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Joseph Wan - Youngest State Co-Champion!



Ben Fabrikant Repeats as 2014 Co-Champion!

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President's Notes

In recent weeks, we have seen 63 players at the Cornhusker State Games. We have seen a collaborative chess fair organized by Senior Airman Bryan Pope, raising funds for Husker Salute, a group that supports Wounded Warriors. And Jerry Slominski's no-entry-fee chess tournament returned for an event at the Papillion public library. Hope you have found an opportunity to play some chess this summer.

The Board of Directors reports financial solvency if not wealth. We have been working towards becoming a Nebraska corporation. Then we will seek non-profit status under the Internal Revenue Code, section 501(c)(3).

Our state champions are on their way to Orlando, Florida to represent Nebraska in the Denker Tournament of High School State Champions (Abhinav Suresh), Barber Tournament of K-8 State Champions (Joseph Wan), and National Girls Invitational (Jacey Tran). The NSCA Board and all Nebraska chess players are being represented at the USCF Annual meeting by Omaha Vice President John Hartmann.

If you would like to lend a hand with Nebraska Chess, please contact me or any member of the Board. Thanks.

Mike Gooch, NSCA President

2014 State Co-Champs Joseph Wan and Ben Fabrikant

by Kent Smotherman



All the players in action



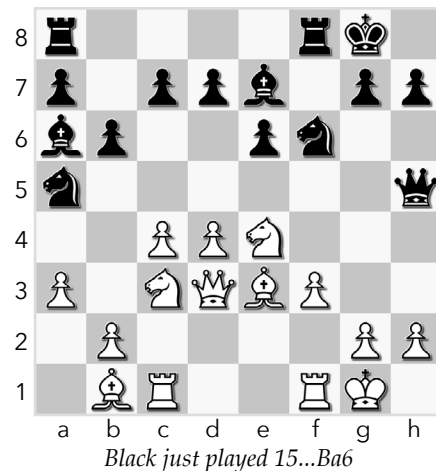
Co-champion Joseph Wan



Co-champion Ben Fabrikant

Defending champ Ben Fabrikant had a great start - two games, two wins. His round three opponent was rising star Joseph Wan, a twelve year old phenominal player rated second only to himself. Wan had won his first game and drawn his second, and stood in second place. This game would likely decide the championship, even with two rounds still to play. As it turns out, it did.

After 15 moves, this position was reached in a Keres Defense:



At first glance, Wan's pieces on the queenside look to be awkwardly placed, but are in fact making a number of dangerous threats. Fabrikant played Nb5?, which runs into Wan's Nxc4!, taking advantage of the resulting pin on the knight at b5, and skewer of the queen on d3 and rook on f1. Three moves later, this position is reached:



In this very dynamic position, Wan played Nd5 instead of Bxf1, perhaps concerned about giving up the bishop pair.

(18...Bxf1 { -2.18/27 } 19.Ng3 Nd5 20.Qe4 Bd3 21.Bxd3 Qh6 22.Rc2 Qe3+ 23.Qxe3 Nxe3 24.Rc3 Nd1 25.Nxa8 Nxc3 26.Nxb6 axb6 27.bxc3 Bxa3 28.Kf2 d5 29.Ne2 Bd6 30.h3 Ra8 31.Ke3 g6 32.Bb5 Ra3 33.g3 Kf7 34.f4 Ke7).

Several moves later, Fabrikant played the very natural looking 23.Rc7:



Wan's position has a lot of latent potential, which he accurately unleashes, with the combination 23...Bg5. Qf2 Rxe1+Qxe1 Re8 Qd1 Be3+ Kh1 Bf2. A fantastic tactical sequence by the twelve-year-old Wan against the defending state champion, and the rest of the game was merely a matter of technique. Complete game:

Fabrikant/2027 - Wan/1977

1.d4 e6 2.c4 b6 3.Nc3 Bb7 4.e3 Bb4 5.Ne2 f5 6.a3 Be7 7.Ng3 Nf6 8.f3 O-O 9.Bd3 Nc6 10.O-O f4 11.Nge4 fxe3 12.Bxe3 Qe8 13.Rc1 Qh5 14.Bb1 Na5 15.Qd3 Ba6 16.Nb5

{ -2.90/26 } (16.Nxf6+ { 0.00/26 } 16...Rxf6 17.Ne4 Rff8 18.Ng3 Qh4 19.Bf2 Qh6 20.Be3 Qh4)

16...Nxc4 17.Nxc7 Nxe3 18.Qxe3 Nd5

{ -0.40/28 } (18...Bxf1 { -2.18/27 } 19.Ng3 Nd5 20.Qe4 Bd3 21.Bxd3 Qh6 22.Rc2 Qe3+ 23.Qxe3 Nxe3 24.Rc3 Nd1 25.Nxa8 Nxc3 26.Nxb6 axb6 27.bxc3 Bxa3 28.Kf2 d5 29.Ne2 Bd6 30.h3 Ra8 31.Ke3 g6 32.Bb5 Ra3 33.g3 Kf7 34.f4 Ke7)

19.Nxd5 exd5 20.Ng3 Qf7 21.Rfe1 Rae8 22.Qd2 g6 23.Rc7

{ -4.68/29 } (23.Ba2 { -0.44/26 } 23...Kg7 24.Re5 Bc4 25.Bxc4 dxc4 26.Rce1 Bf6 27.Rxe8 Rxe8 28.Rxe8 Qxe8 29.Ne4 Qe6 30.Kf2 Qf5 31.Nxf6 Qxf6 32.g3 Kf7 33.Qe3 Qf5 34.Qe4 Kf6 35.Ke3 d5 36.Qxf5+ Kxf5 37.a4 Ke6 38.h4)

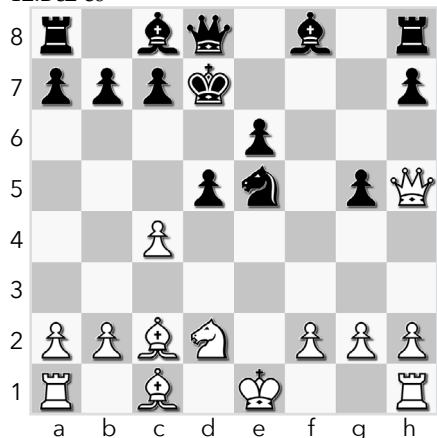
23...Bg5 24.Qf2 Rxe1+ 25.Qxe1 Re8 26.Qd1 Be3+ 27.Kh1 Bf2 28.Rc1 Re1+ 29.Qxe1 Bxe1 30.Rxe1 Qf4 31.Rd1 Bc4 32.Nf1 Bxf1 33.Rxf1 Qxd4 34.b4 Kg7 35.h3 Qe3 36.a4 Qe2 37.Kg1 d4 38.Rf2 Qe1+ 39.Rf1 Qe3+ 40.Kh2 d3 41.Rd1 d2 42.Be4 Qe1 43.Bc2 Kf6 44.h4 Ke5 45.Kh3 Kd4 0-1

After this game, Wan and Fabrikant swithced places on the leader board at #1 and #2. Wan had two wins and a draw, whereas Fabrikant had two wins and this loss going into the second, final day of two remaining games.

Wan had a relatively short draw against third-place finisher John Linscott, while Fabrikant won a wild game against John Hartmann in a French Tarrasch.

Hartmann/1733-Fabrikant/2027

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nd2 Nc6 4.Ngf3 Nf6 5.e5 Nd7 6.Bd3 f6 7.Ng5 Ndx5 8.dxe5 fxg5 9.Qh5+ g6 10.Bxg6+ Kd7 11.c4 Nxe5 12.Bc2 c6

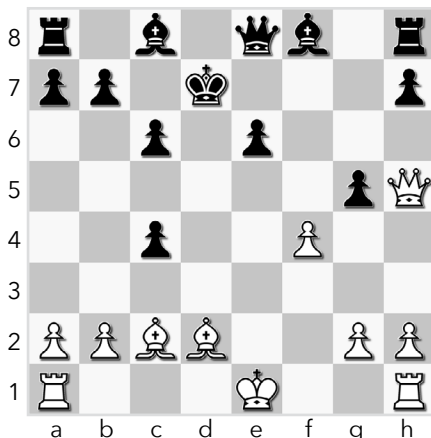


White just played 12.Bc2

Fabrikant played the very practical c6 - strengthen the center and giving his queen more scope. However:

(12...Qf6 { -0.04/23 } 13.O-O c6 14.cxd5 cxd5 15.Nb3 Qh6 16.Qe2 Bd6 17.f4 Nc4 18.g3 Rf8 19.fxg5 Rxf1+ 20.Qxf1 Qg7 21.Bd3 b5 22.a4 Ba6 23.Qf6 Qxf6 24.gxf6 bxa4 25.f7 Ne5 26.Bxa6)

13.f4 Nxc4 14.Nxc4 dxc4 15.Bd2 Qe8



Black just played 15...Qe8

16.Qf3

(16.Qxg5 { +3.23/25 } 16...Be7 17.Qe5 Rf8 18.O-O-O Qf7 19.Be4 Qf6 20.Bc3+ Ke8 21.Bxh7 Qh6 22.Qg7 Qxg7 23.Bxg7 Rf7 24.Bg6 e5 25.Bxe5 Bf5 26.Bxf7+ Kxf7 27.g3 Rg8 28.Bc3 Bd3 29.Rhe1 Rd8 30.Re5 Bf6)

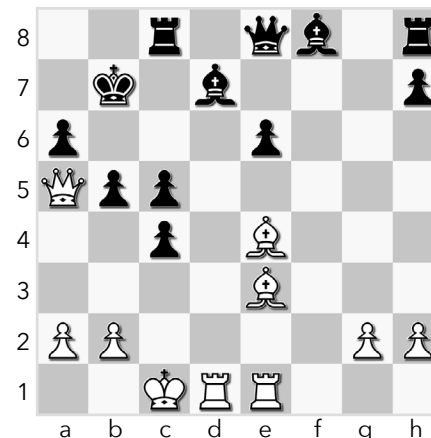
16...Bg7

(16...Kc7 { +0.80/21 } 17.O-O-O Bd6 18.f5 exf5 19.Ba5+ b6 20.Rxd6 bxa5 21.Rhd1 f4 22.Be4 Bb7 23.R1d4 Rc8 24.Qc3 Kb8 25.Qxa5 Rf8 26.Rd7 Rf7 27.Rxf7 Qxf7 28.Qxg5 c5 29.Qe5+ Qc7 30.Qxc7+ Kxc7 31.Rxc4)

17.O-O-O Kc7 18.Bb4 b6 19.Bd6+ Kb7 20.Ba4 a6 21.Rhe1 21...gxf4 22.Bxf4 b5 23.Bc2 Bd7 26...c5 27.Be4



John Hartmann



White just played 27.Be4+

The text move allows too many simplifications, which favor black as he has a material advantage. White held the advantage throughout the game until this turning point.

{ -1.33/27 } (27.Bf4 { +0.40/24 } 27...Qf7 28.Rf1 Qe8 29.Qc3 Rg8 30.Bxh7 Bg7 31.Qd2 Bc6 32.Bxg8 Qxg8 33.Qd6 Bd4 34.Rd2 Qg6 35.Qe7+ Kb6 36.g3 Qe8 37.Qd6 e5 38.Re1 Rd8 39.Rxe5 Qh8 40.Qe7)

27...Bc6 28.Bxc6+ Qxc6 29.Rd8 Bg7 30.Rxh8 Bxh8 31.Bf4 Qxg2 32.Bd2 Qd5 33.Qa3 Rd8 34.Qe3 Bxb2+ 0-1

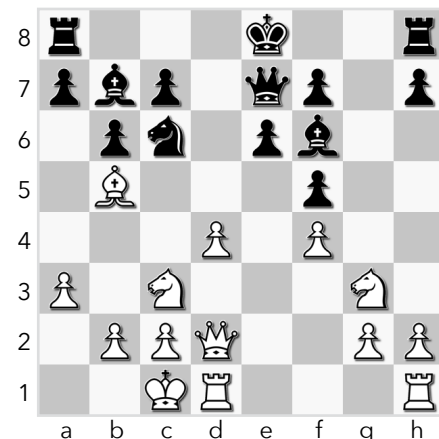
Did you know you can click on a game header and view the game on the NSCA website? Now you do!

Linscott/1850-Hartmann/1733

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.Bg5 Bb4 5.Ne2 dxe4 6.a3 Be7 7.Bxf6 gxf6 8.Nxe4 b6 9.N2c3 Bb7 10.Qd2 Nc6 11.O-O-O f5 12.Ng3 Bg5 13.f4 Bf6 14.Bb5 Qe7



John Linscott



Black just played 14...Qe7

15.Nxf5 Qd7 16.Ne4 Be7 17.Nxe7 Kxe7 18.Qf2 Raf8 19.d5 exd5 20.Rhe1 Qf5 21.Ng3+ 1-0



TD Mike Gooch (left)

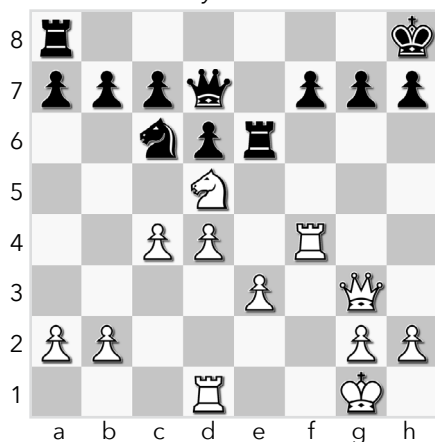
Check out [All the games!](#)

Wan/1977-Dutiel/1859

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.Nxe5 d6 4.Nf3 Nxe4
5.c4 Be7 6.d4 Bg4 7.Bd3 Ng5 8.Be2
Nxf3+ 9.Bxf3 Bxf3 10.Qxf3 Nc6 11.Be3
O-O 12.Nc3 Re8 13.O-O Bf6 14.Rad1 Bg5
15.Nd5 Bxe3 16.fxe3 Qd7 17.Qg3 Kh8
18.Rf4 Re6



Tony Dutiel



Black just played 18...Re6

The upcoming pin of the black rook on e6 to the queen coupled with the weak back rank are decisive - very sharp tactical eyes by Wan.

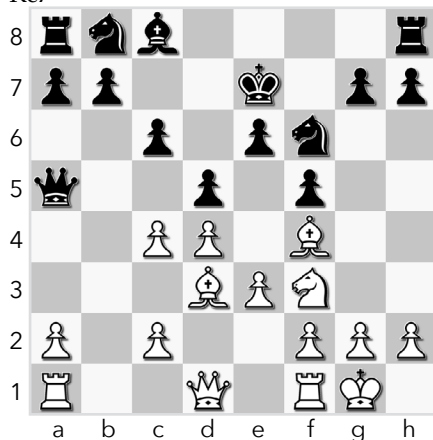
{ +4.00/30 } (18...f6 { +0.52/22 } 19.Rg4 a5
20.Qh3 Rf8 21.Rf1 Rf7 22.Qf3 Re8 23.Rg3
f5 24.Qh5 Kg8 25.Nf4 Nb4 26.d5 Re4
27.Rh3 h6 28.Rg3 Nc2 29.Qh3 Qa4)

19.Rdf1 Rf8 20.Qh3 Nb8 21.Nxc7 Re7

22.Qxd7 Rxd7 23.Ne6 1-0

Fabrikant/2027-Stepp/1720

1.d4 f5 2.Nc3 d5 3.Bf4 c6 4.e3 Nf6 5.Bd3
e6 6.Nf3 Bb4 7.O-O Bxc3 8.bxc3 Qa5 9.c4
Ke7



Black just played 9...Ke7?

