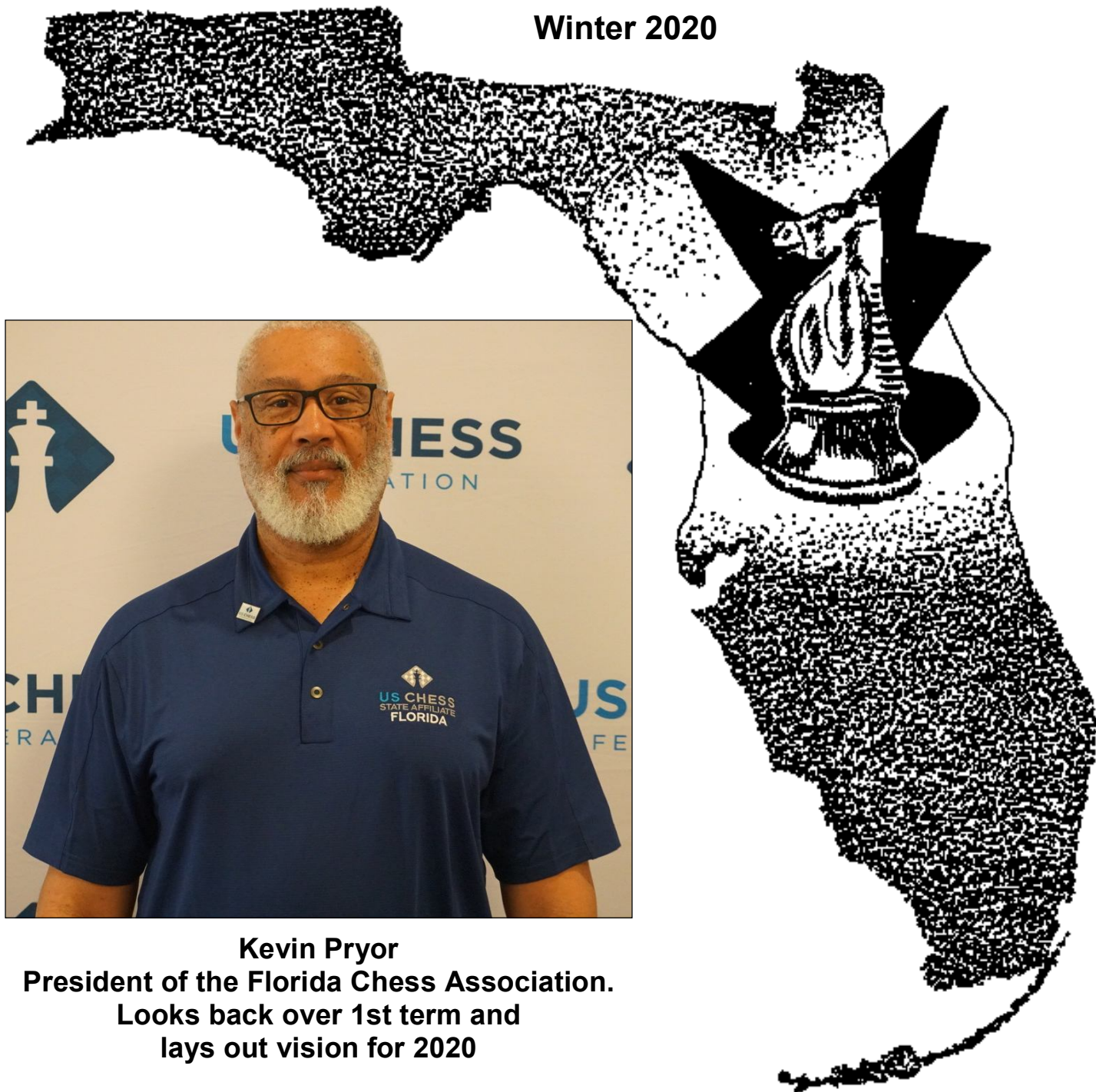


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**Florida Champions**

<b>State</b>	Mykola Bortnyk	<b>Scholastic</b>	Ryan Hamley
<b>Top K-8</b>	Raghav Venkat	<b>Top Girl</b>	Cindy Jie
<b>Blitz</b>	Adithya Bala	<b>Quick</b>	Corey Acor
<b>Senior</b>	George Grasser		

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Family	—	\$30 (for two years)
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## Editor Speaks

We have some different types of reports this issue of floridaCHESS... a couple of games from Chess.com. I recently was introduced to this online-chess program, and those that haven't been aware of it, might want to take a look as there is much for every strength player to absorb. In this issue, we show Evan Stewart beating the World Chess Champion Magnus Carlson in a game played at a time control of 3min +2sec.

Our President has pushed for Regional Reports from all of Florida's Chess regions, so you will find these from most of our 5 Regional Vice Presidents, throughout the magazine.

President Pryor has a major report starting on page 4, which everyone should read... and he has his photo on the cover of this issue.

I continue to supply stories about my life, with "Harvey Lerman Plays Chess", now "Part 6" as I report on some of my past activities other than chess.

And Anony Mous has shown of a "game from the Ages" which shows how blunders come in 3's.

Please support this magazine by sending in reports on your major events. I try to publish all stories, photos, and annotated games that I receive. Just send it to [harvey@floridachess.org](mailto:harvey@floridachess.org) and I'll put it in the next issue of floridaCHESS.

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*Harvey Lerman*

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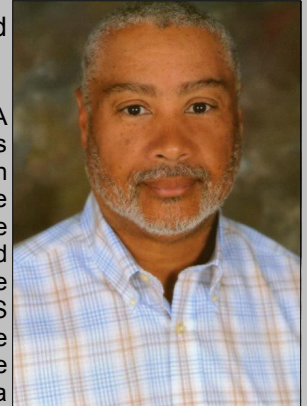
### **Floridians with US Chess Trust jobs:**

Joel Channing - Trustee

## **from the President's desk**

### **2020 Winter President's Message**

Dear FCA members and friends,



Happy New Year 2020! A new year brings new hopes and opportunities for all. In addition to important life decisions and goals, there are tournaments to prepare for and a desire for a targeted increase in our coveted individual US Chess Ratings. Coming to the game competitively in my late 50's, my target has been a modest 1500 rating. However, I've found an appreciation for doing the work required to help others pursue their goals just as enticing as playing. Yet, like you, I plan to play in a few events this year and I desire to study to get better at the game we all love. I want to better myself over the board, but making the time to play/study chess is often sacrificed in pursuit of "doing chess." Former Indiana basketball coach, Bobby Knight, once said "The will to win is not as important as the will to prepare to win."

The same is true with the will of our volunteer board of chess doers to help the Florida Chess Association become one of the best state affiliates in the US Chess Federation. Winning as a chess doer means your preparation to win as an organization is not going to help your rating, but the collective ratings in your state probably will rise. As board members, we have to prepare ourselves to meet the current and future needs of the chess community by planning, leading and organizing activity within our state to grow the game and the grow the players.

In this edition I have provided a look back at plans delivered and new strategic initiatives for the new year. This is where your board has to make sure we are winning with all you have entrusted to us. For example, we have evolved in the way we structure our work on the board by identifying the operational activities that keeps the organization running day-to-day, clarifying the relationship activities to be carried out by the Regional Vice-Presidents and At-Large Directors. Our focus for 2020 is in bringing value-added change through the things we are charged to do as leaders. Of course, we still have to do the legislative work to ensure we are aligned with our charter, ByLaws, mission and other requirements of a recognized state affiliate with US Chess.

A new year brings new opportunities and we look forward to connecting, listening, working and growing with you as we serve the Florida chess community. As for our ratings well, we'll work on that in our "spare" time. Thank you for allowing us to serve.

Here's to a great 2020!

See you over the board,

Kevin Pryor, FCA President

# Letters



FCA's Membership Growth									
Level	Total (Bundles)	Active	Renewal overdue	Lapsed	Pending			New in last	
					New	Renewal	Level change	7 days	30 days
Affiliate Member	<u>24</u>	<u>24</u>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Family Membership	<u>40</u> (16)	<u>40</u>	<u>13</u>	-	-	-	-	-	-
Life Member	<u>19</u>	<u>19</u>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Regular Member	<u>212</u>	<u>150</u>	<u>62</u>	<u>61</u>	<u>1</u>	-	-	-	<u>1</u>
Scholastic Member	<u>141</u>	<u>108</u>	-	-	-	<u>33</u>	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<u>436</u> (16)	<u>341</u>	<u>75</u>	<u>61</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>33</u>	-	-	<u>1</u>

## 2019 Review & 2020 FCA Outlook by Kevin Pryor

Last year, my 1st year as FCA President, I made one promise to the board after they appointed me to the position (yes, the role of President is an appointment that results from consensus of the 13-member Board of Directors at our annual meeting). What was the promise? I would try to do at least one thing a day for the FCA. As a result, I started journaling chess activity to see if I could keep the pledge.

You know, as Floridians, we have the blessing of being the 3rd largest state and one of the fastest growing in the nation. However, chess does not grow as a direct result of relocation factors, but it does with intentional effort to expose people to the game, bring value to those who play or work supporting its infrastructure. This is the role of a governing body for any sporting endeavor and the F.C.A. has the responsibility to carry out that stewardship function for Florida.

Therefore, as the newly installed leadership, the board we quickly set about challenging ourselves to shift our focus from doing mandatory tasks to setting strategic objectives in areas of membership growth, reaching new demographic groups, enhancing communication modes and having a larger presence throughout the state and the nation. I'm happy to report that the board responded and the following items are just a few of the many we achieved.

### 2019 Accomplishments:

#### Membership Growth:

significant membership growth of 58% from 2018 to 2019 with our final membership total being 362. There were big jumps in Affiliates (110%), Scholastic members (104%) and solid gains with Regular membership (40%).

High voter turnout for FCA elections with 27% of ballots returned. A 30% increase over the previous year

#### Demographic Outreach:

Managed US Chess' Girls Room at the K-12 Grades National. We were the first state association to host this room and provided "bottomless" snacks for players over the 3-day event

Added Krista Alton to the Board of Directors and appointed her as our Florida representative to the US Chess' Women's Committee

Raised \$2000 for the Florida School for the Deaf and Blind's start-up chess program

#### National Recognition:

US Chess Sinquefeld Grant award winner - To host a 2020 Florida State Women's Chess Championship

Winner of two Chess Journalist of America awards for 25 year Outstanding Achievement for Harvey Lerman's work as our newsletter editor and Outstanding coverage of a Florida chess event by Steve Vigil.

Full delegation from Florida at the US Open Delegates meeting in Orlando.

#### Chess Championships:

State Scholastic Championship: ~400 players. Run flawlessly by National TD Jon Haskel

*Kevin continued on Page 9*



## 2019 National Grades K-12 Championships December 13-15 at Disney

Three Florida players won championships in this year's National event held at the Coronado Springs Resort



**9th Grade**  
**Raghav Venkat**  
6½-½  
(2257—>2281)  
100 players



**6th Grade**  
**Bach Ngo**  
6½-½  
(2177—>2184)  
178 players



**5th Grade**  
**Erick Zhao**  
7-0  
(2159—>2188)  
187 players



**6th Grade Team Championship**  
**Lincoln Middle School (Coach in rear)**  
**led by Bach Ngo holding the team trophy**



**5th Grade Team Championship**  
**Joseph A Williams Elementary School**  
**with Coaches in rear holding the team trophy**

Wayne Clark was Chief TD of the event and 1783 players participated.

# 2019 K-12 Grade Championships Results

By John Hartman-December 15, 2019

| After three days and seven rounds of competition, here are the winners of the K-12 Grade Championships:

**Kindergarten: Individual: Lucas Yang, New York**  
**Team: The Speyer Legacy School, New York, NY**



**1st Grade: Individual: Mason Jin Li, Penn and Jeremy Tao, NY**  
**Team: Dalton School; New York**



**2nd Grade: Individual: Michael Xiao & Leo Yang, California; and Eden You, New York.**  
**Team: Hunter College Elementary School; New York, NY**



**3rd Grade: Individual: Rohan Rajaram, CA & Andrew Jiang, GA**  
**Team: NEST+m School; New York, NY**



See Page 5 for 5th and 6th Grade winners ~Ed.

