

2023 Florida Scholastic Championship!

By Andrew Rea

The second weekend of March, March 10-12, saw a gathering of players from all over Florida to Orlando for the Florida Scholastic Championship- 476 players in nine sections! Of course this also entails a few additional hundreds of parents, coaches, siblings, and fans as well; turns out the hotel site, Wyndham Orlando, was well chosen, able to handle the masses! The event kicked off with the Blitz Championship. A perfect 10/10 in the K-5 Section by Akeras Overlingas, while Vincent Stone scorched the K-12 with 10/10 as well. Dozens of other players were not able to keep up, but all were ready to play Saturday and Sunday.

As noted, nine sections, and as can be observed, all were closely contested. The margins for wins/losses/draws are narrow, and while its completely normal to celebrate the obvious success of those who won their sections, all of our players are to be congratulated for taking on the bruises and stress of their games. We start with our K-1 group, where Mihai Holcomb was able to win all five of his games! Well chased by 4 players at 4/5, but when the dust settled Mihai proved to be unstoppable. (Cont. on page 14)



K-5 Blitz Champion—
Akeras Overlingas



K-12 Blitz Champion -
Vincent Stone

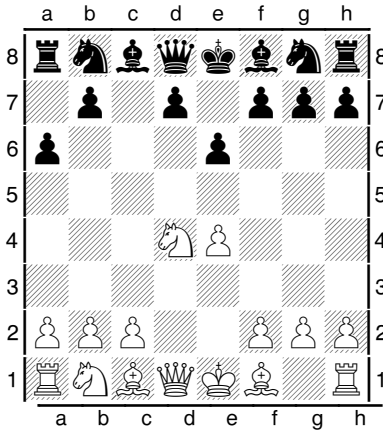


Bughouse Champions -
Aaron Marian & Advait Nair

(181) Li, Sophie (1799) - Datta, Riyaan (1768) [B41]
 2023 Florida State Scholastic (5),
 12.03.2023 [nmbtillis]

[This is the 5th round championship game in the K-5 section. In the previous round Riyaan Datta defeated the top seed that was over 400 points higher rated, he was clearly on a roll going into this game.]

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 e6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 a6 [The Sicilian Kan, one of the safest Sicilians.]



5.a4 [A good practical move to step away from preparation.]

[5.Bd3 Seems to be the best theoretical move lately. 5...Bc5 6.Nb3 Ba7 The other choice Be7 has fallen way out of favor with modern engines. 7.Qg4 Nf6 8.Qg3 The g-pawn capture is somewhat poison, this move results in an interesting position following 1-0 (26) Mekhitarian, K (2562) -Harika, D (2517) Chess.com INT 2022.]

5...b6 6.Nc3 Bb7 7.Bd3 [7.g3 This is arguably better development to play against the d5-break.]

7...Nf6 8.Bd2 [8.e5 Black can't allow this move! 8...Nd5 9.Nxd5 Bxd5 10.0-0 Nc6 11.Nxc6 Bxc6 12.Qg4 Black is struggling to finish development, White is much better here.]

8...d5 [A good practical move which is double-edged.]

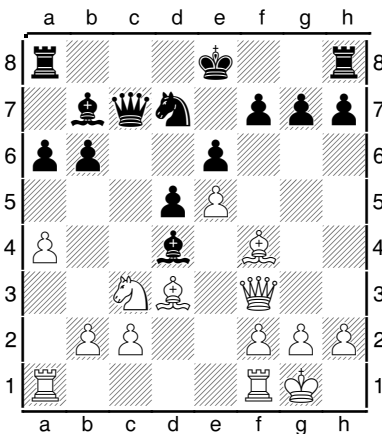
9.e5 Nfd7?? [9...Ne4 Is the best.]

10.Qe2 [After this move it is now a good French position for Black where the e-pawn will be weak.]

[10.Nxe6! A beautiful tactic missed by both players. 10...fxe6 11.Qh5+ Ke7 12.Bg5+]

10...Bc5 11.Nf3 Nc6 [All the army begins to eye e5.]

12.0-0 Qc7 13.Bf4 Nd4 14.Qd1 Nxf3+ 15.Qxf3 Bd4 [A strong move hitting multiple weaknesses.]



16.Qg3 [16.Rfe1 This is best and maintains the balance. 16...Bxc3 Very rarely is it worth parting with the bishop pair for a pawn in this type of position. 17.bxc3 Qxc3 18.Qg4 This is much better for the attacker with the bishop pair.]

