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Millennium Chess Festival

THE 2005 MILLENNIUM CHESS FESTIVAL once again brought a classy, well-organized and multifaceted chess event to the Virginia Beach waterfront. Aside from the main tournament, this year's festival included a special Dinner/Exhibition Game featuring reigning US Champion Hikaru Nakamura and former Women's World Champion Susan Polgar; a novel blitz tournament contested using Fischer Random rules; and of course the annual raffle.

The Ramada Plaza Beach Resort hosted the Millennium Festival for the fifth time. Sponsors this year included the management and technology consulting firm of Booz-Allen-Hamilton.

The centerpiece tournament, a 5-round, FIDE-rated swiss, stretched over the whole of the Feb 25-27 weekend. Of course Nakamura's board was throughout the focus of much attention. The 16-year old grandmaster played (indeed, tied for 1st) at the MCF last year also, but since then he jumped to prominence in the chess world, first through his strong showing at the FIDE Championship and then by becoming the second youngest ever (after Bobby Fischer) winner of the US Championship. However, GM Yuri Shulman played the spoiler this time, In defeating the favorite in the last round, Shulman joined former world championship candidate Jan Ehlvest in a tie for 1st place. Each scored $4\frac{1}{2}-\frac{1}{2}$.



GM Yuri Shulman (left) defeated US Champion Hikaru Nakamura to tie for 1st place



JAAN EHLVEST - RICHARD FRANCISCO
SICILIAN

1 e4 c5 2 Nf3 Nc6 3 d4 cxd4
 4 Nxd4 Nf6 5 Nc3 e5 6 Ndb5
 d6 7 Bg5 a6 8 Na3 b5 9 Nd5
 Qa5+ 10 Bd2 Qd8 11 Nxf6+
 Qxf6 12 Bd3 Qg6 13 O-O Bh3
 14 Qf3 Be6 15 c3 Be7 16 Nc2
 O-O 17 Ne3 Bg5 18 Qe2 Ne7
 19 a4 Rab8 20 axb5 axb5 21
 Ra6 Bc8 22 Raa1 Bb7 23 f3 d5
 24 exd5 Qh6 25 Ng4 Qb6+ 26
 Qf2 Qxf2+ 27 Rxf2 Bxd2 28
 Rxd2 Bxd5 29 Nxe5 Rfd8 30
 Rad1 1-0

DANIEL MILLER - YURY SHULMAN
SICILIAN

1 e4 c5 2 Nf3 e6 3 c3 Nf6 4 e5
 Nd5 5 d4 cxd4 6 cxd4 d6 7 Bc4
 Nb6 8 Bb3 dxe5 9 Nxe5 N8d7
 10 O-O Nxe5 11 dxe5 Qxd1 12
 Rxd1 Bd7 13 Be3 Bc6 14 Bxb6
 axb6 15 Nd2 Bc5 16 Bc2 Ke7
 17 Ne4 Rhd8 18 Nxc5 bxc5 19
 a3 Rxd1+ 20 Rxd1 c4 21 Rc1

h6 22 Bd1 Rd8 23 Be2 Rd2 24
 Bxc4 Rxb2 25 h4 Rd2 26 Ba6
 Ke8 27 Bc4 Rd4 28 g3 Re4 29
 Bf1 Rxe5 30 Bg2 Kd7 31 Bxc6+
 bxc6 32 Rc4 Ra5 33 a4 g5 34
 Kf1 Kd6 35 Ke2 Kd5 36 Kd3
 c5 37 hxg5 hxg5 38 g4 e5 39
 f3 Ra6 40 Re4 Rf6 41 Ke3 c4
 42 Kf2 Ra6 43 Re2 c3 44 Ke3
 Kc4 45 Rh2 Kb3 46 Rh8 Rxa4
 47 Rb8+ Rb4 48 Rc8 c2 1-0

YURY SHULMAN - SAM BARSKY
QUEEN'S INDIAN

1 d4 Nf6 2 c4 e6 3 Nf3 b6 4 g3
 Bb7 5 Bg2 Bb4+ 6 Bd2 Bxd2+
 7 Qxd2 d6 8 O-O Nbd7 9 Nc3
 O-O 10 d5 e5 11 Ne1 Re8 12
 e4 a6 13 Nd3 Re7 14 Rae1 Qf8
 15 f4 g6 16 fxe5 dxe5 17 b4 a5
 18 Nb5 Ne8 19 c5 Ndf6 20 a4
 Bc8 21 cxb6 cxb6 22 bxa5 Rb7
 23 Nxe5 Rxa5 24 Rc1 Bd7 25
 Nc6 Rxa4 26 e5 Ng4 27 e6 Bc8
 28 Nd8 1-0

FM Brian Smith joined two other grandmasters, Alex Wojtkiewicz and Pavel Blatny, in a tie for 3rd-5th at 4-1. State champion Daniel Miller and former champion Macon Shibut were the top-scoring Virginia players.





BRYAN SMITH - RAYMOND KAUFMAN
RUY LOPEZ

1 e4 e5 2 Nf3 Nc6 3 Bb5 g6
 4 d4 exd4 5 Bg5 Bb4+ 6 c3
 dxc3 7 Nxc3 Be7 8 h4 d6 9
 Nd5 Nf6? 10 Qd4 1-0 A drastic
 conclusion, but Ray was not on
 only the short end of brevities
 this tournament—see R Kaufman
 – Greanias, below.



Millennium co-winner GM Jan Ehlvest

We regretfully report that
 long-time VCF member Steve
 Graziano, of Charlottesville,
 died in March.

PAVEL BLATNY – RUSTY POTTER
RETI

1 g3 d5 2 Bg2 Nf6 3 c4 e6 4
 Nf3 Nc6 5 b3 d4 6 d3 e5 7 O-
 O Bf5 8 b4 Bxb4 9 Nxe5 Nxe5
 10 Qa4+ Nc6 11 Bxc6+ bxc6
 12 Qxb4 Rb8 13 Qc5 Bh3 14
 Qxc6+ Kf8 15 Qc5+ Kg8 16
 Re1 h5 17 Bf4 h4 18 Qxc7
 Qxc7 19 Bxc7 Rb2 20 Na3
 hxg3 21 Bxg3 Bg4 22 f3 Bf5 23
 Nb5 Nh5 24 Be5 Rh6 25 Bxd4
 Rg6+ 26 Kf2 Rd2 27 Ke3 Rc2
 28 Na3 Re6+ 29 Kf2 Rd2 30
 Bc3 Nf4 31 Bxd2 Nh3+ 32 Kf1
 Rg6 33 e4 Rg1+ 34 Ke2 Rg2+
 35 Ke3 Bd7 36 Re2 1-0

Chris Bush scored 4½-½ to win
 clear first in the Under 2000
 section. Jack Barrow, Nelson
 Lopez, Justin Burgess and the
 unrated(!?) Vladimir Pascalutsa
 all came half a point behind. Ryan
 Thunder Rust & Bradley Marts
 also scored 4½ apiece to win the
 Under 1800 group, with Patrick
 Ray & Rossano Cruz finishing as
 runners-up. Sara Walsh drew her
 first round game and then ran off
 four successive wins to capture 1st
 place in the Under 1600 section.
 A big logjam half a point behind
 included Sylvain Arbareri, Kevin
 Connelly, Edward Boyers, Byron



Hood, Adam Blechman, David Brandt & Joseph Dixon. Kyle Ward-Dahl scored the only clean 5-0 of the weekend to sweep the Under 1300 group. Marshall McDaniel's 4½ points would have been enough to win any other section but here it was 2nd place.