Stepp opts to leave the king in the center instead of merely castling. Fabrikant's punishment is swift by opening the lines around the king and completely dominating both the light and dark squares around Stepp's king.

10.cxd5 exd5 11.c4 dxc4 12.Bxc4 b5
13.Bb3 Nbd7 14.Ne5 1-0

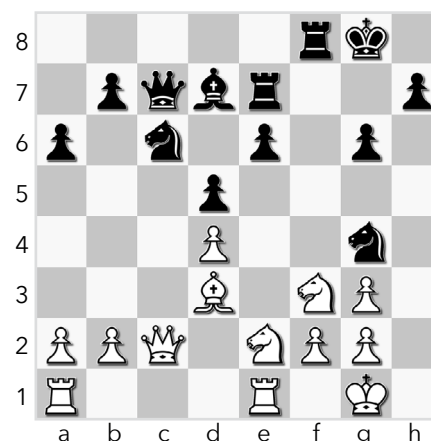


John Stepp

Wan/1977-Hartmann/1733

Editor's note: I really enjoyed this game in particular. There were many possibilities for both sides, with many missed opportunities, and so it was very fitting that the game ended in a draw.

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nd2 Nf6 4.e5 Nfd7 5.c3
c5 6.Bd3 Nc6 7.Ne2 cxd4 8.cxd4 f6 9.exf6
Nxf6 10.Nf3 Bd6 11.O-O O-O 12.Bg5
Bd7 13.Nc3 a6 14.Qb3 Qc7 15.Bh4 Rae8
16.Bg3 Bxg3 17.hxg3 g6 18.Rfe1 Ng4
19.Ne2 Re7 20.Qc2 Kg7



White just played 20...Qc2

{ +0.64/14 } (20...Qb6 { -0.96/12 } 21.
Qd2 Ref7 22.Nf4 Nxd4 23.Rad1 Nxf3+
24.gxf3 Nf6 25.Qc3 g5 26.Nh3 h6 27.Bg6
Rg7)

21.Qd2 Ref7 22.Rf1

{ -0.60/12 } (22.Nf4 { +0.68/13 } 22...Kg8
23.Rac1 Qd8 24.Bc2 Qf6 25.a3 Re7 26.b4
Qg7 27.Ba4 Qf6 28.b5 axb5 29.Bxb5)

22...e5 23.dxe5 Rxf3 24.gxf3 Nxe5

{ +1.25/12 } (24...Ngxe5 { -0.56/12 }
25.Kg2 Nxf3 26.Qc3+ d4 27.Qc1 Qa5
28.Nf4 Nce5 29.Be4 Nd2 30.Re1 g5

31.Bd5 Re8 32.b4 Qxb4 33.Ne6+ Bxe6
34.Rxe5 Bxd5+ 35.Rxd5)



Black just played 24...Ncxe5

25.Kg2

{ -1.21/10 } (25.Nd4 { +1.25/12 } 25...
Nxf3+ 26.Nxf3 Rxf3 27.Rae1 Rf7 28.Be2
Nf6 29.Rc1 Qe5 30.Rfd1 h6 31.f4 Qe6
32.Bf3 Qh3 33.Bxd5 Nxd5 34.Qxd5
Qxg3+ 35.Kf1)

25...Nxf3

{ +0.08/14 } (25...Rxf3 { -1.21/10 } 26.Bc2
Bb5 27.Nd4 Bxf1+ 28.Rxf1 Rf6 29.Bb3
Kh8 30.Qc3 Nc4 31.Bxc4 Qxc4 32.Qxc4
dxc4)

26.Qc3+

{ -1.49/15 } (26.Qb4 { +0.08/14 } 26...
Nfh2 27.Qd4+ Kg8 28.f3 Nxf1 29.Rxf1
Ne5 30.Qxd5+ Rf7 31.Be4 Bc6 32.Qd4
Bb5 33.Re1 Nc6 34.Qc3)

26...Qxc3 27.Nxc3 Nd2 28.Ne2 Nxf1
29.Rxf1 Ne5 30.Bc2 Bb5 31.Bd1 Bd3
32.b3 Rf5

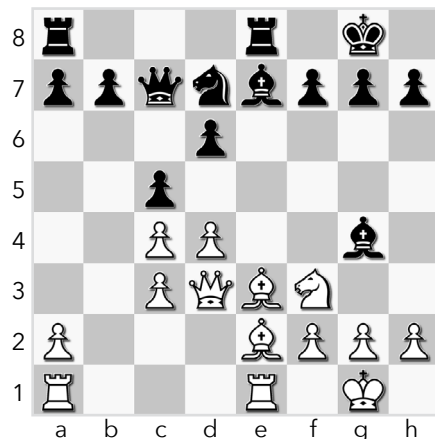
{ -1.57/18 } (32...Re8 { -3.35/16 } 33.f3
Nc4 34.bxc4 Bxe2 35.cxd5 Bxf1+ 36.Kxf1

Kf6 37.Bb3 Ke5 38.Ke2 Kd6+ 39.Kd2 b5
40.f4 a5 41.a3 a4 42.Ba2 Rc8 43.Kd3 Rc1)

33.f3 Nc6 34.Rf2 Bxe2 35.Rxe2 d4 36.Rd2
Rd5 37.Bc2 Rd7 38.Be4 Kf6 1/2-1/2

Hartmann/1733-Dutiel/1859

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.Nxe5 d6 4.Nf3 Nxe4
5.c4 Be7 6.d4 Bg4 7.Be2 Nd7 8.Nc3 Nxc3
9.bxc3 O-O 10.O-O c5 11.Be3 Qc7 12.Qd3
Rfe1 13.Rfe1



White just played 13. Rfe1

13...Rad8?

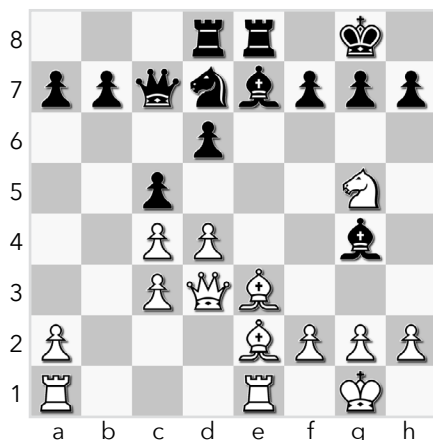
A natural looking move, but this allows
some interesting tactics by white.

-0.16/25 13...Bh5 14.Qb1 Bg6 15.Qb2 Bf6
16.a4 Rac8 17.a5 cxd4 18.cxd4 Nc5 19.Ra3
Bf5 20.Bd2

14.Ng5

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White just played 14. Ng5

14...Bxg5?

Somewhat surprisingly, this is the wrong
capture.

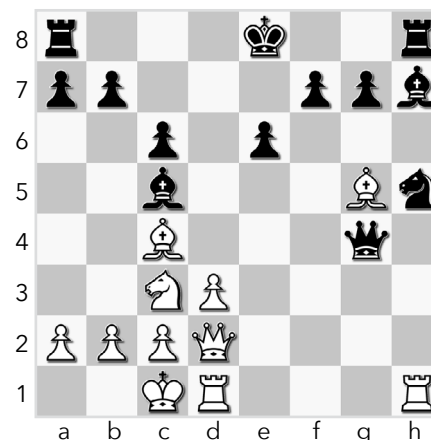
+2.06/30 15.Bxg5 Rxe2 16.Rxe2 f6 17.f3
Bh5 18.Bf4 Nf8 19.Bg3 Bf7 20.d5 Ng6 21.f4
Qd7 22.Rae1 Qg4 23.Qc2 Qd7 24.h3 Re8
25.Rxe8+ Bxe8 26.f5 Ne5 27.Bxe5 fxe5
28.g3 Qf7 29.g4

15.Bxg4 Bxe3 16.Rxe3 Nf6 17.Rxe8+
Rxe8 18.Bf3 b6 19.g3 Qc8 20.a4 a5 21.Rb1
Qc7 22.Kg2 Kf8 1/2-1/2

Stepp/1720Hartmann/1733

1.Nf3 d5 2.e4 dxe4 3.Ng5 Bf5 4.Nc3 Nf6
5.Bc4 e6 6.f3 c6 7.fxex4 Nxe4 8.Ngxe4
Bxe4 9.Qe2 Bg6 10.h4 h6 11.h5 Bh7 12.d3
Bc5 13.Bd2 Nd7 14.O-O-O Nf6 15.g4
Qd4 16.g5 hxg5 17.Bxg5 Qg4 18.Qd2
Nxh5?

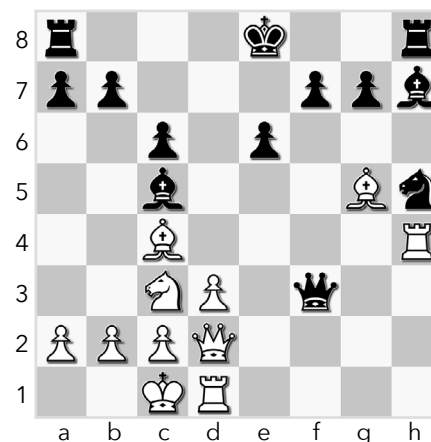
Black has been winning the entire game
up until this fateful move. The pawn was
poisoned due to a removing the guard tactic.
This really illustrates well how so many
games of chess can turn around with a
single move, always due to tactics.



Black just played 18...Nxh5?

19.Rh4 Qf3

Now it is white's turn to miss a tactic.
Black is playing as tenaciously as possible,
but white misses 20.d4 here - attacking the
bishop and threatening either Be2 next or
Rf1.



Black just played 19...Qf3

20.Ne4 Bf8 21.Qh2 Bg6 22.Nd6+ Kd7
23.Rd4 Nf6 24.Nb5+ Nd5 25.Qxh8 cxb5
26.Bxb5+ Kc7 27.Qh2+ Bd6 28.Rc4+ Kb6
29.Qxd6+ Kxb5 30.Rc5+ Kb4 31.Rxd5+
Ka4 32.Qa3# 1-0

Tactics, Tactics, Tactics!

Kent Smotherman

In teaching chess to kids, this
has always been my mantra. Tactics
are the single most important part of the game, and
responsible for more wins - and
losses - than any other factor. I
emphasize this point by telling
my chess kids that games are not
won - they are lost. And tactics
are the reason.

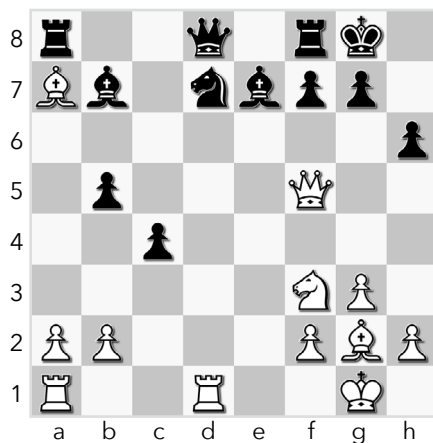
The most important tactic I teach
is Removing the Guard, which
is also referred to as Deflection
in some cases. It can present
itself in so many ways, and can
be a very difficult thing to spot
since the target of the attack is
not the piece being attacked
by the move just played, but
some piece being defended
by that piece. The game on the
left, Stepp-Hartmann, contained
both an attempted Removing
the Guard as well as a missed
follow-up to fully remove the
guard. It is well worth studying
from both white and black's
perspective in this crucial move
sequence, starting at move 18.
Look over all the games from
the closed, there are quite a few
removing the guard tactics!

A great study of this important
tactic is at chesstactics.org:

Predator at the Chessboard

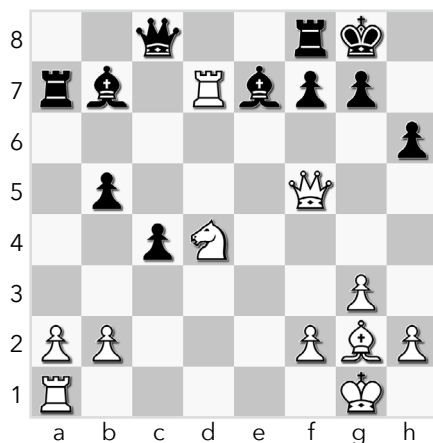
Fabrikant/2027-Linscott/1850

1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.Nf3 e6 5.g3 Nbd7 6.Bg2 dxc4 7.O-O Be7 8.e4 O-O 9.Bg5 h6 10.Be3 b5 11.d5 exd5 12.exd5 Nxd5 13.Nxd5 cxd5 14.Qxd5 Rb8 15.Bxa7 Bb7 16.Qf5 Ra8 17.Rfd1



White just played 17. Rfd1?

Rxa7 18.Rxd7 Qc8 19.Nd4



White just played 19. Nd4

19...Bf6?

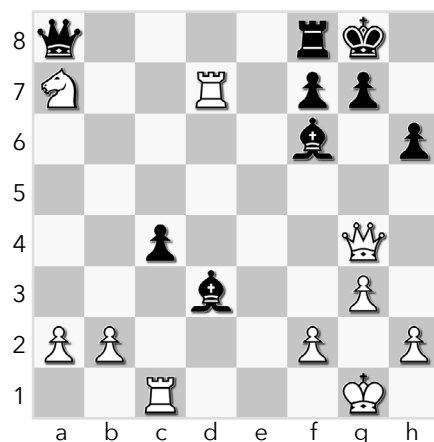
Black is winning, but the position is holding only by a thread. There are threats all over the board. 19...g6 would have been

more dangerous to white, or even 19...Be4, although that is a very complex, delicately balanced tactic:

-1.77/31 19...g6 20.Qxb5 Ba6 21.Rxe7 Rxe7 22.Qb4 Rd7 23.Bh3 Qb7 24.Nc2 Qxb4 25.Nxb4 Ra7 26.Bf1 Bb5 27.a3 Rb8 28.Rc1 Rd8 29.Kg2 Kg7 30.h3 Rd2 31.Bxc4 Bxc4 32.Rxc4 Rxb2 33.Rc3 Rd2 34.Kf3 Rd6 35.Ke4 Re7+ 36.Kf3 Red7 37.Ke3 Re6+ 38.Kf3 Rf6+ 39.Ke2 g5 40.Re3

-1.13/31 19...Be4 20.Bxe4 g6 21.Rxa7 gxf5 22.Rxe7 fxe4 23.Rxe4 Qc5 24.Rd1 Rd8 25.a3 f5 26.Rf4 Qb6 27.Kg2 h5 28.h3 Kh7 29.Kh2 Rd6 30.Rh4 Kg6 31.Rf4 Rd7 32.Rh4 Rd5 33.Rf4 Rd6 34.Rh4 Rd7 35.Kg2 b4 36.axb4 Qxb4 37.Nc6

20.Nxb5 Bxg2 21.Nxa7 Qa8 22.Rc1 Be4 23.Qg4 Bd3



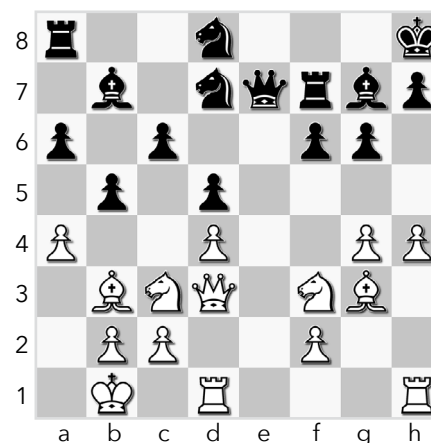
Black just played 23...Bd3

A natural looking move for black, but it is too easy to remove the guard of the bishop. Black's position starts to fall apart from here.

