, Aaron	1879	0	L1	L10	L28	-U-	-U-
Arnold, Justin	2177	0	L31	-U-	-U-	-U-	-U-

Amateur Section

<u>Name</u>	<u>Rate</u>	<u>Pts</u>	<u>Rnd1</u>	<u>Rnd2</u>	<u>Rnd3</u>	<u>Rnd4</u>	<u>Rnd5</u>
Paulson, Michael	1574	4	W8	D3	W10	D6	W2
Moore, Zachary	1542	4	W15	W11	W6	W4	L1
Buchireddy, Aryan	1304	3.5	W14	D1	L4	W16	W10
Pan, Steven	1543	3.5	-H-	W16	W3	L2	W12
Rambha, Gnanadatta	1252	3.5	-H-	D17	W8	W7	D6
Mullinax, Danny	1459	3	W13	W18	L2	D1	D5
Bagley, James	1583	3	W12	L10	W9	L5	W11
Xiao, Edward	1019	3	L1	W13	L5	W17	W16
Buck, Todd	1180	3	L10	W14	L7	W18	W13
Ghimpu, Costel	1315	2.5	W9	W7	L1	-H-	L3
Yang, Andrew	1254	2.5	W19	L2	W15	D12	L7
Hu, Mengdie	1222	2.5	L7	W19	W17	D11	L4
Buchireddy, Neeli	1251	2	L6	L8	W14	W15	L9
Eubank, Donovan		2	L3	L9	L13	-B-	W17
Brandt, Noah	976	2	L2	-B-	L11	L13	W18
Reynolds, Steven L	1285	1.5	-H-	L4	W18	L3	L8
Morten, Michael	1491	1	-H-	D5	L12	L8	L14
Hearn, Amanda	576	1	-B-	L6	L16	L9	L15
Farris Jr., Tom	858	1	L11	L12	-B-	-U-	-U-



Adam Steed and IM Ron Burnett Round 2



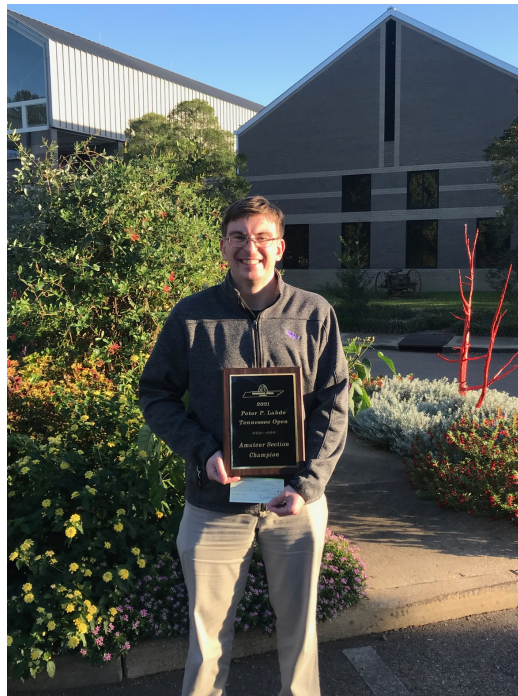
Alex Fishbein and Alex King Round 5



GM Alex Fishbein, 2021 Tennessee Open State Chess Champion



Brothers, Gnani Rambha, 2021 TN Top Player Class D and Hemi Rambha, 2021 Tennessee Expert Champion and Junior Champion



2021 Tennessee Amateur Champion, Zachary Moore



Donovan Eubank, 2021 TN Top Unrated Player



Todd Buck, Top Player Class E



Prize winner, Edward Xiao

2021 TN Open Scholastic Results

Primary/Elementary	Rate	Pts	Rnd1	Rnd2	Rnd3	Rnd4	
Buchiredy, Aryan	1304	3.5	W6	W2	W5	D4	1st Elem
Washington, Kyan	1050	3	W12	L1	W9	W6	2nd Elem
Buchiredy, Neeli	1251	3	W11	W7	L4	W5	1st Primary
Rambha, Gnanadatta	1252	2.5	W8	L5	W3	D1	3rd Elem
Hoja, Sabrina	797	2	W9	W4	L1	L3	4th Elem
Hoja, Saeed	540	2	L1	W10	W8	L2	2nd Primary
Muiznieks, Harlan	416	2	-B-	L3	W10	L8	5th Elem
Mchugh, James		2	L4	W11	L6	W7	3rd Primary
Gattu, Aadhya		2	L5	W12	L2	W11	6th Elem
Andrews, Eloise	150	1.5	-H-	L6	L7	W12	4th Primary
Jiang, Jacqueline		0.5	L3	L8	D12	L9	5th Primary
Deschenes, Riley		0.5	L2	L9	D11	L10	7th Elem
Jr High/High School	Rate	Pts	Rnd1	Rnd2	Rnd3	Rnd4	
Robinson, Nathan	1591	3.5	D2	W3	W4	W2	1st High School
Chidambaram, Aashish	1246	2.5	D1	W4	W3	L1	2nd High School
Muiznieks, Leif	638	2	W4	L1	L2	W4	1st Jr High
Hess, Brendan		0	L3	L2	L1	L3	2nd Jr High



October 15, 2021 Friday Night GM Simul w Alex Fishbein

Congratulations to our new Tennessee State Champion, GM Alex Fishbein and all the prize winners. Thank you to our volunteer organizers and to everyone who helped make the 75th Anniversary of the Peter P. Lahde Tennessee Open a very special event! Extra special thanks to Scott Thomson for his donation towards the event, TCA Patron Member, Sid Pickard for his donation towards the playing site and to TCA Board Members, Danny and Christina Mullinax for their donation towards the new and improved Tennessee Chess Association logo! We still have commemorative event t-shirts available for order on our website for any who missed out on the first order.

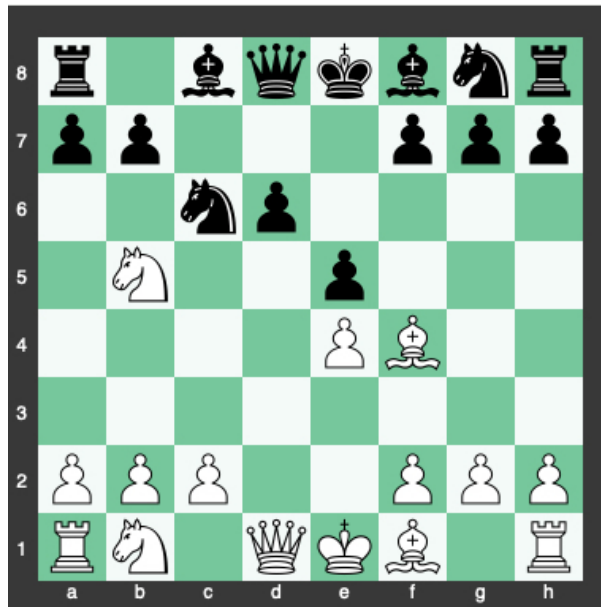
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Selected Games of the 2021 TN Open with Analysis by Leonard Dickerson

Graham Horobetz vs. GM Alexander Fishbein
October 17, 2021 Round 4

- 1. e4 c5**
- 2. Nf3 e6**
- 3. d4 cxd4**
- 4. Nxd4 Nc6**
- 5. Nb5 d6**
- 6. Bf4 e5** This is the Szen variation of the Taimanov Sicilian in which Alexander has familiarity.



After 6. Bf4 e5

Diagram

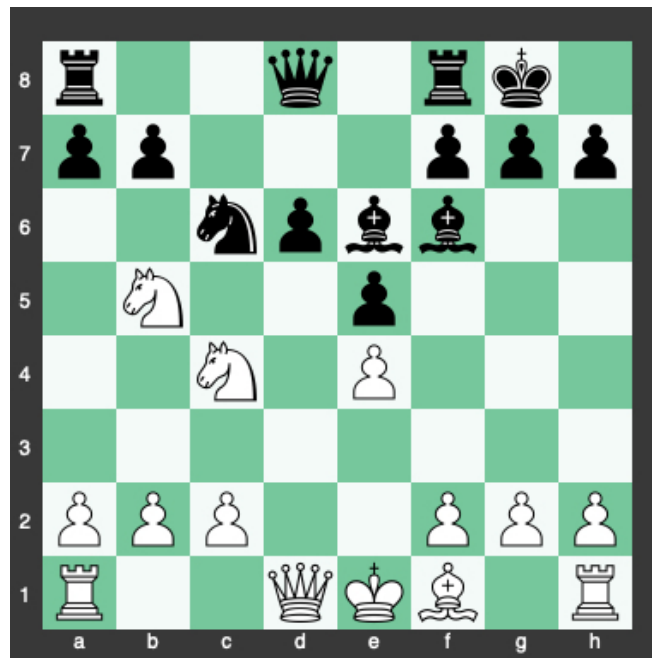
7. Be3 Nf6

8. Bg5 Be6

9. Nd2 Be7

10. Bxf6 Bxf6 (10... gxf6 11. Nc4 Qd7 (11... d5 12. exd5 Bxd5 13. Qxd5 Qxd5 14. Nc7+) 12. Ncxd6+ Kf8 13. Nc4 Rd8 14. Qxd7 Rxd7 15. Rd1 Rxd1+ 16. Kxd1 Kg7 17. Kc1 Rd8 18. Nc7 f5 19. Nxe6+ fxe6 20. exf5 Bg5+ 21. Ne3 exf5)

11. Nc4 O-O Players not familiar with this characteristic position would quickly assume that White has an advantage but computers already give Black a half-point plus even though his d-pawn is doomed to fall by three different captures.