**7th Grade: Individual: Wyatt Pak, NY**  
**Team: I.S. 318; Brooklyn, New York**

**4th Grade: Individual: Yuvraj Chennareddy, Illinois.**  
**Team: The Speyer Legacy School; New York, NY**



K-12 Grade Championships Results continues on Page 9 ~Ed.

Photos by Ana Vivas on this page and also on Page 8. Some photos on lower grades by Wendy Reed

# FLORIDA'S TOP PLAYERS

(Using latest USCF Rating Supplement's "Top 100" Lists, except for "OVERALL")

## UNDER AGE 18

Kumar, Nikhil	15	2416
Venkat, Raghav	15	2281
Chen, Benjamin Lj	15	2198
Hamley, Ryan Edward	17	2189
Zhao, Erick	11	2188
Ngo, Bach	11	2184
Hernandez, Ronald	12	2166
Todfield, Dylan	17	2163
Kumar, Naman	13	2147
De La Colina, Nicolas	14	2103
Stone, Vincent William, Iii	13	2059
Yang, Andy, Jr	14	2043
Alvarez, Xavier	16	2059
Shicata, Robert Shintaro	13	2012
Eickelman, Connor	17	2005
Gao, Marvin	11	2000
Shukla, Aniket	11	2000
Lang, Jayden	11	1998
Ramaswamy, Rohit	15	1991
Mayes, Timothy	16	1971
Singh, Keshav	14	1964
Chakrabarti, Brejesh	9	1964
Pothuri, Abhiram	10	1961
Wang, Alan John	16	1959
Starkman, Elliot	16	1945
Gospodinov, Antony	13	1942
Reddy, Satvik	14	1939
Cruz, Jancarlo	16	1930
Sibbitt, Brandon	16	1926
Guan, Michael Xukun	11	1917
Farragut, Cannon	9	1906
Cheng, Leon	12	1900
Wu, William	11	1889
Shen, Jason (Haohan)	13	1873
Yao, Jerry	11	1847
Ziegler, Nate Ryan	10	1789
Sattaru, Sritej Sai	10	1772
Bynum, Jacorey	11	1770
Yu, Dylan	10	1735
Jiang, Benjamin	10	1638
Nair, Advait Shankar	10	1622
Yang, Maxwell	7	1496
Elvers, Tristan	8	1357
Gupta, Anay	7	1298
Guan, Tovy	7	1162
Kaidask, Platon	7	1069
Siddiqui, Elias	7	1019

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### National - Level IV

Tania Kranich-Ritter

Tim Tusing

### Advanced - Level III

Miguel Ararat

## GIRLS U<21

Tianhui (Cindy) Jie	18	2029
Shama Yisrael	15	1936

## SENIORS (65+)

Fabio Larota	69	2240
Stephen Stoyko	72	2224
Constantine Xanthos	73	2200
Sergey Berechenko	73	2200
William Cornwall	76	2147
Jose Hernandez	66	2133

## WOMEN

Tianhui (Cindy) Jie	2029
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## TOP BLITZ

Julio Becerra	2659
Robert M Perez	2479
Corey Acor	2451

## TOP QC

Robert M Perez	2397
Corey Acor	2331
Alex Barnett	2323

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### National Instructor

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\* Active and USCF certified

## OVERALL \*

GM OLEXANDR BORTNYK	2654
GM JULIO J BECERRA	2590
IM MYKOLA BORTNYK	2581
IM YUNIER LEYVA RIVERA	2497
ROBERT M PEREZ	2491
IM NOE TUTISANI	2482
GM RENIER GONZALEZ	2481
FM JORGE LEON OQUENDO	2473
JOHN GABRIEL LUDWIG	2436
FM LUIS ENRIQUE VALDES	2434
FM NIKHIL KUMAR	2416
ADITHYA BALA	2396
FM ALEXANDER ZELNER	2344
FM ALEX BARNETT	2331
FM COREY ACOR	2318
YAN MIELLIER	2310
FM CESAR JOSE VALIDO	2289
AJ STEIGMAN	2283
FM CHARLES GALOFRE	2283
RAGHAV VENKAT	2281
BRYAN TILLIS	2274
FM DALTON PERRINE	2268
TROY DALY	2267
THEODORE LUKE SLADE	2266
PAUL H FIELDS	2264
FM EDISON RUGE	2263
CM ANTONIO ARENCIBIA	2261
JOHN P NARDANDREA	2259
GM RASHID ZIATDINOV	2259
NAT KELLEHER	2256
FM LUIS BARREDO	2255
NICHOLAS J ROSENTHAL	2255
MARTIN HANSEN	2255
BRITT RYERSON	2248
MARIIA BORTNYK	2248
SEBASTIAN ZONTEK	2245
HAN SCHUT	2244
FM FABIO LA ROTA	2240
ERIC COOKE	2235
CARLOS ANDRETTA	2232
JORGE REYNALDO	2228
ROBERT YORISAN RAMIREZ	2228
TRUNG NGUYEN	2225
FM STEPHEN STOYKO	2224
STEVEN ANDREWS	2221
PEDRO HERNANDEZ-PEREZ	2221
MAKAI KRIENKE	2212
YANDRI MORALES	2209
TODD CHARLES BRYANT	2208
RODELAY MEDINA	2203
CONSTANTINE XANTHOS	2200
AJ GOLDSBY	2200
SERGEY BERCHENKO	2200
CM JUAN EDUARDO M PEREIRA	2200

\* Active FL Masters with Current Ratings

## CORRESPONDENCE

Keith Rodriguez	2360
Dana Sylvander	2179
Paul B. Ott	2108
David Spencer	2014
Allen Jeffrey Woollen	2029

## 8th Grade

Individual: Nathaniel Shuman, New York.

Team: Dalton School; New York, NY



## 12th Grade

Individual: Ansh Milinkumar Shah, NJ

Team: Edgemont High School; Scarsdale, NY



See page 5 for 9th Grade ~ED.

## 10th Grade

Individual: Elton Cao, Ohio.

Team: Jericho High School, Jericho, NY

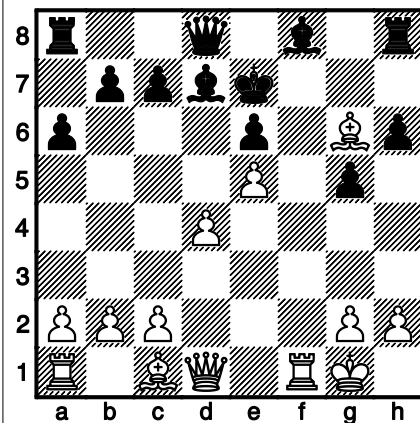


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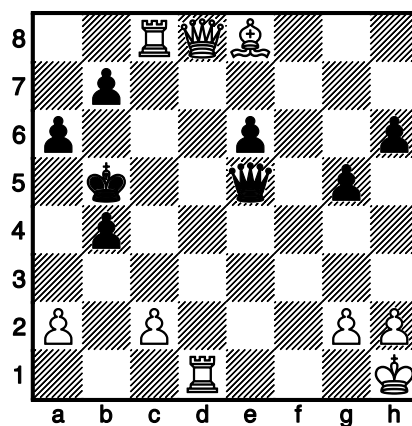
Chess.com Orlando, 03.02.2020

1.d4 d5 2.e3 e6 3.f4 Nc6 4.Nf3 Nf6  
5.Bd3 a6 6.0-0 h6 7.Ne5 Nxe5  
8.fxe5 Nd7 9.e4 g5 10.Nd2 f5  
11.exf6 Nxf6 12.e5 Ne4 13.Nxe4  
dxe4 14.Bxe4 Bd7 15.Bg6+ Ke7



16.Bd2?

Missing 16.Rf7+! Ke8 17.Rh7#  
16...Qb8 17.Bb4+ Kd8 18.Qf3 c5  
19.Qf6+ Kc7 20.Qxh8 cxb4 21.Rxf8  
Qa7 22.Rxa8 Qxd4+ 23.Kh1 Qxb2  
24.Qd8+ Kc6 25.Rd1 Qxe5  
26.Qxd7+ Kb6 27.Qd8+ Kc6  
28.Rc8+ Kb5 29.Be8#



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## 11th Grade:

Individual: IM Hans Niemann, NY

Team: Newark Academy; Livingston, NJ





*Kevin continued from page 4*

Denker State Champion: 169 players. Double the work due to hurricane impact. Organized by board member NM Bryan Tillis and run by National TD Jon Haskel

Stipend/financial support to students: almost \$6,000 distributed to support kids

**Board Development:**

Clarification of responsibilities and accountabilities for board members and candidates

Deployment of online tools to enhance communication and responsiveness to issues using Virtual Boardrooms and online video conferencing

Invested in the board with Board of Director and 2019 Florida Delegation polo shirts

Added new members to the board with skills specific to supporting our objectives

Yes, that is a lot of work in a year's time, but in many ways it is just a sample of things accomplished by the board to help make chess better in FL.

**2020 Strategic Initiative**

**New Championships :** Adding 2020 Florida Women's and 2020 Florida Senior Championships

**Value Creation for Affiliates and Partnerships:**

Continue to increase the number of chess clubs and organizations by clearly defining what the FCA offers them

Development of Business Partnership for non-US Chess Affiliates to be part of our movement

*Kevin's Review continued on page 9*

*Kevin's Review continued from page 4*

Ensure only FCA members gain TD experience credit at FCA events

**Financial Accountability/Visibility**

Establish organizational financial goals and create a budget

Change the trajectory of spending by cutting back on the cost of scholastic awards (~\$10K/yr) and outsource money losing events like Regionals

Publish financial information for members to have evidence of stewardship

Find new revenue streams like donations, paid partnerships, newsletter ads, etc.

**Board of Director development and brand enhancement**

Spread the operational workload via committees and other member-centric involvement

Ensure board members are visible to membership by supporting appearance at local, regional, state and national events

Purchase FCA branded materials for display, distribution and sales

Ensure board member involvement in our state publication every quarter

As with last year, we have a full slate of activity for 2020, but Florida deserves nothing less. I have been very proud of the transformation of our board and the responsiveness of them with the change in direction from an email based voting body to more of a nimble organization. Some of our board membership has been in service for over a decade and continue to be true champions for chess. I'm happy to serve with all of them and have not asked them to do anything I wouldn't do. In fact, that journal I started on September 2018 when I took office had to be modified to include everything done for chess regardless of it being for the FCA. That was a mandate from my wife who counter-challenged me to create one for Honey-Do's to see who's getting the most of my time. It now contains completed actions for the Jacksonville Chess Club, Kids Chess Club, Scholastic Chess, Scouting Merit Badge work, etc. To date, I'm on page 106 of a 20+ lines per page leather journal. That's over 2000 tasks completed.

How am I doing on that Honey-Do list? Do me a favor, please don't ask my wife about it.

# Chessable, Bringing Chess Texts Into The Modern Age

## By NM Bryan Tillis

Chessable, on Chessable.com, is a training tool that assists in the learning process using spaced repetition. The company has gradually expanded over the last few years and there is a large amount of free content on all areas of the game: Openings, Middlegames, Endgames, Tactics, and video courses from NM's to GM's.

In general, I feel that Chessable is an excellent resource that should be in every chess players wheelhouse for studying and preparing for tournaments.

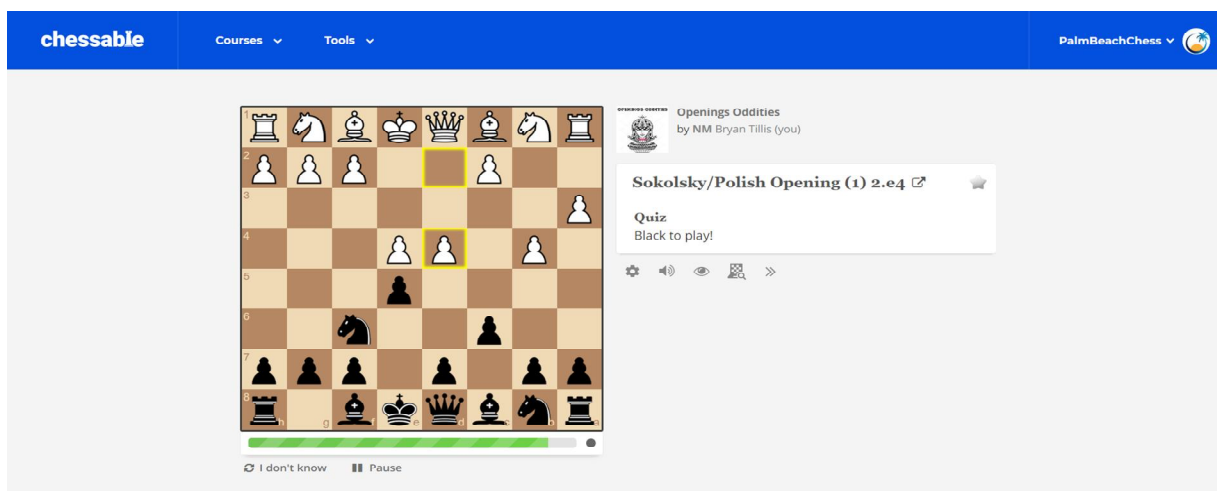
### The How & Why Chessable Works

With Chessable, you follow this process to learn:

The user enters moves from the desired course into Chessable.

