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GM DANIEL FRIDMAN TAKES US G/10 TITLE

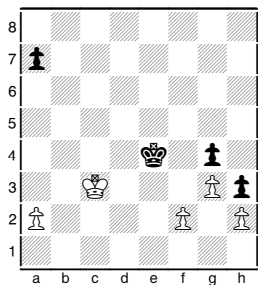
GM Daniel Fridman captured the US G/10 Championship on Thursday night, finishing with 5½/6, a half-point ahead of his nearest rivals, GMs Pavel Tregubov, Timur Gareev, Jaan Ehlevest, Alex Lenderman, Mikheil Kekelidze and Arthur Kogan.

The following game was played in round 4 and was very entertaining for the assembled crowd of spectators.

Fridman,D (2704)
Sedlak,N (2617)

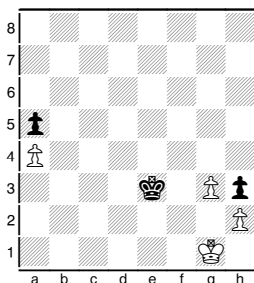
US G/10 Ch. (4)

The following king and pawn ending had just been reached with white to play.



GM Timur Gareev

58.f4! An important resource for Fridman to see and even more impressive considering both players were down to less than a minute each to complete the game. **58...gxf3**
59.Kd2 f2 60.Ke2 f1Q+
61.Kxf1 Kf3 62.a4 a5 63.Kg1 Ke3



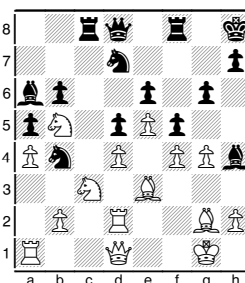
64.Kf1 [Fridman misses a chance to take the full point with **64.g4!+- Kf4 65.Kf2 Kxg4 66.Ke3 Kh4 67.Kf4 Kh5 68.Kg3 Kg5 69.Kxh3 Kh5 70.Kg3 Kg5 71.Kf3]** **64...Kf3**
65.Ke1 Ke3 66.Kd1 Kf3 67.Kd2 Kg2 68.g4 Kxh2 69.g5 Kg2 70.g6 h2 71.g7 h1Q 72.g8Q+ Kf2 73.Qf7+ Kg1 74.Qg6+ Qg2+ 75.Qxg2+ Kxg2 76.Kd3 Kf3 77.Kd4 Kf4 78.Kc5 Ke5 79.Kb6 Kd6 80.Kxa5 Kc7 ½-½

The following game was played in the final round with Gareev half-point ahead of the field meaning Fridman had to win to have a shot at the title.

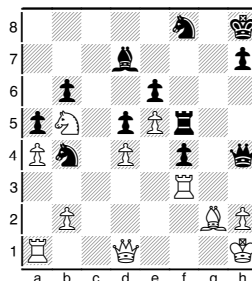
Fridman,D (2704)
Gareev,T (2655)

US G/10 Ch. (6)

1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.Nf3 Nf6 4.Nc3 a6 5.a4 e6 6.g3 a5 7.Bg2 Na6 8.0-0 Be7 9.Nd2 b6 10.e4 Nb4 11.cxd5 cxd5 12.e5 Nd7 13.f4 Ba6 14.Nb5 0-0 15.Nb1 f5 16.N1c3 Rc8 17.Be3 Kh8 18.g4 g6 19.Rf2 Bh4 20.Rd2



20...g5 Gareev plays very actively even though he only needs a draw to secure a share of 1st place. **21.gxf5 Rxf5?** [21...gxf4 22.Bxf4 Rxf5 and Black is ok.] **22.Nd6 gxf4 23.Bf2 Bxf2+ 24.Rxf2 Qg5 25.Nxc8 Bxc8 26.Kh1 Qh4 27.Rf3 Nf8 28.Nb5 Bd7**



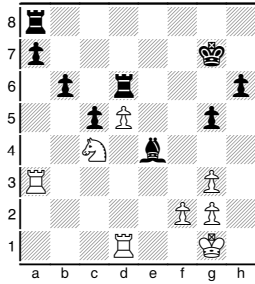
GM Daniel Fridman

29.Nd6 Gareev is going to lose another exchange. **29...Rg5 30.Nf7+ Kg7 31.Nxg5 Qxg5 32.Rc1 Be8 33.Qd2 Ng6 34.Rc7+ Kf8 35.Bh3 Bf7 36.Qg2 Qh4 37.Qf2 Qh5 38.Bf1 Kg8 39.Rxf4** giving one exchange back to break open the Black position. Gareev has seen enough and resigns giving Fridman the title. **1-0**

GM VARUZHAN AKOBIAN SIMUL

GM Varuzhan Akobian took on 29 players in his simul and finished with a score of 26 wins, 2 draws and just one loss.

