

Denver Open

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I don't think there are enough superlatives in the Oxford English Dictionary to describe what an awesome tournament the DCC 2022 Denver Open was. It may well have been the highest attendance of any chess tournament ever held in Colorado. ONE HUNDRED and EIGHTY EIGHT - yes 188 - players registered to play in the annual premier Denver Chess Club tournament. Note: Tim Brennan has informed me that the Ed Levy I tournament in 2002 had 325 players, and Ed Levy II in 2003 had 261 players. OK so the 2022 Denver Open had the best Colorado tournament attendance in the last 19 years. I will always correct any errors of fact.

Players from all over the country came to Denver, Colorado to possibly play against special guest GM Jesse Kraai, or to have a shot at winning substantial prize money. An astounding 42% of the players were from outside the Denver area. With four sections it was possible for any player, of any level of ability, to win some big bucks, in addition to the classy 1st place trophy we had for each section.

The event opened with a Friday afternoon Blitz tournament that included GM Jesse Kraai's participation. Thirty-seven players choose to play in this 9 round side event. As usual, Andrew Starr directed the tournament with efficiency, despite a faulty hotel WiFi connection. Surprisingly GM Kraai did not take 1st place. The Grandmaster was upset by Sullivan McConnell in round 3.



Jesse Lozano (r) from Texas was thrilled to be paired against GM Jesse Kraai for round 2 of the main tournament.

The young Sullivan also won against the well known and strong NM Chris Peterson to finish with 8.5 points - only giving up a draw to his brother Griffin (who now is also a new Colorado Master). This fine performance won Sullivan \$200. GM Kraai ended up with 8 points and won \$75. I'm sure Sullivan is now on GM Kraai's list. I should also mention that relatively low rated Luke Donofrio (1459) must be a great blitz player. He finished with 5.5 points. Only losing to Griffin, NM Wall, and GM Kraai. His final score was all from big upsets.

For me, it was just a great feeling to walk into the tournament room Saturday morning for round 1 of the Main Event, and see wall to wall chess players filling the room. As I am sure it was for DCC President, Richard Shtivelband, and DCC Vice President, Lex Huberts. They put in a lot of time and effort to make this great tournament happen. Thanks very much to both of you.

Also, no tournament happens without Tournament Directors. FIDE National Arbiter Tom Nelson and USCF Director Earle Wikle ran the show in exemplary fashion. The rounds started on time, game results were entered correctly, and the very few playing disputes were settled quietly, quickly, and without quibble. That is all that can be asked of TDs. The DCC thanks you both kindly.

It is no surprise that GM Jesse Kraai took 1st place in the FIDE-rated Champion section. But I guess it is a little surprising that it was not with a perfect score. Another new Colorado Master, Neil Bhavikatti, held the Grandmaster to a last round draw. Nevertheless, 4.5 points secured clear 1st place and Mr. Kraai and takes home a nice \$1000 prize check.

Neil and apparently a real strong Class A player, Jorge Rubio, tied for the combined 2nd and 3rd place prize with 4 points, and they each pocket \$625. The young Bhavikatti's score also includes a draw against the no doubt soon to be an International Master, Gunnar Andersen. Jorge's score was all big upset wins. He only lost to Mr. Andersen. I suspect Mr. Rubio will soon be a USCF Expert. Gunnar won the U2400 prize of \$250 with 3.5 points.

Also, I'd like to mention the young - I'm guessing like 9 years old - Iris Li is going to be a force to be reckoned with. She finished out of the money but had two big upsets. Winning against strong Expert Michael Ginat and winning against NM Richard Shtivelband, who everyone knows is not at all easy to beat. NM Brian Wall managed to win against the youngster, but Brian will testify that Iris gave him all he could handle in their last round battle. Note: Mr. Ginat's current rating is slightly less than 2200 but he has USCF Life Master norms. Also, Brian has told me that he at one time was concurrently both the Colorado state chess and backgammon champion.

The U2200 section had an unusual 5 way tie for 1st place. Alexander Xie, Orgil Batsaikhan, Dmitry Kishinevsky, Luis DeAvila, and Tyler Mandel all finished with 4 points. They share the combined 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place prize, and each won \$270. Mr. Mandel is probably the most deserving of the prize money. After a 1st round loss to Christopher Motley, Tyler won 4 in a row against higher rated players. Amongst players

finishing with 3.5 points, two young players are notable. Namely, Sikander Baker-Nagar and Harsh Mali. All of Sikander's points were from upsetting much higher rated players, while Harsh had four upsets and only lost to Mr. Xie.

