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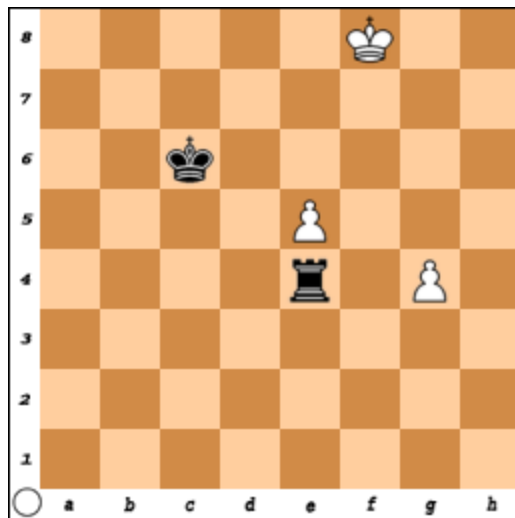
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Chess Puzzle by Rauf Aliovsadzade

This study by American composer Joseph E. Peckover was first published in 'Tidskrift för Schack' magazine (Sweden) in 1966.



White begins and draws.

White has to hurry. 1.g5! Rxe5 2.g6 Kd7 3.g7 Rf5+ 4.Kg8 Ke7 5.Kh7! (if 5.Kh8? Rh5+ 6.Kg8 Rg5 and Black wins) Kf6 6.g8N+! and White draws (6.g8Q? fails to Rh5#).

There is a second line: 1...Rg4 2.e6! Rxe5 3.e7 Rf5+ 4.Ke8 Kd6 5.Kd8 Ra5 6.e8N+! and White draws (6.e8Q? fails to Ra8#).

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Editor's Note by Bruce Draney-Welcome to the 7th issue of the Gambit with yours truly as your editor. We are now officially a quarterly publication once again, meaning it's much easier to cover current chess news and events when they are happening (or about to happen). As of this issue we are now current and are reporting on the quarter listed in real time and not in the past. As usual I have a number of people I'd like to thank.

Rauf Aliovsadzade-Rauf continues to provide us with chess problems and under my editorship they always adorn the front cover of every issue and this month is no exception.

Craig Wilkins-Craig was my major sponsor for the 1st ever Wilkins Cup held on August 3rd, here in Omaha. Since February Craig has been instrumental in supporting Nebraska chess and his generosity is much appreciated.

John Hartmann-John is the editor of Chess Life and recently convinced both JJ Lang and Alexey Root to write very nice articles on the Hall of Fame Champions Celebration in the August edition of the national magazine.

JJ Lang-JJ provides his own perspective on the Champions Celebration and includes a game with Ajay Pasupuleti in August's Chess Life.

Alexey Root-Alexey not only did an amazing writeup on the Hall of Fame Induction Banquet on Friday May 31st in the August Chess Life, she also supplied me with a different article that was printed in my August Omaha Chess Archive. She is definitely a first-class person and a very deserving member of our HOF.

Rod Malpert-Rod continues to support Nebraska chess both financially and by playing and analyzing games at events. Rod continues to donate funds to the Lincoln Chess Foundation and also took the time to play in the Wilkins Cup finishing first with a perfect 4-0 score. Rod along with Rich Chess convinced Mike Blankenau to rejoin USCF and play in the event as well.

Seetharaman Renganathan-Seetharaman assisted me in using the SwissSys software at the recent Wilkins Cup and continues to be one of our state's most active organizers and directors.

Aaron PeeksMease-Aaron recently did a fundraiser for me to recover some money I was scammed out of in a PayPal phishing incident. He has my deepest gratitude as do all the people who contributed to the fundraiser.

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ACTIVE NEBRASKA CHESS CLUBS

OMAHA:

Spence Chess Club-Meets on Wednesday night from 7-10 for rated events

Location: West Hills Church basement 3015 S 82nd AVE Omaha, NE-John Hartmann

Camelot Chess Club-Meets on Friday afternoon 12-4PM for unrated casual play

Location: Camelot Community Center 9270 Cady AVE Omaha, NE-John Bagley

Millard Chess Club-Meets on Sunday afternoon 2:30-4:30 for unrated and occasion rated play.

Location: Millard Public Library 13214 Westwood LN Omaha, NE. Bruce Draney (402) 312-

6335 or Scott Look (402) 889-1779

Increase the Piece Chess Club-Meets on Monday night 4-7:30 PM for unrated play

Location: Washington Library 29th & Ames AVE, Omaha, NE Jerome Helm **International Café**-

2416 Farnam ST Omaha, NE 68131 Thursday and Saturday 4-8 PM Richard Hudrin

LINCOLN:

SCC Chess Club-Meets on Wednesday nights at SE Community College 89th & O ST, Lincoln, NE for casual unrated or occasional G/10+2 events. Leo Iacono

Capital City Chess Club-Meets on Tuesday 5-8 PM at Meadowlark Coffee and Espresso, 1624 South ST and Thursday 6-9 PM at The Post 2001 N ST in Lincoln, NE, Chris Etheredge

Cigarz Chess Club-Meets on Monday Nights at Cigarz Lounge, STE 104 800 Q, Lincoln NE 402-904-3460, Stacy Williams

OUTSTATE:

Beatrice Chess Club-Meets on Tuesday 6-8 PM at Beatrice Public Library 100 N 16th ST, Beatrice, NE 68310, Crystal Harral 402-446-2723

Nebraska City Chess Club-Meets on Thursday 4:30-6:30 PM at Morton James Public Library, 923 1st Corso, Nebraska City, NE 68410, Kyle Madison 712-520-0859

Grand Island Competitive Chess Club-Meets on Saturday, 11-3PM at Grand Island Public Library 1124 W 2nd ST, Grand Island, NE 68801, Zach May

Kearney Nebraska Chess Club-Central Nebraska Chess Club-Meets on Saturday 2-5 PM at Kearney Public Library, 2020 1st AVE, Kearney, NE 68847 Eric Ring 308-240-1793 or Alexander Maiwaldt 308-293-9116

Davenport Chess Club-Davenport Public Library 109 N Maple AVE, Davenport, NE 68335 Jack Roegner 765-407-0895

Nebraska Chess Related Websites:

NSCA Website-www.nebraskachess.com

Facebook: Nebraska Chess Community group, Nebraska Chess History group, Central Nebraska Chess Facebook Group, UNO Chess Group

National Online Chess Playing Sites

Chess.com

Lichess.com

October

2024

Nebraska Chess Calendar



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
		1	2 c-Spence c-SECC G/10 AR	3	4	5	
6 c-Millard Library AR	7	8	9 c-Spence	10	11	12 National Chess Day TR-Omaha- Seetharaman	
13	14	15	16 c-Spence	17	18	19	
20 c-Millard Library BR	21	22	23 c-Spence	24	25	26 Lincoln City Championship NPR-Linscott	
27	28	29	30 c-Spence	31			

November

2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 c-Camelot Championship Week 1 RU	2 Team Scholastic Kickoff-RU-UNO
3	4	5	6 c-Spence	7	8	9 Kearney Open RU in Kearney-Eric Ring
10	11	12	13 c-Spence	14	15 c-Camelot Championship Week 2 RU	16 Great Plains Open N P R-Lincoln- Linscott
17 Great Plains Open NPR Lincoln	18	19	20 c-Spence	21	22	23 Scholastic and Open TR-Omaha- Seetharaman
24	25	26	27 c-Spence	28 Thanksgiving	29	30

CORNHUSKER STATE GAMES DRAW OVER 100 IN JULY

The annual Cornhusker State Games were held in Lincoln on July 20-21 at Southeast Community College. Michael Gooch directed the event. The Open section was the only USCF rated section and drew 48 players. There was a 6 way tie for first place between Lacroix, Knapp, Suresh, Cusumano, R. Seetharaman and Osborne all with 4-1. Suresh wins the Closed slot.

