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Welcome to day 2 of the International Las Vegas Chess Festival. The main event National Open 50th anniversary version has begun!



NM Gary Simms center with Janelle and Alan Losoff.

Gary is a special guest of honor. He played in first National Open.



Congratulations to WIM Simone Liao for winning the US Women's Open Chess Tournament! She won on tiebreak over WFM Inapuri, WFM Byambaa and Joanna Liu. All had 4 points. This brings to an end a very exciting and well fought tournament. All of the top had lost to one another during the tournament showing how hard fought this tourney was.

No.	Ttl Name	St	Rate	Pts
1	WIM Liao, Simone	CA	2203	4.0
2	WFM Inapuri, Ramya Krishna	AZ	2251	4.0
3	WFM Byambaa, Uyanga	CA	2195	4.0
4	Liu, Joanna	AZ	2142	4.0
5	WIM Vazquez Maccarini	PR	2093	3.0
6	WIM Haring, Ruth Inez	CA	1907	3.0
7	WFM Nguyen, Emily	TX	2089	3.0
8	Show, Serafina	CA	1874	3.0
9	Grigore, Audrey	NV	1567	3.0
10	Dasari, Samhitha	GA	1739	3.0
11	Ghosh, Hiya	CA	1586	3.0

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Ballroom E

Saturday-Sunday 9AM-11PM

Analysis of Your Games

GM Ben Finegold

GM Melik Khachiyan

Conference Room 7

Sessions start 2 Hours after start of each round and run about 3 hours. National Open players age 14 and under who wish to have a game considered for the FREDDIE best played game prize must bring it to one of the first five analysis sessions. Only rounds 1 to 5 will be considered.

In the first round we had masters facing 18 grandmasters. The GM's prevailed. Here is the game from round 1 between the top GM against a master.

GM Dreev 2756 vs NM Auger

National Open Round 1

1.e4 g6 2.d4 Bg7 3.Nc3 d6 4.f4 a6 5.Nf3 b5 6.a4 b4 7.Ne2 Bg4 8.Qd3 Nf6 9.Bd2 a5 10.h3 Bc8 11.g4 d5 12.exd5 Ba6 13.Qe3 Nxd5 14.Qf2 c5 15.dxc5 Bxb2 16.Rb1 Bg7 17.Bg2 Nd7 18.Ng5

The move 18. 0-0 was played here before. Black has an edge here.



N7f6 19.O-O O-O 20.Rfd1 Rc8
21.Nd4 h6

White could have played 22.
Nge6 here instead of game
move.

22.Ne4 Nxe4 23.Bxe4

23.....Bxd4 was stronger than
retreating the Knight to f6.

Nf6 24.Bf3 Ne4 25.Bxe4 Qxd4
26.Re1 Qxf2+ 27.Kxf2 Bd4+
28.Be3 Bxc5 29.Bxc5 Rxc5
30.Rbd1 Rfc8 31.Rd7

I would have preferred 31.....e6
instead of game move.

R8c7 32.Red1 Rxd7 33.Rxd7 e6
34.Ra7 Bc4 35.Ke3 b3 36.Kd4?

Here just 5 moves before time
control our master blunders
game away. 36. cxb3 had to be
played.

36..... b2



And just like that a valiant effort
by our master comes to an end.

37.c3 Bd5 38.Bc2 Rc4+ 39.Kd3
Rxf4 40.Rxa5 Be4+ 0-1



FM Sunil Weeramantry

FM Weeramantry vs GM Gareyev

National Open Round 1

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.d4 exd4
4.Bc4 Bc5 5.c3 d3 6.b4

I like this. It reminds me of Paul
Morphy games.

Bb6 7.a4 a6 8.Qb3 Qe7 9.O-O d6
10.Ba3



10..... Nf6

In another game 10....Nh6 was
played to a draw in Sequera vs
Matsuura, Rio Gallegos
Argentina 1986

11.e5 Nxe5 12.Nxe5 Qxe5
13.Bxf7+ Kf8 14.Nd2 d5 15.Rae1
Qf5 16.Bxd5 Nxd5 17.Nf3 Be6
18.Re5 Qf6 19.b5+ Kg8



Maybe 20. Rfe1 gave more
resistance. After game move it
is all over.

20.Rxe6? Qxe6 21.c4 Nf4 22.Ng5
Qf5 23.c5+ Qd5 24.Qxd5+ Nxd5
25.cxb6 axb5 26.Rd1 c6

0-1



GM Kamsky at his lecture.

