

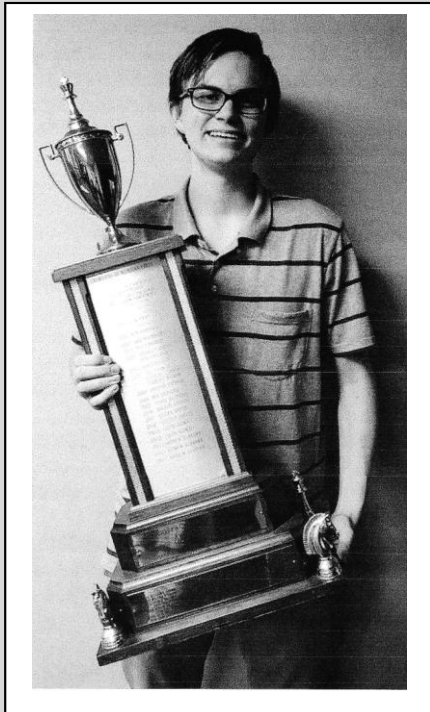


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This issue of *Michigan Chess Magazine* not only features key items of interest regarding tournaments, meeting reports, events, and stories, but includes a large number of games from recent tournaments. Additionally, it includes reports of events that transpired in the months previous to the Fall 2018 issue, in order to bring readers “up to speed” on significant events that were unfortunately put “on hold” between publications in an attempt to provide a sense of continuity essential to any well-functioning organization.

With this and subsequent issues of *MCA magazine*, it is our goal to include as many games as possible, but we are totally dependent on transcribers to submit accurate score sheets. Sadly, the inordinate number of recording errors make it nearly impossible to reconstruct pivotal games impacting tournament outcomes. We are also looking to showcase games of interest that include analysis and personal insights submitted for publication by the players themselves. We are fortunate to have enlisted the services of a number of skilled, dedicated volunteers willing to contribute photographs, game analysis, commentary, reports and chess-related materials that will prove both timely and interesting to fellow readers of *Michigan Chess*. - Lon Rutkofske

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## The ClubHouse

If you would like to feature your club in this space, please send your write up with at least one picture to the Editor at [michessmag@gmail.com](mailto:michessmag@gmail.com) for consideration!

Having a chess club near the intersection of M-59 and US-23 certainly seems logical now, but in the early 1980's – not so much. There were three hubs for chess in Michigan then:

- **Detroit** – where Expert **Andrew Beider** helped organize the Metro Chess League;
- **Ann Arbor** – where USCF senior master **Fred Lindsay** simultaneously played, promoted, taught, directed tournaments, and sold chess supplies; and
- **Lansing** – where the legendary **V.E. Vandenberg** ran the Lansing Chess Club while publishing the *Michigan Chess Magazine* for many years.

The history of the **Livingston County Chess Club (LCCC)** can be traced to the Brighton Chess Club. Started in 1981 by **Bill Bennett** in the Brighton Community School building, the club put together a team that won 1<sup>st</sup> place in the old Metro Chess League that year in one of the divisions.



BACK-ROW (L TO R): TERRY GRINER, BILL GONEA, JASON MORRIS.  
FRONT-ROW (L TO R): JOE BUTLER, BILL BENNETT

Jason Morris, former Brighton Chess club member and long-time MI expert, recalls that team and other fond memories of the early Brighton gang:



**Terry Griner** – Terry was one of the tougher opponents that I played at the club. When I could finally beat him, I knew that I'd gotten much stronger. He was about 1800+ back then, and he punished my silly positional mistakes without hesitation and taught me a lot about 1. d4 openings. Thanks, Terry!!

Nowadays, he's the excellent Instructor-in Residence at the LCCC where he shares his

chess passion and knowledge with anyone who wants to learn – especially the younger members! Parents – you won't find a more patient teacher for your kids than Terry!

**Bill Gonea** – Bill was a very sharp 1700 player who could hold his own with much stronger players when the occasion warranted it. Always quick with a joke or some insight, Bill was long-time stalwart addition to our club team. We often went to Vaughn's together (see Vaughn Blanchard below).

**Joseph Butler** – Joe was a very friendly man of about USCF 1400 strength. Usually the first guy to arrive, he often greeted newcomers to the club. Joe knew all kinds of chess lore, trivia, traps, and puzzles. He always had something to show or a story to tell. His favorite opening was the Kopec variation of the Sicilian Defense (he'd talk your ear off about it), but he'd sneak in a King's Gambit if you dared 1.e4 e5 against him.

**Bill Bennett** – Bill was our fearless leader and organizer. We often congregated at his house for chess parties on the weekends. I'll never forget the smell of cigarettes and his old Drueke cloth chessboard festooned with ash burns and tea stains. Bill would sip his Earl Gray with honey and twirl his mustache while pondering his next move. After a long think, he would often slide a piece into position with his pinky and a sly grin. He was a tricky 1600+ player who had a huge passion for the game, but more importantly for the club; he was just great with people. He always made you feel welcome when you came and missed when you didn't. His favorite opening was the Benoni Defense or any Sicilian variation, and it was a major milestone in my progress when I could finally best him. Seems like yesterday that we were all at Bill's playing double-speed or bughouse as it's called now – we did this traditionally in the last hour of the meetings. I vaguely recall Phil (Laren) yelling at Bill (his partner) to sit on his clock (not move), but Bill just couldn't resist!! Suddenly a knight was captured and passed to his opponent's partner, and WHAM checkmate!! Those were fun days!!

### Other special club members included:

**Vaughn Blanchard** – Vaughn was a very kindly old man (he was in his 80's back then), and he just loved to play and talk about chess. I don't think he had an active rating for a long time, but it was around 1400. I used to go visit him at his house on the weekends, and we'd play for a few hours in his study. Sometimes, Bill Gonea would come over, too. Vaughn made me a beautiful wood box for my wood chess set that I cherish to this day.

**Mike Reynolds** – Mike played a tough game, probably a solid 1600 player. I think work and family obligations kept him from playing in tournaments or for the team, but he was a weekly regular and we were better for his company.

**Don Mason** – Don was (and is apparently!) a very solid positional player, at that time playing the Catalan as white almost exclusively. Back then he was pushing 1900, and I know he made it into the expert range at one point. Now, he's back in action in both OTB tournaments and at LCCC!

**Phil Laren** – Phil was our resident "pro", and he taught me more than all the other guys combined. Back then, he was about 2100+, actively trading blows with all the Michigan masters. He took me to my first chess tournament and probably a half-dozen others. Long before computers, Phil would analyze my games and help me find all my mistakes. It's hard on the ego to realize that your

"brilliance" game wasn't so brilliant, but it made me more critical of my own moves and a stronger player. Phil knew Don (I think they also played postal chess in the same league and at one time lived near each other.) Phil was a postal chess master (He played about +200 rating points stronger at postal than OTB.), although he eventually did reach 2265 USCF.

"Unfortunately, time and the winds of change took members in different directions, and the club eventually dissolved. All these guys taught me something about chess and fellowship, and I'm glad to have known them all." - JCM

**Mike Nikitin**, current LCCC president, picks up the story...



**Milani Brothers and Mike Nikitin.**

The LCCC was reconstituted in 2009 at "Howelling Coffee" by the past MCA Public Relations Director **Matt Trujillo** (2<sup>nd</sup> president) and **Lori O'Doherty**, a mom of kids at the Charyl Stockwell Academy in

Hartland. Matt was teaching chess at the school at the time and the primary purpose of the club was to give students a chance to play outside of school and continue working on their game.

Since 2012, the club's current home has been at the Hartland Senior Center (M-59), technically in Howell. We are just about a quarter-mile west of US-23. The Senior Center entrance is on the west side of the building, and the building itself is both the offices for the Hartland School District and a Washtenaw Community College satellite campus.

You can also find us online by searching for the **Livingston County Chess Club Blog**. Articles and



**Luca Milani (left) and Sam Thompson (right) hone their games against LCCC veterans.**

annotated games appear usually weekly, as well as club news and player results in tournaments. We also post quite a list of club members that have performed well in tournaments.

We were very fortunate to find a place that welcomed us with open arms, asking only for voluntary donations to the Senior Center. Our members joined the Center (if senior enough) and donate when they can. Chess clubs cannot exist without wonderful people helping out – and the Hartland Senior Center certainly has.

Over time, we added more members to the club and eventually we had a good mix of beginners, intermediate, and advanced players of all different ages. **Jason Morris** returned to the club, as did **Ken Lambdin** and **Scott Marvel** who would go on to join our humble chess club afterwards and serve as some of the critical members in the early years.

**Ken Lambdin** became the 3rd LCCC club president and presided over the club when Matt's career and starting a family limited his ability to run the club.



Unfortunately, "Howelling Coffee" closed its doors, but thanks to the efforts of **Ken**, we were able to reach an agreement with the owners of Jaz Deli (now Le Marsa) in Brighton located on East Grand River Avenue on Monday October 11<sup>th</sup> 2010.

Around this time **Matt Trujillo** was introduced to a gentleman by the name of **Eric Wright** who was running a



**Hot and heavy LCCC club action.**

chess club in South Lyon. Eric started encouraging his members to join LCCC on Monday evenings and eventually our clubs merged, which included **Paul Mills** and **Patrick Seaver**, who were the founding members of the South Lyon club and used to regularly attend our Monday sessions. Both Paul and Patrick, are good chess players, and are well-respected retired schools teachers.

We don't think chess clubs are bad luck, but the Jaz Deli also shut down and – again it was **Ken Lambdin** to the rescue - as he found the Barnes and Noble Bookstore at the Green Oaks Mall which agreed to take the club in – as long as we played on tables near their chess books! No problem!



**More Club Action**

This is when club regulars and current Club Officers: **Ken Tack, Vince Valente, Don Jones** and our **4th Club President, Mike Nikitin** joined the club. With this fairly public location, new members began to show up regularly and it was quite often we had more players watching games than were able to play due to space restrictions.

It was then that our current club chess instructor and past Metro League player, **Terry Griner** and another member **Mike Keelan** stepped up and found us the Hartland Senior Center. This is our current home and just a dream spot to play chess!

Our club offers a Kid's Night on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of each month. This means that all the members are there to assist the young chess players by either smoothly pairing young opponents or giving them some one-on-one chess instruction, if they so desired.



**FM Seth Homa at his LCCC Simul.**

We also offer simultaneous exhibitions on occasion and have had **FM Seth Homa** drop in to take on the club in these events with **Club Treasurer Vince Valente** twice holding him to a draw!



**League Play**

Over the course of the year our club runs occasional **FREE** tournaments of all time limits and even some Fischer Random Chess tournaments. Check out the club blog for more information.

Everyone is welcome and we hope people from all over Michigan will stop on by for a game.

**Livingston County Chess Club**

Hartland Senior Center

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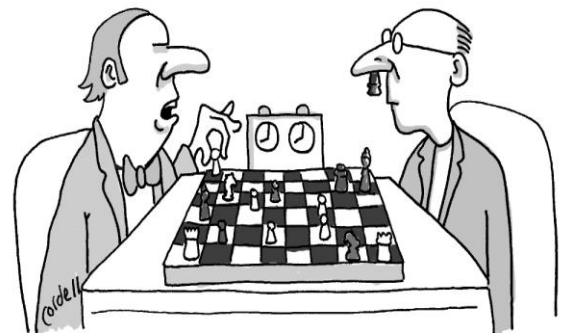
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**Article by Mike Nitikin and Jason Morris**



"You're not taking this seriously, are you?"

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# Michigan Open Championships: August 31 thru September 3, 2018.

The 2018 Michigan Open was held over Labor Day weekend from August 31 to September 3. It was held up north in Cadillac at the Evergreen Resort. This is the same location as the 1999 and 2011 Michigan Opens when it was called McGuire's. The hospitality and free breakfast were great all weekend. If you did not attend this year, you definitely missed out. Attendance was down more than expected with only 71 players showing this year. Previous events in Cadillac had slightly more than 100 in attendance.

The Open section consisted of 22 players and was dominated by Joshua Posthuma, who had just received his FIDE Master title. He only gave up a single draw out of his seven games.-J.A.

#	Name	Rtng	Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd 3	Rd 4	Rd 5	Rd 6	Rd 7	Tot
1	Joshua Posthuma	2375	W11	W21	D4	W2	W5	W6	W7	6.5
2	Manis Davidovich	2213	W3	W10	W7	L1	W8	W5	L4	5.0
3	Adam Masek	1949	L2	W12	W15	L7	W9	W13	W8	5.0
4	David F Hahn	2114	W14	W17	D1	L5	D10	D7	W2	4.5
5	WFM Sasha Konovalenko	2076	H---	W20	W6	W4	L1	L2	W12	4.5
6	Tony Palmer	2062	W16	W13	L5	W18	D7	L1	W14	4.5
7	Salah Chehayeb	2067	W9	W8	L2	W3	D6	D4	L1	4.0
8	Charisse Woods	1768	W19	L7	W11	W13	L2	W15	L3	4.0
9	Nick Schwerin	1802	L7	L15	W22	W16	L3	X19	W13	4.0
10	Michael Zheng	2119	W12	L2	H---	W19	D4	W14	U---	4.0
11	Robert Bembem	1853	L1	W22	L8	D15	W20	L12	W16	3.5
12	Stanley J Jarosz	1942	L10	L3	W20	W17	L14	W11	L5	3.0
13	Gregory Bailey	1949	W22	L6	W14	L8	W18	L3	L9	3.0
14	Brelen Wilkes	1798	L4	B---	L13	W21	W12	L10	L6	3.0
15	John Whitworth	1702	L21	W9	L3	D11	W19	L8	U---	2.5
16	Justin Aldrich	1795	L6	D19	H---	L9	W21	D17	L11	2.5
17	Arjun Bajaj	1585	B---	L4	L19	L12	W22	D16	U---	2.5
18	Krishna Venkatasubba	1841	H---	H---	W21	L6	L13	U---	U---	2.0
19	Andrew Beider	2010	L8	D16	W17	L10	L15	F9	U---	1.5
20	Sam Bridle	1826	H---	L5	L12	W22	L11	U---	U---	1.5
21	Raymond Garrison	1991	W15	L1	L18	L14	L16	F22	U---	1.0
22	Alan Kaufman	1527	L13	L11	L9	L20	L17	F21	U---	0.0



Open  
Section  
Prize  
Winners!



Open-2<sup>nd</sup> Place  
Manis Davidovich



Open-3<sup>rd</sup> Place  
Adam Masek



Open -U2200 1<sup>st</sup>  
David Hahn



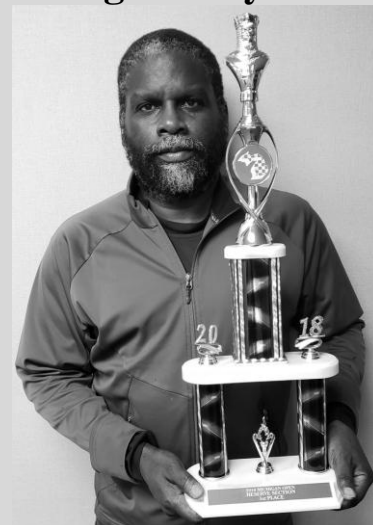
Open-U1900 1<sup>st</sup>  
Nick Schwerin

# 2018 Michigan Open Championships – Reserve Section Prize Winners!

**George Avery Jones** won the section by giving up a round one draw, followed by reeling off six wins in a row. Since Avery is a Canadian resident, he is not eligible to be the Michigan champion, so the Reserve title falls to **Patrick Schilling** for the second year in a row. – J.A.

#	Name	Rtng	Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd 3	Rd 4	Rd 5	Rd 6	Rd 7	Tot
1	George Avery Jones	1613	D5	W20	W6	W2	W3	W11	W8	6.5
2	Patrick Schilling	1794	W4	D7	W15	L1	W6	W9	D3	5.0
3	Alexander Bemben	1639	W9	W18	W10	W11	L1	D5	D2	5.0
4	Mike Nikitin	1519	L2	W23	W16	D10	D18	W13	W5	5.0
5	Samuel Thompson	1195	D1	W17	D7	W13	W8	D3	L4	4.5
6	Ronald Grzegorzczuk	1572	W21	D15	L1	W27	L2	W19	W9	4.5
7	Larrance Xing	1629	W23	D2	D5	L9	D19	W21	W12	4.5
8	Michael Aldrich	1621	W16	W27	L11	W19	L5	W12	L1	4.0
9	Richard Wilson	1500	L3	W14	W24	W7	D11	L2	L6	3.5
10	Michael Neshewat	1742	W19	W13	L3	D4	L12	D14	D18	3.5
11	Loren Schwiebert	1700	W25	W12	W8	L3	D9	L1	U---	3.5
12	Ashrith Mathiyazhagan	1331	W24	L11	D21	W15	W10	L8	L7	3.5
13	Hunter Reed	1552	W22	L10	W20	L5	W25	L4	D14	3.5
14	Leyou Jiang	1395	L18	L9	W23	D16	W20	D10	D13	3.5
15	Kenneth Bradfield	1330	W26	D6	L2	L12	L16	W24	W22	3.5
16	Kalyan Bhaumik	987	L8	B---	L4	D14	W15	W18	U---	3.5
17	David Durkee	1600	L20	L5	L27	W23	D22	W25	W21	3.5
18	Tony Scioly	1632	W14	L3	L19	W21	D4	L16	D10	3.0
19	Ryan Wang	1219	L10	W22	W18	L8	D7	L6	D20	3.0
20	Aaron Liu	1145	W17	L1	L13	D24	L14	W23	D19	3.0
21	Tyler Booher	1092	L6	W26	D12	L18	W24	L7	L17	2.5
22	Sourish Daruri	908	L13	L19	L25	B---	D17	W26	L15	2.5
23	Jan Burdzinski	1108	L7	L4	L14	L17	W26	L20	W25	2.0
24	Richard Love	886	L12	W25	L9	D20	L21	L15	D26	2.0
25	Ed Mandell	1200	L11	L24	W22	W26	L13	L17	L23	2.0
26	Isaac Lee	790	L15	L21	B---	L25	L23	L22	D24	1.5
27	Norman Haygood	1519	H---	L8	W17	L6	U---	U---	U---	1.5

## Reserve 1<sup>st</sup> Place George Avery Jones



**Reserve - 2<sup>nd</sup> Place  
Patrick Schilling  
Michigan Champion**



**Reserve - 3<sup>rd</sup> Place  
Alexander  
Bemben**



**Reserve - U1600 1<sup>st</sup>  
Mike Nikitin**



**Reserve - U1500 1<sup>st</sup>  
Samuel Thompson**



#	Name	Rtng	Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd 3	Rd 4	Rd 5	Rd 6	Rd 7	Rd 8	Tot
1	John Kling	1004	W19	D3	W18	W13	W8	W4	D2	W5	7.0
2	Nicolas Casey	981	W14	L5	D3	W12	W18	W8	D1	W4	6.0
3	Ryan Rabideau	866	W20	D1	D2	W11	W16	W9	L4	W8	6.0
4	Vishal Swamy	892	W22	W10	W11	D8	D9	L1	W3	L2	5.0
5	Olivia Lu	776	W6	W2	L8	L9	W12	W16	W10	L1	5.0
6	Daniel Taylor	unr.	L5	W14	L16	W19	W11	W13	L9	W12	5.0
7	Inbhavenkat Sundara Rajan	842	W15	L8	L20	D10	W19	D18	W16	W9	5.0
8	Anish Hari	985	W21	W7	W5	D4	L1	L2	W13	L3	4.5
9	Saachi Rajgarhia	913	L10	W12	W21	W5	D4	L3	W6	L7	4.5
10	Pradham Nalam	594	W9	L4	L13	D7	W21	W11	L5	W16	4.5
11	Yihang Lin	731	W18	W13	L4	L3	L6	L10	W15	W22	4.0
12	Pranav Nalam	492	W16	L9	W14	L2	L5	W20	W18	L6	4.0
13	Mithun Soundararajan	901	W17	L11	W10	L1	W20	L6	L8	D14	3.5
14	Beril Haskara	675	L2	L6	L12	W22	L15	W17	W20	D13	3.5
15	Samanatha Shaffer	427	L7	L21	L22	W17	W14	D19	L11	W18	3.5
16	Abhinav Hari	854	L12	W22	W6	W20	L3	L5	L7	L10	3.0
17	Kirit Bhaumik	582	L13	L18	L19	L15	W22	L14	W21	W20	3.0
18	Shlagha Kompelli	1004	L11	W17	L1	W21	L2	D7	L12	L15	2.5
19	Mahathi Mathiyazhagan	749	L1	L20	W17	L6	L7	D15	W22	L21	2.5
20	Supratik Kuchibhatla	502	L3	W19	W7	L16	L13	L12	L14	L17	2.0
21	Brenda Aldrich	696	L8	W15	L9	L18	L10	L22	L17	W19	2.0
22	Siddharth Menon	581	L4	L16	W15	L14	L17	W21	L19	L11	2.0

**2018  
Michigan  
Open:  
Booster  
Section  
Prize  
Winners!**

Twenty-two players played in the 8 round 2-day Booster (U1200) section. This was a very competitive section as there were no byes and no player finished with less than 2 points. John Kling was the clear winner of the section with seven points.-J.A.



**1<sup>st</sup> Place  
John Kling**



**2<sup>nd</sup> Place  
Nicolas Casey**



**3<sup>rd</sup> Place  
Ryan Rabideau**



**U1000 1<sup>st</sup>  
Vishal Swamy**



**U1000 2<sup>nd</sup>  
Inbhavenkat  
Sundara Rajan**



**U800 1<sup>st</sup>  
Olivia Lu**



**U800 2<sup>nd</sup>  
Yihang Lin**



**U600 1<sup>st</sup>  
Pradham Nalam**



**U600 2<sup>nd</sup>  
Pranav Nalam**



**Unrated 1<sup>st</sup>  
Daniel Taylor**



# 2018 Michigan Speed Championship.

The 2018 Michigan Speed Championship was held on Saturday afternoon of the weekend with 25 players competing. This event was a 5-round, double swiss event which means that two games were played each round, one of each color. Joshua Posthuma also won this event by a half point over Michael Zheng. They played each other in the last round, splitting their games. Michael had been nicked for a half point in an earlier round. By Jeff Aldrich

#	Name	Rtng	Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd 3	Rd 4	Rd 5	Tot
1	Joshua Posthuma	2375	WW12	WW4	WW3	WW5	WL2	9.0
2	Michael Zheng	2111	WW18	WD15	WW9	WW10	WL1	8.5
3	Salah Chehayeb	2067	WW19	WW17	LL1	WW9	WD7	7.5
4	Bryan Wilson	1875	WW16	LL1	WW18	WW17	WD5	7.5
5	Sasha Konovalenko	2097	WW22	WW8	WW6	LL1	DL4	6.5
6	Andrew Beider	2010	B---	WW7	LL5	WD8	WL11	6.5
7	Alexander Bemben	1639	WW11	LL6	WW13	WW12	DL3	6.5
8	Slav Serdenkovski	1739	WW21	LL5	WW22	DL6	WW15	6.5
9	Brelen Wilkes	1816	WW24	WW10	LL2	LL3	WW19	6.0
10	Manis Davidovich	2213	X23	LL9	WW15	LL2	WW17	6.0
11	Bayasgalan Kherlen	unr.	LL7	WW16	WL12	WW14	WL6	6.0
12	Arjun Bajaj	1630	LL1	WW14	WL11	LL7	WW22	5.0
13	Nicolas Casey	981	WL14	WL23	LL7	WD22	WD16	5.0
14	Robert Bemben	1853	WL13	LL12	WW25	LL11	WW23	5.0
15	Justin Aldrich	1795	WW20	DL2	LL10	WW18	LL8	4.5
16	Aaron Liu	1145	LL4	LL11	WW23	WW20	DL13	4.5
17	Dakshesh Daruri	1709	WW25	LL3	WW19	LL4	LL10	4.0
18	Leyou Jiang	1374	LL2	WW24	LL4	LL15	WW25	4.0
19	Samuel Thompson	1156	LL3	WW20	LL17	WW25	LL9	4.0
20	Siddharth Menon	581	LL15	LL19	B---	LL16	WW24	4.0
21	Brenda Aldrich	696	LL8	LL22	WD24	DL23	B---	4.0
22	Ashrith Mathiyazhagan	1359	LL5	WW21	LL8	DL13	LL12	2.5
23	George Jones	1613	F10	WL13	LL16	WD21	LL14	2.5
24	Mithun Soundararajan	901	LL9	LL18	DL21	B---	LL20	2.5
25	Samanatha Shaffer	427	LL17	B---	LL14	LL19	LL18	2.0



**2<sup>nd</sup> Place  
Michael Zheng**



**3<sup>rd</sup> Place  
Salah Chehayeb**

# 2018 MICHIGAN SPEED CHAMPIONSHIPS : PRIZE WINNERS!



**4<sup>th</sup> Place**  
**Bryan Wilson**



**U2000 1<sup>st</sup>**  
**Alexander Bemben**



**U2000 2<sup>nd</sup>**  
**Brelen Wilkes**



**U1800 1<sup>st</sup>**  
**Slav Serdenkovski**



**U1800 2<sup>nd</sup>**  
**Arjun Bajaj**



**U1600 1<sup>st</sup>**  
**Nicolas Casey**



**U1600 2<sup>nd</sup>**  
**Leyou Jiang**



**U1400 1<sup>st</sup>**  
**Aaron Liu**



**U1400 2<sup>nd</sup>**  
**Ashrith**  
**Mathiyazhagan**



**U1200 1<sup>st</sup>**  
**Samuel Thompson**



**U1000 1<sup>st</sup>**  
**Siddharth**  
**Menon**



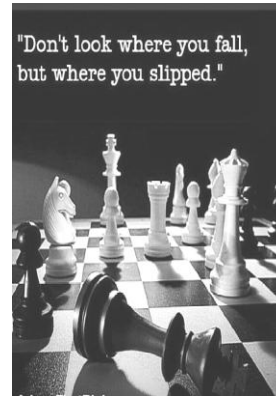
**U800 1<sup>st</sup>**  
**Brenda Aldrich**



**U600 1<sup>st</sup>**  
**Samanatha Shaffer**



**Unrated 1<sup>st</sup>**  
**Bayasgalan**  
**Kherlen**



# *A Photo Collage taken by George Avery Jones at the 2018 Michigan Open Championships!*



## **MCA Membership Update and News:**

Our General Membership meeting was held on Sunday afternoon. It was a very full, busy meeting. We started with a few words from Carol Meyer, the Executive Director of USCF. She was in Michigan for the weekend and visited with players to get their feedback. Then, we had two MCA bylaw proposals regarding voting eligibility from the MCA board to vote on by the membership. These proposals were approved by more than a two-thirds majority. The updated bylaws will be published elsewhere in the magazine and are also posted on the MCA website. The membership meeting finished by inducting two new members into the Michigan Chess Hall of Fame. Congratulations to Ed Mandell and Alan Kaufman. You can see the induction on the MCA Facebook page. – Jeff Aldrich

# 2018 Inductees into the Michigan Chess Hall of Fame



## **Alan Kaufman's Chess Experience and dedication to the Chess Community**

- Alan started playing chess in 1956, learning at the age of 8.
- He taught chess in Southfield Schools such as his son's elementary school in the 1980's, as well as played in citywide clubs where he met Master John Brooks.
- As he played chess from a young age into young adulthood, he thought about and became an advocate for chess in schools in the state of Michigan.
- In 2003, Alan joined ICC (Internet Chess Club) and met Martha Fierro and brought her to Michigan. He wanted to change the culture of chess in South East/West Michigan.
- He also started going to the Skillman Library and DIA to watch kids from Detroit City Chess Club. He was very impressed by their talents under the direction of Mr. Kevin Fite.
- Adding to Alan's many talents, he started the Michigan Fall Festival around 2011.
- He has also been very supportive of other chess clubs, tournaments and anyone who he could help bring chess awareness to Michigan.
- He served as an MCA Board member in the past.
- In June of 2017 Mr. Kaufman donated over 500 Chess Books to the Skillman Library who dedicated a wing/section of the library just for chess books and related materials.
- In October of 2017 Alan arranged to bring GM Manuel Leon Hoyos from Mexico (one of the greatest players ever from Mexico) to Michigan to attend tournaments, visit All The King's Men, speak at schools, meet with MCA, as well as, Young Detroit Thinkers, Detroit City Chess Club and lastly, Raymond Lozano. Raymond Lozano is past Executive Director of the Hispanic Chamber of Commerce of Michigan, and currently serves as Executive Director of Mexican Town Community Development. Raymond thinks chess will supplement and materially improve education, particularly in Southwest Detroit. It was stated and quoted that Ray was convinced that the visit by GM Hoyos to Detroit, with focus on Southwest Detroit, would "kick-start" the role of chess in the community's cultural life.
- Even now, Alan Kaufman continues to show his dedication to the chess community by sharing his knowledge and love of chess with all he meets. It is such a joy to see!



## **Dr. Edward Mandell's Chess Experience and dedication to the Chess Community**

- All The King's Men started at Universal Mall around 1998 and has since expanded and moved to Roseville, MI within the last 4 years and most recently, to Warren.
- He learned to play chess at 8 years old from his father's friend, and he was inspired to play and learn more about chess.
- Dr. Mandell taught chess classes in schools, gave private lessons to beginners and employs instructors to teach chess.
- One of his biggest influences was Harold Steen who taught him about chess life, how to instruct others in the game and how to help inspire children by encouraging them to play. Harold would buy sets from Dr. Mandell to help bring chess equipment into schools. Because of Harold Steen, Dr. Mandell developed a respect and esteem for those around him who truly wanted to help others.
- The Motor City Open, started by Dr. Howard Gaba in the 1950's which a few people continued after his passing until 2001 when Dr. Mandell tried his hand at hosting the Motor City Open (his largest event) continuing the tradition.
- He has made significant contributions to the chess community for the last few decades.
- He attributes his ability to run chess tournaments by learning from Dr. Paul Grams, who impressed him, because he would never turn a child away who wanted to learn or play in a tournament. Always seeking to help, he would often pay for them. When he saw people like Dr. Grams and Mr. Steen do this, he learned that helping kids who were less fortunate was a blessing, and would try to make the equipment and/or tournaments affordable.
- Dr. Mandell has also been very supportive of other chess clubs, tournaments and anyone who he can help bring chess awareness to Metro Detroit and the State of Michigan.
- Dr. Mandell has held chess classes in Detroit over the years and with this sometimes, families who could not pay for the child were still allowed to attend.
- He is very passionate about promoting chess and generate chess excitement in the community.
- In April of 2018, Dr. Mandell hosted the first Blitz competition between the "Motor City's" top players (from Metro Detroit) and "Wind City's" players (including Suburb and local Chicago area) at All The King's Men and it was on Facebook live, as well as, other social media.

## Michigan Chess Association General Membership Meeting Minutes for September 2, 2018

Attendance – Robin D. Ray, Alex Bembem, Greg Bailey, Lei Wu, Marina Khrauleue, Alex Konovalenko, Justin Aldrich, Ronald Grzegorzcyk, Jan Burdzinski, Yanning Wu, Isaac Lee, Randy Lee, Ryan Wang, Alan Kaufman, Iris Kaufman, Marc Kaufman, Li Pyshan, Yihng Lin, Xiaodoy Lin, Avery Jones, Stan Beckwith, Michael Aldrich, Brenda Aldrich, Jeff Aldrich, Samantha Shaffer, Sal Chehayeb, Carol Meyer, Norman Haygood, Ryan Wang, Poi Lee, Kenneth Bradford, Richard Love, Tylor Booher, Jadie Woods, Samuel O. Thompson, Tony Palmer, Joshua Posthuma, Alan Kaufman, Ed Mandell, Brian Wilson, Aiden Ribidewn, Ryan Ruhdeen, Michael Nesherat, Loren Schwiebert, Sam Bridle, Brad Rogers, Stan Jarosz

I. Meeting called to order by President Sal Chehayeb.

Sal Chehayeb introduced current board members present at meeting.

Approval of Agenda. 1<sup>st</sup> Greg Bailey, 2<sup>nd</sup> Alan Kaufman. Approved.

Carol Meyer – Executive Director USCF.

Background in education. Changing nonprofit status on October 1 from 501C4 to 501C3 to change focus to education. Attempting to attract more women. First National Senior Championship was held this year with 42 states participating. Four big scholastic events were held. There were around 822,000 rated games last year, USCF is financially strong. There is a stronger focus on infrastructure including a major IT overhaul. Carol Meyer will be visiting state organizations.

II. Approval of Minutes from 2017 General Membership Meeting –1<sup>st</sup> Greg Bailey, 2<sup>nd</sup> Stan Beckwith. Approved.

III. President's Report. Sal Chehayeb.

We have held several successful events including record turnout for Michigan Action and successful Michigan Amateur and Bottom Half events. Next year we will try to hold the Michigan Open at more central location. Need help finding good sites sites at manageable costs.

IV. Treasurer's Report. Brad Rogers.

Does not have complete financial report. Online registration makes obtaining information more complicated. About \$40,000 in treasury. We are still using interest in Kellnor fund for Women's event.

V. USCF Delegates Report. Brad Rogers.

US Open was held in Madison WI. Delegates meeting was uneventful except for competing organizations for Connecticut. The 7th edition of *Rules of Chess* is coming out. First time edition will be online. Four Michigan players played at special events with Michigan finishing 7<sup>th</sup> overall. There are slots for 2 delegates and 2 alternative delegates.

VI. Membership Report. Jeff Aldrich.

Membership is slightly lower with currently 1,054 members. There were less membership renewals at Michigan open because of lower turnout. The database works well.

VII. Bylaws Change Proposal. Loren Schwiebert.

Two Bylaw changes. 1. Set a minimum age requirement of 16 to vote in MCA elections. 2. Require voters be MCA members in good standing at least 30 day before vote. Loren Schwiebert mentioned concerns about sometimes chaotic voting process. Discussion considered pros and cons of minimum 16 age requirement. Vote was taken and both Bylaw proposals passed by over 2/3 vote.

VIII. Vote To Elect Three Member-At-Large Positions. Election Chair Jeff Aldrich,

Four nominations. Brian Wilson, Loren Schwiebert, Samantha Shaffer, Norman Haygood. Opened floor for nominations. No nominations from floor. Nominations closed. Candidate discussion proceeded. Vote was taken. Brian Wilson, Loren Schwiebert, and Norman Haygood were elected.

IX. MCA Magazine: Current Status.

Lonnie Rutkokske is new editor of MCA Magazine. Plans magazine every three months. Needs help with people sending in games. Games can be annotated in ChessBase.

X. Hall of Fame – Induction of Ed Mandell and Alan Kaufman.

Both Ed Mandell and Alan Kaufman come up front. Brad Rogers reads profile of both inductees. Both Ed Mandell and Alan Kaufman speak of chess experiences and people who influenced them along the way.