The U1800 section was won by Kristopher Zelkin with a perfect score. No losses, no draws. Set 'em up and mow 'em down, and won \$450. Mr. Zelkin is also the DCC Tuesday night U1900 Championship winner.



FIDE National Arbiter, Tom Nelson, quietly settling a dispute.

Photographer extraordinaire, John Brezina took the 2nd place prize of \$350 with four wins and a half point 4th round bye. Six players tied for 3rd place: Matthew O'Malley, Jeff Nohrden, Luis Jimenez, Coen Beaver, Amitai Sebba, and Derek Yin. They all ended up with 4 points, and each won \$33.33. The young grade school age Derek completely outplayed me in a knight and pawn ending and made it look easy. It is of some consolation that he also upset the strong Srikar Appana. There were numerous upsets in this section. Notably Tanya Prabhu, Shubh Misra, along with many others.

Also, in the U1400 section, we had a perfect 5-0 winner. Unrated Paul Morgan won \$250 for his fine play against more experienced players. The 2nd and 3rd place prize was shared by Kamron Correia and Andrew Robichaud. They each won \$125. I'm glad to see Mr. Robichaud winning some money and not letting won games slip away. Chad August had two over 500 point rating difference upset wins. James Manning, Trevor Thiesen, Christian Seidel, and Mitchell Keller also had huge upsets. Once again the upset wins and draws show that it's always best to play the position and not the opponents rating.

Congratulations to all the prize winners, and a big THANK YOU to all 188 players who made the 2022 DCC Denver Open extraordinary. Also, many thanks to John Brezina for the photos used in this report. *(Note: Other than the Tom Nelson photo, all pictures are by Mr. Brezina.)*

See all of Mr. Brezina's fine photography of the tournament with the links below. Mr. Brezina says, "These photo links are lower resolution since the files are so big. If you or anyone needs the full resolution version of a certain picture just let me know. email: skibrezina@gmail.com

Round 1: <https://photos.app.goo.gl/bEsRA3VbTc5cQEcx6>
 Round 2: <https://photos.app.goo.gl/HFiU6HuJHsU75BUa8>
 Round 3: <https://photos.app.goo.gl/7poXTXxMxS692EFM7>
 Round 5: <https://photos.app.goo.gl/cU5hQa3H5MUZxVUq8>

(Note: John was not in attendance for round 4, hence no round 4 pictures.)

Final Standings can be found here:
<https://tinyurl.com/2ecsm66f>

Trevor Bradford (Unrated)
Petra Lambert-Gorwyn (1035)

Round 1

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 Nf6 4.dxe5 Nxe4 5.exd6 Nxd6 6.Bd3 Be7 7.0-0 0-0 8.Re1 Nc6 9.a3 b6 10.Nc3 Bg4 11.Nd5 Re8 12.Nxe7+ Nxe7 13.Bxh7+ Kxh7 14.Ng5+ Kg8 15.Qxg4 Nef5 16.Bd2 Nh6 17.Qf3 Ndf5 18.Rad1 Qxd2 19.Kf1 Qxg5 20.Qc6 Rxe1+ 21.Rxe1 Rd8 22.Qxc7 Ng4 23.h3 Nge3+ 24.fxe3 Nxe3+ 25.Rxe3 Rd1+ 26.Ke2 Rd5 27.Qc8+ Kh7 28.Qg4 Qd8 29.Qe4+ g6 30.Rd3 Rxd3 31.Qxd3 Qe8+ 32.Qe3 Qb5+ 33.Qd3 Qxb2 34.Kf2 a5 35.Qb3 Qf6+ 36.Qf3 Qxf3+ 37.Kxf3 b5 38.c3 f5 39.Ke3 Kg7 40.Kd4 Kf6 41.Kc5 Ke5 42.Kxb5 Kf4 1-0

Andrew Robichaud (1237)

Quinsen Joel (Unrated)

Round 1

1.e4 b6 2.d4 Bb7 3.Nc3 e6 4.Bd3 Bb4 5.Nge2 Nf6 6.a3 Be7 7.Ng3 c5 8.e5 Bxg2 9.exf6 Bxf6 10.Rg1 cxd4 11.Nce4 Bh3 12.Qh5 Bf5 13.Nd6+ Ke7 14.Ngxf5+ exf5 15.Bf4 g6 16.Qe2+ Kf8 17.0-0-0 Nc6 18.Bc4 Qc7 19.Rde1 h5 20.Bxf7 Ne7 21.Be5 Rh7 22.Bxf6 Qxd6 23.Bxe7+ 1-0



Two young Colorado Masters are ready to battle. Sullivan McConnell has the White pieces against Neil Bhavikatti.