The user then trains the moves as Chessable presents them.

Over time, the program presents the user with specific positions based on accuracy within the repetition learning algorithm.



**The user experience is enjoyable and fun.** Chessable uses concepts of [gamification](#), such as a streak meter, experience points, and "rubies" (the currency of Chessable) to make the process of studying and training fun. This is not to be underestimated as consistency and persistence are two aspects that are both necessary for long-term memory retention as well as two things that are often lacking in player's training programs.

**Spaced Repetition Learning:** As the user repeats the moves in certain openings, the program will present positions you know well less often and review those positions you "fail" on more frequently. Spaced Repetition Learning is supported by [scientific research](#). Chessable notifies you about the moves you don't know. You can then use "Overstudy", this particular line to see it in context with the rest of the moves in the line. The Overstudy Function allows you to quiz yourself from the beginning of a line to the end in order. You have the ability to pick and choose which lines you would like to study but the program uses your own user data to identify areas of weakness from errors in training.

## Using Chessable from an Educators Perspective

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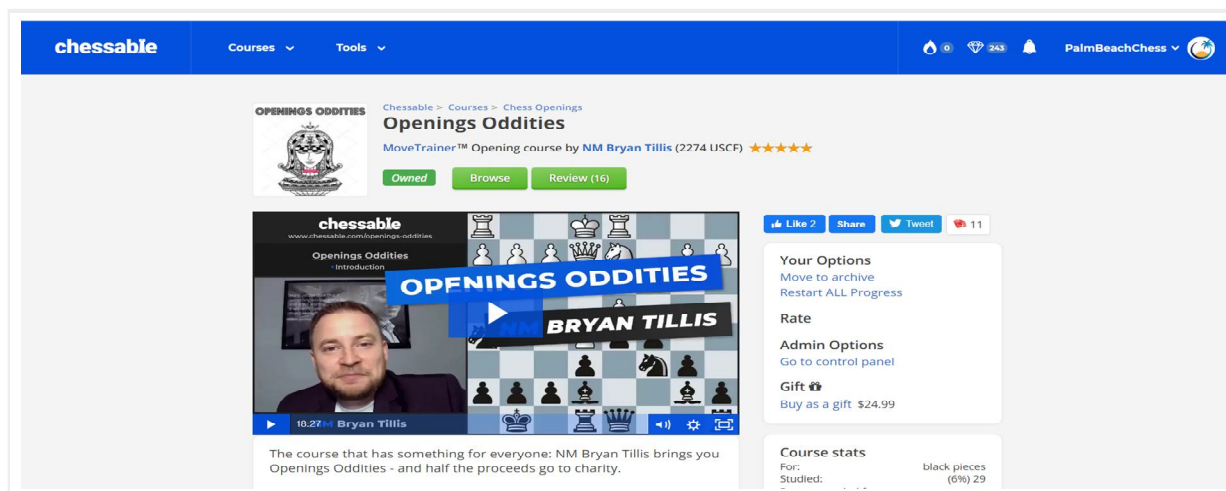
**Make sure you are using Active Learning in your** repetition of lines, this will lead to deeper understanding and eventually, mastery.

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Overall, I think Chessable is an excellent tool for learning chess at a higher level. Create a free account and check out the free Short & Sweet courses. I highly doubt you will regret it! The Better Chess Training Blog did a review on Chessable, many of the ideas and formatting came from that article.

# Some games from recent events

by Miguel Ararat



**Yao, Jerry (1907)**

**Markovic, Goran (2140) [E84]**

CFCC 2020 Winter Open Orlando FL,  
11.01.2020

[Ararat, Miguel]

**1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 Bg7 4.e4 d6 5.f3**

The Saemisch variation of the Kings Indian Defense (KID) is a fashionable option at all levels. White sets up a strong pawn formation that forces Black to play with energy to prevent White to develop his pieces unhindered.

**5...0-0 6.Be3 Nc6**

6...c5 is a popular alternative here. 7.Nge2 Nc6 (7...Qa5 8.Nc1 cxd4 9.Nb3 Qc7 As in Bok, B (2608) – Jones, G (2665) Tata Steel 2017, 0-1. This game is a good example of how a KID structure becomes a Maroczy bind. Importantly, both players adjust well to the requirements of the new structure and maneuver their pieces for long time. After lengthy redeployments and exchanges Jones came up with a very creative way to unbalance the position and winning the game.) 8.d5 (8.Qd2 Qa5 is Jobaba (2617) versus Amin, B (2699), 2019 (1/2), Black has the advantage in the endgame, yet White manage to save the game.) 8...Ne5 9.Ng3

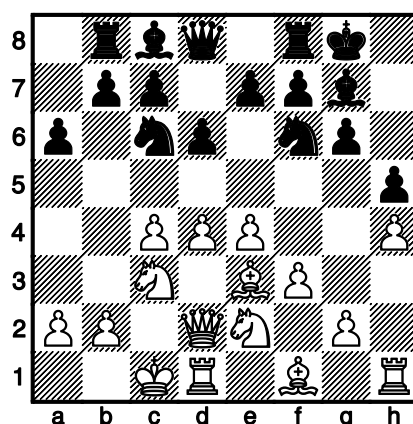
**7.Qd2 a6 8.Nge2 Rb8 9.h4**

Black is at a crossroads here and needs to choose between the safe 9...h5 or the all in 9...b5

**9...h5**

Now it's White's turn to choose how to proceed here. Option one is the thematic knight maneuver, Nc1. Option 2 is castle long. In the game White secures his king, yet it gives Black a target and the position becomes dynamically balanced. The first player lost control of the position and his opening advantage is gone. Black gets the dream scenario for any Kings Indian player, a sharp position with chances for both sides.

**10.0-0-0=**



In the 80's John Nunn showed how to play this position. In his first game in 1982 as Black, Nunn played e5 against Timman (as Reshevsky did against Christiansen in 1984) and the game was a draw. Later, Nunn played more actively with b5 leaving the e5 square free for a piece and with a direct attack against the White king. Since the game, Vaganian, R (2585) – Nunn, J (2620), 0-1, the plan with b5 is the more popular choice here and White scores poorly.

**10...Bd7** Markovic does not play b5 and Yao gets the chance to get the upper hand (the nature of sharp positions) **11.Ng3?! White** plays a slow move and Black can get b5. The evaluation of the position swings again and Black has the initiative and stand better. [11.Nd5 b5 12.Nxf6+ Bxf6 13.g4+- White's attack is crashing black defenses and the second player will have a hard time keeping the integrity of his kingside structure.

**11...Re8**

**11...b5 12.Kb1 bxc4** Black opens lines against the White king.

**12.Bd3 e5?!**

Black plays along the lines of Timman–Nunn, 1982 and at a top level the game should be a draw as the cited game demonstrates.

**13.d5 Nd4**

I like to annotate the games in this column with a minimal use of computer generated variations (the reader has a chess engine and does not come here to read a sequence of endless variations...you come here for instruction). This position allows two basic plans for Black, either e5 with an = position or b5 with dynamic play. The computer evaluation swings back and forth depending on what side, White or Black has the chance to play the move that the position requires.

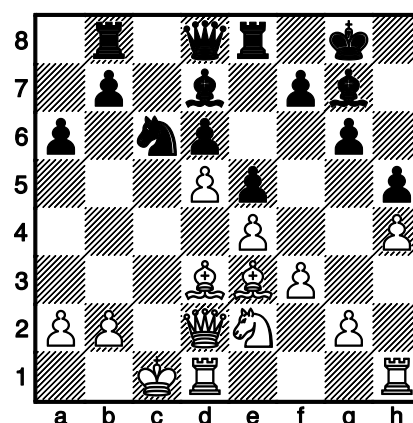
**14.Nge2 c5 15.dxc6 Nxc6?!**

15...bxc6 16.Nxd4 exd4 17.Bxd4 Qa5 and the position is dynamically equal despite Black material deficit.

**16.Nd5!?**

White finds a nice move that stops Black's active options, named b5 and Nb4. The routine Bh6 is just an illusion. White exchanges Black's dark square bishop, however his king will be under fire with either b5 or Nb4. [16.Bh6]

**16...Nxd5 17.cxd5**



White stands better and can implement his thematic kingside attack after the prophylactic Kb1 followed by Rdg1 because Black's minor pieces can not create threats against the White king. **17...Nd4?!**



Black reaches the weak d4 square in White's camp and Yao decides to exchange his valuable dark square bishop for the Black knight and win the Black pawn that recaptures on d4. This unfavorable exchange (NxN was fine) allows Black to equalize.

#### 18.Bxd4

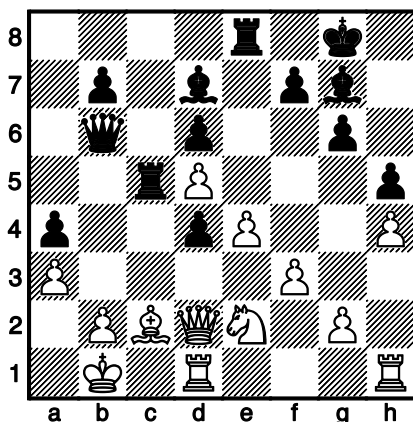
18.Nxd4 exd4 19.Bg5 Qb6 20.Bh6 and White is better.; 18.Kb1 anticipates a check on c8 and White retains his spatial advantage and superior dark square bishop.

#### 18...exd4 19.Bc2 Rc8 20.Kb1 Qb6

Maybe White evaluates that after winning the Black pawn on d4 his position was better, but at this point realized that rook Rc8-c4-b4 is winning for Black despite the material deficit. Why?... because Black has play on the c and b files combined with play on the dark squares (h8-a1 diagonal) and a pawn lever a5-a4-a3

#### 21.Bb3

21.Nxd4 is a self pin against the b2 square that wins a pawn. Black gets a winning position without doing that much, just a pawn sacrifice. 21...Rc4 (21...a5 22.g4 a4 23.a3 Rc4 24.gxh5 Rec8 Black attacks the White bishop on c2 and if the knight recaptures Black mates on b2.) 22.Nb3 Rb4 23.g4 a5 21...a5 22.Bc2 a4 23.a3 Rc5?!



Black gives White a chance to stay in the game by blocking the pawn on d4. After 24.Bd3, White stops the move Rc3 suggested by the engine with Ka1 and my suggested exchange sacrifice RxB (there is no bishop on c2 anymore) [23...Rxc2 is a powerful exchange sacrifice that rips open

White's king. 24.Qxc2 Rc8 25.Qd2 d3; is the chess engine suggestion with a crushing attack. 23...Rc3 24.Ka2 Re3

#### 24.Rc1

[24.Bd3 Rc3 25.Ka1]

#### 24...Rc3

Markovic finds Rc3.

#### 25.Ka1 Rec8?!

25...Rxa3+ 26.bxa3 d3+ 27.Nc3 dxc2 28.Rxc2 Qb3+- White collapses on the dark squares.

#### 26.Bd3 Qb3 27.bxc3

27.Rhd1 b5 28.Rb1 Rxd3 29.Qxd3 Rc3 30.Qd2 Rc2 31.Qe1 d3 27...dxc3 28.Qc2 Qxa3+ 29.Kb1 Rc5 30.Qa2 c2+ 31.Rxc2 Qxd3 32.Nf4 Rb5+ 33.Kc1 Bh6 34.g3 Qe3+ 35.Rd2 Qc3+ 36.Rc2 Qxf3 37.Rd1 Qxg3 1-0

### Drum Jr,Robert (1879)

### Cox,Russell (1877) [D20]

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[Ararat,Miguel]

#### 1.e4 e6 2.Nf3 d5 3.exd5 exd5 4.d4 Nf6 5.c4

This move is a recurrent idea in the games of Latvian GM Miezis. A nice example of Miezis play (and main ideas in this variation) is his game as White versus David Navara (2714) at the European Team Championship, Porto Carras 2011. As a note this game ends with a checkmate with two knights! I hope that a rare checkmate motivate my readers to go over the game on the database.