24.b3 Re8 25.bxc4 Be2 26.Qf4 Bf3 27.c5 Bc6 28.Nxc6 Qxc6 29.Qd6 1-0

Wan/1977-Stepp/1720

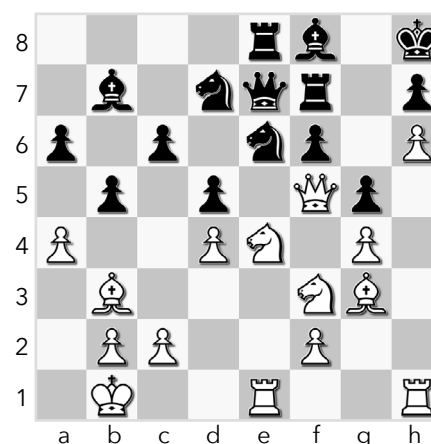
1.e4 g6 2.d4 Bg7 3.Nf3 d6 4.Bc4 e6 5.Bg5 f6 6.Be3 a6 7.a4 Nh6 8.Qd2 Nf7 9.Nc3 Qe7 10.O-O-O Nd7 11.Kb1 b6 12.Rhe1 Bb7 13.Qd3 Nd8 14.Bf4 O-O 15.g4 Kh8 16.h4 c6 17.Rh1 b5 18.Bb3 Rf7 19.Bg3 d5 20.exd5 exd5



Black just played 20...exd5

The wrong pawn. This simply allows white to attack down the open e-file.

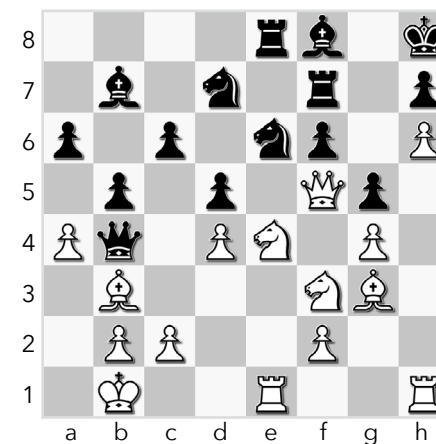
21.Rde1 Ne6 22.h5 g5 23.Qf5 Re8 24.h6 Bf8 25.Ne4



White just played 25. Ne4

White's position is overwhelming, whereas black's pieces are getting in each others way with no mobility.

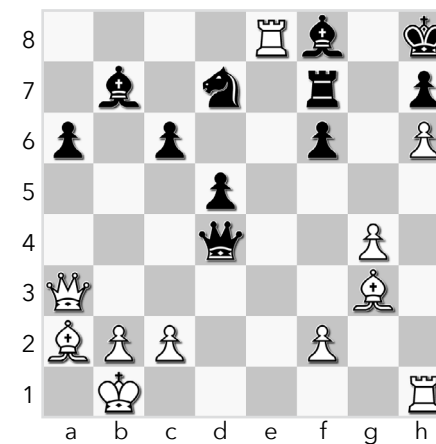
25...Qb4



Black just played 25...Qb4?

White has multiple good attacking ideas. Bd6! Bd6 c3 is one, and the text move played is also very strong.

26.Nexg5 Nxg5 27.Rxe8 Nxf3 28.Qxf3 bxa4 29.Ba2 a3 30.Qxa3 Qxd4



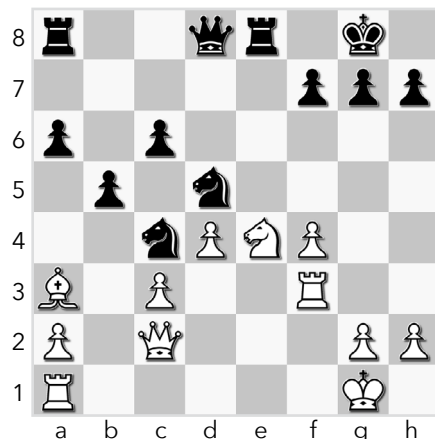
Black just played 30...Qxd4?

Black's position is hopeless, but White did miss the pretty 31. Bd6! here. The pawn on h6 completes the mating net after all the exchanges.

31.Qf3 Re7 32.Rxe7 Bxe7 33.Re1 Qc5 34.Qf5 Bc8 35.Qe6 Bf8 36.Qe8 Nb6 37.Bh4 Kg8 38.Rg1 Bd7 39.Qd8 Qd4 40.Bg3 Be6 41.g5 f5 42.Re1 Qd2 43.Rg1 Nd7 44.Qe8 Qe2 45.f3 Nc5 46.Bd6 Nd7 47.Bxf8 Nxf8 48.g6 hxg6 49.Rxg6+ Kh7 50.Rg1 Bf7 51.Qxf7+ Kxh6 52.Qg7+ 1-0

Dutiel/1859-Fabrikant/2027

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.exd5 exd5 4.c4 Bb4+ 5.Nc3 Ne7 6.Bd3 Nbc6 7.Ne2 O-O 8.O-O Bxc3 9.bxc3 Bf5 10.Ba3 Re8 11.Ng3 Bxd3 12.Qxd3 a6 13.f4 dxc4 14.Qxc4 Nd5 15.Rf3 Na5 16.Qa4 c6 17.Qc2 b5 18.Ne4 Nc4



Black just played 18...Nc4

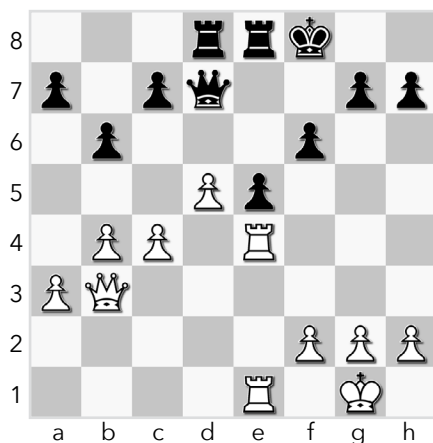
White played 19.Bc1 here, but that move does multiple negative things for white's position - it cuts off the rook on a1, and puts the bishop completely out of play. Bc5 was better, although white's position is still uncomfortable.

19.Bc1 Qe7 20.Ng3 Qe1+ 21.Nf1 Re2 22.Qd3 Rae8 23.Bb2 Nxb2 24.Rxe1 Nxd3 25.Rxe2 Rxe2 26.Rxd3 Nxf4 27.Rf3 Nxe2

28.a3 Nh4 29.Rh3 g5 30.c4 Re4 31.cxb5 axb5 32.Rc3 Kg7 33.Rxc6 Nf3+ 34.Kf2 Nxd4 35.Rc5 Kg6 36.Ng3 Rf4+ 37.Ke3 Nf5+ 0-1

Linscott/1850-Wan/1977

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.Ne2 Nf6 5.Bg5 dxe4 6.a3 Be7 7.Bxf6 Bxf6 8.Nxe4 Nc6 9.Nxf6+ Qxf6 10.c3 Bd7 11.Ng3 e5 12.d5 Ne7 13.Be2 Rd8 14.O-O O-O 15.Qb3 Bc8 16.c4 b6 17.Bf3 Nf5 18.Nxf5 Bxf5 19.Rfe1 Rfe8 20.Be4 Bxe4 21.Rxe4 Qd6 22.Qf3 Qe7 23.Rae1 f6 24.Qe3 Kf8 25.b4 Qd7 26.Qb3 1/2-1/2



Linscott/1850-Stepp/1720

1.e4 g6 2.d4 Bg7 3.Nf3 d6 4.c4 Nd7 5.Nc3 a6 6.Be2 b6 7.O-O Bb7 8.Re1 e6 9.Qc2 Ne7 10.Bg5 h6 11.Bxe7 Qxe7 12.Rad1 O-O 13.a3 Rac8 14.d5 e5 15.b4 Nf6 16.c5 bxc5 17.bxc5 dxc5 18.Na4 Nd7 19.Rb1 Rb8 20.Nd2 c6

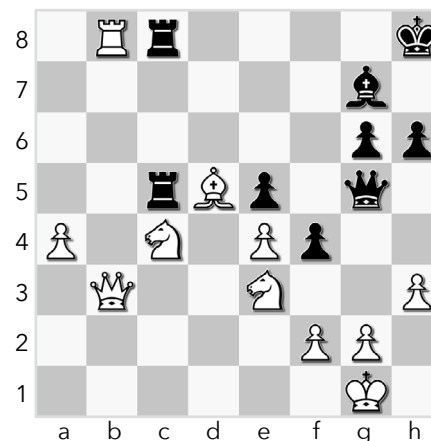


Black just played 20...c6

21.Rxb7!

Removing the guard of c6 in order to create a fork and win two minors for a rook.

21...Rxb7 22.dxc6 Ra7 23.cxd7 Rxd7 24.Nb6 Rb7 25.Nd5 Qd6 26.Nc4 Qe6 27.Na5 Ra7 28.Rb1 Rc8 29.Bc4 Qe8 30.Rb6 Kh8 31.Qb3 Raa8 32.Bxa6 c4 33.Nxc4 Rc5 34.h3 Qd8 35.Bb7 Rb8 36.a4 Qg5 37.Nde3 f5 38.Bd5 Rbc8 39.Rb8 f4



Black just played 39...f4?

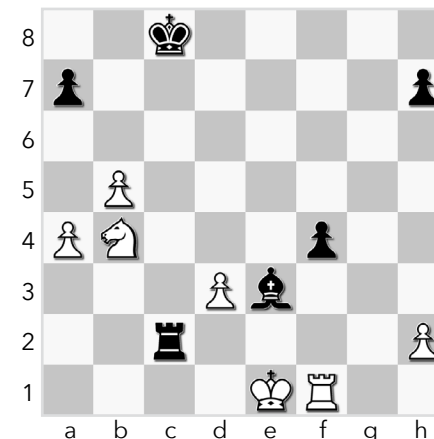
White's position is completely won, but he did miss the devastating Nd6! here,

threatening the queen fork on f7.

40.Rxc8+ Rxc8 41.Nf1 Qd8 42.a5 Rb8 43.Qa4 Rb1 44.a6 f3 45.a7 fxg2 46.Kxg2 Kh7 47.a8=Q Rb8 48.Qxb8 1-0

Dutiel/1859-Linscott/1850

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Nf6 4.Ng5 d5 5.exd5 b5 6.Bxb5 Qxd5 7.Nc3 Qxg2 8.Qf3 Qxf3 9.Nxf3 Bd7 10.Rg1 Nb4 11.Bxd7+ Nxd7 12.Kd1 g6 13.d3 c6 14.Be3 Nd5 15.Re1 Nxe3+ 16.fxe3 Bg7 17.e4 O-O 18.Ke2 Nc5 19.Rg1 Ne6 20.Raf1 Kh8 21.Kd1 f5 22.exf5 gxf5 23.Re1 Nd4 24.Nxd4 exd4 25.Nb1 Bh6 26.Re6 Be3 27.Rf1 f4 28.Nd2 Rae8 29.Rxc6 Re7 30.Nf3 Rg8 31.Rd6 Rg2 32.Rc6 Kg8 33.a4 Kf8 34.b4 Ke8 35.b5 Kd7 36.Ra6 Kc8 37.Rc6+ Rc7 38.Nxd4 Rxc6 39.Nxc6 Rd2+ 40.Ke1 Rxc2 41.Nb4



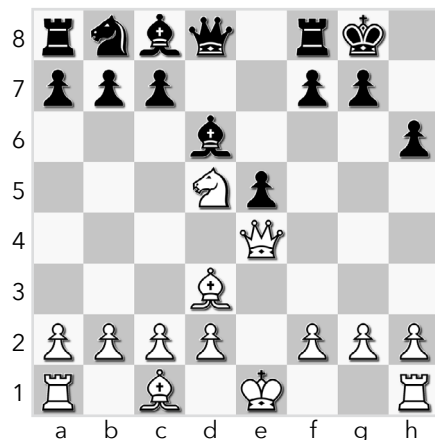
White just played 41. Nb4??

This has been a great game of back-and-forth chances, attacks and counter-attacks, but this move could have thrown it all away. Luckily for White, black didn't spot the simple fork Bd2+ Kd1 Rc1+.

41...Rxb7 42.Nd5 Ra2 43.Nxe3 fxe3 44.Rf8+ Kb7 45.Rf7+ Kb6 46.Rxb7 Rxa4 1/2-1/2

Stepp/1720-Dutiel/1859

1.Nf3 d5 2.e4 dxe4 3.Ng5 Nf6 4.Nc3 h6
5.Ngxe4 e5 6.Nxf6+ Qxf6 7.Nd5 Qd8
8.Qf3 Bd6 9.Bd3 O-O 10.Qe4



White just played 10. Qe4

The threat of Qh7# is simply too easy to meet by black while he also gains control of the center and shuts down white's pieces.

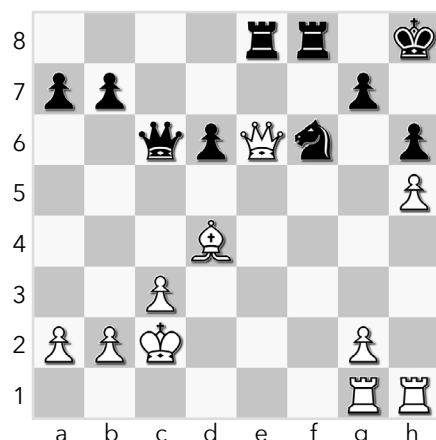
10...f5 11.Qc4 Kh8 12.Qb3 Nc6 13.c3 Qg5
14.Ne3 e4 15.Bf1 f4 16.h4 Qg6 17.h5 Qe8
18.Nc4



White just played 18. Nc4

Black played 18...e3 here, which allows white to simplify with exchanges and ease most of the pressure. Better for black was Bc5 followed by Bg4.