Neil Bhavikatti (2206)

Gunnar Andersen (2374)

Round 2

1.d4 Nf6 2.Nf3 g6 3.Bf4 Bg7 4.Nc3 d5 5.Qd2 0-0 6.0-0-0 Ne4 7.Nxe4 dxe4 8.Ng5 Qd5 9.Kb1 h6 10.c4 Qc6 11.d5 Qxc4 12.e3 Qa4 13.b3 Qa3 14.Nxe4 Bf5 15.f3 a5 16.Qc1 Qb4 17.Qc4 Qa3 18.Qc1 Qb4 19.Qc4 Na6 20.Qxb4 axb4 21.Bxa6 Rxa6 22.Bxc7 Rfa8 23.Rd2 Bc3 24.Rc2 Ra3 25.Re2 Rxb3+ 26.axb3 Ra1+ 27.Kc2 Rxh1 28.g4 Bxe4+ 29.fxe4 f6 30.Bb6 Be5 31.Bc5 Kf7 32.Bxb4 Bxh2 33.Rf2 Be5 34.Bc3 Bxc3 35.Kxc3 Rg1 36.e5 Rxg4 37.e6+ Kg7 38.Ra2 f5 39.Ra7 h5 40.Rxb7 Kf6 41.Rb8 h4 42.b4 Ke5 43.Re8 Kxd5 44.Rxe7 Re4 45.Kd3 Rxe6 46.Rd7+

Kc6 47.Rg7 Kb5 48.Rb7+ Rb6 49.Rh7 g5 50.Rh5 Rg6 51.Kd4 Kxb4 52.Ke5 Rg8 53.Kxf5 Kc4 54.e4 g4 55.Rxh4 g3 56.Rh1 Kd3 57.e5 g2 58.Rg1 Rf8+ 59.Kg4 Ke4 60.Rxg2 Rg8+ ½-½

Gary Jelinek (Unrated)

Andrew Robichaud (1237)

Round 2

1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.exd5 cxd5 4.Nf3 Bg4 5.c4 Nf6 6.Be2 g6 7.cxd5 Bg7 8.Nc3 Nxd5 9.Ne5 Nxc3 10.bxc3 Bxe2 11.Qxe2 0-0 12.0-0 Qc7 13.Bd2 Rd8 14.Qc4 Bxe5 15.Qb5 Bxh2+ 16.Kh1 Bd6 17.Qg5 e6 18.Rfe1 Be7 19.Qh6 Bf8 20.Qh3 Rd5 21.Re5 Rxe5 22.dxe5 Qxe5 23.Re1 Qh5 24.Qxh5 gxh5 25.Re5 Nd7 26.Rxh5 f6 27.g4 Rc8 28.f4 Rc5 29.g5 f5 30.Rh3 Rd5 31.Rh2 Nc5 32.Re2 Ne4 33.Be1 Rd1 34.Kg2 Bd6 35.Kf3 Rd3+ 36.Re3 Rxe3+ 37.Kxe3 Kf7 38.c4 a6 39.Ba5 Bc5+ 40.Kd3 b6 41.Bc3 Nxc3 42.Kxc3 0-1

GM Jesse Kraai (2454)

Jesse Lozano (2201)

Round 2

1.d4 Nf6 2.Nf3 g6 3.c4 Bg7 4.Nc3 d5 5.cxd5 Nxd5 6.e4 Nxc3 7.bxc3 Bg4 8.Be3 0-0 9.Qd2 c5 10.d5 Qa5 11.Rc1 Bxf3 12.gxf3 Nd7 13.h4 h5 14.f4 Rad8 15.c4 Qa3 16.Rh3 Qa4 17.e5 e6 18.Qc2 Qa5+ 19.Bd2 Qa6 20.Rg3 Rfe8 21.d6 Nf8 22.Bg2 Rb8 23.a4 b6 24.Qb3 Qc8 25.Qb5 a6 26.Qc6 Qxc6 27.Bxc6 Rec8 28.Be4 b5 29.cxb5 axb5 30.a5 Nd7 31.a6 Rb6 32.a7 1-0

Richard Shtivelband (2294)

Jorge Rubio (1793)