Cornhusker State Game 7/20-7/21/2024

#	Name	Rating	Rd1	Rd2	Rd3	Rd4	Rd5	Tot.
1	Lacroix	2042	W28	W8	D13	W23	D2	4.0
2	Suresh	1976	W39	W15	D4	W14	D1	4.0
3	Cusumano	1919	W40	W25	D5	W13	D7	4.0
4	Osborne	1859	W35	W30	D2	D5	W14	4.0
5	Davidson	1754	W48	W31	D3	D4	W16	4.0
6	Dong	1753	L36	W47	W27	W34	W17	4.0
7	Hengen	1901	W33	W9	L14	W20	D3	3.5
8	Zeisler	1719	W21	L1	D33	W39	W26	3.5
9	Iacono	1612	W29	L7	W36	D10	W23	3.5
10	Belashchenko	1956	W42	L24	W31	D9	D15	3.0
11	Knapp	1935	W32	L14	W26	L17	W33	3.0
12	Seetharaman	1866	W27	D18	W24	½	WD	3.0
13	Reeves	1800	W47	W19	D1	L3	D21	3.0
14	Naumann	1742	W17	W11	W7	L2	L4	3.0
15	Talasila	1660	W38	L2	D35	W40	D10	3.0
16	Radlicz	UNR	L25	W42	W30	W24	L5	3.0
17	Look	1600	L14	W48	W41	W11	L6	3.0
18	Parthasarathy	1604	W20	D12	L23	D35	W32	3.0
19	Kantem	1535	W37	L13	L34	W43	W35	3.0
20	Schiff	1493	L18	W36	W45	L7	W34	3.0
21	Schaal	1140	L8	D28	W42	W30	D13	3.0
22	PeeksMease	1807	W43	½	U--	L26	W38	2.5
23	Gordon	1708	W41	D26	W18	L1	L9	2.5
24	Mills	1675	W45	W10	L12	L16	½	2.5
25	Carney	1635	W16	L3	½	D33	D27	2.5
26	Aspinall	UNR	W46	D23	L11	W22	L8	2.5
27	Nikshith A	1378	L12	W44	L6	W45	D25	2.5
28	Holsinger	1352	L1	D21	L32	W48	W40	2.5
29	Copeland	911	L9	L33	W37	D41	W39	2.5
30	Koppinger	1557	W44	L4	L16	L21	W41	2.0
31	King	1383	W34	L5	L10	L38	W45	2.0
32	Shively	1360	L11	L40	W28	W36	L18	2.0
33	Cooney	UNR	L7	W29	D8	D25	L11	2.0
34	Reinke	UNR	L31	W43	W19	L6	L20	2.0
35	George	1146	L4	W46	D15	D18	L19	2.0
36	C. Hengen	1045	W6	L20	L9	L32	W42	2.0
37	Padios	UNR	L19	L41	L29	W44	W43	2.0
38	Sarathkumar	785	L15	L39	BYE	W31	L22	2.0
39	Siado	1325	L2	W38	½	L8	L29	1.5
40	McGowan	1205	L3	W32	½	L15	L28	1.5
41	Savage	1060	L23	W37	L17	D29	L30	1.5
42	Jung	1267	L10	L16	L21	Bye	L36	1.0
43	Johnson	1045	L22	L34	W44	L19	L37	1.0
44	T. Reinke	UNR	L30	L27	L43	L37	W48	1.0
45	Antonson	101	L24	Bye	L20	L27	L31	1.0
46	K.T. Smith	1211	L26	L35	D47	WD	WD	0.5
47	Keith Smith	1038	L13	L6	D46	WD	WD	0.5
48	Eric Ring	883	L5	L17	½	L28	L44	0.5

INAUGURAL WILKINS CUP DRAWS 40 ON AUGUST 3RD IN LAVISTA.

The 1st Wilkins Cup was a big success drawing 40 players to the event here in Omaha at the LaVista Conference Center. Two Masters and two Experts played. Winner of the one-day POY event was Rod Malpert with a perfect 4-0 score. Thanks to Craig Wilkins the main sponsor we were able to award the 2nd highest prize fund in the state this year.

WILKINS CUP 8/3/2024-LAVISTA CONFERENCE CENTER

#	Name	Rating	Rd1	Rnd2	Rd3	Rd4	Tot
1	Malpert	2322	W21	W6	W14	W4	4.0
2	Moerlien	2110	W17	W19	W7	D5	3.5
3	Gurumoorthi	1821	W25	D5	W10	W11	3.5
4	Knapp	1935	W12	W8	W15	L1	3.0
5	Lacroix	2045	W24	D3	W13	D2	3.0
6	Osborne	1859	W28	L1	W16	W15	3.0
7	L. Hengen	1893	W33	W29	L2	W22	3.0
8	Dutiel	1708	W31	L4	W35	W14	3.0
9	Ohly	1904	WF40	L15	W17	W20	3.0
10	Cusumano	1944	W35	D13	L3	W18	2.5
11	Blankenau	2286	D16	W20	W27	L3	2.5
12	Alagankancharla	1196	L4	W31	D26	W24	2.5
13	Parthasarathy	1615	W39	D10	L5	W25	2.5
14	Seetharaman	1894	W18	W23	L1	L8	2.0
15	Adduri	1600	W30	W9	L4	L6	2.0
16	Schiff	1503	D11	D26	L6	W32	2.0
17	Hosseini	1345	L2	W34	L9	W28	2.0
18	Peters	1108	L14	W30	W19	L10	2.0
19	Peng Dong	1772	W34	L2	L18	W33	2.0
20	Koppinger	1557	W32	L11	W28	L9	2.0
21	Kantem	1535	L1	L28	W31	W29	2.0
22	Look	1600	L29	W38	W32	L7	2.0
23	Solheim	1599	Bye	L14	W29	WD	2.0
24	Mastny	1309	L5	D25	W38	L12	1.5
25	Stingley	1001	L3	D24	W37	L13	1.5
26	Draney	1864	½	D16	D12	U---	1.5
27	J. Slominski	1767	½	W37	L11	U--	1.5
28	Hoffman	1072	L6	W21	L20	L17	1.0
29	Katta	UNR	W22	L7	L23	L21	1.0
30	Petersen	UNR	L15	L18	W34	L36	1.0
31	Ferland	745	L8	L12	L21	W39	1.0
32	Schwenk	UNR	L20	W33	L22	L16	1.0
33	Vanaparti	1096	L7	L32	W39	L19	1.0
34	Sarathkumar	785	L19	L17	L30	W37	1.0
35	Benetz	1200	L10	W39	L8	U---	1.0
36	C. Hengen	1045	U---	U----	U----	W30	1.0
37	Padios	UNR	½	L27	L25	L34	0.5
38	G. Slominski	1094	½	L22	L24	WD-	0.5
39	Murugan	632	L13	L35	L33	L31	0.0
40	Buchanan	1149	LF9	U---	U---	U---	0.0

Games from the 1st Wilkins Cup, August 3, 2024

Round 1

Moerlien-Hosseini

1.d4 Nf6 2. c4 g6 3. Nc3 Bg7 4. e4 O-O 5. Nf3 d6 6. Be2 Nfd7 7. h4 e5 8. d5 f5 9. Ng5 Nf6 10. exf5 gxf5 11. f4 e4 12. Nb5 h6 13. Nh3 a6 14. Nd4 Nxd5 15. cxd5 Qxh4+ 16. Kf1 Qg3 17. Qb3 Qxb3 18. Nxb3 Nd7 19. Be3 Bxb2 20. Rb1 Bg7 21. Kf2 Nf6 22. Rhd1 Ng4+ 23. Bxg4 fxg4 24. Ng1 h5 25. g3 Bd7 26. Ne2 Rad8 27. Rbc1 Rc8 28. Bd4 Bxd4+ 29. Rxd4 Rfe8 30. Ke3 Bb5 31. Nc3 Bd3 32. Nxe4 Bxe4 33. Rxe4 Kg7 34. Nd4 Rxe4+ 35. Kxe4 Kf6 36. Rb1 c5 37. dxc6 bxc6 38. Rb6 h4 39. gxh4 Re8+ 40. Kd3 g3 41. Rxc6 g2 42. Rc1 Rh8 43. Rg1 Rxh4 44. Ke3 d5 45. Rxc6 Rh3+ 46. Nf3 d4+ 47. Ke4 d3 48. Rd2 (1-0)

Mastny-Lacroix

1. e4 c6 2. d4 d5 3. exd5 cxd5 4. c3 Nf6 5. Bd3 Nc6 6. Bg5 Bg4 7. Be2 Bxe2 8. Qxe2 Ne4 9. Bh4 Qb6 10. Nf3 e6 11. O-O Bd6 12. Qc2 O-O 13. Qb3 Qc7 14. Nbd2 Bxh2+ 15. Kh1 Nxd2 16. Nxd2 Bd6 17. Qd1 Ne7 18. Qg4 Ng6 19. Rae1 b5 20. a3 a5 21. Rc1 Nxh4 22. Qxh4 Qe7 23. Qg4 Qf6 24. Nf3 Rfc8 25. Rfe1 b4 26. Ne5 bxa3 27. bxa3 Bxa3 28. Rc2 Bd6 29. Nd3 Qh6+ 30. Kg1 a4 31. Rec1 a3 32. Ra2 Rcb8 33. Rca1 Qh2+ 34. Kf1 Qh1+ 35. Ke2 Rb1 36. Rxb1 Qxb1 37. Nb4 Bxb4 38. Rd2 Bxc3 39. Rd3 a2 40. Rg3 Qc2+ 41. Kf3 Qd3+ 42. Kf4 Qe4+ 43. Kg5 Qxg4+ (0-1)