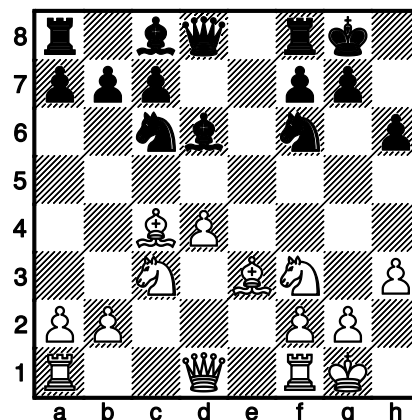
#### 5...dxc4 6.Bxc4

White decides to play a very dynamic pawn structure (IQP) and the resulting middlegame will be exciting for the readers. Typically, Black aims to blockade or restrain White's IQP as in the game Artemiev (2691)-Ivanchuk (2726), 2017 and White fights to implement d4-d5 winning more space at the same time that the square d4 is available for his pieces.

#### 6...Bd6 7.0-0

7.Qe2+ This plan contradicts the general rules of handling the IQP, because White trades Queens early in the game and in theory his attacking prospects decreases. However, this paradoxical queen trade with an IQP

was successfully implemented by Levon Aronian (2815) against Nakamura (2775) at the World Championship Rapid in Dubai 2014. 7...Qe7 8.Qxe7+ Bxe7 9.Nc3 0-0 10.0-0 a6 11.Re1 Bd8 12.Bf4 Nbd7 13.Rac1 Nb6 14.Bb3 h6 15.d5 7...0-0 8.h3 Nc6 9.Nc3 h6 10.Be3



So far both player follow theory. [10.Re1 Bf5 11.d5]

#### 10...Qe7?!

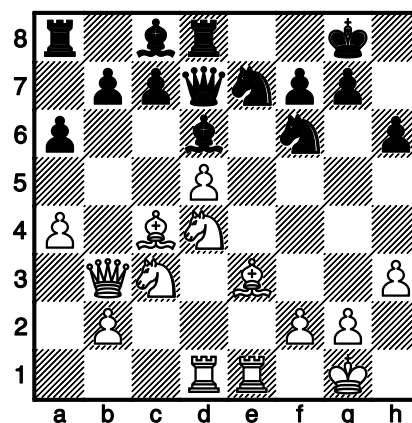
Black allows White to win a tempo and push d5 without that much resistance and White stands better. 10...Bf5 11.Rc1 a6=; 10...a6 11.a3 Bf5 11.Re1 Qd8 12.d5 Ne7 13.Nd4 a6 14.a4 Qd7 15.Qb3

Activates the queen.

#### 15...Rd8

[15...Nf5]

#### 16.Rad1



Until this point I will be ok handling the Black pieces. White is better no question about it, Drum has more space, centralized minor pieces, yet

Cox can use the f5 square to exchange a pair of minor pieces (knights).

After Nf5–NxN, and Qxf5 the lighter square bishop can be developed to d7 since Qxb7 is answer with Rdb8 trapping the White queen.

**16...Be5?!**

The problem with this move is that White can take advantage of it, tactically with Nc6 (a line discovered by my chess engine) or by positional means (avoiding the exchange of pieces when your opponent has less space)

16...Nf5 17.Nxf5 Qxf5 18.Bd4 Bd7 19.Qxb7 Rdb8+

**17.f4**

17.g4? White can not stop Nf5 with g4. 17...Nxg4 18.hxg4 Qxg4+ 19.Kf1 Qh5+; 17.Nc6! Stockfish will use all Black's tactical weaknesses such as the weak f7 square, the Black queen in front of a White rook and the unprotected bishop on e5. White's battery on the a2–g8 diagonal is deadly. Black collapses on the light squares. 17...bxc6 18.dxc6 Qe8 19.Bxf7+; 17.Nf3!? A human plan based on a positional redeployment that keeps the tension and avoid exchanges. 17...Bd6 18.Bd4 Ne8 19.Ne4

**17...Bxd4?**

Black makes a blunder in a very difficult position to play. I studied this position at home and tried to find a plan for Black here, but it is hard to maneuver a full set of pieces in only three ranks. Bd6 ,Rb8 and b6 was my best shot. [17...Bd6 White can not longer use the maneuver Nf3–Bd4 to improve his pieces because the f4 pawn is hanging. 18.a5 a natural move like a4–a5 does not prevent Black from freeing his game. (18.Bd3 b6 19.Nf3 Bb7 White is better.) 18...Nf5 My suggestion based on the evaluation I made early in the game and to avoid pawn weaknesses. (18...b5 The engine recommendation to equalize based on dynamic play. 19.axb6 cxb6 20.Nc6 b5) 19.Bf2 Nxd4 (19...Bxf4 20.Ne6) 20.Bxd4 Qf5 White retains his opening advantage, yet Black still in the game.]

**18.Bxd4 Nfxd5**

Black lash out to win a pawn while his queenside rook and bishop still on their original squares. In contrast, White is fully developed and his bishop pair plus open center are menacing.

**19.Nxd5 Nxd5 20.Bxg7 Qc6 21.Bxd5**

[21.Qg3 Qg6 22.Qxg6 fxg6

23.Bxh6 c6] **21...Qc5+ 22.Bd4 Qxd5**

**23.Re8+ Kh7 24.Rh8+ Kg6 25.Rxh6+**

[25.Qg3+ Kf5 26.Qg4+ Ke4 27.f5#]

**25...Kxh6 26.Bg7+ Kxg7 27.Rxd5**

**Rxd5 28.Qxd5 Be6 29.Qg5+ Kh7**

[29...Kf8 30.f5 Bd7 31.f6 Ra7

32.Qg7+ Ke8 33.Qg8#]

**30.f5 Bd5 31.f6 Rg8 32.Qh5#**

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**Bryant,Todd (2208)**

**Venkat,Raghav (2277) [C35]**

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[Ararat,Miguel]

**1.e4 e5 2.f4 exf4 3.Nf3 Be7**

The Cunningham Defense is a reliable variation. Black introduces the possibility of Bh4+ and develops a kingside minor piece to speed up castling.

[3...d5 This is an interesting alternative. 4.exd5 Nf6 5.Bc4 Nxd5= This unbalance position is evaluated as equal by theory. However, both sides have winning chances. In Grandmaster praxis, the high rated player has the winning odds in his favor as expected. The lower rated player aims to deliver a tactical shot in a complex position to win the game. A recent example of this variation was the game, Fier (2549) – Mikhalevski (2578) , St Louis 2019.]

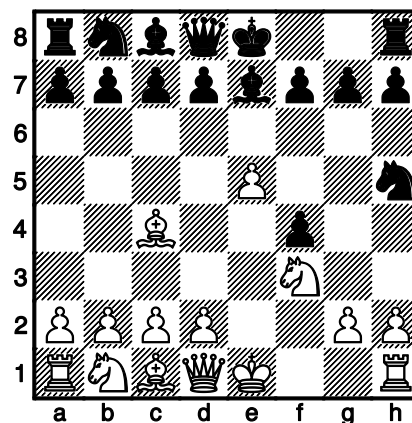
**4.Bc4**

White vacates the f1 square for his king in case of Bh4+ and deploy his strong minor piece to its more active square.

**4...Nf6**

[4...Bh4+ 5.g3?! fxg3 6.0-0 gxh2+ 7.Kh1 Seems like Black is better, yet a greedy move such as Bg3 runs into Bxf7+, Yikes! 7...d5 (7...Bg3 8.Bxf7+ Kxf7 9.Ng5+ Ke8 10.d4)]

**5.e5 Nh5**



Black deviates from the main line

**5...Ng4 6.d4 6.0-0 0-0 7.d4 d6**

Black deviates again from know 7...d5

**8.c3**

White decides to put a pawn on c3 instead of a knight. This idea is a novelty, let's see how it goes. [8.exd6 Bxd6 9.Nc3 (9.Ne5? Black is clearly better as pointed out by John Shaw. 9...Bxe5 10.dxe5 Qxd1 11.Rxd1 Bg4) ]

**8...g6**  
This move to support the knight is thematic in similar position. The question is, Can Black take advantage of White's pawn move 8.c3?. The answers is yes, Black can move the light square bishop to g4 and later his queenside knight to d7 with active development. [8...Bg4 9.exd6 Bxd6 10.Nbd2 Nd7 11.Re1 Nh6]

**9.exd6 Bxd6 10.Nbd2 Bf5**

Black wants to protect the bishop on d6 (which defends the extra pawn on f4) from Nd2–e4. That is the reason why Black did not played 8...Bg4.

**11.Re1**

This natural looking move reinforcing the control of the square e4 and seizing the open file is to my surprise a mistake. [The engine suggest to prevent the exchange of a White knight landing on e4 with this maneuver. 11.Be2 Nd7 12.Nc4 Qe7 13.Nxd6 This variation gives Black the chance to go wrong and good practical chances to White. For example, Qxd6 (the h4 square is now available to the White knight with a discover attack)

14.Nh4 Ng7 15.Bxf4 +- 13...cxd6=]  
11...Nd7 12.Ne4 Bxe4 13.Rxe4 Qf6

[13...c5 This attack to the center and development to the queen to c7 is given as best option for Black by the chess engine, yet leaving the kingside unprotected is counter intuitive. 14.Qe1 Qc7]

#### 14.Qe1

A very instructive moment in the game. So far the opening fight revolves around the control of the h4 square. Qe1 forces Black to make the best move in that position g5 (Rad8 is also good). [14.Qb3 Bryant decided to play with a pawn on b4 and develop his queen to e1 with influence on the open file and the dark squares. 14...Rab8 15.Bd2]

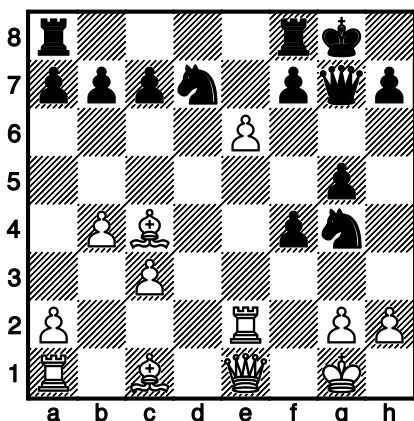
#### 14...g5 15.b4 Qg7

A super safe and practical approach to consolidate the material advantage. Black responds to Qe1 bring his queen closer to his king and to the same diagonal than the unprotected rook on a1. Notice how is more difficult for White to find good moves as the game progresses.

#### 16.Ne5?!

A risky move that gives White practical chances, but makes the distance to conversion of Black advantage shorter. [16.Rb1 Nhf6; 16.a4]

16...Nhf6 17.Re2 Bxe5 18.dxe5 Ng4 19.e6



White set up a nice trap. If Black feels the need to eliminate White's bishop pair with Nge5, White equalizes the game.

#### 19...Nde5

Precise play by Black. [19...Nge5 20.exd7 Nxc4 21.Re8 Nb6 22.Rxa8 Rxa8 23.Bxf4]

#### 20.exf7+

20.h3 Nxc4 21.hxg4 fxe6 22.Re4+

#### 20...Kh8 21.Bd5 c6 22.Bf3

22.h3 is worth to consider. 22...cxd5 23.hxg4 Nc4 24.Bd2 Qxf7

#### 22...Nd3 23.Qd1 Nxc1

23...Nge5 24.Bh5 (24.Re4) 24...Rad8]

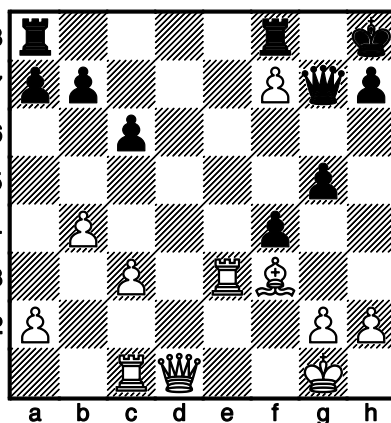
#### 24.Rxc1

24.Qxc1 Ne3 25.Bh5 Qe5

#### 24...Ne3

Material is even, yet, Black has the superior minor piece.