VI. Adjourn to 2019 Michigan Open, Labor Day weekend at site to be determined. **Minutes Courtesy of Stan Jarosz**

# Games from the 2018 Michigan Bottom Half Class Tournament



## Rd. 1 Games

**Noren, Kevin (2219)**

**Garrison, Raymond (1959) [B03]**

**Alekhine's Defense**

2018 Bottom Half-Class Tnmt - Open  
Lansing (1), 21.07.2018

1.e4 Nf6 2.e5 Nd5 3.d4 d6 4.c4 Nb6  
5.exd6 exd6 6.Nc3 Be7 7.Bd3 0-0  
8.Nge2 Bf6 9.b3 Re8 10.h3 Nc6  
11.Be3 Nb4 12.0-0 Nxd3 13.Qxd3  
g6 14.Rae1 Bf5 15.Qd2 c6 16.a4 d5  
17.c5 Nd7 18.b4 Bg7 19.Ng3 Be6  
20.Bh6 f5 21.Bxg7 Kxg7 22.Nce2  
Nf6 23.f3 Qc7 24.Qf4 Qxf4 25.Nxf4  
Bd7 26.a5 g5 27.Nd3 f4 28.Nh1  
Nh5 29.Re5 Rxe5 30.Nxe5 Bf5  
31.Kf2 Bc2 32.Re1 Re8 33.a6 Re7  
34.axb7 Rxb7 35.Nxc6 Kf8 36.Ra1  
Ng7 37.Ke2 Nf5 38.Kd2 Ne3  
39.Rxa7 Rxa7 40.Nxa7 Bf5 41.c6  
Ke7 42.g4 fxd3 43.Nxg3 Nc4+  
44.Kc3 Bxh3 45.b5 Kd6 46.Kb4  
Be6 47.Nh5 Nd2 48.b6 Nxf3 49.Nf6  
g4 50.Ne8+ Ke7 51.b7 g3 52.b8Q  
g2 53.Qd6+ Kf7 54.Qxe6+ Kxe6  
55.c7 g1Q 56.c8Q+ Kf7 57.Nd6+  
Kg6 58.Qg8+ Kh5 59.Qxh7+ Kg4  
60.Qf5+ Kg3 61.Qg6+ Kh3 62.Qh5+  
Kg2 63.Qg4+ Kf2 64.Qf5 Qe1+  
65.Kc5 Qc3+ 66.Kb5 Qxd4 67.Nc6  
Qb2+ 68.Kc5 Qc3+ 69.Kxd5 Qd2+  
70.Ke6 Qh6+ 71.Kd7 Qg7+ 72.Kc8  
Qh8+ ½-½

**Hobson, Eric (1561)**

**Mathiyazhagan, Ashrith (1322)**  
[C01] French Exchange

2018 Bottom Half-Class Tnmt-U1700  
Lansing (1), 21.07.2018

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.exd5  
exd5 5.Bd2 Nf6 6.Qe2+ Be6 7.Qb5+  
c6 8.Qxb4 Qc8 9.Nf3 Nbd7 10.Qd6  
Qb8 11.Qxb8+ Rxb8 12.Bd3 0-0  
13.0-0 Rfe8 14.Rfe1 Nf8 15.Ng5  
Re7 16.Nxe6 Nxe6 17.Bf5 Rbe8  
18.Bxe6 fxe6 19.Bg5 e5 20.dxe5  
Rxe5 21.Rxe5 Rxe5 22.Bxf6 gxf6  
23.Kf1 Rh5 24.h3 Kf7 25.Re1 d4  
26.Ne4 Rd5 27.Rd1 Ke6 28.c3 d3

Michigan Chess

29.f3 c5 30.Rxd3 Rxd3 31.Nxc5+  
Kd5 32.Nxd3 Kc4 33.Ke2 f5 34.g4  
fxg4 35.hxg4 1-0

**Zuo, Hanshi (1873) -**

**Schilling, Patrick (1780) [B07] Pirc  
Defense**

2018 Bottom Half-Class Tnmt-U1900  
Lansing (1), 21.07.2018

1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d6 3.e4 g6 4.h4 Bg7  
5.Be2 h5 6.Bg5 Nbd7 7.Nf3 0-0  
8.Qd2 Kh7 9.0-0-0 c5 10.dxc5  
Nxc5 11.e5 Nfe4 12.Nxe4 Nxe4  
13.Qb4 Bf5 14.exd6 Nxd6 15.Nd4  
Bxd4 16.Qxd4 Qc7 17.c3 f6 18.Be3  
Qa5 19.g4 hxg4 20.Bxg4 Qxa2  
21.Bxf5 Nxf5 22.Qe4 Nxe3  
23.Qxe7+ Rf7 24.Qxe3 Qa1+  
25.Kc2 Qa4+ 26.Kb1 Re8 27.Rd4  
Rxe3 28.Rxa4 Rf3 29.Rf1 a6  
30.Rg4 Kh6 31.Rfg1 g5 32.hxg5+  
fxg5 33.Rxg5 Rxf2 34.Ka2 R2f5  
35.Rg6+ Kh7 36.R6g4 R5f6 37.Kb3  
Rh6 38.Kc4 Rc7+ 39.Kd3 Rd7+  
[White won a few moves later.] 1-0

**Williams, Ronald (1870) -**

**Hahn, David (2107) [A23] English  
Opening**

2018 Bottom Half-Class Tnmt - Open  
Lansing (1), 21.07.2018

1.c4 e5 2.Nc3 Nf6 3.g3 c6 4.Bg2 d5  
5.d3 Be6 6.Nf3 d4 7.Nb1 Nbd7  
8.Nbd2 Be7 9.Ng5 Bf5 10.0-0 h6  
11.Nge4 g5 12.a3 Be6 13.b4 Nxe4  
14.Nxe4 f5 15.Nd2 0-0 16.Nb3 Qe8  
17.e3 dxe3 18.fxe3 Bf6 19.Ra2 Qg6  
20.Raf2 Bg7 21.Qc2 Nf6 22.Nc5  
Bc8 23.d4 e4 24.Bh3 g4 25.Bg2 b6  
26.Nb3 Nh7 27.Bb2 Ng5 28.Rd1 h5  
29.d5 cxd5 30.Rxd5 h4 31.Bxg7  
Qxg7 32.gxh4 Nf3+ 33.Bxf3 gxf3+  
34.Kh1 Kh7 35.Rd1 Rg8 36.Nd4  
Qh6 37.Qd2 Qxh4 38.Rg1 Rxg1+  
39.Kxg1 Qg4+ 40.Kh1 Ba6 41.h3  
Qg6 42.b5 Rg8 43.Qe1 Bb7 44.a4 f4  
45.Rh2 Qh6 46.Nf5 Qg5 47.Nd6  
fxe3 48.Nxb7 f2 49.Rxf2 exf2  
50.Qxf2 e3 51.Qc2+ Qg6 0-1

**Zylstra, Isaac (1885) - Mason, Donald  
(1800) [E07] Closed Catalan**

2018 Bottom Half-Class Tnmt U1900  
Lansing (1), 21.07.2018

1.d4 Nf6 2.Nf3 e6 3.c4 d5 4.g3 Be7  
5.Bg2 0-0 6.0-0 Nbd7 7.Bf4 dxc4  
8.Nbd2 Nd5 9.Nxc4 Nxf4 10.gxf4 c5

11.Qb3 cxd4 12.Rfd1 Nc5 13.Qc2  
d3 14.Qc3 Qc7 15.e3 Rd8 16.Rac1  
Rb8 17.Nd4 Qd7 18.Ne5 Qe8  
19.Nxd3 Nxd3 [Draw Agreed] ½-½

**Scioly, Tony (1664) - Kong, Alex  
(1429) [C47] Scotch - 4 Knights'  
Game**

2018 Bottom Half-Class Tnmt U1700  
Lansing (1), 21.07.2018

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.d4 exd4  
4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 Bb4 6.Nxc6 dxc6  
7.Qxd8+ Kxd8 8.Bg5 h6 9.0-0-0+  
Ke7 10.Bxf6+ Kxf6 11.Bc4 Bxc3  
12.bxc3 Be6 13.e5+ Kxe5 14.Rhe1+  
Kf6 15.Bxe6 fxe6 16.Rd7 Rac8  
17.Re3 Rhg8 18.Rf3+ Kg6 19.Rff7  
Rcf8 20.Rxf8 Rxf8 21.f3 Rf7  
22.Rxf7 Kxf7 23.Kd2 Kf6 24.Ke3  
c5 25.c4 c6 26.h4 g5 27.hxg5+  
hxg5 28.Ke4 b5 29.g4 a5 30.f4 gxf4  
31.Kxf4 bxc4 32.c3 a4 33.a3 e5+  
34.Ke4 Kg5 35.Kxe5 Kxg4 36.Kd6  
Kf4 37.Kxc6 Ke4 38.Kxc5 Kd3  
39.Kb4 Kd2 40.Kxc4 Kc2 41.Kb4  
Kd3 42.Kxa4 Kxc3 43.Kb5 1-0

**Spooner, Frank (1731) -**

**Karakos, James (1812) [E63] King's  
Indian Defense**

2018 Bottom Half-Class Tnmt U1900  
Lansing (1), 21.07.2018

1.d4 Nf6 2.Nf3 g6 3.g3 Bg7 4.Bg2  
0-0 5.c4 d6 6.Nc3 Nc6 7.0-0 a6  
8.Bg5 h6 9.Bf4 Nh5 10.Be3 Rb8  
11.Qd2 Kh7 12.Rac1 Bd7 13.d5  
Na5 14.Nd1 c5 15.b4 cxb4 16.Qxb4  
b5 17.c5 dxc5 18.Bxc5 Re8 19.Ne3  
Nb7 20.Bd4 e5 21.dxe6 Bxe6  
22.Rfd1 Bxd4 23.Nxd4 Qf6 24.Rc6  
Rbd8 25.Qd2 a5 26.Nd5 [Draw  
Agreed] ½-½

**Hronchek, Daniel (1910) - Van**

**Meter, Lester (2205) [B01]  
Scandinavian**

2018 Bottom Half-Class Tnmt Open  
Lansing (1), 21.07.2018

1.e4 d5 2.exd5 Qxd5 3.Nc3 Qa5  
4.d4 Nf6 5.Nf3 Bg4 6.h3 Bh5 7.g4  
Bg6 8.Ne5 e6 9.h4 Bb4 10.Bd2  
Nbd7 11.Nc4 Qa6 12.Nb5 Bxd2+  
13.Nxd2 Qc6 14.Rh3 Nd5 15.c4  
Nb4 16.Rc3 a6 17.Na3 Qh1 18.Qb3  
Nc6 19.Rh3 Qg1 20.Qxb7 Rb8  
21.Qxc6 Kd8 22.Qg2 Qxg2 23.Bxg2  
h5 1-0

**Davis, Raymond (1378) - Abbaduska, Raymond (1569) [D00] Unusual QP Game**  
 2018 Bottom Half-Class Tnmt U1700  
 Lansing (1), 21.07.2018  
 1.d4 Nf6 2.e3 d5 3.Bd3 e6 4.f4 c5 5.c3 Nc6 6.Nf3 Bd6 7.0-0 0-0 8.Ne5 Nd7 9.Nd2 f6 10.Qh5 f5 11.Ndf3 Ndx5 12.dxe5 Be7 13.Ng5 Bxg5 14.fxg5 Qe8 15.Qh4 Nxe5 16.Bc2 Ng6 17.Qg3 Bd7 18.h4 Rc8 19.h5 Ne7 20.h6 g6 21.Qe5 Rf7 22.b4 cxb4 23.Bb2 Nc6 24.Qf4 Qe7 25.Rad1 Qc5 26.Rd3 bxc3 27.Rxc3 Qb4 28.Rxc6 Qxb2 29.Rxc8+ Bxc8 30.Bb3 Qc3 31.e4 Qd4+ 32.Kh1 Qxe4 33.Qb8 Rf8 34.Rc1 Qh4+ 35.Kg1 Qd4+ 36.Kh1 Bd7 37.Qxb7 Rd8 38.Rc7 Qa1+ 39.Kh2 Qe5+ 40.Kg1 Qe1+ 41.Kh2 Qh4+ 42.Kg1 Qxg5 43.Rxd7 Qe3+ 44.Kf1 Qf4+ 45.Kg1 Qe3+ 46.Kf1 Qf4+ 47.Kg1 Qe3+ ½-½

**Wease, Joshua (1445) - Burwell, Raymond (1678) [C50] Hungarian Defense**  
 2018 Bottom Half-Class Tnmt U1700  
 Lansing (1), 21.07.2018  
 1.e4 e5 2.Nc3 Nf6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.Nf3 Nc6 5.0-0 0-0 6.d3 h6 7.Nd5 d6 8.Nxf6+ Qxf6 9.Ng5 hxg5 10.Qh5 Qh6 11.Qxg5 Qxg5 12.Bxg5 Na5 13.Bd5 Nc6 14.Rae1 Re8 15.Be3 Nd4 16.f4 Nxc2 17.Re2 Nxe3 18.Rf3 Nxd5+ 19.Kh1 Nxf4 20.Rd2 Bd4 21.h3 f6 22.g3 Kf7?? 0-1

## Rd. 2 Games

**Van Meter, Lester (2205) - Noren, Kevin (2219) [A92] Classical Dutch**  
 2018 Bottom Half-Class Tnmt - Open  
 Lansing (2), 21.07.2018  
 1.Nf3 e6 2.c4 f5 3.g3 Nf6 4.Bg2 Be7 5.0-0 0-0 6.d4 d5 7.Nbd2 Nbd7 8.Ne5 c6 9.Ndf3 Ne4 10.b3 Qe8 11.Nxd7 Bxd7 12.Ne5 Bd6 13.Nd3 b5 14.c5 Be7 15.f3 Ng5 16.a4 bxa4 17.Rxa4 Nf7 18.f4 Bf6 19.e3 Qb8 20.Rf2 Rc8 21.Rfa2 Rc7 22.Nb4 a5 23.Bd2 Rca7 24.Qa1 Bd8 25.Bf1 Bc7 26.Nc2 Rb7 27.Bxa5 Bxa5 28.Rxa5 Rxa5 29.Rxa5 Qc7 30.b4 Nh6 31.h3 Kf7 32.Qa4 Ng8 33.Ba6 Ra7 34.Bd3 Rb7 35.Ne1 g5 36.Nf3 gxf4 37.Ne5+ Kf6 38.exf4 Ne7 39.Ra8 Bc8 40.b5 cxb5 41.Bxb5 Rb8 42.Ra7 Rb7 43.Rxb7 Qxb7 44.Qa5 Kg7 45.Qb6 Qa8 46.c6 Qa1+ 47.Bf1 Qe1 48.Qb3 Ba6 49.Qf3 Qa1 50.Kg2 Bxf1+ 51.Qxf1 Qxd4 52.Qe2 Qc5 53.g4 Nxc6 54.gxf5 exf5 55.Qh5 Nxe5 56.fxe5 Qc2+ 57.Kf1 Qd3+ 58.Kg2 Qe4+

59.Kf1 Qxe5 60.Qg5+ Kf7 61.Qh5+ Kg8 62.Qg5+ Kf7 63.Qh5+ Kf8 64.Qxh7 d4 65.Qh6+ Ke7 66.Qg5+ Qf6 67.Qf4 Qa6+ 68.Kf2 Qa2+ 69.Kg1 Qb1+ 70.Kf2 Qc2+ 71.Kf1 Qe4 72.Qc7+ Kf6 73.Qd6+ Kg5 74.Qd8+ Kf4 75.Qh4+ Ke3 76.Qe1+ Kd3 77.Qb1+ Kc4 78.Qa2+ ½-½

**Schwerin, Nicholas (1854) - Bridle, Samuel (1853) [B00] Nimzovich Defense**  
 2018 Bottom Half Class Tnmt U1900  
 Lansing (2), 21.07.2018  
 1.d4 Nc6 2.e4 e5 3.d5 Nce7 4.c4 Ng6 5.Nf3 Bb4+ 6.Nc3 Nf6 7.Bd3 Bxc3+ 8.bxc3 0-0 9.c5 d6 10.Ba3 Re8 11.Qc2 Nxd5 12.exd5 e4 13.Bb5 exf3+ 14.Bxe8 Qxe8+ 15.Kd1 fxg2 16.Rg1 Bg4+ 17.Kc1 Bf3 18.Qd2 Qe5 19.Kb2 Qxh2 20.Qe3 Ne5 21.Qd4 dxc5 22.Bxc5 b6 23.Be7 f6 24.d6 c5 25.Qa4 Bc6 26.Qd1 Kf7 27.Re1 c4 28.Rxe5 fxe5 29.Qg4 Qf4 0-1

**Ramesh, Sanjana (1601) - Zylstra, Isaac (1885) [B19] Classical Caro-Kann**  
 2018 Bottom Half Class Tnmt U1900  
 Lansing (2), 21.07.2018  
 1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.Nd2 dxe4 4.Nxe4 Bf5 5.Ng3 Bg6 6.Nf3 Nd7 7.h4 h6 8.h5 Bh7 9.Be3 Qb6 10.Qc1 e6 11.c3 Qa5 12.Qd2 Ngf6 13.Bd3 Bxd3 14.Qxd3 Bd6 15.Ne4 Nxe4 16.Qxe4 Nf6 17.Qc2 Nxe5 18.0-0-0 Nf6 19.Kb1 0-0-0 20.Nd2 Bc7 21.Nc4 Qb5 22.Ne5 Bxe5 23.dxe5 Ng4 24.Qb3 Qxb3 25.axb3 Nxe3 26.fxe3 Rd5 27.Rxd5 exd5 28.Rf1 Rf8 29.c4 Kd7 30.e4 Ke6 31.cxd5+ cxd5 32.Rc1 Re8 0-1

**Karakos, James (1812) - Wilkes, Brelen (1798) [A53] Old Indian Defense**  
 2018 Bottom Half Class Tnmt U1900  
 Lansing (2), 21.07.2018  
 1.d4 c6 2.c4 d6 3.e4 Qc7 4.Nc3 Nf6 5.Bd3 Nbd7 6.Nge2 e5 7.d5 Be7 8.0-0 0-0 9.Ng3 Nc5 10.Bc2 Bg4 11.f3 Bd7 12.Kh1 Rac8 13.Bg5 h6 14.Be3 Na6 15.h3 c5 16.f4 exf4 17.Bxf4 Nb4 18.Bb1 Nh7 19.a3 Na6 20.Qd3 Bg5 21.e5 g6 22.exd6 Qd8 23.Nce4 Bxf4 24.Rxf4 f5 25.Nc3 Re8 26.Bc2 Qb6 27.Rb1 Qxd6 28.Rf2 Nc7 29.Nce2 b5 30.b3 h5 31.Qd2 h4 32.Nf1 Qf6 33.Qc3 Qxc3 34.Nxc3 Re5 35.Rd1 bxc4 36.bxc4 Rce8 37.Rdd2 Nf6 38.Rde2 Ne4 39.Nxe4 fxe4 40.Rf4 Rf5 41.Rxf5 gxf5 42.Nd2 Kf7 43.Kg1 e3 44.Nf3 f4 45.Nxh4 Rg8 46.Kh2 Ne8 47.Nf5 Bxf5 48.Bxf5 Kf6 49.Bd3 Ke5

50.Rc2 Kd4 51.Be2 Nd6 52.Rc1 Ne4 53.d6 0-1

**Hahn, David (2107) - Smalley, Dorian (1745) [E61] King's Indian Defense**  
 2018 Bottom Half-Class Tnmt - Open  
 Lansing (2), 21.07.2018  
 1.c4 c5 2.Nf3 g6 3.Nc3 Bg7 4.e3 Nf6 5.d4 0-0 6.Be2 d6 7.h3 Bf5 8.0-0 Na6 9.b3 Re8 10.Bb2 e5 11.dxc5 dxc5 12.Nb5 e4 13.Nh2 Qb6 14.Qd6 Red8 15.Qxb6 axb6 16.Rfd1 Nb4 17.a3 Nd3 18.Bc3 Rd7 19.g4 Be6 20.g5 Ne8 21.Ng4 Rad8 22.Bxg7 Kxg7 23.Nc3 Bf5 24.Nd5 Rd6 25.a4 Bxg4 26.hxg4 Ne5 27.Nxb6 Nc7 28.a5 Ne6 29.Na4 Rd2 30.Kf1 Nf3 31.Bxf3 exf3 32.Rxd2 Rxd2 33.Kg1 Kf8 34.Rb1 Ke7 35.b4 Nxc5 36.Nxc5 Nh3+ 37.Kh2 Nxf2 38.Kg3 Nd3 39.Nxd3 Rxd3 40.Kxf3 Rc3 41.c5 Rc4 42.Rb2 Kd7 43.g5 Kc6 44.b5+ Kxc5 45.a6 Kb6 46.axb7 Kxb7 47.Rh2 Rc5 48.Kf4 Rxb5 49.Rxh7 ½-½

**Yuan, Daniel (1522) - Scioly, Tony (1664) [B53] Sicilian Defense- Yugoslav Attack**  
 2018 Bottom Half-Class Tnmt U1700  
 Lansing (2), 21.07.2018  
 1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Qxd4 Nc6 5.Bb5 Bd7 6.Bxc6 Bxc6 7.Nc3 Nf6 8.Bg5 e5 9.Qd3 Be7 10.0-0-0 Ng4 11.Bxe7 Qxe7 12.Rhf1 Rd8 13.h3 Nf6 14.g4 0-0 15.Nh4 g6 16.g5 Nh5 17.Qe3 Nf4 18.Nf3 a6 19.h4 Rc8 20.Ne2 Bb5 21.Nxf4 exf4 22.Qxf4 Bxf1 23.Rxf1 Qc7 24.c3 Qc4 25.Nh2 Qxa2 26.Ng4 Qe6 27.Nf6+ Kg7 28.h5 Qe5 29.Qh4 Rc5 30.f4 Qe7 31.hxg6 1-0

**Stapel, Scott (1561) - Hobson, Eric (1413) [D15] Slav Defense**  
 2018 Bottom Half-Class Tnmt U1700  
 Lansing (2), 21.07.2018  
 1.d4 d5 2.c4 Nf6 3.Nc3 Bf5 4.Bg5 c6 5.Nf3 dxc4 6.e3 b5 7.Be2 Nbd7 8.0-0 e6 9.Ne5 Qc7 10.f4 Be7 11.Bf3 Nxe5 12.fxe5 Nd5 13.Nxd5 exd5 14.Bxe7 Qxe7 15.Bxd5 cxd5 16.Rxf5 Rb8 17.Qf3 Qe6 18.Rf1 0-0 19.Qg3 b4 20.Rf6 Qe7 21.Rd6 Rfd8 22.Rdf6 Rf8 23.Rd6 Rfd8 24.Qf3 Rxd6 25.exd6 Qe6 26.Qf4 Rd8 27.Re1 Rxd6 28.e4 Rd8 29.Qc7 Qb6 30.Qe5 Qf6 31.Qc7 Qxd4+ 32.Kh1 dxe4 33.Qe7 c3 34.Rxe4 Qd1+ 35.Re1 Qxe1+ 36.Qxe1 cxb2 0-1

## Rd. 3 Games



**Smalley,Dorian (1745) - Noren,Kevin (2219) [A85] Dutch Defense**

2018 Bottom Half-Class Tnmt - Open Lansing (3), 21.07.2018  
1.d4 e6 2.c4 f5 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.Nf3 Bb4 5.Bg5 h6 6.Bxf6 Bxc3+ 7.bxc3 Qxf6 8.g3 0-0 9.Bg2 d6 10.Rb1 Nc6 11.0-0 e5 12.d5 Na5 13.Qa4 b6 14.Nd2 Qe7 15.c5 Nb7 16.c6 Nc5 17.Qc2 f4 18.e4 a5 19.a4 g5 20.f3 h5 21.Rf2 Kh8 22.Ra1 fxc3 23.hxg3 Kg7 24.Nb3 Nxb3 25.Qxb3 Qf6 26.Raf1 Qh6 27.c4 h4 28.g4 h3 29.Bh1 Qh4 30.Kh2 Bxg4 31.Qe3 Bc8 32.Rg1 Rf4 33.Rg3 Ba6 34.Rxh3 Rh8 35.Rxh4 Rfxh4+ 36.Kg1 Rxh1+ 37.Kg2 R8h2+ 38.Kg3 Rh3+ 39.Kg2 R3h2+ ½-½

**Zuo,Hanshi (1873) - Holden,Anthony (1758) [A44] Semi-Benoni**

2018 Bottom Half Class Tnmt U1900 Lansing (3), 21.07.2018  
1.d4 c5 2.d5 e5 3.e4 a6 4.a4 d6 5.Bd3 Nf6 6.Nd2 Be7 7.a5 Nbd7 8.Nc4 0-0 9.Ne2 b5 10.axb6 Nxb6 11.Ng3 Bg4 12.f3 Bc8 13.Na5 Bd7 14.Qe2 Qc8 15.0-0 Ne8 16.f4 Nf6 17.fxe5 dxe5 18.Nf5 Bd8 19.Be3 g6 20.Nd6 Qc7 21.Ndc4 Bg4 22.Qf2 Nxc4 23.Nxc4 Ra7 24.Bxc5 Ra8 25.Bxf8 Kxf8 26.Qh4 Qc5+ 27.Kh1 Qc8 28.Rxf6 Kg7 29.Rxf7+ Kxf7 30.Qxh7+ Kf8 31.Qh8+ Ke7 32.Qg7+ Ke8 33.Nxe5 1-0

**Schelling,Patrick (1780) - Bridle,Samuel (1853) [B00] Nimzovich Defense**

2018 Bottom Half Class Tnmt U1900 Lansing (3), 21.07.2018  
1.e4 b6 2.d4 Bb7 3.Nc3 e6 4.Bd3 Nf6 5.Nge2 d5 6.e5 Ng8 7.0-0 Ba6 8.Bxa6 Nxa6 9.Be3 c5 10.Nb5 Qd7 11.a4 Nc7 12.Nxc7+ Qxc7 13.Qd2 Ne7 14.a5 Nc6 15.axb6 Qxb6 16.c3 Be7 17.f4 g6 18.dxc5 Bxc5 19.Bxc5 Qxc5+ 20.Nd4 0-0 21.Ra6 Rfc8 22.Qd3 Nxd4 23.Qxd4 Qxd4+ 24.cxd4 Rc4 25.Rd1 Rb8 26.Rxa7 Rxb2 27.h3 Rcc2 28.Rd7 0-1

**Triplett,Thomas (1804) - Curran,Samuel (1742) [D00] Unusual Q-P Game**

2018 Bottom Half Class Tnmt U1900 Lansing (3), 21.08.2018  
1.d4 d5 2.Bf4 Bf5 3.e3 Nf6 4.c4 Bxb1 5.Rxb1 e6 6.c5 c6 7.b4 Ne4 8.Qc2 Be7 9.Bd3 f5 10.Nf3 Nd7 11.h3 0-0 12.0-0 Qc8 13.a4 Bd8 14.b5 Bc7 15.bxc6 bxc6 16.Ba6 Qd8 17.Bxc7 Qxc7 18.Rb7 Qa5 19.Bd3 Nef6 20.Ng5 Rfe8 21.Rfb1

g6 22.f4 h6 23.Nf3 Rab8 24.Rxb8 Rxb8 25.Rxb8+ Nxb8 26.Qb3 Nbd7 27.Kh2 Qc7 28.Kh1 Kg7 29.Qb4 Nh5 30.Kg1 Nh6 31.g4 Qb8 32.Qb1 Qxb1+ 33.Bxb1 Kf7 34.Bd3 Nb8 35.Ne5+ Kg7 36.Kf2 Nfd7 37.Nf3 Kf6 ½-½

**Zylstra,Isaac (1885) - Trujillo,Matthew (1878) [B07] Pirc Defense**

2018 Bottom Half Class Tnmt U1900 Lansing (3), 21.07.2018  
1.d4 Nf6 2.Nf3 g6 3.Nbd2 Bg7 4.e4 d6 5.Bc4 0-0 6.0-0 Nc6 7.c3 e5 8.Re1 Nd7 9.Nb3 Nb6 10.Bd3 a5 11.Bg5 Bf6 12.Bxf6 Qxf6 13.a4 Bg4 14.Be2 Rfd8 15.h3 Bd7 16.Bb5 Ne7 17.Bxd7 Nxd7 18.Qd3 g5 19.Re3 Ng6 20.Rd1 c6 21.Nbd2 Ndf8 22.Nh2 Nf4 23.Qc4 h5 24.Ndf3 N8e6 25.Qb3 Rdb8 26.Rd2 Kh7 27.dxe5 dxe5 28.Rd7 b5 29.axb5 Rxb5 30.Qa3 Nc5 31.Rc7 Kg8 32.Qa2 a4 33.Nxg5 Rb3 34.h4 Qd6 35.Rxf7 Qd1+ 36.Nf1 Ne2+ 37.Rxe2 Qxe2 38.Ng3 Qd1+ 39.Kh2 Rf8 40.Ra7 Qg4 41.Nf5 Rxf5 42.exf5 Qxh4+ 43.Nh3 Qc4 44.f6 Rxc3 45.Qxc4+ Rxc4 46.Ng5 Rf4 47.Ra8#

**Fu,Steven (1582) - Kong,Alexander (1402) [C47] Scotch Game - 4 Knights**

2018 Bottom Half-Class Tnmt U1700 Lansing (3), 21.07.2018  
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Be2 d6 4.d4 exd4 5.Nxd4 Nf6 6.Nc3 Be7 7.0-0 Be6 8.Nxe6 fxe6 9.Be3 0-0 10.f4 d5 11.e5 Nd7 12.Nb5 a6 13.Nd4 Nxd4 14.Bxd4 c5 15.Be3 d4 16.Bc1 Qb6 17.Bc4 Kh8 18.Qg4 Rf5 19.Bd3 Rff8 20.Qh5 g6 21.Bxg6 Rf7 22.Bxf7 Nf8 23.Rf3 Rd8 24.Rg3 Nd7 25.Qg4 Bg5 26.Qxg5 Qb4 27.Qg8+ Rxg8 28.Rxg8# 1-0

**Dennis,Raymond (1378) - Wease,Joshua (1445) [D02] Q-P Game**

2018 Bottom Half-Class Tnmt U1500 Lansing (3), 21.07.2018  
1.d4 d5 2.Bf4 Nc6 3.Nf3 Nf6 4.e3 e6 5.Bd3 Bd6 6.Bg3 0-0 7.Nbd2 Re8 8.Ne5 Nb4 9.Ndf3 Nh5 10.Bh4 f6 11.g4 Be7 12.gxh5 fxe5 13.Bxe7 Qxe7 14.Nxe5 Nxd3+ 15.Qxd3 Rf8 16.Rg1 Qh4 17.Qe2 b6 18.0-0-0 c5 19.Rg2 Qf6 20.Rdg1 Rf7 21.Nxf7 Qxf7 22.Rxg7+ Qxg7 23.Rxg7+ Kxg7 24.Qg4+ Kf7 25.h6 e5 26.Qg7+ Ke6 27.dxe5 Bb7 28.Qxb7 1-0

## Rd. 4 Games

**Noren,Kevin (2219) - Pratt,Gary (1987) [B51] Sicilian Defense Moscow Var.**

2018 Bottom Half-Class Tnmt - Open Lansing (4), 22.07.2018  
1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.Bb5+ Nd7 4.d4 Ngf6 5.Nc3 a6 6.Bxd7+ Nxd7 7.dxc5 Nxc5 8.Be3 b6 9.Nd4 Bb7 10.f3 e6 11.0-0 Qh4 12.Qd2 Be7 13.a4 Rc8 14.Nde2 0-0 15.Bf2 Qh5 16.Nf4 Qh6 17.Be3 Bg5 18.g3 f5 19.h4 Bxh4 20.gxh4 fxe4 21.Ng2 Qg6 22.f4 Qg3 23.Ne2 Qh3 24.f5 e5 25.Qxd6 Nd3 26.Nc3 Rc6 27.Qd5+ Rf7 28.cxd3 exd3 29.Rf3 Qg4 30.Qe4 Qxe4 31.Nxe4 Rc2 32.Ng5 Bxf3 33.Nxf3 Rxf5 34.Nfe1 Rxb2 35.Nxd3 Rf3 1-0

**Posthuma,Joshua (2369) - Hahn,David (2107) [A06] Reti Opening**

2018 Bottom Half-Class Tnmt - Open Lansing (4), 22.07.2018  
1.b3 c5 2.Bb2 Nc6 3.Nf3 d5 4.e3 a6 5.d4 cxd4 6.Nxd4 Nf6 7.c4 e6 8.Nd2 Bd6 9.cxd5 exd5 10.Be2 0-0 11.0-0 Re8 12.Rc1 Bd7 13.N2f3 Qe7 14.Nxc6 bxc6 15.Qd4 c5 16.Qh4 Ne4 17.Qxe7 Rxe7 18.Rfd1 Be6 19.Be5 Rc7 20.Rc2 Bxe5 21.Nxe5 f6 22.Nd3 Bf5 23.Rcc1 c4 24.Nf4 c3 25.Nxd5 Rd7 26.f3 c2 27.Rxc2 1-0

**Zylstra,Isaac (1885) - Zuo,Hanshi (1873) [A44] Semi-Benoni**

2018 Bottom Half Class Tnmt U1900 Lansing (4), 22.07.2018  
1.d4 c5 2.d5 e5 3.e4 d6 4.f4 exf4 5.Bxf4 Qh4+ 6.g3 Qe7 7.Nc3 g5 8.Bd2 Bg7 9.Bg2 b6 10.Nge2 Bg4 11.0-0 Nd7 12.Rb1 Ngf6 13.Rf2 Ne5 14.b4 Nfd7 15.bxc5 Nxc5 16.Be3 Ned7 17.Bd4 Be5 18.Bxe5 Qxe5 19.Qd4 a6 20.Bf3 Bxf3 21.Rxf3 h5 22.Rf5 Qxd4+ 23.Nxd4 g4 24.Rbf1 Ne5 25.Rg5 0-0-0 26.h4 gxh3 27.Kh2 Rdg8 28.Rxg8+ Rxg8 29.Kxh3 b5 30.a3 Rg4 31.Nf5 Kd7 32.Nh6 Rg7 33.Rf5 Rh7 34.Ng8 Ng4 35.Nf6+ Nxf6 36.Rxf6 Ke7 37.Rf5 Nd7 38.Kh4 ½-½

**Bridle,Samuel (1853) - Wilkes,Brelen (1799) [A01] Nimzovich-Larsen Opening**

2018 Bottom Half Class Tnmt U1900 Lansing (4), 22.07.2018  
1.b3 e5 2.Bb2 Nc6 3.e3 Nf6 4.Bb5 d6 5.Ne2 a6 6.Bxc6+ bxc6 7.c4 g6 8.0-0 Bg7 9.f4 exf4 10.Nxf4 0-0 11.d3 d5 12.Qc2 Bf5 13.Nd2 Qe7 14.Rae1 Rfe8 15.Nf3 Ng4 16.Bxg7 Kxg7 17.Qc3+ Qf6 18.Qd2 dxc4 19.bxc4 Rad8 20.Nd4 Nxe3

21.Nxf5+ Nxf5 22.Rxe8 Rxe8  
23.Qf2 Qd4 24.Qxd4+ Nxd4 25.Kf2  
g5 26.Nh5+ Kg6 27.Ng3 f5 28.Re1  
Rxe1 29.Kxe1 h5 30.Kd2 c5  
31.Nh1 g4 32.Nf2 Kg5 33.Nh1 h4  
34.Nf2 Kf4 35.h3 Kg3 36.hxg4 Kxf2  
37.g5 Kxg2 38.g6 Ne6 0-1

Schilling,Patrick (1780) -  
Spooner, Frank (1733) [C15] French  
Exchange

2018 Bottom Half Class Tnmt U1900  
Lansing (4), 22.07.2018  
1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.exd5 Qxd5 4.Nc3  
Bb4 5.Nf3 Nc6 6.a3 Qe4+ 7.Be3  
Bxc3+ 8.bxc3 Nf6 9.c4 Qf5 10.Bd3  
Qa5+ 11.Qd2 0-0 12.Qxa5 Nxa5  
13.Bd2 Nc6 14.Bf4 b6 15.Bxc7 Bb7  
16.0-0 Rac8 17.Bf4 h6 18.h3 Rfd8  
19.Be3 Na5 20.Nd2 Ba6 21.Nb3  
[Draw Agreed] ½-½

Aldrich,Michael (1621) -  
Hobson, Eric (1561) [D02] QP Game  
2018 Bottom Half-Class Tnmt U1700  
Lansing (4), 22.07.2018

1.d4 d5 2.Bf4 Nf6 3.Nf3 Bf5 4.e3 e6  
5.Be2 Bd6 6.Bg3 Nbd7 7.c4 Ne4  
8.Bxd6 Nxd6 9.Nh4 Qxh4 10.cxd5  
exd5 11.Qb3 c6 12.0-0 13.Nc3  
Bg6 14.Rac1 Ne4 15.Nxe4 Bxe4  
16.f3 Bf5 17.Rce1 Qg5 18.Bd1 Nf6  
19.Rf2 Rfe8 20.Rfe2 Qg6 21.Qa3 a6  
22.Qd6 Rad8 23.Qc7 Rd7 24.Qf4  
Rde7 25.Kh1 Bd3 26.Rd2 Nh5  
27.Qh4 h6 28.g4 Nf6 29.Qf2 a5  
30.h4 Nd7 31.h5 Qh7 32.f4 Be4+  
33.Bf3 Bxf3+ 34.Qxf3 Qe4 35.Qxe4  
Rxe4 36.Rd3 Nf6 37.g5 hxg5  
38.fxg5 Ng4 39.Rb3 R8e7 40.g6  
Rxe3 41.gxf7+ Kxf7 42.Rbxe3 Nxe3  
43.Kg1 Kf6 44.Kf2 Kg5 45.Rxe3  
Rxe3 46.Kxe3 Kxh5 47.Kf4 Kh4  
48.Kf5 g5 49.Ke6 g4 50.Kd7 g3  
51.Kc7 g2 52.Kxb7 g1Q 53.Kxc6  
Qxd4 54.a4 0-1

Song,Justin (1451) - Scioly,Tony  
(1664) [B75] Sicilian Dragon-  
Yugoslav Attack

2018 Bottom Half-Class Tnmt U1700  
Lansing (4), 22.07.2018  
1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4  
Nf6 5.Nc3 g6 6.Be3 Bg7 7.f3 Bd7  
8.Bc4 0-0 9.Qd2 Re8 10.0-0 Nc6  
11.g4 Rc8 12.Bb3 Ne5 13.h4 h5  
14.gxh5 Nxh5 15.Rhg1 Nc4  
16.Bxc4 Rxc4 17.Nce2 Ra4 18.Nc3  
Rc4 19.Rg2 Kh7 20.Rg5 Rg8  
21.Rdg1 Bf6 22.R5g2 Rc8 23.Nd5  
Be6 24.Nxe6 fxe6 25.Nf4 Nxf4  
26.Bxf4 Qe8 27.h5 g5 28.Bxg5  
Bxg5 29.Rxg5 Rxg5 30.Qxg5 Qf7  
31.h6 Rg8 32.Qxg8+ Qxg8 33.Rxg8  
Kxg8 34.Kd2 Kh7 35.Ke3 e5 36.c4  
Kxh6 37.b4 a6 38.a4 Kg6 39.a5 Kf6

40.f4 exf4+ 41.Kxf4 e5+ 42.Kg4  
Kg6 43.b5 Kf6 44.Kh5 Kf7 45.Kg5  
Kg7 46.Kf5 Kf7 47.b6 Ke7 48.c5  
dxc5 49.Kxe5 c4 50.Kd4 Kd6  
51.Kxc4 Ke5 1-0

## Rd. 5 Games

Hahn,David (2107) -  
Hronchek,Daniel (1910) [A18]  
English Opening

2018 Bottom Half-Class Tnmt - Open  
Lansing (5), 22.07.2018  
1.c4 Nf6 2.Nc3 e6 3.e4 d5 4.e5  
Nfd7 5.d4 dxc4 6.Bxc4 Nb6 7.Bb3  
c5 8.Nf3 Nc6 9.Bg5 Qd7 10.0-0  
cxd4 11.Ne4 h6 12.Bf4 Be7  
13.Nd6+ Bxd6 14.exd6 0-0 15.Nxd4  
Nd5 16.Bg3 Nxd4 17.Qxd4 Ne7  
18.Ba4 Nc6 19.Qc5 Qd8 20.Bxc6  
bxc6 21.Qxc6 Bd7 22.Qc7 Qc8  
23.Rac1 Rd8 24.Qxc8 Rdx8  
25.Rc7 Rxc7 26.dxc7 Kf8 27.Rd1  
Ke8 28.b3 Rc8 29.f3 f6 30.Bd6 Bc6  
31.Kf2 Bd5 32.Ke3 Kd7 33.Bg3  
Kc6 34.Rc1+ Kd7 35.Rc5 Bc6  
36.Ra5 Ra8 37.b4 e5 38.f4 Kxc7  
39.fxe5 fxe5 40.Bxe5+ Kb7 41.Bxg7  
Bxg2 42.Bxh6 Rc8 43.Bf4 Rc4  
44.a3 Bc6 45.Bg3 a6 46.Rc5 Re4+  
47.Kd3 Re6 48.Re5 Rf6 49.Re7+  
Kb6 50.Bc7+ Kb5 51.Re5+ Ka4  
52.Ra5+ Kb3 53.Kd4 Bb5 54.Be5  
Rc6 55.h4 Rc4+ ½-½

Noren, Kevin (2369) -  
Posthuma, Joshua (2219) [B12]  
Caro-Kann - Advance

2018 Bottom Half-Class Tnmt - Open  
Lansing (5), 22.07.2018  
1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 c5 4.c4 Nc6  
5.Nf3 cxd4 6.Nxd4 e6 7.cxd5 Qxd5  
8.Nxc6 bxc6 9.Be2 Qxe5 10.0-0 Nf6  
11.Bf3 Nd5 12.Re1 Qd6 13.Bg5 Be7  
14.Bxe7 Qxe7 15.Bxd5 cxd5 16.Nc3  
0-0 17.Nxd5 Qb7 18.Nc3 Qxb2  
19.Re3 Ba6 20.Rb1 Qa3 21.Rh3  
Qa5 22.Rb3 Rfd8 23.Qb1 h6 24.Rg3  
Rac8 25.h3 Rd2 26.Qa1 Qe5  
27.Re3 Qd4 28.Rf3 Be2 29.Re3  
Rd1+ 0-1

Triplett, Thomas (1804) -  
Zylstra, Isaac (1885) [B13] Caro-  
Kann: Exchange Var.