Round 2

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 e5 6.Ndb5 d6 7.Bg5 a6 8.Na3 b5 9.Bxf6 gxf6 10.Nd5 Bg7 11.c3 f5 12.exf5 Bxf5 13.Nc2 0-0 14.Nce3 Be6 15.Bd3 f5 16.Qh5 e4 17.Bc2 Ne5 18.Nf4 Qf6 19.Nxe6 Qxe6 20.Bb3 Nc4 21.0-0-0 Kh8 22.Kb1 Rac8 23.Rhe1 Rc5 24.Bxc4 bxc4 25.g4 Rb8 26.gxf5 Qe5 27.Rd4 Qf4 28.Rxc4 Bxc3 29.Re2 Rxc4 30.Nxc4 d5 31.Ne3 d4 32.Nd5 Qe5 33.Qf7 d3 34.f6 Rg8 35.Re1 Bxe1 36.Ne7 Qg5 37.Nxg8 Qxg8 38.Qd7 Bb4 39.a3 d2 40.f7 Qg1+ 41.Ka2 d1Q 0-1



The young Iris Li (White pieces) will go on to upset NM Richard Shtivelband.



Photographer extraordinaire John Brezina has handed someone his camera. He is playing Black against Jeff Nohrden.

Wentao Wu (1908)

Brian Wall (2209)

Round 2

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nd2 Nf6 4.e5 Nfd7 5.Bd3 c5 6.c3 Nc6 7.Ne2 f6 8.exf6 Nxf6 9.Nf3 Bd6 10.0-0 0-0 11.Bg5 e5 12.dxe5 Nxe5 13.Nxe5 Bxe5 14.Bh4 Bxh2+ 15.Kxh2 Ng4+ 16.Kg3 g5 17.Bxg5 Qxg5 18.Bxh7+ Kxh7 19.Rh1+ Nh6+ 20.Kh2 Qh4+ 21.Kg1 Qxf2+ 22.Kh2 Ng4+ 23.Kh3 Ne5+ 24.Kh2 Nf3# 0-1

Iris Li (1781)

Richard Shtivelband (2294)

Round 3

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.exd5 exd5 5.Bd3 Nc6 6.Nf3 Qe7+ 7.Be2 Bg4 8.0-0 0-0-0 9.a3 Bxc3 10.bxc3 Nf6 11.Be3 Ne4 12.Qd3 Bf5 13.Rfe1 Rhg8 14.c4 g5 15.cxd5 Rxd5 16.c4 Rd7 17.d5 g4 18.Nd4 Nxd4 19.Qxd4 b6 20.Qb2 g3 21.Rac1 gxh2+ 22.Kh1 Rxc2 23.Kxg2 Qh4 24.Qe5 Bh3+ 25.Kh1 Rd6 26.Qxh2 Nxf2+ 27.Bxf2 Qe4+ 28.Kg1 Rg6+ 29.Bg3 Qe3+ 30.Kh1 Qe4+ 31.Kg1 Bf5 32.Qf2 Kb7 33.c5 Qh4 34.Rc3 Be4 35.c6+ Kb8 36.Bf3 Rxc3+ 37.Kf1 Bf5 38.Re8+ Bc8 39.Rce3 Qc4+ 40.Be2 Qc1+ 41.Bd1 Qxd1+ 42.Qe1 Rf3+ 43.Kg2 Rxe3 44.Rxc8+ Kxc8 45.Qxd1 1-0

Sullivan McConnell (2263)

Neil Bhavikatti (2206)

Round 3

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.g3 g6 4.Bg2 Bg7 5.0-0 d6 6.c3 e5 7.Na3 Nge7 8.Nc2 0-0 9.d4 exd4 10.cxd4 Bg4 11.d5 Ne5 12.Bf4 Qd7 13.Bxe5 Bxf3 14.Qxf3 Bxe5 15.Qb3 Bg7 16.f4 Rac8 17.Na3 Rfd8 18.Rad1 b5 19.f5 gxf5 20.exf5 Be5 21.f6 Ng6 22.Be4 Rb8 23.Bf5 Qe8 24.Nc2 Qf8 25.h4 Qh6 26.Bg4 e4 27.Qf3 Bxb2 28.Ne3 Bxf6 29.Nf5 Qf8 30.h5 Ne7 31.Nd4 Bxd4+ 32.Rxd4 Qg7 33.Rf4 Rf8 34.h6 Qxh6 35.Rxf7 Ng6 36.Be6 Rxf7 37.Bxf7+ Kh8 38.Qf6+ Qg7 39.Qxd6 Rf8 40.Bxg6 Qd4+ 41.Kg2 Qd2+ 42.Kh3 Rxf1 43.Be4 Qg5 44.Qb8+ Kg7 45.Qxa7+ Rf7 46.Qd4+ Qf6 47.Qc5 Qe5 48.Qe3 Re7 0-1