18...e3 19.dxe3 fxe3 20.Bxe3 Bg4 21.Nxd6
cxd6 22.Be2 Ne5 23.Kd2 Qc6 24.Bxg4
Nxb4 25.Bd4 Nxf2 26.Qe6 Ne4+ 27.Kc2
Nf6 28.Rag1 Rae8



Black just played 28...Rae8

White's queen has only three choices - Qf5, Qh3, and Qb3. Surprisingly, Qf5 is the best among these:

0.00/27 29.Qf5 Re2+ 30.Kc1 a6 31.Re1
Rxb2 32.Rhg1 Rxb1 33.Rxb1 Qe8 34.Rg6
-1.49/27 29.Qb3 Ne4 30.Rd1 Nf2 31.Bxf2
Rxf2+ 32.Kb1 Re2 33.Ka1 Rxb2 34.Rhf1
-1.37/27 29.Qh3 Re2+ 30.Kb1 Qb5 31.c4
Qxc4 32.Qf3 Re4 33.Bxf6 Rxf6 34.Rc1 Qe6
35.Qd3 Re2 36.Rc8+ Qxc8 37.Qxe2 Qf5+

It is impossible to fault White for choosing the wrong move here - both Qh3 and Qb3 look far more natural, instead of walking the queen into the discovered attack of Ne4 after Qf5.

29.Qh3 Re2+ 30.Kb1 Qb5 31.b3 Qa5
32.a4 Qd5 33.Qd3 Qxb3+ 34.Kc1 Ra2 0-1



Interviews with 2014 State Co-Champs Joseph Wan and Ben Fabrikant

by Kent Smotherman

2014 state co-champions Joseph Wan and Ben Fabrikant combined for a very exciting 2014 state championship. Joseph went undefeated with three wins and two draws, including his win against Ben, while Ben had four wins and one loss. In contrast to their ferocious play over the board, they were both kind enough to answer a few questions for *The Gambit*, and their candor was amenable and refreshing.

Joseph has a very interesting take on what it is like to play against adults, as he so often is required to do: "It is fun to play older opponents, but it can be scary because sometimes they look like 15 times taller and bigger than me. I do feel bad for adults who have to play with young kids. If I were an adult, I wouldn't feel comfortable. For if I lose, I might feel embarrassed."

Of course there can't be a discussion of the great potential and talent of Joseph without the inevitable comparison to one-time young phenom Keaton Kiewra, who won his first Nebraska state title at the age of 14. "Keaton is my coach and he is a great role model. But I am proud to beat his record of gaining the state title. I think I might set a tiny cloud over his head :)"

This sort of playfulness illustrates that Joseph is just a normal kid - A normal kid that has worked very hard to become Nebraska's youngest state champion in history. As a normal 12 year old, Joseph has a lot of demands on his time. "It is always tough to balance the activities I am involved with right now. Time is an

issue. But my parents always tells me to set priorities and do things efficiently even if it is just 10 minutes. I am still learning that."

At just 12, Joseph has the time and the mind to learn and do anything he sets himself to do. Will that always be chess? "Chess is my interest. I don't know if I will put more effort in it in the future than I do now, but I will definitely keep it. When I am older, I want my students to feel the passion I have for chess just like I have felt from the three coaches I have when I am in Nebraska."

Nebraska has been lucky to have had Joseph grow and mature in his chess in our state, and to leave his mark on our chess history as our champion. But like all good things, nothing is forever. "I will move to Iowa City pretty soon and I will keep playing chess in Iowa. It might be a little more challenging there than in Nebraska, but challenging is good."

You know, Iowa City isn't *that* far, I'm sure we can get a caravan together for a tournament there to check in on your progress!

Ben Fabrikant, on the other hand, has been a Nebraskan forever, playing in his first rated tournament in 1993 as an elementary school kid. Even back then, he was no pushover - his first provisional rating was 1062.

As a contemporary of Keaton Kiewra and growing up in the Nebraska chess scene, Ben has a lot of experience and stories about the best players Nebraska

has seen. "I grew up battling against Keaton in countless tournaments, and the score is pretty lopsided in his favor, although if I'm not mistaken I may have been the last Nebraskan to actually beat him (back in 2001!!). He was one of a number of players who had a big influence on my chess development. In many ways, chess in Nebraska has changed a lot since I first started playing back in the mid 90's. Back then there were a lot of players who not only were very strong, but also had these fantastic personalities and idiosyncrasies that made playing in clubs and tournaments a lot of fun. These included guys like Justin Ballard, Kevin Fleming, Tom O'Connor, Kent Nelson, Anton Sildmets, Mike Blankenau, and others, some of whom were state champions many times in their own right. I remember one night at the Lincoln Chess Club back at the old location in the Lincoln senior citizen's center on O street. I was watching Tom, Kevin, Justin, and Neil Reeves play bughouse very late into the night, and the way they would egg each other on and dig at each other in order to get under their opponent's skin as they made blindingly fast moves had me doubled over in laughter! Tom and Kevin were especially quick wits who always had a barb or two up their sleeves to rattle and unnerve their opponents. So in a sense, I will always be in the shadow of the folks above, as each one contributed to my chess development and enjoyment of the game."

Last year Ben won his first state title, finally coming out from the shadow of Keaton and all the rest. "Obviously it's a great feeling. The first time I won it last year, I was walking on air for weeks after. I had played in probably 10 closed previously, and had always finished behind Keaton. I think once or twice I even drew him but then faltered in one

of the other rounds, so finally finishing 1st after so many tries felt amazing. As for the 2014 tournament, I think it was a slightly weaker field with 2012 state champ Joe Knapp not participating, but it was still quite strong. I hope to repeat again next year!"

Having such a long history in Nebraska chess already, Ben has had to make the transition from rising child star - something he shares with his 2014 co-champion Joseph Wan. But unlike Joseph, Ben doesn't find his chess pursuits to be all that time consuming. "For me, it's not that difficult. Being a single guy, I don't have very many responsibilities outside of work so I can devote a significant amount of time to chess if I choose. If I had a family or a job which required a lot of hours I can imagine it would be a lot more difficult."

Ben plans on being a quite active champion as well. "I plan to play in most of the big Nebraska tournaments like the Midwest, Great Plains, and River City Roundup. I'll also be playing in the Chicago Open in May and maybe a few other national tournaments. Maybe one day I will make master, but really I am just trying to enjoy myself and my involvement in the game."

Apart from playing chess, I also very much enjoy coaching and teaching, especially younger kids. Mentoring someone and watching them improve their game and win tournaments under your instruction is a great joy for me."

Ben's interest in supporting Nebraska chess goes beyond just playing and teaching, however. "Obviously chess is most popular at the scholastic level and kids seem to love it, so that should be the starting point. Getting more kids involved through regular tournaments,

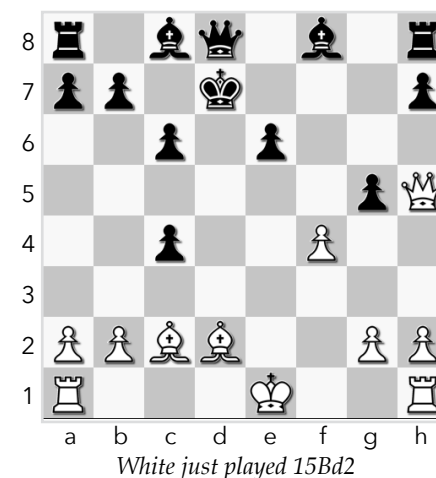
lectures (I'm available to do these pro-bono upon request), individual coaching, and the like. The focus should be on the players and giving them what they want. If that means shorter time controls, more blitz tournaments, or bughouse tournaments would attract more players, then we should do those things. Anything which would attract more people (both kids and adults) to chess should be considered.

Also, I think it's important to support organizers who contribute their personal time to organize events and contribute to chess, such as Mike Gooch, John Linscott, Kent Smotherman, Kent Nelson and a whole host of other folks who make chess tournaments, clubs, and camps possible. They are doing yeoman's work in promoting chess in Nebraska, and I really can't imagine what Nebraska chess would be like without them."

It would be hard to imagine Nebraska chess without Ben Fabrikant, as well. It would also be hard to imagine an interview with Ben that didn't include some analysis of his games. Here are some of Ben's thoughts on his games from this year's championship:

"Regarding my game against Joseph, this is a great example of how chess is not just an intellectual pursuit but also a sport. In our individual game, I made elementary blunders not once, but twice! I attribute these errors mainly to fatigue as I had two difficult games prior to playing Joseph which took almost the entire time control. It was clear that I wasn't in the best shape physically, and was unable to play at 100 % through the 12 hours a day that such a tournament usually requires. Of course Joseph also played very well and is obviously a fantastic player whom I predict will get even stronger as time goes by.

My game against Hartmann was difficult but also quite enjoyable. My opponent had obviously looked at my games prior to the tournament and had analyzed the opening variation that I play very deeply. As a result, I got what was a strategically lost position right out of the opening, and after he played 15. Bd2, my position was almost resignable.



However, I found the move 15...Qe8 which let me hang on for a few more moves and he subsequently failed to find the best continuation.

I think this game demonstrates the danger of focusing your study time solely on the opening. Had my opponent simply played a few slow developing moves which put more pressure on my position (such as 15. Bd2) I would have eventually cracked. So in the end, while he got a tremendous position out of the opening, he lacked the positional skill to finish me off."

Thanks to Joseph and Ben for sharing their insights and perspectives.



Conjunctions and Connections

an Interview with Ilmars "Elly" Didrichsons

by Kent Nelson

Prior to my career as a chess player, I was an amateur astronomer. One of the many things I learned in Astronomy was the concept of Conjunctions. A conjunction is an apparent phenomenon caused by perspective only: there is no close physical approach in space between the two objects involved.

I've always felt human relationships are a type of conjunction. It amazes me how individuals from all backgrounds and distances can somehow enter the proximity of each other resulting in connections and bonds.

An example of this started a few years ago during my research for my first book-Anton Sildmets. The Life and Games of a Nebraska Chess Icon. I came across black and white photographs of Nebraska chess players dating back to the 1950s and 60s. A very large percentage of the photographs had no identification of the players. But due to the quality of the pictures, I knew a professional was involved.

It turned out the photographer's name is Ilmars Didrichsons—"Elly" to his friends. The way I found Elly is an example of human conjunctions and a story in itself.

For starters, let me provide a little background information. I drive a van for a shuttle company called OmaLink. Most, if not all, of my driving assignments require me to take passengers from Lincoln, Nebraska and drive them to the Omaha airport, a distance of approximately 60 miles.

During one trip, I had the privilege of meeting Karl Indriksons. Mr. Indriksons is a native Latvian and I asked him if he knew Alexander Liepnicks, who also was a Latvian. Mr. Liepnicks is profiled in my book about Anton Sildmets.



Karl and Margret Indriksons



Alexander Liepnicks was born in Riga, Latvia, and relocating in Lincoln, Alex was a three-time Nebraska State Champion winning the titles in 1955, 1957 and 1961. He was a fifteen-time Lincoln City Champion and a rated chess Expert all his life. Alex was a very strong positional and tactical player. He passed away in 1973.

As it turned out, Mr. Indriksons knew Mr. Liepnicks. We enjoyed a very nice conversation about Alex during the shuttle ride to the Omaha airport. I later sent Mr. Indriksons a copy of the Sildmets book.

During the spring of 2013, thanks to IMs John Watson and John Donaldson, I procured more black and white photos of chess players to add to my existing collection. I wrote to Mr. Indriksons with the following request:

"I do have a request however. I've recently procured dozens of black and white photographs of Lincoln chess players from the 1950s and 60s. However most of the pictures are not identified.

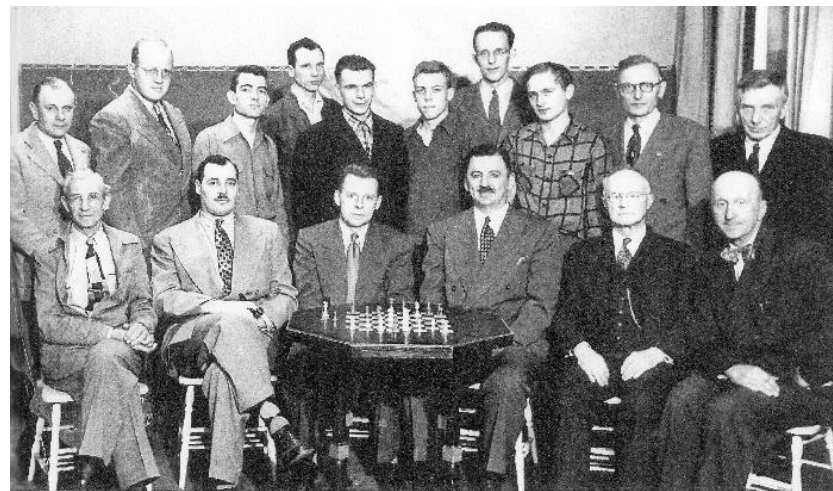
I was wondering if you could give me a name or names of individuals who might be able to help me identify the players in the photos.

Most, if not all the players were from the Baltic States I suspect. I have been able to identify some of the players using the group picture below. Any help on this project would be sincerely appreciated Mr. Indriksons..."

Mr. Indriksons came through for me. He called and invited me to attend a festival at the local Latvian Church to meet the Church elders and show them the photographs.

I was unable to attend due to a work obligation, but I made arrangements with Ben Fabrikant to attend the festival in my stead. Ben is a perfect fit, his parents are Latvian and he knows how to push a pawn or two.

2013 Nebraska State Closed Champion Ben attended the Church festival and afterwards he contacted me with very good news. Mr. Didrichsons, the man



Lincoln Chess Team Tops Omaha-Members of the Lincoln Chess Team, victors over Omaha in a recent match are (seated, from left): W. Sabin; P. Wood; Alexander Liepnicks; B. Frank Watson, club president; E. Hinman; and V. Rajnoha; (standing from left) J. Sobolevski; S. Reeder; J. Warner; J. Dannfields; A. Sildmets; P. Finley; O. Stauers; B. Schwabauers; E. Adminis and R. Kalnins. Not pictured are V. Pupols and A. Freibergs. (Staff Photo.) (Year 1952) Research done by Bob Woodworth, NSCA Historical Archivist.



2014/2014 State Champ Ben Fabrikant

behind the pictures, was alive and well and living in Lincoln. Shortly thereafter, Mr. Indriksons called to inform me that Mr. Didrichsons had a telephone land line and his number was in the phone book. And as fortune would have it, Mr. Didrichsons resides just a mile away from my home. I felt the heavens were in perfect alignment. (Conjunction!).

I wrote a letter to Mr. Didrichsons with a request to meet him. He kindly replied by phone and we arranged a get together at his residence.



Ilmar "Elly" Didrichsons

I was very impressed with this very kind, soft spoken man in his upper eighties.

He made me feel welcome in his home and he is a very nice conversationalist. From the box of photos I brought, he knew instantly what pictures were taken by him and what photos were taken by others. Mr. Didrichsons knew his countrymen in the photos and was very helpful in identifying several pictures that had been unknown.

Mr. Didrichsons gave me fifty black and white photos of chess players that have never been published. The pictures would likely have been tossed out by his family upon his death and he understood I would appreciate having them. He was correct as I was thunderstruck. He said he heard about me and my desire to preserve and identify the pictures. It surprised me to learn my sphere of influence had reached him.