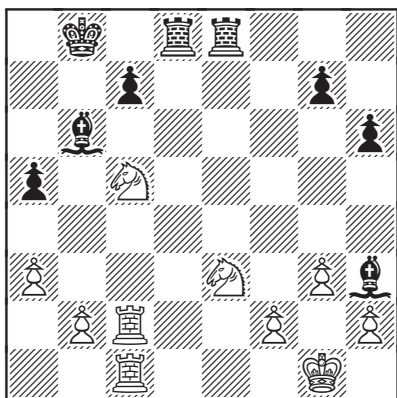
The Saturday evening Dinner/Exhibition match has become a MCF staple. This unique spectacle features dinner, as mealtime entertainment, a game between masters who play from separate rooms, thinking aloud, answering questions, and generally discussing the ongoing contest with the audience. As mentioned above, this year's exhibition was particularly attractive in that it featured a reigning US Champion and a former Women's world champion. The game did not disappoint; an Albin Countergambit (about which Polgar had just written in a recent *Chess Life* column!) led to a cut-and-thrust middlegame that ended in a draw. Polgar subsequently annotated the game in depth in her March 2 column on the ChessCafe web page. We present the score here with just a few variations and refer readers to her notes at <http://www.chesscafe.com/polgar/polgar.htm>

SUSAN POLGAR - HIKARU NAKAMURA

MCF EXHIBITION 2005

ALBIN COUNTERGAMBIT

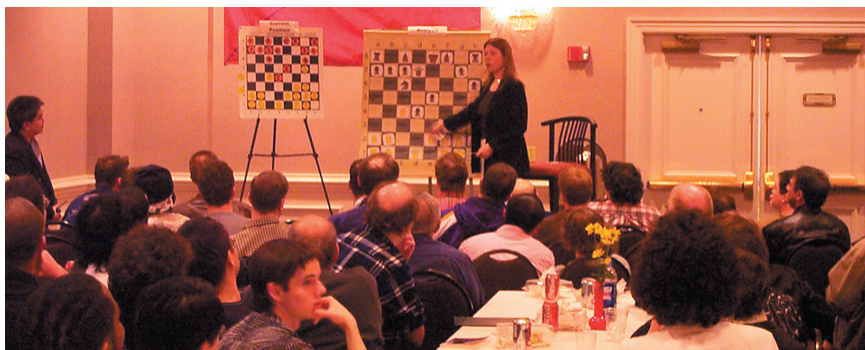
1 d4 d5 2 c4 e5 3 dxe5 d4 4 Nf3 Nc6 5 g3 Nge7 6 Bg2 Ng6 7 Bg5 Qd7 8 e6 fxe6 9 0-0 (9 a3 a5 10 Qa4 h6 11 Bc1 e5 12 Nbd2 Be7 13 0-0 0-0 14 b4 Nd8 15 Qxd7 Bxd7 16 b5 a4 17 Ne1 c6 18 Rb1 cxb5 19 cxb5 Ra5 20 Be4 Nh8 21 Nd3 Nhf7 22 Nc4 Rxb5 23 Rxb5 Bxb5 24 Ncxe5 Nxe5 25 Nxe5 Bd6 26 Bd5+ Kh7 27 Be4+ Kg8 28 Bd5+ Kh7 29 Be4+ Dreev-Nakamura, Gibraltar Masters 2005) **9...e5 10 Nbd2** (Polgar recommended 10 Qa4 in her *Chess Life* article) **10...h6 11 Bh4 Bd6 12 c5 Bxc5 13 Qc2 Nxh4 14 Nxh4 Bb6 15 Ng6 Rg8 16 Qc4 Qe6 17 Bxc6+** (17 Bd5 Qxg6 18 Bxg8 Bh3≡) **17...bxc6 18 Nxe5 Qxc4 19 Ndxc4 c5 20 Rfc1 a5 21 e3 dxe3 22 Nxe3 Be6 23 Nd3** (23 Rd1) **23...0-0-0 24 Nxc5 Bh3 25 Rc2 Rge8 26 Rac1 Kb8 27 a3**



S Polgar - Nakamura

Position after 27 a3

27...a4 28 Rc3 Rd2 29 Nxa4
 (29 R1c2? Rd1+! 30 Nxd1
 Re1 mate) **29...Bxe3 30 Rxe3**
Rf8 31 Rb3+ Ka8 32 g4 Bxg4
33 Rxc7 Rxf2 34 Nb6+ Kb8
35 Nd5+ Ka8 ½-½



Susan Polgar reveals to the audience her thinking during the exhibition game vs Hikaru Nakamura

AS MENTIONED PREVIOUSLY, this year's blitz tourney featured the twist of using Fischer Random rules, which involve shuffling the pieces on the back row to vary the starting position. Opinions will vary on whether this attempt at reducing the role of "book" theory achieves more than it sacrifices, but it does not appear to materially change the end result: scanning the final standings shows that they more or less follow rating expectations. GMs Nakamura and Blatny won comfortably, their $7\frac{1}{2}-\frac{1}{2}$ scored placing them $1\frac{1}{2}$ points clear of the rest of the field. Polgar (who also gave a lecture on Fischer Random over the course of the weekend) and former state champion Joseph Feygelson tied for 2nd.

Once again Tom Braunlich organized this wonderful event while Mike Atkins and Ernie Schlich ably served as Tournament Directors.



PAVEL BLATNY - HIKARU NAKAMURA

CLOSED SICILIAN

1 g3 c5 2 Bg2 g6 3 e4 Bg7 4 d3 Nc6 5 f4 d6 6 c3 Nh6 7 Qe2 f5 8 Nd2 O-O 9 Ngf3 Nf7 10 exf5 Bxf5 11 Nh4 Bd7 12 O-O e6 13 Ne4 Qe7 14 Be3 b6 15 Rae1 Rae8 16 Bd2 Ncd8 17 Nf3 Bc6 18 Bh3 Qb7 19 Neg5 Bd5 20 a3 b5 21 Rf2 a5 22 Bc1 b4 23 axb4 axb4 24 c4 Bxf3 25 Nxf3 Nh6 26 Ng5 Bd4 27 Be3 Nf5 28 Bxd4 Nxd4 29 Qf1 Kg7 30 g4 Nf7 31 Nf3 Nxf3+ 32 Rxf3 g5 33 Bg2 gxf4 34 Rxf4 Qe7 35 Qe2 Ne5 36 Re4 Qf6 37 Qe3 Ng6 38 d4 cxd4 39 Rxd4 e5 40 Rd2 Nf4 41 Be4 Rd8 42 Kh1 Ne6 43 Bd5 Nd4 44 Kg2 Kh8 45 h3 Qg7 46 Rf1 Nf5 47 Qd3 Qg5 48 Kg1 Ne3

49 Rxf8+ Rxf8 50 Rf2 Rxf2 51 Kxf2 Qf4+ 52 Ke2 Nxd5 53 Qxd5 Qh2+ 54 Ke1 Qg3+ 55 Kd2 and a draw was agreed after a series of checks 1/2-1/2

MACON SHIBUT - HARRY COHEN
RUY LOPEZ

1 e4 e5 2 Nf3 Nc6 3 Bb5 Nf6 4 Qe2 Bc5 5 c3 o-o 6 d3 d6 7 Bg5 h6 8 Bh4 Bg4 9 Nbd2 g5 10 Bg3 Nh5 11 Nf1 Nf4 12 Bxf4 exf4 13 d4 Bb6 14 h4 f5 15 Qc4+ d5 16 Qxd5+ Qxd5 17 exd5 Bxf3 18 gxf3 Ne7 19 hxg5 hxg5 20 Rh5 Kg7 21 Rxg5+ Kf6 22 Rh5 Nxd5 23 Bd3 Kg6 24 Rh1 Rfe8+ 25 Kd2 c5 26 Bc4 Rad8 27 Bxd5 Rxd5 28 Kd3 cxd4 29 c4 Rde5 30 Nd2 R8e7 31 b4 Kf7 32 c5