2018 Bottom Half Class Tnmt U1900  
Lansing (5), 22.07.2018  
1.d4 d5 2.Bf4 c5 3.e3 cxd4 4.exd4  
Nf6 5.c3 Nc6 6.Nd2 Bf5 7.Ngf3 e6  
8.Qb3 Qb6 9.Bb5 a6 10.Bxc6+ Qxc6  
11.Ne5 Qb5 12.Qxb5+ axb5 13.0-0  
Be7 14.h3 b4 15.g4 Bg6 16.cxb4  
Bxb4 17.a3 Be7 18.Rfc1 Bd8 19.b4  
0-0 20.Rc3 Bb6 21.Be3 Rfc8  
22.Rac1 Rxc3 23.Rxc3 h6 24.f3

Bh7 25.a4 Kf8 26.a5 Bd8 27.Nb3  
b6 28.Nc6 bxa5 29.bxa5 Nd7  
30.Nxd8 Rxd8 31.Bf4 Ra8 32.Bd6+  
Ke8 33.Kf2 f6 34.f4 Bb1 35.Nd2  
Ba2 36.Ra3 Bc4 37.Ke3 Bb5 38.Bc7  
Rc8 39.Bd6 Rc6 40.Bc5 Nxc5  
41.dxc5 Rxc5 42.a6 Rc8 43.a7 Bc6  
44.h4 Kd7 45.Nf3 Ba8 46.g5 hxg5  
47.fxg5 fxg5 48.hxg5 Rc7 49.Ne5+  
Kc8 50.g6 Kb7 51.Nf7 Rd7 52.Kd4  
Kb6 53.Ke5 Rxa7 54.Rxa7 Kxa7  
55.Nd8 ½-½

Bridle, Samuel (1853) -  
Mason, Donald (1800) [A03] Bird's  
Opening

2018 Bottom Half Class Tnmt U1900  
Lansing (5), 22.07.2018  
1.b3 d5 2.Bb2 c5 3.e3 Nc6 4.Bb5  
Bd7 5.f4 e6 6.Nf3 Nf6 7.0-0 Be7  
8.Bxc6 Bxc6 9.Ne5 Qc7 10.d3 0-0  
11.Nd2 Rfd8 12.Ndf3 Be8 13.Qe2  
Rac8 14.Qf2 b5 15.Nd2 Qb6 16.c4  
bxc4 17.dxc4 d4 18.h3 a5 19.Nef3  
dxe3 20.Qxe3 Bc6 21.Rae1 Ne8  
22.f5 Nc7 23.f6 Bxf6 24.Bxf6 gxf6  
25.Qh6 Ne8 26.Ne4 Ba8 27.Nxf6+  
Nxf6 28.Qxf6 Qd6 29.Ne5 1-0

Curran, Samuel (1747) -  
Holden, Anthony (1758) [B13] Caro-  
Kann: Exchange Var.

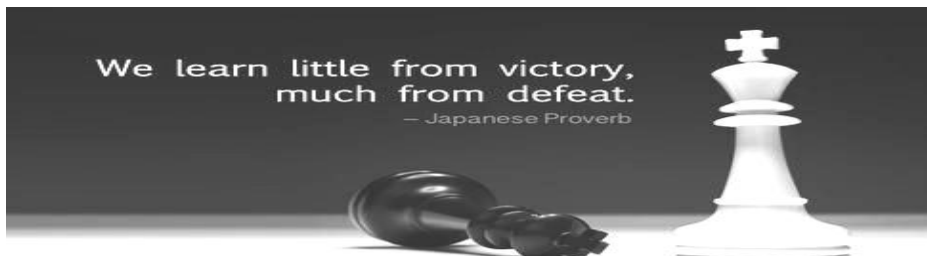
2018 Bottom Half Class Tnmt U1900  
Lansing (5), 22.07.2018  
1.d4 c5 2.e3 cxd4 3.exd4 Nf6 4.c4  
d5 5.Nc3 dxc4 6.Bxc4 a6 7.a4 Nc6  
8.Be3 Ng4 9.Nf3 Nxe3 10.fxe3 e6  
11.0-0 Qc7 12.Ng5 Nd8 13.Ba2 Bd6  
14.Qh5 g6 15.Qh3 e5 16.Qf3 f5  
17.Nd5 Qg7 18.e4 h6 19.Nh3 Rf8  
20.exf5 Bxf5 21.dxe5 Bc5+ 22.Nf2  
Nc6 23.Nf6+ Ke7 24.Nd5+ Kd8  
25.Rad1 Bc2 26.Qc3 Bxf2+ 27.Rxf2  
Bxd1 28.Rxf8+ Qxf8 29.Nb6 Qb4  
30.Qd3+ Nd4 31.Qxd1 Qxb6 32.e6  
Ke7 33.Kf1 0-1

Scioly, Tony (1664) - Ge, Jared  
(1422) [B76] Sicilian Dragon:  
Yugoslav Attack

2018 Bottom Half-Class Tnmt U1700  
Lansing (5), 22.07.2018  
1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.d4 cxd4  
4.Nxd4 g6 5.Nc3 Bg7 6.Be3 Nf6 7.f3  
d6 8.Qd2 Bd7 9.0-0-0 0-0 10.h4 h5  
11.Be2 a5 12.g4 a4 13.a3 Nxd4  
14.Bxd4 Qc7 15.gxh5 Nxh5 16.f4  
Ng3 17.Rhg1 Nxe2+ 18.Qxe2 e5  
19.fxe5 dxe5 20.Be3 Rfe8 21.Nd5  
Qc6 22.h5 Re6 23.hxg6 Rae8  
24.gxf7+ Kxf7 25.Qh5+ Rg6  
26.Rdf1+ Kg8 27.Rxg6 1-0

Dennis, Raymond (1378) -  
Mathiyazhagan, Ashrith (1322)  
[D00] QP Game

1.d4 d5 2.e3 Nf6 3.Bd3 c6 4.f4 Bg4  
5.Nf3 e6 6.O-O Bd6 7.Nc3 Nbd7  
8.Qe1 c5 9.Ne5 cxd4 10.exd4 Qb6  
11.Qg3 Bxe5 12.fxe5 Qxd4+ 13.Be3  
Qxe5 14.Bf4 Qh5 15.Bd6 Rg8 16.h3  
Bf5 17.Bxf5 exf5 18.Rae1+ Kd8  
19.Be7+ Kc8 20.Nb5 1-0



## Games from the 2018 Michigan Open Tournament: Open Section

### Round 1 Games

**Bemben,Robert (1800) -  
Posthuma,Joshua (2375) [A36]**  
Symmetrical English

2018 MI Championships - Open  
Cadillac, MI (1), 31.08.2018

1.c4 Nf6 2.g3 c5 3.Nc3 Nc6 4.Bg2  
g6 5.a3 Bg7 6.Rb1 a5 7.Nf3 0-0  
8.0-0 d5 9.cxd5 Nxd5 10.Nxd5  
Qxd5 11.d3 Bg4 12.Be3 Qh5  
13.Re1 Nd4 14.Nxd4 cxd4 15.Bd2  
Rab8 16.b4 b6 17.Be4 Rfc8 18.b5  
Bd7 19.Qb3 Rc5 20.a4 Rbc8  
21.Rbc1 Bg4 22.Rxc5 Rxc5 23.e3  
Be6 24.Qb1 Bd5 25.Bxd5 Qxd5  
26.e4 Qd7 27.Kg2 Rh5 28.h4 Bf6  
29.Rh1 Qd6 30.f4 e5 31.Rc1 exf4  
32.Rc6 Qe7 33.Bxf4 Bxh4 34.g4  
Rc5 35.Rxc5 Qxc5 36.Qc1 Qe7  
37.Bh6 Qd7 38.Kf3 Bd8 39.Qc4  
Bc7 40.Bf4 Bxf4 41.Kxf4 h5  
42.gxh5 gxh5 43.Qc6 Qg4+ 44.Ke5  
h4 45.Kxd4 h3 46.Qe8+ Kh7  
47.Ke3 Qg3+ 48.Ke2 Kg7  
49.e5 h2 50.Qc6 Qg4+ 51.Kd2 Qf4+  
52.Kc2 Qf1 53.e6 h1Q 54.Qc3+ Kg6  
55.e7 Qb1+0-1

**Aldrich,Justin (1795) -  
Palmer,Tony (2062) [C50] Italian  
Game**

2018 MI Championships - Open  
Cadillac, MI (1), 31.08.2018

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Nf6 4.d3  
Bc5 5.0-0 d6 6.h3 Be6 7.Bb3 Qd7  
8.Be3 Bxe3 9.fxe3 0-0-0 10.Nbd2  
d5 11.Ng5 h6 12.Nxe6 fxe6 13.exd5  
exd5 14.Qf3 Qd6 15.Qf5+ Kb8  
16.Rae1 Ne7 17.Qf3 Rdf8 18.Qe2  
g5 19.c4 c6 20.cxd5 cxd5 21.Rc1  
Ng6 22.Bc2 Qb6 23.d4 e4 24.Nb3  
h5 25.Nc5 Ka8 26.Rxf6 Qxf6  
27.Nd7 Qd6 28.Nxf8 Rxf8 29.Qxh5  
Qg3 30.Qe2 Nh4 31.Rf1 Nf3+  
32.Rxf3 Rxf3 33.Qb5 Rf8 34.Qe2  
Kb8 35.Bb3 Rc8 36.Qd2 Rd8  
37.Qf2 Qd6 38.Qd2 Qg3 39.Qf2  
Qd6 40.Qd2 a6 41.Qa5

Michigan Chess

Rd7 42.Bd1 Qg3 43.Qd2 Rf7  
44.Bg4 Ka7 45.Bh5 Rf6 46.Bg4 Qc7  
47.Be2 Rc6 48.Bd1 Rc1 49.Kf2 Ra1  
50.Bb3 Rc1 51.Bd1 b5 52.b4 Qc4  
53.Bb3 Rf1+ 54.Kg3 Qd3 55.Qxd3  
exd3 56.Bxd5 d2 57.Bb3 Rb1  
58.Bc2 Rb2 59.Bd1 Rxa2 60.Kf2  
Rb2 61.Ke2 Rxb4 62.Kxd2 Rb2+  
63.Bc2 b4 64.Kc1 Ra2 65.Kb1 Ra3  
66.e4 Rg3 67.e5 Kb6 68.Be4 Kc7  
69.d5 Re3 70.d6+ Kd8 71.Bb7 a5  
72.Kb2 Rxe5 73.Kb3 Kd7 74.Ka4  
Kxd6 75.Bf3 Kc7 76.Bg4 Kb6  
77.Kb3 Re3+ 78.Kc4 Re4+ 79.Kb3  
Rxc4 80.hxc4 Kb5 81.Kb2 a4  
82.Ka2 Kc4 83.Kb2 a3+ 84.Ka2  
Kc3 85.g3 b3+ 86.Kb1 b2 87.Ka2  
Kc2 0-1

**Bailey,Gregory (1955) -  
Kaufman,Alan (1527) [A02] Bird's  
Opening**

2018 MI Championships - Open  
Cadillac, MI (1), 31.08.2018

1.f4 d6 2.Nf3 g6 3.d4 Nf6 4.e3 Bg7  
5.Bc4 0-0 6.Nbd2 Bf5 7.c3 d5  
8.Be2 Ng4 9.Nf1 Be4 10.Ng3 Nf6  
11.0-0 Nbd7 12.Ng5 c5 13.N5xe4  
Nxe4 14.Qb3 Nxc3 15.hxc3 cxd4  
16.exd4 Nb6 17.f5 e5 18.fxe6 fxe6  
19.Rxf8+ Bxf8 20.Bg4 Bd6  
21.Bxe6+ Kh8 22.Bf4 Bxf4 23.gxf4  
Qh4 24.Rf1 Nc4 25.Qxb7 Rf8  
26.Qxd5 Nxb2 27.Qe5+ Qf6 28.Bb3  
Nd3 29.Qxf6+ Rxf6 30.g3 Rc6  
31.c4 Rd6 32.d5 Kg7 33.Rf3 Nc5  
34.Re3 Kf7 35.Kf2 Rf6 36.Ke2 Rd6  
37.Kd2 h5 38.Kc3 Nf7 39.Kd4 Rf6  
40.c5 h4 41.d6+ Kf8 42.Bd5 hxc3  
43.Bxb7 Rxf4+ 44.Kd3 Ra4 45.d7  
Ra3+ 46.Kd4 Rxe3 47.d8Q+ 1-0

**Jarosz,Stanley (1942) -  
Zheng,Michael (2110) [A48] London  
System**

2018 MI Championships - Open  
Cadillac, MI (1), 01.09.2018

1.d4 Nf6 2.Nf3 g6 3.Bf4 Bg7 4.h3  
0-0 5.e3 d6 6.Be2 c5 7.c3 Be6 8.0-0  
Qb6 9.Qc1 Nc6  
10.dxc5 Qxc5 11.Nd4 Bd7 12.Nd2  
Rfc8 13.Qd1 Rab8 14.Nc4 a6  
15.Nb3 Qa7 16.Bh2 b5 17.Nca5  
Nxa5 18.Nxa5 Qb6 19.Nb3 Ne4  
20.Nd4 a5 21.Bf3 Nc5 22.Rc1 Na4  
23.Qb3 b4 24.cxb4 Qxb4 25.Qxb4  
axb4 26.Bc6 Bxd4 27.Bxd7 Rxc1  
28.Rxc1 Bxb2 29.Rc2 Nb6 30.Rxb2  
Nxd7 31.e4 Nc5 32.f3 Kg7 33.Kf1  
Kf6 34.Ke2 Na4 35.Rc2 Nc3+  
36.Kd3 Ra8 37.Rb2 Nxa2 38.Bg1  
Ke6 39.Be3 Ra3+ 40.Kd2 f5  
41.exf5+ Kxf5 42.Bh6 Ke5 43.Kc2  
Kd5 44.Bd2 Kc4 45.Kb1 b3 46.Be1  
0-1

**Hahn,David (2100) - Wilkes,Brelen  
(1816) [A25] English Opening**

2018 MI Championships - Open  
Cadillac, MI (1), 01.09.2018

1.c4 e5 2.g3 Nc6 3.Bg2 f5 4.Nc3  
Nf6 5.Nf3 d6 6.d4 Bd7 7.d5 Ne7  
8.e4 Ng6 9.exf5 Bxf5 10.Ng5 Be7  
11.0-0 0-0 12.Ne6 Bxe6 13.dxe6 c6  
14.h4 Re8 15.h5 Nf8 16.Bh3 d5  
17.cxd5 cxd5 18.Bg5 d4 19.Bxf6  
Bxf6 20.Ne4 Nxe6 21.Qb3 Qb6  
22.Qxb6 axb6 23.Nd6 Re7 24.Nxb7  
Ng5 25.Bg2 e4 26.Nd6 Re6 27.Nf5  
Ra5 28.g4 d3 29.Rac1 Rxa2  
30.Rc8+ Kf7 31.h6 g6 32.Rc7+ Be7  
33.Nd4 Rd6 34.Nb5 Rf6 35.Nc3  
Rxb2 36.Nd5 1-0

### Round 2 Games

**Aldrich,Justin (1795) -  
Beider,Andrew (2010) [B28] Sicilian  
Defense**

2018 MI Championships - Open  
Cadillac, MI (2), 01.09.2018

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 a6 3.c3 d5 4.exd5  
Qxd5 5.d4 e6 6.Be2 Nf6 7.0-0 Nc6  
8.dxc5 Bxc5 9.Nbd2 0-0 10.Nb3  
Be7 11.Qc2 Qd8 12.Be3 b6 13.h3  
Bb7 14.Rad1 Qc7 15.Nfd4 Rfd8

16.Nxc6 Bxc6 17.Nd4 Be4 18.Qc1 e5 19.Nb3 b5 20.Rxd8+ Rxd8 21.Rd1 Nd5 22.Bd2 Nb6 23.Bg5 f6 24.Rxd8+ Qxd8 25.Be3 Nc4 26.Nd2 Bd3 27.Bxd3 Qxd3 28.Nxc4 bxc4 29.Qd2 Kf7 30.Qxd3 cxd3 31.Kf1 Ke6 32.Ke1 Kd5 33.Kd2 e4 34.b3 f5 35.f3 h5 36.c4+ Kc6 37.fxe4 fxe4 38.Bd4 Bg5+ 39.Be3 Bf6 40.g4 hxg4 41.hxg4 g6 42.b4 Be5 43.a4 Bf6 44.b5+ axb5 45.cxb5+ Kb7 46.a5 Bd8 47.a6+ Ka8 48.b6 g5 49.Kc3 Bf6+ 50.Kd2 Bd8 ½-½

**Bridle,Samuel (1800) - Konovalenko,Sasha (2097) [A01] Larsen-Nimzovich Opening**

2018 MI Championships - Open  
Cadillac, MI (2), 01.09.2018

1.b3 d5 2.Bb2 Nf6 3.e3 Bf5 4.h3 e6 5.Nc3 Be7 6.g4 Bg6 7.h4 h6 8.Bh3 Nc6 9.d3 d4 10.exd4 Nxd4 11.Nf3 Bb4 12.a3 Ba5 13.b4 Bb6 14.Ne5 Nd5 15.Bg2 Nxc3 16.Bxc3 c6 17.Nxg6 fxc6 18.Qd2 0-0 19.Be4 Qf6 20.Rh3 e5 21.f3 Nb5 22.Bb2 a5 23.c3 Nd6 24.0-0-0 axb4 25.axb4 c5 26.Bd5+ Kh7 27.c4 Rfe8 28.b5 Rad8 29.f4 Qxf4 30.Qxf4 exf4 31.Bh1 Re2 32.Rd2 Rxd2 33.Kxd2 Nxc4+ 34.Kc3 Nd6 35.g5 Nxb5+ 36.Kc2 Nd6 37.Kd1 Bc7 38.Kc2 b5 39.Kc1 Nf5 40.Bg2 c4 41.dxc4 bxc4 42.Bc3 Rd3 43.Rxd3 cxd3 44.gxh6 gxh6 45.h5 gxh5 46.Be4 Kg6 47.Kd2 Kg5 48.Ke1 Bb6 49.Bxd3 f3 50.Bxf5 Kxf5 51.Bb4 h4 52.Bd6 Kg4 53.Kf1 Be3 54.Bh2 Bf4 55.Bg1 h3 0-1

**Bahaj,Arjun (1650) - Hahn,David (2100) [B07] Pirc Defense**

2018 MI Championships - Open  
Cadillac, MI (2), 01.09.2018

1.e4 g6 2.Nf3 Bg7 3.d4 d6 4.Bd3 Nf6 5.c3 0-0 6.Qc2 c5 7.Be3 cxd4 8.cxd4 Nc6 9.a3 Bd7 10.Nc3 Rc8 11.0-0 a6 12.Rac1 Bg4 13.Nd2 b5 14.h3 Bd7 15.f4 e5 16.fxe5 dxe5 17.d5 Nd4 18.Qd1 Ne8 19.Nf3 Nd6 20.Bxd4 exd4 21.Ne2 Rxc1 22.Qxc1 Qb6 23.Kh1 Nc4 24.b3 Ne5 25.Qd2 Nxf3 26.Rxf3 Qd6 27.Qb4 Qe5 28.Qd2 f5 29.Qf4 fxe4 30.Qxe5 Bxe5 31.Bxe4 Rxf3 32.Bxf3 d3 33.Nc1 d2 34.Nd3 Bd6 35.g4 Bxa3 36.b4 Kf8 37.Kg2 Ke7 38.Kf1 Kd6 39.Ke2 0-1

**Kaufman,Alan (1527) - Bemben,Robert (1851) [B13] Caro-Kann Exchange Var.**

2018 MI Championships - Open  
Cadillac, MI (2), 01.09.2018

1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.exd5 cxd5 4.Nf3 Nf6 5.Bd3 Nc6 6.c3 Bg4 7.Qc2 Bxf3

8.gxf3 Rc8 9.Be3 e6 10.Nd2 Bd6 11.Ke2 g6 12.Rag1 Nh5 13.Rg2 Nf4+ 14.Bxf4 Nxd4+ 15.cxd4 Rxc2 16.Bxc2 Bxf4 17.Ba4+ Ke7 18.Bb3 Qb6 19.Nb1 Qb5+ 20.Ke1 Qd3 21.Nc3 Qd2+ 22.Kf1 Qxb2 23.Nd1 Qxd4 24.Ke1 Qd2+ 25.Kf1 Rc8 0-1

**Palmer,Tony (2062) -**

**Bailey,Gregory (1955) [A40] Q-P Game**

2018 MI Championships - Open  
Cadillac, MI (2), 01.09.2018

1.e4 c6 2.d4 g6 3.c4 Bg7 4.Nc3 Qb6 5.c5 Qc7 6.Bc4 e6 7.e5 Ne7 8.Ne4 0-0 9.Bg5 Nd5 10.Qd2 f6 11.Bxd5 fxc5 12.Bb3 h6 13.h4 Rf4 14.Nd6 Rxh4 15.Rxh4 gxh4 16.Qf4 Na6 17.Qf7+ Kh8 18.Ne8 Qa5+ 19.Kf1 Bxe5 20.dxe5 Qb5+ 21.Ne2 1-0

**Masek,Adam (1967) -**

**Jarosz,Stanley (1942) [D00] Q-P Game**

2018 MI Championships - Open  
Cadillac, MI (2), 01.09.2018

1.d4 d5 2.Nc3 Bf5 3.f3 Nf6 4.g4 Bg6 5.h4 h6 6.Bf4 e6 7.Qd2 c5 8.e3 Nc6 9.h5 Bh7 10.g5 hxg5 11.Bxg5 cxd4 12.exd4 Be7 13.h6 g6 14.0-0-0 Nh5 15.Nh3 Ng3 16.Rg1 Nxf1 17.Rdxf1 f6 18.Be3 g5 19.f4 Bf5 20.Nxg5 fxc5 21.fxc5 Bg6 22.a3 Qa5 23.Rf6 Bxf6 24.gxf6 Bf7 25.Rg7 Qd8 26.Bg5 Qd7 27.Bf4 0-0-0 28.Nb5 Qe8 29.Qc3 e5 30.dxe5 d4 31.Nxa7+ Kd7 32.Qh3+ Kc7 33.e6+ Kb6 34.Qb3+ Kxa7 35.Rxf7 Qxf7 36.exf7 Rhf8 37.h7 1-0

## Round 3 Games

**Konovalenko,Sasha (2097) -**

**Palmer,Tony (2062) [A47] London System**

2018 MI Championships - Open  
Cadillac, MI (3), 01.09.2018

1.d4 Nf6 2.Bf4 b6 3.e3 Bb7 4.Nf3 g6 5.h3 Bg7 6.Bd3 0-0 7.0-0 d6 8.Nbd2 Nbd7 9.e4 Nh5 10.Bg5 h6 11.Be3 e5 12.c3 Qe8 13.Bc2 f5 14.exf5 gxf5 15.dxe5 dxe5 16.Nh4 e4 17.g4 fxc4 18.Qxc4 Ne5 19.Qg2 Nf4 20.Bxf4 Rxf4 21.Qg3 Qf8 22.Ng2 Nf3+ 23.Nxf3 Rxf3 24.Qxc7 Ba6 25.Bxe4 Bxf1 26.Bxf3 Qxf3 27.Rxf1 Qxh3 28.Qg3 Qe6 29.Re1 Qf7 30.a3 Rf8 31.Qe3 Kh8 32.Qg3 Bf6 33.Re4 Qd7 34.Qg4 Qd2 35.Qe2 Qc1+ 36.Kh2 Qg5 37.Qg4 Be5+ 38.Kg1 Qc1+ 39.Re1 Qxb2 40.Rxe5 Qxf2+ 41.Kh2 Rg8 42.Qh3 Kh7 43.Re7+ Rg7 44.Qd3+ Kh8 45.Re8+ Rg8 46.Rxcg8+ Kxcg8 47.Qg6+ 1-0

**Whitworth,John (1775) -**

**Masek,Adam (1967) [C41] Philidor**  
2018 MI Championships - Open  
Cadillac, MI (3), 01.09.2018

1.e4 d6 2.d4 Nf6 3.Nc3 Nbd7 4.Nf3 e5 5.Bc4 Be7 6.0-0 0-0 7.a4 c6 8.b3 Nxe4 9.Nxe4 d5 10.Nxe5 Nxe5 11.dxe5 dxe4 12.Bb2 Bf5 13.Qe2 a6 14.Rfd1 Qc7 15.a5 Bb4 16.Qh5 Bg6 17.Qg5 Rae8 18.h4 Kh8 19.h5 h6 20.Qg4 Bh7 21.e6 [21.Rd7!]  
21...f5 22.Qh4 Bd6 23.Qh3 Re7 24.Qe3 c5 25.Qxh6 Be5 26.Bxe5 Qxe5 27.Qd2 Bg8 28.h6 Bxe6 29.hxg7+ Qxc7 30.Bxe6 Rxe6 31.Qd7 Re7 32.Qd6 Rff7 33.Qf4Rf6 34.Ra4 Rg6 35.Qh4+ Rh6 36.Qf4 Rg6 37.Qh4+ Kg8 38.g3 Rh6 39.Qf4 Qh7 0-1

**Jarosz,Stanley (1942) -**

**Bridle,Samuel (1800) [B08] Classical Pirc**

2018 MI Championships - Open  
Cadillac, MI (3), 01.09.2018

1.d4 Nc6 2.e4 d6 3.Nf3 Nf6 4.Nc3 g6 5.Be2 Bg7 6.h3 0-0 7.Be3 e5 8.d5 Ne7 9.Qd2 Bd7 10.Nh2 c6 11.Ng4 cxd5 12.exd5 Qa5 13.Nxf6+ Bxf6 14.0-0-0 Nf5 15.Ne4 Qxa2 16.Nxf6+ Kg7 17.Bh6+ Nxb6 18.Qg5 Nf5 19.Nxd7 f6 20.Nxf6 Rxf6 21.Qg4 Qa1+ 22.Kd2 Qxb2 23.Rb1 Qd4+ 24.Qxd4 Nxd4 25.Rxb7+ Kh6 26.f3 Nxe2 27.Kxe2 Rc8 28.Kd3 Rc5 29.c4 Rf4 30.Rc1 Rd4+ 31.Ke3 Rdx4 32.Rxc4 Rxc4 33.Rd7 Rd4 34.Rxd6 a5 35.g3 Rd1 36.h4 a4 37.Ra6 Rxd5 38.Rxa4 Rd1 39.Ra7 Rb1 40.g4 Rb4 41.g5+ 1-0

**Beider,Andrew (2010) - Bajaj,Arjun (1653) [A06] Reti Opening**

2018 MI Championships - Open  
Cadillac, MI (3), 01.09.2018

1.Nf3 c5 2.b3 Nc6 3.Bb2 d5 4.e3 Bf5 5.Bb5 a6 6.Bxc6+ bxc6 7.0-0 e6 8.d3 Nf6 9.Ne5 Bd6 10.f4 Qc7 11.Nd2 0-0 12.Ndf3 Ng4 13.Qe1 f6 14.Nxg4 Bxg4 15.Qg3 Bh5 16.Qh3 Bf7 17.c4 Rfe8 18.Rae1 Bg6 19.Rd1 e5 20.f5 Bf7 21.e4 d4 22.Bc1 Qa5 23.Rf2 Qb4 24.g4 a5 25.g5 Be7 26.Qg2 Kf8 27.g6 hxg6 28.fxc6 Bg8 29.Nxe5 Qb7 30.Ng4 Bd8 31.e5 Re6 32.exf6 Bxf6 33.Nxf6 Rxf6 34.Rdfl Ke7 35.Rxf6 gxf6 36.Bg5 Rf8 37.Bh6 Rd8 38.Bg7 Rd6 39.Bxf6+ Ke8 40.Qh3 Qa8 41.Re1+ Re6 42.Rxe6+ Kd7 43.Re7+ 1-0

## Round 4 Games

**Posthuma,Joshua (2375) - Davidovich,Manis (2220) [A01] Larsen-Nimzovich Opening**

2018 MI Championships - Open  
Cadillac, MI (4), 02.09.2018

1.b3 Nc6 2.Bb2 e5 3.e3 d5 4.Bb5  
Bd6 5.Nf3 Qe7 6.c4 a6 7.Bxc6+  
bxc6 8.c5 Bxc5 9.Nxe5 Bd6 10.f4  
Bxe5 11.Bxe5 Qh4+ 12.g3 Qh3  
13.Bxg7 Bg4 14.Qc2 Qg2 15.Qxc6+  
Ke7 16.Qxc7+ Ke8 17.Qc6+ Ke7  
18.Qb7+ Kd6 19.Be5+ Ke6 20.Qc6+  
Ke7 21.Bd6+ Kd8 22.Qxa8+ Kd7  
23.Qa7+ Ke6 24.f5+ Bxf5 25.Rf1  
Bd3 26.Qxf7+ Kxd6 27.Nc3 Bxf1  
28.Qxf1 Qxh2 29.0-0-0 Qxg3  
30.Qxa6+ Ke5 31.Rf1 d4 32.exd4+  
Kxd4 33.Qc4+ Ke5 34.Qd5# 1-0

**Venkatasubba,Krishna (1836) - Palmer,Tony (2062) [A47] London System**

2018 MI Championships - Open  
Cadillac, MI (4), 02.09.2018

1.d4 Nf6 2.Bf4 b6 3.e3 Bb7 4.Nf3  
g6 5.Nbd2 Bg7 6.h3 0-0 7.Bd3 d6  
8.0-0 Nbd7 9.Bh2 Re8 10.Re1 e5  
11.dxe5 dxe5 12.Bc4 Re7 13.Qe2  
Ne8 14.c3 Nd6 15.Bb3 a5 16.a4  
Nc5 17.Bc2 Qe8 18.e4 Bh6 19.Qd1  
Rd8 20.Qb1 Bc6 21.Bg3 Kg7 22.b3  
f6 23.Bh4 Bxd2 24.Nxd2 h5 25.f3  
Ne6 26.Nf1 Nf7 27.Ne3 Red7 28.c4  
Rd2 29.Nf1 Nf4 30.Nxd2 Rxd2  
31.Rd1 Rxd2+ 32.Kh1 Qe6 0-1

**Scherwin,Nicholas (1802) - Aldrich,Justin (1795) [D36] QGD-Exchange Var.**

2018 MI Championships - Open  
Cadillac, MI (4), 02.09.2018

1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.Nf3 Nf6 4.Nc3 e6  
5.Bg5 Nbd7 6.e3 Be7 7.cxd5 exd5  
8.Bd3 h6 9.Bh4 0-0 10.Qc2 Re8  
11.0-0 Ne4 12.Bxe7 Qxe7 13.Bxe4  
dxe4 14.Nd2 Nf6 15.Rae1 b6 16.f3  
Ba6 17.Rf2 exf3 18.Nxf3 Bb7 19.e4  
Rad8 20.Rd2 Qd7 21.Rdd1 Qg4  
22.e5 Nd5 23.Qe4 Qc8 24.Nxd5  
Rxd5 25.Qf4 c5 26.Rf1 Qe6 27.b3  
Re7 28.dxc5 Rxc5 29.Rd6 Qc8  
30.Rfd1 Re8 31.Rd7 Rf8 32.Nh4  
Qc6 33.R7d6 Qe4 34.Qxe4 Bxe4  
35.e6 fxe6 36.Rxe6 Bh7 37.Re7 a5  
38.Nf3 Rf7 39.Rd8+ Rf8 40.Rdd7  
Rc1+ 41.Kf2 Rc2+ 42.Kg3 Rxf3+  
43.gxf3 Bf5 44.Rxg7+ Kh8 45.Ra7  
Rc8 46.Rgf7 Bb1 47.Rf6 h5  
48.Rxb6 Bxa2 49.Rxa5 Bb1  
50.Rxh5+ Kg7 51.Ra5 Bd3 52.Ra7+  
Kg8 53.h4 Bf5 54.h5 Kh8 55.Rab7  
Bc2 56.Rb8 Rxb8 57.Rxb8+ Kg7  
58.b4 Kh6 59.b5 Kxh5 60.b6 Ba4  
61.b7 Bc6 62.Rh8+ 1-0

**Bridle,Samuel (1800) - Kaufman,Alan (1527) [A03] Bird's Opening**

2018 MI Championships - Open  
Cadillac, MI (4), 02.09.2018

1.b3 c5 2.Bb2 Nc6 3.f4 Nf6 4.e3 d5  
5.Bb5 a6 6.Bxc6+ bxc6 7.Nf3 Bf5  
8.Ne5 Qc7 9.d3 h5 10.h3 e6 11.Nd2  
Be7 12.Qe2 0-0 13.g4 Bg6 14.Ndf3  
Rad8 15.Ng5 Rd6 16.Nxg6 fxc6  
17.Be5 Qa5+ 18.Kd1 Rd7 19.Nxe6  
Rf7 20.f5 gxf5 21.g5 Ne8 22.Qxh5  
Bxg5 23.Nxg5 Rf6 24.Qxe8+ 1-0

## Round 5 Games

**Masek,Adam (1967) - Schwerin,Nick (1802) [D03] Torre Attack**

2018 MI Championships - Open  
Cadillac, MI (5), 01.09.2018

1.d4 Nf6 2.Bg5 d5 3.Nd2 Nbd7  
4.Ng3 c6 5.e3 e6 6.Bd3 Bd6 7.e4  
dxe4 8.Nxe4 Be7 9.Qd2 h6 10.Bf4  
Nxe4 11.Bxe4 0-0 12.h4 f5 13.Bd3  
Rf7 14.0-0-0 Qf8 15.Rde1 Nb6  
16.Ne5 Rf6 17.Bg5 Qd8 18.Bxf6  
Bxf6 19.c3 Bxh4 20.g4 Nd5 21.Kb1  
Bg5 22.Qc2 Qf6 23.gxf5 exf5  
24.Qb3 b5 25.Bxb5 Be6 26.Bxc6  
Ne7 27.Nd7 Bxb3 28.Nxf6+ Bxf6  
29.Bxa8 1-0

**Hahn,David (2100) - Zheng,Michael (2110) [D94] Grunfeld**

2018 MI Championships - Open  
Cadillac, MI (5), 02.09.2018

1.c4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5 3.cxd5 Nxd5  
4.Nf3 g6 5.d4 Bg7 6.e3 0-0 7.Bc4  
Nb6 8.Bb3 N8d7 9.0-0 e5 10.e4 c6  
11.Bg5 Qc7 12.Be7 Re8 13.Ba3 Bf6  
14.Rc1 a6 15.Nd5 Qd8 16.Nxf6+  
Qxf6 17.dxe5 Nxe5 18.Nxe5 Qxe5  
19.Bc5 Qc7 20.Qd4 Nd7 21.Bd6  
Qa5 22.Qc4 Re6 23.Rfd1 Ne5  
24.Bxe5 Qxe5 25.Rd8+ Kg7 26.Qb4  
Re8 27.Rxe8 Qxe8 28.Qd4+ Kg8  
29.Rd1 Be6 30.Bxe6 Qxe6 31.b3  
Re8 32.f3 Re7 33.Qd8+ Kg7  
34.Qd4+ f6 35.Qd8 Qe5 ½-½