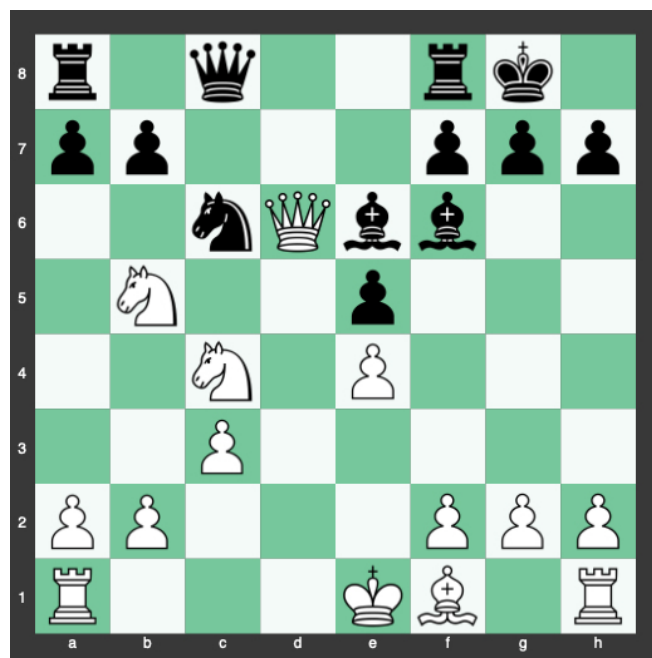
After 11. Nc4 0-0

Diagram

12. Qxd6 (12. Nbx d6 Qe7 13. Nf5 Bxf5 14. exf5 Rfd8 15. Qg4 Nb4 16. Ne3 Rd4 17. Qe2 e4)

12... Qc8

13. c3



After 13. c3

Diagram

13... Bxc4 (13... Be7 14. Qd2 Rd8 15. Qe3 Nd4 (15... Nb4 16. Nba3 Bc5 17. Qf3 b5) 16. cxd4 Bxc4 17. Rc1 Bb4+ 18. Kd1)

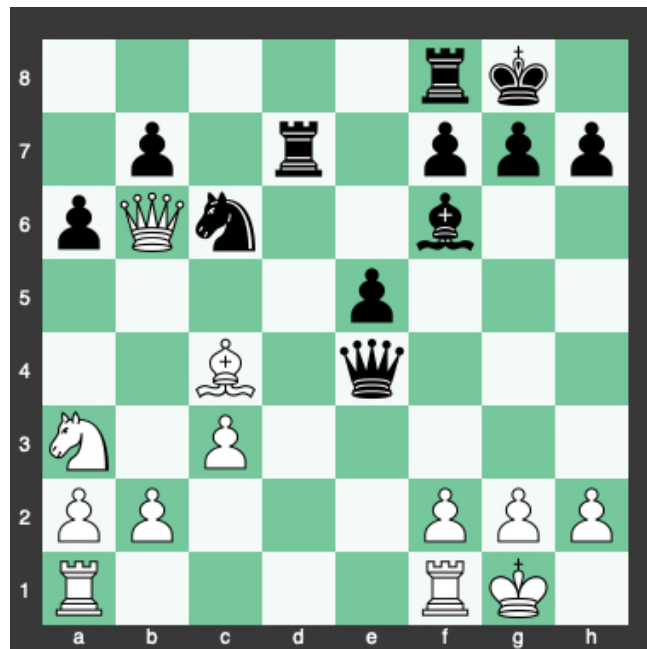
14. Bxc4 a6

15. Na3 Qg4 At a depth search of about 20 moves, the computers recommend Rad8.

16. O-O Rad8

17. Qc7 Rd7

18. Qb6 Qxe4



After 18. Qb6 Qxe4

Diagram

19. Rfe1 Qf5

20. Rad1 Rfd8 White has 41 minutes and Black has 38.

21. Rxd7 Qxd7

22. Nb1 White will have to work to get this knight back into the game.
(22. Nc2 g6 23. Ne3)

22... g6

23. g3 h5

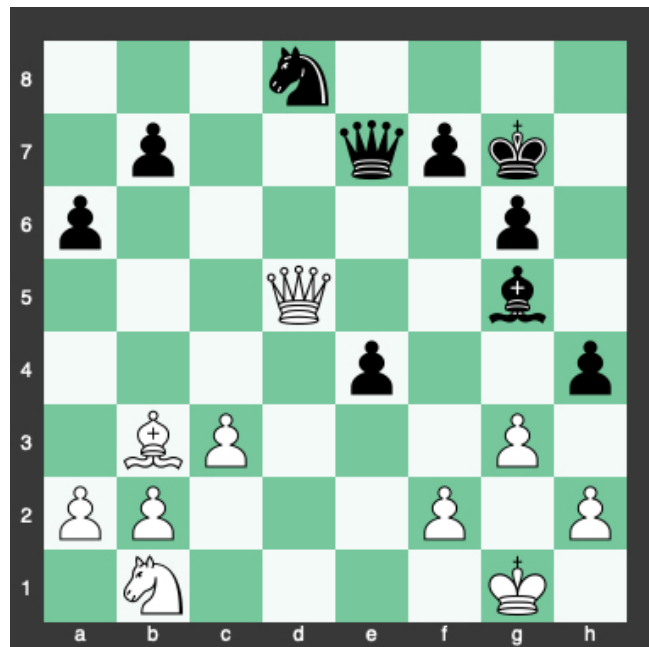
24. Bb3 h4

25. Qe3 (25. Rd1 Qxd1+ 26. Bxd1 Rxd1+ 27. Kg2 Rxb1 28. Qxb7 Nd8 29. Qxa6 Ne6 30. Qe2)

25... Kg7

26. Qf3 Bg5

27. Rd1 Qe7
28. Rxd8 Nxd8
29. Qd5 e4



After 29. Qd5 e4

Diagram

30. Kf1 hxg3 At this point, White had 16 minutes remaining and Black had 15 minutes.

31. hxg3 Bc1

32. Qd1 Bxb2

33. Qc2 Ba3

34. Nxa3 Qxa3

35. Qxe4 Qd6

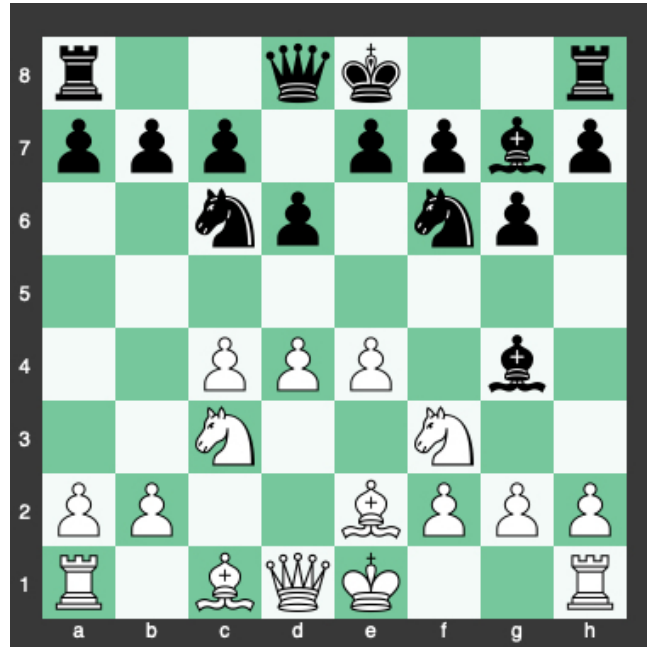
36. Bd5 Ne6 (1/2-1/2)

IM Ron Burnett vs. Ted Belanoff
October 17, 2021 Round 4

1. Nf3 Nf6

2. c4 g6

3. Nc3 d6
4. d4 Bg7
5. e4 Bg4
6. Be2 Nc6



After 6. Be2 Nc6

Diagram

7. Ng1 This undeveloping move was made almost instantaneously and throws away most of White's advantage. Either Be3 or d5 would have maintained White's slight plus.

7... h5 After having blitzed out the opening moves up to this point, Black paused for 10 minutes before making this space-grabbing move to counter White's rare knight retreat. However, Bxe2 followed by Qd7 was best.

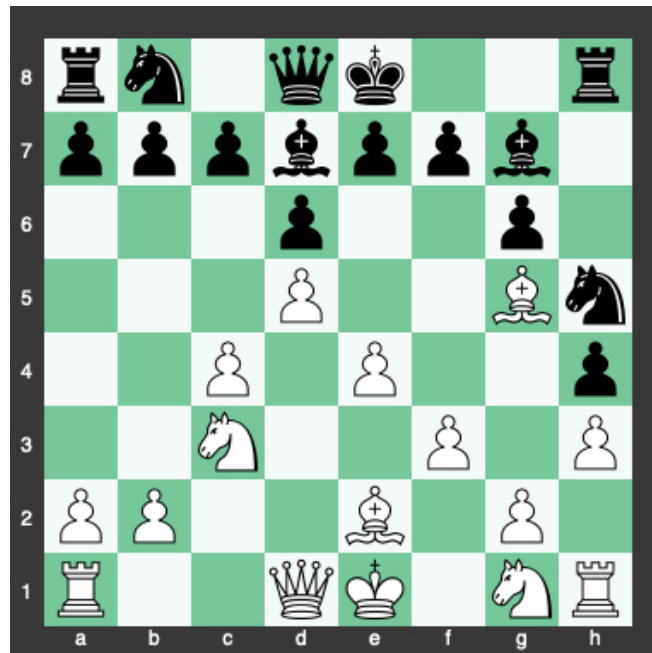
8. f3 Ron took over 10 minutes before making this commital move which allows Black complete equality. Best was the simple 7. h3 when White would continue to maintain a spacial advantage but not much more.

8... Bd7

9. d5 Nb8

10. h3 h4 Better was the immediate Na6 but Black has a plan.

11. Bg5 Nh5



After 11. Bg5 Nh5

12. Bxh4 After a 12-minute think, Ron reasons that capturing the pawn is safe.

12... Nf4

13. Bg3 According to Deep Fritz, much better was Bg5 since this would give the bishop more scope and later allow it to retreat to e3 to block checks along the a7-g1 diagonal. Now Black assumes a small initiative.

13... Nxg2+

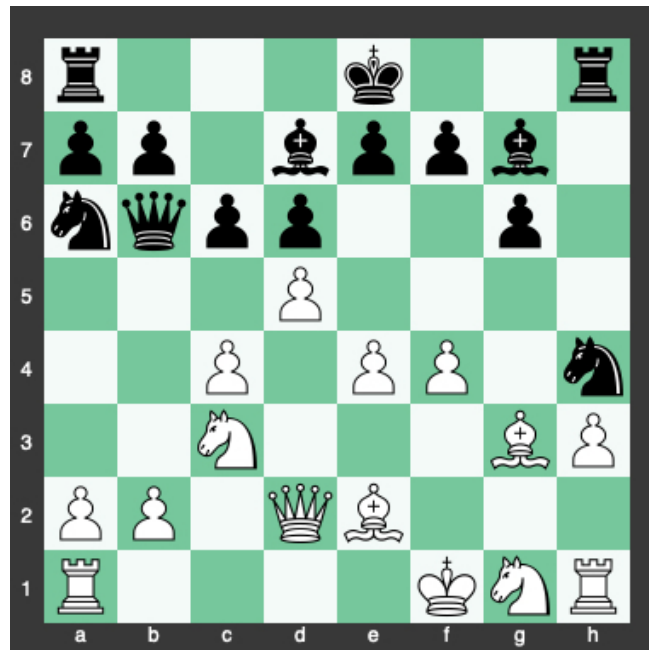
14. Kf2 Nh4

15. f4 c6

16. Qd2 Na6

17. Kf1 (17. Bxh4 Rxh4 18. Nf3 Qb6+ 19. Kg2 Rh8 helps to limit Black's advantage.)

17... Qb6 The simple Nc5 was simpler when 18.b4? is no threat because of Na4.