16...Bxe5 17.Qxg7 Bxg7 18.Bxc7 Rc8 19.Bf4 Bxc3?! [19...e5 It is not worth the pawn to capture on c3. This move results in a one-sided game. 20.Rfe1 0-0 21.Bf5 exf4 22.Bxd7 Rc5 Black is winning with the bishop pair.]

20.bxc3 Rxc3 21.Rfe1 d4 [21...h5 A practical move to slowly attempt to get rid of the isolated pawn.]

22.Bd2 Rc5 23.Rab1 Rg8 [The threat on g2 must be stopped.]

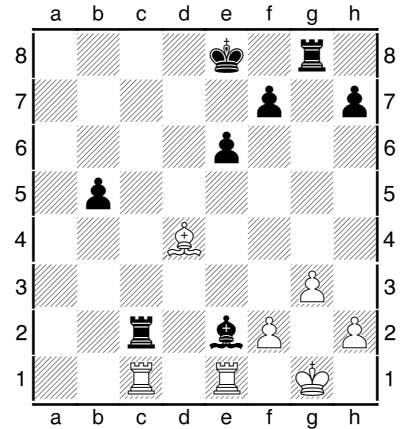
24.g3 Ne5 25.Be2? [25.Rxe5 A natural sacrifice as the bishops will be strong in this ending. 25...Rxe5 26.Rxb6 Bc8 27.Bxh7 White is the aggressor here.]

25...Rxc2 26.Bf4 Bf3 [26...Nf3+ The better choice as White will have

back-rank issues for the rest of the game.]

27.Bxe5 Bxe2 28.Bxd4 b5 29.axb5 [29.Rxe2 Another opportunity to change the character of the game. 29...Rxe2 30.axb5 axb5 31.Rxb5 Black will need to seriously work here to come away with the full-point.]

29...axb5 30.Rbc1 [30.Rxe2 The last opportunity in the game to muddy the waters.]



30...Rxc1 31.Rxc1 Bc4 32.Ra1 Rg5 33.f4 Rd5 34.Be3 [34.Bc3 It was essential to stop the progression of the passed pawn.]

34...b4 [Passed pawns must be pushed! Black is now winning.]

35.Rb1 Rb5 36.Kf2 b3 37.Bd4 Ra5 [The rest is a matter of technique.]

38.Ke3 Kd7 39.Kd2 Kc6 40.Kc3 Ra4 41.Re1 Bd5 42.Rb1 Kb5 43.Bg1 f5 44.Bf2 Rc4+ 45.Kxb3 Rb4+ 46.Kc2 Be4+ 47.Kd2 Rxb1 [With this win, Riyaan took clear first and will be our representative to the Rockefeller Tournament of Elementary School State Champions.]

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More Games from the Florida Scholastic Championship

(194) Bach Ngo (2409) - Vincent Stone (2180) [E70]

2023 Florida State Scholastic Champions [https://lichess.org/study/Kvc\(5.1\),0003](https://lichess.org/study/Kvc(5.1),0003)
[Derek ZHang]

[Going into this game in the fifth and final round, both players were part of a 4-way tie for first with 3.5/4. A win would guarantee either player at least a share of the state high school title.]

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 Bg7 4.e4 d6 5.Nge2 [The Kramer variation of the King's Indian Defense, where white will place the knight on g3 instead of its usual perch on f3.]

5...0-0 6.Ng3 c5 7.d5 [The best move. With the knight on g3 instead of f3, white should not allow a trade on d4.]

7...e6 8.Be2 a6 9.a4 exd5 10.cxd5 [The preferred way to recapture on d5, keeping stronger control of the center when compared to exd5.]

[10.exd5?! Ne8 11.0-0! f5 12.Bd2 Nf6]

10...Re8 11.0-0! [Though white lacks a clear, forcing plan in this middlegame, white holds a long-term space advantage and a pleasant position. On the other hand, black's position is cramped, but black's weaknesses are easily defensible for now and black has a clear long-term plan with an eventual b5 pawn break.]

11...h5 12.Bg5 [Black threatens to gain space and kick the g3 knight away with h4, but white prevents it.]

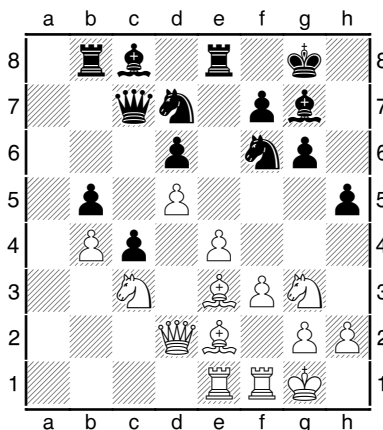
12...Nbd7 13.Qd2 Qc7 14.f3 Rb8 15.Rae1 [A slight misstep, moving pieces away from the queenside, where the immediate action is about to happen.]