The pictures were taken during two Nebraska tournaments in the 1960s. In 1967, Nebraska held an invitation only Centennial Tournament that included attendance of the top organizers of the U.S. and Nebraska chess at that time. Another set of photos were taken during the 1969 U.S. Open in Lincoln.

All the pictures were 8 x10 and are crisp and clear—so much so that the name tags of the players are readable and thus identifiable.

Mr. Didrichsons granted me an interview. He told me he was born in Riga, Latvia. His father was an officer in the military. Mr. Didrichsons had one older sister that recently passed away. He lived in a part of Riga close to a lake on the northeast part of the city called Forrest Park. He learned to sail on frozen and liquid water, an activity he enjoyed all his life. The location of his childhood home had one problem. It wasn't near a school. The closest school was a mile away, through tough industrial neighborhoods, located

southeast of his residence. The way to school required him to choose between 2 paths. One path was longer but more established (that included street cars routes) and the other path took him thru farmer fields, pastures and cemeteries. When asked what route he took to school, Mr. Didrichsons mentioned he took the shorter path. In addition to walking, he would often ski or skate to school depending on the weather and street conditions.

Mr. Didrichsons attended a high school with a class of 46 male students. The school was divided with the girls attending 2 classes and the boys attending 1 class. The two groups were not allowed to mix. Attending high school also required making payments to the school.

Mr. Didrichsons served as the class coordinator. He kept track of all his class mates for decades. Sadly, it appears all of Mr. Didrichsons class mates have passed on. Mr. Didrichsons is the only one left. At an early age, Mr. Didrichsons displayed good business acumen. He told me during his childhood he would negotiate with neighbors before the winter season to remove snow off the sidewalks and roofs. The arrangement was a seasonal contact with a onetime upfront payment in return for Mr. Didrichsons seasonal services. In the event of a mild winter, Mr. Didrichsons would make out very well and he often did.

Mr. Didrichsons interest in photography started in his teen years. At the start of his career, he shared equipment and resources with other photographers. With this peer group; Mr. Didrichson learned the value of keeping promises and following through on commitments. Mr. Didrichsons took action pictures

from sporting activities such as hockey and skiing. His pictures were published at a local newspaper and demand for his photographs increased. However, there was a problem. The newspaper didn't know he was a minor and when the payments for his photos reached the \$50.00 limit, he wasn't able to collect his paycheck because of his age. However, his father was able to collect on his son's behalf.

With all individuals I've encountered that make up the "Greatest Generation" the gravity of World War II and the Great Depression in the United States had a profound and adverse impact on them. Unfortunately, Mr. Didrichsons was not spared from these terrible circumstances. Mr. Didrichsons displayed a world map. He explained that prior to World War II; tensions were high internationally due to the strong desires from Russia, Germany and other European countries to control the Baltic Sea ports. The harbors were important for trade commerce and logistics. Whoever controlled these ports would have a significant military advantage.



1939 Photo of Ilmar "Elly" Didrichsons

Mr. Didrichsons told me the Soviet Union occupied Latvia during his childhood. When the Nazis invaded the Baltic States and drove out the Soviets out of Latvia, the Germans were seen as liberators. That quickly changed and conditions became very difficult. When the Germans were forced out from Latvia by the returning Soviet army, Mr. Didrichsons remembered what the Soviet occupation was like and decided to sign up for military service. He was joined by his high school classmates. 15 returned home after the war.

Mr. Didrichsons served in the infantry. His military service was a long one, from 1939 to 1945. When the Germans drove out the Soviets, Latvian men expressed a strong desire to join the German army. According to Mr. Didrichsons, Germany declined the Latvians offer, saying they wanted men "that can fight". When the Soviets started driving out the Germans, the Germans reconsidered their position and wanted Latvian men to enlist. Mr. Didrichsons and his friends declined their offer.

Instead, Mr. Didrichsons, along with his high school buddies, joined forces with Latvian Legionnaire and Partisan groups. He had training in a military instructor's school. He did see active duty and traveled all over the world and experienced firsthand the horrors of war. During our third visit, Mr. Didrichsons mentioned he read my earlier draft and said "You write very formally". He asked me to call him "Elly" from now on. I was very touched by this.

I asked Elly if he played chess. He said he does but prefers outdoor activities when the weather is nice. Elly mentioned he was a prison guard during the Nuremberg war trials. He played chess with an inmate that was sentenced to life

in prison for war crimes.

Elly followed his older sister to the United States who had emigrated to the U.S. three months before him. His plan was to return to Latvia after a few months, however conditions in his native county made this untenable. As a result, Elly had to start a new life in Lincoln, Nebraska. After relocating, it wasn't easy for him. He worked an outdoor job for 5 years, braving sub-zero temperatures for long shifts during Nebraska winters. He took on extra jobs working at a full service gas station where he learned everything he could about auto mechanics. And of course, there was the formidable task of learning the English language and adapting to the customs in the United States. Despite the heavy workloads, Elly made the time to attend college at night.

Elly's educational and working career is very impressive. He earned a bachelor's degree in civil engineering and later became a structural engineer by trade. After earning a scholarship, he earned another bachelor's degree in geology. During his schooling, he made ends meet by photography. He was a busy man, working 60 hour work weeks in addition to being a full time student.

During his professional career spanning decades, Elly worked at the Nebraska Department of Roads as a bridge designer. He knew my late father, Fred B. Nelson, who also worked at the Department of Roads. Elly and my father had many conversations about the bridges he designed. Most of the bridges were part of the newly commissioned 1-80 Interstate system. When asked how long it took to design a bridge, Elly mentioned it depended on a number of factors but design times would vary from months to years. Working

conditions were a challenge also. During the hot Nebraska summers, he had to "roll down his selves" to avoid making smudge marks while working at the building without air conditioning.

Elly is a family man, he has three children, two boys and one girl. One boy and the girl turned out to be twins. When I asked if he and his wife were expecting twins, Elly replied with an emphatic "No, it was total surprise and not expected at all".

Elly continues to live a very active lifestyle involved in gardening and landscaping. He walks daily and credits physical activity as a major factor in staying healthy. He also likes to fish (as I do).



Elly in Minnesota

Elly had a question for me toward the end of one interview. He inquired about the oldest chess newsletter I had in my possession. I was a little taken aback by the question and I fumbled a bit before saying I had one from the 1960s.

Elly stood up, walked over to a desk drawer and opened it. He presented a chess newsletter dated August 1964 written in his native Latvian. He turned the pages and stopped at a picture of a

beautiful young woman. Elly stated that this lady was the most organized and people-friendly secretary he ever had the opportunity to work with and she is Alex Liepnieks, daughter Ruta.

On a hand-written piece of paper was an address and telephone number for Ruta Liepnieks that he handed me.

I immediately thought how ironic—all this started with a conversation about Alex Liepnieks, beginning with Mr. Indriksons (on the shuttle) resulting in a path to meet Elly with connection information about Liepnieks's daughter, Ruta.

I'm thankful to Elly for all he has done for me and Nebraska chess and I look forward to another connection with the daughter of Lincoln's greatest chess player, Alex Liepnieks. I'm counting my lucky stars.



Ilmar "Elly" Didrichsons (3rd from right) in a Latvian Fraternity Ceremony held in Lincoln.

Special thanks to Gary Colvin for his article editorship. My thanks to Ben Fabrikant and Karl Indriksons for helping me meet Mr. Didrichsons and of course many thanks to Elly for his kindness in allowing me to interview him.



TOURNAMENT RESULTS

UNO - January RBO

U1200

1	Shashank Potineni 1078-1182	4	W9	W2	W3	W8	U
2	Nicholas Paul Lacroix 898P11-972P16	3.5	W11	L1	W12	W3	D4
3	Benjamin Lyons 1135-1101	3	W12	W4	L1	L2	W6
4	Edwin Lawrence Schooler Iii 864P6-914P11	3	W5	L3	W7	D6	D2
5	John Stobbe Jr Unrated-803P5	3	L4	W11	L6	W10	W8
6	Adam Erickson 672P3-785P8	2.5	L8	W10	W5	D4	L3
7	Eylon Caplan 642-761	2.5	W10	W8	L4	H	U
8	Marshall Ku'uKu'U Momi M Biven 916P25-870	2	W6	L7	W9	L1	L5
9	John Franklin Bishop Unrated-657P5	2	L1	W12	L8	W11	L10
10	Aditya Telikicherla Unrated-633P5	2	L7	L6	W11	L5	W9
11	Eric Austin Mears 519P3-417P7	1	L2	L5	L10	L9	B
12	Matthew Wesley Rowe 780P7-703P10	0	L3	L9	L2	U	U

U800

1	Nevin Claude Sekar 660-729	4	W11	W6	L2	W4	W8
2	Jacey Tran 657-695	3.5	W9	L4	W1	W5	D3
3	Danny Le 490P18-634P23	3.5	L4	W9	W6	W8	D2
4	Theodore Nguyen 425P3-613P8	3	W3	W2	W8	L1	L5
5	Andrew Mcfayden 643P4-591P9	3	W12	L8	W10	L2	W4
6	Jonathan Helmberger 512P5-537P10	3	W10	L1	L3	W7	W11
7	David James Simon 417P4-444P9	3	L8	W12	W11	L6	W9
8	Cole Sater 716-648	2	W7	W5	L4	L3	L1
9	Alex T Hack 346P12-347P17	2	L2	L3	W12	W10	L7
10	Sanjay Rajjan 101P3-224P8	2	L6	W11	L5	L9	W12
11	Kevin N Lloyd 388P17-310P22	1	L1	L10	L7	W12	L6
12	Abram Warren Nelson 341P5-166P10	0	L5	L7	L9	L11	L10

TOURNAMENT RESULTS

UNO - January RBO

Group A

1	John R Hartmann 1728-1720	2	L2	W3	W5
2	Abhinav Suresh 1527-1571	2	W1	W4	L3
3	Alexander Drake Mcfayden 1446-1522	2	W6	L1	W2
4	Keith Prosterman 1526-1529	1.5	W5	L2	D6
5	Ian Vaughn Koeppe 1567P12-1543P15	1	L4	W6	L1
6	Mick Anzalone 1549-1506	0.5	L3	L5	D4

Group B

1	Aidan Donald Nelson 1309-1365	2.5	W4	D2	W3
2	Don J Dostal 1342-1328	1.5	L3	D1	W4
3	Terry Hack 1245-1231	1	W2	L4	L1
4	John Ross Bagley 1221P7-1207P10	1	L1	W3	L2

UNO - February RBO

U1800

1	Khoa Nguyen 868P9-888P14	4	L2	W12	W7	W3	W5
2	Danny Le 777-834	3.5	W1	W5	D3	W6	L4
3	Jacey Tran 766-767	3.5	W11	W10	D2	L1	W8
4	Theodore Nguyen 613P8-687P13	3.5	W6	D7	L5	W9	W2
5	Nevin Claude Sekar 729-745	3	W9	L2	W4	W7	L1
6	Shruthi Kumar Unrated-614P5	3	L4	W8	W9	L2	W10
7	Cole Sater 648-639	2.5	W8	D4	L1	L5	W11
8	Santosh Kota 493-469	2	L7	L6	W10	W11	L3
9	David James Simon 444P9-429P14	2	L5	W11	L6	L4	W12
10	Sanjay Rajjan 267P12-257P16	2	B	L3	L8	W12	L6
11	Emily Vaiz 341P4-275P9	1	L3	L9	W12	L8	L7
12	Gnanasekar Arputhaswamy Unrated-101P4	0	U	L1	L11	L10	L9

Group A					
1	Jason Selvaraj 1437-1443	2.5	W6	D2	W4
2	Don J Dostal 1328-1337	2	W5	D1	D3
3	Dr Vimalkumar Veerappan Kandasamy Unrated-1168P3	1.5	L4	W5	D2
4	John Stobbe Jr 803P5-962P8	1.5	W3	D6	L1
5	John Ross Bagley 1207P10-1179P13	1	L2	L3	W6
6	Gary Brown 1268-1209	0.5	L1	D4	L5

UNO - March RBO

U1200						
1	Benjamin Lyons 1184-1205	3.5	W6	D2	W5	W4
2	Khoa Nguyen 888P14-1057P18	3.5	W8	D1	W4	W5
3	Adam Erickson 796P13-843P17	2.5	L4	W7	D6	W8
4	Shashank Potineni 1182-1116	1.5	W3	D5	L2	L1
5	Philip Hanigan 796P24-837	1.5	W7	D4	L1	L2
6	Edwin Lawrence Schooler Iii 819P16-799P20	1.5	L1	W8	D3	L7
7	Danny Le 834-764	1	L5	L3	L8	W6
8	David Tines Unrated-672P4	1	L2	L6	W7	L3

U800						
1	Jacey Tran 767-848	4.5	W5	D2	W3	W2
2	Tyler Richardson Unrated-760P5	3.5	W6	D1	W4	L1
3	Joey Gollobit 101P4-365P9	2.5	W4	W6	L1	D5
4	Cole Sater 639-583	2	L3	W5	L2	W6
5	Sanjay Rajjan 436P23-396	1.5	L1	L4	W6	D3
6	Patrick Hafner 503P5-385P10	1	L2	L3	L5	L4

Group A					
1	Nicholas Paul Lacroix 1028P21-1213P24	2.5	W3	D2	W4
2	Don J Dostal 1349-1352	2	D4	D1	W3
3	John Ward 1492P6-1363P9	1	L1	W4	L2
4	John Ross Bagley 1168P16-1145P19	0.5	D2	L3	L1

TOURNAMENT RESULTS

Spence 2nd Quad

Group A					
1	Abhinav Suresh 1655-1764	3	W3	W4	W2
2	John W Stepp 1705-1729	2	W4	W3	L1
3	John R Hartmann 1716-1702	1	L1	L2	W4
4	Steven Joseph Cusumano 1801P21-1741P24	0	L2	L1	L3

Group B					
1	Caravaggio Dante Caniglia 1589-1578	2	W3	W5	L2
2	Thomas Richard Freed Iii 1432-1457	2	D6	D4	W1
3	Arnold Schulze 1290-1351	2	L1	W6	W5
4	Mick Anzalone 1506-1481	1.5	L5	D2	W6
5	Don J Dostal 1352-1350	1	W4	L1	L3
6	Richard Gruber Iii 1268-1251	0.5	D2	L3	L4

Spence 4th Blitz

Group A						
1	Abhinav Suresh 1756-1790	3.5	D11	W9	W2	W6
2	Tony Dutiel 1896-1904	3	W6	W5	L1	W3
3	John R Hartmann 1755-1754	2.5	D10	W11	W5	L2
4	Matthew Tamillo Buckley 1618-1622	2.5	L5	W10	H	W9
5	Joseph Fitzpatrick 1836-1813	2	W4	L2	L3	W10
6	Caravaggio Dante Caniglia 1673-1667	2	L2	W7	W11	L1
7	Thomas Richard Freed Iii 1368-1388	1.5	L8	L6	D9	W11
8	Steven Joseph Cusumano 1765-1769	1	W7	U	U	U
9	Mitch Hezel 1439-1420	1	H	L1	D7	L4
10	Richard Gruber Iii 1205-1223	1	D3	L4	H	L5
11	Mick Anzalone 1489-1460	0.5	D1	L3	L6	L7