Cusumano-Benetz

1. e4 Nc6 2. d4 e5 3. Nf3 exd4 4. Bc4 h6 5. O-O d6 6. Nxd4 Nxd4 7. Qxd4 Qf6 8. Qd3 Be6 9. Nc3 Bxc4 10. Qxc4 c6 11. Be3 Qe6 12. Qb4 Qd7 13. Qb3 Be7 14. Rad1 b6 15. a4 Bf6 16. f4 Bxc3 17. Qxc3 Nf6 18. e5 Nd5 19. Qd2 Nxe3 20. Qxe3 d5 21. c4 O-O-O 22. cxd5 cxd5 23. a5 b5 24. Rc1+ Kb8 25. Rc5 a6 26. Rfc1 Rc8 27. b4 Rxc5 28. Qxc5 Qb7 29. Qd6+ Ka8 30. Rc7 Rc8 31. Rxb7 Rc1+ 32. Kf2 Kxb7 33. Qb6+ Kc8 34. Qxa6+ (1-0)

Malpert-Kantem

1 e4 e5 2 Nf3 Nc6 3 d4 ed 4 c3 d5 5 ed Qd5 6 cd Nf6 7 Nc3 Bb4 8 Bd2 Qe6+ 9 Be2 Qg4 10 d5 Ne7 11 h3 Qg2 12 Rg1 Qh3 13 Qa4+ c6 14 Qb4 Ned5 15 Nd5 Nd5 16 Qd4 Nf6 17 Rg7 Ng4 18 Rg4 1-0

Round 2:

Osborne-Malpert

1. d4 Nf6 2. c4 g6 3. f3 c5 4. d5 Bg7 5. e4 d6 6. Nc3 O-O 7. Nge2 e6 8. Nf4 e5 9. Nd3 Nh5 10. g4 Qh4+ 11. Nf2 Nf4 12. Bxf4 exf4 13. Qd2 Nd7 14. Bg2 Ne5 15. b3 Bxg4 16. fxg4 Nxg4 17. Rc1 Bd4 18. Nd1 Be3 19. Qb2 Rae8 20. Rc3 f5 21. Qe2 Nxf2 22. Nxf2 fxe4 23. Rxe3 fxe3 24. Qxe3 Rf4 25. O-O Qg5 26. Re1 Ref8 27. Nd1 Qg4 28. Qg3 Qf5 29. Ne3 Qe5 30. Qh3 Qb2 31. Ng4 Rxg4 32. Qxg4 Qf2+ (0-1)

Katta-Hengen

1. e4 c5 2. Nf3 d6 3. d4 cxd4 4. Nxd4 Nf6 5. Nc3 Nc6 6. Bb5 Bd7 7. O-O a6 8. Ba4 g6 9. Re1 Bg7 10. Nf3 O-O 11. h3 Rc8 12. a3 b5 13. Bb3 Na5 14. Ba2 Nc4 15. Qd3 Nh5 16. b3 Nxa3 17. Bb2 b4 18. Nd1 Bb5 19. Qd2 Rxc2 20. Qxb4 Rxb2 21. Qxa3 Rc2 22. Ne3 Bb2 23. Qb4 Rc5 24. Rad1 a5 25. Qxc5 dxc5 26. Rxd8 Rxd8 27. Rd1 Rxd1+ 28. Nxd1 Ba1 29. g3 Be2 30. b4 Bxf3 31. bxa5 Bxe4 32. a6 Bd4 33. Nc3 Bxc3 34. a7 Bd4 35. Bb1 Ba8 36. Kf1 c4 37. g4 Nf4 38. h4 Bxa7 39. g5 Ng2 (0-1)

Koppinger-Blankenau

1. e4 d6 2. d4 Nf6 3. Nc3 g6 4. Nf3 Bg7 5. h3 O-O 6. Bc4 c6 7. Be3 b5 8. Bd3 Nbd7 9. Ne2 Bb7 10. Ng3 c5 11. c3 a6 12. Qd2 e6 13. Bf4 Qb6 14. Rd1 Rfe8 15. O-O e5 16. dxc5 Nxc5 17. Be3 Qc6 18. Bxc5 dxc5 19. Bc2 Qe6 20. b3 h6 21. Qd6 Qc8 22. Rfe1 Re6 23. Qd2 Bf8 24. Nh4 Rd6 25. Qe2 c4 26. b4 a5 27. Qf3 Qe6 28. a3 axb4 29. cxb4 Rad8 30. Rxd6 Rxd6 31. Rd1 Rd4 32. Qe2 Qd6 33. Nf3 Rxd1+ 34. Bxd1 Nxe4 35. Nxe4 Bxe4 36. Nd2 Bc6 37. Bc2 Qd4 38. Nf3 Bxf3 39. Qxf3 Qd2 40. Be4 Kg7 41. Bc6 c3 42. Bd5 f5 43. Bb3 e4 44. Qg3 Bd6 45. Qh4 Qe1# (0-1)

Kantem-Hoffman

1. e4 e5 2. Nf3 Nc6 3. Bc4 Bc5 4. Nc3 Nf6 5. d3 O-O 6. O-O Nd4 7. Bg5 c6 8. h3 h6 9. Bh4 d5 10. exd5 cxd5 11. Nxd5 Be7 12. Nxe7+ Qxe7 13. Re1 Nc6 14. Qe2 Re8 15. Bb5 e4 16. dxe4 Qxe4 17. Qxe4 Rxe4 18. Rxe4 Nxe4 19. Re1 Nd6 20. Ba4 b5 21. Bb3 Bb7 22. Be7 Nf5 23. Bc5 Na5 24. Bxf7+ Kxf7 25. g4 Bxf3 26. gxf5 Re8 27. Rxe8 Kxe8 28. Bxa7 Be4 29. c3 Bxf5 30. b4 Nc4 31. Bd4 g6 32. f4 Bxh3 (0-1)

Round 3

Moerlien-Hengen

1. d4 g6 2. c4 Bg7 3. Nc3 d6 4. e4 Nf6 5. Nf3 O-O 6. Be2 e5 7. O-O Nc6 8. d5 Ne7 9. Ne1 Nd7 10. Be3 f5 11. f3 f4 12. Bf2 g5 13. Rc1 h5 14. c5 Nxc5 15. b4 Na6 16. Nd3 c6 17. dxc6 bxc6 18. b5 Nb8 19. Qb3+ Kh7 20. h3 Rf6 21. bxc6 Nbxc6 22. Nd5 Rg6 23. N3b4 Nxb4 24. Nxb4 a5 25. Nc2 Be6 26. Qa3 Qd7 27. Rfd1 d5 28. exd5 Bf5 29. Ne1 g4 30. hxg4 hxg4 31. d6 Nc8 32. Rc7 Qd8 33. fxg4 Rxd6 34. Rxc8 Qxc8 35. Rxd6 Bxg4 36. Bxg4 Qxg4 37. Qd3+ Kg8 38. Qd5+ Kh7 39. Qe4+ Kg8 40. Qxa8+(1-0)

Cusumano-Gurumoorthi

1. e4 c5 2. Nf3 d6 3. d4 cxd4 4. Nxd4 Nf6 5. Nc3 a6 6. Bg5 e6 7. f4 Be7 8. Qf3 h6 9. Bh4 Nc6 10. Nxc6 bxc6 11. e5 Nd5 12. Bxe7 Qxe7 13. O-O-O dxe5 14. fxe5 Qg5+ 15. Kb1 Qxe5 16. Bc4 Nxc3+ 17. bxc3 Rb8+ 18. Bb3 O-O 19. Qxc6 Bb7 20. Qa4 Qxc3 21. Rhg1 a5 22. Rd3 Qe5 23. g3 Be4 24. Qd4 Qf5 25. g4 Qg6 26. Rd2 Rb4 27. Qc5 Ra8 28. Rgd1 Rbb8 29. Qc7 Qf6 30. Rd4 Rb7 31. Qc4 Bd5 32. Qa4 Qe5 33. h4 Qg3 34. g5 hxg5 35. hxg5 Qxg5 36. Rg4 Qe3 37. Rdg1 g6 38. R4g3 Qe5 39. Rg5 Qf6 40. Qh4 Kg7 41. R1g4 a4 42. Rf4 axb3 43. cxb3 Rxb3+ 44. axb3 Qa1+ 45. Kc2 Ra2+ 46. Kd3 Qd1+ 47. Ke3 Re2# (0-1)