After 17. Kf1 Qb6

Diagram

18. Bf2 Qb4

19. Rb1 Nc5

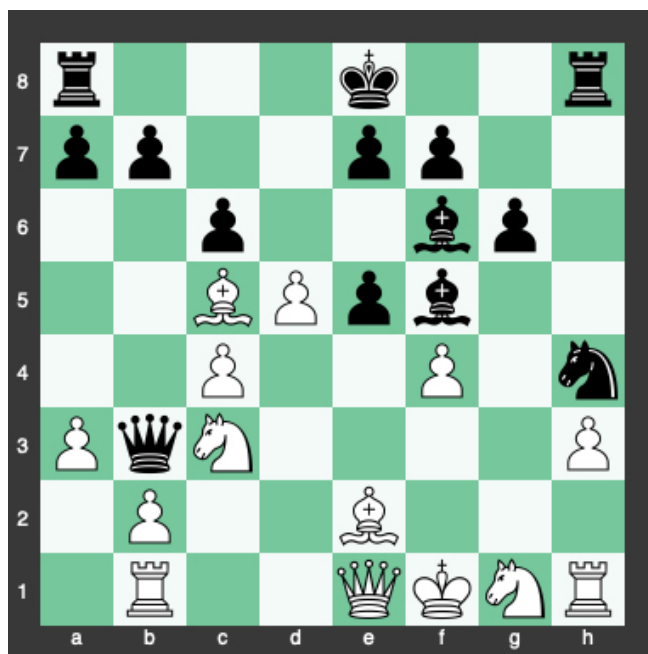
20. Qe1 Bf6 (20... cxd5 21. Bxh4 (21. a3 Bxc3 22. bxc3 Qa4 23. Bxh4 dxe4 24. Bf2 O-O-O) 21... Rxh4 22. Qxh4 Bxc3 23. Nf3 Bf6 And according to Deep Fritz, Black maintains a 2-point advantage at a depth search of over 10 moves.)

21. e5 dxe5

22. a3 Qb3

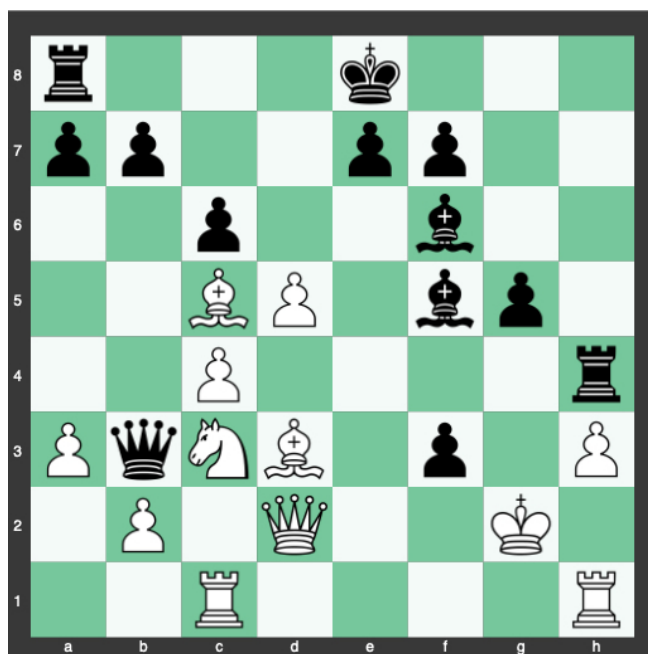
23. Bxc5 Black's initiative compensates for the piece sacrifice, as well as White's weak pawns and uncoordinated pieces.

23... Bf5



After 23. Bxc5 Bf5

- 24. Rc1 exf4
- 25. Qd2 g5
- 26. Nf3 Ng6
- 27. Kg2 Nh4+
- 28. Nxh4 Rxh4



After 29. Bd3 f3+

Diagram

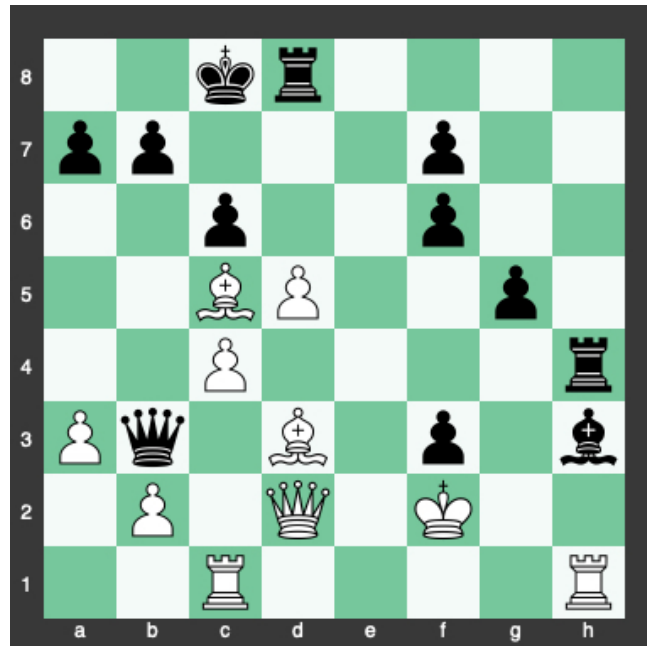
29. Bd3 f3+

30. Kf2 (30. Kxf3 Bxd3 31. Qxd3 Rxc4 32. Qe3 Rf4+ 33. Kg3 cxd5)

30... Bxh3 (30... Bxd3 31. Qxd3 Rxc4 32. dxc6 bxc6 33. Be3 Qxb2+)

31. Ne4 O-O-O It is hard to declare castling a mistake because Rxe4 or Qxb2 offered little hope.

32. Nxf6 exf6



After 32. Nxf6 exf6

Diagram

33. Rxh3 Rdh8

34. Bf5+ Kb8

35. dxc6 Rxh3

36. c7+ 1-0 Black resigns.

FM Todd Andrews vs. NM Alex King

October 17, 2021 Round 4

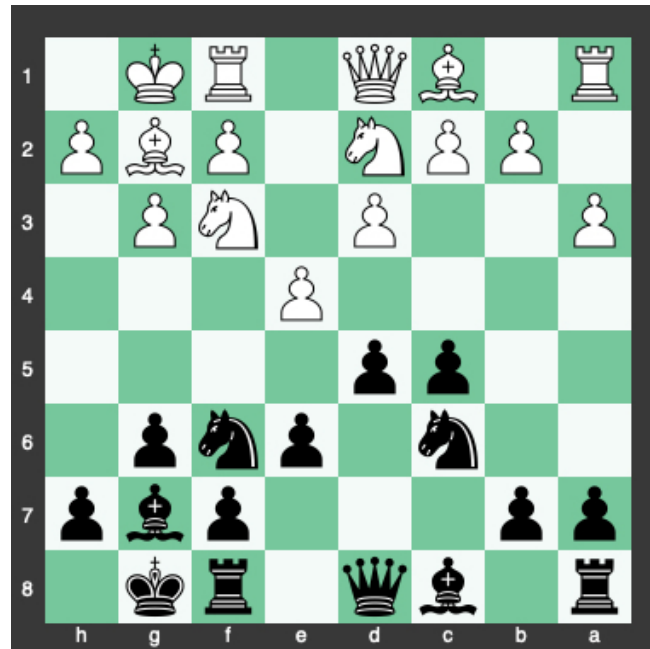
1. e4 c5

2. Nf3 e6

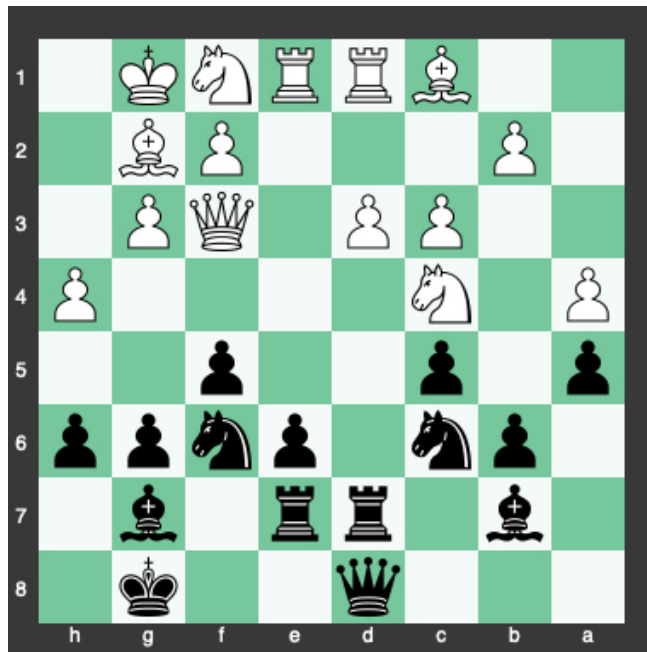
3. d3 d5

4. Nbd2 Nf6

5. g3 Nc6
6. Bg2 g6
7. O-O Bg7
8. a3 O-O



9. Rb1 a5
10. a4 b6
11. Re1 Ba6
12. exd5 Nxd5 Capturing with the pawn would control more space and give Black a tiny plus.
13. Nc4 Qc7
14. c3 h6
15. Nfd2 Rfd8
16. Qf3 Rd7
17. h4 Rad8
18. Ne4 f5
19. Ned2 Re7
20. Nf1 Bb7
21. Bd2 Rdd7
22. Rbd1 Qd8
23. Bc1 Nf6 With the threat of Nd4.



After 23. Bc1 Nf6

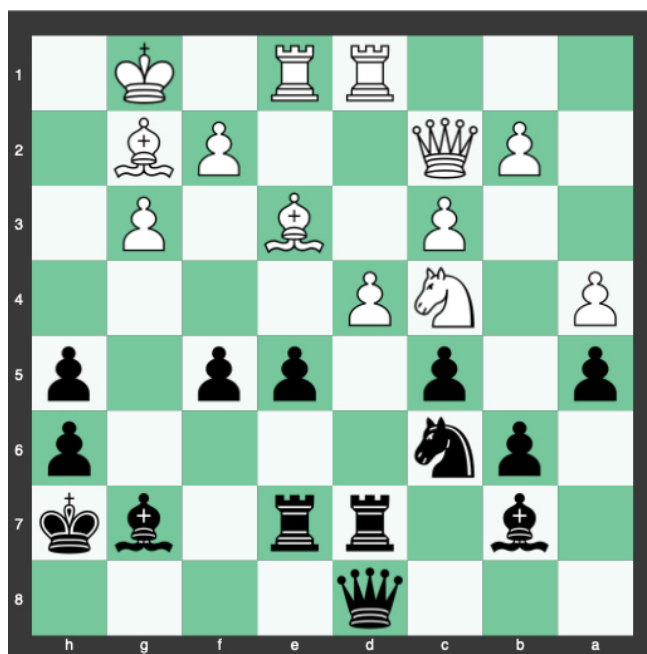
24. Qe2 Ng4

25. Nfe3 Nxe3 Better was Nge5. Now White gets a slight plus.

26. Bxe3 e5

27. Qc2 Kh7

28. h5 gxh5



After 29. d4

Diagram

29. d4 revealing the purpose of h5, the weakening of the enemy white squares.