#### 25.Rxe3



A radical move that eases the pressure on the dark squares and transition to an endgame with queens on the board to make it difficult for Black to convert his advantage. Black is winning.

25...fxe3 26.Bh5 Qe5 27.Qf3 Rad8 28.Re1 Rd3 29.c4 Kg7 30.b5 Qf4 31.Qe2 Qxc4 32.h4 Qxh4 33.bxc6 Qf2+

Black forces a queen exchange to ease the conversion of his extra material.

34.Qxf2 exf2+ 35.Kxf2 bxc6 36.Rc1 Rd2+ 37.Kf3 Rxa2 38.Rxc6 Ra4 39.Rc5 h6 40.Rc6 Rf4+ 41.Ke3 Rf6 42.Rc7 R6xf7

Black can hold on the extra exchange. 42...Ra6 43.Rc4 Ra2 44.Kf3 a5

43.Bxf7 Rxf7 44.Rc6 a5 45.Ra6 Rf5 46.g4 Rf4 47.Ra7+ Kf8 48.Ra6 Rxg4 49.Rxh6 Kg7 50.Ra6 a4 51.Kf3 Rb4 52.Ra7+

This check appears to favor Black but in any case, Black can afford to sacrifice the g-pawn as the following variation shows.

[52.Kg3 Kf7 53.Kf3 Ke7 54.Kg3 Kd7 55.Rg6 Kc7 56.Rxg5 Kb6]

52...Kf6 53.Ra6+ Ke7 54.Ra7+ Kd6 55.Ra6+ Kc5 56.Ra5+ Kc4 57.Rxg5

We get a similar position that in the note to move 52 and Black promotes his pawn.

#### 57...Rb3+

An instructive and relevant Kings Gambit game. The opening shows the latest developments in this opening and shows a good level of preparation by both players.

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# Chess.com game Magnus Carlson vs Evan Stewart

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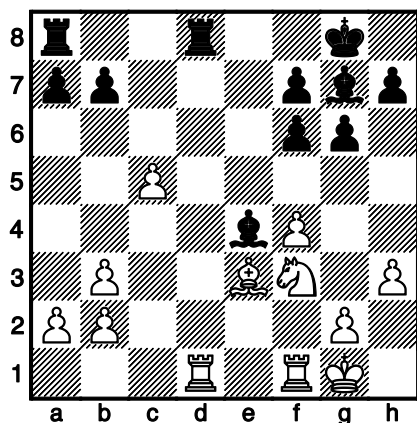
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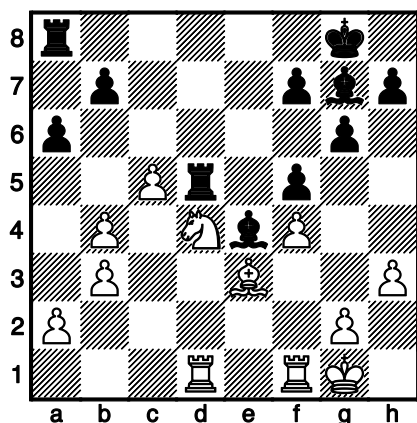
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5.f4 0-0 6.Nf3 c5 7.e5 Ng4 8.dxc5  
dxe5 9.Qxd8 Rxd8 10.h3 e4 11.Nxe4  
Nf6 12.Nxf6+ [12.Neg5 +- is better.]  
12...exf6 13.0-0 Nc6 14.Be3 Bf5  
15.Bb3 Na5 16.Rad1 Nxb3 17.cxb3  
Be4



18.Nd4 [

18.Kf2 is better.

18...a6 19.b4 f5 20.b3 Rd5



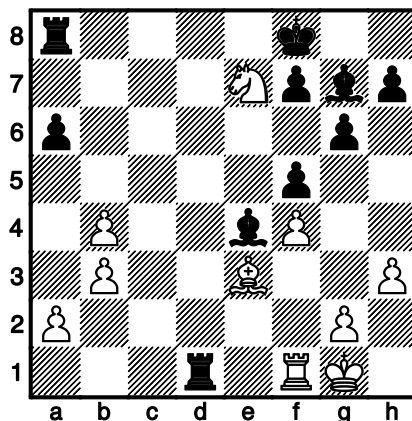
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21.c6? [21.Rf2 =]

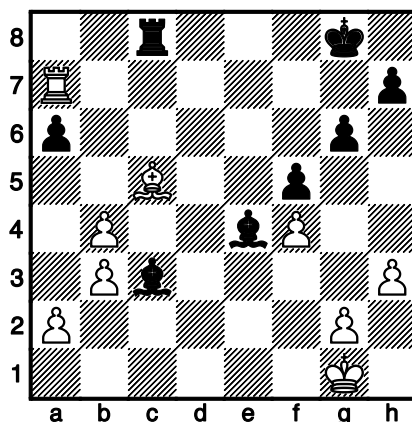
21...bxc6 22.Nxc6??

The losing move! [22.Nf3 += was better.

22...Rxd1 23.Ne7+ Kf8



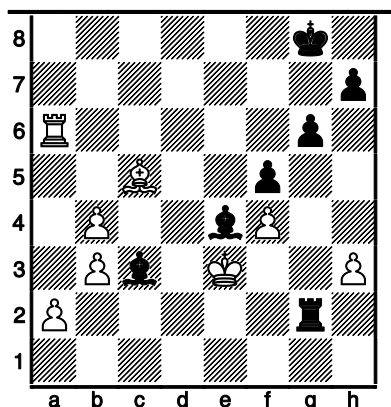
24.Nxg6+ fxc6 25.Rxd1 Rc8 26.Rd7  
Bc3 27.Bc5+ Kg8 28.Ra7



28...Bd3

28...Rd8 29.Rxa6 Rd1+ 30.Kf2  
Rd2+ 31.Ke3 Rxg2 Might be even  
better, but not with this time control!

Line analysis diagram below



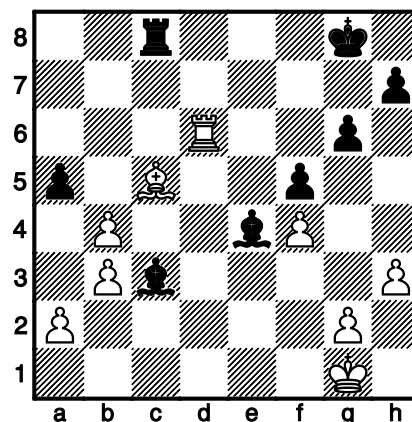
29.Rd7 Be4=

29...Bb5 30.Rd6 a5 -+keeps the  
pressure on White.

30.Rd6

Better back by 30.Ra7

30...a5!



Now Black will eliminate White's  
Queenside Pawns.

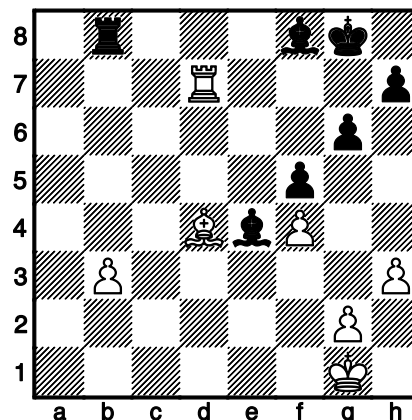
31.a3 axb4 32.axb4 Rb8 33.Rd7

White can try to eliminate Black's  
Pawns. 33.g4 fxc4 34.hxc4 Bxb4  
35.Bxb4 Rxb4 but it doesn't work.

33...Bxb4 34.Bd4

[34.Ba7 Rc8 35.g4 Rc1+ 36.Kf2  
Rc2+ 37.Ke3 Ba5]

34...Bf8



and White resigns. 0-1



# *Your Opponent is Overrated: A Practical Guide to Inducing Errors*

by FM James Schuyler

Book Review by Life Master Theo Slade

I was skeptical of this book before reading it. That was because the focus seemed so skewed toward the practical side of chess that it almost discounted the objective side. This particularly irked me because my style and the way I approach chess was possibly too correct and technical.

However, I think, like most books, Schuyler is merely exaggerating to get his point across. The reason why he doesn't delve too deeply into the improvements and variations is he wants to stay focused on the topic. As I read the book, I appreciated the light annotations and how easy it was to read and learn new concepts.

I have thought for a long time that players generally are too obsessed with learning more all the time, and not taking the time to eliminate weaknesses. However, there is more to chess than adding positives and subtracting negatives. *There is very little literature about making the most of your current abilities.*

As the book's subtitle states, *Your Opponent is Overrated* focuses on playing nettlesome moves to coax errors out of your opponent. Nettlesome moves are moves that are no worse than the best move, but are more likely to induce errors from the opponent. Schuyler presents many ways to accomplish this, most of which were new to me. He does a great job of making these new concepts easy to understand and assimilate.

Part of this book as well is explaining the benefits of decisive results over drawing. Schuyler advocates for a risk-taking, win-oriented brand of chess because it lends itself better to increasing prize money, winning tournaments, and achieving titles. A few of the concepts in this book I have already been applying, but subconsciously. It definitely helps the application and understanding of these concepts to have them explicitly described so you become consciously aware of them.

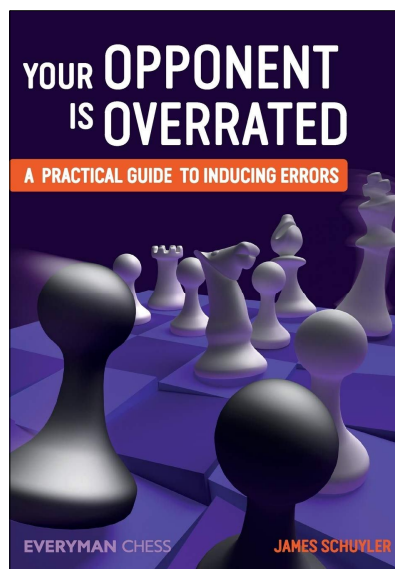
Finally, I love Schuyler's alternative interpretations of chess. He says that other than trying to improve your position as much as possible, it is just as desirable to wear down your opponent's time and/or energy. Schuyler says that although intuition is imperfect, it is vital for strong chess. Therefore, he argues a great way to induce mistakes from the opponent is to lead them into positions where their intuition is useless or even detrimental.

The techniques for accomplishing all this include unbalancing the material. Most positions have equal material, so if your position doesn't, then your opponent will be in less familiar territory. Another aspect of this is that there are fewer trades of equal value, so more pieces stay on the board, decreasing the draw rate. This is the kind of unique observation that is easy to understand that I love about this book.

Another chapter is about reducing the opponent's defenders around their King; in particular its pawn cover. This strategy falls into the category of strong objective and practical play, which is obviously ideal. The goal is to weaken the opponent's King safety, giving them difficult decisions to make on every move for the long-term. If, for example, you sacrifice a piece for three pawns around the enemy King, even in the endgame your connected passed pawns could prove dangerous.

This is precisely what this book is about: Schuyler wants to combine objectively strong chess with giving your opponent difficult decisions to wear down their time and energy. He reminds the reader that chess is a competitive endeavor, so actually the practical strength or nettlesomeness of a move is more important than its objective strength. Another way of putting this is the most important thing is your expected points, which is exactly the way AlphaZero evaluates...

Once I got into this book, I understood what it was about and grew to love it! Five stars!



## 2020 CFCC Winter Open

by Steven Vigil, Chief Tournament Director

The 2020 CFCC Winter Open was held on January 10th -12th. 160 players participated in the 3-day event held at the Wyndham Orlando Resort. The tournament featured five sections: Premier, U2000, U1700, U1400 and U1200/Scholastic. Players had a choice of a 3-day or 2-day schedule.

The **Premier section** had a field of 20 players featuring 6 USCF masters as well as GM Pavel Blatny (2455). Congratulations to Raghav Venkat (2281) who won first place and a prize of \$931. Raghav went undefeated with a score of 4.5 points. His lone draw came in the final round against talented youngster Bach Ngo (2166). Bach, was the only other player in the section who finished undefeated. Congrats to Bach, who not only won clear second place and \$548 prize, but also scored a win against a GM, and became a USCF master at the age of 15! Three players, Makaio Krienke (2212), Todd Bryant (2200), and Erick Zhao (2160) all finished with a score of 3.5 points winning them \$274 each.