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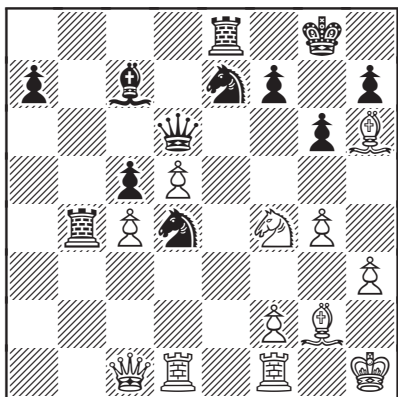
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Bc7 33 Nc4 Re2 34 Nd6+ Kf6
35 Rh6+ Kg5 36 Rah1 R2e3+
37 fxe3 1-0

LARRY KAUFMAN - OLADAPO ADU
SICILIAN

1 e4 c5 2 a3 g6 3 b4 Bg7 4 Nc3
d6 5 g3 b6 6 Bg2 Bb7 7 Nge2
Nc6 8 Rb1 e6 9 O-O Nge7 10
d3 O-O 11 Bg5 Qd7 12 Qd2
Rfe8 13 Bh6 Bh8 14 Nd1 d5
15 bxc5 bxc5 16 exd5 exd5
17 Ne3 Nd4 18 Nf4 Bc6 19 g4
Nb5 20 h3 Nc3 21 Rbe1 Nb5
22 Qc1 Bc3 23 Rd1 Nd4 24
Kh1 Qd6 25 a4 Rab8 26 Qa3
Bb4 27 Qa1 Ba5 28 c4 Rb4 29
cxd5 Bxa4 30 Qc1 Bb5 31 Nc4
Bxc4 32 dxc4 Bc7

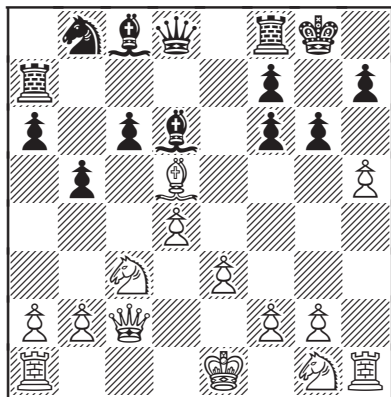


33 Rxd4 cxd4 34 c5 Qf6 35 d6
g5 36 dxc7 Qxh6 37 Re1 gxf4
38 Rxe7 Rc8 39 Rd7 Kg7 40
Qd1 Rc4 41 Qd3 Qa6 42 Rd6
Qa1+ 43 Kh2 Rxc5 44 Rxd4

R8xc7 45 Rxf4 Qe5 46 Qg3
Re7 47 Kg1 Rc3 48 Bf3 f6 49
h4 h6 50 Kg2 a5 51 Kf1 a4 52
g5 hxg5 53 hxg5 fxg5 54 Rg4
Qxg3 55 Rxg3 Kf6 0-1

RAYMOND KAUFMAN - STEVE GREANIAS
TROMPOVSKY

1 d4 Nf6 2 Bg5 g6 3 Bxf6 exf6
4 e3 d5 5 c4 dxc4 6 Bxc4 Bd6
7 Nc3 a6 8 Qc2 O-O 9 h4 b5
10 Bd5 Ra7 11 h5 c6



12 hxg6 cxd5 13 g7! 1-0

ETTIE NIKOLOVA - STAN FINK
SICILIAN

1 e4 c5 2 Nf3 d6 3 Bd3 Nc6 4
c3 Bg4 5 O-O g6 6 Bc2 Bg7 7
d3 Nf6 8 Nbd2 e5 9 h3 Bc8 10
Re1 O-O 11 Nf1 Nh5 12 Be3
Qe7 13 Qd2 f5 14 Bg5 Qe8 15
Bb3+ Kh8 16 exf5 gxf5 17 Bh6
f4 18 Bxg7+ Nxg7 19 d4 cxd4
20 cxd4 Bxh3 21 gxh3 Qh5



22 Bd5 Qxh3 23 Bxc6 bxc6
24 N1h2 Rf6 25 Kh1 Rh6 26
Rg1 Qxf3+ 27 Rg2 Nf5 28 Rg1
Nxd4 29 Re1 Qxg2+ 0-1

RUSTY POTTER – SAM BARSKY
NIMZOINDIAN

1 d4 Nf6 2 c4 e6 3 Nc3 Bb4 4
e3 b6 5 Bd3 Bb7 6 Nf3 O-O 7
O-O Re8 8 Qc2 Bxc3 9 Qxc3 d6
10 b3 Nbd7 11 Bb2 e5 12 dxe5
Nxe5 13 Nxe5 Rxe5 14 Rae1
Rg5 15 e4 Qd7 16 f4 Rg4 17
Be2 Rg6 18 Bf3 Re8 19 f5 Rh6
20 g4 Rh3 21 g5 Nh5 22 Re3
Re5 23 Qd2 Qe7 24 f6 Rxg5+
25 Bg2 Nxf6 26 Bxf6 1-0

JUSTIN SARKAR – ALEX BARNETT
BENKO GAMBIT

1 d4 Nf6 2 c4 c5 3 d5 b5 4 cxb5
a6 5 f3 axb5 6 e4 Qa5+ 7 b4
Qxb4+ 8 Bd2 Qa4 9 Qc1 b4
10 Qxc5 Na6 11 Bxa6 e6 12 d6
Qxa6 13 Bxb4 Bb7 14 Nc3 Rc8
15 Qb5 Bxd6 16 Qxa6 Bxa6 17
Bxd6 Rxc3 18 Rb1 Kd8 19 Rb6
Rc6 20 Rxc6 dxc6 21 Nh3 Ne8
22 Bc5 h6 23 Kd2 Kc7 24 Kc3
Nd6 25 a4 Rd8 26 Rb1 Nc4 27
Nf2 Rd2 28 Rb4 Ra2 29 Rxc4
Bxc4 30 Kxc4 Rxa4+ 31 Kd3
Ra2 32 h4 h5 33 e5 Kd7 34 g3
f6 35 exf6 gxf6 36 Ne4 Ke8 37
Nxf6+ Kf7 38 Nxb5 e5 39 g4

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20 Grand Prix points



Rh2 40 Ke4 Rxh4 41 Kxe5 Rh3
42 Ke4 Rh1 43 Nf4 Rc1 44 Nd3
Rc4+ 45 Ke5 Kg6 46 f4 Rc3 47
Ke4 Rc2 48 f5+ Kg5 49 Be3+
Kxg4 50 f6 Ra2 51 f7 1-0

BRYAN SMITH - HIKARU NAKAMURA
SICILIAN

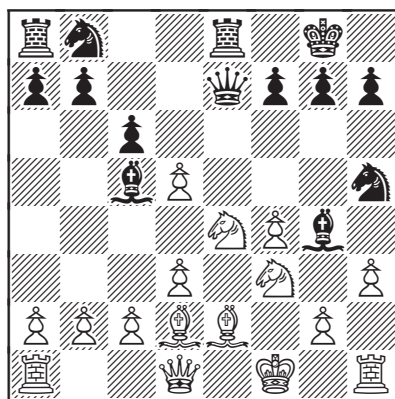
1 e4 c5 2 Nf3 d6 3 d4 cxd4 4
Nxd4 Nf6 5 Nc3 a6 6 Bc4 b5
7 Bb3 Bb7 8 O-O Nbd7 9 Re1
Rc8 10 a4 b4 11 Nd5 g6 12
Nxb4 Bg7 13 Bd5 Qc7 14 c3
O-O 15 Bg5 e6 16 Bxb7 Qxb7
17 f3 Ne5 18 a5 Rc5 19 Bxf6
Bxf6 20 Nb3 Rb5 21 Nd4 Qa7
22 Kh1 Rb7 23 Ndc6 Nxc6
24 Nxc6 Qc5 25 Nb4 Ra8 26
f4 Rb5 27 Qf3 Bg7 28 e5 d5
29 Qe3 Qc7 30 Nd3 Rxa5 31
Rxa5 Qxa5 32 b4 Qb5 33 Ra1
Bf8 34 h3 Rc8 35 Ra5 Qc4 36
Nc5 Bxc5 37 bxc5 Rb8 38 Ra1
Rb3 39 f5 exf5 40 Qg5 Qxc5
41 Qd8+ Qf8 42 Qxd5 Rb5 43
Qd4 Qc8 44 Rxa6 0-1