(29. Qb3 f4 30. Be4+ Kh8 31. Bc1 h4 32. Qxb6 hxg3 33. fxg3 Qg8 34. Rd2)

29... e4 (29... exd4 30. Qxf5+ Kh8 31. Bd2 (31. Bf4 and a 10-move depth search gives White a 1.7 advantage.) 31... dxc3 32. bxc3)

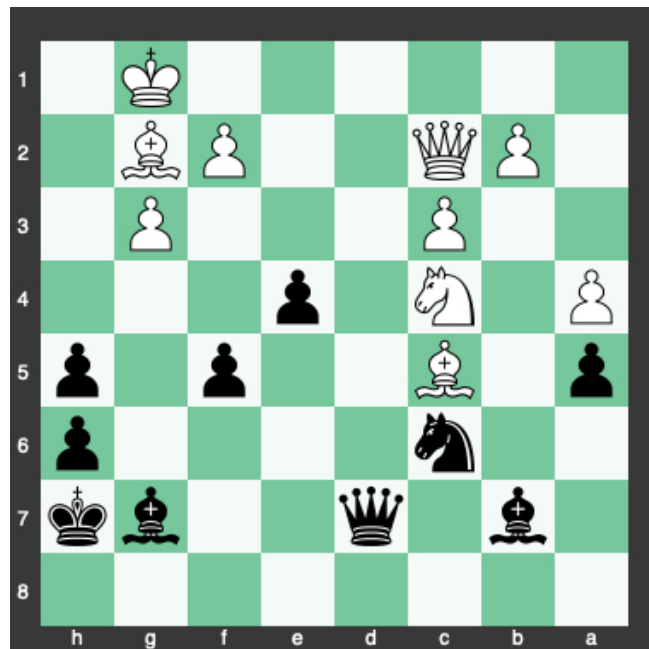
30. dxc5 bxc5

31. Bxc5 White has a 2-point advantage and strong position.

31... Rxd1

32. Rxd1 Rd7

33. Rxd7 Qxd7



After 33. Rxd7 Qxd7

34. Nd6 A mite stronger is the creation of a passed pawn with the immediate push of the b-pawn.

34... Ne5

35. Nxb7 (35. Bh3 Ng4 36. Nxb7 Qxb7 37. Qd2 Qc6 38. Qd6 Qxa4 39. Qd5 Kh8 40. Qxf5 Qd1+ 41. Kg2 Qe2 42. Bd4 Bxd4 43. Qf8+ Kh7 44. cxd4)

35... Qxb7

36. b4 Nd7

37. Qd2 (37. Be3 axb4 38. Qb3 Qc6 39. cxb4)

37... Nxc5

38. bxc5 Qc6

39. Qd6 (0-1) Though the position is now completely equal, Black managed to win during the time scramble.

Letter from the President

Dear Tennessee Chess Association Members,

As the world is trying to get over the Covid blanket that attempted to cover us all, Tennessee chess is surviving while being safe. Chess players want to play over-the-board. Even though online play took its place for awhile, there is nothing like seeing your opponent face-to-face. I was extremely pleased with the facility at Jackson, Tennessee for the 75th Annual Peter P. Lahde Tennessee Open. Showcasing at the event was Tennessee's newest Grandmaster Alex Fishbein along with the always popular IM Ron Burnett and FM Todd Andrews. Congratulations to Burnett and Andrews as the newest members of the Tennessee Chess Hall of Fame.

As we are trying to get back to normal, we needed to adjust a number of things this year. The big ones, which we hated to lose, the Tennessee Regional Scholastics. Usually, the four Regionals give local players a chance to qualify for the State Scholastics. There were no Team Tournaments or Regional Individuals, but at least we were able to crawl out from the grasp of Covid with the promising turnout at the 2021 Susan E. Kantor Tennessee Scholastic Individual State Championship.

As we start having more and more tournaments and as our clubs are starting to get well-attended again, I see things getting better and better from Bristol to Memphis. If there are any good things happening at your [Chess Club](#), please send me the information and I will feature it in an upcoming newsletter. But while we still need to be safe as we look for our checkmates, there are many good things to come!

All the best,

2021 Tennessee Chess Hall of Fame Induction



October 17, 2021 TCA Scholastic Coordinator Paul Semmes and IM Ron Burnett, 2021 TN Chess Hall of Fame Member

International Master Ronald Wayne Burnett

Our Most Valuable Player, Ron Burnett, has been excelling in Tennessee Chess across decades. Born in 1967, he got off to a strong start as a kid winning the 1979 TN Scholastics Elementary State Championship. He was four-time Tennessee Junior Champion, Tennessee's top High School Player and Tennessee High School Champion representing Overton High School. By 1984 his rating had soared past 2000 and he was invited to represent the United States in England in an Under 18 national event where he finished in sixth place. He was among the top 10 active Tennessee players of all ages throughout the mid-1980s (a list he remains on to this day). He was among the top 15 rated players in the U.S. for his age under 21 during this time, too. Ron soon went on to achieve an astonishing dozen Tennessee state champion titles, 10 Nashville City Championship titles, and was recently able to start earning Tennessee Senior Championship titles, too. Other numerous Tennessee victories through the years include the Fairfield Glade Open, Crossville Open, Turkey Tour, Music City Open, Memphis Open and Invitationals, Cumberland County Open, Tennessee Winter Open, Oak Ridge

Swiss, Tennessee Speed Chess Championship, Dollywood DreamMore Smokey Mountain Tournament, Knoxville Swiss and many more. Always a good team player, he led his Nashville Chess Club team to win the Scrivener plaque in 1986 as well as other various team awards. On the national level, he's picked up countless victories including but certainly not limited to the Mid-South Open (six-time winner), 1998 New York State Championship, 2004 USCF/ICC U.S. State Champion of Champions event, 2011 Mid-America Open, 2020 U.S. Senior Online Championship, and the National Correspondence Championship. With so many tournament achievements to list, it's easy to see how Ron and a group of chess friends with which he traveled to tournaments earned themselves the nickname "Road Warriors" from fellow chess enthusiasts. Ron continues to achieve a top level chess career of the ages! He holds titles with US Chess as Original Life Master, National Master, and Life Senior Master and the FIDE title of International Master. On top of his playing skills, Ron is a dedicated TCA member (perhaps one of our longest running members) and volunteer of the TCA Board of Directors. He serves as Middle Tennessee Director and on various committees. He teaches chess independently and through the Nashville Chess Center. He helps produce top-level, champion players and teams of all ages. He co-authored a chess book in 1991 studying the games of Anderssen. With his sharpest of eyes, we can always count on Ron to proofread our Tennessee Chess News for mistakes; and since 1994, he's been working as Technical Editor for Chess Life magazine checking that all their moves are correct, too. He spent time serving as a tournament director in the 2000s and has helped at probably hundreds of scholastic and other events. Dependable, skilled, giving, precise, curious and with an attitude and disposition welcoming and kind to all, Ron Burnett is the definition of a Tennessee Chess Hall of Fame recipient.



October 17, 2021 TCA Scholastic Coordinator Paul Semmes and FM Todd Andrews, 2021 TN Chess Hall of Fame Member

FIDE Master Todd Andrews

Before being known as our state G.O.A.T. (greatest of all-time), Todd was just a kid learning chess at his grandparent's house. He started playing competitive chess in the fifth grade at Head Middle School in Nashville. By the end of his sixth grade year, Todd was rated a little over 1000. It was in his seventh and eighth grade years that Todd started to shine. In two short years, Todd played in over 80 tournaments and gained over 1100 rating points. In the eighth grade, Todd won the Tennessee High School Championship, and was sent to represent Tennessee in the Arnold Denker Tournament of High School Champions (a K-12 event). He finished 18th. By the end of Middle School, Todd was playing at master level. When he entered High School, he was clearly the strongest scholastic player in Tennessee. In his Freshman year, Todd finished tied for 5th at the National High School Championship, and tied for 3rd at the Denker. His 3rd place Denker finish is the highest of any Tennessee player since. In 1997, Todd earned the title of USCF National Master. Throughout High School, he competed in tournaments across the United States and internationally, including invitations to the U.S. Youth Olympic Team and the U.S. Junior Chess Championship. He returned to the Tennessee Scholastic individual to win the Tennessee High School Championship in his Senior year. He was the top rated player for his age in the country. His rating had reached 2382 when he

left home for New York to teach in the Chess-In-The-Schools program. Todd returned to Tennessee a year later, and very quickly became one of the strongest adult players in the state. Todd is a ten-time Nashville City Championship winner. He began winning Tennessee Open Championships in High School, and won or tied for 10 Tennessee Chess Association State Championships. Along the way, he earned the FIDE Master title, USCF Senior Master title and USCF Life Master title. He continues to compete in tournaments across the country. Todd also excels as a Scholastic coach, tournament coordinator and journalist. Since 2007, Todd has served as the Executive Director of the Nashville Chess Center (NCC). Under his direction, the NCC has become one of the premier chess centers in the United States. In addition to teaching eight to ten chess programs each year, Todd also oversees a teaching staff of over 20 instructors covering 40 plus schools and community programs. He's had multiple students and teams win Tennessee Scholastic Championships and place in the top five at US Chess National Scholastic Championships. He has directed over 1,000 Scholastic and Open tournaments, and has been honored with awards from The Chess Journalist of America. Todd has published articles in the Tennessee Chess News, Georgia Chess News, Chess Life, Chess Life Online, Chess.com and ChessKid.com.