15...c4 [Preparing b5 by blocking the e2 bishop's view of b5. Also interesting was b5:]

[15...b5!? 16.axb5 c4 17.bxa6 Bxa6,, Black is down a pawn but has sufficient compensation with weak squares on b3 and d3 and the long-

term weakness that is white's b2 pawn.]

16.Be3 b5 17.axb5 axb5 18.b4!



Bach finds the only move that does not leave white clearly worse. Black cannot take the pawn en passant because the b5 pawn will hang with tempi after Nxb5, so white has successfully halted black's kingside attack.]

18...h4 [18...cxb3? 19.Nxb5 Qc2 20.Qxc2 bxc2 21.Nxd6±]

19.Nh1 h3 20.g4 Nh7 [Here, Bach has built up a clear advantage on the board, and perhaps more importantly in this sudden death time control, he's also built up a 58 to 21 minute advantage on the clock.]

21.Ng3?! [A slight inaccuracy. Here the best move was Nf2, as black's h3 pawn cannot be defended and will eventually fall.]

[21.Nf2 Ne5 22.Nxh3?]

21...Ne5 22.Ra1 Bd7 23.Ra7 Rb7 24.Rfa1 Reb8 25.R7a3 [With limited time on the clock, Vincent has done well to equalize from a worse position. White would like to play f4 to make progress, but white will have trouble defending the g4 pawn while also keeping Nd3 at bay. Instead, with time running low on his clock, Vincent understandably goes for the active approach right away and errs with Nd3.]

25...Nd3?! [25...Qd8 26.Qd1 Rc8 27.f4 Nd3 28.Bxd3 cxd3 29.Qxd3 Bxg4 And black has all the play.]

26.Bxd3 cxd3 27.Rc1 Rc8 28.Na2 Qd8 29.Qxd3 Rxc1+ 30.Nxc1 Qf6 [Bach has picked up the loose pawn on d3 while continuing to maintain a solid position. In addition, he holds a 47 to 7 minute advantage on the clock. His conversion from this point forward is not perfect according to the engine, but it is excellent when considering Vincent's impending time trouble, as Bach never lets the position get out of control.]

31.Bd2 Rc7 32.Nge2 Qh4 33.Ra8+ Nf8 34.Ng3 Qf6 35.Ra2 [Preventing any forays of the black queen into b2.]

35...Rc4 36.Nce2 Qd8 37.Nf1 Qb6+ 38.Ne3 Rc8 39.Kf1 [Side stepping the black queen's pin.]

39...Nh7 40.Nd1 Be5 41.f4 Bg7 42.Ne3 Re8 43.g5?! [Perhaps Bach's only inaccuracy in his conversion. Vincent correctly responds with f6!, which slightly opens up the game in a position where black's king is safer.]

43...f6! 44.gxf6 Nxf6 45.Ng3 Ng4 46.Nxg4 Bxg4 47.Be3 Qd8?! [Alas, with just one minute and 21 seconds left on the clock, Vincent errs by going for activity on the kingside with a future Qh4 instead of keeping his queen on the c-file by playing Qc7.]

[47...Qc7 48.Qxb5 Rc8 49.Qd3 Qb7 50.Bd2 Ra8 51.Ra5 Rxa5 52.bxa5 Qb2? With the two bishops and white's somewhat exposed king, black still has good chances of holding here.]

48.Qxb5 Bf3 49.Qc6 Rf8 50.Kg1 Qh4 51.Qxd6 Kh7 52.Ra7 Rg8 53.Qe7 Qg4 54.Qg5 Qc8 [With a queen trade resulting in an obviously lost ending, Vincent instead chooses to force Bach to find the mate, which he does.]

55.Qh4+ Bh5 56.Nxh5 g5 57.Nf6+ Kg6 58.Qxg5# [A valiant defensive effort by Vincent, but Bach kept up the pressure throughout the game and brought home the point and the state

high school title by pressing an ultimately decisive advantage on the clock.]

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(195) Brejesh Chakrabarti (2368) - Ubaldo Lopez-Naranjo (1943) [A05]

2023 Florida State Scholastic Champions <https://lichess.org/study/Kvc> (3.1)
[Derek Zhang]

[A huge upset in Round 3 of the K-8 section that shook up the standings and threw the fight for the state middle school title wide open.]