Jorge Rubio (1793)
Gunnar Andersen (2374)
 Round 3

1.d4 Nf6 2.Bg5 Ne4 3.Bf4 c5 4.d5 Qb6 5.Qc1 e6 6.f3 Nf6
 7.dxe6 dxe6 8.e4 Nc6 9.Nd2 e5 10.Be3 Be6 11.c3 Qc7 12.Bb5
 a6 13.Bxc6+ Qxc6 14.Ne2 c4 15.0-0 Bc5 16.Bxc5 Qxc5+
 17.Kh1 0-0 18.Qe1 Rfd8 19.Ng3 Rd3 20.Rf2 Rad8 21.Ndf1 Qd6
 22.h3 h5 23.Ne3 g6 24.Re2 Qd7 25.Nd5 Ne8 26.Nf1 Kg7
 27.Nfe3 Bxd5 28.Nxd5 Nc7 29.Ne3 b5 30.Qg3 f6 31.f4 exf4
 32.Qxf4 Qd6 33.Qh4 Qe5 34.Rf1 Rd2 35.Ree1 Qg5 36.Qxg5
 fxg5 37.e5 Re8 38.Rf6 Rxe5 39.Rc6 Nd5 40.Rd6 Rxe3 41.Rd7+
 Kh6 42.Rf1 g4 43.h4 g3 44.b3 Rf2 0-1

Brian Wall (2209)
GM Jesse Kraai (2454)
 Round 3

1.Na3 d5 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.g3 Bf5 4.Bg2 e6 5.0-0 Nbd7 6.c4 c6
 7.cxd5 exd5 8.b3 Bd6 9.Nc2 0-0 10.Ncd4 Bg6 11.Nh4 Be5
 12.Nhf3 Bxd4 13.Nxd4 Qb6 14.Nf3 a5 15.d3 Rfe8 16.Rb1 h6
 17.h3 Re6 18.Rb2 Rae8 19.Kh2 d4 20.Rc2 Nd5 21.Bb2 Nb4
 22.Nxd4 Rd6 23.Nf3 Nxc2 24.Qxc2 f6 25.Kg1 Kh8 26.Rd1 Bh7
 27.Rd2 Ne5 28.Nxe5 fxe5 29.e4 Bg8 30.Bc3 Qc5 31.Qb2 Rd7
 32.Kh2 b5 33.b4 axb4 34.Bxb4 Qa7 35.Qc3 Re6 36.a3 Qc7
 37.Bc5 Re8 38.Bf1 Rdd8 39.Rc2 Be6 40.Be3 Rc8 41.d4 exd4
 42.Qxd4 Qd7 43.Qc5 Qe7 44.Qc3 Kg8 45.Bg2 Bc4 46.Bc1
 Red8 47.Qe3 c5 48.Bb2 Rd3 49.Qf4 Bb3 50.Qg4 Rc7 51.Rc3 c4
 52.Qf4 Qf7 53.Qe5 Rd2 54.Rf3 Qe7 55.Qxe7 Rxe7 56.Bc3 Rd3
 57.e5 Rf7 58.Rxd3 cxd3 59.f4 Rc7 0-1

Laura Alonso (1220)
Andrew Robichaud (1237)
 Round 4

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Nf6 4.Ng5 Bc5 5.Bxf7+ Ke7 6.Bb3
 Rf8 7.d3 d6 8.a3 Qe8 9.Nc3 Qg6 10.g3 Bxf2+ 11.Kxf2 Nxe4+
 12.Kg2 Nxc5 13.Bxc5+ Qxc5 14.Nd5+ Kd8 15.Rf1 Rf5 16.Qe1
 Nd4 17.Rf2 c6 18.Ne3 Rxf2+ 19.Qxf2 Nxb3 20.cxb3 Kc7 21.h4
 Qe7 22.Rc1 Qe6 23.b4 Bd7 24.b5 Re8 25.Nc4 c5 26.a4 Re7
 27.b4 Rf7 28.Qe3 Qd5+ 29.Kh2 Rf3 30.Qe4 Rxd3 31.Qxd5
 Rxd5 32.Kg2 b6 33.Kf3 Be6 34.Ke4 Rd4+ 0-1