2021 TN Chess Hall of Fame Members FM Todd Andrews and IM Ron Burnett

2021 Susan E. Kantor Tennessee Scholastic Individual Championship Results

St. Paul Christian Academy October 2, 2021

<u>Primary</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Rate</u>	<u>Team</u>	<u>Pts</u>	<u>Rnd1</u>	<u>Rnd2</u>	<u>Rnd3</u>	<u>Rnd4</u>	<u>Rnd5</u>
1	Pratheep , Prithve	358	EDMOND	4	W11	W7	W4	W3	L2
2	Rodrigues, Calix	590	PDS	4	W12	L8	W6	W5	W1
3	Hoja, Saeed	540	ROCKEL	4	W10	W9	W8	L1	W4
4	Seibels, Baker	658	STPAUL	3	W13	W5	L1	W8	L3
5	He, Elsa	360	FARPR	3	W6	L4	W11	L2	W9
6	Karthik, Kreshav		GRANB	3	L5	W10	L2	W9	W8
7	Peng, Aaron	307	EAKIN	3	L8	L1	W12	W11	W10
8	Weber, Dylan		MCFADD	2	W7	W2	L3	L4	L6
9	Shah, Sparsh		USN	2	W14	L3	W13	L6	L5
10	Nagabhushan, Srihari		EDMOND	2	L3	L6	W14	W13	L7
11	Harden, Camile		HA	1.5	L1	W14	L5	L7	D12
12	Seibels, Ellen		STPAUL	1.5	L2	D13	L7	D14	D11
13	Mitchell, Liam		STPAUL	1.5	L4	D12	L9	L10	W14
14	Talbott, Isabella	107	ENSW	0.5	L9	L11	L10	D12	L13

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1	Singhvi, Armaan	1622	HA	4.5	W21	W10	D6	W7	W8
2	Golann, Matthew	981	USN	4.5	W26	W20	D7	W5	W4
3	Senthil Kumar, Athiyan		KENROS	4	W17	L15	W23	W18	W11
4	Jiang, Bochen	1340	FARR	3.5	W23	D8	W9	W15	L2
5	Nguyen, John	1496	FARIM	3.5	W12	W11	D15	L2	W10
6	Rambha, Gnanadatta	1252	SUNMD	3.5	W22	W13	D1	L8	W16
7	Gresham, Job	1292	SBA	3.5	W24	W18	D2	L1	W15
8	Hoja, Sabrina	797	CENMAG	3.5	W25	D4	W17	W6	L1
9	Rawls, Jonathan	884	SCALES	3.5	D16	W21	L4	W17	W18
10	Henchy, Matthew	891	SBA	3	W14	L1	W24	W13	L5
11	Akatue, Olivia Grace	816	HHALL	3	W27	L5	W22	W12	L3
12	Peng, Amy	526	HEAD	3	L5	W29	W27	L11	W19
13	Chan, Preston	657	USN	3	W28	L6	W19	L10	W20
14	Guduru, Krithik		KENROS	3	L10	L19	W28	W25	W22
15	Washington, Kyan	1050	LOCKE	2.5	W19	W3	D5	L4	L7
16	Gattu, Aadhya Redd		HHALL	2.5	D9	L17	W21	W24	L6
17	Rodrigues, Evander	918	PDS	2	L3	W16	L8	L9	W26
18	Zhang, Jason	788	NSHORE	2	W29	L7	W20	L3	L9
19	Darawade, Swaraj	310	PAGEMS	2	L15	W14	L13	W27	L12
20	Talbott, Jack	251	ENSW	2	-B-	L2	L18	W23	L13
21	Muller, Sebastian	622	HA	2	L1	L9	L16	W28	W24
22	Gordon, Zachariah	313	LIPACD	2	L6	-B-	L11	W26	L14
23	Raman, Dev	418	MEIGS	2	L4	W25	L3	L20	W28
24	Muiznieks, Harlan	416	FREED	1	L7	W26	L10	L16	L21

25 Russell, Dylan	SBA	1	L8	L23	L26	L14	-B-
26 Phipps, Caleb	MCCL	1	L2	L24	W25	L22	L17
27 Young, James	CLEV	1	L11	W28	L12	L19	-U-
28 Dawkins, Tate	USN	0	L13	L27	L14	L21	L23
29 Hamlet, Doria	FARIM	0	L18	L12	-U-	-U-	-U-

Jr High	<u>Name</u>	<u>Rate</u>	<u>Team</u>	<u>Pts</u>	<u>Rnd1</u>	<u>Rnd2</u>	<u>Rnd3</u>	<u>Rnd4</u>	<u>Rnd5</u>
1	Nguyen, James	2064	FARR	4.5	W12	W3	W6	D4	W7
2	Hauser, Evan	1349	USN	4	W19	W7	L4	W16	W6
3	Meiners III, Gordon	1394	HOME	4	W16	L1	W24	W17	W8
4	Tompkins, Claiborne	1736	MBA	3.5	W22	W20	W2	D1	-U-
5	Giddaluri, Nikhil	1202	MCCL	3.5	D23	W17	W9	L7	W13
6	Kilaru, Varun	1456	WOODMS	3	W24	W8	L1	W9	L2
7	Chandra, Ronit	1784	MBA	3	W18	L2	W21	W5	L1
8	Lin, Sylvia	960	FARR	3	W13	L6	W14	W10	L3
9	Polborn, Taron	1013	MLK	3	W14	W10	L5	L6	W19
10	Hall, Stewart	1493	USN	3	W11	L9	W18	L8	W12
11	Nagabhushan, Aruna	608	BMS	3	L10	L14	-B-	W18	W16
12	Hardy, Kyrien	875	AGATHO	2.5	L1	W15	D13	W20	L10
13	Queen, James		CCHS	2.5	L8	W22	D12	W21	L5
14	Lovell, Mason		MCCL	2.5	L9	W11	L8	D22	W21
15	Giddaluri, Akhil	1061	MCCL	2.5	D21	L12	L16	W23	W17
16	Sindone, Nicholas	472	MCCL	2	L3	-B-	W15	L2	L11
17	Roedder, Chapman	466	MCCL	2	-B-	L5	W20	L3	L15
18	Muiznieks, Leif	638	FREEMS	2	L7	W19	L10	L11	W25
19	Giles, Evan		USN	2	L2	L18	W23	W24	L9
20	Wu, Jonathan	1047	MCCL	2	W25	L4	L17	L12	W22
21	McFarland, Kai		MCCL	1.5	D15	W23	L7	L13	L14
22	Ito, David	609	CLEV	1.5	L4	L13	W25	D14	L20
23	Ito, Joel		CLEHS	1.5	D5	L21	L19	L15	-B-
24	Rodante, Isaiah	489	CLEV	1.5	L6	W25	L3	L19	-H-
25	Stephen, Herman		MCCL	1	L20	L24	L22	-B-	L18

High S	<u>Name</u>	<u>Rate</u>	<u>Team</u>	<u>Pts</u>	<u>Rnd1</u>	<u>Rnd2</u>	<u>Rnd3</u>	<u>Rnd4</u>	<u>Rnd5</u>
1	Rambha, Hemachandra	2131	RAVEN	5	W11	W20	W15	W2	W5
2	Robinson, Nathan	1591	SHHS	4	W14	W7	W5	L1	W6
3	Veys, Henry	1598	MCCL	3.5	W16	W18	L9	D4	W11
4	Reynolds, Tyler	1209	HUME	3.5	W23	L5	W17	D3	W13
5	Manta, Jonathan	1672	MCCL	3	W12	W4	L2	W7	L1
6	Cheng, Robert	1538	HUME	3	W21	L9	W8	W15	L2
7	Hano, Weston	1116	OAK	3	W19	L2	W22	L5	W16
8	Franks, Ian	820	BGA	3	L9	W21	L6	W18	W15
9	Chandra, Dhruv	1886	MBA	3	W8	W6	W3	-U-	-U-
10	Hu, Mengdie	1222	SCNCE	3	W22	L15	L16	W19	W17

11 Dawes, Parker	979	CENMAG	2.5	L1	D14	W18	W12	L3
12 Mullins, Hunter	744	LENOIR	2.5	L5	D13	W14	L11	W22
13 Shelton, Exzavier	484	LENOIR	2.5	L20	D12	W21	W16	L4
14 Kirk, Jackson	539	LENOIR	2.5	L2	D11	L12	W21	W23
15 Li, Justin	1612	FARHS	2	W17	W10	L1	L6	L8
16 Scott, Henri	570	OAK	2	L3	W23	W10	L13	L7
17 Taylor, Jaiden	715	LENOIR	2	L15	W19	L4	W22	L10
18 Henry, Chloe	114	LENOIR	1.5	-B-	L3	L11	L8	D19
19 Hawkins, Alex		MCCL	1.5	L7	L17	W23	L10	D18
20 Roop, Colin	1477	MCCL	1.5	W13	L1	-H-	-U-	-U-
21 Johnston, Kolton	487	LENOIR	1	L6	L8	L13	L14	-B-
22 Jones, Holly	254	LENOIR	1	L10	-B-	L7	L17	L12
23 Reed, Tyler	180	LENOIR	1	L4	L16	L19	-B-	L14

National Chess Day with Shelby County Chess

By: Arlene Kleiman



Shelby County Chess celebrated a Medieval-style National Chess Day on Saturday, October 9, 2021. It was held outdoors for covid safety. Players of all ages joined in the tournament and enjoyed meeting our royal visitors decked out in costumes fit for a King, a Queen, and a Knight in Shining Armor. The Noble Knight took on all challengers during the entire celebration!

While there was no cake this year, "Knight" key rings affixed to chess bags, packages cookies, and assorted candies in baskets were

distributed by the King and Queen to each player, 6 years old to adult! In addition, special medals were awarded to the players who topped the charts.

The day was sunny, slightly breezy, 80-82 degrees and was perfect for our first-ever Outdoor National Chess Day Celebration, Medieval-style. Mother Nature showed us she was in perfect agreement with the occasion too with that absolutely gorgeous Fall weather!



Inaugural Murfreesboro Tal Celebration

By: Norbert Thiemann

The Murfreesboro Chess Club hosted our first ever Tal Celebration Tournament on November 06, 2021 in honor of Mikhail Tal's birthday; November 09, 1936. We had an Open Swiss format with prizes awarded for 1st Place, 2nd Place, and the major classes were represented from Unrated, E (including below) on up to Expert. To sweeten the pot, additional prizes were added for the best submission played in the Spirit of Tal, and two more for the best Scholastic performances. With our utmost gratitude, we sincerely thank Alvin Pulley and Lee McKee who generously donated the additional prizes. The prize fund was based on 30 players, but we ended up with 27 participants. Furthermore, three were eligible to enter for free as titled players, only having a fee deducted from their winnings beyond a reasonable amount. As has been true throughout our entire history, we were able to pay out the full advertised prize fund, despite these minor deficits!

Awarded Prizes:

Spirit of Tal Prize - Ron Burnett (Judged by Robert Guthrie)

1st/2nd (4.5 pts.) - Ron Burnett

1st/2nd (4.5 pts.) - Hemachandra Rambha

Expert - Empty

Class A (3.5 pts.) - Eric Ramsay

Class A (3.5 pts.) - Ryan Davidson

Class A (3.5 pts.) - Sherwood Dong

Class B (3.0 pts.) - Mark Engelen

Class C (3.5 pts.) - Streven Pan

Class D (2.0 pts.) - Brandon Evans

Class E (3.0 pts.) - Lyric Authier

Class E (3.0 pts.) - Sabrina Hoja

Unrated (2.5 pts.) - Grayson Wilcox

Junior Performance Prize - Hemachandra Rambha

U12 Performance Prize - Sabrina Hoja

Aside from the prizes awarded above, an honorable mention goes to the performance of Joseph Chang-Yue Wan 2291 who scored 4.0 points!

Very special thanks goes to the playing site and Chris Prosser who directed the event flawlessly. Extra special thanks are also extended to Joy and Chris Warren for their unending support, and for the recruitment of so many volunteers. We also extend our gratitude to Robert Guthrie for judging the Tal contest, and to Zach Moore for his selfless assistance.