1.Nf3 Nf6 2.g3 e6 3.Bg2 d5 4.0-0 c5 5.d3 Nc6 6.Nbd2 e5?! [I only mark e5 as dubious because Ubaldo moved his e-pawn twice in the first six moves. It's not actually a bad move, though.]

7.e4 d4 8.Nc4 Bd6 [8...Qc7 Would have preserved the bishop pair.]

9.Nxd6+ [Taking the bishop pair before black can retreat the bishop to c7.]

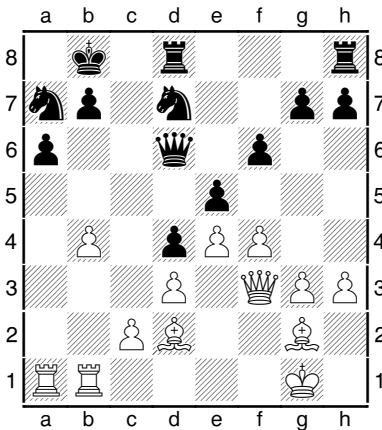
9...Qxd6 10.Nd2 Be6 11.f4 0-0-0 12.Nf3 Bg4 13.h3 Bxf3 14.Qxf3 Nd7 15.Bd2 f6 [And we reach a position that reveals much about the resulting middlegame. It feels like white should be much better - white has the two bishops and it feels like white's pawn storm will be much faster - but actually proving that advantage will be an entirely different matter.]

16.a3 Kb8 17.Rfb1 a6 18.b4?! [The first mistake. Given that black's kingside attack is not going anywhere anytime soon, white needed to be more patient.]

18...cxb4 19.axb4 [19.Bxb4 Nxb4 20.axb4 (20.Rxb4 Rc8 21.Rab1 Rc7μ) 20...b5!³]

19...Na7!

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The critical move. Suddenly, white's attack has been halted, and it is actually white who will have problems on the queenside, specifically in regards to the weak pawn on c2.]

20.c4?! [Brejesh tries to solve this problem right away while opening up lines for his bishops, but this move only creates more problems in the form of an outpost on d4 for black's knights and a weak pawn on d3.]

[20.Rb2 Rc8 21.h4 Rc6 22.Bh3³ Better was this plan of defending c2 and slowly activating the g2 bishop by creating an opening for it on h3.]

20...dxc3 21.Bxc3 Nb5 22.Bd2 Nf8 [Rerouting the knight to d4.]

23.Be3 [23.f5!? Would have at least posed black some problems by preventing the f8 knight from jumping to e6 and then d4.]

23...Ne6 24.f5? [The previous move was the time to play f5. f5 now does nothing to stop black's knights from dominating d4, and instead ensures that white's own light squared bishop will never get into the game.]

24...Ned4 [From here, black's play is straightforward and powerful.]

25.Qf2 Rc8 26.Rb2 Rc3 27.Bf1 Rhc8 28.Raa2 Rb3 29.Rxb3 Nxb3 30.Qe1 N5d4 31.Bg2 Nc2 32.Qd1 Nbd4 [32...Nxe3?! 33.Qxb3 Still winning for black, but more difficult to play from a human perspective.]

33.Bf2 Qxb4 34.Kh2 Qb3 35.Ra5 Nb4 36.Qg4 Ndc6 37.Ra1 Nxd3 38.Bg1 Rc7 39.Qh5 Qb2 40.Rd1

Qc2 41.Bb6 Rc8 42.Qf3 Ndb4? 43.Rd7 [Suddenly, white has counterplay again. Brejesh has done well to hang in the game and make things difficult.]

43...Ka8 44.Rxg7 a5 45.Qh5? [I'm very hesitant to call this move a mistake (even though the engine marks it as a blunder), and only do so because white had an alternative that equalizes. Qh5 is a very intuitive move that I might have played in this position as well.]

[45.g4! With the idea of creating a passed f-pawn. 45...h6 (45...Nd3 46.g5 fxg5 47.f6 Nf4 48.f7+-) 46.Rg6 a4 47.Rxf6 Qb2 48.Rd6 a3 49.f6=]

45...a4 46.Qf7 Rb8 47.Bc7 Nd4! [Threatening Nf3+ with mate coming soon after.]

48.h4 Nd3 49.Kh3 Nf2+ 50.Kh2 Nd3 51.Bxb8 [A curious decision to go for this instead of repeating with Kh3 and forcing black to find the mate with Nd1:]

[51.Kh3 Nf2+ 52.Kh2 Nd1 53.Bxb8 Nf3+ 54.Kh3 Nf2#]

51...Nf3+ 52.Kh3 Nf2# [Ubaldo's huge upset shook up the top of the K-8 section, with more than a dozen players realistically in play for the state title going into Sunday's fourth and fifth rounds.]