Gunnar Andersen (2374)
GM Jesse Kraai (2454)
 Round 4

1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5 3.Bf4 e6 4.e3 Bd6 5.Qf3 0-0 6.g4 Nc6 7.g5
 Nd7 8.Bxd6 cxd6 9.Qg3 e5 10.0-0-0 Qa5 11.dxe5 Nb6 12.exd6
 Bf5 13.Nf3 Rac8 14.d7 Bxd7 15.a3 Nb4 16.Rd4 Rxc3 17.Rxb4
 Rxa3 18.bxa3 Qxa3+ 19.Rb2 Na4 20.Qe5 Re8 21.Qd4 Re4
 22.Qxa7 Qxb2+ 23.Kd2 Qc3+ 24.Kc1 Nc5 25.Nd2 Ba4 0-1

Neil Bhavikatti (2206)
Iris Li (1781)
 Round 4

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 Nf6 4.d3 Bc5 5.0-0 d6 6.Bg5 h6 7.Bh4
 Bd7 8.Nc3 Ne7 9.Bxd7+ Qxd7 10.d4 exd4 11.Nxd4 g5 12.Bg3
 0-0-0 13.Kh1 Ng6 14.Nb3 Bb6 15.a4 a6 16.Qd2 Nh5 17.Nd5
 Nxc3+ 18.hxc3 Ba7 19.Nd4 h5 20.Nf5 g4 21.Qg5 Ne5 22.b4
 Nc4 23.b5 a5 24.c3 Kb8 25.Nf6 Qe6 26.f4 Nd2 27.Rfe1 h4
 28.gxh4 Nb3 29.Rad1 Nc5 30.g3 Nd7 31.Nxd7+ Qxd7 32.Nd4
 Rdg8 33.Qd5 Qd8 34.Kg2 Rh7 35.Qf5 Rg6 36.e5 d5 37.e6
 Rgg7 38.e7 Qe8 39.Qxd5 Rg8 40.c4 Rh6 41.c5 Rgh8 42.Nf5
 Rg6 43.Qd8+ Qxd8 44.Rxd8+ Rxd8 45.exd8Q# 1-0

Jorge Rubio (1793)
Eamon Montgomery (2133)
 Round 4

1.d4 Nf6 2.Bg5 e6 3.e3 d5 4.Bd3 c5 5.c3 Nc6 6.Nd2 h6 7.Bh4
 Be7 8.f4 a6 9.Ngf3 b5 10.0-0 Bb7 11.Ne5 Ne4 12.Nxe4 dxe4
 13.Bxe4 Nxe5 14.Bxb7 Ra7 15.Bxe7 Qxe7 16.Bxa6 Rxa6
 17.fxe5 0-0 18.a3 Rb8 19.Qg4 b4 20.axb4 Rxa1 21.Rxa1 cxb4
 22.c4 b3 23.Qe4 Qb4 24.Qd3 Rc8 25.Rc1 Qa4 26.e4 Qa2
 27.Qd2 1-0

Karthika Sakthisaravanan (1036)
Chad August (774)
 Round 4

1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 Nd7 4.c4 e6 5.Nc3 Bb4 6.Bd2 Ne7 7.Bd3
 Nf5 8.Nge2 0-0 9.Qc2 Nb6 10.g4 dxc4 11.Be4 Nxd4 12.Nxd4
 Qxd4 13.0-0-0 Qxe5 14.Rhe1 Qxh2 15.Rh1 Qe5 16.Bxh7+
 Kh8 17.Bg8+ Kxg8 18.Qh7# 1-0

Vedanth Sampath (2017)
Brian Wall (2209)
 Round 4

1.d4 g6 2.Nf3 Bg7 3.g3 c5 4.Bg2 cxd4 5.Nxd4 Nc6 6.Be3 Nf6
 7.h3 0-0 8.0-0 d6 9.c4 Bd7 10.Nc3 Rc8 11.Rc1 b6 12.Qd2 Nxd4
 13.Bxd4 Rxc4 14.Bxf6 exf6 15.Qxd6 Be6 16.Qxd8 Rxd8
 17.Rcd1 Rcd4 18.Nd5 R8xd5 19.Bxd5 Rxd5 20.Rxd5 Bxd5
 21.b3 Be6 22.Rd1 Bf8 23.Kg2 h5 24.e4 Bc5 25.f4 Kf8 26.Rd8+
 Kg7 27.Kh2 a5 28.Kg2 a4 29.bxa4 Bb4 30.Rd4 Ba5 31.a3 Kf8
 32.f5 gxf5 33.exf5 Bxf5 34.Rf4 Bc2 35.Rxf6 Bxa4 36.Rf5 Kg7
 37.Rxh5 Bc3 38.Rh4 Bc6+ 39.Kf2 b5 40.Rg4+ Kf8 41.h4 Bb2
 42.h5 Bd7 43.Rg5 f6 44.Rd5 Be6 45.Rd3 Kg7 46.g4 Be5
 47.Rd8 Be4 48.Ke3 Bc6 49.Kf2 Bf4 50.Rd4 Bc1 51.Rd6 Be4
 52.Rb6 Bd3 53.Rd6 Bc4 54.a4 Ba3 55.Rd7+ Kh6 56.axb5 Bxb5
 57.Rf7 Bb2 58.Ke3 Bc6 59.Kf4 Bd5 60.Re7 Bc1+ 61.Kf5 Bg5
 62.Rd7 Bb3 63.Rc7 Ba4 64.Ke6 Bb5 65.Kf7 Bh4 66.Kg8 Bd3