And as stated above, another thank you is worthily extended to Alvin Pulley & Lee McKee for their generous donations in the forms of prizes.

US Chess Rating Report for 2021 Murfreesboro Tal Celebration

Spirit of Tal Prize-Winning Game

By: Ron Burnett

I was asked by Norbert the organizer of the Tal event in November to annotate my round 2 game.

Many 1. e4 players absolutely detest both the Caro-Kann and French, because the positions are either closed or mostly closed, which makes it difficult to attack. I, as an early 1. e4 player also struggled with these structures. Here is my first effort vs the Caro from a few years ago:

1. e4 c6 2. d4 d5 3. e5 Bf5 4. Nf3 f6 5. exf6 Nxf6 6. Be2 Nbd7 7. O-O h6 8. Bd3 Be6 9. Bg6+ Bf7 10. Bxf7+ Kxf7 11. Ne5+ Nxe5 12. dxe5 Ne4 13. Be3 e6 14. Nd2 Nxd2 15. Qxd2 Be7 16. c3 Qc7 17. Qd4 b6 18. Qf4+ Ke8 19. Qg4 Qxe5 20. Bd4 Qd6 21. Qxg7 Kd7 22. Qxh8 Rxh8 23. Bxh8 Bg5 24. Rfe1 Qf8 25. Be5 h5 26. h3 c5 27.

Bh2 Bf4 28. Bxf4 Qxf4 29. Re2 d4 30. cxd4 cxd4 31. Rd1 Kd6 32. g3 Qf3 33. Re3 Qxd1+ 0-1.

The player of the Black side was Jimmy Francis (1314) and the game took place in 1980. My reason for showing this is I had an affinity for the space gaining e4-e5 even as lowly class player. Over the years, I tried the following systems versus the Caro-Kann: the Classical (1. e4 c6 2. d4 d5 3. Nc3), the Exchange, the Panov-Botvinnik, the Two-Knights and the 4. Nc3 Advance. And while I won a great many games, those results were more due to my skill not the power of my variation choice.

In the early 1990's, Nigel Short created a nice twist to the Advance Variation (1. e4 c6 2. d4 d5 3. e5 Bf5) with the continuation (4. Nf3 e6 5. Be2 c5 6. c3). In 1994, he introduced another shift in the Variation (4. Nf3 e6 5. Be2 c5 and after either 6. Be3 or 6. 0-0) the move c2-c4 with a view toward using White's lead in development to open the position rather than c2-c3. I have tried both ideas with very good results. I also discovered that both of the resulting positions were of the type I had been looking for versus the Caro-Kann since my first unconvincing efforts.

Ronald Burnett vs. Eric Ramsey

November 6, 2021

Murfreesboro Tal Celebration Tournament

1. e4 c6

2. d4 d5

3. e5 Bf5

4. Nf3 e6

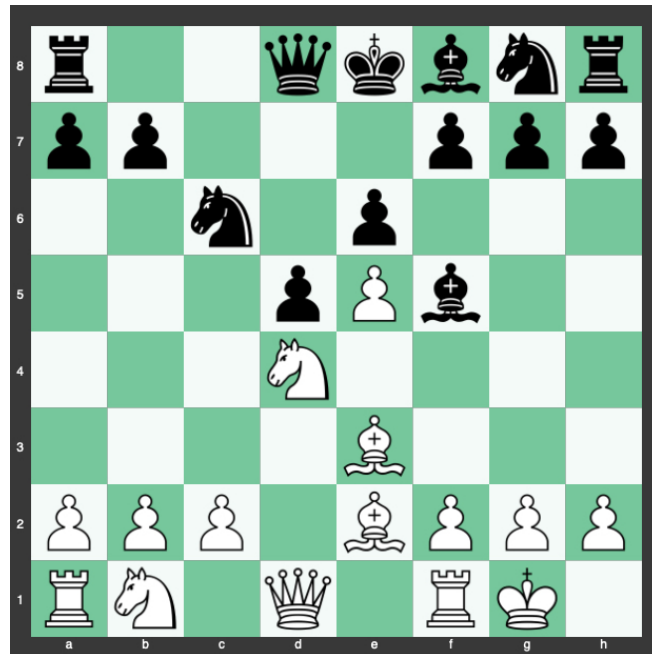
5. Be2 c5

6. 0-0 Nc6

7. Be3 cxd4

8. Nxd4 Here are a few links to other examples at this point

<https://www.chessgames.com/perl/chessgame?gid=2087345>, and on the Chesstempo site my efforts vs Nisipeanu, Karpov and Rubenchik.



After 8. Nxd4

Diagram

8. ... Nge7

9. c4 I discovered that the main continuation these days is 9. Bb5 when doing my research to annotate the game.

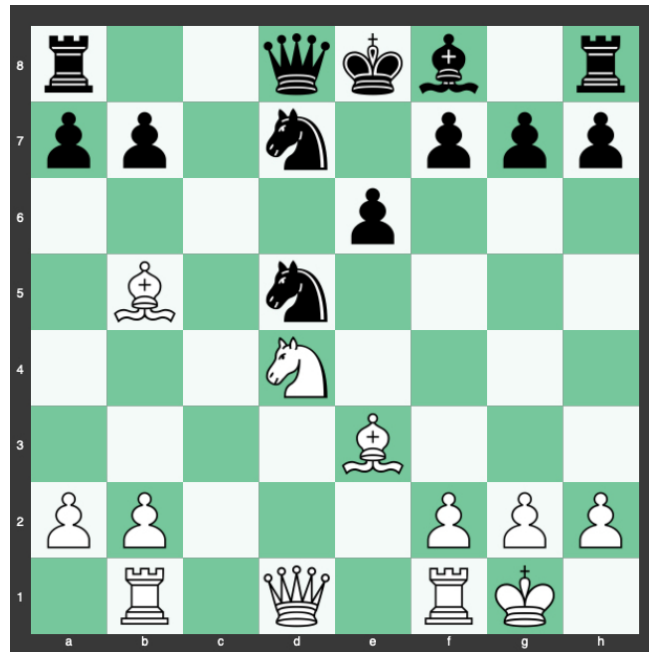
9. ... Bxb1

10. Rxb1 Nxe5

11. cxd5 Slightly better is 11. Qa4+ and following up with Rfd1 on one of the next two moves.

11... Nxd5

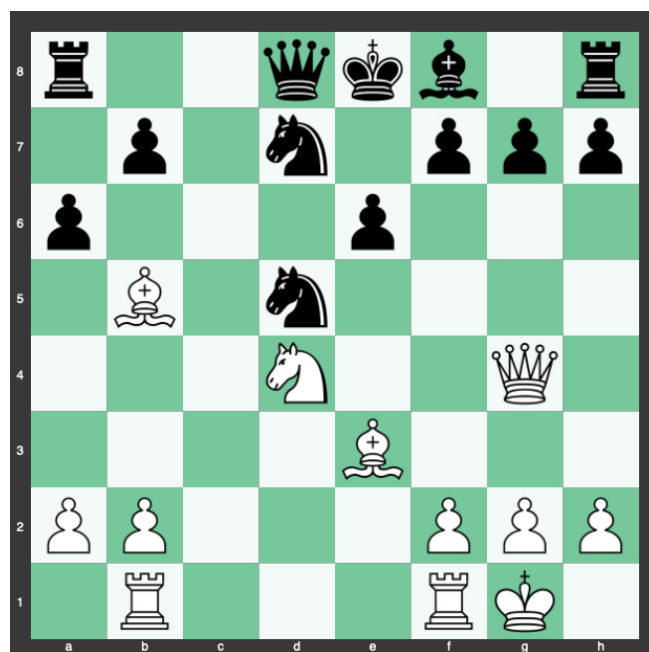
12. Bb5+ Nd7



After 12. Bb5+ Nd7

Here is the position where I had to decide how best to justify my pawn sacrifice. I looked at 13. Nxe6 fxe6 14. Qh5+ g6 15. Qe5, when everything but 13. ... Qf6 works for White. Therefore, my position needs further improvement. And I decided on the game move since it makes it difficult for Black to play ... Be7 and ... O-O.

13. Qg4 a6? It looks like Black's most solid continuation is 13... Nf6 14. Qg3 a6 15. Bc4.



After 13. Qg4 a6

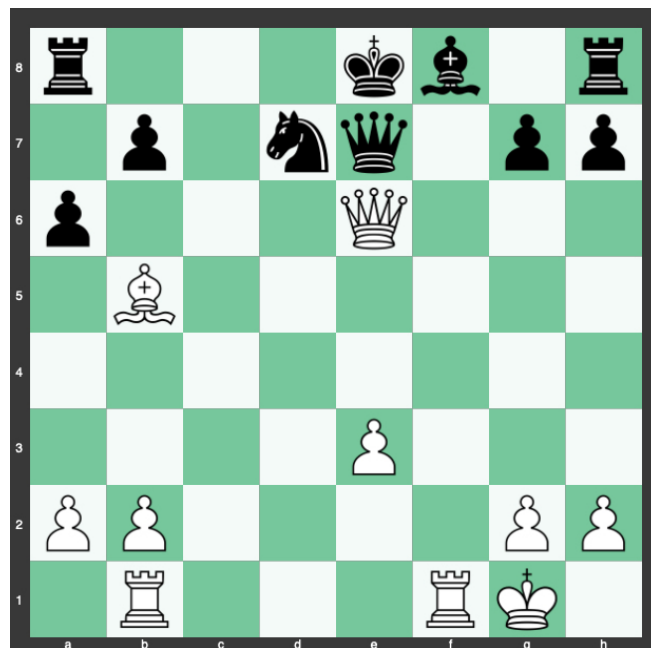
Diagram

14. Nxe6 One of the most important early skills that a player develops is the ability to hang on to their pieces. However, that materialistic instinct becomes an impediment to one of the most useful skills which is taking on risk when the position requires it. And this is one of those positions! I considered the following to be best play 14. ... fxe6 15. Qxe6+ Be7 16. Bc4! N7f6 17. Rfd1 Qd7 18. Bxd5 and White nets a pawn after the dust settles.

14. ... Nxe3 At this point I have a few options. One fantasy variation is 15. Rfe1 Nxe3 (However, after 15. ... fxe6 16. Qxe6 Be7 the best White can do is reach a piece down position. Which throws cold water onto 15. Rfe1.) 16. Nc7 mate. But, 15. Nxe3+ Bg7 16. Qxe3 wins as well as the game continuation.