Schiff-Osborne

1. e4 c6 2. d4 d5 3. exd5 cxd5 4. Nf3 Nc6 5. Bd3 Bg4 6. Be3 e6 7. O-O Bd6 8. Nbd2 Nf6 9. c3 Bh5 10. Qb3 Rb8 11. Ne1 Ng4 12. g3 Bg6 13. Be2 h5 14. Qd1 Nxe3 15. fxe3 h4 16. g4 b5 17. Ng2 Na5 18. Nf4 Bh7 19. Nh5 O-O 20. Qe1 Nc4 21. Rf3 Qg5 22. Rh3 f5 23. Nxc4 bxc4 24. b4 cxb3 25. axb3 Be7 26. Rxa7 fxg4 27. Qxh4 Qxh4 28. Rxh4 Bxh4 29. Rxc7+ Kh8 30. Bxc4 Bf2+ 31. Kg2 Be4+ 32. Kh3 Bf5 33. b4 Rbc8 34. b5 Rxc3 (0-1)

Ohly-Hosseini

1. d4 Nf6 2. c4 g6 3. Nc3 Bg7 4. e4 O-O 5. h3 d6 6. Be3 Nbd7 7. g4 c5 8. d5 Qa5 9. Qd2 a6 10. f3 Ne5 11. f4 Ned7 12. Bd3 Nb6 13. Nge2 Qb4 14. a3 Qa5 15. Kf2 Nbd7 16. Ng3 Rb8 17. b4 cxb4 18. axb4 Qc7 19. g5 Ne8 20. Rac1 e5 21. f5 f6 22. h4 Nb6 23. c5 Nd7 24. Na4 Qd8 25. Kg1 b5 26. cxb6 Nxb6 27. Nxb6 Rxb6 28. Rxc8 Qxc8 29. Bxb6 Qb7 30. Be3 Nc7 31. h5 fxg5 32. hxg6 h6 33. Nh5 Rb8 34. Nxc7 Kxc7 (1-0)

Round 4

Gurumoorthi-Blankenau

1. d4 Nf6 2. Bf4 d5 3. e3 e6 4. Nf3 Bd6 5. Bg3 O-O 6. Bd3 c5 7. c3 Nc6 8. Nbd2 b6
9. Ne5 Bb7 10. O-O Qc7 11. f4 Ne7 12. Qf3 Nf5 13. Bf2 Be7 14. e4 dxe4 15. Nxe4
cxd4 16. cxd4 Bd5 17. Qe2 Qb7 18. Rfe1 Bb4 19. Nc3 Bxg2 20. Bxf5 exf5 21. Bh4
Bxc3 22. bxc3 Be4 23. c4 Nd7 24. d5 Qc7 25. Bg3 f6 26. Nc6 Nc5 27. Rad1 Rfe8 28.
Qe3 Qd7 29. Qc3 Qf7 30. Nd4 Qh5 31. Nb5 Red8 32. Nd4 Qg4 33. Re2 h5 34. h4 g5
35. Kh2 Kf7 36. fvg5 fvg5 37. hxg5 h4 38. Be5 Rg8 39. Rg1 Qh5 40. Bf6 Rae8 41.
Rf2 Nd3 42. Rd2 Nc5 43. Qa3 a5 44. Qb2 Rb8 45. Nc6 Nd7 46. Nxb8 Rxb8 47. Qb5
Rb7 48. Qc6 Nc5 49. g6+ Kg8 50. Qe8# (1-0)

Seetharaman-Dutiel

1. c3 e5 2. d4 e4 3. c4 Nf6 4. Bg5 Be7 5. Nc3 c5 6. e3 cxd4 7. exd4 Nc6 8. d5 Nxd5
9. cxd5 Bxg5 10. dxc6 bxc6 11. Nge2 d5 12. Qa4 Bd7 13. Ng3 f5 14. Ba6 Rb8 15.
Rb1 O-O 16. O-O f4 17. Ngxe4 dxe4 18. Qxe4 Bf5 19. Qc4+ Kh8 20. Rbd1 Qb6 21.
b3 f3 22. g3 Rf6 23. Na4 Qa5 24. Qd4 Re6 25. Bd3 Rd8 26. Qc4 Red6 27. Bc2 Bh3
28. Qe4 g6 29. Rfe1 Bf5 30. Qc4 Rxd1 31. Rxd1 Rxd1+ 32. Bxd1 Qe1+ 33. Qf1Qe4
34. h4 Bf6 35. Nc5 Qg4 36. Kh2 Be5 37. Kg1 Bd4 38. Kh2 Bxc5 39. b4 Bxb4 40. Bb3
Bc3 41. Kg1 Qh3 42. Qxh3 Bxh3 43. Bd1 Bg4 44. Ba4 c5 45. Kh2 Kg7 46. h5 gxh5
47. Bb3 Kf6 48. a4 Ke5 49. Bg8 h6 50. a5 Bxa5 (0-1)

Round 4. Knapp vs. Malpert

1 Nf3 Nf6 2 g3 g6 3 b3 Bg7 4 Bb2 0-0 5 Bg2 d5 6 0-0 c6 7 c4 Qb6 8 cd cd 9 Bd4 Qa5
10 b4 Qb4 11 Nc3 e6 12 Rb1 Qe7 13 Na4 b6 14 Bc3 Nc6 15 d3 Bb7 16 Qc1 e5 17
Bb2 Rfe8 18 Ba3 Qd7 19 Nc3 Ba6 20 Nd2 Rac8 21 Qb2 e4 22 Nb5 ed 23 ed Ne4 24
d4 Bb5 25 Ne4 Bf1 26 Nd6 Bg2 27 Ne8 Qe8 28 Kg2 Nd4 29 Rd1 Qe4+ 30 Kh3 Qf5+
31 Kg2 Qf3+ 0-1_[BD1]

3rd Riverfront Invitational attracts ten high rated players on August 24, 2024.

NSCA President Steven Cusumano has been organizing invitational tournaments at his riverfront condo and his 3rd rendition attracted 10 players. The top 4 players of the ten played in a quad and the other 6 played a 3 round Swiss System. Belashchenko won the top quad with 2.5-.5.

The 6 person Swiss resulted in a 3-way tie between Hengen, Cusumano and Rakshith all with 2-1.

Results are shown below.

3rd Riverfront Invitational Top Quad 8/24/2024

#	Name	Rating	Rnd 1	Rnd 2	Rnd 3	Total
1	Belashchenko	1919	D2	W3	W4	2.5
2	Moskow	2146	D1	D4	W3	2.0
3	Lacroix	2029	W4	L1	L2	1.0
4	Suresh	1985	L3	D2	L1	0.5

3rd Riverfront Invitational Swiss 8/24/2024

#	Name	Rating	Rnd 1	Rnd 2	Rnd 3	Total
1	L. Hengen	1918	W2	L4	W6	2.0
2	Cusumano	1902	W5	W1	L3	2.0
3	R. Seetharaman	1815	W6	L5	W2	2.0
4	Davidson	1780	L1	W6	H---	1.5
5	J. Slominski	1765	L2	W3	H--	1.5
6	Naumann	1790	L3	L4	L1	0.0

Games from the 3rd Riverfront Invitational August 24, 2024.