DENIS STREZWILK -

MAHESH PANCHANATHAN

FALKBEER COUNTERGAMBIT

A game in the old Morphy style.
1 e4 e5 2 f4 d5 3 exd5 e4 4 Nc3
Nf6 5 d3 Bb4 6 Bd2 e3 7 Bxe3
O-O 8 Bd2 Re8+ 9 Be2 Qe7 10
Nf3 Bg4 11 Kf2 Bc5+ 12 Kf1
c6 13 h3 Nh5 14 Ne4



14...Bxf3 15 Bxf3 cxd5 16
Bxh5 dxe4 17 dxe4 Nc6 18 Qe1
Nd4 19 Rc1 Qd6 20 a3 Rad8 21
Bf3 Nxf3 22 gxf3 Qxd2 23 b4
Qxf4 24 bxc5 Qxf3+ 25 Kg1
Re6 0-1





Chess Career Awaits You

The VCF is looking for new volunteers to serve during the upcoming year. A number of positions and roles are available. Some take only a few hours a month and others require more time. Among formal offices that will need filling for the 2005-06 cycle are VCF President, Vice President, Secretary, and Scholastic Chairman. Tournament Directors, club promoters, newsletter contributor and a general chess ambassador/tournament promoter are also needed.

Only the President is elected by the VCF membership. The President then appoints other officers. However, it is hard to know who might be interested in serving in various capacities unless we ask! This article is one way that the current officers are reaching out to find out about volunteer interest.

Please send a short email or note to the Editor (vcfeditor@cox.net), suitable for reprinting in *Virginia Chess*, introducing yourself and describing how you might be interested in helping out.

The VCF is especially interested in chess club development. If you need help organizing a club or wish to assist with organizing a club, let Ernie Schlich know. (eschlich@aol.com or by phone, 757-853-5296).



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April 17, 2004

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10 Grand Prix points



Kingstowne Chess Festival

by Don Millican

THE KINGSTOWNE CHESS CLUB CONDUCTED the third installment of its Chess Festival over the weekend of February 12-13 in Alexandria. A total of sixty-three players competed in four sections for almost \$2,000 in prize money plus merchandise from Kingstowne-area businesses.

The Open section was FIDE-rated, drawing three FIDE titleholders and eleven FIDE-rated players among the total of twenty-three. There was a sizable logjam at the top with International Grandmaster Aleks Wojtkiewicz of Baltimore & FIDE Master Marco Pacheco of Reston tying for 1st-2nd with $3\frac{1}{2}$ points. Just behind with 3 points were Andrew Samuelson of Annandale & Jeremy Hummer of Catonsville, Md who tied for 3rd-4th. Finishing just out of the top money with $2\frac{1}{2}$ points were Raymond Kaufman & IM Oladapo Adu of Upper Marlboro. Matthew Grinberg of Kingstowne won the Top Under 2000 prize and Tyler Cook of Vienna won Top Under 1800 also with $2\frac{1}{2}$ each.

With 4 points, Marvin Wilson of Woodbridge, Richard Skinnell & Patrick Ray were 1st-3rd in the field of fourteen players in the Amateur (under 1800/unrated) section. Top Under 1600 went to John Brockhouse Jr of Alexandria and Pamela Lee of Kingstowne won Top Under 1400 with $2\frac{1}{2}$ each. Marc Carrion of Fredericksburg took Top Unrated with 2 points.

There were twelve players in the Booster (under 1600 or unrated), which was the only section with clear winners for the top prize money. William Wilson Jr of Vienna won with a perfect 5 points. Alec Hollingsworth of Dumfries scored 4 points for clear 2nd, and W E Webbert of Stafford took 3rd with $3\frac{1}{2}$. Nick Kousen of Dunn Loring scored $2\frac{1}{2}$ to win the Top Under 1400 prize while Daniel Arico & Arman Khojandi of Falls Church tied for Top Under 1200 with $1\frac{1}{2}$.

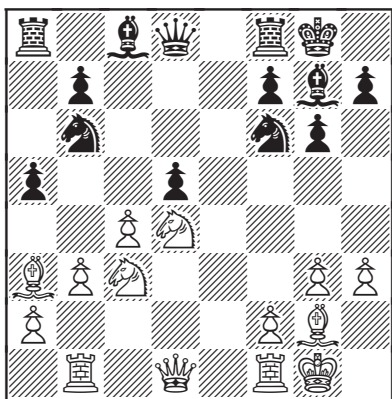


Daniel Whitted of Alexandria was the only other player to have a perfect score, winning the fourteen-player Novice (under 1400 or unrated) section with 6 points. Tyler Hollingsworth of Dumfries (and brother of Booster runner-up Alec Hollingsworth) & Harry Godfrey of Kingstowne, playing in his first-ever tournament, were 2nd-3rd with 4 points. Michael Krain of Falmouth, Va., his son Michael E Krain, also of Falmouth, & Kingstowne Chess Club president Robert McKinney of Kingstowne tied for Top Under 1200 with 3 points. Lawrence Detterville of DC won Top Under 1000 with 2½.

Area merchants provided extra prizes for the players for the third year in a row. Providing prizes for Kingstowne ChessFest III were Bella Donna Spa, Chipotle, Mamma Mia Pizzeria, Manhattan Bagel, Papa John's Pizza, Springfield Station and Starbuck's Coffee. Brad Walker and Kingstowne Resident Owners Corporation provided facilities for play, also for the third straight year.

ALEKS WOJTKIEWICZ - DAVID SLACK
KING'S INDIAN

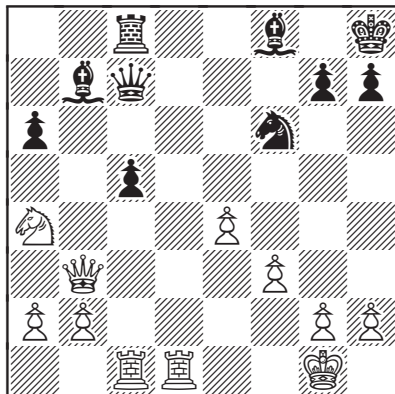
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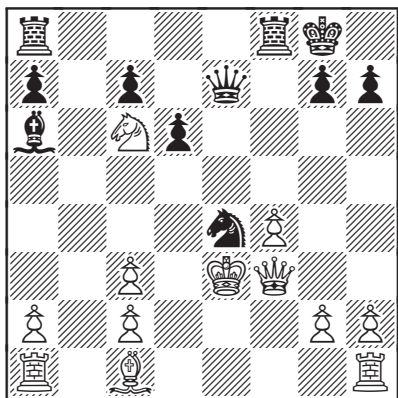




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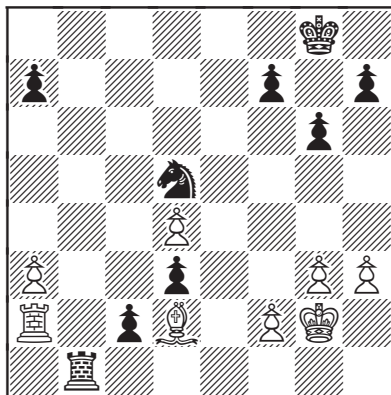
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34...Nc3 0-1

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HARRY S GODFREY - MICHAEL KRAIN
MODERN

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Kingstowne Quad #18 / Cash Quad #4

by Don Millican

THE EIGHTEENTH INSTALLMENT of the Kingstowne Quads, along with the fourth Cash Quad, was held in Alexandria on March 5 by the Kingstowne Chess Club. Although the regular Quads have been drawing well, the Cash Quads have had a sluggish turnout, attracting only four to seven higher-rated players. This time, a historic milestone was reached: a total of eight players competed for cash, allowing for two complete Quads! Ten other players competed for medals in two additional sections.