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Spence January Swiss

Open

1	Abhinav Suresh 1571-1637	3	W9	D4	D2	W8
2	Tony Dutiel 1877-1865	2.5	H	W8	D1	D4
3	John G Linscott 1871-1850	2.5	D8	W6	D4	D5
4	John R Hartmann 1720-1733	2.5	W7	D1	D3	D2
5	John W Stepp 1740-1720	2.5	L6	W10	W7	D3
6	Thomas Richard Freed Iii 1378P22-1432	2	W5	L3	L8	W9
7	Jonathan James Reigenborn 1351-1360	2	L4	W9	L5	W10
8	Caravaggio Dante Caniglia 1485-1503	1.5	D3	L2	W6	L1
9	Richard Gruber Iii 1305-1268	1	L1	L7	W10	L6
10	Eylon Caplan 761-755	0.5	H	L5	L9	L7

Spence February RBO

U800

1	Cole Sater 632-707	4	B	W2	W4	W6
2	Tyler Richardson Unrated-522P3	3	W5	L1	W6	B
3	Aditya Telikicherla 637P5-637P7	2.5	W6	W5	H	U
4	Lachlan O'keefO'Keef Unrated-470P2	1	U	U	L1	W5
5	Emily Vaiz 276P9-234P12	1	L2	L3	B	L4
6	Sanjay Rajjan 256P16-230P19	1	L3	B	L2	L1

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Spence February G/24

Open

1	Tony Dutiel 1786-1806	5.5	W3	W4	W2	D6	W5	W10
2	John W Stepp 1716-1728	4.5	W11	W9	L1	W8	W6	D4
3	Caravaggio Dante Caniglia 1443-1506	4	L1	D7	W11	D4	W9	W6
4	John R Hartmann 1589-1587	3.5	W7	L1	D6	D3	X	D2
5	Richard Gruber Iii 1381-1398	3.5	L8	D11	W9	W7	L1	B
6	Abhinav Suresh 1529-1550	3	W10	W8	D4	D1	L2	L3
7	Thomas Richard Freed Iii 1310P16-1312P21	3	L4	D3	B	L5	D10	W9
8	Steven Joseph Cusumano 1779P17-1732P21	2	W5	L6	W10	L2	F	U
9	Arnold Schulze 1246P18-1228P23	2	B	L2	L5	W10	L3	L7
10	Don J Dostal 1306-1266	1.5	L6	B	L8	L9	D7	L1
11	Dan H Wolk 1350-1335	0.5	L2	D5	L3	U	U	U

Filler

1	Don J Dostal 1266-1267	1	U	W4
2	Arnold Schulze 1228P23-1231P24	1	W3	U
3	Cole Sater 707-703	0	L2	U
4	Sanjay Rajjan 230P19-229P20	0	U	L1



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Group A

1	John R Hartmann 1715-1755	2.5	W4	D2	W3
2	Jerry Slominski 1847-1850	2	W6	D1	H
3	Ian Vaughn Koeppe 1543P15-1620P18	2	W9	W8	L1
4	Joshua A Carini 1547P13-1573P15	2	L1	B	W5
5	Carlos McCrimon 1730-1708	1.5	H	W7	L4
6	Matthew Tamillo Buckley 1602-1618	1.5	L2	W9	H
7	Don J Dostal 1352-1364	1.5	D8	L5	B
8	Douglas Meux 1700-1700	1	D7	L3	H
9	John W Stepp 1711-1700	0.5	L3	L6	H

Group B

1	Arnold Schulze 1350-1356	3	W5	W6	X
2	Christopher Micheal Mathiesen Unrated-1354P3	2	W3	L4	W7
3	Gary Brown 1209-1224	2	L2	W7	W6
4	John Ross Bagley 1145P19-1189P21	2	W8	W2	F
5	Gary C Slominski 916P7-916P9	1.5	L1	W8	H
6	Tyler Richardson 760P9-753P11	1	B	L1	L3
7	Tony Benetz 1293-1242	0.5	H	L3	L2
8	Sara Johnson Unrated-554P2	0.5	L4	L5	H

Group C

1	Carlos McCrimon 1708-1709	1	W4
2	Don J Dostal 1364-1363	0.5	D3
3	Arnold Schulze 1356-1357	0.5	D2
4	Tyler Richardson 753P11-752P12	0	L1

In the Next Issue of *The Gambit*

Nebraska Chess Hall of Fame with player bios and games, including the latest inductee, Wayne Pressnall of North Platte. Yes, there is chess outside of Omaha and Lincoln!



Abhinav Suresh is Nebraska High School Champion

by Kent Smotherman

Abhinav Suresh has had a remarkable last couple of years - his USCF rating has gone from 1057 to 1790. Abhinav is a student at Brownell-Talbot, which has produced a long line of fine players including Paul Rohwer and IM John Watson. He was kind enough to send us three of his recent games, complete with annotations. Notes not in italics are Abhinav's.

Hafner/1369-Suresh/1764

Nebraska Individual High School Championship

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e5 3.d5

Much more common is dxe5.

3...Bc5 4.Nc3 d6 5.e4 h6 6.h3 c6 7.Nf3 cxd5 8.cxd5 O-O 9.Bd3 Ne8

White's center is beginning to annoy black, so f5 is a helpful pawn break

10.Qc2 Na6 11.a3 Bd7 12.O-O Nac7 13.b4 Bb6 14.Be3 Bxe3 15.fxe3 g6

Repositioning the knight on g7 is quite helpful for the idea of f5.

16.Qf2 Ng7 17.Nh4 Qe7 (17...Rc8 18.Rac1 Na8) 18.Rac1 Rfc8

Wrong rook. I still need this rook for f5

(18...Rac8 19.Nf3 Nh5 20.Rfd1 f5)

19.Nf3 a5 20.b5 a4

The pawn on b5 is a permanent

weakness as it cannot be defended by any other pawn

(20...Rab8 21.Nd2 b6)

21.Rb1 Ra5

{ +2.02/25 } (21...Nce8 { +0.64/23 } 22.Rfc1 Rc7 23.Ne2 Rac8 24.Rxc7 Rxc7 25.Rb4 f5 26.exf5 gxf5 27.Nd2 Nf6 28.Bc4 Qd8 29.Rxa4 Rc8 30.Nc3 Qb6 31.g3 Ngh5 32.Kg2 Kg7)

22.Rfc1

{ 0.00/30 } (22.Nd2 { +2.02/25 } 22...Nce8 23.Nc4 Raa8 24.Qb2 Qg5 25.Rf3 Rc7 26.Qb4 Rac8 27.Nxa4 Nf5 28.exf5)

22...Nxb5 23.Nxb5 Rxc1+ 24.Rxc1 Bxb5 25.Qe2

{ -1.05/28 } (25.Rc8+ { 0.00/27 } 25...Kh7 26.Bxb5 Rxb5 27.Qc2 Nh5 28.Rc7 Qe8 29.Rc8 Qe7)

25...Qd7 26.Rb1 Bxd3 27.Qxd3 Qc7 28.Ne1

{ -2.62/26 } (28.Rb4 { -1.49/26 } 28...Rc5 29.Rxa4 Nh5 30.Nd2 Rc1+ 31.Kh2 Nf6 32.Rb4 Rc3 33.Qb5 Rxe3 34.Qxb7 Qxb7 35.Rxb7 Nxe4 36.Nxe4 Rxe4 37.Rb6 Rd4 38.Rxd6 Kf8 39.Kg3 Ke7 40.Rb6 Rxd5)

28...Rc5 29.Qd1 Rc4

(29...Rc3) 30.Rb4 { -6.54/24 } (30.Qd3 { -2.62/24 } 30...Rc3 31.Rxb7 Qc5 32.Rb5 Rxd3 33.Rxc5 Rxe3 34.Kf2 Rxa3 35.Rc8+ Kh7 36.Rc7 f5 37.exf5 gxf5 38.Rd7 f4

39.Rxd6 e4 40.Nc2 Rd3 41.Ke2 Nf5 42.Ra6 Rxd5 43.Rxa4 Kg7 44.Rc4 Kf6)

30...Rxb4 31.axb4 b5

{ -3.67/30 } (31...Qc3 { -6.46/23 } 32.Kf2 Qxb4 33.Qc2 Nh5 34.Nf3 Nf6 35.Nd2 Qxd2+ 36.Qxd2 Nxe4+ 37.Ke2 Nxd2 38.Kxd2 e4 39.Kc3 Kg7 40.Kb4 b5 41.Ka3 Kf6 42.Kb4 Ke5 43.Ka3 Kxd5 44.Kb4 h5 45.g3)

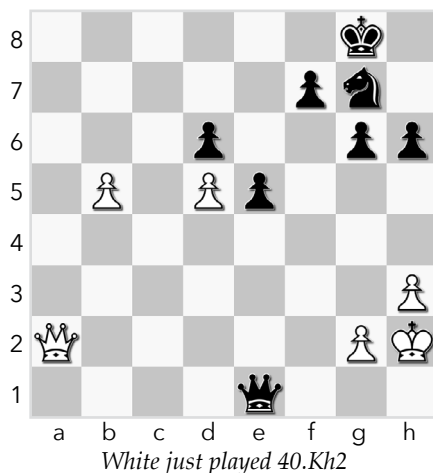
32.Qc2 Qa7 33.Qc6

{ -15.76/26 } (33.Kf2 { -3.35/25 } 33...Nh5 34.Kf3 Kg7 35.g3 Nf6 36.g4 a3 37.Qa2 Qd7 38.Kg2 Qc8 39.Qxa3 Qc4 40.Qd3 Qxb4 41.Nc2 Qxe4+ 42.Qxe4 Nxe4 43.Kf3 Ng5+ 44.Kg2 f5 45.gxf5 gxf5 46.Nb4 Ne4 47.Kf3 Nc3 48.Kg3 Kf6 49.Kf3 e4+ 50.Kg2 Ke5)

33...Qxe3+ 34.Kf1 Qxe4

34...Nh5 is better, and this motif ended up coming anyway - it is actually how I won the game, but the move here is infinitely better.

35.Qxb5 a3 36.Qa5 Qc4+ 37.Kg1 Qc1 38.b5 a2 39.Qxa2 Qxe1+ 40.Kh2



40...Qc3?

This could have thrown the win away, although the needed play by white is far from easy to spot.

{ 0.00/37 } (40...Qb4) (40...Nf5 { -9.93/25 } 41.b6 Qb4 42.Qf2 Nd4 43.h4 Qxb6 44.h5 gxf5 45.Qe3 Kg7 46.Qg3+ Kh7 47.Qh4 Qa5 48.Qxh5 Qxd5 49.Qh4 Qe6 50.Qe4+ f5 51.Qd3 Kg7 52.Qg3+ Qg6 53.Qa3 f4 54.Qa7+ Qf7 55.Qa8 d5 56.Kg1 Qd7 57.Kf2 Qb5 58.Qa2 Qc5)

41.b6 Qb4

The rest of this game was unfortunately not recorded. 0-1

Suresh/1637-Li/1776

Nebraska Team Championship

1.d4 d5 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.Bf4

At this time I was playing the London System

3...Bf5 4.Nbd2 e6 5.e3 Bd6 6.Bg3 O-O 7.c3 Nc6 8.Nh4 Bg6

(8...Bg4 9.Nhf3)

9.Nxg6 hxg6

On 9...fxg6 The e6 pawn would be weak, but the open f-file gives compensation.

10.f4 Nh7 11.h4

Completely common idea, of course, to break down the h-file.

11...Nf6 12.Bd3 Ne7 13.Qe2 Nf5 14.Bf2 c5 15.g4



cxd4

An extremely bold sacrifice by Brandon, and as Stockfish points out, completely correct. Black can't simply wait for white's pawns and kingside might to roll him over.

16.cxd4

Seeing ahead, I saw that black's counterplay on the queenside against my uncastled king was very real and quite sufficient for the knight.

16.gxf5 dxc3 17.bxc3 exf5 This is the critical variation, and even with his extra piece, it is unclear how white should proceed.

16...Nxd4

Brandon goes for it anyway!

17.exd4 Bxf4 18.g5

On 18.O-O-O White's king will be completely safe on b1 eventually.

18...Nh5 19.Be3

{ 0.00/22 } (19.O-O-O { +1.45/23 } 19...a5 20.Kb1 a4 21.Nf3 a3 22.Ne5 Bxe5 23.Qxe5 axb2 24.Qe2 Qd6 25.Qxb2 Ra4 26.Be1 Rfa8 27.Rh2 Qf4 28.Bb5 Qe4+ 29.Ka1 R4a7 30.Qg2 Nf4 31.Qxe4 dxe4 32.Rf2 Nd5)

19...Qc7 20.Qf3 Bxe3 21.Qxe3 Nf4 22.O-O

White can now castle quite safely.

22...Nxd3 23.Qxd3 Rac8 24.Rac1 Qxc1

Once again, Brandon correctly judges the material imbalance and realized the fully open c-file will allow his rooks to be quite active indeed.

25.Rxc1 Rxc1+ 26.Kg2 Rfc8 27.Kg3 R1c2 28.Nf3 Rxb2 29.Qa3 Rcc2

{ +1.73/26 } (29...Rbc2 { 0.00/26 } 30.Qxa7 R8c3 31.Qb8+ Kh7 32.Qf8 Re2 33.h5 Ree3 34.h6 Rxf3+ 35.Kg2 gxf6 36.gxf6 Rg3+ 37.Kf2 Rgf3+ 38.Kg2)

30.Qxa7

{ -0.16/25 } (30.Qe7) (30.Qe7 { +1.73/26 } 30...Rg2+ 31.Kh3 Rbf2 32.Qe8+ Kh7 33.Qd7 b5 34.Qxa7 b4 35.h5 gxf5 36.Qxf7 Rh2+ 37.Kg3 Rfg2+ 38.Kf4 Rh3 39.g6+ Rxg6 40.Ng5+ Kh6 41.Qxg6+ Kxg6 42.Nxh3 Kf6 43.Ng5 Ke7 44.Ke5 h4 45.Kf4 Kf6 46.Nf3 h3 47.Kg4 g6 48.Kxh3 Kf5 49.Ne5 Ke4 50.Nc6 Kf3 51.Nxb4 g5 52.Nc2 g4+ 53.Kh4 g3 54.Ne1+ Kf2 55.a4 Kxe1 56.Kxg3)

30...Rg2+ 31.Kf4 Rbe2

Re4 is incidentally mate on the next move. My king has pawns and pieces around him, and is none the safer for it.

32.Ne5 (32.Qa8+ Kh7 33.Ne5 Rxa2 34.Qf8

32...Rgf2+ 33.Nf3 Rxa2 34.Qxb7

White, now completely losing, must fight for his life.