Round 1:

Moskow-Belashchenko

1. c4 e5 2. Nc3 Nf6 3. Nf3 Nc6 4. g3 d5 5. cxd5 Nxd5 6. Bg2 Nb6 7. O-O Be7 8. b3 O-O 9. Bb2 f5 10. Rc1 Be6 11. d3 a6 12. a3 Bf6 13. Nd2 Qd7 14. b4 Qf7 15. Na4 Nxa4 16. Qxa4 Bd5 17. Bxd5 Qxd5 18. Qb3 Qf7 19. Rc2 Rad8 20. Qxf7+ Rxf7 21. Nb3 Nd4 22. Bxd4 exd4 23. Na5 c6 24. Rb1 Re8 25. a4 Rc7 26. Nb3 Ree7 27. Kf1 g6 28. Rc4 Rcd7 29. Na5 Kf7 30. Nb3 Rd8 31. Rb2 Rd5 32. Rbc2 Bg7 33. Rc5 Ke6 34. R2c4 Bf6 35. Rc1 Bg7 36. Rd1 Kd6 37. Na5 Rxc5 38. bxc5+ Kd5 39. Nb3 Bf6 (Draw)

Lacroix-Suresh

1.d4 e6 2. c4 Nf6 3. Nf3 b6 4. a3 Ba6 5. Qc2 d5 6. cxd5 exd5 7. g3 Bd6 8. Bg2 O-O 9. O-O Re8 10. Nc3 Nbd7 11. Rd1 h6 12. Bf4 Bxf4 13. gxf4 Ne4 14. Nxd5 Nxf2 15. Kxf2 Rxe2+ 16. Qxe2 Bxe2 17. Kxe2 Nf6 18. Nxf6+ Qxf6 19. Ne5 Re8 20. Bd5 Qxf4 21. Kd3 Qf5+ 22. Kc3 Re7 23. Rf1 Qg5 24. Bxf7+ Rxf7 25. Nxf7 Qe3+ 26. Kc4 Qe6+ 27. Kd3 Qb3+ 28. Ke4 Qe6+ 29. Ne5 Qh3 30. Rf3 Qxh2 31. Ke3 Qxb2 32. Raf1 Kh7 33. Rf7 Qxa3+ 34. Ke4 Qg3 35. Rxc7 Qg2+ 36. Rf3 a5 37. Ra7 a4 38. d5 Qe2+ 39. Kf5 Qc2+ 40. Ke6 Qc8+ 41. Rd7 Qe8+ 42. Re7 Qc8+ 43. Nd7 Qg8+ 44. Rff7 Kg6 45. Ne5+ Kh5 46. d6 a3 47. Ra7 Qe8+ 48. Rae7 Qc8+ 49. d7 (1-0)

Round 2

Belashchenko-Lacroix

1.e4 c6 2. d4 d5 3. e5 c5 4. dxc5 e6 5. a3 Bxc5 6. Qg4 Kf8 7. b4 Be7 8. Bd3 a5 9. b5 Nd7 10. Nf3 a4 11. O-O Nc5 12. Bb2 Bd7 13. Nd4 Nxd3 14. cxd3 Qb6 15. Nc3 h5 16. Qf4 Bc5 17. Nf3 Bxb5 18. Nxb5 Qxb5 19. Ng5 Qd7 20. Rac1 Bb6 21. Qb4+ Qe7 22. Qxb6 Qxg5 23. Qxb7 Re8 24. Rc7 Ne7 25. Bc3 Kg8 26. f4 Qg6 27. Rxe7 Rxe7 28. Qxe7 Qxd3 29. Qc5 Rh6 30. Qd4 Qc2 31. Qd2 Qe4 32. Re1 Qc4 33. Bb4 Rg6 34. Rc1 Qe4 35. h3 h4 36. Re1 Qc4 37. Kh2 Rg3 38. Rc1 Qe4 39. Rc8+ Kh7 40. Qc2 Rd3 41. Bd2 d4 42. Bc1 g6 43. Qf2 Rg3 44. Rc4 Qb1 45. Qxd4 Qb3 46. Rc7 Kg7 47. Qd2 Qb5 48. f5 Qxe5 49. Qh6+ Kf6 50. Qh8+ Kxf5 51. Rxf7+ Ke4 52. Qxe5+ Kxe5 53. Bf4+ (1-0)

Round 3

Lacroix-Moskow

1. d4 d5 2. c4 c6 3. Nc3 Nf6 4. Nf3 dxc4 5. a4 Bf5 6. e3 e6 7. Bxc4 Bb4 8. O-O Nbd7
9. h3 O-O 10. Nh4 Qe7 11. Qe2 Rfe8 12. f3 h6 13. e4 Bh7 14. g3 Qd6 15. Qf2 e5
16. Be3 exd4 17. Bxd4 Nh5 18. Kg2 Nxc3 19. Rfd1 Nh5 20. Bxc7 Qe7 21. Bxh6 Ne5
22. Bb3 Bc5 23. Qe1 Qf6 24. Bc1 Kh8 25. Nf5 Bxf5 26. exf5 Qg7+ (0-1)

Suresh-Belashchenko

1. e4 e6 2. d4 d5 3. Nc3 Bb4 4. a3 Bxc3+ 5. bxc3 dxe4 6. Qg4 Nf6 7. Qxg7 Rg8 8.
Qh6 c5 9. Rb1 a6 10. Ne2 cxd4 11. cxd4 Nc6 12. c3 e5 13. Bg5 Rg6 14. Qh4 Kf8 15.
d5 Na5 16. Ng3 Qc7 17. Be2 Nxd5 18. Nxe4 Bf5 19. Rc1 Kg8 20. Ng3 Be6 21. Bh5
Rg7 22. Bh6 Nf4 23. O-O Qc6 24. f3 Qc4 25. Kh1 Nxc3 26. Qxh5 Rg6 27. Bg5 f6 28.
Bxf6 Nb3 29. Qxe5 Nxc1 30. Rxc1 Qd5 31. Qxd5 Bxd5 32. Be5 Re8 33. f4 h5 34. c4
Bc6 35. Rc2 Rd8 36. Kg1 Rd1+ 37. Kf2 h4 38. Ke2 Rg1 39. f5 Rg4 40. h3 (0-1)

Slominski-Cusumano Round 1 Lower Swiss

1. d4 Nf6 2. Nf3 d5 3. e3 c5 4. b3 Bf5 5. Bb2 e6 6. Nbd2 Nbd7 7. Be2 Bd6 8. Nh4
Be4 9. Nxe4 Nxe4 10. Nf3 Qa5+ 11. Kf1 O-O 12. Bd3 Ndf6 13. h4 c4 14. bxc4 dxc4
15. Bxe4 Nxe4 16. Ng5 Nxc3 17. hxc3 Qxc3 18. Qf3 Qb5 19. Bc3 Qf5 20. Qxf5 exf5
21. Rb1 b6 22. Rb5 g6 23. d5 Rfe8 24. Rh4 Rac8 25. Bb4 Bxb4 26. Rxb4 Re4 27.
Rxe4 fxe4 28. Ke2 Rc5 29. f3 exf3+ 30. Kxf3 Rxd5 31. Rxc4 Ra5 32. a4 h5 33. Kf4
Kg7 34. e4 g5+ 35. Ke3 Rc5 36. Rxc5 bxc5 37. Kd3 h4 38. Kc4 g4 39. Kxc5 h3 40.
gxh3 gxh3 41. Kd6 h2 42. c4 h1=Q 43. c5 Qxe4 44. c6 Qd4+ 45. Ke7 Qc5+ 46. Kd7
Qd5+ 47. Kc7 f5 48. Kb7 f4 49. a5 Qxa5 50. c7 (0-1)

Naumann-Seetharaman Round 1 Lower Swiss

1. f4 d5 2. Nf3 Nf6 3. g3 Bf5 4. Bg2 h6 5. d3 e6 6. O-O Bc5+ 7. e3 Nc6 8. Kh1 h5 9.
Nc3 Ng4 10. Qe2 Qe7 11. e4 dxe4 12. dxe4 Bg6 13. Na4 O-O-O 14. Nxc5 Qxc5 15.
c3 f6 16. h3 Bxe4 17. Qxe4 Nf2+ 18. Rxf2 Qxf2 19. Be3 Qxb2 20. Rb1 Qxa2 21.
Rxb7 Kxb7 22. Nd4 Qc4 23. Nxc6 Qxe4 24. Nxd8+ Rxd8 25. Bxe4+ c6 26. Bg6 a5 27.
Kg2 a4 28. Bc5 Ka6 29. Bxh5 Rd2+ 30. Kg1 Kb5 31. Be3 Rc2 32. Bd4 a3 33. Bf7 a2
(0-1)