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(196) Oscar Williams (2029) - Aaron Marian (1833) [B40]

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[Derek Zhang]

[The top board clash in Round 4 of the K-8 Championship. Oscar, the higher rated player, came into the game with 2.5/3, while Aaron had 3/3.]

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 e6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Bd3 [5.Nc3 The more popular reply to Nf6. 5...d6 6.Be3 a6 7.f3 b5 8.g4,]

5...Nc6 6.Nxc6 bxc6 7.c4 [Black has already equalized (white's d3 bishop looks especially misplaced!) but some accurate center pawn moves will be needed to maintain equality.]

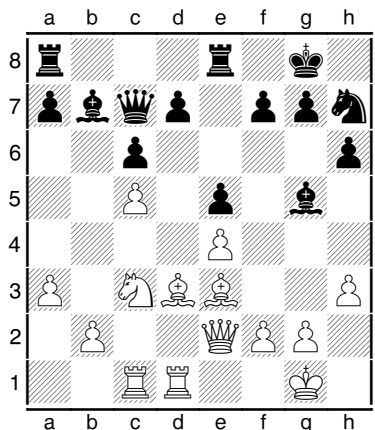
7...Qc7 [7...e5 8.0-0 Bc5 9.Qe2 d6=; 7...d5 8.Nd2 Bd6 9.Qc2 Qc7=]

8.Nc3 Be7 9.0-0 0-0 10.Qe2 e5 11.Be3 Bb7?! [Bb7 allows c5, which traps in both of black's bishops and establishes greater central control.]

[11...d6 12.a3 a5 13.b4 axb4 14.axb4 Rxa1 15.Rxa1²]

12.Rfd1?! [At the risk of appearing overly repetitive, I won't mark each of the next four moves as dubious, even though all of them allow or miss c5 until white finally played c5 on move 16. Suffice it to say that both players had ample opportunity to take control of the c5 square for themselves!]

12...Rfe8 13.Rac1 h6 14.h3 Nh7 15.a3 Bg5 16.c5!



Finally!

16...Bxe3?! [Bxe3 trades black's only immediate defender of the d6 square, allowing white to easily establish an outpost on d6.]

17.Qxe3 Nf8 18.Bc4 Ne6 19.Bxe6!? [The engine doesn't love this move, but I do. It simplifies the position to a middlegame with two major advantages for white: 1) a good knight vs a bad bishop, and 2) a strong outpost on d6. For two human players, these advantages

arguably already make this position technically winning for white.]

19...Rxe6 20.Rd2 Ba6 21.Rcd1 [Establishing control over the d6 outpost.]

21...Re7 22.Rd6 Rd8 [Unless white errs, black's pieces will be forever tied down to the defense of the d7 pawn. White can spend as much time as he desires preparing his eventual breakthrough.]

23.Qg3 Kh7 24.Kh1 Bc4 25.f4?! [Allows exf4, but black does not take this opportunity.]

25...f6?! [25...exf4 26.Qxf4 Qa5 27.Qf2² This is essentially the same position as before, except that black's e7 rook has a semi-open file and white's e4 and c5 pawns are weaker than before. White is still better here, but not by nearly as much as before.]

26.f5 Bf7 27.R1d3 Qa5 28.Qf2 Qc7 29.Qd2 [Patient buildup by white, first tying down black to the defense of the d7 pawn.]

29...Qb7 30.Kh2 Bc4 31.Rg3 Bf7 32.Nd1 Rf8 33.Nf2 Bh5 34.Rgd3 [White has taken great advantage of the immobility of black's pieces to position his own pieces on the optimal squares.]

34...Rd8 35.g4 [A great illustration of the principle of two weaknesses. White has focused as much attacking power as possible on the weak d7 pawn, and black is barely holding on. All white needs to do is to create a second weakness (in this case, by making black's king weak) to break through.]

35...Bf7 36.h4 Bc4 37.Rg3 Rh8 38.g5 hxg5 39.hxg5 Kg8+ 40.Kg2 Kf7 41.gxf6 gxf6 42.Rg6 [And white breaks through. The rest is simple.]