15. fxe3 fxe6

16. Qxe6+ Qe7



Diagram

17. Bxd7+ Kd8

18. Qb6+ Other moves here like 18. Qxe7+ or 18. Rbd1 will win, but take a great deal more time.

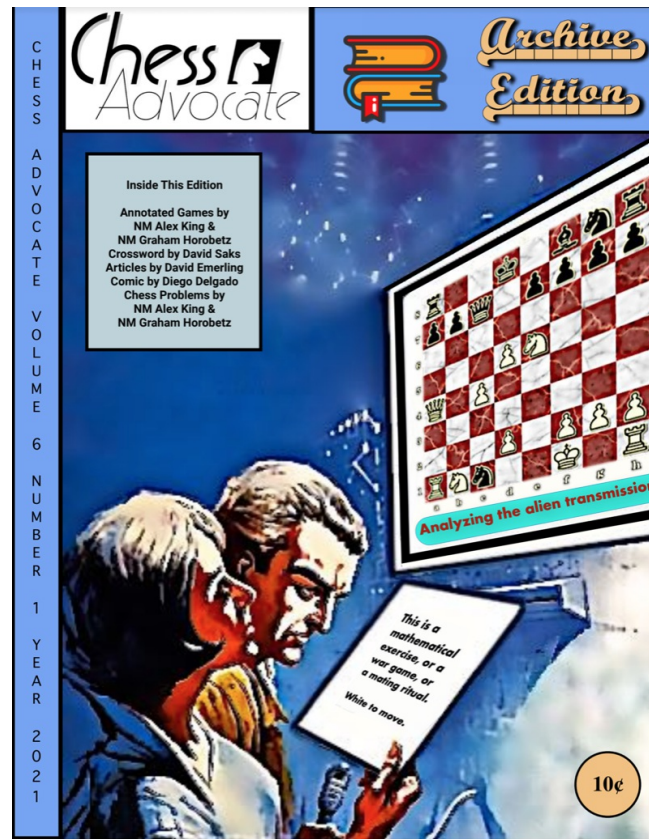
18. ... Kxd7

19. Qxb7 Kd6

20. Rbd1+ Ke6

21. Qe4# Checkmate.

Chess Advocate



We're happy to share the new issue of Chess Advocate from Dwight Weaver, Tennessee Chess Association Hall of Fame Committee Member:

Chess Advocate: Archive Edition
Volume 6, Issue 1

Here's a review on the latest issue from a prolific chess history blog writer, "Batgirl":

I love the Sci-fi/comic book/WWII style. You are a GM of Creativity. I especially like the innovative way you present chess positions. A Newsletter this size must be a massive undertaking in its simplest form. That you clothed it in such stylish eye-appeal (even the

incredible chess-set ads) is rather amazing. - S. B. Cohen

2021 Tennessee Home School State Championship Results

November 13, 2021 at Nashville Chess Center, directed by Chris Prosser

No.	Name	Gr	Rate	Pts	Rnd1	Rnd2	Rnd3	Rnd4	Rnd5
1	Meiners III, Gordon	H	14515		W4	W3	W5	-B-	W2
2	Huneycutt, Miles	J	6074		-B-	W4	W3	W5	L1
3	Barton, Jacob	E	2483		W5	L1	L2	W4	-B-
4	Barton, William	P		2	L1	L2	-B-	L3	W5
5	Barton, Grace	E		1	L3	-B-	L1	L2	L4

61st MidSouth Open Report

By: Mike Shuey



Graham Horobetz

2021 Thanksgiving weekend, we had over 50 players at the Memphis Chess Club for the 61st Mid South Open! With over \$3700 in prizes!

Graham Horobetz came in 1st place in the Open with 5.5/6, while Alain Cierna and Hemachandra Rambha tied for 2nd and Top U2201 with 4.5 each (Alain breaking for the plaque). Alain had to win his final game for this achievement!



Steven Pan

In the U1901 section, Steven Pan scored a clear 1st with 5.5 points, while Alisher Khasanov tied with Samuel Baskarraaj for U1601 and 2nd place with 4.5 each (Alisher receiving the U1601 plaque, not available for Samuel being rated 1700+).



Aashish Chidambaram

In the U1301 Section, Aashish Chidambaram was 1st placed, with 5.5 points; Aneesh Kalaga and Max Ding tied for 2nd with 4.5 points each; Mr. Tom W. Farris Jr. won a challenging head-to-head match-up with

the other U1001 candidate to win 4 points total and the Top U1001 prize; and Sravan Pagadala and Yamato Matsumura tied with 3 points for the top Unrated player (Sravan breaking for the plaque).



Madison Saurage

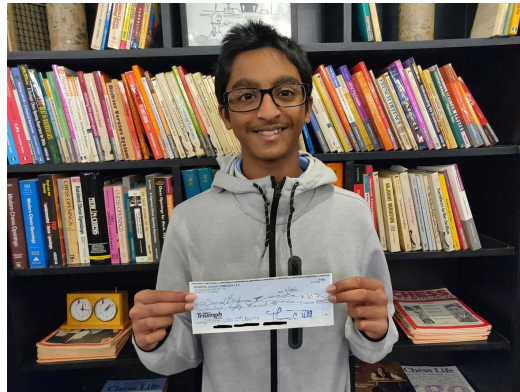
Madison Saurage defeated a player 658 points her better to go home with the coveted Upset trophy!



Finally, Graham Horobetz won the brilliancy prize for Game I. The Chief Tournament Director, Clay Polk (2000+) and wildcard Dwight Weaver, the Chess Advocate himself, all scanned the submitted games. And while J, B, and F all made great impressions for the accurate defense of a romantic attack, a romantic attack of a dismissive defense, and a relentless pressing (respectively); Game I took the cake with 11.cxd4, and 19. Rc5!

All games submitted for the brilliancy prize can be found at <https://lichess.org/study/2owsCXMq>.

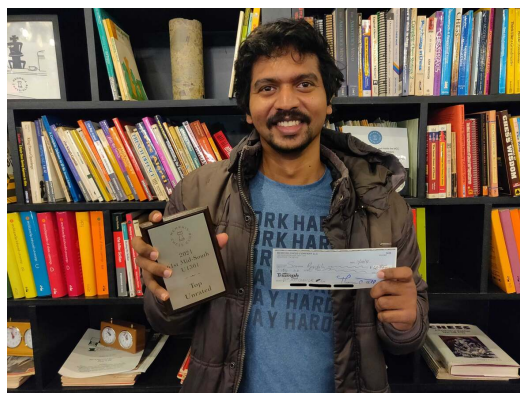
Attached are some more photos of some of the winners.
Congratulations again!



Samuel Baskarraj



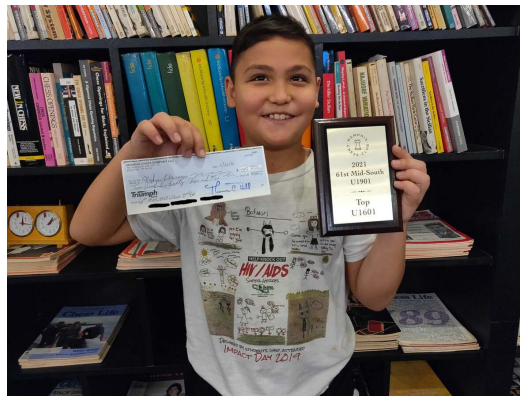
Alain Cierna



Sravan Pagadala



Mr. Tom W. Farris Jr.



Alisher Khasanov



Aneesh Kalaga



Mr. Tom W. Farris Jr. and Sravan Pagadala

MSA and cross table can be found here: <https://tinyurl.com/yy5nnpcn>

What a Game!

By: Josh Kay

Josh Kay (1717) vs. Justin Arnold (2177)

October 15, 2021

75th Peter P. Lahde Tennessee Open

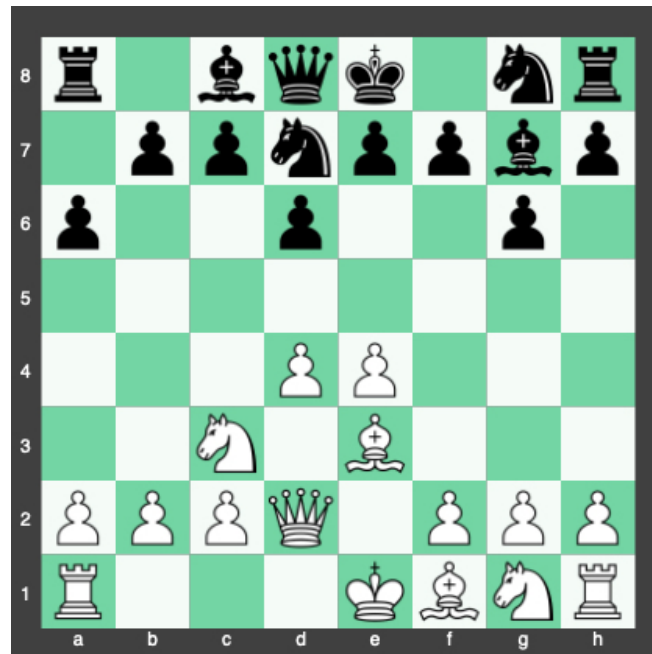
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So the first few moves are pretty standard for the 150 attack variation, which is my favorite and most aggressive variation against the Modern Defense.

1. e4 g6
2. d4 Bg7

3. Nc3 d6
4. Be3 a6
5. Qd2 Nd7

It's quite a flexible setup. The key ideas are to eye up the kingside, and hope one day to start an attack on the h-file, and trade off the dark squared bishops.



After 5. Qd2 Nd7

Diagram

6. Nf3 b5
7. Bd3 Bb7
8. h4 c5
9. a3 Ngf6
10. Bh6 Bxh6
11. Qxh6 cxd4

Move 6 (where I played Nf3) was the first opportunity I had to "make a decision" per-se. Nf3 is the old main line, where typically it's become more fashionable to play h4 early on. I wanted to play h4 as part of my plan, but didn't want to get "too aggressive" too soon. Nf3 is a more stable, flexible move. This stability and flexibility is why I decided to meet b5 with Bd3.

On move 8, according to my database, h4 is only the 5th most popular move. I thought this point in the game was the most appropriate to start playing on the other side.

Justin then followed with c5, which is not the move I was expecting. I was actually expecting Ngf6, which is more solid. In my post-mortem analysis, I landed on h5 as the best move, but over the board here was my thought process with choosing a3.

I'm not actually afraid of cxd4 in this structure, because it's not really something that black would ever want to play. because it would allow me to possibly oppose the dark squared bishop.