Congratulations to Arnold Banner (1965), who had an impressive showing in the **U2000 section**. He finished in clear first place with an undefeated score of 4.5 points, netting him a check for \$931. Congrats to Jeffrey Tobergte (1871) who finished with 4 points, enough for clear first place and \$548. Three players, Brandon Sibbitt (1943), John Givler (1861) and Gary Cote (1824) tied for third place with 3.5 points winning them \$152 each. Ryan Putney (1510) also finished with 3.5 points and won the U1800 prize of \$228. This was especially impressive, because Ryan was the lowest rated player in the section.

In the **U1700** Jayashree Sekar (1622) and Akshat Suresh (1617) drew their final round game to share first place honors with 4.5 points. Congratulations to both players who walked away with a prize check for \$685 each. Saketh Vudutala (1451) also finished undefeated with 4 points and won clear third place and \$274. Four players, Kevin Jin (1568), Jolie Huang (1599), James Beltran (1662), and Matthew Elliot (1545) all finished with 3.5 points winning \$46; their share of fourth place. Gary Robinson (1447) and Soham Shirode (1338) shared the U1500 prize winning \$114 each with 3.

Congratulations to Zekari Stone who won the **U1400** with a score of 4.5 points. Zekari's prize was limited to \$100 per tournament rules, since he was an unrated player, nonetheless it was an impressive accomplishment for his first ever rated tournament. Stuart Elvers (1263), John Ligotti (1186) and Cole Barkett (925) finished in a three way tie for second place and won \$274 each. Keyes Rodriguez (1148) and Evan Brownstein (unr) tied for the U1200 with 3.5 after their final round draw. The two players won \$91 each.

With 39 players, the **Scholastic/U1200** was the largest section in the tournament. Many talented young players improved their skills competing in five rounds which took place over Saturday and Sunday. Congratulation to Martin Kollarik who finished in first place with a score of 4.5 points and a \$365 prize. Six players tied for second place: Darsheel Panchal (1107), Kaushik RajkumarJayaprabha (1006), Aadarsh Arul (957), Prajit Manivannan (873), Bhagyesh Jethwani (845), and John Joura (833). All of them finished with 4 points and won \$46 each. Another five players split the U800 prize winning \$18 each.

Saturday night featured a four round, double round **Blitz tournament**. 16 players competed in the blitz. Congratulations to Dalton Perrine (2249) who won first place and \$90 with a score of 6.5 points. Carlos Hoyos (1943) and Austin Vogt (1525) tied for second place with 6 points, and a prize of \$52.50 each. Jennifer Hoyos (1269) won the U1500 Blitz prize of \$65.

FM Alex Zelner gave an insightful lecture on Saturday morning about tactical themes in the Sicilian Defense Grand Prix Attack. Thank you also to FM Alex and Dr. Catherine Zelner who also provided an outstanding selection of chess books/merchandise sales for the weekend. Steven Vigil, Harvey Lerman and Terrance Washington served as Tournament Directors for this event. CFCC's next weekend tournament will be the **Sunshine Open June 12-14**. The tournament will be held at a new venue for CFCC, the **Holiday Inn in Lake Buena Vista**. We hope to see you there!



I think the Queen always protects her King!



Theo Slade (L) vs Raghav Venkat in round 4

See next page for a few more photos from this event.

For more information on this event and Photos go to <http://CentralFLchess.org/> ~Ed.





## Central Regional Report

by Paul Leggett, Central Region VP

The most recent quarter for the Central Region continues to show remarkable growth, with tremendous activity.

The hallmark events were the **National Scholastic Grades K-12 Championships** at the Coronado Springs Resort at Walt Disney World, and the **Central Florida Chess Club's Winter Open** held at the Wyndham in Orlando. There are separate reports for those events, but just let me point out that the Winter Open was one of the best attended CFCC events in recent history, with a 91% prize payout, limited only because scholastic entries are accounted for differently. It was well-attended and well-run, and if you did not play, you missed a good one!

NM Alex Zelner's Orlando Chess and Games continues to run Saturday Quick Chess Swiss tournaments, which are much-loved by those who attend regularly. My understanding is that Alex may have some positive location changes soon, so stay tuned for some good information in the future.

The Lake County Library System continues to be a tremendous supporter of Chess, to the point that they even let the Clermont Chess Club sponsor tournaments in their locations free of charge. The one day tournaments attracted 33 in the inaugural October tournament, 46 in the November tournament, and 54 in the January tournament. The secret is a free location, a \$15 entry fee, tight sections allowing closely-matched pairings, and a schedule that allows people to get home before dark.

For the most up-to-date information on Central Florida Chess, I recommend the following web locations:

<https://orlandocheess.com/>  
<https://www.centralflcheess.org/>  
<https://www.orlandocheessclub.net/>  
<https://orlandocheesshouse.com/>  
<https://orlandocheessacademy.com/>  
<https://www.facebook.com/ClermontChessClubClermontFlorida/>

I have included a game each from the Winter Open and the November Lady Lake tournament (both games by players rated in the meat of the Florida ratings bell curve). Enjoy!

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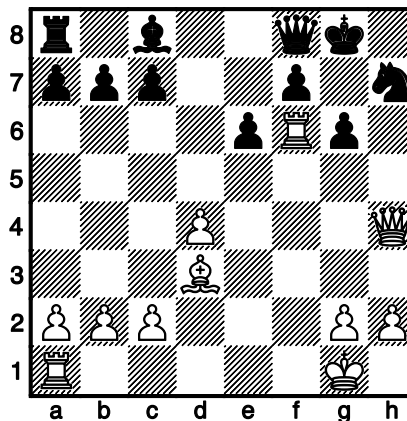
#### Raymond, David \ (1700) [D00]

Lady Lake Swiss (1), 23.11.2019

[Leggett, Paul]

This game was played at the one day swiss tournament helped at the Lady Lake Library in Lake County. There were over 40 players, which is strong for a one day, non-scholastic event. A \$15 dollar entry fee and closely-matched pairings make the format very popular. **1.d4 d5 2.e4 dxe4 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.f3 exf3 5.Nxf3 g6** [Black should try 5...Bg4+ ] **6.Bd3** D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines [6.Bg5= remains equal.; 6.Bg5 Bg7 7.Qd2 0-0 8.0-0-0 c5 9.d5 a6 10.Bh6 Nbd7 11.Bxg7 Kxg7 12.Rg1 b5 13.g4 Nb6 0-1 (44) Leisebein, P (2452)-Scherer, A (2538) Remote email 2014] **6...Bg7+ 7.0-0** [Δ7.Be3] **7...Nbd7** [7...Nc6+ 8.Bf4 0-0] **8.Qe1** Black has an edge. **8...0-0 9.Qh4 e6N** [9...Nb6+ keeps the upper hand.; Predecessor: 9...c6 10.Bh6 Nb6 11.Ng5 Nbd5 12.Nxd5 Qxd5 13.Bxg7 Kxg7 14.Rxf6 Kxf6

15.Rf1+ Bf5 16.Bxf5 gxf5 17.Qh6# 1-0 (17) Gegner, J-Scheller, C corr 1988] **10.Bg5± h6** [10...c5± was called for.] **11.Bxh6+- Nh7** Threatens to win with ...Qxh4. **12.Bg5 Bf6?** [12...Ndf6± 13.Ne4 b6 14.Nxf6+ Bxf6 15.Bxf6 Qxf6] **13.Ne4 Kg7?** [13...b6 14.Nxf6+ Ndx6] **14.Nxf6 Ndx6 15.Bh6+** [%mdl 64] Skewer **15...Kg8 16.Bxf8 Qxf8 17.Ng5** [Δ17.Ne5] **17...Nxg5?** [17...Qg7 18.g4 Nxg5] **18.Rxf6 Nh7**



19.Rf3?

[19.Rxg6+! [%mdl 512] 19...fxg6 20.Bxg6] **19...Bd7?** [#] [19...f5 20.Rh3 Nf6] **20.Bxg6!** [%mdl 576] Pin. Accuracy: White = 47% (8/3/ 15), Black = 19% (5/3/13). 1-0

### Young, Clinton (1700)

#### Valentino, William (1728) [A82]

CFCC Winter Open, 12.01.2020

[Leggett, Paul]

This game occurred in round 4 of the U2000 section of the CFCC Winter Open. It generated a crowd around the table, as pieces seemed to fly all over. That there are many improvements found by a computer should not distract us from the beauty of two humans challenging each other in the heat of a mental battle. This is chess art in the style of Jackson Pollock!

**1.d4 f5 2.Nf3 g6 3.Nc3**

[%mdl 32]

**3...Bg7 4.e4 fxe4 5.Nxe4 Nf6**

0.93/23 [Black should try 5...d5±



0.39/22 6.Nc5 b6]

### 6.Bd3

A82: Dutch Defense: Staunton Gambit  
0.11/23 [6.Ng3± 0.93/23 ; 6.Nxf6+ exf6 7.Be3 d5 8.Qd2 Bg4 9.Be2 Nc6 10.h3 Be6 11.0-0-0 Qd7 12.Kb1 a6 13.g4 0-0-0 14.Ne1 Kb8 15.Nd3 Qf7 16.Nc5 Bc8 17.Qc3 Na7 18.Bf4 Rhe8 19.Bd3 Bf8 20.Rhe1 Bd6 21.Rxe8 Qxe8 22.Bxd6 Rxd6 23.Re1 Qf7 24.Qd2 Nc6 25.c3 Nd8 26.f4 Ne6 27.f5 gxf5 28.Bxf5 Nxc5 29.dxc5 Rd8 30.Bxc8 Kxc8 31.Qe3 Kd7 32.Qf3 Kc6 33.b4 Re8 34.Rxe8 Qxe8 35.Qxf6+ Kb5 36.Qf1+ Kc6 37.Qf3 Qe1+ 38.Kb2 Qd2+ 39.Kb3 a5 40.Qf6+ Kd7 41.Qf7+ Kd8 42.Qg8+ 1-0 (42) El Gindy,E (2458)–Saleh,N (2243) Dubai 1999]

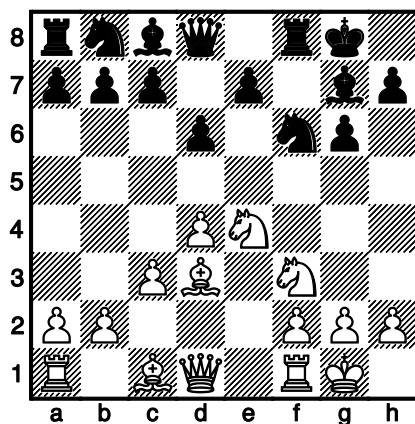
### 6...0-0

0.95/22 [6...Nxe4= 0.11/23 7.Bxe4 d5; 6...Nc6 7.Nxf6+ exf6 8.0-0 0-0 9.d5 Ne5 10.Nxe5 fxe5 11.d6 Kh8 12.Be4 c6 13.a4 b6 14.Qe2 Qf6 15.Rd1 a5 16.Ra3 Ba6 17.c4 Rab8 18.Rh3 Rf7 19.Be3 Bf8 20.b3 Kg8 21.Qg4 Qg7 22.f4 Re8 23.f5 gxf5 24.Bxf5 Qxg4 25.Bxg4 Rg7 26.Rg3 c5 27.Bxd7 Rxg3 28.hxg3 Rd8 29.Be6+ Kg7 30.d7 Be7 31.Rf1 Bf6 32.g4 Kg6 33.g5 Be7 34.Bf7+ Kg7 35.Be8 Kg8 36.Rf6 Bb7 37.Re6 Bf8 38.g6 h6 39.Bf2 1-0 (39) Bonin,J (2317)–Simpson,R (2283) ICC INT 2010]

7.0-0 -0.03/23 [7.Nxf6+± 0.95/22 exf6 8.0-0]

7...d6 1.35/0 [7...Nxe4= -0.03/23 8.Bxe4 d5]

### 8.c3



0.29/22 [8.Qe2± 1.35/21]

### 8...Nbd7N

2.06/22 [8...Nxe4= 0.29/22 9.Bxe4

d5; Predecessor: 8...Nh5 9.Qb3+ e6 10.Neg5 Qf6 11.Re1 d5 12.Qc2 Nc6 13.Ne5 Nxe5 14.dxe5 Qe7 15.Nxh7 0-1 (43) Toth,L (2208) –Goczko,M (2248) Budapest 2004]

9.Neg5+- aiming for Ne6.