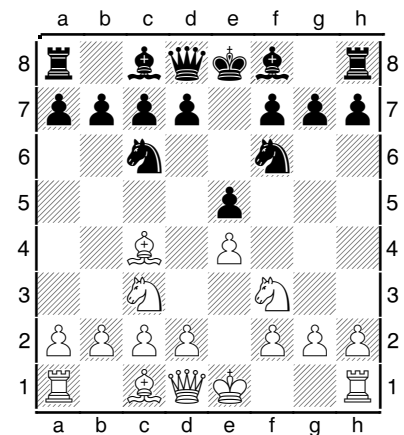
42...Ke8 43.Rdxf6 Reh7 44.Rh6 Qb3 45.Rxh7 Rxh7 46.Qg5 Rh8 47.Rh6 Rg8 48.Rg6 Rh8 49.Rg7 Bf7 50.Qf6 a5 51.Qxe5+ Kd8 52.Rxf7 Rh2+ 53.Kxh2 Qxf7 54.Qb8+ Ke7 55.Qd6+ Kd8 56.Ng4

Qh5+ 57.Kg3 Qh1 58.Qb8+ Ke7 59.f6+ Kf7 60.Qd6 Qg1+ 61.Kf3 Qh1+ 62.Kf4 Qc1+ 63.Kf5 Qf1+ 64.Qf4 Qh1 65.Ne5+ Kf8 66.Qg4 Qf1+ 67.Nf3 Qxf3+ 68.Qxf3 d5 69.Qg4 Ke8 70.Qg7 Kd8 71.Qe7+ Kc8 72.f7 Kb8 73.f8R# [An interesting game that was largely decided in moves 12-16, where both players refused to claim control of the c5 and d6 squares until white finally did so on move 16. From there, white showed excellent technique to bring home the win. Both players would go on to tie for second place in the K-8 Championship.]

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(190) Honmurgi, Viraj - Holcomb, Mihai (999) [C55]
2023 Florida State Scholastic (5),
11.03.2023
[nmbtillis]

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.Bc4 [One of the most common opening mistakes in chess.]



[4.Bb5 The mainline of the 4-Knights.;
4.d4 The popular secondary move.]

4...Nxe4 5.Nxe4 d5 6.Nxe5? [6.Bd3 This is the best attempt. 6...dxe4 7.Bxe4 Bd6 Black has easy development and better control of the center.]

6...Nxe5 7.d4 dxc4 [Black was winning and got in a bit of a hurry.]

[7...Nxc4 Black is a clean piece up with no compensation for the

opponent.]

8.dxe5 Qxd1+ [When up material, trade down.]

9.Kxd1 Be7 10.b3 cxb3 11.cxb3 [11.axb3 It is much better to capture with the a-pawn to activate the rook.]

11...0-0 12.Bf4 Bf5 13.f3 Bxe4 14.fxe4 [White's pawn structure is compromised.]

14...f6 15.exf6 Bxf6 16.Bxc7?? Bxa1 [There were many more moves but Mihai converted without issue going on to win the K-1 Championship.]

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(201) Sha, Yi (1762) - Mulay, Vivian (1735) [D47]
2023 Florida State Scholastic (5),
11.03.2023
[nmbti]

[This was the titan matchup in the K-3 Championship section.]

1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.Nf3 e6 5.e3 Nbd7 6.Bd3 dxc4 7.Bxc4 b5 [Semi-Slav Defense: Main Line, Meran Variation]

8.Bd3 Bd6 [The third choice move in the database favored by Kramnik and Shankland.]

9.e4 [9.0-0 This move is far more flexible than the main game. 9...0-0 10.Qc2 Bb7 11.a3 Rc8 12.b4 Retains a small plus for White as there is active plan against the natural c5-break. Following 1-0 (70) Mamedyarov, S (2782)-Shankland, S (2709) Saint Louis 2021.]

9...e5 [White can't gain space in the center, Black has fully equalized.]

10.dxe5 Nxe5 11.Bc2 [White loses the thread, good preparation by Black.]

[11.Nxe5 Bxe5 12.0-0 Ng4 Though the engine is giving equality this seems far more comfortable for Black.]

11...Bg4 12.Be3 Bxf3 [12...0-0 Keeping the tension could inflict even more damage as White may very well have a knee-jerk reaction to attempt to fix the problem.]

13.gxf3 Nc4 14.Rb1 Nxe3 15.fxe3 Bc5? [White's king will never find safety, keeping the queens on the board will favor the attacker.]

[15...Nh5 Would be the editor's first choice.]

16.Qxd8+ Rxd8 17.Ke2 [The tide has quickly changed, White went from a very shaky middlegame position to a solid endgame with an active king.]

17...0-0 18.b4 Be7 19.a4 a6 20.Rhg1 [20.f4 Retains a big edge.]