**Posthuma,Joshua (2375) - Konovalenko,Sasha (2097) [A03] Bird's Opening**

2018 MI Championships - Open  
Cadillac, MI (5), 02.09.2018

1.b3 d5 2.Bb2 Nf6 3.e3 Bf5 4.Nf3  
e6 5.Be2 h6 6.0-0 Be7 7.Ne5 0-0  
8.f4 Nfd7 9.d3 Nxe5 10.fxe5 Nd7  
11.Bg4 Bg6 12.Nd2 c5 13.Qf3 b5  
14.a4 bxa4 15.Rxa4 Nb6 16.Ra6  
Qc8 17.Rfa1 c4 18.dxc4 dxc4  
19.Bd4 Bc5 20.c3 Bd3 21.R6a5  
Bxd4 22.exd4 Qd7 23.bxc4 Bxc4  
24.Nxc4 Nxc4 25.Ra6 Qb5 26.h3 g6

27.Qd3 Na3 28.Be2 Qb2 29.R6xa3  
Rac8 30.Bf3 Rc7 31.c4 Rd8 32.Rd1  
Qb4 33.Rc3 a5 34.d5 exd5 35.Bxd5  
Re8 36.Qxg6+ Kf8 37.Qxh6+ Ke7  
38.Qd6+ Qxd6 39.exd6+ Kxd6  
40.Bxf7+ Kc5 41.Bxe8 Kb4 42.Rc2  
a4 43.Rb1+ Ka5 44.Ra2 Rxc4  
45.Rxa4+ Rxa4 46.Bxa4 Kxa4  
47.Kf2 Ka3 48.Ke3 Ka2 49.Rb8 1-0

## Round 6 Games

**Palmer,Tony (2062) - Posthuma,Joshua (2275) [B13] Cao-Kann: Exchange Var.**

2018 MI Championships - Open  
Cadillac, MI (6), 03.09.2018

1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.exd5 cxd5 4.c4  
Nf6 5.Nc3 Nc6 6.Nf3 Bg4 7.Be2 e6  
8.cxd5 Nxd5 9.0-0 Be7 10.h3 Bh5  
11.Be3 0-0 12.Rc1 Rc8 13.a3 Nxc3  
14.Rxc3 Bf6 15.g4 Bg6 16.Qa4 Be4  
17.Rd1 Bd5 18.Ne1 Qa5 19.Qc2  
Qb6 20.b4 a5 21.b5 Na7 22.a4  
Rxc3 23.Qxc3 Rc8 24.Qb2 Nc6  
25.Rc1 Rd8 26.Rc5 Qxc5 0-1

**Masek,Adam (1967) - Bailey,Gregory (1955) [A45] Queen's Pawn Game**

2018 MI Championships - Open  
Cadillac, MI (6), 03.09.2018

1.d4 Nf6 2.Bg5 c5 3.d5 Qa5+ 4.Bd2  
Qb6 5.Nc3 d6 6.e4 g6 7.h3 Bg7  
8.Bb5+ Bd7 9.Bc4 0-0 10.Qe2 a6  
11.Nf3 Qc7 12.a4 a5 13.0-0 Na6  
14.Nb5 Qd8 15.c3 Nc7 16.Rfe1 b6  
17.Nxc7 Qxc7 18.e5 Ne8 19.Bf4 f6  
20.e6 Bc8 21.g4 Bb7 22.h4 f5  
23.g5 Bh8 24.h5 gxh5 25.Nh4 Ng7  
26.Kh2 Qc8 27.g6 Ba6 28.gxh7+  
Kxh7 29.Rg1 Bxc4 30.Qxc4 Qa6  
31.Qxa6 Rxa6 32.Rg6 Raa8  
33.Rh6+ Kg8 34.Ng6 Nxe6 35.dxe6  
Bf6 36.Nxe7+ 1-0

**Chehayeb,Salah (2067) - Hahn,David (2100) [B06] Robatsch**

2018 MI Championships - Open  
Cadillac, MI (6), 03.09.2018

1.e4 g6 2.d4 Bg7 3.c3 d5 4.e5 c5  
5.f4 cxd4 6.cxd4 Nh6 7.Nc3 Nc6  
8.Bb5 0-0 9.Nge2 Bg4 10.h3 ½-½

## Round 7 Games

**Hahn,David (2100) - Davidovich,Manis (2220) [A10] English Opening**

2018 MI Championships - Open  
Cadillac, MI (7), 03.09.2018

1.c4 g5 2.d4 Bg7 3.Nc3 g4 4.e4 h5  
5.Be3 d6 6.h3 Nc6 7.hxg4 hxg4  
8.Rxh8 Bxh8 9.Nge2 e5 10.d5 Nce7  
11.Ng3 Ng6 12.Nf5 N8e7 13.Qxg4

Bxf5 14.exf5 Qd7 15.Bd3 e4  
16.Qxe4 Bxc3+ 17.bxc3 Ne5 18.Bc2  
0-0-0 19.g4 Nxc4 20.Qxg4 Rg8  
21.Bg5 f6 22.f4 fxg5 23.fxg5 Ng6  
24.0-0-0 Ne5 25.Qf4 Qg7 26.Rg1  
Nd3+ 27.Bxd3 Qxc3+ 28.Bc2 Qa1+  
29.Bb1 Qc3+ 30.Kd1 Qb2 31.Qe4  
Qf2 32.Qe6+ Kd8 33.Qxg8+ Kd7  
34.Qg7+ Kd8 35.Re1 Qf3+ 36.Re2  
Qf1+ 37.Kd2 Qf4+ 38.Re3 Qf2+  
39.Kd3 Qxf5+ 1-0

Aldrich,Justin (1795) -

Bemben,Robert (1851) [A22]

English Opening

2018 MI Championships - Open

Cadillac, MI (7), 03.09.2018

1.c4 e5 2.g3 Nf6 3.Bg2 Bc5 4.Nc3  
d6 5.Na4 Bb6 6.Nxb6 axb6 7.d3 Nc6

8.b3 0-0 9.Bb2 Ne7 10.h3 c6 11.e4  
Bd7 12.Ne2 Qc7 13.d4 c5 14.dxe5  
dxe5 15.f4 Nc6 16.0-0 Rad8  
17.Qe1 Nd4 18.Rc1 Bc6 19.Nc3  
Rfe8 20.f5 b5 21.Nd5 Qd6 22.Rf2  
bxc4 23.bxc4 b5 24.Nxf6+ gxf6  
25.cxb5 Bxb5 26.Ba3 Qa6 27.Bxc5  
Ne2+ 28.Kh2 Nxc1 29.Qxc1 Rc8  
30.Qe3 Qc6 31.Bb4 Kg7 32.Bf3  
Rcd8 33.Be2 Bxe2 34.Rxe2 Rd4  
35.a3 Rc4 36.h4 Rc2 37.Bd2 Rd8  
38.h5 Qd6 39.h6+ Kg8 40.Bb4  
Rxe2+ 41.Qxe2 Qd2 0-1

Bemben,Alexander (1639) -

Schilling,Patrick (1744) [E85]

King's Indian:Samisch

2018 MI Championships - Reserve

Cadillac, MI (7), 03.09.2018

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 Bg7 4.e4 d6  
5.f3 0-0 6.Be3 Nc6 7.Nge2 e5 8.d5  
Ne7 9.Qd2 Ne8 10.g4 f5 11.gxf5  
gxf5 12.Bh6 f4 13.Bxg7 Nxc7 14.0-  
0-0 a6 15.Kb1 Ng6 16.Nc1 Nh4  
17.Qf2 Qf6 18.Nd3 b6 19.Ne1 Bd7  
20.Ng2 Nxc2 21.Qxg2 Kh8 22.Rg1  
Rg8 23.Qf2 Nh5 24.Be2 Rxc1  
25.Rxc1 Rg8 26.Rxc8+ Kxc8 27.c5  
bxc5 28.Bxa6 Qg6 29.Qh4 Nf6  
30.a4 Kg7 31.Qf2 c6 32.dxc6 Bxc6  
33.Bb5 Bxb5 34.Nxb5 Nxe4 35.fxe4  
Qxe4+ 36.Qc2 Qh1+ 37.Qc1 Qd5  
38.Qc2 Qh1+ 39.Qc1 Qe4+ ½-½

## Games from the 2018 Michigan Open Tournament - Reserve Section

### Round 1 Games

Jones,George (1619) -

Thompson,Samuel (1156) [A48]

London System

2018 MI Championships - Reserve  
Cadillac, MI (1), 01.09.2018

1.d4 g6 2.Nf3 Bg7 3.Bf4 Nf6 4.h3  
0-0 5.e3 b6 6.Be2 Bb7 7.0-0 d5  
8.Nbd2 e6 9.Ne5 Nbd7 10.Bg5 h6  
11.Bh4 g5 12.Bg3 Nxe5 13.Bxe5  
Nd7 14.Bh2 c5 15.c3 c4 16.Bf3 b5  
17.e4 f5 18.Bd6 dxe4 19.Bxf8 Nxf8  
20.Be2 Ng6 21.Re1 Nf4 22.Bf1 Nd3  
23.Bxd3 cxd3 24.f3 e5 25.fxe4  
exd4 26.exf5 dxc3 27.bxc3 Bxc3  
28.Qb3+ Qd5 29.Qxd5+ Bxd5  
30.Rad1 Bd4+ 31.Kh1 Bxa2 32.Nf3  
Bc3 33.Re7 Bc4 34.Ne5 Bb4 35.Rd7  
a5 36.Nxd3 Bxd3 37.R1xd3 Bf8  
38.Rd8 Rxd8 39.Rxd8 a4 40.Kg1 b4  
41.Kf1 h5 42.Ke1 h4 43.Kd1 Kf7  
44.Kc1 a3 45.Rb8 Be7 46.Kb1 Kf6  
47.Rb7 Kf7 48.Ka2 Kf6 49.Kb3 Bf8  
50.Rb8 Be7 51.Rb7 Bd6 52.Rb5 ½-  
½

Schilling,Patrick (1744) -

Nikitin,Michael (1519) [A42]

Modern Defense

2018 MI Championships - Reserve  
Cadillac, MI (1), 31.08.2018

1.e4 Nc6 2.d4 e5 3.d5 Nce7 4.Nf3  
d6 5.h3 h6 6.c4 Nf6 7.Nc3 Ng6  
8.Be3 Bd7 9.Bd3 Be7 10.Qd2 Nh5  
11.Ne2 Qc8 12.g4 Bxg4 13.hxg4  
Qxg4 14.Nh2 Qd7 15.0-0-0 Nhf4  
16.Nxf4 Nxf4 17.Bxf4 exf4 18.f3 0-  
0-0 19.Kb1 h5 20.Qxf4 Bf6 21.Qe3  
b6 22.f4 g6 23.e5 Rde8 24.Nf3 Bg7

25.Bf1 Kb8 26.Nd4 Qa4 27.Nc6+  
Kb7 28.Rd4 dxe5 29.fxe5 Bxe5  
30.Nxe5 f6 31.c5 Qa5 32.c6+ Ka8  
33.Re4 f5 34.Nc4 Rxe4 35.Qxe4  
fxe4 36.Nxa5 bxa5 37.Bg2 Re8  
38.Re1 a6 39.Rxe4 Rxe4 40.Bxe4  
g5 41.Bg6 [41.d6! should end  
things!]|41...h4 42.Bf5 Ka7 43.Kc2  
Kb6 44.Kd3 Kc5 45.Ke4 Kd6  
46.Kd4 a4 47.b4 1-0

Wilson,Richard (1500) -

Bemben,Alexander (1639) [B33]

Sicilian Pelikan

2018 MI Championships - Reserve  
Cadillac, MI (1), 31.09.2018

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.c4 a6  
10.Qa4 Nd7 11.Be3 Rb8 12.Nc3  
Be7 13.Bd3 0-0 14.Qc2 h6 15.Ne4  
f5 16.Nc3 f4 17.Bd2 Nc5 18.Bg6 a5  
19.Ne4 Nxe4 20.Qxe4 Bg5 21.0-0-0  
f3 22.g3 Bxd2+ 23.Rxd2 Qf6  
24.Re1 Bf5 25.Bxf5 Qxf5 26.Qxf5  
Rxf5 27.Re3 g5 28.Rdd3 g4 29.Rb3  
Rh5 30.h4 gxh3 31.Re1 h2 32.Rh1  
Rc8 33.Rc3 e4 34.b3 b5 35.Kd2  
bxc4 36.Rxc4 Rxd5+ 37.Ke3 Rxc4  
38.bxc4 Rd3+ 39.Kxe4 Ra3  
40.Rxh2 Kg7 41.Rh5 Rxa2 42.Kxf3  
a4 43.Ra5 a3 44.Ke3 Ra1 45.f4 a2  
46.Kd2 Rh1 0-1

Burdzinski,Jan (1314) -

Xing,Larrance (1719) [C17] French  
Winawer Advance

2018 MI Championships - Reserve  
Cadillac, MI (1), 31.08.2018

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.e5 c5  
5.Bd2 Bxc3 6.Bxc3 cxd4 7.Bxd4

Nc6 8.Nf3 Nge7 9.Bd3 Nxd4  
10.Nxd4 a6 11.0-0 0-0 12.f4 Qb6  
13.c3 Qxb2 14.Nb3 Qxc3 15.Rf3  
Qb4 16.Bxh7+ Kxh7 17.Rh3+ Kg8  
18.Qh5 f6 19.Qh7+ Kf7 20.Rh6 Qe4  
21.Rxf6+ Ke8 22.Qh5+ g6 23.Qh7  
Ng8 24.Rxc6 Ne7 25.Rg7 Qxh7  
26.Rxh7 Rxf4 27.Rf1 Rxf1+  
28.Kxf1 b6 29.Nd4 Kd7 30.Rh6 Nf5  
31.Nxf5 exf5 32.Rxb6 Ke7 33.h4  
Bd7 34.h5 Rh8 35.h6 a5 36.Rg6  
Rh7 37.Kf2 Be6 38.Ke3 d4+  
39.Kxd4 Bxa2 40.Ra6 Be6 41.Rxa5  
Rxb6 42.Ra7+ Bd7 43.g3 Rh1  
44.Ra5 Rg1 45.Ra3 Rd1+ 46.Ke3  
Ke6 47.Ra5 Re1+ 48.Kf4 Re4+  
49.Kf3 Rxe5 50.Rxe5+ Kxe5  
51.Ke3 Bc6 52.Kd3 Bf3 53.Ke3 Bg4  
54.Kd3 Kd5 55.Ke3 Kc4 56.Kf4  
Kd3 57.Kg5 Ke3 58.Kh4 Kf3  
59.Kg5 Kxg3 0-1

Scioly,Tony (1612) - Jiang,Leyou

(1329) [C68] Ruy Lopez-Exchange

2018 MI Championships - Reserve  
Cadillac, MI (1), 31.08.2018

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Bxc6  
dxc6 5.0-0 Be7 6.d4 Bg4 7.dxe5  
Qxd1 8.Rxd1 Bc5 9.Bg5 h6 10.Bh4  
Ne7 11.Nc3 Ng6 12.Bg3 Ke7  
13.Rd3 Rad8 14.Rad1 Rxd3  
15.Rxd3 Rd8 16.Rxd8 Kxd8 17.Na4  
Ba7 18.Ne1 b5 19.Nc3 Bd4 20.Nd3  
c5 21.Kf1 c4 22.Nb4 c5 23.Nc6+  
Kc7 24.Nxd4 cxd4 25.Ne2 Bxe2+  
26.Kxe2 Kd7 27.f4 Ne7 28.Bf2 Nc6  
29.a3 Ke6 30.Bg3 f5 31.exf6 Kxf6  
32.Bf2 Kf7 33.Kf3 a5 34.e5 b4  
35.axb4 Nxb4 36.Bxd4 g6 37.g4  
Nxc2 38.Bc3 Nb4 39.Ke4 Ke6  
40.Bxb4 axb4 41.Kd4 c3 42.bxc3  
bxc3 43.Kxc3 Kd5 44.Kd3 g5

45.Ke3 gxf4+ 46.Kxf4 Ke6 47.h4 1-0

Liu,Aaron (1145) - Durkee,David (1600) [B23] Closed Sicilian

2018 MI Championships - Reserve  
Cadillac, MI (1), 01.09.2018

1.e4 c5 2.Nc3 Nc6 3.f4 d6 4.Nf3 Bg4 5.Be2 e5 6.fxe5 dxe5 7.Nxe5 Bxe2 8.Nxc6 Qc7 9.Qxe2 Qxc6 10.0-0 Bd6 11.Nd5 Ne7 12.d3 0-0 13.Nxe7+ Bxe7 14.Bf4 Rad8 15.Rf2 Bf6 16.Raf1 Bxb2 17.Qg4 Bd4 18.h4 Bxf2+ 19.Rxf2 Qg6 20.Qh3 c4 21.h5 Qe6 22.Qg3 cxd3 23.cxd3 Rd7 24.Re2 f6 25.Rd2 Rfd8 26.e5 Qf5 27.exf6 Qxf6 28.Bg5 Qa1+ 29.Kh2 Re8 30.h6 Qe5 31.Bf4 Qf5 32.hxg7 Rxf7 33.Qf3 Qg4 34.Qxg4 Rxf4 35.g3 Rg6 36.Rb2 Rg7 37.Rd2 Rge7 38.Rd1 Re2+ 39.Kh3 Rxa2 40.d4 Rd8 41.d5 Rc2 1-0

Daruri,Sourish (933) - Reed,Hunter (1655) [D00] Q-Pawn Game

2018 MI Championships - Reserve  
Cadillac, MI (1), 01.09.2018

1.d4 Nf6 2.Bf4 d5 3.e3 c5 4.c3 Nc6 5.Nd2 Bf5 6.dxc5 e5 7.Bg3 Bxc5 8.Ngf3 Qe7 9.Be2 Rd8 10.0-0 0-0 11.Bb5 Bd6 12.Re1 Rfe8 13.Qa4 Qc7 14.Rad1 a6 15.Bxc6 bxc6 16.a3 Bd3 17.Nb3 Bb5 18.Qh4 Ne4 19.Nbd2 Nxc3 20.hxg3 Re6 21.Ng5 Rh6 22.Qg4 Rf8 23.Ndf3 f5 24.Ne6 Rxe6 25.Qh5 Rh6 26.Qg5 Be7 27.Qxh6 gxh6 28.Nh2 e4 29.Nf1 Bxf1 30.Rxf1 h5 31.Rd2 h4 32.gxh4 Bxh4 33.Rfd1 Rf6 34.c4 Rh6 35.cxd5 Be7 36.g3 cxd5 37.Rxd5 Rd6 38.Rxd6 Bxd6 39.Kf1 h5 40.Ke2 Kf7 41.Rh1 Qc2+ 42.Kf1 Qd1+ 43.Kg2 Qf3+ 44.Kh2 Qxf2+ 45.Kh3 Qxg3# 0-1

Grzegorzczuk,Ronald (1572) -

Booher,Tyler (1104) [B50] Sicilian Defense

2018 MI Championships - Reserve  
Cadillac, MI (1), 01.09.2018

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.Nc3 Nc6 4.d3 e6 5.Be2 Be7 6.0-0 Nf6 7.b3 0-0 8.Bb2 d5 9.exd5 exd5 10.d4 b6 11.Qd2 Be6 12.Rad1

13.Nxd4 Nxd4 14.Qxd4 Bc5 15.Qh4 d4 16.Nb5 Qe7 17.Nxd4 Bxd4 18.Bxd4 Nd5 19.Qg3 f6 20.Bf3 Rad8 21.Rfe1 Qf7 22.h4 Nb4 23.Re2 Bd5 24.a3 Bxf3 25.Qxf3 Nd5 26.Red2 Ne7 27.Bc3 Ra8 28.Rd7 Qe8 29.Qb7 Rf7 30.Re1 Qf8 31.Bb4 a5 32.Bd6 g5 33.Rxe7 Rxe7 34.Rxe7 Rd8 35.Qd5+ Kh8 36.hxg5 Qg7 37.Rxg7 Kxg7 38.gxf6+ Kxf6 39.Qe5+ Kg6

40.Qe6+ Kh5 41.Qf5+ Kh6 42.Bf4+ Kg7 43.Qg5+ Kf7 44.Qxd8 Ke6 45.Qd6+ Kf5 46.Qc7 Ke4 47.Qe5# 1-0

## Round 2 Games

Jones,George (1619) - Liu,Aaron (1145) [D02] QP-Game

2018 MI Championships - Reserve  
Cadillac, MI (2), 01.09.2018

1.d4 d5 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.Bf4 e6 4.h3 Be7 5.e3 c5 6.c3 Nbd7 7.Bd3 b6 8.0-0 Bb7 9.Nbd2 0-0 10.Re1 Rc8 11.e4 dxe4 12.Nxe4 Nxe4 13.Bxe4 Bxe4 14.Rxe4 Nf6 15.Re1 Nd5 16.Bh2 Bd6 17.Qa4 Bxh2+ 18.Nxh2 Ra8 19.dxc5 bxc5 20.Rad1 Qg5 21.Ng4 Rab8 22.Re2 Rfd8 23.Red2 Rb7 24.c4 h5 25.Ne3 Rdb8 26.cxd5 exd5 27.Nxd5 Rxb2 28.Ne7+ Kf8 29.Nc6 Rxd2 30.Rxd2 Ra8 31.Rd8+ Rxd8 32.Nxd8 Ke7 33.Nb7 c4 34.Kf1 Ke6 35.Ke2 Kd5 36.Nd8 a5 37.h4 g6 38.g4 hxg4 39.h5 1-0

Nikitin,Michael (1519) -

Burdzinski,Jan (1314) [D02] Q-P Game

2018 MI Championships - Reserve  
Cadillac, MI (2), 01.09.2018

1.d4 d5 2.Bf4 Nf6 3.Nf3 c5 4.e3 Bg4 5.Be2 Nc6 6.c3 e6 7.Nbd2 Bd6 8.Ne5 Bxe2 9.Qxe2 cxd4 10.Nxc6 bxc6 11.Bxd6 Qxd6 12.cxd4 0-0 13.0-0 c5 14.dxc5 Qxc5 15.Rfc1 Qb6 16.Rc2 Rfc8 17.Rac1 Qb7 18.Nf3 Nd7 19.Nd4 a6 20.f3 Nb6 21.b3 Rxc2 22.Rxc2 Rc8 23.Kf2 g6 24.Rxc8+ Qxc8 25.Qc2 Qxc2+ 26.Nxc2 e5 27.Nb4 a5 28.Nc6 a4 29.Nxe5 axb3 30.axb3 f6 31.Nc6 Kf7 32.Nd4 Ke7 33.h4 Kd6 34.Ke2 Ke5 35.Kd3 g5 36.hxg5 fxe5 37.g4 Nd7 38.b4 Nf6 39.b5 Nd7 40.Nc6+ Kd6 41.Kd4 Nb6 42.Ne5 Ke6 43.f4 Kf6 44.Kc5 Na4+ 45.Kxd5 Nc3+ 46.Kc6 gxf4 47.exf4 Ke6 48.Nd3 Nd5 49.f5+ 1-0

Xing,Larrance (1719) -

Schilling,Patrick (1744) [B09] Pirc Defense-Austrian Attack

2018 MI Championships - Reserve  
Cadillac, MI (2), 01.09.2018

1.e4 d6 2.d4 Nf6 3.Nc3 g6 4.f4 Bg7 5.Nf3 0-0 6.Bd3 c6 7.0-0 b5 8.Ne2 Nbd7 9.c3 e5 10.fxe5 dxe5 11.Nxe5 Nxe5 12.dxe5 Qb6+ 13.Kh1 Ng4 14.Qe1 Nxe5 15.Bc2 Be6 16.Ng3 Bc4 17.Be3 Qc7 18.Rf2 Nd3 19.Bxd3 Bxd3 20.Rd1 Bc4 21.b3 Be6 22.Bd4 Rad8 23.Bxg7 Kxg7 24.Rxd8 Rxd8 25.Rd2 Rxd2

26.Qxd2 Qd7 27.Qxd7 Bxd7 28.Kg1 Kf6 29.Kf2 Ke5 30.Ke3 c5 31.a3 a5 32.b4 axb4 33.axb4 cxb4 34.cxb4 Bc6 35.Kd3 g5 36.Ke3 h5 37.Nxh5 Bxe4 38.g4 Bc6 39.Ng3 f6 40.Nf1 f5 ½-½

Bemben,Alexander (1639) -

Scioly,Tony (1612) [D30] QGD

2018 MI Championships - Reserve  
Cadillac, MI (2), 01.09.2018

1.d4 d5 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.c4 e6 4.cxd5 exd5 5.Bg5 Bf5 6.e3 h6 7.Bh4 Bxb1 8.Rxb1 Bb4+ 9.Nd2 g5 10.Qa4 Nc6 11.Bg3 Ne4 12.Rd1 Bxd2+ 13.Rxd2 Nxd2 14.Kxd2 Qd7 15.Bb5 0-0 16.Rc1 Rac8 17.Bxc6 bxc6 18.Rxc6 Qe7 19.Qa6 f6 20.Bd6 cxd6 21.Rxc8 Rxc8 22.Qxc8+ Kg7 23.f3 h5 24.Qc6 Qf7 25.b4 Kg6 26.Qxd6 Qb7 27.a4 Qf7 28.b5 Qb7 29.Qc6 Qe7 30.Qc5 Qb7 31.a5 Kh6 32.b6 axb6 33.Qxb6 Qe7 34.a6 Qa3 35.Qxf6+ Kh7 36.Qf7+ Kh6 37.Qxd5 Qb2+ 38.Kd3 Qa3+ 39.Ke4 Qxa6 40.Ke5 Qg6 41.Qd6 1-0

Thompson,Samuel (1156) -

Durkee,David (1600) [A01] Larsen-Nimzovich Opening

2018 MI Championships - Reserve  
Cadillac, MI (2), 01.09.2018

1.g3 d5 2.Bg2 e5 3.b3 Nf6 4.Bb2 Nc6 5.e3 e4 6.d4 Bg4 7.Ne2 Bd6 8.0-0 0-0 9.h3 Bh5 10.Nd2 Nb4 11.a3 Nxc2 12.g4 Nxg4 13.Qxc2 Qh4 14.Nxe4 Nxe3 15.fxe3 Bxe2 16.Nf6+ gxf6 17.Qxe2 Kh8 18.Qg4 Qh6 19.Rae1 Rg8 20.Qf3 Rg6 21.Re2 c6 22.b4 Rg8 23.Bc1 Qg7 24.e4 dxe4 25.Qxe4 f5 26.Rxf5 Re6 27.Qf3 Rxe2 28.Qxe2 Qxd4+ 29.Rf2 Qa1 30.Qb2+ Qxb2 31.Bxb2+ 1-0

Reed,Hunter (1655) -

Neshewat,Michael (1742) [B77]

Sicilian Defense-Yugolsav Attack

2018 MI Championships - Reserve  
Cadillac, MI (2), 01.09.2018

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 d6 5.Nc3 g6 6.Be3 Bg7 7.Bc4 Nf6 8.f3 0-0 9.Qd2 a6 10.g4 Nxd4 11.Bxd4 b5 12.Bb3 Be6 13.h4 Bxb3 14.axb3 h5 15.Rg1 Qd7 16.gxh5 Nxh5 17.Bxg7 Kxg7 18.Nd5 Qh3 19.0-0-0 Qxf3 20.Nxe7 Qxe4 21.Rde1 Qf4 22.Qxf4 Nxf4 23.Nf5+ Kh7 24.Nxd6 Rad8 25.Ne4 Rc8 26.Re3 Kh6 27.Rf1 Ng2 28.Ref3 f5 29.Rg1 Nxh4 30.Rh3 fxe4 31.Rxh4+ Kg7 32.Rxe4 Rc6 33.Reg4 Rcf6 34.R1g2 Rf1+ 35.Kd2 R1f2+ 36.Rxf2 Rxf2+ 37.Kd3 Kh6 38.Re4 Rf6 39.c4 g5 40.c5 Kh5 41.Rd4 g4 [White resigned after a few more moves.] 0-1

**Jaing,Leyou (1329) - Wilson,Richard (1500) [A40] Q-P Game**

2018 MI Championships - Reserve  
Cadillac, MI (2), 01.09.2018

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 g6 3.d4 Bg7 4.c4 d6  
5.Be3 Bg4 6.Be2 Nc6 7.Nc3 Bxf3  
8.d5 Bxe2 9.Qxe2 Nd4 10.Qd2 Nf6  
11.Ne2 Nxe4 12.Qd1 Qa5+ 13.Bd2  
Nxd2 14.Qxd2 Nc2+ 15.Kd1 Qxd2+  
16.Kxd2 Nxa1 17.Rxa1 Kd7 18.Rb1  
a6 19.b4 Rhb8 20.a4 b6 0-1

**Bradford,Kenneth (1330) - Grzegorzczuk,Ronald (1572) [B58] Classical Sicilian**

2018 MI Championships - Reserve  
Cadillac, MI (2), 01.09.2018

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.d4 cxd4  
4.Nxd4 e5 5.Nb5 d6 6.Be2 a6  
7.N5a3 Nf6 8.Nc3 b5 9.Naxb5 axb5  
10.Bxb5 Bd7 11.Bg5 Nd4 12.Bxf6  
gxf6 13.Bxd7+ Kxd7 14.Nd5 Rg8  
15.c3 Ne6 16.g3 Rg6 17.Qb3 Ke8  
18.Qb5+ Qd7 19.Qxd7+ Kxd7  
20.Nb6+ Kc7 21.Nxa8+ Kb7 22.b4  
Kxa8 23.a4 Ng5 24.Ke2 Nxe4  
25.Rac1 f5 26.c4 Re6 27.f3 Nf6  
28.c5 dxc5 29.bxc5 Rc6 30.Rhd1  
Be7 31.Rd2 Kb7 32.Rb2+ Kc7  
33.Rb5 Nd7 34.a5 Nxc5 35.a6 Rxa6  
36.Rbxc5+ Bxc5 37.Rxc5+ Kd6  
38.Rc2 h5 39.Rd2+ Ke6 40.Ke3  
Ra4 41.Rb2 Kf6 42.Rb6+ Kg7  
43.Rb5 f6 44.Rb3 h4 45.Rd3 f4+  
46.gxf4 Rxf4 47.Rd2 h3 48.Rd1  
Rh4 49.Rg1+ Kf7 50.Rd1 Rh5  
51.Rd7+ Kg6 52.Rd6 Kf5 [A draw  
was agreed to after move 67.] ½-½

## Round 3 Games

**Mathiyazhagan,Ashrith (1359) - Booher,Tyler (1104) [B56] Classical Sicilian**

2018 MI Championships - Reserve  
Cadillac, MI (3), 01.09.2018

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4  
Nf6 5.Nc3 Nc6 6.Nb3 g6 7.f3 Bg7  
8.Be3 0-0 9.Bc4 Ne5 10.Be2 a6  
11.Qd2 e6 12.0-0-0 Ne8 13.h4 Qc7  
14.h5 Nc4 15.Bxc4 Qxc4 16.hxg6  
fxg6 17.Bg5 Qc7 18.Bf4 Bxc3  
19.bxc3 e5 20.Bh6 Rf7 21.Rh2 Be6  
22.Bg5 Rd7 23.Rdh1 Rad8 24.Bxd8  
Qxd8 25.Kb2 Nf6 26.Qf2 Nh5 27.g3  
Rf7 28.Rh4 Qf8 29.R1h2 Rxf3  
30.Qb6 Qc8 31.Qb4 Qc7 32.g4 Nf6  
33.Rg2 Bxb3 34.Qxb3+ Kh8 35.Re2  
Qc6 36.g5 Nh5 37.Reh2 Rg3  
38.Rh1 Rxc5 39.Qf7 Qb6+ 40.Ka1  
Rg1+ 41.Rxc5 Qxc5+ 42.Kb2 Qb6+  
43.Qb3 Qc6 44.Rg4 Nf6 45.Rg1  
Nxe4 46.Rd1 Nc5 47.Qf7 Na4+

48.Kc1 Qc8 49.Rh1 Qg8 50.Qf6+  
Qg7 ½-½

**Schilling,Patrick (1744) - Bradfield,Kenneth (1330) [B13] Caro-Kann-Exchange**

2018 MI Championships - Reserve  
Cadillac, MI (3), 01.09.2018

1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.exd5 cxd5 4.Bd3  
Nf6 5.Bf4 Nc6 6.c3 e6 7.h3 Be7  
8.Nf3 h6 9.Nbd2 Bd7 10.0-0 0-0  
11.Re1 a6 12.a4 Rc8 13.Ne5 Be8  
14.Ndf3 b5 15.axb5 axb5 16.Nxc6  
Bxc6 17.Ne5 Be8 18.Bd2 Ra8  
19.Qe2 Rb8 20.b4 Bd6 21.Ra5 Qb6  
22.Rea1 Bxe5 23.dxe5 Nh7 24.Be3  
Qc6 25.Bc5 Ng5 26.f3 Bd7 27.h4  
Nxf3+ 28.gxf3 Rfc8 29.Ra7 Ra8  
30.R1a6 Rxa7 31.Rxc6 Ra1+  
32.Kf2 Bxc6 33.Bxb5 Bxb5 34.Qxb5  
Raa8 35.Bd4 Rab8 36.Qa4 Rc7  
37.b5 Rbb7 38.b6 Rd7 39.Qc6 h5  
40.Bc5 Kh7 41.Bd6 Kg6 42.Bc7 1-0

**Baumik,Kalyan (987) - Nikitin,Michael (1519) [D02] Q-P Game**

2018 MI Championships - Reserve  
Cadillac, MI (3), 01.09.2018

1.d4 d5 2.Bf4 Nf6 3.e3 g6 4.Nf3  
Bg4 5.Nbd2 Bg7 6.h3 Bxf3 7.Nxf3  
c6 8.c3 Nbd7 9.Bd3 0-0 10.0-0 e6  
11.Qc2 Rc8 12.e4 dxe4 13.Bxe4  
Nxe4 14.Qxe4 Nf6 15.Qd3 c5  
16.Rfd1 cxd4 17.Nxd4 Qb6 18.Qe2  
Nd7 19.Be3 Qd8 20.Rac1 Qe7  
21.Nf3 a6 22.Bf4 Rfd8 23.Rd3 Nc5  
24.Rxd8+ Rxd8 25.Rd1 Rxd1+  
26.Qxd1 Qd7 27.Qxd7 Nxd7 28.Bd6  
h6 29.a4 Nb6 30.b3 Bxc3 31.Be5  
Bxe5 32.Nxe5 Kg7 33.Nd3 Nd7  
34.b4 Kf6 35.f3 Ke7 36.Kf2 Kd6  
37.Ke3 Kd5 38.g4 b6 39.f4 f6  
40.Nb2 e5 41.fxe5 Nxe5 42.Nd3  
Nxd3 43.Kxd3 Ke5 44.Ke3 f5  
45.gxf5 gxf5 46.Kf3 f4 47.Kf2 Ke4  
48.Ke2 f3+ 49.Kf2 Kf4 50.h4 h5  
51.Kf1 Kg3 52.Kg1 Kxh4 53.Kh2  
Kg4 54.Kh1 Kg3 55.Kg1 f2+ 0-1

**Scioly,Tony (1612) - Wang,Ryan (1354) [C88] Closed Ruy Lopez**

2018 MI Championships - Reserve  
Cadillac, MI (3), 01.09.2018

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4  
Nf6 5.0-0 Be7 6.Re1 b5 7.Bb3 d6  
8.h3 0-0 9.d4 exd4 10.Nxd4 Nxd4  
11.Qxd4 c5 12.Qd3 c4 13.Bxc4  
bxc4 14.Qxc4 Bb7 15.Nc3 Rc8  
16.Qd3 Re8 17.Bf4 d5 18.Rad1  
dxe4 19.Qe3 Qa5 20.a3 Qc5 21.Qe2  
Qh5 22.Qxh5 Nxh5 23.Be3 Bxa3  
24.Nxe4 Bxe4 25.bxa3 Bxc2 26.Rd2  
h6 27.Rc1 Bg6 28.Rxc8 Rxc8  
29.Rd6 Ra8 30.g4 Nf6 31.f4 Bc2  
32.g5 hxg5 33.fxg5 Ne4 34.Rc6  
Bd3 35.h4 Bb5 36.Rc7 Kf8 37.h5

Ng3 38.h6 gxh6 39.gxh6 Nf5  
40.Bd2 Kg8 41.h7+ Kxh7 42.Rxf7+  
Kg6 43.Rc7 Rd8 44.Bb4 Ne3  
45.Rc3 Rd3 46.Rxd3 Bxd3 47.Kf2  
Nc2 48.Kf3 Kf5 49.Bd6 Ke6 50.Bf8  
Kd5 51.Be7 Kc4 52.Kf4 Kb3  
53.Ke5 Nxa3 54.Kd4 Bc2 55.Bd8  
Kb4 56.Kd5 Ba4 57.Kd4 Nc4  
58.Kd3 Ne5+ 59.Ke3 Kb5 60.Bc7  
Nc4+ 0-1