### 9...Nb6 10.Qb3+ d5 11.Bf4?

-0.20/20 [11.Re1!+- 1.75/21]

### 11...h6= 12.Bxg6

Even though this sac may not be objectively sound, it certainly has that kind of Steinitzian "The player with the advantage is obligated to attack, or lose the advantage" vibe. Chess among humans is about creating problems for your opponent, and Clinton does exactly that in fine style.

### 12...hxg5 13.Nxg5 Ng4

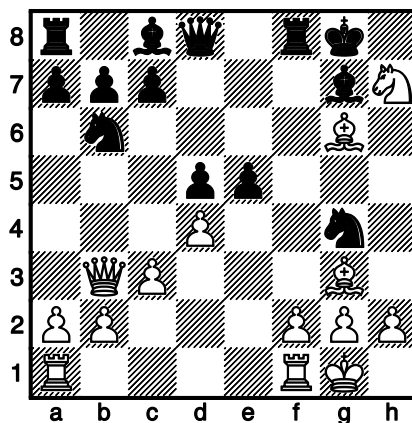
0.13/22 [13...Ne4± -0.42/21 14.Bxc7 Qxc7 15.Bxe4 Qd6]

### 14.Bg3! e5

[%mdl 64]

Discovered Attack

### 15.Nh7



...next h3 is good for White.

### 15...Re8!

[%mdl 512] White must now prevent ...Re6.

### 16.h3?

-1.41/23 [16.f4± stays ahead. 0.53/21 ; 16.Bxe8 Qxe8]

16...Nh6 0.00/23 [16...Re6± -1.41/23 17.Bb1 Ne3! [%mdl 512]

18.fxe3 e4]

### 17.Bxe8 Qxe8 18.Ng5

Strongly threatening Bxe5.

### 18...Nc4?

1.69/23 [18...Qh5!= and Black has nothing to worry. 0.00/21 19.h4 exd4]

19.dxe5 0.93/25 [19.Bxe5!+- 1.69/23 Bxe5 20.dxe5]

19...Qg6 20.Nf3 c6 21.Rfe1 Nf5 22.Qc2 Qh6 1.32/24 [Δ22...Bh6 0.89/23]

### 23.Bh2

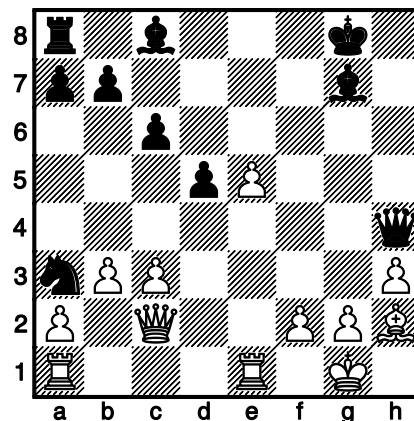
0.86/23 [Better is 23.b3 1.32/24 Na3 24.Qb2]

### 23...Nh4?

[%mdl 8192] 3.81/20 [23...Be6± 0.86/23]

### 24.Nxh4+- Qxh4 25.b3

[%mdl 32] 25...Na3



### 26.Qc1?

1.23/22 [26.Qg6+- is the precise move to win. 4.19/21]

### 26...Bf8?

3.11/21 [26...Nb5± 1.23/22 27.Qe3 Bf5]

### 27.e6 Bc5?

5.38/23 [27...Qf6 3.21/21 28.Re5 Bxe6]

### 28.Qd2 Nb5 29.Rac1 Nd6 30.b4 Nc4?

5.19/21 [30...Ne4 was necessary. 2.72/0 31.Rxe4 Bxf2+ 32.Qxf2 Qxf2+ 33.Kxf2 dxe4]

### 31.Qc2

Qg6+ is the strong threat. White is clearly winning.

### 31...Bxe6

9.73/22 [Δ31...Qf6 5.19/26 32.bxc5 Bxe6]

### 32.bxc5 Bf7

7.09/21 [Δ32...Qf6 4.97/24 33.Qe2 Bf5]

### 33.Qf5 Nd2 34.Bg3 Qh5 35.Qxh5 Bxh5 36.Re7 Rb8 37.Bxb8

Accuracy: White = 46% (14/7/32), Black = 26% (10/5/ 29).

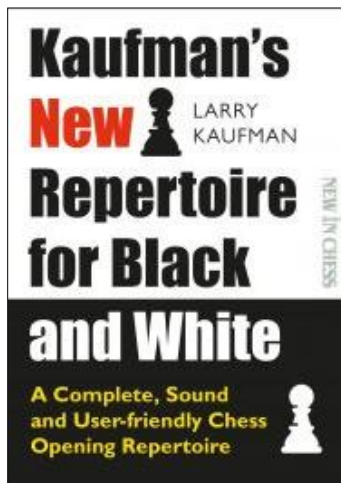
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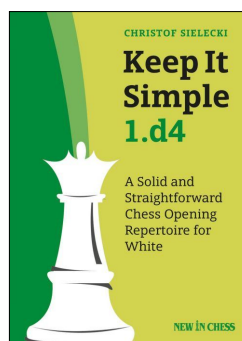
A new year is a good time to take a closer look at our chess goals, the way we want to play the game and the time available to practice. We can improve our performance at chess by changing key aspects of our game that are holding us back. For instance, changing the openings we play to openings that fit our skill level, style and time to study. Also changing the way we think during our games, the tools we use to prepare and analyze our games, the time we invest in chess and the coaches that guide us have a big impact on chess performance. This issue I will focus on opening and the way we think during our games

(Chess Logic in Practice by Kislik)

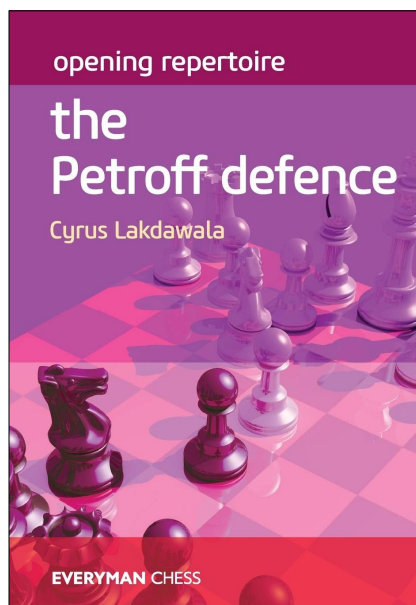
Chess openings do not have the same degree of importance for every chess player. The ambitious tournament chess player will benefit from an opening repertoire that aims to extract the maximum with the White pieces. In contrast, the player with little time to study may benefit for a repertoire that give him a playable, unbalanced middle game even if the position is evaluate as equal. In this issue, my recommendations are the following books or DVD's.



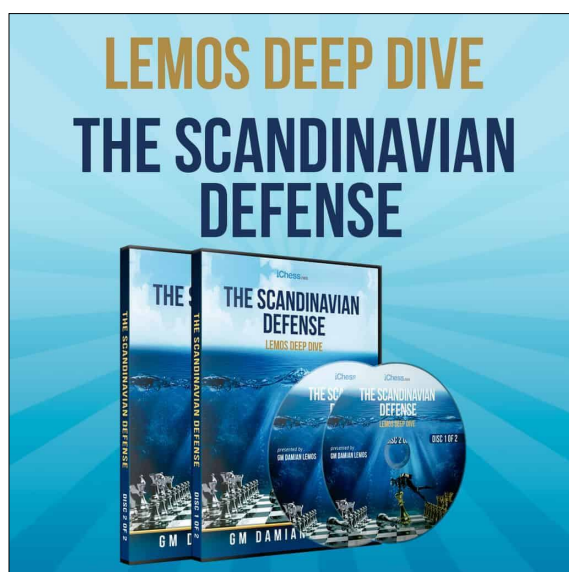
**Kaufman's New Repertoire for Black and White** by GM Larry Kaufman (**New in Chess**) is my recommendation for the ambitious chess player that likes 1. e4 as White and as Black prefers 1... e5 (aiming for the Spanish, Breyer variation or the Marshall) versus 1. e4 and the Gruenfeld against 1.d4. The Kaufman's repertoire book is the fruit of two previous editions. The repertoire uses the combination of Grandmaster proficient in the chess engine development and chess engines brute force. Kaufman book is a pleasure to read (same than his previous two editions), the material is explained clearly (you learn how to evaluate positions as a bonus, no just repeat chess moves), every choice is supported by data and the minimalist approach makes the size of the book ideal to take it with you to tournaments.



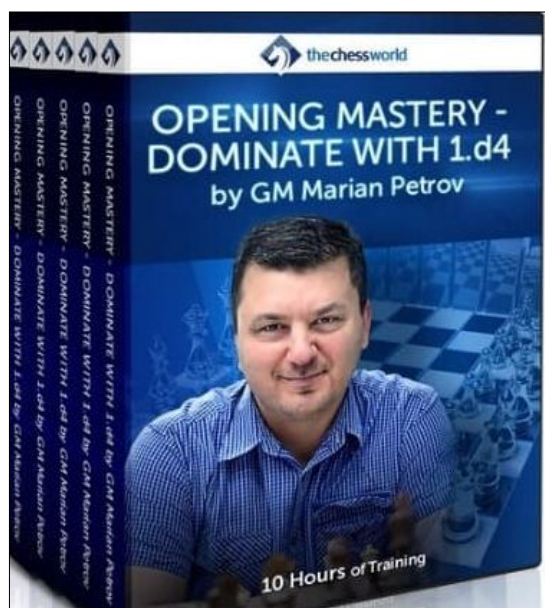
**Keep it Simple 1. d4** by IM Christof Sielecki has a self-explanatory title. Sielecki is a well know chess coach that understand the needs of chess players of different skill levels. In **Keep it Simple 1. d4**, the author recommends variations that have both, theoretical and practical value without the need to enter a memorization contest with your opponent. **The main value is that Sielecki crafted a repertoire that packs a punch without walking the type of positions Black likes.** For instance, his choice against the Kings Indian has a good theoretical reputation, it is not that explore and will pose practical problems to Black from the start. Importantly, the author helps the reader to navigate the multiple transpositions present in this repertoire cutting the amount of time you need to master the material. This book comes from **New in Chess** and has no content overlapping with Kaufman's repertoire book.



**Opening Repertoire The Petroff Defense** by IM Cyrus Lakdawala (**Everymanchess**) offers the reader a tool to hold a draw against superior opponents, yet it will be difficult to beat a low rated opponent. In consequence, this repertoire is an alternative to your primary opening repertoire. The author delivers what he promised in the introduction. **Opening Repertoire The Petroff Defense** illustrates all major scenarios coming out of the Petroff such as long endgames (Carlsen Caruana Which games in this opening) to sharp middle games with the Black king on d5 (Rapport – Yi, 2017). The repertoire is built around fifty eight well annotated games and it is suitable for Class A chess players and up.



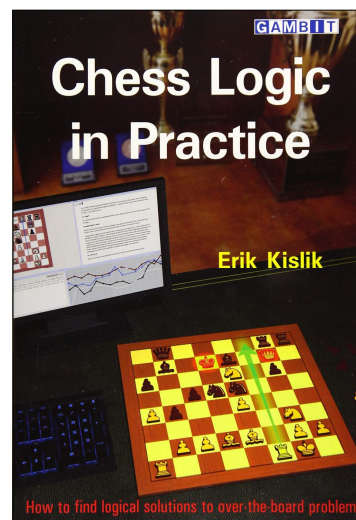
**The Scandinavian Defense** by GM Damian Lemos and produced by **IchessNet** is an opening repertoire suitable for adult players looking for a reliable defense against 1.e4. The author covers all you need to know about the 3... Qd6 Scandinavian in an eight hour DVD. I really like the study and summarize material Ichess.net provides along with the videos such as a Summary of the DVD content, ten pages with chess positions and a pgn file with key games.