{ -6.86/12 } (34.Qb8+ { 0.00/27 } 34... Kh7 35.Qf8 Rf1 36.h5 gxh5 37.Qxf7 Raf2 38.Qxh5+ Kg8 39.Qe8+ Kh7 40.g6+ Kh6 41.Qh8+ Kxg6 42.Qe8+ Kh7 43.Qh5+ Kg8 44.Qe8+ Kh7)

34...Ra3 35.Ke5 Raxf3 36.Qc8+ Kh7 37.Kd6 Rf5 38.Ke7 R2f4 39.Kd6 Rxh4 40.Qc1 Rh5 41.Qd2 Rfxg5 42.Qe3

The rest of this game was not recorded. White was able to luckily escape with a perpetual check when I had under a minute, with Brandon having under 10 seconds. I commend Brandon for playing an absolutely excellent game, full of twists and turns that kept me guessing until the very end. 1/2-1/2

Keating/2159-Suresh/1766

Midwest Open, notes are by Keating.

1.e4 Nc6 2.Nf3 f5 3.exf5 d5 4.d4 Bxf5 5.Bb5 Nf6 6.Ne5 Qd6 7.Nc3 Nd7 8.Nxc6 bxc6 9.Bd3 Qg6 10.Bxf5 Qxf5 11.O-O e6

White should be better but proceeds carelessly.

12.Qe2 Bd6 13.Be3

13.Re1 was much better for White than the game continuation: 13...Kf7 14.Qa6

13...O-O 14.Rac1

{ -1.21/24 } (14.f4) (14.f4 { -0.16/22 } 14... Nf6 15.Na4 Qg4 16.Qxg4 Nxg4 17.Bd2 Nf6 18.g3 Ne4 19.Be3 Rab8 20.Rae1 Kf7 21.Kg2 Ke7 22.h3 Kd7 23.a3 Be7)

14...e5 15.dxe5

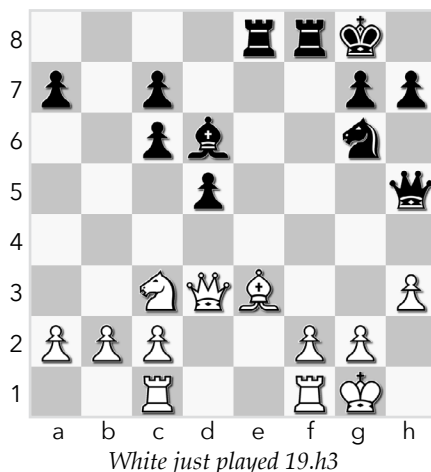
Inviting more Black attackers to the White king.

-2.34/23 } (15.Rcd1 { -1.29/22 } 15...Rae8 16.Qd3 Qf7 17.f4 exf4 18.Bd2 Qh5 19.Rf3 g5 20.Rdf1 g4 21.Rxf4 Bxf4 22.Bxf4 Qf5 23.Qxf5 Rxf5 24.Bxc7 Rxf1+ 25.Kxf1 Kf7 26.Kf2 Kf6 27.Bf4 Kf5 28.g3 Nf6)

15...Nxe5 16.Bd4 Ng6 17.Be3 Rae8 18.Qd3

{ -6.18/27 } (18.Rce1) (18.Rce1 { -2.66/23 } 18...Nh4 19.f4 Qg6 20.Qf2 Rxe3 21.Qxh4 Rxe1 22.Qxe1 Qxc2 23.Qe6+ Kh8 24.Qe2 Qxe2 25.Nxe2 Bc5+ 26.Kh1 Rb8 27.Rb1 Kg8 28.g3 Kf7 29.Nc1 Bd6 30.Kg2 c5 31.Nb3 c4 32.Nd2 Kf6)

18...Qh5 19.h3



Nh4

(19...Rf3 { -7.57/25 } 20.Nb5 cxb5 21.gxf3 Qxh3 22.Qxd5+ Kh8 23.f4 Nh4 24.Bxa7 Bxf4 25.Rfe1 Bh2+ 26.Kh1 Be5+ 27.Kg1)

20.Ne2

{ -9.05/23 } (20.f4 { -1.05/23 } 20...Qh6 21.Rce1 Nf5 22.Bd2 Rxe1 23.Bxe1 Bxf4 24.Ne2 Be3+ 25.Kh2 Qd6+ 26.Kh1 Qe6 27.g4 Nd6 28.Rxf8+ Kxf8 29.Qxh7 Bc1 30.Qd3 Bxb2 31.Bf2 a6 32.Kg2 Nc4 33.Nd4 Bxd4 34.Bxd4 Kg8 35.Kf2 Qd6 36.Kg2 c5 37.Bc3 Qc6 38.Kg3 g5)

20...Nxg2 21.Kxg2 Qf3+ 22.Kg1 Qxh3 23.Nf4

{ -8.16/25 } (23.Bf4 Qg4+ 24.Qg3 Qxe2 { Black should still win but must find the way. } 25.Bxd6 cxd6) (23.Bf4 { -4.32/14 } 23...Qg4+ 24.Qg3 Qxe2 25.Bxd6 cxd6 26.f4 Re3 27.Qg2 Qb5 28.Qf2 Re2 29.Qd4 Re4 30.c4 Qb7 31.Qd2 Qb6+ 32.Kg2 dxc4 33.Kh2)

23...Bxf4

{ -1.41/12 } (23...Qh4 24.Rfe1 Re4 25.Nh3 Qxh3 { Patience was the key! } 26.Bf4 Qg4+ 27.Bg3 Rf3 28.Rxe4 dxe4 29.Qc4+ Kh8 30.Qxc6 h5 31.Re1 Rxc3+ 32.fxc3 Qxc3+ 33.Kf1 Qf3+ 34.Kg1 Qg4+ 35.Kf1 Qf4+ 36.Kg1 Qh2+ 37.Kf1 Qh1+ 38.Kf2 e3+) (23...Qh4 { -8.16/25 } 24.Rfe1 Re4 25.Nh3 Qxh3 26.Bf4 Qxd3 27.cxd3 Rxf4 28.Rc2 Rf3 29.Rd1 c5 30.Re2 R3f4 31.Rde1 g5 32.Kg2 Kg7 33.Rh1 c4 34.dxc4 Rg4+ 35.Kf1 Rxc4 36.Rh3 Rc1+ 37.Kg2 Rd1 38.Rf3 Rg1+ 39.Kxg1) 24.Bxf4 Qxd3 25.cxd3 Rxf4 26.Rxc6 Rg4+ 27.Kh2 Re5

24.Rfe1 Re4 25.Nh3 Qxh3 26.Bf4 Qxd3 27.cxd3 Rxf4 28.Rc2 Rf3 29.Rd1 c5 30.Re2 R3f4 31.Rde1 g5 32.Kg2 Kg7 33.Rh1 c4 34.dxc4 Rg4+ 35.Kf1 Rxc4 36.Rh3 Rc1+ 37.Kg2 Rd1 38.Rf3 Rg1+ 39.Kxg1) 24.Bxf4 Qxd3 25.cxd3 Rxf4 26.Rxc6 Rg4+ 27.Kh2 Re5

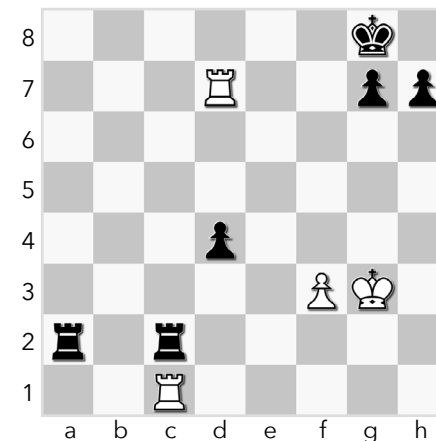
Black is better, but White has drawing chances.

28.Kh3 Rd4 29.Rc3 Re2 30.Kg3 Rxb2 31.Rxc7 Rxd3+ 32.f3 Rdd2 33.Rxa7 Rxa2 34.Rd7 d4 35.Rb1 Rab2 36.Ra1 Ra2

{ 0.00/43 } (36...h5 { -1.73/22 } 37.Ra8+ Kh7 38.Ra5 Kh6 39.Ra8 Rg2+ 40.Kf4 d3 41.Rh8+ Kg6 42.Rxd3 h4 43.Ra3 Rb4+ 44.Ke3 Rgb2 45.Ra7 R2b3+ 46.Kf2 Rc4

47.Kg2 Rc2+ 48.Kh3 Rxf3+ 49.Kg4 Re3 50.Kf4 Rh3 51.Kg4)

37.Rb1 Rdb2 38.Rc1 Rc2 1/2-1/2



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TOURNAMENT RESULTS

Midwest Open May 18-19

Open

1	Nick W Karlow 2221-2238	5	W13	W20	W11	W3	W8
2	Robert F Keating 2159-2157	4	W25	D15	W19	D8	W10
3	Ben Fabrikant 2034-2044	4	W21	W26	W14	L1	W9
4	Joey Michael Kelly 2122-2102	3.5	D22	W30	W15	L10	W13
5	Hongbiao Zeng 1955-1957	3.5	D7	W22	L8	W14	W15
6	Tony Dutiel 1908-1912	3.5	H	H	W26	D16	W18
7	Carlos Mccrimon 1600-1730	3.5	D5	W17	L9	W21	W16
8	Abhishek Mallela 2166-2156	3	W31	D19	W5	D2	L1
9	James S Ellis 1948-1933	3	L26	W18	W7	W20	L3
10	Todd Imada 1890-1894	3	W27	L14	W31	W4	L2
11	Joseph Fitzpatrick 1843-1836	3	W28	W24	L1	L13	W22
12	John G Linscott 1867-1836	3	L14	D21	D22	W29	W23
13	Steven Joseph Cusumano 1741P24-1768	3	L1	W23	W24	W11	L4
14	Matthew Tamillo Buckley 1414-1602	3	W12	W10	L3	L5	W20
15	Abhinav Suresh 1766-1767	2.5	W32	D2	L4	W30	L5
16	Roger Anderson 1774-1744	2.5	L24	W27	W32	D6	L7
17	Robert D Holling 1704-1700	2.5	H	L7	L21	W32	W26
18	Caravaggio Dante Caniglia 1597-1657	2.5	H	L9	W25	W19	L6
19	Tim Crouse 1826-1809	2	W29	D8	L2	L18	D21
20	John Edward Herr 1812-1783	2	W23	L1	W28	L9	L14
21	Chad Forsman 1701-1709	2	L3	D12	W17	L7	D19
22	William J Polzin 1699-1707	2	D4	L5	D12	W28	L11
23	Jonathan James Reigenborn 1391-1473	2	L20	L13	W27	W31	L12
24	Dr Vimalkumar Veerappan Kandasamy 1168P3-1437P7	2	W16	L11	L13	D26	H
25	John R Hartmann 1702-1664	1.5	L2	L28	L18	D27	W31
26	Jeffery A Solheim 1625-1623	1.5	W9	L3	L6	D24	L17

27	Sheena Zeng 1621-1582	1.5	L10	L16	L23	D25	W32
28	Adam Wolzen 1385-1404	1.5	L11	W25	L20	L22	D29
29	Don J Dostal 1350-1342	1.5	L19	L31	B	L12	D28
30	Joshua W Reider 563P4-563P6	1.5	B	L4	H	L15	U
31	John W Stepp 1729-1700	1	L8	W29	L10	L23	L25
32	Tyler Richardson 760P5-760P9	1	L15	B	L16	L17	L27

State Closed Championship March 16-17

Closed

1	Ben Fabrikant 2027-2034	4	W3	W4	L2	W5	W6
2	Joseph Cheng-Yue Wan 1977-1992	4	W6	D5	W1	D3	W4
3	John G Linscott 1850-1866	3	L1	W6	D4	D2	W5
4	Tony Dutiel 1859-1845	2	D5	L1	D3	W6	L2
5	John R Hartmann 1733-1716	1	D4	D2	L6	L1	L3
6	John W Stepp 1720-1705	1	L2	L3	W5	L4	L1

Omaha Home Blitz Jun 21

Open

1	John R Hartmann 1760-1798	6	W3	W3	W2	W2	B	B
2	Abhinav Suresh 1653-1615	3	B	B	L1	L1	W3	L3
3	Caravaggio Dante Caniglia 1463-1470	3	L1	L1	B	B	L2	W2

New Chess Academy Coming to North Omaha

The Skittles Chess Program in conjunction with Splash Visions will be opening the North Omaha Chess Academy in the fall of 2014. The Academy will feature weekly club play as well as instruction for players. The program will operate at the Kumani Center at 4200 N. 30th, Omaha NE 68111, just south of Ames on 30th street.

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TOURNAMENT RESULTS

Nebraska HS Team Championship Mar 8

Open

1	Abhinav Suresh 1637-1655	4.5	W17	W14	W5	D4	W9
2	Caravaggio Dante Caniglia 1581-1589	4	W23	W11	L4	W12	W6
3	Liam Kruse Unrated-1345P5	4	W21	L5	W14	W11	W7
4	Brandon Li 1776-1780	3.5	W18	W9	W2	D1	U
5	Temur Samiev 1486-1472	3	W20	W3	L1	L6	W12
6	Nick Nguyen Unrated-1389P5	3	D13	W7	D12	W5	L2
7	Nicholas Roush Unrated-1183P5	3	W8	L6	W18	W10	L3
8	Alisher Samiev 1118-1086	3	L7	W13	L17	W16	W15
9	Nicholas Paul Lacroix 972P16-1028P21	3	W19	L4	W16	W17	L1
10	John Stobbe Jr 962P8-1012P13	3	W22	L12	W15	L7	W14
11	Roger Luo 964-973	3	W24	L2	W22	L3	W18
12	Thomas Anson Hafner 1391-1369	2.5	W15	W10	D6	L2	L5
13	Marshall Ku'uKu'U Momi M Biven 870-902	2.5	D6	L8	W20	L14	W17
14	Varun Malcolm Noronha 1019P19-1013P24	2	W16	L1	L3	W13	L10
15	Dominic Nguyen Unrated-900P5	2	L12	W21	L10	W19	L8
16	Isaac Logsdon Unrated-832P5	2	L14	W20	L9	L8	W21
17	Philip Hanigan 778P19-796P24	2	L1	W24	W8	L9	L13
18	Adam Erickson 785P8-796P13	2	L4	W19	L7	W22	L11
19	Kevin Wurtz Unrated-691P4	2	L9	L18	W21	L15	X
20	Aditya Telikicherla 633P5-620P10	2	L5	L16	L13	W24	W22
21	Edwin Lawrence Schooler Iii 914P11-819P16	1	L3	L15	L19	W23	L16
22	Dolan States Unrated-456P5	1	L10	W23	L11	L18	L20
23	Montana Thomas 328P4-310P8	1	L2	L22	W24	L21	F
24	Joey Gollobit Unrated-101P4	1	L11	L17	L23	L20	B

NSCA Team Championship Feb 8

K-8

1	Jason Selvaraj 1447-1437	3.5	W14	W4	W7	D2
2	Benjamin Lyons 1101-1184	3.5	W10	W5	W3	D1
3	Darin Schlautman 1024-1022	3	W11	W8	L2	W12
4	Zach Kerkman 786P19-861P23	3	W17	L1	W14	W7
5	Carson Schlautman 817-859	3	W13	L2	W10	W8
6	Grant Alan Campbell 758-800	3	W12	L7	W11	W9
7	Isaac Krings 1017-992	2	W18	W6	L1	L4
8	Samuel Dean Thomsen 641P9-647P13	2	W16	L3	W13	L5
9	Andrew Meyerle 548P14-518P18	2	W15	L10	W17	L6
10	Santosh Kota 422-493	2	L2	W9	L5	W16
11	Maria Forbes Unrated-489P4	2	L3	W16	L6	W17
12	Emmanuel Beach Unrated-489P4	2	L6	W18	W16	L3
13	Gary Davis Unrated-457P4	2	L5	W15	L8	W18
14	Jason Landin 101P4-252P8	2	L1	W17	L4	W15
15	Miracle Clayton-Deavers Unrated-159P4	1	L9	L13	W18	L14
16	William Vanderheiden Unrated-122P4	0	L8	L11	L12	L10
17	Andrew Lechnowsky Unrated-101P4	0	L4	L14	L9	L11
18	David Dibbin Unrated-101P4	0	L7	L12	L15	L13

Improve Your Chess With Computers

Computers can be great training partners but you have to use them in the right way. Chess programs are simply too strong for typical players looking to improve their games, and even by setting the level of play in program to a lower value doesn't give you a strong sense of how you are progressing. Here is what I suggest - if your program can be set to only look so many moves ahead, use that feature when you are training. Beginning players can set this value to 1 or 2 ply (half moves) and then increase the depth as it becomes too easy to win. Since you know exactly how far ahead the computer is looking, it makes it much easier to train yourself to look further ahead, and to see how consistently you can do it!