**Grzegorzczuk,Ronald (1572) - Jones,George (1619) [B13] Caro-Kann: Exchange**

2018 MI Championships - Reserve  
Cadillac, MI (3), 01.09.2018

1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.exd5 cxd5 4.Nf3  
Nc6 5.c3 Nf6 6.Be2 g6 7.Bf4 Bg7  
8.0-0 0-0 9.Nbd2 Re8 10.h3 Nd7  
11.Bb5 Qb6 12.Bxc6 bxc6 13.b3 e5  
14.Re1 e4 15.Nh2 Bb7 16.Nhf1  
Rac8 17.Ne3 c5 18.dxc5 Nxc5  
19.Ng4 h5 20.Nh6+ Bxh6 21.Bxh6  
Nd3 22.Be3 Qc6 23.Rf1 a5 24.Bd4  
Ba6 25.g4 Nf4 26.c4 Nxh3+ 27.Kh1  
Nf4 28.gxh5 Qe6 29.hxg6 Qh3+  
30.Kg1 Qg2# 0-1

**Wilson,Richard (1500) - Love,Richard (886) [B72] Sicilian Dragon**

2018 MI Championships - Reserve  
Cadillac, MI (3), 01.09.2018

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4  
Nf6 5.Nc3 g6 6.Be3 Ng4 7.Bb5+ Bd7  
8.Qxg4 Nc6 9.Qe2 Bg7 10.Qd2 Qa5  
11.0-0 0-0 12.Nb3 Qc7 13.Nd5 Qd8  
14.Bh6 Re8 15.f4 Bh8 16.f5 e6  
17.Ne3 exf5 18.exf5 Qb6 19.fxg6  
fxg6 20.Bc4+ Be6 21.Bxe6+ Rxe6  
22.Qd5 Rae8 23.Qxe6+ 1-0

**Neshewat,Michael (1742) - Bemben,Alexander (1639) [E27] Nimzo-Indian: Samisch**

2018 MI Championships - Reserve  
Cadillac, MI (3), 01.09.2018

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.a3  
Bxc3+ 5.bxc3 0-0 6.Nf3 b6 7.e3  
Bb7 8.Be2 Ne4 9.Bb2 f5 10.d5 Qe7  
11.0-0 e5 12.Nd2 Nxd2 13.Qxd2 d6  
14.f3 Nd7 15.Qc2 Nc5 16.a4 a5  
17.Ba3 Nd7 18.Bd3 g6 19.Rae1 Ba6  
20.e4 f4 21.Qf2 Qg5 22.Kh1 Nf6  
23.Bc1 Qh6 24.g3 g5 25.Kg2 Kh8  
26.Rh1 g4 27.h4 gxf3+ 28.Qxf3 Rg8  
29.Rh3 Bc8 30.Rg1 Bxh3+ 31.Kxh3  
Rg4 32.Be2 Rag8 33.Qf2 Nxe4  
34.Qe1 Rxc3+ 35.Rxc3 Rxc3+ 0-1

## Round 4 Games

**Jones,George (1619) - Schilling,Patrick (1744) [A48] King's Indian Defense**



2018 MI Championships - Reserve  
Cadillac, MI (4), 02.09.2018

1.d4 Nf6 2.Nf3 d6 3.Bf4 g6 4.h3  
Bg7 5.e3 0-0 6.Be2 c5 7.0-0 Nc6  
8.c3 b6 9.Nbd2 Qc7 10.Nb3 cxd4  
11.cxd4 Bb7 12.Rc1 Qd7 13.Nbd2  
a6 14.e4 b5 15.a3 Rac8 16.b4 Na7  
17.d5 Rxc1 18.Qxc1 Rc8 19.Qb1  
Rc7 20.Be3 Nc8 21.Bd4 Ne8 22.Bd3  
Bxd4 23.Nxd4 Nb6 24.Rc1 e5  
25.dxe6 fxe6 26.Rxc7 Nxc7 27.Qc2  
Kf7 28.N4f3 d5 29.Ne5+ 1-0

**Schwiebert,Loren (1703) -  
Bemben,Alexander (1639) [B30]  
Sicilian Defense**

2018 MI Championships - Reserve  
Cadillac, MI (4), 02.09.2018

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 e6 4.c3  
Nf6 5.Bd3 Qc7 6.Bc2 d5 7.exd5  
exd5 8.h3 Be7 9.d4 b6 10.Be3 Ba6  
11.Bd3 Bxd3 12.Qxd3 0-0 13.0-0  
h6 14.Nbd2 a6 15.Rfe1 Bd6 16.Nf1  
Rfe8 17.Qd1 Rad8 18.Qc2 Bf4  
19.Bxf4 Qxf4 20.Qd2 Qd6 21.Ne3  
cxd4 22.Nxd4 Nxd4 23.Qxd4 Re4  
24.Qd3 d4 25.Nf5 Rxe1+ 26.Rxe1  
Qc5 27.Nxd4 Qa5 28.Qc4 b5  
29.Qb3 Rxd4 30.Rd1 Rxd1+  
31.Qxd1 Qxa2 32.Qd8+ Kh7  
33.Qd3+ g6 34.Qd4 Kg7 35.g4 Qxb2  
36.h4 Qb1+ 37.Kh2 Qe4 0-1

**Haygood,Norman (1450) -  
Grzegorzczuk,Ronald (1572) [B22]  
Sicilian Defense**

2018 MI Championships - Reserve  
Cadillac, MI (4), 02.09.2018

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.c3 e5 4.d4  
cxd4 5.cxd4 Bb4+ 6.Bd2 Bxd2+  
7.Qxd2 exd4 8.Nxd4 Nge7 9.Bc4 0-  
0 10.0-0 Ng6 11.Nf5 Qa5 12.Qc3  
Qxc3 13.Nxc3 Nge5 14.Bd5 a6  
15.a4 Nb4 16.Bb3 Nbd3 17.Rab1  
Nc5 18.Bd5 Rb8 19.b4 Ne6 20.g3  
b5 21.axb5 axb5 22.Nd6 Nf3+  
23.Kg2 Nd2 24.Rfd1 Nxb1 25.Rxb1  
Nc7 26.Bb3 Rb6 27.Rd1 g6 28.f4  
Kg7 29.Kf2 Na6 30.Rd4 Nb8 31.e5  
Nc6 32.Re4 Na7 33.Nd5 Rb8  
34.Re3 Bb7 35.Nf6 Bc6 36.Rd3  
Rbd8 37.Nd5 Nc8 38.Ne4 d6  
39.exd6 Nxd6 40.Nc5 Nc4 41.Bxc4  
bxc4 42.Rc3 Bxd5 43.Rc2 Rfe8  
44.Rb2 Rc8 45.Nd7 c3 0-1

**Durkee,David (1600) -  
Burdzinski,Jan (1265) [D15] Slav  
Defense**

2018 MI Championships - Reserve  
Cadillac, MI (4), 02.09.2018

1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.Nf3 a6  
5.Bf4 dxc4 6.e4 Bg4 7.Be2 Bxf3  
8.Bxf3 e6 9.0-0 b5 10.e5 Nd5  
11.Nxd5 cxd5 12.a4 b4 13.Rc1 b3  
14.Rxc4 Nd7 15.Rc3 Be7 16.Qxb3

Rb8 17.Qc2 0-0 18.Rc1 Bb4 19.Rb3  
a5 20.Bd2 Bxd2 21.Rxb8 Qxb8  
22.Qxd2 Qb3 23.Bd1 Qb6 24.b3 f6  
25.exf6 Rxf6 26.Qe3 e5 27.dxe5 d4  
28.Qe4 Qe6 29.Qxd4 Nxe5 30.Qd8+  
Kf7 31.Rc7+ Kg6 32.Bc2+ Rf5  
33.Bxf5+ Qxf5 34.Qd6+ Kg5  
35.Rxg7+ Kf4 36.Qd2+ Ke4 37.Rg3  
Ng4 38.Qd3+ 1-0

**Booher,Tyler (1104) - Scioly,Tony  
(1612) [B56] Classical Sicilian**

2018 MI Championships - Reserve  
Cadillac, MI (4), 02.09.2018

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.Nc3 g6 4.d4  
cxd4 5.Nxd4 Nf6 6.Bd3 Nc6 7.Nxc6  
bxc6 8.0-0 Bg7 9.Bg5 Rb8 10.b3 0-  
0 11.Qd2 Re8 12.Bh6 Bh8 13.Rae1  
Ng4 14.f3 Nxb6 15.Qxb6 Bxc3  
16.Re2 Qb6+ 17.Kh1 Bg7 18.Qg5  
Ba6 19.c4 Qc7 20.f4 e6 21.Ref2  
Qe7 22.Qa5 Bc8 23.Rf3 f5 24.e5 d5  
25.c5 Qb7 26.Rc1 a6 27.Qe1 Qb4  
28.Qf2 Bf8 29.Rh3 Re7 30.Be2 a5  
31.Rg3 Qd2 32.Ra1 Ba6 33.Re1  
Qxa2 34.Rf3 Bxe2 35.Rxe2 Qa3  
36.Qg3 Reb7 37.h4 Qxc5 38.h5  
Rg7 39.Qg5 Qe7 40.Qh6 Rf7  
41.Qg5 Qxg5 42.fxg5 Rb4 43.hxg6  
hxg6 44.Rh3 Re4 45.Rc2 c5  
46.Rxc5 Bxc5 47.Rh6 Kg7 0-1

**Xing,Larrance (1719) -  
Wilson,Richard (1500) [B23] Closed  
Sicilian**

2018 MI Championships - Reserve  
Cadillac, MMI (4), 02.09.2018

1.e4 c5 2.Nc3 g6 3.g3 Bg7 4.Bg2 d6  
5.D3 Nf6 6.Be3 0-0 7.Nh3 Nc6 8.0-  
0 Bd7 9.f3 Qc8 10.Nf2 Nd4 11.Ne2  
Nxe2+ 12.Qxe2 Re8 13.c3 Rb8  
14.d4 b6 15.Qd2 Bc6 16.Rfd1 Rd8  
17.Rac1 Qc7 18.d5 Bd7 19.b3 b5  
20.b4 c4 21.Bd4 Bc8 22.Qe2 Re8  
23.Ra1 Nd7 24.Bxg7 Kxg7 25.a4 a6  
26.a5 Qa7 27.Kh1 Nf6 28.Bh3 Bxb3  
29.Nxb3 Qd7 30.Nf2 h5 31.Rg1  
Rh8 32.g4 hxg4 33.Nxg4 Rh3  
34.Nxf6 exf6 35.Rg3 Rxg3 36.hxg3  
Rh8+ 37.Kg1 Qh3 38.Qg2 Qh6  
39.Re1 Qh5 40.Kf2 Qh2 41.Rg1  
Qxg2+ 42.Kxg2 Re8 43.Kf2 Re5  
44.Re1 f5 45.exf5 Rxe1 46.Kxe1  
gxf5 47.Kf2 f4 48.gxf4 Kf6 49.Kg3  
Kf5 50.Kh4 Kxf4 51.Kh5 Kxf3  
52.Kg5 Ke4 53.Kf6 Kd3 54.Ke7  
Kxc3 55.Kxd6 Kxb4 56.Ke5 Kc5  
57.d6 Kc6 0-1

**Nikitin,Michael (1519) -  
Neshewat,Michael (1742) [D02] Q-P  
Game**

2018 MI Championships - Reserve  
Cadillac, MI (4), 02.09.2018

1.d4 d5 2.Bf4 e6 3.Nf3 Nf6 4.e3  
Bd6 5.Bg5 h6 6.Bh4 0-0 7.Nbd2

Nbd7 8.e4 dxe4 9.Nxe4 Be7 10.Bd3  
Nxe4 11.Bxe7 Qxe7 12.Bxe4 Qb4+  
13.Qd2 Qb5 14.b3 Nf6 15.Bd3 Qd7  
16.Qe2 a5 17.0-0 b6 18.c3 Bb7  
19.c4 Bxf3 20.Qxf3 Qxd4 21.Rfd1  
Qc5 22.Rd2 a4 23.Rad1 axb3  
24.axb3 Rfc8 25.Bc2 c6 26.h3 b5  
27.Qd3 g6 28.Qc3 Nd5 29.Qe5 bxc4  
30.bxc4 Qxc4 31.Bxg6 fxg6  
32.Qxe6+ Kg7 33.Rxd5 cxd5  
34.Qe7+ Kg8 35.Qe6+ ½-½

**Lee,Isaac (864) - Mandell,Edward  
(1200) [C40] Latvian Gambit**

2018 MI Championships - Reserve  
Cadillac, MI (4), 02.09.2018

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 d5 3.Bd3 Nf6 4.Qe2  
dxe4 5.Bxe4 Bg4 6.0-0 c6 7.Re1  
Bd6 8.h3 Bh5 9.d4 Nxe4 10.Qxe4  
0-0 11.dxe5 Re8 12.Nc3 Nd7  
13.Ng5 Bg6 14.Qf3 Nxe5 15.Qd1  
Qd7 16.f4 Bc5+ 17.Kh1 Qxd1  
18.Rxd1 Nc4 19.Na4 Bxc2 20.Nxc5  
Bxd1 21.b3 Re1+ 22.Kh2 b6 23.Nd3  
Rf1 24.bxc4 Be2 25.Nb2 Rd8  
26.Ne4 Re1 27.Ng3 Bxc4 28.h4 Bd5  
29.Nd3 Rd1 30.Nf2 Rd4 31.Be3 Ra4  
32.a3 Bc4 33.Ng4 Rd3 34.Bg1  
Raxa3 35.Rc1 Be6 36.Rxc6 Bxg4  
37.f5 Rac3 38.Rxc3 Rxc3 39.Ne4  
Rc2 40.f6 Bf3 41.Nf2 Bd5 42.fxg7  
Kxg7 43.Kh3 b5 44.Kg4 b4 45.Kf4  
b3 46.Nd3 Bc4 47.Bd4+ f6 48.Nb2  
Rxg2 49.Kf5 Kf7 50.Nxc4 h5  
51.Nb2 a5 52.Nd1 a4 53.Nc3 a3  
54.Na4 Rg4 55.Bxf6 Rxa4 56.Ba1  
b2 57.Bxb2 axb2 58.Ke5 b1Q  
59.Kd6 Qb5 60.Kc7 Ra7+ 61.Kc8  
Qe8# 0-1

## Round 5 Games

**Love,Richard (886) - Booher,Tyler  
(1104) [E76] King's Indian- 4 Pawns  
Attack**

2018 MI Championships - Reserve  
(5), 02.09.2018

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 Bg7 4.e4 d6  
5.f4 0-0 6.Nf3 Nbd7 7.Bd3 c5 8.Qe2  
cxd4 9.Nxd4 e5 10.Nb3 Nh5 11.g4  
Nxf4 12.Bxf4 exf4 13.0-0-0 Ne5  
14.h4 Bxg4 15.Qf2 Bxd1 16.Nxd1  
Nxd3+ 0-1

**Burdzinski,Jan (1314) - Lee,Isacc  
(864) [C51] Evans Gambit**

2018 MI Championships - Reserve  
(5), 02.09.2018

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.b4  
Bxb4 5.c3 Bc5 6.0-0 Nf6 7.d4 Bb6  
8.dxe5 Nxe4 9.Qd5 Nc5 10.Qxf7#  
1-0

**Scioly,Tony (1632) - Nikitin,Mike (1519) [B00] Unusual K-Pawn Opening**

2018 MI Championships - Reserve  
(5), 02.09.2018  
1.e4 Nc6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 Bf5 4.Nf3 e6  
5.Bb5 a6 6.Bxc6+ bxc6 7.Be3 Qb8  
8.b3 Bb4+ 9.c3 Ba5 10.b4 Bb6  
11.0-0 a5 12.Nbd2 axb4 13.cxb4  
Ne7 14.Nb3 0-0 15.Nc5 Bxc5  
16.bxc5 Qb2 17.Qd2 Qxd2 18.Bxd2  
Bc2 19.a3 Rfb8 20.Bb4 Nf5 21.g4  
Ne7 22.Rac1 Be4 23.Nd2 Bd3  
24.Rfe1 Ng6 25.f3 Nf4 26.Kf2 Bb5  
27.Rc3 Nd3+ 28.Rxd3 Bxd3 29.Re3  
Bc2 30.f4 Kf8 31.Rc3 Ba4 32.Kg3  
Ke7 33.Re3 Rh8 34.h4 h5 35.g5  
Rab8 36.Rc3 Rb7 37.Rc1 Bb5  
38.Rb1 ½-½

**Daruri,Sourish (933) - Durkee,David (1600) [D00] Queen's Pawn Game**  
2018 MI Championships - Reserve  
Cadillac, MI (5), 02.09.2018

1.d4 Nf6 2.Bf4 e6 3.e3 d5 4.c3 c5  
5.Nd2 cxd4 6.cxd4 Nc6 7.Ngf3 Bb4  
8.Bd3 0-0 9.0-0 Bd7 10.Qc2 Rc8  
11.Qd1 a6 12.Ne5 Nxe5 13.dxe5  
Bxd2 14.Qxd2 Nh5 15.Bg3 Nxb3  
16.hxg3 Qg5 17.Qb4 Bc6 18.Qd4 f6  
19.exf6 Rxf6 20.Qh4 Qxh4 21.gxh4  
e5 22.Be2 Bd7 23.Rfd1 Be6 24.g3  
Rc2 25.Re1 Rxb2 26.a3 e4 27.Rab1  
Rxb1 28.Rxb1 b5 29.Bd1 Bd7  
30.Ra1 a5 31.Bb3 Be6 32.Rd1 Rf5  
33.Rc1 a4 34.Ba2 Rf8 35.Rc5 Rb8  
36.Bxd5 Bxd5 37.Rxd5 b4 38.axb4  
Rxb4 39.Ra5 Kf7 40.Kf1 Ke6  
41.Ke1 Kd6 42.Kd2 Rb2+ 43.Kc3  
Rxf2 44.Rxa4 Rf3 45.Rxe4 Rxb3  
46.Rd4+ Ke5 47.Kd3 h5 48.Re4+  
Kf5 49.Rf4+ Ke5 50.Re4+ Kf5  
51.Rf4+ ½-½

**Wang,Ryan (1354) - Xing,Larrance (1719) [C16] French Defense - Winawer**  
2018 MI Championships - Reserve  
(5), 02.09.2018

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.a3  
Bxc3+ 5.bxc3 Ne7 6.e5 0-0 7.Nf3  
h6 8.Bd3 c5 9.0-0 c4 10.Be2 Ng6  
11.a4 Bd7 12.Ba3 Re8 13.Bd6 Nc6  
14.h3 Nce7 15.a5 Nf5 16.Bc5 Nf4  
17.Qd2 Nxe2+ 18.Qxe2 Bc6 19.Nh2  
Nh4 20.Qh5 Ng6 21.f4 Qh4  
22.Qxh4 Nxh4 23.a6 b6 24.Bd6 Nf5  
25.Bb4 Ng3 26.Rf3 Ne4 ½-½

**Bemben,Alexander (1639) - Jones,George (1619) [D94] Grunfeld**  
2018 MI Championships - Reserve  
Cadillac, MI (5), 02.09.2018  
1.d4 d5 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.c4 c6 4.Nc3 g6  
5.e3 Bg7 6.Bd3 0-0 7.0-0 Nbd7  
8.Re1 Nb6 9.c5 Nbd7 10.Rb1 Nh5

11.e4 e5 12.exd5 exd4 13.dxc6  
bxc6 14.Ne4 Re8 15.Bc4 Re7  
16.Nd6 Nxc5 17.Nxf7 Qf8 18.Nh6+  
Kh8 19.Rxe7 Qxe7 20.Bg5 Qf8  
21.Nf7+ Kg8 22.g4 Be6 23.Bxe6  
Nxe6 24.gxh5 Qxf7 25.h6 Bh8  
26.Qe2 Qf5 27.h4 Qxb1+ 28.Kg2  
Qf5 29.Qc4 Qd5 30.Qd3 Qxg5+  
31.Kf1 Qb5 32.Qxb5

## Round 6 Games

**Schwiebert,Loren (1703) - Jones,George (1619) [B12] Caro-Kann**

2018 MI Championships - Reserve  
Cadillac, MI (6), 03.09.2018  
1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.Nd2 g6 4.c3 Bg7  
5.exd5 cxd5 6.Ngf3 Nc6 7.Bb5 Nf6  
8.0-0 0-0 9.Re1 Nd7 10.Nf1 Re8  
11.Bf4 Qb6 12.Qa4 a6 13.Ne3 Qxb5  
14.Qxb5 axb5 15.Nxd5 Ra5 16.Nc7  
Rf8 17.b4 Ra4 18.Nxb5 Nf6 19.Nd2  
Nd5 20.Bg3 Bd7 21.Nb3 Ncxb4  
22.Nc5 Bxb5 23.cxb4 Rxb4 24.Nxb7  
Rxd4 25.Be5 Rd2 26.Bxg7 Kxg7  
27.a4 Ba6 28.Nc5 Ra8 29.h3 e6  
30.Nb3 Rb2 31.Nd4 Nb4 32.Red1  
Nd3 33.f3 Nf4 34.Nb5 Rxb2+  
35.Kh1 Bxb5 36.axb5 Rxa1  
37.Rxa1 Rb2 0-1

**Lee,Isaac (864) - Daruri,Sourish (933) [B30] Sicilian Defense**

2018 MI Championships - Reserve  
(6), 03.09.2018  
1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 g6 4.Bxf7+  
Kxf7 5.Ng5+ Ke8 6.Qf3 Nf6 7.c3  
Bg7 8.b4 cxb4 9.cxb4 Rf8 10.0-0  
Nh5 11.Qa3 Bxa1 12.d3 Nf6 13.Be3  
a6 14.Nd2 Bd4 15.b5 Bxe3 16.fxe3  
Ne5 17.d4 Nf7 18.Nxf7 Rxf7 19.Qb3  
Rf8 20.Qd1 d6 21.Qa4 Bd7 22.Qd1  
Bxb5 23.Rf2 e5 24.d5 Qb6 25.Qf3  
Nd7 26.Qg3 Rc8 27.Rxf8+ Nxf8  
28.Kf2 Rc2 29.Ke1 Rc1+ 30.Kf2  
Qa5 31.Kf3 Qxd2 32.Kg4 Qe2+  
33.Kh3 Qh5+ 0-1

**Bhaumik,Kalyan (987) - Scioly,Tony (1612) [D02] Queen's Pawn Game**

2018 MI Championships - Reserve  
Cadillac, MI (6), 03.09.2018  
1.d4 d5 2.Bf4 Nf6 3.e3 Bf5 4.Nf3 e6  
5.c3 c5 6.Bb5+ Nbd7 7.Qa4 Be7  
8.Ne5 a6 9.Bxd7+ Nxd7 10.Nxd7  
Qxd7 11.Qxd7+ Kxd7 12.Nd2 cxd4  
13.exd4 Bd3 14.Nf3 f6 15.a4 g5  
16.Bxg5 Be4 17.Bf4 Bxf3 18.gxf3  
Bd6 19.Bxd6 Kxd6 20.Ke2 Rhg8  
21.Rhg1 Rg6 22.Rg3 Rag8 23.Ke3  
a5 24.Ra3 b6 25.f4 f5 26.Ra1 Rg4  
27.Kf3 R8g6 28.Rag1 h5 29.h3  
Rxb3+ 30.Rxb3 Rxb3+ 31.Kxb3 Ke7

32.Kh4 Kf6 33.Kxh5 Kf7 34.Kg5  
Kg7 35.h4 1-0

## Round 7 Games

**Bemben,Alexander (1639) - Schilling,Patrick (1744) [E85] King's Indian:Samisch**

2018 MI Championships - Reserve  
Cadillac, MI (7), 03.09.2018  
1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 Bg7 4.e4 d6  
5.f3 0-0 6.Be3 Nc6 7.Nge2 e5 8.d5  
Ne7 9.Qd2 Ne8 10.g4 f5 11.gxf5  
gxf5 12.Bh6 f4 13.Bxg7 Nxb7 14.0-0  
0-0 a6 15.Kb1 Ng6 16.Nc1 Nh4  
17.Qf2 Qf6 18.Nd3 b6 19.Ne1 Bd7  
20.Ng2 Nxb7 21.Qxg2 Kh8 22.Rg1  
Rg8 23.Qf2 Nh5 24.Be2 Rxb1  
25.Rxb1 Rg8 26.Rxb8+ Kxb8 27.c5  
bxc5 28.Bxa6 Qg6 29.Qh4 Nf6  
30.a4 Kg7 31.Qf2 c6 32.dxc6 Bxc6  
33.Bb5 Bxb5 34.Nxb5 Nxe4 35.fxe4  
Qxe4+ 36.Qc2 Qh1+ 37.Qc1 Qd5  
38.Qc2 Qh1+ 39.Qc1 Qe4+ ½-½

**Jones,George (1619) - Aldrich,Michael (1617) [A48] London System**

2018 MI Championships - Reserve  
Cadillac, MI (7), 03.09.2018  
1.d4 Nf6 2.Nf3 g6 3.Bf4 Bg7 4.e3  
d6 5.Be2 0-0 6.h3 Qe8 7.0-0 Nbd7  
8.Nc3 e5 9.dxe5 Nxe5 10.Nd4 Nc6  
11.a3 Ne4 12.Nxe4 Nxd4 13.Bd3  
Ne6 14.Re1 Bxb2 15.Rb1 Bg7  
16.Bh6 Qc6 17.Bxg7 Kxg7 18.Qf3  
f5 19.Nd2 Qxf3 20.Nxf3 Nc5 21.Bc4  
Re8 22.Nd4 b6 23.Bb5 Bd7 24.a4  
a6 25.Bxd7 Nxd7 26.Ra1 Re5  
27.Kf1 Rae8 28.Ra2 f4 29.Nf3 Rf5  
30.e4 Ra5 31.Nd2 Nc5 32.f3 b5  
33.Nb3 Rxa4 34.Rxa4 Nxa4 35.Ra1  
Ra8 36.Kf2 c5 37.h4 Kf6 38.g3  
fxg3+ 39.Kxg3 Ke5 40.Kf2 c4  
41.Na5 Nc5 42.Ke3 Re8 43.Nc6+  
Kf6 44.Kd4 Ke6 45.Nb4 Rf8 46.Rf1  
a5 47.Nd5 Rf7 48.e5 a4 49.f4 h6  
50.Rg1 dxe5+ 51.Kxc5 exf4  
52.Rxg6+ Ke5 53.Rxh6 f3 54.Ne3  
Rf6 55.Ng4+ Ke4 56.Rxf6 a3  
57.Ra6 Kf4 58.Nf2 Kg3 59.h5 Kxf2  
60.Rxa3 Kg2 61.h6 f2 62.Ra1 1-0

**Mathiyazhagan,Ashrith (1359) - Xing,Larrance (1719) [C02] French Defense - Advance Var.**

2018 MI Championships - Reserve  
Cadillac, MI (7), 03.09.2018  
1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 c5 4.c3 Nc6  
5.Nf3 Qb6 6.Bd3 cxd4 7.cxd4 Bd7  
8.Bc2 a6 9.0-0 Nb4 10.Nc3 Nxc2  
11.Qxc2 Rc8 12.Be3 Ne7 13.Qd2  
Nf5 14.Rac1 Nxe3 15.fxe3 Bb4  
16.a3 Bxc3 17.Rxc3 Rxc3 18.Qxc3  
0-0 19.Qd2 h6 20.Qf2 Bb5 21.Rc1

Bc4 22.b4 Qd8 23.Nd2 b5 24.e4  
Qg5 25.Re1 Qg6 26.Nxc4 bxc4  
27.exd5 exd5 28.Qf3 Qc6 29.Rc1 f6  
30.exf6 Rxf6 31.Qe3 Kf7 32.Rc3  
Qe6 33.Qd2 Qf5 34.Qe1 Qe6  
35.Qd2 Qe4 36.Re3 Qf4 37.Qe2

Qxd4 38.Kh1 Qa1+ 39.Qe1 Rf1+  
40.Qxf1+ Qxf1# 0-1  
Mandell,Edward (1200) -  
Burdzinski,Jan (1314) [D04]Queen's  
Pawn Game  
2018 MI Championships - Reserve  
Cadillac, MI (7), 03.09.2018

1.d4 d5 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.e3 Bf5 4.Nh4  
Be4 5.f3 Bg6 6.Nxg6 hxg6 7.Nd2 e6  
8.a3 Bd6 9.e4 Bg3+ 10.Ke2 Rxh2  
11.Rxh2 Bxh2 12.Kf2 Nh5 13.exd5  
Bg1+ 14.Ke2 Nf4+ 0-1

## Games from the 2018 Michigan Open Tournament: Booster Section

### Round 1 Games

Kling,John (1004) -  
Mathiyazshagan,Mahathi (749)  
[D06] Q-Gambit-Symmetrical  
2018 MI Championships - Booster  
Cadillac, MI (1), 01.09.2018

1.d4 d5 2.c4 Nf6 3.Nc3 Bf5 4.Nf3  
e6 5.a3 g6 6.e3 Bg7 7.Be2 0-0  
8.Nh4 Nc6 9.Nxf5 gxf5 10.0-0 Re8  
11.b4 a6 12.Bb2 Qd7 13.Na4 b6  
14.c5 bxc5 15.Nxc5 Qd8 16.Nxa6  
Ne4 17.Rc1 Qd7 18.Bb5 Qd6  
19.Rxc6 Qe7 20.Rxc7 Qd8 21.Rc1  
Re7 22.Nc5 Qb6 23.Be2 Nf6 24.Qd3  
Rd8 25.Qb5 Qd6 26.Nb7 Rxb7  
27.Qxb7 h6 28.Rc7 Rf8 29.Rfc1  
Kh7 30.R1c6 Qd8 31.Rc8 Qxc8  
32.Rxc8 Rxc8 33.Qxc8 Kg6 34.h4  
h5 35.Qb8 Bh6 36.Qg3+ Kh7 1-0

Liu,Olivia (776) - Taylor,Daniel  
[C55] Two Knights Game  
2018 MI Championships - Booster  
Cadillac, MI (1), 01.09.2018

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 d6 4.Nc3  
Be7 5.d3 Nf6 6.Be3 0-0 7.d4 Be6  
8.Bxe6 fxe6 9.Qe2 Ng4 10.0-0-0 d5  
11.dxe5 Nb4 12.a3 Nxe3 13.Qxe3  
Nc6 14.exd5 exd5 15.Rxd5 Qe8  
16.h4 Qg6 17.g3 Rad8 18.Rhd1 h6  
19.b4 a6 20.Rxd8 Nxd8 21.Nd5 Rf7  
22.Nxe7+ Rxe7 23.Rxd8+ Kh7  
24.Nd4 Rf7 25.Qb3 h5 26.f4 Qe4  
27.Qxf7 Qe1+ 28.Kb2 Qxg3  
29.Qg8+ Kh6 30.Nf5+ 1-0

### Round 2 Games

Taylor,Daniel - Haskara,Beril (641)  
[C78] Ruy Lopez  
2018 MI Championships - Booster  
Cadillac, MI (2), 01.09.2018

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 Bc5 4.0-0  
Nf6 5.Re1 0-0 6.c3 a6 7.Ba4 b5  
8.Bb3 Bb7 9.d4 exd4 10.cxd4 Bb6  
11.Nc3 Na5 12.Nd5 Nxd5 13.exd5  
Nxb3 14.Qxb3 Re8 15.Bd2 h6  
16.Rac1 Qf6 17.Be3 Qf5 18.Nh4  
Qxd5 19.Qxd5 Bxd5 20.a3 d6  
21.Rcd1 c5 22.dxc5 Bd8 23.Rxd5

Bxh4 24.Rxd6 Be7 25.Rdd1 Bf6  
26.g3 Re7 27.b4 Rae8 28.Re2 Bg5  
29.Rde1 h5 30.h4 Bh6 31.Kg2 Kf8  
32.Kf3 f6 33.Bxh6 Rxe2 34.Rxe2  
Rxe2 35.Kxe2 gxh6 36.Kd3 1-0

Rabideau,Ryan (866) - Kling,John  
(1004) [D02] QP Game  
2018 MI Championships - Booster  
Cadillac, MI (2), 01.09.2018

1.d4 d5 2.Bf4 Nf6 3.e3 e6 4.c4 c5  
5.Nf3 Nc6 6.Nc3 Be7 7.Be2 0-0  
8.0-0 Na5 9.cxd5 exd5 10.Na4 b6  
11.Qc2 cxd4 12.Nxd4 Bd7 13.Bb5  
Bxb5 14.Nxb5 Rc8 15.Qf5 a6  
16.Nd4 Bd6 17.Rac1 Bxf4 18.Qxf4  
Nc4 19.b3 Na5 20.Rxc8 Qxc8  
21.Nxb6 Qb8 22.Qxb8 Rxb8 23.Rc1  
Kf8 24.Rc8+ Rxc8 25.Nxc8 Ne4  
26.Nb6 Nc3 27.b4 Nb7 28.a4 Nd6  
29.a5 Ke7 30.Kf1 Kf6 31.Ke1 Ke5  
32.Nd7+ Ke4 ½-½

### Round 3 Games

Hari,Anish (985) - Taylor,Daniel  
[C50] Hungarian Defense/Italian  
Game  
2018 MI Championships - Booster  
Cadillac, MI (3), 01.09.2018

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.0-0  
Nf6 5.Nc3 0-0 6.d3 d6 7.Bg5 Re8  
8.Nd5 Re6 9.Nxf6+ gxf6 10.Bxe6  
Bxe6 11.Bh6 d5 12.exd5 Bxd5  
13.d4 Nxd4 14.Nxd4 Bxd4 15.Qg4+  
Kh8 16.Qg7# 1-0

Kling,John (1004) -  
Kompalli,Shlagha (976) [D12] Slav  
Defense

2018 MI Championships - Booster  
Cadillac, MI (3), 01.09.2018  
1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.Nf3 Nf6 4.Nc3  
Bf5 5.e3 e6 6.a3 Be7 7.Be2 0-0  
8.0-0 Nbd7 9.b4 b6 10.Na4 c5  
11.b5 cxd4 12.Nxd4 dxc4 13.Nxf5  
exf5 14.Bxc4 Ne5 15.Be2 Qxd1  
16.Rxd1 Rad8 17.Bb2 Ng6 18.g3 h6  
19.Nc3 Rxd1+ 20.Rxd1 Rd8  
21.Rxd8+ Bxd8 22.h3 Ne7 23.Na2  
g5 24.Bxf6 Kh7 25.Be5 Kg6 26.Bb8  
1-0

### Round 4 Games

Mathiyazshagan,Mahathi (749) -  
Taylor,Daniel [C55] Two Knights  
Game  
2018 MI Championships - Booster  
Cadillac, MI (4), 01.09.2018

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Nc3 Be7 4.Bc4  
Nf6 5.0-0 0-0 6.d3 Nd4 7.Be3 c5  
8.Nd5 Nxd5 9.Bxd5 d6 10.Nxd4  
exd4 11.Bf4 Bg5 12.Bg3 Rb8  
13.Re1 Be7 14.Bf4 b5 15.Qf3 Bg5  
16.Bg3 Qf6 17.Qxf6 Bxf6 18.Bf4  
Rb6 19.Rab1 Re8 20.Re2 Be6  
21.Bxe6 Rxe6 22.Rbe1 g5 23.Bg3  
Be5 24.Bxe5 dxe5 25.c3 Rbc6  
26.cxd4 cxd4 27.h3 Kg7 28.Rd2  
Rg6 29.Ree2 Rc1+ 30.Kh2 Rgc6  
31.Rc2 R6xc2 32.Rxc2 Rxc2  
33.Kg3 Rxb2 34.Kg4 Kg6 35.h4 h6  
36.h5+ Kf6 37.f3 Rxg2+ 38.Kh3  
Rxa2 39.Kg4 b4 40.f4 gxf4 41.Kf3  
b3 42.Kg4 b2 43.Kh4 b1Q 44.Kg4  
Qd1+ 45.Kh4 Rh2# 0-1

Soundararajan,Mithun (898) -  
Kling,John (1004) [C00] French  
Defense  
2018 MI Championships - Booster  
Cadillac, MI (4), 01.09.2018

1.e4 e6 2.Nf3 d5 3.exd5 exd5  
4.Qe2+ Qe7 5.Qxe7+ Bxe7 6.Be2 c5  
7.d4 Nf6 8.0-0 0-0 9.dxc5 Bxc5  
10.Bg5 Ne4 11.Bf4 Nc6 12.Nc3 Rd8  
13.Bc7 Rd7 14.Nb5 a6 15.Be5 axb5  
16.Bxb5 Re7 17.Bf4 Nd4 18.Nxd4  
Bxd4 19.c3 Bb6 20.a3 Bf5 21.Rfe1  
Bxf2+ 22.Kf1 Bxe1 23.Rxe1 Nd2+  
24.Bxd2 Rxe1+ 25.Bxe1 Rd8 26.Bf2  
g5 27.Be2 Kg7 28.Bd4+ Kg6 29.g3  
h5 30.Kf2 Be4 31.h3 f5 32.Ke3 Rf8  
33.Kd2 g4 34.h4 f4 35.gxf4 Rxf4  
36.Be3 Rf7 37.Bb5 Kf5 38.c4 g3  
39.cxd5 Bxd5 40.Be8 Re7 41.Bxh5  
g2 42.b4 Rxe3 43.Kxe3 g1Q+  
44.Kd2 Qd4+ 45.Ke2 Kf4 46.Ke1  
Qb2 47.Bd1 Ke3 48.h5 Qd2+? [Qf2  
mates!] 0-1