Hengen-Davidson Round 1 Lower Swiss

1. d4 Nf6 2. Nc3 g6 3. e4 d6 4. Bg5 Bg7 5. e5 dxe5 6. dxe5 Qxd1+ 7. Rxd1 Ng4 8. h3 Nxe5 9. Nd5 O-O 10. Nxc7 Bf5 11. Nxa8 Rc8 12. Nc7 h6 13. Nd5 Nbc6 14. Bf4 Bxc2 15. Rd2 Be4 16. Bxe5 Bxe5 17. Nf3 Bd6 18. a3 Kg7 19. Be2 Rd8 20. Nc3 Bxf3 21. Bxf3 Na5 22. Bd5 Rc8 23. O-O Bxa3 24. Ra1 Bb4 25. Rd4 Bc5 26. Rf4 e6 27. Bxe6 fxe6 28. Rxa5 a6 29. Ne4 Bb6 30. Ra1 Rc4 31. Rf7+ Kxf7 32. Nd6+ Kf6 33. Nxc4 Bd4 34. Rd1 e5 35. b4 Ke6 36. Kf1 Kd5 37. Rc1 g5 38. Ke2 h5 39. Ne3+ Ke6 40. Rc7 b6 41. Ra7 a5 42. bxa5 bxa5 43. Rxa5 Kf6 44. Ra6+ Kf7 45. Nf5 Bc5 46. Ra5 Kg6 47. Nh4+ gxh4 48. Rxc5 Kf5 49. Ke3 (1-0)

Cusumano-Hengen Round 2 Lower Swiss

1. d4 Nf6 2. c4 g6 3. Nf3 Bg7 4. g3 O-O 5. Bg2 d6 6. O-O c5 7. d5 e6 8. Nc3 exd5 9. cxd5 a6 10. a4 Nbd7 11. Bf4 Qe7 12. Qd2 Rb8 13. Rfe1 b5 14. axb5 axb5 15. Ra7 b4 16. Na4 Bb7 17. e4 Ng4 18. h3 Nge5 19. Nxe5 Nxe5 20. b3 Ra8 21. Rxa8 Rxa8 22. Be3 Nc4 23. Qc2 Na3 24. Qd1 Qf6 25. Bf1 Ba6 26. Bxa6 Rxa6 27. Qe2 Rxa4 28. bxa4 b3 29. Qa6 Qd8 30. a5 b2 31. Qb6 Qa8 32. a6 Bc3 33. Qb7 Qxa6 34. Qxa6 Bxe1 35. Bh6 f5 36. Qc8+ Kf7 37. Qe6# (1-0)

Davidson-Naumann Round 2 Lower Swiss

1. d4 f5 2. Nc3 Nf6 3. Bg5 d5 4. Bxf6 exf6 5. e3 Be6 6. Bd3 Bd6 7. Qf3 g6 8. Nge2 c6 9. h4 a5 10. h5 Kf7 11. Qh3 Na6 12. Nf4 Nb4 13. O-O-O Nxd3+ 14. Nxd3 g5 15. h6 Re8 16. f4 g4 17. Qh5+ Kg8 18. Ne2 Qe7 19. Ng3 Bf7 20. Qxf5 Qxe3+ 21. Kb1 Qxg3 22. Qxf6 Bf8 23. Ne5 Rxe5 24. dxe5 Re8 25. Qg5+ Bg6 26. Qf6 Re7 27. e6 Qxg2 28. f5 Qe4 29. Rhf1 Bxf5 30. Rxf5 Bxh6 31. Rg5+ Bxg5 32. Qxg5+ (1-0)

Seetharaman-Cusumano Round 3 Lower Swiss

1. c3 e5 2. d4 e4 3. c4 d5 4. cxd5 Nf6 5. Nc3 Nxd5 6. Nxe4 Bf5 7. Ng3 Bb4+ 8. Bd2 Bg6 9. e3 Nc6 10. Bb5 O-O 11. Nf3 Nce7 12. O-O c6 13. Bc4 h6 14. Ne5 Bh7 15. Bxb4 Nxb4 16. Qb3 Nbd5 17. a4 f6 18. Nd3 b5 19. axb5 cxb5 20. Bxd5+ Qxd5 21. Qxd5+ Nxd5 22. Nc5 f5 23. Ne2 f4 24. e4 Nb4 25. f3 Nc2 26. Rac1 Ne3 27. Rfe1 g5 28. Nc3 a6 29. b3 Bg6 30. Nd1 Nxd1 31. Rxd1 a5 32. d5 a4 33. b4 Bf7 34. e5 a3 35. e6 Bg6 36. d6 Bf5 37. d7 a2 38. e7 Bb1 39. exf8=Q+ Rxf8 40. Nb3 (1-0)

Nebraska State Quick/Blitz Championships 9/14/2024

The NSCA held its State Championship for Action (G/10+2) and Blitz (G/3+2) on Saturday September 14th in Omaha at the UNO CPACS building. The Action tournament was in the morning and was won Ananya Wadhwa of Kansas with 5-1. Nebraska Action Champion for 2024 was a tie between Abhinav Suresh and David Buckley both with 4-2. Twelve players took part.

The State Blitz Championship was held in the afternoon and Aayush Wadhwa and Ananya Wadhwa of Kansas shared first scoring 10-2. Nebraska State Blitz Champion for 2024 was shared by Nick Lacroix and Abhinav Suresh both with 7-5.

There was an RBO offered to under 1200 and under 800/400. Owen Hill won the under 1200 with 3.5-.5 and Prayag Gundabolu, Thanush Bokka, and Joey Casella all tied for first in the under 800 section with 3-1.

NSCA State Quick G/10+2 Championship

#	Name	Rating	Rd1	Rd2	Rd3	Rd4	Rd5	Rd6	Total
1	Ananya Wadhwa	1671	W3	L6	W7	W11	W4	W2	5.0
2	Abhinav Suresh	1977	W9	W7	L4	W5	W3	L1	4.0
3	Bob Holliman	1917	L1	W10	W6	W4	L2	W8	4.0
4	Aayush Wadhwa	1890	W8	W5	W2	L3	L1	W6	4.0
5	Matt Buckley	1682	W12	L4	W9	L2	W6	W11	4.0
6	Nick Lacroix	1860	W10	W1	L3	W8	L5	L4	3.0
7	Luke Hengen	1711	W11	L2	L1	W9	L8	W12	3.0
8	Dominic Zeisler	1582	L4	W12	W10	L6	W7	L3	3.0
9	Michael Mills	1600	L2	W11	L5	L7	W12	W10	3.0
10	Koppinger	1512	L6	L3	L8	W12	W11	L9	2.0
11	Joaquin Siado	1406	L7	L9	W12	L1	L10	L5	1.0
12	Timothy Mastny	1195	L5	L8	L11	L10	L9	L7	0.0

Nebraska State Blitz G/3+2 Championship

The State Blitz Championship was a double Swiss system, meaning each opponent played twice, once with white and once with black. The Scores

#	Name	Rating	Rd1	Rd2	Rd3	Rd4	Rd5	Rd6	Rd7	Rd8	Rd9	Rd10	Rd11	Rd12	Tot
1	Ay Wadhwa	1824	W12	W12	L2	D2	W6	W6	W5	W5	W3	W3	W4	D4	10.0
2	An Wadhwa	1904	W11	W11	W1	D1	L4	D4	W10	W10	W8	W8	W3	W3	10.0
3	Holliman	2124	W9	L9	W7	W7	W8	W8	W4	W4	L1	L1	L2	L2	7.0
4	Lacroix	1951	W10	W10	W5	W5	W2	D2	L3	L3	W6	L6	L1	D1	7.0
5	Suresh	1888	W13	W13	L4	L4	W9	W9	L1	L1	W7	W7	L6	W6	7.0
6	Buckley	1783	W7	D7	W8	L8	L1	L1	W9	W9	L4	W4	W5	L5	6.5
7	Zeisler	1349	L6	D6	L3	L3	Bye	Bye	W12	W12	L5	L5	W13	W13	6.5
8	Siado	1280	Bye	Bye	L6	W6	L3	L3	W11	W11	L2	L2	L10	W10	6.0
9	Hengen	1745	L3	W3	W10	L10	L5	L5	L6	L6	Bye	Bye	W12	D12	5.5
10	Dutiel	1700	L4	L4	L9	W9	W13	W13	L2	L2	W11	D11	W8	L8	5.5
11	Mills	1593	L2	L2	W13	L13	W12	W12	L8	L8	L10	D10	Bye	Bye	5.5
12	Bratz	1327	L1	L1	Bye	Bye	L11	L11	L7	L7	W13	D13	L9	D9	4.0
13	Koppinger	1453	L5	L5	L11	W11	L10	L10	Bye	Bye	L12	D12	L7	L7	3.5

State Action and Blitz RBO Under 1200

#	Name	Rating	Rd1	Rd2	Rd3	Rd4	Total
1	Hill	1071	W3	D5	W2	W4	3.5
2	Kumar	829	Bye	W6	L1	W7	3.0
3	Pallepati	734	L1	W11	W9	W6	3.0
4	Zhuang	1138	W7	D10	W5	L1	2.5
5	Jayanti	987	W8	D1	L4	Bye	2.5
6	Stingley	987	W11	L2	W10	L3	2.0
7	Bitterman	848	L4	W9	W8	L2	2.0
8	Ortiz R.	978	L5	Bye	L7	W11	2.0
9	Lanka	706	Bye	L7	L3	W10	2.0
10	Bares	978	Bye	D4	L6	L9	1.5
11	Ortiz, G.	UNR	L6	L3	Bye	L8	1.0