TOURNAMENT RESULTS

NSCA Team Championship Mar 8

K-6

1	David K Duong 764-836	3.5	W18	W15	W5	D2
2	Danny Le 634P23-777	3.5	W22	W12	W11	D1
3	Jacey Tran 695-766	3.5	W20	W16	D10	W13
4	Cole Hardy 731-741	3	W24	L5	W18	W10
5	Alex Boerner 539-667	3	W27	W4	L1	W14
6	Collin Olson Unrated-624P4	3	L16	W22	W29	W11
7	Sneha Selvaraj 562-618	3	W19	L10	W20	W16
8	Gage Michael Campbell 256P13-549P17	3	W13	L14	W17	W15
9	Jurgen Beller 432P12-532P16	3	W26	L11	W21	W12
10	John Ross Ackerman 751-745	2.5	W23	W7	D3	L4
11	Kyle Christopher Feldhaus 663P24-641	2	W21	W9	L2	L6
12	Justin Kerkman 666-629	2	W17	L2	W23	L9
13	Jacob Andrew Gathje 614P14-590P18	2	L8	W25	W14	L3
14	Tyler Kerkman 613P19-584P23	2	W29	W8	L13	L5
15	Colin Mahoney 572P9-544P13	2	W28	L1	W24	L8
16	William Dunkleman 456P17-501P21	2	W6	L3	W25	L7
17	Sam Corey 506P8-460P12	2	L12	W29	L8	W28
18	Harrison Johs 396P7-418P11	2	L1	W28	L4	W25
19	Emily Vaiz Unrated-341P4	2	L7	L23	W27	W24
20	Landon Novosad 298P13-321P17	2	L3	W26	L7	W29
21	William Duralia 237P20-282P23	2	L11	B	L9	W23
22	Robert Cardoza Unrated-321P4	1.5	L2	L6	D28	W26
23	Michael Denenberg 357P5-327P9	1	L10	W19	L12	L21
24	John Micheal Jeffers 309P5-265P9	1	L4	W27	L15	L19
25	Damon Cook Unrated-101P3	1	B	L13	L16	L18
26	Michael Israel Unrated-101P3	1	L9	L20	B	L22
27	Kashish Poore Unrated-101P3	1	L5	L24	L19	B
28	Alexander O'donnelloO'Donnell Unrated-140P4	0.5	L15	L18	D22	L17
29	Steven Schmidt Unrated-101P4	0	L14	L17	L6	L20

NSCA Team Championship Mar 8

K-3

1	Braden Korus 377P13-555P17	4	W12	W10	W8	W3
2	Luke Raymond Hellbusch Unrated-639P4	3.5	W5	D6	W9	W7
3	Paul Ruder Unrated-616P4	3	W9	W4	W6	L1
4	Augie Morrow Unrated-417P4	3	W11	L3	W15	W13
5	Riley Mahoney 337P9-411P13	3	L2	W12	W14	W8
6	Ian Kidder 374P9-399P12	2.5	B	D2	L3	W12
7	Liam Lynch Unrated-269P4	2	L8	W15	W13	L2
8	Sanjay Rajjan 224P8-267P12	2	W7	W14	L1	L5
9	John Kalina 103P4-181P7	2	L3	B	L2	W14
10	Charlie Wear Unrated-117P4	1.5	W15	L1	L12	D11
11	Jamie Tran Unrated-103P3	1.5	L4	L13	B	D10
12	Nayan Vel Unrated-183P4	1	L1	L5	W10	L6
13	Abhinav Nair Unrated-105P4	1	L14	W11	L7	L4
14	Emma Codr Unrated-105P4	1	W13	L8	L5	L9
15	Caroline Novosad Unrated-101P3	1	L10	L7	L4	B
16	Dain Wilson 278P5-278P5	0	U	U	U	U

NSCA Individual Championship May 3

K-12

1	Abhinav Suresh 1764-1766	3.5	W4	D2	W3	W5
2	Caravaggio Dante Caniglia 1578-1597	3.5	W6	D1	W5	W4
3	Conrad Sterling Shiu 1528-1492	2	W5	L4	L1	B
4	Thomas Anson Hafner 1369-1385	2	L1	W3	W6	L2
5	Zehao Song Unrated-838P4	1	L3	W6	L2	L1
6	Cole Talbert 404P18-398P21	0	L2	L5	L4	U

Ratings Climber: Abhinav Suresh

In just the last two years, Abhinav Suresh has increased his USCF rating from 1057 to 1790. Watch out state champs Fabrikant and Wan!

TOURNAMENT RESULTS

NSCA Individual Championship May 3

K-8

1	Joseph Cheng-Yue Wan 1992-1993	4	W6	W2	W3	W7
2	Aidan Donald Nelson 1365-1374	3	W7	L1	W6	W3
3	Darin Schlautman 1022-1036	2	W4	W8	L1	L2
4	Nevin Claude Sekar 745-760	2	L3	W7	W8	L5
5	Andrew Meyerle 518P18-600P22	1.5	D8	L6	L7	W4
6	Carson Schlautman 859-868	1	L1	W5	L2	U
7	Grant Alan Campbell 800-780	1	L2	L4	W5	L1
8	Zach Kerkman 861P23-789	0.5	D5	L3	L4	U

K-6

1	Benjamin Lyons 1205-1237	5	W7	W4	W2	W3	W5
2	Dominic Wurtz 1199P5-1139P10	4	W8	W5	L1	W7	W6
3	Danny Le 764-755	3	W10	W6	L4	L1	W7
4	Cole Hardy 741-745	3	W11	L1	W3	L5	W10
5	Kyle Christopher Feldhaus 641-710	3	W9	L2	W8	W4	L1
6	Julian Timothy Carl 306P9-406P13	3	B	L3	W9	W8	L2
7	Gage Michael Campbell 549P17-554P22	2	L1	W10	W11	L2	L3
8	Harrison Johs 418P11-391P15	2	L2	W9	L5	L6	B
9	Ty Brockhaus Unrated-224P4	2	L5	L8	L6	B	W11
10	Hawkin T T Sibley 335P14-303P18	1.5	L3	L7	B	D11	L4
11	Landon Novosad 321P17-258P21	1.5	L4	B	L7	D10	L9

2015 Cornhusker State Games Goes National!

Did you know that Nebraska isn't the only state to hold an olympic-style competition? In fact, 40 states do this, and every year there is a national state games. in 2015, Nebraska is the host! Past medalists from other states quality to play, and all Nebraskans are eligible. Plan on competing next year - it's going to be HUGE!

K-3

1	Jacey Tran 848-923	5	W21	W13	W9	W4	W2
2	Michael Kang Unrated-860P5	4	W3	W11	W5	W6	L1
3	Justin Kerkman 629-656	4	L2	W15	W14	W13	W10
4	Sanjay Rajjan 396-629	4	W14	W5	W10	L1	W7
5	Luke Raymond Hellbusch 639P4-600P9	3	W20	L4	L2	W14	W12
6	Paul Ruder 616P4-527P9	3	W22	L9	W18	L2	W15
7	Braden Korus 555P17-523P22	3	W17	L10	W8	W9	L4
8	Cameron Bode Unrated-392P5	3	L9	W22	L7	W16	W13
9	Abram Warren Nelson 166P10-389P15	3	W8	W6	L1	L7	W17
10	Corbin Brandl 107P5-329P10	3	W19	W7	L4	W11	L3
11	Mengdie Hu 546P16-493P21	2.5	W16	L2	D12	L10	W19
12	Caleb Joseph Vancura Unrated-347P5	2.5	L13	W21	D11	W17	L5
13	Dain Wilson 278P5-343P10	2	W12	L1	W15	L3	L8
14	John Schilmoller Unrated-340P5	2	L4	W20	L3	L5	W21
15	Riley Cleaver Unrated-275P5	2	W18	L3	L13	W21	L6
16	Carter Crist Unrated-152P5	2	L11	L18	W22	L8	W20
17	Luci Brockhaus Unrated-143P5	1.5	L7	D19	W20	L12	L9
18	Lillian Dalton 101P4-108P9	1.5	L15	W16	L6	L19	D22
19	Lucy Salgado-Dickes Unrated-107P5	1.5	L10	D17	L21	W18	L11
20	Jamie Tran 103P3-108P8	1	L5	L14	L17	W22	L16
21	Joey Brockhaus Unrated-105P5	1	L1	L12	W19	L15	L14
22	Arielle Carl Unrated-103P5	0.5	L6	L8	L16	L20	D18

Chess Tips for Kids by Joseph Wan

"Be more patient and practice longer time-control chess games. Do some practice everyday, puzzles, games, analyzing, whatever, to keep the chess interest kindled. Of course, it takes some discipline and you might need your parents' help."

TOURNAMENT RESULTS

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Open

1	John R Hartmann 1664-1715	3.5	W11	W2	D3	W6
2	John W Stepp 1700-1711	2.5	W7	L1	D4	W3
3	Abhinav Suresh 1767-1756	2	D5	W10	D1	L2
4	Robert D Holling 1700-1705	2	H	U	D2	W8
5	Caravaggio Dante Caniglia 1657-1673	2	D3	W6	H	U
6	Mick Anzalone 1481-1489	1.5	D10	L5	W9	L1
7	Thomas Richard Freed Iii 1476-1474	1.5	L2	W11	H	U
8	Don J Dostal 1342-1352	1.5	U	H	W11	L4
9	Arnold Schulze 1351-1350	1.5	U	H	L6	W11
10	Steven Joseph Cusumano 1768-1738	1	D6	L3	H	U
11	Richard Gruber Iii 1251-1205	0	L1	L7	L8	L9

Chess Movies

There have been a number of great movies featuring chess as their central plot other than the celebrated *Searching for Bobby Fischer*. Here is a list of recommendations:

Title	Year	Starring
Life of a King	2013	Cuba Gooding, Jr.
The Luzhin Defense	2000	John Turturro, Emily Watson
Queen to Play	2009	Kevin Klein
Queen of Cactus Cove	2005	Alia Skawkat
Ivory Tower	2010	
Knight Moves	1992	Christopher Lambert
Brooklyn Castle	2012	(documentary)
Odysseus' Gambit	2011	(documentary)
Knights of the South Bronx	2005	Ted Danson
Endgame (TV series)	2011	Shawn Doyle
Pawn Sacrifice (upcoming)	2014	Toby Maguire

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Camp Knapp

1	Nicholas Paul Lacroix 1213P24-1338	3	W5	W2	W3	U
2	Aidan Donald Nelson 1374-1348	2.5	W6	L1	W4	D5
3	Benjamin Lyons 1237-1212	2	L4	W5	L1	W6
4	John Stobbe Jr 1012P13-1110P16	2	W3	W6	L2	U
5	Khoa Nguyen 1057P18-1071P22	1.5	L1	L3	W6	D2
6	Jimmy Severa 1052-985	0	L2	L4	L5	L3

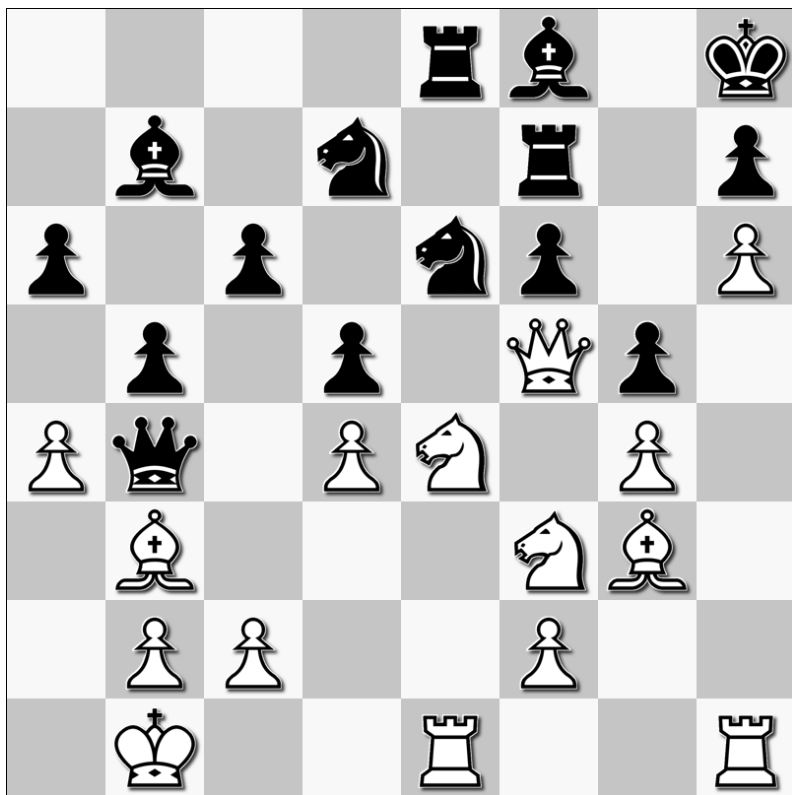
Camp Mansur

1	Cole Sater 583-904	6	W5	W7	W2	W3	W4	W8
2	Camden Wright Unrated-818P6	4.5	W9	W3	L1	W8	W5	D6
3	Nevin Claude Sekar 760-714	3	W6	L2	W7	L1	W8	L4
4	Tyler Richardson 752P12-679P17	3	L7	L5	W6	B	L1	W3
5	Gabriel Snow Unrated-607P5	3	L1	W4	L8	W9	L2	B
6	David James Simon 429P14-433P19	2.5	L3	B	L4	D7	D9	D2
7	Jackson W Morris 237P23-392	2.5	W4	L1	L3	D6	H	D9
8	Grant R Goding Unrated-614P5	2	U	W9	W5	L2	L3	L1
9	Sanjay Rajjan 629-519	2	L2	L8	B	L5	D6	D7

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