In the top cash section, Andrew Samuelson continued his winning and giant-killing ways from the DC and Virginia Opens. His score of $2\frac{1}{2}$ was good for 1st place. Timothy Rogalski took the 2nd place prize with 2. The lower cash quad had two B-players, Quentin Moore & Patrick Ray, tie for 1st-2nd with $2\frac{1}{2}$ each.

In the medal quads, Michael C Callinan, our 2004 Top Player 1600 and Above, started his quest to repeat for 2005 by winning the top section and a silver medal with $2\frac{1}{2}$. W E Webbert & Samuel Golant tied with $1\frac{1}{2}$ for 2nd-3rd with Webbert taking the bronze on tiebreak. The lower medal "Quad" (actually a 6-player swiss) had Kingstowne Chess Club president Rob McKinney win gold with $2\frac{1}{2}$ and Scott Lacy pick up the silver medal with 2. Carlston Boucher, Ted Compher & Byron O'Neal tied for 3rd place with $1\frac{1}{2}$, O'Neal taking the medal on tiebreak.



Readers' Games & Analysis



ANTOINE HUTCHINSON - TIM HAMILTON
FREE STATE LEAGUE ROCKVILLE, MD 2005
TWO KNIGHTS

Notes by Tim Hamilton

1 e4 Nc6 2 Nf3 e5 3 d4 exd4 4 Bc4 Nf6 5 e5 Ne4 6 Bd5 Bb4+ (6...f5 was played in 1891, but this is seldom seen nowadays. Most of the later examples continue with 6...Nc5) 7 c3 dxc3 8 0-0 cxb2 9 Bxb2 Ng5 10 Nxg5 Qxg5 11 Qb3 Qe7 (For some reason the people who reached this position all castled, losing a piece to 12 Bxc6. My move seems better.) 12 Qg3 0-0 13 e6? fxe6 14 Be4 d5 15 Bc2 e5 16 Qd3 Bf5 17 Qxd5+ Kh8 18 Ba4 Rad8 19 Qb5 Bd3 20 Qxb7 Na5 21 Qxa7 Bxf1 22 Kxf1 Bc5 23 Qxa5 Rxf2+ 24 Ke1 Rxb2 (Good enough, but best is 24...Rf1+ 25 Ke2! Qg5 26 Bd4! Qxg2+ 27 Ke3 Rf3+ 28 Ke4 Rxd4+ 29 Kxe5 Qe2mate) 25 Qa6 Qh4+ 26 g3 Qe4+ 27 Kf1 Rf2+ 0-1 (27...Qh1mate was quicker, but still various mates are threatened.)

Long-time Maryland master Stan Fink has recently moved to Virginia. The Free State's loss is the Old Dominion's gain! We're pleased to have Stan 'introduce' himself with a contribution to VIRGINIA CHESS. —ed

ROBERT PLUNKETT - STAN FINK

SICILIAN

Notes by Stan Fink

Here is my best game from the 2003 World Open... it has a nice finish! I had 5 minutes left at the end (from move 20-25 on...) and my opponent had a little over an hour to reach the first time control at move 40! 1 e4 c5 2 Nf3 d6 3 d4 cxd4 4 Nxd4 Nf6 5 Nc3 e6 6 Bc4 Be7 7 Be3 0-0 8 Qe2 d5 9 exd5 exd5 10 Bb3 Bb4 11 Qd3 Nc6 12 Nxc6 bxc6 13 0-0-0 Ng4 14 h3 Nxe3 15 Qxe3 Qf6 16 Qd4 Qh6+ 17 Kb1 a5 18 Na4 Be6 19 a3 Be7 20 Qb6 Bf5 21 Qc7 Bd8 22 Qe5 Bg6 23 f4 Bf6 24 Qd6 Bg5 (Δ ...Bxc2+ and Qxd6) 25 Qxc6 Bxf4 26

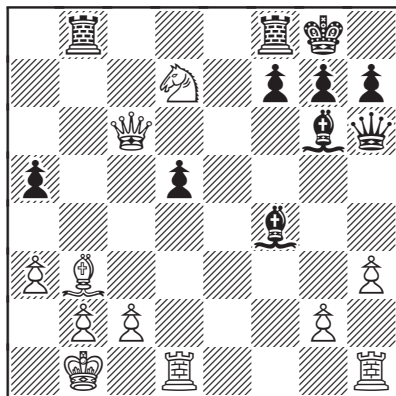


Nb6 Rab8 (26...Ra6 wins the knight, and is clearly objectively best, but I was aiming for a riskier albeit also more exciting conclusion!)

27 Nd7 (*diagram*)

27...Rxb3 28 Nxf8 Be5 29 Qe8 Bxc2+ 30 Kxc2

If 30 Ka2 (30 Ka1 Rxa3#) Rxb2+ 31 Ka1 Rb1+ 32 Ka2 Rb2+ 33 Ka1 Rb3+ 34 Qxe5 (or 34 Ka2 Rxa3+ 35 Kxa3 Qe3+ 36 Ka2 Qb3#) 34... Rxa3+ 35 Kb2 Qb6+ 36 Kxc2 (or 36 Kxa3 Qb3#, or 36 Kc1 Qb1+ 37 Kd2 Rd3+ 38 Ke2 Bxd1+ 39 Kf2 Qb6+ 40 Kf1 Bf3 41 gxf3 Rxf3+ 42



Ke2 Qf2+ 43 Kd1 Rd3+ 44 Kc1 Qd2+ 45 Kb1 Rb3+ 46 Ka1 Qb4 47 Qe2 Qd4+ 48 Ka2 Qa4#) 36...Ra2+ 37 Kd3 (37 Kc1 Qc5+ 38 Kb1 Qc2#) Qb5+ 38 Ke3 Qe2+ 39 Kf4 Qf2+ 40 Kg4 Ra4+ 41 Kh5 Qh4#

30...Rxb2+ 31 Kd3 Qa6+ 32 Ke3 Qe2 *mate 0-1*

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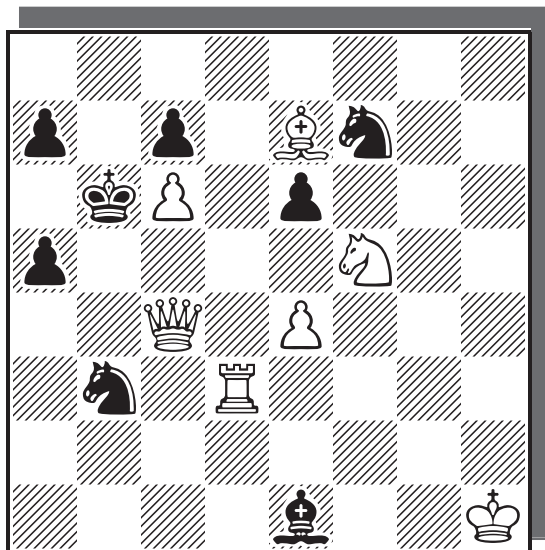
15 Grand Prix points



Editor's Note: Most of us have a special friend or teacher from early in our chess career to whom we feel a special debt of gratitude for instilling in us a love of the game. For Steven Dowd, of Birmingham, Alabama, that special friend was Virginian Paul Waldowski. Dowd writes that Waldowski, "a Virginia expert-level player, was kind enough to take me under his wing when I was a junior player. Now as I approach the age of 50 myself, I would like to decorate him with this small honor of a problem." Virginia Chess is pleased to publish Steven's thank-you.