67.Rg7 Be4 68.Kf7 Bd5+ 69.Kf8 Bc4 70.Rg6+ Kh7 71.Rg7+ Kh8 72.Rg6 Bg5 73.Ke7 Kh7 74.Kf8 Be6 75.Ke7 Bb3 76.Kf8 Bc4 77.Rg7+ Kh8 78.Rg6 Be6 79.Ke7 Kh7 80.Rxg5 Bxg4 81.Rg6 Be6 82.Rxf6 1-0

Jeffrey Baffo (1725)

Tyler Thieszen (1500)

Round 5

1.Nc3 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.d4 exd4 4.Nxd4 Nxd4 5.Qxd4 c5 6.Qd3 Nf6 7.e4 d6 8.Be2 Be7 9.Bf4 a6 10.0-0 Be6 11.Rad1 Qb6 12.b3 0-0 13.Na4 Qc6 14.Bf3 Bg4 15.c4 Rfe8 16.Nc3 Bxf3 17.gxf3 Rad8 18.Rfe1 Bf8 19.Bg5 Be7 20.Qe3 h6 21.Bxf6 Bxf6 22.Nd5 Re6 23.Kh1 Kh7 24.Qf4 b5 25.Rg1 Qb7 26.h4 bxc4 27.h5 cxb3 28.axb3 Qxb3 29.Rxg7+ Kxg7 30.Rg1+ Bg5 31.Rxg5+ hxg5 32.Qxg5+ Rg6 33.h6+ Kh7 34.Nf6+ Rxf6 35.Qg7# 1-0

Sho Glashauser (2160)

Gunnar Andersen (2374)

Round 5

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 d5 4.Nf3 Bg7 5.Qb3 dxc4 6.Qxc4 0-0 7.e4 c6 8.Be2 b5 9.Qb3 a5 10.Qc2 e5 11.dxe5 Ng4 12.Bf4 Nd7 13.e6 fxe6 14.Bd6 Rf7 15.0-0 Nde5 16.Rad1 Rd7 17.Nxe5 Nxe5 18.Bc5 g5 19.Be3 Ba6 20.Rxd7 Nxd7 21.Rd1 Qe7 22.Qd2 Ne5 23.Bxg5 Qe8 24.Bh6 Bf6 25.Qf4 Qe7 26.Bg5 Bxg5 27.Qxe5 Bf6 28.Qd6 Qxd6 29.Rxd6 b4 30.Bxa6 bxc3 31.Bd3 cxb2 32.Kf1 e5 33.Ke2 Kf7 34.f4 c4 35.Bb1 Rc8 36.e5 Be7 37.Rb6 Bb4 38.Rb7+ Kg8 39.Bxh7+ Kf8 40.Rd7 c3 0-1

GM Jesse Kraai (2454)

Neil Bhavikatti (2206)

Round 5

1.d4 Nf6 2.Nf3 e6 3.Bf4 b6 4.e3 Be7 5.h3 Bb7 6.Bd3 0-0 7.0-0 c5 8.Nbd2 d5 9.c3 Ne4 10.Qc2 f5 11.Ne5 Nxd2 12.Qxd2 Nd7 13.Nxd7 Qxd7 14.Be5 Bd6 15.f4 Bxe5 16.fxe5 a5 17.Qe2 c4 18.Bc2 b5 19.g4 g6 20.Kh2 Qe7 21.gxf5 gxf5 22.Qh5 Kh8 23.Rg1 Rg8 24.Qh6 Rxg1 25.Rxg1 Rg8 26.Rxg8+ Kxg8 27.h4 Bc8 28.Bd1 Bd7 29.a3 Qg7 30.Qxg7+ Kxg7 31.Bh5 Kh8 ½-½

Iris Li (1781)