20...Nd7 21.axb5 axb5 22.f4 Nb6 23.Bd3 Ra8 [The position is balanced.]

[23...Rd6 Best is to pile up on the d-file activating all of the pieces.]

24.Rgc1 Rfc8 25.e5 Bf8 [25...Ra3 Black again needs to be looking to pressure targets.]

26.h4 Ra3 27.Ne4 Ra4?? [27...Nd5 Necessary to maintain the balance.]

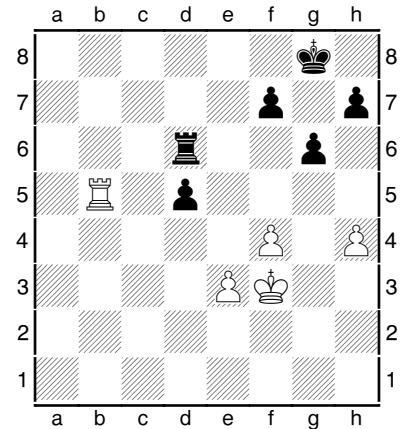
28.Nd6 Ra2+ 29.Kf3 Bxd6 30.exd6 Rd2 31.Rd1 Rxd1 32.Rxd1 Nd5 33.Rc1 [This quickly gets back to equality.]

[33.Bxb5 A simple deflection, the machine gives nearly +7!]

33...Rd8 34.Ra1 Nxb4 35.Be4 g6 36.Rb1 Nd5 [36...c5 This maintains the tension and the better minor piece in this ending. Black should win with the two connected passed pawns on the queenside.]

37.Bxd5 cxd5 38.Rxb5 Rxd6 [This is by no means a trivial rook and pawn draw. The engine may give 0.00 but there are many ways to go wrong.]

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39.e4 [Simplification is a good idea for the defender.]

39...dxe4+ 40.Kxe4 Kg7 41.h5 Another move showing great technique.]

41...Rf6 42.Rg5 h6 43.Rg2 Rf5 44.hxg6 fxg6 [As the dust settles Black has the outside h-pawn. Rarely in rook and pawn endgames will a rook pawn be telling.]

45.Rh2 h5 46.Rh4 Kf6 47.Rh3 Ra5 48.Rc3 Ra4+ 49.Kf3 Ra5 50.Ke4 h4 [This is a question of technique and time. Black is not obliged to push the pawn too quickly. Very often in these endings best technique is to shuffle and wait, Silman once stated if you can do it in 2 moves or 10 moves in an endgame do it in 10.]

51.Rc6+ Kg7 52.Kf3 Rh5 53.Rc1 h3 54.Kg3 Kf6 55.Rc6+ Kg7 56.Rc2 [The pawn is going nowhere.]

56...Rf5 57.Rh2 Kf6 58.Rxh3 [Many more moves were played but eventually a draw was agreed from the 0.00 position. A great fight by both young players! Yi edged Vivian out on tiebreaks with the players finishing as co-champions at 1 and 2 along with a number of other players.]

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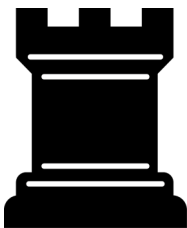
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5. Anaya Atara
6. Rajiv Honmurgi
7. Jaiden Luo
8. Ty Parker
9. Suraj Jani
10. Yash Ravishankar

K-3 Championship

1. Yi Sha
2. Vivan Mulay
3. Aakash Jani
4. Damian Alexander
5. Ryan Ratliff
6. Addison Baumstark
7. Winston Wu
8. Tanisha Saha
9. Daniel Tal
10. Celine Chen

K-3 Under 600

1. Michael Wang
2. Asa Bodlak
3. Shyam Garg
4. Knox Wilder
5. Sajoli Ghosh
6. Hendrix Smith
7. Sara Bauyrzhan
8. David Greene
9. Rowan Slifer
10. Julian Moguillansky

K-5 Championship

1. Riyaan Datta
2. Diego Jimenez
3. Akeras Overlingas
4. Platon Kaidash
5. Saatvik Dasari
6. Sophie Li
7. Maxwell Yang
8. Aashish Jagan
9. Rui Sha
10. Achyuth Madhu

K-5 Under 700

1. Nicholas James Vu
2. Prajwal Redd Chintamam
3. Cole Tecau
4. Max Ulmer
5. Pradosh Swain
6. Zhassurbek Azazkhanov
7. Asher Austin
8. Mae Travers
9. Jack Eisenmenger
10. Gus Bleakley