## Round 5 Games

**Taylor, Daniel - Lin, Yihang (697)**

**[A01] Larsen-Nimzovich Opening**

2018 MI Championships - Booster

Cadillac, MI (5), 01.09.2018

1.e4 e5 2.b3 Nf6 3.Bb2 Nc6 4.Nc3 Bc5 5.Bc4 0-0 6.Qe2 d6 7.0-0-0 Nd4 8.Qd3 Bg4 9.f3 Bh5 10.g4 Bg6 11.Nge2 Nxe2+ 12.Nxe2 c6 13.h4 h5 14.Ng3 hxg4 15.h5 Bh7 16.h6 gxh6 17.Rxh6 gxf3 18.Qxf3 Nd7 19.Qg4+ Kh8 20.Rdh1 Nf6 21.Rxh7+ Nxh7 22.Nf5 Qf6 23.Rh6 Rg8 24.Rxh7+ Kxh7 25.Qh5+ Qh6 26.Qxh6# 1-0

**Kling, John (1004) - Hari, Anish**

**(986) [D06] Q-Gambit-Symmetrical**

2018 MI Championships - Booster

Cadillac, MI (5), 02.09.2018

1.d4 d5 2.c4 Nf6 3.Nc3 Bf5 4.Nf3 e6 5.a3 Nc6 6.e3 Be7 7.Be2 0-0 8.0-0 Re8 9.b4 dxc4 10.Bxc4 Bd6 11.Na4 Rb8 12.Nc5 Bxc5 13.dxc5 Qxd1 14.Rxd1 Bg4 15.Be2 Ne4 16.Bb2 b6 17.Bb5 Red8 18.Bxc6 Nf6 19.h3 Bf5 20.Bxf6 gxf6 21.Nd4 Bg6 22.Nb5 Rxd1+ 23.Rxd1 bxc5 24.bxc5 f5 25.Nxa7 Bh5 26.f3 Rb3 27.Rd8+ Kg7 28.g4 fxxg4 29.hxxg4 Bg6 30.Kf2 f5 31.Rd7+ Kf6 32.Rxc7 Rxa3 33.Nb5 Ra2+ 34.Kg3 fxxg4 35.Kxxg4 Bf5+ 36.Kg3 Ral 37.Nd4 [Black lost on time!] 1-0

## Round 6 Games

**Swamy, Vishal (892) - Kling, John**

**(1004) [C01] French Exchange**

**Variation**

2018 MI Championships - Booster

Cadillac, MI (6), 02.09.2018

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.exd5 exd5 4.Nf3 c5 5.Bf4 Nc6 6.Bb5 a6 7.Ba4 b5 8.Qe2+ Qe7 9.Qxe7+ Bxe7 10.Bxb5 axb5 11.Nc3 cxd4 12.Nxb5 Bb4+ 13.c3 dxc3 14.bxc3 Ba5 15.0-0 Nge7 16.Bc7 0-0 17.Rfe1 Bxc7 18.Nxc7 Ra7 19.Nb5 Ra5 20.Nbd4 Bg4 21.Rab1 Bxf3 22.Nxf3 Rxa2 23.Rb7 Re8 24.Nd4 Raa8 25.Nxc6 Nxc6 26.Rxe8+ Rxe8 27.h3 g6 28.g3 d4 29.cxd4 Nxd4 30.Kg2 h5 31.h4 Kg7 32.Rb4 Ne6 33.Kf3 g5 34.hxxg5 Nxxg5+ 35.Kg2 f6 36.Rh4 Kg6 37.g4 hxxg4 38.Rxxg4 f5 39.Rf4 Ne6 40.Rb4 Kg5 41.Rc4 f4 42.f3 Rg8 43.Kf2 Kh4 44.Rc6 Nd4 45.Rh6+ Kg5 46.Rd6 Nf5 47.Rd5

Rh8 48.Rd2 Rh2+ 49.Ke1 Nh4 50.Rxh2 Nxf3+ 51.Kf2 Nxh2 52.Kg2 Ng4 53.Kf3 Ne5+ 54.Kg2 Kg4 55.Kf2 Nd3+ 56.Kg2 f3+ 57.Kg1 Kg3 58.Kh1 Kf2 0-1

**Taylor, Daniel -**

**Soundararajan, Mithun (898) [B32]**

**Sicilian Defense**

2018 MI Championships - Booster

Cadillac, MI (6), 02.09.2018

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nxd4 5.Qxd4 d6 6.Bb5+ Bd7 7.Nc3 e5 8.Qa4 Nf6 9.0-0 g6 10.Bg5 Bg7 11.Nd5 Bxb5 12.Qxb5+ Kf8 13.Qxb7 Rb8 14.Qxa7 Rxb2 15.c4 h6 16.Bxf6 Bxf6 17.g3 Bg5 18.f4 exf4 19.Nxf4 Bxf4 20.Rxf4 Rh7 21.Raf1 Qe8 22.c5 dxc5 23.Qxc5+ Kg8 24.Qd5 Rc2 25.a4 Rc7 26.a5 g5 27.Rf6 Qf8 28.e5 Qc5+ 29.Qxc5 Rxc5 30.e6 Rc7 31.exf7+ Rxcxf7 32.Rxf7 Rxf7 33.Rxf7 Kxf7 34.a6 Ke8 35.a7 Kd7 36.a8Q Kc7 37.Qa6 h5 38.h4 g4 39.Kf2 Kb8 40.Ke3 Kc7 41.Kf4 Kb8 42.Kg5 Kc7 43.Kxh5 Kb8 44.Kxxg4 Kc7 45.h5 Kb8 46.h6 Kc7 47.h7 Kb8 1-0

## Round 7 Games

**Kling, John (1004) - Casey, Nicholas**

**(1021) [E00] Catalan: Bogo-Indian**

2018 MI Championships - Booster

Cadillac, MI (7), 02.09.2018

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.a3 Be7 4.Nc3 0-0 5.Nf3 b6 6.e3 Bb7 7.Be2 d5 8.0-0 Nc6 9.b4 Qd7 10.Bb2 a6 11.Na4 Ne4 12.Nd2 Nxd2 13.Qxd2 Nxd4 14.Bd1 Nc6 15.Be2 Rfd8 16.Qc3 Bf6 17.Qc2 Bxb2 18.Nxb2 dxc4 19.Nxc4 b5 20.Rfd1 Qe7 21.Nd2 Qg5 22.Bf3 Qf5 23.Be4 Qe5 24.Bxh7+ Kh8 25.Nf3 Qh5 26.Be4 Rxd1+ 27.Rxd1 Rd8 28.Rxd8+ Nxd8 29.Bxb7 Nxb7 30.Qxc7 Qd5 31.h3 Qd1+ 32.Kh2 Qd6+ 33.Qxd6 Nxd6 34.Nd4 Nc4 35.Nc2 Kg8 36.f4 Kf8 37.Kg3 f5 38.Kf3 Kf7 39.e4 Nd2+ 40.Ke3 Nxe4 41.Nd4 Nd6 42.Kf3 ½-½

**Rajgarhia, Sacchi (913) -**

**Taylor, Daniel [C54] Giuoco Piano**

2018 MI Championships - Booster

Cadillac, MI (7), 02.09.2018

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.d4 exd4 4.Bc4 Bc5 5.c3 Nf6 6.e5 Qe7 7.cxd4 Nxd4 8.Nxd4 Qxe5+ 9.Be3 Bxd4 10.Qxd4

Qxd4 11.Bxd4 d5 12.Bd3 Bd7 13.0-0 0-0-0 14.Bxa7 Rde8 15.Bd4 b6 16.Rc1 Ne4?? 17.Bxb6 c6 18.Na3 Kb7 19.Bd4 f6 20.f3 Nd6 21.Rc3 Re6 22.Rb3+ Kc8 23.Rc1 Kd8 24.Rb8+ Nc8 25.Ba6 Rhe8 26.Kf2 Re2+?? [27.Be2!] 27.Kg3 Rd2 28.Bf2 g5 29.Bxc8 Bxc8 30.Rxc6 Kd7 31.Rcb6 h5 32.h4 gxh4+ 33.Kxh4 Rxf2 34.Rxf6 Kc7 35.Rb4 Rxxg2 36.Nb5+ Kd7 37.Na7 Ke7 38.Nxc8+ Kd7 39.Kxh5 Kxc8 40.Rg4 Rxxg4 41.fxxg4 1-0

## Round 8 Games

**Kling, John (1004) - Liu, Olivia (776)**

**[D12] Slav Defense**

2018 MI Championships - Booster

Cadillac, MI (8), 02.09.2018

1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.Nf3 Nf6 4.Nc3 Bf5 5.e3 e6 6.a3 a6 7.Be2 b5 8.c5 Nbd7 9.b4 a5 10.Bb2 Be7 11.0-0 h5 12.Bd3 Bxd3 13.Qxd3 Rg8 14.Ne5 g5 15.Nxc6 Qc8 16.Qxb5 axb4 17.axb4 Rxa1 18.Rxa1 g4 19.Na4 Ne4 20.Ne5 f6 21.Nd3 Qc7 22.Nb6 Kf7 23.Nxd7 h4 24.c6 g3 25.h3 gxf2+ 26.Nxf2 Qg3 27.Ng4 f5 28.Nh6+ Kg7 29.Nxxg8 Qf2+ 30.Kh1 Ng3+ 31.Kh2 Kxxg8 32.c7 Qc2 33.Ra8+ Kg7 34.c8Q Qxb2 35.Qg8+ Kh6 36.Qh8+ Kg6 37.Ne5+ Kg5 38.Rg8# 1-0

**Nalam, Pradham (594) -**

**Taylor, Daniel [C50] Hungarian**

**Defense-Giuoco Piano**

2018 MI Championships - Booster

Cadillac, MI (8), 02.09.2018

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.d3 Nge7 5.Nc3 Nd4 6.Be3 0-0 7.0-0 Nxf3+ 8.Qxf3 Bxe3 9.fxe3 Qe8 10.Rf2 d6 11.Raf1 Be6 12.Nd5 Bxd5 13.Bxd5 Nxd5 14.exd5 Qe7 15.d4 f6 16.Qe4 Rab8 17.Rf3 c6 18.Rh3 h6 19.Qg4 exd4 20.Rxh6 Qxe3+ 21.Kh1 Qxh6 22.Qe6+ Rf7 23.Qxd6 Re8 24.g3 Qd2 25.dxc6 Re1 26.Rxe1 Qxe1+ 27.Kg2 bxc6 28.Qb8+ Kh7 29.Qb3 Re7 30.Qd3+ Qe4+ 31.Qxe4+ Rxe4 32.Kf3 Re3+ 33.Kf4 g5+ 34.Kf5 Kg7 35.h4 Rxxg3 36.hxxg5 fxxg5 37.Ke4 c5 38.a4 Kf6 39.Kd5 g4 40.Kxc5 Rh3 41.a5 g3 42.Kb5 g2 43.Ka6 Rh7 44.b4 g1Q 45.b5 Ke5 46.b6 Qg6 47.Kb5 axb6 48.axb6 0-1

It's an honor to represent Michigan in the Denker Tournament of K-12 Champions. This year it took place in Madison, Wisconsin, along with the National Barber K-8 Tournament, the National Girls Tournament of Champions, and the National Senior Tournament of Champions.

In the first round I was paired against **Kevin Li**, the alternate from Wisconsin. He was caught off guard in the opening and I won easily.

**Ben Li (2474) Kevin Li(2023) D37 Queen Gambit Declined** Denker Tournament Madison, July 2018

**1. d4 d5 2. Nf3 Nf6 3. c4 e6 4. Nc3 Be7 5. Bf4 O-O 6. a3!?** [An interesting variation that is against Nbd7.6...b6 Played after some thought.6...Nbd7?! 7.Nb5! ± /7. e3 Bb7 8. cxd5 Nxd5 9. Nxd5 Bxd5 10. Bd3 c5?! [Not a great move in my opinion, as it creates two pawn weaknesses in the black position. 10...Nd7? seems good, but it blunders a pawn after 11.Qc2! 10...Bd6 is better.] **11. dxc5 Bxc5??** [This is losing because of a kingside attack that suddenly appears.] **12. Bxh7+!±Kxh7 13. Ng5+ Kg6** [13...Kg8 is better, but black is still lost. 14.Qh5 Be4 15.Nxe4±] **14. Qg4 f5 15. Qg3 Kf6 16. b4** [The key move as white regains the piece with attack.] **16...Nd7** [Be7 doesn't work on account of Be5+.] **17. bxc5 Nxc5 18. Rd1 Qe8 19. Nh7+** [Here I decided to go for material, though the computer says 0-0 with a continuing king hunt.] **19... Kf7 20. Nxf8 Qxf8 21. Bd6 Qc8 22. Be5** [Repeating moves to add some time.] **23. Bd6 Qc8 24. Bxc5 Qxc5 25. O-O** [The rest is easy now.] **25...Rc8 26. Qg5 Rc7 27. Qf4 Re7 28. a4 Rc7 29. h3 Bb3 30. Rd8 Qc6 31. e4 Rc8 32. Rxc8 Qxc8 33. exf5 exf5 34. Rc1 Qe6 35. Rc7+ Kf6 36. Qh4+ 1-0**

In the second game, I was paired against **Jack Easton** of

Kansas. Playing black, I wanted to win, but outstanding defense from my opponent forced me to take the draw.

In the third round, I played **Rithwik Mathur** from Wisconsin. He played a sideline of the Queen's Gambit Declined, and I deviated early as well. He played well for a few moves before losing the thread of the opening and the game as well.

**Ben Li (2474);Rithwik Mathur (2240) D 37 Queen's Gambit Declined** Denker Tournament Madison, July 2018

**1. d4 Nf6 2. c4 e6 3. Nf3 d5 4. Nc3 Nbd7!?** [Nbd7 is an interesting alternative to the main lines such as 4...Be7. or 4... c6, and leads to highly theoretical variations.] **5. a3!?** [I did some opening prep before the game, and decided on this line to confuse my opponent.] **5... dxc4 6. e4 c5 7. Bxc4 cxd4 8. Qxd4 Bc5 9. Qd3 Ng4 10. O-O** My opponent has reacted nicely so far, but now he starts to go astray... **10...Qc7? 11. h3 Nge5 12. Nxe5** [missed by my opponent.] **12...Qxe5** [12... Nxe5 13. Qg3! with unpleasant pressure.] **13. b4 Bb6 14.Bb2** [Black is very behind in development and goes down in flames.] **14...O-O 15. Na4 Qh5 16. Bb5 Nf6 17. Bxf6 gxf6 18. Nxb6 axb6 19. f4** [An interesting scenario where black happens to be literally playing down two pieces, his light squared bishop and his a8 rook.] **19... f5** [Trying to free himself.] **20. e5 f6 21.Rac1 fxe5 22. fxe5 Qf7 23. a4 Qe7 24. Rfd1 f4 25. Qf3 Qxb4 26. Qg4+ Kh8 27. Rc7 1-0**

The next round was very crucial for me, as it was important for me to win to place myself in a good position for a shot at first. I won that key game in an intense Semi-Slav struggle. **Sahil, Sinha (2349);Ben Li (2474) D45 Semi-Slav, Stoltz Variation** Denker Tournament Madison, July 2018

**1. d4 d5 2. c4 e6 3. Nc3 Nf6 4. Nf3 c6!?** [I have played Sahil once before, at the Washington International. I decided to deviate from that game (4... Be7 5. Bf4 is the above mentioned game.)] **5. e3 Nbd7 6. Qc2 b6 7. b3 Bb7 8. Bb2 Rc8 9.Be2 c5 10. O-O cxd4 11. Nxd4?!** [This runs into some issues with the pin along the c-file (11. exd4=.)] **11... dxc4 12. Bxc4 a6 13. a4 Ne5!** [Now white's position looks a bit unpleasant, though it is still equal after a few accurate moves.] **14. Qe2?!** [(14. Be2! Bb4 15. Rfc1! Qe7 ♯) (15... Nd5? 16. Qe4!)(15... Ne4? 16. Bxa6!)] **14... Nxc4 15. bxc4** [Now black has two trumps: the two bishops and white's shattered pawn structure. Plus, he has the possibility of a king-side attack.] **15...Qc7?! 16. Rac1 Bd6 17. Rfd1?** [Not sure why Sahil decided to give up the pawn.] **17...Bxh2+ 18. Kh1 O-O 19. f4 Bxf4?** [(19... Bg3! works out, as 20. Qf1? Ng4! {the bishop escapes with a devastating attack.})] **20. exf4 Qxf4 21. Kg1?** [White had to try and bring his queenside pieces into action before the king assault blows him off the board. (21. Ba3! Rfe8 22.Nf3 Rxc4 23. Bd6 Qh6+ 24. Kg1, and at least white's king is safe, although black still has advantage.)] **21... Ng4-+ 22. Nf3 Rxc4 23. Rd3 Qg3??** [A move that more or less threw away all of the advantage. Fortunately, my opponent failed to find the correct moves.(23... Bxf3 24. gxf3 Ne5 25. Re3 Qg5+ 26. Kf1 Rh4! 27. Rxe5 Rh1+ 28. Kf2 Rh2+ 29. Kf1 Qg3 30. Qxh2 Qxh2 31. Re2 Qh3+ 32.Kf2 Rd8-+ is the engine suggestion, which I wasn't so sure about at the time.)] **24. Qe1 Qc7 25. Qd2??** [(25. Ba3! defends perfectly against the threat of Bxf3 and Qh2 and mate, because Bxf3 is met by 26. Bd6!!)] **25...Qc5+ 26. Kf1 Qh5** [Now white is busted.] **27. Ne2 Bxf3! 28. gxf3 Qh3+ 29. Kg1 Qh2+ 0-1**

In the fifth round, I played second seeded **Joshua Sheng** from Southern California. I knew he needed to win for a shot at first. I play decently for the first 25 moves or so. Then, time trouble took its toll and both of us starting playing blitz for the next 30 or so moves, resulting in me first blundering an exchange, then later blundering the game altogether.

After this devastating loss, I was paired against the top seed in the tournament, **Advait Patel** from Oklahoma, who also wasn't faring too well in this tournament. Playing black, I knew I needed to win or draw to have hopes of getting anything. I did not do well out of the opening and ended up in a passive position only he could win. In the end, I somehow managed to save a lost ending

down a queen for a rook and a bishop.

The draw with Advait put me in tied 5<sup>th</sup> place, with 4 points out of 6 rounds. Together with **Michael Zheng** and **Sasha Konovalenko**, we tied for 5<sup>th</sup> place in the Barber, Denker, and NGTOC State Team Championship.

## 2018 National Girls' Tournament of Champions – July 28 – July 31, 2018

By Sasha Konovalenko

Middleton, Wisconsin was a great place to host the National Girls' Tournament of Champions, as well as the Barber and Denker. The venue was spectacular, a spacious and grand-looking Marriott that would be home to chess players from July 28<sup>th</sup> to July 31<sup>st</sup>. Even though the city was new to me, I felt right at home. Possibly because there were trees and sidewalks like in Michigan cities and the familiar face of Brad Rogers that made Wisconsin feel a bit more recognizable. Or maybe it was just the growing excitement for the tournament to come.

This year organizers brought a new twist to the opening ceremony rituals that normally came: putting each of the representatives in alphabetical order by state. The players present were strong at the game of chess. The same couldn't be said of our alphabetical skills. Once arranged as desired, the ceremony began at 3 PM, and everyone filed into a small ballroom where introductory speeches were made. Laughs burst out as the list of representatives was read out. It's always exciting to find out what new jokes the master of ceremony will come up with.

The first round at 7 PM the same night was calm. Playing as black, I was in no rush in the

opening. My opponent from Connecticut slowly ran out of moves, eventually blundering a rook that would end the game in my favor. With a good start to the tournament, I felt like playing an aggressive game with white for the 2<sup>nd</sup> round. The opposing representative from Georgia had a chance to counter my threats out of the opening but didn't take the risk. Launching a kingside attack proved to be too much to defend for her, and she cracked under the weakness of her broken pawn structure.

My third round this year proved oddly similar to the one in the previous year. Beforehand, I'm talking to my friend **Veronika**, joking how horrifying it would be if we were paired against each other; we had drawn every game we had ever played together, sometimes by sheer luck. Of course when the pairings come out we were on the same board, and this time I was playing as black against the OK (Oklahoma, haha) player. The first few moves she played were those that followed one of my favorite lines in the Queen's Gambit, until she pushed a random pawn and crushed my hopes of a nice opening position. It was like wanting a pet unicorn; I knew things wouldn't go the way I planned, but I couldn't help but want them to. The game took a standard middlegame turn of

hanging pieces and attempting to win material to no avail. Eventually, I turned up with an extra bishop for two connected queenside passed pawns, but neither of us would be able to make progress or win, ending with the familiar sequence of events and another draw like last year.

Round 4 the next morning against a Floridian at first looked to be a draw. A queens' endgame with locked pawns didn't seem to have much potential – until I was up a pawn. An exciting king march followed, as my opponent hoped for perpetual check as I slowly moved up a passed pawn. It took walking the whole board 3 times with my king to finally promote my pawn to a queen and bring a victory. This launched me up to the top board, playing black against a Vietnamese WIM from Arizona. I had lost to her a year ago as white, so the change in color brought a new hope of improvement. Unfortunately, the opening was incredibly passive with no chance to break through in the position. The endgame didn't look to be in my favor, and there were only rooks and pawns, most likely to be theoretically drawn. We shuffled our pieces back and forth for a few moments before both agreeing that there would be no progress.

The final round was at 10 AM on the last day, and I was

paired as black (the 4<sup>th</sup> time) against top seed NM **Martha Samadashvili**. I had been preparing a new opening for a while, only to be completely lost - not losing, but confused - within the first couple moves of the game. With no certain plan in mind besides getting through the game, I played how I wanted to, doing an artificial castle while locking in her pawns. Towards the end I gave up a pawn to go for a rook endgame that would be drawn, and it was, until I missed the only saving move that would take me through another king journey across the board. She outplayed me in the endgame and took the win.

In the end, the 2018 NGTOC was an unforgettable experience. Seeing old friends and making new ones was amazing, and every game I played brought a new lesson to learn. Four out of six points got me to 8<sup>th</sup> place. The Michigan team placed 7<sup>th</sup> overall due to team effort from **Ben Li**, **Michael Zheng**, and me. I would like to thank the MCA for their support that got me to this tournament, and I'd like to thank my family for cheering me on!

**Konovalenko, Sasha - Jie, Cindy**  
**[A47] Queen's Indian**

NGTOC, 05.08.2018

**1.d4 Nf6 2.Bf4 e6 3.e3 c5 4.c3 b6 5.Nf3 Bb7 6.Bd3 Be7 7.h3 0-0 8.0-0 d6 9.Nbd2 Nbd7 10.Re1 Re8 11.Bh2** [11.a4 has a possibility of going into the line 11...cxd4 12.exd4 a6 13.Nc4 Qc7 14.Nfd2.] **11...cxd4 12.exd4 Rc8 13.Qc2** [13.a4 Rb8 14.Qe2 Qc7 putting some pressure on the queenside. Black must make sure his pawns won't be weak. 15.a5 bxa5 16.Nc4.] **13...Nf8 14.Rad1 a6 15.Ne4 b5 16.a3 Nxe4 17.Bxe4 Bxe4 18.Qxe4 Nd7 19.Nd2 Qb6 20.Qf4 Nf6 21.Ne4 Nxe4 22.Rxe4** [With the idea of attempting a kingside attack.] **22...d5 23.Re3 Bf8 24.Rf3 f6 25.Re1 Kh8 26.h4 Rcd8 27.h5 Bd6 28.Qg4 Bxh2+ 29.Kxh2 Qd6+ 30.Rg3 Rd7 31.f4 Rf7**

**32.Rge3 Rfe7 33.Kg1 h6 34.R1e2 e5** [Tipping the position in my favor. Otherwise, the position was roughly even.] **35.fxe5 fxe5 36.Qg3 Qc7 37.Rxe5 Rxe5 38.Rxe5 Rf8 39.Qe1 Qf7 40.Qe2 Qd7 41.Re7 Qf5 42.Re8** [42.g4 Qg5 43.Kg2 a5 44.Re8 Rxe8 45.Qxe8+ Kh7 46.Kg3 a4 47.Qxb5 Qe3+ 48.Kg2 the only move to not draw 48...Qe4+ 49.Kf2 Qf4+ 50.Ke1.] **42...Rxe8 43.Qxe8+ Kh7 44.Qe2 Qg5 45.Kf2 Qf4+ 46.Ke1 Qc1+ 47.Kf2 Qf4+ 48.Kg1 Qg5** [Here the position seemed quite drawish. As a final effort to change the dynamic in the game, I tried.] **49.g4 Qf4 50.Kg2 Qc1 51.Qf2 Kg8 52.Kg3 Qb1 53.Qg2 Qe1+ 54.Qf2 Qb1 55.Qe2 Qg1+ 56.Kf3 Qh1+ 57.Kf4 Qc1+ 58.Ke5** [Marching my king to her queenside was the only way I could gain a greater advantage.] **58...Qg5+ 59.Kd6 Qd8+ 60.Kc6 Qa8+ 61.Kc5 Qc8+ 62.Kxd5 Qa8+ 63.Kd6 Qd8+ 64.Kc5 Qf8+ 65.Kb6 Qd6+ 66.Ka5 Qc6 67.Kb4 Qd6+ 68.Kb3 Qd5+ 69.Kc2 a5 70.b3 Kh7 71.c4 bxc4 72.bxc4 Qd7 73.d5 Kh8 74.Kb3 Qb7+ 75.Kc3 Qd7 76.Qf3 Qd6 77.Kd4 Qb6+ 78.Ke5 Qc5 79.Qd3 Qe7+ 80.Kf4 Qf6+ 81.Kg3 Qe5+ 82.Kh3 Qe1 83.d6 Qh1+ 84.Kg3 Qg1+ 85.Kf3 Qh1+ 86.Ke3 Qg1+ 87.Kd2 Qf2+ 88.Kc3 Qc5 89.d7 Qxa3+ 90.Kd2 Qb2+ 91.Ke3 Qe5+ 92.Kf3 Qf6+ 93.Kg3 Qd8 94.Qd6 a4 95.Qe6 Qb8+ 96.Kh3 Qb3+ 97.Kh4 Qd1 98.Qe8+ Kh7 99.d8Q Qh1+ 100.Kg3 Qg1+ 101.Kf3 Qf1+ 102.Ke3 Qe1+ 103.Kd4 Qd2+ 104.Kc5 Qf2+ 105.Qd4 1-0**

**Nguyen, Tien-Konovalenko, Sasha**  
**A07] K-I Attack**

NGTOC, 05.08.2018

**1.Nf3 d5 2.g3 Nf6 3.Bg2 c6** [3...Bf5 4.0-0 Nc6 5.d4 e6 6.c4 h5 could bring a potential kingside attack (mirroring a reverse London down a tempo) 7.Nc3 Be7 8.Ne5.] **4.0-0 Bf5 5.d3 Nbd7** [5...e6 6.Nbd2 h6 7.Qe1 Be7 8.e4 Bh7

**9.e5 Nfd7 10.Qe2 c5 11.h4 Nc6 12.Re1 0-0 13.Nf1 b5 14.h5 c4 15.d4 Qb6 16.c3 Bd3 17.Qd2 b4 18.Qf4 bxc3 19.bxc3 Qa5 20.Bd2 Ba3 21.N1h2 Bb2 22.Rac1 Bxc1 23.Rxc1 f5] 6.Nbd2 e5 7.b3 Qc7 8.Nh4 Bg6 9.e4** [9.Bb2 Bd6 10.Nxg6 hxg6 11.e4 with a slight advantage for white.] **9...dxe4** [9...Bh5 10.Qe1 Bc5 11.Bb2 0-0 12.Nhf3 Rfe8 13.h3 h6.] **10.dxe4 Bc5 11.Nf5 Bxf5 12.exf5 Bd4 13.Rb1 0-0 14.Qf3 Nd5 15.Bb2 Bxb2 16.Rxb2 Rfe8 17.c4 N5f6 18.Re1 Nc5** [With the idea of using the e-pawn to further advance my knights into her position.] **19.Qe3 Qd6 20.Ne4 Nfxe4 21.Bxe4 Nxe4 22.Qxe4 f6 23.Rbe2 Rad8 24.h4 Qd3** [24...Qc5 25.Qe3 Qxe3 26.Rxe3 Kf7 27.Re4 Rd3 brings a mostly equal position, similar to the game.] **25.Kg2 Qxe4+ 26.Rxe4 Rd2 27.R1e2 Red8 28.Kf3 Kf7 29.c5 R8d3+ 30.R2e3 Rd7 31.Re2 R7d3+ 32.R2e3 Rd7 ½-½**

**Sasha Konovalenko**  
 2017 NGTOC



# Back to the Future, Again! Barber Tournament of K-8 Champions July 29-August 1, 2017

By Justin Liang

The Barber along with Denker and NGTOC was held in Norfolk, Virginia. It was an honor to represent Michigan although a disappointing result.

In round 1, I was paired with **Omkar Yadav** from West Virginia. He played well in the opening but blundered amidst tactics to a lost rook vs a bishop and a knight middle game.

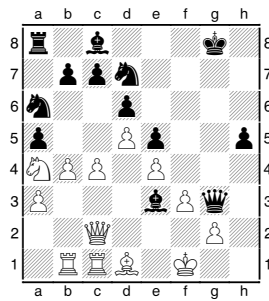
The second round ended badly while I was doing ok in the middle game, I committed a tactical blunder and entered an endgame down a piece.

**Liang, Justin (2034) - Wang, Alex (2196) [E94] King's Indian**

**Orthodox** Barber Tournament of K-8 Champions (2), 15.08.2017

**1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 Bg7 4.e4 d6 5.Nf3 0-0 6.Be2 e5 7.0-0 Na6 8.d5 Nc5 9.Qc2 a5 10.Bg5 h6 11.Be3 Nfd7 12.Nd2 f5 13.f3 f4 14.Bf2 h5 15.b3 [...b3 with idea of a3 followed by b4 to try to develop an attack faster than my opponent's kingside assault.] 15...g5 16.a3 Rf6 17.b4 Na6 18.Rab1 Rg6 19.Rfc1 [A passive move. Better is Qd1 trying to prevent g4 from happening in the first place.] 19...g4 20.Nf1 [Spending time to defend but the best move to counter the immediate threat of g3.] 20...Bh6 21.Na4 [My plan was to allow g3 and sacrifice my rook for his dark squared bishop. This would neutralize his kingside attack and still leaving me with a dangerous queenside attack. Unfortunately, things didn't go as planned.] 21...g3 22.hxg3 fxg3 23.Bxg3?? [In my haste of analyzing Bxc1 and the resulting position, I only realized the strong move played after I took with the bishop. After Nxc3 things are still**

*complicated.] 23...Rxc3! 24.Nxc3 Be3+ 25.Kf1 Qh4 [Threatening the knight on g3 and mate if the knight moves. There is no way to defend both threats.] 26.Bd1 [Here I basically gave up, but I could have put up more of a fight with c5.] 26...Qxc3 [Diagram]*



**27.Rb3 Bxc1 28.Qxc1 Qf4 29.Qxf4 exf4 30.Be2 axb4 31.axb4 h4 32.Nc3 Kf7 33.Nb5 Kf6 34.Nd4 Ne5 35.Ra3 Rb8 36.Nb5 h3 37.Kf2 Nxb4 38.Nxc7 Nc2 39.Rb3 Nd4 40.Rc3 Nxe2 41.Kxe2 hxg2 42.Kf2 Bh3 43.Nb5 Rg8 44.Kg1 Ra8 45.Na3 Nxc4 46.Rxc4 Rxa3 47.Rc1 Rxf3 48.Kh2 Rf1 [0-1 White resigns.] 0-1**

In round three I played **Liam James Farrell** from Maine. He played fine, until he made a few inaccuracies which gave me an advantage. I won by converting the small advantage into a spatial advantage and eventually an attack on the king. After that, he resigned.

**Liang, Justin (2034) - Ke, Ivan (2303) [D31] Queen's Gambit Declined** Barber's 2017

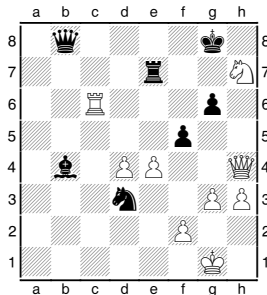
Tournament of (4), 15.08.2017  
**1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Be7 4.cxd5 exd5 5.Nf3 Nf6 6.Bg5 c6 7.e3 Bf5 8.Bxf6 Bxf6!?** [He didn't expect Bxf6 but it was the only move that would allow any variations that gave me any sort of

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likely.] **31...Re7 32.Rxb8 Qxb8 33.Qh4 f5 34.e4?!** [Trying to attack but I disregarded his counter attack on my weak king with faulty calculation.] **34...Nd3 35.Rc6** [Apparently this move is a blunder... Ra7! gives black a decisive advantage.] **35...Bb4** [What's the point in this move? It's faulty in all variations, neutralizing his queen's ability to attack my king and opening up my rook to his king. Now I can trade my knight for 3 pawns into a drawn endgame.]

**36.Nxh7!** [Diagram]



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In the 4th round, I managed to scrape a draw against **Ivan Ke** from California, a 2311.

**Liang, Justin (2034) - Ke, Ivan (2303) [D31]** Barber's 2017

Tournament of Champions (4), 15.08.2017

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In round 5, I played **Bryan Weisz** from Connecticut. The beginning started out as a Queen's Indian and I was black. Eventually, I played c5 and he took with the d pawn. I took with the b pawn leaving me with "Hanging Pawns" on the d and c files. In a complicated sequence, material was traded leaving him a pawn up. However, I misjudged the position as lost rather than drawn and played inaccurately giving him a big advantage, enough to convert into a win.

In the 6th and final round, I had the white pieces versus **Kevin Xu** from Idaho. I was doing fine, even a little better until, after being so frustrated with a bad performance the previous rounds, but a lapse in judgment caused me to miss a mate in 1.

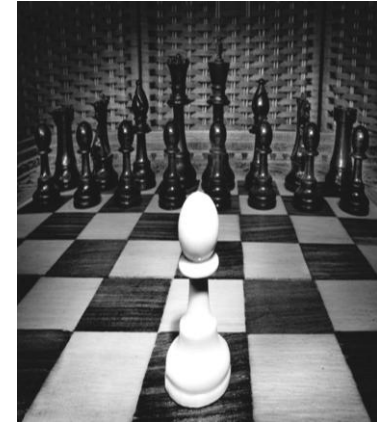
**Liang, Justin (2029) - Xue, Kevin (1731) [E15]** Barber's Tournament Of Champions (6), 19.08.2017

**1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 b6 4.g3 Bb7** [A Queen's Indian Fianchetto var.] **5.Bg2 d5 6.Nc3 Nbd7 7.cxd5 exd5 8.Bf4 c6 9.0-0 Be7 10.Rc1 0-0 11.Qa4 c5 12.dxc5**

**Nxc5 13.Qd1 Re8 14.Nb5 Ne6 15.Nc7 Nxc7 16.Rxc7** [I thought white had a large positional advantage here, but the computer disagrees.] **16...Ba6 17.Nd4 Bd6 18.Rc6** [Mistake, best was to take on d6.] **18...Bxf4 19.gxf4 Qd7 20.Re1 Ne4 21.Qb3 Rac8 22.Bh3** [I missed Rc6 and Rg6, I saw Nxf2 and Kh1 but after Kf1, I just completely missed Nd2.] **22...Rxc6 23.Bxd7 Rg6+ 24.Kf1** [I had touched my king before I realized Kd2, by then it was too late.] **24...Nd2# 0-1**

An unfortunate result in the last game, but I was still irritated from the round 5 loss. While the result was not great,

overall, Barber's proved an interesting and new experience.



**Ever feel like the odds are stacked against you??**

## 2018 Barber Tournament of K-8 Champions – July 28<sup>th</sup> - 31<sup>st</sup> Middleton, Wisconsin – “My First Barber Experience!”

**“Be Strong, When You Are Weak**

**Be Brave, When You Are Scared**

**Be Humble, When You Are Victorious”**

By: Michael Zheng



I played in the prestigious Barber 2018 Tournament of K-8 Champions in Middleton, Wisconsin, from 7/28 - 7/31. It was the first time I participated in this invitational event. Each state sent its K-8 champion to compete in this tournament.

Wearing a hat with lots of chess pieces standing on it, Mr. Barber announced: “Ladies and Gentlemen, I present the 2018 Barber competitors! Please welcome the champions!” The 48 state champions, with their state flag in their hands, proudly marched into the opening ceremony hall. The host introduced the players from each state, recognized each state's champion with a medal, and a piece of cheese (the symbol of Wisconsin)! You bet, in the next 4 days, I ate a lot of Wisconsin

**Michigan Chess**

cheese. I was very excited that I could be a part of this prestigious event; meanwhile, I was also a little bit pressured, because I wasn't only playing for myself, but also for the great state of Michigan!