Dedicated to Paul Waldowski

by Steven B Dowd



Mate in 3

When did I first meet Paul? I think it was in 1973 when future FM David Sprenkle and I needed a ride home from a Springfield, Illinois tournament. Just a few years older than us, Paul rapidly became part of the Illinois chess community I called home. We would do insane things like travel to Indianapolis to play in those four-rounders-in-



one-day that we used to call tornadoes (although Paul always mispronounced them “toureornadoes” – on purpose?) and then to another one the next day in Chicago.

Paul was always a scrapper, and probably still is even with age. When losing he loved to, as he would say, “cheapo” his opponent; but the ride home was long when the shoe was on the other foot. We’ve both made master, both lost the rating (but hey, not the title!).

So what did Paul give to me? We shared an infectious love of chess that we both carry through to this day. I switched over to chess problem composing; he still fights the battles. If you see Paul, ask him how many state championships (and other championships, such as the Armed Forces) he has won. Or better yet, ask him how his name got in ECO for an opening innovation. He may just seem like the garden variety expert you see at tournaments, but, like many of us grizzled veterans of the Royal Game, he has a lot of stories to tell...

The solution to the problem may be found on page 24.



Paul Waldowski, photo <http://www.freewebs.com/usafo/2005pics.htm>



State Scholastic Championships

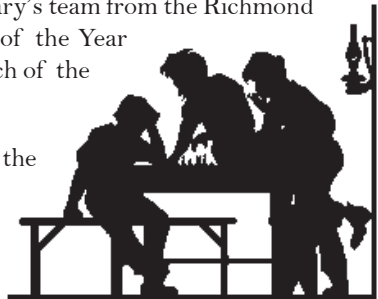
by Mike Hoffpauir

The Virginia tidewater area hosted the 2005 Virginia State Scholastic Chess Championship Tournament on March 12-13. With a good luck letter from Governor Mark R. Warner in hand, 474 players from schools across the Commonwealth slugged it out over two action-packed days for the right to be called State Individual and Team Champions. When it was all done, trophies were handed out to the top 14 individuals and top 5 teams in each of the 4 sections of the event.

In the Kindergarten through 3rd Grade Section, 3rd graders Meredith Collins and David Clayton finished $5\frac{1}{2}-\frac{1}{2}$ to rise to the top from a field of nearly 100 to become 2005's State Co-Champions. Meredith, a home schooled young lady from Roanoke, had recently tuned-up her game by competing in the annual Millennium Chess Festival in Virginia Beach. The experience against adults must have paid off. David, from Chesterfield Elementary and the pre-tournament favorite, held his form to grab half of the title. Finishing in 3rd place, a half-point behind, was Ashley Xue of Hunters Woods Elementary. Top Team honors in the K-3 section were taken by Bull Run Elementary School of Fairfax County. Bull Run's coach, Bill Moore, was honored for his team's effort and designated "K-3 Coach of the Year." Tied for 2nd and 3rd place team honors were two entries teams from the Tidewater area: Yorktown Elementary and Deer Park Elementary.

The K-5 section of the tournament was the largest, with almost 170 players. This section was won by three players: Bull Run Elementary 5th grader Quentin Moore and teammate 4th Grader Andrew Freix, as well as 5th Grader Darwin Li of Forest Edge Elementary. They all scored $5\frac{1}{2}-\frac{1}{2}$. With Moore and Freix being on the same team, it was not a surprise when Bull Run Elementary walked away with the K-5 Team Championship, squeaking by Louise Archer Elementary by just one half point. Springfield Park Elementary's team from the Richmond area finished 3rd. The 2005 State K-5 Coach of the Year title went to Bill Moore -- yes, that's two Coach of the Year titles in one day for Coach Moore!

K-8 play was lead by the 5th-ranked player in the nation among 13 year olds, 8th grader Adithya Balasubramanian from Tabb Middle School in York County. Balsubramanian swept the





field of 125 players, winning all 6 of his games en route to top individual honors. Behind him were 7 players scoring 5-1. Tiebreaks handed 2nd and 3rd place honors to Edward Lu (Frost Middle School) and Matthew Hantzmon (Charlottesville Catholic). In team play, Richmond area's Manchester Middle School dominated the field and grabbed the title as State K-8 Team Champions. Longfellow Middle School slipped passed Roanoke's James Madison Middle School to win second place by a half point. Coach of the Year honors went to Brian Sumner, coach of the Manchester Middle School gang.

In the K-12 section, last year's champion Ruixin Yang (USCF 2152, Thomas Jefferson High) outpaced the field with a 5½-½ score to capture sole possession of the 2005 State K-12 Title. The win earns Mr Yang his second successive trip to the Denker Tournament of High School Champions, to be held in August. Three players tied for 2nd-4th places behing Yang with Ettie Nikolova from Oscar Smith High and Robert Brady, a TJ High teammate of Yang's, grabbing the 2nd and 3rd place trophies. For her finish as "top female," Ms Nikolova has won the right to represent Virginia at the 2005 Susan Polgar Tournament for Girls this coming August. The K-12 Team competition saw Thomas Jefferson High walk away with the 2005 State Championship for the 6th straight year, blowing past two teams tied for 2nd and 3rd place—Franklin County High and Maggie Walker Governor's School. The plaque for K-12 Coach of the Year went to Ms Theresa Shaeffer of Thomas Jefferson High.

In between the 5th and 6th rounds, Joseph Feygelson (1994 VA State Champion) conducted a simultaneous exhibition against some 30 players. Several youngsters drew and so earned a nice set of Star Wars Cards, courtesy of Mr Feygelson.

This year's tournament was organized by Mike Hoffpauir, Tom Philipoom, and Ernest Schlich, a US Chess Federation National Tournament Director who also doubled as Chief TD. The 2006 State Championships are planned for the second weekend of March in Roanoke.

More Winners

Laurie Cook alerts us that two Virginia players were omitted from the list of trophy winners in our report on the National Grade Chess Championships (Dec 10-12 at Orlando, FL) last issue. In the Grade 4 group, Krishna Bindumadhavan won the 18th place award and Andrew Freix won 19th place. Twenty trophies were given in 4th grade because of the large (223 players) field in the section.



Junior Orange Bowl

by Peter Hopkins

Editor's Apology: Peter actually supplied this article in time for inclusion in the previous issue of Virginia Chess but I blew it and forgot to put it in.

SPONSORED BY the Virginia Scholastic Chess Association (VSCA), fourteen young chess players represented Virginia in the 7th Annual Junior Orange Bowl International Scholastic Chess Championships, a 3-day event held at the Embassy Suites near the airport in Miami, Florida from December 27th to 29th.

In the closely contested age 13-15 section, VSCA's team placed 2nd, just half a point behind the team from Barbados and the same margin ahead of Jose' Marti, a team from Miami. Chesapeake's Ettie Nikolova was 2nd in the individual standings after holding Humberto Lopez, Ecuador's national champion, to a draw in the sixth round. Nick Halgren (Culpeper) placed 4th in the individual standings. Travis Bass and Ann Marie Brown from Henrico County and Brett James from Chesterfield County rounded out the 13 - 15 team.