GM Kamsky vs FM Panchanatham

National Open Round 2

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 c5 4.c3 Qb6
5.Nf3 Nc6 6.a3 c4 7.g3 Na5
8.Nbd2 Bd7 9.Bh3 h5 10.O-O
Be7 11.Bg2 g5 12.h3

12. h4 was played in Karashkina
vs Sazonova in Neftekamsk
Russia 2000 1-0

12.... O-O-O 13.Rb1 g4 14.hxg4
hxg4 15.Nh2 Nh6 16.Re1 Rdg8
17.Ndf1 Bg5 18.Ne3 Nb3 19.Qe2
Nxc1 20.Rexc1 Qb3 21.Nhf1 Ba4
22.Nd2 Qb5?



What a difference one square
can make. 22....Qb6 and it is
still a game.

23.b3 cxb3 24.c4 dxc4 25.Rxc4+
Kb8 26.Nxb3 Bxe3

Now 27. Qd3 was much stronger
than game move.

27.fxe3 Rc8 28.Nd2 Rxc4
29.Qxc4 Qxc4 30.Rxb7+ Kc8
31.Nxc4 Nf5 32.Rxa7 1-0

GM Nyzhnyk vs NM Carreto

National Open Round 2

1.d4 Nf6 2.Nf3 d5 3.g3 e6 4.Bg2
c5 5.O-O Nc6 6.c4 dxc4 7.Ne5
Bd7 8.Nxc4 cxd4 9.Bf4 Be7
10.Nd6+ Kf8 11.Nxb7 Qb6
12.Nd6 Qc5 13.Qb3 Bxd6 14.Rc1
Qb4 15.Bxc6 Rc8 16.Qxb4 Bxb4
17.Rc4 Rxc6 18.Rxb4 Ke7
19.Na3 Nd5 20.Rxd4 Nxf4
21.gxf4 Rb8 22.Rad1 Rc7 23.b3
Be8 24.f3 a5 25.Kf2 Ra8 26.Nc4
Bb5 27.Nd6 Ba6 28.R1d2 g6
29.e4 f6 30.e5 fxe5 31.fxe5 Rf8
32.Kg3 Rc3 33.Rf4 Rxf4 34.Kxf4
g5+ 35.Kxg5 Rxf3 36.Rc2 Kd7
37.Rc5 Rh3 38.Rxa5 Bf1 39.b4

1-0

The International Youth Chess
Championship is going strong.

Saturday

8:00 AM Late Registration (to 9AM)

9:45 AM Opening Ceremony

10:00 AM, 1:00 PM, 4:00 PM

Rounds 1 to 3

3:00 PM WIM Annie Wang Autograph
Session

6:30 PM Puzzle Solving Competition

7:00 PM GM Ben Finegold Simul

Sunday

9:30 AM Side Event Awards

10:00 AM , 1:00 PM

Rounds 4 and 5

4:00 PM Closing Ceremony





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POST YOUR RESULTS

Both players are responsible for reporting results! Please post on the pairing sheet and turn in a score sheet with the result clearly marked and signed by both players.

Electronic Device Policy

Las Vegas Chess Festival's electronic device policy and other anti-cheating rules are posted on our website and on pairing boards.

Dropping Out? Need a Bye?

Be sure to sign the sheet at the Registration Desk – nobody wants to sit at an empty board!

Alan & Janelle Losoff

Tournament Organizers

USCF 50th Anniversary NATIONAL OPEN

Time Control 40/90, SD/30,
increment 30

(2-day rounds 1-3 G/40,
increment 5)

Ballroom A – C

2-Day Schedule Pavillion 11

Saturday

Round 3 10:00 AM

2-Day Round 1 10:00 AM

2-Day Round 2 12:00 PM

2-Day Round 3 2:00 PM

Round 4 4:30 PM

Sunday

Round 5 10:00 AM

Round 6 4:30 PM

Winner's Circle

Cash Bar 9:00 PM

Friday Ballroom F

FREE LECTURES

Conference Rom 11

Saturday

3:30 PM

**Rook Endgames: Basic
Tactical Motifs**

GM Ron Henley

4:30 PM

USCF President's Forum

Ruth Haring

BLITZ SECTIONALS

Saturday 10:00 PM Ballroom F

Entry Fee \$25 – Register by 9:30 PM

USCF Blitz Rated

The Spirits of Chess

Invitational Blitz Tournament

Saturday 10:00 PM Ballroom C

Round Robin

USCF and FIDE Blitz Rated

Spectators Welcome

National Open Blitz

Sunday 10:00 PM Ballroom D

\$3,000 Guaranteed Prize Fund

7 Double Rounds

Entry Fee \$40 – Register by 9:30 PM

USCF and FIDE Blitz Rated

POKER TOURNAMENT

Is CANCELLED