State Action and Blitz RBO Under 800/400 Merged

#	Name	Rating	Rd1	Rd2	Rd3	Rd4	Total
1	P. Gundabolu	626	Bye	W2	L3	W5	3.0
2	Bokka	601	W5	L1	W6	W3	3.0
3	Casella	501	W4	W6	W1	L2	3.0
4	Pattam	UNR	L3	L5	Bye	W6	2.0
5	Maskin	UNR	L2	W4	½	L1	1.5
6	R. Gundabolu	389	Bye	L3	L2	L4	1.0

Nebraska Top 40 as of September 2024

1	FM NATHAN SOLON	2442
2	RODNEY A MALPERT	2326
3	MIKE P BLANKENAU	2250
4	RICH CHESS	2225
5	JONATHAN J LANG	2120
6	JACOB KENNETH WAGNER	2053
7	BEN FABRIKANT	2030
8	NICHOLAS PAUL LACROIX	2029
9	ABHINAV SURESH	1985
10	CHRISTOPHER M KISICKI	1933
11	KIRILL BELASHCHENKO	1919
12	LUKE O HENGEN	1918
13	JOSEPH A KNAPP	1915
14	GARY L COLVIN	1902
15	STEVEN JOSEPH CUSUMANO	1902
16	GURUGRAHAN GURUMOORTHY	1892
17	WILL OSBORNE	1882
18	MICHAEL THOMAS MARMORSTEIN	1873
19	BRUCE GERALD DRANEY	1839
20	JOSHUA FERNANDES	1818
21	RAKSHITH SEETHARAMAN	1815
22	KENT NELSON	1800
23	NEIL A REEVES	1800
24	THOMAS J O'CONNOR	1800
25	MATT BUCKLEY	1792
26	MATTHEW NAUMANN	1790
27	JOHN LINSCOTT	1784
28	AARON S PEEKSMEASE	1781
29	JOHN DAVIDSON	1780
30	ERIC ORTIZ SANTIESTEBAN	1776
31	NOAH POLACEK	1776
32	JERRY SLOMINSKI	1765
33	JEFF ROACH	1761
34	MR. TONY DUTIEL	1760
35	JOHN R HARTMANN	1715
36	DOMINIC ZEISLER	1710
37	RYAN PENG DONG	1705
38	THOMAS C JESSOP	1704
39	JOHN W STEPP	1700
40	NICHOLAS A GORDON	1700

Chess in Nebraska 30 Years Ago, the 1994 Midwest Open, October 1-2, 1994

Thirty years ago in 1994, the 47th version of the Nebraska/Midwest Open was held in Omaha. Although it no longer determined the Nebraska State Champion, it was still the oldest and most prestigious open event in Nebraska. The event was held at the Best Western Regency West off of I-680 and Pacific my go to spot throughout the 1990's. It was directed by Steven Morales and it drew a decent 37 players including 5 experts (two of whom were National Masters), 4 A Players and 6 others rated at least 1600 or above. The eventual winner was NM Jim Ellis of Wisconsin with 4.5-.5. There was a 5nd way tie for 2nd place between five Nebraskans: Kevin Fleming, Neil Reeves, Wayne Pressnall and Dale C. Reynolds, and David Jenkins, all with 4.0.

47th Midwest Open

#	Name	Rating	Rnd1	Rnd2	Rnd3	Rnd4	Rnd5	Total
1	Ellis	2111	W6	W15	W18	W7	D2	4.5
2	Fleming	2140	W23	W14	W10	D3	D1	4.0
3	Reeves	2011	W24	W11	W9	D2	D7	4.0
4	Pressnall	2003	W8	W5	L7	W16	W11	4.0
5	Reynolds	1621	W35	L4	W27	W9	W13	4.0
6	Jenkins	1498	L1	W29	W21	W14	W18	4.0
7	Ballard	2128	W32	W21	W4	L1	D3	3.5
8	Glasgow	1502	L4	W35	D15	W30	W19	3.5
9	Holling	1964	W26	W22	L3	L5	W24	3.0
10	B. Draney	1950	W25	W16	L2	L11	W23	3.0
11	Linscott	1776	W33	L3	W25	W10	L4	3.0
12	Morales	1758	½	½	½	½	W22	3.0
13	Robinson	1800	L17	W20	W30	W22	L5	3.0
14	Nilssen	1760	W31	L2	W32	L6	W27	3.0
15	Mitchell	1717	W29	L1	D8	D23	W25	3.0
16	Mattingly	1456	W36	L10	W17	L4	W26	3.0
17	D. Poland	1254	W13	L18	L16	WF	W31	3.0
18	Raines	1814	W27	W17	L1	D19	L6	2.5
19	Lombard	1547	L30	W26	W33	D18	L8	2.5
20	J Lindmeier	878	½	L13	L23	W35	W30	2.5
21	Kuchta	1686	W34	L7	L6	L26	W33	2.0
22	J. Poland	1563	W37	L9	W28	L13	L12	2.0
23	Anzalone	1511	L2	D31	W20	D15	L10	2.0
24	Collins	1458	L3	L33	W31	W28	L9	2.0
25	Moseley	1388	L10	W36	L11	W29	L15	2.0
26	Hargrove	1287	L9	L19	W35	W21	L16	2.0
27	Rieur	1266	L18	W37	L5	W34	L14	2.0
28	C. Lindmeier	996	½	D30	L22	L24	W36	2.0
29	H. Draney	851	L15	L6	W37	L25	W34	2.0
30	G. Anderson	1381	W19	D28	L13	L8	L20	1.5
31	Korolchuk	1106	L14	D23	L24	W33	L17	1.5
32	Beckman	1516	L7	W34	L14	LF	WD	1.0
33	Sloan	1087	L11	W24	L19	L31	L21	1.0
34	Matejka	936	L21	L32	W36	L27	L29	1.0
35	N. Agarwal	724	L5	L8	L26	L20	W37	1.0
36	R. Agarwal	702	L16	L25	L34	W37	L28	1.0

37	Bolz	UNR	L22	L27	L29	L36	L35	0.0
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Creating Memories, Reflections on the Hall of Fame Champions Celebration by Bruce Draney.

It's now been nearly 4 months since we held the finest tournament in Nebraska in nearly 37 years. It's really more like 50 if we consider it was all organized by Nebraska with no outside help from the USCF. It will always go down in my memory as one of the most enjoyable chess events I've ever had the pleasure of being involved in. The dream of holding a tournament like this really began for me back in 1993 when I assumed the NSCA Presidency, but two major things were lacking that made the dream unachievable at that point in time. One was a viable and stable 501c3 chess non-profit. The NSCA did not have such status and the Lincoln Chess Foundation was moribund and barely afloat and able to pay for our bulk mailing permit to mail out Gambits. The other factor, an even more critical one was financial backing.

Fast forward to July 2023. I had just returned to chess play and was searching desperately for our Hall of Fame plaque which had vanished between the last time we inducted anyone and when I returned to find out it was missing. All attempts to turn up the plaque failed and I finally organized a Hall of Fame Memorial tournament last winter right before New Years to raise the money to buy a brand new one.

The search for the plaque took me to Lincoln, Nebraska to see if I could bring the matter in front of the NSCA membership at one of our annual meetings. I didn't know or understand at that time that the NSCA no longer had membership meetings because we no longer sold memberships lol.

Far more importantly, however, long-time friend and fellow 1970's chess player Rod Malpert was at the Cornhusker State Games analyzing games and socializing with players. I just planned to look in and say, "hi", but one thing led to another and some 4 hours later after a thoroughly enjoyable day of reminiscing and going over games together we found out we both had the same idea and that was to hold a big reunion of all our 70's friends and acquaintances. Thus, the seeds were planted for what eventually became the Hall of Fame Champions Celebration.

Rod is a successful former attorney and a venture capitalist who after leaving Nebraska, spent quite a few years in Iowa, Texas and California. After retiring from legal practice, he purchased a 2nd residence here in downtown Lincoln and he returns quite frequently to visit family and watch Husker football games in addition to playing and supporting chess.