I was paired against Nebraska's representative to start the tournament. Usually, for the first round, each board has a big rating difference between the two players, but upsets were roaming in the air. I won pretty easily with some spicy tactics. Round 2, I played against the World U12 Champion Vincent Tsay from New York. He is my friend. Vincent and I played lots of blitz games the day before just for fun. I lost after losing a pawn entering the endgame. It was more or less expected, but it was still disappointing to me since I had

set high expectations. Then in round 3, my opponent was from Texas. I managed to get better after the opening, but made a mistake in some complications and went into an equal ending. I think you can guess the result.

Halfway through, the result was already terrible enough for me, but I made it worse. The fourth round I was playing against Tennessee's representative. Sadly, for various reasons, I was not able to convert a tangible advantage. Therefore, the game ended up in a draw again. The other Michigan representatives (Denker and NGTOC) were doing much better than me at this point. I decided not to get too depressed and to treat each game as round 1. Before the start of round 5, Mr. Rogers stopped by my board and

wished me "Good luck." I was playing the champion of Kentucky. Even though I was super tired, I was more determined than ever to win the game! The final round I got to play against a very strong player from Maryland who had drawn a couple of the top seeds in the event. But I came back to my full strength and I was brave. Move by move, I advanced to my victory! Because of this game, I won the "biggest upset" award for that round! And thanks to my come back, I was able to be tied for the 6th place!

The tournament is over. However, the memory, the experiences will stay with me for many years to come. How else can I recap the tournament? Well, the title says it all.

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One of my games:

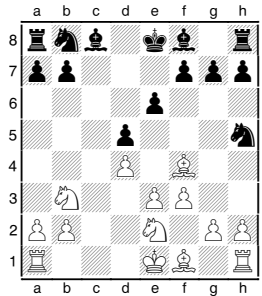
**Heesters, Pieter (2228) - Zheng, Michael (2126) [A45] Q-P Game**

2018 Barber Tournament of Champions Madison (6), 31.07.2018 [Zheng, M]

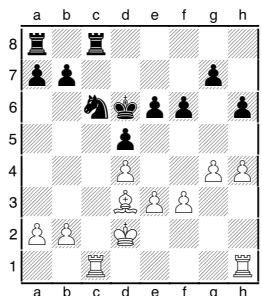
**1.d4 Nf6 2.Bg5 Ne4 3.Bf4 c5 4.f3 Qa5+ 5.c3 Nf6 6.Nd2 cxd4 7.Nb3 Qb6 8.Qxd4 Qxd4** [8...Nc6 9.Qxb6 axb6 This is more commonly played, but I think the a-file is not compensation for the weak b6 pawn.]

**9.cxd4** [9.Nxd4 I was more worried about this. 9...a6 10.e4 d6 But I should be fine here.] **9...d5 10.e3 e6!?** [I don't think my bishop is better on f5, it's just vulnerable to g4 and h4.

Also, Bb4 might be necessary since Ne2 to Nc3 and to Nb5 can be really annoying, but I solved it differently.] **11.Ne2 Nh5!?**

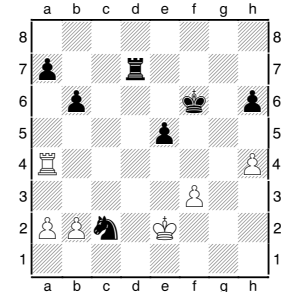


[11...Be7 12.Nc3 0-0 13.Nb5 a6 14.Nc7 Ra7 15.Nb5 axb5 16.Bxb8 Ra8 This is interesting.] **12.Bg5** [12.Be5 Nc6 (12...f6?? 13.Bxb8 Rxb8 14.g4+-) 13.Bc7 Kd7.] **12...Bd7 13.Nc3 Nc6 14.Nc5 Be7!?** [Not the computer's choice, it's also weakening my dark squares very much, but I played it because of the threat of g4 and Bf4. Also, my bishop does not really have a future either since Bd6 runs into Nb5 and he definitely won't budge on c5. He can't really take advantage of the dark squares too.][14...b6?! 15.Na6 Rc8 16.g4 h6 17.Bh4 Nf6 18.Bg3.] **15.Bxe7 Kxe7 16.Nxd7 Kxd7 17.Kd2** [It is hard for him to realize the advantage of the bishop.] **17...Rhc8** [17...Rac8] **18.Be2 Nf6 19.Rac1 Ne8 20.h4 Nd6** [I was going to play on the queenside while he was going play on the kingside.] **21.Nb5 Nxb5 22.Bxb5 Kd6** [Stopping e4.] [22...Rc7 23.e4.] **23.Bd3 h6 24.g4 f6**

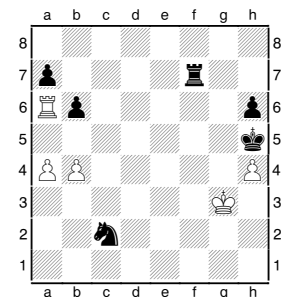


**25.Rcg1** [25.g5 hxg5 26.hxg5 Rh8 g6 is not good since Rh7 is

nothing and e5 is strong for me.] **25...e5! 26.dxe5+ fxe5 27.g5 Re8 28.gxh6 gxh6 29.Rg6+ Re6 30.Rhg1 Ne7 31.Rxe6+ Kxe6 32.Rg7 Rf8 33.Ke2** [33.Rh7 Rxf3 34.Rxh6+ Might be a better try for him.] **33...Rf7 34.Rg4 Kf6 35.Rb4 Nc6 36.Ra4 b6 37.Bb5 Nd8 38.Ra3 Rc7 39.Ba4 Ne6 40.Kd2 d4!** [forcing him to give up the f4 and d4. If e4, I get a protected passed pawn and his bishop becomes bad] **41.Bb3** [41.e4?? Nf4+-] **41...dxe3+ 42.Kxe3 Nf4 43.Ra6 Rd7 44.Bc2?** [44.Ra4 Rd3+ 45.Kf2 Rd2+ 46.Ke1 Rxb2 47.Rxa7 Ng2+ 48.Kd1 Nxb4 49.Rb7 He is still surviving.] **44...Nd5+ 45.Ke2 Nb4 46.Ra4 Nxc2**



**47.f4 Nd4+ 48.Ke3 exf4+ 49.Kxf4 Ne6+ 50.Kf3 Rf7 51.Ra6 Kg6+ 52.Kg3 Kh5 53.b4 Nd4 54.a4 Nc2**



[ What a funny way to trap the rook.] **0-1**



# WEST MICHIGAN OPEN

## Tony Palmer

33 players competed in the first West Michigan Open, held at the Spencer St. Chess Club in Grand Rapids on August 4, 2018. Michael Brooks and Ian McFarland were Tournament Directors.

In the Open Section, Will Brooks and Tony Palmer tied for 1-2 at 3/4; Will won the First Place trophy on tiebreaks. Michael Brooks and Hunter Reed tied for 3-4 with 2.5/4, and Nick Schwerin was Fifth with 2/4. In the U1500 Section, Jason Shi won First Place with 3.5/4, then a three-way tie for Second between Ray Abbaduska, Don Brooks and Ashrith Mathiyazhagan with 3/4. Charlie Reese and Arie Lyles tied for Fifth Place at 2.5/4. In the U1000 Section, Saachi Rajgarhia won First Place with 3.5/4. Aadi Chaudhari and Gray Schafer tied for Second Place with 3/4, and Vishal Swamy was Fourth Place with 2.5/4.

**Tony Palmer (2069) - Nick Schwerin (1801) [C03]**  
West Michigan Open (3)  
Grand Rapids 4.8.2018  
[Tony Palmer]

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nd2

French Tarrasch.

3...Be7

A "high class waiting move" to see how White proceeds. More common is 3 ... c5 or 3 ... Nf6.

4.Bd3 c5 5.exd5

5.dxc5 gives White better chances. Adams-Morozevich (Sarajevo, 2000) went 5.dxc5 Nf6 6.Qe2 Nc6 7.Ngf3 Nb4 8.Nb3 Nxd3+ 9.cxd3 a5 10.Bg5 a4 11.Nbd2 h6 12.Bxf6 Bxf6 13.e5 Be7 14.Rc1 Ra5 15.Qe3 and White won (1-0, 31).

5...Qxd5

Black's queen rules the board.

6.Ngf3 cxd4 7.0-0 Nf6 8.Qe2 8.Bc4 Qd6 9.Bb5+ Nbd7 10.Nc4 Qc5 11.a4 a6 12.Bxd7+ Bxd7 13.Qxd4 Qxd4 14.Nxd4 Rd8 15.Nb6 (Dworzynski-Zilbert, Moscow 1978) and White won (1-0, 43).

8...Nc6 9.Bc4

Fritz 10 gives 9.Ne4 Bd7=.

9...Qd6 10.Re1 0-0 11.Nb3 Rd8

12.Bg5 h6 13.Bh4 Qc7 14.Rad1

White has a harmonious development, but Black is still a pawn up.

14...Bd7

Fritz 10 suggests 14...e5 15.Nxe5 Nxe5 16.Qxe5 instead.

15.Nbxd4 Nxd4 16.Nxd4 Rac8

17.Bb3 Kh8 18.Nf5 Bc6?!

18...Be8 19.Nxe7 Qxe7 would avoid losing material, but not 18...exf5

19.Qxe7 hitting f7.



19.Bg3

Remove the Guard, so the bishop on e7 is undefended.

19...e5 20.Bxe5 1-0

**Jason Shi (1526) - Scott Stapel (1390) [C02]**

West Michigan Open (3)  
Grand Rapids 4.8.2018

[Tony Palmer]

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.e5

French Advance.

3...c5 4.c3 Nc6 5.Nf3 cxd4 6.cxd4

Qb6 7.a3

In the Main Line French Advance,

7.a3 prepares 8.b4 so White is able to defend d4 with Bb2 while also preventing ...Qxb2, otherwise ...Nf5 pressures d4 three times.

7...Nh6 8.b4 Nf5 9.Bb2 Bd7 10.Be2 Rc8 11.0-0 Na5 12.Nbd2 Nc4 13.Nxc4 dxc4 14.d5

14.Bc3 would blockade the c pawn.

14...exd5

Fritz 10 gives 14...c3!? 15.Bc1 exd5

16.Qxd5 Be7 with equality.

15.Qxd5 Be6 16.Qd2 Be7 17.Kh1 0-0

18.Rac1 Rfd8 19.Qf4

White's queen pressures the c pawn laterally.

19...h6

19...Qc6 20.Rfd1 Rxd1+ 21.Bxd1 per Fritz 10 is equal.

20.h4

20.Bxc4!? a5 21.Bxe6 fxe6 22.Bc3

20...g6

20...Qb5 21.Nd4 Nxd4 22.Bxd4.



21.g3 Bd5 22.Kh2

22.Bxc4 is risky after 22...Rxc4

23.Rxc4 g5 24.hxg5 Qg6.

22...Qe6

Black defends the c pawn.

23.Nd4 Nxd4 24.Bxd4 g5 25.hxg5!?

25.Qe3!? Kh7 26.Bd1 is equal.

25...hxg5

25...Bxg5!? (Skewer) 26.Qg4 Qxg4

27.Bxg4 Bxc1 28.Rxc1 Be6 29.Bxe6

fxe6 30.Bxa7 b5 is good for Black.

26.Qg4 Kg7 27.f4 Rh8+ 28.Kg1

Rh1+ 29.Kf2 Rh2+ 30.Ke1 Qxg4

31.Bxg4 Be6?!



31...Rd8 works - 32.Rf2 Rh1+ 33.Rf1  
 gxf4 34.gxf4 Rh2 with chances for  
 both sides. Now White wins a piece.  
 32.f5  
 And White won (1-0).

J-Allen Benz (UNR) - Kevin Shi  
 (1023) [E51]  
 West Michigan Open (2)  
 Grand Rapids 4.8.2018  
 [Tony Palmer]

1.d4 d5 2.e3 Nc6 3.c4 e6 4.Nc3 Nf6  
 5.Nf3 Bb4 6.Bd2 0-0 7.Bd3 b6  
 Both sides have good development.  
 8.cxd5 exd5 9.e4?!  
 9.0-0 is much better.



9...Bxc3 10.Bxc3  
 10...exd5? Bxd2+.  
 10...dxe4 11.Bxe4?!  
 The undefended knight on c6 lets  
 White get out of it with 11.Ne5  
 Nxe5 12.dxe5 and now 12...exd3  
 13.exf6 Re8+ is good for Black.  
 11...Nxe4 12.0-0 Bg4 13.Qd3 Nxc3  
 14.Qxc3 Bxf3 15.Qxf3 Nxd4 16.Qe4  
 Re8 17.Qd3? c5!  
 17...Ne2+! (Discovery) wins the un-

defended queen.  
 18.Rae1 Qd5  
 Now 18...Ne2+ wins the queen for  
 rook and knight.  
 19.a3 f6 20.Rxe8+ Rxe8 21.Kh1 Qg5  
 And Black won (0-1, 52).

Rankin-Palmer after 16. Ng3:



16 ... Bxf3 17. gxf3 Bxh4 (Remove  
 the Guard)

Lyles-J. Shi after 21. Rac1:



21 ... Nd3 (Knight Fork)

K. Shi-D. Brooks after 38 ... Kg7:



39. Nf5+ (Knight Fork/Discovery)

K. Shi-Stapel after 12. f4:



12 ... Ne3 (Knight Fork)

Palmer-M. Brooks after 14 ... Qc7:



15. e5 (if 15 ... dxe5 16. Bxf6 & 17.  
 Qxd7) (Pin/Remove the Guard)

Dr. Palmer's  
 games, quizzes  
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 contributions  
 will be  
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# Annotators' Workshop



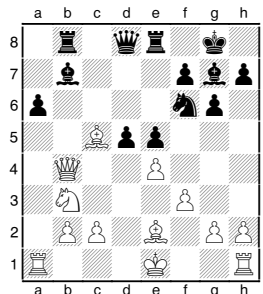
**(Konovalenko,Sasha (2097) - Hahn,David (2100) [B06]**

2018 MI Championships - Open Cadillac, MI (4), 02.09.2018

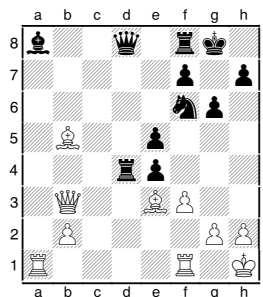
[Chris Eagle]

**1.d4 d6 2.Bf4** [Surprisingly, this is an extremely rare move after 1...d6. The only time it's been played by a world class player was by Ponomarev in a speed game against Kramnik that resulted in a 4-move draw.] **2...g6 3.Nc3 Bg7 4.e4 a6** [It's rare to be in such uncharted waters after only 4 moves. I imagine both players were already taking long thinks to figure out a plan. Hahn decides to take advantage of White's awkward piece placement and immediately expand on the queenside.] **5.Qd2 b5 6.a3 Bb7 7.f3 Nd7 8.Nge2 c5 9.Be3** [Already, White is uncomfortable. She's 3 moves from castling kingside and neither the queenside nor the center look like they'll be safe.] **9...Nb6 10.Nc1 cxd4 11.Bxd4** [Gaining space with ...e5 either now or after exchanging Bs is interesting. Hahn controls the d5 square and will be able to remove his backwards pawn with ...d5.] **11...Nf6 12.a4!** [It's dangerous to battle back on the q-side given that Black's pieces are much more active. Sasha especially had to know that she'd be OK after 12...b4 13. Nd1 a5 counting on 14.c3 to break up the pawns and get her pieces off the first rank.] **12...bxa4 13.Nxa4 Nbd7?!** [It's common in positions like this for Black to deny a trade for the White knight, with the idea that the grim rim knight isn't useful there, but in this case, with the Q-side so open, the knight is pretty useful right on a4 and trading was probably better.] **14.Nb3 0-0 15.Be2 e5!** [As mentioned earlier, this, followed up by ...d5 is an excellent space-gaining maneuver.] **16.Bf2 d5 17.Nac5 Nxc5**

**18.Bxc5** [An interesting strategy. Nxc5 is more solid, but with both players already getting short on time, Sasha picks a wildly tactical line.] **18...Re8 19.Qb4 Rb8** [(diagram)]



**20.Ba7 Bf8! 21.Nc5? Bxc5** [21...Nd7! would have won material as after 22.Bxb8 Nxc5 the thread of Nd3+ give Black time to pick up the B.] **22.Qxc5 Rc8 23.Qb4 Ba8 24.Bxa6?! Rxc2 25.0-0 dxe4 26.Qb3 Rd2?!** [The simplifying 26...Qd2 27.Rf2 Rc1+ 28.Rxc1 Qxc1+ leaves Black with a solid pawn advantage and much less tactics.] **27.Be3 Rd4** [Since 27...Rd6 runs into all sorts of tactics after 28.Bc5, Hahn sacrifices the exchange. Now play gets crazy - with both players having less than a minute on their clocks.] **28.Bb5 Rf8 29.Kh1** [(diagram)]

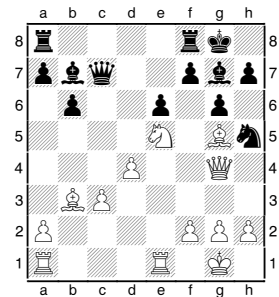


**29...exf3 30.gxf3 Rh4 31.Bg5 Rh5 32.Rxa8** [Had Hahn found ...Bd5 on any of the previous three moves, this exchange wouldn't have been possible, and Black would be winning, but I'm sure he wasn't looking for a subtle *zwischenzug* with seconds on his clock.] **32...Qxa8 33.Bxf6 e4 34.Be2 Rf5 35.Be7 Qb8 36.Qxb8 Rxb8 37.Ba3 Rb3 38.Kg2 g5 39.h3** [and Hahn lost on time in a position that is still unbalanced but roughly equal] **1-0**

**Hahn,David (2100) - Posthuma,Joshua (2375) [B14]**  
2018 MI Championships - Open Cadillac, MI (3), 01.09.2018

[Chris Eagle]

**1.e4 c6 2.c4 d5 3.exd5 cxd5 4.cxd5 Nf6 5.Nc3 g6** [avoiding the more popular ...Nxd5, with the idea that Black can regain the pawn whenever he wants with Nbd7 and Nb6.] **6.Nf3 Bg7 7.Bc4 Nbd7 8.0-0 0-0 9.d4?!** [Normally, in the Caro-Kahn, White plays d4 on move 2. Here, Hahn avoided it, and while 9.d4 transposes back into the main line, he had an opportunity to play 9.d3 instead and hold the pawn after 9...Nb6 10.Qb3 It's doubled and isolated, so it's not great, but White still has an edge.] **9...Nb6 10.Bb3 Nbx5 11.Re1 e6 12.Bg5 Nxc3 13.bxc3** [We've settled into a hanging pawns game where White will try to mobilize his c- and d-pawns and utilize his space advantage, while Black will try to fix them and pressure them on the open files. These games tend to be positional struggles where both sides work on controlling the squares in front of the pawns.] **13...b6 14.Qd2 Bb7 15.Ne5 Qc7 16.Qf4!** [Hahn abandons the hanging pawns and opens up the game instead.] **16...Nh5 17.Qg4**

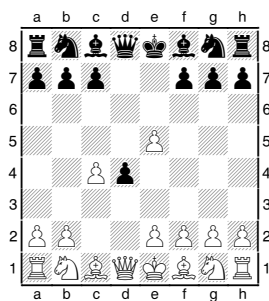


**17...f6** [A key alternative was winning a pawn with 17...Qxc3. After 18.Rac1 White has great compensation for the pawn. For instance, 18...Qb4 loses to 19.Nxf7! Rxf7 20.Qxe6 Raf8 21.Rc7] **18.Qxe6+** [18.Nxg6 hxg6 19.Rxe6 is interesting, but the game continuation wins back an exchange for the piece and leaves White with the initiative.] **18...Kh8 19.Nf7+ Rxf7 20.Qxf7 Qxf7 21.Bxf7 fxe5 22.Re7 Bc6 23.Rc7 Bb5 24.Bd5 Rd8 25.Rxa7?!** [In two-piece vs rook games, the bishop pair work together well. Preserving them with Nf4 was a better try.] **25...Rxd5 26.Ra8+ Bf8 27.Rxf8+ Kg7 28.Rb8** [The dust clears and Hahn has a small material edge, well-placed rooks, and a very fast a-pawn. He's close to winning.]

**28...Nf4 29.a4 Bd7 30.Rxb6 Ne2+ 31.Kh1 Nxc3 32.a5 Nb5 33.a6 Rxd4 34.Rb7 Kh6 35.a7?!** [It's hard to fault this move since it's so natural and wins a piece, but the resulting endgame is really hard for White to win. 35.h3 freeing the Ra1, and trying for more than just winning the knight, is more accurate.] **35...Nxa7 36.Rbxa7** [From here on out, Josh does a great job of showing how to build a light-square fortress and hold the draw.] **36...g4 37.Kg1 Kg5 38.Re1 h5 39.Ra5+ Bf5 40.Ra3 Rd2 41.Rae3 Ra2 42.g3 Rc2 43.f4+ gxf3 44.Rxf3 h4 45.gxh4+ Kxh4 46.Rf4+ Kg5 47.Rf2 Rc3 48.Rb2 Ra3 49.Kf2 Rh3 50.Kg2 Rc3 51.Ra1 Be4+ 52.Kg1 Bf5 53.Ra4 Bh3 54.Kf2 Bf5 55.Rab4 Be6 56.Re2 Bf5 57.Re3 Rc1 58.h4+ Kh6 59.Re7 Rc2+ 60.Kg3 Rc3+ 61.Kf4 Rh3 62.Ke5 Re3+ 63.Kf6 Rf3 64.Re5 Bg4+ 65.Ke7 Bf5 66.Ra5 Kg7 67.Ra7 Re3+ 68.Kd6+ Kh6 69.Ra8 Re6+ 70.Kd5 Re7 71.Rh8+ ½-½**

Chris Eagle played in tournaments from 1980 to 1996, with many top-10 finishes in the Michigan Open, Motor City Open, and Michigan Masters-Experts. He retired from tournament play with a USCF rating of 2146. Chris' chess highlights include winning the 1995 U.S. Amateur championship, tying for first at the 1991 USCF Region V championship, and beating GM Arthur Bisguier at the 1992 U.S. Open. Chris still follows chess, plays on [chess.com](http://chess.com), and occasionally coaches. To help with annotations, he uses Chessbase and Stockfish.

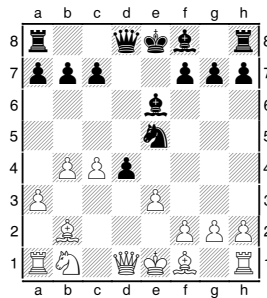
**Posthuma, Joshua (2375) - Garrison, Raymond (1991) [D08]**  
MI Championships - Open Cadillac, MI (2), 01.09.2018 [Jason Morris]  
**1.d4 d5 2.c4 e5 3.dxe5 d4**



[The Albin Counter Gambit. Theory for white is to grab the unprotected e-pawn, while black pushes d5-d4, cramping white's development and threatening all sorts of tricks based on Bb4+. ] **4.Nf3 Nc6 5.a3 Nge7 6.b4**

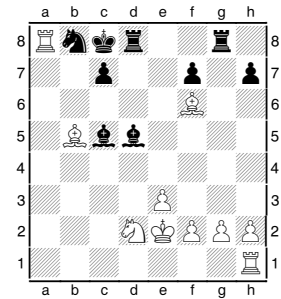
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**Ng6** [White avoids the perils of the Lasker Trap, arising after 4. e3? Bb4+ 5. Bd2 dxe3! 6. Bxb4?? exf2+ 7. Ke2 (7. Kxf2 Qxd1+-) fxg1=N+! 8. Ke1 (Forced due to 8. Rxg1 Bg4+) Qh4+ 9. Kd2 Nc6 10. Rxg1 Nxb4 and white is totally lost. In this game, white chooses a plan based on stopping any tactics on b4 and pressuring d4 and e5. An alternate way for white to aim for an advantage is to fianchetto his KB, but black has counter-play. For example, 5.g3 Be6 6.Nbd2 Qd7 7.Bg2 0-0-0 8.0-0 Bh3. In this position, black intends Nge7-Ng6 and capturing on e5. The problem will be in how many tempos he spends doing so. White meanwhile will round up the d4 pawn and will have an initiative well into the ending due to his superior development. ] **7.Bb2 Ngxe5 8.Nxe5 Nxe5 9.e3 Be6**



[A critical position.] **10.c5?!** [An inaccuracy: optically the cramping 10. c5 looks right, but after 10. .. Nc6! 11. exd4 Be7 the awkwardness of the backward d-pawn interferes with white's development. For example, in this line after 12. Bb5 Bf6 13. O-O, black is fine. White's best continuations involved letting the c-pawn go to complete his development. One such line: 10. Bxd4 Nxc4 11. Qc2 Nd6 12. Nd2 a5 13. Be2 axb4 14. axb4 Rxa1+ 15. Bxa1 f6 16. O-O with an edge. ] **10...Qh4?** [The move 10. .. Qh4 looks like a move that is normally played in Albin positions and it's reasonable that black would want to vacate the d-file to play 0-0-0, but this just hangs the d-pawn for good and forces trades. Perhaps black intended 11. Qxd4 Ng4 but 12. Qf4 holds everything. ] **11.Qxd4 Qxd4 12.Bxd4 Nc6 13.Bb2 0-0-0** [Another subtle inaccuracy as will be seen. Black should blunt the Bb2 with f6 or strike at the white queenside with a5. From this point on, white makes a series of inaccuracies, but black can't recover from his lack of development. ] **14.Nd2 a5 15.Bb5 axb4 16.axb4 Nb8** [Black ties himself in knots, but

16. .. Nxb4 was impossible due to 17. Ra8#. White is clearly winning at this point (Stockfish 9 gives +2.75. ) **17.Ke2 b6?** [Weakening. 17. .. c6; 17. .. f6; 17. .. Be7 were better.] **18.Ra8 bxc5 19.bxc5 Bxc5** [At this point, white understandably simplifies, but in so doing creates more work for himself. Keeping more pieces on the board, with black's exposed king, was a quicker win.] **20.Bxg7** [(Just 20. Ne4! was fine.)] **20...Rhg8 21.Bf6** [(Again, 21. Ne4! was strong.)] **21...Bd5**



**22.Rxb8+ Kxb8 23.Bxd8 Rxd8 24.Rb1 Kc8 25.e4 Bb7 26.f3 Rg8 27.g3 h5** [White still has big advantage here with his kingside super-majority (Stockfish 9 says +1.56). However, black's last move costs decisive material.] **28.Bc4 Rg7 29.Rb5** [(Winning the h-pawn. The rest is carnage.)] **29...Bd6 30.Rxh5 f6 31.f4 Kd7 32.Kd3 c5 33.Bb5+ Ke6 34.Nb3 Rc7 35.Bc4+ Kd7 36.Rh7+ Be7 37.h4 Ke8 38.h5 Rd7+ 39.Ke2 Bxe4 40.Rh8+ Bf8 41.Bb5 Bf5 42.Nxc5 Kf7 43.Bxd7 Kg7 44.Rxf8 1-0**

Just returned from working in Australia, **Dr. Jason Morris** has been playing chess since he was 9 - (*Thanks mom for teaching me!*). He was and still is a HUGE Fischer "fanboy". His other favorite players are (in no particular order) Ivanchuk, Shirov, Morozevich, and Nakamura. His highest USCF rating was 2120, and has been a rated expert for 30 years - in his own words: "*not because I'm stupid, but because I just don't have time to study and play anymore!*". His best chess result was probably going 5 wins - 1 loss - 0 draws at the 1992 Pan Am College Team Tournament, where the Michigan Technological University team that he captained won clear 2nd place. Currently sporting a 2041 USCF rating, Dr. Morris laments: "*Unfortunately, life interferes with me getting any better, but who knows?*"



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## Posthuma Perfect at 2018 MICHIGAN Invitational

For the first time in some time the MI Invitational was held and was dominated wire -to-wire by Josh Posthuma. Josh swept the field with a perfect 9-0-0 , and he pushed his FIDE Rating over 2300 in the process to earn the FM title. Coming in second place was FM Seth Homa. Every round was contested, and there were many exciting games with the G/90; i30 time control.

The event was directed by NA Brad Rogers, and in the process has earned the final FIDE Arbiter Norm, and has since been awarded the FA title.

Special Thanks to the MCA for sponsoring, Ed Mandell and All the King's Men for hosting, and Alan Kaufman for his usual inspirational support. (Report submitted by Brad Rogers.)

### Posthuma,Joshua (2329) - Homa,Seth FM (2376) [A01] Larsen-Nimzovich Opening

2018 Michigan Invitational Roseville, MI (9), 17.06.2018  
 1.b3 e5 2.Bb2 Nc6 3.e3 Nf6 4.Bb5 e4 5.Ne2 a6 6.Bxc6 dxc6 7.Ng3 h5 8.Nc3 Bg4 9.f3 exf3 10.gxf3 h4 11.Nge4 Bh5 12.Qe2 Nxe4 13.Nxe4 f5 14.Nc3 Qd7 15.0-0-0 0-0-0 16.Rhg1 Rg8 17.Qf2 Be7 18.e4 Kb8 19.e5 c5 20.Rdf1 g5 21.f4 gxf4 22.Qxf4 Bg4 23.Qf2 Bg5 24.Nb1 Qc6 25.Bc3 b6 26.Kb2 Qh6 27.Re1 h3 28.Qf1 b5 29.e6 Rd6 30.Rxg4 fxe4 31.Qf7 Qg6 32.Qxg6 Rxg6 33.e7 Bxe7 34.Rxe7 Rde6 35.Rh7 Re2 36.Ba5 Rc6 37.Rg7 Rxh2 38.Rxg4 Rh6 39.Rg7 Rg2 40.Bxc7+ Kb7 41.Rf7 Kc6 42.Nc3 Rxd2 43.Bf4 h2 44.Bxh6 Rg2 45.Bf4 h1Q 46.Rc7+ Kb6 47.Nd5+ Ka5 48.Rxc5 Rxc2+ 49.Rxc2 Qh8+ 50.Kb1 Qh1+ 51.Kb2 Qh8+ 52.Ka3 b4+ 53.Nxb4 Qf8 54.Bd2 Kb5 55.Kb2 Qf1 56.a4+ Kb6 57.Be3+ Kb7 58.Rf2 Qh3 59.Bd4 Qh4 60.Rf7+ Kc8 61.Nc2 Qe4 62.Ra7 Qd3 63.b4 Kb8 64.Rg7 Qc4 65.Rg5 Kb7 66.Rc5 Qd3 67.b5 a5 68.b6 Ka6 69.Rb5 Kb7 70.Rxa5 Qc4 71.Ra7+ Kb8 72.Be5+ 1-0

## 2018 MICHIGAN ACTION CHAMPIONSHIP Ann Arbor, December 8, 2018

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**ENTRY FEE:** Open \$35 by 12/6, Booster \$25 by 12/6, Add \$10 After---Under Age 18, Subtract \$5

Free Entry to USCF 2200+ (\$35 EF deducted from prize).---Withdrawals of advanced registered players must be received by 10am to receive refund. Processing fee of \$2 applied to all refunds.

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<b>SITE:</b>	Radisson Hotel Lansing, 111 N. Grand Avenue (near the State Capitol in Downtown Lansing), (517) 482-0188
<b>DIRECTIONS:</b>	<b>From East:</b> I-496 to Grand Ave (Exit 7A), Right on Grand Ave. <b>From West:</b> I-496 to Pine/Walnut Streets (Exit 6), Left on Grand Ave.
<b>ROOM RATE</b>	\$110.95 + tax by January 2, 2019, after if space available. <a href="http://www.radisson.com/lansingmi">www.radisson.com/lansingmi</a> - Promotion Code: CHES19 <i>Let us know if you are staying at the hotel for the tournament.</i>
<b>8 SECTIONS:</b>	Master/Expert (FIDE Rated), A, B, C, D, E (U1200) Novice (Sat only): U1000/Unrated One Half-Point Bye, Rounds 1-4. Must request by start of Round 3.
<b>MEMBERSHIPS:</b>	Must be a member of the US Chess Federation & Michigan Chess Association. (Members of other state associations OK)
<b>CLASS ELIGIBILITY:</b>	The most recent USCF rating supplement will be used for determining ratings. Players must play in the class in which their rating indicates. Unrated players must play in the Novice section. Players may request to play up in class (or unrated players may request being seeded into a class) if their recent tournament history shows achievement into that class. The tournament director must approve all requests and will assign a rating to the player within the rating window of that class.
<b>ADVANCE ENTRY FEES:</b>	<b>M/X:</b> \$45 (U18 \$5 off), Free entry to GM, IM, FM, & 2200+, adv entry fee deducted from prize. <b>A, B, C, D, E:</b> \$42 (U18 \$5 off), <b>Novice:</b> \$25; Advance entries must be paid by January 10. For entry fees paid after January 10, add \$10 more.
<b>ADVANCE REGISTRATION:</b>	Online: <a href="https://onlineregistration.cc/">https://onlineregistration.cc/</a> Jeff Aldrich (TD), P.O. Box 40, Flint MI 48501; Make Checks Payable to <b>MCA</b> . <a href="mailto:jeffchess64@gmail.com">jeffchess64@gmail.com</a> ; (810) 955-7271
<b>ON-SITE REGISTRATION:</b>	Saturday: 8:30-9:30am
<b>ROUNDS:</b>	<b>M/X, Class Sections:</b> Sat 10am, 2:30pm, 7 pm; Sun 10am, 2:30pm <b>Novice:</b> 10am, 11:30am, 1:30pm, 3pm, 4:30pm
<b>TIME CONTROL:</b>	<b>M/X, Class Sections:</b> G/115;d5 <b>Novice:</b> G/30;d5

## \$2850 GUARANTEED PRIZE FUND

**Master/Expert (GPP 10):** 1<sup>st</sup> \$300, 2<sup>nd</sup> \$200; **Expert:** \$230 **U2100:** \$120

**Class A, B, C, D, E:** 1<sup>st</sup> \$180, 2<sup>nd</sup> \$120; **U1900/U1700/U1500/U1300/U1100:** \$100

**Novice:** Trophies to Top 5 Overall, Top U800, Top U700, Top U600, Top U500, Top U400, Top Unrated.

State Champions (Top Michigan Resident): Master/Expert, Expert, and Each Class plus Novice.

Trophies for all place-winners listed above.

**2019 MICHIGAN ELEMENTARY/PRIMARY TEAM CHESS CHAMPIONSHIPS - February 2, 2019**  
**Palmer Park Preparatory Academy, 3901 Margareta Ave, Detroit, MI 48221**

ENT&INF: Jeff Aldrich, P.O. Box 40, Flint, MI 48501; jeffchess64@gmail.com; (810) 955-7271

<b>EVENT</b>	<b>Elementary K-6 Championship</b>	<b>Elementary K-5 Reserve</b>	<b>Primary K-3 Championship</b>
<b>Grade</b>	K-6	K-5, U400 Avg Team Rating	K-3
<b>Membership</b>	Michigan Chess Association and USCF Memberships Required for ALL Players		Michigan Chess Association Required for ALL Players
<b>Awards</b>	Top 10 teams + all at 3.5 Top U700 team Top U500 team Top Unrated team Individual Medals: Gold 5.0 pts Silver 4.0-4.5 pts Bronze 3.5 pts	Top 7 teams Individual Medals: Gold 5.0 pts Silver 4.0-4.5 pts Bronze 3.5 pts	Top 10 teams + all at 3.5 Top U300 team Top U150 team Top Unrated team Individual Medals: Gold 5.0 pts Silver 4.0-4.5 pts Bronze 3.5 pts
<b>Info</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Teams:</b> All players on a team must be full time students at the same school. Each Team consists of 4 Players. Team may play with 3, or include an Alternate for 5 total. See Standing Rules on MCA website (<a href="http://www.michess.org">www.michess.org</a>) for details of home school exceptions.</li> <li>• <b>Board Order:</b> MCA Standing Rule 84-03: Regarding board order in team tournaments: Rated players should generally be placed in rating order; unrated players may be placed anywhere. This should be done with fairness in mind: The strongest player on each team should play on first board, no matter whether he has a relatively high or low rating or is unrated. The tournament director may, at his discretion, change submitted player placements, after considering evidence from various sources (non-USCF ratings, other coaches, etc.). (Adopted 06/21/84).</li> <li>• <b>Match Games:</b> Individual games are between the players only without the assistance of parents, coaches, and teammates. All questions or concerns, including current match score, should be directed to the TD.</li> <li>• <b>Extra Rated Games:</b> Each round, Fourth boards without an opponent and alternates are paired randomly so they can play rated games. These games are optional and players are not guaranteed a game. Points scored in these matches DO NOT count for individual medals.</li> <li>• <b>Equipment:</b> Boards and Pieces are provided for tournament games. Bring your own set for skittles between rounds.</li> <li>• <b>Bring Clocks:</b> Games may start without clocks, but games running long will have a clock placed on them with very little time.</li> <li>• <b>Notation:</b> Please bring writing utensils, none provided. All players must record the moves of their game until one player has less than 5 minutes remaining on the clock. Young players in the K-3 section must make an attempt at notation such as check marks or writing the letter for the piece moved.</li> <li>• <b>Cell Phones:</b> No Players may have cell phone in their possession during their game.</li> <li>• <b>Spectators:</b> Parents and Coaches will be separated from the playing area once games begin.</li> </ul>		
<b>Registration</b>	Online registration: <a href="http://www.onlineregistration.cc">http://www.onlineregistration.cc</a> <u>Do not send cash. Make all checks or money orders payable to Michigan Chess Association</u> Players are registered individually. When registering online, register players by school (not by team). Coaches will submit Team Rosters by Thursday before event (earlier preferred). Rosters will be sent out by e-mail in Advance. Coaches should confirm Rosters in Advance. Please report corrections as soon as possible.		
<b>Check in</b>	Teams must be paid in advance and will be paired for round 1. Parents/Players should only check in with their Coaches. Coaches should inform TD before 8:15 if one of their players will not be present. Processing Fee of \$3 deducted for withdrawn entries. No refunds will be given for anyone who is paired for the first round. Coaches should email the TD their club rosters in the week before the tournament.		
<b>Round Times</b>	9am – 11am – 1pm - 3pm - 5pm		
<b>TL</b>	<b>G/40;d5</b>		
<b>Entry</b>	\$16 per Player in Advance by 1/26/2019 at Midnight \$21 per Player in Advance by 1/28/2019 at Midnight \$40 per Player in Advance by 1/31/2019 at 8pm All mailed entries must be postmarked by 1/25/2019 <b>ABSOLUTELY NO ENTRIES AFTER THURSDAY AT 8PM FOR ALL SECTIONS.</b> No Exceptions will be allowed for these dates. Please register early to ensure time to resolve issues. Online registration: <a href="http://www.onlineregistration.cc">http://www.onlineregistration.cc</a> (Preferred Method) If an invoice is needed for school payment, please contact the TD by 1/21/2019 to allow time for processing.		