**Dominate with 1.e4 and 1.d4** by FIDE Trainer and GM Marian Petrov are opening resources that provide the viewers with a high quality repertoire. I found Petrov's work valuable when you want to change one of your opening variations (or couple) instead of the whole repertoire. For example, Petrov's choice against the Najdorf is not the more popular, yet after watching the model games and the explanations you may have the answer to your prayers. A good opening resource for chess players and coaches alike. DVD's are available at **TheChessWorld**.



**Navigating the Ruy Lopez** by GM Fabiano Caruana is a **ChessBase** 3 DVD's set that covers Ruy Lopez from the perspective of a World Chess Champion contender. It is amazing how Caruana demystifies the Ruy Lopez by explaining the major strategic and tactical points in each variation. The author delivers the content with the confidence that deep study, time, and high level praxis provide. After watching the videos it is easy to remember the key points of any particular variation you want to play. I got so motivated with Caruana's work that I played the Ruy Lopez in two rated chess games (1.5/2). Every piece of information was right on the spot! **Navigating the Ruy Lopez** is a game changer so no excuse to avoid playing this classical opening in 2020.



Finally, as I stated at the beginning of this review, changing openings alone may not have an impact on chess performance if we keep thinking about chess with inefficient method(s). Fortunately, for all chess players the book **Chess Logic in Practice** by IM Erik Kislik provides actionable information to improve our chess thinking. Kislik identifies the causes of problems and provides solutions based on logic. **Chess Logic in Practice** opens a valuable door for self-motivated players to improve their problem solving skill during play. Importantly, the reader can use the author's chess progression from a chess expert to IM as an example to follow. The reader can compare Kislik thinking process in his first FIDE rated event in 2007 against former Florida resident Yulia Cardona and his thinking process five/six years later in the Hungarian chess league. **Chess Logic in Practice** was a FIDE finalist to the award "Book of The Year". A must read for any chess player this 2020.



## South Regional Report

by William Bowman S VP

Many things are associated with the winter months: snow, the holidays, the start of the New Year. But for Florida Chess, winter means playing host to the **National Grades K-12 Championships!** Students come from all over the country to compete at one of the largest annual tournaments in the US this year boasting over 1800 players! And being that it takes place in beautiful Lake Buena Vista, FL, it is not a surprise that Florida players tend to do very well. This year South Miami High (led by brothers Eric and Kevin Penton Cruz) took 3rd place in the always super competitive 12th grade section! Amazing! Check-out <http://www.uschess.org/results/2019/k12/> for complete results.

South Florida is blessed to have so many areas to play chess. From Miami to Boca to North Palm, chess players need not travel far to find a game. Miami has clubs that meet regularly in South Miami, Kendall, and FIU. Find them on Facebook for days and times. The Boca Chess Club runs every Friday night and is suitable for players of every level. Jon Haskel, who has been running the club for 10+ years, also runs scholastic tournaments in South Florida. Check out <http://www.bocachess.com/> for more details.

Saving the best for last. I am super excited to share that Palm Beach Chess, through the efforts of our very own Bryan Tillis and his amazing staff of chess instructors, now has after school programs running regularly in over 16 area schools, including the school I work at, Donna Klein Jewish Academy. After school chess programs are so important for the future of our game. The impact Palm Beach Chess is making for chess in South Florida is deserving of special recognition. Thank you Bryan and all those at Palm Beach Chess for all your hard work. If you are interested in starting an after school chess program at your child's school, email the FCA at [fcaboard@gmail.com](mailto:fcaboard@gmail.com) and let us know how we can help.

## Northwest Regional Report

by Tim Staley NW VP

**Adult Chess Clubs in NW Region –** [www.north-florida-chess-experience.com/NW](http://www.north-florida-chess-experience.com/NW)

### Gainesville Scholastic Tournaments

**Gainesville Fall 2019 Championship** – 10/19/2019, Logic Lab, Gainesville. Britt Ryerson Chief TD, 44 player, 4 rounds G/60 d5

Open Section: Jolie Huang 1<sup>st</sup> 3.5pts, Jerry Yao 2<sup>nd</sup> 2.5 pts.

U1400 Section: Katie He 1<sup>st</sup> 4 pts, Anay Gupta 2<sup>nd</sup> 3 pts

U1000 Section: Analaya Munpeepakul 1<sup>st</sup> 4 pts, Maanya Rao 2<sup>nd</sup> 2 pts, Sarah Yan 2<sup>nd</sup> 2<sup>nd</sup> 2pts, Edward Li 2<sup>nd</sup> 2 pts.

U700 Section : Trystan Stinson 1<sup>st</sup> 4 pts, Aaron Yang 2<sup>nd</sup> 3 pts, Samuel Kasak 2<sup>nd</sup> 3 pts

U400 Section:Edward Gao 1<sup>st</sup> 4 pts, Grace Yand 2<sup>nd</sup> 3 pt Britt Ryerson Chief TD, 44 player, 4 rounds G/60d5

**Huagen Thanksgiving Tournament** – 11/24/2019, Timothy Tusing Chief TD, 47 players, 3 rounds G/45 d5

U1400 Section – 1<sup>st</sup> Anay Gupta 3 pts, Marcus Shih 2<sup>nd</sup> 2 pts, Noah Jang 2<sup>nd</sup> 2 pts, Coco Yao 2<sup>nd</sup> 2 pts.

Analaya Muneeppeerakul 2<sup>nd</sup> 2 pts

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U700 Section: Ezra Swicki 1<sup>st</sup> 3 pts, Austin Li 2<sup>nd</sup> 2.5 pts

U500 Section: Miguel Chuquilin 1<sup>st</sup> 3 pts, Kaitlin Allen 1st 3 pts,



## Harvey Lerman Plays Chess - Part 6

### More Shades of Lerman



Note: I never did serve in the U.S. Armed Forces as I was exempt because of "critical skills" needed by my job.

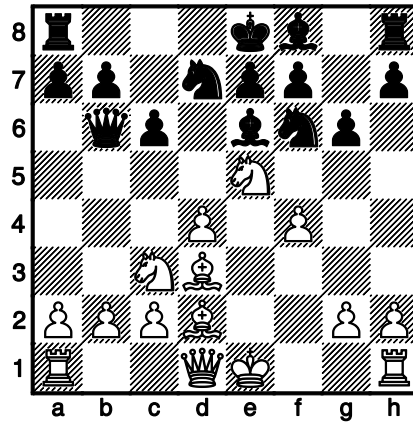
Note: I was Chairman of the City Council for the last year of my term.

# Anony Mous Annotates

## A game from the ages



Anony Mous  
our Chess-playing monk



One can see already that ...c5! is impending, and White must go in reverse to hold d4.

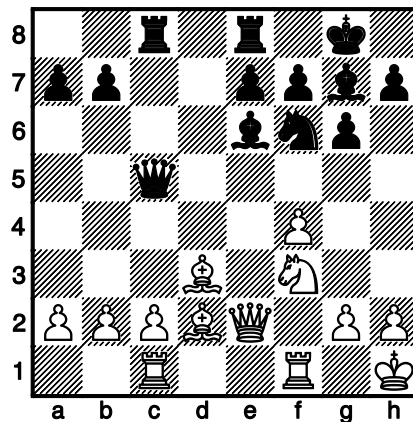
10.Nf3 Bg7 11.0-0 c5

Once the Pawn on d4 disappears, Black's pieces become very active. By the way, compare the theme similar positions on the Caro-Kann where the c5 break at least equalizes.

12.Na4 Qd6 13.Nxc5 Nxc5 14.dxc5 Qxc5+ 15.Kh1 0-0!

Anyone who castles before move 15 is a WIMP!

16.Qe2 Rac8 17.Rac1 Rfe8!



"Nimzowitsch-style Mysterious Rook move". In some lines, the Bishop on e6 wants to move, say to c4 to exchange and pressure the c2 pawn, but White's Queen is attacking e7. Also at a future point Black may get to play e5!

18.c4 a5

Restraint.

19.b3 Rcd8

The Rook on c8 no longer has purpose, so reposition it to the open d-file. White's 2 Bishops on d2 and d3 do not look at all that well-defended.

20.Rfd1??

Wrong Rook!

20...Bg4!

White is in serious trouble.

21.h3?? Blunders rarely come alone.

21.R-f1, admitting his mistake, might be his only chance.

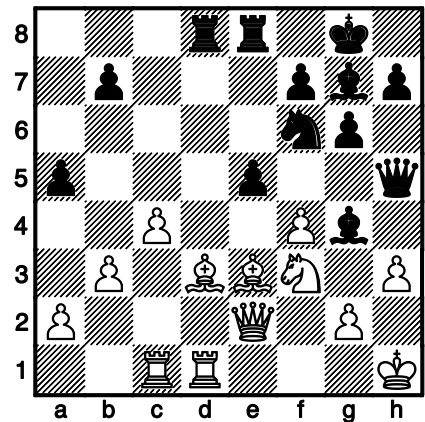
21...Qh5

Fritz also likes 21... Nh5.

22.Be3??

Completing the trifecta of blunders.

22...e5!!



Perhaps he could be forgiven for missing the real point of 17...Rfe8! But now the Pawn pushes out of the gate like an Olympic champion. The threats are far too many to defend against. White could already resign here with a clear conscience, but then would miss the fun follow-ups.

23.fxe5 Rxe5 24.Qf2 Bxf3 25.gxf3 Qxh3+ 26.Kg1 Rxe3!!

Of course 26...Ng4 immediately also wins easily.

27.Be4 Rxd1+

Black's just having fun here.

28.Rxd1 Bh6 29.Bxb7

Oh noes! I lost a Pern!

29...Re7 30.Be4 Nxe4 31.Qg2 Be3+

32.Kf1 Ng3+

and White FINALLY resigns!

0-1

Melvin,Bill (2288)

Hall,Charles (2047) [B01]

7th Annual Southern Open, Orlando  
(Rnd 2), 24.07.1999

[Mous, Anony]

1.e4 d5

Of course, I can't recommend the Center Counter/Scandinavian to our younger players. Still, with care, it is perfectly sound.

2.exd5 Qxd5

2...Nf6 is an alternative.

3.Nc3 Qa5

3...Qd6 - Pytel, is the main divergence.

4.d4 Nf6 5.Nf3 c6

Surprisingly not in GM Chrisum Bauer's "Play the Scandinavian", although it is frequently played.

6.Ne5?!

Played by Kasparov against Anand in the 1995 PCA World Championship Match. Anand equalized easily, and even stood better until he made a nervous error and achieved the undesirable result.

6...Be6! 7.Bd3 Nbd7 8.f4?

A strong-looking move that Kasparov chose in the above-referenced game, and criticized afterwards as too loose.

8...g6 9.Bd2 Qb6



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Dec 13-15	National Grades K-12 Championships	Disney's Coronado Springs Hotel - Lake Buena Vista	USCF
<b>2020</b>			
Jan 3-5	6th Annual Gulf Coast New Year's Open	Embassy Suites - Fort Myers/Estero	BRCC
Jan 10-12	Central Florida 2020 Winter Open & Scholastic	Wyndham Orlando Resort - Orlando	CFCC
Feb 28-Mar 1	2020 US Amateur Team South	Four Points by Sheraton, Morrisville NC (Bay Area Chess)	BAC
Feb 28-Mar 1	2020 The Villages Open	Laurel Manor Recreation Center - The Villages	VILLCC
Mar 6-8	Florida State Scholastic Championship	Wyndham Orlando Resort - Orlando	FCA
Mar 14-15	Florida State Girl's and Women's Championship	Franklyn Academy - Boynton Beach	FCA
Mar 27-29	18th annual Southern Class Championships	Wyndham Orlando Resort - Orlando	CCA
Apr 24-26	National Jr High School (K-9) Championship	Hyatt Regency - Jacksonville-Riverfront	USCF
May 1-3	27th Space Coast Open	International Palms Resort - Cocoa Beach	SCF
May 9-10	FL Royal Chess Tour 2020: Spring Classical	University of Central Florida - Orlando	UCF
Jul 24-26	2020 Southern Open	Wyndham Orlando Resort - Orlando	CCA
Oct 10	National Chess Day		USCF
Dec 11-13	National Grades K-12 Championships	Rosen Shingle Creek - Orlando	USCF
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**Wyndham Orlando Resort, 8001 International Drive, Orlando, FL 32819**

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**\$10,000/b150**, 60% Guaranteed (scholastic = 1/2 entry)

HR: \$129 by December 23, (407) 351-2420; Free parking and Wi-Fi.  
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