Over the next 11 months after our initial ideas were elaborated on, we began planning what became the Hall of Fame Champions Celebration. Rod wanted it to be more of a reunion than a chess tournament and I wanted it to spotlight the new Hall of Fame class that had been chosen for the first time in over a decade and included Rod himself, Alexey Root who began her career here when she was still in grade school, long-time friend and one of our greatest chess journalists of all times, Kent Nelson, as well as Keaton Kiewra who won 9 state closed championships in a row before moving to Texas and also became only the 2nd Nebraskan ever to earn an IM title.

We found that we really both just wanted it to be something special and boy were we not disappointed. Rod backed the project financially and the rejuvenation of the Lincoln Chess Foundation made it even easier for him to spend more on the event. Really, there were times over the first 5 months of 2024, that I had to make sure he really wanted to spend as much on the event as he was offering to do. Obviously, I deferred to his wishes in most cases, because without his help the event wouldn't have been possible, but he listened to me and sometimes he even expanded my own dreams by suggesting even more lavish ideas. Together we planned drawings, lectures, simulms, and a meet and greet.

We settled on a three-day event with a shorter tournament but with lots of amazing and fun side activities. We wanted people to have so much fun that they would never forget the experience. Our first big idea was to not start the tournament until mid-morning on Saturday June 1st. We would only have 4 rounds but with really reasonable time controls to ensure the games were well played and not rushed. We did all the trappings of a national chess event complete with demonstration boards, a stage, and even velvet ropes separating the top boards from the rest of the games.

Rod listened to me and I listened to him and we worked together as a team meticulously planning the entire event. We picked the Graduate Hotel which was the very same site as the 1975 U.S. Open and the 1978 Chess and the Humanities Event. The 1969 U.S. Open was held on the same location but that hotel was demolished in the 1970's and replaced by the Hilton. He left me to do a lot of the detailed planning. I was responsible for finding addresses of people we hadn't seen or spoken to in 50+ years, getting invitations printed, and creating various awards to be given out on the Friday night before the tournament at the Hall of Fame Induction banquet.

Eventually, I had to make sure that no detail was left unaddressed so that everything would go smoothly and I'll be honest, my biggest fear was that something would go wrong that we hadn't thought of and it would lead to it marring people's memories of the event. Fortunately, it was exactly the opposite. It was like a dream as I was living it on May 31st-June 2nd. We had a double tag-team simul with Rod and Loren playing 20 people and Alexey and Keaton playing a different 20. We had a Saturday meet and greet with drinks and hors d'ouvres.

We not only had a lovely induction banquet program Friday May 31st, but ended up getting live zoom calls from IM John Watson, SM John Tomas and NM John Drexel. In addition, some of our greatest players from the past showed up not just for the induction banquet but also played in the tournament including Rich Perry, Bill Smith, Loren Schmidt, Alexey, Keaton, Kent and numerous others I don't have the space to mention by name. Many others like Brad Resz, Dan Draney, Wes Schmidt, Ben Munson, John Rose, Greg Sasse, Mike Mathews and Ted Herman made appearances on one or more days.

My over the board performance was poor but I had so much fun just being a part of it, I was almost feeling like I wanted the dream to continue as it ended. After the event, 6 of us went looking for a place to eat and wind down. Some things never change and Lincoln is like a dead zone after 10 PM on Sunday nights. We went to a place in the Haymarket but they didn't have food and no other places were open so we walked over to Rod's penthouse which was a couple blocks away. Pizza and wine made the night fly by and after a thoroughly enjoyable night of trading memories and stories with Rich Chess, Jeff Roach, Rod, Loren, and Alexey. We all smiled, laughed, said our goodbyes, and walked back to our hotel for the night at about 2 AM. Such fun will never be forgotten. A few days later Rod called and asked when we could start planning next year? Lol

Yes, Virginia, Chess is Alive and Well in Central Nebraska.

Over the past few months, central Nebraska chess clubs and organizers have pulled off several fun and successful events. Although these events were not rated, they were still enjoyable and provided opportunities for players not close to the Lincoln or Omaha metro areas to participate in chess activities.

In July the Beatrice Chess Club hosted a special simul by an IM from Austria. Although I didn't ever get official details it is my understanding that approximately 13 people showed up to face him. I didn't hear the final results but suspect he won all his games.

A couple weeks later, the Kearney Chess Club presented a special lecture by FM Nathan Solon that drew a pretty nice crowd of local people to listen in.

On September 7th, Beatrice hosted the Mike Cole tournament which was an unrated G/10 event. A fairly nice crowd showed up that included several pretty good players from Kansas. Tony Dutiel took 1st place.

On September 14th, Jack Roegner ran a G/5 round robin tournament as a part of the annual Milo Days Celebration in Carleton, Nebraska. I won that event with a perfect 4-0 score but had a very nice time meeting Jack and the other four locals who participated.

Kearney is planning a rated tournament on October 19th run by Eric Ring. I admit I definitely miss the days when Richard Olson kept central Nebraska chess on the map with rated events in Clarks, Central City, and Aurora, and Wayne Pressnall's NebraskaLand Days Open was a perennial favorite in late June. There are some good players out there and it would be great to see more people supporting their events when they host them.

Fall Open Chess Tournament draws Forty-One to the Open at the Council Bluffs Holiday Inn & Suites at Ameristar.

The first major chess event of the fall was held on September 28-29 in Council Bluffs at the Holiday Inn & Suites at the Ameristar Casino. The event offered an Open section which drew 41 and an RBO that drew 27. Seetharaman Renganathan of Chess Rockerz organized and planned the event which was directed by FIDE Arbiter Ben Bratz of Des Moines.

Although several high ranked players registered to play, 4 of them bailed out at the last minute including a GM and an FM. Two other Masters who had registered also decided not to play.

Since the event is happening right at the end of the 3rd quarter, I will only report results in this issue but will try to include a cross table in the October Omaha Chess Archive.

The RBO was five rounds and first place was shared by Alan Zhuang and Abinash Paupoo both with 4.5-.5. There was a blitz event held on Sunday and it was won by Alec Aimdilokwong of Iowa. John Blomer took 2nd.

In the Open, it was a very comfortable G/90+30 inc. time control which is what we used in the Champions Celebration. This time control requires people to take notation regardless of how much time is left on their clock since 30 seconds are added before any time is subtracted.

Several upsets occurred as two of the top players were defeated before the last round. The winner with a perfect score of 5-0 was John Drippe of Iowa. Second place was Puwitt Sky Moerlien of Kansas with 4.5-.5. Sky has become a regular top performer at Nebraska events and he survived a wild game with Nick Lacroix in the 3rd round on Saturday night managing to find a 3-fold repetition of moves with seconds left on his clock. The event was both USCF and FIDE rated so it required a certified FIDE arbiter to direct it.

Closing Thoughts by Bruce Draney

This completes my 7th issue of the Gambit and we are now officially caught up to the present. The final Gambit of 2024 will cover any and all chess news happening between October 1st and December 31st. The next issue will report on the following major events: National Chess Day Open on October 12th, Lincoln City Championship on October 26th, the 1st Nebraska State Team Scholastic Unrated event on November 2nd, the Kearney Open on November 9th, the Great Plains Open on November 23rd-24th, the End of Year Open on December 7th-8th and the 2nd Hall of Fame Memorial on Saturday December 28th. In addition, if space permits it will cover club events like the Spence Club, and Camelot Club Championships.

For the foreseeable future, I plan to continue to edit as long as Kent wants a break and is still working. I would like to once again request that you make this publication as much yours as it is mine. If you send me articles, games, or interesting chess related items I will be happy to print them, space permitting.

There is so much chess activity going on right now, it is not hard to fill up the pages but I want the publication to be far more than just games and cross tables. Funny stories are always appreciated and Bart Lewis recently surprised me by submitting a funny story that I used in the 2nd Quarter issue. Loren Schmidt has promised me a redux of his famous hilarious story about being lost in New Jersey in the middle of the night when playing in the U.S. Open in 1974. My son has generously sent me some humorous chess cartoons that I used in the last 3 issues. He needed to take this issue off but I had plenty of extra stuff to fill up the pages.

Recently I know that Joe Knapp and Steven Cusumano traveled to Italy and played in a chess tournament and I can't wait to receive a report on that and also maybe a couple of games that they played that would prove interesting reading. I've promised Gary Colvin to publish his article on the Rapid Transit Chess championships.

Don't be shy. If you would like to see one of your very own articles on these pages, send me something. I won't alter your annotations or commentary unless you ask me to as that is considered a faux pas. The more stuff you send me the greater the variety of things you will see in print here.