Jonathon Zaczek was the only winner against Akobian while the Vellotti brothers, Carl and Luke both managed draws.



GM Varuzhan Akobian making a move again Jonathon Zaczek

**Akobian,V
Zaczek,J (2112)**

1.Nf3 Nf6 2.d4 g6 3.c4 Bg7
4.Nc3 d5 5.cxd5 Nxd5 6.e4
Nxc3 7.bxc3 0-0 8.Be3 c5
9.Rc1 Qa5 10.Qd2 Rd8 11.d5
f5 12.exf5 Bxf5 13.Be2 Nd7
14.0-0 Nf6 15.c4 Qa3 16.Rc3
Qa4 17.Rb3

31...Rxd5 32.Re1 Rd4 33.Ne5
Bf5 34.Rea1 a5 35.Rb3 Rb4
36.Rf3 Rb1+ 37.Rxb1 Bxb1
38.Rf7+ Kg8 39.Rb7 Ra6
40.Ng4 a4 41.Nf6+ Kh8 42.f4
a3 0-1

**Akobian,V
Vellotti,C (1786)**

1.Nf3 Nf6 2.d4 e6 3.c4 b6
4.g3 Bb7 5.Bg2 Be7 6.0-0 0-0
7.Nc3 Ne4 8.Bd2 f5 9.Qc2
Bf6 10.Rad1 d6 11.d5 Nxd2
12.Rxd2 Bxc3 13.Qxc3 e5
14.b4 Nd7 15.Rc2 Qf6 16.Nd2
Qf7 17.Nb3 f4 18.Nd2 Nf6
19.Ne4 Nxe4 20.Bxe4 Rae8
21.c5 Bxd5 22.Bxd5 Qxd5
23.cxb6 cxb6 24.Qc6 Qxc6
25.Rxc6 fxg3 26.hxg3 Rd8
27.Rd1 Rf6 28.Rd5 Kf7 29.a4
Ke6 30.e4 Kd7 31.Rc3 Rc8
32.Rxc8 Kxc8 33.a5 Kc7
34.Kg2 Kc6 35.b5+ Kd7
36.axb6 axb6 37.Rd1 Rf8
38.Ra1 Ke6 39.Ra6 Rb8
40.Ra7 d5 41.exd5+ Kxd5

42.Rxg7 Kc5 43.Rxh7 Kxb5
44.Re7 Kc4 45.Rxe5 b5 46.f4
b4 47.f5 b3 48.Re1 b2 49.Rb1
Kd5 1/2-1/2

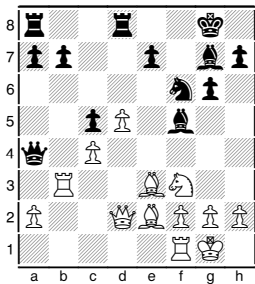
**Akobian,V
Vellotti,L (2118)**

1.d4 e6 2.c4 Nf6 3.Nf3 b6
4.Nc3 Bb4 5.Bg5 h6 6.Bh4
Bb7 7.Nd2 Bxc3 8.bxc3 d6
9.f3 Nbd7 10.e4 e5 11.Be2 c5
12.Nf1 Nf8 13.Ne3 Ne6
14.dxe5 dxe5 15.Nd5 Bxd5
16.cxd5 Nf4 17.Bb5+ Kf8
18.0-0 Qd6 19.Bc6 Rd8 20.a4
Kg8 21.a5 Kh7 22.axb6 axb6
23.Ra7 Rhf8 24.Bxf6 Qxf6
25.g3 Qg5 26.Kh1 Ng6
27.Qc1 Qh5 28.Qe3 f5
29.exf5 Qxf5 30.Kg2 Kh8
31.Qe4 Qg5 32.h4 Qf6

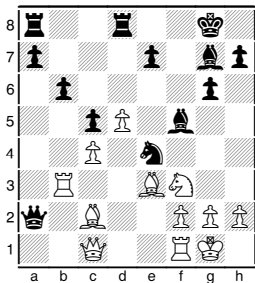


Roger Schmidt waits for Akobian's move

33.Bb5 Ne7 34.Bd3 g6 35.c4
Nf5 36.Kh2 Rde8 37.Rf2 h5
38.Kg2 Rf7 39.Rxf7 Qxf7
40.f4 exf4 41.Qxf4 Qg7
42.Bxf5 gxf5 43.Qxf5 Re5
44.Qf6 Qxf6 45.Rxf6 Re4
46.Rxb6 Kg7 47.Re6 Rxc4
48.Re5 Kg6 49.Rg5+ Kh6
50.d6 Rd4 1/2-1/2