**2019 MICHIGAN HIGH SCHOOL & JUNIOR HIGH CHESS CHAMPIONSHIPS - February 23, 2019**  
**Oakland Center at Oakland University, 312 Meadow Brook Rd, Rochester, MI 48309, 2nd Floor Banquet Rooms**  
 ENT&INF: Jeff Aldrich P.O. Box 40, Flint, MI 48501; (810) 955-7271, e-mail: [jeffchess64@gmail.com](mailto:jeffchess64@gmail.com)

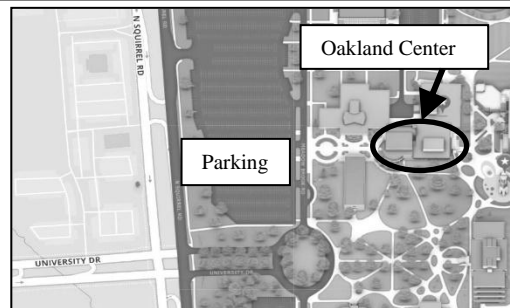
EVENT	High School Championship	High School Reserve	Junior High Championship	Junior High Reserve
Grade	HS Teams Only (Gr 9-12) 1 Team per School	K-12, Teams rated U1000 or Additional HS Teams	K-9	K-9 U600 Average Team Rating
	No HS 9th Grade Teams per MCA Rules			
Info	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Teams:</b> All players on a team must be full time students at the same school. Each Team consists of 4 Players. Team May Play with 3, or include an Alternate for 5 total. See Standing Rules on MCA website (<a href="http://www.michess.org">www.michess.org</a>) for details of home school exceptions.</li> <li>• <b>Board Order:</b> MCA Standing Rule 84-03: Regarding board order in team tournaments: Rated players should generally be placed in rating order; unrated players may be placed anywhere. This should be done with fairness in mind: The strongest player on each team should play on first board, no matter whether he has a relatively high or low rating or is unrated. The tournament director may, at his discretion, change submitted player placements, after considering evidence from various sources (non-USCF ratings, other coaches, etc.). (Adopted 06/21/84).</li> <li>• <b>Match Games:</b> Individual games are between the players only without the assistance of parents, coaches, and teammates. All questions or concerns, including current match score, should be directed to the TD.</li> <li>• <b>Extra Rated Games:</b> Each round, Fourth boards without an opponent and alternates are paired randomly so they can play rated games. These games are optional and players are not guaranteed a game. Points scored in these matches DO NOT count for individual medals.</li> <li>• <b>Equipment:</b> Boards and Pieces are provided for tournament games. Bring your own set for skittles between rounds.</li> <li>• <b>Bring Clocks:</b> Games may start without clocks, but games running long will have a clock placed on them with very little time.</li> <li>• <b>Notation:</b> Please bring writing utensils, none provided. All players must record the moves of their game until one player has less than 5 minutes remaining on the clock.</li> <li>• <b>Cell Phones:</b> No Players may have cell phone in their possession during their game.</li> <li>• <b>Spectators:</b> Parents and Coaches will be separated from the playing area once games begin.</li> </ul>			
Registration	Online registration: <a href="http://www.onlineregistration.cc">http://www.onlineregistration.cc</a> Do not send cash. Make all checks or money orders payable to Michigan Chess Association Players are registered individually. When registering online, register players by school (not by team). Coaches will submit Team Rosters by Thursday before event (earlier preferred). Rosters will be sent out by e-mail in Advance. Coaches should confirm Rosters in Advance. Please report corrections as soon as possible.			
Check in	Teams must be paid in advance and will be paired for round 1. No need to check in. Coaches/Parents should inform TD before 8:15 if one of their players will not be present. Processing Fee of \$3 deducted for withdrawn entries. No refunds will be given for anyone who is paired for the first round. Coaches should email the TD their club rosters in the week before the tournament.			
Round Times	9:30am - 12noon - 2:45pm – 5:45pm		9am – 11am – 1pm - 3pm - 5pm	
TL	Rounds 1-2: <b>G/55;d5</b> Rounds 3-4: <b>G70;d5</b>		<b>G/40;d5</b>	
Entry	\$16 per Player in Advance by 2/16/2019 at Midnight \$21 per Player in Advance by 2/18/2019 at Midnight \$40 per Player in Advance by 2/21/2019 at 8pm All mailed entries must be postmarked by 2/15/2019 <b>ABSOLUTELY NO ENTRIES AFTER THURSDAY AT 8PM FOR ALL SECTIONS.</b> Online registration: <a href="http://www.onlineregistration.cc">http://www.onlineregistration.cc</a> (Preferred Method) If an invoice is needed for school payment, please contact the TD by 2/11/2019 to allow time for processing.			
Memb	<b>Michigan Chess Association and USCF Memberships Required for ALL Players</b>			
Awards	Top 10 teams Individual Medals: Gold 4 pts Silver 3.5 pts Bronze 3 pts	Top 6 teams Individual Medals: Gold 4 pts Silver 3.5 pts Bronze 3 pts	Top 10 teams + all at 3.5 Individual Medals: Gold 5 pts Silver 4-4.5 pts Bronze 3.5 pts	Top 7 teams + all at 3.5 Board Prizes: Gold 5 pts Silver 4-4.5 pts Bronze 3.5 pts

**Directions to the Oakland Center**

The Oakland Center is located in the heart of Oakland University's main campus. Oakland University is located in southeastern Michigan between Flint and Detroit. The 1,441-acre campus actually extends into two cities — Auburn Hills and Rochester Hills, between Adams Road and Squirrel Road, just south of Walton Boulevard. Take I-75 to exit 79 and go east on University Drive to the main entrance of campus. Or, take M-59 to the Squirrel Road exit and go north to the main entrance of campus at the corner of University Drive.

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## 2019 MICHIGAN JUNIOR CHESS CHAMPIONSHIPS- March 23-24, 2019

**Oakland Center at Oakland University, 312 Meadow Brook Rd, Rochester, MI 48309, 2nd Floor Banquet Rooms**

ENT&INF: Jeff Aldrich P.O. Box 40, Flint, MI 48501; (810) 955-7271, e-mail: [jeffchess64@gmail.com](mailto:jeffchess64@gmail.com)

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**Online registration and payment preferred:** <http://www.onlineregistration.cc>

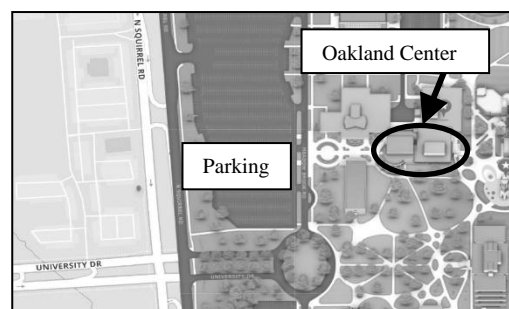
Event	Junior Championship	Young Junior Championship	Young Junior Reserve	Children's Championship	Children's Reserve	Young Children's Championship	Young Children's Reserve	Children's Sponsors	Junior Sponsors
Grade	K-12	K-8	K-8 U800	K-5	K-5 U600	K-3	K-3 U300	Friend & Family	
Date	3/23 - 3/24	Sunday March 24		Saturday March 23				Saturday	Sunday
Register	ALL SECTIONS. NO ON-SITE REGISTRATION – register and pay online <a href="http://www.onlineregistration.cc">http://www.onlineregistration.cc</a>								
Round Times	Sat. 10 – 2 – 6 Sun. 10 - 2	FIVE ROUNDS ALL COMPETITORS PLAY ALL FIVE ROUNDS. 9am – 11am – 1pm - 3pm - 5pm						10am - 12:30pm - 3:30pm	
TL	G/110;d5	G/45;d5							
Entry	\$25 Advance by 3/18/2019 All mailed entries must be postmarked by 3/15/2019				\$40 Advance by 3/21/2019 ABSOLUTELY NO REGISTRATIONS AFTER THURSDAY.				
	<b>Online entry and payment:</b> <a href="http://www.onlineregistration.cc">http://www.onlineregistration.cc</a>								
Memb	Michigan Chess Association and USCF Memberships Required					MCA only		MCA & USCF	
Awards	Top 5 Top 3 Gr 9u-12 <u>Scholarships:</u> 1st \$500 2nd \$250	Top 5 Top 3 Gr 6u-8	Top 5	Top 5 Top 3 Gr 4u-5	Top 5	Top 5 Top 3 Gr Ku-3	Top 5	Top 2	
	<b>Junior (K-12)</b> Top in Grade 9-12 represents Michigan at the Denker Tournament of High School Champions at the U.S. Open. Top Female Finisher represents Michigan at the National Girls Tournament of Champions at the U.S. Open if winner of 2018 Michigan Womens is not in grades K-12								
	<b>K-8</b> Top in K-8 Championship represents Michigan at the Barber Tournament of K-8 Champions at the U.S. Open.								
Info	Players who have paid in advance will be paired for round 1, and <i>do not</i> need to check in. Coaches/Parents should inform TD before 8:15 if one of their players will not be present. Processing Fee of \$3 deducted for withdrawn entries. No refunds will be given for anyone who is paired for the first round.								
Info	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Equipment:</b> Boards and Pieces are provided for tournament games. Bring your own set for skittles between rounds.</li> <li>• <b>Bring Clocks:</b> Games may start without clocks, but games running long will have a clock placed on them with very little time.</li> <li>• <b>Notation:</b> All players must record the moves of their game until one player has less than 5 minutes remaining on the clock. Younger players just learning to write should make an attempt by writing the piece or check marks. Please bring writing utensils as they are not provided.</li> <li>• <b>Cell Phones:</b> No Players may have cell phone in their possession during their game.</li> <li>• <b>Spectators:</b> Parents and Coaches will be separated from the playing area once games begin.</li> </ul>								

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## MICHIGAN CHESS CLUBS

For club updates or new club listings, please contact Samantha Shaffer at [shaffer1022@gmail.com](mailto:shaffer1022@gmail.com). Club information must be confirmed yearly to remain active on the MCA Club listing page. Clubs will also be listed on the MCA website ([www.michess.org](http://www.michess.org))

**Dearborn, Ford Chess Club** Tue 5:00-9:00pm; Ford Motor Co World Headquarters Cafeteria; North Entrance, Michigan Ave & Southfield Fwy; Everyone is welcome to attend/participate, not just Ford employees. Norm Haygood (248) 366-0954; George Oprean (586) 756-4967; e-mail: [nhaygoodjr@aol.com](mailto:nhaygoodjr@aol.com) or [Archangel365@comcast.net](mailto:Archangel365@comcast.net)  
**Detroit City Chess Club** Fri 4:00-8:00pm; Detroit Institute of Arts (DIA), 5200 Woodward Ave., Detroit, MI 48202; e-mail: [detroitchess@gmail.com](mailto:detroitchess@gmail.com) Phone: 888-888-8141  
<http://www.detroitchessclub.com>

**East Lansing Chess Club** 12-4 pm; Tues & Fri; East Lansing Community Cntr; 819 Abbot Rd., E. Lansing, MI 48823; Meets year round, no dues yet; Mervin Draper; (517)-337-1113; email: [pjdbad@aol.com](mailto:pjdbad@aol.com)

**Flint Chess Academy** 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sat 3:00-5:30pm; Flint Public Library, 1026 E. Kearsley St, Flint, MI 48502; Check the Library website calendar to confirm dates: <http://www.fpl.info/>; Eric Earnest, 810-210-0517 / 810-965-6794; e-mail: [ericearnest@yahoo.com](mailto:ericearnest@yahoo.com)

**Flint, Genesee County Chess Club** Tue 6:30-9:30pm; Eastside Senior Citizens Center Activity Room, 3065 N. Genesee Rd; Flint, MI 48506; Jeff Aldrich (810) 955-7271, e-mail: [jeffchess64@gmail.com](mailto:jeffchess64@gmail.com)

**Grand Rapids Chess Club**  
<http://www.grandrapidschess.com/>

**Grosse Pointe Chess Club** Tue, 7:30-10:00pm; Downtown Borders, 17141 Kercheval St, North of Cadieux; Tim Kuhn (313) 884-0118 e-mail: [timkuhn@yahoo.com](mailto:timkuhn@yahoo.com)

**Jackson Chess Club** Thu 7:00-12:00pm; Cottage Inn Pizza, 1208 W Michigan Ave, Jackson MI 49202; James Stockham email: [jimio73@comcast.net](mailto:jimio73@comcast.net); 517-395-4704

**Lansing Chess Club** Wed 6:00-10:00pm; Room #312, 422 North Washington Square, Lansing MI 48933; Tony Nichols e-mail: [sensie48910@yahoo.com](mailto:sensie48910@yahoo.com); 517-763-6756

**Linden Chess Club** Tues. 5:45-8:30 pm; Linde Faith Recreational Rm. 4518 Silver Lk Rd., Linden, MI 48451; Gus Samaniego [oc203998@gmail.com](mailto:oc203998@gmail.com); 810-923-3847

Website: [www.facebook.com/LindenChessClub/](http://www.facebook.com/LindenChessClub/)

**Livingston County Chess Club** Mon 6:00-9:00pm; Hartland Senior Center, 9525 E. Highland Rd (M-59), Howell, MI 48843, ¼-mile west of US-23; Mike Nikitin 810-599-6770; Website:

<http://www.livingstoncountychessclub.blogspot.com/>

Email: [livingstoncountychessclub@hotmail.com](mailto:livingstoncountychessclub@hotmail.com)

**Marquette Chess Club** Thu 7:00-11:00pm; Masonic Building, 128 West Washington St; [www.michess.org/up](http://www.michess.org/up);

<https://www.facebook.com/MarquetteChessClub>  
Bob John, e-mail: [rjjjr@chartermi.net](mailto:rjjjr@chartermi.net)

**Novi Chess Club** Thu 6:30-8:00pm Novi Public Library, 45255 W 10 Mile Rd. Novi, MI 48375 -1<sup>st</sup> floor kids activity rm. – Bring boards & pieces; Sundar Rajan; [chess.novi@gmail.com](mailto:chess.novi@gmail.com)

**Port Huron Chess Club** Thu 6:30-10:00pm (except holidays); Palmer Park Recreation Center, 2829 Armour St, Port Huron, 48460; Lon Rutkofske (810) 388-9219 e-mail: [ishking@aol.com](mailto:ishking@aol.com); Website: <http://porthuronchessclub.yolasite.com/>

**Sault Ste. Marie, Sugar Island Chess Club** No regular meetings, Contact Glenn for more information; Glen Schmiede (906) 635-5791, e-mail: [gshmiede@nodinwif.com](mailto:gshmiede@nodinwif.com)

**St Clair Chess Club** Sat. 10am.-4:00pm St. Clair Burger King -205 Clinton Ave. – Tom Broyles 810-326-0121 e-mail: [tjbroyles@aol.com](mailto:tjbroyles@aol.com) : ( All but major holidays/weekends.)

**South Bend Chess Club (Indiana)** Thu 7:00-10:00pm; Meijer Store, 5020 Grape Rd, Mishawaka, IN ~4 Miles south of State line. Grape Rd 1/4 Mile South of Douglas Rd. Roger Blaine (574) 257-9033; e-mail: [reblaine@hotmail.com](mailto:reblaine@hotmail.com).

**Steeplechess knights** Fridays 3-4:30 pm at Tamarack District Library, 832 S. Lincoln Ave., Lakeview, MI 48850; Beginner chess lessons and mentoring available, K-12 scholastic tournaments; Everyone Welcome; Contact: Bethany Wheeler, email: [mrspatrickwheeler@gmail.com](mailto:mrspatrickwheeler@gmail.com); (231)-354-6613.

**South Bend, Chicory Cafe Chess Club (Indiana)** Mon 6:00-9:00pm at Chicory Cafe, 105 E. Jefferson Blvd. at Michigan St., South Bend IN. Contact Roger Blaine, (574) 257-9033, e-mail: [zotshot@hotmail.com](mailto:zotshot@hotmail.com)

**South Haven Chess Club** Tues 5:00-10:30pm Burger King, 752 Lagrange, South Haven, MI 49090 (On Broadway US 43...south of downtown) Contact: David Carlson, email: [dhaow@gmail.com](mailto:dhaow@gmail.com) (269)-637-1003.

**Troy Youth All-Star Chess Club** Sat 3:00-5:00pm; Troy Community Center -3179 Livernois Rd, Troy, MI 48083. The club is open to any K-12 students who are interested in improving his/her chess skills. Come in and have fun! Club information:

<http://games.groups.yahoo.com/group/TYASCC/>. Feng Zhong, [xyzf99@yahoo.com](mailto:xyzf99@yahoo.com) (248) 825-6192. Chris Hausner, [chausner\\_mi@yahoo.com](mailto:chausner_mi@yahoo.com) (313) 575-5617

**Universal Chess Club** Mon-Sat 12:00-6:00pm, Sun 12:00-5:00pm; 5101 E. 9 mile Rd., Warren, MI. 48091-(between 9 mile & Mound Rd. on north side of 9 Mile); Ed Mandell (586) 558-4790 e-mail: [allthekingsmench@aol.com](mailto:allthekingsmench@aol.com); Website: [www.allthekingsmenchess.com](http://www.allthekingsmenchess.com); All Ages/strengths welcome! Sets provided; clocks for rent. Snacks & beverages are available for purchase.

## Michigan Chess Tournament Calendar

## Winter 2018

Online Registration for MCA Events: <https://www.onlineregistration.cc>

Online MCA Membership Join or Renewals:

<https://onlineregistration.cc/memberships/MCA/index.php>

Online Payments Accepted, Instant Feedback of Registration/Membership.

MCA recommends purchasing membership thru our new online system prior to attending local events.

All events require USCF and MCA memberships unless noted and are No Smoking No Computers unless otherwise stated. Memberships can be purchased at any tournament. Other state memberships are acceptable for non-Michigan residents. Send Announcements to: Jeff Aldrich (810)-955-7271 Email: [jeffchess64@gmail.com](mailto:jeffchess64@gmail.com). You can now submit events through the MCA website! ★★ MCA Championship Events. Please note events listed are a service of MCA. MCA is in no way responsible for cancellations or changes. Be sure to always contact your organizer!

Check out the MCA Website @ <http://www.michess.org>

Join our New Facebook group for the latest news and information (Search for Michigan Chess Association)

### DECEMBER TOURNAMENTS:

#### Dec 8 ★★ 2018 MICHIGAN ACTION CHAMPIONSHIP

Pierpont Commons East/Boulevard Rooms (UofM North Campus), 2101 Bonisteel, Ann Arbor MI 48109. **6-SS**, 2 Sections (Open, Booster U1200) **TL:** G/30;d5. **Rds:** 10:30am-12pm-2pm-3:30pm-5pm-6:30pm. **EF:** Adv by 12/6, Open \$35, Booster \$25, Add \$10 after 12/6, Under Age 18, Subtract \$5. Free Entry to USCF 2200+ (\$35 EF deducted from prize). **Reg:** Online: <http://www.onlineregistration.cc>, On-Site: 9:30-10:15am. **\$\$:** \$Gtd \$950 10 GPP 1st \$250+trophy, 2nd \$180, 3rd \$, Top A, B, C, U1400 \$100 each; Booster Trophies to Top 5, Top 2 U1000, U800, U600, U400 each plus Top Unr. **Ent&Info:** Jeff Aldrich, [jeffchess64@gmail.com](mailto:jeffchess64@gmail.com), 810-955-7271, Mail:

P.O. Box 40, Flint, MI 48501. Make checks payable to Michigan Chess Association. **See Ad on Page 40.**

### Dec 11 Genesee County C.C. Action Quads

Eastside Senior Citizens Center Activity Room. 3065 N. Genesee Rd, Flint. **3-RR**, Sect of 4 by Rtg, **TL:** G/25;d5. **RDs:** 6:30-7:30-8:30pm. **EF:** \$5 **REG:** 6-6:25pm **\$\$:** \$15/Quad. **Ent&Info:** Jeff Aldrich, (810) 955-7271, [jeffchess64@gmail.com](mailto:jeffchess64@gmail.com)

### Dec 15 ★★2018 MICHIGAN WOMENS CHAMPIONSHIPS + MEN'S SIDE EVENT★★

5101 East 9 Mile Rd, Warren, MI 48091; North side of 9 Mile, Between Ryan and Mound Roads. **4-SS**. 3 Sections (Open, Reserve U1000/Unr, Men's Side Event). **Reg:** Online <http://www.onlineregistration.cc>; **Reg:** 9-9:40am. **Rds:** 10am-1pm-3:45pm-6:30pm. **EF:** \$20 by 12/12, add \$10 after. **TL:** G75;d5. **\$\$:** Open: 1st Title+Trophy (If the WINNER is 12th Grade or under, she will represent Michigan at the National Girls' Invitational!), 2nd Trophy, Trophies for Top B, C, D, E, Unr; Reserve: 1st Trophy, 2nd Trophy, Trophies for Top U800, U600, U400, Unr; Mens: Trophies to 1st, 2nd, Top U1400, U1200, U1000, U800. **See Ad on Page 41.**

### Dec 16 TYASCC Quads

Troy Public Library, 510 W Big Beaver Rd, Troy, MI 48084. 3-RR, Quads by rating. **TL:** G/30; or G/25;d5. **Rds:** 1:30pm-2:30pm-3:30pm. **EF:** \$5 before game day, \$10 on site. **Reg:** Adv by e-mail, send player's USCF id to [tyascc.troy@gmail.com](mailto:tyascc.troy@gmail.com) by or sign up at [goo.gl/forms/kJECCXApWKwGxkrE3](http://goo.gl/forms/kJECCXApWKwGxkrE3). Check in 1-1:15pm. **\$\$:** For each quad: 1st \$10, 2nd \$6. **Ent&Info:** [tyascc.troy@gmail.com](mailto:tyascc.troy@gmail.com), Website: [groups.google.com/forum/#!forum/tyascc](https://groups.google.com/forum/#!forum/tyascc).

### Dec 22 Shrine Catholic School Chess Tournament

Shrine Catholic Grade School, 1621 Linwood Ave, Royal Oak, MI 48067; 6 rounds; **TL:** 15 min/game; **Rds:** 11am-11:30am-12:30pm-1pm-1:30pm-2pm; **EF:** \$35 by 12/1, \$45 adv after, Sibling disc: \$5 less, \$55 door, CC add \$5; **Reg:** Call in CC payment or mail check to P.O. Box 99432 Troy MI 48099; **\$\$:** 30 Trophies (top 3 in each grade K-8 plus top 3 in 9-12); **Check-In:** 10-10:30am; **Ent&Info:** Sal Chehayeb, [Sal@chessinschools.com](mailto:Sal@chessinschools.com), 248-219-5624

## JANUARY 2019 TOURNAMENTS:

### Jan 12-13 ★★ 2019 MICHIGAN MASTER/EXPERT & CLASS CHAMPIONSHIPS ★★

Radisson Hotel Lansing, 111 N. Grand Ave, Lansing, MI 48933. (517) 482-0188, \$110.95+tax by 1/2/19, after if space available. Be sure to mention MCA. Visit [www.radisson.com/lansingmi](http://www.radisson.com/lansingmi) - Promo Code CHES19. Let us know if you are staying at the hotel. **5-SS** 7 Sections - 8 State Championship Titles!! Master/Expert, A, B, C, D, E (U1200) & Novice (Sat only) U1000/Unrated. Class Sections **Rds:** Sat: 10-2:30-7, Sun: 10-2:30. **TL:** G/115;d5. Novice **Rds:** 10-11:30-1:30-3-4:30. **TL:** G/30;d5. **Ent&Info:** Jeff Aldrich, P.O. Box 40, Flint, MI 48501, E-mail: [jeffchess64@gmail.com](mailto:jeffchess64@gmail.com), (810) 955-7271. **Reg:** Online: <https://onlineregistration.cc/>. On-Site: Sat: 8-9am. **EF:** Adv by 1/10, add \$10 after. M/X \$45 (U18 \$5 off) by 1/10 (Free to GM/IM/FM/2200+, Advance EF deducted from prize); A,B,C,D,E \$42 (U18 \$5 off); Novice: \$25 by 1/10. **\$\$:** \$2850 GTD. M/X: \$300-\$200, X \$230, U2100 \$120. A,B,C,D,E: \$180-\$120, U1900/U1700/U1500/U1300/U1100 \$100. Novice: Trophy to Top 5 overall, Top U800, Top U700, Top U600, Top U500, Top

U400, Top Unr; State Champions (Top Michigan Resident): Master/Expert, Expert, and Each Class plus Novice. Trophies for all place-winners listed above. **See Ad on Page 42.**

### Jan 15 Genesee County CC QUICK SWISS

Eastside Senior Center, 3065 N Genesee Rd, Flint, MI 48506. **5-SS**, One Section with Class Prizes. **Reg:** 6:00-6:25pm **Rds:** 6:30-7-7:30-8-8:30pm. **EF:** \$5 **TL:** G/13;d3. **\$\$:** 75%. **Ent/Info:** Jeff Aldrich 810-955-7271; [jeffchess64@gmail.com](mailto:jeffchess64@gmail.com)

### Jan 19 Thinkers Challenge 4

University Prep Science & Math High School, 2664 Franklin St, Detroit, MI 48207; **4-SS**, Non-Rated: Gr K-1, Gr 2-3, Gr 4-7, Gr 8-12; USCF Rated: U600, U900, U1100, U1400, Open. **TL:** G45; 0d. **Rds:** 9a, 10:45a, 12:30p, 2:15p. **EF:** Adv By 9pm Thu before: \$20, after \$25. **\$\$:** Trophies - 1st-5th each. **Ent&Info:** Tom Nelson, [weplaychess@comcast.net](mailto:weplaychess@comcast.net), 303-880-4332. Website: [www.weplaychess.net/DetroitThinkersChallenge](http://www.weplaychess.net/DetroitThinkersChallenge)

### Jan 26 Cranbrook Schools K-12 Chess Tournament

Cranbrook Kingswood Girls Middle School, 39221 Woodward Ave, Bloomfield Hills, MI 48304; 6 rounds, Non-Rated; **TL:** 15 min/game; **Rds:** 10am to 3pm; **EF:** \$40 by 1/1/19, \$50 by 1/21/19, \$60 door; **Reg:** [tinyurl.com/chess2019](http://tinyurl.com/chess2019); **\$\$:** Top 3 in each group; **Ent&Info:** Cranbrook Summer and Special Programs, [summer@cranbrook.edu](mailto:summer@cranbrook.edu), 248-645-3678

### Jan 29 Genesee County CC Blitz Extravaganza!

Eastside Senior Center, 3065 N. Genesee Rd, Flint, MI 48506. **2RR**. Sect of 6-8 by rtg. **Reg:** 6:00-6:25pm **Rds:** Starts about 6:30pm. **EF:** \$5 **TL:** G/5;d0 (no delay). **\$\$:** Sect of 8: 1st \$16-\$8; Sect of 7: 1st \$14-\$7; Sect of 6: \$12-\$6. **Ent/Info:** Jeff Aldrich 810-955-7271. [jeffchess64@gmail.com](mailto:jeffchess64@gmail.com)

## FEBRUARY 2019 TOURNAMENTS:

Feb 2 ★★2019 MICHIGAN PRIMARY AND ELEMENTARY TEAM CHESS CHAMPIONSHIPS★★ Palmer Park Prep Academy, Detroit **See Ad on Page 43**

### Feb 9 Kemeny Recreation Center K- 12th Grade Chess Tournament

Kemeny Center, 2260 S Fort St, Detroit, MI 48217, **6 Rds**, Unrated; Gr K-12; **TL:** 15min/rd; **Rds:** Chk-in: 10- 10:30am, 11-11:30-12:30-1-1:30-2; **EF:** \$35 by 1/31/19, \$45 by 1/31/19, \$55 door. CC add \$5; **\$\$:** Top 3/gr K-8, Top 3 9-12; **Ent&Info:** Sal Chehayeb, P.O. Box 99432 Troy MI 48099, [Sal@chessinschools.com](mailto:Sal@chessinschools.com), 248-219-5624

### Feb 19 Genesee County C.C. Free Rated Swiss

Eastside Senior Citizens Center Activity Room. 3065 N. Genesee Rd, Flint. **3-RR**, Sect of 4 by Rtg, **TL:** G/25;d5. **RDs:** 6:30-7:30-8:30pm. **EF:** \$0 **REG:** 6-6:25pm **\$\$:** None. **Ent&Info:** Jeff Aldrich, (810) 955-7271, [jeffchess64@gmail.com](mailto:jeffchess64@gmail.com)

Feb 23 ★★2019 MICHIGAN JUNIOR HIGH AND HIGH SCHOOL TEAM CHESS CHAMPIONSHIPS★★ Oakland University, Rochester **See Ad on Page 44**

## MARCH 2019 TOURNAMENTS:

Mar 23-24 ★★2019 MICHIGAN JUNIOR★★ Oakland University, Rochester **See Ad on Page 45.**

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**Michigan's Top 100**  
 From USCF Website Rating List  
 (Regular Rated as of November 1, 2018)

Rnk	Player	Rtng	Rnk	Player	Rtng
1	IM ATULYA ARYA SHETTY	2494	51	WILLIAM RHEE	1987
2	IM SAFAL BORA	2493	52	MANMOHAN DAS	1980
3	FM BEN LI	2482	53	ANDREW M BEIDER	1964
4	FM MARK HEIMANN	2474	54	ALAN MICHAEL GREGG	1964
5	FM EDWARD SONG	2445	55	MICHAEL SMITH	1957
6	FM JOSHUA POSTHUMA	2375	56	ANDREW CHARLES FRIEDMAN	1950
7	FM SETH HOMA	2352	57	DAN HRONCHEK	1947
8	MICHAEL CHEN	2326	58	EDDIE SHELTON BARBER	1946
9	MICHAEL BOWERSOCK	2293	59	MIKE WILLIAMS	1942
10	FM ANDREW D HUBBARD	2275	60	HARRISON HE	1942
11	AMEER SHAWKY GHOBRIAL	2247	61	R RAYMOND GARRISON	1941
12	WFM APURVA VIRKUD	2222	62	ALLEN WICKERING	1939
13	PETER GILRUTH	2210	63	DOUGLAS FICK II	1933
14	SERGEI CHOBANYAN	2209	64	ZACHARY SMITH	1932
15	ERIC V FISCHVOGT	2200	65	ASHLEY CARTER	1924
16	KEVIN NOREN	2200	66	STANLEY J JAROSZ JR	1923
17	JOHN C BIDWELL	2200	67	DANIEL MOTOC	1923
18	MANIS DAVIDOVICH	2200	68	BRYAN WILSON JR	1921
19	SURYA PARASURAMAN	2188	69	AYUSH DAS	1908
20	JOHN BROOKS	2178	70	MICHAEL CLARK	1908
21	ANTHONY T NICHOLS	2175	71	ISAAC S ZYLSTRA	1904
22	EVGENIY KHAIN	2160	72	GREGORY E BAILEY	1903
23	JUSTIN SUN LIANG	2143	73	JEFF R ALDRICH	1900
24	ARIEL S LEVI	2139	74	JUSTIN MEEK	1893
25	MICHAEL ZIHAN ZHENG	2133	75	VIJAY KODALI	1891
26	MIKLOS SZUCS	2121	76	GARY SCOTT PRATT	1890
27	WFM SASHA KONOVALENKO	2116	77	THOMAS A LA FORGE	1889
28	DAVID FELIX HAHN	2100	78	HANSHI ZUO	1888
29	KYLE D WEBSTER	2097	79	NATHAN J OUYANG	1888
30	SALAH CHEHAYEB	2077	80	BRANDON O'NEIL	1886
31	REGINALD DARNELL PERRY	2076	81	EZEKIEL HOUGHTON	1879
32	TONY PALMER	2069	82	ADHVAITH RAJANISH	1876
33	CLARA MCGREW	2067	83	BRYAN CECIL WILSON	1875
34	KAMERON TOLLIVER	2058	84	THOMAS L TRIPLETT	1874
35	CHRIS J HANKINSON	2054	85	MICHAEL MOTOC	1869
36	AKASH NARAYANAN	2048	86	JAMES DEAN	1867
37	BRADLEY ROGERS	2042	87	MARTIN MICHAIOLOFF	1866
38	ANDREW MARK SCHREMSE	2041	88	RONALD WILLIAMS	1864
39	BRONSON GENTRY	2028	89	WILL JOSEPH BROOKS	1860
40	HASSAN M SOBH	2026	90	MICHAEL BROOKS	1855
41	JOHN R DREXEL	2020	91	CHARISSE WOODS	1854
42	BARRY E ENDSLEY	2019	92	ROBERT JAMES BEMBEN	1851
43	JAMES H SAWASKI	2017	93	NICHOLAS KONOVALENKO	1848
44	JOSEPH GADSON	2017	94	ADAM DEHOLLANDER	1847
45	GREGORY HARRIS	2005	95	KRISHNA VENKATASUBBA	1845
46	JENNIFER SKIDMORE SMITH	2002	96	GARY T MORTON	1839
47	MORGAN EVERETT	2001	97	DEREK WILDER	1839
48	ABRAHAM S UPPAL	2000	98	YORDAN DEMIREV	1834
49	JASON ZHENG	1999	99	DON L VANDIVIER	1832
50	ADAM MASEK	1996	100	JAMES D KARAKOS	1832

**Current Michigan Champions**

2018 Michigan Open	Joshua Posthuma
2018 Michigan Open Reserve	Patrick Schilling
2018 Michigan Open Booster	John Kling
2018 Michigan Amateur	Stanley Jarosz
2018 Master/Expert	FM Mark Heimann
2018 Expert Champion	Surya Parasuraman
2018 Class A Champion	Raymond Garrison
2018 Class B Champion	Brelen Wilkes
2018 Class C Champion	Kevin Yuan
2018 Class D Champion	Scott Stapel
2018 Class E Champion	Ashrith Mathiyazhagan
2018 Novice Champion	Walter Hamilton
2017 Michigan Action	Edward Song
2018 Michigan Speed	Joshua Posthuma
2018 Senior Champion	Alaa-Addin Moussa
2018 Senior Reserve Champion	Gary Fletcher
2018 Michigan Women's	Clara McGrew
2018 Primary K-3 Team	Roeper Dream Peeps
2018 Primary K-3 Team Reserve	---
2018 Elementary K-5 Team	---
2018 Elementary K-5 Team Reserve	Detroit University Prep 1
2018 Elementary K-6 Team	AA King Carlsen
2018 Junior High K-9 Team	Detroit University Prep MS A
2018 Junior High K-9 Team Reserve	OLGC Gold
2018 High School 9-12 Team	Detroit Cass Tech HS
2018 High School K-12 Team Reserve	Detroit Cass Tech HS A
2018 Michigan Junior	Ben Li
2018 Michigan Young Junior	Michael Zheng, Justin Liang Aiden Song
2018 Michigan Young Junior Reserve	Renee Canty
2018 Michigan Children's	Charlie Reese
2018 Michigan Children's Reserve	Kalel Garrett
2018 Michigan Young Children's	Daut Yakupov
2018 Michigan Young Children's Reserve	Inbhavenkat Sundara Rajan
2017 Scholastic Club K-12 Team	Detroit City Chess Club
2017 Scholastic Club K-12 Individual	Jason Zheng Joshua Posthuma Bryan Wilson Jr
2017 Scholastic Club K-8 Team	East Middle School Rockets
2017 Scholastic Club K-8 Individual	Venkata Pullabhotia, Alan Zheng
2017 Scholastic Club K-5 Team	Windsor Chess Club (1sr CAN)Implodians (MI Champs)
2017 Scholastic Club K-5 Individual	Thomas Pan (1st CAN) Brennan Hladney (MI Champ)
2017 Scholastic Club K-3 Team	Implodians
2017 Scholastic Club K-3 Individual	Shivank Jayadeva Daut Yakupov