ETTIE NIKOLOVA - HUMBERTO LOPEZ
ALEKHINE

1 e4 Nf6 2 e5 Nd5 3 d4 d6 4 c4 Nb6 5 exd6 cxd6 6 Nc3 g6 7 Be3 Bg7 8 Rc1 O-O 9 b3 Nc6 10 Nf3 Bg4 11 Be2 d5 12 c5 Nc8 13 h3 Bxf3 14 Bxf3 e6 15 O-O N8e7 16 Ne2 Nf5 17 Qd2 Qd7 18 Bg4 Nxe3 19 fxe3 Rad8 20 b4 f5 21 Bf3 e5 22 b5 e4 23 bxc6 bxc6 24 Bxe4 fxe4 25 Rb1 Bh6 26 Ng3 Qe7 27 Rxf8+ Rxf8 28 Nf1 Qc7 29 Rb3 Rb8 30 Qb2 Rxb3 31 Qxb3 Kf7 32 Qb4 Ke6 33 Qd2 Qb7 34 Qe2 ½-½

HARRY PRAHL - NICK HALGREN
RUY LOPEZ

Notes by Nick Halgren

1 e4 e5 2 Nf3 Nc6 3 Bb5 a6 4 Ba4 Nf6 5 O-O Be7 6 Re1 b5 7 Bb3 O-O 8 a4 Bb7 9 axb5 (This opening of the queenside is premature and gives Black some play.) 9...axb5 10 Rxa8 Bxa8 (This move seemed more natural.) 11 Nc3 d6 12 d3 (12 Nxb5 Na5 13 Ba2 Bxe4) 12...Na5 13 Nxb5? (13 Ba2) Nxb3 14 cxb3 (Now White has a doubled, isolated extra



pawn sitting on b2, while Black has healthier and stronger pawns plus the bishop pair.)

14...Qb8 15 Nc3 Nd7 16 Be3 f5 (Black's central superiority leads to kingside pressure and White's pawn structure becomes even worse.)

17 exf5 Rxf5 18 Nd2 d5 19 Qg4 Qf8 20 d4 c5 (White's one remaining central pawn is obliterated thanks to the fork threat on d4.)

21 Ra1 Bc6 22 Bh6 Rf6 23 Bg5 Rg6 24 Bxe7 Qxe7 25 Qe2 cxd4 26 Nb5 Qg5 27 g3 Qf5 28 Na7 d3 29 Qf3 Qxf3 30 Nxf3 e4 31 Nxc6 (Exchanging my very bad bishop for his knight; now it's all downhill.)

31...Rxc6 32 Nd4 Rb6 33 Kf1 Nc5 34 Ra8+ Kf7 35 Rd8 Nxb3 36 Rxd5 Nd2+ 37 Ke1 Rxb2 38 Rd7+ Kf6 39 Rc7 Ke5 40 Rd7 Nc4!

41 Nc6+ Ke6 42 Rxg7 Rb1mate At the end of the game I had just a minute and a half remaining on the clock, while my opponent had about an hour. 0-1

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TARIQUE WALTERS - BRETT JAMES SCOTCH

1 e4 e5 2 Nf3 Nc6 3 d4 exd4 4 Nxd4 Nxd4 5 Qxd4 b6 6 Bc4 Bb7 7 Nc3 Bc5 8 Qxg7 Qf6 9 Qxf6 Nxf6 10 Nd5 Nxd5 11 Bxd5 O-O-O 12 Bxb7+ Kxb7



13 Bf4 Rde8 14 f3 Rhg8 15 Bg3 f5 16 O-O-O Be3+ 17 Kb1 f4 18 Bh4 Rxg2 19 a3 d6 20 Rd5 Reg8 21 Rf5 Rg1+ 22 Rxg1 Rxg1+ 23 Ka2 Rf1 24 Rh5 Rxf3 25 Rxh7 Rh3 26 Rh6 Bf2 27 Bg5 Rxh6 28 Bxh6 f3 29 Bd2 Bg1 30 Be1 Kc6 31 Kb3 d5 32 e5 Bxh2 33 Bf2 Bxe5 34 c3 Kd6 35 Kc2 Bf4 36 Kd3 Ke5 37 b3 a6 38 Bd4+ Kf5 39 Bf2 b5 40 Kd4 Be5+ 41 Kd3 Kf4 42 Be3+ Kg3 43 c4 c5 44 cxd5 Bd4 45 Bxd4 cxd4 46 d6 f2 47 d7 f1Q 48 Kxd4 Qd1+ 49 Kc5 Qxd7 50 Kb6 Qe6+ 51 Ka5 Qxb3 52 Kxa6 Qxa3+ 53 Kxb5 Qd3+ 54 Kc6 Qf5 55 Kd6 Qe4 56 Kd7 Qd5+ 57 Ke7 Qc6 58 Kf7 Kf4 59 Ke7 Kf5 60 Kf7 Qc7+ 0-1

Led by Yorktown's Adithya Balasubramanian, VSCA's team in the age 10-12 section also finished 2nd a half point behind Trinidad & Tobago. Adithya claimed the section's



championship title with a perfect 7-0. He also won the popular Blitz Tournament. The well-balanced team included Brett Colbert from Hanover County, Eric Rhodes & Susan Brown from Henrico County, and Sean Alexander from Chesterfield County.

ADITHYA BALASUBRAMANIAN - JUSTIN SALLOUM
SICILIAN

1 e4 c5 2 Nf3 Nc6 3 d4 cxd4 4 Nxd4 Nf6 5 Nc3 e5 6 Ndb5 d6 7 Nd5 Nxd5 8 exd5 Nb8 9 Qf3 Be7 10 Qc3 Na6 11 Be3 b6 12 Qc6+ Bd7 13 Nxd6+ Kf8 14 Qc3 Bxd6 15 Bxa6 f5 16 f3 Qh4+ 17 g3 Qa4 18 Qd3 e4 19 fxe4 fxe4 20 O-O+ Ke8 21 Qe2 b5 22 Bb7 Rb8 23 Bc6 Bxc6 24 dxc6 Rc8 25 Qh5+ g6 26 Qd5 Rc7 27 Qxd6 Rf7 28 Qe6+ Kd8 29 Rxf7 Qxc2 30 Qd7+ 1-0

CARLOS LOREOS - BRETT COLBERT
RUY LOPEZ

1 e4 e5 2 Nf3 Nc6 3 Bb5 d6 4 O-O Bd7 5 d3 Nf6 6 Bxc6 Bxc6 7 Bg5 Be7 8 Nc3 O-O 9 Bxf6 Bxf6 10 Nd5 Bxd5 11 exd5 c6 12 dxc6 bxc6 13 c4 d5 14 cxd5 cxd5 15 Rc1 e4 16 dxe4 dxe4 17 Qxd8 Raxd8 18 Ne1 Rc8 19 Rxc8 Rxc8 20 f3 exf3 21 Rxf3 Bd4+ 22 Kf1 Bxb2 23 Nd3 Bd4 24 Nf4 Rc1+ 25 Ke2 Rc2+ 26 Kd3 Rxa2 27 Kxd4 a5 28 Re3 h6 29 Re8+ Kh7 30 Kc4 Rb2 31 Ra8 Rc2+ 32 Kb5 Rf2 33 Nd5 Rd2 34 Nb6 h5 35 Kxa5 h4 36 Ra7 Kg6 37 Nc4 Rxc2 38 Ra6+ f6 39 Re6 Rxh2 40 Ne3 Re2 41 Re4 h3 42 Rg4+ Kf7 43 Rg3 h2 44 Rh3 Kg6 45 Kb4 f5 46 Kc4 Kg5 47 Kd3 Rf2 48 Rh7 g6 49 Rh3 f4 50 Nd1 Rg2 51 Ke4 Kg4 52 Rh8 f3 53 Ne3+ Kg3 54 Nxc2 Kxc2 55 Rxh2+ Kxh2 56 Kxf3 Kh3 1/2-1/2