K-8 Championship

1. Advait Nair
2. Ubaldo Lopez-Naranjo
3. FM Brejesh Chakrabarti
4. Arav Patel
5. Oscar Williams
6. Aaron Marian
7. Om Mishra
8. Santiago Cesares
9. Brian Bird
10. Agrim Kumar

K-8 Under 1000

1. Catherine Jiang
2. Parvati Chakrabarti
3. Vincent Hubacheck
4. Arthur Peraud
5. Ethan Hsu
6. Deetya Thummala
7. Kahla Morales
8. Luke Wright
9. Tristan Cary
10. Tristan Squire

K-12 Championship

1. FM Bach Ngo
2. Nicolas De La Colina
3. Raghav Venkat
4. Vikram Rajmohan
5. Michael Guan
6. Anthony Gospodinov
7. Taban Chin
8. Vincent Stone
9. Jose Cesares
10. Adel Abdullina

K-12 under 1100

1. Cole Carin
2. Robert Abel
3. Bhagyesh Jethwani
4. Kenneth Wu
5. Dylan Nguyen
6. Vanessa Bajo
7. Viswambhar Janapati
8. Aarush Tripathi
9. Grayson Chambers
10. Ivan Yuk

K-5 Blitz

1. Akeras Overlingas
2. Arthur Peraud
3. Winston Wu
4. Riyann Datta
5. Nicolas Lie
6. Hrehaan Waghmode
7. Platon Kaidash
8. Max Ulmer
9. Prajwal Chintamani
10. Zhassurbek Azazkhanov

K-12 Blitz

1. Vincent Stone
2. Vikram Rajmohan
3. Advait Nair
4. Arav Patel
5. Aaron Marian
6. Raghav Venkat
7. Sritej Sattaru
8. Oscar Williams
9. Antony Gospodinov
10. Maxwell Yang

Bughouse

1. NBAnerds (Aaron & Advait)
2. TheMafia (Ethan & Vincent)
3. WW (Winston & William)
4. FLkings (Oscar & Akeras)
5. A&S (Akshat & Sritej)
6. Neel & Amit
7. Aakash & Henry
8. Anthony & Derrick
9. Lui & Max
10. KingMonkeyKlothers.com
(Sebastian & Noah)



K-1 Championship Teams

1. Oak Hall School
2. The Green School
3. Downtown Doral Charter



K-3 Championship Teams

1. Oak Hall School



K-3 Under 600 Teams

1. Oak Hall School
2. Lake Highland Prep
3. Queen of Peace
4. Audubon Park
5. The Greene School
6. South Miami Heights Elementary
7. Baldwin
8. Deer Park Elementary
9. Orlando Science Elementary
10. Windermere Elementary



K-5 Championship Teams

1. Oak Hall School
2. Everglades Elementary
3. The Greene School
4. Williams Elementary



K-5 Under 700 Teams

1. Oak Hall School
2. Divine Savior Academy
3. The Greene School
4. South Miami
5. Baldwin
6. Queen Of Peace
7. Lake Highland Prep
8. Carrollwood Day School
9. Corbett Prep School



K- 8 Championship Teams

1. Abraham Lincoln Middle School
2. Academy Prep Center of Lakeland
3. Fruit Cove Middle School
4. Liberty

5. Benito Middle School
6. BAK Middle School of the Arts



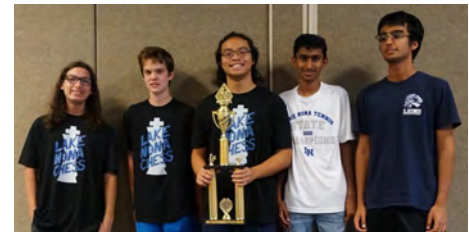
K-8 under 1000 Teams

1. Divine Savior Academy
2. Miami Country Day School
3. Julia Landon College Prep
4. FR Co-op
5. BAK Middle School of the Arts
6. Academy Prep Tampa
7. Glen Ridge Middle School
8. Audubon Park
9. The Green School
10. Audubon Park



K-12 Championship Teams

1. Buchholz High School
2. Hillsborough High School
3. Seminole High School
4. St. Petersburg High School
5. Boone High School
6. Miami Country Day School
7. WIN High School



K-12 Under 1100 Teams

1. Lake Nona High School
2. Divine Savior Academy
3. FAU High School
4. King High School
5. Crestview High School
6. Grace Family HomeSchool Co-op
7. Hillsborough High School
8. Belen Jesuit Prep
9. WIN High School
10. Miami Country Day School