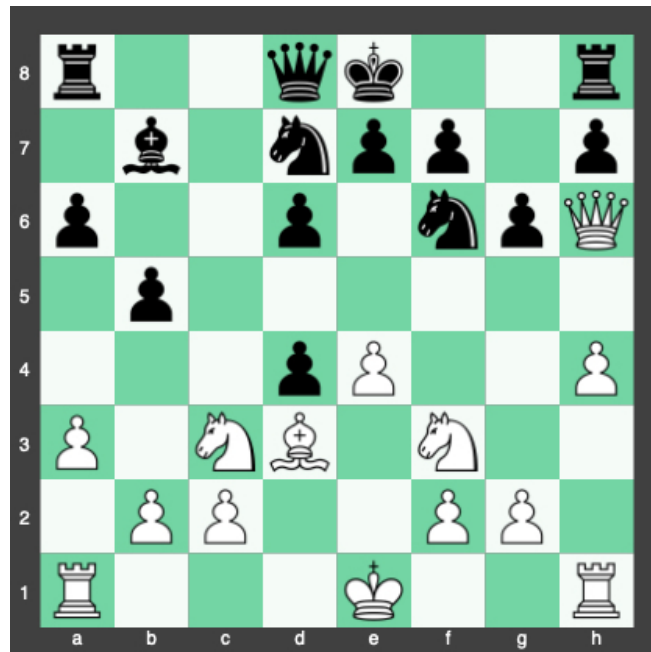
For example: a3 cxd4 Bxd4 Bxd4?! would not at all be in the spirit of black's opening play. Similarly a3 cxd4 Bxd4 Ngf6 could lead to some trouble for black after the interesting pawn sacrifice h5.

So I never seriously considered cxd4. Similarly, c4 is also not a move black wants to play. The only push I was nervous about long term was the b4 push. It's likely that a3 was slightly unnecessary here, though.

It was after Ngf6, which was the move I was waiting for the whole time, to meet with Bh6, which I decided it was time to strike. - Black is forced to take on h6,... because if O-O? Bxg7 Kxg7 h5! and white is definitely for preference due to the attack on the h-file.

It was in the calculation of Bh6, that I had a complicated continuation behind the idea that I had connected with the move a3.

The idea was the continuation which followed..... Bh6 Bxh6 Qxh6 cxd4... Nd5!?



After 11. Qxh6 cxd4

Diagram

12. Nd5 e6

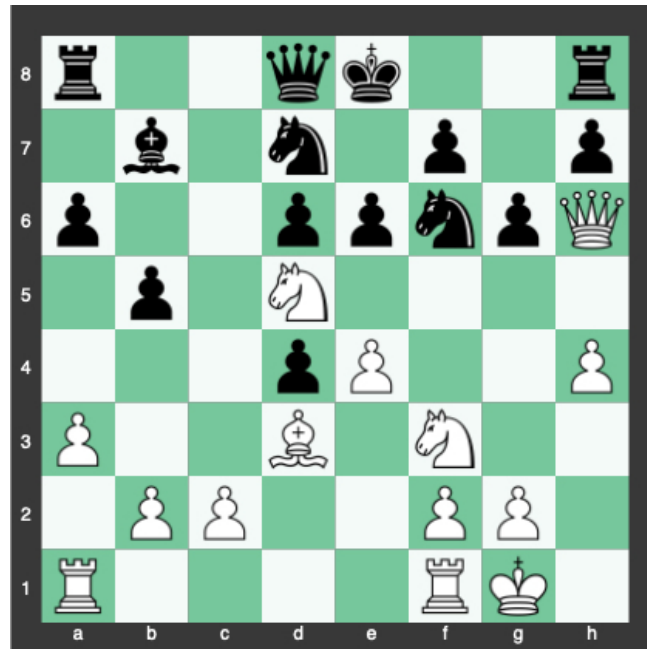
The point of this move is that it's pretty dangerous for black to take twice on d5, because I have h5 to open the h-file and attack. Furthermore, there's the move Qg7, which after Rf8, and Qxd4, black cannot castle kingside, and castling queenside seems very dangerous, due to the advanced pawns and open lines against the king. For a practical game OTB, this move was really out of the question to allow I thought, for black.

So if taking is not working, that leaves only two moves really, which are e5 and e6.

Admittedly, I think e5 is the best move for black here, and it's a move that I missed. But my mindset here was just to pose my opponent some tough problems to solve over the board, and e5 does not look like a natural reply. The idea of e5 is simply to try and hang onto the extra pawn on d4.- White does not have anything very scary after e5. h5 is a good try, and after Nxd5 there's Rxd5!, which leads to a mess, and black has to find Bxd5 as an intermezzo before taking on h5, in order to not run into some trouble. (If 14... gxh5 that allows 15. Qxd6 and Bxd5 can now be met with Qxd5, and white maintains a solid

pawn formation, and both sides have chances.

But alas, the move that was played was e6. This is when I decided to go a bit off the rails and go for something that I thought was very tricky.



After 13. 0-0

13. O-O Diagram

13... Nxd5

Obviously, the critical move of the entire game, and it all comes down to whether black can safely capture the knight on d5 of course.

Analyzing with the computer will tell you exd5 is just winning, but at non-master level it's not so obvious. For example, I spoke with an FM friend of mine who said "I'd just take the knight, move my Queen, and run my king manually to the queenside". Indeed, examining the position after the following moves: 13... exd5 Rae1 Qc7 exd5 Kd8... black is indeed just winning. The queenside stands perfectly safe for black, as I do not have any pieces over there attacking.

Another line which I did not appreciate when I played 13. O-O, was the continuation 13... exd5 14. exd5 Ne5 Rae1 Nfg4! (I missed Nfg4 in my analysis at the board). Other moves are simply just fine for white with

a lot of pressure on the position, but Nfg4 just wins on the spot. This move aims to meet Qg7 simply with Qf6, forcing the queens off, and again, black is just simply winning.

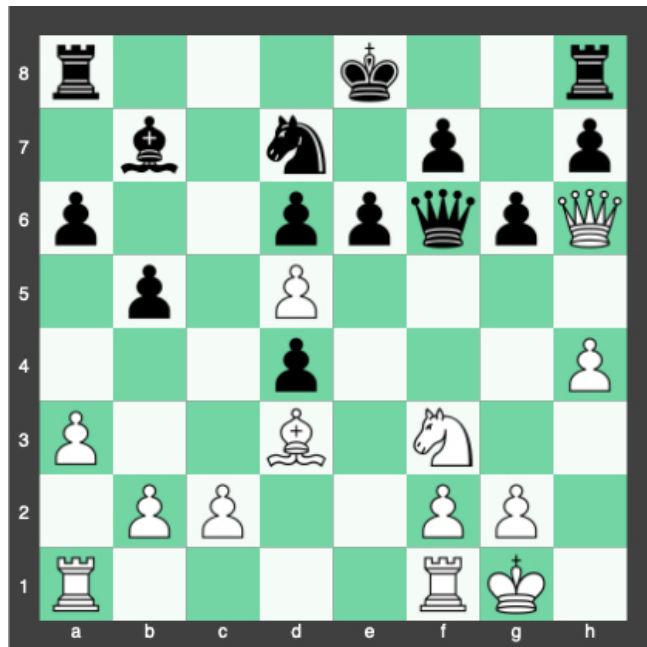
The main moves after 13. O-O which I looked at , after 13... exd5 and 14. exd5 was Nxd5, and Bxd5. The problem with both of these recaptures, is the obvious pressure on the e-file. for example, Nxd5 15. Rfe1+, Ne7 16. Qg7 Rf8 is visually atrocious to look at with the black pieces, and just intuitively, this can't be the right way for black to play.

Alternatively, 14... Nxd5 15. Rfe1+ Ne5 Nxe5 dxe5 Rxe5+ Kd7, is just quite difficult to accurately analyze and assess this position over the board.

14... Bxd5 does not solve the problems either, after 15. Rfe1+ Be6, there's the strike Bxg6! (which I saw over the board, and it was one of the main points behind 13. O-O, since I thought this continuation with 14... Bxd5 was the most natural). This capture on g6 utilizes the strength of two pins, the one on the e-file, and the h-file.

14. exd5 Qf6 (spent only two minutes on this move)

The idea of Qf6 was to be able to try and stop Qg7 forever, but I think this is inaccurate, due to the continuation I played in the game.



After 14. exd5 Qf6

Diagram

15. Rae1 Bxd5

16. Be4 Bxe4

17. Rxe4 d3

18. c3 Ne5

On 15. Rae1, I spent 9 minutes on this continuation expecting Bxd5 which is clearly the best move. My idea behind Rae1 was the next move I played... Be4.

I was very proud of this move and idea. Simply, I want to exchange off black's most active piece. Nothing more, nothing less. To my slight surprise, my opponent rather quickly took on e4. I thought he should have at least considered Nb6, which is a solid alternative.

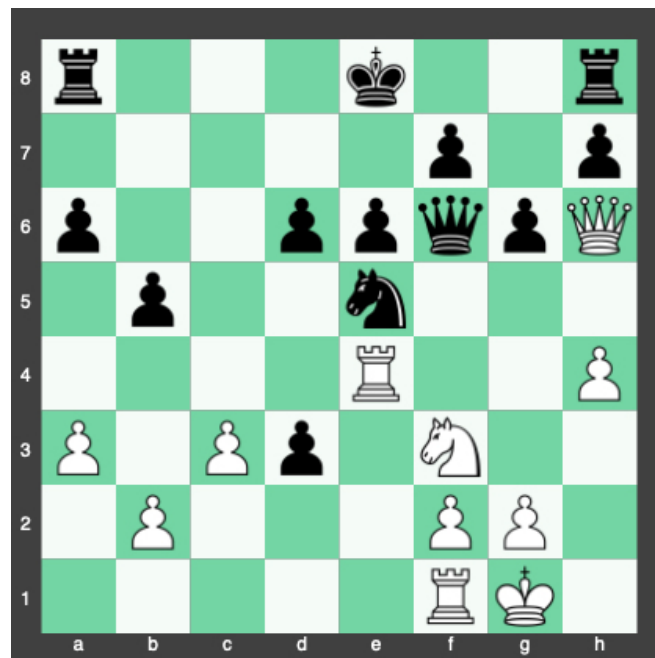
After 17. Rxe4, black is in a bit of trouble all of a sudden. My pieces are more active, my king is safe, and I'm threatening to win back my d pawn. Additionally, threats of Rf4 Qg7 are hanging in the air.

My opponent must have felt the trouble as well, since he spent an entire 20 minutes on this next move... d3 -- which I thought was quite creative way to generate some counter-play. Black is hoping for cxd3 and some counterplay on the queenside with Qxb2, but I see

absolutely zero reason to allow this, and I responded with 18. c3 instantly.

It was at this moment, my opponent chose to bring his knight into the game, Ne5.. which I thought was the best move in the position.

Obviously, I don't want to exchange pieces, and I want to keep creating threats, so I quickly played Nh2, with the idea of bringing the knight to g4 one day, and eventually hopefully even to f6 in the future.



Diagram

19. Nh2 d5

The critical blunder comes next, as my opponent played d5?? -- which instantly loses to Rf4.

20. Rf4 (1-0)

Black now cannot escape losing a piece, as the queen must move somewhere where it no longer can protect the g7 square. and with the knight on e5, and the rook on h8 both hanging after black has to allow Qg7, my opponent opted to resign.

Overall, it was the biggest win for me in my chess career, and I was

quite pleased with the result. The tournament did not go so well for me, (probably because of the adrenaline rush from this game) but I played well in many games and learned a lot.

It's certainly a game I'll never forget.

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