**17...Ne4 18.Qc1 Qxa2 19.Bd1
b6 20.Bc2**



20...Ng3! 21.hxg3 Qxc2
[21...Bxc2 may have been
more accurate 22.Ra3 Qxc4+]
22.Ra3 Qxc1 23.Bxc1 e6
24.Bg5 Rd7 25.Rd1 h6 26.Bf4
g5 27.Be5 exd5 28.Bxg7
Kxg7 29.Ne5 Rd6 30.cxd5
Be4 31.Nc4



GM Varuzhan Akobian with Luke (left) and Carl (right) Vellotti

WGM ANNA ZATONSKIH SIMUL

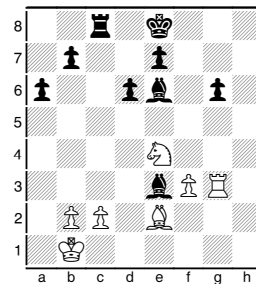
WGM Anna Zatonskih also took on 29 players and finished with a score of 24 wins, 3 draws and 2 losses.

The two victorious players were Brian Murphy and Kent Quander while the three players to score draws were Andrew Keresey, Alfred Walker and Hunter Boulware.

Zatonskih's simul lasted over 5 hours as nearly all the players pushed her to the limit and played competitive games.



Kent Quander managed to score one of only two wins against WGM Anna Zatonskih



26...Kf7 and Murphy went on to win. However, in this position Zatonskih has a neat little resource which she missed during the game 26...Kf7 27.f4! Bxf4 (27...Bd4? 28.Ng5+ Kf6 29.Nxe6 Kxe6 30.Bg4+) 28.Rf3=

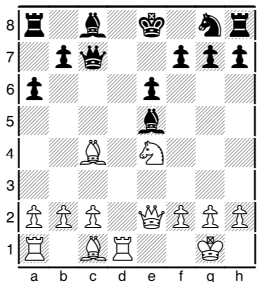
Zatonskih,A Quander,K (1707)

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nd2 c5 4.exd5 Qxd5 5.Ngf3 Nc6 6.Bc4 Qd8 7.dxc5 Bxc5 8.Qe2 a6 9.Ne4 Nd4 10.Nxd4 Bxd4 11.0-0 Qc7 12.Rd1 Be5

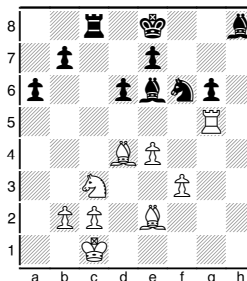
20.Nxf7! Kxf7 21.Rxd7+ Kg6 22.Qxg5 Qxg5+ 23.Rxg5

22.Qxe6?? Just about any other move maintains the winning position. 22...Qxe6

23.Bxe6 Nxd7 24.Bf5+ Kg5 25.Bxd7 Zatonskih is now down an exchange for a pawn but Quander gets his rooks activated and the finish is very swift. 25...Rhf8 26.Re1 Rad8 27.Ba4 Rd2 28.Rf1 Rxf1+ 29.Kxf1 Kf4 30.Bb3 Ke3 0-1



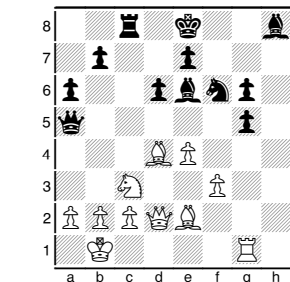
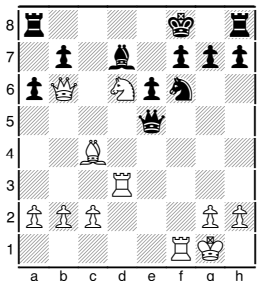
13.f4! Zatonskih sacrifices a pawn to open up the black position. 13...Bxf4 14.Bxf4 14.Kb1 Rc8 15.h5 h6 16.hxg6 Qxf4 15.Nd6+ Kf8 16.Rd3 [16.Nxf7!+-] 16...Nf6 17.Rf1 Qg5 18.Qf2 Qe5 19.Qb6 Bd7



Zatonskih,A Murphy,B

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 a6 6.g3 Bg4 7.f3 Bd7 8.Be3 Nc6 9.Qd2 Rb8 10.0-0-0 g6 11.g4 Bg7 12.h4 Nxd4 13.Bxd4 Qa5 14.Kb1 Rc8 15.h5 h6 16.hxg6 fxg6 17.g5 hxg5 18.Rxh8+ Bxh8 19.Be2 Be6 20.Rg1

23...Nxe4 [The move played wins but Murphy could have played even more accurately here with 23...Nh7] 24.Nxe4 Bxd4 25.Rg3 Be3+ 26.Kb1



20...Bxa2+! 21.Kc1 Be6



Brian Murphy before the start of his victorious game against WGM Anna Zatonskih



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