Brian Wall (2209)

Round 5

1.e4 g6 2.d4 Bg7 3.Nc3 d5 4.exd5 Nf6 5.Bc4 Nbd7 6.Nf3 a6 7.0-0 Nb6 8.Bb3 0-0 9.Re1 Re8 10.a4 Nbx5 11.Nxd5 Nxd5 12.c3 c6 13.Ne5 Be6 14.h4 Nc7 15.h5 Bxe5 16.Rxe5 Qd7 17.Bxe6 Nxe6 18.d5 Nc7 19.c4 f6 20.Re1 cxd5 21.cxd5 Nxd5 22.Re3 Rad8 23.Rd3 Kg7 24.Be3 e6 25.a5 Re7 26.Rc1 Rc8 27.Bc5 Rf7 28.b4 g5 29.h6+ Kg8 30.Qg4 Qe8 31.Re1 Nf4 32.Rf3 Kh8 33.g3 Rxc5 34.bxc5 f5 35.Rxf4 fxg4 36.Rxg4 Qf8 37.Rxg5 Rxf2 38.Rge5 Rf6 39.Rxe6 Qxc5+ 40.R6e3 Rf3 41.Kg2 Qxe3 42.Rxe3 Rxe3 0-1

Austin Okray (Unrated)

Seth Fortinsky (1180)

Round 5

1.c4 Nf6 2.Nc3 g6 3.g3 Bg7 4.Bg2 0-0 5.Nf3 d6 6.d3 h6 7.0-0 Nbd7 8.Rb1 e5 9.b4 Rb8 10.e4 Ne8 11.Be3 b6 12.Qd2 Kh7



Amidst admirers, GM Jesse Kraai is proudly displaying his 1st place prize check.

13.a4 Ndf6 14.a5 Ng4 15.axb6 axb6 16.Ra1 Nxe3 17.Qxe3 f5 18.Rfd1 Nf6 19.c5 bxc5 20.bxc5 Qe7 21.cxd6 cxd6 22.Ra7 Rb7 23.Rda1 Rd8 24.exf5 Bxf5?? 25.Rxb7 1-0

Andrew Robichaud (1237)

Brandon Larson (1458)

Round 5

1.e4 d5 2.exd5 Qxd5 3.Nc3 Qa5 4.Bc4 Bf5 5.d3 c6 6.Bd2 Qc7 7.Qf3 e6 8.Nge2 Nd7 9.a3 Bd6 10.Bf4 e5 11.Bg3 Ngf6 12.Qxf5 0-0 13.Ne4 Nxe4 14.dxe4 Kh8 15.0-0-0 b5 16.Ba2 g6 17.Qh3 f5 18.Nc3 b4 19.axb4 Bxb4 20.exf5 gxf5 21.Rxd7 1-0

Vedanth Sampath (2017)

Jorge Rubio (1793)

Round 5

1.d4 f5 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.g3 e6 4.Bg2 d5 5.0-0 Nbd7 6.c4 c6 7.b3 Bd6 8.Bb2 0-0 9.Nbd2 Ne4 10.Qc2 Ndf6 11.Ne5 Bd7 12.f3 Nxd2 13.Qxd2 Be8 14.Rae1 Bh5 15.Qc2 Nd7 16.e4 Nxe5 17.dxe5 Bc5+ 18.Kh1 fxe4 19.fxe4 Rxf1+ 20.Rxf1 d4 21.Qd2 d3 22.Bf3 Bb4 23.Qe3 Bxf3+ 24.Qxf3 Qd7 25.a3 Bf8 26.b4 Rd8 27.Bc3 g6 28.Bd2 Bg7 29.Bg5 Rf8 30.Bf6 Qd4 31.c5 d2 32.Rd1 Bxf6 33.exf6 Rxf6 34.Rxd2 Qa1+ 35.Rd1 Rxf3 36.Rxa1 Kf7 37.a4 Re3 38.Rd1 Ke7 39.Rd4 e5 40.Rc4 Re2 41.h4 Kf6 42.g4 Rd2 43.b5 Rd4 44.Rxd4 exd4 45.Kg2 Ke5 46.b6 a5 47.Kf3 d3 48.Ke3 d2 49.Kxd2 Kxe4 50.Kc3 Kd5 51.Kd3 Kxc5 52.Ke4 Kxb6 53.g5 Kc7 54.Ke5 Kd7 55.Kf6 e5 56.Kg7 c4 57.Kxh7 c3 58.h5 c2 59.hxg6 c1Q 60.g7 Qxg5 0-1



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