STEVEN BALLESTEROS - SEAN ALEXANDER
FOUR KNIGHTS

1 e4 e5 2 Nf3 Nc6 3 Nc3 Nf6 4 Bc4 h6 5 O-O Bc5 6 h3 d6 7 Bb5 Bd7 8 Nd5 Nxd5 9 exd5 Na5 10 Bxd7+ Qxd7 11 d3 O-O-O 12 Bd2 Bb6 13 Bxa5 Bxa5 14 d4 e4 15 Nd2 Qf5 16 c4 Rhg8 17 Nb3 Bb6 18 c5 dxc5 19 dxc5 Bxc5 20 Nxc5 Rxd5 21 Qa4 Rxc5 22 Qxa7 Ra5 23 Qd4 g5 24 Rae1 Rd8 25 Qxe4 Qxe4 26 Rxe4 Rxa2 27 Re7 Rf8 28 b3 Rb2 29 Rfe1 c6 30 Rd1 Rxb3 31 Ra1 Kb8 32 Rd1 c5 33 Rc1 Rb5 34 Re5 Rc8 35 Re7 f5 36 Rh7 Rc6 37 Ra1 c4 38 Rh8+ Kc7 39 Rh7+ Kb6 40 g3 c3 41 Rc1 c2 42 Kg2 Rb1 0-1

ERIC RHODES - DEMI MATTHEWS
FOUR KNIGHTS

1 e4 e5 2 Nf3 Nc6 3 Bc4 Nf6 4 Nc3 Bc5 5 d3 d6 6 Bg5 Bg4 7 h3 Bxf3 8 Qxf3 Nd4 9 Qd1 h6 10 Bh4 g5 11 Bg3 c6 12 h4 b5 13 Bb3 a5 14 a3 b4 15 axb4 Bxb4 16 hxc5 Ng8 17 Qd2 c5 18 Ba4+ Kf8 19 gxh6 Nf6 20 Qg5 Ne6 21 Qh4 d5 22 Bxe5 Nd7 23 Qxd8+ Rxd8 24 Bxh8 Ke7 25 Bxd7 Kxd7 26 Bf6 Rb8 27 h7 Nd4 28 O-O-O Bxc3 29 bxc3 a4 30 h8Q Rxh8 31 Rxh8 Ne2+ 32 Kd2 Nf4 33 Ra8 dxe4 34 dxe4 Kc6 35 Rxa4 Kb5 36 Ra8 c4 37 Rb8+ Ka4 38 Ra1+ 1-0

SUSAN BROWN - GIANCARLO MANZANARES
RUY LOPEZ

1 e4 e5 2 Nf3 Nc6 3 Nc3 Bc5 4 Bb5 a6 5 Bxc6 dxc6 6 O-O Nf6 7 d3 Ng4 8 Bg5 Qd6 9 Re1 Bxf2+ 10 Kf1 Bxe1 11 Qxe1 f6 12 Bh4 Qc5 13 d4 exd4 14 Na4 Qxc2 15 e5 Qxa4 16 exf6+ Kf8 17 Qe7+ Kg8 18 Qxcg7+ 1-0



Scoring a tournament high 20 points, the team from Trinidad & Tobago outdistanced the field in the 7-9 section, leaving Liguana/Jamaica in second with 17½ and VSCA in third with 16½. Individual trophies were awarded to Chesterfield County's Vanessa Alexander who finished in 7th place and Henrico County's Jason Deng in 9th. Isaac Steincamp & Rodert Brown, both from Henrico County, completed VSCA's 7 to 9 contingent.

VANESSA ALEXANDER - JAVANA SMITH
GUIOCO PIANO

1 e4 e5 2 Nf3 Nc6 3 Bc4 Bc5 4 d3 d6
5 Ng5 Be6 6 Nxe6 fxe6 7 Bxe6 Nf6
8 Nc3 Nd7 9 O-O Nb6 10 Nd5 Nd7
11 Qf3 Rf8 12 Qh5+ g6 13 Qxh7 g5
14 Qg6+ Rf7 15 Qxf7+ 1-0

CHRISTOPHER BUSTAMANTE - ISAAC STEINCAMP
FOUR KNIGHTS

1 e4 e5 2 Nf3 Nc6 3 Nc3 Nf6 4 Bb5
Bc5 5 Bxc6 bxc6 6 Nxe5 O-O 7 O-O
d6 8 Nc4 Bg4 9 Qe1 d5 10 exd5 cxd5
11 Ne5 Re8 12 h3 Bh5 13 g4 Nxg4
14 hxg4 Bxg4 15 d4 Bxd4 16 Kh1
Qh4+ 17 Kg1 Rxe5 18 Qd2 Rh5 19
Qxd4 Qh1+ 0-1

KERON CABRALIS - JASON DENG
FOUR KNIGHTS

1 e4 e5 2 Nf3 Nc6 3 Bc4 Nf6 4 Nc3
Bc5 5 d3 h6 6 Be3 Bxe3 7 fxe3 d6 8
h3 O-O 9 O-O Be6 10 Bxe6 fxe6 11
d4 exd4 12 exd4 a6 13 Re1 e5 14
dxe5 Nxe5 15 Nxe5 dxe5 16 Nd5 c6
17 Nxf6+ Qxf6 18 Qe2 b5 19 Rad1
Rad8 20 Rxd8 Qxd8 21 Rd1 Qb6+ 22
Kh2 Rd8 23 Rxd8+ Qxd8 24 c3 Qf6
25 g3 Qe6 26 b3 c5 27 Qd2 c4 28 b4

Qg6 29 Qd5+ Qf7 30 Kg2 Qxd5 31
exd5 Kf7 32 Kf3 Ke7 33 Ke4 Kd6 34
g4 g5 35 a3 Kd7 36 Kxe5 Ke7 37 d6+
Kd7 38 Kd5 Kd8 39 Ke6 Ke8 40 d7+
Kd8 41 Kd6 1-0

JOSHUA BLANCHARD - ROBERT BROWN
IRREGULAR

1 d4 e6 2 e4 Qh4 3 Be3 Qxe4 4 Be2
e5 5 Nc3 Qg6 6 Bd3 Qf6 7 Nge2 Nc6
8 O-O d6 9 Nd5 Qh4 10 Qc1 Bg4
11 Rd1 Qh5 12 f3 Be6 13 Nef4 Qh4
14 Nh5 g6 15 b3 Bh6 16 Bxh6 Nxh6
17 Qa3 O-O-O 18 Rd2 Rhe8 19 Rb1
exd4 20 Rb2 Bf5 21 Bxf5+ Kb8 22
Ndf6 Qe1+ 0-1



Solution to Dowd/Waldowski
Mate in 3, from page 17:

For Paul I would never compose a problem without a sacrifice, and here only a rook sacrifice will do! Black has three defenses – first, capturing the rook, which naturally leads to another sacrifice; second, placing the N on c5 to blockade; and finally, trying to make himself some breathing space with a6.

1 Rds!

if 1...Nxd8 2 Nd6 cxd6 (or 2...Nd2
3 Nc8#) 3 Bxd8#

if 1...Nc5 2 Rb8+ Kxc6 (or 2...Nb7
3 Rxb7#) 3 Qb5#;

if 1...a6 2 Ra8 exf5 3 Qxa6#

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